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END WELL IN SIGHT FOR WORK HERE

Complete Embargo on All Shipments to Mehun Effective June 10th

An embargo has now been placed on all shipments from the Third Army, and the Divisions on the Rhine will take care of their own material. The Chief Ordnance Officer has also made arrangements for all other places to stop shipment of material to Mehun on June 10th and all Ordnance material to be sent to Montoir after that date. Arrangements have already been made at that place to handle this material.

This assures us that all artillery is now here except 340 75mm. guns from Bourges, and these will all be here before the 13th of June. During the last seven days an average of only nine cars a day have been received here, whereas before that time an average of 40 cars had been received per day. However, since the complete embargo does not go into effect until the 10th

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SHOW TOMORROW AFTERNOON

Tomorrow afternoon the "Breeze from Broadway," a soldier play with a cast of 30 enlisted men, will play here. A carload of stage property and scenery accompany the show which is staged on a bigger scale than any entertainment that has appeared on the local boards.

LAST TRIP MADE BY HISTORY CLASS

Twenty members of the French History Class, which has been conducted for the last three months by the Post School with Captain H. Tallant as instructor, made their last trip to places of historic interest Sunday when they visited the Palace of Versailles. Other important places visited by the class during the course included the cities of Bourges, Blois, Orleans and Tours.

SCRAP MATERIAL GOING OUT FAST

When the miscellaneous condemned salvage in the yards was sold a week ago, it was hoped that ten cars a day could be sent out, but all estimates were smashed when the Salvage Department maintained an average of 25 cars loaded out a day. This material consists of brass shell cases, artillery wheels, rejected material from the Artillery Repair Shop and the Small Arms Division, and all broken wooden boxes. After the cars are loaded they are weighed on the French scales at the Mehun station.

Bids will be opened for another sale of salvage on June 10th, followed a few days later by another which is expected to complete the sales of material.

MACHINERY RETURNED TO U. S.

Certain designated uninstalled and some of the machinery that has been installed is being crated and shipped to the ports where it will be forwarded to Watervliet Arsenal, Watervliet, N. Y. Approximately a total of 150 cars of this material will be returned. The machinery consists of such equipment as gun boring lathes and grinding machines. It will be used either at the Watervliet Arsenal or shipped to other Ordnance manufacturing plants.

Lieut. Tholen is in charge of selecting and loading this machinery. A number of carloads have already been sent out, and it is expected that at least fifteen cars a day can be loaded and shipped out.

MEHUN WINS FIGHTS AT BREST

In the boxing bouts at Brest, Tuesday night, Mehun's fighters won all contests in which they engaged. Thompson knocked out his man and Gallagher beat up Joe Gantz, the colored fighter. Parrish of Mehun, at 130 pounds, challenged all comers but could find no takers. Major McAleer is trying to arrange bouts at the local Y. M. C. A. Challenges will be issued to any camp in the A. E. F.

POST SCHOOL CLOSED LAST DAY OF MAY

Great Many Practical Subjects Were Studied During Term

On May 31st the Post School was closed after four months' successful operation. A monthly average of three hundred students have attended the French History, Business Law, French and the Agricultural classes.

A trip to the Palace of Versailles Sunday concluded the French History course. Capt. H. Tallant, the instructor, has made the work very interesting and with the trips to the more important places studied about, a course of unusual value has been given. The class in Business Law with Cpl. Helsel, a law graduate, as instructor has been well attended. In the French class Mon. Monganaste, helped the soldiers to learn the complexities of his native tongue. The Agriculture class with Sgt. Bull as instructor, has visited some of the best farms in this section of France and have had lectures by a number of European agricultural experts.

In addition to the courses mentioned the Post School has had charge of the educational work conducted in the Colored and in the Chinese Y. M. C. A.'s. Sec. Richardson, at the colored "Y," has instructed the classes in reading and writing. Sec. Houston at the Chinese "Y," has been instructor of classes in English, Reading and Geography. Capt. Miller was the officer in charge of the Post School.

ST. AIGNAN LOSES TO MEHUN

In the game played Wednesday at St. Aignan the Mehun team scored decisively over St. Aignan, the Mehun players running up nine runs to St. Aignan's two. Verrand pitched for Mehun and Johnson caught. Bates and Lejeck did good stick work and Flanagan, Mehun's second sack man, speared two line drives single handed. The local team will play Montierchaume here next Tuesday.

