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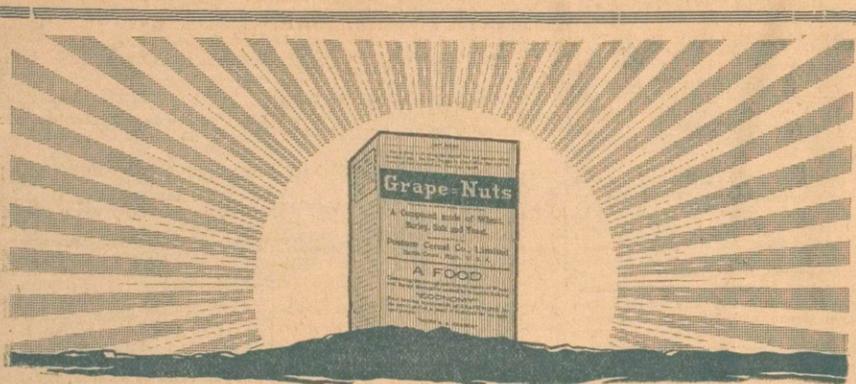
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Every army man should have a daily ration of Grape-Nuts.

"There's a Reason"

News Sent In By Our Division Units

2ND FIELD ARTILLERY

The almost daily hikes of the Second Field are beginning to be so much of a customary affair with each battery that everybody is enabled now to appreciate the humor of the many little incidents along the wayside. Instead of being so busy sweating dust and cussing the army and Texas, the boys look upon these little jaunts more as an agreeable part of the routine of life, rather than as an unavoidable evil, and consequently find plenty to talk about when they return. For example there is a story told of a certain sergeant of a certain battery who had a bit of trouble with his horse on a recent hike. He was thrown into a cactus bush and when the dust had settled he found himself unable to get out without adding about a thousand needles to the collection he had already made.

"Cannoneers--dismount!" he ordered. The battery halted.

The sergeant cussed--And that is all there is to the story, except that it is necessary to add the fact that the cannoneers did not dismount.

As a matter of fact hiking has become such a pleasure with some of the fellows that many of them take little side trips all their own whenever opportunity offers. Corporal William Schermerhorn, Percy Millsbaugh and "Jim" Cullen of C. Battery rode out into the country a few days ago bringing with them a half day's rations and feed. They camped out near a rancho from which they obtained fresh milk to drink and water and they found that it is quite possible to cook a very tasty meal out in the lonesome chapparal. Of course they enjoyed the trip and found many things of interest in a little Mexican settlement through which they passed.

Corporal Mitchell of C. Battery has a trick horse. The horse, by the way, is a mare. Her name is--well, Trxie Friganza will do. It is something on that order anyway. Mitchell tells everybody who wants to ride her not to "mount her on the bit." "Everybody" always forgets not to "mount her on

"argument" with all the snap and skill of Broadway blackface performers, and were well backed by their chorus. The chorus and arrangements committee follow:

End Men--Corp. W. J. Kelly, Corp. H. Tenny, Corp. P. I. Millsbaugh, Pvt. W. F. Purcell.

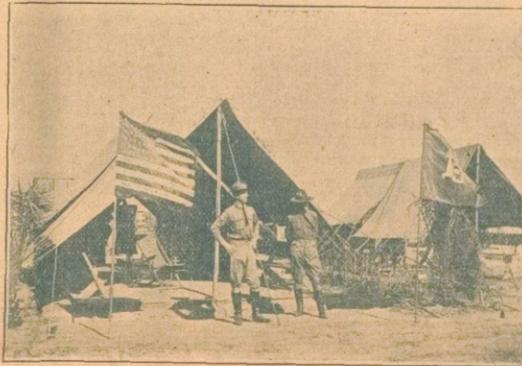
Chorus--J. V. McCabe, A. J. Williamson, A. Heckman, V. Carlin, J. Murphy, Geo. Adrain, W. Murray, G. Benze, G. Monarch, J. Doyle, E. J. Diggs, Jr., G. A. Hubert, LeRoy Clune, R. H. Adams, Geo. Bishop, W. Smith, J. Martinez, H. Mander, H. Hennessy, J. Willard, E. Gallagher, R. Naldrett, L. Jacobi, A. C. Brauning, F. Duffy, G. H. Fitchette.

