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# BAY STATE SOLDIERS IN BIVOUAC

## End First of 15-Day Hike—Homesick- ness Gone

BY E. J. DUNN

CAMP WRIGHT, Rio Grande Val-  
ley, N. M., Oct. 1.—In the city of pup  
tents which sprang up today like so  
many mushrooms, 5000 of the Bay  
State citizen soldiers are camping to-  
night about four miles outside of El  
Paso proper.

The first day of the fortnight hike  
which they, as a part of the tenth  
army division, began this morning is  
over. The Massachusetts men, all of  
whom came through the day's march  
in splendid shape, are delighted with  
this new experience.

er lot would be hard to im-  
a. The gloom which had over-  
spread them during the past week as  
the result of their disappointment over  
not having been ordered home, is gone.

While the march today was but  
about seven miles long, it was, never-  
theless, trying. The road to camp,  
after the paved roads of El Paso  
were left, was over a wild, untrodden  
valley, dotted with mequite bushes  
and cactus, covered with a foot of  
loose adobe sand.

Over this arid trail the Massachu-  
setts infantrymen trudged without be-  
ing able to see, at times, very far  
ahead of them. But they ate their  
share of the dust that filtered through  
handkerchief masks which they fash-  
ioned without a murmur.

When they reached camp they put  
up their pup tents and began to hunt  
rattlesnakes, prairie dogs, horned toads  
and every other kind of a native whose  
home they had usurped. The men acted  
quite as if they were out on a lark.

But the "mule skimmers" who piloted  
the ambulances and wagons had a  
tougher time of it. These vehicles fre-  
quently sank to the hubs, and as usual  
the "doughboys" had to help extricate  
them. In the meanwhile the "skimmers"  
swore their full repertoire, and it is  
some repertoire.

The Bay State infantrymen who left  
Camp Cotton at 7 o'clock led the long  
column in which were more than 20,000  
troops. General Sweetser's blue second  
brigade flag headed the line.

Then came the Ninth Regiment with  
Colonel Logan in command. The Eighth  
with Colonel Graves at their head and  
the Fifth piloted by Colonel Stover.

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# 2ND REG'T HOME BY OCT. 10

## Will Parade in Spring- field Before Dis- banding

BY T. E. HEDLUND

COLUMBUS, N. M., Oct. 1.—Un-  
less present arrangements are dis-  
turbed, the Second Massachusetts  
Regiment will parade through the  
streets of Springfield on Oct. 10.  
More than 1500 bronzed and seasoned  
soldiers will march in this home-com-  
ing demonstration.

### WILL DISBAND THEM

Individual companies will then split  
up and leave for the cities and towns  
of western Massachusetts where they  
have their home armories. The First  
Battalion under Major Herbert Warren  
will parade as a unit in Worcester after  
the men have marched with the regi-  
ment in Springfield.

The First Troop train section will  
leave here at 11 o'clock Wednesday  
morning. It will carry Colonel W. C.  
Hayes, his staff, headquarters company,  
mounted scouts, band and Companies  
M, F, L and I of the Second Battalion.  
Three hours later a second section will  
leave with Companies K, B, D and G  
of the Third Battalion as well as the  
machine gun company of Springfield.

### Final Section in Afternoon

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the  
third and final section will start home-  
ward with the Worcester battalion, in-  
cluding Companies E, H, A and C.  
Units of the hospital corps will accom-  
pany each train. General Pershing has  
given orders to have the men given  
their last month's federal pay before  
they leave the border.

Steps will be taken by officers of D  
Company, Holyoke, to have Private  
Leander Lamagdelaine granted clemen-  
cy and a parole so that he can accom-  
pany the troops home. He was recent-  
ly convicted by a general court-martial  
board on the charge of allowing two  
prisoners to escape. Because of his  
youth and inexperience his officers wish  
mercy shown.

### Appeal to McCall

Lamagdelaine's officers will probably  
appeal to Governor McCall and have  
him urge the War Department to place  
the youth on parole.

A number of the soldiers of the Sec-  
ond Regiment have asked for a trans-  
fer to regular army troops. Springfield  
men have been transferred as follows:

Corporal Charles M. Cross, 17th In-  
fantry; Corporal Charles Bertrand, 12th  
Cavalry; Private Albert French, Signal  
Corps, and Musician David Solomon,  
Fifth Cavalry band.