The Mehun News

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AT ATELIER DE MEHUN-SUR-YEVRE. A. P. O. 741.

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Do We Want Our Old Jobs Back?

As the time for going home gets closer and the talk of jobs is in everyone's mind we are hearing repeatedly the saying "well, I've got my old job open for me."

We ought to pause a minute and ask ourselves if we want to start where we left off a year, or two years ago. Must we say that we have not advanced in two years—that we must go back to the old saw and bury ourselves once more?

That might be true in some cases but it certainly should not be right of the men who have seen Ordnance service in the A. E. F. The story of the Ordnance in France has been a tale of meeting almost any kind of a situation that could arise, whether it was handling materials under difficulties, doing quick repair work on the battlefields, constructing depots, or operating elaborate storehouses and shops such as Mehun.

Many men who had done but one thing in civil life, for example clerks who had plugged along at the same old desk for years, and who lacked the nerve to get out and try something else, by force of circumstances in the Ordnance were obliged to start out on other things and show what they could do. Most of the men in camp here now came through here during last summer and worked on the constructing of the buildings. Being sent from here to other places they had a chance for a varied experience, some went to ammunition dumps, others to mobile shops, still others to artillery and air service units for repair and supply work, and finally landing back here to help in the operation of this plant.

The moving around to meet conditions and overcome obstacles was bound to have its effect and broaden out any man whose mind was open for development. Mechanics or clerks, these men ought now to be going back with a wider viewpoint, and with greater ability to grasp situations, and to be bigger men in their line than before, even though their experience here was not on the work of their trade.

Amongst five thousand men there are bound to be some loafers, and some that no amount of experience

THE PALACE OF VERSAILLES

By SGT. D. L. RITTENHOUSE

To those who visit Paris and its environs the trip to the Palace of Versailles is regarded as one of the most interesting and profitable excursions to be made in France. Here, in times past, in the words of the historian, "Royalty was made Royal." In the present time the attention of the world is focused on the Palace of Versailles as it is here that full payment will be exacted from Germany for the part she has played as instigator of the war.

The Palace of Versailles was constructed by Louis XIV, who erected a colossal structure, large enough to accommodate the chief nobility of France, around a chateau built by Louis XIII, his predecessor. Louis XIV perfected the court of France and did more than any monarch that ever reigned to endow royalty with the pomp and glory it now holds in the light of history.

The chapel designed by Mansart was constructed in the years 1699-1710, during the reign of Louis XV. It was here that his son, Louis XVI, was married to Marie Antoinette.

The chapel, which is considered Mansart's best work, is elaborately decorated with paintings, wood carvings and brass work—all done by the masters of the period. In the vestibule of the chapel is found some of the world's best sculpture.

Adjoining the chapel are a number of elaborately decorated halls or salons. One of the most elaborate of these is the "Hall of Mirrors" which is of particular interest to Americans as it was here that the treaty of peace concluding the Revolutionary War was signed in 1783. Benjamin Franklin was one of America's representatives here. Another event of great historic interest was the proclaiming here, by the victorious Germans in 1871, of the Prussian monarch as emperor of Germany; all the German states being united at this time under one ruler.

Another room of great interest is the Gallery of Battles which contains an exhibition of large pictures representing the victories of France. The first

would broaden out, but indications are that there are very few of such men here. Those men who bore the brunt of the Ordnance work in the A. E. F., who were there to meet the emergencies, should be able to go back to better jobs and bigger pay, and with broader views on the problems of life and good citizenship.

battle recorded is the battle of Talbiac in 496. After this battle the successful pagan leader Clovis, husband of Clothilde an orthodox princess, embraced Christianity. Other pictures are the Battle of Orleans 1429, which depicts Joan of Arc with her troops; and the Siege of Yorktown, Oct. 1781, which shows Generals Rochambeau and Lafayette, leaders of the French forces which contributed largely to the success of the American Revolution.

A room of the palace which is quite historic is the elaborately fitted bed-chamber of Louis XV. It was he who made to Madame de Pompadour the historic statement "After us the deluge." It was his summary of the reaction that was due to follow his reign of oppression and vice. He died here in 1774 and was succeeded by Louis XVI.

