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- 39 MEN DISCHARGED -

Listed below are thirty-nine men of this company who are to be discharged Monday December 23. For most of these men, this ends their term of enrollment and for some it marks the completion of their limited two years of service in the CCC.

We have enjoyed associating with you fellows. No doubt we shall meet some of you in private life and talk over old times - - of our stay in Camp Custer.

Robert Adams	LaCrosse, Kans.
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Theodore Woixel	Wishek, N. D.
David Wilson	Omaha, Neb.

BARRACKS BREEZES

BARRACK 3

John Krol still believes in holding his old seat in the mess hall, it seems.

Mr. John Cox of our barrack intends to enlist in the Coast Guard Service. To will certainly miss Mr. Cox and his eternal griping.

Leitnor isn't going to town as much as usual, it seems. Are you slipping, Marvin?

Note to B. B. team: Do you fellows know what the score was after the Rapid City game? It seems that John and Toar still don't!

To the men who are lo leaving the barracks this month, Smith, Oviatt, Swinney, Bartholonow, and Adams, we wish to extend our best wishes for their complete success in their civilian lives.

Old Man Reed will have a tough time making it home for Christmas after a recent gambling spree.

"Half-Pint" Orr must have a woman on his mind. Who is this "Margie", Mr. Orr?

Ted Engst really hit the bright spots of Denver. Quote Mr. Engst: Wow!"

Mr. Roche left a can of P. A. in the barracks one night. Thank you, Mr. Roche.

It seems that John Robinson is very adept at running down those four-legged things called. rabbits. Isn't that stretching things a bit too far, John?

Why in the world do they call you Hiawatha, Mr. Krol?

---By Staudt & Carp

BARRACK 4

There will be exactly three men left in Barrack 4 if all of the boys get Christmas leaves who are planning on them.

To you men. who are leaving us for good this month, barrack #4 wishes to tender this last bit of advice: "Don't take any wooden nickels, boys!"

Who's the Jane down Dansas way you are hearing from, Peanuts?

If you want a good hair-cut just come to Barrack #4 and our own Shorty Zimmerman will trim your noggin the way you want it trimmed.

You tell'em, Specs, I stutter.

If Blackie would rise and shine in time for breakfast, he would feel better. So speaketh James Brennan.

Liston, "Rodwing" Thompson, just how is Doc going to see if your blankets are dusty or not if you're in them at the time of inspection?

--The Millers

BARRACK 5

Marghiom's midnight message of tragedy:

Car speeds, train meeta,

They greea Saint Peeta.

Five members of the barrack are leaving us this month. They are Barland, Marghien, Mikulockoy, Clements and Dosairo. We wish them all the best of luck and happiness in the world.

"Foreman" Herman informs us that he has been "busted."

--George Moade

BARRACKS BREEZES

BARRACK 6

To the members of Barracks #6 who are leaving us, we extend our deepest and sincerest, wish that they will meet with success and employment upon their arrival home. Those who are leaving are, as follows: W. T. Christie, our barrack leader, Glenn Everett, or "Picker", and Raymond Eberline better known as "Ol" Abe." Our great wish is that they have enjoyed their stay as much as we have enjoyed having them with us. They have proven their worth in the CCC so now, fellows, get out and prove your worth in our great Nation!

For the past two weeks now, the water has remained in the fire buckets. Can it be that the boys are afraid Santa won't fill their stockings if they are naughty?

And below is a touching letter delivered to that jolly old fellow. Rumors have it that it came from Co. 762:

Dear Santa: Though I am just a little shave, not as big as the rest of the fellows around here, could you please bring me a new floor for Christmas?

(Signed) Barrack #6

Sebastian (Just, call me Tuffy) Mitzol has been made enrollee manager of the basketball team. Poor Sally, he completely overlooked two of his little charges when the team went to Rapid City!

And Fode Says: "Did you see that girl I was with Sunday night?" In fact, it seems that that is about all Fode can say, but perhaps the frequency, and vociferation of his query makes up for his complete lack of any other intelligent communication.

