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ELECTRICAL DIVISION COVERED BIG FIELD

Installs High Tension Line, Telephonic and Electrical Work.

According to the advanced practice of employing electricity as the sole motive power throughout modern plants, it was so installed in the Ordnance Repair Shops at Mehun. It has become the heart and artery system of the plant, driving the machinery, operating the traveling cranes, furnishing power for the electric inter-shop trucks, operating the pumping station which supplies the camp with 100,000 gallons of water daily, as well as giving the camp its lighting system and telephone service.

The present electrical division began in a very obscure way on Nov. 9, 1918. On that date a group of six Ordnance men took over the telephone exchange from the 38th Engineers. However, with the rapidly growing demands this division quickly increased so that on Feb. 8, 1919, the telephone was combined with the power and lighting under Captain Robert J. Ballard.

This division has installed all the telephones, the greater part of the cables and wiring, and two new trunk lines to Mehun for long distance calls. At the telephone exchange the original board with 50 drops became inadequate and another was added. These are now controlled by six operators who handle an average per day of 1,500 local and 75 long distance calls; and connections can be made to any part of France.

Briefly reviewing a few of the in-
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OFFICERS' DANCE TONIGHT

The Officers of the camp are giving a dance to the American girls of the A. E. F. on Decoration Day evening. Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. workers are coming from Bourges, Vierzon, Gievres and Tours. The dance will be held on the tennis court.

END IN SIGHT FOR ARTILLERY REPAIR

Less Than 400 of the 75 mm. Guns Yet to be Handled.

"The Artillery Repair Shop can complete its work by June 10th if the remaining 400 75mm. guns to come from Bourges have arrived by that time," stated Capt. J. O. Maxwell officer in charge, Wednesday. The artillery has been leaving the Ordnance Repair Shops by trainloads. The last of the German Trophies and all the guns of the Historical Collection will be shipped this week and all other artillery will be cleaned up shortly. The point has been reached in handling 75mm's. where over a hundred are overhauled and shipped out daily. The length of time to finish Artillery Repair work, as stated before, will be gauged entirely by the time required for the remaining 75 mm. guns to be prepared and shipped to the Ordnance Repair Shops from Bourges.

LAST OF SCRAP METAL SOLD

The Paris firm which made the purchase last week of several hundred tons of scrap steel and iron have now agreed to buy all the scrap steel and iron in the shop yards. Bids will be opened today on the miscellaneous wheels. It is expected that these will be sold at once. This will almost make a complete cleaning up of condemned salvage at the Shops.

KERHOUN PLAYERS NEXT WEEK

One of the best vaudeville shows that has come to Mehun is expected at the local "Y" next Monday and Tuesday evenings. The troupe is in charge of Sergeant Webb and is composed of twelve enlisted men. Good music, singing and dancing are the features of the production which has proven a success where ever shown.

DECORATION DAY OBSERVED AT MEHUN

Review by Chief Ordnance Officer and Services at Cemetery.

Decoration Day will be observed at the Ordnance Repair Shops by the closing down of work, a review of all troops in the camp by Brig. Gen. Rice, memorial services at the Mehun cemetery, and an Athletic Program in the afternoon.

The review will be held at 7:30 A. M. on the field south of the Repair Shops and will be followed by an address by General Rice. After the review and address the troops will return to camp and a detachment will be conveyed to Mehun by trucks where at 9:30, led by the Post Band, they will march to the Mehun cemetery. Memorial services will be conducted by Chaplains Green and Fehlner, and flowers, contributed by the French citizens of Mehun, the different welfare organizations and by the officers of the camp, will be placed on the last resting place of those who have made the soldier's supreme sacrifice. The services will be ended by the firing of a volley by a firing party of four squads.

At one o'clock the day's first athletic event will be held on the banks of the canal in the rear of the athletic field when a tug of war contest between teams of twelve men each will be held across the canal. Those of the losing

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COL. HUBARD GOES TO AUSTRIA

Lt. Col. A. B. Hubard has been relieved from duty at this station and will accompany General Wheeler as Military Observer to Austria-Hungary. Col. Hubard has been in charge of the Inspection Department here for seven months, and is leaving on the 29th. Capt. Wm. Schaller of Tours is also with the party, and two clerks have been selected from this camp, Sg. Overmeyer, of the Hdq. Co., and Corp. Wagner, 4th Co.

The Mehun News

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

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Why Are We Here? Rumors, begun by the news that men with venereal diseases would be kept in France and put in labor companies, have been going the rounds in the States that all men now left in France are being kept here because of misconduct. Some newspapers have gone so far as to print these stories without taking the trouble to investigate. We have 4,200 enlisted men in this camp including about 500 Engineers, Quartermaster and Medical men. All these men are being retained here for a most important work and it is hard to feel that their characters are to be maligned by gossip mongers and a few careless editors.

Since December we have shipped out of these shops 4,500 carloads of material. To do this has meant a tremendous amount of work. Over a thousand 75-mm guns have been taken apart, cleaned and crated, several hundred thousand rifles have been overhauled and boxed, to say nothing of not less than 2,000 other pieces of American and enemy artillery which have been overhauled and shipped to the United States, including all our 155-mm, 8 inch and 9.2 inch guns.

