HUGE CARNIVAL OF THIRD ARMY YANKS VIEWED BY 100,000

Colorful Celebration by Soldiers in Rhineland Lasts Four Days

SLOW MULE TO FAST PLANE

Horse and Motor Shows on Program With Games, Air Contests—'n' Everything

After four colorful days of horse racing, aerial combats and acrobatic stunts, motor exhibitions and athletic contests—days and nights aflare with riotous enthusiasm, the American Mardi Gras on the Rhine has ended. The Third Army horse and motor show, held on a big island in the river, and in the very shadow of ruined, ancient castles, above Coblenz, has passed into history.

Nearly 100,000 spectators, including Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, Gen. John J. Pershing, Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, Prince Leopold, of Belgium, General Mangin, commanding the French forces on the Rhine, many other high Americans and Allied officers, and many thousands upon thousands of bucks and non coms, were present at one or more of the kaleidoscopic series of events offered, ranging all the way from the slow mule contest, won by a doughboy outfit, and German truck exhibits—trucks handed over by the boche—to fancy sky maneuvers by combat planes and members of the balloon section.

The 2nd Division and Third Army Headquarters Troops tied in the horse show with 41 points each. Third Corps troops, with four firsts, four seconds and two thirds, won the motor show, while the 3rd Division athletes romped off with the track and field meet.

Two Airplane Fatalities

The airplane maneuvers, winding up the final day of the meet, were thrillers, combining skillful jockeying with message dropping contests and photographic races, the latter consisting of photographing a certain designated section of the carnival grounds, getting the pictures made at the Coblenz airdrome, and racing back to the grounds with the best prints.

Two fatalities marred the aerial program. Lieut. E. F. Kroege and Lieut. Charles G. Moore, of the Second Army, were killed when their machine, which had just risen above the Coblenz airdrome, on its way to the fair grounds, crashed to earth, burying them in the wreckage. Another flyer dropped into the river, following a series of maneuvers, but escaped with a good ducking. His plane was rescued by an American patrol vessel.

There were military bands galore and lots of eats. Luncheon was served on the grounds to 5,600 men an hour. Thirty thousand sandwiches and countless thousand cups of chocolate were served the first day and this number increased with each succeeding day. German army cups, oval shaped and of gun metal appearance, were pressed into service in the big hangar which served as a mess tent. American girls, with a line of German women in reserve, gave out the grub.

There was nothing crude about the carnival decorations, potted plants and evergreens, hundreds of which had been brought from the forests of the occupied area, being everywhere. Pine boughs also were used for decorations, while the motor show booths were lined with cloth and ribbons. Triumphal arches spanned the entrances, and the approaches were lined with floating streamers.

Phony Passes Thrown Out

The carnival was an ultra-American affair, and German youths who tried to get by on queer looking passes, very ornately stamped, were foiled by M.P.'s too well versed in o'd gags to fall for boche stuff. But there was no use trying to keep out the genus small boy.

Horse show standings by points were: 2nd Division and Third Army Headquarters Troops, 41 each; 90th Division, 36; 1st Division, 31; 89th Division, 32, 33rd Division, 27, 3rd Division, 23; Third Corps, 13; 4th Division, 8; Fourth Corps, 6; 5th Division, 5; Seventh Corps, 0.

Motor show standings were: Third Corps, 4 firsts, 4 seconds, 2 thirds, 1st Division, 3 firsts, 3 seconds, 1 third; 89th Division, 3 firsts, 1 third; H.A.M.O.R.S., 2 firsts, 1 third; 5th Division, 1 first, 1 second, 1 thirds; 3rd Division, 1 first, 1 second, 2 thirds; Third Army Troops, 1 first, 1 third; Fourth Corps, 3 seconds, 2 thirds; 90th Division, 1 second, 1 third; Seventh Corps, 1 third.

Detailed results follow:

Motor Show

Class I—Automobiles. Open to all types except Dodge and Ford. First, Pvt. Bernard Eckhardt, Hdqrs., Third Corps; second, Cpl. Mottin, 1st Division; third, Pvt. Shouse, 21st F.A., 5th Division.

Class II—Dodge, touring or Sedan. First, L. R. Holland, 12nd F.A., 89th Division; second, Wagoner Reynolds, 4th Engrs., 4th Division; third, Wagoner Hetherington, 5th San. Tr., 5th Division.

Class III—Ford touring. First, Pvt. A. E. Seymour, 17th F.A., 2nd Division; second, Pvt. A. L. Saunders, 301st San. Tr., Fourth Corps; third, Pvt. Cadwell, 21st F.A., 5th Division.

Class IV—Trucks, light delivery. First, Sgt. W. J. Dean, 3rd M.O.R.S., 3rd Division; second, Corporal Shreine, 1st Am. Tr., 1st Division; third, Pvt. C. C. Patrick, 314th F.S. Bn., Fourth Corps.

