

SPLENDID RECORD MADE BY 102d MILITARY POLICE

Report Shows Efficiency of Major Shanton's Command.

"Your brassard is not a club. You must treat every man with the greatest courtesy. But if it is necessary to start anything, be sure you finish it."

"The Military Policeman must be the neatest, cleanest, snappiest, most courteous and most efficient soldier in the service because he is the most conspicuous."

"You are the friend of the other soldiers. See to it that you retain their friendship and respect by the way you perform your duties."

These are excerpts from talks given by Major T. Harry Shanton to the 102d Military Police when they first came to Camp Wadsworth early in September to undertake the man-sized job of acting as police force for a city of 30,000 able-bodied male citizens. How well the men have caught the spirit of these instructions was shown last week when the 102d Military Police were highly commended by Major-General O'Ryan in a letter printed in the *Gas Attack* last week.

Unquestionably the military police have won the respect of the men of the division. There has been a minimum of friction, due, to a great extent, to the fact that Major Shanton and the other officers of the 102d M. P. have been constantly on the alert to prevent any man being officious or domineering in the discharge of his duties. Courtesy first has been the rule.

Immorality of every sort has been hunted down and suppressed until Spartanburg, like the celebrated soap, is 99 and 44-100th per cent. pure.

It was thought at first that the illicit sale of alcoholic liquor would be a serious problem for the New York Division. But it wasn't. From the first Major Shanton and his men went after the boot-leggers and illicit selling has become so highly unprofitable that very few now attempt to escape the vigilance of the M. P.

The M. P.'s also developed some Sherlock Holmeses. Two of them were assigned to clear up a number of forgery cases. The patience and ingenuity they displayed resulted in the rounding up of a number of men who had been duping local merchants with phoney checks. No central office detective could have done the job more efficiently.

The M. P.s have become especially well known for their attention to the important details of military courtesy. Saluting is one of Major Shanton's hobbies, and every M. P. has learned to click to attention in the presence of an officer. They have also become excellent horsemen, and are one of the few outfits in the division who can do both cavalry and infantry drill.

There isn't a question but that the excellent record they have made over here will be continued over there.

The detailed report of the activities of the 102d M. P., together with the letter sent by Major Shanton in submitting the report to the commanding general follow:

Headquarters 102nd Military Police, Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

April 13th, 1918.

From: Commanding Officer 102nd Military Police,

To: Commanding General, 27th Division, U. S. A.

Subject: Report.

1. Appended hereto, a recapitulation of the work done by the 102d Military Police from September 11th, 1917, to March 31st, 1918, within the camp zone. This does not include, however, the great number of soldiers who have been corrected in one way or another for minor violations, and each of the arrests recorded, have been bona-fide.

2. I am very proud of the work done, and the manner in which it has been accomplished by the Military Police, and very few cases of importance have escaped their vigilance. This work, I believe, has been done without creating any ill feeling between the Military Police and soldiers belonging to other units, and with the civil and county authorities and has been done at all times, without undue publicity or notoriety.

T. HARRY SHANTON,
Major, Commanding.

Headquarters 102nd Military Police, Spartanburg, S. C.

April 10th, 1918.

Consolidated Report of Military Police Blotter from September 11th, 1917, to March 31st, 1918. Town of Spartanburg, S. C.

Violation of camp regulations:

No pass or qualification cards; failing to salute; not properly uniformed	1141	arrests
Fraudulent furloughs	30	"
Intoxication	25	"
Cashing and forging worthless checks	10	"
White and colored women: Soliciting for immoral purposes; prostitutes	41	"
Assisted civil authorities in making arrests; violators of liquor traffic laws	23	"
For gambling	10	"
Apprehension of auto thieves...	3	"

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Camp Wadsworth, A. W. O. L...	362	confined
Taken from trains in and around Spartanburg, S. C., from other camps:		
Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C...	124	"
Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga....	27	"
Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala.	43	"
Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.....	3	"

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR COMMISSION.

Fourth Officers Training Schools Open May 15th.

The fourth officers' training camps will open May 15, at various divisional camps and cantonments, Secretary Baker has announced.

The secretary said that two per cent. of the enlisted personnel of the divisions and detached units of the regular army, national guard and national army, excepting the coast artillery and the various corps will be designated to attend the schools. This procedure, he said, will operate through regular army channels.

In addition there will be admitted all graduating members of senior divisions, reserve officers' training corps units, who have completed the course prescribed for the reserve officers' corps, and all members of the advance, senior divisions, of the corps, who by May 15, have completed one year of the advanced course, and who have had 300 hours of military instruction since January 1, 1917, under supervision of an army officer.

In addition, a number of men who have had a year's military training under army officers, at any time during the past ten years, in educational institutions, recognized by the war department, will be admitted. All applications must be filed by May 1.

The several educational institutions recognized by the government, the secretary said, have been assigned quotas and they shortly will be advised as to the method of selecting candidates.

DIES OF INJURIES RECEIVED AT RANGE.

Private Alexander Polaski, of Battery A, 106th Field Artillery, died at the Base Hospital, April 17th, as the result of injuries sustained on April 9, at the artillery range when a gun caisson ran over him. Polaski received internal injuries in the accident and although everything known to medical science was done for him by the medical officers at the Base Hospital under Major W. R. Dear, he failed to rally.

Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill.....	1	"
Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C....	36	"
Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.....	3	"
Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C....	3	"
Camp Hill, Newport News, Va....	1	"
Camp Forrest, Chickamauga Park, Ga.	1	"
Deserters from draft.....	6	"