We entered this war totally unprepared. War materials are not commercial articles, and it required a year of unprecedented effort to turn our commercial manufacturing into the production of artillery and other war materials. The people of the United States can now feel that from now on we are no longer entirely without guns and ammunition. Our Ordnance men have remained on the job and helped to clean up the battlefields, and are still on the job here at Mehun cleaning up and shipping this valuable material to the States. In addition the credit is due to them for cleaning and sending to the United States the hundreds of pieces of German artillery

and thousands of German rifles demanded by the States and people back home as trophies. We have worked hard to get through this work in such a short time, and now that we are almost completed we dislike to feel that because we stayed to carry out the wishes of the people we are being slandered by certain unpatriotic men who are not pleased that we have done this work. We are almost inclined to believe that these men and these same newspapers are part of the enemy propaganda that would like to get the United States back into its former unpreparedness.

CAN'T BLAME HIM

Under the clanging "Chesapeake,"
The weary private stands;
He sees the rows and rows of guns—
The mottled "swoson Kanz"
And he wonders where they all come from—
And rubs his grimy hands.

The buck a faithful guy is he
And he works with all his might,
But the cars keep coming into camp
By day and some by night,
And the salvage keeps on piling up
And the end is not in sight.

"I'd like to think we're goin' home,"
Said the buck with a sickly grin,
"But it sounds like stuff I've heard before,
And I'll only feel right when
We're all on board a transport—
And I may be doubtful then."

—Pvt. Artillery Repair

THREE DAY LEAVE TO THE PYRENEES

Leaving Vierzon at 10:46 p. m. you reach Toulouse at 9 o'clock next morning. Your train to the west on the Midi leaves at 1:23 p. m., which gives you time to get breakfast and see something of the city. Toulouse is very old and has an interesting history. It has been the center of much fighting since the days of Roman Gaul. It is, however, poorly constructed, badly paved, and does not offer much for the sightseer. There are about 1200 American soldiers at present in the city attending the University.

From Toulouse to Tarbes you pass up the beautiful valley of the Garonne. A mile from the railroad on the left the hills rise abruptly from the flat plain, and in the distance can be seen the snow capped peaks of the Pyrenees. The level valley is rich with fields of grain, and is dotted along with ancient villages.

You arrive in Lourdes in time for dinner and have the evening in the town. There are many fine hotels in the city, one of these operated by the K. of C. offers excellent accommodations at very reasonable rates, and is

beautifully situated on the river, affording a fine view of the mountains. Lourdes is wonderfully located in the Haute Pyrenees on a horseshoe bend of the River Gave. The great fort and walled town dates back to Roman days, and was one of the strongest fortresses of the region at the time of Charlemagne. Lourdes is chiefly known as a Catholic shrine, and in peace times it is visited by thousands of tourists from all over the world. The grotto, church and great Basilique can be visited in the morning. The famous mosaics in the Basilique depicting scenes from the life of Christ are amongst the finest in the world. The bronze figures along the way of the cross up the hill near the church are considered to be a wonderful work of art and cost enormous sums.

In the afternoon the electric train will take you up the Gave valley to Cauterets, only eight miles from the Spanish border. The railroad winds between the steep mountains and the scenery is unparalleled. At Cauterets you can remain all night and see more of the snow covered mountains at close hand, or you can return on a train that will get you back to Lourdes in time for dinner. You will have time after dinner to go through the old fortress which is not far from the hotel on a tall rock in the center of the town.

The next morning the hotel bus will take you to the inclined railway up the Pic du Jer. From this mountain the view of the Pyrenees and the Gave valley is wonderful. After lunch get your ticket to Pau. You can get a train from Lourdes that will allow a stop of about three hours in Pau which will give you time to see the famous castle of Henry IV. A good train then leaves Pau about five o'clock for Bordeaux. From Pau to Bordeaux you pass through great pine forests where the American engineers have cut millions of feet of lumber.

Taking a whole day at Bordeaux you can see much of the city, and from the Base Headquarters you can get an American bus every half hour to take you to see the American docks and camp. One of the things of interest in Bordeaux is the collection of mummies in the tower of the church of St. Michel. These are of people buried more than 300 years ago under the chutch. The arsenic and lime soil preserved the bodies so that even the expression on the faces can be seen.

Leaving Bordeaux at 8:30 in the evening you will reach Paris the next morning at eight o'clock. Your leave then entitles you to a day in Paris.

DELOUSE—ENCORE DELOUSE

BY FLUEY

Want to go home well-dressed? You can if you're a good guesser. Otherwise, you won't rank as a sartorial masterpiece when you walk down the gang plank on the other side.

For those delousing stations on the west coast of France are certainly playing havoc with the home going soldier's clothes. The only chance a man has to go home in O.D. that fits is to guess what size to start out with, then guess how many times the O.D. will be put through the shrinking process, then guess again what color it will be when it comes out. If he is right on all three guesses, he will have a suit of clothes that fits when he goes on board. Of course, it will have a few wrinkles in it, but by sleeping with his clothes on these can be worked out. If he can't guess right every time, the clothes won't fit. Indeed he'll be lucky to get in them. For after you get to the jumping off place you spend about half your time under the shower with your clothes in the hopper. Sixth battalion members were deloused as often as they ate and they were eating all the time.

