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Dear Folks:

Received yours of the 17th and was very glad to hear that you were all right again. I am well and anxiously waiting for the day when we will pull freight for home. We are still living a life of comparative luxury, in fact the best that we have had since we left the States.

I am sending you a few of our weekly papers so you will have something to read, as there is not much news. My letter will tell consequently. I am also short of writing paper to aim following the advice on the other side of this edition and thereby conserving the paper supply.

By the looks of things we are found for the States shortly and it surely is a welcome bit of news. I do not think we will remain in this town over three or four weeks more then for the coast and then some old scow or raft if necessary, just so it delivers us safely back to the State.

Well folks I guess you can get the rest of the news from these papers so will close hoping to be with you soon.

Fitz
This is a copy of a little weekly paper published by the regiment.
EDITORIAL

We blossom forth this issue, with pomp, splendor and dignity, such as we never dreamed of in our erratic career, in this strange and interesting land. Our only lament is that we may at any moment be torn, root and twig, lock stock and barrel, not to mention the front sight cover, from our altogether delightful and delicious surroundings.

For this state of affairs we are under obligations to the gracious good will and generosity of M. Henry Muller of this city. Our policy is as always and ever shall be, to the interest of our regiment. —Ed.

It is with regret that owing to our present limited facilities we were obliged to omit our customary weekly cartoon, but hope to be able to “carry on” in the next issue.

Keep your eye peeled for the announcement, which will be too sweet, of a grand and generous program to be put over by our own talent. We have a little information, but were advised not to impart it at present. Anticipation as you know is — well, we’ll let it go at that.

Howdy boy! some billets are they not? It’s quite a trying ordeal to try oneself loose from the feathers and silk coverlets at the first wierd note of reveille isn’t it? and when one hardens back to the bleak, desolate, dreary and monotonous days not so long since it is gratifying and altogether pleasant to think that one is able to fully appreciate this little prelude to a much, yes, very much more acceptable life that we are steering for.

A certain top Sergeant was heard to remark that it was very lonesome to stand reveille alone. Take heed, ye that arise not early!

The 108th members are very cordially invited, nay, vigorously entreated to submit items of interest, or any such news as pertains to the company or our units which go to make up our organization.

ANOTHER DISCOVERY

Corporal George Sherwood, the “Demon File Clerk of Regimental Headquarters” has just discovered that he is afflicted with the terrible disease known as “Moving Freckles”. It has been recommended by well known doctors, that plenty of soap and water is a sure cure. Why not try it George?

(Compliments of the Office Force)

This paper will conduct a lost and found column next week.

Get all contributions in to this office by the Sun preceeding the issue. This is necessary as our printer has trouble of his own after he gets the copy locating the type in an altogether foreign type case. Our circulation is 2,000.

Athletics are to become a staple on our menu of activities.

The 108th Band has become a popular visitor at Divisional Headquarters where they play once a week. “More power to ‘em.”

Sunday in Echternach is a rare sight these days — Beaucoup Yanks are seen premonadng with pretty Mademoiselles and even if they don’t talk the same language it reminds the onlookers of other days and sure looks more like home.

Paragraphs from a Letter to Dad

At Bar-le-Duc I was told that the Division had moved. I had a trunk, a small clothing roll, three trombones and a little leather sack of personal and official papers, and no transportation. A soldier of our Regiment met me on the street, as I was looking for a ride, and told me he was A. W. C. L. I placed him under arrest and took him along with me. Together we got a ride on a truck from Bar-le-Duc to Verdun. It was raining and muddy and it took us 7 hours.

We reached the old, and in spots, wrecked city of Verdun at night. There it stood with it’s blasted houses, their bare fragments of walls standing out in the moonlight. It was misty and the moon through the mist gave the ruins a pale green color. It seemed as though we were entering a ghost city of dead homes and departed life.

We stumbled against the stairways as we plodded through the dark streets under the pale green moonlight, stairways which led down to underground homes, with their kitchens and their beds, where the little brave men in the blue grey French uniforms, had lived through years of bitter fighting, grimly saying, even in dying breath, “They shall not pass.” And the great hordes of Hunland nor did pass those little grey men. Truly, “There is a God in Israel and he neither slumber nor sleeps.”