From the balcony of the bed-chamber of Louis XV, Marie Antoinette, wife of Louis XVI, tried to pacify the mob that came out from Paris on Oct. 6, 1789. The people, through crop failure and oppressive taxation were on the verge of starvation and a mob of several thousand formed and came to Versailles where they clamored for the life of the queen, Marie Antoinette whom they called the "Madame Deficit" who kept them poor.

Lafayette saved her from the mob, but she, with the King, and the rest of the Royal family, were forced to return to Paris with the rabble who also took with them fifty cart-loads of grain from the Royal stores. From that date Versailles has never been occupied by a French sovereign.

Louis Philippe (1830-1848) who was popularly called "The Citizen King" spent over thirty million francs of his personal fortune on refitting the palace of Versailles into a museum for the benefit of the people. A room was fitted as a memorial to Napoleon. It contains some rare furniture and paintings and the bed occupied by Napoleon and later by Louis Philippe. Following a visit to this room one enters the chambers of Marie Antoinette which are the last visited in a tour of the palace. The priceless paintings, rare furniture and vases with which it is furnished give one an excellent idea of the luxury surrounding a court of royalty whose grandeur has never been surpassed.

The chance to visit Versailles while in Paris on any of the different leaves should not be missed by members of the A. E. F. There is no other spot in France where events of such importance in French and world history have been enacted as at Versailles.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED HERE

Memorial Day was observed at the Ordnance Repair Shops last Friday by the closing down of all work, a review of troops by Brig. Gen. Rice, Chief Ordnance officer of the A. E. F., and memorial services at the Mehun cemetery. Following the review of troops held at 7:30 a. m. a short address was given by Gen. Rice who spoke briefly on the purpose and the significance of the exercises of the day. After the address by General Rice the assembled troops returned to camp. A detachment of five platoons with the officers of the Post, General Rice and Staff and Colonel Wesson, Commanding Officer of the camp, were then conveyed to the Mehun cemetery where the memorial services were conducted by Chaplain Fehlner assisted by Chaplain Green. In his address Chaplain Fehlner made mention of how appropriate it was that the signal honor of being the first to decorate the graves and to pay homage to the fallen dead should come to those who had been their comrades in service and who have shown their readiness, should the same sacrifice have been demanded, to take their last resting place beside them. The Chaplain concluded his address by mentioning the sacred trust that had been placed on those who yet remained in France; a trust to perform the most sacred of duties, that of manifesting love and offering prayer; a trust delegated by relatives and friends whom circumstances hinder from personally offering the first memorial in honor of the loved dead. The Chaplain then gave a short talk in French to the people of Mehun. He thanked them for the part they had performed in the services. Following Chaplain Fehlner's address, Chaplain Green offered prayer. The Post Band then played "Nearer My God to Thee," after which the firing platoon fired a last salute. The blowing of "Taps" concluded the services.