These men, seen recently at St. Nazaire just before they sailed, were a great exhibit of the ravages of delousing plants. Not a one of them had a suit of O. D. that hadn't shrunk out of all

proportions. It was hardly possible to line them up in company front because after they had formed, it was impossible to tell which was front and which was rear. Anytime they wanted to do an about-face all they had to do was to pull the cap down over the eyes and they had it. The blouse, after about the third trip through the delouser, is from 6 to 12 inches shy on reaching the waist line, and generally shoots off from the back of the neck at an angle of 60 to 90 degrees. The breeches look as though they were painted on and the leggings look like an ankle brace. You can wear the shirt open at the neck and by pretending that the weather is warm, get away with it.

Care, however, should be exercised in the case of non coms, for after a shirt goes through the mill the chevrons generally are found on the left shoulder or under the arm pit. The former Mehun men, however, were satisfied despite their appearance, saying that as long as they had a blanket and a barracks bag that would fit they were willing to go on board.

A BUM JOKE

Overheard in the Artillery Disposition Section—

"Say Sarge, why does the Hdqrs' pitcher resemble a Minnewerfer?"

Sarge: "Because they're both bum (bomb) throwers."

MEHUN MUTTERINGS

The Law of Averages—A news item states, "laundry profits to go to the mess fund". Shrink the shirts and expand the stomach!

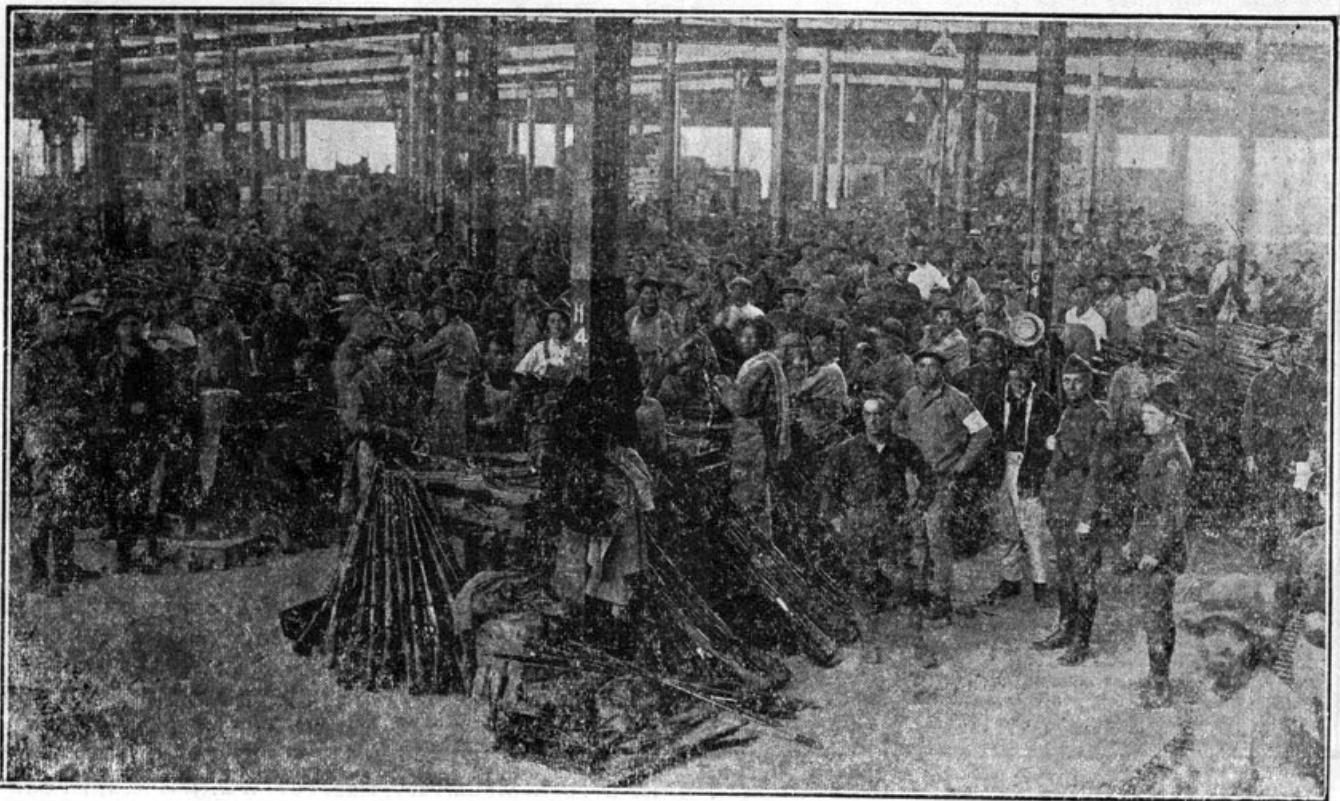
Look in the Lakes—"It'll be tough when we go back to dry Chicago," says Jack McBryde, Fifth Company. "It's not because we'll miss our mornin's mornin', but we won't know where to go to find anybody."

Very Good, Eddie—Eddie Crawford 5th Co., has been sent back to Mehun "for evacuation" for the fourth time. Crawford has been "sent home" by the 1st Army, the 2nd Army and from the Advance Section, but it never has taken.

