

CATCH U-BOAT ORDERS ON MEADE WIRELESS

312th Field Artillery Operator Takes Down Nauen Code Messages

"C.O.'S" LOSE EASY JOBS

Secretary Lansing's Cousin Comes From Michigan to Marry Officer at Little Penn

By a Staff Correspondent

Camp Meade, Md., April 12.

It was midnight and Jim McKeever, the Philadelphia newspaper telegrapher, and now wireless operator in Headquarters Company, 312th Field Artillery, was getting the war news that filtered through the screened storm clouds from the Government Radio Station at Arlington.

In the wireless room were Lieutenant E. R. Smith and Howard Rosengarten, also of Philadelphia, and a radio expert, Gray Donohoo, the West Philadelphia youth, who gave the \$5000 instrument to the Government, was getting ready to say good night. He was in bed, but through the medium of a "cut in" was getting the news of the night.

A fifty-mile gale was sweeping across the reservation and hitting the pine barracks some heavy blows. "The ships are getting a terrible rattle-dazzle tonight," said Donohoo, as he adjusted the headpiece that he keeps near his pillow. "Yes, it's a tough gale," answered McKeever. "This blow hits 'em hard off Hatteras and some of 'em are having a tough time in it."

The radio messages that were flashing through the storm verified McKeever's suspicions, but he did not read them. "What's that funny stuff that you're getting?" asked Donohoo as a mysterious code message trickled down the aerials and into the dimly lighted station. "Trying to get it," McKeever replied. He turned a thumb screw on one of the instruments, and turning to Smith made an announcement that has been awaited for six long months.

U-Boat Orders from Nauen "The 312th Field Artillery, Mr. Smith, is hooked up with the Kaiser. I'm getting a code message from Nauen." Then Smith cut in and said enough to cause the fragments of the message that was being flung over the seas to the cowardly commanders of Germany's wireless boats. The message was jotted down and forwarded to the proper officials.

Two months ago the 304th Field Signal Battalion picked up Nauen on the wireless and the 312th bunch has been eager to turn the same trick. McKeever is a sergeant and lives at 227 Fairmount avenue, Philadelphia. Before entering the army he was a telegrapher on an afternoon newspaper and after joining the Philadelphia artillery unit became attached to the wireless section.

Evening Public Ledger readers will recall that Donohoo gave his wireless outfit to the Government. In return he obtained a forty-hour pass to visit his home. He will get the wireless outfit back when the Kaiser is hiked.

Little Penn's conscientious objectors have lost their jobs in the Hatteras House and other recreation buildings, and from now on have their choice between working for the Government or spending their time in the stockade. Just what General Kuhn plans to have this bunch of slackers do cannot be learned, but officers admit that the "soft days" are over. From Washington has come the order that gives the Camp Meade commander the power to make the crowd of religiousists, pool-room sharks and corner loafers earn their board.

Battle Maneuver in Rain

Despite the heavy gale and down-pour of rain the 312th Field Artillery executed a battle maneuver yesterday morning. The Supply Company took a position on a hill top near Ardent and the rest of the outfit made an attempt to dislodge the "enemy" as they were. The Supply Company were called. The enemy was located, but in taking the hill nearly half the artillery men were mowed down by machine gun fire. According to the censor it was a drawn battle and after three hours of heavy fighting the boys trudged home to dry their clothes and get some "cats."

That many of the Little Penn soldiers who six weeks ago were drafted for a railroad building unit are "over there" is apparent from a letter received today by the men in Headquarters Company, 312th Field Artillery. Robert Moore, an employee of the Standard Toller Bearing Company and Owen Laker, who worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad, were members of that outfit. From France they sent a letter to their comrades which announced that they had arrived safely.

Although it is somewhat doubtful whether Camp Meade will have a third Liberty Loan campaign for subscriptions, evidently is working to the interest of the loan and urging friends and relatives to get busy. General Kuhn has requested every man in the division to write at least ten letters to friends and relatives and urge them to buy bonds. The soldiers have responded to the appeal and hundreds of letters are being written each day.