--H. Smith and Bodle

BARRACK 2

Henry Atzbach and Wilbur Peterson are leaving us to join the Army. Good lucky boys!

Loat: 25 pounds of solid flesh between barrack #2 and the hospital. - - Tiny Lambert.

We are, sorry to see Evans and all the other men from our barrack leave. We hope the men coming in will fill their places as well as they did.

Why does Barrack #2 Always attract red-heads? What about it, Roarsch and Feltis?

We are all wondering when our potential Clark Gable II will take his screen test. Being of a modest, retiring nature, "Mortimer Snerd" Wilson has neglected to inform us of same.

And here's wishing the Army Personnel, the Technical Service, and the entire company a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, prosperous, Now Year.

Frenchy Bolislo (Yes, the Frenchy Bolislo) was bragging the other day about his immunity to extra duty. Next day poor Frenchy fell victim to Dee Robertson's merciless stick.

And Mares refuses to play jazz on his new radio because of the wear and tear on the tubes!

Poor "Squeak". He's going from bad to worse. The other day he actually drank a whole glass of beer!

Evans: "Lissen, you, are you pushing this crow?"

Rookies: "N-No, Sir."

Evens: Then get to work and stop making a fool of yourself."

- - Koessel and Drenth

- SPORTS -

BASKETBALL

On November 29, Lt. Britten took his basketball squad out for their first practice session and judging from the fire and enthusiasm displayed by the team, the Camp Custer quint will be playing for keeps and pulling no punches this season.

The members of the squad are as follows: John Krol, Elmer Devers, Neil Brunton, Roy Thomson, Charles Biggs, Wayne Lowe, Wallace Pedersen, Quentin Stoneberg, Henry Schulz, Melvin Morel and S. Mitzel, manager.

Pedersen, ex-N.D.U. star, and Stoneberg, a smooth cager from Cooperstown, N. D. will no doubt bolster the squad considerably.

The Cub's first game was played at Rapid City with the School of Mines, December 12. Although the boys made a creditable showing, lack of condition and practice found them on the short end of a 63-38 count. The first three quarters were evenly played with neither team holding any marked advantage. In the last quarter, however, the "C" boys tired out completely, and the Miners scored at will.

In spite of this rather decisive defeat at the hands of the "Hardrockers", it is the opinion of this correspondent that with a few more practices, the Cubs will prove unstoppable to local competition.

The boys are now looking forward to their first league game on Jan. 2.

FOOTBALL

The 1940 Football season is practically over. All that remains are the Bowl Games on New Year's Day.

Surprise team of the year perhaps, was Stanford, who finished a tough schedule undefeated to win the right to represent the West Coast in the Rose Bowl. Commendable, too, was the march of Minnesota's Golden Gophers through the most bruising schedule of the year undefeated and untied, to win the mythical National Championship. As coach of the year, Clark Shaugnessey of Stanford gets the nod, and the player of the year is, of course, All-American Tom Harmon of Michigan.'

In the Rose Bowl, it will be Stanford VS Nebraska, Big Six Conference Champs. Both have excellent records and great teams. Nebraska lost only her opening game, and that to Minnesota, 7-13. It should be a whale of a ball game, but we'll take Nebraska over favored Stanford in view of their greater reserve power.

In the cotton Bowl at Dallas the Fordham Rams clash with the Texas Aggies. Both are topnotch teams, though each has met defeat once this year. Texas A&M by two touchdowns.

The best game of the day however, should be Tennessee VS Boston College in the Sugar bowl. B. C. by one point or a tie.

--E. Olson

HOSPITAL NOTES

The Hospital is nearing the completion mark, and looks very well throughout. The walls have been painted light green and the ceiling and trimmings are cream colored.

The Hospital now has a capacity of twelve beds, and has three wards--two regular wards and an isolation ward. Ward #1 is a 6-bed ward; Ward #2, 4 beds and the Isolation ward has 2 beds.

