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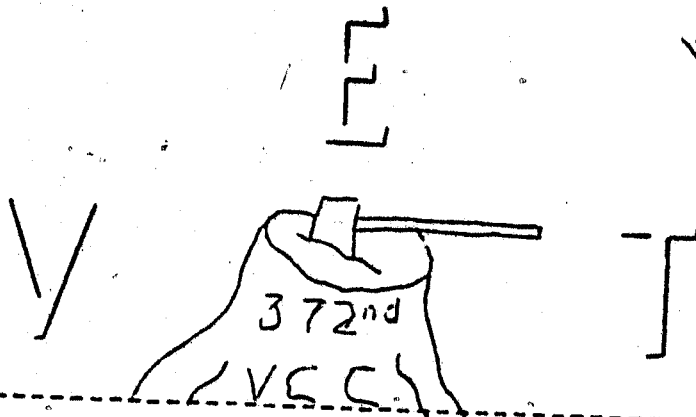
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# THANKSGIVING



## 1934

### THE "C.O." SAYS:

With the coming of the holiday season, with its usual good cheer and abundance of appetizing food our thoughts turn again to the seasonal feast of turkey. I want to assure the men of this company that we intend to outdo ourselves in the matter of good "eats" with the able assistance of the mess force. And I believe that you'll agree that that is some feat.

be so arranged as to keep us out of the hunting area.

Do not take chances by going into any area other than that in which our projects are being operated.

Your co-operation will help to lessen the number of accidents that occur each year during this open season.

### MR. BROWNING SAYS:

Hunting season for deer opens on December 3rd. and ends on December 8th.

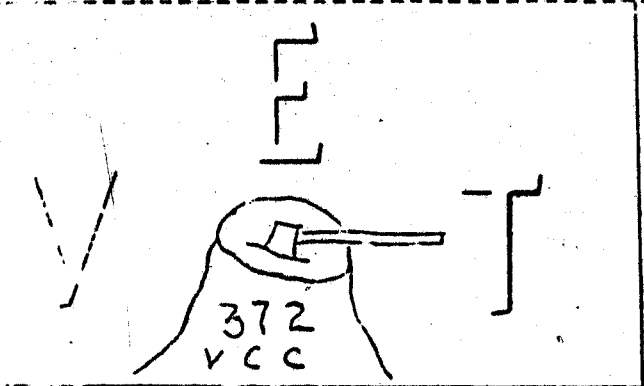
Our forest is to be open to hunters and as a safe-guard against accidents all work will

### \* \* \* \* EXCHANGES \* \* \*

We are in receipt of two exchanges from the 110th. and 125th. Companies.

Both can show us something in the way of volume.

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\* EDITORIAL \*

The Armistice Day exercises  
 were particularly gratifying and  
 appropriate.

The short time consumed in  
 remembrance of our "Buddies" was  
 indeed well spent and I am sure  
 called to mind of the most of us  
 some particular bunkie who has  
 left us.

THE EDITOR

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SECTION REPORTERS.

FIRST SECTION --- M. McCool  
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Hand in your comments to your  
 section reporter.

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EXCHANGES SOLICITED.

THE DOCTOR'S COLUMN.

In less than a month winter will  
 be at our heels and with it howling  
 winds and biting frost.

Because of the inclement weather  
 in this area, it is necessary to  
 guard against exposure to cold. The  
 old adage, "Spring has gone, winter  
 draw(er)s on" is sound advice.

Warm clothing (even if you are  
 ridiculed for your sound judgement)  
 worn during the cold weather is a  
 safeguard against many diseases.

Care must also be taken to avoid  
 exposure to cold after the excess-  
 ive use of alcoholic beverages.

Heed these precautions and be  
 assured of a fairly comfortable  
 winter.

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Exchanges.  
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Congratulations to 110th. es-  
 pecially on the artistic cover by  
 Eddie Miller and the variety of  
 contributions by various members.

The editorials in the "Barracks  
 Bag" from the 125th. offer plenty  
 of food for thought as well as  
 good advice.

