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COME, BUCKLE ON YOUR ARMOR BRIGHT.

By John H. Weaver.

Come, buckle on your armor bright,
The conquest is at hand,
And swear by Bunker's lofty height,
The Union yet shall stand,
In spite of all concocted schemes,
By dastard foemen made,
The eagle spreads his wings and screams,
Disunion's in the shade.

Our loyal sons are on the track,
With courage and with steel,
They're bound to put the traitors back,
And make Disunion reel;
Although old England casts a sneer,
And thinks our strength is vain,
Should she unwisely interfere,
She too shall feel the pain.

Come, buckle on your armor bright, &c.

While old Virginia's sacred soil
(Where proud Mount Vernon stands,)
The traitors would disgrace—we'll foil,
And wrest it from their hands;
Her loyal sons will gladly aid
To strike the fatal blow.
Then aim the cannon, draw the blade,
And lay the traitors low.

Come, buckle on your armor bright, &c.

Presentation.—Sergeant St. Clair Cooper, Orderly of Company A, was on Wednesday at dress parade, presented a handsome sword, sash and belt, from the members of his company. The presentation speech was made by Lieut. Col. Kinkead, who alluded in appropriate terms to his gentlemanly deportment, promptness and efficiency. The Sergeant responded very briefly, but with his usual promptness.

Soldiers are better off than they are aware of; they are exempt from house rent; they have clothes and food issued to them, and they have nothing to pay for medical and religious services.

Court Martials.—We publish a few days since the result of the trials of privates and non-commissioned officers, and now call attention to the manner in which discipline is applied to commissioned officers:

Major J. Litchenheim, 58th N. Y., "Conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman." In this: "Occupying a box seat in the theater in company with two notorious harlots." To be dismissed from the service of the U. S.

Assistant Surgeon Guenste, 35th P. V.—"Drunkness." To be dismissed from the service.

Capt. Ed. Neuss, 41st N. Y., "Conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman." In this, "that he intended to enter the gate of Fort De Kalb; that the sentinel posted there according to orders of the commanding officer, refused him entrance; that the said Ed. Neuss, using offensive language against the sentinel, answered he would force his way through, and that he actually forced and overrode the sentinel, and rode in full gallop into the fort and damaged and spoiled the parapet of the same." Sentence: "To a severe reprimand by the Commanding General, and three months suspension from his command."

Captain John M'Donnell, N. Y. Mounted Rifles; "Drunkness on duty." To be cashiered.

Lieut. Joseph Meyer, 35th P. V.; "Drunkness." To be cashiered.

Lieut. Charles Wisthoff, 27th P. V.; "Absence without leave." To be suspended three months.

The above examples will be sufficient to show that what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.

Some of the members of Col. Geary's Twenty-Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, have formed a Theatrical club and have frequent exhibitions. The performances are very popular in the regiment. Could not some of our boys organize a similar affair. It would give some variety to our already too monotonous camp life.

Capt. Patterson's (late Capt. Sahl's) company of cavalry arrived at Frederick City, on the 3d inst., from Hancock, en route to join in the Third Md. Regiment at Baltimore. They report that five of their number and three horses were killed when Capt. Sahl was ambushed and shot in Virginia.

Lieut. Col. Swagger, of the 378th New York Volunteers, has been stationed at "Willard's."

PENNSYLVANIA THIRTEENTH.

Gen. E. Keyes'
Division.



Gen. J. Peck's
Brigade.

COL. THOMAS A. ROWLEY'S REGIMENT.

One Flag! One Country! and one Congress!

CAMP TENNALLY, FEBRUARY 8, 1862.

Our paper has been delayed for several days owing to our supply of paper becoming exhausted, and our inability to have more brought out from Washington. We will endeavor to keep enough on hand to secure us against a repetition of the delay. There are difficulties connected with the publication of a paper in camp which are not easily surmounted.

Our recruiting officers in Pittsburg and Allegheny have met with but limited success. The following are the number enlisted the first week:—For Thirteenth Regiment, 6; for Rippey's, 1; for Taggart's, 1. Allegheny office: For Thirteenth, 1.