After an hour’s search I found an old, ruined house back of the Cathedral, on the hill where the Y. M. C. A. had its Headquarters. I entered by crawling thru a big hole in it’s side, and yelled, “Who’s boss around here?” Somewhere in its deep dark middle, a door opened, and a big red American voice yelled, “Who wants to know?” “A hungry friend”, I returned. “Don’t stand there all night. Show a little speed and light up.” In ten seconds I was in an army kitchen where two Louisiana niggers were baking hot “Buss-open” soda biscuits and making coffee, and frying good old smoked “sow-belly” over the coals. Heaven had no further attractions for me that evening. When I can smell smells like those after a ride and a search like that, “Them as are, pinnin’ for Golden Harps,” can have “em. I’ll take the bacon.”

Next morning I searched out the Railroad Station and asked the “R. T. O.” to send me to the 33rd Division. He said, “Where in the hell are they.” “Search me”, said I. “God knows I ain’t hidden ’en” “Well” said he, “There is a ration train out in the yards — get on that and go as far as you like.” “Right-o” said I, and “Good-day to you.”

(To be continued)
EDITORIAL

We have to do just so much spouting about TREY BUN each issue, first because we’re proud of it and second because we wish to impress upon the minds of the skeptical, that it is a paper that they should be proud of and willing to give a few spare moments of their time now and then in submitting items of interest to all. Remember as a souvenir, TREY BUN has no equal, the folks back in the Old Country will enjoy it even more than we do. Think of it, an American paper published right, you might say, at the enemy’s back door.

—Ed.

SWEETS TO THE SWEET

Sweet tooth’s were gratified this week when practically every soldier in the Regiment received a pound box of candy. This amount of sweet things at one time came through the kindness of Mrs. Walter Farwell, whose gift was appreciated in the land where sweets are so rare.

There’s a little bit of rust in every little bore.
There’s all the same:
Though it makes you very, very sore,
You are not to blame;
You’ll have to grin and bear it,
It’s just one more demotic.
There’s a little bit of dust on every little gun.

So, what’s your name?

Sgt. Hart of Co. “D” doesn’t claim any relationship to “Bill” of movie fame, but he must have appeared as formidable to the guards who were warning themselves by burning the kitchens wood supply one night as “Bill” does to the villain on the screen.

A number of men from the Regiment have been and are now at training schools fitting themselves to become expert machine gun operators. We hope they open a school for travelling salesmen.

“INSPECTION, TRANSPORT!”

Horses, harness, and wagons can look good, even if they have served for months under the most severe conditions, and then have traveled across France, Lorraine and Luxembourg to the border of Prussia. The transport inspection on January 21 amply proved this, for in the transport of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, and Second Battalion on that day every horse fairly glowed with cleanliness and the evidence of good care; every bit of leather was clean, and every chain and brass part polished; every inch of paint on the wagons was scoured bright.

So because the men of the companies had worked faithfully to put each detail in order, the appearance of the whole was excellent. The result was particularly pleasing to the commanding officer of the regiment, who has expressed his appreciation and pride in the work of the regiment for the occasion of this inspection.

NOTES OF THE OFFICERS

— Capt. Walter Farwell and Capt. Harry A. Roe have been ordered to temporary duty with the Peace Commission, and will report to Mantes-au-Scot for this duty.
— The following officers have recently reported for duty and have been assigned as follows: Capt. George E. Mervelle, Co. F, 1st Lieut. Edmund E. Cohen, Co. A, 1st Lieut. William A. Fox, 1st Lieut. Frederick J. Hoefler, Co. D, 1st Lieut. Percy D. Castles, who was with Co. D for a few days has been ordered home by the War Department to resume his duties with the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

THE ENGINEER CORPS

— When the Waters were dried and the earth did appear:
— The Lord He created the Engineers:
— When the children of Israel made bricks without straw,
— They were learning the regular work of our corps.
— For ever since then, if a war they would wage,
— Behold us a shin’ing on history’s page.
— We lay down their siders and help ‘em entrain.
— An’ we sweep up their mess through the bloomin’ campaign.
— They send us in front with a fuse an’ a spade.
— To blow up the gates that are rushed by the line
— They send us behind with a pick an’ a spade.