An illustration of the sincerity of the men was furnished today by Vincenzo Leonardo, of I Company, 315th Infantry. The soldier cannot write and has no relatives in this country, but asked his top sergeant, Leonard De Paul to forward an appeal to his former associates in the Italian Hat Company plant in Philadelphia. "I worked there as an engineer," said the soldier, "and know many of the Italian workers." De Paul wrote a letter and in his appeal for the Liberty Loan said in part:

"Italians must buy Liberty Bonds to support the Government under which they are now earning their living. And also for the sake of the home land, as both countries are waging war against the Germans for the same democratic ideals. A bond bought is a blow struck for both countries and is also an argument of support to the many sons of Italy who are fighting side by side with their American brothers."

FOREST WORK BACKWARD

Weather Has Delayed Program of the State Department

Harrisburg, April 12.—The plan of the State Department of Forestry in its reforestation campaign have been delayed by weather and traffic conditions, and although two camps for planting gangs have been established in Union County and preparations completed to start others next week in Luzerne and northern Ber counties the weather is retarding work.

Considerable difficulty is experienced in getting the trees from the State nurseries because of poor transportation and the planting work is held back by ground conditions. Hundreds of acres on State reserves are to be replanted by seedling trees.

DISCUSSION AT CITY CLUB

Problems Created by War Will Be Considered at Luncheon

A luncheon to discuss problems between the churches, arising from the present national and civic conditions, will be given in the City Club, under the auspices of the Interchurch Federation of Philadelphia.

STEEL MILLS RUSHED TO FILL WAR DEMANDS

French and British Governments Supply 750,000 Tons for Urgent Needs of Army

Washington, April 12.—According to testimony of Chairman Hurley, of the shipping board, and J. Leonard Repliege, director of steel supplies for the war industries board, given the commerce committee several days ago in executive session, General Pershing has obtained 750,000 tons of steel products from the French and British Governments to meet urgent needs in France with an agreement to replace the tonnage in plates, projectiles and other forms from the United States.

American mills are now working to capacity, the witnesses said, to meet the demands of the Allied countries and the requirements of the United States. Mr. Repliege told the committee he did not believe it practical for the Government to arrange to send steel to fabricating plants as far west as Omaha, Neb., when the fabricated material must be shipped back to the East to be used in ammunition. Other testimony has indicated a belief that this would be impracticable.

JERSEY REGIMENTS OFFICERS SHIFTED

Many Changes Reported From Camp McClellan in Reorganization Orders

Camp McClellan, Annapolis, Md., April 12.—The return of field officers from the school at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, is accompanied by a reorganization in some of the regiments, notably the 112th Infantry, a New Jersey organization, including the former First, Second and Fourth Infantry regiments. Colonel Harry Jones, of Baltimore, commander of the 112th Infantry, has reassigned command.

TEXAS TRAINING ENDS

Private Joseph Lemnitz, of Company B, 104th Engineers, has been transferred to the 10th Field Signal Battalion.

GIVE HIM THE SINEWS OF WAR

"Good Bye, Dad, I'm Off To Fight For Old Glory, You Buy U.S. GOV'T BONDS"



THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

At Swedesboro, N. J., has been transferred to the 10th Field Signal Battalion.

Private William W. Gray, member B, 104th Engineers, has been transferred to the 10th Field Signal Battalion.

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CAMP HANCOCK POLICE SEEK MUMMY THIEVES

Soldiers Alleged to Have Stolen Curiosity From Undertaker at Augusta

Special Dispatch to the Evening Public Ledger

Camp Hancock, Ga., April 12.

Military police of the Twenty-eighth Division are today searching for two soldiers who are said to have stolen a mummy from the establishment of E. E. Elliott, Camp Hancock undertaker.

The mummy was last seen Saturday night at a gathering of young Augusta society folk in one of the leading hotels. There was a dance on that time and the mummy was carried there by two soldiers. He was wrapped in a sheet and laid in a dark corner on the floor. The soldiers paraded girls at the dance near the object and frightened them when they stumbled over the body. The soldiers, it is said, were loathful of their act, and tried to admit that they stole the body from the camp undertaker.

SEED CORN IN DEMAND

State Bureau of Markets Buys and Sells at Cost to Meet Needs

Harrisburg, April 12.—Seed corn for farmers and "war gardeners" of the State has been in so much in demand that the State Bureau of Markets will continue its plan of buying and selling at cost. Thousands of bushels have been bought through this State agency in the last six months, and there seems to be no dearth in the northern tier.

Members of the State Commission of Agriculture have been asked to make reports on the seed corn situation in their localities.

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