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CANTONMENT TYPES

THE NEW CHAPLAIN

THE New Army has its New Chaplain. It is a He-Man Chaplain. There is nothing about him to classify him in a third gender. There is blood in his veins, undiluted by either of those other famous fluids—milk and water. The blood is red—a deep, masculine red. It flows fast, not sluggishly and phlegmatically. The organ that keeps the blood circulating is a heart. The heart is big, having room in it for all humanity, not just a fleet of plus derelicts who fly the distress signal with "Lord, Lord" on it. He likes men, and he likes them good or bad. If they are bad—and he does not do much judging or condemning—he tries to help them.

That's the New Chaplain's secret—helping men. And he would help men, not by detaching himself from them, but by getting down where they have a level head in which is a sane, balanced mind. He doesn't preach to them in a fat-ole lofty way but talks and reasons with them, kindly and judiciously. For he has a level head in which is a sane, balanced mind.

"Holy Joes." These two things are, strangely—fits. This New Chaplain believe in fighting—for right. He knows that looting around, all dolled up in a white robe of chalky pacifism will never change the world. He wears the "whole armor." And the cross is on his service uniform.

For this New Chaplain is not going to be useless baggage when the guns drum "Over There" and the fire line glows crimson just ahead. He will be with His Boys. He has the courage. He has the willing, sacrificing spirit. And he'll help—when the word "over the top in the morning" passes up and down the trench.

If You Notice A Shortage In "Pep" Camp Custer Has Cornered Market

(It used to be "See Rome and Die." Today, according to Mr. Osborn, it is "See Camp Custer and Live." Battle Creek is remembered by many as the place of health resorts and the home of breakfast foods. Following article Mr. Osborn tells something of the splendid body of soldiers there and the atmosphere and spirit of the camp in which they are training.)

BY BURR OSBORN

(Editor of Camp Custer edition of Trench and Camp)

Somewhere in Michigan. There are many things of note in this little old camp. Principally, of course, there is the 85th Division, the most American Army commanded by Major General James Parker (at the time this is written). Then we have a lot of troops that are not in the 85th Division, the main unit being the 160th Depot Brigade.

We have the deepest snow, the most splendidly cold weather and some fine weather, the slushiest mud holes, the most efficient top sergeants and the best chow of any collection of soldiers in these here United States. Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of February, A. D., 1918.

Camp Proud of Philosopher

Also we have Chet Shafer. You know Chet. He is the guy that gets up that Barracks Wheeze stuff. Chet is the joy of our collective lives for he can find a silver lining in the most dismal situation imaginable, such as policing the reservation for a week or standing guard with the old mercury an even 30 below. Chet was not drafted. He enlisted because he wanted to go to France. So far the nearest he has got to the land of Parlez Vous is peeling potatoes while listening to an Irish ass sergeant try to swear in French just so he'll know how when he gets across.

Also in this cantonment we sure do like a scrap. You know when King Lardner saw Lieut. Gene Schobinger down at Camp Grant he reminded the ex-Illinois star of how his headgear kept coming off at the Custer-Grant game. "Yes," answered Schobinger. "And the next time I play that gang I'm going to wear a steel helmet."

There will be a lot of steel helmets needed in France pretty soon and it won't be the Allied soldiers that will create the demand either. Charley White is here teaching the boys to box. He says practically every man in camp is using the gloves—and a good many times they get in such a hurry that there isn't time to dig up any gloves.

"Fight" is our middle name and "Pep" our principal article of diet.

Getting "Em in Trim" was Major General Parker's main

SPREADING UP

France, unprepared for war in 1914, is now making 300,000 shells a day where she manufactured only 1,000 soon after the outbreak of the war in 1914. Besides having enough guns for the use of her own men, France has given 2,500 to her allies.

SWEET REASONABLENESS

"Don't do them Generals' ave all the brass on their 'ats for?"

"Yes, at the shirt he took for officers, or course."—The Sketcher.

REMEMBER THE TUSCANIA

Sinking of the British steamer Tuscania, used as a transport for American troops, will prove by far the worst day's work in the whole infernal program of German frightfulness. It will be one of the greatest boomerangs of the war.