To dig for the guns of a ‘tilery brigade
Now the line’s bet a man with a gun in his hand,
And cavalry’s only what horses can stand,
Artillery moves by the leave of the ground,
But we are the men who do something all round;
I have quoted it plain, an’ my argument’s thus.

Can you show me a corps that’s more “braw” than us?

Anon.

FROM THE FRENCH

— The following communication, dated 15th October, 1918, from Headquarters 17th French Army Corps will be of interest to the Engineers who for more than a month were doing their part in driving the Boche out of their fortified positions to the north and west of Verdun.
— “Officers, N. C. O’s and soldiers of the 29th and 33rd U. S. Divisions, 18th, 26th, and 10th Divisions.
— You have conquered LA WAVRILLE, Bois de CAUBES and Bois d’HAUMOT, you have reached the crest of de FORTMON and passed le RICHENE and Bois de CHAUME.
— The Amero-Germans have lost in an area of 15 kilometers their observation points which have defied the heroic defenders of VERDUN.
— The 8th October you advanced with a magnificent dash on the formidable slopes and across powerful and deep enemy breast works. The following days you pursued and attempted to advance, which held against all enemy counter-attacks. You obliged him to bring steadily a number of re-inforcements which did not succeed in taking you one hand-full of ground, 5,800 prisoners, more than 50 guns and machine guns and material not yet counted, is the achievements of these great days.
— All Infantry, Artillery, Engineers, Avisors, Staffs and services, all of you have your part in the success. American soldiers, French soldiers, both white and black, you have rivaled in valor and comradeship to tear off the bandage which still afflicts our immortal Citadel.
— I am proud to have commanded you.
— Signed: Claudel.”

ALL HANDS AROUND

— Berdorf is quite near Echternach. So the second-battalion officers, were rightfully well acquainted with the latter town when the first battalion moved in early in the month. The Berdorf delegation proceeded to introduce and entertain at the same time by a ball on January 18, at the Hotel Belgrove, and the result was so entirely satisfying that last Saturday the local officers reciprocated; and it is conceded that, though a girl may be Luxembourg, she can dance American, and very well, too.

Our band has received its long looked for new instruments, 34 in all. A 70 piece band doesn’t sound bad at all, and wouldn’t look “poor” on Boul Mich either.
EDITORIAL

We have possibilities of a service stripeless blouse staring us in the face, which is truly a sad state of affairs as we have come to look upon our little gold "V" with a great deal of personal pride and satisfaction. We who wear the gold "V" on the right sleeve do not begrudge our comrades the stripes they wear on both sleeves. We do not think that there is a show of discrimination, if so, then we claim that there was much discrimination shown when a Corporal receive the stripe and a Lieutenant one bar, whereas our platoon Sergeant was given three stripes. Yes much discrimination is manifested throughout everything if one were to look at it in that way. We feel sorry for those in the States who were not so fortunate as to get over to the big show, for we know what they have missed; nevertheless we are satisfied it is over.

We can't for the life of us figure out why our comrades in arms at home should begrudge us the privilege of showing where we were during the war. — Ed.

OFF TO MONTE CARLO

Engineers Band May Make Trip May 2nd

Plans have been made at G. H. Q. to send various bands from the Second Army to the Monaco leave area, with headquarters at Monte Carlo. Each band will remain about two weeks, and will play at the various centers of troops on leave in that area.

The schedule arranged at Second Army Headquarters contemplates sending one band from the 33rd Division, to arrive at Monte Carlo May 2nd. Which of the eight bands of the division will be chosen is a matter of conjecture, but probably within the next two months some sort of competition will be arranged.

The Engineers' band already has a good reputation at Division Headquarters, where it has given a concert each week for several weeks, and it should be one of the leading contenders for division honors.

The band went to Diekirch yesterday to practice on mass with the 122nd and 131st bands, preparing to play for the Horse Show the 27th of February.

Are there any boxers or wrestlers in the regiment? If so, come forward.

MEUSE-ARGONNE BATTLE

G. O. 232, H. E. F., dated 19th December, 1918, is published for information and for compliance with the last paragraph thereof.

"It is with a sense of gratitude for its splendid accomplishment, which will live through all history, that I record in General Orders a note to the victory of the First Army in the Meuse-Argonne battle.

