MEN ON LEAVE NOT TO BE LED ROUND BY HAND

Impression That They will be Chaperoned Wholly Erroneous.

SAVOY FOR FIRST GROUP.

Zone System to be In tituted and Rotated t Give all Possible Variety.

"PINK TICKETS" FOR PARIS.

Special Trains to Convey Soldiers to Destinations-Rules are Explicit.

As a great deal of misapprehension regarding leaves, the conditions under which they are to be granted, etc., has existed in the A.E.F. for some time past, the complete and authoritative rulings

on the subject are given below.

A.E.F. men whose leaves fall due on or about February 15 will be allowed to visit the department of Savoy, in the south-east of France, during their week of leisure. That department constitutes their "leave zone" for the present. When their next leaves come around four months hence it is planned to give them a different leave zone, and to rotate such zones in future, in order to give all an equal chance to see as

to give all an equal chance to see as much of France as possible. While the Y.M.C.A. has worked hard and perfected arrangements for soldiers' accommodations and provided amusements at Aix-les-Bains, one of the famous watering-places in Savoy, no man is bound in any way to avail himself of those accommodations and amusements if he does not so desire. In other words, there are no restricted to words, there are no strings attached to a man's leave time, provided he does not violate the obvious rules of military deportment. The widespread idea that there will be official or semi-official chaperonage of men on leave by the Y.M.C.A. or other organizations is, therefore, incorrect.

Leaves Every Four Months.

The general order from Headquarters, A.E.F., on the subject of leaves is both complete and explicit. Leaves will be available for soldiers only after four posed to be on the job of alleviating. words, there are no strings attached to office-chair, wall-buzzer and all, with

As far as practicable, special trains will be run for men on leave.

A man may not save up his seven days leave with the idea of taking one longer duration at a later date. month after return from sick or con-

In principle, leaves will be granted by ments of leave rosters so as to avoid follow. absence of too many non-coms, or specialisence of too many non-coms, or specialisence at any time. Not ally qualified soldiers at any time. Not Somebody had a nerve to invent it, more than ten per cent. of the soldiers all right, as if we didn't have troubles of any command are to be allowed away at the same time, nor, it is stipulated, dentist, and ducking shells, and clap-

units or territorial commands, and it; so we one and all move that it, in-rotated as far as practicable. Allotments covering Paris, however, will be top" and tried on the Boches. ments covering Paris, however, will be made separately from all other areas, so as to limit the number of American soldiers visiting Paris on leave. For this reason the leave tickets will be of difteratment, standing ready for acferent color, those consigning a man to tion by his electric chair, those his unit's regular leave area being white, Boches will just turn around and and those permitting a visit to Paris run, and run, and run, and won't stop being pink, dividing the American per- running till they get smack up against

Exceptional Cases.

In case a man has relatives in France, it is provided that he may, for that reason or some other exceptional one, be granted leave for another area than tha illotted to his unit, with the stipulation that the number of men authorized to visit Paris shall not be increased in that way. For the present, officers will no to go to allied or neutral countries will e counted as beginning on leaving France and terminating on arrival back in France. The French Zone of the Armies, and the departments of Doubs, Jura, Ain, Haute-Savoie, Seine Inférieure and Pyrénées Orientales, and the arrondissements of Basses - Pyrénée touching on the Spanish frontier may not, however, be visited without the con urrence of the Chief French Military

Leave papers will specify the date of departure and the number of days leave authorized. The leave will begin to run at 12.01 a. m. (night) following the man's arrival at the destination author ized in his leave papers, and will end at midnight after the passing of the number of days' leave granted him After that, the next leave train must be taken by that man back to his unit Or if he is not near a railroad line ove which leave trains pass, he must take the quickest available transportation back to connect with a leave train as well as the identity card prescribed in G. O. 63, A. E. F.; and he will be required to wear his identification

Travel Regulations.

Before going on leave, a man mus

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OFF FOR THE TRENCHES.

