



# THE ARMY and THE NAVY

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## LEAD ARMY AND NAVY

Army and Navy Department, Alliance Herald.

How long does a man have to train to become an aviator in the United States army?

Ans. According to previous experience. But the average inexperienced man can fit himself for the battle front in three months from date of entrance into the flying school. The length of the course greatly depends upon the ability of the prospective aviator.

Editor A. & N. Dept.

## Army and Navy Department, Alliance Herald.

For how long does a man enlist for in joining the navy?

Ans. The term enlistment of all enlisted men of the navy is four years except minors over 17 years and under 18 years of age, who shall be enlisted for the period of minority. Minors under 17 years of age cannot enlist in the navy, except by special permission of the bureau of navigation. No enlistments for special service are allowed.

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## Army and Navy Department, Alliance Herald.

What does M. S. White cavalry mean?

Ans. Mounted service, white cavalry means, mounted white soldiers.

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## Army and Navy Department, Alliance Herald.

List of men forwarded to Fort Logan, Colo., from this United States recruiting station, May 1, 1918:

Harold L. Buchert, Bayard, Neb., quartermaster corps, national army.

Lawrence P. Puntney, Bayard, Neb., F. S. white, coast artillery, R. A.

Leon M. Wise, Kimball, Neb., quartermaster corps, national army.

Lawrence E. Dunn, Ellsworth, Neb., F. S. white infantry, regular army.

Carl E. Bocoock, Mitchell, Neb., F. S. white coast artillery, R. A.

Harry H. Haney, Hyannis, Neb., quartermaster corps, national army.

Erving E. Morris, Spearville, Kan., quartermaster corps, national army.

Roy W. Mayberry, Broadwater, Nebr., F. S. white infantry, regular army.

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List of men signed up to leave the station at midnight, May 9:

Harold O. Daugherty, Wauneta, Neb., medical department, regular army.

Roy A. Larson, Harrison, Neb., medical department, regular army.

Arlington I. Hetherington, Douglas, Wyo., medical department, regular army.

Arthur R. McConnell, Linscott, Neb., quartermaster corps, regular army.

Frank A. Berry, Angora, Neb., F. S. white infantry, regular army.

Arthur L. Cunningham, Brownlee, Nebr., F. S. white, coast artillery, regular army.

JONES,

## Recruiting station, United States army, Alliance, Neb.

### Army and Navy Department, Alliance Herald.

Dear Sir:—Is it true that the government can make use of horse's hair? If so, where should such material be shipped and what the particulars?

Ans. The government can make use of horsehair. The tail hair is worth more than the mane. The price paid for the same ranges between 45c and 65c per lb. For further information as to shipping place, etc., write N. B. Harrison, Alliance, Neb.

Editor A. & N. Dept.

### FROM ONE OF THE BOYS

"Somewhere in France, April 2, 1918.

"DEAR BERT:—

"While we were standing retreat this evening a big truck load of mail was unloaded in front of regimental headquarters. I had just finished reading your letter of February 17th, when the mail call blew again and the boys were soon breaking their backs under big mail sacks loaded with parcels.

Being a previous service man you know very well what followed. Ten cent cigar smoke greets your nostrils as soon as you step into the door. Boxes and packages of all kinds are opened; here three of four cannoners are pressing a strong offensive against a fruit cake, the fruit cake going down in defeat. The local papers are scanned for scandal, and we note with much satisfaction that Cupid is withholding his darts until the boys get home. Cupid knew that we wouldn't talk to the French girls over here, so he went back to the states. There are some fine girls over here but we are good at reading camouflage.

"Some of us went to the Y. M. C. A. in Paris not long ago. There were two American girls at the lunch counter and I am not saying anything against the French girls at all, but I want to be placed on record as wanting to stay in that "Y" and eating sandwiches and drinking cocoa till full capacity or broke. That was the way all the fellows felt about it.

"I am very glad to know that my presence here is represented by a star in two service flags. These stars serve a double purpose—from the viewpoint of our organization and families, they mean certain things. From our viewpoint they mean that we have been honored by our friends whose influence have done so much to mould our characters. You must understand when a fellow knows that his service here is represented by a star in a service flag and that his friends and family are watching that star, he is going to be a better soldier and a better man than he would otherwise. You feel that it is a breach of honor and that you are bringing discredit on your star if you don't keep it straight. You want to keep your star out of the guard house and all other places that are not in harmony with a true American soldier. Our family service flag now has two stars in it.

