



Yaphanker: "How would you like to be a soldier?"

Colonel Bank, retired: "Fine. How would you?"

MAJOR SHANTON WRITES SONG

Composes Words and Music for Official M. P. Song.

The feature of the M. P. Follies, presented at Converse College, December 1, was the singing of the M. P. song. The song was written by Major T. Harry Shanton, commanding the 102d Military Police. Major Shanton also composed the swinging melody. The GAS ATTACK secured Major Shanton's permission to print the song:

Song of the M. P.'s

We're three hundred bold, with plenty of gold,

We're a rollicking, bounding bunch,
We're right on the job, with plenty of prod,

And we put things o'er with a punch.
We try our best to help all the rest,
And watch for the rook who's astray,
To turn his step homeward, say "Beat it,
old pal,

In time for the last call to hay."

CHORUS:

The M. P.'s, the M. P.'s, the spanking,
dandy M. P.'s!

We work by day, and work by night,
But we're out for a frolic, or ready to fight.

We work for the boys in the trenches,
To see that their grub line's kept free,
And the dough-boy, you see,
Won't go hungry for tea,

If it's up to the boys of the M. P.'s.

To our mounts, you will find, we are gen-
tle and kind,

And we're ready for any old ride;
We'll do our best to keep up with the rest,
When we get to the other side.

We'll make our girls sad, but our folks
will be glad,

From the Empire State, and you'll see,
To keep up a good reputation

Is the motto of every M. P.

DUCHESS DE RICHELIEU SINGS.

On Wednesday night, November 27th, Y. M. C. A. Unit No. 97 was honored by the presence of Mme. Duchesse de Richelieu, the guest of Col. and Mrs. George Albert Wingate, who sang to a large audience of officers and enlisted men. The Duchesse has a charming voice and uses it to the best advantage and her singing was thoroughly enjoyed by all and she was asked for many encores.

The program was varied, starting with a cycle of old English songs and was interspersed with frequent numbers of a popular nature which the audience sang with her. The 104th F. A. Band added much to the enjoyment with its excellent numbers. It is hard to pick out which of the songs was the most popular, as all shared alike in the applause. "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" was as much enjoyed as any, while "Over There" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning" came in for their share of the applause.

The unit was honored by the presence also of many distinguished guests, among them being General and Mrs. Phillips, Col. and Mrs. Wingate, Col. and Mrs. Smith, Col. Hines, Capt. and Mrs. Schoellkopf, who are entertaining the Duchesse during her stay in town, and numerous of the officers of the various military units in camp.

WHAT TO SEND THE SOLDIER.

Some Christmas Suggestions to Clip and Send Home.

Here are a few practical Christmas suggestions for the folks back home. Kind but misguided aunts are apt to send you copies of Ivanhoe, red neckties, and suspenders. If you send them this list and check the things you'll need, you won't be apt to draw a white vest or a pair of skates in your sock Christmas morning:

Knitted things, as sweaters, mufflers, wristlets, belly bands, sox, gloves, bed-sox, all O. D. in color.

Food, as all sorts of tinned stuff, such as ground coffee, potted meats, boneless chicken, jam, sardines, tea, jelly, preserved fruits, soup, chicken a la King, shrimps, etc. Avoid glass jars. They are almost sure to be broken. Cakes, especially the kind of fruit cake that will last, packed securely in a wooden box. Cake is apt to get quashed if sent in cardboard boxes. Candy, all sorts. But NOT fruit, except, possibly well-packed apples. Nuts.

Writing paper, trench mirrors, soap, inflatable pillows. Baa-baa Bennies, i. e., coats lined with sheep skin. Sleeping bags, flashlights, fountain pens, shoe polishing sets. Rubber boots, moccasins, felt slippers.

Wrist watches, compasses, strong jack-knives, water-proof match safes, water-proof cigarette cases, toilet cases, Duffle-bags, chafing dishes, books, especially war books; checks, any amount, but preferably blank.

OFFICERS ON LEAVE.

The following officers have been granted a leave of absence:

Capt. C. L. Waterbury, O. R. C., on duty with the division school of the line, nine days, beginning on or about November 25.

First Lieut. William F. S. Root, 102d Engineers, fifteen days, beginning on or about December 14.

Maj. J. Leslie Kincaid, judge advocate, ten days, beginning on or about November 25.

Lieut. Col. H. S. Sternberger, division quartermaster, ten days, beginning on or about November 25.

Maj. F. E. Humphreys, 102d Engineers, ten days, beginning on or about December 1.

First Lieut. Lambert Oeder, D. C., 105th Field Artillery, ten days, beginning on or about November 26.

Capt. Kenneth Gardner, 107th Infantry, ten days, beginning on or about November 25.

First Lieut. H. L. Mellen, 102d Engineers, ten days, beginning on or about November 26.

Lieut. Embre Rogers, U. S. R., 104th Field Artillery, beginning on or about December 10.

Capt. A. W. Palmer, 102d Engineers, ten days, beginning on or about December 22.

The leave of absence recently granted Second Lieut. H. A. Morriss, 53d Infantry Brigade headquarters, has been extended one day.

A HOME-MADE TRENCH STOVE.

How to Make One Out of An Old Tin Can and Yesterday's Newspaper.

Here's an easy way to make a trench stove. Roll a newspaper into a tight roll. Cut it into three-inch lengths. Boil these small rolls in paraffine. They are the fuel for your stove.

Now get an old tin can—a large two-pound coffee can is good. Cut a door in the side of the can 3 1-2 inches long by 2 inches high, just above the bottom of the can. Punch holes about as big as the end of your little finger an inch apart around the top of the can. Now your stove is done.

One of your paraffin rolls can be placed on the bottom of the can and lighted. It will burn brightly for about twenty minutes and will give a good heat—enough to heat shaving water, make coffee or warm up some beans. Place them on top of the can where the cover was. The flame fans out through the holes.

A lot of these paraffin rolls are being made by the school children of Spartanburg, under the direction of the Red Cross. Children throughout the country are doing their small bits by rolling these paraffin rolls and sending them to France, to the real trenches, and to the various camps in this country for use in the training trenches. Some may be supplied to the soldiers at Camp Wadsworth.