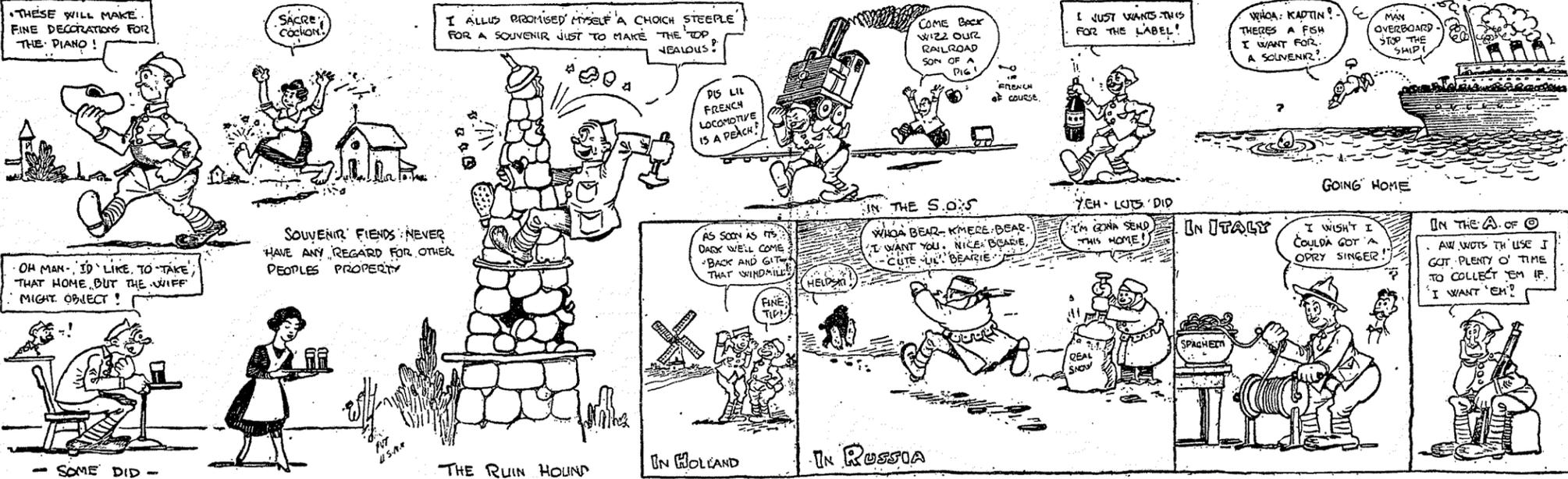


# A.E.F. SOUVENIR HUNTERS

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## SEVENTY KILOMETER RELAY ROAD RACE FROM CHATEAU-THIERRY TO PARIS MAY 30

Long-distance runners from all sections of the A.E.F. will participate in a great 70-kilometer relay road race from Chateau-Thierry to Paris on May 30 for gold, silver and bronze medals and cash prizes offered by the Knights of Columbus.

The race was suggested about a month ago by Alex McLean, the veteran marathon promoter of the United States, now a Knights of Columbus secretary with the Army of Occupation. Despite a deal from misinformed sources that such a race was contemplated, THE STARS AND STRIPES, in its issue of April 25, announced the plans, that will run under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

Ten teams of 20 runners each are expected to be entered from the Third Army and the S.O.S., and without a doubt the race will prove the most interesting and eventful, barring the football championship series, ever pulled off in the A.E.F.

When the distance men speed away from Chateau-Thierry, now recognized as the shrine of all Americans, they will bear a message written by one of the men identified with the famous battle to President Woodrow Wilson. This will be passed from runner to runner and will be delivered to the President or his representative at the Place de la Concorde in Paris.

The first relay team will face the starter at the statue of Jean de Fontenay, and the course will wind through little villages and across some territory once occupied by German troops. From a standpoint of historic interest this race should rank next to that ancient race on the plains of

## BALL GAMES FREE TO WOUNDED MEN

Wound Stripes Only Ticket They Will Need for Major Leagues

AMERICA, May 15.—President Charles A. Comiskey, of the Chicago White Sox, announces that soldiers and sailors of the United States Army wearing wound stripes will be admitted free to major league baseball games this year.

George H. Lawson, formerly major in the Engineers, Canadian Army, and now demobilized, has announced plans for the formation of an outlay baseball circuit to be known as the Allied League. Only those men who have seen service with the Allied Armies in Europe will be eligible to play.

Lawson, who promoted the outlay United States League a few years ago, claims he has sufficient backing for his new enterprise, which will begin its season on June 1. He claims to have options on available baseball grounds in the following cities, which will comprise the league: Boston, Providence, Brooklyn, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Montreal, Ottawa or Toronto, and Newark.