Class V—Trucks, three quarter ton to one and one half ton cargo. First, Pvt. Austin J. White, 314th F.S. Bn., 89th Division; second, Pvt. Alfred Butters, 105th Tel. Bn., Fourth Corps; third, Sgt. Techan, 102nd Aero Sq.

Class VI—Truck, two ton to three-ton, ammunition—First, Cpl. M. D. Cole, M.O.R.S., 5th Division; second, Wagoner Chesterfield, Art. Park, Third Corps; third, Wagoner Roesh, Art. Park, Third Corps.

Class VII—Truck, three ton and above, except ammunition. First, William E. Stillwell, 1st F.S. Bn., 2nd Division; second, C. E. Quested, 2nd Am. Tr., 2nd Division; third, Frank Hutler, 7th F.A., 3rd Division.

Class VIII—Motorcycle, solo. First, Robert Gatewood, Third Corps; second, Pvt. Andrea Hansen, 8th Inf. Brig., 4th Division; third, Wagoner Richards, Amb. Co. 350, 90th Division.

Class IX—Motorcycle, with sidecar. First, G. M. Shank, 1st Engrs., 1st Division; second, John Ray, 30th Inf., 3rd Division; third, H. L. Casey, 1st Engrs., 1st Division.

Class X—Ambulance, light. First, A. Hathorne, 2nd San. Tr., Third Corps; second, George Bergdorf, 2nd San. Tr., Third Corps; third, Will B. Stulgeson, 5th San. Tr., Seventh Corps.

Class XI—Ambulance, heavy. First, Frank Joseph, 2nd San. Tr., Third Corps; second, C. F. Keller, 2nd San. Tr., Third Corps; third, Wagoner Comstock, 301st San. Tr., Fourth Corps.

Class XII—Staff observation and reconnaissance car—First, Pvt. Lady, 5th F.A. Bn., 1st Division; second, Wagoner Graham, 345th F.A., 90th Division; third, Laurence Bailey, 17th F.A., 2nd Division.

Class XIII—Tractor, artillery, five ton and ten ton—First, Sgt. H. H. Gilliam, 1st H.A.M.O.R.S., 1st Division; second, Wagoner Osterlach, 7th F.A., 1st Division; third, 90th Division.

Slow Speed Race, quarter mile in high gear. First, Sgt. E. M. Townsend, 4th Brig., 2nd Division; second, Cpl. Reeves Lukins, Hdqrs., 4th Division; third, Sgt. Edward O. Withorne, Hdqrs., Third Corps.

Tire Changing Contest. Open to all cars with demountable rims. Driver and assistant to advance, jack up rear wheel and change tire, advance 25 feet, jack up front wheel and change tire. First, Sgt. L. R. Holland, driver, A. J. White, assistant driver, 312nd F.A., 89th Division; second, Sgt. Charles F. Sabetti and Wagoner D. Hetherington, 5th San. Tr., 5th Division; third, Cpl. A. Colabrase and Wagoner W. C. Williams, Hdqrs., 2nd Division.

Truck Drivers' Loading Contest—First, Cpl. Andrew Hill, driver, Pvt. E. A. Delany, assistant driver, Co. E, 1st Supply Tr., 1st Division; second, Wagoner V. L. Work and Mech. James F. Mears, First Corps Art. Park, Third Corps Troops; third, Cpl. M. D. Cole and Pvt. J. W. Weaver, 5th Mobile Ord., 5th Division.

Truck Tug-of-War—First, Sgt. C. Schindler and Ord. Sgt. M. I. Deutsch, 1st H.A.M.O.R.S.

Tractor Obstacle Race—First, Capt. H. Y. Stebbins, 17th F.A., 2nd Division; second, Lieut. J. W. Miltspaugh, 17th F.A. Motor School, 2nd Division; third, Sgt. Frank C. Chamberlain, 1st H.A.M.O.R.S.

Horse Show

Class I—Artillery horses in hand—First, Hdqrs. Troop, 90th Division; second, Bat. F, 343rd F.A., 90th Division; third, 12th F.A., 2nd Division.

Class II—Riding horses—First, 315th Tr. Hdqrs., 90th Division; second, Hdqrs. Troop, 3rd Division; third, 315th Am. Tr., 90th Division; fourth, 19th F.A., 5th Division.

Class III—Officers' Chargers—First, Lieut. Col. T. L. Sherburne, Hdqrs., 4th Division; second, Brig. Gen. King, Third Corps; third, Lieut. Col. Wainwright, Third Army Hdqrs.

Class IV—Officers' Riding Horses—First, Lieut. Col. Wainwright, Third Army Hdqrs.; second, Capt. E. S. Murphy, Hdqrs. Troop, 1st Division; third, Brig. Gen. King, Third Corps.

Class V—Horses suitable for polo—First, Maj. E. B. Waring, Remount Service, Third Army Hdqrs.; second, Capt. Wing, Remount Service, Third Army.

