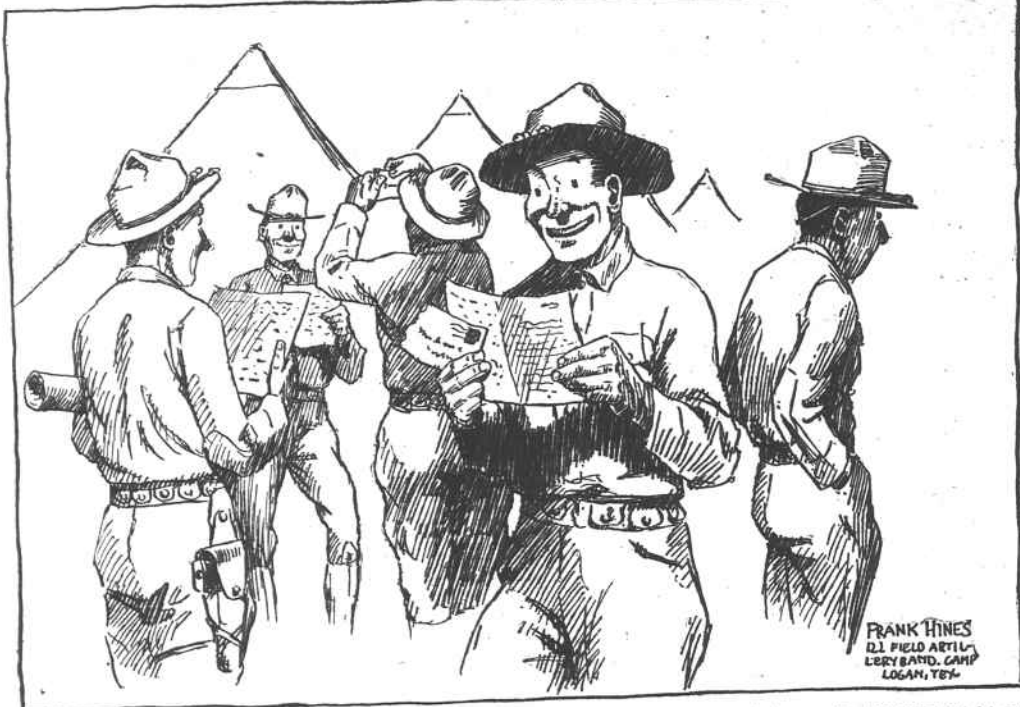


## PUZZLE—FIND THE SOLDIER WHO DID NOT GET A LETTER



FRANK HINES  
D. J. FIELD ARTILLERY  
BAND, CAMP  
LOGAN, TEX.

Here is another drawing from the pen of Frank Hines, a member of the 132d Field Artillery Band at Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, who won the wrist watch in the cartoon contest recently conducted by Trench and

Camp. Like his prize-winning drawing, the above cartoon doubtless will appeal to all soldiers because of its human touch.

In his letter acknowledging receipt of the wrist watch awarded him, Bandman Hines said:

"The watch is a beauty, and need-

less to say, I am more than proud of it, not only for this reason, perhaps, but also because it is in a way a trophy and one I hardly hoped to get. I fear very much that if Mr. Ray McGill, at Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., had been more prompt in submitting his work I would have been rated

among the 'also rans,' but fate was kind.

"That Trench and Camp has been, so far, successful in its mission to inform, stimulate, entertain and amuse the soldiers, I am sure, for it is decidedly popular among the boys here, many of whom send it home."

## All Officers Must Be Able To Stand "Prolonged Hardships"

"Capacity to perform a highly specialized and arduous type of service" is the test by which the fitness of general officers of the army for service "Over There" is to be judged.

Physical examinations have already proved the unfitness of a number of high officers in the Regular Army and National Guard to stand the rigorous service in France. Announcement has been made that these officers and others who cannot pass the examination will be utilized in training troops in camps and cantonments in the United States.

Following is Secretary Baker's statement regarding the physical examination before being detailed for service overseas:

"All general officers of the Regular Army and the National Guard are being examined by medical boards and efficiency boards with a view of determining the advisability of sending them for service abroad. The conditions of foreign service in this war are unusually severe, requiring that general officers shall be not only adequately grounded in military sci-

ence and adequately alert physically to acquire rapidly the lessons which the new form of warfare require, but able to endure prolonged hardships.

"The determination of these boards is impersonal and in the interest of the success of our armies and the welfare both of leaders and men, and will be affirmed by the War Department. This policy will no doubt commend itself to the people of the country as being in the public interest, and even where it is necessary to delay the opportunity for foreign service to soldiers of long experience it will be understood to imply nothing in any way prejudicial to the officers involved.

"Boards of this kind have already found some of the general officers of both the Regular Army and the National Guard physically unfit. Such finding does not in any way reflect upon the past services of the officer or upon his present zeal and willingness to make personal sacrifices in the further service of his country, but the question to be determined is one of capacity to perform a highly specialized and arduous type of service."

