

# WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT IN MILITARY TALK

### Interpretation of Military Terms—What a Corps, Division, Regiment, Battalion and Company Is—Correct Way to Speak of Army and Officers—Insignia of Rank Worn.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., June 2.—With the United States on the eve of having troops in actual physical contact in the European battle front, an interpretation of the military terms in general use will be an aid to the general reader. The following are among those in constant use:

A corps is two or more divisions, commanded by a major general. A division is composed of two or more brigades, also commanded by a major general. A brigade, commander by a major general, is composed of two or more regiments and independent companies or battalions.

A regiment of infantry consists of twelve line companies and three additional companies. It is commanded by a colonel, with the following additional officers: One lieutenant colonel, three majors, fifteen captains as company commanders, three of them also being members of the colonel's staff as adjutant, quartermaster and commissary; two lieutenants to each company, one lieutenant acting on each of the three majors' staff.

**What is a Battalion?**  
A battalion is made up of four companies and is commanded by a major. A company of infantry consists of about 150 men, divided into two platoons; platoons are divided into squads. A platoon is commanded by a lieutenant—a commissioned officer; two or more squads are commanded by a sergeant; a squad is commanded by a corporal and comprises seven men besides the corporal. A company of cavalry is called a battery. It is divided into sections and there may be different numbers of guns, according to the kind of artillery.

Three batteries of artillery make a battalion. The word "company," "troop" or "battery" should not be used before the letter as "company B." It would be the same as to say "Street Jackson." The letter comes first, just as the numeral comes before the word regiment; "2nd regiment." Not regiment 2nd.

**Don't Use Militia.**  
Troops are either "federal" (regular) or national guard. Every male citizen of the United States between the age of 18 and 45 is a member of the militia. Never use the word when referring to organized bodies of troops.

There are no such things as "militia officials" or "army officials" in military parlance. They are national guard and army officers. A skirmish, engagement, brush, fight or encounter is not a battle. A battle is an engagement for the possession of a certain point and is general in its character. Large bodies of troops are engaged—more than a brigade. Otherwise the fight is an engagement, a skirmish or an encounter.

Never say "Captain Jones and his soldiers of Company A." Say "a company, commanded by Captain Jones" did so and so.

Any irregular body of troops less than a company, or troops, is called a detachment, unless it is a platoon or squad or section of artillery. Never say "Lieutenant Jones and a number of men" from such and such an organization. Say, "a detachment from Company A, commanded by Lieutenant Jones."

**Correct Forms.**  
"Ammunition is spoken of in terms of rounds. "Fifty rounds" means fifty cartridges—fifty shots. Never say muskets. There are not any. Artillerymen carry pistols and not revolvers. Troops generally move in columns. (The usual column is four men abreast—two ranks comprising a squad, with the corporal as the man on the left in the rear rank.) They go into the firing line in "extended order"—sometimes referred to as a skirmish line. Troops are sent into battle or engagement as the firing line, the support and the reserve. The tactical unit in line of battle or engagement is the battalion. A platoon consists of several men—generally a squad. One of a platoon is a sentinel or sentry. In front and on the flanks of all troops in camp are outposts—pickets. All troops doing guard duty, picket duty, outpost duty, etc., are commanded by "the officers of the day," so designated for a period of twenty-four hours as are the troops on guard duty. Troops carry "ponchos"—rubber

blankets. Not raincoats or rain capes. Mounted troops and drivers are equipped with "slickers." A bayonet is kept in a scabbard. A rifle or carbine is loaded with a clip. Fatigue duty refers to work to be done about a camp.

A camp is "policed" when it is cleaned up—rid of rubbish and the like. A cavalryman is called a "trooper." A recruit is not a "rookie" unless you want to use slang. The phrase "new recruit" is redundant. Troops are "mustered" into the service and out. Also they are "mustered" each month for the benefit of the paymaster—that he may know whether dead men are drawing pay.

**Insignia of Rank.**  
The insignia of United States officers designating rank are as follows: Second Lieutenant—Brown braid on cuffs, gold-black hat braid, U. S. on collar, leather leggings. First Lieutenant—One bar on shoulder, other insignia corresponding to second lieutenant. Captain—Two bars on shoulder. Major—Gilt leaf on shoulder. Lieutenant-Colonel—Silver leaf on shoulder. Colonel—Silver eagle on shoulder. Brigadier-General—One silver star on shoulder. Major General—Two silver stars on shoulder. Lieutenant-General—Four silver stars on shoulder.

All grades wear brown braid on cuffs, gold-black cord on hats, leather leggings and U. S. on collar. The insignia worn by the various branches of the service are as follows: Infantry—Two crossed rifles. Cavalry—Two crossed sabres. Artillery—Two crossed cannons. Medical—Mercury wand with intertwined snakes. The designating colors for each branch are: Infantry, blue; cavalry, yellow; artillery, red; medical corps, maroon.