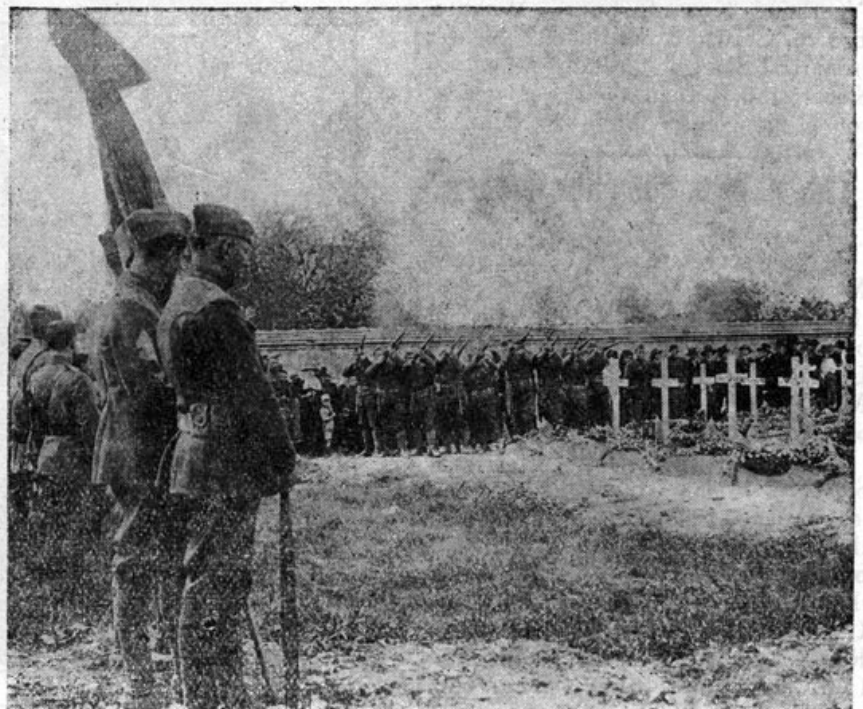
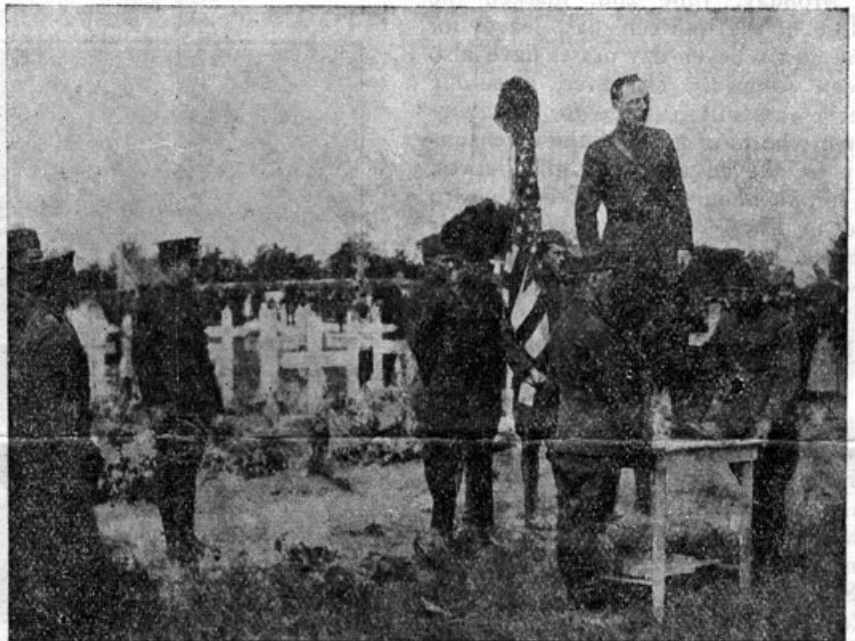
Floral offerings for the decoration of the graves were furnished by the officers of the Post, the several American welfare organizations and the French people of Mehun.

MEMORIAL DAY SCENES

Upper—Review of troops by Brig. Gen. Rice, Chief Ordnance officer of the A. E. F.

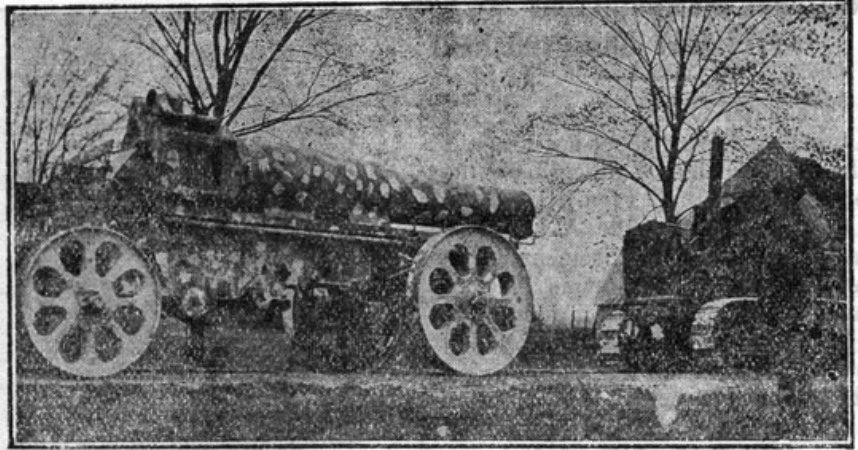
Center—Chaplain Fehlner delivering the Memorial Day address at Mehun cemetery.

