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 OSWALD R. BLACK
 For This Issue

University spirit should be maintained according to Captain MacIvor insofar as it does not interfere with military training, but it must be kept clearly in mind that University spirit does not mean rowdyism. Too many students come to the University with a preconceived idea that college spirit is evidenced only by loud manners and a plentiful supply of practical jokes. Such ideas must go. The man who insists upon jesting and playing pranks during his time in the training corps will soon find himself in an army cantonment and deprived of the privileges the government is offering to college men in the school camps.

University spirit of the true sort is evidenced by strict obedience to discipline; serious work toward a worthwhile goal and the determination to do one's utmost for school and for country. The transfer of two of the members of the training corps who refused to abandon their mis-conceived ideas as to the spirit of college men will serve as a warning to other members of the corps and it is not likely that other transfers will be necessary.

Where is the man who is not at sea in the swiftly moving order of things? Barracks, inoculations, calls for officers training camps are but a few of the things that have served to keep occupied the minds of the student soldiers during the past week. Long waits in lines with a score of other important matters to be attended to have served to key every man to a high pitch.

Names of 107 men to attend officers' training camps will probably be announced today; probably twice that many are anxiously awaiting the selection and it is safe to say that every other member of the corps is counting the hours until he can leave.

Nebraska may well be proud of the spirit shown by its youth. Over thirty per cent of its men at the University of Nebraska, exclusive of those in the students' army training corps are at present in the service, a record which places this state fourth in the list of all the colleges of the country. Only Yale, Harvard and Princeton excel in the percentage of men who have enlisted. No truer test of the patriotism of a state than this could be found.

With the receipt of President Wilson's final reply to the peace moves of Germany and Austria-Hungary the self-appointed ruler should fully realize that the time of their recognition in the civilized world is past. No longer will nations deal with those kaisers and emperors who regard treaties as scraps of paper and agreements as things to be broken at will. Not until the people rule and their wishes are known will the ear of our president be open to the diplomats of the central powers.

Finding particular commendation is the demand upon the Austrian govern-

ment that the peoples living within the borders of his country and not the rulers, "be the judges of what action on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government will satisfy their aspirations and conception of their family of nations."

There are many father and mother hearts today pining for the boy that has left school and duty. Many an eye looks wistfully perhaps every hour toward the little service flag in the window and a parent yearns for the lad whom the star in that flag represents. There are wonders and doubts in every house concerning the welfare of that absent son or brother or husband. Prayers ascend to heaven, pleading that all may go well with him and those who pray watch anxiously to see if the prayer is heard.

To one who has had the opportunity of seeing Nebraska's 1,600 student soldiers going through the initiatory mill, those doubts and fears and misgivings are of the past. And if it were only possible for every one of those home folks to visit the University of Nebraska about 5 o'clock in the afternoon on any day except Sunday any doubt which might rest in their minds would certainly vanish.

The rigid enforcement of army discipline may at first glance seem harsh—to the chickenhearted it would seem cruel and inhuman. But to the thinking mother or father or other one interested in the life of the soldier it must come at second thought that the regular life, the enforcement of discipline and the teaching of respect to superior which their soldier boy is given, is in essence the making of a man.

Army life, as anyone may witness it on Nebraska field, not only makes men and soldiers—it makes 100 per cent efficient men and above all real Americans.

Many scenes have been enacted on Nebraska field. Some of them have stirred the hearts of native Cornhuskers as no other scene might. Yet none could ever compare with the impressive scene when 1,600 of Nebraska's chosen sons stand in line and execute as one, the commands which they are given. When the unit is brought to attention and the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner" go forth from the center of the field, all eyes look to the front, where before them toward the center of the campus Old Glory is lowered from its position over University hall where all day it has flown over these lads whom until now it has protected and who are now called in turn to rally to its standard and protect it from being disgraced at the hands of a blood-thirsty enemy.

Certainly, there alone is a lesson worth a life-time to learn. No one could experience the thrill of such a ceremony without having imprinted upon his mind the ever-present duty to his country.

PUT 'EM DOWN

There isn't a day goes by in the barracks, or on the drill field, or in the mess hall that is not full and overflowing with some crazy fool notion of somebody's that has been expressed "just rite."

The Daily Nebraskan realizes the presence of the humorists and so has provided to have in all the barracks a little drop-box in which these masterpieces of wit can be placed.

When you hear some of your fellow soldiers pull a good joke, remember it and put it down on a piece of paper and drop it in the drop-box that will be found in the hallway of each of the barracks. If every one will co-operate in this matter and see to it that jokes and wits get published The Daily Nebraskan will be able to run a regular Barrack Brains column, not only for the benefit of the men here but for the folks at home, as nearly every soldier has subscribed for a

paper to be sent to his parents, or wife or sweetheart.

Not only soldiers but every person in the state of Nebraska will scan the pages of The Nebraskan this year looking for news about the soldiers—what they are doing, what they are thinking about, and what they have to say. It is generally recognized that the Yankee has them all cheated when it comes to saying funny things in a really funny way. And that is why The Nebraskan wants to get busy and use the drop-box—it is yours for your benefit.

Nebraska Ranks High in Number of Men Gone to Defend Country

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record being made by the men of our institution. After the war is over we can be proud to say not only that we are Americans, but also justly proud to say that we are graduates of the University of Nebraska, the university that gave of the best of her men to the great cause for which our country is now fighting successfully on the battle-scarred fields of France.

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By Daniel Henderson.

I have a boy—and I am proud
 That he may stand unchained, uncowed
 And see in Europe's darkened sky
 The Stars and Stripes above him fly!
 Yea, I am proud that his true lance
 Fights under flags of Britain, France,
 Italy, Belgium and Japan—
 The federated flags of man!

I have a boy—thank God that he
 Fights with the standards of the free!
 Thank God that in "Old Glory" gleams
 The splendor of his deeds and dreams!
 Thank God his flag, from age to age
 Shall be his Nation's treasured page,
 To tell he lived—or died—to be
 A savior of Democracy.

If a pin had a hole in one end
 instead of a head it would be a needle.

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