Cheap at Half the Price—The War Department announces that it has sold nine Army camps in the United States for a total of \$184,194 and 13 cents. The Ordnance men are wondering if Camp Hancock was the one that brought the 13 cents.

Sure, Let It Live—Clarence Epstein, Chinois chaser of the Wood Shop, had a terrible scare last week. One of Epstein's faithful ones kept shouting at him the same words until he began to worry, and thought perhaps the Chini was cussing him, so he looked up an interpreter. The words that kept him guessing were: "The Chinese republic, Let it live forever!"

CHINESE DISMANTLING RIFLES IN SMALL APMS DIVISION, ORDNANCE REPAIR SHOPS, MEHUN



SEVENTH COMPANY, O. R. S. D.

SGT. GEO. C. STEWART.

The 7th Company, O. R. S. D., which forms the Camp Construction Division of Ordnance Repair Shops, is made up entirely of Ordnance colored mechanics. The company has had an interesting history and have done very valuable work in its nine months' service in France.

The 7th Company was organized at Camp Hancock, Ga., Sept. 3, 1918. Ninety-eight men who had completed a two months' Government course of training at Atlantic University, one hundred from Camp Pike, Alabama, and fifty-two from the Georgia State Industrial School, Savannah, Ga., making a total of 250 men, were placed under command of Lt. L. D. Snyder, and prepared for overseas duty. They left by way of Camp Merritt, arriving at Brest on Sept. 17th. After a short stay at Blois the company came to Mehun, remaining here two days and sleeping in the Small Arms Shop.

From this camp the company went to Foecy, where part of the men handled ammunition, and part were employed on camp construction. After six weeks about half of the company moved to Camp Cheneviere at Issoudon. At that time the rainy season had well set in and Issoudon was an ocean of mud, with few conveniences

for either officers or enlisted men. The camp construction work was turned over to this company, and the remainder of the company was sent for from Foecy. The company built a water system, erected barracks and bath houses, painted the ammunition warehouses, laid narrow gauge railroad, and put the camp roads in condition.

Since the 7th company arrived in Mehun on Jan. 3, 1919 they have worked continuously on the improvement of camp conditions. Board walks were put in all over the camp, barracks, bath houses and mess halls were erected and old ones improved, the Y. M. C. A. was enlarged, and a delousing plant was built in the evacuation camp. In addition to new construction work the company has cared for all camp police duties, and their work has gone very far toward making Mehun one of the best camps in the A. E. F.

MESVE'S VAUDEVILLE ARTISTS

Mesve's Vaudeville Artists gave their initial performance here Thursday night at the "Y". The show is variety vaudeville from start to finish, the acts ranging from strong arm exhibitions to piano solos and duets—the later being particularly good. The biggest act on the bill—"Irish Justice" with a cast of 17 men was well received.