"Tested and strengthened by the re-

struction of the St. Mihiel sector, for more than six weeks you battled against the pivot of the enemy line on the western front. It was a combination of imposing natural strength, stretching on both sides of the Meuse River from the bitter contested hills of Verlun to the almost impenetrable forest of the Argonne, a position, moreover, fortified by four years of trench defense, to baffle it impossible, a position held with the full forces of the enemy. That position you broke utterly, and thereby hastened the collapse of the enemy's military power. "Soldiers of all the divisions engaged under the First, Third and Fifth Corps, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 26th, 29th, 32nd, 35th, 37th, 126th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 82nd, 89th, 90th and 111th, you will be long remembered for the stubborn persistence of your progress, your storming of obstructions, the defended machine-gun nests, your putting, yard by yard, of the woods and ravines, your heroism in the face of counter-attacks supported by powerful artillery fire. For more than a month, from the initial attack of September 26th, you fought your way slowly through the Argonne, through the woods, over hills west of the Meuse, you slowly enlarged your hold on the Cotes de Meuse to the east and then on the first of November your attack forced the enemy into flight. Pressing his retreat you cleared the entire left bank of the Meuse south of Sedan, and then stormed the heights on the right bank and drove him into the plain beyond. "Your achievement which is scarcely to be equalled in American history must remain a source of proud satisfaction to the troops who participated in the last campaign of the war. The American people will remember it; as the realization of the hitherto potential strength of the American contribution toward the cause to which you have sworn. There can be no greater reward for a soldier's memory.—JOHN J. PERSHING,

"General, Commander in Chief 'American Expeditionary Forces.'"

DIVISION HORSE SHOW

Big preparations are being made for the Divisional Horse Show at Diekirch on the 27th. The competitors are being advertised in each organization, and the winners at the big show will be given class A leaves.

Company "A" had a little private fire call in their supply department. Some damage was done by the freezing air for a fire sale. Who wonder who collects the insurance?

NEW TARGET DESIGN

Regiment Shooting Daily at 100 and 200 Yards

The regimental design of target for rifle range has been put to practical use in Eckternach, where a six-point range for 100 and 200 yards is in daily operation. Thirty-six soldiers can fire practice and close combat scores at both distances in a day. The original schedule formed for use of the range by first battalion in the morning and second battalion in the afternoon. A similar range is contemplated at Berdorf for use of the second battalion.

The swinging target works well, and is as rapid as the usual sliding form of target. The Engineers are constructing targets of this type for the various units of the division.

The firing last week was excellent. At 100 yards many "possibles" were recorded, as shown below. Company and battalion teams will be selected, competitions arranged, and a regimental team chosen for divisional competitions. Those who are credited with proficiency at 100 yards follow: Co. A., Sgt. 1-C. Paul, Sgt. Isaac and Anderson, Corps. McCune and Thom; Pte. White, Pte. Green, Pte. Simmank and Edelfield; Co. B., Ssts. 1-C. DelBus, Macnee and Nelson, Sgt. W. Vernier, Corp. C., Pts. Butler and Guerin, Pts. Simms, Capt. C., Corp. Radtke, Pts. Boulting, Armstrong, Newman, Moschalec, Co. E., Pts. Fink and J. Kiel. Co. F. has not been on the range. At 200 yards the only perfect score was recorded by Pvt. Findeisen. Average scores made by the Companies last week follow: 100 Yards 200 Yards

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ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Lincoln's Birthday Competitions

On Lincoln's birthday an athletic meet staged at Eckternach provided diversion and amusement for the regiment. Games new to the States were introduced and played over by the officers, to which the engineers responded quickly.

The competition between companies was keen, and though no winner was declared Companies F and C appeared to lead in the number of first places. A battle royal with five entries resulted in one knockout after several minutes of fighting.

33d DEFEATED

The 35th Division defeated the 33rd in the football game at Diekirch last Saturday, 3-0. The game wasn't a flowing success owing to bad conditions of the field. 1st Lieutenant Doolin, Master Engineer Guarver and Capt. Spring were the representatives of the engineers on the division team, Master Engineer Guarver, who also played against the 25th Balloon Company on the previous Saturday, and injuries to his chin and his ribs. On the winning team was 1st Lieutenant Robert Bridges, at one time a corporal of Co. A, 10th Engineers. The Dutchess of Luxembourg was present as an interested spectator.