Arrangements Committee--Sheridan Ogden, Chairman; W. F. Purcell, W. V. Vazale, J. Briggs, P. I. Millsbaugh, J. Churio, H. Tenny, J. Deucher, J. Morris, W. J. Kelly, A. Phillips, D. Allen, T. Hicks, J. Kelly.

Oscar Hane and Jack Hanley of Battery F of the First Field claim distinction in the matter of hiking because of their trip to La Gloria a few days ago. They started out afoot without fears about ten o'clock in the morning and reached their destination at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Some going of course they did not carry muskets, but in fact were loaded down considerably more than the infantry man in regular marching order. Jack carried a ten pound can of malted milk besides his sidearms, and Oscar lugged a haversack full of medicines for the hospital at La Gloria.

1ST BATTALION SIGNAL CORPS

Wig Wags from Radio Island--The birthday of Major William L. Hallahan, Chief Signal Officer, New York Division, was celebrated in well-known McAllen style, with a banquet at the famous local hostelry. Major William H. Steers, Captains George E. Schenk, Arthur L. Howe, Robert W. Maloney and Robert B. Kennedy, and 1st Lieutenants Herbert L. Watson, Jerome B. Sullivan, Lewis H. De Baum and Gordon Ireland, gathered around the festive board, to join in congratulating the Major upon his well-deserved success, and



Col. George Albert Wingate, Commanding 2nd. N. Y. Field Artillery

to wish him continued happiness. Major Steers, on behalf of the assembled officers, presented Major Hallahan with a small token of their esteem and love. Major Hallahan has served with the Signal Corps most zealously and efficiently for almost fifteen years and the Battalion is proud of their Major.

Company B, under Captain Schenk, was in charge of the field line communication during the recent maneuver problem south of this camp. Company A, under Captain Maloney, has extended its radio field by obtaining another radio set and takes messages from San Antonio, as well as from its radio stations at La Gloria and "elsewhere in Texas."

The efficiency of the local station on the Border telegraph line is not to be wondered at, for Master Signal Electrician is superintendent.

The two reviews last Friday and Saturday mornings were quite a welcome change from the routine duties of the Battalion and gave opportunities for Battalion drill.

If you have any difficulty with your telephone, such as having the combination transmitter and receiver fall down or getting rain or sand inside the instrument, or breaking a telephone pole by trying to throw a horse who does not want to use the telephone, just telephone to Signal Texas Central, and Sergeant MacLean's chief assistant, Private Frederick Smith will shoot the trouble before you hang up the receiver. The telephone department's motto is "Efficiency."

The Battalion cooks, Hoffman, Miller and Fisher and Lovell, must be still satisfied with their lot in the Magic Valley, for the mess continues to maintain its high standard of months ago.

Privates Kaelber and McCann think there should be a regular manure nurse attached for the Headquarters horses, while Private Doyle agrees with them, so far as it concerns mules, but admits that the latter show, at any times, some signs of gratitude for kind treatment.

The Signal Corps basket ball court is nearing completion, and the Signal team will be glad to arrange for games with other teams of the Division. Company B says it has the best basket ball team in Texas. Company A doubts this, but has been unable to prove it. Are there any other doubters?

Lieutenant Watson, who at home is a Civil and Electrical Engineer, for the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and in his spare moments designs structural steel work is becoming famous in McAllen as a builder of wooden bridges, frame shacks and all sorts of stuff. Lieutenants Sullivan and De Baum burn the midnight oil in figuring out their ration savings accounts, to discover whether they lose or the Quartermaster Department wins. Lieut. Ireland, who was imported into the Magic Valley, because he speaks Castilian, and not Mexican, continually kills the joy of life by criticizing our purchases of blankets, and other souvenirs made in New England. His one criticism is, "It may have been made here by a native, but here is the manufac-

turers address stamped on it--Lynn, Mass."

Sergeant Denner is taking a vacation at La Gloria with his radio section.

Buzzers From Buzzerville.

During the recent Brigade maneuvers near Hidalgo, Private Nealis was as busy coupling up field wire as a New Haven conductor collecting fares between Grand Central and Mt. Vernon (why do all correspondents speak of New York?). Sergeant Twining prefers acting as referee between two scrappy mules (one of whom he counted out), rather than have another experience as operator at K.O., while the Field Artillery and 7th Infantry rearward operators of the Signal Corps struggled for possession of the same line during the heat of battle. He got caught in a cross-fire during the maneuvers. His left wrist still suffers from an excess of "9's" ("9" in Signal Corps cipher means "Beat it").

