

## LIFE IN THE MILITIA TOLD BY M. U. MEN

W. J. Stoessel and L. S. Eads Write of Army Training at Nevada.

### BOYS ARE ALL HAPPY

Say Bacon Grease Tastes Like Cake After a Day of Hard Drilling.

Some of the daily doings of the boys in the Columbia Machine Gun Company, now at Nevada, Mo., may be learned from the two letters printed below. One, from Private Lee S. Eads, is printed in full. The other, from Private Walter Stoessel, was a personal one, and only extracts from it are printed. Both are University of Missouri boys.

To all my friends in Columbia: The members of the company are all in high spirits this evening and proud that they belong to the Machine Gun Company from Columbia. We are well sheltered and have good beds and do not need an anesthetic to make us sleep.

Perhaps the best way for me to tell of our doings since we left Columbia is to copy a few notes from my diary, which I have resolved to keep in full, and thus far have kept my resolution. Please excuse the rough-shod manner in which I trample over grammatical rules, but my diary must be brief, and now I have no time to reconstruct as it is only thirty minutes until "taps." (I begin with the leaving of the train. You all know what happened before so it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate.)

#### Had Music on the Train.

After the train pulled out we all found seats and made ourselves as comfortable as possible and tried to wear a nonchalant expression. Most of the men began to smoke their comp cigars. Corporal White turned up his ocharina and some one found a French harp and harmony followed. The "Barcarolle," "Way Down Upon the Suwanee River," "My Old Kentucky Home" were listened to by a penive audience. Then "Nellie Gray" was popular. The men hummed the tune—and goodness knows how many Nellie Grays there were in Columbia just then.

We waited about forty-five minutes in McBaine—it seemed like a century to me—and our car was hooked on to the Flyer and we were off for sure. Just then everybody got hungry—due to loss of appetite during the two days previous, I suppose, and the jokes went around about the sand fleas and caetns juice that we would feast on in the future with sand for dessert, maybe.

#### Ramey Plays a Joke.

Sergeant Ramey reversed a sign which read "For Whites" on one side and "For Negroes" on the other and narrowly escaped being thrown out of the window. Everyone made himself as comfortable as possible and quiet (?) reigned.

June 22.—We detrained at camp at 8 o'clock and marched about half a mile to the place reserved for us. Sandwiches were procured at the depot in Nevada and each person was allowed one. On that one aforementioned sandwich we had thirty minutes close order drill and made it snappy (?)—which was a mighty good appetizer, but unnecessary just then. Our suit-cases were hauled out and placed in a row on the ground, and the men lay around on the ground beside them. We have one of the best locations in camp, near the top of a slight hill overlooking the entire camp.

#### Discovers Some Fried Chicken.

When we became domiciled Corporal Horner found some fried chicken in his suitcase. We "snook out" and—well, there was not even chicken bones left, but then, frying chickens are very small at this time of the year and we only had one among three of us. (We pitied the others, but could do no more.)

The stove was put up and the fire started, but there was nothing to cook. Some one interrogated the crowd as to the edibility of soap, fried or baked. About 12 o'clock we were ordered to fall in line and receive knife, fork, spoon and tin cup. There were only about half enough mess kits to go around. Sergeant Roberts passed around a box of chocolates, which he said had been warmed over, and I guess he was right, for we had to use spoons to dip

with. The company next to us had dinner long before we did, but ours came at last and it certainly did taste good.

#### Dinner—Prunes, Bread and Bacon.

We had prunes, bread, bacon, (the coffee and beans did not get through cooking) and, joy unspeakable!—we were allowed to "sop" our bread in the bacon grease after the bacon had been removed. Strawberries and cake never tickled my palate as this did. I did not know just how well I did like meat grease when I had plenty of it. Had I only appreciated the slippery liquid when I had the privilege of the Cafeteria I might have had a superior brand—but we never appreciate the things we possess when we have them in abundance.

