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an anxious as the rest of us. From reports that have been published, most of the men in this camp now will be discharged and the army is now deciding upon the measure of bringing men from overseas back to the camps where they were in training.

If that is the case, then this camp will be some lively place for many months because the "business" of the 10th division and other units who have been right at the front for months were the headlines at this camp for several months last year and they sure made the lives of Camp Greene will welcome them and will be the city of Charlotte. We are all hoping that Camp Greene will be made the receiving station for the many boys who saw their fighting line.

There is only one official paper of this camp, recognized by the government, and that is Trench and Camp. It contains camp news from every quarter and should be sent home so that relatives can see what is going on. This paper is free at the "Y" buildings or wherever you can find it.

Some of the men in Camp Greene may get to eat turkey at home this year on Thanksgiving day and some of the boys across the sea may get to be at home on Christmas but hopes should not be set too high by either. We ought to be thankful enough to have the boys at home and to be counting the matter of final settlement of peace terms and a few more weary weeks of waiting. That turkey will be a treat for all the boys and more enticing if it must be all the more for when the soldier returns this time he can be assured of it being a permanent movement and he won't have to wonder what orders will be received next and "where do we go from here?"

It is planned in the very next few days to have talks given by the different organizations as they are discharged from the service of Uncle Sam at Camp Greene and first among those who are expected to be discharged are the development battalions.

Regular movie programs in the K. of C. buildings were resumed last week and this week the buildings will have their entertainments in full swing.

Mrs. Pirney, who is in charge of the hostess house hopes to have the first home completed at least by Christmas so that stockings can be hung out for favors.

Another one of those big water tanks was completed this week on the Fuchs road near the entrance to camp. This makes three of the monster cedar tanks and another one will probably be completed this week.

If your company don't get represented in Trench and Camp it is no one's fault but that of the organization. The Remount, the Quartermasters, the Fourth regiment camp, Ambulance company 60, the Base Hospital and others should all be represented some way in this paper which is purely a soldier's paper, given away to the soldier and it is full of soldier news.

Thanksgiving Day in Camp Greene as well as every other place ought to be a day of rejoicing ever known. Plans are being made for a dinner at every mess hall that will make the boys feel that they are glad to be on hand and other details are being worked out for the day's entertainment. The regular planned will be one of the features and with the splendid material for football, game that day will certainly be something to remember between the Remount and Camp Personnel indicates that these teams are going to have a rub to play off in the near future and such a game on Thanksgiving would not fall short of good entertainment.

200,000 MEN TO GET HOME WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS

Demobilization of Troops in Camps Now Under Way.

MARCH OUTLINES PLANS
Says When Program Is in Full Swing About 30,000 Will Quit the Army Daily.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Arrangements for bringing home the troops in France are being worked out rapidly from a shipping point of view, the shipping board announced today, in issuing a call for 5,000 volunteers to man the ships that will be used for that purpose.

Men between 18 and 35 will be accepted under the call issued today, without regard for their draft rating or previous experience, and will be put aboard training ships at Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, New Orleans and Cleveland for six weeks special training.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Movement of the American troops across the Atlantic has stopped entirely and the demobilization of troops in cantonments and camps at home is under way.

General Pershing, chief of staff, made an announcement today in answer to the questions the country has been asking since the day the armistice was signed and it became apparent that the war was over. He said orders already issued would send 200,000 men back to civil life within two weeks and that when the program was in full swing about 30,000 would quit the army daily.

Fighting divisions of General Jack Pershing's army in France will be demobilized as fast as possible in their home cantonments. The chief of staff would make no prediction as to when the first divisions would start home.

It appears probable, however, that the flow of returning troops can be in full tide before February.

Back From France.
Some officers regard it as possible that certain divisions may be recalled in advance of the general return movement. General March indicated that the 42nd (rainbow) division, because it is composed of men from 26 states and in recognition of the fighting record it has made in France, would be marked for special treatment. The 24th (New England National guard) and the 41st (Sunset) divisions are in the same class, so they would not cause surprise, therefore, if these three organizations should be the first to return.

Supplementing General March's statement, Secretary Baker said it would not be necessary to maintain all the existing cantonments for demobilization purposes and that a study was now being made of those desirable for that purpose. The others, with all the divisional camps, he indicated, will be abandoned as soon as the men now occupying them have been demobilized.

The great cantonments is being studied, General March said, and no decision has been reached. New construction already largely has been stopped.

Atlantic ports from Boston to Charleston, S. C. General March said, are being organized to handle returning troops, and it is possible that ports south of Charleston will be used.

"We have in the United States now something like 1,700,000 men and no muster out of a force of that size, of course, will take some time," said General March. "Each man has to be examined physically, and his final accounts made so that the men may get compensation they are entitled to."