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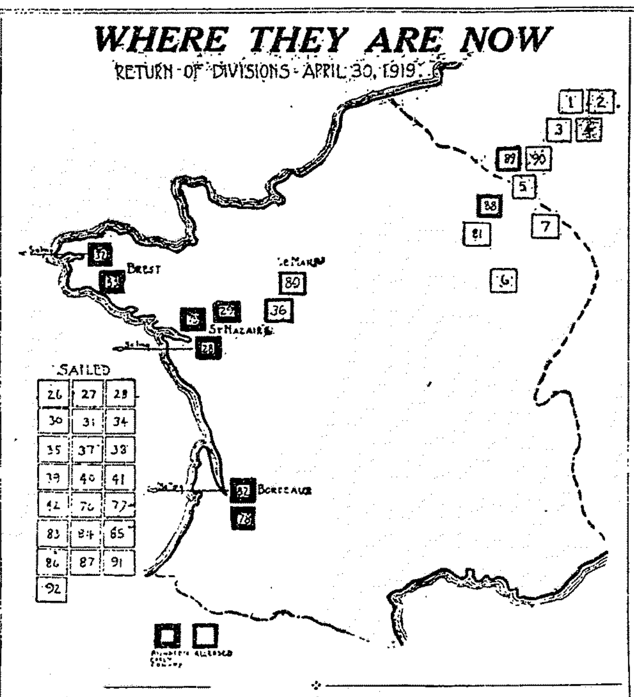
WHERE THEY ARE NOW

RETURN OF DIVISIONS—APRIL 30, 1919



APRIL DEPARTURES NEARER 300,000 THAN 250,000 SET

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Brest, 55,646; St. Nazaire, 20,385; Bordeaux, 23,683; Marseilles, 6,141; England, 873, Le Havre, 354.

The following table shows the sailings, classified by branches of service, for the week ended April 23:

	Officers	Men
Air Service	116	5,754
Army Service Corps	5	158
Artillery	588	15,565
Casuals	1,211	11,372
Engineers	257	9,258
Headquarters	221	1,665
Infantry	982	36,625
Machine Gun Battalions	151	3,585
Medical Corps	253	1,582
Miscellaneous	9	573
Motor Transport Corps	4	6
Ordnance	37	1,272
Quartermaster Corps	9	456
Signal Corps	78	2,259
Tank Corps	65	1,384
Ammunition Trains	17	2,162
Supply Trains, Divisional	17	458
Train Headquarters	16	265
Total for week	4,090	108,507
Previously reported	37,993	730,274
Total to date	42,083	838,781

Included in recent sailings were these vessels and units:

S.S. La Touraine: Casuals. S.S. Koningen der Nederlander: 117th Am. Tr., 114th Engr. Tr.; Army Amb. Serv., Secs. 542, 560, 571, 590, 5[illegible] 606; Det. 111st Fld. Art., attached 114th Engr. Tr.; casuals. U.S.S. America: 308th Inf.; 154th Inf. Brig. Hq.; 307th Inf.; sick, wounded and casuals.

U.S.S. Agamemnon: 304th, 305th and 306th Fld. Art.; 152nd Fld. Art. Brig. Hq.; Det. 77th Div. Hq.; sick, wounded and casuals. S.S. New Amsterdam: 2nd Engrs.; 77th Div. Hq.; 305th Fld. Art.; casuals. U.S.S. Cincinnati: 53rd Pioneer Inf.; 3rd Bn. casuals. S.S. President Grant: 302nd Am. Tr.; sick, wounded and casuals. S.S. Wilhelmina: 120th Fld. Art.; casuals. S.S. Cap Finisterre: 127th Inf.; casuals. S.S. Chester: 127th Inf. Det.; casuals.

S.S.—Western Hero: Casuals. U.S.S. Orizaba: Hq., Hq. Det. Horse Bn., Hq. Det. Motor Bn., Med. Det. Horse Bn., Ord. Pers. and Cos. A to G incl. 305th Fld. Art., 20th, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 102nd and 106th Trans. Corps, Med. Det. 93rd Trans. Corps; 169th and 218th Aero Sqs.; 80th Aero Repair Sq.; Flights A and B, casuals. U.S.S. Siboney: 106th Fld. Sig. Bn. Hq. Co., Sup. Co., Med. Det. and Cos. A, B and C; 302nd Sig. Bn. Hq. Co., Med. Det. and Cos. A, B and C; 461st Engr. Pontoon Tr.; Evac. Amb. Co. 36; casuals.