The increase in business channels. Mayor Gates was followed by Mr. Walthers, but he spoke so low that I could not understand all that he said, but he gave us some very good suggestions on the necessity of having our roads improved showing that the farmer would be greatly benefited even if we only had the main thoroughfare made good that he could double until he reached the good road and then go with half of the team on to his destination. There is quite a number of our citizens who are opposed to the bonding system, still this seems to be a case when it would be a benefit, not only to the present voters but also to our children, as well, for good roads make good times and good times make prosperity. Mr. W. was followed by Mr. Mears and he made a passionate plea for us to vote for the bonds. But I see that I am taking up too much space in this letter on that subject, but my apology for saying so much on this subject is that I have been traveling over our roads for about fifty-six years and want the coming generations to have more comfort in riding thru the country than I have had.

Sunday morning was another one of our beautiful spring mornings, that gladdens the heart of the farmer especially and the town people as well, when the sky was clear and the air was just right to make one feel grateful that he is blessed with the privilege of living amid such lovely surroundings, and the result was that there were a large number of the citizens of our towns and cities improved the opportunity to ride out into the country and rest the eye by looking on something else beside the paved streets and brick or stone walls of the city; where they could see the rich fields of grains and grasses growing and hear the song of the bird as it enjoyed the freedom of the woods and valleys. Quite a number passed thru here on their way up the streams to fish and enjoy a picnic dinner, but there was quite a number who took advantage of the occasion and stopped at the Sunnyside for dinner, among whom were J. W. Grubbe, Ansel L. Engle of Ashland, Noble Zimmerman W. O. Wheeler and wife, John P. McPherson, wife and son, Herman Meyer Jr., and wife, L. C. Clements and wife, Shorty Miles and wife, Medford, J. F. Brown and wife.

Ed Hadfield of Ashland came in on the P. & E. motor Monday morning and started to look for a small tract of land that he could rent to put in beans. He soon succeeded in securing ten acres from the W. Hart Hamilton tract near the depot. John Rader and Sam Coy were doing business with our merchants Monday morning. John Ashpole and wife, formerly of E. P., but now of Medford, came out Monday morning, Mr. A. to take charge of the Ashpole hardware store and Mrs. A. to help care for their son, Roy, who is down with the measles.

Miss Mabel Henson who has been teaching in Uniontown on Applegate, came in Monday on the P. & E. and was going on up to her home on Antelope creek, but when she stopped at S. H. Harnish's to see her little sister Hulda, found that she and Mr. H. both had the measles, so decided to remain and help care for the sick. R. G. Bigham of Ashland, M. E. Root of Medford and Marsh Garret of Lake Creek were here for dinner Monday and Mr. L. L. Conger spent Monday night with us. Miss May Matly came out from Medford and took the E. P. Perist stage for Trail. Since my last report Mrs. Rebecca Jonas of E. P., has given me her sub. for the W. M. T.

## POLISH COUNCIL WANTS LITHUANIA

AMSTERDAM, via London, June 2.—The Berlin Kreuz Zeitung says that the Polish council has made further demands on the central powers, amounting to the extension of its activities to the rest of the kingdom of Poland and part of Lithuania. The council also demands the recognition of the Polish state as independent.

## EAGLE POINT EAGLETS

By A. C. Howlett

Saturday evening Mayor C. E. Gates, Mrs. C. E. Gates, Fred C. Mears, city attorney of Medford, H. L. Walthers, manager of the Oregon and California Power company, and Geo. E. Boon, secretary of the Tri-State Good Roads association, and R. A. Koppes, city editor of the Medford Mail Tribune, came out and gave us some thoughts on the subject of the good roads question. The meeting had been announced in the Mail Tribune some days before, but the farmers as usual were so busy and so tired, having improved the opportunity to do farm work that they did not respond to the call as readily as was desired and the consequence was that there was but few turned out. The meeting was held in the opera house and was called to order by Fred Peiozou, who after a very short talk introduced Mayor Gates, who explained the object of the meeting. Explaining the law that had been enacted by the last legislature and referred to the people to be voted on next Monday, June 4, to decide whether we would endorse the move to bond the state for six million dollars to be applied on the public highway thru the state. He pointed out very clearly that we would be greatly benefited in Jackson county from the fact that if the bond bill is endorsed by the people, that we as a county would be relieved of the cost of finishing the Pacific highway thru the county and then all of the money that is collected for road purpose—there is a state law assessing a certain percentage for road purposes—and all of that would be applied on the laterals so that the county districts would have the benefit of the money. He also showed how the full amount of the money, as the bonds are to be used in five years and consequently it will take five years to spend the money, will be raised thru the auto license, doubling the old license and how much money it would raise. Another item of interest is that under the provisions of the law, altho Multnomah county would have to pay 40 per cent of the tax caused by the doubling of the license that they would not receive a dollar direct benefit, I say direct benefit, for Multnomah county, while it would not receive a dollar of the money thus raised, would derive a benefit thru

been occupying the house on the Fin- and Mrs. Joseph Lester of this place were married last Sunday in Medford, As we have been unable to get into communication with either of the contracting parties, we are unable to give the particulars at this writing.

Cream separators are being used on most of the ranches in this district, several new ones being installed during the last few weeks. The good roads meeting scheduled for Wednesday night at this place failed to materialize, owing the failure of the speakers to arrive. A. L. Vincent is constructing a flume to carry water to the Wykoff ranch where a large acreage of sugar beets are being cultivated. E. W. Carleton is being visited by his two sisters from New Jersey. The ladies spent last summer in this valley and were so well pleased with its many attractions that they have returned.