## FRENCH CONFIDENT SAMMIES WILL END WAR NEXT SPRING

"When the American forces start their drive next spring the Germans will melt away like butter before a hot fire."

This is the expression heard throughout France today and brought to this country by Americans returning from Europe. These travelers declare that an entirely new spirit has come over France since the American soldiers arrived "Over There." The French soldiers have been greatly encouraged and stimulated by the sight of the boys in khaki and are confident that the more American soldiers sent to

France the nearer draws the end of the war.

Shortly after his arrival at an Atlantic port Robert Davis, who has spent several months in Europe working for the Red Cross, said:

"Everything is all right with the American troops this winter. General Pershing told me that unless something unforeseen happens he does not expect American troops to get into action generally until winter breaks. He said we must buck up the French because they are holding the line until our baby army is schooled."

### SAVE THE CANS

In each of the camps and cantonments throughout the United States an officer has been appointed to direct the saving of all tin cans. Similar work has been taken by civilian committees in various cities. The object of the can saving is to conserve the tin supply of the country.

### IDENTIFYING THE NOISE

Harry (just "out")—Listen, Bill! Sounds like ole Fritz comin' over in the mud—Squish squash, squish squash.

Bill—That's ori' right—that's only the Americans further up 'chewin' their gum rations.—London Opinion.

## BILL WOULD PERMIT AMERICANS TO ACCEPT FOREIGN DECORATIONS

Among the first bills introduced at the present session of Congress was a measure by Congressman Linthicum, of Maryland, "To permit any soldier, sailor, marine or other person engaged in the service of the United States during the present war to accept decorations for valor from any of the nations allied with the United States in the prosecution of said war."

Passage of this bill, which seems practically assured, would permit the wearing of war crosses recently bestowed upon twelve American officers and enlisted men by the French government and the acceptance of similar decorations by the families of Corporal James D. Gresham and Privates Merle D. Hay and Thomas F. Enright, the first United States soldiers to die in battle "Over There."

The fifteen war crosses were presented several weeks ago, but the recipients were informed that they could not wear them until authority was granted by Congress.

The Linthicum bill would permit the acceptance of decorations from Great Britain and Italy as well as France, and also provides that diplomats be allowed to receive decorations.

## ITALIANS BATTLE HUNS WHERE ATILLA WAS HALTED FIFTEEN CENTURIES AGO

Italy's struggle to save Venice developed one of the strangest phases of war ever known in the history of the world. It is neither land warfare nor water warfare, but a combination of both and is referred to by correspondents as "half aquatic, water-and-land conflict."

Fifteen centuries ago Atilla and his original Huns reached exactly the same spot between the Piave and the Sile rivers that the modern Teutonic Huns have reached today. Fifteen hundred years ago the original inhabitants of the section fled from the mainland and on to the gulfs and flats of the lagoons founded the island colonies which eventually became Venice. Over the same intervening canals, marshes, lagoons and lakes by which Atilla and his Huns were checked, the Italians today are checking the modern-day Huns.

## WILHELM'S LAST WILL APPEARS AS SOUVENIR

One of the latest souvenirs of the war to make its appearance in various cities throughout the country is an official-looking document bearing a big red stamp and entitled "The Last Will and Testament of the Kaiser."

The wording of the will is as follows: "This is the last will and testament of me, Wilhelm, the superwarrior and ruler of the sausage-eaters, recognizing that I am fairly up against it, and expecting to meet with a violent death at any minute at the hands of brave Sammies, hereby make my last will and testament.

"I appoint the Emperor of Austria to be my sole executor (by kind permission of the Allies).

"1—I give and bequeath to France the territories of Alsace and Lorraine (as this is only a case of returning stolen property, I don't deserve any credit for it, and am not likely to get it either).

"2—To Serbia I give Austria.

"3—To Russia I give Turkey.

"4—To Belgium I should like to give all the thick ears, black eyes, and broken noses that she presented me with when I politely trespassed on her territory.

"5—To your Uncle Sam I give all my dreadnaughts, submarines, torpedo-boat destroyers and fleet of Funkers generally, what's left of them. He's bound to have them in the end, so this is only anticipating events.

"6—To John Bull I give what's left of my army, as his General Haig seems so handy at turning my men into sausage meat.

"7—To the College of Science and Museum I leave my famous mustache as a souvenir of the greatest swanker in this or any other age.

"8—To Mrs. Pankhurst and the wild women I leave my matted hair; they'll find it useful, no doubt, when they resume their militant tactics.

"9—To Sir Ernest Shackleton I leave the pole I've been up for so long that I regard it as my own property.

"(Signed) H. I. M. Wilhelm.

"Lord of the Land, Sea and Air, "Not forgetting the Sausages and Lager Beer."

### THEY WANT TO KNOW

All your family—grandmother to little sister—are eager for every scrap of information they can get about your life in camp. Trench and Camp is full of items concerning your military life. Send this paper home.