Our tents came and were put up in the afternoon. Army blankets and bed ticks were also distributed. I was assigned to the sergeants' tent, the first one on the street. Our sergeants are Cornell, Klinkerfuss, Roberts, Ramey, Galligan and Garth, all in the first tent. The tents are 12x12 feet, 3-foot side flap, pyramidal and brand new. From eight to ten men stay in each.

#### Officers Are Appointed.

E. E. Major was appointed captain; H. B. Gibson, first lieutenant; and J. P. Price, second lieutenant. Thus far I have had the good fortune of being the only man in the company except the officers who does not have to do "kitchen duty," and that is because my duties as clerk occupy most of my time.

June 24.—We are being "mustered in" this afternoon and hope to get our clothing this evening.

I have written this much on the installment plan as you may be able to see. Have been three days writing it. Sometimes I write half a page and then have to do something else. I was detailed to do about three hours' clerical work at regimental headquarters this morning, and thus it goes.

The boys are beginning to get their "mess kits" now. I have none yet but usually eat with Sergeant Roberts. We have just had our picture taken.

For goodness sake somebody write.

#### W. J. Stoessel Writes.

The following is part of the letter from W. J. Stoessel:

When we got off the train at Nevada several companies from St. Louis were here and we were loudly cheered. The colonel, who was at the station when we rolled in, said later that we were the best looking bunch that had arrived.

The camp is equipped with shower baths, and we make use of them daily. The first night here we cut loose with some Missouri songs. The rest of the camp didn't know what was going on at first, but when we finished up with the "Varsity" they knew who we were and they certainly did applaud us. A man from Drake in the adjoining camp gave his yell, and this started the whole camp. We are known all over the camp as "that Missouri U. company."

#### Get Up at 5 o'clock.

We get up at 5 o'clock in the morning, drill about eight hours a day and get to bed about 11 p. m.

Colonel McNeely, who is an M. U. graduate and was captain of the crack cadet company the year before the Spanish-American War, gave us a long talk this morning, complimented us on our drilling and said he would see that we got complete equipment. He said that this company would positively be called to the border between Tuesday and Thursday. (We're going to get in it after all, thank goodness.) This is the only instance anywhere the colonel has become intimate with the men.

After the colonel had finished talking to us we gave him "fifteen" and ended up with the "Varsity." It brought tears to his eyes. He started to speak again but didn't seem to be able and just turned and walked away.

Well, boys, I wish some more of you would come and join us. We are certainly having a great time and—there goes that darn bugle! So long.

#### To Open New Repair Shop.

W. L. Jarvis returned this morning from St. Louis, where he has been negotiating with automobile experts to come into his new automobile repairing, painting and trimming establishment, Ninth and Ash streets. Mr. Jarvis intended opening his place today, but owing to the fact that he could not procure satisfactory mechanics he was forced to delay the opening. He left for Kansas City today to get in touch with expert mechanics.

## M. U. FARM SERVICE TO COST \$155,158.64

Sixteen Projects for Next Year Planned by Extension Department.

### \$5,000 FOR PRINTING

\$65,650 Is Apportioned for County Agent Work—A. J. Meyer in Charge.

A. J. Meyer, in charge of the University agricultural extension work, has just returned from Washington, D. C., where he spent a week in conference with federal officials concerning the co-operative and other extension work of the College of Agriculture for the next fiscal year.

The extension work of the College of Agriculture is all carried on under definite projects, which are outlined in detail and by requirement of the Smith-Lever Act are approved by the officials at the head of the states relations service in the U. S. Department of Agriculture. For the next year, the Agricultural Extension Service will have sixteen projects. Following is the list with the allotment of funds for each:

1. General administration and supervision, including the printing and distribution of publications and the partial support of the office of the agricultural editor. \$12,110.79
2. County agent work. 65,650.00
3. Extension schools and farm clubs. 2,850.00
4. Extension work in home economics. 8,500.00
5. Boys' and girls club work. 10,400.00
6. Demonstration schools at fairs. 1,350.00
7. Hog cholera eradication. 8,200.00
8. Rural organization. 3,400.00
9. Extension work in poultry husbandry. 2,800.00
10. Extension work in dairy husbandry. 3,600.00
11. Extension work in horticulture. 5,050.00
12. Extension work in entomology. 3,500.00
13. Extension work in soils and farm crops. 11,350.00
14. Extension work in rural engineering. 3,150.00
15. Extension work in animal husbandry. 8,500.00
16. Extension work in farm management. 3,000.00