The Anderson Zouaves, Col. Riker, removed their camp on Monday, to a position on the left of the Georgetown road, opposite the headquarters of Gen. Peck. The move was made on account of the mud, and the low swamp ground of their camp.

Returned—Brig. Gen. Peck has returned to his post and assumed command. He has almost entirely recovered from his recent illness. Every man in the Brigade is gratified to find the General and white horse once more going the rounds, and not a few would be pleased to have evolutions of the line resumed; but would prefer them not to be continued so long at a time.

Rippey's Regiment—A portion of The Dispatch Mess paid this regiment a visit on Monday last. The regiment is encamped about three miles below Alexandria. It is composed almost entirely of Pittsburgers. Capt. Alex. Hay is in command of Co. E and Capt. Gerard of Co. K, who are well known as military men at home. Lieut. M. C. Steele (who ought to be Captain) of Co. F, extended to us the hospitalities of his house, for which we hope to have an opportunity of repaying. We breakfasted with Lieut. Hager of Co. H, and waded back to Alexandria, fully convinced that the Tennallytown mud had some bottom. The sutler department is conducted by L. O. Cameron, of Pittsburg, who keeps nothing but substantial goods to supply the wants of the soldier.

[Pittsburg Correspondence.]

Feb. 4, 1862.—Editors Penna. Thirteenth: Your little sheet is looked for with much interest here, and if the boys knew how pleased their friends are at receiving it they would never fail to mail it home, after a perusal. A few copies I had with me were snapped up at once by eager relatives of our soldiers. Recruiting here is a dull business, but your offices in Pittsburg and Allegheny will get their share of what is going, especially if our soldiers will write home recommending our regiment to their young friends. The lines are now drawn strictly on the Recruiting Officers, and any who enlist unfit persons are charged with their transportation to Harrisburg, and back should they be rejected there. They are limited to those between eighteen and thirty- (not forty) five years, and cannot enlist a minor without the written consent of parents or guardian. Numerous "bogus" recruiting offices here are also interfering, by their lavish promises, and equal disappointments, for the ardor of recruits is somewhat dampened by efforts to sell them out to aspirants for commissions. Some one, for instance, enrolled a "Negley Body Guard," who went down to Kentucky, when Gen. Buell asked them "what they were doing there?" and informed them the General was not allowed any such force to protect him, but must take his chance with the rest. They were accordingly disbanded and naturally returned disgusted. The good ones among them will enlist elsewhere—the bad no one wants. The bodies of your comrades, Young and Robb, recently killed at your camp, arrived safely; the former was buried on Monday—the latter taken to his former residence in Butler County.

Yours, &c., Ned.

We have received a letter from Michael W. Kelley, on board the United States steamfrigate Roanoke, Hampton Roads, informing us that they have a Cottage printing press, and intend issuing a paper similar to ours. We not only forward copies with pleasure, but request continuance of the exchange, wherever they may be located.

Col. Rowley is the recipient of another handsome present—a pair of heavy plated spurs, of superior workmanship; the gift of Capt. Duff, of Company B.

By General Order, No. 8, dated February 1st, Pennsylvania and New Jersey are added to the limits of the Department of Potomac.

Gen. Peck's nomination as Brigadier General has been confirmed by Congress. Brigadier General Negley's, of Pittsburg, has also been confirmed.

Gen. Peck and Staff were serenaded on last Friday evening by the elegant brass band of the 93d Pennsylvania Regiment.

We make the following extracts from General Orders No. 27, relating to leaves of absence, furloughs and passes:

"All leaves of absence and furloughs for a less period than forty-eight hours, and passes to cross and recross the bridges and ferries of the Potomac, or to visit the City of Washington, granted by Brigade Commanders and the commanders of troops unassigned to brigades, will hereafter require the approval of the Division Commander, or the highest commander of a body of troops unassigned to a division. Where troops are not serving in division, their commanding officer must state, below his signature, the fact of his exercising such command.

