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N. C. TROOPS MAY RETURN HOME SOON

GENERAL BELIEF THAT BRIGADE WILL BE BACK IN STATE FOR CHRISTMAS.

ANXIOUS TO LEAVE BORDER

News is circulating in camp that Boys Will Be On Way Home By December 15. No Provision for Winter and Getting Cold.

Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas.—For some reason or reasons unknown the boys have got it into their heads of late that they are going home soon. You hear it everywhere and the officers are talking it just as strongly as the enlisted men. Several efforts have been made to run down the rumors but none get very close to high authority. They were telling that an officer of the Second Regiment got it directly from an officer of the Third who, in turn, got it straight from one of Major General Clement's aides that lumber for entraining the North Carolina troops had been ordered and that we would be on our way home not later than December 15. Countless other stories are in circulation but there is nothing definite on which to build a hope. This much, however, is true: No move has been made toward preparing the Tar Heel troops to withstand the rigors of the winter that is upon them. Their tents are not floored or walled. The Second and Third regiments still lack stoves and nothing looks like going into winter quarters except the new bath houses with their hot water tanks.

If something is not done for the North Carolina outfit soon there is going to be real suffering. Monday night the thermometer dropped to a scant 17 degrees above zero and the cold was so intense that hundreds of men never slept during the night. Conditions such as these will cause dissatisfaction and there will be trouble. If there were need for the suffering the men would bear it cheerfully, for they have an abundance of Tar Heel grit but if Uncle Sam wants them to stay here and watch the border through the bleak months that are coming they would appreciate a few of the comforts of life while they are doing it.

The Second regiment underwent another rigid inspection at the hands of General Young preparatory to a second inspection by the division commander. General Young was greatly pleased with the improvement shown and expects the Second to redeem itself handsomely.

The boys on the border are soon to see the new army tractor trucks of the caterpillar type made famous recently in the attacks on the German front. They were introduced by the British over there and for want of a better name called "tanks." They are tremendous steel structures mounted on tractors of seventy-five horsepower. These tractors lay their own track as they go along and nothing short of a mountain cliff seems to be able to stop them. They go straight across ordinary trenches and never even hesitate. Barbed wire entanglements mean nothing to this fighting monster and trees and houses are torn down if they get in the way.

These tractors are expected to prove very useful in this trackless country because they do not need roads. Their average speed is four miles an hour and they make that without roads just as well as with them. Each tractor will haul four trailers, each trailer will have a carrying capacity of 30,000 pounds, or as much as the average freight car. One of these monsters, armored sufficient to withstand small arm fire and immune to all sorts of attacks short of heavy artillery, can carry a sufficient force to protect the train and more than 100,000 pounds of cargo. One of them will do as much as 20 trucks of the ton-and-a-half type now in use in the army.

Leave of absence for fifteen days was granted to Lieut. B. J. Durham, dental corps, third regiment. He left last Friday for his home at Asheville. The North Carolina cavalry left with the remainder of the provisional cavalry regiment of the Tenth Division for a fifteen day hike. They carry only such equipment as the regulations provide for war strength regiments. The hike is for the purpose of finding out if the equipment and rations provided by the regulations are sufficient for fifteen days. The weather continues cold, but the Tar Heel cavalrymen left in best of spirits.

Extremely cold weather continues. Every effort is being made to secure additional equipment needed for the men and flooring for tents.

Tar Heel troops are in confinement for arrests during the month of October. The First Regiment will be confined six days, the Second eight and the Third four. The Third is very proud of its record for the month of October. It appears now that none of the regiments will be confined to camp next month as there have been very few arrests in November. The boys learned the first month that they could not drink El Paso dry and have been doing much better. Corporal Frederick Fagg Malloy, Troop B Cavalry, leaves for his home in Asheville on thirty days furlough.

Uncle Sam is a very fine old gentleman to be associated with in any sort of undertaking, but there is no denying the fact that he could improve on his business methods. For example, the North Carolina Brigade has three perfectly good dental surgeons—Lieut. B. F. Hall, of Asheville, assigned to the First Regiment; Lieut. Adolphus E. Worsham, of Spencer, assigned to the Second, and Lieut. B. J. Durham, of Asheville, assigned to the Third. They have been in the service since early in the summer and drawing their pay—\$2,000 per year each. Up to the

present writing they have not done any work at all and the fault is not with them. They have not been furnished dental equipment and for four months enlisted men have been suffering for lack of attention. They put in requisition for equipment in July but they have not yet received it and there is no indication that they will receive it any time soon.

