

AMERICANS PUT ON FINISHING TOUCHES

Boys Hold Up Splendidly in Heavy Marches Under Broiling Sun.

ALL PICTURES OF HEALTH

Even Men With Blistered Feet in Good Humor and Trained to the Hour for Hard Fighting That Is Coming Soon.

HEADQUARTERS OF AMERICAN TROOPS WITH BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE, Friday, May 17.—(By the Associated Press.) The American troops are putting finishing touches to their preparation for active fighting behind the British line in a beautiful rolling country which resembles Western New York in full bloom. The Americans started this morning on maneuvers, in which they took their first long hike in heavy marching order under a broiling sun.

After six hours the Americans were still full of energy when the correspondent encountered a long line of infantrymen resting in the shade of a hedge. Some were footsore.

Boys Endure Heat Well. They have covered a good deal of ground before, but it was cool," said the Colonel in command. "This is their first trial under heat, and they are standing it well."

The men are pictures of health, and appear to be trained to the hour for hard fighting. All were in good humor, even those with blistered feet. "Hall, here," called one, who, outdistanced by his company, came limping alone down the dusty road under a heavy pack.

Americans Quick to Learn.

Besides maneuvers and exercises the boys are being coached to the last minute in British schools in tactics of modern warfare. The commandant of one of these schools told the Associated Press the Americans are keen and quick to learn. All over the region where Americans are billeted along with the British there are evidences of how well the Americans are getting on with the British. This feeling is displayed everywhere they meet, and it will aid in the success of the amalgamation of the forces.

Portlander Composes New O. A. C. Alma Mater Song.

Homer Maris Writes Words and Music for Official Ballad.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 19.—(Special.)—An alma mater song has at last been written for O. A. C. The college has never had an official song of this type and offers of prizes and contents had failed to bring forth such a song. Homer Maris, of Portland, has just published a song, "Alma Mater, O. A. C.," of which he has composed the music and written the words. He is a post-graduate student who took his degree at the University of Oregon.

The song is being sung by the Ides Kidder, librarian of the college. It has been taken up by the glee clubs, dormitories and fraternities and will doubtless be made an official song. The words are:

"Within a vale of Western mountains
There's a college we hold dear,
Her shady slopes and fountains
O'er to me appear.
I love to wander on the pathway,
Down to the trusting tree,
For there again I see, in fancy,
Old friends dear to me."

CHORUS:
"Carry me back to O. A. C.,
Back to her princely halls;
Thus fondly ever in my memory
Alma Mater calls."

"It is a worthy land grant college
By noble Lincoln planned;
Her sons' and daughters' knowledge
Tills and guards the land.
So honored be the O. A. C.,
Sing the praise of O. A. C.,
Ah, naught in all the world can sever
Friends once true to thee."

RED CROSS WORK URGENT

Aid to Allies Must Not Be Curtailed, Says Vincent.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—Curtailing of Red Cross work in Europe would seriously weaken America's aid to the allies, is the cable warning of President George E. Vincent, of the Rockefeller Institute, received and announced today by Marshall Hale, manager of the Pacific division of the American Red Cross. President Vincent has been making a careful study of the work of the Red Cross in Europe. His message follows:
"Visits to France and Italy convince me that Red Cross work is the most effective service to soldiers, refugees and other citizens has immediate and vital bearing upon war efficiency. To limit this work to hospitals and other direct service to soldiers would seriously weaken America's aid to her allies. The full program is essential."

TWO COMMISSIONS WON

Talbot P. Smith, of Portland, Second Lieutenant, Aviation Section.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, WASHINGTON, May 19.—Talbot P. Smith, of 410 Harrison street, Portland, has been commissioned Second Lieutenant, Aviation Section, Signal Corps, upon completing a training course at Ellington Field, Texas.

Rate Complaint Dismissed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 19.—The Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday dismissed the complaint of the Oregonian News Paper Company against the Spokane, Portland & Seattle and other roads, wherein it was alleged that rates on paper in cartons from Canada, when shipped to points in Montana, as compared with other rates on the same commodity, are unreasonable and prejudicial.

Cargo of Coconut Oil Arrives.

A PACIFIC PORT, May 19.—The Standard Oil tanker Acme, which arrived here today from Manila, brought a cargo of 8972 tons of coconut oil, worth about \$2,000,000. This is said to be the largest single cargo of its kind ever brought here.

YANKEE TROOPERS REST ALONG THE ROAD TO THE FRONT.



THIS COMPANY OF INFANTRY, MARCHING UP TO TAKE ITS PLACE IN THE TRENCHES, IS RESTING WHILE EN ROUTE TO THE FRONT LINES.

2 BLACKS LYNCHED

Georgians Hang Negro and Wife Held for Murder.