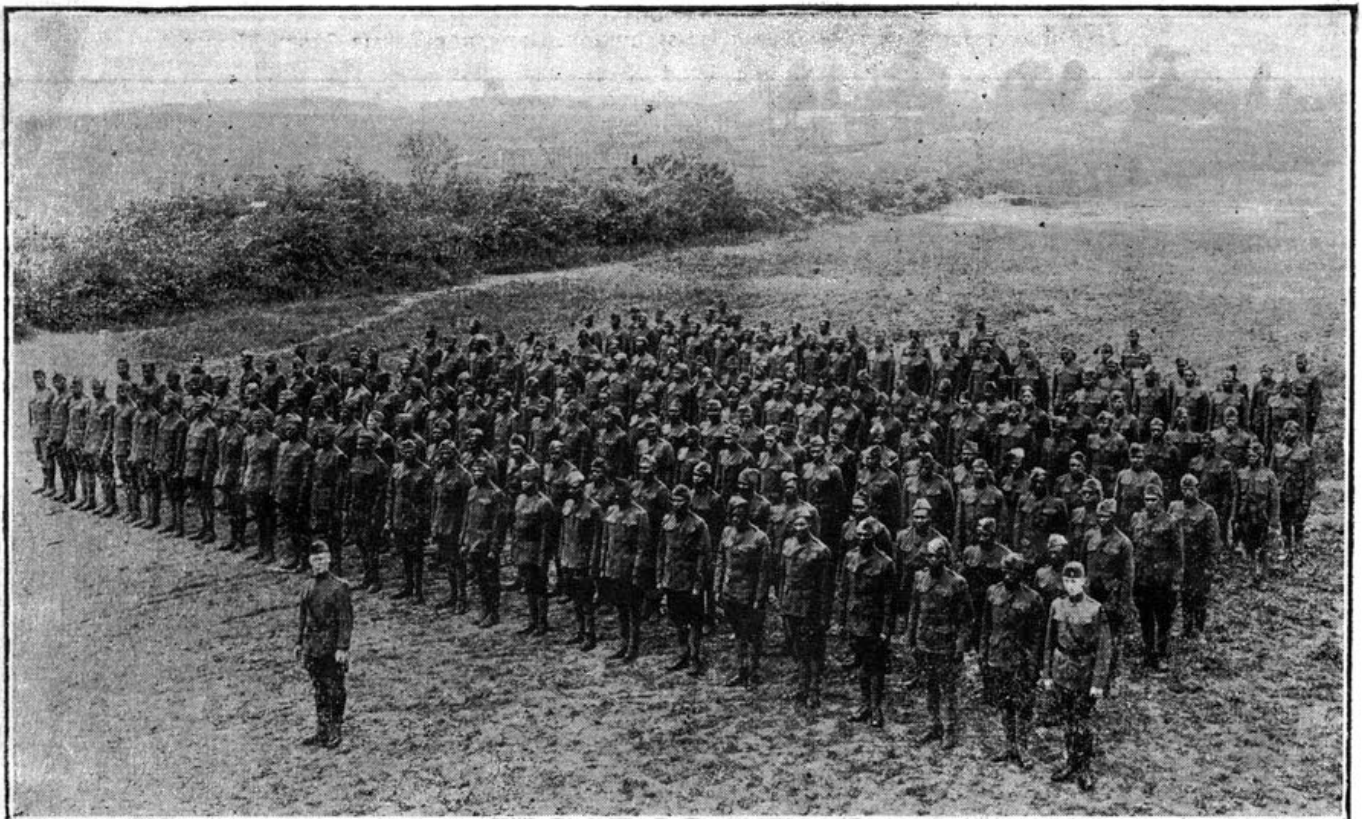
PICTURES FOR SOUVENIRS

Many men in the camp have some very excellent pictures taken at Mehun and other places in France that would be much appreciated by other men who have not had the opportunity of obtaining such photographs. If the men having photographs which they think of general interest to the men of this camp will send copies to the Mehun news we will print the best of them in the next two issues.

Two men of the post have announced that they have many negatives taken over here from which they will be glad to supply prints after return to the States. These men are Steve Richardson, 2nd Co., whose States' address is 16 Windsor St., Worcester, Mass., and Pvt. F. E. McNamee, Hdq. Co., 25 Colton St., Worcester, Mass.

5 AND 10 TON TRACTORS GO TO U. S.

According to Ordnance Order 23A, dated May 27th, the serviceable 5 and 10 ton tractors, and the 2 1/2 ton and Ford special tractors whether serviceable or not, will be prepared for overseas shipment. The 15 and 20 ton tractors are merely to be put in condition to prevent deterioration and stored until special directions for disposition are given.



THE 7TH COMPANY, O. R. S. D., 1ST LT. L. D. SNYDER, C. O., 1ST LT. L. B. McCAFFREY, ORD. SGT. WM. J. GREEN, 1ST SGT

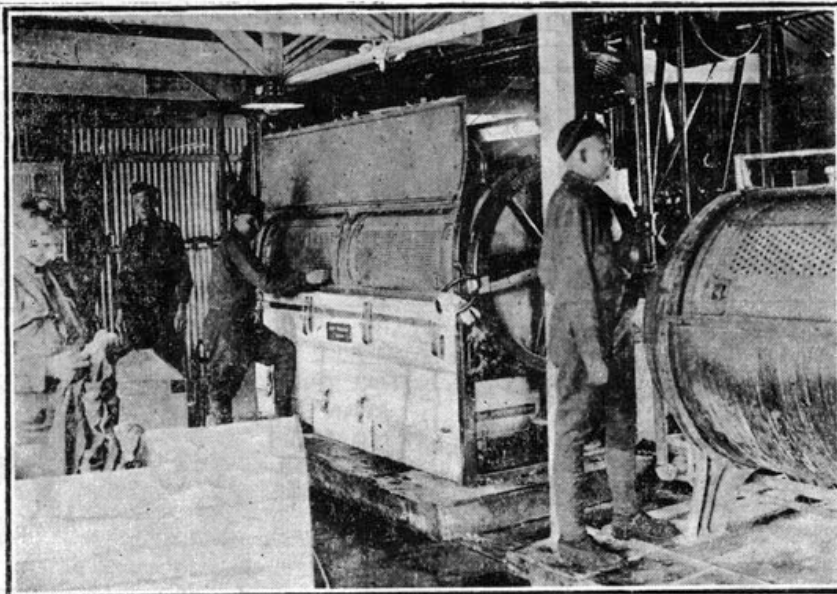
"JADA" A BIG HIT

The "Jada" Players made their second appearance to a Mehun audience Wednesday evening and produced one of the best entertainments shown on the local stage. The show is on the circuit of the "Y" Overseas Theatre League and has recently come over from the States. The fifty year old "juvenile" Wm. Underwood pulled several good acrobatic turns and Libby Blondell with Al Findley put across a number of clever jokes and songs. The headliner of the bill was the sketch "A Timely Appointment" given by Bessie Moulton and Phil Mills.

OPTICAL WORK FINISHED SOON

"By June 11th all instrument work in the Optical Division will be completed leaving only a small amount of miscellaneous material to be cleaned and packed for shipment." This statement is what the Optical Repair men are saying, and it looks as if they can carry it out, as practically all material expected has now been received and can be disposed of in a very short time.

Since the beginning of the reclamation of Salvage no division of the Ordnance Repair Shops has saved as much valuable material, with as small a force of workmen, as the Optical Repair Division. This is easily understood when one considers the great value of the optical instruments handled. Many of them cost from one to two thousand dollars and a few run over four thousand dollars in value.



HUN PRINTING PRESS HERE.