A. K. Bishop, of Mount Gilead, N. C., is here with his camera taking pictures of the North Carolina boys and occasionally "mugging" a Pennsylvanian. He was with Mrs. Byron Wooten at Camp Glenn last summer and did practically all of her finishing. Mrs. Wooten is the official photographer of the brigade and she is one of the most tireless workers in the world. She had planned to come to Texas with the troops but she was about worked down when moving orders came. Something of the volume of her work at camp last summer may be realized from the statement made recently by Mr. Bishop that he finished for her 75,000 prints last summer. Mr. Bishop has found plenty of work to do so far and is much pleased with El Paso.

The Second Regiment was inspected by Major General Clement, division commander. The regiment passed a fine inspection and was highly complimented by the General.

Sixteen recruits from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., arrived here. Eight were assigned to the First Regiment, giving that regiment even 1,000 enlisted men; four to Engineers; one to Troop B Cavalry; one to the Third Regiment and one to the Second.

The Third Regiment tendered Colonel and Mrs. S. W. Minor a review by way of celebrating at officers' mess of the Third. The whole affair was a big surprise to Colonel and Mrs. Minor and was planned by Capt. Don Scott and other officers of the Third.

Orders have been issued for the two North Carolina cavalry troops to go on border patrol duty December first.

A bunch of likely looking recruits, 24 in number, came in and were brought out to camp. They had been assembled at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and there outfitted and given some training. They were allowed to choose the branch of the service they wanted to enter, but except in a very few cases they were assigned to companies nearest their home stations. They had been at Fort Oglethorpe for varying periods, some having been there a month, while others had only recently been sent there. Their names and home addresses are:

John R. Edwards, Goldsboro; Frank A. Williams, Wilson; Davis Carter, Old Fort; Roland Hayes, Lakeview, S. C.; Perry R. Gardner, Dunn; West Presnell, Marion; Lane Price, Marion; Claude Oates, Charlotte; Garland Smotherly, Raleigh; Coy Sanders, Rockingham; Gales Blackwood, Raleigh; William Bell, Marion; George C. Davis, High Point; Percy Ferris, Greensboro; Robert Jones, Hickory; Gad Nelson, Hayesville; John A. Roberts, Concord; Charles F. Lane, Winston-Salem; Boss Cothran, Hayesville; Sam D. Whitaker, Kannapolis; Hiram Hanvey, Birmingham, Ala.; Ralph M. Dowd, Dunn; James W. Levin, Rockingham; William A. Hanley, Belmont.

The first regiment football team played the strong team of the Eight field artillery to a nothing to nothing standstill here this afternoon. The Tar Heels lacked team work and made frequent costly fumbles, but their line work was so good that the regulars never made a first down. The features of the game were two thirty-five yard runs by Bob Young and good all-round work of Fullback Britt.

D. C. Culbreth, of Thomasville member of Company L, Third regiment, was operated on at the base hospital for appendicitis. He stood the operation well and will recover.

Rumors that this brigade will be sent home soon are afloat and it is generally believed among both officers and men that we will be home before Christmas.

Capt. Frederick Rutledge, troop B, North Carolina cavalry, was the victim of a sneak thief. Some one entered his tent and stole his government automatic pistol, another pistol equally valuable, a pair of leggins and a safety razor, the whole being valued at \$58. First Lieutenant Hinson of troop A, with a detachment of 16 men, a pack train of 20 mules and full field equipment has been sent on a seven-day hike to Las Cruces, N. M. His mission is to recover the horses lost by the Massachusetts outfit on their recent hike to La Cruces.

Stop Papers With Liquor Ads.

"Not only will the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League go before the coming general assembly of the state and ask that the prohibition law be so amended as to prohibit the shipment of liquor in any quantity into the state," said R. L. Davis, superintendent of the league, but it will ask that a law be passed to prohibit the sale of papers and other publications containing liquor advertisements. This legislation is aimed at outside publications, as few if any papers in the state carry liquor advertisements."

The capture of Monastir by the entente allies, in the opinion of military critics, means that the Balkans are practically controlled by the allies. With the investiture of Monastir the railway line from the entente allied base at Saloniki now is in entente hands entirely.

The British report taking 20 German officers and 752 men prisoners in the Ancre sector November 18.

In western Wallachia, the advance of the Austro-Hungarians continues steadily, and Campulung, eighty miles northwest of Bucharest, the Roumanian capital, is almost within the grasp of the German invaders.