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\*\* OVERHEAD FLASHES \*\*

For the information and guidance  
 of those concerned\*\*\*Webster says,  
 "a sprite is a shade; a ghost; also  
 an apparition; an elf; a sort of  
 fairy or goblin. Any of several s  
 swift running beach crabs. To haunt  
 as a sprite."\*\*\*As Dryden says -  
 "Gaping graves received the wander-  
 ing, guilty sprite."---Apropos of  
 nothing of course.\*\*\*It is said  
 that Cook Kelly doesn't care about  
 boning hams. It seems he engaged  
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BE GRATEFUL.

In the fall of 1620 when the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, they faced a winter of hunger, cold, loneliness and dread.

Illness and starvation finally were the grim spectacles that almost defeated them. When half their number died that first winter it required super-human courage to go on - courage inspired by the same that led them to declare, a few months later, a "Day of Thanksgiving."

Therefore friends and buddies, it is fitting that Thanksgiving this year should be to you a very happy one, for by endeavoring to recall those denied - those incapacitated - those starving, you will have more and greater cause for thanks.

H.R.

Overhead Flashes

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\*\* FIRST SECTION \*\*

a butcher as an assistant to perform the operations and was informed of his assistant's resignation at 3 AM. What was it Sorenson said about a hammer? Ham Bone?\*\*\*Will the overhead miss the painter who so recently joined their ranks and almost immediately departed? Ask them.\*\*\*Competition is still strong between the Infirmary and the Engine (Generator to you) Room over the cleanliness contest. Sam the Griper is trying to find out where the matchstick came from, that was on the floor and lost the contest for him last week. He can't prove anything on Dinny "the Sprite" yet.\*\*\*Our officers are now being served by the largest Kettle in camp. Cheer up lat, now you have time to pitch horse-shoes. "Quirts" to you.\*\*\*Ask the Captain what happened to the man who went home last Thanksgiving, he'll tell you better than I can.\*\*\*Genial Serg. "Jack" was the third man in the ring between the tiger cat and a rat. But he let the rat run out of the ring! Some referee. He forgot to blow his whistle. Sarge Jack has been looking up the dictionary quite often lately. Evidently stuck on some word. Does it begin with S--?

Our esteemed friend, the reporter of the 3rd. Section, stated we erred in claiming to be the best section in this camp. In his own article he admitted our claims, stating that his section had the best blacksmith, truck-drivers, etc. - i.e. the best laborers in camp - whereas we claim we have the best brains in the camp. As we stated in our previous article we knew your counter-barrage would be nothing but duds. What comeback have you?\*\*\*According to the last order from headquarters, there will positively be no more transfers allowed into the 1st. Section. While we modestly admit we're good, and would like to accommodate you fellows who have asked to be transferred into our section, we are in entire accord with the above order for according to our latest information the other sections would have very few left on their rosters.\*\*\*It is of interest to note that the 1st Section was the only section to turn out in full dress for Memorial Service on Armistice Day.\*\*\*"Doc" Hugo is starting a class in the very near future, to teach English to foreigners. Judging from the conversation in the various tongues around camp, his services are very much needed.\*\*\*Bill Wade, one of the "Smith Bros.", is the champ

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Checker player in this camp. He wishes to announce he will play anyone to prove this.\*\*\*\*\*  
 Scanlon, our waterboy, has gained thirty pounds since he came to this camp. It's time - but we rather expect most of it is due to the amount of clothing he wears.\*\*\* Pal is piping the boys to mess these days by playing his harmonica.\*\*\*Ask "Dynamite Pete" to tell you how he was almost blown up last week. It's a fact, fellows \* not a wise crack.\*\*\*Pat Rielly goes to Springfield to drink-----TEA.\*\*\*\*\*  
 McCool says that the scenery between Springfield & Woronoca is beautiful. It can only be enjoyed, not by riding a truck, but by walking! Try it, fellows, & see if you do not agree with him.\*\*\*A new incinerator is going to be built of brick by "Pal" assisted by Mike Donella.\*\*\*The best boxer in camp is Frank Parrish. A quiet fellow, doesn't talk much but can he use his mitts! \*\*\*Smile and the world smiles with you" A few good examples of the adage are B.Murphy, F.Parrish, Joe Shaughnessy and Bert Phelps. Let's see if more of us cannot join this club.\*\*\*Mr. Browning told Paul Oriente that he was very much pleased with the way the new men have taken hold of their work. This was especially true of the newcomers in the 1st. Section.\*\*\*\*\*  
 Bill Barnett is still in the hospital at Ft. Banks. We hope for your speedy recovery, Bill.\*\*\*\*\*