A modern German cylinder printing press, electrically driven, and mounted on a covered trailer, has been received in the Artillery Repair Shop. The machine was used on the front for printing maps, and some of these were found in the trailer. It is of late manufacture by the firm of J. G. Mailander, Counstatt, Wurtemberg.

It is very probable that this press was also used in printing some of the propoganda literature which the Germans were distributing along the front, great quantities of which were found in the evacuated areas, and which dealt with such subjects as "Germany's Undersea Warfare, and "The Future of Germany on the Sea.

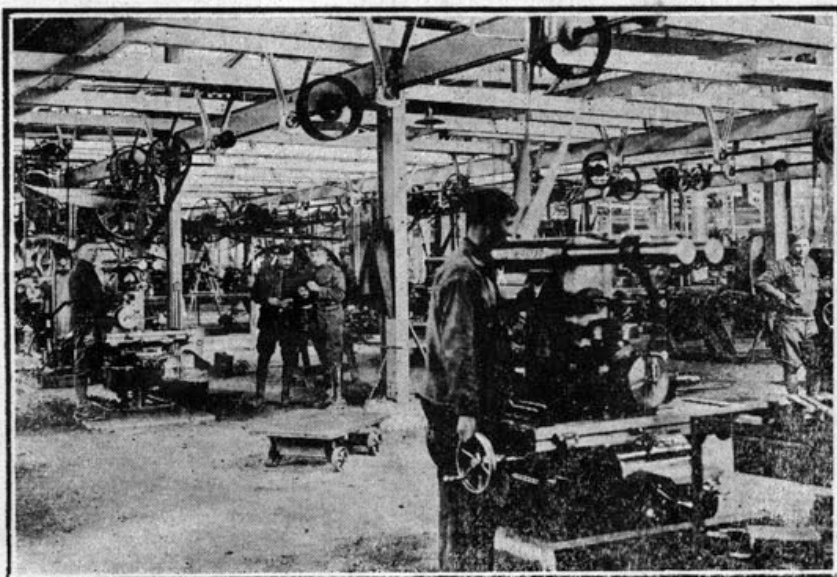
THE CAMP LAUNDRY

The Camp Laundry has proven to be one of the most popular and valuable of the activities established in the interests of the men of this camp. With the coming of hotter weather, and the increase in personnel in the camp, it has now become necessary to run a third shift to take care of the laundry work. Over 30,000 pieces of soldiers' wash are being handled every week with one set of laundry machinery.

The machinery was purchased by the Ordnance Department to wash ordnance cloth equipment such as packs, belts, and canteen covers, but after the armistice when it was learned that none of this equipment was to come to Mehun, the machines were put to use in washing the clothes of the soldiers of the camp. A general order provides that camp laundries can be operated in the A. E. F. on a Post Exchange basis. The nominal charge of 30 centimes for ten pieces pays for the soap and civilian labor. Work for the camp hospital and the evacuation camp has been done free of charge. In spite of this over 5000 francs profits have been turned over to the Detachment Fund.

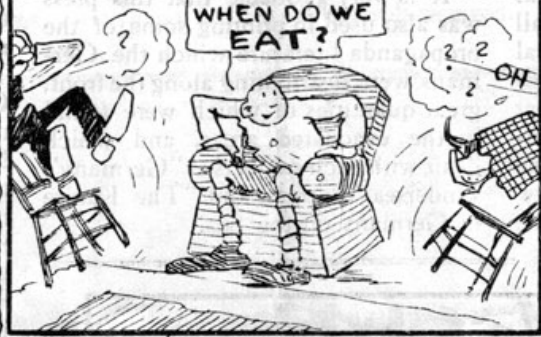
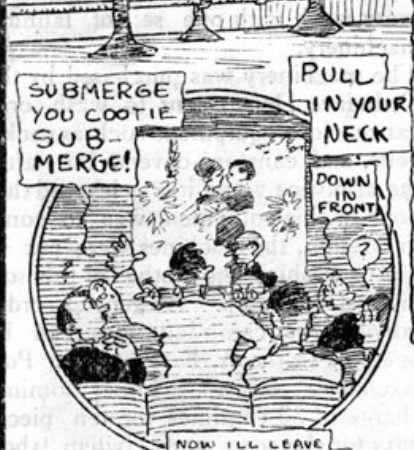
TAPS NOW 10:00 P. M.

Under the new shop schedule which advances the quitting time in the shops from 5:15 to 5:30 p. m. the time of Taps has been changed from 9:30 to 10:00 p. m. Although shop men are excused from afternoon drill, all men must stand formation at retreat unless properly excused.



ONE OF THE MACHINE BAYS IN THE ARTILLERY REPAIR SHOPS

WILL THE FOLKS BACK HOME COMPREE OUR LINGO?



W. DAVIS MAY 1919

GLEANINGS FROM THE PRESS

The Chief of Staff announces that over 60 percent of the army has now been demobilized.

The big British Tarrant triplane, the largest aeroplane ever constructed, having six engines of 500 h. p. each, was smashed on its trial flight at Farnborough.

Members of the A. E. F. discharged from the service are prohibited from wearing their uniforms while overseas. However upon their return to the United States every soldier will be re-issued an entire new outfit which can be worn indefinitely, providing the regulation red chevron is worn also.