More than twenty-one hundred prisoners were taken by the Austro-Hungarians in the latest operations in Wallachia.

Rungul mountain in Moldavia, east of Kenzivas Arhely, has been carried by Bavarian troops.

The town of Barakli, on the right bank of the Struma river and on the eastern end of the Macedonia front, has been occupied by British troops.

On the western Macedonian front in the Monastir region, the Germans report all attacks of the entente force

The French and Serbian troops are reported to have captured several towns to the east and southeast of Monastir, and continue to make decisive gains.

Bad weather is hampering the operations on the western front. Berlin reports that the fighting of November 18 was decisively in favor of the German arms both against the French and British lines in the western zone.

In the Adige valley and upper Butt regions, where the Italians and Austrians have been fighting constantly for some time, the Italians seem to have had the best of it.

According to a report presented to the people's relief committee for Jewish war sufferers, in session in Boston, not a child under five years of age can be found in the large areas of Poland.

A Norwegian torpedo boat is reported to have fired upon a German steamer which refused to stop when passing Stavanger, then boarded the steamer and dismantled her wireless.

Mexican

Luis Cabrera and his colleagues on the Mexican-American joint commission were formally told by Secretary of the Interior Lane chairman of the American commission, on just what terms an agreement providing for the withdrawal of the American punitive expedition and the protection of life and property along the international border may be reached.

Fortified by the assurance of President Wilson that he will back the American representatives of the Mexican-American joint commission, Secretary Lane returned to Washington, where he immediately went into conference with Dr. J. E. Mott and Judge George Gray, the other American commissioners, informing them in detail of the conference he had at Washington with President Wilson.

The last plan placed before the Mexicans of the joint commission is nothing new to them. It has been gone over in sessions of the commission time and again and will not require a long explanation.

An unidentified American was killed when a Villa band took Jimenez, and four Americans were seen under a guard of bandits at Parral during Villa's occupation of that town.

Refugees to El Paso, Texas, state that the district between Parral and Jimenez has been cleared by Villa's followers has been cleared by Villa's followers of more than two hundred Chinamen.

Washington

An Athens, Greece, dispatch says the German, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgarian and Turkish ministers to Greece have been informed by Vice Admiral Du Fourmet, commander of the allied fleet, that they must depart from Greece.

It is announced in Washington that the American legation has undertaken the protection of Austrians, Turks and Bulgars in Greece, but that the Spanish legation will take charge of German interests.

Athens dispatches states that students of the Athens, Greece, university, tried to pass resolutions at a mass meeting urging the king to espouse the cause of the allies. A general fight ensued and the police quelled the disorder.

Announcement that a German submarine sank the British liner Arabia made a deep impression on official Washington.

A portentous and complicated international situation now faces President Wilson, and for the next few weeks will engage his attention and that of his advisers to the practical exclusion of all but the most urgent of domestic subjects.

From now on the president expects to deal with all foreign questions without embarrassment and he is receiving from his advisers a summary of the outstanding issues so essential to taking stock of the basic situation which must be met now that international relations have returned to their place of prime importance.

It is not evident in Washington that there will be any fundamental change in the pre-election policy of President Wilson, and all fear that any move at all will be misinterpreted as inspired by internal political feeling, it seems, has been removed.

An Athens, Greece, dispatch brings the information that Vice Admiral Fournet, commander-in-chief of the Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean, has presented to the Greek government a note demanding the surrender to the entente allies of all arms, munitions and artillery of the Greek army, with the exception of the arms in actual use.

The state department has issued this interesting statement: "A large number of suits attacking the constitutionality of the Adamson law have been instituted in various parts of the United States. The department of justice will take direct charge of these cases and Mr. Frank Hagerman of Kansas City, Mo., has been retained to assist in their preparation and trial."

A Paris, France, dispatch says that extraordinary weather conditions prevailing in France culminated in a tidal wave in the Gulf of Marseilles, on the Mediterranean coast, in which many vessels foundered and disastrous gales on the southwest coast of the Atlantic ocean.

Suits by railroads attacking the constitutionality of the eight-hour rail road law have been filed in many parts of the country, and the department of justice laid plans to defend them. No offer has yet been made by the railroads to settle the question by one test case.

MRS. P. O. O. STUCHELL TELLS HOW SHE CURED HER SON OF A COLD.

"When my son Ellis was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Stuchell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant and safe to take.