

# BEAUMONT BULL

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## THE QUESTION ANSWERED

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1. All cadets in Europe, either under training or awaiting training, are to be recommended within several weeks for commissions. All of the commissions so granted will be non-flying, but these will be changed to flying commissions just as soon as any of the cadets holding them pass their flying tests. Should a cadet be utilized by the Air Service as a bombardier, a fighting observer, a supply officer, an engineer officer, or in any other capacity, he will be allowed to retain his commission, even tho he never passes his flying tests. However, if he does not pass his flying tests, and is found lacking in the qualifications which would enable the Air Service to utilize his services along one of the above-mentioned lines, his commission will be revoked. The recommendations to Washington will be made by groups, according to seniority, based on date of Ground School graduation, and dates of enlistment in France.

2. Whether the cadet will be recommended for a first or a second lieutenancy depends, in the case of Ground School graduates, whether or not he was graduated from Ground School prior to October 20th 1917, and in the case of cadets who enlisted in France, all cadets who enlisted after October 19th will be recommended for second lieutenancies, but first lieutenancies will be given those who enlisted prior to October 20th and who have seen previous active military service in France, adjudged by the Air Service authorities to be equivalent to Ground School training; even tho the cadet enlisted in France prior to October 20th he will not be recommended for a first lieutenancy unless he has had this previous active service in France, otherwise, an unfair distinction would be drawn between those men and the cadets who enlisted in the United States prior to October 20th but who did not finish their

## RECITE THIS AT REVEILLE

Our presence in Nowhere was the inspiration for the following announcement by the English-speaking druggist:

Sammies! Welcome to you bold fellows, of the flying corps, the boldest amidst the stout hearted soldiers of sprangled colors.

You are heartily invited to pays a visit to the « Central Pharmacy » belonging to the well known dispensing chemist, — — —, situated in the main street of the town.

This Pharmacy is largely provided with a great stock of the most renowned English and American specialties.

Besides, you can be sure, to make filled your prescription on the American Plan at a just rate and accurate price.

Hurrah!!! for the stars and stripes.

Among the articles this enterprising tradesman sells are: brushes teeth and Allennfoot Ease.

## WASH YOUR FACE!

We've been mistaken all along. This place IS on the map. Elsie Janis is scheduled on a Y. program some time soon.

## FLYING IN FRANCE

An airplane hummed over Nowhere on Sunday. Ruff said when he saw it: "Gee, they musta fixed it up."

Mitch says that « comment? » and « bien » are all a clever guy needs to get by anywhere with this French lingo.

Ground School course until after that date.

3. Cable recommendation has been made to the United States that the date of October 19th be changed to October 20th as a basis for first lieutenancies.

R. C. THACH,  
Personnel Officer,  
Training Section.

## FLAG SALUTES AMEX. DEAD

A salute is seldom given with a national flag. It is reserved for the rarest occasions, occasions that seldom occur in the lifetime of an ordinary man.

Secretary Jones of the Y. M. C. A. was delivering the Easter address in the school house. He was eulogizing the part America already had played in the War. « Those who have fallen shall ever be remembered as heroes. France is to be honored in the attitude she has taken toward the American dead. She has promised to ever care for their graves, to ever keep alive the memory of these noble martyrs to the cause of humanity, » he said.

Hardly had the Secretary closed his tribute to France then the French flag, draped before his improvised pulpit, swayed in the breeze and became unfastened from its mounting. As tho moved by a supernatural force, the banner slowly dipped to the horizontal, and an end, becoming entangled in an outstanding nail, was held in that position.

The national salute of the great French Republic had been rendered to the American dead!

## HAVE THEM PRINTED AT ONCE

The Biltmore and other American hotels advise patrons as follows:

PLEASE DO NOT ORDER BACON. If you do, some soldier boy at the front has to go without just that much — and he might be YOUR SOLDIER BOY, TOO.

L. B. P. of the 16th F. D. suggests that the card be changed to read:

PLEASE ORDER CANNED WILLIE. If you do, some soldier boy at the front has to eat JUST THAT MUCH LESS — and he might be YOUR SOLDIER BOY, TOO.

