

By Bobby Sloan,

On maneuver in Tennessee-Due to go down as immortal after the maneuver is over, is the group of So much for that. yodellers from Company H, known as Capt. Plott's. They have been very generous with their voices and have made many long hours seem shorter. The three who have become the best known are Lewis (Texas Ruby) Mathis, C. O. (Columbus) James, and Elmer (Pneumonia) Simpson. The first two these are, as you all know, Haywood boys-mountain yodellers if they are the real thing should after all come from the mountains! Keep up the good work, boys.

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Last Saturday morning when we were bivouaced beside the Second Battalion (Company H was across the field from me) I chanced into conversation with Sergeant Ed Hill. When I asked him if he had anything which might be of interest to you folks, he pointed out something which I followed up and found to be unique. During the entire maneuver period, there has not been a single soldier in Company H to fall by the way-side, although some of the marches through rain and mud have been as long as twenty-five miles. This speaks for itself. This is the only company to my knowledge which can point to such a record. It needs no elaboration to point to the credit it reflects on the training which this company has received, because it shows not only a good physical condition to start with, but a hardened type of men who (although they may complain and "grouse" about food, and everything else in the company) are deriving considerable benefit from the "stretch" in the army.

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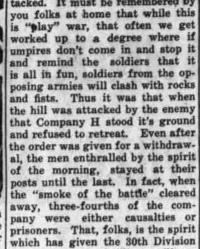


it has given a lot of innocent fun to those who understand about the guns. There was also an order to fire a gun at a 90 degree angle.

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thickest. Beyond reach of telephone and telegraph and radio communication, there have been instances where we have used aeroplanes to get information to them as to enemy situation and positions, a plane dropping a note with the necessary information in it.

Last Thursday morning was a battle in which the company would have covered itself with glory had this been something other than a simulated war. Entrenched on a hill, Company H was holding a sector which was opposed by an overenemy personnel. The REDS at- citement to the maneuver as did the



in the past her brilliant military reputation.

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A humorist in Company H has coined a bon mot expression which I think deserves a great deal of repetition. You know the mechanized division which came from Fort Benning (Tanks, Heavy and Light, Mechanized throughout, Aromored cars, et., with a special mechanized corps of engineers) have a reputation and a nickname "Hell on Wheels." This soldier said the 30th

Feet!" 1-1 1-1 1-1 The stop-gap has been opened at last and for the final phase of the Tennessee maneuver, which we are now in the midst of everything has been thrown into play. Tanks are now an old story with us, and all the remaining ammunition has been issued so that in this last week we are to have plenty of fireworks. A battalion of parachute troops arrived over the last week-end-the last troops, incidentally, to be brought to the field. whelming number of tanks and These of course add as much ex-

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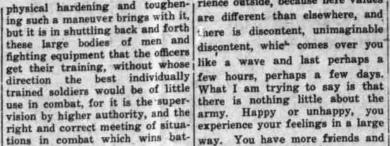
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tacked. It must be remembered by arrival of the tanks last week, 1-1 1-1 1-1 There is so much to write about and so little space to put it in. As umpires don't come in and stop it far as news is concerned, it is just fighting equipment that the officers and remind the soldiers that it like arriving at a fertile valley after a long journey over desert wastes. Every minute of every day trained soldiers would be of little is filled with something new-some new development, an incident of vision by higher authority, and the interest, and all the things which and refused to retreat. Even after go to inject color into what has been generally a drab period this last tles, and wars. three weeks. When I write of interesting happenings, remember generally these took pince in about an hour of the week. I don't mention the other hours when you sit in a lethargy wondering what is happening and what you are going to do next. The private in the front lines knows very little of the general picture of the fighting front

for even the officers of a company know very little of the general situation and many times not very much about even the situation of the battalion. (Of couse, Captain Plott with his association with battalion headquarters is an exception to this rule, and the officers of Company H are probably better informed of the local situation and even the general situation than are most company offi-Division should be called, "Hell on cers). But it should be further remembered that maneuvers of this type are for the training of officers of field grade and better. Besides the element of hardening the individuals, there is very little training for companies which hasn't been gleaned from maneuvers back at Jackson. The individual soldier and company is not as important on a maneuver of this size as is the training battalion, regimental, brigade and other commanding officers on up the scale. Why do they bring troops this far and go to so much trouble? I didn't mean



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Maneuvers of this type are be- into hope, dejection in to exultation) yond the comprehension of the average layman back home. Sol- drink after being without water diers come home and talk about for a few hours, sunshine after a marches, fatigue details, food night march through heavy rain, (good or bad), early rising, firing, etc. Do you see what I am trying etc., but there is no way of fully to explain? It is something which telling anyone about the army and no one can tell you about, and if as a whole it will be remembered, army life. There is contentment you ask a soldier about it it will James G. K. McClure, press for even the officers of a company here, greater than you can expende the one thing he is most reticent the Federation.

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about. But it is the reason

physical hardening and toughen- rience outside, because here values are different than elsewhere, and nere is discontent, unimaginable discontent, which comes over you" like a wave and last perhaps a What I am trying to say is that there is nothing little about the army. Happy or unhappy, you experience your feelings in a large way. You have more friends and they are closer friends; supreme

happiness (because it takes so little in the army to change despair comes over little things: A cool

soldier re-enlists after the tion of his "stretch," after three years about what a was to get into the arm about how quickly he was g get out when he finishes his enlistment. Then when he lists (as a surprisng num the "grousers" are and withen he begins another pe "grousing" all over again!

Federation Picnic Set For August 9th

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