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ARMISTICE DAY.

To us living, no national holiday can be more dear than November eleventh. Three years ago, the doughboy on the Meuse, dazed by the sudden quietness, climbed to the top of a hill, rubbed his eyes, and wondered if he really hadn't been "bumped off" and passed to a peaceful world.

Three years have passed—we imagine that the barbed wire that once entangled our wrapped legins has been cleared up and that grass is now growing in the old trenches. World statesmen now meet in Washington, D. C. to discuss the limitation of armaments.

The American soldier, by his dashing spirit at Chateau Thierry, his artillery genius at St. Mehiel, and, greatest of all, his persistency by the forty-six days and nights of continued battle in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, helped to make November 11th the day of rejoicing.

THE DISABLED VETERANS AT THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

There are at the present time one hundred and two disabled ex-service men in training at the North Dakota Agricultural College. In this issue of the Spectrum will be found a more detailed account of the activities of these men here at the A. C.

Since November 11th, 1918, the battle-scarred fields and wrecked villages of France have been undergoing repair. During this same three years, many thousands of battle-scarred American men have been in the process of convalescence and rehabilitation.

Disabled Veterans A Vital Organization

Vice Commander Ralph A. Horr One of the most important of these resolutions was that Congress effect immediate legislation for the centralization of tubercular and nervous cases.

The convention ordered that the various state delegations elect, from among their delegation, temporary state officers as the national executive committee was to meet the day following the convention and desired the presence of all state commanders.

Upon the return of the delegates a regular meeting of the Fargo Chapter was held at which a report of a regular meeting of the national convention was heard and permanent officers were elected for the year.

To emphasize the vital importance of the work of this national organization to all ex-service men we wish to submit one of many communications the Chapter receives from national headquarters.

October 10, 1921.

Dear Comrade:

National Headquarters would appreciate your views on the proposed out of Federal Trainees' pay from one hundred to eighty dollars per month.

In view of the facts that prominent economists are agreed on the fact that prices on all commodities are on an upward trend, National Headquarters wired President Harding protesting the proposed cut.

As I have been invited to confer with Colonel Forbes at Washington, Thursday, I wish if you feel as National Headquarters does, that you wire President Harding also protesting.

This will give added weight to my argument.

Thanking you for past cooperation and awaiting your views on the question, I am,

Faithfully yours, Raymond Lasance National Adjutant.

Since the conference of our National Adjutant and the telegrams from hundreds of chapters in the United States have resulted in maintaining for us a livable maintenance, it is evident that we need this organization to counteract the influence of such would-be economists as Herbert Hoover who seems to think that because his noble sons can attend university in California on eighty dollars a year all disabled ex-soldiers in the United States can do likewise.

Besides our business and legislative advantages, we need this organization as a local brotherhood. With the kind assistance of many Fargo people our Chapter Commander promises some excellent social functions for this winter.

The Veterans Bureau For All Ex-Serviuemen

By a special correspondent

During the fall of 1919 the first disabled veterans of the recent War arrived at the North Dakota Agricultural College to receive training under what was then the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

At the present time the A. C. has enrolled over one hundred disabled veterans who are receiving training and an education. These men are enrolled in nearly every department at the College.

A great many people probably wonder who is eligible for training and under what conditions it is granted by the government. In order for a man to receive training he must satisfy the following conditions. He must have been separated from the military or naval forces of the United States under honorable conditions since April 7, 1917.

The supervision of the disabled veterans' training in schools and colleges is exercised by the United States Veterans' Bureau. This work was formerly conducted by the Federal Board for Vocational Education, Division of Rehabilitation. Now, under the law provided by the Sweet Bill, this work together with the work of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance and the U. S. Public Health Service has been combined under one bureau, the U. S. V. B.

Our correspondent at this time could get no material as to the policy of the new U. S. Veterans' Bureau owing to the fact that the central office prefers the official information to come from them after the final plans are put in working order.

Ensign—See the captain on that bridge of that enemy ship five miles away.

Marine—Aye, aye, Sir. Ensign—Hit him in the eye with a thirteen inch shell.

Marine—Which eye sir?