(Ed. : Big-town papers please copy).

## OPERA IN NOWHERE

Those of us who thought ourselves exiled from Gounod and Puccini because of the War were pleasantly surprised April 3 and 4 by having the opera — the Metropolitan of New York and the Comique of Paris — brought to our doors. This again was thru the courtesy of Buddy's angel, the overseas Y. M. C. A.

Mme. Espinasse of the Metropolitan and Comique, a contralto, was the headliner, if one may say that anyone of an all-star program is « a headliner. » There are those who would dispute first place for Nissoti, the genii of the violin. He is said to have been violinist to the Queen of Rumania in better times.

Charles Hubbard, a tenor with Paris and New York operatic training, and Harold Webster of New York, accompanist, completed the program, the like of which had never been heard before in our village. It goes without saying that everyone who could be was there both nights.

## POST HONORS FRENCH FIGHTER

Americans stationed here collaborated April 4 with the French aspirants in paying the last tribute to a captain who died of wounds received in the front lines of the battle now raging in Picardy. The body was shipped to — for interment.

### LISTEN!

We'll have a lackey to shine our shoes,  
We'll have three hours extra snooze,  
We'll marry our girls and leave off booze,  
We'll correspond and pay our dues—  
When we get back!

## WHAT CAN HE SAY?

A young lady, writing from Minnesota, says: "Will you please tell me just what is the significance of « cadet »? Does it mean that you are being trained as a flyer, or what? I know that there are many supernumeraries in the Aviation service and I'm anxious to know just what you are doing."

### THANKS, DOC

"Am doing well," says a card from Beaumont's Pattishall, under treatment at a base hospital.

## SONG OF THE LINDENS

' Neath a linden straight and tall,  
Where the moonbeams played apart;  
Softly came the nightbird's call  
As my soldier won my heart.

' Neath a linden straight and tall,  
Where the river waters creep;  
Soft at night the shadows fall;  
For my soldier lies asleep.

' Neath a linden straight and tall,  
Where the poppies nod so vain,  
Thick and fast the teardrops fall;  
Oh! I want him back again.

Private Phil Lewis, Medical Corps,  
Nowhere, France.

## TRY THIS ON THE SLACKERS

A cadet of the Sixteenth received from a young man at home a business card which reads as follows:

I am Jones of THE SMITH CO. Rich and high.

He replied as follows:

I am STEINMETZ of the A. E. F. Brave and true.

## BULL MAKES BULL

Error crept into the tabloid history of Beaumont, appearing in the fifth issue of this publication of light and shade, and drove out truth. The history should read: « Remnants of the Ninth, the Eleventh, the Thirteenth, the ground-school portion of the Fourteenth foreign detachments of flying cadets, together with a number of Parisian enlistments from the American Field and Norton-Harjes, ambulance services. »

As a matter of fact much of the pep and vivacity with which Beaumont has been endowed has come from the Ambulance men and these of the Thirteenth. This fact makes their omission all the more regrettable. But this rights matters, doesn't it? Say, "Yes." Atta boy!

## A TECHNICAL TERM

Peck (entering map-making class):  
"Gee! I forget my ruler!"  
"Mitch: "Call it a topographical error and let it go at that."

## SEND THEM A RUGLE, GLENN

Pierce has an invitation to attend the annual Easter carnival in St. Paul, and a letter from Des Moines making query: "Perhaps you have joined the Army?"

## FROM PHIL

Ed.: One of the of the Beaumonts got the appended verse from his sweetheart after he had written her of the rigors of military censorship. The Bull herewith takes the liberty of making « Phil » the charter member of Beaumont's « Ladies Auxiliary » (Charlie says she's pretty!) Offhand we'll say that any lady correspondent of the boys is eligible to membership providing she makes a contribution to the Bull. Ladies, an exceptional opportunity.)

