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DEMOBILIZATION OF CAMP TO START WEDNESDAY—CO.'s A D E OUT FIRST

From THE BAYONET

Dec. 7, 1918

Demobilization of the Valparaiso Training Camp will begin Wednesday and continue through the week.

The first shipments will be composed of the men in Companies A, D and E. The soldiers from Companies B and B, Radio and S. A. T. C. will be mustered out next Sunday, and the remaining men—Headquarters Company and the M. T. C.—will be held for further orders.

Company A has 105 men; Company B, 121; Company C, 143; Company D, 161; Company E, 185; Radio, 60; and S. A. T. C., 133.

The demobilization orders have been expected at the Post for some time. Conflicting statements and reports have been made lately concerning the date of discharge but the official announcement was made today from Headquarters.

It is the intention of the officers to rush the mustering out as much as possible, and to that end the physical examinations are now being given. The papers have been made out and await only the signature of the soldier. The pay rolls, which were made up in advance, contain the payment in full for the soldier's service, and will be his final settlement with the government. His care fare will also be handed him at the same time.

No information is available regarding the M. T. C. or Headquarters companies. It is assumed that some of the men will leave the week after the second shipment, but Headquarters has received no confirmation of the report.

A doubt also exists as to the disposition of the trucks. It is thought possible that they will be shipped to the far east, but nothing definite has been decided.

Headquarters company is made up of members of the band, the Personnel Office, the Military Police and the Quartermaster Department. Some of the men in this company will be held for some time to straighten out the final records and verify all papers, but a few may be released on or about the 17th.

The future of the new buildings is still unknown. They are all constructed from new lumber, and could be economically wrecked. Mr. Brown has not decided on the matter yet.

The M. T. C. classes completed their work today and will spend the remainder of their time going over the trucks, getting them in first class shape. The Radio company will continue its work as at present up to the day of demobilization.

The camp was started May 15th. Since then over a quarter of a million dollars have been expended in improvements and quarters for the soldiers, exclusive of the cost of the mess service.

UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OPENS SEASON WITH FINE PROGRAM AT AUDITORIUM THURSDAY EVENING

The best musical program ever given in the camp area was played to a crowded house at the Auditorium Thursday evening when the University Symphony orchestra opened the 1918-1919 season. The orchestra was under the direction of Mr. Stephan and was assisted by members of the band. Many soldiers attended the concert and enjoyed the program throughout.

Mr. Stephan regularly brings his musicians before the public, and the citizens have come to look forward to his programs. They are well arranged and the music is always of the highest class. The Thursday evening entertainment was one of the best presentations he has ever made. In speaking of the work of the band men, Director Stephan said: "Rarely does one have access to a band in which an indiscriminate selection of players will find men as artistic or so gifted.

The boys played last night with a precision and technique that was admirable. Many of them had been privileged only a short practice, yet their execution fell little short of perfect. I want to thank them one and all for their assistance."

Thirty musicians were in the orchestra. The University students are young men and women from the conservatory who are specializing in music, and the symphonies are part of their training.

The soldiers from the band who participated in the program were French, Elvig, Olson, Ross, Hill, Wahl, Darnell, Erickson, Stein, Schafer, Schnitgen, Morphy, Peterson, Ball, Owens and Motsinger.

In addition to the symphony program, special numbers and instrumental music were given by Miss Ruth Axe Brown, Mrs. Stephan and Henry Elvig.

The Two Smiths" Are Scheduled to Mix Merrily at Memorial, Thursday

The S. A. T. C. boys and the girls of the Expression department of Valparaiso University will present a short play, "The Two Smiths," at Memorial opera house Thursday night for the benefit of the local Y. M. C. A. The director has been working hard to secure a successful production and it is stated that the final practices indicate that the show will be a success. The tickets are now on sale at popular prices. The play begins at 8:15.

The boys from East Hall want to thank the people in and around Valpo for the royal way they were entertained Thanksgiving day. Well, I guess it shows that the boys aren't tongue-tied.

TRUCK MEN GIVE ONE MORE DANCE

The M. T. C. Company gave its final dance in the University gymnasium Monday with nearly five hundred persons on the floor. It was the largest attended dance of the company and was a complete success. One of the features of the evening was the four-piece novelty orchestra, secured from Chicago for the occasion. The pianist and the others continued the music in laughable positions and caricatures and added to the merriment of the occasion. The dance program was long and lasted till nearly twelve o'clock. Near the end of the evening a "confetti dance" was announced, and the last dance was played in a shower of fine paper.

"THANK YOU, VALPARAISO"

If three words were to be chosen by the soldiers of the camp for the citizens of Valparaiso and vicinity, it is not unlikely that the words above would be the unanimous selection. But no three words can carry the gratitude to repay the kindnesses that leave us indebted.

Since the founding of the camp the soldiers have been welcomed to the city. Khaki-clad men are always popular in war time, but a sincere warmth lay back of the invitations to the homes of the city. Many of those homes had boys of their own in the service, and they respected our sacrifice. When we, in turn, held open house, we were assured the presence of Valparaisans. At all of our sport events they attended in large numbers. Many of the entertainments have been made possible by their patronage. Few occasions could be noted when a chance to help the soldiers was

lost. Their whole attitude toward the camp was typifying on Thanksgiving. Nearly every man in camp had an invitation out to a home where he became a member of the family for the day. Soldiers appreciate such kindnesses, and if the city was not properly thanked on that occasion it was because the men could not adequately express their feelings.

