

# TRENCH AND CAMP

## "THE BARRACKS WHEEZE"

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Any  
Knick-covered  
Infantryman  
Will  
Tell the world  
That  
The big point  
In  
This life  
Is  
Landing  
The Range.

Speaking of necessary adaptability—there's a man in a northern cantonment who was a music teacher before he enlisted. Now he is an officers' cook.

WHY THERE ARE A LOT OF  
PELTIERS WASHING THEIR  
CANNIES NOW WHO USED TO  
WRETE THE LAUNDRY REGU-  
LARLY ONCE A WEEK.

THERE ARE THOSE ON THE  
OUTSIDE WHO SPEND WHOLE  
EVENINGS ARGUING ON THE  
PRONUNCIATION OF "CANTON-  
MENT," ON THE INSIDE THIS  
POINT IS NEVER CONSIDERED.

The No. 2 man in the first set of four  
executed a doublet sort of a step after an  
hour's hard drilling.

"What's the idea?" bawled the top-  
sergeant.

"Well, I'd executed everything but  
"Havin' the Ja.k." was the reply, "and I  
thought that was next."

Most of the soldiers are very en-  
thusiastic regarding the agitation for  
a coin with a denomination compar-  
ing to the French centime, the Ger-  
man pfennig and the Russian kopeck.

And then, just before payday he  
would be a plute who would remark:  
"I have nothing smaller than a  
penny."

### "LINE UP ALPHABETICALLY."

IT WAS SAID OF ALFERED,  
A SMALL ARMED RECRUIT FROM  
MILPITAS, THAT HE PROFESSED  
ILLNESS SO CONSISTENTLY AND  
LOADED ON HIS COAT SO PERSIST-  
ENTLY THAT HE SUFFERED  
FROM BARILICKS-ROOM TAN.

This same barracks-room tan has  
proved more casualties so far than any  
other affliction, burning, perhaps, bean-  
t.

The best cooks in the army today  
are those who can make every meal  
hinge on the meal preceding.

This makes an economical rela-  
tionship.

Something, to be sure, that is un-  
known outside of military circles.

STRANGELY, AN AMBULANCE  
LITTER DRILL IS THE CLEANEST  
OF ALL.

THE FACT THAT TO BE A GOOD  
BOOKS-MAN ONE MUST MASTER  
THE TRIGGER SOBRIETY LEADS  
TO THE CONVICTION THAT EV-  
ERY SUCCESS IN LIFE DEPENDS  
PRETTY MUCH ON THE SAME  
THING.

"Does he dissipate much?"  
"Well, I should say he did. He  
goes to the company exchange every  
night after mess."

The fellow  
Who is forced  
To use  
A pair of  
Bunocubary  
To locate  
A shuckle  
Has about as  
Much fun  
In this life  
As an  
Ordinary  
Editor.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT "BLUE"  
AND "GLOOM" BE COMBINED TO  
FORM ONE WORD—"BLUEM"—  
THIS INCORPORATING ALL VERY  
EXPRESSIVELY.

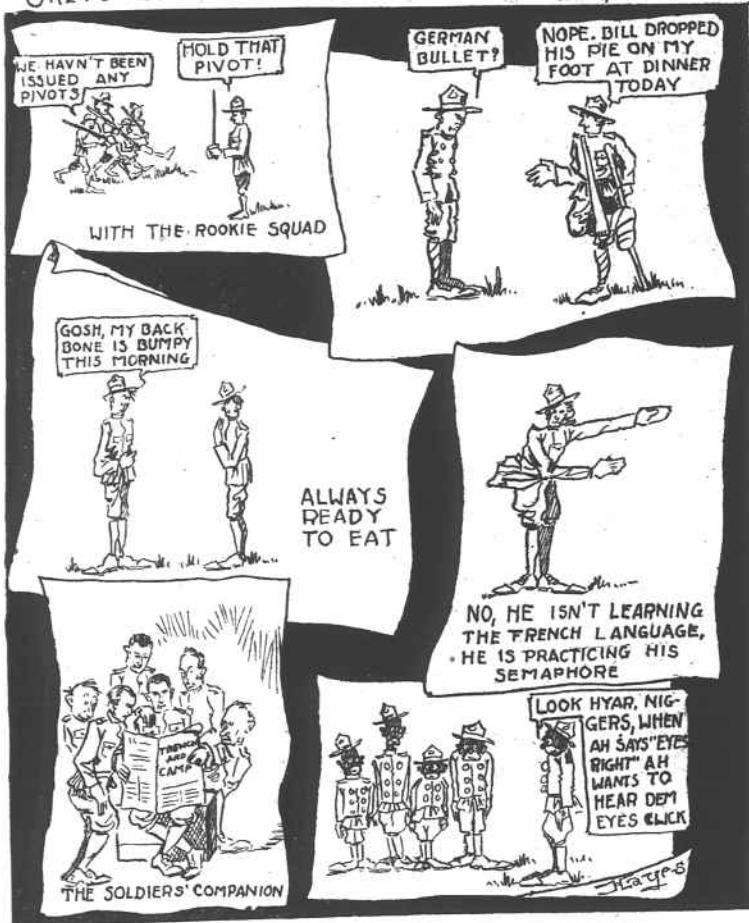
The supreme moment of anxiety  
comes to the soldier as he stands at at-  
tention at the foot of his cot and listens  
to the inspection officer behind him look-  
ing for spots on his next kit.

