

## SOLDIERS RECEIVE \$100,000,000 MONTH

Sergeant Frank Scott Gives Interesting Interview Covering Disbursement of Pay Roll

Sergeant Frank Scott, in charge of the recruiting station of the United States Army at Alliance, has given The Herald an interesting interview on the pay roll disbursement of the fighting forces of the United States. The interview is as follows:

The actual pay roll of the fighting forces of the United States is now nearly \$100,000,000 per month.

This sum is disbursed by the pay officers of the Army and Navy in the form of checks or currency or by the Treasury Department in the form of family allowances as compensation for services rendered according to the scale of pay prescribed by law for the uniformed defenders of the Nation.

This figure does not include "family allowances" which are paid by the Government toward the support of the families of enlisted men, under specified conditions, nor does it consider any of the special compensation features of the military and Naval insurance act, under which \$176,150,000 was appropriated.

For the purpose of informing the public accurately as to the system of pay of the Army, the following authorized statement has been issued by the Committee on Public Information.

The total pay of the United States Army for the month of December was approximately \$78,580,800. Disbursements on the account of the pay of officers and men of the Army are now at the rate of about \$95,000,000 per year. These figures consider "solely the pay disbursed by the Quartermaster Department and do not include family allowances of compensation for disability of soldiers, provided for by the military and naval insurance act and paid by the Government through the War Risk Insurance Bureau of the Treasury Department.

Following is a comprehensive statement of the system of pay of the Army authorized by the Quartermaster General:

The Quartermaster General of the Army, under the direction of the Secretary of War, is charged with the duty of providing for the payment of the officers, enlisted men, female nurses, field clerks, and civilians clerks of the Quartermaster Corps on duty at places other than in the office of the Quartermaster General. Due to the lack of office buildings necessary to take care of the increased number of employees required to carry on the business of the Army at Washington, it has been necessary to lease many privately owned buildings for office purposes.

The Finance and Accounting Division of the office of the Quartermaster General is charged with the detail of providing funds, and interior administration in connection with the payment of the Army and is now located in a large apartment house at the corner of Fifteenth and M Streets.

The intricate task of paying officers and men of the United States Army, made more difficult by the wide expansion of the past six months is being satisfactorily accomplished. To prevent failure to meet the monthly compensation of every man in the service, no matter where he may be located, liberal sums are furnished the various disbursing quartermasters in order promptly to meet the Army pay rolls with their extraordinary demands for funds. The officers and enlisted men of the Army are paid at the end of each month, or as soon thereafter as possible, by the disbursing officers of the Quartermaster Corps, in cash or by check, at their stations or in the field. If on duty in France, they are paid in French currency or by United States checks, as officers and men may elect.

The pay of enlisted men depends on their grades, ratings, and length of service.

From June 1, 1917, and continuing during the war the pay of the enlisted men is as follows:

Men receiving \$30: All privates, of the Army entering grade.

Men receiving \$36: Corporals, saddlers, mechanics, farriers, wagoners, and musicians of the third class.

Men receiving \$38: All sergeants grades in the line, which includes Infantry Field Artillery, Coast Artillery and Cavalry; cooks, horseholders, band corporals, and musicians of the second class.

Men receiving \$44: Sergeants of the various corps of the Engineers, Ordnance, Signal Corps, Quartermaster Corps and Medical Department; band sergeants and musicians of the first class.

Men receiving \$48: Battalion sergeants majors, squadron sergeants majors, sergeant majors (junior grade), sergeant buglers, master gunners, and assistant band leaders of the line.

Men receiving \$51: Regimental sergeant majors, regimental supply sergeant majors (senior grades) quartermaster sergeants of the quartermaster corps, ordnance sergeants, first sergeants, electrician sergeants, assistant engineers and battalion sergeant majors and battalion supply sergeant of the engineers.

Men receiving \$56: Sergeants, first class of the Medical Department.

Men receiving \$71: Hospital sergeants, master engineers of the junior grade, and engineers.

Men receiving \$81: Quartermaster sergeants of the senior grade of the Quartermaster Corps, band leaders, master signal electricians, master engineers of the senior grade, and master hospital sergeants.

