

SQUADS EAST NOW DOUGHBOY'S JOY FIVE DAYS A WEEK

Same Old Stuff Saturday A.M. but Surcease Cometh Sunday

REDLEGS WILL LEARN I. D. R. Wearing of Stars and Braid Also to Be Kept Out of Mischief With Pretty Problems

While those of us of the combat divisions of the A.E.F. which are not lucky enough to be part of the Army of Occupation are hanging around here, we are not going to have all day to wash our shirts and put them in the "Drill, ye tars, drill," is the rule, according to the terms of G.O. 207.

"Five days each week," says that highly entertaining document, "and at least five hours each day will be devoted to training."

"Saturday morning," it continues cheerfully, "will be used for a rigorous inspection of all troops, means of transportation, animals and quarters." But it adds with a soothing touch, "Saturday afternoon and Sunday will be given the soldiers for rest and recreation."

In the main, the general principles introduced in the detailed programs previously issued to divisions in France will continue to govern the training which is to be carried out. In Infantry companies the training of individuals and groups will be perfected by suitable courses, and a high standard of marksmanship with rifle, pistol and automatic weapons will be reached and maintained. Daily practice with service ammunition is laid down for all, and the order specifically states that the longer ranges, 500 and 600 yards, will not be neglected.

Back to Squads East Also, we shall have to go back to squads east again.

"Each training day shall contain from 15 minutes to an hour's close order drill by squad and platoon. Nothing less than perfection in the execution of any movement should be allowed to pass without correction."

The bulk of the 25 or more hours a week allotted to tactical exercises: a) diversification of terrain and chiefly in the attack, which promises to be more interesting. Scouts and squads are to be thoroughly instructed in the use of cover, and scouts are furthermore to be taught to work in pairs, one covering with his rifle the advance of the other. Groups of all sizes will be taught the old game of advance by rushes, of portions of the command, under cover of the fire of the remainder. Platoons, too, will be exercised in the attack of machine guns, and companies will be drilled in the use of machine gun nests and strong points. Even the Artillery regiments will not be able to escape from the squads-custing process. It is distinctly laid down for the redlegs that they, like the doughboys, will have "short dismounted drills in close order," varied by instruction and practice in small arms. Faults of execution are to be corrected by carefully supervised and checked—"checked," in the technical sense,—"checked," in the sense of italics—instruction in the care of animals and in mounted work will be corrected, as far as is consistent with the state of animal supply and the absolute necessity for resting and recuperating the animals of the various commands.

Nifty Artillery Program All Artillery officers and a certain number of non-coms are to be practiced in the rapid preparation of fire, particularly on visible objectives by the parallel method. Facility in the adjustment and use of the range finder is also laid down to be acquired, and it is directed that at least two soldiers in each battery or headquarters are to be trained in its use. Practice will also be had in the methods of fire for the old soixante-quinze.

"Great stress," says the G.O., "will be laid on reconnaissance under various tactical situations and on the rapid selection and occupation of positions for immediate action." It adds that the service of liaison and information must be perfected, and provides for the training of specialists as individuals and groups, with particular reference to visual communication and duty as scouts, agents and route markers. Practical exercises in the field are prescribed for all units of the divisions larger than companies, chiefly in those exercises incident to the offensive, with the staging of situations and incidents similar to those encountered by the A.E.F. in the operations following July 18, 1918. The tactical doctrine set forth in the G.O. under date of September 5, 1918, in the Notes on Recent Operations, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and in extracts from the Infantry Drill Regulations now in process of revision will be followed out, and nothing contrary to the spirit of those instructions will be taught.

Work for Stars, Too

Divisional instruction—in other words, drill—will, until further orders, proceed by division for four weeks each. At the conclusion of each period the program will be repeated, but with fresh situations for all tactical exercises. The general program outlined is based upon Infantry work, and all other arms of the service will conform to the fundamental scheme of it.

