

# News From Our Division Units.

## 4TH AMBULANCE CO.

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ive of everything it does, as the corps citations prove, and they have repeatedly expressed their confidence in it by putting it in every big attack for well over a year since the war was started—and it has 'made good.'

"They have asked for another section (i. e., thirty ambulances and sixty volunteers) under the American Red Cross—and to be commanded by our 'Chief' Richard Norton, and that is another proof that the Harjes section (going since the beginning of the war) and Norton's section the same have filled every requirement and proved that they could handle their jobs right.

"The work is interesting and has a good element of chance, but it is not filled with nights and days of daring deeds, but good solid, helpful effort where it does count.

And, of course, our close association with all the business of war has a never-ending thrill—for we are a little part of the big game."

The Fourth has annexed a new mascot. Sergeant Grover C. Johnson is the owner of a six-foot rattlesnake, which will be presented to the Syracuse City Zoo when the Fourth returns home. "Texas," the Fourth's burro, will find a permanent home at the company's armory. Acting Sergt. A. J. Farnett has added another accomplishment to his long list and is now the unit's official snake charmer. He won the title by default after playing with the reptile. The snake when disturbed keeps up a continuous rattle and may be used instead of a bugle to sound calls.

Private George Jones has returned from Brownsville and rejoined the unit. Sergeant, First Class, Bert Gifford, who was called to Syracuse by the serious illness and death of his father, has been granted a 30-day furlough extension.

Private first class, Richard Harrison of the 4th Ambulance Company has been called to Syracuse on furlough by the illness of his brother.

Private Charles G. Woodruff is temporarily serving as Quartermaster's clerk during his absence.

Lieut. R. H. Dunning and Privates F. L. Hale and Claude Bentley of the 4th Ambulance Co. have returned from a visit to Brownsville and vicinity.

Private Leroy Reese of the 4th Ambulance Company has transferred to the 2nd Ambulance Company of Rochester, his home city.

Privates I. B. Hale and William Plant of the 4th Ambulance Company spent the week end at Brownsville.

## FIELD BAKERY.

"The Field Bakery!" Why we never hear a thing about them. All we hear is what the Cavalry, the Infantry and the Artillery are doing and all about their hiking, and you hear them telling about the dust and rain, and how hot it is, but just stop and think of all the dust and heat the bakery boys must live in. Is not the dust of flour worse than the dust of the roads, and you can appreciate the heat from the ovens. Just suppose the boys in the Bakery forget to get up some morning, then maybe you wouldn't hear some holter from the rest of the Division for the staff of life. It would be up to them to eat hard tack. Look over the routine of the bakery, up at two in the morning and start mixing, then at five start to bake, working until four in the afternoon, nothing to do from four on except clean up and rest so they can be up bright and early the next day. They bake for the entire New York Division and some of the Regulars.

To date they have turned out five million pounds of bread. Captain Millard has charge of the work and seems to be the man of all work on the job. Georgie, the cook, who hails from the Bronx, has the rep. of making the best flap jacks in the camp and everyone in the little unit will hold up his case. Then there is Healy, the man who is always receiving the nice long

letters from New York. Anyway, the bakery is some place, and boast of the liveliest crowd here on the Border. Just because they work in the bakery, you wouldn't call them "Dough Boys," would you?

## CAMP Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Lew Dockstader himself would have been envious had he used his famous "property" aeroplane to fly down to McAllen on Dec. 6, and attend the minstrel performance staged by the 22nd Engineers and the 4th Field Hospital at Y. M. C. A. No. 3.

The stage was decorated in an effective manner, banks of palms being grouped about paintings of the official insignia of the two units, the eagle and the caduceus, while over all was draped in graceful folds a twenty-five foot Old Glory. The lower front of the stage was concealed beneath a mass of palms and bunting, and from the top and sides drooping palms completed the military and tropical setting.

Red and white costumes were used for the end men with blue and red for the men in the circle. The interloctor was in white flannels. The costumes were imported for the occasion.