MOB SECOND IN TWO DAYS

Fifth Man Accused of Murder of Farmer Still at Large and Angry Citizens Keep Up Search for Him.

VALDOSTA, Ga., May 19.—Hayes Turner, negro, and his wife, May Turner, accused of connection with the murder of Hampton Smith, Brooks County farmer, and the wounding of his wife at their home near Barney last Thursday night, have been hanged by a mob.

Two other negroes, Will Head, and Will Thompson, were lynched Friday night.

Turner was lynched last night at Okaloosa River, in Brooks County. After the mob had killed the two men, they turned to the woman, who was held in a barn. She was then taken to a house and held there. Citizens are still searching for Sidney Johnson, who, according to Mrs. Smith, fired the shot that killed her husband. Feeling continues high in Brooks County, and it is believed Johnson also will be lynched if caught.

Head is said to have confessed his part in the crime. What part, if any, Thompson played in the murder is not known here.

Turner and his wife, former tenants of the Smith farm, recently quarreled with Smith over an account and this is believed to have led to the attack. The shot that killed Smith was fired through a window in his home. Mrs. Smith, wounded by another shot, rushed out into the yard, where she was beaten by the negroes, who fled after robbing the place.

The parents of Sidney Johnson and several of his relatives have been brought here and placed in jail for safekeeping because of high feeling prevailing at Barney.

The mob that lynched the Turner woman took her from Sheriff Wade, of Brooks County, while he was taking her to the jail at Barney. It developed tonight that armed bands of whites were tonight seeking still another victim at Barney.

It is believed that the mob had traced him.

KNOWN DEAD NUMBER 56

TOLL BEING TAKEN OF AETNA CHEMICAL EXPLOSIONS.

Nearly Hundred of Employees in Hospitals and 31 Missing—Country for Miles Devastated.

PITTSBURG, May 19.—Fifty-six men are known to be dead, 94 injured and in hospitals and 31 employees of the Aetna Chemical Company are missing as a result of the nine explosions yesterday that wrecked this company's explosive manufacturing plant at Oakdale, 16 miles from this city.

Throughout the night and all day today men were extinguishing fires in the debris and bringing out remnants of bodies. In most cases there was nothing to indicate the identity of the victim. All day a blue-brown smoke hung over the ruins, impeding the work of the searchers. Its deadly fumes are feared by the residents.

Thousands of persons streamed into the temporary morgue today to view the gruesome finds. The country is desolate for several miles around the plant. The meadows and fields have been burned and fruit and shade trees blasted.

Official Casualty List.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The Army casualty list issued today contained 59 names, divided as follows:
Killed in action four; died of wounds, four; died of accidents, two; died of disease, three; wounded severely, 36; wounded slightly, six; missing in action, four.

Officers named in the list were Lieutenant Jefferson D. Vincent, of Buffalo, N. Y., who died of accident, and Lieutenant Robert E. Rhett, of Summerville, S. C., who previously was reported as missing and is now found to be a prisoner in Germany.

The list follows:

Killed in action—Corporal Carl E. Miller, Herkimer, Ill.; Cook Henry Strykowski, Sumner, Wis.; Privates George Devine, Philadelphia; John W. White, Woburn, Mass.

Died of wounds—Sergeant William Bell, Jr., Atlanta, Ga.; Corporals Harold A. Jackson, Bryant, Pa.; and Earl Thomas, South Charleston, O.; Private Jack Levering, Maurice, Ia.

Died of disease—Privates Jesse Chaney, Greenville, S. C.; James Doonan, N. Y.; Thomas L. Walker, Crawa, Va.

Died of accident—Lieutenant Jefferson Davis Vincent, Market Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

ATHLETES IN HIDING

Ship Plants Held Roosting Place for Evaders.

MANPOWER IS BIG FACTOR

Sergeant Pepper Says Young Men Who Pride in Their Athletic Ability Should Be Released and Sent to War.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—(Special.)—That many athletes are attempting to escape the draft on the ground of industrial exemption, and that the matter may be made the subject of Federal investigation, was the statement today by Sergeant Patrick Pepper, of the recruiting service. Mr. Pepper said:

"I believe that since man power is the big factor for the winning of the war, any attempt to evade military duty should be communicated to the proper authorities. The shipyards in the San Francisco Bay district are rapidly becoming a roosting place for war-draft evaders."

"This is no haphazard guess, but is based on the investigation of all the facts presented to the recruiting department from time to time, and it is not in any way meant as a rebuke to any individual shipyard employee. But there are many who will take exception to this remark, but if those young men who take such great pride in their athletic ability would visit some recruiting office and offer some of their excess strength for downing the Hun, the world in general, and themselves would be a great deal better off."

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