When a certain regiment of American doughboys departed from its billets in a little town back of the front and marched away to our trenches in Lorraine, this poem was found tacked up on a billet door:-

By the bayonets we sharpened in the billets down below, When we're holding to a

hector, Colonel, we'll be Gott-Strafed if the Blank-teenth lets

Won't keep your boys a-squat-

For we'll soon be busting God help Fritzie when we do,

Let's get going, Colonel Blank, because we're feel-

Red Cross Dentist's Office Lacks Nothing but the Lady Assistant

available for soldiers only after four posed to be on the job of alleviating months' service in France, and will be human misery, that has put the movable soldier one leave of seven days every four side. But no one wants to be funny months, excluding the time taken in about a dentist's office that, instead of traveling to and from the place in lying in wait for you, comes out on serious a matter; you might almost say that it flies in the teeth of all the conventions, Hague and otherwise.

t isn't. An ambulance carries you somemust take his leaves as they come. Regular leave will not be granted within one a travelling tooth-yankery loesn't give you a chance to rest. It's white, is the outside of the car, just like a baby's hearse, and just about as cheerful to roster, based on length of time since last contemplate. On its side it says, 'Dental leave or furlough; length of service in Travelling Ambulance No. 1"—the No. France; length of service as a whole lot. I part gleefully promising, no doubt, officers authorized to grant leaves are rethat this isn't the end of them by any quired to make the necessary adjust- means, but that there may be more to

Useful As a Tank?

is any organization to be crippled for ping on gas masks, and all the rest. lack of officers.

Leave areas, as stated above, will be allotted to divisions, corps, or other nerves of anything that gets in front of naires into white ticket men and their own old barbed wire on the Eastern front. The crowned heads of Europe tremble before the advance of the crowned teeth of America, as you might say if you were inclined to joke about it which we aren't.

For French Patients First One of the Red Cross people, who was standing by ready for the command "Clear gums for action!" told THE STARS AND STRIPES that the peribe restricted as to points to be visited patetic pain producer wasn't to be used on leave, other than Paris. Any leaves which may be granted by Headquarters comfort as to fix up the cavities and comfort as to fix up the cavities and what-not of the civil population of France. That was encouraging news, for while we don't bear our allies any il will, we think they ought to have the honor of trying the experiment first.

to be funny about it, as you ought not to be; but we prefer to think that the

means business.

ANZAC MAKES SAFE GUESS.

A company commander received an order from battalion headquarters to send in a return giving the number of trench. He sent in the number as 2,001. H. Q. rung up and asked him how arrived at this unusual figure.

"Well," he replied, "I'm certain register his address, in his own hand- about the one, because I counted him writing. He must satisfy his company myself. He's hanging on the wire just or detachment commander that he is in front of me. I estimated the 2000. I neat and tidy in appearance. He must worked it out all by myself in my own prove to that officer's satisfaction that head that it was healthier to estimate he has the required leave ticket, and so em than to walk about in No Man's forth, and sufficient funds for the trip. Land and count 'em!'—Aussie, the Australian Soldiers' Magazine.

By the rifle on my back, By my old and well-worn

By the howling jumping

And the Boches big and small, Runty ones and Boches tall,

ting in the ditches very

ing mighty strong.

TOOTH YANKING CAR IS TOURING FRANCE

The plan is to give every one-tooth stands all along the country France where he may spend his holiday. the road and chases you. It's too darm

It looks part like an ambulance, but

After all the French people in need After all the French people in deed of dental treatment have been treated, however, the Red Cross person went on to say that it might be tried out on the Americans—yanks for the Yanks, as you might say, if you were inclined as you might say, if you were inclined to some the form of the United States Emplayed and a copy of it is in pea seed, to made before First Secretary Arthur Hugh Frazier of the United States Emplayed and a copy of it is in pea seed, to make seed, to make the peakage of the archives of the American Embassy.

Tor peace, and the solution of M. L. Rollett, a repatriated of the British and French heavy artillety."

M. Rollett's deposition was subscribed and sworn to before Secretary Frazier on January 9, 1918, and a copy of it is in the archives of the American Embassy. war will be over by that time. Anyhow, who ever heard of an American who captives. would own up to having anything the M. Rollett was asked.

Be that as it may, when you see the bussed thing on the road, jump into the Prince. [The heir to the German throne ditch and ite low. It's real, and it had his headquarters at that time in ditch and lie low. It's real, and it

TN this initial number of THE STARS AND APIPES, published by the men of the Overseas Command, the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces extends his greetings through the of the Allied armies who has watched editing staff to the readers from the first line trenches to the base ports.