Second Lieutenant James A. Martin Jr. has been ordered to duty with the regiment by G. H. Q. and has been assigned to Co. A.
EDITORIAL

Since the cessation of hostilities one thought has been uppermost in the minds of American soldiers in France. Now the long expected news has arrived. From G. H. Q. the message comes that all except regular army divisions will be returned in the order of their arrival in France. With a conservative estimate of the shipping facilities to be available, this places the Thirty-Third on the sailing list for May. With any speeding up of the present program the division will get home even earlier.

Two months pass in a short time. It is scarcely time for the folks at home to prepare a reception. And two spring months in Europe, always in anticipation of a quick return home, will be a splendid recom pense for six months of war and a winter's march.

33d IS PRaised

The following recently appeared in the European Edition of The Chicago Tribune:

"The 33d Division which is to give its maiden performance at the Liberty Theater Albert I on Monday night is distinguished for more important things than its ability to give an entertaining show. It has been one of the greatest fighting divisions of the American Army in France. Its record for prompt movement and vigorous action is one of which any organization might be proud."

"The division got into fighting on the British front soon after arriving. The first battle of the division was that of Hann July 4 where it fought alongside of British and Australians."

"It was the first American Division to be decorated by the King of England, who, on August 12 decorated 39 officers and men who had taken part in the Hound battle."

"On August 9th, the 33d Infantry captured Gressaire Wood and Chritny Ridge. Then the Division was sent to Verdun where it was in the trenches for forty-four days. It participated in the great attack of the First American Army on September 30th and captured the Bois des Fossés. Later it was transferred to the Troyon sector near St. Mihiel where it remained until the conclusion of hostilities."

"The 33d claims the honor of being the only American division which has fought with British, French and Americans. It has formed a part of five armies and eleven army corps. It has been a part of the army of occupation and is now wintering in Luxembourg."

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

The Y. M. C. A. gave a musical entertainment last Tuesday night at Hoffman Hall. The program was rendered by five young ladies, and was composed of singing and violin solos, and was pronounced very good by all who were present.

SHOOTING SCORES

The firing continued on the regimental range last week. Three men, Sgt. Reading, Co. A, and Corp. Glennon and Pvt. Schaeffer, Co. E, made perfect scores at both 100 and 200 yard ranges. The "possibles" recorded last week at 100 yards were made by Sgt. Reading, Corp. Glennon, Pvt. Schaeffer, Lt. Halidi, Lyons and Bussie, Co. A; Pvt. Schaeffer, Co. B; Pvt. Romsey, Co. C; Cpl. Glennon and Fleming, Pvt. Schaeffer and Mortlboy, Co. E. At 200 yards the only perfect scores were made by Sgt. Reading, Corp. Gleason, and Pvt. Schaeffer. The average company scores for record shooting up to Feb. 22nd follow:

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WHEN WE GET BACK

A letter received recently from Col. Whigam contains the following information concerning mustering out:

"On landing at Hoboken a thorough inspection is made for bugs and skin diseases. If conditions found are serious, organizations may be quarantined as the result."

"Organizations are sent to a mustering out camp near place of enlistment, i.e., Illinois Troops are sent to Camp Grant, peat and discharged there."

"It takes from a week to ten days to discharge a regiment, there being many reports and discharges."

"Before being discharged the men are given the chance to re-enlist in the regular army."

MORE ANIMALS RECEIVED

Lt. Ursom with a detail of 35 men brought to the regiment last week 190 head of stock. Thirty-five forage horses were inspected and riding has immediately become more popular. The trip from Commercy with the new stock required seven days.

On Sunday this stock was assembled on the square, matched up and issued to the companies.

First Lieut. L. E. Eastwood has been ordered to duty with the regiment by G. H. Q. and has been assigned to Co. F.

Headquarters Moved

Regimental Headquarters are now located across from the Infirmary on the Market Place.

WE WISH TO REFER THIS "BIRD" TO THE REGIMENTAL SCHOOL OFFICER—HAS ANYONE ANY OBJECTIONS?

Dear Editor:

Bein' so, that comes so manny danes an' parties, y' not git that Supplie Do-ment to issue pumps. Last nite same dub walks off the flore onto my bilt gals foots, agin' en'uf, an' tode she cant walk.