Mr. Censor, you're a naughty, bad man!  
Were you never in love?  
Don't you know the pangs of a lover's heart,  
Keenest when lovers are 4,000 miles apart?  
Then why make Censor Rule No. 9  
And bar my love from writing letters sublime?  
You also have a Rule No 5 —  
Other things, poor little me to deprive! (Ed.:  
[shame on you!])  
When he was in the U. S. A.  
He told me in a DIFFERENT way,  
But now he must express on paper —  
Allowing ————— later.  
Now why eliminate the pleasure of life?  
And prevent my man from writing love to his  
[« wife! »]  
Think of the sacrifices women also have made  
In sending their husbands, sweethearts and  
[brothers away].  
Now please, Mr. Censor! Be a good man!  
And on love-letter writing, DON'T TIE THE  
[CAN!  
(Applause).

## REMEMBER THE KID

Led by Norman H., mascot kid (son of a goat), and a regular band made up of Sixteenth men, forty-odd chosen ones left for the mitrailleuse camp and the 2d Aviation Instruction Center, April 9 Lucky devils!

## LE SOURIRE

One of the Missouri boys in Beaumont read this in a letter from the States: "We saw a newspaper clipping the other day which said that a Missouri boy had brought down the first Boche plane destroyed by an American flyer. The description of the boy and what I believe you have been doing has convinced us that you have done this. I certainly hope so."

## A LESSON IN PAPER WORK

Question: What does Capt. Fleischmann do when a cadet of the Fifteenth Foreign Detachment asks him for a furlough, providing the cadet is in good standing and entitled to privileges?

Answer: "As commander of the Fifteenth, Capt. Fleischmann writes a letter to Capt. Fleischmann, commandant of cadets, asking that Cadet So-and-So be granted furlough. On receipt of the letter from Capt. Fleischmann, commander of the Fifteenth, Capt. Fleischmann, commandant of cadets, endorses it with his approval to Capt. Fleischmann, commandant of the post. Capt. Fleischmann, commandant of the post, endorses the letter favorably and returns it to Capt. Fleischmann, commander of the Fifteenth, who sends Cadet So-and-So on furlough. It is a complicated matter involving the use of at least five carbon copies of the letter."

## HEART AS BIG AS VOICE

McKeown and Hall are sporting English gas masks that did effective duty in the present great German offensive. Their names were picked from a capfull of names of donors to a little-bit-of-Blighty contribution for a group of wounded British rs.

Grumpelt met the Tommies while he was on holiday in a nearby city. They were destitute and all cut up. Grump came back to Nowhere and told the Beaumonts that he wanted liberal kick-ins in their behalf. He got smokes, francs, corkscrews, soap, Beaumont Bulls and overseas caps.

The Tommies, in appreciation, gave him two gas masks for himself. Grump might have hid them away and said nothing about them — but he didn't. He said that every contributor should have a chance at a mask — and they did.

## PAX VOBISCUM

Secretary Corkey of the Y. M. C. A. is in receipt of a letter from the father of the late Richard W. Blair, cadet of the Fifteenth Foreign Detachment, who died here in January, expressing appreciation for the many kindnesses accorded his son during his illness and for the memorial erected to his memory by his comrades.

Incidentally, the father states that Byron S. Blair, twin brother of the deceased, is flying in Texas.

## TO THE OLD CAMPAIGN HAT

Good, bye old hat, my faithful pal.  
For me you've done your duty well.  
In rain or shine you were on the job,  
A faithful servant to my heedless knob.

When first I met you at training camp,  
Ere you were a victim of dews and damp,  
Your crown was upright and rim was straight,  
A chapeau becoming to even the great.

Of the joys of home you have not shared,  
Altho for you I have faithfully cared;  
As the bed at home has missed my back,  
So you, old pal, have never seen rack.

You have made your home where'er needs be,  
In barracks, in pup tents, on land or sea.  
You shared my bunk — more often the floor —  
At those who claimed you, I always got sore.

As my boon companion you've proved the best,  
As a faithful friend you've stood the test.  
When the wind allured while crossing the sea,  
Like a « camarade fidèle » you stuck to me.