"The orders that have already been issued affect some 200,000 men. I expect to muster them out in two weeks. When the machine is in full operation we expect to release 30,000 men a day."

As to Regular Army.
"In handling this problem of demobilization the features which had to be considered were the subsequent retaining of men for the regular army, or what will be the regular army, when Congress passes laws regarding the army. When the war broke out there were only a limited number of such men in the service, filled out these units were men who voluntarily enlisted for the period of the war. So we have offered these men who came in for the period of the war the option of re-enlisting if they care to."

"We have offered an immediate honorable discharge with furlough of one month upon re-enlistment and we proposed to ask Congress to give every single man who has been honorably discharged one month's pay, whatever his grade is, as a bonus."

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selves in a class where they can be used for future military operations, will be offered commissions in the reserve corps. The rest of them will be discharged.

Pershing Given Instructions.
"I have tabled General Pershing to return to the United States on troop transports all the men who are casuals or convalescents, sick and wounded, who are able to be moved."

"With reference to casualties in the American expeditionary forces, I cabled General Pershing to report in plain English and not in code, so as to save time; the name of every man killed, wounded and missing up to the time of the armistice not hitherto reported."

"Y" SOCIAL SECRETARY ON ENTERTAINMENT TRIP
Jesse Gray, social secretary at Camp Greene, left yesterday for Atlanta that will report for a trip through the states of Georgia and Florida on a trip of entertainment in the army camps. Professor Gray, or "Elder Cobb," as he is familiarly styled, is the straight and earnest boys at camp, is some entertainer and can warble from the end station in a minstrel to the front line trenches in an opera.

His record with the soldiers at Camp Greene has been interesting as he has worked among them entertaining all over the camp for the past year and the fact that the Atlanta headquarters takes "Parson" Gray out over the southeastern department as a sample of what "Y" men can do is a compliment in itself.

Civilians have been entertaining the boys more or less in the camps and soldiers who have specialized have also been seen on the stage but little has been seen of the "Y" man in that capacity at Camp Greene and it is the purpose of the trip to not only entertain soldiers but civilians as well.

Elder Cobb Gray has been located at Camp Greene since the beginning of the "Y" work and expects to return after his trip of about two weeks.

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GET ORDERS TO DISCHARGE MEN

More Than 1,500 Soldiers at Camp Greene to Leave Army.

Actual Mustering Out Delayed by Lack of Official Forms—Negroes May Go Overseas.

Orders for the demobilization of troop units at Camp Greene, which will result in the return to civil life of from 1,500 to 2,000 soldiers, were received there yesterday. It was learned from official sources. Work preliminary to the mustering out of these men is under way but none of the men will be given their liberty until the proper discharge and other forms are received from Washington. These are expected today.

In addition to the enlisted men, a number of commissioned officers will be mustered out of the army. Some will be retained on "the reserve list" by according to the wish of the individual officer. There is at present an excess of officers at this camp.

The units to be disbanded first are called development battalions, and it was understood that as such as the men in these outfits have been discharged the men in the several so-called "recruit camps" will be released.

In the development battalions is a relatively large number of men having diseases of a nature that, in the view of army officers, makes it advisable to hold the soldier until he is well. Orders to this effect have been received also. It was understood that no soldier suffering from curable disease which was contracted while developed since the individual has been in the army will be mustered out until he is considered cured.

Already a number of medical officers have been transferred from the base hospital at Camp Greene. Major Hatfield, a former governor of West Virginia, is one of the medical officers who has left this camp during the past few days.

While no officer at camp headquarters would admit holding such a belief, it was indicated in various ways that they would not be surprised to know that the number of men at this camp would be "very small" by January 1. The negro troops here in various export battalions will be sent overseas or to ports of disembarkation to assist in the tremendous task of returning to America the great forces of the armies now in France. It was definitely stated.

OPERATIONS TO CEASE EXCEPT EMERGENCY CASES
Because of a recent order received from the department to discontinue all operations at the base hospital except cases of emergency, many transfers are expected while others have already been made. Among the first is Major Henry D. Hatfield, former governor of West Virginia, who arrives at Camp Greene only last week where he has been transferred to Detroit where he will continue in the surgical service of the United States Army.

Among other transfers are Capt. Robert M. Jones and Capt. E. Brown, the former going to base hospital 125, Allentown, Pa., and the latter to Evacuation 33 at Allentown, Pa.

A SOLDIER AND GERMAN LIES

Innoculation against "Germanitis," as well as against typhoid, tetanus and smallpox, is needed in the war, according to a letter just received in the United States from a Wyoming private of an engineer regiment in France.

This inoculation, the writer states, is being furnished by representatives of the United States Committee on Public Information, who explain to the men the dangerous forms which German propaganda may take, but the writer expresses concern lest the deadly virus create an epidemic in the United States.

