

MAJOR MEARS' SERVICE OF ARMY

Portland Man Returns After Two Years' Absence.

PRIVATE WORK TAKEN UP

Ex-Officer Tells of Work of Quartermaster Corps of 88th Division While Overseas.

Major E. C. Mears, with the quartermaster's corps of the 88th division through more than two years of overseas service returned to Portland the first of this week, having been mustered out at Presidio, Cal., where he recently was transferred from Camp Dix, N. J. Donning his civilian clothes without delay, the ex-officer turned to his neglected insurance business in the Teon building...

Influenza Loss Heavy.

Major Mears was formerly with the Lumbermen's bank, and with other financial institutions. It was this experience, coupled with the fact that he had served seven years as adjutant of the Oregon national guard, and was rated as a sergeant in the reserve officers corps, that led to his selection for overseas service at the outset of the war and his assignment to the quartermaster's corps.

"The 88th suffered few casualties from conflict," said Major Mears, recounting his experiences in France. "In September, 1918, we were on the line in the Belfort sector, in Alsace, a quiet front. All told, the 88th lost about 70 men and a few prisoners in battle. But it was at Belfort that influenza struck the division, causing approximately 500 deaths before it was checked. Later the division was moved to the Toul sector, and was in support of the great offensive against Metz, an enemy stronghold, when the armistice was signed.

"As far as our own experience with the 88th division is concerned, the quartermaster's corps functioned perfectly. We not only received our supplies promptly, but in ample quality and quantity. A great deal has been said in complaint about the troops not getting paid regularly in France. Our men always received their pay not later than the 5th of each month.

"With the exception of a little lack of transportation at times, I believe the quartermaster's corps distinguished itself in the way it functioned. The men were well fed, well clothed and paid promptly.

Commendation Lacking.

"Naturally, I am glad to be out of the service again, and have leisure to mend my own affairs. I have no complaint to make, and the only criticism I offer is the military brusqueness with which officers are mustered out of the service. Men who have lost their positions sacrificed their business interests, and otherwise been put to great personal loss in the unskillful services of a country, ought at least to have a word of commendation from some one in authority when they leave the army. It is only human nature that the lack of appreciative comment from the authorities causes many ex-officers a little of bitterness as they take off the uniform.

Returning to America on July 1, Major Mears hoped to receive his discharge at once. He was appointed finance and disbursing officer at Camp Dix, however, and remained in that capacity until a few weeks ago, when he was sent to Presidio for discharge.

JOKE IS ON ROSE EXPERT

INDIANAN NOW ADMITS LOVE-LY PORTLAND BLOOM HIS.

E. G. Hill, Noted Culturist, Fails to Recognize Own Child in Brilliant Hues Grown Here.

When E. G. Hill, noted rose culturist of Richmond, Ind., visited Portland a few weeks ago, he was shown through the rose garden in Washington Park, taking great delight in the perfection of the bloom exhibited there.

"What do you think of this rose?" he was asked, as the party paused before a rose of particular brilliance. "A beautiful specimen," said Mr. Hill.

"Do you recognize it?" "I can't say that I do—never saw it before."

"Well, it's one of your own roses, catalogued as Hill No. 427."

But Mr. Hill insisted that the flower never found origin in his extensive gardens, though he praised it highly. It might have been a discarded specimen, he admitted, that had flourished in Portland—but he was certain that it held no place in the recognized aristocracy of his gardens.

Yesterday J. A. Currey of the local rose association received a letter of confession from Mr. Hill.

"I think the joke of the season is on your humble servant," he wrote. "In that I did not recognize No. 427 as my highly esteemed child, Premier. When I came to look up the varieties sent you I found that No. 427 was, as stated above, none other than this celebrated Portland rose. I suppose your Oregon climate and the modified sunshine tended to make the color so brilliant that I failed to recognize it."

The Premier rose is a celebrated favorite of the Hill gardens. In a public address during his visit to Portland the famous rose culturist said that he had sold \$84,000 worth of the Premier last year. He said that it was one of the finest in his collection—viewed with particular pride.

"But he didn't know his own child when Oregon climate had tinted its petals with a superior hue," laughed Mr. Currey.

Switching Reduction Favored.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 6.—(Special.)—The Oregon public service commission will recommend to the western traffic committee of Portland that switching charges between the Southern Pacific and Oregon electric lines in Salem be reduced from 50 to 25 cents a ton, with a minimum charge of \$7.50. This action was agreed upon following a conference yesterday attended by H. A. Hinshaw, traveling freight agent for the Southern Pacific company, and R. W. Pickard, traveling freight agent for the Seattle, Portland & Spokane railroad, and H. H. Corey, member of the commission.

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