Lower—Firing squad at graves decorated Memorial Day in the Mehun cemetery.



420^{mm} FIELD GUN

Four of the 420mm German guns, with complete field equipment, have recently been repaired and shipped from the Artillery Repair Shops in record time. Four large transport wagons are required to carry the gun parts for one piece. Several other wagons are required for repair tools and material. The gun is considered by American Ordnance men as too heavy for practical field service.



420MM. GERMAN HOWITZER ON TRANSPORT WAGON

FOURTEEN DAY PASSES CEASE

Monday, June 2nd, marked the close of the fourteen day leaves for the post. Seven-day passes have also been stopped. However, three-day leaves are still in force for deserving men who have not had the opportunity to take advantage of other leaves. Thirty-six hour passes also continue to be in force. These thirty-six hour passes, however, cannot be taken to points that require passage thru Paris.

KERHOUN PLAYERS WELL RECEIVED

The Kerhoun Players entertained a full house Monday and Tuesday evenings with a snappy line of vaudeville. Angelo Barnell, violinist, opened the show and was followed by Adelson and Stepbang in "Yiddisha Town." "Songs De Luxe" were put across by Robert Roche, a baritone singer. Wolf, a ventriloquist, gave a clever sketch. The hit of the show was the "Kerhoun Comedy Four", Webber, Brown, Crawford and Benett. Siebert from the "Black and White" sketch by Siebert and Williams, put over a clever song, "He Never Did That Before".

17th P. O. D. COMPANY DINNER

A very successful dinner was given Monday night by those members of the 17th P. O. D. Co. who are still on the Post. It was held in the K. of C. hall with about 30 men present. Music was furnished by the camp jazz orchestra.

The 17th Company left the United States for France May 26, 1918, coming by way of England. About half the company saw service on the front before the armistice. The officers of the company were Major G. S. Brady, Capt. Wm. Schaller, Lieut. R. J. Rems, and Lieut. E. A. Phelps, and Ord. Sgt. Louis Sapper, Hdq. Co., was first sergeant.



FRENCH WOMEN CLEANING MACHINE GUNS FOR SHIPMENT TO THE U. S.



FRENCH WOMEN CLEANING AND PACKING RIFLE PARTS

A. E. F. TOURED BY JOURNALISTS

The trip with the Third Press Special that toured the entire A. E. F., was one which will never be forgotten by those who were on board. It impressed very forcibly upon their minds the enormous business energy that was necessary to make such a potent force as the A. E. F. possible. The whole trip may be divided into four parts: first, a tour of the S. O. S. including the base ports; second, a two day's stay at Chaumont, to hear the heads of the various departments of the General Staff explain their work; third, a visit over the American battlefields and Verdun; and finally a visit to the Army of Occupation.

Leaving the Gare Montparnasse in Paris with Colonel J. N. Greely, G. H. Q. in charge of the party, the first stop was made at the port of Brest where through American energy it has been possible to land the majority of the troops from the United States. The next day was spent at St. Nazaire where the party visited the docks, the evacuation camp, and the large German prison camp. Luncheon was served in the famous Play Factory and a soldier troupe furnished the entertainment. Spending the next day in Bordeaux and vicinity, the great freight docks and storage area received particular notice. The most noticeable

feature of these Base Ports were their great engineering achievements which far surpassed the preconceptions of any one. All of the next day was devoted to seeing the casual camp at St. Aignan, the salvage plant near Tours where thousands of dollars worth of salvaged stores have been placed in serviceable condition, the enormous Gievres project where the largest storage depot of the A. E. F. is located, and three hours were spent in the Ordnance Shops at this camp.

At Chaumont the heads of the departments lectured to the group for two days, explaining the formation and functioning of G. H. Q.

From Chaumont the train left for Chateau Thierry, where one day was spent viewing America's first battlefield of the war. Then a day was passed on the St. Mihiel sector and the three days following were taken up on the Meuse-Argonne areas of advance. Every morning the whole 200 men would get off the train and into automobiles which would stop now and then at important points of interest, and officers who had served on the staffs or organizations that had been engaged there, would explain the situation. The last half day on the battlefields was spent at the fort of Duamont and the Citadel of Verdun. Altogether, more than 300 miles were covered on these fronts.