"To guard against abuses and impositions which have been heretofore practiced, it is ordered that—

1st, Passes to cross and recross the Potomac, or to visit the City of Washington, approved by a Division Commander, must be signed by the Commander himself, or by such officers of his staff, not exceeding two in number, as may be specially designated for the purpose, whose names and signatures will be immediately reported to the Provost Marshal of Washington.

2d, Every such pass must state distinctly the purpose for which it is given.

3. Aides-de-Camp and other Staff officers, when not with their General, will be required to have passes in the same manner as all other officers."

Our (Officers') Mess commenced operations formally on Monday, 3d inst., with a dinner, gotten up in a style considered grand, by those who have been drinking coffee made in sheet-iron kettles. Mr. Jesse Allen, chief of the gastronomic department, having on the occasion excelled himself, and the bountiful supply which loaded the table gave evidence that the Sutlers of two Pennsylvania Regiments, who "done the marketing," had met with entire success. Several distinguished visitors were present; among them, Hon. E. W. Davis, of Lebanon, ex-Speaker of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, (who, by the way, stands a good chance of being next Governor of the State, if the hundred regiments, now in the field, get home in time to vote;) Mr. Gaas, a distinguished merchant of Philadelphia; the Sutlers of the Fourth Pennsylvania and Sixth United States cavalry, and numerous field, staff and line officers. After the cloth had been removed, sentiment and wit abounded. No liquors were introduced, through courtesy to the Patriotic League, who were present.

In Georgetown, D. C., wood brings eleven dollars per cord—and every scarce at this price. This is owing to the very bad state of the roads in the District.

THE FLAG OF TRUCE.

Camp Tennally, Feb. 7th, 1862.—A flag of truce arrived at our lines late on the evening of the 6th inst., the bearer of which was conducted to the Musical Academy Mess of Company K, whilst his dispatches were taken directly to the Colonel's Headquarters. The subject of the message contained in them has not yet transpired, as there is no special correspondent of the New York Herald in this part of the District, but from the manner of the senior captain and file-closer rushed frantically to the cabin and remained there until the fire burned out, it is supposed in intelligent circles, to relate to the application for furlough, by a member of one of our detached companies, who desires to spend the remainder of his pay in going home a few days, to see if his wife and family ain't near out of money.

Special Orders, No. 31, dated Headquarters, Army of the Potomac, Jan. 31, the Commanding General thanks Lieut. Col. John Burke, 37th New York Volunteers, and the handful of brave men of that regiment, and the First New Jersey Cavalry, under his command, for their services in the affair at Lee's House, or Belmont or Occoquam Bay, on the night of the 28th inst. Their coolness under fire, and the discretion and judgment displayed by Lieut. Col. Burke, have won the confidence of the Commanding General, who recognizes in these qualities the results of discipline and attention to orders.

By order of Major Gen. McClellan.

Regimental Chaplains.—A strong effort is being made to abolish Regimental Chaplains, and to substitute one chaplain for each brigade. Some of the chaplains in the Army of the Potomac are very good, conscientious men, while other have no scruples in making a false return in order to make a few dollars extra pay. This is done by their certifying to horses they do not keep, and forage which they do not receive.—Phila. Inquirer.

On a Visit to Camp—Capt. Max K. Moorhead, Quartermaster of the Thirtieth during the three months' campaign, and Brigadier General of Company O, during the interval at home.

The Seventy-First Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. Wistar, (late Col. Baker's California Regiment), is now encamped near Poolesville, Md. The regiment requires some five hundred men to fill it up to its original standard.

The Fifty-Fifth N. Y. Vols., Col. de Trobriand, have received a new arm. It is a most effective weapon, being the sabre-bayonet, globe-sight rifle.

The patriotic printers of the 93d Pa. Vols. are about establishing a paper in their regiment.