Two non-commissioned officers, Regi-  
mental Sergeant-Major William Bul-  
lard and Sergeant Leonard W. Russell  
of Worcester, received their discharges  
today under the relative dependent  
clause.

Sergeant William A. McGarry of D  
Company, Holyoke, narrowly escaped  
death last night, when he was fired upon  
twice as he attempted an arrest after a  
murder. McGarry is a member of the  
military police at the base. He heard  
pistol shots in the camp of Negro sol-  
diers shortly before midnight and hur-  
ried to investigate. There he found one  
man dying and pursued the assailant,  
who fled to a tent. As he attempted to  
follow two shots grazed his head. He  
did not return the fire, knowing that  
innocent soldiers were asleep within.

### Grapples Gunman

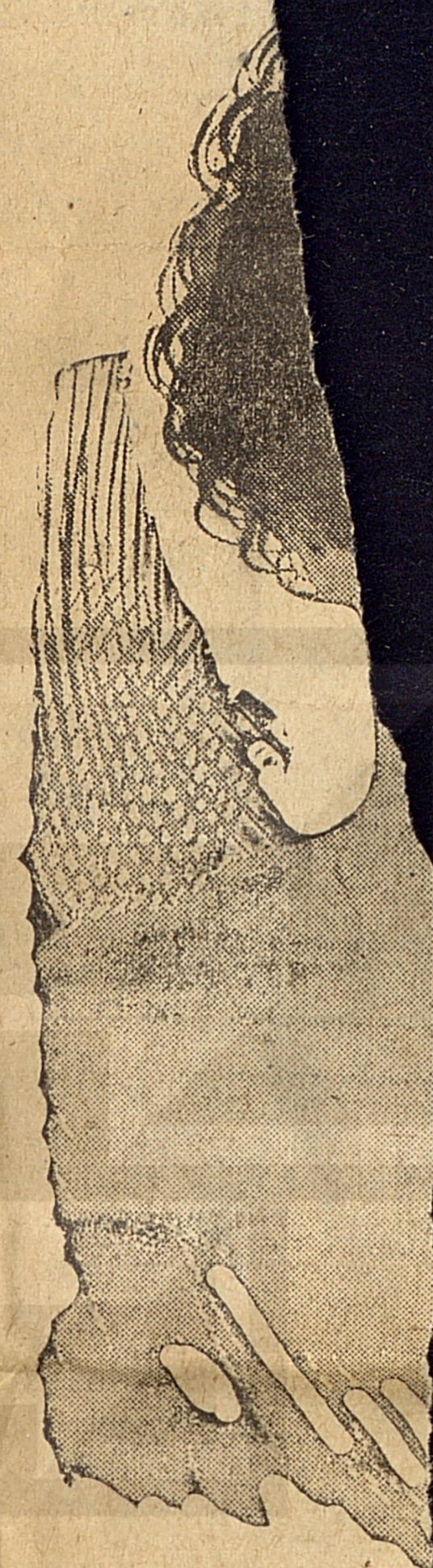
Defying other shots, he rushed through  
the entrance and grappled with the gun-  
man and overpowered him. He then took  
him to the stockade, where a charge of  
murder was lodged, as the victim had  
died in the meantime.

A violent sand storm ripped tents from  
their fastenings and scattered property  
to the mountains at the Second Regi-  
ment camp this afternoon. Colonel Hayes  
was writing a letter when his tent swept  
down over his head. He crawled from  
beneath the canvas uninjured and sought  
refuge in another tent that had with-  
stood the whirlwind of sand.

Men who were packing suit cases and  
bags with souvenirs for shipment east  
lost most of their belongings during the  
storm. It left tons of sand in tents and  
mess shacks and did not spend its  
strength for more than an hour.

**DARLING-PELKEY  
WEDDING TODAY**

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Until her "secret" marriage

Miss Augusta Parow of E  
and Corporal Charles J. Bur  
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planned to be married se  
night and start on a hone  
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Over 50 of their friends are  
for a change in plans, as  
pair are still in this cit  
married. The marriage to  
the rectory of the Sacred H  
in East Boston and was so  
the Rev. James O'Neill.

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Wednesday September 26/16

My own dearest, loving, true wife.

I have an afternoon to myself as Sgt Disnard wished to change with me & I thought I would go. I am as you never know what is ahead for us now.