These readers are mainly the men who have been honored by being the first contingent of Americans to fight on European soil for the honor of their country. It is an honor and privilege which make them fortunate above the millions of their fellow citizens at tome. Commensurate with their privilege in being here is the duty which is laid before them, and this duty will be performed by them as by Americans of the past, eager, determined, and unvielding to the last.

The paper, written by the men in the service, should speak the thoughts of the new American Army and the American people from whom the Army has been drawn. It is your paper. Good luck to it.

JOHN J. PERSHING, Commander-in-Chief, A.E.F.

HUNS STARVE AND BOOK U.S. CAPTIVES

A.E.F. Soldiers Compelled to Clean Latrines of Crown Prince.

GIVEN UNEATABLE BREAD.

Photographed Sandwiched Between Negroes Wearing Tall Hats.

EMBASSY HEARS THE FACTS.

Repatriate Smuggles Addresses of Prisoners' Relatives into

food and inhumane treatment generally Germany.

"No," he answered, "because John onor of trying the experiment first. Perience of three Americans captured last very freely about conditions in Germany, "Apres-vous, mon chere Gaston," as the Autumn by the German Army at the and they said that life in all parts of the Canal de la Marne au Rhin, in the forest Empire is black misery. They all long of Parcy, near Luneville. The deposi- for peace; and the soldiers are in dread methods of the Boche in dealing with his

> How were the Americans treated?' "They were obliged to clean the streets, and the latrines of the Crown Charleville, the captured French town to which the Americans were taken.] This was done in order to make them appear ridiculous. They were photographed standing between six negroes from Mar-

> as hard as leather and almost uneatable. Occasionally they received a few dried

Fed by French People. "Could they subsist on this food?" "No, but the inhabitants of Charle- hikers.

ville formed a little committee to supplethe prisoners with food and with lines The food had to be given to them clan

M. Rollett, who left Charleville on Depember 19, 1917, to come into France by way of Switzerland, visited the Embassy forward to the relatives of the thr American prisoners messages saying tha they were still alive. The addresses the gave him were: Mrs. James Mulhull 177 Fifth street, Jersey City, N. J. Mrs. R. L. Dougal, 822 East First street, Maryville, Miss.; and Mrs. O. M. Haines, Wood Ward, Oklahoma. On the day the Americans were captured, he added, the American communiqué (pubported five men killed and sever

"How did you bring these addresse Embassy Secretary asked M. Rollett. "They were written," he replied, "or a piece of linen which a young girl who speaks English had sewed under the lining of a cloak belonging to one of my

"Black Misery" in Germany. In conclusion, M. Rollett was asked if, from his journey from Charleville through Germany to Switzerland, he

could form any idea as to conditions in prisoner by the Huns. This is the experience of three Americans captured last night; but the German soldiers talked

MARINES ADVISE SWIGGING. For Hikers, They Say, it is Better Than Sipping.

Quantico, Va.-The drinking long hikes is not recommended by U.S., spuds, and beans, and beans, and spuds, Marines, stationed here.

While the average man should contaken the negroes were ordered to wear from two to three quarts a day, troops all of them canned, with now and then, like size are busy in repairing machintall hats."

"Did the Americans have sufficient food?" Secretary Frazier inquired.

"No," replied M. Rollett. "Their food was insufficient. They received a loaf of bread every five days, which was as hard as leather and almost uneatable.

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They received a loaf of them canned, with now and then, on Christmas, St. Patrick's Day, Yom at regular periods and not sip a mouth-ful at a time, say the Marine officers.

In Haiti, the Philippines and other countries where the Marines have been loaf of bread every five days, which was as hard as leather and almost uneatable. between times, proved to be the best! Go to the French, thou sluggard

FREE SEEDS FOR SOLDIER FARMERS

Congress Votes Us Packets but Overlooks Hoes and Spades.

PRIZES FOR BIG PUMPKINS?

A.E.F. Garden Enthusiasts Speculate upon Probability of Flower Pots in Tin Derbies.

Sergeant Carey, quite contrary, How does your garden grow Tomato huds, and Kerry spuds,

And string beans all in a row? efore long-and the grass, what there is of it, gets a little greener, and the

For be it known that by and with the consent of the Congress of the United States, that ancient and venerable and to buy us our grub has, out of

Oui, Oui-Spuds and Beans!