CASUAL COMPANIES REACH STATES

Camp Hill, Va.
May 2, 1919.

EDITOR MEHUN NEWS:—

I guess this will be my farewell letter as we are so close to our first suit of civilian clothes that we are taking note of the prevailing styles.

The 34th Ord. Casual Co. boarded the U. S. S. South Carolina at Brest, April 14, and sailed the next evening. We had a fine trip and consider ourselves lucky to come back on a battleship. Had great trip over. The Navy fed us well—pies, etc. regularly—lots of freedom and only guard and a little K. P. to do.

We reached Newport News April 27 and hiked out here to Camp Hill, a casual camp. We will leave here within a few days probably splitting up and going to our own state camps for discharge.

We are having a great time here, nothing much to do, fine warm weather, with dozens of fine places to go, such as "Y," Salvation Army, Hostess House, Red Cross, K. of C., etc. We are free every evening until 11 and do bunk fatigue all day. Of course we still want to get home, but realize we made good time and are thankful.

SGT. CONRAD N. CHURCH.

HISTORY CLASS AT VERSAILLES

The French History class conducted by the Post School will spend Saturday at Versailles. The trip will be made by about twenty members of the class with Capt. H. Gallant, instructor, in charge.

BOURGES LOSES TO MEHUN

In Saturday's baseball game played at Mehun the Central Records Office team, of Bourges, lost to the Ordnance men by a score of 12 to 1. Features of the game were the pitching of "Lefty" Varren and the hitting and fielding of Yap a former Chinese university student,—both star men in Mehun's line up.

In a second game played on the Bourges diamond Sunday, Bourges again lost to the Mehun team; score 3-1. White, of Mehun, made a home run hit and Mehun's pitcher, "Alabam" Vardaman held the Bourges batters down to three hits.

FARMS FOR SOLDIERS

The Post School located in the rear of the Officers quarters has a bulletin board with full information on it regarding farms for returned soldiers. Legislation passed by the different states is given and also the different land office addresses in each state from which more detailed information regarding that state's provisions for those who want farm land can be obtained. Any soldier contemplating the farm as a means of livelihood will do well to get in touch with the men in charge of the agriculture classes who can give him some good pointers.

NEW EXCHANGE RATE IN EFFECT

Although attacked by a never ending line of soldiers supplied with "beaucoup" francs the supply of candy, cigarettes, jam and various other items seldom seen at the end of a mess line does not appear to diminish on the well stocked shelves of the Post Exchange. Receipts for May total approximately 150,000 francs. The new exchange rate of 6 francs, 51 centimes per \$1.00 went into effect Tuesday.

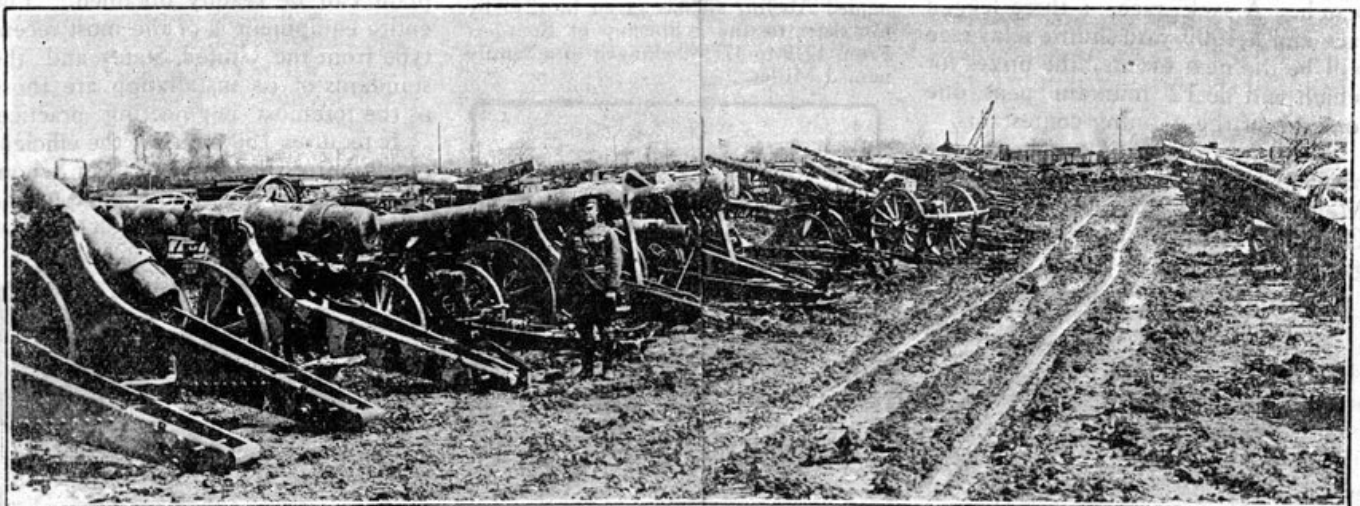
TRADES COURSE ENDED

Due to the advancing of sailing dates and the general speeding up of the return of the A. E. F., to the United States, the Mechanical Trades Course given at the Ordnance Repair Shops will close the first of June. The original plans called for a three months course ending on July 1st. Interest in the work given at the modern equipped shops here has been very good and the students as a whole are well satisfied with the opportunity given them to learn the fundamentals of a remunerative trade while awaiting their turn on the home going lists.

