

WHAT THE SIGNAL BATTALION HAS BEEN DOING.

Telephone Operator Sticks to His Post In Trenches With Water Up to His Waist—Other Signal Events Chronicled by Lieut. Ireland.

102nd Field Signal Battalion.

Our history has been moving rapidly in the last six weeks. Capt. Herbert L. Watson was detailed on January 4th as student in Technical Liaison at the Signal School at Camp Samuel F. B. Morse, Leon Springs, Texas, and having finished the course, returned on February 4th, to leave at once for the ten days which he declared was customary after every school. We heard little of Liaison from him, but much about the pleasant arrangement as to leave. Although a bachelor, he remarks in the telegram requesting the usual five days' extension.

"More family in two new apartments." We are awaiting further news and his return with unusual anxiety. Should the Telegraph Co. tell us "more" should be "move," and "two" read "to," we will be startled.

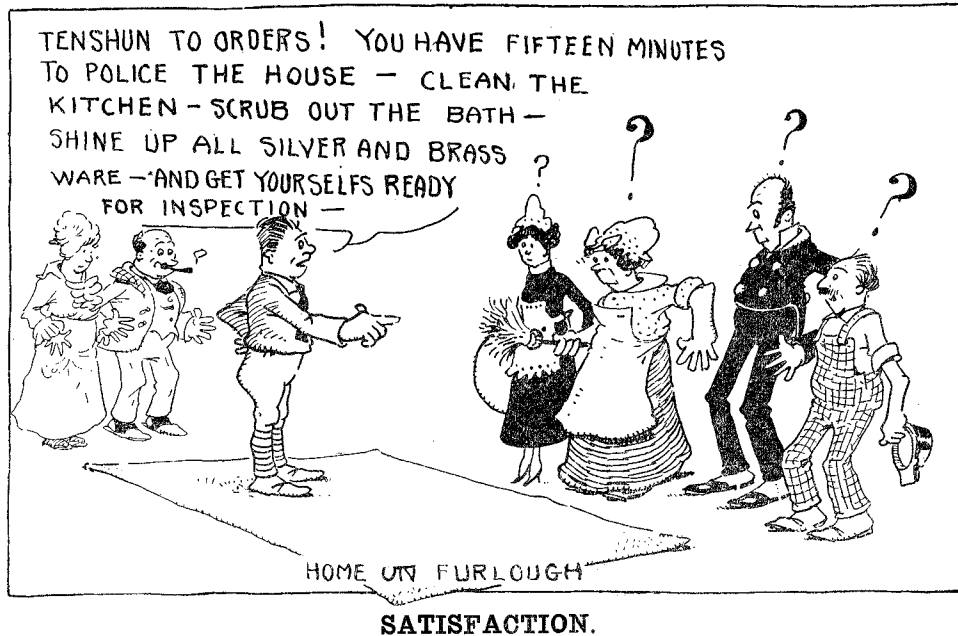
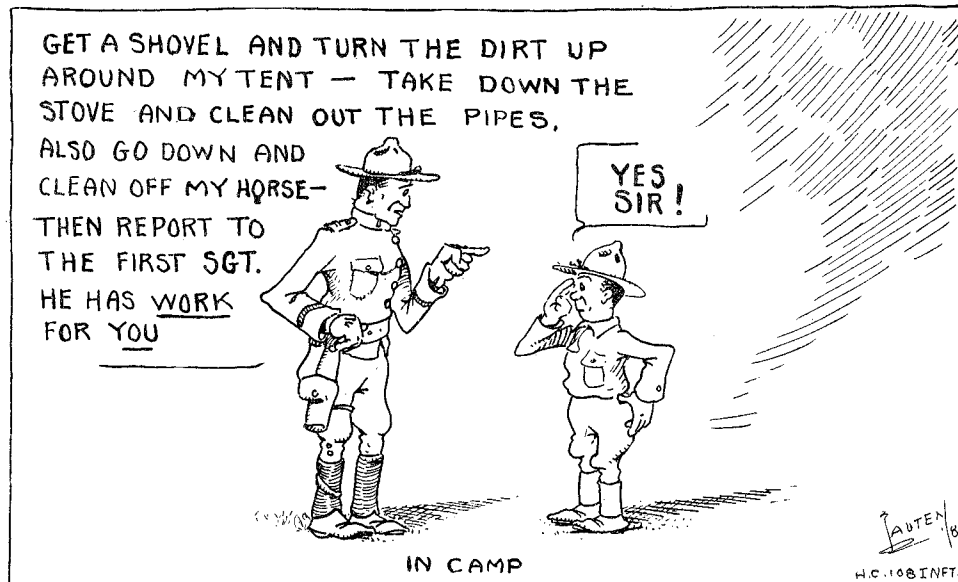
On January 6th, 1st Lieuts. Jerome D. Sullivan, Lewis H. DeBaun and Frederick M. Steeves left for Hoboken under orders to be prepared for "prolonged field service." A telegram announcing mother's death on Tuesday and signed Sudes is the only word we have had of them since; but that shows the good results of code and cipher work in our own midst.

