

"THE BARRACKS WHEEZ"

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Some dudes
In this army
Are so sour
That,
Just
After
Reveille,
Live
Their
Dental Cream
Cardies.

"I HOPE MY FOLKS WILL BE ABLE TO SLAKE SOUT' LIKE THIS WHEN I GET BACK HOME," REMARKED A SOLDIER AS HE SLUSHED THROUGH A KITFUL. "THEY WILL, ALRIGHT," ADVISED THE COOK, "JUST AS LONG AS THEY KEEP UP THEIR WATER PAYMENTS."

THIS SAME SOLDIER LATER ADVISED THE COOK THAT IF HE RAN OUT OF FOOD HE COULD GET SOME GRAIN OUT OF THE MESSROOM TUBLES.

MILITARY ESSAYS

The Salute

The salute is nothing to be sneezed at. It is a courtesy to all commissioned officers and is another valid reason for the right arm. It is part of a liberal education. It is learned in a jiffy and remembered for life. For a soldier out on pass it is entertaining and it makes it absolutely necessary that an officer be in perfect physical trim before he starts on a trudge down the main highway. Sometimes soldiers are prone to turn down opportunities to salute. "Once they are caught and get a week on kitchen police they get the hang of it nicely. The salute is adjustable to fit all statures. As yet there is no war tax on it. Officers salute salute officers, privates salute officers, but privates do not salute privates. And it is a good thing because there would be no time left for the chorse.

Second helpings in the army are as scanty as straphangers in Tottenville, N. Y.

"Keep your eyes off the ground," snapped the corporal in charge of the weekard squad. "It wa' he gasped, "am I that low?"

Amrose declared that he had been in the army six months a'ready and his nearest approach to a battle was an encounter with a rough stretch of road.

Statisticians, and dern good statisticians, too, statisticians with class, mind ye, have computed, or statisticked, that there 's nothing, either in civil or military life, that 's shorter-lived than a box from home.

"Hold that privot."

The military life, at table, is just one big gulp after another.

Your
Enthusiasm
Must last
Longer
Than a
Throat lozange
Or
Yankee
Booked
Solid
For the
Cleaner!

But then, shivering wouldn't be half bad if it were put on a competitive basis.

THE FOLKS EXPECTED ISRAEL JUTER HE HAD BEEN IN CAMP WHEN HE WROTE HOME AND SAID HE'D HAVE TO DISAPPOINT THEM. IT WAS PRETTY WELL SAIDED DOWN.

Lots of them are wondering if Mrs. Moss helped her husband on his manual.

Kitchen police and the work of the barracks orderly will turn out a fine crop of husbands.

"IT'S MIGHTY HARD TO SPEND A SLEEPLESS NIGHT IN A TREFLESS COY'N' RESTLESS DAILING THE WHEATLESS HOURS JUST BEFORE DAWN AND THE HEATLESS MOMENTS JUST AFTER, TO ARISE HATLESS AND COVLESS, SPEND A HATLESS MOMENT WITH A COMB, AND GO OUT, SPEECHLESS WITH DISGUST TO ACCOST AN ARTLESS COOK AND LEARN THAT IT IS A "EAT-LESS DAY."

"ISN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?"



REMEMBER HOW YA FEEL MARCHIN' AT ATTENTION WITH A GOOD MARCH?



DO YA WHEAT YA DO A DASH TO GET IN THE MESS LINE?



OR WHEN YA DO THA "OBSERVIN' EVERYTHIN' WITHIN SIGHT OR HEARIN'" STUNT?



BUT—OH! BOY! WHEN YA WOKE UP AT FIRST CALL AN' THA FIRE WAS ALREADY GOIN' BIG.

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AVIATORS ARE MOST EAGER FOR TESTAMENTS

Within the past few months the National War Work Council of the U. S. has purchased 1,700 New Testaments for distribution among United States fighting men. An order was recently given for 500,000 New Testaments for the soldiers in this country.

Although the New Testaments are distributed generally throughout all the camps and cantonments, the greatest demand for them comes from men in the aviation branch of the service.

P. F. Jerome, director of the Material Bureau, Equipment and Supplies Division of the National War Work Council, says it is almost impossible to keep enough New Testaments on hand to meet the demand from soldiers.

"New Testaments are greatly in demand all over the country for our army men," he said. "They are not for souvenirs. They are waterproof covered, for daily use in all kinds of weather. They are for serious reading by men engaged in preparation for a serious business."