"Have been in the best of health

from the day I enlisted. If my letters seem dry just remember that the censor is a prohibitionist. Kindest regards to you, Mrs. Laing, Verne and Jeanne.

Your friend,

J. M. LIEDTKE  
Battery F, 146, A. E. F., France,  
United States Field Artillery."

### REMARKABLE HEROISM DISPLAYED BY A SAMMIE

Secretary Daniels announces that the navy department has awarded the medal of honor and a gratuity of \$100 to John Mackenzie, chief boat-swain's mate, United States naval reserve force, for extraordinary heroism which resulted in saving from possible destruction the U. S. S. Remlik, a converted yacht now on patrol service in European waters.

The case is unique in that it has to do with one of the latest engines of war. As is well known, United States destroyers and other submarine fighters carry depth charges containing a large amount of high explosives which are dropped in the path of enemy submarines and explode under water. These have proved effective weapons in the destruction of U-boats and they are safe enough when the safety pins are affixed; but when they get beyond control and the safety pin comes out they are a source of serious danger to the vessels carrying them. It will be recalled that the men on the U. S. S. Manley who lost their lives in the collision of that destroyer with a British vessel were killed by the explosion of one of these bombs.

**Captures Runaway Bomb**  
In a heavy gale on the morning of December 17, 1917, a depth charge on the Remlik broke loose from its position on the stern. The box went overboard, but the charge was hurled in the opposite direction and went bouncing about the deck. As it weighs hundreds of pounds, it was impossible for anyone to lift the bomb and carry it to safety. It was even dangerous for anyone to go to that part of the ship as the seas were washing over the stern. As the officers and crew watched the bomb some one shouted, "The pins come out." Realizing the danger, Mackenzie, exclaiming, "Watch me; I'll get it," dashed down the deck and flung himself upon the charging cylinder. Three times he almost had his arms about the bomb, but each time it tore from him, once almost crushing him. The fourth time he got a firm grip on it and heaved it upright on one flat end. Then he sat on it and held it down. The charge might have broken loose again and exploded at any moment, blowing Mackenzie to bits; but he held on firmly until lines could be run to him and man the depth bomb, which was safely lashed. Soon afterwards the ship was headed up into the sea and the charge carried to a place of safety.

**Report of Commanding Officer**  
The commanding officer of the Remlik, in his report recommending that the medal of honor be conferred on Mackenzie, says:

"Mackenzie, in acting as he did, exposed his life and prevented a serious accident to the ship and probable loss of the ship and entire crew. Had this depth charge exploded on the quarter deck with the sea and wind that existed at the time there is no doubt that the ship would have been lost."

Mackenzie, who is now in the fleet naval reserve, served four years in the regular navy. He is a native of Massachusetts, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Mackenzie, lives in South Hadley Falls, Mass.

SEVEN CENTS a pound for some old clean RAGS. THE HERALD.

### SOLDIER BOY WRITES AN OPEN LETTER TO THE KAISER

(From Stars and Stripes, American Army Newspaper in France)

"An American Doughboy," in an open letter to the Kaiser tells him why the Americans are in France and why they are going to stay there, until the war is won. He sums up his indictment:

"You invaded with fire, sword and iron heel a country whose neutrality you were sworn to respect—Belgium.

"In Belgium and northern France you visited upon the natives such crimes as would make the tortures practiced by savage tribesmen seem tame by comparison.

"By your orders fathers of families were lined up against walls and shot in the sight of their offspring.

"Nursing mothers were hacked about the body and their children impaled on bayonets.

"Young girls were forced into a condition worse than slavery, worse than death—and then branded with the red cross of Prussian shame.

"Young men and old were deported from their native land, to work for you as no better than slaves, at miserable wages, while fed on insufficient food.

"Children in arms were left to perish without nourishment, and those of less tender age were left to shift for themselves, in a shell-wrecked, flame-ridden country.

"On land you revived the horrible practice of crucifixion and applied it to prisoners of war.

"You practiced other mutilation and disfigurement upon prisoners.

"You incited your non-Christian allies, the Turks, to massacre thousands upon thousands of helpless Armenian and Syrian Christians.

