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The North Carolina troops have been assigned to the division with the Pennsylvania troops, and Johnny Rebs and Yanks are to be a happy lot.

So far, not even troops on the border have been able to keep pace with the hike out from Camp Glenn by the second battalion of the 3rd N. C. Inf., of which, by the way, the Reidsville company belongs.

Our boys on the border, many of whom are now anxious to return to their homes and occupations, are there to protect the country and in doing so are honoring their country and themselves, according to President Wilson. Mrs. Henry Smith of Wm. Inc., wrote to the president protesting against the retention of her son on border duty and received this reply:

"Your letter of July 23 distresses me a good deal because it shows that you have not been correctly informed as to the purpose of having the national guard at the border. It is not for the purpose of drill, but for the purpose of protecting the country."

"The service the men are performing there is an honor to them and a necessity to the United States. I cannot believe that the men in the national guard would wish to be excused from it or would lose heart because of the discomforts and inconveniences of the service."

"The war department has the camps on the border under the most careful inspection, and is using every means known to make them sanitary and safe against disease. The health record of the men on the border, both the regulars and the national guardsmen, is exceptionally good."

"I would not have you think that I do not sympathize with your distress in the absence of your son, but I beg that you will take these larger matters into consideration."

Have 1,200 Pairs of Pajamas.

Consider the joy of a cavalry regiment which owns 1,200 pairs of pajamas and a colonel who sees bright red if anybody high or low tries to tamper with the health of his riding men. Pajamas and colonel are seized of and possessed by the First cavalry of Illinois, now encamped in 100 degrees of heat upon the sun baked adobe mud two miles west of Brownsville.

The pajamas are interesting, not only because they are the only regimental pajamas in the national guard contingent of the army so far as anybody knows, but because in this heat and in these conditions so trying to green troops they make for comfort and cheerfulness and health and are an equipment experiment which may be taken up by the army as a whole.

The colonel—his name is Miller, a former, and he practices law in Chicago when he is at home—is even more interesting than the pajamas. He declined to permit the war department to expose his healthy troops to peril of pneumonia, and when the war department ordered his men into ordinary day coaches he refused to take them. He paid for three trains of standard Pullman cars out of his own pocket—that is, he made himself responsible to the Pullman company for these sleepers.

Should Be Good Sports.

"To an observer the distinction between those things which offer a fair basis for complaint and those which do not is too frequently lost from view," says Earl J. Hadley, correspondent of the New York Evening Sun. "Many of the things to which objection has been made for the guardsmen by others are believed not to warrant the to-do made about them. As soldiers or in civil terms as 'good sports,' they should have taken many annoyances as part of the game. All of them came down with enthusiasm enough to fight, but many with too little taste for the grind which would equip them to fight. They resemble athletes ambitious to break the tape in a quarter mile dash without any preliminary training."

Want to Go Home.

Lieutenant Colonel J. Mayhew Walwright, investigating the camps at McAllen for Governor Whitman, looked on a camp of the Twelfth of New York and said: "Well, men, I've come down here straight from the governor to see how you are fixed, what you need and whether there is anything that you do not have. Now, what do you want most?"

A number who had gathered around him promptly roared in reply, "We want to go home!"

Long Sleep For Soldier.

Private George Regans of Carthage, Mo., who went to Laredo, Tex., with the national guardsmen from that state, was asleep for four days except for slight intervals.

Physicians say his condition is caused by nervousness, due to worry over failure to receive a letter from his home.

One "Cuss" Word the Limit.

Edited and suitably deleted, a proclamation issued by Battery A of the Kansas national guard sets forth that the troubles of machine gun companies are trivial as gossamers compared to the pestiferous annoyances that assail artillerymen and, further, that there are as much restraint and moderation of speech per capita among the members of the battery as among

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Lawson's Decoy Dog.

Occasionally an enlisted man of social training has the hardihood to carry off a girl at the roof garden for a quiet chat under the trellis and the stars and a glass of lemonade. El Paso women are abstainers.

One such adventurous youth is Douglas Lawson of Boston, son of Thomas W. Lawson, who won his way into the restricted circle of the roof garden by a gentle stratagem.