If fortune chose that we cast our lot  
In trains or rest camp where there ne'er was  
[a cot,  
Tho the seats and floor were as hard as stone,  
You served as a pillow to my weary dome.

Tho now the ravage of the rain and sun  
Have made you unfit to be worn by a bum,  
And tho wrinkled and eroded from wear  
With this new-fangled headgear, you're too  
[good to compare!

So, good bye, old faithful, again I will say,  
But long will the memory of you with me stay  
For they say that this other must unto the end  
Be perched on the domes of all A. E. F. men!

L. W. Kelly, Medical Corps,  
Nowhere, France.

## GOD SPEED

Superintendent of Construction Burkitt of the Y. M. C. A. and Chicago has arrived in Nowhere to superintend the erection of the new uptown Y. M. C. A. hut. It will be 150 feet long by 30 wide, which is "some" large, providing enuf space for a moderate-sized stage and private offices for the secretaries. It should be finished within the fortnight. All directions go with the plans, but in deciphering. Mr. Burkitt has found them a Chinese puzzle.

## THE HORRORS OF WAR

A chap in the 16th F. D. broke his hand. He wrote his girl about it. She immediately wrote a mutual friend in the 16th, bravely asking: "Tell me, the worst..."

## THE ITALIAN METHOD

High flying is an Italian specialty, according to Harry Slarb of Ohio, who joined Beaumont's mess and barracks a week ago. He has been training in the Peninsula thruout the Winter.

"Most of your work is done above 1,000 meters," said Slarb. "and before you get wings you have to travel long distances over 3,500 meters. One of the boys hit 5,200 in one of his tests. That was as high as his barograph would register."

Cadet Slarb describes the environment as ideal for the sun-lover and the frequenter of the Chianti restaurants of New York and Chicago. Old Sol is warm and spaghetti and olive oil are on every day's menu. But alcohol in any form is absolutely defendu. An American caught drinking is immediately placed under arrest and dealt with drastically. The same treatment is accorded the related misdemeanors.

"The Americans live in stone barracks, divided into rooms," continued Slarb. "Each room has a table, a dresser and a double bed. We have an early reveille and an early taps; you'll want both when you get to flying."

The news-bearer then speaks of highly technical matters, romantic and spiced with such Dante terms as "dopeo" "altimento" and "gyro." An aviator trained under Italian regulations will certainly be competent for all emergencies, is Slarb's belief.

## NOWHERE IN LUCK

M<sup>lle</sup> Colet, who will be remembered as the chic Parisienne who so captivated Nowhere two weeks back, appeared unexpectedly April 12 and with her colleagues staged a show under Red-Triangle auspices in the Palais du Cinema. It is quite superfluous to add that she was warmly applauded.

This so-called "Hoatsen party" was augmented by the addition of a newcomer, Miss Horisberg of Baltimore, an operatic soprano with as clear a voice and as fair a face as ever won the plaudits of college men. She was encored repeatedly and confessed finally that her popularity had exhausted her repertoire.

M<sup>lle</sup> Colet made an instantaneous hit when she sang two songs of local origin, one taught her by Gates, M. P., the other by Smart, G. T. The latter song is entitled, "Beaumont Forever More."

## COUNTESS PRAISES MUSICAL CADETS

The town of Vingt-trois Kilomètres got its first taste of real American jazz music when the instrumentalists of the Fifteenth and the vocalists of Beaumont assisted the French in a war charity there. The Comtesse ——— was the patroness of honor and before the playing began she addressed the Americans in English, welcoming them to Vingt-trois, and when they had done, praised their technique in the same tongue.

Minor, who styles himself « a member of the Signal Corps fatigueifers, » whose chosen business is to mess with hypo and film, and his Hawaiian melodies hearkening one back to the well-known Waikiki, was perhaps the greatest hit of the evening, vieing only with Sam Smart of Beaumont and his justly celebrated Fiji flying song with its Smart-made accompaniment.

