

HAS NINETEEN YEARS ON CONTINUOUS SERVICE

**Private B. W. Rogers, 162d Inf.,
Served in Many Campaigns
With the Regulars.**

Speaking of things in general, we say everything from peach brandy to Ford's get better with age. Some people, however, place an embargo on such common commodities as eggs, old maids, and men. In the first two cases there are probably sufficient grounds to allow the exceptions, but when it comes to men the matter has been forever settled. The second platoon of Company E, 162d Infantry, took man off that black list when it came through with a man who has seen 53 new years and who still "falls in" with the same "pep" as those beside him who on the seventh day of last November for the first time visited the ballot box.

Private B. W. Rogers began right facing, right front into lining, squad lighting, et cetera, some 18 1/2 years ago. To be exact, March 9, 1899, dates the beginning of his career as a soldier. He signed the honor roll the first time in Hoboken, New Jersey, his home town. The recruiting officer immediately saw him transportation to Galveston, Texas, where his first active service began. On arrival at Galveston he was assigned to the sixth United States Infantry. With this outfit the first year was spent pitching tents anywhere between Galveston and El Paso.

It will be remembered that about this time sailing was not so smooth over in the Philippines. When it became necessary to send troops to these parts the sixth infantry was one of the first organizations to go, and it was in the islands that he spent a great part of his first ten years in the service.

That going was not so good for him while there, stands unquestioned when we come to learn of the numerous campaigns in which he took part. The first campaign in which he took part was conducted on Negras island, under the leadership of General Huse. Scarcely had this been finished before the regiment was transferred to Panay, and Latey islands. Following the campaigns on these islands there was work to be done on Luzon, which was conducted under the command of General Laton. A few months later found Rogers in the campaign of Mindanau, and the Holo islands under General Otis. These campaigns, together with minor service on other small islands, the names of which we dare not mention for lack of alphabet, give us some idea of how the first half of his 18 years was spent.

During the last eight years Private Rogers has been pitched anywhere troops were needed—from border to border. Now he is taking a part in

the German campaign under Peraling, as he puts it.

Some three months ago Rogers was home on a vacation, the period being at the end of his previous enlistment. During this time he visited in Washington, D. C. "And have you some friends in Washington?" he was asked. "Oh, yes, I've got a lot of them. The best ones I have is Uncle Joe. He and myself have been friends for years." And he continued: "As I was walking down Pennsylvania avenue one day I met Lieut. Col. Sevance and he asked me if I expected to reenlist. I told him 'Yes,' and he immediately invited me to join the District of Columbia guard." Rogers accepted the invitation and came to Camp Greene with that outfit. Since coming here his battalion has been transferred to the 162d Infantry. When he was asked what he thought of the 162d, he said: "They're the best bunch I've ever been with, and I like them fine because they are all Americans. In the regular line I had to serve with too many foreigners. Down in E company we are all alike."

"Do you drill regularly?" he was asked. "You bet I do, and I can go right along with any man in the company, too. The only thing I am slow on is the foolishness."

Rogers recently refused the offer of a non-com, because "I want the young fellows to have a chance," he says; "they need the promotion more than a man of my age." In his estimation he has advanced rapidly enough anyway, owing to the fact that he began with the sixth infantry and is now a member of the 162d—"going some," he thinks.

Twenty-one more months and Private Rogers will have spent 20 years of his life in the service of his country. Although he might not have participated in a Boston tea party or spent a winter at Valley Forge, still should we not look upon men of this type as patriots, patriots in the true sense of the word—the patriots of service.

RED TRIANGLE PROGRAMS

The Swiss Tyrolean Jodlers and Rosani, the prince of jugglers, at the Red Triangle tent, Nov. 8, 9 and 10, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Graus, Swiss jodlers, become famous in America, through their work in a 40 weeks' engagement at the New York Hippodrome, and in their work on the Chautauqua platform, with Mr. W. J. Bryan. The company includes Mr. Bellhars, who gives impersonations, using wigs and costumes.

Rosani, the juggler, has appeared before the clubs of New York and Philadelphia, and has made a success on the Chautauqua platform. He had return dates at 86 towns on one Chautauqua circuit.

Both of these programs will be given each evening, and the admission fee is but ten cents, for the evening.