The only comment necessary as to the rendition of the program is to state that when the curtain went up and the spot light was turned upon the stage, the audience broke into a riot of applause in the middle of the chorus of the first song. Generous applause was given throughout the performance, which was carried out in its entirety without a break.

The Minstrels were given for the entertainment of the officers of the above mentioned units and for the officers and men of the First Cavalry.

The officers rewarded the efforts of the men by filing entirely the section of seats reserved for them.

At the conclusion of the program a flash light of the performance was taken by Murff so that all who desire may have a souvenir of the occasion. The members of the cast were as follows:

End Men—J. B. Rall, Co. D, J. G. Maher, 4th Field; Jno Phillips, Co. D, W. E. Severe, 4th Field; E. Y. Eytel, Co. D; J. G. Lutz, 4th Field.

Interloctor, Sgt. E. J. Hynes, Co. D. Circle Men—V. Winkler, Co. D; Jas. Cuddihy, 4th Field; Harry Allen, Co. F; Geo. Katzman, Co. D; C. Millon, 4th Field; W. A. Strohmeyer, Co. F; R. O'Keefe, Co. E; F. Hawthorne, 4th Field; H. Rothing, Co. E.

Pianist—Lou Drummond, First Cavalry, M. G. Troop.

Others who assisted in the program were: E. L. Syringe, 22nd Engineers; Curtains; A. Shackels and R. J. Weiler, First Cavalry, electrical effects.

Secretary Maurice, under whose management the show was staged wishes to acknowledge his indebtedness to Wm. Halloran of Troop E, First Cavalry and Sgt. J. H. Kjelberg, Co. D, 22nd Engineers, for their valuable assistance in coaching the troupe.

An account of the evening would not be complete without mentioning the mentioning the faithful efforts of the men to practice during the rare intervals between their company duties. The success of the men was materially aided by the co-operation of Adjutant Captain Lane of the 22nd, whose encouragement was unstintingly given the men.

The men are to be congratulated upon their signal success and the evening thus spent will long be a pleasant memory for the audience of six hundred who witnessed the performance. It will also be a happy recollection for the participants, and when they shall have completed their "bit" on the Border they can recount to the fellows back home the story of the big minstrel show they staged down on the Rio Grande.

The question is, is army drill essential to the football stars? Off hand I should say, yes, that is, if he had signed those papers in Van Cortland Park.

## TWELFTH INFANTRY.

But—it's so old that one's ideas are all frozen. But this last issue must not be allowed to go to press without a line of 12th Infantry news. And as to news, why, there's little, as far as personals go. Of course, there's big news, but that is not within the province of this column, the limelight is really too intense.

One bit of news would be a corker, and around it could be written a lot about the cheering, the packing-up, the hurried purchasing of last mementoes, the frenzied work of company clerks and others concerned with paper work, and so on. But, alas, that bit of news has not "broken" yet, as they say on Park Row.

Park Row is misleading—we should have said Newspaper Row. But a certain street begins where Park Row ends—a certain famous street with which those blessed correspondents connect us now and then, to our amusement.

If these few lines are not satisfactory, Uncle Sam must be blamed, or his postal system to be specific. We had it all figured out to run in a fine account of the history of our regiment with special reference to the glorious meaning of the silver rings on the pike to which our colors are attached. 12th to get their orders, because we're eived his letter a few days ago. But the booklet itself must be at the bottom of some sidetracked mail bag, for it has not yet reached us, and this is Tuesday night.

Be careful how you spend yesterday's pay, boys. It may have to last us until we entrain, and no one knows when that will be.

Goodbye. See you in New York. Any old time is good enough for teh 12th to get their orders, because we're here for SERVICE; and no matter what happens, the 12th is the 12th Infantry.—M. F. B.