"You at home will win the victory if you can kill German propaganda," he writes.

TRYING IT ON A ROOKIE

"Here, Private Green, take this down to 'P' and tell the sentry you have orders to give it a good coat of paint."

"If you hear anything of the kind, nail it at once, don't pass it on, and whenever you do, don't let anybody talk peace, because that is the last thing we that are over here want. We don't want an early peace. We want to fight it out to a finish and we can do it. The Germans have not won a thing by arms. They whipped Russia by lies. They disrupted Italy by lies and they are trying to whip us not by arms but by lies, and that is where you folks at home must win the victory. You see, it is this way. We over here, well, all we do is fight with guns and ammunition, and you fellows do all the work. That is, you will win the victory if you can kill German propaganda."

S. O. S.
Napoleon said: "An army fights on its belly." Waste of food Over here will mean shorter rations Over there.

YANKEE INGENUITY IN WAR

Scarcely a day passes but that the news reports tell of some new evidence of the application of Yankee ingenuity to the prosecution of the war. The latest sample is credited to an Indian contingent which successfully tried out setting bear traps in No Man's Land. The Indians were simply applying an idea of their own.

West, where big game is plentiful. The traps are placed outside the American wire, and when Fritz craves out to gain a little information he gets caught.

"ACTION" MOVIES
Credit to General Pershing belongs the credit of showing to the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Force their own activities through the medium of motion pictures. By miles of news film made on the spot the various "actors" in this greatest drama in distant sectors are doing and what they themselves look like when in the business of war-making.

SWEETS OF VICTORY

"The Chocolate Soldier" was a term of derision but the soldier's chocolate is a military necessity. It satisfies the soldier's sweet tooth and at the same time gives him something to fight on when meals cannot be considered in the heat of battle. For one month the Y. M. C. A. with the American Expeditionary Forces ordered 15,000,000 bars of chocolate, 2,500,000 packages of gum and 3,000,000 packages of biscuits. For the chocolate and the biscuits were needed 1,360 tons of sugar and 450 tons of flour, enough to fill 181 French freight cars.

MARVELOUS YANKS!
Referring editorially to the American soldiers in France, "El Comercio," a Manila daily, says: "The form in which the American soldiers are found is marvelous. They are animated by a wonderful enthusiasm; they count on an enthusiasm which to distinguish it, they call 'pep.' In this respect they are superior to the troops trained in Europe. They are marvelous examples of humanity and everywhere they are just the same."

WHAT EVER
Pleasure you get out of reading Trench and Camp should be shared with the home folks. Send all your copies of this paper to your relatives.

LETTERS FROM A SOLDIER'S WIFE

My Dear:
Mrs. Thomas has written, and you know. But it is so wonderful, so always, eternally new, that I want to write again, as I sometimes whisper to myself, "We have a son!"

Such a tiny, wifely, exquisite atom of humanity, John! So marvelously like you—to me at least—and so dear! I somehow feel a tenderness for him—a beautiful nearness—which I didn't feel even for Betty and Ruth. His tiny hands cling; his head presses against my heart in infinite joy and infinite sadness, vision of a light which was before all things created, the song of angels—these he means to me. So helpless and so mighty!

If you could see him, dear! I know you are happy; your letter told that. I am sorry for the suspense, but it was inevitable. For me even the memory of fear is a shadow long driven away by the happiness of holding him in my arms.



THAT'S A GOOD LINE

"We consider that those who save are a part of our army."—General John J. Pershing, commanding the American Expeditionary Forces.
"Make the American home follow the American flag."—David Houston, Secretary of Agriculture.
"Every day makes the outlook for victory brighter."—Charles M. Schwab, Director General of the United States Shipping Board.
"The Hun must yield on a basis of utter defeat."—Andre Tardieu, French High Commissioner to the United States.
"The alleged German superman is in the soup and we're going to keep him there."—Corporal Raymond Rylan, American Expeditionary Force.
"I knew all this talk of German army efficiency was all Boche."—Captain E. H. Brian, U. S. A., Somewhere in France.
"A German division cannot hold an American Army company."—Sergeant L. C. Johnston, American Expeditionary Force.

CAMOUFLAGE



Shakespearean. Soup Strainer. The Midget. The Spoostring. Behind the Bush. Tonsorial. Dundreary's. Fire Escapes. French. Rural. Professional.

and talked things over quite impersonally but kindly. And by the time the world broadened to walls and window blinds I had grown up. When you went away, dearest, I was a large child. Now I am a woman.

And I have a son.
I am enthroned in your easy chair, among a great many pillows, and he is sleeping in his bassinet beside me. His head is formed on the beautiful lines of yours; sometimes I fancy that his tiny chin lifts like yours; the pinkness has faded and his skin is like clear porcelain. He sleeps jauntily, smiling at some obscure joke.