No kidding; you know yourself you're water at frequent intervals while on and tomatoes and beans, and spuds, and from regular regiments. and beans, and beans, and line of construction, over in a corner beans, and beans and—what of the mammoth reservation is a gas tanding between six negroes from Marwhile the average man should collinique; and when the photograph was sume, according to medical authorities, night, Mess-Sergeant?—oh, yes, beans; already in operation and other plants of who constantly sipped at their canteens little window boxes, and thus cut down were the first to become exhausted. On the high cost of living. Why shouldn't the contrary, the men who drank their you, with a steel helmet for a flower pot, fill every two or three hours, and not be able to do the same?

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF ARMY MEN BUILD AN **OVER-SEAS PITTSBURGH**

Mammoth Warehouses and the World's Largest Cold Storage Plant Spring Up in Three Months.

FORESTERS AND ENGINEERS DOING THE WORK.

"Winter of Our Discontent" Sees Big Job of Preparation Speeded "Somewhere" in France.

You, Mr. Infantryman, out there for Hopewell, Van, the famous munitions heaven knows how many hours a day city that, unlike Rome, seemed almost to have been built in a day.

through the muddy depths of Europe instead of wading ashore through the roar- Our Uncle Samuel, be it remembered,

not, for some time, haven't they?

With Speed and Drive.

But that, Mr. Infantryman, Cannoneer, Machine-Gunner or whoever and whatever you are, is where you are, for once, dead wrong. The old U.S. is making all sorts of progress here in France-progress toward your comfort, and upkeep, and safety, and toward that of the millions who are coming along to play your game with you. Not in your particular section, perhaps, but, in a certain spot in inland France, the old U.S. has been engaged in big dongs this winter, doing big things as only Americans can do 'em and putting them through with the speed and drive that, as we like to think, only the Yanks can put into an undertaking, And the work in them started as soon as the machinery was in place and oiled up. No, Mr. Infantryman, Mr. Artillery, man, Mr. Machine-Gunn-toter, Mr. Aviator, Mr. Wireless-buzzer, this has not been "the winter of our discentent"—as footless and ne-use-at-all as your own work may have seemed to you sometimes. It has been the winter during a firm foundation for your comfort and safety and for that of the men who will follow you over—and believe use their started as soon as the machinery was in place and oiled up. No, Mr. Infantryman, Mr. Artillery, man, Mr. Machine-Gunn-toter, Mr. Aviator, Mr. Wireless-buzzer, this has not been "the winter of our discentent"—as footless and ne-use-at-all as your own work may have seemed to you sometimes. It has been the work in them started as soon as the machinery was in place and oiled up. No, Mr. Infantryman, Mr. Artillery, man, Mr. Machine-Gunn-toter, Mr. Aviator, Mr. Michine-Gunn-toter, Mr. Aviator, Mr. With Speed and Drive. Yanks can put into an undertaking. And the work which the old U.S. has eeu doing at that particular place i

River Junction, New Hampshire, or Princeton Junction, in New Jersey, say—surrounded by wild woodland and rolling plains, into a regular young Pittsburgh of industry. Fact! Not only a young Pittsburgh of industry, but a roung St. Louis of industry, but a roung St. Louis of industry, but a young St. Louis of railway tracks, a Boston of bean stowawayeries, a New York water front of ware-s. Just for example, the ware-hood; him and me chummed through ouses. Just for example, the warehouses already put up at this place will hold more stuff than the new Pennsylvania Railroad freight terminal in Chieago, which is some monster of its kind.

Cold Storage Plans. Wait! That's only a sample. oundations are already on the ground Now the Hun-damn his soul-has or-now, get this; it's straight dope, bull-for what will be the largest reorld. Its construction, by the time this ider way. It will have a manufacturng capacity of 500 tons of ice, and will e capable of handling 2,000 tons of fresh beef daily, besides having storage space for 5,000 tons of beef additional, to say nothing of other fresh food supplies henever they may be awaiting shipment p forward to the men in the Amexforce

ast word in uptodateness. Along with a refrigerating plant of hat magnitude, there have also been go- Then Joe looked 'round as we started ng up-going up all during the time you ere, too-a number of monster storage ouses for ammunition and other inflammable supplies. These are built of real old honest-to-goodness hollow fireproof rick, brought all the way from the United States. And if that were not nough to safeguard the bonbons for the That's the song some of us will be Boche contained in them, the storage denging when the ground gets a little pot has a waterworks system all its own; to construct it, a pipe line had to be laid lickey-birds begin to sing sweet "Oui, dreds of miles of auxiliary piping have will be more than adequate for mechanical purposes and for protection against