S.S. Pocahontas: Det. 109th M.G. Bn.; 113th Inf., Regt. Hq., Med. Det., Hq. and Sup. Cos.; M.G. Co.; 2nd and 3rd Bns.; 135th Inf. Off. Det.; 128th M.G. Bn. Off. Det., casuals, Ord. convoy. S.S. Finland: 2nd Det. Hq. 28th Div., 103rd Engr. F. and S. Hq. 1st Bn., Hq. Det., San. Det., Ord. Det. and Cos. A, B, C, D and E, casuals; Det. Off. 112th Inf. U.S.S. Caunecus: 1st Army Art. Park, Hq. Det., Btys. A, B and C; Truck Cos. A, B, C, E, F, 601st M.O.R.S.

S.S. Federal: Casuals. U.S.S. Canandaigua: 302nd Fld. Art., F. and S., Hq. Co., Btys. A, B and F, Sup. Co., Ord. Det., Med. Det.; 115th M.G. Bn., remainder, Hq. Det., Cos. A, B, C and D, Camp Funston, Casual Sherman Dets., Ord. Det., San. Det. Army Art. Park, 1st Army, Motor Ser. Hq. Truck Co. D, 17th and 23rd Photo Secs. A.S.; casuals. S.S. General Goethals: 322nd Fld. Sig. Bn., Hq. and Sup. Dets., Med. Det., Cos. A, B and C; 50th, 161st, 187th, 494th, 655th, 156th Aero Sqds.; 318th Rlt. and Salvage Co., Tank Corps. U.S.S. Susquehanna: Hq. Co., 302nd Bn. of 307th Brig., Tank Corps, Cos. A, B and C; Hq. Co. 326th Bn. of 307th Brig., Tank Corps, Cos. A, B and C; 327th Bn. of 307th Brig., Tank Corps, Cos. A, B and C; Hq. Co. of Brig. Off.; 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 42nd, 43rd, 69th, 102nd Balloon Cos.; 303rd Tank Center; casuals.

U.S.S. Pastores: Fld. Art. Repl. Regt., F. and S., Hq. Co., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Bns., complete; 3rd Anti-Aircraft M.G. Bn.; 8th Aero Sqd.; Det. 1st Anti-Aircraft M.G. Bn.; casuals. U.S.S. Henry R. Mallory: 309th Fld. Sig. Bn.; 332nd, 304th, 337th Bns., Tank Corps; 378th Training and Repl. Co., Tank Corps; Casual Cos. B and C, Tank Corps, 11th, 20th and 50th Aero Sqds.; 169th Aero Park Sqd.; 187th Aero Const. Sqd.; casuals. S.S. Mercury: Det. 1, 28th Div.; Hq. Troop 28th Div.; 112th Inf. Hq. and 1st Bn.; casuals; 107th, 110th, 112th T.M.B.; 111th Sup. Tr.; Co. C, 303rd T.M.R.; Sales Com.; Unit 8; 103rd Train Hq.; San. Det., Ord. Det.; 103rd M.O.R.S.; Bakery Co. 323; casuals.

U.S.S. Nebraska: 114th Engr., Hq., Ord. and Med. Det., and Cos. A, B, C, D and Det. Co. E. U.S.S. St. Louis: 307th Inf., Med. Det. and 3rd Bn.; 372nd Aero Sqd.; 77th Div. M.P. Co., casuals. U.S.S. Louisville: 57th Inf., Med. Det., 2nd Bn. Hq., and Cos. F, G and H; 302nd Fld. Sig. Bn.; 302nd M.O.R.S.; 302nd Mobile Vet. Sec.; Sales Com. 367; Det. Rear Ech. 77th Div.; 102nd Inf., 2nd Bn., less Co. H; casuals.

S.S. Manc: Hq. 57th Inf. Brig.; 109th Inf., Regt. Hq., Det. Off., Hq. and San. Det., 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bns.; Hq. Co., San. Det., Sup. Co., Ord. Det., M.G. Co., and Cos. A to L, incl.; Det. Off. 110th Inf. S.S. Alphonso XIII: 82nd Div.—Div. Hq. and Hq. Troop Adv. Ech.; Motor Trans. Office; Theatrical Det.; 307th Mobile Vet. Sec. and Ratn. Hq.; Q.M.C. Det.; 325th and 326th Bns., Tank Corps; 372th, 380th and 381st Training and Repl. Co., Tank Corps; Cem. Mills Cos. 2 and 6; casuals. U.S.S. Sewalls: Casual enl. men for duty. U.S.S. Vermont: 53rd Pioneer Inf., F. and S., Hq. Co., Med. Det., Cos. A, B and C; 114th Engr., Co. F and Det. Co. E; casuals. U.S.S. Frederick: 116th Fld. Art.; 24th Aero Sqd.; casuals. U.S.S. New Hampshire: 53rd Pioneer Inf., Sup. Co., Med. Det., 2nd Bn. Hq. and Cos. D, E, F and G; casuals. S.S. Alloway: Casuals; Ord. convoy. S.S. Yellowstone: Casuals.