These are the established grades of the enlisted men, but they may variously be assigned to such special duties as chauffeurs, switchboard operators, cobblers, clerks, camoufleurs, sanitary inspectors, draftsmen, stevedores, accountants, plumbers, and such other occupations and trades as are necessary to meet the requirements of Army service.

In addition to the rates of pay for enlisted men heretofore mentioned, supplemental pay or allowances are made as follows:

Increased pay is allowed for continuous service, computed under what is known as "enlistment period" ordinarily represents a period of three or

four years, dependent upon the law in effect at date of enlistment. There are seven such periods, covering a period of service of from 1 year to more than 18 years provided for, and increases range from \$3 to \$24 per month, according to the grade and length of service.

Men in the grade of private calling for \$30 per month are increased \$3 per month during the second enlistment period, an additional \$3 per month during the third enlistment period, and \$1 per month for each additional enlistment period to include the seventh enlistment period.

Men above the \$30 grade and up to and including the \$38 grade are entitled to \$3 per month additional pay for each enlistment period from the second to the seventh for each successive enlistment period. Men above the \$38 grade are entitled to \$4 per month additional pay for each enlistment period from the second to the seventh.

Enlisted men of the Coast Artillery, below the grade of mess sergeant, are entitled to the following additional ratings, according to the established individual qualifications: Casement electricians, observers of the first class, plotters, and coxswains \$9 per month; chief painters, observers of second class, chief loaders, gun commanders and gun pointers, \$7 per month; enlisted men of the Field Artillery: expert first class gunners, \$5 per month; first class gunners, \$3 per month; second class gunners, \$2 per month; enlisted men in the Medical Department: surgical assistants \$5 per month; nurse (enlisted man) \$3 per month; and dispensary assistant \$2 per month.

Enlisted men of the Signal Corps, while on duty which requires them to participate regularly in aero flights, assuming that they have the rating of aviation mechanic, receive 50 per cent increase in their monthly pay. All enlisted men while on detached duty not in the field where there are no army quarters available, receive in addition to their pay \$15 per month to cover the expenses of housing and also a suitable allowance for subsistence and for light and heat.

Enlisted men serving in a foreign country or beyond the continental limits of the United States (Porto Rico, Hawaii, and Panama Canal Zone excepted) receive 20 per cent increase in pay computed on the base of pay and service pay prevailing prior to June 1, 1917, when an act of Congress increased, for the "term of the emergency," the pay of all enlisted men in amounts ranging from 50 per cent to 80 per cent.

Enlisted men attached to the United States Military Academy are entitled to the same pay and allowances as other enlisted men of the Regular Army of the same grade and additional compensation provided for performing certain duties upon detail therefore in orders.

Officers of the Army are paid according to the rank held by them. A second lieutenant receives \$141.67; initial pay per month; first lieutenant \$166.67; captain \$200; major \$250; Lieutenant Colonel \$291.67; and a colonel, \$333.33, with increase of 10 per cent known as longevity pay for each period of five years active service.

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## Knowlesisms

(Taken from Men's Address "Slackers")

It is strange how some people complain of their giving so much to Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work these days. I have heard some talk who would give the impression that they had sold their farms or town property to give the proceeds to war work. On closer question however, most of these kickers admit that they did give one dollar to each cause. These are days when the man who withholds his means from the demands made by our soldiers' welfare is a slacker pure and simple.

Mighty few men if in Alliance would care to live here if the church life did not play an important part in affairs. They admit the need of the church—the good influence of the church, and then boast of their good citizenship while they neglect the vital life of the church. If the church is a good thing, that man is a slacker who does not seek to advance her life in every way.

There are just lots of you business and railroad men here who would let the church die in twenty-four hours if her life depended upon the way you do. You join a few lodges—give a few dollars to the church, and then quietly settle down and let the church life go. Men, You'll Pay for this some day. Don't be a slacker.

Any man who does less than his best is a slacker. You may be doing as well as someone else, but that affords you no gauge for your own work. Every man must develop his morals—his ideals—his efficiency as a workman to the very highest degree. You have no right to offer to your community any thing less than your highest and best efforts.