"You lent yourself to a deliberate campaign of murder, rape and pillage in Serbia, the better to handicap that invaded country in rehabilitating itself.

"In diplomacy, you, through your foreign minister, openly urged Mexico and Japan, two countries with which our nation was at peace, to make war upon us.

"You tried to poison our press, our congress, our public men, with your lies about our present allies. You set up a corruption fund of \$50,000,000 for the subversion of the legislative department to your government.

"You organized strikes, fomented plots, tried in every way to cripple peaceful industry in our own country. You attempted, on a large scale, to incite a considerable proportion of our population to rise against the rest of us.

"You ordered us to keep off the high seas under pain of being torpedoed—unless we followed your degrading and ridiculous instructions as to the manner of marking and sending our ships.

"In short, you have, for the last three years and a half, spared neither men, women nor innocent children in your scheme of making war— you have preached 'frightfulness' everywhere, and everywhere you have practiced what you have preached.

"You have blasphemously proclaimed God to be your ally and have exhorted your troops to maim, burn, rape and kill 'in the name of the good old German God.' You have made God out to be a God of cruelty and oppression, even as the savages have— whereas, ew know that our God is a God of love and of freedom.

"You have poisoned wells indeed, in the occupied districts of northern France; but, even worse than that, you have poisoned the wells of truth for the entire world.

"That, in brief, is why we are over here—that is why we are against you. That is why we will, in concert with the other civilized nations of the world, have at you until your power to work such woe is no more.

### UNEXPECTED

He was calling on the one and only girl.

"William," she said, softly, expecting the usual answer: "William, dear, have you any idea what heaven must be like?"

"Well, I'll tell you, darling. Until today I had never given the matter a thought, but now I believe I have a very good idea of what heaven is like."

"Yes," she murmured breathlessly. "Tell me what gave you this idea."

"Well, it's this way," said dear William, softly. "I was listening to a recruiting officer's description of life in the army!"—Harper's Magazine.

Emerson.

From what we can gather from a slight acquaintance with society, we infer that Emerson is not read as much as he used to be. This is a great misfortune. A late writer has said, "In applied wisdom no American has surpassed him." That is what this age needs more than anything else—applied wisdom; something that doesn't whirl or make a clatter or show itself in color and glitter. There is no book that can do a serious-minded boy more good, when he gets to the age of understanding, than "Emerson's Essays." It should be in every family library. There is nothing that states the truth like this book, and the age goes downhill that loses its interest in it. Someone asked us the other day how many literary clubs Columbus had. We couldn't say. We didn't know any. But one it ought to have, and that is an Emerson club.—Ohio State Journal.

### McTavish's Compromise.

A canny Scot owned a wonderful badger it was reported no dog could tackle. However, a friend of his had a dog he proposed to back against the badger, and a match was in due course made for \$500, to come off in two months time.

As the time drew near there were rumors that all was not right with the dog, and the Scot's friends were making sure of victory for him.

Imagine their surprise and disgust when they heard that McTavish had accepted \$250 as a compromise in lieu of the \$500.

"You've been done, Mac," said one of them. "The dog is so mangy and unfit, he could not kill a rat."

"Ah!" said McTavish, "I dare say, I dare say; but my badger is dead."

### MICKIE SAYS

OUR REPORTER SAYS NOT GITS HIS GOAT IS THAT THE FELLER WHO NEVER GIVES HIM ANY NEWS IS ALWAYS HOLLERIN' ABOUT THEY BEIN' NO NEWS IN THE PAPER!



## Start Tomorrow and Keep It Up Every Morning

Get in the habit of drinking a glass of hot water before breakfast.

We're not here long, so let's make our stay agreeable. Let us live well, eat well, digest well, work well, sleep well, and look well, what a glorious condition to attain, and yet, how very easy it is if one will only adopt the morning inside bath.

Folks who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when they arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can, instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing, sick or well, should, each morning, before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sou' bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. While you are enjoying your breakfast the water and phosphate is quietly extracting a large volume of water from the blood and getting ready for a thorough flushing of all the inside organs.

The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, bilious spells, stomach trouble; others who have sallow skins, blood disorders and sickly complexions are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to make anyone a pronounced crank on the subject of inside-bathing before breakfast.

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