"Remember The Tuscania," is destined to take its place as the battle slogan, just as "Remember the Maine" did. "Remember The Tuscania" will fire and inspire the American soldiers as they go over the top with bayonets fixed and jaws set to make the world safe for democracy and avert the deaths of their brethren in arms on the Tuscania.

The torpedoing of the Tuscania, reckoned as one of the fortunes of war, brought home to many lethargic Americans the grim fact that this country is at war and aroused the whole nation. There is more determination than ever to beat the German militarists to their knees. There probably was great joy in Berlin when news was received of the sinking of the transport, even as the pitiful

cries of the helpless mothers and babies who went down with the Lusitania was music to German ears. But "They Shall Pay."

If there were any soldiers in the camps and cantonments whose whole hearts, minds and spirits were not in this war, the torpedoing of the Tuscania has removed all of their misgivings as to their eagerness to get to the averaging battle line has been multiplied a hundred-fold.

Many of the soldiers on the Tuscania had never been to sea before, but they knew how to die at sea. They behaved like brave men. They were not panic. Above the shouting orders, the hissing of steam and the surging of the sea there rose from the lips of the American soldiers the inspiring strains of "The Star Spangled Banner"—the last message from men being used in the Great Beyond to their brother soldiers. They knew and the world knows that the men who follow "The Star Spangled Banner" will exact full atonement for the Tuscania.

"Remember The Tuscania."

"THE NON-COM"

Long before Waterloo Europe found that the backbone of the army was the "non-com." And what Wellington proved Kipling described. Take any story you choose about the British army, from Kipling's pen, and you will see that in defeat or victory, on march, in cantonment, in trench, or in attack, it is the "non-com" that makes or mars the success of the movement. "Woe to that regiment," said Kipling, "whose sergeants are not the job."

Today what Kipling told his readers is become the common knowledge of the world. Two years ago not one man in a hundred knew or cared anything about the duties of a sergeant. Today 200,000 men in this country have sons in the army and those sons are either sergeants or they are officers or privates. Around the sergeant evolves the life of the company, and from the sergeants have come some of the greatest generals.

The brilliant and ill-fated Hector McDonald was a British sergeant before he was a British general. So was General Sir William Robertson, the British chief of staff, and so will be that unknown general who is now wearing his sergeant's chevrons in America or "Over There." And General Pershing knows it too. He has written clearly and decisively to say that the American officers must be up to his responsibility.

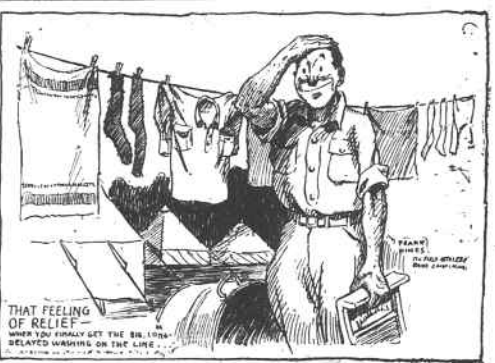
A German writer recently sneered at Mr. Baker's statement that there were now 110,000 officers in America by saying that anybody could sew epaulettes on a soldier, but it took years of training to make an officer.

SHOULD STICK TO BOOKS

"To the extent that men in college are physically or otherwise disqualified, or to the extent that they are too young to meet the requirements of the War Department, it is quite clear that in the present state of the emergency their major usefulness lies in their remaining in college," wrote Secretary Baker to the undergraduates at Yale University. The War Department is especially anxious not to disturb the educational systems of the country, said Mr. Baker, in advising the students below draft age to stick at their books.

SALUTARY CRITICISM

General Pershing's criticism of the deficiencies of some of the American officers sent to France "from colonial down and including some general officers," has had a salutary effect on the commissioned personnel in the training camps at home. As a result of General Pershing's pointed remarks, officers of many ranks have buckled down, determined to become 100 per cent proficient in the handling of units in open warfare, including principles of reconnaissance, outpost, advance guard, solution of practical problems and formation of attack."



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