Hoping u are tha same, Tod.

NEED COMPETITION

Local Horse Show Brings Out Results of Hard Work

The elimination horse show held last Tuesday brought out every animal and every vehicle in the regiment. The spirit of competition was keen, for winners of the first and second places are entered in the divisional show, where leaves of absence and 1700 francs in cash prizes will be awarded to those who place first, second or third. Twelve different events are entered by the regiment. In the local show last week Headquarters Company made high score, and Company A lead the line companies. These winners of first places were Melton, Tierney, Ober and Schreuder of Headquarters Co. Jaeger, Daucher, McMurray, and Burne, Co. A; Logan, Co. B; Cameron and Galaska, Co. C; Kastilahn and Smay, Co. C; Murphy, Co. E; Stevenson, Co. F.

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TRAIN HORSE SHOW

The Engineer Train held an elimination horse show Wednesday, the winners of which were entered in the Divisional Train show at Diekirch Friday. At the latter, Lt. Thompson's entries took first one, second one and third place. The winners of those places were Warren and Ricks, 1st place; Robertson, 2nd place; Hells and Curries, 3rd place. The winners of first and second places will be entered in the divisional show Thursday.

THE Cootie's LAMENT

I've heard the soldiers grunt and groan. And say they've done their bit. They want to go back to their homes, Get rid of belt and kit. I've been with them in all their scraps. All through the fields of France; And now the Cumber Inspector tries, To kill my future chance.

I know my general orders all, And number two as well. I walk my post from head to toe, And forms to be marked. I've learned the hop and fox-trot, and The Luxembourger dance. And now the Cumber Inspector tries, To kill my future chance, I've done my bit in many ways, A credit to my race. I've drawn the blood of Fritz and Hun, A very creditable part. I'd like to go back with the boys, And quit this war rid France, But that infernal "C. 1. " tries, To kill my future chance.

- M. J. H., Co. F.
EDITORIAL

Our General,—says when you ask an engineer of the 108th if he can do a task he not only answers Yes but answers with a Cherry Smile. We shall soon be home in God's Own Country. Let us keep on trying to be better, snappier soldiers with heads erect. Give mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts a big chance to be proud and smile.

Let us, Soldiers of the Famous 108th, show all why we Won.

—Ed.

REGIMENTAL INSPECTION

SOLDIERS MAKE FINE SHOWING

The Regimental inspection last Tuesday was the most thorough on this side of the water. Each soldier was graded upon his personal appearance, his ability to execute the facings and salute, and condition of his equipment.

The regiment made a splendid showing. Uniforms were immaculately clean and pressed, and the equipment, shoes, and ordnance were in first class condition. Electric irons and washboards had been busy in the few small hours before, and the showing made on Tuesday morning was well worth the trouble. We are pretty good looking soldiers when we make up our minds to be.

RIFLE MATCH

In a competition shoot Sunday, Headquaters, First and Second Battalions each entered a team of five officers. Headquarters won the principal match with 300, First Battalion scored 295, and Second Battalion 250. At 300 yards, slow fire, in this match Lt. Thompson made a perfect score and led the Headquarters team with a total of 67. Capt. Tenney was high man for First Battalion with 63, and Lt. Houffer lead Second Battalion with 59.

In the individual match, 300 yards, slow fire, Capt. Schufridder and Lt. Urban tied with scores of 48, and Maj. Guilfoil was third with 47.

The “New York Herald” last week mentioned the playing of Lt. Doepel and Springston on the division team in the game of Feb. 22. In this game Lt. Doepel recovered a pass and scored the touchdown which defeated 6th Corps, 7 to 0.

THE DIVISIONAL HORSE SHOW

The Horse was King at Diekirch on Thursday when the 33rd Division Horse Show was staged in the Wilhelmsplatz, before a large and distinguished audience. The Engineers had erected a series of twenty-six boxes on the porch of the Justice Building, facing the square and roped off the arena for the show.

Three Brigade bands were placed on three sides of the square. Promptly at one o'clock the band in the south struck up the Luxembourg National Anthem and the Grand Droit, composed by the younger sisters and retinue, were escorted by Col. Allen through the lane formed by the Divisional Guard of Honor and received by Maj. Gen. Bell, who escorted the party to seats in the center box and the show was on.