U.S.S. Santa Ana: 327th R. and S. Co., Tank Corps, 376th and 377th Training and Repl. Co., Tank Corps, Mobile Operating Unit 1; Hq. Army Art., 1st Army; casuals. S.S. Housatonic: 1st Anti-Aircraft M.G. Bn.; 112th Fld. Sig. Bn.; 16th and 753rd Aero Sqds.; casuals. S.S. Kanawha: Casuals. S.S. Sun-Santee: Det. 351st Inf.; casuals. S.S. Yellowstone: Casuals. S.S. Ossineke: Casuals. S.S. Avondale: Casuals. S.S. Dakotan: 11th Engr.; casuals.

S.S. Alloway: Ord. convoy and casuals. S.S. Yellowstone: Casuals. S.S. Western Hero: Casuals. U.S.S. Orizaba: 308th Am. Tr.; 20th, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 98th, 102nd and 129th T.C.; 169th and 218th Aero Sqds.; 80th Aero Rep. Sqd. and casuals. U.S.S. Siboney: 106th F.S. Bn., Hq. Co., Med. Det., Cos. A, B and C; 461st Engr. Pon. Tr.; Evac. Amb. Co. 36 and casuals.

ST. MIHIEL ALTAR ASSURED

The Curé-Doyen of St. Mihiel probably will realize his dearest wish—the erection in his church of an altar to the memory of the French and American soldiers who delivered his city from the Germans.

This seemed assured with the issuance this week of a circular appeal by E. L. Hearn, overseas commissioner of the K. of C., asking K. of C. secretaries and workers in the A.E.F. to help the St. Mihiel curate get the small contributions which will provide the altar.

"The idea is a beautiful one and altogether fitting," said Commissioner Hearn, "and the Curé of St. Mihiel, who proved himself a hero while the Germans held his city, is deserving of all the aid that can be given him in carrying it out."

The circular suggests contributions be sent directly to M. le Curé Simonin, 10 Rue Carnot, St. Mihiel, Meuse.

MR. BAKER GOES HOME

Secretary of War Baker sailed for home Monday on the George Washington, after completing an inspection tour of several weeks that carried him through a large part of the S.O.S. and the occupied territory in Germany.

Before going aboard at Brest Mr. Baker inspected Camp Pontanezen, the embarkation center.

All officers are directed to see that utmost economy is exercised in use of blank forms for the Army, according to Bulletin 16, Hq., S.O.S.

FIRST VOLUNTEER RELIEF FOR THIRD ARMY DUE AT BREST

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enlistments is expected when these are acted upon.

It has been ruled that men honorably discharged and re-enlisting are entitled to the $60 bonus, due all men on discharge under the terms of the Act of February 24, 1919. They will not receive, however, the three months' extra pay provided for re-enlistments under the Act of May 11, 1908.

The one-month leave promised to men re-enlisting is to be in addition to other leaves to which enlisted men are entitled according to another ruling.

Men also are given the option of enlisting for either one or three years, providing they had been previously voluntarily enlisted to serve "during the emergency" or had been drafted or inducted into the service. Men who enlisted in the Regular Army prior to April 2, 1917, and former members of the Regular Army Reserve called into active service cannot be discharged.

DIGNITARIES GRACE DIVISION REVIEWS

89th and 90th Inspected by C.-in-C., Receive Decoration of Colors

Two divisions of the Army of Occupation which are scheduled for early return to the United States last week passed in final review before the C.-in-C.

For the last time, probably, the 89th Division assembled at Trier, Germany, April 23, when it was inspected and reviewed by Secretary of War Baker, General Pershing, Prince Leopold, of Belgium, Major General Harbord and members of the House of Representatives Committee on Military Affairs. The colors of the division were decorated with ribbons indicating service seen, and 15 officers and men received decorations. Following the review, Secretary Baker and General Pershing addressed the division in a large hangar formerly used by the Germans to house one of their giant Zeppelins.

Sgt. Arthur J. Forrest, Co. D, 354th Infantry, received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

All organizations in the division except the artillery brigade received decorations for their colors showing service in the Lucey sector, St. Mihiel offensive, Euvezin sector and Meuse-Argonne offensive. The decoration for the colors of the artillery brigade showed service in the Euvezin sector.

After soldiers of the 90th Division had passed in their final review April 24 before their Commander-in-Chief in the river flats just west of Wengerohr, Germany, General Pershing spoke telling them they were due to leave shortly for home, and complimenting them on their work as a combat division.

Brig. Gen. Hugh C. McAlexander, commanding the 180th Brigade, was awarded the D.S.M. and D.S.C.'s were awarded six men. In addition, the colors of the 357th, 358th, 359th and 360th Infantry Regiments, 343rd, 344th and 345th Machine Gun Battalions, 315th Engineers and 315th Sanitary Battalion were decorated.

The two-day circus of the 90th Division opened yesterday at Cues, across the river from Bernkastel, division headquarters. In addition to the clowns and side shows and crack regimental bands, a regular calliope flung its notes against the cliffs of the Rhine mountains. The division is made up largely of Texas and Oklahoma men, and contains many cow punchers who feature in rope and lariat-swinging contests.