The Vingt-trois weekly comments as follows on the American share of the soirée:

We must make special mention of two numbers executed by the American military coming from the center of instruction at Nowhere. First there was the playing of a group of six musicians on guitar, banjo (a sort of mandolin) and drum. This unexpected interpretation of strong rhythmic music, probably national dances, quickly interested the audience by its novelty and captivating cadence.

The audience warmly applauded the number rendered by a quartette of American vocalists, singing very artistically.

The vocal solo which followed (they refer to either that of Jerry Barnes or to that of Peck's) was interpreted in a beautiful voice of great moderation with shaded inflections.

Those who made up the party were: Blum, Zimmerman and Slaughter of the Fifteenth; Smart, Peters, Peck, Davis and Barnes of Beaumont; Minor of the Photographers.

The same program was repeated April 10 at the Cinema Palace in Nowhere and, with several notable additions, in the town of Triple Vingt-trois, April 13 and 14.

Have you had your try-out for the Nowhere ball team? Remember it may mean trips all over France, places that even SERGEANT Winborne never visited.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Beaumont Bull began life as a detachment organ before The Beaumonts, as a permanent organization, came into being. Under this regime it continued the policy decided by the informal board which sat on its birth. But gradually, as it aged and the light grew stronger to its eyes, it took on more of the life of the post and its varied interests.

Now that the Beaumont Detachment has been enveloped in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth the Bull will be published by the organization of The Beaumonts, with the assistance, as, heretofore, of contributors from any and all organizations stationed in Nowhere. The proceeds will be added to The Beaumonts' permanent fund.

It is desirable that the contents of the Bull be as representative as possible. For the convenience of those who would have the contents as representative as possible, a box has been set up on the wall of the uptown Y. M. C. A. to receive all contributions. It is hoped that no one will be too bashful to make frequent use of this medium of intelligence.

## BICYCLES

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AND MONTH.

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## VARYING THE OLD LINE

Perc. and Hutch. had been having an after-taps argument anent the comparative honors of their respective professions prior to mortgaging their lives in the Air service.

« What's more », cried Hutch. « I am a son of the soil. I have hoed potatoes all over New England! »

« That's nothing, » retorted Perc. « I have sowed wild oats all over Paris! »

The Post had a half holiday April 10, no school nor nothin'. It was pay day.

## BEAUMONT'S LAST MESS

The Beaumont Detachment of flying cadets is no more; its small remaining personnel has been merged with the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Foreign Detachments, the larger portion with the latter. But The Beaumonts as an organization of fellow soldiers in the Air Service of Uncle Sam is still intact.

The last meeting of the Beaumonts as a detachment took the form of a special supper in the mess shack, April 17. There were special dishes, rich and savory, special music, special speeches, special guests and cigars. Bravely and joyously, the Beaumont Detachment sang its swan song.

The ladies of Nowhere were the guests of honor, the Mesdames Velsey and Hills and Miss Gouinlock, the two last named of the Y. M. C. A. Capt. Velsey made a short speech, congratulating the boys on the spirit which had marked his acquaintance with them, then introduced Lt. Adams, commandant of the Sixteenth, who assured Beaumont she was welcome to his fold.

« We are all fellow soldiers in the Great Cause, » he said. « No name or number of organization makes one better than another, nevertheless the esprit de corps that you have shown is decidedly valuable, highly praiseworthy, and should be encouraged. You have made traditions which will last thruout the War and after. The English army is strong because of the same sort of pride in its individual organizations. There should be more such development in the American Army. »

Cromptel acted as master of ceremonies and custodian of the cigars and beverages. Peck sang in good voice. Sam Smart, Jerry Barnes, and Pfaffman played and sang. Everyone joined in « Beaumont, Forever More. » Rollins closed the impromptu evening with a few details concerning the Beaumont organization.

The last mess was a grand and glorious occasion and it left everyone with a grand and glorious feeling. The next morning The Beaumonts breakfasted elsewhere.

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Money loaned at fair rates.

BLACK JACK ROCHE