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THE HUB,
Glasgow, Montana

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I then made a supplementary application, setting up the fact that I was a married man, having a dependent family. This application was approved by my company commander, Capt. Reynolds, but was disapproved by Col. Donohue. It was approved by the war department and my discharge ordered. This order, by the way, was not transmitted through our beloved Colonel but was sent direct to Capt. Reynolds, who handed me my discharge. So much for my case.

King denies that applications have been or are being held up. Oh, very well. Private Percy Oakes of Saco made application for discharge upon the grounds that he was a married man having a dependent family. His application was disapproved "for the reason that his company commander reported that "he had no children; that his wife's parents have, ever since his marriage, contributed largely to the support of himself and wife and that they are now, at intervals sending applicant spending money." The quoted information is, remember, furnished by Oakes' company commander. Oakes is from Saco. So is Lieut. King. Read the following affidavits:

State of Montana)
)ss.
County of Phillips)
D. T. Gilbert, being duly sworn on oath deposes and says: That Private Percy Oakes is his son-in-law and that he has never contributed to his support. That all the time subsequent to his marriage to his daughter and prior to his call to the Mexican border he supported his wife without any assistance from affiant or any one else to his knowledge.

(Signed)
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fidavits prepared by Mrs. Bertsch and Mr. H. J. Adden of this city. Now please read the following telegram:
WESTERN UNION NIGHT LETTER
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, August 30, 1916.
To MRS. HARRY WOODLEY, GLASGOW, MONT.
Reference your wire to General Funston concerning discharge of Woodley, Bertsch, Oakes and Richardson. Richardson and Woodley have been ordered discharged. Oakes application will be forwarded to war department, disapproved on account recommendation of his company commander. No application had been received from Bertsch.

(Signed)
Bundy, Dept. Adjutant.
What became of Bertsch's application?
Was it held up?
Are others being held up?
Who's a liar?
Gentle reader, a witness' credibility should be judged somewhat by the character of the witness.
Listen!
Bill Halbig, the hard working quartermaster who put in 24 hours a day getting the equipment lined up before Co. G left Glasgow, was demoted—reduced in the ranks—shortly after the arrival in Arizona and shortly after King was selected as lieutenant. He was reduced without the proper military formalities of charges? Why was he reduced? Far be it for me to say, but I do know that Bill Halbig had also with King, been an applicant for the second lieutenancy. Bill was, in fact, elected to that position at a meeting in Glasgow. The election did not hold, however, because there was no real vacancy at that time, Ecker not having resigned as captain.
Will Mr. King tell us why Bill Halbig—an efficient quartermaster sergeant and a thoroughly capable soldier—is now a private in Co. G?
Will he? I fear not.
Corporal Wilson, former Valley county school teacher, was transferred to another company, the transfer involving demotion of a necessity. Wilson asked Layton about it. He wanted to stay on as a corporal and in a company with his friends. Layton said he had nothing to do with it. That it was up to the Colonel. The rawest private in the rear rank knows that transfers are recommended by the company commander.
On a law suit at Saco Ray Doris sat as a jury man. Lieut. King was one of the litigants and the jury found against him.
A few days after King received his

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coveted shoulder straps he told Doris "as long as I have anything to do with this company you will remain a private." Doris later transferred to the machine gun company and within two weeks had become a sergeant.

King states in his communication "that many officers and men are remaining here at a financial loss". He is probably right. But Mr. King is getting around \$5.00 per day for his services to his country and his Saco acquaintances are emphatic in stating that he never received more than about half that salary or wages in his life before.

King wants to know, also, if it ever occurred to Ruffcorn that the enlisted strength of the regiment does not effect the number of its commissioned officers. I know, old top, that if the sixty married men who have applied for discharge are let go and an equal number of recruits are not secured to take their place that a company will be dropped from the regiment and that one captain and two lieutenants will be looking for employment elsewhere.

Mr. King says:
"It is true that this regiment is sorely in need of recruits and it is a disgrace to the state of Montana and speaks little for its patriotism when that fact is admitted."
Montana should blush, indeed! We should hang our heads in shame at this arraignment by that valiant defender of the country's cause; that tried and true minute man; that illustrious and patriot soldier, second lieutenant King, the mighty aid of Doc Layton, the co-hero, with his doughty captain, of the region of the Rio Grande.

If all the militia officers were as efficient and as intelligent, as brave and as patriotic as King admits himself to

be, our army, I fear, would have to result to the old style "press gang" to get a single recruit.
Concluding, I wish to offer consolation to Col. Donohue. He remarked in concluding his highly colored epistle that "my discharge was a particularly sore spot with him". I sincerely hope that the good Colonel! Dan's sore spot is not one which cannot be reached by a liberal (internal) application of the so-called "emulmignig fluid" which he keeps handy. If the Kentucky embalming fluid cannot reach the wound the versatile colonel must be indeed in bad straits.
Regards to all the boys.
Very truly yours,
GEORGE W. RUFFCORN.

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