He was encountered one evening recently in his uniform of a sergeant in the First artillery carrying a tiny Chihuahua dog in the bend of his mighty arm. He is something more than six feet and a giant in muscular development, and the dog might weigh a pound.

"Why the dog?" said the correspondent.

"Sh-h!" said "Dug." "This is the greatest decoy in the world. He is my Siberian bloodhound."

We watched the dancers trotting about the floor. At the end of the dance the decoy began to function. The prettiest girl in the hall dropped her partner's arm and came straight at "Dug."

"Oh, what a love of a dog!" said she. "May I hold it?"

Sergeant Lawson was willing, and the party adjourned to the pergola. In introductions followed.

Other girls came up and petted the dog. Before his leave was up Sergeant Lawson had greatly enlarged his social circle.

"There are more ways than one of beating this game," he remarked as he tucked his "Siberian bloodhound" into the front of his tunic and started back for camp.

Married Men Should Leave.

Married men among the Illinois troops in Brownsville should, unless they be officers, take advantage of the dependency clause provided by congress if they feel the welfare of their families is jeopardized by their sojourn on the border.

This was the positive declaration of Brigadier General James Parker, the commander of the Brownsville district, when the subject of coercion on the part of some Chicago employers was brought to his attention.

"This situation was bound to arise," said the general. "When the employers consented to take care of families of their employees who would suffer keenly by deprivation of salary the impression was general that the army was going into Mexico soon. This has not happened. Now this problem arises. The married man's place is back at home unless he feels his family is not going to suffer in any way by his absence."

"But, general," protested some one. "these boys feel that an odium will exist if they leave. What will the folks back home say?"

The gray haired veteran scowled. "Odium?" he repeated harshly. "From whom would the odium come? There are thousands and thousands of single men, scot free, walking the streets of our big cities, enjoying themselves. Why aren't they down here? This is where they belong, not the married men. Let anybody in Chicago criticize a married man for going home and I'll give him reasons for his going. When I mustered in New York regiments in the Spanish-American war I refused married men because I wanted soldiers who did not have family troubles worrying them. And study in after years convinced me that I did right."

Miss Cudahy Sends Provisions.

Miss Mary T. Cudahy, daughter of the late Michael Cudahy, the Chicago packer, has the comfort and happiness of the boys of the Seventh Infantry close to her heart. As proof she mailed a key which was received by Colonel Daniel Moriarty. It was not the key to her heart, however, but her letter explains.

"I am inclosing a key," she wrote. "for a trunk which I am forwarding by express. It contains some of the things which I saw by the newspapers you have asked for from the Red Cross. These things will add a little to the comfort of the men."

"I. S.—The trunk is an old one which I do not need any more."

A Satisfied Soldier.

Following is a copy of a letter received from a New York soldier in Texas, giving rather a vivid but truthful picture of the conditions prevailing in Camp McAllen:

We are extremely comfortable now, and I don't know when we have been so cheerful since our arrival here. Personally I have never felt so wonderfully happy in my life. I adore it all. The work is extremely hard and the heat terrific, but as they give you a sleet from 12 until 4:30 every day it saves the men a lot and gives you time to do a lot of personal things. Yesterday and the day before I worked constantly without stopping from mess to mess. The food now is delicious and nice cold water on tap constantly. We also have built an exchange, where you can get all soft drinks, ice cream, shoe laces, etc., and they take one's clothes

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and have them washed for you. It is run by the sheriff of the county. So any sympathy you waste on me personally must stop immediately. Some of the fellows in other regiments and outfits have suffered terribly and been very ill, but haven't done half the work. The squadron, on the other hand, are in the pink of condition and working like mules. That's what good physical condition, a great deal of precaution and two weeks at camp before arriving have done for us. The camp is kept immaculate and great care taken for the prevention of any disease. We get the daily papers only five days a week, but it's all the same in the end. I wish you could be here and see us work. Our day consists of getting up at 5, dressed at 6:10, grooming and feeding until 8, drill at 7:50 until 10:30, feeding, watering and grooming at 11:30 again. Then nothing to do until "taps" except eat, smoke, talk and sleep. Of course we have to board on floors built a woodshed for the horses, police camp, etc., but they have details for that. Then there is very strict sentry and outpost duty at night, as times are a bit uncertain in this district, and precaution of best kind must be taken. We go on sentry duty about every fourth night.