Cincinnati, Brooklyn and Chicago are setting a hot pace in the National League race, while the White Sox have a commanding lead over all opponents in the American circuit. Detroit and the Athletics, ancient rivals, are battling furiously for the collar pennant in the American organization.

## POOR OLD BARON MUNCHAUSEN MUST BE TURNING IN HIS GRAVE

The greatest clipping agency in the world is watching the American papers. Nothing escapes the doughboy's eye, and we unto that former bunkie who falls for the gleam of the limelight.

Not always is it the returning hero who errs. Certainly, Pvt. Fred Miller did his bit over here just like the rest of us. He might have spent his time in charging machine gun nests or he might have soldiered at St. Aignan on kitchen police. We do not know that part of his story. But the Buffalo Courier carried his picture on March 16, 1919, and beneath it some unsuspecting member of their staff informs the public that it is a likeness of—

"Pvt. Fred Miller, of North Tonawanda, N.Y., 36th United States Infantry, who was wounded twice and gassed at Coblenz, September 23, 1918, while serving with the American forces in France."

The awful battle in which Private Miller took part in Coblenz on September 23 has, unfortunately, been buried under history.

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin stirred the wrath of an entire company of casualties when members of that unit ran across the body of a wounded hero who had half a column odd to the heroism of Louis J. Trompeter. "I merely obeyed orders," was Trompeter's calm answer as to how he received the Croix de Guerre he wore. But the reporter quotes these further details:

"During my 11 months in France I served with the Railway Transportation Corps, carrying ammunition. In June, 1918, I came upon a wounded lieutenant who told me a German airplane with two Boche flyers had been disabled and forced to land behind our lines, somewhere in the woods. He told me to go and get them. Those were my orders, and so I went.

"After scouting around I found them near their disabled machine. They put up a fight and I was obliged to kill them both. Investigating their pockets, I obtained plans to our lines made from their observations.

"Returning to the wounded lieutenant, who was badly hurt, I carried him to the dressing station. It was while in the hospital that a French colonel gave me the Croix de Guerre."

Twenty-six members of Trompeter's old company write at length of the deeds of Trompeter's credit. But we have space for only certain spicy parts of their letter:

"It was in the B.T.C., but not carrying ammunition, of course, he secured a few months where the bullets were thickest at an ammunition dump at Haine Brulle, a place a few miles below Xantès. He says that he was 17 months in France; he must have imagined a few of those, as his 11-month period is not up until April 12.

"The only German he ever saw was a prisoner of war. He was any farther into France than Angers, and he

## G.-IN-C.'S BATTLE MAP EXHIBITED IN U.S.

Interesting Souvenir Goes to National Museum as a Memorial

The big battle map in General Pershing's room at Chaumont, from which the Commander-in-Chief used to direct the movement of the American Armies, is gone. It went to Washington in charge of four sergeants whose instructions were to convey it to the War Department, and it now rests in the National Museum.

That map, with its huge green stretches of forest, its red lines marking the Allied limits of advance on November 11, 1918, its pink and blue and other colored lines, its divisional areas, headquarters and P.C.'s, all marked out in pins, is the handiwork of the American soldier. It was made by two sergeants and two sergeants-major, under direction of general staff officers. Its scale was 1-120,000. It was the first time that enlisted men had been let in on operations secrets, and the manner in which they kept them has met with the approval of the higher command.

## PASSING THE BUCK by Franc Terror.

Athletes sent to Paris to train for the A.E.F. championships and the Inter-Allied games, whether officers or enlisted men, should be made to train and not spend all their time "soeing Paris." Not that any one begrudges them a good time, but their duty to their fellow-soldiers, and to the United States demands that they keep themselves fit for the athletic contests in which they are to represent the A.E.F.

In the international boat race on the Seine recently the American crew exhibited anything but good condition. At the finish most of them dropped exhausted at their oars, while the winning New Zealand crew hardly showed the pace at all. This does not speak well of American training methods. One man of the American crew has since been sent home with an enlarged heart. He should never have been permitted to compete in the race. Only the best men should be selected for the teams that are to represent the A.E.F.

Two of the A.E.F. boxing champions have already sailed for home, and A.E.F. athletic officials have sent out an "S.O.S." call for fighters to take their places and to hold up the A.E.F. boxing team which is to be entered in the Inter-Allied games. By calling on Augie Ratner, Eddie McCorty and other well known mill men in the ranks of the A.E.F. who did not compete in the A.E.F. championships, the officials admit what every one else already knew—that the A.E.F. champions are not necessarily the best in their class in the A.E.F. To state otherwise would be an injustice to the recognized pugilists of class who are just as much a part of the Army as the men who competed in the A.E.F. tournament. They passed up the A.E.F.

## ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM OF THE 11TH MARINES MAKING TOUR OF LEAVE AREAS

Permissionaires at the Army leave areas will have an opportunity to see class A baseball when the all-star team from the 11th Regiment of Marines begins its series of training games today at Nice.

The team was organized at Tours by Col. George Vin Orden. All of the men have had first professional experience and among them are many stars who before coming to France played together in the Army, winning the service championship of the U.S. The team will be composed of the following: Toulon, of the Seattle team of the Northwestern League, and Telford, of the Portland team of the Pacific Coast League. The catchers are Lieutenant Beall, of Dallas, in the Texas League; Pasquorilla, of the Philadelphia team in the American League, and Turner, of the Wisconsin-Illinois League. Few Army baseball teams can boast of such a classy string of pitchers and catchers.

The infield is exceptionally strong. It consists of Anderson, of the Chicago White Sox; O'Connor, of the Kitty League; Morgan, of the Wichita team of the Western League; Petty, of the Worcester team of the Eastern League, and Yockey, of the St. Paul team in the American Association.

In the outfield are Paul Cobb, of Clark Griffith's Washington team, in the American League, a brother of Ty Cobb; Purcell, of the Atlanta team, in the Southern League; Waldman, of the Delaware County team of the Eastern League, and Yockey, of the St. Paul team in the American Association.

The favorable weather at Tours has enabled the men to practice several hours each day and they are in excellent shape. The swing around the leave areas should improve the team considerably and put the men in top-notch trim for championship games.

## THIRD DIVISION WINS TENNIS HONORS

The 3rd Division carried off the tennis honors of the Army of Occupation by defeating the Seventh Corps in the finals at Chateaufort last Friday. The 3rd Division won by 5 points to 2, after an exciting series of matches before a good-sized crowd.

Of the Seventh Corps team, McCloy, of Advanced C.I.E.C., and Zeisler, won their singles from Treanor and Love of the 3rd Division, but as a team in the doubles McCloy and Zeisler lost to Treanor and Krugh, of the 3rd Division.

The results in the finals were as follows: Singles—McCloy, Seventh Corps, defeated Treanor, 3rd Division, 6-3, 5-7, 8-6, 6-2; Krugh, 3rd Division, defeated Zeisler, Seventh Corps, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4; Zeisler, Seventh Corps, defeated Love, 3rd Division, 6-1, 6-0, 6-2; Merrill, 3rd Division, defeated Livingston, Seventh Corps, 7-1, 2-5, 7-5, 7-5; Bowman, 3rd Division, defeated Lanza, Seventh Corps, 5-7, 6-3, 5-6, 6-4.

In the doubles Treanor and Krugh, 3rd Division, defeated McCloy and Zeisler, Seventh Corps, 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; Love and Merrill, 3rd Division, defeated Dennison and Livingston, Seventh Corps.

## A.E.F. SPORT NOTES

The A.E.F. will enter eight four-squad shells and representatives in the tennis finals in the Harlequin regatta on the Thames July 3-5.

The undefeated soccer team of the Fourth Royal Scots Fusiliers is waiting to get on with the team which will come out on top of the Third Army soccer party.

What Army officials claim is the world's fastest runner, a 5th Division runner, set a record of 5:10 for the mile on May 15, at Chateaufort, when he won the 5th Division mile race.

The baseball team of Co. C, 316th Field Signal Battalion, is in the S.O.S. in the 10th Corps. Another Signal Corps team, the 308th Field Signal Battalion, has won seven straight games in the Third Corps.

England and Italy are to be coached for boxers and wrestlers of class in addition to the A.E.F. in the Inter-Allied games next month. Eddie McCorty, Augie Ratner, and Johnnie Schell are three of the boxers Army officials are anxious to add to the American team, which will be trained at Chateaufort Harlequin, Paris. Two of the A.E.F. boxing champions have already sailed to the United States.

American athletes have been asked to compete in the 19th French divisional championships, which are to be held at Chateaufort, where the division is quartered on May 22. The men who are to be held are: Albert Francis, 128 to 131; Guehard, 128 to 131; Albert Francis, 128 to 131; Guehard, 128 to 131; Albert Francis, 128 to 131; Guehard, 128 to 131; Albert Francis, 128 to 131; Guehard, 128 to 131.

The baseball team in the S.O.S. will be held at Chateaufort from May 23 to June 2, under the direction of Lieut. John H. Melton, head coach. The team will be held at Chateaufort from May 23 to June 2, under the direction of Lieut. John H. Melton, head coach. The team will be held at Chateaufort from May 23 to June 2, under the direction of Lieut. John H. Melton, head coach.

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