For the first week of the four, the program calls for 25 hours of company drill, with one certain exercise for division, brigade and regimental commanders conducted by the corps commander—proving that the Stars will have to work, too, under the new scheme of things. During this week all means of communication and connection, including airplanes (not even the aviators are going to loaf), signal troops and the liaison groups of regimental and brigade headquarters will be brought into play. The second week will see 10 hours of company drill for each company, and 10 hours of company drill, 5 hours' battalion drill, and three days of divisional maneuvers, consuming 5 hours a day. One-third of all divisional maneuvers will be prepared and conducted by the corps headquarters. Machine gun organizations will be given individual training as for Infantry, but the bulk of the time will be devoted to technical instruction and firing with service ammunition.

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FREE EDUCATION WHILE WAITING ORDERS HOME

Continued from Page 1 under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A.'s Educational Commission, by far the greater part of the actual teaching work will be done by officers and enlisted men of the A.E.F. The War Department, through the Central Records Office at Bourges and other sources, has discovered that there are no less than 47,000 officers and men in the A.E.F. that have had previous teaching experience. They will be detailed to see the job through, and to impart of their wisdom and direction to anybody that wants it.

Credit's Toward Degrees For the book part of the process, the publishers of text books in the United States have gotten out special editions at the lowest possible cost. The ability in France to buy these books and issue them, just like blankets, to those that want them. Any way, the Army now guarantees to take care of their transport and distribution just as soon as they hit France, to insure that no post or camp school shall be bookless on January 1.

Men who left American universities to come over here will have opportunities to gather college credits that will count toward degrees from their institutions by attending courses in the most famous of the English and French universities. For example, an Engineer wants to pursue his interrupted studies in architecture; he will be fixed up to attend the Beaux Arts, Paris, which is one of the finest architectural courses in the world. He need not fear the language difficulty if he does not know enough French to get all of a lecture, for American specialists will be brought over to work in the French university classrooms.

Furlough for University Work Again, a college B.A. back in the States wants to take a post-graduate course in English literature or history or some other classical subject. The ways will be grasped for him to listen to the best lecturers at Oxford or Cambridge, and the credits he gains will be counted toward his P.G. degree in God's country.

Every Yank who wants to take a university course should apply at once to his commanding officer. He should get a duplicate of the letter, stating his qualifications and previous education, to the Educational Department, Y.M.C.A., 10 Rue d'Ellysee, Paris. In co-operation with the American University Union, which has branches in London and Rome as well as in Paris, the Educational Department will look up his record as to previous courses taken, and will then recommend to the Army authorities that he be allowed to take any courses which he is fitted to pursue. Naturally, a man who was a freshman when he left America cannot be allowed to take sophomore work. To bridge the gaps for such men, inevitable where the courses in foreign universities do not correspond to those in ours, special classes will be formed.

Ample Technical Courses Aside from the classical end, there will be an ample program of technical education offered, under the charge of President Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Massachusetts Agricultural College and of Dean Reber of the University of Wisconsin, who will have special control over engineering courses. In other lines some of the superintendents will be Professor John Erskine of Columbia University; Frank E. Spaulding, superintendent of schools in Cleveland; Professor P. A. Applethorn of Kansas State University; Professors Mallory and Coleman of the University of Chicago, and Dr. Everett Green of the University of Illinois.

Existing school facilities within the Army itself will be utilized to the utmost. The Agricultural School for bandmasters at Chaumont (G.H.Q.) is to be expanded into a conservatory of music for the whole A.E.F. If any man wants to take a course in violin, piano, cornet, or even slide trombone manipulating, all he has to do is to apply to take the course in the A.E.F. conservatory.

Trying It on Gieves At Gieves there has been under way for a long time a set of schools in all the camps of that huge project, taught by 222 different A.E.F. instructors, of whom only two are lieutenant colonels and only 15 are Y workers. There all the more rudimentary subjects to be offered under the A.E.F.'s schooling plan have been taught, beginning with the training of men who could neither read nor write and ending up, with some advanced courses in music and in higher mathematics. "Try it on Gieves" has been the motto of the people who have had the A.E.F.'s school scheme in charge, and they expect to derive many valuable hints; by the time they open up full blast on January 1, from what they themselves have learned at the big railroad and storage depot in catering to the 50,000 men there.

At St. Nazaire also the experimental educational work is well under way. Over 40 courses were being offered at that port on the day the armistice was signed.