88th BUCKS CONFER OWN EMBLEM ON CHIEF

The presentation of a decoration by the enlisted men of the 88th Division to their commander, Maj. Gen. William Weigel, was the climax of the Clover Leaf Division's military tournament and field meet held last Saturday in the division's big field near Gondrecourt.

The meeting was widely advertised as the "Enlisted Man's Show." The "bucks" of the division thought they would demonstrate the fact at the meet by conferring a decoration of their own upon their commander. The decoration was unique in that it is the only one of the kind ever conferred. It consists of a silken blue ribbon embroidered with the clover leaf emblem of the division, on which is hung a golden engraved "clover leaf medal" of a type similar to that given to the prize winners in the various events of the field day.

The decoration was pinned on General Weigel by Brig. Gen. M. B. Stewart, head of the committee in charge of the tournament, following a reading of the special citation orders by Col. Fay W. Brabson, chief of staff of the division.

The meet was won by the 351st Infantry with a total of 100 points. Second place went to the 349th Infantry with 72½ points and the 350th Infantry was third with 68 points.

NEWSPAPER'S PROFITS GO TO COMRADES IN SERVICE

Extension of its activities throughout embarkation areas and the establishment of a branch office at Coblenz in the Third Army area are to be undertaken by the Comrades in Service following the placing at their disposal by General Pershing of more than 100,000 francs, representing the profits during hostilities of the Chicago Tribune, Paris edition. The paper requested General Pershing to name the purpose for which the money should be spent, and indorsed his choice.

S.O.S. ENDS SOON; THIRD ARMY GIVEN OWN SUPPLY BASE

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mander of the First Army, has been named commanding general of the Third Army relieving Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, who will take his place as senior officer on the Board of Officers appointed at G.H.Q. to consider lessons of tactics and organization which the American Army has derived from its experience in Europe.

Concurrent also with the statement of plans for the closing down of the entire system of S.O.S. activities comes an important step in their realization with the shutting down of Base Sections 4 and 7, taking in La Rochelle and La Pallice, and Le Havre and Rouen.

This is only the beginning, under the S.O.S. closing-out program. Base Sections 2 and 6 will be cleaned up by June 25. Base Section 2 will cease to operate July 10. Base Section 1, with the exception of Montoir, will function no more after July 20. Base Section 5 is due to suspend July 30.

In the meantime it is planned to evacuate the Advance and Intermediate Sections of the S.O.S. by June 1, after which date Le Mans, St. Aignan, Chaumont, Bourges, the universities and a few permanent institutions will be the only centers of activity left in this part of the A.E.F. The District of Paris, the remaining unit of the S.O.S., is to be greatly reduced in strength during the coming 30 days, and definitely closed before July 10.

Tours, the capital of the S.O.S., will itself gradually shrink away to nothing but a memory of the 20,000 officers and men who from the banks of the Loire guided the destinies of all the multiple supply services of the A.E.F. It will be closed sometime in July, certainly before the last of the month, and the remaining administrative offices necessary at that time moved to Paris, which has been selected as the death bed of the S.O.S.

The S.O.S. for the Third Army, operating by way of Belgium and Rotterdam will be fully capable of meeting all the Army's demands by May 15, although supplies will continue to go forward from Gièvres until June 15 and from Montoir by sea for three months.

There are two principal factors affecting the closing up of the S.O.S.—the supply of the S.O.S. itself and its final days, and the disposition of vast amounts of A.E.F. property. The first will be met by stocking sufficient supplies at certain designated points and at Montoir, and the latter by the organization of "care-taker detachments" to guard all property awaiting either its shipment to the States or its disposition to the United States Liquidation Commission. These care-taker detachments will be furnished by the services interested and the men composing them will be placed wherever possible on commutation of quarters and rations.

All of the A.E.F. schools, except Beaune and Bellevue, and the universities where men are on commutation status, will be closed by June 1. Beaune and Bellevue will probably be stocked and continued independent of the S.O.S. for several months.

The Combat Officers' Replacement Camp at Gondrecourt is to be transferred at once to the S.O.S. and established at St. Aignan. "The Central Records Office at Bourges," to quote the official memorandum, "will have to remain until the end." However, steps are being taken to remove all the records of the Third Army to the Rhine. The so-called "Sight Seeing Bureau" will not remain open to accommodate the expected influx of tourists from America, but will close June 1.

All leave areas, except those in Base Sections 2 and 5, are to be closed by May 25. By that date the Third Army should have its own leave areas. All leave areas in the S.O.S. will discontinue after June 15.

All of the lines of communication of the S.O.S., except the main line, will be turned over to the French by June 16. Even on this line, no new installations of any kind will be made, all crews will be placed on a commutation status, and all fuel and supplies purchased from the French.