Armistice Day, 1918

Chilly and gray the morning Over the low plateau— Over Verens und Chepy, And Arras the fogs arose; Still there were hearts asinging—

Peace,—would our foes accept it? Or, would they make excuse, And quicken our red desires To pay them all their dues. When the news came "official", Light burst on every side;

Edward S. Peterson Historian Gilbert C. Grafton Post American Legion, Fargo, N. D.

No Goldfish at Big Island Camp

By Claude Sweet

Many and varied were the sports at the summer camp for the trainees of the Veterans' Bureau held at Lake Minnetonka last summer. Amities were forgotten while we firmities were forgotten while we were there for there was no time to think of such minor troubles as the loss of an arm or leg while one had the run of such a place as Big Island.

Here, for once, the everlasting cry of, "When do we eat?" was stilled, for, with the abundance of good things provided by the Gold Star Mothers who considered it a privilege to cook for the camp, who could complain? Slum, corned willie and goldfish were conspicuous by their absence.

Tommie was up in lines for his first time. "And where do I go when this shelling business starts," sandy, "Laddie that all depends on your religious opinions."

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## My Experience

### On Armistice Day

Sweet memories of this eventful day told by men who were disabled in the service of the United States Army.

Leonard Collins, 336th Infantry, New Port News, Va. I was landed at New Port News on the day before Armistice Day. Being confined to bed in the hospital, I could not take part in the grand celebration which took place in that city but I heard a great noise. There were thousands of soldiers and sailors as well as civilians in the celebration.

Henry Stensrud, 138th Infantry, 35th Div., Paughlessleu, near Nevers, France. The French country people of this little village danced in the street until two o'clock in the morning. They rang the church bells for thirty-six hours continually.

Arnold Gunnerson, Base Hospital 67, Mesves, France. We heard the news that the armistice was signed, but as we had been disappointed by previous false reports of an armistice, we refused to believe this report. The French people seemed to be celebrating so we caught the spirit of celebration and staged a pillow barrage in the hospital ward.

Arthur Peterson, 410 Telephone Battalion, Morlaix, France. We spent all the morning repairing wire. The news reached us thru the French people. In this town the celebration was carried on by wine drinking, dancing, speech making, and parading almost to the extent of rioting.

Burton Oederkirk, U. S. Hospital, Washington, D. C. Was in bed in the hospital and unable to enjoy this day.

John Hefeifinger, on leave in Paris. There were about fifteen thousand people parading the streets all day and all night on that great day of rejoicing. That was one time that the American Soldier was praised. Every place was thrown open to the American. There was a continual uproar of heavy artillery fire all day long. If you were standing on the corner of the street watching the parade go by the French people would grab hold of you and pull you into the parade. They would not let loose of you. This was "some day" for the Yanks.

Abe Homola, Co. B, 128 Inf., 32 Div. On Armistice Day I was somewhere a few miles back of the lines, either in a field hospital or receiving station, I don't remember which. It was at night before the 11th of November that a detail of American patrols picked me up from the "no man's land" (where I had lain all day after getting hit by a machine gun bullet.) and carried me to the first aid station. Here splints were applied to keep the fragment of bone in place, after which I was placed in an ambulance and taken further back of the lines. I must have slept later than usual on the 11th because on awakening I did not hear the roar of artillery any more and in a few minutes some one came to my bedside and told me that the war was over.

George A. Stephenson, Co. A, 9th Inf.—At Base Hospt. 86 somewhere in France.

Clarence Fiske, Battleship Georgia Was out on the Irish Sea 400 miles N.W. of Queenstown Island. Clarence says the signing of the armistice had no effect on the storm that day, for the "gobs" were riding the waves "high, wide and handsome," and received the news four days later.

L. G. Nays, Picatinny Arsenal, Loading 12 inch shells. "We'll use 'em in the next war."

Frank E. Greenside, Naval Hospital, Chelsea, Mass. "Scotty" says he put on some celebration.

Melvin L. Forthun, Hq. Staff, Camp Standon, Hursley, Eng. and On November, 11th 1918, I was at Camp Standon, Hursley, near Winchester. When the news of the

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