ADMIRATION FROM CANADA

In a note to Secretary of State Lansing the people of Canada expressed their sympathy with the American people over the loss of the lives of 204 American soldiers on the Tuscarora. The Canadians also expressed their admiration for the courageous spirit in which the people of the United States received the news of this misfortune and their inflexible resolve to continue to send troops overseas in support of the triumph on which depend the peace and liberty of the world.

CRUELTY

Her son had enlisted, and she was a proud old woman as she harangued a knot of friends on the village street. "Jarge always done 'is duty by me, 'o did, an' now 'e's doin' 'is duty by 'ing an' country," she said. "I feel right down sorry for them Germans, to think of 'im goin' into battle with 'is rifle in 'is 'and and 'it's a long way to Tipperary on 'is lips."

"Poor Germans, indeed!" exclaimed one of the audience. "Pity's wasted on 'em! P'raps you 'aven't 'eard of their cruelties?" "P'raps I 'aven't," agreed the old lady. "An' p'raps you 'aven't heard Jarge sing." —Tit-Bits

THE CALL

Have you heard your comrades calling
From the country overseas?
Where the best of them are falling
That the worst of us be free.
There are many empty places
In the ranks that we must fill;
There are silent pleading faces—
Can't you hear them calling still?

There are countless thousands dying
So that some of us can live,
And it's no use you denying—
That it's not your place to give.
For that call rings out—you hear it
And it echoes in your heart.
Will you heed the call or fear it?
Sonny! will you do your part?

When the coming years are numbered,
Will your children, yet unborn,
Learn you shirked the call—or
slumbered?

Will you face their silent scorn?
Or, with proud eyes lit with glory,
Unashamed, with head unbent,
As you tell life's biggest story,
Will you say "Thank God, I went!"

In the dawn of freedom breaking
"Through the war-night of the world,
Noble hearts, with faith unshaking,
Keep our battle flag unfurled.
Will you help to keep it flying?
Guard the old Red, White and Blue?"

Send your answer, sonny, crying,
"I am coming over, too!"
—H. Varley in the Kansas City Star.

"WORLD'S BEST ARMY"

America's army of drafted men will make the best soldiers in the world, according to former President William Howard Taft, who recently completed a tour of nine of the National Army cantonments.

President Taft says the drafted men are already good soldiers and will soon prove the peer of any fighting men now engaged in the war. He declares his observations in the cantonments convinced him that the soldiers are in fine physical condition, well-housed and are enthusiastic over this mission.

WOULD NOTIFY RELATIVES

A bill has been introduced in Congress providing that relatives at home be informed of the illness of their sons, husbands, fathers or brothers in the army.

RED CROSS GETS LICENSE TO "TRADE WITH ENEMY"

The American Red Cross has been granted a license by the War Trade Board to "trade with the enemy."

This is how it came about: The privilege of sending letters, food and money to American prisoners of war in Germany has been granted exclusively to the Red Cross by the German Government.

Germany demands a return for this privilege. She asks the Red Cross to act as the medium, through which German fathers and mothers can send a "word from home" or a remembrance to sons confined in American prison camps, and to a minor extent to her prisoners in French and British camps.

This, in a sense, constitutes "trading with the enemy." Thus it was necessary to get the sanction of the War Trade Board for the undertaking. This has just been secured, and the license issued. It gives the American Red Cross a blanket authorization for communication with prisoners of war over the entire world—enemy, allied and neutral.

TO PAY FOR DAMAGES

Congress has been asked by the War Department to enact legislation providing for the reimbursement of French citizens for damages resulting from operations of American troops.

In sending to Congress the draft of a bill drawn for this purpose, Secretary Baker said General Pershing reported that "inability to pay claims for injuries due to accidents caused by Government motor vehicles and other causes results in much hardship and injustice to the French people and seriously injures the reputation of the American Army in France in comparison with the British forces."

OFFICERS MUST "STAY PUT"

A policy of disapproving all applications for transfers of officers has been adopted by the War Department. While appreciating that some officers would prefer a different branch of the service or a change of scene, the Department believed the needs of the Nation should supersede those of the individual. To approve the transfers, it was pointed out, would mean a great deal of clerical work. In addition, transfers would result in a surplus of officers where they were least needed and a shortage where they are most needed.