Some of Villa's Traits.

Dr. Jerome Triolo, a soldier of fortune who has served several years in Villa's army in a medical capacity with the title of lieutenant colonel, told some stories that show he is quite an interesting person to meet after all.

"There were several reasons why Villa was a great man," said Dr. Triolo, "but the chief were the fact that he was always reliable about paying his men. If he ever had money his men got their share and he was an unusually clever strategist. No one could have taken Juarez in the clever manner in which he did without being one."

"It was commonly believed in the latter part of November, 1913, that Villa was on his way to storm Chihuahua City. Several miles outside, however, his army held up a train which was leaving Juarez for that place. He forced the conductor to send a telegram back to the Juarez authorities that he was returning, as Villa was advancing toward Chihuahua with a large force and he feared that the train would be unable to get through. After this message had been sent Villa and his merry band hopped on the train and rode back into the city of Juarez. The inhabitants had prepared no greeting for him and were so surprised to see him that they were able to offer no resistance to his invasion. It was surrendered to him almost without a struggle."

"Of course Villa was cruel, but that detracted in no way from his generalship, for Villa is no more cruel than any of the Mexican people. He thought nothing of taking life. At Torreon he lined them up seven deep for their execution in order to save ammunition. In Juarez one day Villa stopped a peon with a bundle of stolen calico under his arm.

"Where did you get that?" asked Villa.

"I found it on the street," was the rather flimsy answer. Villa turned to a soldier by his side.

"Shoot him," he said calmly, and walked on. The man was shot.

"On another day in the same town Villa spied a rider wanted for some crime going down the street. He pointed him out to a guard with his usual laconic request, 'Shoot him.' I doubt if the man shot ever knew what struck him.

"If a person asked a favor of Villa when the latter was in a bad mood he was just as apt to be shot as to have his favor granted. After executions he was particularly morose, and it was an extremely hazardous proposition to approach him for two or three days afterward."

His Cry of Wolf.

The bad boy of the legend who cried "Wolf!" was a poor amateur in results obtained compared with Corporal Franklin King, Eighth Massachusetts, in charge of a border patrol near Torcer, eight miles from El Paso.

He told of the discovery of a band of at least 150 bandits moving over the border through Lasca pass and toward Finlay, and that started two companies of cavalry thundering out of El Paso on a freight train and also out of El Paso an entire battalion of Infantry packed tight in ten motor trucks intent on saving the population of that hamlet and with orders from General Bell to mete out drastic punishment to the Mexican marauders.

But Corporal King had sent out his report on an observation with the naked eye over a distance of five miles, and with the coming of the cavalry and infantry, hot for a tilt with the bandits, came the information from a scouting party that the "bandits" were a harmless herd of about 200 horses, the property of Dave Allison and Dad Finlay, famous rifle shots and ranchers, who had been making their way toward Finlay.

"The cavalry has the honor to report that here are the bandits," said Lieutenant Raleigh, pointing to the two ranchmen, "and we have also found 200 horses that belong to them."

The investigation showed that Allison had stopped at the precise time and place described by Corporal King to tighten up his pack and look over his herd grazing at the place.

A Bit Lonesome.

Down in Duann, Tex., doing border duty is Private Kit W. Hillman of the hospital corps, Second Texas Infantry, who apparently is lonesome. He has written the following letter:

I am very lonesome, for, believe me, this is a lonesome and also hot place. And every one in our outfit has some one to write to and some one to write to him, while I have no one at all to hear from anywhere, any time. And you people in that country can't imagine how lonesome it is here without a word from civilization. And if you would be so kind you might help me out. I am twenty-one years old, height five feet three inches, hair dark, eyes dark, complexion also dark—tanned in this sun. Have no bad habits. Am straight and honest and can give references if needed.

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