A good moral bath would be a wholesome tonic for some of the Alliance men and you know it. There are things going on here all the time that the public should cry against. There is nothing in gambling—in prostitution—in boot-legging.

Say, men, when a fellow steps over the line into immorality, he just naturally loses his respect for himself. It is true that sin in a man's life makes him grouchy and unbearable, but the real cause for his grouchy with others is his own conscience which always condemns him. A foul, immoral life can not be at ease in the presence of a clean one.

How goes the home life with you? Are you spending your time telling your friends what an unappreciative woman you married? I take just about one minute in reaching my own conclusions about a man who goes around airing his family troubles. It would be a safe gamble that the wife in such a case is bay far more of a woman than the husband is a man. Wake up old fellow, and take on a few of your home responsibilities. Let your children get acquainted with you. Make it a practise to tell your wife she is the best little woman on earth. You'll both begin to believe it if you speak often enough. Show her the little respects you used to. Don't be a slacker. The home has a right to make many demands of you. Meet them cheerfully.

### FRANK RUMER MARRIED

Frank A. Rumer, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rumer of Alliance, was married on February 7th at Denver to Miss Irene McKee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McKee. The marriage ceremony was performed at the winter home of the bride's parents in Denver. They are well known Banner county people, having a large ranch near Harrisburg. The marriage was performed at seven o'clock in the evening. There were present only a few of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Rumer and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Hively of Alliance were present.

On Friday the newly married couple left for the east. Mr. Rumer is a member of the aviation corps in the U. S. Army, stationed at the training camp at Augusta, Georgia. The bride accompanied him on his return trip to Augusta.

The groom known familiarly to his hundreds of friends in Alliance as "Bud", is an Alliance boy and a graduate of the Alliance city schools. The happy couple carry with them the wishes of their many friends in western Nebraska for a long and joyous married life.

W. M. Sherman who recently succeeded Mr. Burke as special agent for the Burlington on the Alliance division, was in the city Saturday on official duties. He was seen in the company of chief of police George Snyder, so someone was evidently being carefully watched.

### WHEN YOU HAVE A COLD

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker Pana, Ill., writes: "Our five-year-old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

R. R. Harford, formerly district foreman for the Nebraska Telephone Company, has been promoted to the post of district plant chief at Grand Island, succeeding W. J. Brazell who has been promoted to the post of chief clerk to the general plant superintendent at Omaha.

The Nebraska Land Company on Tuesday completed a deal for the sale of the residence property of A. J. Welch to Mrs. John Vogel.

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### NOTICE TO DAIRYMEN.

Ordinance No. 219, Section 21, calling for the tubercular test of all milk cows, of which their milk is sold in Alliance, must be complied with at once or such action as necessary will be taken.

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## The Nation's Fighters Depend on the Telephone

The telephone business was among the first to be called on for unusual service in the war.

All over the country the important railroad points, the bridges, the big grain elevators, munition factories and water-supply systems have been guarded, first by detachments of the national guard and now by private watchmen.

This need is requiring special telephone service, and the total amount of telephone work to provide it is enormous.

The call to arms brought to the Bell Telephone System imperative duties and responsibilities.

No nation entered the war with anywhere near the number of skilled telephone men, or as dependable and comprehensive telephone service as this country possessed.

More than 6,800 former Bell Telephone employees are now in some branch of the military service in Europe, or in training camps here.

In spite of the war and what it has meant to this company in the increased number of telephone messages to handle, the enlistment of so many of our trained men, the shortage of equipment, the scarcity of labor and the high cost of telephone materials—

In spite of all these obstacles, we are meeting the needs of the public for telephone service in a remarkably successful way.



Only the telephone companies could furnish the skilled telephone men the government needed in the army signal corps.

When the war came, telephone plants had to be built or enlarged at all the army posts, training camps, navy yards and department headquarters. Similar telephone systems have had to be installed in the American training camps, army headquarters, hospitals, etc., in Europe.

In addition to the military demands for telephone service, business activity, accelerated and increased by the war, has required enormous amounts of telephone service and equipment.

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