## A TRIP INTO MEXICO.

Mrs. James C. Lester, wife of General Lester, Mrs. George F. Chandler, wife of Major Chandler, of General Lester's staff and Mrs. Edward Olmsted, wife of Major Olmsted, Assistant Chief of Staff, escorted by Mr. C. W. Beeson of the U. S. Immigration Service and Dr. Ramirez of Hidalgo, visited Reynosa yesterday afternoon. They were received by Major Julian Saenz Flores, commander of the garrison, the president and a number of ladies, among them Senora Flores and Senorita Rodriguez and Garza and were served with a collation at the municipal building. They were driven about the city and were shown the Cathedral, the Plaza and other points of interest. The ladies were enthusiastic over the courtesy and cordiality shown them while in Mexico. A concert was given in honor of the visit of the Americans.

We read about the Magic Valley being the richest on earth on account of its crops, which reminds us of the remark of a leading ranch owner the day when he referred to the big crops harvested in the Valley, and in closing, said, "Yes, we've had some big crops, but no such crops as the New York boys!"

Notice advertisement in another column about back numbers of The Rattler. If you want any, speak quick. None for sale after leaving Border.

Colonel Harry H. Bandholtz, our very efficient and genial Chief of Staff who has been steering the 6th Division craft through its Border experience has gone to San Antonio to report to Southern Department Headquarters where he will accept a detail as Officer in Charge of Reserve Organizations and Citizens' Training Camps in the Southern Department. The best wishes of Gen. O'Ryan and his entire Division go with him. The officers of the Division Staff feel it has been an honor to serve with such an efficient officer.

## LIGHT VOTE CAST ON BORDER

But Sixty per cent of the New York Militia Used the War Ballots.

## COUNTIES AFFECTED BY SOLDIER VOTES

Only sixty per cent of the New York National Guardsmen who were in the Federal service on Election day voted under the terms of the sections of the election law relating to the voting of troops in "time of war." This was learned when the election bureau of the office of Secretary of State, Francis M. Hugo completed the work of comparing the soldier ballots voted at the Mexican Border and in the home stations of men still under federal officers, with the poll books.

A final tally of votes cast showed 5,992 ballots which are being sent to the various county officials throughout the state. This is about 60 per cent of the soldiers in service at the time the ballots were cast it was stated by Henry G. Adams, chief of the election bureau. Of the soldiers in Federal service, about 15 per cent, were not of legal voting age, it was found, and about 25 per cent, who could have voted did not avail themselves of the privilege.

Six ballots are being held by Mr. Hugo because of the statement as to residence. In one case the voter gave his residence as Colorado, one from Ohio, two from Connecticut and two from Pennsylvania.

The number of soldier ballots cast by each county follows:

Albany, 162; Alleghany, 1; Bronx, 469; Broome, 81; Cattaraugus, 10; Chautauqua, 73; Chemung, 4; Chenango, 5; Clinton, 1; Columbia, 2; Cortland, 1; Delaware, 11; Dutchess, 14; Erie, 697; Essex, 1; Fulton, 3; Genesee, 6; Greene, 1; Herkimer, 7; Jefferson, 1; Kings, 1,285; Livingston, 47; Madison, 3; Monroe, 152; Montgomery, 1; Nassau, 58; New York, 1,975; Niagara, 39; Oneida, 92; Onondaga, 177; Ontario, 4; Orange, 19; Orleans, 2; Oswego, 3; Otsego, 1; Putnam, 4; Queens, 211; Rensselaer, 13; Richmond, 74; Rockland, 11; St. Lawrence, 1; Saratoga, 4; Schenectady, 2; Schoharie, 1; Schuyler, 2; Seneca, 2; Steuben, 7; Suffolk, 30; Sullivan, 2; Tompkins, 2; Ulster, 6; Warren, 1; Wayne, 3; Westchester, 207; Wyoming, 1.

No ballots were recorded for Cayuga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lewis, Tioga or Yates counties.

## COLONEL BANDHOLTZ ACCEPTS SPECIAL DETAIL

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