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## STOTESBURY

From time to time The Rattler has employed this column to indicate, on behalf of the New York Division, our appreciation of the work of distinguished officers with whom our duties on the Border have brought us into contact. It is fitting that we should continue this practice to the extent of commending the work of an officer with whom the entire Division is very well acquainted. We refer to Brigadier General Louis W. Stotesbury, the Adjutant General of New York.

On many occasions during the past summer General Stotesbury has found himself confronted with problems which red tape and archaic laws and regulations have made almost impossible of accomplishment. However, inflexible constancy of purpose and a remarkable capacity for hard work are perhaps the most prominent traits in his character, and these coupled with his knowledge of the military game have enabled him to overcome many intricate, not to say disagreeable situations.

It is a real pleasure to represent to this officer some indication of our respect and affection and we use the latter words advisably since affection has been called the most precious reward a man can desire, whether for character or achievement.

N. Y. DIVISION VERSUS 6TH DIVISION

## THE LITTLE CITIES OF THE MAGIC VALLEY

Will some day feel the touch of age. Just as the other cities of the North do. Take for instance Albany, who recently unveiled a statue of General Philip H. Sheridan. To be sure Sheridan moved away from Albany when he was a little over a year old, but that is nothing.

One of these days we will undoubtedly hear that some of the biggest people in the country were born in McAllen; it will be a proud day for the Magic Valley when the newspapers state that J. Angelotti Higgins, the author of "The Uncrackable Nut" is a McAllen boy. Emory J. Flathead, the great actor now starring in "The Broken Crutch" is a native of Mission, while Llwallyn Van Borax, president of the consolidated Pickle Company of America, was born and raised at Pharr and last, but not least, that General Algernon McNichol, supreme commander of the International Order of Onion Cultivators was born on his father's estate at Sharyland, and received his early education in the public schools of Hidalgo county, where, during his youth, he spent much of his time in the camps of the N. Y. Division, and became a great favorite among both officers and men. In fact, so much attached did he become to Major General O'Ryan that upon the latter's retirement for age, after twenty-two years of active service in the Valley, McNichol traveled many miles to be present at the reception given to the friend of his boyhood on the evening preceding the General's departure for his home in New York.

## WE WIN.

The great American people have spoken. The issue of responsibility for the maintenance of a government of, by and for the people, has been settled by electors of the nation.

And here, at the South of our great Republic it has remained for The Rattler to announce the verdict before—hours before, any other newspaper in Hidalgo county.

This piece of newspaper enterprise was carried out at great expense, it having been necessary to lease a private wire for the purpose, but the management agreed that the end justified the means. It's results that are sought and the result in this particular instance has been that the early edition of this newspaper was being sold in the camps of the N. Y. Division as early this morning as the great New York dailies were being distributed at home.

We may say, therefore, with pardonable pride, when it comes to real newspaper enterprise hang your medals on The Rattler.

## TELEGRAMS ENJOYED BY MEMBERS OF N. Y. TEAM

Albany, N. Y.  
Congratulations to Captain and each member of team. Governor much pleased over great showing made.  
**LOUIS W. STOTESBURY**,  
Adjutant General.  
McAllen, Texas.  
Congratulate you and New York

## PERSONALS

General and Mrs. John F. O'Ryan and the officers of the Division Staff entertained General and Mrs. James W. Lester and Colonel and Mrs. Gordon Johnson at dinner Monday evening.

Major Frank E. Bamford, 28th U. S. Infantry has been relieved as Acting Adjutant and Major Franklin W. Ward, Assistant Chief of Staff has been detailed in his stead.

Captain Elisha H. Janes of Co. I, 12th Infantry, who has been acting as recruiting officer for his regiment in New York City since the last of June, has joined his command on the Border.

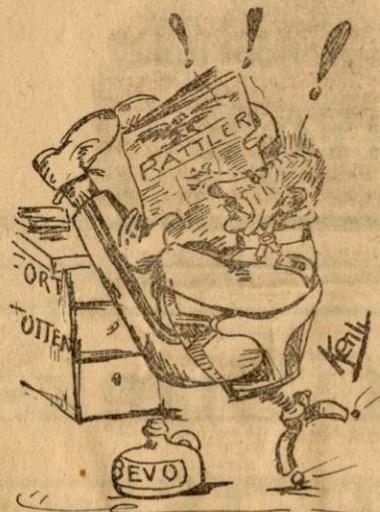
General W. S. McNair, commanding the Artillery Brigade, gave a delightful entertainment and dance at his headquarters on Friday evening.

Chaplain Cadman of the 23rd Infantry, who is on leave of absence, has had his leave extended for thirty days.

Major J. Leslie Kincaid, Judge Advocate of the Division, has returned from a leave of absence spent at his home in Syracuse.

Lieut. D. J. Cadotte, Battalion Adjutant of the 74th Infantry, has been promoted to Captain, and will command C Company.

Captain Chester H. King of Troop D, 1st Cavalry has left for Syracuse, N. Y. where he will spend thirty days leave of absence.



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One of Our Popular Subscribers.

## OUR HONOR ROLL.

Yearly subscriptions in the order received:  
Maj. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Div. Staff.  
Maj. F. S. Corbett, Corps of Engineers.  
Lieut. Leo F. Knust, 7th Infantry.  
Lieut. Edward F. ... 69th Inf.

## Suppose

By Chester B. Bohn, 4th Ambulance Co.

I'm just home from the Border,  
I've done my bit, I'm through;  
But here's a little message  
From the khaki boys to you.

You stayed back in your office,  
A bachelor—yet you knew,  
That other men would leave their homes,  
Their wives and children too.

You laughed at all our hardships,  
You sneered at our complaints,  
You chuckled o'er our failings,  
Of course we weren't saints.

Suppose you had enlisted,  
And gone to Border land,  
To drink the crawling water,  
And to eat the dust and sand.

Suppose you left the viands  
They serve along Broadway;  
And lived on tough "Corned Willie,"  
And beans from day to day.

Suppose you left the feathers,  
On which you softly rest,  
And slept on ground like concrete,  
Say could you stand the test?

I'm just home from the Border,  
I've done my bit, I'm through;  
Remember when you knock us,  
We served the Flag—Did You?

# The Incinerator

"We tremble in trepidation when we prophetically envisage "The Incinerator," issue of November 8th."  
—From The Rattler, Sept. 27th.

Our Special Order to-night is, "cease trembling." So saying, we will deploy our column "as skirmishers" and enter the fray.

The returns are coming in over The Rattler's special wire. The Democrats are chuckling and the Republicans are happily smiling. What over-weening confidence! What a blow to someone.

And as the telegraph instrument ticks off its vital messages of the world import, as we wait to set the glaring headlines on The Rattler's front page, we wonder many things.

We wonder if our Chief Executive will be "too proud to fight" on March "Forth." We wonder if the disappointed candidate will proclaim it a "psychological defeat."

say about commissioned officers using profanity? Had practice this morning estimating ranges. Major caught me sighting at the top of his head. I asked the second loopy if he could estimate the range of our Pullmans and he said no, but the picket line was only 200 yards away. Don't mind mules so I had some fun on the detail until I stuck a pin into Hooligan's hindquarters to see if he was sensitive. He was. Colonel caught me. I reported to Headquarters. Got a letter from Mabel this afternoon. She said she and Jim were taking up horse-back riding in the Park, and Jim rode so beautifully. Of course he'd have to ride well as he's going to be an officer just as soon as we fight Japan. Didn't I think Plattsburg was wonderful to make such fine officers so quickly? Wonderful is not the word—it's uncanny. Jim sent his love to me by Mabel and hoped I come home some day well and strong. I hope so, too—for Jim's sake. Attended my first social affair in McAllen tonight when my company gave a dance. It was some party. Hazel never notices me in the ice cream store, but he danced with me