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# A BIT OF REAL SOLDIERING

With the return of the 1st Squadron, the 1st Cavalry has completed its patrol service, which was supposed to approach us near to the real thing as anything we had had or were likely to have during our present sojourn in this part of the world.

Our mission was to guard a certain sector of the river and prevent by force of death-dealing bullets, any bandits from stirring up the alkali dust on the American side. The officers attempted to drill into us the seriousness of the situation, and to a certain extent, their efforts were rewarded. However, the men could not lose sight of the fact that that poor river was left unguarded and alone in order that one Governor Whitman might have a look at us.

We took a certain amount of seriousness in the task, for where is there a man with nerves so dead that in the task set before us, for where is there a man with nerves so dead that he can spend a night, and a pitch dark one, too, out on some dreary outpost, with but a couple of comrades, and the knowledge that the undergrowth conceals rattlers, bob-tails, coyotes and any number of unheard of enemies of a like nature. Also, there was the fear that some officer would try to surprise our post and in your nervous frame of mind, you would shoot him and hurt him terribly. Seriously, though, the experience was one that will be long remembered

by the men in the regiment.

It was a pleasant break in the monotony of camp life with just enough of the element of danger to make it exciting. At the sleeping house it took but very little imagination, while looking at the bullet holes, to picture a raid on your own post. And, again, on the river the sight of flash-lights on the Mexican sides apparently signaling along the shore caused one to see black objects approaching the water's edge. It was such sights and thoughts that caused the boys to be keyed to a high pitch after dark, and it is certain that our sentries were wide awake.

Perhaps the greatest material gain derived from the expedition was the experience in making and breaking camp, the adjusting of oneself to almost primitive conditions, and the acquiring of a bit of knowledge of how to satisfy the inner man through one's own efforts.

We have returned from this trip a bit wiser, a bit happier, and with a feeling that we came nearer to real service than any of us realize. At least we have the satisfaction of having done our bit on territory that was in the very center of some of the hottest of the Mexican raids. If we must stay here all winter, we desire more of such work with the hope that sometime this play may become actually real service.—E. H. W.

### OF COURSE "13" IS LUCKY.

The New York State Team Agrees With President Wilson.

It is always a debatable question whether or not "thirteen" is a lucky number. Some swear by it and some at it. The New York State Team of 1916 is strong for it. The members of the team in Federal Service left for Jacksonville with thirteen members on Friday.

The team entered its first competition at Jacksonville, the Southern States Association Team Match in a field of thirteen teams and won the championship.

In speaking of the "lucky 13" an exchange says:

Mr. Wilson desires nothing better, in the light of past experience, than to see that mystic "thirteen," which other people dread so crop up again and again in his life. It has always been a good friend to him, and it was this time.

How much a majority does Mr. Wilson have in the Electoral College? Just thirteen votes—providing Mr. Hughes gets New Hampshire, which is still very doubtful.

How many electoral votes did the pivotal State of California give him, Thirteen votes.

Who voted ballot No. 13? Well, this time it was Charles Evans Hughes, and there again Wilson luck stood by the Democratic candidate.

How many letters are there in the name of Woodrow Wilson? Yes, there are thirteen.

Who was the thirteenth president of Princeton University? Dr. Woodrow Wilson.

What is the sum of the figures October 20, 1910, on which date he resigned the presidency of Princeton? Thirteen again.

On what day of the month was he nominated? On the thirteenth of the month.

Is that all? No, there is more. The sum of the number 1912, the year Mr. Wilson was chosen by the Baltimore convention is thirteen.

President Wilson took the oath of office as president in 1913.

Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson was the thirteenth White House bride.

There were thirteen members in the wedding party.

Mrs. Josephus Daniels, recognizing the single affinity of Wilson luck and "thirteen," gave a prenuptial luncheon to the bride on November, 13, 1913, at which there were thirteen guests, thirteen candles, thirteen vari-colored lights, thirteen bouquets of bride roses and thirteen different kinds of food.

If that does not qualify Woodrow Wilson for membership in the Thirteen Club nothing will.

Charity Patient: Doctor, is there any danger that the operation will prove fatal?

"Really, my good man, considering that we are experimenting on you free of charge, your idle curiosity smacks of insolence."—Life.

### XMAS BAGS FOR ALBANY TROOPS

Committee of Women of the Capitol City Completing Big Task.

The men of Troop B, 1st N. Y. Cavalry and the 2nd N. Y. Field Hospital will each receive a Christmas present from a Committee of Albany ladies. They are hard at work preparing the presents which will be forwarded to McAllen in a few days.

The committee is busily engaged making Christmas bags for the Albany boys here on the border.

The bags will contain 2,400 handkerchiefs, which are to be made by the workers.

Already a substantial sum has been raised for the purchase of materials and necessities for the bags. Each bag will contain fourteen articles for the comfort of the soldiers, including comb, shaving brush and soap, wash cloth, one-half dozen handkerchiefs, knife, pipe and tobacco. Inside the bag will be the owner's name, so that each man is certain of a bag to be opened on the holiday.

The work started some few days ago when a group of women interested in patriotic work assembled to map out plans for making the Yuletide season at the border one of comfort if possible. It was learned that some of the men are in want of personal necessities and the committee at once set to work to secure funds for the purchase of the material for the kits. These have been procured.

Some of the women who have passed hours at Headquarters, 130 State St., have no relatives at the front, but are prompted to help in the work because of patriotic motives. Letters from the troopers here tell of the actual needs of many of the men, and it is believed that the contents of the bags will be received with deep appreciation by the Albany soldiers.

The committee consists of Mrs. Franklin W. Ward, Mrs. George Curtis Treadwell, Mrs. Ernest L. Miller, Mrs. Louis H. Gans, Mrs. Charles N. Morgan, Mrs. E. S. Benknap, Mrs. J. H. Hydon, Mrs. Edgar M. Griffiths, Mrs. M. Miller, Mrs. H. L. K. Shaw and Mrs. Frederick Frey. In addition it includes many of the mothers, sisters and friends of the men.

### LEARN TO LAUGH

A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A well-told story is as welcome as a sun-beam in a sick-room. Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to stop croaking. If you cannot see any good in the world keep the bad to yourself. Learn to hide your pains and aches under a pleasant smile. No one cares whether you have a headache, backache or rheumatism. Don't cry. Tears do well enough in novels, but are out of place in real life. Learn to meet your friends with a smile. The good-humored man or woman is always welcome.—Exchange.

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