Church Dedication—The 13th P. V. church tent arrived from Philadelphia on Saturday last, and was hastily pitched, in order to be ready for service on Sabbath. It is constructed after an oriental pattern, and closes similar to an umbrella, having a canvas table on the center pole, operating on the same plan. Its cost, exclusive of transportation, was one hundred and seventy-five dollars, which sum has been nearly raised by the voluntary contributions of the men and officers who attend the meetings in it. It was solemnly dedicated to the service of God, on Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock, by a sermon by Chaplain Stewart, and dedicatory address and prayer by the Rev. Col. M'Carter, of the Ninety-Third Pennsylvania Volunteers. The singing on the occasion was led by Capt. Fullwood, and was remarkably good, taking all things into consideration. Col. M'Carter, in his address, evidently touched the right vein, as more emotion was exhibited on the part of his hearers than has sometimes been witnessed at the dedication of costly temples. The service in the evening was conducted by Sergeant M'Feeters, of Company C; the attendance being as full as during the day. Meetings will be held regularly on Sabbath and Wednesday evenings for religious service; on Thursday evenings for singing school, and the other evenings for military instruction—when suitable instructors can be procured. The library is to be kept open at all times, and an abundance of religious newspapers will constantly be found on the table.

Thanks.—We would consider ourselves very negligent did we fail to acknowledge publicly the obligation which our Regiment is under to the family of the Hon. J. K. Moorhead, our Representative in Congress. Several times during the inclement and unpleasant weather through which we have passed, have Miss M. and Mrs. M. K. Moorhead, visited our camp, examined the hospital, and furnished the sick not only everything necessary for comfort, but very many luxuries, which ladies of refined sensibilities and cultivated taste, alone would think of. Miss M. bids fair to become a successful rival of Miss Dix, in her philanthropic efforts to ameliorate the condition of the suffering—her labors not having been confined to the regiments from Allegheny county. The grateful prayers of those who have recovered, and those now convalescent, from the fevers incident to camp life, will be offered in their behalf; and we hope our friends at home will not forget them; while for those whose duty it is, we can say:
 "What can we pay thee for this noble usage,
 But grateful praise? so heaven itself is paid."

Military—To keep from being dry—stand out in the rain.

Messrs. Editors:—Considerable anxiety has been manifested by the lieutenants of Company A, to know whether their captain has really gone on recruiting service to Pittsburg or not. They declare that they have addressed him several letters on important business, but have not, as yet been answered. Any information sent to this office, by Captain Foster, as to whether they "shall go it alone," or not, will be thankfully received by his bereaved "file-closers."

—We have received the above note and publish it as requested. We are slightly inclined to think "this is Sarkassum." Will the Captain comfort the bereaved ones? They have shown evidence of a speedy decline, attributable to extreme sorrow, up to a few days ago, when our "gay Sut-lie'r" opened up his boarding tent, and there appeared "visible grins" on the "phiz" of at least one of his hopefuls.

We were in error, last week, in stating that the Horse Ferryboat, which plies between Pig and Whistle Point and Fort Wray, had been discontinued on account of the boat having sprung a leak. The real cause of the delay is accounted for by the absence of one of the agents of the "Navigation" Company to trade horses in the city, leaving the company without motive power.

The Ninety-Ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, (formerly Col. Sweeney's,) is now left without any field officers. There has been trouble in the regiment ever since it arrived at Washington City.

There is a great deal in dress after all—the boys don't swear half so much in the presence of the Chaplains now, in their black suit, as they did when they dressed like cavalry Captains.

Captain Noaccount, of the 493d Pennsylvania Volunteers, is about to lead the high-mienial alter Miss Bogus, daughter of the well-known Brigadier of that name.

RECRUITS FOR THE OLD THIRTEENTH.

Persons desirous of enlisting in this Regiment will apply to

Capt. J. Heron Foster, } Fifth Street,
 Serg. P. B. Baer, } Pittsburg.
 Serg. Ch. Wilkinson, }

Lient. W. B. Kenney, } Federal Street,
 Serg. Wm. Algeo, } Allegheny.
 Private A. P. Callow, }

☞ Transportation will be furnished within ten days, and pay and rations from date of enrolment. fel.