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SERGEANT-MAJOR LOWERY SPEAKS.

By Sam Shanfeld.

That the duty of the American people in the United States is to support all war organizations, and that the only satisfactory method of ending the war is to exterminate the despicable German government and German people constituted the theme of the speech of Sergeant-Major Lowery, of the famous Princess Pat Regiment, delivered at two-thirty Tuesday afternoon, May 6, in the Rolla Theatre. The cause of America's entry into the war, he said, was not for territory and not for indemnity, but for democracy. "America entered this war, just as England entered it, so that the small nations should have the right to live, and German autocracy be downed." That the feeling in the body of the soldier is different from that in the body of the civilian, he said, is caused by the soldiers' actual contact and dealing with the Hun. "The men in France are too big to be bothered by what is about them, such as the shells, the living conditions, and climatic conditions. They constitute the most humorous and most comradely-like bunch in the world. There is no nationalization in the trenches; the men are all comrades, and each man is more than willing to die for the other."

"The German people, like the German government, are not all right. We are fighting the whole German nation. I believe in punishing the Germans by exterminating them." "The peace terms must be satisfactory, not only to the allied nations, but also to

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QUO VADIS CONVENTION.

Special to Miner: Delegates of jungles of Quo Vadis met in Rolla May 3rd, 4th and 5th, for a national convention, and were shown the railway station, the suburb south of the city on the Frisco, and other places of interest, by the local Q. V. men. This was the only convention held in the last two years, as the declaration of war by the U. S. of A. on the Imperial Government of Germany, and the consequent departures of men for training camps made the last year's convention impossible.

Other than that of making merry in an atmosphere of good fellowship and congeniality, with now and then a sip from St. Louis' cornucopia by way of a toast to "Ye Olden Times" before the great drought, the object of consideration before those of the calloused pedal extremities and bituminous talcum powder was that of preserving the efficient organization of the order even after the storm of last year had depleted their ranks.

This outlay of work made more difficult by the absence of some of the national officers called for strenuous work on part of all delegates, especially as and was disposed of only after three intensive business sessions Saturday, wherein plans were laid, and national officers elected for the ensuing year.

By initiation Friday, May 3rd, a jungle was established at Washington University.

Helpful suggestions were tendered the convention by Messrs. Joe Cole and C. Y. Clayton, two old Quo Vadis men.

The following delegates were

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RAY G. KNICKERBOCKER HERE.

Mr. Ray G. Knickerbocker, '13, arrived in Rolla on Monday, May 6th, coming here directly from the interior of Russia. He was employed in Russia by the Kyshtim Co., doing some special work for them in the refining of copper, gold and silver. He was located near the town of Ekaterinburg in the Ural mountains.

As soon as the second Russian revolution took place, or when the Bolsheviki got control of the Russian government, the workmen at the Kyshtim Co. drove away all their superintendents, and proceeded to run the plant themselves. When this occurred Mr. Knickerbocker and the other engineers of the plant decided it best to leave, which they did. As soon as the workmen saw that the plant could not be run without these engineers, they immediately sent troops in pursuit, who captured the engineers and returned them to the company. They remained at the plant some days, and on January 25th they escaped to Petrograd.

As you know, Russia has only one continental railroad, and at the present time this railroad is continually menaced by the Cossacks. Mr. Knickerbocker reached the railroad in safety, and when the first train arrived, he said it was like a big football rush to reach the coaches. Such a thing as finding a seat was absolutely impossible, and he said he even considered himself lucky to find standing room in the aisle. The Russian trains do not go over a certain number of miles and then stop, as do our American trains, but they cover the whole distance of some three or four thousand miles with mak-

ing only exceedingly short stops; thus one must carry his food with him if he expects to eat on the way. Mr. Knickerbocker was forced to stand in the same position in the aisle for five days, receiving what sleep he could while standing.

After reaching Petrograd he spent several days there before departing and told some very interesting stories that depict the character of the Russian people.

He said one of the favorite stunts of the Bolsheviki soldiers in Petrograd was to take his rifle and discharge it at the largest plate glass window he could see, paying absolutely no attention as to how many people might be either in front of the window or in back of it, and after a bullet had pierced the glass the soldier would walk up to the bullet hole, paste over it a piece of paper, and then write his name and date on the paper. Thousands of such pieces of paper could be counted on the streets.

Another incident which he told, which so clearly shows what simple minds the Russians have, that it might be worth while. Several Americans were walking at night in a dark street in Petrograd. One of the Americans wore a fine heavy fur overcoat. They were accosted by several Russian soldiers and robbed. One of the soldiers having no overcoat, took the one off of the American, after he had also taken the American's watch and some two hundred roubles. The American asked the soldier to give him the ragged coat which he wore, as it was an extremely cold night. This the Russian soldier did. The soldiers and Americans left each other, and could you picture the surprise in the American's face when reaching into the pocket of the ragged overcoat which the soldier had given him, he found his watch and two thousand rubles, or ten times as much as the soldier had taken from him.

Hundreds of such incidents as the two just related are happening every day. These incidents would make the Russian revolution nothing but a gigantic farce, were it not for the sad incidents which also occur every day, of which the following one, Mr. Knickerbocker said, is a typical example.

The people of Petrograd, although not starving, are very near that stage, thus every day thousands of peasants leave the city for the country. On one of the days when Mr. Knickerbocker was in Petrograd he saw some thousand of these peasants being ushered out of the city by the Bolsheviki troops. At the upper end of the street on which the peasants were journeying were six machine guns which easily commanded the avenue. Now, as it happened, some one on top of a nearby building fired a shot at one of the Bolsheviki troops. The first thing a trooper thinks about doing when fired on is to fire into the spot where are congregated the largest number of people. Naturally, the largest congregation of people close by were these thousand peasants; then the Bolsheviki immediately trained all of the machine guns, which were several blocks to the front, on the peasants, and fired away. At the end of a few moments hardly a handful of live people could be picked out of this thousand of peasants. The troops moved away and no one felt it their duty to even pick up the dead bodies so their bodies were left to lay there and rot.

On leaving Petrograd Mr. Knickerbocker took the railroad to the Finnish coast. This railroad forms the battle line in Finland for what are called the Red and White Guards. The trip from the Russian capital to the coast ordinarily takes about twelve hours, but under the present circumstances it now takes from four to six days. After about every ten miles on this

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railroad the train would be alternatively stopped by first the Red and then the White Guards. The Red Guards would search the passengers, and ask what they were doing with permission from the White Guards to pass thru. Then after they would hold a conference among themselves, they would decide to leave the passengers go on their way. Then, after another ten or twelve miles they would encounter the White Guards again, and they would do the same as had the Red Guards, asking what they were doing with the Red Guards' permission to pass thru. This same thing occurred over and over again until the Finish coast was reached.

After some delay on the Finnish coast waiting for a ship, Mr. