

THE FIRST BATTALION OF MOUNTED ENGINEERS EVER FORMED IN THE U. S. ARMY, CREATED HERE



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VACATION

Last feller in knows whetty is!

Los feller in knows what he is!

Last feller in knows whettys!

The challengers

EL PASO has the first organization of mounted engineers ever formed in the United States Army. This organization is the first battalion of the mounted engineers, stationed at Camp Stewart and commanded by Maj. Virgil Peterson, whose picture is shown in the center.

The battalion is strictly an infantry organization of the army. It was created on May 15 under the new army increment and was provided for in this increase. The first battalion was created from company A, of the mounted engineers. Its ranks have now been filled to war strength by the hundreds of recruits sent here since war was declared and the organization is now ready for active service at the front.

Company A, which is included as a part of the first battalion, was the first organization of mounted engineers to be organized in the army.

This company was created on July 15, 1916, at Colonia Dublan, Mexico, its organization being provided for in the 15th army increment. Company A was organized from the second regiment of engineers, which was stationed in Mexico with the business expedition and which is now stationed at El Paso. Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, commander of the expedition, found the necessity for mounted engineers in the military work in Mexico and for the rapidity with which they could travel from one point to another along his lines of communication, and so recommended to the war department that this branch of the service be included in the American military service.

The work of the mounted engineers is similar in every way to that of the other engineering organizations in the army. It consists of road building, trench construction and other branches of work necessary in warfare and for the maintenance of an army. The first battalion is now engaged in active training preparatory to going into service abroad. Although the organization has not received orders to leave for France, they are expected at any time. It has a high class enlisted personnel and includes many college men and graduates of technical schools.

The photograph on the right is that of Capt. Donald H. Combs, of B company. The officer on the left is Lieut. Dwight E. Johns, of C company.

and merchants who deal in the necessities of life. Sudden fortunes that will not bring

good luck are predicted and in certain cases these will be attended by scandals and even lawsuits.

There is an encouraging direction for mines and mining and Arizona should benefit greatly.

During this configuration whatever pertains to delicacies for the table should be especially profitable. Neptune is in a place supposed to bring large returns for canned or preserved fruits and vegetables.

Mars gives warning of activity among American troops, who may meet with a setback that will be discouraging. Before the end of the month fear or depression may be strongly registered in the public mind.

Disagreements among members of congress concerning adjustment is foretold by the seers.

Again changes in the cabinet, so long prophesied by astrologers appear to be near. It is emphasized

that more than one secretary will resign.

Jewelers and all who deal in things especially pleasing to women have the forecast of misfortune.

Substitutes for leather and wool again are prognosticated and astrologers predict many old styles in dress as a phase of the war. These will be distinctly American. It is announced.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the anxiety of a successful year. If they concentrate on practical things, children born on this day may be very high tempered. These subjects of Leo are likely to be restless, but energetic and successful. (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

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THINK is read as an unimportant day since all the planetary directions are weak. Venus, Neptune and Saturn are adverse and Uranus is friendly.

It is a day that is most unlucky for love affairs, and especially for romances that concern persons past youth.

The rule is inimical to whatever is offered the public and citizens may find evidence unresponsive and critical.

There is a sinister sign for the sea and those who go forth upon it.

The seas have the most unfavorable reading during these summer days and many will succumb to the elements, if the stars be read aright.

Plagues of insects foretold last winter may be a serious menace to food supplies, even after they are free from shipment, the seers declare.

There may be a temporary cessation of hostilities which will do for the war the best of us in war, there are expected to be substantial gains in the west and this may extend to children also.

Diplomatic correspondence of an extraordinary character is prognosticated. This may change certain aspects of the war. It is predicted.

The discovery of a spy in a high place will cause a sensation.

Advancement and benefits for all dark skinned people are predicted as a result of the war and serious problems will develop rapidly in the United States.

Canada has an indication of some condition that may cause temporary criticism on the part of United States soldiers.

Some sort of naval offensive has been prognosticated for the Germans, and will bring about an engagement off the coast of England.

Persons whose birthdate it is may have much anxiety and trouble during the year. Disappointment is foretold for the young.

Children born on this day may be too fond of company and pleasure to succeed with in business or practical affairs. These subjects of Leo should be watched lest they be misled and careless. Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

Monday, August 6, 1917.

THE week has a most encouraging outlook, according to astrology. Neptune, Saturn and Jupiter are all in benefic aspect, while Mars alone is adverse.

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Bedtime Story For the Little Ones

UNCLE WIGGLY AND THE TORTOISE.

BY HOWARD E. GARIS.

UNCLE WIGGLY LONGHAIR, the rabbit gentleman, was out walking in the woods one day, looking for an adventure, when he saw a box tortoise slowly crawling along on the path under the green ferns.

"Oh dear!" sighed the box tortoise, which is something like a mud turtle, except he doesn't live in mud and he doesn't shut himself up in his shell, but he looks exactly as though he was in a box. "Oh dear! I'm afraid I'll never get there!"

"Get where?" asked Uncle Wiggly kindly.

"To the three and four cent store," answered the box tortoise. "My wife

has pawned away her pair of diamond earrings, and his new friend were at the store.

"Yes, we have just one pair of the diamond earrings left," said the little mouse girl clerk behind the counter. "You may have them for three cents," and she gave them to the box tortoise gentleman, who was much obliged.

"Now I'll go home to my wife, who will be much pleased," said he. "But I'll be about six weeks getting back," he said.

"Yes, and by that time those earrings may be out of style," laughed Uncle Wiggly. "You had much better let me carry you home, but as I have to go to the store for my muskrat lady, housekeeper, Nurse Jane and Furry Wuzzy and carry in my jaw some buttercup sauce and sunflower cakes, I'll have to put you in my tall silk hat, and carry you on my head."

"I shan't mind that in the least," spoke the box tortoise. "Thank you kindly, I'll go to sleep on the way back," and he did, using the diamond earrings for a pillow.

Uncle Wiggly went to the store for Nurse Jane, and then, with his jaws full of the things he had bought, he started for his hollow stump house, carrying the box tortoise in his tall silk hat on his head.

The sunny rabbit gentleman was hopping along through the woods when, all of a sudden, out from behind a stump jumped a big black bear—not a good, kind one like Neddie Beckie Stubbins, but a most cross and unkind one.

"Ah, ha!" growled the bear. "At last we meet again! I am glad to see you!"

"I wish I could say the same to you," spoke Uncle Wiggly, heartily. "What are you going to do to me?"

"Scratch you first, and then bite you afterward," answered the bear.

"Pooh! As if I minded that!" whispered the tortoise under Uncle Wiggly's tall silk hat. "Throw something at him!"

So Uncle Wiggly threw the buttercup sauce.

"Pooh! As if I minded that!" sniffed the bear.

"Ha! Maybe he'll mind that!" whispered the tortoise. "Throw me at him!"

Uncle Wiggly, then, put his head, tail and legs inside his shell, and it was just like a stone. "Throw me at the bear," he won't hurt me at all!"

So, when the tortoise was all curled up inside his shell, Uncle Wiggly threw him at the bear.

"Bump!" went the stone-like tortoise on the bear creature's soft and tender nose.

"Ha! The you mind that!" cried Uncle Wiggly.

"Wow! I should say I did!" howled the bear, running away as fast as he could. "It hurts like anything! I didn't know you had a big rock in your hat!"

But it wasn't a rock at all, only a box tortoise, which the sunny rabbit took to his home, and Mrs. Tortoise liked her diamond earrings very much.

And if the lawn mower doesn't pull a tooth out of the rake and make the sidewalk run, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggly and the Shellie Groucher.—Copyright, 1917, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

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