Already many inquiries as to the na-

BREST STILL LEADING IN RACE TO BERLIN

Continued from Page 1 General Harbord, the S.O.S.'s C-in-C, a big reception on Thanksgiving Day, with a parade, a concert and speeches and all the rest, including the hoisting of the pennant for being the winning port the week previous. It's going to stay there," they shouted, but this week Brest will have the proud privilege of flying it, despite the fact that Brest, in its frenzy handled 3,439 tons in 37 working hours, making 26 tons per batch per hour and 2 tons per man per hour, which is claimed as an A.E.F. record.

Right here should be recorded one of the great pieces of news of the week. It's been noised all around—in fact, St. Nazaire is plastered with 10,000 copies of the announcement—but there's every reason why it should be stated right here holdily in print: The winning show-down company of the winning port in the Race to Berlin will, as soon as possible after the conclusion of the contest, be sent HOME. General Harbord has said so.

Home, that's it, home. Where have we heard that word before? Oh, boy! Oh, baby, hustle dem ships along!

Miss Wilson Helps Bordeaux which up to the time of its conversion into a large embarkation center, has been a formidable contender in the race, was not yet out of it by a long shot. The transformation taking place there is on a colossal scale, entailing the renovating of warehouses, erection of new buildings, and so forth. This work has taken the men away from the batches and together with the confusion of the men on the docks, when returning home, has helped to pull down the port's average. It's nothing the gang could help.

To prove that they have been plugging away like trojans down there in Gascony, just look at what they did one morning. They got up early and loaded more than 10,000 tons of freight in one day. While that doesn't hit St. Nazaire's record of the week previous—12,377 tons—it's a mighty creditable performance, as Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter, told the crowd when she came down on to the docks to wish them leave away.

Miss Wilson also gave a half hour's concert—no longer because the gang wanted to get back to work and when she started in to sing Southern songs all the gang joined in on the choruses. She had a hard time escaping from the Y hut in which she was performing, for the gang simply would call for "just one more song." She gave a short talk to her enthusiastic audience, telling them how much the work of the S.O.S. was appreciated by the folks back home.

Rain Handicaps Rochefort The rivalry between the Bordeaux camps still keeps up, and first honors for the week concluded went to the 25th Company, L. G. West commanding. The people in the city of Bordeaux are much interested and watch the scoreboards telling of the contest's progress. Lt. Col. Collis has arranged a party at one of the Bordeaux theaters for the 25 fivefolders who make the best record for five consecutive days. At this show, the commanding general of the Base Section, Brig. Gen. Walsh,

and the dock officers will be present, but the 25 fivefolders will be given the front row seats. Rochefort continues to plug along, although she was handicapped considerably during the past week by rain. Nobody is in the least discouraged. Col. Kelley has been dividing his time between Rochefort and La Pallice urging the gang on, and he figures that while the two ports are smaller than some of the others in the race, the chances of one of them—the just won favorite—losing out are just as good. The two are running a pretty race of their own, neck and neck almost.

St. Nazaire, though the tail-ender of this week, knows no let-up in its enthusiasm. Like Bordeaux, it has been transformed into an embarkation center, and that has slowed up its freight-carrying propensities. But what St. Nazaire is looking for is not sympathy, but more ships, and is praying to high heaven for them. Lt. Eddie Hart, the contest officer there, knows that even the best team is bound to have a mid-season slump, and he and his workers are not a bit unoptimistic.

Nantes Takes Crack at Brest Music is one of the main features of St. Nazaire's home of the race. Six bands are employed daily, two performing on the docks at noon, two at supper time, and two at midnight. The little port at the mouth of the Loire never heard such a volume of melody in its life. The famous negro band is on the job, and so is the Stevedore quartet, and that has slowed up its freight-carrying propensities. The French priests are featuring the contest in the churches of the town and urging their parishioners to support and cheer the Yanks on. The mass meetings are still on at Camp 1, and Col. Goodwyn's men have been foregoing well-earned rest and nights on pass to attend them.

Nantes, which is farther inland than Brest, claims that Brest has been going all the shipping that comes along and unloading it before its crowd can get a crack at it. Brest, as judged by such weekly figures, is evening up on the job, as are Havre and Marseilles. Each one of them swears that by the time the President comes around on his inspection trip—as the chances are he will—it will have the weekly awarded pennant flying out on the breeze to greet him.

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