The Isolation Ward has a curved corner desk and a chair for the convenience of the boys who may be in it. Our linen closet is very handily situated in Ward #2.

The floors of Ward #1, orderlies' room, official drivers, the office, and the dressing room are covered with linoleum. Ward #2 and the Isolation Ward have stained and varnished floors.

The clothes-closets in the orderlies' room have just been finished. Each orderly has an individual closet.

Our hospital should be rated among the best in the District. Dr. Robertson has very ably supervised the re-arrangement and decoration of the building, and with the help of his orderlies, intends to keep it at or near the top of the list.

Orderly Lewis R. McCormick, better known as "Mac", is leaving us the 23rd of the month. He has had a varied routing of work during his stay in the C's so he should be capably fitted for the outer world.

It seems that one of our boys, generally known as "Tiny" was one who was glad to be discharged from the hospital. He dropped from 260 to 250 pounds during his brief stay here.

Sick Call on week days is between 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. On Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. Visiting hours in the Wards are between 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Sundays and Holidays, otherwise they are between 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. There will be no loafing, scuffling, shouting, or use of profanity while awaiting treatment. No one, except those who have permission, will enter the wards while awaiting treatment. All those rules are to be observed and followed by everyone in use of the hospital.

-- Williams

Irate Father: "I'll teach you to make love to my daughter young man!"

W. T. Jones: "I sure wish you would, I don't seem to be making much headway!"

"Proof of Man's superiority is the fact that he is the only animal that laughs", said the psychologist. That isn't proof at all. Nine times out of ten he is laughing at some foolish thing another man has done.

O.W.H.

KITCHEN NEWS

A change has been made the past month in the cook's shift. Branch and Thomson are now cooking together, and Dirk and Roe share the same shift.

All men connected with the kitchen now stand physical inspection once each week and are thus more fit to handle foods.

Mess Sgt. Thomas is back from his leave at Denver. He reports that he enjoyed the time spent at home immensely.

Flash -- Toar just became the proud possessor of a ten dollar bill. Oh, boy, here he comes, Evelyn!

Our Thanksgiving guests enjoyed being showed around the kitchen, until one of the fair ones found the cocoanut. What was her name again, Branch?

Some of the table waiters did a little extra duty one night. It's bad not to do as you're told, isn't it boys?

Fode reported for duty last Thursday after a nine-day leave at his home in N. Dak." Fode says: "I'm from Alfred."

Second Cook Thorson and his beloved are romancing again. So are Branch and "you know who." When are you going to settle down, Branches?

Paul Engler is now a K. P. and he's right in there, pitchin with the other fellows. K. P.ing is a swell job, eh?

The K. P.'s had 116 children to feed Thanksgiving and S. Mitzel, officer's orderly served 22 guests. However all survived the ordeal and came up with a smile. -

Bye now, I'll be back with next month.

Your Kitchen Reporter
S. Mitzel

EDUCATIONAL

On December 10, Dr. Robertson gave the American Red Cross, First Aid Test to enrollees who had put in their required hours of organized study. Forty-two men took the test, and of that number, twenty-four passed.

The names of the men who successfully wrote the examination are given below:

Lloyd Thompson, Lee Williams, Ralph Legge, Edmond Desmarteau, Marion Garratt, Henry Drenth, Victor Liepold, Arthur Fey, Joe Novak, Dave Schuler, George Koessel, Francis Orr, Joseph Thornton, Raymond Severson, Emil Seibel, Robert Adams, Vincent Wimmer, Leander Theisen, Roy Thomson, Wallace Pederson, Francis Welter, Henry Pagot, Bernard Barland and Marlin Reed.

Standard Certificates will be issued to these men as soon as they can be sent from St. Louis.

Another test will be given some time before Christmas in order to give the other men who have in their required time a chance to earn their certificates.