One said that the only reason he  
didn't wash his straw tick was be-  
cause he could find no one who would  
hold the straw.

YOU CAN NEVER JUDGE A MAN  
BY THE SIZE OF THE SALARY HE  
SAYS HE MADE BEFORE HE  
WENT INTO THE SERVICE.

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## Official List Of Articles Needed By U. S. Officers Serving Overseas

A number of American officers who have gone to France have sent back lists of articles officers will need "Over There." No two of the lists were alike.

Here is the official list of arms, clothing and equipment which will be needed for field service in France:

One canvas basin, one bedding roll or a combination bedding and clothing roll, garrison saber belt (Sam Browne or "Liberty" belt is not authorized to be worn in this country), waist belt, four olive drab blankets, one pair rubber hip boots, two pairs woolen breeches, one canvas bucket, canteen with cover and strap, service cap, camp chair, two service coats (woolen), twelve white linen collars, compass with illuminated dial, six pairs white linen cuffs, four pairs of drawers, field glasses, first-aid packet with pouch, flashlight with extra batteries, fountain pen, paper and envelopes, riding gloves and woolen gloves, dozen handkerchiefs, service hat with cord sewed on, haversack with pack carrier, four extra pairs of shoe laces, lantern or lamp, pair russet leather pigskin leggings, pair of moccasins, notebook and pencil, olive drab overcoat, pair arctics, pistol

with holster, pistol belt, leather port-folio, saber and scabbard, saber knot-shelter tent (complete), two olive drab flannel shirts, six olive drab cotton or linen shirts, two pairs of high rustic leather shoes, slicker (raincoat) with detachable woolen lining), six pairs of socks, two identification tags, one yard of tape for identification tags, toilet articles (including clothes, hair and tooth brushes, comb, razor, soap, wash rag, etc.), knitted toque, six towels, canvas or rubber tub (for sponge bath), four undershirts, leather or flannel vest, watch and whistle.

While a few of these articles, such as the canteen, first-aid packet, haversack, pistol with holster, pistol belt, shelter tent and whistle will be supplied by the government, the officers are expected to provide themselves with all the others. The depot quartermaster in New York, on application, will furnish officers with a list of the manufacturers of the necessary clothing and equipment. Upon the request of officers the manufacturers on this list will forward to them a price list and will deliver clothing and equipment to officers at the wholesale prices.

### NOTE WRITERS NOW KNITTERS

There's a use for everything if you can just think of it. Until recently about the most useless thing in the world was the "mash note," written by silly girls to actors. One distinguished actor turned the sweet-scented missives to good account by replying to all of them and urging the writers to join knitting clubs and knit sweaters, helmets, socks and wristlets for soldiers. They adopted his suggestion and he thus killed two birds with one stone, put the girls to a useful work and kept them so busy they did not have time to write any more notes to him.

### NATION'S HORSE POWER HAS GREATLY INCREASED

The tremendous man power of the United States is materially augmented by horse power and mule power. The animals now in the war service of the nation total 344,000, with an average value of \$175 per head. Before this country entered the war it had only 66,145 animals in the various branches of the army. The Remount Service has swollen from one officer and four clerks to 200 officers and 11,000 men, and the Veterinary Corps from 64 officers and no enlisted men to 1,900 officers and 12,000 men.

### U. S. DISCONTINUES PAY OF GERMAN OFFICERS HELD PRISONER HERE

Uncle Sam has stricken from his payroll the names of the German army officers held as prisoners in internment camps in this country. Although not generally known, the German commissioned officers held prisoners here have been receiving from the United States Government the same pay they would have gotten had they been serving in the German army. This is in compliance with the Rules of Land Warfare.

Germany, however, refused to reply to the agreement proposed by the United States that such commissioned officers of the American Army as might be taken prisoners of war by the Central Powers be paid the same amounts they would receive from the United States government.

Secretary of War Baker made the following ruling in the matter:

"The government of Germany having failed to make any reply to the agreement proposed by our Government, through neutral diplomatic channels, regarding the pay of commissioned officers held as prisoners of war, it is directed that no further payments be made to any such prisoners in the custody of the United States until Germany shall have expressed its willingness to reciprocate."

### COMPLYING WITH REGULATIONS

A very punctilious officer, who was a long way from the resources of civilization, sent one day for the sergeant to ask him how long it was since the men changed their shirts. "A month," was the reply. "But the regulations say that the men must change their shirts once a week at least." "They haven't any shirts to change into, sir." "Then let them change-shirts with one another."

OLD GLORY OVER SEAS  
The first American flag ever planted on an Old World Fortress was raised over Duran, Tripoli, on April 27, 1805.

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