

GETTING DOWN TO FACTS

Some Wonderful Statistics Provided
by Soldiers' Wives

Life in the War Risk Bureau is not all tedium. And correspondence, even on regular forms, calling for the statistics of soldiers' families upon which claims for allotments and payments are based, do not in all cases make barren reading. The following extracts from letters received there show that the stock of harmless humor in the sad world is by no means exhausted.

"Just a line to let you know that I am a widow and four children. My relationship to him? Just a mere aunt and a few cousins.."

"You ask for my allotment number I have four boys and two girls."

"Dear Mr. Wilson. I have already written to Mr. Headquarters and rec'd no reply and if I don't get one from you I am going to write to Uncle Sam himself."

"We have your letter. I am his grandmother and grandfather. He was brought up according to your letter."

"You have changed my little boy to a little girl. Will it make any difference?"

"I have not received my husband's pay. I will be compelled to lead an immortal life."

"Please let me know if John has put in an application for a wife and child."

"My Bill has been put in charge of a spittoon. Will I get more pay?"

"Father says I have not received my son's money. Mother died. Please change her address."

"Dear Uncle Sam, U. S. A. Rec'd your card saying he 'arrived safely overseas.' I wants to know is he in France or where is he and what seas you talking about. We are very worried as we havn't seen his name in the casualty list as dead or wounded."

"I am writing to ask you why I never rec'd my elopement."

"Just a line to let you know that I am a widow and four children."

"You have taken my man away to fight and he was the best man I ever had. Now you will have to keep me or who in Hell is to, if you don't?"

"Please send me my allotment. I have a little baby and knead it every day."

Perplexity

"It is very difficult for a man to know what to do," said General Shoveloff Suowitch.

"What is the trouble?"

"If I had only gone to the front in Asia, as I spoke of doing, instead of remaining in St. Petersburg, I'd be in a comparatively safe place."

WAR CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Won by W. H. B. Ward—Golf Tournament Raises Money for Overseas

W. H. B. Ward is carrying home with him to hang among the unique trophies of the golf club in Youngstown, Ohio, the big bronze medal and likeness of the immortal Foch, given at the Pinehurst tournament Saturday. It was a medal handicap match over Number 2, played in conjunction with all the golf clubs in America for the benefit of the Great War Chest. It was conducted by William Wilson, whose brother has seen the game through from Ypres to Damascus—and seen at that more than any general in either army, his view of the contest having been made from the dizzy heights of a rocking balloon. Wilson collected \$133 from the line-up, and the game was on.

In this, as in both of the other contests this season, C. L. Becker was played for and looked the favorite until the shades began to fall. His gross score of 84 had no nearer rival than Franklin Gates with an 86, Phillips, the Carolina champion having taken to missing his fifty foot puts. Becker's handicap of eight brought him in with a card of 76. And this stood through the long afternoon until the last of the driving column could be seen shooting off from the eighteen. But these last carried with them the final honors. Ward had been going strong and pushing his own accustomed pace.

He recorded 101 strokes, which with a handicap allowance of 26, put him under the wire by one shot and a total of 75. Dr. J. S. Brown was in third place with 78.

SUMMARY: Medal Play. No. 2 Course.				
W. H. B. Ward	50	51	101	26 75
C. L. Becker	42	42	84	14 76
J. S. Brown	47	45	92	14 78
A. E. Adams	47	46	93	14 79
John Stanbaugh	52	51	104	24 79
R. S. Whitman	46	48	94	15 79
J. E. Smith	44	44	88	9 79
F. H. Gates	42	44	86	7 79
H. W. Ormsbee		100	20	80
S. C. Childs	48	46	94	13 81
J. Ebb Wier	54	53	107	25 82
R. C. Shannon, 2d,		90	7	83
J. H. Good	51	46	97	14 83
W. J. Hitchcock	54	47	101	17 84
J. B. Bowen	50	57	107	23 84
C. W. Finney	47	55	102	17 85
W. A. Thomas	54	52	106	21 85
R. C. Steese	51	50	101	16 85
E. D. McCabe	49	51	100	14 86
J. D. C. Rumsey	54	58	112	24 88
P. B. O'Brien	50	53	103	17 86
James Barber	56	57	113	24 89
R. W. Page	50	57	107	18 89
H. F. Noyes	55	59	114	25 89
C. F. Conn	54	61	115	25 90

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