

WEEKLY WAR NEWS DIGEST

Soldiers Are Transferred to Meet Particular Needs.

Nearly 240,000 transfers of men from one unit to another have been made in Army camps as a result of occupational qualifications determined by investigations by the War Department committee on classification of personnel. Recently about 40,000 transfers have taken place each week. Through the committee organizations have been built up in all Army camps, by which enlisted men and commissioned officers are classified according to occupational qualifications. In some camps, where as many as 2,500 men are received daily, forces of 200 interviewers are employed to ascertain full information regarding each man's occupation, education, experience, and special qualifications.

War Department Shows Procedure in Notifying Relative of Casualties.

Relatives of soldiers named in casualty lists forwarded from France ordinarily are notified within 24 hours after receipt of the lists, according to

a statement authorized by the War Department. A "statistical division" with a staff of officers and a corps of stenographers, gives all its time to the maintenance of files of soldiers' names and addresses. This division notifies relatives.

A copy of the roster of each contingent sailing to join the Expeditionary Force is filed in card index fashion, each card bearing the name of one soldier, his organization, and the name and address of parent or other relative or friend designated by him to be notified in emergency. When a casualty list is received from Gen. Pershing each name cabled from the American Expeditionary Force is listed with the emergency address on file in the card index. As rapidly as the new list with emergency addresses is built up the telegraph clerks get duplicates. These clerks already are supplied with blank telegrams which require only the relative's address, name of sender, nature of casualty and the date, and filling in the blank spaces they get the telegrams off as quickly as possible. In addition to maintaining the telegraph blanks for the sake of speed the statistical division is supplied with sets of form letters to be filled in and mailed when further details are available.

While relatives are generally in receipt of information within 24 hours after the cables are received, delays are sometimes due to clerical errors caused by the fact that names must pass through so many hands in France and in America. Incorrect emergency addresses turned in by soldiers, removal of families to addresses other than those listed, and the occasional necessity for cabling back to Gen. Pershing to verify a name or to obtain an address.

Aside from these four causes of delay the only reason for the failure of relatives to receive word at once is military consideration. Gen. Pershing may at his discretion, withhold a casualty list until he is positive it will have no military value to the enemy.

Nearly All Artillery for American Army to be Motorized.

Motorization of field artillery will be carried to a greater extent in the American Army than in any other army engaged in the war. Not only will a far greater amount of motor equipment be provided in proportion to the strength of the Army but it will be used for work where armies now in the field depend solely upon

horse power and man power.

The Ordnance Department has succeeded in developing such types of tractors that, exclusive of the heaviest field artillery mounted on railroad carriages, all American artillery will be motorized, with the exception of some of the 3-inch batteries. The problem of motorization of field artillery is a difficult one, which explains why it has not been carried to a greater extent than has been the case with the armies that have been fighting in Europe for the last three years.

The possible output of tractors for the transport of field artillery in the United States is practically unlimited, whereas the supply of horses is at present limited and is becoming more so each month.

Radio and Buzzer Operation Taught in 600 Schools.

The demand for specialists in the Army is increasing daily. Mechanics and technicians of all kinds, including radio and buzzer operators, are needed by the Signal Corps.

In nearly every large city the Federal Board of Vocational Training, through local school authorities, has established schools or radio communication where men of draft age who have not been called may receive a preliminary course in the operation of radio and buzzer instruments. There are about 600 of these schools where instruction is given, usually in the afternoons and evenings. It takes about 200 hours for a student of average ability to obtain a speed of 20 words a minute, sending and receiving. Further information regarding these schools may be secured from local school authorities.

Electrical engineers and men with good fundamental training in engineering or physics are particularly in demand for Signal Corps work. Men of satisfactory qualifications are given three months' training in special schools, and have every opportunity to take examinations leading to promotion.

Men who have had experience as electrical repair men, wiremen, and mechanics are also desired for assignment to special schools and later to field organizations.

Colored Registrants to Be Given Technical Training.

Nearly 157,000 Negro soldiers are now in the National Army. Of these 1,000 are line officers holding commissions of captain and first and second lieutenants. There are about 250 colored officers in the Medical and Dental Reserve Corps.

The Army now includes two divisions of colored troops, which when fully constituted will include practically all branches of the service: Infantry, Engineer, Artillery, Signal Corps, Medical Corps, and service battalions with men technically trained in all branches of scientific work.

There are now openings in the Veterinary Corps for Negroes skilled in veterinary and agricultural work. Arrangements have been completed to send Negroes registered but not yet called to schools and colleges this summer for training in radio engineering, electrical engineering, auto mechanics, blacksmithing, and the operation of motor vehicles.

G. A. R. REPORT.

The following Report of the Committee on the "State of the Country" was unanimously adopted at the Annual Encampment G. A. R., Albany, May 15, and ordered printed in circular form and distributed throughout the Department, to be read in the Posts, and given to the local newspapers, with a request for its publication.

Comrades:

This annual meeting of the Department of Oregon, G. A. R., comes at a time most extraordinary, a crisis the most momentous in the history of the world. We came into the realization of manhood in the tumult of war, and will, we fear, pass out of this life in a similar atmosphere.