My dearest we had a hard day yesterday in the hot sun out in the range, and arrived in camp & had just 40 minutes to put on our best clothes & march out for Gen Morton to review us, as we have been attached to the 10<sup>th</sup> division under him. Gen. Bell sat on a horse quite near me, and of course as we marched by them at eyes right I had a good view of them all.

After the review we sat down in our tents & in 10 minutes the call came to fall in for Retreat. so you see that the life of a soldier is not a bed of roses. Well my darling we have had an easy day to day, as they had to use the men to build a new toilet for our co. to take the place of the one that burned down, so I had a good chance to shave & take a shower bath over to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regular camp and I have also washed out my underclothes & am ready to start for home if they would only let us, but Sheldon Ripley



Husband is true as the stars  
above to you dearest one and  
a heart that beats as true as  
mine does for you, mine surely  
return to its mate.

My darling I will try and  
get Sargent a job just as soon  
as I get back, there ought to be  
some way, wish I had the money  
I would start him in a dry goods  
store in some city about this size  
but of course the firms here that  
are making so much money are  
selling goods that soldiers want  
as there are 46,000 militia here, and  
they spend one million a month I  
hear, no wonder the Texas politicians  
won't let us go home. it is money  
they want. I shall dearest  
one this life is one great  
disappointment as I have  
for a second time been sure of  
starting & had to go to bed when I  
nearly felt like crying myself  
to sleep. My dearest one I  
will stay much longer as  
Secty Baker says in the paper  
that as the new troops come  
down the old ones will be  
ordered home. and we would  
be on our way, very well, on the  
best equipped & most efficient  
so of course we have got  
to do this march, to show them  
but it is a wicked shame.



CORRESPONDENCE TABLE  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
EL PASO, TEXAS

Said in the paper today that there  
would be no war with Mexico  
and so I still have a pretty good  
chance of seeing you dance in  
about three weeks

The way I figure it out now  
Baker has ordered 6000 more  
state troops to come to the border  
at once, and by the time they  
get here and get settled  
in camp, we will be coming back  
from this march, and then we  
will go back home & let them  
do the work this fall.

I guess that this hike if  
we have it will be our last  
driving and in fact, we run all thro  
the driving & should have gone home  
on Sunday last. My dear old  
dunk get blue now as your four  
leaf clover will keep me well  
on this hike and I must drink  
any well water if I can keep it  
I will be either on my way into  
the desert, or on the trail for home  
by the time this letter reaches you  
dearest one, and in either case my  
thoughts will be of you darling and  
I can fold you to my heart at night  
either under the ~~dark~~ stars or in the  
car on the way east, so don't worry as your



Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

J. H. [Signature]

Enclosed for you are two copies of the report of the Committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

J. H. [Signature]

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

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CORRESPONDENCE TABLE  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
EL PASO, TEXAS

Says we are not going home yet  
as he says the plans have all been  
changed and now we are put in  
the 10<sup>th</sup> division and the new Gen.  
Morton is going to march us 200  
miles over the desert & mountains  
into New Mexico in the next 15 days  
commencing next Sunday. The Col. House  
who led Gen Pershing's Column into  
Mexico is the Chief of Staff and the  
division will be just 15 miles long  
so they say. We are to march  
15 miles or better every day and  
carry our equipment so it will be  
pretty hot and your Soldier boy  
will be glad when it is over.

I am hoping against hope that we  
may be ordered home instead as I  
understand there is a big strike  
in Mex. and thought that might help  
us to get back.

See Sargent then will be 20,000 men  
in line 6700 horses & mules, and 200 mule trucks.  
It is said that no hike of this kind  
was ever before made by U.S. troops.

Five Ohio, three Kentucky, three Massachusetts  
two Michigan, and two South Carolina  
Regiments of 15 in all are going, so they say.  
Confound the luck, but Setty Gaster



My darling one I got <sup>5</sup>200 in a letter a letter  
while ago and thank you very much for it, if you  
ever have any serious trouble about meeting  
I wish call up ~~for that~~ mean that runs Basins  
Germans and have him take the cows off your  
hands as I don't want you to be  
so troubled. Wish Sargatt didn't  
have so much to do, it is too bad for  
you all but it is almost over now  
too I am surely coming in a short  
while, or know the reason why.  
Will dearest one I wish close now as  
it is almost supper time and I am going  
to the Auto - lunch for Fred & Ann.  
With lots of love & kisses to your darling  
from your own true husband who loves you more  
than all the world  
Eugene