The last lap of the journey into the Army of Occupation was of especial interest as the taking command of the bridgeheads near Coblenz marks the farthest advance of the American forces into Germany. Several hours were spent at the city of Coblenz, where the party was shown through the old fort of Ehrenbreitstein, which is built in a large rock 400 feet above the Rhine river. Sailing by boat down the Rhine from Coblenz to Cologne was perhaps the most beautiful part of the entire trip and was enjoyed by all. About three hours was spent at Cologne, one of the places visited was the magnificent cathedral, which is one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in all Europe. From Cologne, the Special left by way of Coblenz, Metz and Toul for Paris where it arrived the next noon.

OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS GO TO U.S.

Last Tuesday noon Sergeant R. H. Nau, 6th Co., and Corp. G. C. Bolte, 6th Co., left the Ordnance Repair Shops in charge of a convoy of optical instruments which will be sent to Frankfort Arsenal, U. S. A., to be used for historical and research purposes. Some of the German instruments will undoubtedly be used on the returned serviceable guns. The convoy leaves by way of Bordeaux.



VIEW IN SMALL ARMS SHOP, FRENCH WOMEN PACKING RIFLE PARTS FOR SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES

Vive Les Sergeants!



THE BEST SUPPLY SGT'S. ARE THE HARD GUYS - OF THE TYPE THAT SAYS "SHOIT & THOITY-THOID!"



THE ONE AND ONLY GOLD BRICK JOB - BARRACKS SGT'S. IS USUALLY WELL-READ.



PICTURE OF AN IDEAL "TOP" - VERY RARE -



THE SUCCESSFUL MESS SGT. MUST BE WELL POSTED ON THE PAPERHANGERS' AND BRICKLAYERS' TRADE

IN ORDER TO BE A SUCCESSFUL SERGEANT ONE SHOULD MEMORISE THESE EXPRESSIONS

DRESS THAT LINE UP!	STEADY !!
BACK IN TH' CENTER	HOLD IT - HOLD IT - HOLD IT!

HE'S EXPECTING A WARRANT TO COME THRU TOOT SWEET

KINGS X SERGEANTS I GOT M' FINGERS CROSSED

WATCH IT GROW

HOW TO BE A SERGEANT

W. H. DAVIS 1919 A.E.F.

GLEANINGS FROM THE PRESS

Washington officials have estimated that the approximate national debts of the great warring Powers total \$175,000,000,000, of which \$153,000,000,000 resulted from the war.

More than 15,000,000 Americans bought Victory Liberty notes in the campaign which just closed, according to estimates received by the Treasury from Federal Reserve banks.

Only 474 persons "while in the military or naval service of the United States have been awarded the French Croix de Guerre and are authorized to wear that decoration or ribbon thereof," an order of the War Department has so declared.

SECOND CO. DANCE SATURDAY

The first enlisted men's dance to be held at this camp will be given by the 2nd Co., Saturday night. The arrangement was made by the Company Commanders drawing lots, and the chance fell to the 2nd Co. for the first dance. It is planned to have American girls and the British W. A. A. C. girls from Bourges.

GERMAN 21^{cm} RAILWAY MOUNT

The 210-mm German railway mount which was recently overhauled here and shipped to the United States is an interesting study in construction. The gun itself, about 40 calibers in length, is very light for the mount which is elaborately designed and very heavily built. It is an old type naval gun and shows evidence of having been used considerably before being placed on its present railway carriage. The design of mount permits of the gun being fired either directly from the trucks, or on the turn-table which is carried underneath the mount.

TRADES COURSES CLOSED

The trades courses being run at the Ordnance Repair Shops under direction of the Army Educational Bureau were closed May 31st, and the men have either been sent back to their Divisions or to a casual camp for evacuation to the States. A total of 129 enlisted men took the courses here. They were divided as follows: Woodshop, 43; Optical Repair, 6; Laundry, 4; Print Shop, 1; Blacksmith, 4; Electrical, 3; Railway Transportation, 1; Automobile Repair, 16; Machine Shop, 51. The men expressed satisfaction that they had acquired a great deal of useful knowledge in the two months' course that would aid them in civil life.