At Training School.

M. S. E. Ronald, S. Wishart and 1st Class Sergeants Wilbur D. Andrews, Vernon G. Clute, John B. Fowler, Otto C. Hall, William B. Terry, Clarence Tuna and Charles H. Wilshusen were detailed to the Signal Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs, and after several weeks work write that the hours are long, food same as everywhere, and weather reminiscent of November, 1916. We wish them, as well as our 27th Division O. T. C. detail, silver bars at least. This last group consisted of 1st Class Sergeants Paul Z. Burrell, E. E. DeWolf, Sergeant George L. Eagle, Corporals Charles E. Lanchantin and William J. Thompson. Since they changed their hat cords they've not been around even for pay day; which would seem to suggest some little activity beneath their snowy canvas.

They all chose the Artillery, out of compliment to our neighbors to the westward—and frequently windward—in our present location. M. S. E. Frank C. Davern sent to learn more about radio at Camp Meade, and Corporal Cecil H. Johnson learning photography (by way of K. P. when last heard from) at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, complete our Detached Service list, for the moment.

2nd Lieut. Sherman A. Geer, promoted on January 17th, 1918, from Sergeant in this



Battalion, has happily been assigned to us for duty. He is the first of his rank the Battalion has ever had; and we like the sample, as much since his step up as before.

Radio Service in Artillery.

The Battalion since February 6th has maintained radio service for the Artillery by three stations at the Target Range, Campobello and this Camp; and despite occasional inquiries for some one's leave or goat or what not, and not too infrequent jammings by the well-meant but misdirected efforts of the radio students of our Liaison Schools, recently turned loose on the unsuspecting air, communication has been extremely satisfactory and serviceable. As in Texas, the old wireless does come in handy when roads, trains and wires all fail.

Mess Sergeant Albert B. Brushaber and Private Stanley E. Hubbard have been transferred as Privates to the Q. M. Corps, National Army; and are, we hope, realizing all the good they anticipated, for themselves and the service. Pvt. William Collins was

transferred on February 10th to the Supplies Division, Army Transport Service, and left at once for New York, "on the Govt.," as ordered. He seemed pretty much at sea as to his new duties, but undertook the first journey with commendable resignation.

The Second Session of the Liaison Department, 27th Division School of the Line, closed on February 15th, and the betting is even on a third session, or some attention to our own much neglected companies. Ten Signal Classes, under the instruction of our first graduates, but with schedules weekly from the Director, Liaison School, were organized under G. O. No. 6, January 10, 1918, and have been visited by Lieut. Smith, F. A. M., Sgt. Grand, F. A. M., and Battalion Officers, so that they are progressing most earnestly. Recent Sunday newspaper pictures and little items in the daily war news tend to bring more and more into common knowledge the importance of the absolutely unbreakable signalling ability which the

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