



LIEUT. EDWARD STREETER,  
105th Field Artillery.

Author of the famous "Dere Mable" letters and the one responsible and accountable for the expression, "That's me all over, Mable." The correspondence of Bill Smith, Private, has appeared in book form. The books are now on sale.

Every soldier in the New York Division should send a couple home.

#### THE PRESIDENT AND "YOU KNOW ME, AL."

Major-General O'Ryan received the following letter from President Wilson, whom he invited to attend a performance of "You Know Me, Al," the Division Show which ran with such success at the Lexington Theatre in New York City:

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington April 18, 1918.

My dear General O'Ryan:

I am heartily sorry, but I am tied tight by engagements for Monday afternoon, April twenty-second. Afternoons are almost impossible for me for anything but public duties.

Will you not express my sincere regret to the men who are going to act "You Know Me, Al?" I wish I could be there.

Cordially and sincerely yours,  
(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

Major-General John F. O'Ryan,  
Twenty-Seventh Division,  
United States Army.

P. S.—Mrs. Wilson hopes to attend, and will be pleased to occupy a box.

#### LETTERS TO MABLE IN BOOK FORM.

#### Famous Epistles of Bill Are Now Collected.

"Dere Mable" will be handed down to posterity. She will take her place in fiction with Portia, Becky Sharp, Rowena, Little Eva and other celebrated feminine figures. Bill's letters to her, which the *Gas Attack* has been privileged to print weekly, have been collected and illustrated and are now out in book form under the title "Dere Mable, a Rookie's letters to his Sweetheart."

The author of the letters, as most of the civilized world and part of Germany know, is Lieut. Edward Streeter of the 105th Field Artillery. The letters are illustrated by the inimitable G. William (Bill) Breck of Co. B, 107th Infantry, a distinguished graduate of the Camouflage College, and a professional artist of note in New York City.

Lieut. Streeter, whose home is in Buffalo, started a promising literary career at Harvard University where he was president of the Harvard Lampoon, a college humorous magazine which has graduated a number of now celebrated humorists. He was with the First Cavalry on the border, where he was one of the editors and principal contributors to the *Rio Grande Rattler*. He came to Camp Wadsworth as a sergeant in the 106th Field Artillery, and by his excellent work won a commission as second lieutenant. He is reputed to know as much about azimuth, as he does about humor, showing that it is possible for a literateur to be a soldier, and vice versa.

Lieut. Streeter discovered Bill Smith, author of the letters, shortly after he was down here and the camp has laughed at William and his weekly epistles ever since.

The letters are printed in attractive form by the F. A. Stokes Co., New York. The book sells for seventy-five cents and is on sale at the Calhoun Office Supply Co., Kennedy Place, Spartanburg. A more interesting souvenir of our stay here isn't made.

#### A LAUREL WREATH FROM M. S.

The *Gas Attack* receives many letters from all over the country confirming our suspicion that the New York Division is SOME division. Not the least enthusiastic is from a literary young lady who veils her identity under the initials M. S. Among other things she says:

"We people back home know what you are doing. We think you are accomplishing more than any division we know of. You train in real trenches, hike up to the mountains and back, edit a perfectly good and sensible magazine (very unlike LIFE), produce a wonderful show, "You Know Me, Al," walk knee deep in mud and do many other wonderful things!"

We salute M. S. and thank her.

R. E. C.



PVT. G. WILLIAM BRECK,  
Company B, 107th Infantry.

Illustrator of the *Rookie's Letters to his Sweetheart*. Famous as an artist, art editor of the *Seventh Regiment Gazette*, director of the *Wadsworth Academy of Fine Arts*, contributor to the *Gas Attack*, cook and camoufleur. His pictures in Lt. Streeter's book are screamingly funny.

#### CAPTAIN HAYES, CAMP ADJUTANT.

Captain Denis Hayes has reported for duty as camp adjutant. He was assistant commandant of the Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., when he was commissioned to his present rank in the national army. He was in the regular army twenty-five years before he retired.

#### THANKING "POP."

We, the men of the 54th Pioneer Inf., take this means of expressing our appreciation to Mr. Oscar A. Isaacs, Y. M. C. A. worker, for the help he has given us in our athletic activities, and for his generosity to us. Mr. Isaacs (or "Pop" Isaacs, as he is affectionately called) has "adopted" us, and has given up a great deal of time to coaching, advising and encouraging those men who represent us in sport. He has presented us with considerable athletic equipment, for which we thank him; but we are most grateful for his cheery, brightening presence.

T. E.