The world is now in the crucible. The furnace is seven times heated; in the welter of blood, the cry of agony, the horror of death, the world's status is now being recast. The white and metal soon must issue, taking permanent form. The autocrat and the democrat are met in deadly combat, to determine which shall rule. There is not room on earth for both, the Prussian whose national atmosphere is hate and malevolence, was for more than 40 years preparing for the struggle that should give him world dominion. Strangely enough the rest of us were blind to the impending peril. It was hard to believe that any people had reached the depth of infamy where justice and humanity would be trampled underfoot to aggrandize the autocracy of a ruling house. The world has had a terrible awakening.

The nation that boasted of its blunt honesty has revealed itself as a perjurer, with the stealthy instincts of the savage. The world did not know the Prussian; did not know to what depths of moral perfidy he could descend. Every form of villainy has and is being resorted to, in carrying out his designs; not sporadically as may happen in an army, where men see red in the surge of conflict, but of deliberate purpose and by cool direction of their officers.

Murder, pillage, rape in which the poor Belgian wife and mother has been forcibly ravished in turn by a whole bunch of fiends with a smile of self-satisfaction. That, gentlemen, is the "Kultur" that proposes to "cure" the world. The savage Indian was an angel in white compared to them.

At last is become manifest to Americans that a beast was abroad, crushing the bones and swallowing the blood of all in his wake, with a weather-eye on our own fair land, the United States.

Murder on land was followed by murder on the sea. American lives went down in the waters, as Belgian lives went out in their hitherto quiet homes, villages, and on the plain. Then it was that the United States after Germany had, under cover of friendly international correspondence

filled every part of our land with spies, was aroused to her danger. With Belgium devastated, Britain grimly hanging on, France bleeding at every pore, Italy vainly looking on at the invasion of her fair homes, America said, "We can be neutral no longer," and we are in to fight to a finish.

Why are we in it? It is that malevolence and overweening pride may have a fall. That the doctrine of the super-man may forever be squelched, that militarism may be shown to be not only a curse but a failure; that contract breaking, lying, cruelty and brute force cannot and shall not have the right of way. Until that time arrives we must, and we will fight.

No one sees more clearly than the G. A. R. that if the German conquers then nothing is worth while. As men of military experience we expect reverses and disappointments. We look for loss of hard-earned ground, spying everywhere, with all sorts of attempts to defeat our efforts. Thousands of American lads of high promise will be laid under the sod making the supreme sacrifice. A hundred thousand more will be maimed for life, while tens of thousands of American mothers will be broken hearted.

Sicken in soul by German hypocrisy, foul blasphemies, wanton destruction of sacred places, conscienceless diplomacy, unspeakable brutalities, outraged womanhood and starving children widespread wherever the Hun has gone, the G. A. R., peace-loving as we are, and hating war as we do, dedicate ourselves, our lives, our fortunes, our sons and our daughters to the divine cause our nation has espoused, until the honor and safety of peace-loving nations are again established and the future happiness of the whole world guaranteed. Nor do we believe the "conscientious objector," so called, has any right to exemption from military duty, or that he should be allowed to remain in this country to enjoy the fruits of battles won by the lives of others.

Proud, indeed, we are of the place Oregon has won in the American marshalled hosts, with every man, woman and child doing and willing to do their utmost.

The way before us will be long and hard. Ever and anon the heart will be sick from hope deferred, but we shall fight on! and on!! and still on!!! Thank God, we have the men, the substance and the spirit for a struggle that shall not end till the whole world shall be freed from the power of the Hun.

Germany must, and will learn that people of our race are not to be bullied; that Hun brutality has no terrors for Americans. The boon of civil liberty will not be surrendered after one, no, nor of one hundred defeats. As men who have smelled the smoke of battle we propose to fight it out on this line if it takes not only all summer, but a dozen summers.

Now that we've begun, we don't know how to stop; and we refuse to

be shown till we're over the top.
C. E. CLINE,
DANIEL WEBSTER,
C. S. BAKER,
GEO. A. HARDING,
T. H. STEVENS,
Committee.

Wanted—Position as cook through harvest. Have had experience and can furnish references if desired. Mrs. W. Scott, 520 E. 13 St., The Dalles, Ore.

Good 7-Room House For Sale—And half-acre lot. An ideal home. Terms reasonable. Fruit trees and shrubbery and good garden. Mrs. W. E. Walbridge.

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LOST—Man's silver ring with opal setting and engraving of "September Morn" figure on side, somewhere in Heppner Tuesday morning. The ring was contained in small ring box. Reward of five dollars will be paid to the one returning same to The Gazette-Times office.

LOST—Berkshire sow, 2 or 3 yrs. old. Reward. Eastern Oregon Jack Farm, Lexington, Oregon.

NO MORE SPEEDING.
The Public is hereby notified that the speed limit is fifteen miles per hour. Anyone exceeding this limit will be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Its up to you Mr. Speeder, whether you have trouble or not.
W. W. SMEAD,
Mayor.

Crushed Rock for Sale—The city of Heppner will furnish crushed rock at \$2.10 per yard at crusher, or \$2.50 delivered anywhere in town.

FOR SALE—Two thoroughbred Jersey calves, three months old; from fine stock. A bargain for quick sale. See Conrad Johnson, Heppner.

REMEMBER—The subscription price of the Gazette-Times goes to \$2.00 beginning with July first.

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NATIONAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE

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