Reserve. 1,887.85  
Total. \$155,158.64  
Of the foregoing appropriation, \$22,332 will be contributed by the government on condition that the state make available \$12,229.32 appropriated by the last Legislature. \$15,500 is contributed by the Department of Agriculture. \$15,550 is apportioned from the state appropriation for the support of county agent work, the fifteen counties having county agents contribute \$31,220 and the farm bureaus in the different counties contribute directly \$2,630.

The grand total of all funds available for agricultural extension work during the fiscal year as called for in the new projects is \$155,158.64. The Smith-Lever Act provides that not more than 5 per cent of all funds available under the Smith-Lever Act may be expended for the printing and distribution of publications. There will be available, therefore, under this clause, a little less than \$5,000 for this purpose.

## RURAL LIFE HIS TOPIC

A. O. Thomas Tells Assembly the Country School Is a Great Problem.

The need of efficient rural schools which will teach the children in the rural districts more than the three R's is the great problem of the western and southern states. A. O. Thomas, state superintendent of schools in Nebraska, pointed out this morning in his address at the University Assembly.

"The residents of Nebraska," said Mr. Thomas, "are spending \$1,000,000 a month on education, and they pay it gladly. They know they must send out the next generation better prepared to succeed in this age."

"Especially is this true in agricultural states. The centrifugal forces which are now throwing the children of the rural districts into the concentrated places of population must be curbed."

"There are too many one-room and one-teacher schools scattered over Nebraska. We must bring educational facilities to our children. These one-room schools were all right in the olden days, but not now."

"In cases where the farmer's son persuades his parents that he must have a high school education, the boy goes to the city and loses his love for the farm. When the son is ready for college, he must again persuade his parents that he must be educated."

#### Miss Bark to Meeting of Librarians.

Miss Mary Bark, head cataloguer of the University Library, left Saturday for Asbury Park, N. J., to attend the meeting of the American Library Association. She will take part in a discussion of cataloguing.

## JULY 4 CELEBRATION TO BE WAR BENEFIT

Civic and Social Organizations Will Combine, if Plans Work Out.

### FUNDS FOR MILITIA

Idea Originates With Red Cross Society—May Be on Rollins Field.

Columbia will celebrate the Fourth of July, and the money taken in will go as a benefit to the Columbia Red Cross Society to be used for our own Missouri regiments if the plan thought of by members of the local society is adopted.

The society discussed plans yesterday with representatives of the Elks, the secretary of the Commercial Club and Mayor J. M. Batterton. A meeting was held last night at the Elks' home, and it was decided that a meeting with two representatives of every civic, fraternal and social organization in Columbia should be called for 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night at the Elks' home to discuss the proposition.

The plan, as it stands now, is to hold a patriotic celebration on the evening of the Fourth of July at some place easily accessible to all, probably on Rollins Field. There will be amusements of all kinds on the grounds and refreshment stands, operated by the members of the societies, where the crowd may quench its thirst. One speaker will be brought to Columbia to deliver the address. The speaker's stand will be on the football field, and the audience will sit on the concrete bleachers. An admission fee of 5 cents to the grounds will also be charged.

"I can see no reason why the project should not be put through," said Mayor J. M. Batterton this afternoon. "It will be held in the evening when everyone can attend."

#### HAD HARD TIME BUYING STEERS

Stock Raiser From Near Columbia Met Adventures in St. Louis.

Yesterday's issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch presents this story: John McQuitty, 54 years old, a stock raiser near Columbia, Mo., came here June 22 to buy steers. Here is the diary of the events that followed, as he recited it to Detective Chief Alender this morning:

June 22—Started out to purchase steers. Met a girl with a blue dress, blue shoes, blue stockings, blue hat and carrying a blue parasol. Didn't buy any steers that day.