NEWSY NOTES FROM BUILDING NO. 104

After the Oregon boys left, it did not seem as though we could ever get acquainted or work with any other group of men, but now that the "Eggs" are here from Syracuse, and since we have become acquainted, we will have to admit that they certainly look good to us. They have scores of athletes of note with them, and we look for big things to happen in the sport line.

The first opportunity we had to get acquainted with the men was on Tuesday night, "stunt night." We had a fine program and a lot of the boys were out. Boxing was the big feature of the evening. There were several good preliminary bouts and several features were sandwiched in. Corporal Page gave a good exhibition of bending. He tied himself into various knots and proved that although a rangy fellow, he sure was limber. Physical Director Bryant also swung Indian clubs.

The best feature of the evening was the four-round go between young Jasper of Boston and Tommy Hannan of Providence. Both boys are lightning fast, and gave the clearest exhibition of footwork and blocking that has been seen in the building. Young Jasper has a reputation as a professional boxer in Boston and has proven himself to be one of the top-notchers in his class. Tommy Hannan is chain-lightning both in punching and in footwork. These boys will be matched for a 10-round go in Charlotte later on, if enough enthusiasm can be worked up.

"Kid" Kalonia, of New Bedford, put on a real exhibition of wrestling that was a revelation to many. Although 40 years old, he proved to be master of the game, and in the five minutes he was on the mat he gave hold known to wrestling. Altogether it was the best "stunt" night by far that has ever been put on here.

Every afternoon during the recreation hour all sorts of games are played. There is keen competition in baseball between the members of the various companies, and a league should be formed as soon as the regiment is permanently located. Company H and Company L are to try conclusions Saturday afternoon and a good game is looked for. Basketball has its devotees and they gather in force on the basketball court. Another court will be ready within the next day or two, so that it will be possible for more men to play.

This new division has a crack football team, and if all indications are correct, the Southeastern department football championship will belong to Camp Greene this fall. Lieutenant Farnum, of the 7th regiment, captain of the Brown university football team of last season, is piloting the team. He has such men as Alex Wilson, formerly captain of Yale; and Burke, the crackerjack quarterback of the University of Vermont. They come here after having defeated the Cornell team while at Syracuse and

having tied the heavy Syracuse team. Negotiations are under way to have them play at Atlanta within two or three weeks.

SOLDIER ELEVENS TO PLAY NEXT SATURDAY

On next Saturday, November 10th, a football game will be played at Wearin field between teams representing the Fifth and Forty-seventh regiments. The teams will be made up of enlisted men, only. A good game is looked for, as there is much good material among the men. Admission will be charged to men in uniform.

On Tuesday night another "stunt" night will be pulled off. Corporal Quigley, of Company A, has promised a little vaudeville and we know what that means. If you don't, come and find out. The band boys have something up their sleeves. Then there is a quartet somewhere on the program and some boxing. But we can't tell you all about it because you ought to come and see for yourself.

Do you fellows know that you can go down to the city Y. M. C. A. in Charlotte and get a hot bath? If you didn't, you know it now. Those fellows are always willing to serve you. And another thing: The gymnasium down there is open on Saturday nights to all soldiers. If there are any good basketball teams among the various companies and if they wish to try conclusions, then come to our camp Y. M. C. A. building and fix it up with Mr. Bryant, the physical director, for a Saturday night game. Everything looks big for some of the best kind of games in the various branches of sport and if you fellows want to get in on the game, it's up to you.

WELCOME SERVICE AT BUILDING NO. 108

Last Thursday evening at the religious service a welcome was given to the Thirtieth United States regulars just in from Syracuse and the Wyoming artillery recently released from quarantine at "Y" No. 108. Mr. Allen, the religious work director, set forth the plans for religious work, and urged every soldier to make the most of the opportunities in camp. The subject of the message for the evening was "Fearless Faith." A most pleasing feature of the program was the inspiring singing, led by Sergeant Bost, of the regimental supply company.

LAUGH IS ON SECRETARY.
The boys at one of the "Y's" are laughing yet at an anxious secretary who waited in vain at the car line for the appearance of his charming young wife on a recent evening. If it had not been for the gallant courtesy of one of the soldiers, the lady would not have found the building and the secretary would be waiting there still.

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