The work of Company B, during last week's maneuvers was highly commended by General Lester as well as by Colonel Fiske and Colonel Johnson, commanding the right and left columns. The Chief Signal Officer, Division, accepted the verdict with some pleasure, and congratulated Captain Schenk and Lieutenants De Braun and Ireland.

Major William L. Hallahan visited Brownsville last week on official business in connection with the Border system of communication. As a result of his visit the radio station at Hidalgo has been moved to the camp of this Battalion at McAllen, and is maintained there by Company A. By arrangement with Major F. E. Hopkins, District Signal Officer at Brownsville, all the radio messages for the New York Division will be handled direct between Ft. Sam Houston at San Antonio and McAllen, by Company A, under Captain Malone.

The Signal Battalion is constructing a lance-pole telegraph and telephone line between Mission and McAllen, to complete the Border system. The line now connecting McAllen and Hidalgo will be discontinued when the new line is completed.

Major Hallahan and Captain Howe, Battalion Adjutant, accompanied by Sergeant MacLean, made an inspection of the Government lines between Mission and Los Ebanos on Sunday, September 24th, preliminary to extensive reconstruction of the same.

The duty of Orderly to the Battalion Commander is much sought after, since the latter's recent 40-mile dash from McAllen to Sterling's Ranch and return between meals and during rainstorms. Private D. R. Cathart says he is willing to "stand" on his record. The Battalion Commander says the orderly finished strong, despite the heavy going occasioned by the three-hour rainstorm encountered. Stable Sergeant Van Riper O. K'ed both mounts upon their return.

M. S. E. Baker, Company A, is renewing his youth dispatching messengers, foot, mounted and motorcycle, here, there and elsewhere, with buzzers and radiograms. His latest task is speeding up official telegrams at the McAllen station. Old "Pepe" still sets the pace for Signal Corps "pen" and spirit. Long may he move--his being his thirty-fifth year in the game. His original enlistment was in Company D, 7th New York Infantry, in 1876.

Lieutenants Watson and De Braun are offering for sale, without success, a quantity of second-hand, fancy, tropical shirts. They have encountered a bear movement. (See Bulletin 13, N. Y. D.)

Major Hallahan this week received the following letter of commendation from the Chief of Staff, New York Division:

NEW YORK DIVISION
McAllen, Texas,
September 20, 1916.
To: Commanding Officer, 1st. Bn.,
From: Chief of Staff,
New York Signal Corps,
Subject: Signal detachment on duty at Mission, Texas.

1. Referring to communication forwarded by you on the 12th instant, relative to the prompt action of signal detachment on duty at Mission, Texas, in responding to night alarm, I am directed by the Commanding General to inform you that he is highly pleased with this additional proof by men of your organization of the high efficiency which characterizes your command.

2. The Division Commander feels that whenever any duty is assigned First Battalion New York Signal Corps, it will not only be well done, but will be done as efficiently as could be under the circumstances.

(SGD) H. H. BANDHOLTZ,
Colonel, Chief of Staff.

Captain Arthur L. Howe, our hard-working Adjutant and Quartermaster, disclaims the authorship of the verse appearing in last week's "Rattler." The author is believed to be one Lt. Gordon Ireland, of Company B. Captain Howe's denial is not prompted by any desire to deny the merit of the lines, but he states that his duties as Quartermaster interfere to seriously with his duties as Adjutant to permit his indulging in the frivolities of poets. The Battalion motto is "Take your troubles to the Adjutant." Sometimes the Adjutant is out, but the Quartermaster is in.--The Signalman.

A PLACE TO DINE

Hold on, boys--how about a little chicken a la King, served on a plate with a victrola orchestra to speed you up? That is the latest treat offered by the Delmonico Jr. Cafe of McAllen, the big test restaurant just beyond the Commercial Hotel where Allison and Alison, father and son, do a S. R. O. business three times a day.

There's no joke about that chicken. The only tip is, come early and get yours.

OIL YOUR GUN.

"We sell lots of linseed oil to the enlisted men these days," says the Hammond Lumber Company of McAllen. "The men use it to oil the stock of their guns."

The Rattler is glad to pass on this information for what it is worth.

Regimental Correspondence should reach the Editor not later than Saturday morning.