June 23—Started out to purchase steers. Met the same girl. Went to the Western Union office and had \$25 telegraphed to him from Columbia. Didn't buy any steers.

June 24—Started out to buy steers. Met the same girl. Had \$50 telegraphed from home. Didn't buy any steers.

June 25—Started out to buy steers. Met the same girl in blue. Went to the Western Union to have \$100 telegraphed to him. Was told to come back. Returned to the Woodford Hotel, Fifteenth and Market, where he had been stopping. Was arrested there by detectives. Didn't buy any steers.

When McQuitty appeared at the telegraph office yesterday to get \$100, clerks there, who knew of his previous visits, thought he ought to be looked after and notified the police.

Detectives were sent with McQuitty when he left headquarters with instructions to see that he bought his steers today and caught a train for home.

#### ATHLETIC SCHEDULE ARRANGED

Basketball Tournament Starts Tonight—Baseball Next Week.

Everything about the baseball and basketball tournaments was settled yesterday afternoon at the athletic meeting.

The basketball tournament will start tonight. Six teams are entered in this race: Midgets, All Stars, Scrubs, Outlaws, Blues and Reds. These teams will be divided into two divisions, the first three and the last three. The winners in each division will play three games for the title. The All Stars will line up against the Scrubs at 7:15 o'clock tonight. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The baseball contest also starts this week. The games will be played at 7 o'clock on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Each team will get a double chance at every other team in the league.

#### THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, probably becoming unsettled Wednesday afternoon or night; warmer Wednesday.

\*For Missouri: Partly cloudy with possibly showers Wednesday and west portion tonight; warmer northwest portion tonight.

#### Weather Conditions.

More or less unsettled and stormy conditions prevail in the Rocky Mountain plateau and off the South Atlantic coast, but the interior of the country east of the Rocky Mountains is practically free from atmospheric disturbances this morning.

Showers, varying in amounts from light to moderate, fell in Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, East Oklahoma and Texas, in the upper plains, and thence along the Canadian border west to the North Pacific coast. Fair weather prevailed in the remainder of the country.

In Columbia mostly fair weather is expected to prevail during the next thirty-six hours or more.

#### Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 84, and the lowest last night was 60; precipitation, .00; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 56 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 82, and the lowest 64; precipitation, .00.

#### The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 4:45 a. m. Sun sets, 7:50 p. m.

Moon rises 2:14 a. m.

## BROWNS NEED MONEY

Effort Will Be Made This Week to Put Baseball Team on Its Feet.

An effort will be made among the business men of Columbia this week to put the local baseball team in good financial standing. At the present time the Browns are on the wrong side of the ledger about \$75 for local debts and salaries.

In every other town in the league the business men have subscribed to pay the loss of the team during the season. The first of the season Centralia business men donated \$2,000 for the support of a team. At Mexico fifty business men back all losses. At Moberly, at a recent meeting, thirty business men took all chances of the team losing money and will pay all outstanding debts and the debts that will come with the remaining games.

"Something of this sort must be done if Columbia is to hold the team together for the remainder of the season," said George D. Taylor, manager of the Browns, today. "We have a team that will hold its own against any team in the league, but the expenses are too great for the gate receipts."

"Only half the games are played at home and this means a total loss of salaries and incidental expenses when the team is on the road," said Taylor. "Every good ball player in the country has a chance for the team if in any way he can be of any use to us. Logan, a new shortstop, was added to the list and played in Sunday's game against Mexico. In this one game he showed real class and is at the present time the fastest shortstop in the league. Duff, an outfielder and first baseman, has been added to the Browns, and others will be gathered if they show the ability."

The Browns will play Mexico at the Fairgrounds park Thursday. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock. Week-day games will be arranged for the remainder of the season. These games will be of the same class as the regular league games, but they will not count in the league standing. The pitchers for Thursday's game will be selected from Phillip Umstatt, Cruickshank and Taylor. Other new men may be seen in the Browns' line-up.