Regulars Lend a Hand.

heart, extended its privilege of free seed distribution to the United States Quartuce seed, pansy seed, begonia seed, and what not, trot right up to the supply sergeant's diagonas and seek him what not trot right up to the supply four branches of the service are to be geant's diggings and ask him when stored in them-machinery, ordnance I've fergot all me bloomin' duties, for upplies, medical necessaries, and all the grumbling now because all you get in ment of railroad engineers and a forestry the line of vegetables is spuds, and beans, regiment, assisted by companies detailed I'm saving a foot of cold steel for the

As if that were not enough in the undreds of other ways.

Some plant, isn't it, to have been out up in the short time, compara tively, that we have been over here in France? It even puts into the shade the overnight growth of, say,

pretending it's old Rat-Face, the Crown Prince—been doing that ever since you came over here, haven't you?

You, M. Artilleryman, loading, unloading, standing clear, and all the rest of it until your back aches and your eardrums wellnigh cave in—

You, Mr. Machine-Gunner, going out every day and lugging about a ton of assorted hardware and cutlery around a vacant lot—

You Mr. Marine, land-logged, landsick, trying out your web feet in wading through the muddy depths of Europe in—

No Delay About Moving In.

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ing suri-yip! hi-ho, and a bottla grape- is a cautious old gent, and looks well You, all of you, own up now! Doesn't seem as though you weren't getting any-where at times, now does it? Doesn't seem as though you had made any particular progress. eh, what? Doesn't seem to have made the beef any tenderer, the supplies come up any quicker, nation to see the thing through could seem to have made the beer any tenderer, the supplies come up any quicker, the Q.M.'s clothing get issued any quicker? As far as you can see, things have been pretty much at a standstill, on account of the weather and whatreservation have been put up, the ma-chinery has been shoved into them and

A NEWS STORY IN VERSE

ld by a British sergeant in a dug-out to the author-an American serving at the time in the British Army, but now

cant railroad station—such as White fighting under the Stars and Stripes.)

they're waiting for him in vain, oung Chicago of meat refrigerators, a All along of a Boche wot peppered our

> And when we growed up and got married we put our spare kale in a

> And both made a comfortable living; 'twas just for our mates and the

taken his toll, and me pal had to cash in his bids. igerating cold storage plant in the That night when we left the ration dump to face the dark ahead, rticle sees the light of print, will be well I can never forget the look on his face when he picked up his kit and said, "Another trip to the front, old lad; we'll take 'em their bully and tea;

"We'll catch hell to-night, but we'll get there all right; take that little tip And Joe swung up in his saddle; I crawled in the trailer behind; Every detail of it is absodarnlutely the The train moved off with a groan and a

squeak, for the midnight work and

off, I could see his face all alight ought there was "nothing doing" over "I got a letter from home," he said; "Fill read it to you to-night."
We pulled along through Dick Busch, through Fairy Court and Dell,
When word came back from the blokes ahead to give the nags a spell. Joe slid outen his saddle, with a chuckle

deep down in his throat, he walked back to me, as gay as could be, and pulled the kid's note Says he, "Listen, lad, for a kid it ain't bad—it's her birthday—she's five

to-nightalready been laid, and the water supply It's a ripping note this- she sends you a kiss—" and Joe, poor old palastruck a light.

Ho held up the kiddie's letter—we were laughin' a bit at the scrawl,

All warm inside with a feeling—well; you know what I mean, damn it

Joe, he wavered a mite, Then without a word be wilted down.

me blood is boilin' with hate; varied articles handled by the Quarter-master's Corps. The construction of the buildings has been in the hands of a regi-like that sniping rotter whating drilled me pal through the pate. Englishman sticks to his friend: rat-so help me God to the end.

HE OUGHT TO BE GOOD.

"Jim, I see that old Bill Boozum, from home, has been drafted."
"Well, Hank, he ought to pass out

"Why, look at the practice he's had in bending his elbow!

Don't Forget that War-Risk Insurance. February 12 is your last chance at it.

'How's that?"