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\*\* SECOND SECTION \*\*

Plans are being made for the forthcoming wedding of one of our popular waterboys and the maiden aunt of another of our esteemed members.\*\*\*"Red" Leavy starts training tomorrow for his proposed bout with "Shorty" Gaumont. So far the betting is 2 to 1 on "Shorty."\*\*\*\*\*  
 Frank Murray says he is practicing hammer throwing with the ultimate objective of using "Pat" Patterson as the target.\*\*\*"Nick" O'Neill says Steve Flossic has just got to quit running around with those

flashlight and disturbing his rest on Movie Nights.\*\*\*\*\*

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\*\* THIRD SECTION \*\*

The editorial guns of Section One, manned by the able M. McCool, have lately been trained upon this section, but their feeble puffs have only succeeded in confirming our claim as the best working section in camp.\*\*\*In fact our section has lately learned that members of the 1st. Section have constantly received hospital treatment for blisters on their (Schultz, bring me that Latin dictionary, please) from bunk fatigue.\*\*\*But it now appears that "Section One" has a monopoly on brains, and we have none. Now, we haven't the minutest conception of what use their "brains" could be put to if they had such unnecessary appendages, since they can only be used in work. But we'll try to find out and let them know, and we caution Section One in the meanwhile to give some half-hearted impersonation of a body of working men so that the local gendarmes wont pick them out of the woods and run them in on suspicion of being runaway inmates from the Home for the Infirm. Q.E.D.\*\*\*\*\*

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\*\* FOURTH SECTION \*\*

News gathered at the front.\*\*\*\*  
 Riley is going home for a few days beginning Saturday - Dame Rumor has it - the absence from his widow is getting on his nerves. Wishing you a happy landing, Sarge.\*\*\*What can be the idea of Horan moving down near Balbo? You know the old adage about birds or something. Well whoever talks the longest or loudest wins the cut-glass carpet sweeper.\*\*\*As all good sailors know, the galley stoves should be battened down during storms and when the battle-wagon starts to roll. - a good suggestion - why not batten barracks stoves? - Why? \* there's

reason.\*\*\*The two mates, both star-board and port, get their wires crossed the other night and it took the undivided attention of Junior (with apologies to the M.D.) to get them back on their feet - the two actors in this melodrama were Wendel and Warner. All rights reserved on this scenario. This is not a sea story.\*\*\*One week there is an epidemic of lost teeth - now it's fallen hair. A new cure for falling hair and its allied complaints has been discovered by none other than Andy Skiba. The method used is not the Pitman but Italian - Olive Oil (Patent pending) on this process.\*\*\*The boys still think it is Hooey about the thermometer going 40 below - who blames them with the balmy weather and the heavy overcoats just issued.\*\*\* Section Four might not lead in some things but one thing the section has, no other than Steffanelli who should receive a little credit for the help he has given the boys of the 109th. Company in the art of self defense. Here's hoping that they profit by his experience.\*\*\*\*\* And while we're on the subject - credit should be given to M. White for the nice work he turns out in the field of photography.\*\*\*\*\* Clark with his boudiour lamp makes quite a contrast in our man-made barracks. For the conversation heard around that lamp sure does blend with the atmosphere.\*\*\*\*\* They talk about shock troops in the other sections but they have to go some to beat our shock troops in the literary field.\*\*\*The sailor from Pelham Bay, Walker by name, when taken by surprise gold-bricking in the hospital was undecided whether to plunge into bed fully clothed; being unable to talk fast enough was marked duty.\*\*\* Who likes Pumpkin Pie? Please do not infringe on the story. Will be revised later.\*\*\*Flash backs of 17 - 18, I mean the issue overcoats To see the form-fitting coats that are issued reminds one of the Parisian models that started to strut their stuff as members of

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We shouldn't boast of great things  
we have done,  
There is no vast accomplishment  
of ours,  
Nothing so splendid or that over-  
powers,  
Only high hopes and dreams that  
we have spun;  
Hills yet to climb and races to  
be won -  
But on Thanksgiving Day each  
heart and mind,  
Is filled with gratitude and joy,  
to find  
Great magic wisps of beauty and  
of fun!