#### PROF. FRENCH STROTHER DIES

Former Head of Lindenwood College Was Father of Mrs. H. P. Warden.

Prof. French Strother, 91 years old, died at Mexico, Mo., Sunday afternoon of old age. He was the father of Mrs. H. P. Warden of Columbia, who is now in Parker Memorial Hospital with typhoid fever.

Professor Strother was born in Virginia in 1825 and was educated in the University of Virginia. He came to Missouri in 1855 and was once at the head of Lindenwood College, St. Charles.

#### Will Move Here From Laddonia.

C. A. Torson of Laddonia, a traveling salesman for a St. Louis grocery firm, has rented the house at 1113 Paquin from J. M. Baker of the Boone County Milling Company, and will move to Columbia the first of next September.

#### O. P. Ballew No Better.

The condition of O. P. Ballew of Centralia, who is a patient in the Parker Memorial Hospital, is reported as unchanged. Mr. Ballew was operated upon Saturday for cancer of the stomach.

## WILSON SETS HOURS ON MEXICAN REPLY; CABINET IN SESSION

President's Patience Is Exhausted, and He Expects Action Toward Release of Soldiers Tomorrow.

### LANSING'S REFUSAL TO ARBITRATE O K

General Sentiment Agrees That This Is No Time for Mediation—Other Survivors From Carrizal Found.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—With the United States' militia rushing borderward, it was learned this afternoon that President Wilson's patience in regard to the release of the seventeen American prisoners is limited to a few hours, and not to days. The President expects a reply to his ultimatum not later than tomorrow.

The cabinet in session today discussed the entire situation. The results of this meeting are not yet known.

Secretary Lansing's rejection of the Bolivian offer of mediation was approved by the cabinet with the remark that this is no time for mediation.

The red tape of the army regulations has been removed to secure speedier mobilization of the militia.

MEXICO CITY, June 27.—The evacuation of San Geronimo and Bachiniva by the Americans has aroused high hopes among the Carranzistas that Pershing's expedition is being withdrawn.

General Trevino has announced that he will attack the Americans if they return to the cities.

#### By United Press.

COLUMBIA, N. M., June 27.—Four more survivors of the fight at Carrizal have been found roaming the Mexican desert. Two are in a critical condition from lack of food and water. They say that they hid themselves during the daytime and crawled on their stomachs at night until they reached the American lines.

#### MISSOURIANS ANXIOUS TO GO

But Officers Admit That Time of Departure Is Uncertain.

NEVADA, Mo., June 27.—It is still uncertain when the Missouri militia will depart for the border. Officers admit there is nothing definite known so far. All are anxious to get to the front.

#### ENROLLMENT SO NEAR TO 1,300!

Total Today in Summer Session Is 1,298—Year's Increase Is 197.

Enrollment in the Summer Session today, the seventeenth day of the session, is 1,298. Only one addition was made to the enrollment today. On the seventeenth day last year two persons enrolled.

Yesterday, the sixteenth day, the total number of persons in the Summer Session was 1,297, a gain of 197 over the same day in 1915 and of 183 over the total enrollment for last summer. Eleven hundred persons enrolled up to the seventeenth day last year, and only fourteen more entered during the rest of the session.

#### Receives \$1,000 Life Insurance.

Mrs. Nannie A. Bugg, widow of the late J. S. Bugg of Murry, received today through McDonnell Brothers of this city a policy of \$1,000 from the Central States Life Insurance Company of St. Louis. The policy had been carried less than four years.

#### Turner Nevins Fined \$1 by Jury.

Two cases consumed the entire day in the Boone County Circuit Court today. Turner Nevins was found guilty by a jury of disturbing the peace, and a fine of \$1 and costs was assessed. Evidence was heard all morning. This afternoon the replay in suit of E. C. Clinkscales against G. G. Davis is being heard.

#### Work Begins on City Garage.

Workmen began clearing the ground for the new city garage this morning. The site is just north of the City Hall and was given to the city by Mayor J. M. Batterton. L. L. Shockley was awarded the contract for the building. His figures were \$215. Six other contractors submitted bids.