But our usefulness has passed and we will soon be home. In one sense it will be a relief to return to our former life, but Valparaiso will not be forgotten in the years that follow.

We have enjoyed our duty here, and the time will always be a pleasant memory.

The Rookie Bayonet

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WELL GOOD-BYE UNCLE WHENEVER I'M WANTED I'LL BE HERE

ALTAURIA

THE BATTLE OF VALPO

WELL FELLOWS THIS IS THE LAST DRAWING FOR THE BAYONET SO I'LL PARK UP AN' GO HOME SEE YOU IN THE NEXT WAR MERRY XMAS

OH! BOY

WOMEN WANT TO KEEP MEN'S JOBS

AS SOON AS WE GET HOME

HELP WANTED MALE ADS

AS SOON AS WE GET HOME

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HERE ARE THE MUSICIANS OF THE VALPARAISO TRAINING CAMP BAND



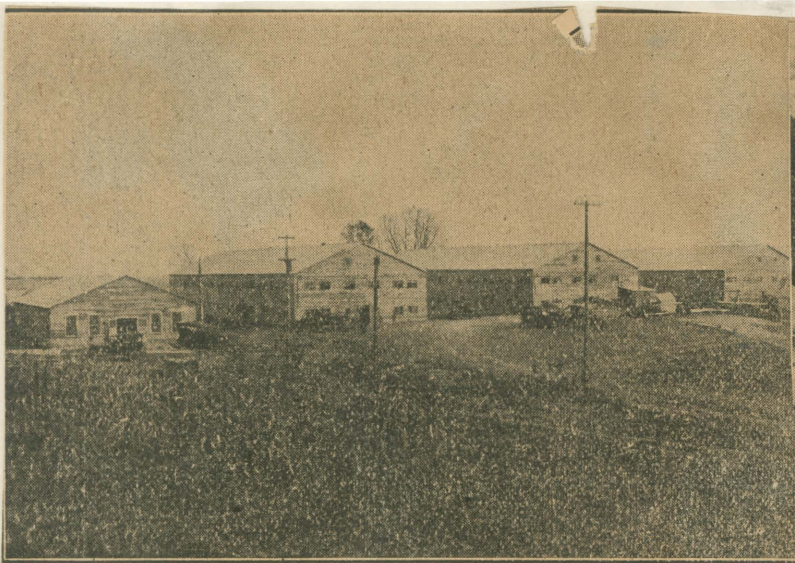
With this issue The Bayonet completes its career as the official camp paper of the Valparaiso Training Detachment. For twenty weeks it has given the men in camp and the citizens interested in the post all the news in a clean, live manner. It is not for us to choose our own laurels, but it is permissible to state that few army camps have offered as good a paper as The Bayonet. The staff has worked untiringly to make each issue a success and the appreciation of the soldiers rewards the efforts. No paper is absolutely perfect, but it has been the motto of The Bayonet to impartially represent every man in camp and to represent him well. In one sense, The Bayonet has held the unique position, and enjoyed the privilege, of bringing camp life to the folks at home. Its duties have entailed responsibilities that were intrusted to us in confidence, and it is that confidence we have endeavored to vindicate. Perfection in anything is admirable, but rewards are more often based on endeavors, and we rest, secure in the knowledge that we have done our best.

Not a little of The Bayonet's success is due to the patriotic citizens in and around Valparaiso. With their support it has been possible to enlarge the paper from time to time and to extend its circulation to other cities. Our advertisers have been loyal and generous, and in return they have received every courtesy we have to offer and the advantages of a wide distribution. Their patronage is greatly appreciated.

To the officers of the post The Bayonet is especially indebted. Through their consideration the paper has been made possible, and their suggestions have always been profitable.

The associations and friendships formed by The Bayonet have been pleasurable. It is with regret that the last issue is prepared for the press, but our usefulness has passed. Not even the chance for distinction in France remains. We know that we have sincerely done our bit. It remains for you to judge how well.

The time has come to sheathe The

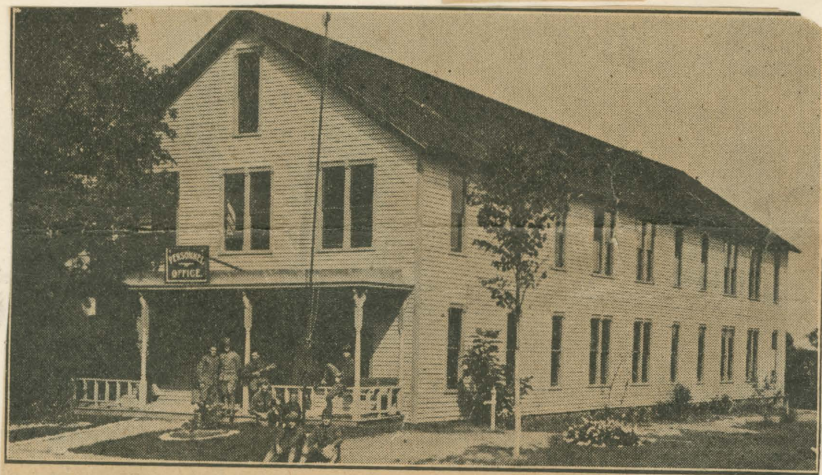


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OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF COMPANY ONE OF THE STUDENTS ARMY TRAINING CORPS OF VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

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