In spite of a cold drizzling rain, the events were run off rapidly, the crowd not seeming to mind the weather.

The three bands played at their own jazzy rhythm. After the third event a new band appeared upon the scene consisting of six pieces and headed by Charlie Chaplin and a patent medicine vender, and followed by 10 clowns in every kind of costume. Headquarters Troop was next on the program and gave an interesting exhibition of mounted wrestling followed by two and three horse team buck riding.

A canvas was stretched in front of the boxes and Tuttle of the Engineers and Barth of the Ambulance Company staged a fast three round exhibition boxing bout. While the Brigade bands were being merged into one huge Divisional band, Maj. Gen. Bell, who had been following with his camera, Cronkhite, left the stand to come forward and present the General Bell Trophy, a beautiful bronco figure of Napoleon, to Col. Forrest of the 12th Field Artillery. The front entry in the “best hitch of four animals or more, selected from all classes, all points correct” had taken the blue ribbon.

The program was concluded by the Divisional bands playing on masse the National Anthem.

Headquarters Troop captured first place with four firsts, three seconds, and the 122nd Field Artillery was third with two firsts, four seconds and six thirds.

The 130th Infantry was second with four firsts, two seconds and one third and the 122nd Field Artillery was third with two firsts, four seconds and six thirds.

The 108th Engineers took first place in Class B with six guns driven by Privates Tollem, Winters and Houffer. The other winners of first places were the 129th Infantry, 123rd Machine Gun Battalion, Headquarters 65th Brigade 129th Field Artillery and 123rd Machine Gun Battalion.

From the Division Show entries will be selected for the VI Corps show to be held later.

Now that an approximate sailing date has been published in a divisional order, the rumor mongers are busily engaged in selecting the Port of Embarkation. In the past two days we have heard the following: Antwerp, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Bordeaux, Breman and Liverpool. But why worry, “any port in a storm” as the saying goes, and any port in Europe as the A. E. F. goes.

TREY BUN, ALERT!

We are in an unsettled frame of mind these days, as we never know when we may be obliged to pick up our pack and leave. The days of TREY BUN are numbered, as it were. You will recall the days when the complete edition of TREY BUN was posted on the bulletin boards of the Regiment and consisted of a frontispiece and a cover on the cork board. Then the Regimental office loaned us a Mimeograph and this was somewhat better and a great deal quicker. This was used on the road to Luxembourg. Our present location is an up-to-date printing office with an old fashioned press. There are two reasons why TREY BUN is printed on one side of the paper one is that we haven’t enough type for two sides (unless we printed one in German) and the other is that most of the boys send it home and the back is an excellent place for a letter.

We are now wondering what we will print on when we leave here.

The 33d Division football team played the unbeaten team from the 88th Division at Jungliston on Sunday afternoon and was defeated in a hotly contested game by score of 13 to 0.

The 33d threatened to score in the last few minutes of play when Lt. Doepel of the Engineers caught a forward pass and gained 30 yards, but time was called with the ball in the 33d’s possession on the opponent’s 12-yard line.

It is interesting to note that during the month of February the Regiment was paid three times. But now that practically a definite time has been set for departure for home, the boys are enjoying every minute of it and are in good spirits. And I was quite taken aback when I overheard a private in iron crosses and another knock knacks to any great extent. Rather the average soldier is salting the pole, in anticipation of that new spring suit.

The second battalion crowded into the Kinsey Hall Thursday night and enjoyed a good old “movie.” The entertainment was furnished by the Y. M. C. A. Elmer Olson opened with piano selections and as the Lasky production, “To Have and To Hold,” flashed on the screen the boys seemed to feel they were again in the States.

With the score 16 to 13 against them, the first battalion refused to turn defeat into victory in their final turn at bat Saturday by scoring four times with two men out. The batteries were Capt. Thompson and Maj. Guifoil, and Jones, Tillett and Buffaker.

The extract from the “Tribune” published last week failed to note that the 33d Division had fought also against the Australians and Canadians. It was not the intention of TREY BUN to misinform its readers, but simply to copy the original article.

The Honor squad of the “E.” Co. being drilled to the height of perfection, and resplendent in new uniforms, challenges the other Honor squads of the regiment to a competition drill.

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