POST GUARD TEAM WINS SHOOT

Winning by a decisive margin, the post guard pistol team won the honors over the camp construction team last Monday evening on the local range by the score of 1227 to 1144. Three ranges were used: 25 yards slow fire; 15 yards rapid fire; and 25 yards rapid fire. Private Belles of the guard team won first place in the shoot with a total score of 261 points while Sergeant Kramer of the construction team came second with 256 points to his credit.

MORE AMMUNITION MEN ARRIVE

Forty-two Ordnance men, with Capt. P. E. Ennis in command, came into camp from Dongermain last Friday. The journey was made here in trucks, ten of which were brought here and turned over to the Ordnance Motor Transport Division. The men were part of the personnel of the Second Army Ammunition Artillery Park at Dongermain.

PAY DAY BOOSTS EXCHANGE SALES

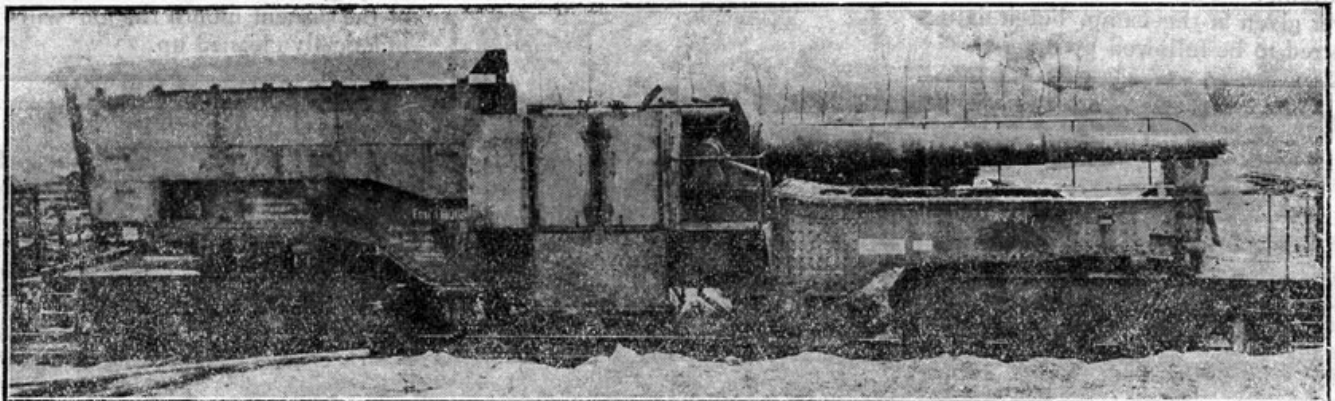
Disposing of over a ton of luxuries in three hours' time is no small business especially when it is at a post exchange. Last Monday evening a full ton of stores was unloaded at the local exchange at six o'clock and by closing time the whole amount was sold thus making it necessary to return to Gievres the next morning with a three-ton truck to replenish the stock. More than 14,000 francs were paid in during the one day.

Out of 131 various articles that are shown on last month's abstract of sales it is interesting to note the quantities sold of the following:

Chocolate candy	12,251 pounds
Evaporated milk	2,918 cans
Matches	21,684 boxes
Cigars	2,520 boxes
Cigarettes	46,150 packages
Fountain pens	207 pens
Pineapple fruit	1,479 cans
Razor Blades	2,245 dozen
Tooth paste	900 tubes
Soap	1,869 bars
Chewing gum	21,984 packages

"Y" CANTEEN SETS RECORD

A record was set at the "Y" wet canteen one day this week when more than 2,000 American soldiers were served refreshing drinks. To take care of this number a total of over 110 gallons of liquids, 75 loaves of bread and 150 pies were handed over the counter. When Cook S. C. Chatlors who has done all the cooking for the past year makes hot biscuits it is necessary for him to roll them out in 3,000 lots. It is the present custom of those in charge to serve hot drinks with sandwiches in the morning and cold drinks with pie, cake or biscuits in the evenings.



21CM. GERMAN RAILWAY MOUNT, OVERHAULED AT ORDNANCE REPAIR SHOPS AND SENT TO THE UNITED STATES

CAMP BRIEFS

The working force in the shops has now reached a total of 4671 including 984 Chinese, 522 French women and 112 French men.