Glenn May, who has charge of the Root orchard, has planted several acres to grain in an endeavor to do his bit in relieving the food shortage. W. W. Eddington, one of Sams Valley's prosperous farmers, passed thru here Monday with a load of wheat which he was taking to the Eagle Point mills to exchange for flour. Mr. Cameron and a party of friends motored to the Ashland park last Sunday and brought home a general supply of lithia water.

The planting of crops in this district is just about completed, practically all the land that could be worked being planted, but owing to the peculiar season, some of the heavy, sticky land could not be plowed and will lay idle this season. Cliff Clark of Eagle Point is running a rural market car thru here selling fresh meats and buying poultry and eggs. Mr. Peachy of Ashland, representing the Wards Medical Company, was thru this district last Monday. Mrs. E. H. Davis and son, Leslie, and daughters, Miss Bessie of Willow Springs, were welcome visitors at the Nealon home last Sunday. Many from here attended the Decoration day program at Central Point last Wednesday.

Owing to the proclamation of Governor Withycombe calling June 3 Prison Sunday, the services at Table Rock will be in accordance with that proclamation. Rev. Bandy, who is familiar with the Oregon penitentiary and its methods will speak on prison reform and will explain the bill relating to the penitentiary at Salem to be voted on next Monday. Those who are not familiar with this bill and have not decided yet how to vote, should make it a point to hear this explanation. Miss Hazel Pruett of Central Point

## TABLE ROCK TABLETS

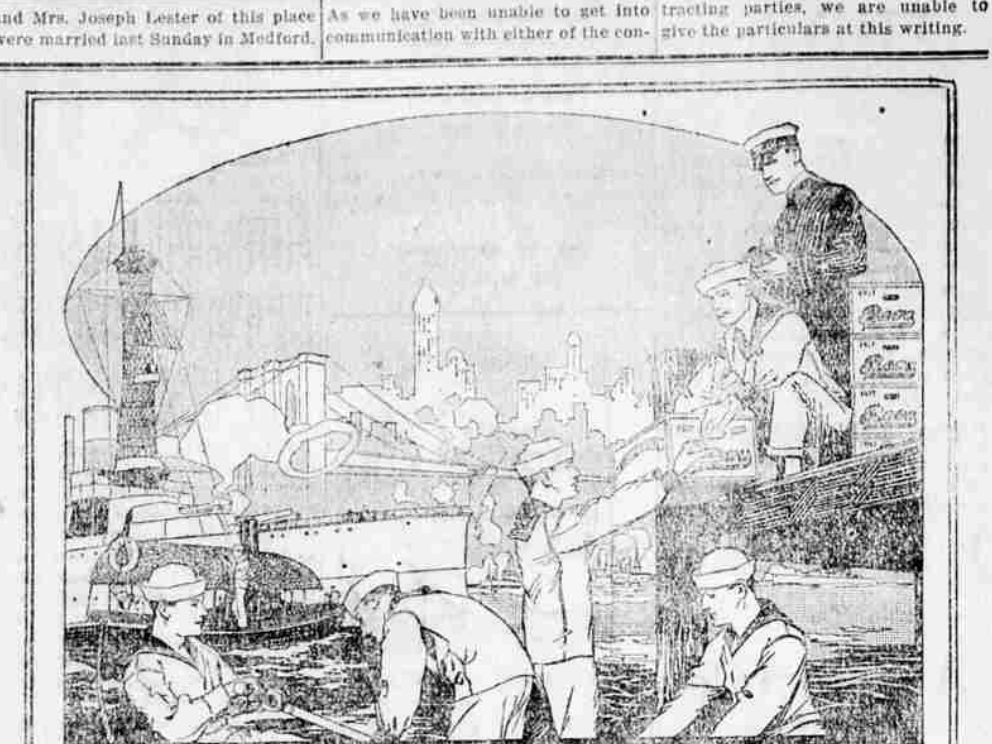
Several from here were business visitors in Medford Saturday. A large crew of men are effectively combatting the blight at the Modoc orchard. Miss Angeline Cameron was learning the mysteries of the Rebekah lodge at Central Point one night last week. L. W. Hodgpath, who has been employed at the Pendleton ranch for some time, is now employed at the Modoc orchard. J. C. Pendleton, J. H. Lydard and E. Nealon were among those who attended the alfalfa excursion conducted by Prof. Palmer and Pathologic Care last Tuesday. The Table Rock members of the Red Cross meet every Thursday afternoon when a goodly amount of work is accomplished. Verne Pendleton has been working arly and late doing custom work with his spray outfit. Mr. West and family, who have

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## MEDFORD Saturday Eve June 2

at the City Park at 8 o'Clock

Every man and woman in and around Medford should attend if they are interested in goods roads and in the bond issue, which means that national and state funds will be used in completing the Pacific Highway and building the Crater Lake and lateral roads connecting with the highway.

### COME AND HEAR THE BOND ISSUE EXPLAINED