All the road repair work of the A.E.F. will cease June 1, except for that necessary in keeping open the designated supply centers.

The Medical Department is to end as nearly as possible all of its activities by June 1, keeping in operation after that time only such institutions and personnel as will be absolutely necessary to minister to the final centers of the S.O.S. This will include the winding up of medical work in England and Italy.

All S.O.S. institutions in Belgium will be turned over to the new supply service of the Third Army by June 1. The work of the Graves Registration Service, which must necessarily continue for several months, will be carried out through centers established in respect to the supply centers left open to care for the S.O.S. in its declining days. The work of the Signal Corps in maintaining telegraphic and telephone communications will cease in all sections when they are abandoned, and by June 1 only the main lines to keep in touch the supply centers and headquarters should be in force.

The S.O.S. welfare, athletic and entertainment activities will be reduced along with the reduction of troops in each section. The abandonment of any district will include the closing of all welfare activity therein.

Finally, too, the curtain will fall on that much mooted institution, the Military Police. The M.P.'s are assured that they will not be left indefinitely in evacuated areas to bring in stragglers and search AWOL'S, but that they will follow the departing troops home.

PERMIT EXPERTS TO JOIN IN SHOOT

Paris Leaves to Be Given Enlisted Competitors After Event

Distinguished marksmen—officers and men who have won three departmental or national match medals—will be permitted to shoot in the A.E.F. small arms meet and musketry competition which opens on the D'Auvours range near Le Mans on Monday. Special conditions, however, will govern their participation. Their scores will be thrown out of the computations on which the regular competition medals will be awarded. A special medal will be given distinguished marksmen highest on the list.

All distinguished marksmen with the A.E.F. will have been ordered to Le Mans, and their appearance in the shoot will be something in the nature of a workout for the Inter-Allied Rifle Competition to be held at Le Mans in June, when American shots will take on teams from the British, French, Belgian and Italian armies. The American teams will be composed of 25 men.

The Commander-in-Chief will be present at the opening of the American shoot Monday, and it is expected that he will make several visits to Le Mans during the contests. Marshal Foch and Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig are expected during the Inter-Allied shoot.

Elaborate preparations have been made for the entertainment of the visiting competitors and civilian and military guests at the shoot. There will be a show every night in a theater which seats 5,000 persons, and dances for officers and men. Baseball diamonds and basketball, tennis and handball courts will be at the disposal of the contestants. With the end of the rifle competition on May 13 the enlisted contestants, who will number about 800, will be given special leaves to Paris.

DUCKBOARD, BREST'S MARK

Brest is proud of its duckboards.

For eight weeks the embarkation camp, Camp Pontanezen, has been reading its own newspaper published twice a week, the Pontanezen Duckboard.

Recently all motor trucks at the camp came out decorated with a new design—a duckboard of white on a circular red field, although it is an open question whether Pontanezen mud is red.

Nurses at Pontanezen have asked permission to wear a small duckboard pin or emblem.

Now there is a movement started to give Pontanezen men a distinctive shoulder insignia—the same old duckboard. The Pontanezen Duckboard, arguing for the adoption of the insignia, tells how duckboards made the camp during the very rainy reason when nature seemed bent on making one big mudhole of that part of France.

As a prominent exponent of the duckboard the paper points to the camp's commander, General "Duckboard" Butler, saying he won his duckboard title by carrying one of the slatted planks on his back all the way from Brest to Pontanezen during the rainy days of the camp's hardest trial—just to see for himself if men reasonably could be expected to do that transport service.

COUNTRY CLUB ON RHINE FOR YANKS

Recreation Centers of Third Army Are Last Word in Luxury

The ideal recreation center of the Third Army, outside the casinos at the leave areas, is claimed by the Yanks of the Third Corps, the headquarters of which is on the Rhine, at Neuwied, Germany.

The Army leave officers and the Y.M.C.A. have taken over a large school, formerly a deaf and dumb institution, on the outskirts of the city. Adjoining this, the Y.M.C.A. has erected what is easily the biggest recreation hall in the Third Army, and one of the biggest in the A.E.F.

Ice cream is served every afternoon, 900 permissionaries being served in 25 minutes. There is also cake and pie. About 1,000 men are in on three-day leaves every day, and a band greets them as they come in.

The Hohenzollern Hotel has been converted into Uncle Sam's Hotel, and here the leave men are served in an immense dining room. Other accommodations include a big swimming tank and baths.

Then there is the new 3rd Division leave center at Andernach, almost across the river from Neuwied.

The Rhine river front for a distance of several hundred yards up stream is being transformed into a park for the delectation of the Yank who is to spend his summer in the Third Army. There will be tennis, croquet, a floating bathhouse, a golf green, and flower gardens.

There will be an immense reading and lounging room with low French windows, colored curtains and bamboo and reclining chairs, with shaded lights. The idea is to put an American country club right on the Rhine, the color scheme to be a light sea green. The lounging room is now open.