In the six days from May 26th to May 31st, 320 carloads of material were shipped out, most of which was overhauled artillery. Total shipments of material to the U. S. has now passed 5,000 carloads.

One hundred and seventy-nine Ordnance men who have been working at Is-sur-Tille for the past months arrived in this camp last Tuesday. Other men arriving during the week were 25 Ordnance men from Chaumont. It is expected that men from St. Nazaire will also arrive soon.

Men are cautioned about taking stock in the wild rumors circulating from time to time through camp about closing dates, evacuation lists and other things. The MEHUN NEWS will publish authentic information as soon and as fast as it is available.

OFFICERS' DANCE GREAT SUCCESS

What proved to be one of the most successful social affairs ever given at this camp was the dance given by the Camp Officers to the girls of the A. E. F. It was originally planned to have the dance on the cement tennis court, but on account of the rain of the early evening, it was held in the Y. M. C. A. building after the show.

About a hundred nurses, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. workers came from Bourges, Vierzon, Gievres and Montier-Chaume. The W. A. A. C. officers from the Central Records Office in Bourges were also present. A lunch was served at the Officers' mess hall. The excellent music rendered by the Post Band more than made up for the rough floor of the Y. M. C. A. building. This was the first dance ever given at this camp, but it is expected to be followed by others.

ONLY AN ORDNANCE MAN

There won't be cheerin' multitudes
To greet us at the pier,
There ain't a guy among us
That can sport a croix de guerre,
We're mighty shy on wound stripes
And there's not a single one
Who can tell the gaping home folks
How he got himself a Hun.

There won't be fly reporters
To ask us what we've done;
The most we'll get in press reports—
One line—like this will run:
"A ship of Ordnance troops
Arrived today, as well—"
And the hero-loving reader
Will murmur "What the hell!"

But we'll settle down in comfort
Back in good old U. S. A.
And go to Dreamland knowing
That we've earned a restful day;
For I'm the guy that's said it
If this guerre is told in full
We'll get our share of credit
With a minimum of bull.

For we worked in filth and slept in mud
Without a kick or whine;
We made the guns that trimmed the Huns
And broke the German line.
The doughboys did the scrapping,
And on praise deserve first call,
But we furnished them the "difference"
And supplied the wherewithal.

And every fighting unit that
Won glory at the front
Had Ordnance men to show 'em
How to pull a winnin' stunt—
You could tell 'em by the work they did
Without the battle cheers,
And likewise, by the small amount
Of bone between the ears.

—L. H. F.

PAULSEN PARTY HERE MONDAY

Next Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 9th and 10th, the Paulsen Party, composed of four American girls and one discharged soldier, will play in a musical comedy at the "Y." Miss Paulsen is an actress of long experience and has appeared before the soldiers in France during the past eighteen months. A three piece orchestra will furnish the music.

DECORATION DAY SPORTS

The Decoration Day program of sports was pulled off Friday afternoon before a large and enthusiastic audience. The features of the afternoon were the tug-of-war contests pulled across the Canal du Berry and the baseball game between the Ordnance team from Gievres and the Mehun team.

The first tug-of-war was between the Depot Service Battalion team and the 7th Co. The Service Battalion men won and by the rules of the contest the 7th Co. team should have gone into the canal, but bad cases of cold feet developed and the team did not get wet. The Headquarters Co. proved themselves game sports, though, all of the members of their team plunging in the canal after losing their "pull" with the 6th Co. The 6th Co. and the First Service Battalion (colored) team made the pull for the final decision, winning team of which was to receive a wrist watch for each member contesting. After a pull of an hour and a half no decision was reached by the judges. It was decided afterwards to hold a second pull at a later date.

END IN SIGHT FOR WORK HERE

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we will continue to receive a car or two a day until about the 20th. A summary of the records show only 40 cars on the way for these shops.

For the first time we are now able to judge what is left of the work to be done as most of the material is now here. As soon as the job is finished all Ordnance troops will be sent home except a small detachment which will remain to take care of the plant until the French assume charge. The time of going depends on the dispatch with which the work is finished in the shops, and with the number of men now here it is expected that if everybody gives the best in him by the end of the present month the job will be practically cleaned up.