Work on the new educational building continues. The new addition is now being painted and varnished. The painting is being done by enrollees Belisle and Feltis. Carpentry work is being done by enrollee Theisen under the supervision of Mr. Roche, Adviser. Within a month the building should be sufficiently complete to enable a more efficient discharge of the program.

--Olson

FATHER EHRENBOLD'S PAGE

"For a child is born to us," Isaiah IX.

My Dear Boys: For the past year I have spoken to you and written to you on various aspects of our common Christian religion; and as the great feast of Christmas approaches, I have wondered within myself just what message it might be that would come nearest to your young and enthusiastic hearts. Should it be the thought of God the Father, through whom, when the fullness of time was come, "The goodness and kindness of God, our Savior hath appeared, not by the work of justice which we have done, but according to His MERCY He hath saved us", Titus 3; or shall I remind you that he came unto his own and His own received him not, but as many as received Him to them He gave power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His name."-St. John I. Shall I remind you that the humble shepherds of Bethlehem were the first to hear the "tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people, for this day there is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the City of David. And this shall be the sign unto you; Ye shall find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger." - St. Luke C. 2. Yes, I think it should be the Infant and the swaddling clothes and the manger for us. The Infant who makes you unafraid

and wants to be lifted up into your arms and to lay His curly head over our hearts, close, very close to make sure that our pulse beats for Him, the swaddling clothes that make Him who is called the Wonderful Counsellor, God the Mighty, the Prince of Peace, (Isaiah 9), nevertheless to be all-human and understanding; the manger, hard and poor and rough, that makes Him so real to the poor, honest working-boy, and to your own father and mother, elder brothers and sisters at home --yes, to them and to you, the Savior has willed to come first and by preference--if you but bring to Him the heart of a child, your straightforward, honest desire to serve Him, to love Him, and His other children; to do His will in a humble, small way, wherever He may direct your life's course. For He is come to help you bear your burden, to infuse hope and joy and strength into your daily tasks, if you will only let Him come and ---Receive Him Into Your Own.

--Father Ehrenbold

"All glory be to God on high
And on the earth be peace
To all who long to taste His love
Till time itself shall cease."

--N. Tate

CHAPLAIN'S PAGE

The meaning of Christmas takes on new significance in a world torn asunder by war. We say and teach and like to believe that all men are brothers, that human life is the one priceless thing in the world, and that all government and legislation, all industry and science, must become the servants of humanity. But what a different story the world speaks today - death and destruction, wholesale slaughter of innocent people, lying, deception, and trickery, costing thousands and perhaps millions of lives.

It is unto such a world, rotten to the core, drenched with sin, sick unto death - it is unto our world that the Christmas angel still proclaims that glorious message: "I bring you good tidings of great joy, for unto you is born this day a Savior!" "Yes, we now have a Savior, a Redeemer from sin, death and condemnation. And it is only this Savior alone who can bring real, and lasting peace to this earth. All other efforts always have been and always will be a failure. If men could only learn that lesson from history!

Let us therefore turn to Him concerning whom the Christmas angels sing, let us receive God incarnate into our hearts, let us, accept Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Mary, as our only Lord and Savior. For He entered this world and was born in Bethlehem for the express purpose of saving and redeeming us from sin, the only cause of all discord, misery, suffering and war. It is when all men

have received the Babe of Bethlehem into their hearts and lives, it is then that all nations shall be able to understand and join in that immortal angelic Christmas chorus "Gory to God in the highest-- PEACE ON EARTH -- good will toward men!"

--Chaplain H. Reinke

Chaplain Reinke reports that Co. 2754, CCC, NP-2, Camp Badlands National Monument, at Wall, South Dakota, leads the eight companies in Sub-District "C" in Bible Class attendance. Co. 2754 shows a total attendance of forty-five for the month of November.

A star
A light that led
To humble shed
Where oxen fed
On straw

A child
By regal maid
On manger laid
The world long prayed
For this


Ah peace
That hovered there
A part
Lord let us share
In heart
This Eve.

--Wilbur Thomas


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