SERVIANS INSPECT MACHINERY

Colonel Bojrdaravitch of the Servian Army with a party of Servians spent Monday afternoon inspecting the uninstalled machinery in the shops and warehouses with the view of installing similar machinery in an artillery plant and in railroad shops under construction in Servia.

SOME OF THE ENEMY ARTILLERY WHICH IS BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT TO THE U. S. AS TROPHIES



CAMP BRIEFS

A large number of Ordnance men are arriving this week from Neufchateau, Is-sur-Tille and Cantigny.

The full quota of men of the camp are taking advantage of the 36 hour week end passes; the most popular places are Chateau Thierry, Reims, Orleans and Tours.

A letter has been received from Ord. Sgt. Wm. Lafoe who left here April 30th with a convoy of German guns. He states that the convoy was split at Bordeaux and that he was sailing alone on May 16th with two railway mounts.

The 3rd Co., O. R. S. D., resumes on June 1st its former status as one of the seven companies at the Ordnance Repair Shops. It has been disbanded the past two months to make room for the School Detachment whose members have recently returned to their outfits. Lt. Geo. Watkins will be the Commanding Officer of the Company.

NEW WORK SCHEDULE

A new schedule of working hours will take effect Monday when a nine hour day will be begun at the Ordnance Repair Shops. The only changes in the new time for work is the beginning of work at 7:00 o'clock in the morning and the working right up to 5:30 in the afternoon. Men working in the shops will not have to stand the daily inspection and drill.

Decoration Day Observed at Mehun

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team who are not pulled in by their opponents will be required by the rules of the contest to go in the canal. Each member of the team winning the final contest will receive a wrist watch. A sack race, a three-legged race and a 1000 yard shuttle relay race will be the next events, the prizes for which will be 12 fountain pens, one for each of the winning contestants.

The last event of the day will be the baseball game at 2:45 between the Mehun Ordnance team and the Gievres Ordnance team and a good game is expected.



SPORT BREVITIES

A pistol tournament will be held in the near future on the camp range. Marksmanship medals will be awarded.

Equipment has finally been secured for the tennis court to the rear of the "Y." It may be obtained from the athletic officer.

The 6th Co., baseball team by a score of 4 to 2 again defeated the Headquarter's team Wednesday evening. The 6th Company still leads the camp baseball league.

The officers' baseball team played the 2nd Company team Wednesday evening, losing the game by a margin. The scorer ran out of paper marking down the 2nd Co. team's runs, but at latest reports he had over 16 scores for the 2nd Co against 4 for the officers' team.

AFTER WE'RE GONE

Said the bottle of suds
To the platter of spuds
On the bar in the Mehun Cafe
"Times are dull n this 'ville'"
Business practically nil
Since the Ordnance went on its way"
"With their 'doug' they were free—
They paid une franc pour me;
And for you the price was the same.
And the erfs—Where are they?
No Frenchman will pay
The price they one brought. It's a shame!
So the bottle of sus
And the platter of spuds
Sit still by the erfs la coque,
And though madme may try,
Not a Frenchman will buy—
Sacre Bleu. Goerdam. Holy smoke.

The Village of Berry

The earliest writings mention Berry under the Roman name of Bariacum in the year 595. It is again mentioned by Clovis II as having been the location of an abbey of St. Sulpice. The town of Berry belonged in the 12th century to a person of Bourges named Abelin, and was given in 1215 by his sister to the Archbishop of Bourges. From 1719 to 1775 belonged to a family named Millet.



Electrical Division Covers Big Field

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installations of the division: The current is received from Bourges over two 3-phase circuits at 5100 volts, 50 cycles. This line is entirely American construction, containing 324 towers of the saw-buck type, and supplying 1600 KV-A or about 1100 H. P. to the plant, the present power demand. The ultimate demand of the shops would reach 16,000 KV-A. Here, the current is stepped down from 5000 to 2300 volts for distribution to the local sub-stations in the plant. Its equipment includes nine main line oil switches, each having a capacity of 300 A., 30,000 V., six feeder panels on 2300 volt lines for distribution to sub-stations in the plant for power and lighting and to the camp barracks for lighting. These panels are equipped with oil switches, four of 300 A., 16,000 V., and seven of 500 A., 16,000 V. Throughout the plant are nineteen 10 and 15 ton traveling cranes in use, operating on a 440 V., 3-phase circuit.

The total equipment as installed in this plant is about as follows:

2,000 miles of various size wire.
1,257 Poles
12,000 Insulators of various types
60 Outdoor pole type 2300 volt Transformers.
200 Street Lights

All instruments, machines, and lines are fully equipped with switching systems, underload, overload, and reverse current relays, circuit breakers, fuses, automatic oil switches, and meters. In this way the system of installation has been developed so that it insures a perfect automatic control and protection, requiring a minimum of care. Due to an adequate provision of meters a monthly, daily, or hourly total power consumption in any part of the plant can be readily obtained. The entire equipment is of the most recent type from the United States and the standards of its installation are those of the foremost engineering practice.

It requires 150 men for the efficient operation of this division all of whom are Ordnance men and trained for the special line of work in which they are employed.