H.R.

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C H I P S.

McCool:- "Call this strawberry  
shortcake?"

Riley:- "Sure."

McCool:- "You only gave me four  
strawberries. Where's the  
cake?"

Riley:- "That's what we're short  
of."

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Dear Mr. Browning:-

I know the enrollment is up  
to full strength, but as I do not  
work much, I hope you can give me  
a job.

"Dutch" Munch.

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Housewife to Tom Kinney:- "How  
would you like a nice cold  
potatoe, if I warmed it up for  
you?"

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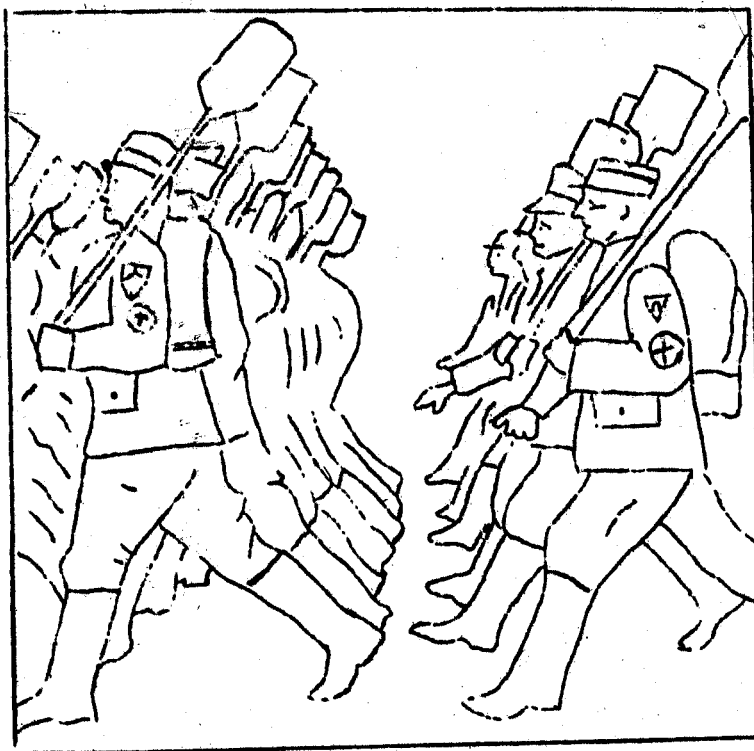
Captain:- "Did you enjoy your  
leave, lieutenant?"

Lieutenant:- "Yes, but there's  
nothing like the feeling of a  
good desk under your feet again"  
USS Texas Star.

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Swab:- "My ancestors came over on  
the Mayflower."

GERMAN "C.C.C.'S"



These are German construction workers on their way to work. They march in squads, platoons, battalions and regiments and are as well trained in the manual of arms as any military of other countries.

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 DO YOU KNOW ?

The National Flag is officially flown continuously, day and night, throughout the year, only over the Capitol in Washington.

The first American Flag bearing 7 red and 6 white stripes was raised over Washington's Headquarters at Cambridge, Massachusetts, January 2, 1776.

The battle of Stoney Point was fought and won by Wayne's 1200 Americans without firing a single shot.

The War of the Old Oaken Bucket was waged between the citizens of Modena and Bologna, Italy and lasted 12 years. As far as is known they were actually fighting for possession of an old oaken bucket.

The first C.C.C. recruits were assembled in Army camps for "reconditioning" prior to forest assignments on April 8, 1933.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt played tackle and full-back at Bacon Academy, near Fort Devens, and took part in class games at Harvard.