The amusement area includes two docks from which steamers make trips daily up and down the Rhine. The so-called Rhine Gymnasium will be included in the grounds of the leave center. Boxing and basketball matches, and motion picture shows will be held there.

The open space on the Rhine Platz side of the lounging room is being turfed and gravelled and it will be used as an ice cream and soft drink garden. Tables and chairs will be placed under the trees.

G.H.Q. BAND STARTS VICTORY LOAN IN GOOD A.E.F. STYLE

Broadway Rustics So Pepped Up They Shell Out 100,000,000 First Day

[By Cable to THE STARS AND STRIPES.]

AMERICA, May 1.—G.H.Q.'s crack band was the big feature of the opening day of the Victory Loan campaign in New York. It was a riot all day long. At its first public appearance, which took place on the steps of the sub-treasury at noon, 20,000 cheered themselves hoarse after each selection.

The program started with "Sambre et Meuse," the famous French march, and ended with "The Stars and Stripes Forever," but the piece getting the most applause was the band's stirring rendition of "Over There," the work of the drum and bugle corps coming in for special plaudits from the multitudes.

At 2:30 on the same afternoon, the band led the opening parade of the Loan up Fifth avenue from the Altar of Victory at Twenty-third street to Forty-fifth street, where it turned off and into the Victory Way, on Park avenue, north of the Grand Central station, which was decorated with columns representative of the States, adorned with eagles and State flags, German guns captured by the Yanks, and two enormous pyramids of captured German helmets. During the parade the band was cheered by thousands. Only after the dedication exercises, in which the band took an important part, did its first breathing spell come.

Then in the evening it gave an hour's concert in the Victory Way and surprised the audience at the Hippodrome by marching onto the stage and playing one or two pieces. At 11:50 the band left in a special train for a one-day stand, on Tuesday at Pittsburgh.

Where Bandsmen Will Play

The following schedule for the musicians' appearances was arranged:

Columbus, O., April 23; Cincinnati, O., April 24; Louisville, Ky., April 25; Indianapolis, April 26; St. Louis, April 27; Chicago, April 28 and 29; Detroit, April 30; Cleveland, May 1; Buffalo, May 2; New York, May 3. At New York the band is to lead the great Panorama parade, and on the 5th it is booked for a monster concert in Boston. It will be at Springfield and Hartford on the 6th, at New York again on the 7th, Philadelphia the 8th, Baltimore on the 9th, and will end at Washington on the 10th, last day of the Loan drive.

If the band dines on the fat of the land everywhere as it did in New York, the boys will have difficulty in getting into their uniforms long before they have swung around the circle. The band had a rough trip over, but with the exception of one man who had one arm fractured when the Von Steuben started, nobody was seriously incapacitated. The men on Saturday were right side up and full of determination to do the A.E.F. proud during the campaign.

While in New York the band was the guest, without cost, of the new Pennsylvania hotel, the Bankers' club and Lorber's restaurant—oh, boy, the chicken and ice cream and everything!

Loan Off to Running Start

The loan started with a bang all over the country. The net result of the first day in the New York district was $100,000,000. Many small cities throughout the country are reported as having oversubscribed their quotas within several hours after the campaign opened.

Detroit was the first large city to finish the job, subscribing $100,000,000, almost double its quota. According to present indications, the A.E.F. need not worry about folks at home not wanting to clean up right.

TALKS ON U.S. CONDITIONS

Fifty-one well-known men and women lecturers in the United States will come to France to aid the Citizenship Department of the Army Educational Commission in its institute plan of education, according to Dr. John A. Kingsbury, head of the department.

Batteries of speakers now are being sent out through the A.E.F. to lecture on such subjects as labor conditions at home, public health and welfare, commercial and business opportunities and many other matters in which men who expect soon to return to civil pursuits are interested.

Dr. Kingsbury has inaugurated a system of institutes which are held at various places for a period of two or three days. Thus soldiers are able to learn of conditions at home which they have no way of learning about otherwise, except through belated newspapers.

The Department of Citizenship plans to extend its system extensively so that every man in the A.E.F. who cares to attend the institutes will be reached.

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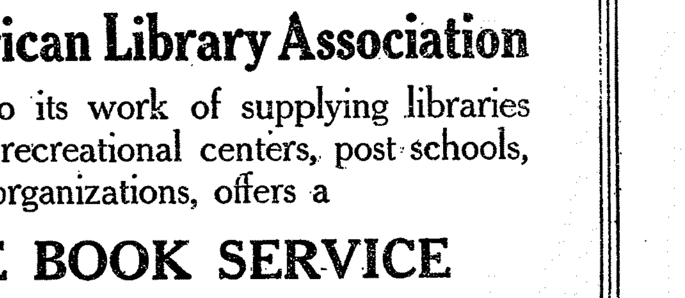

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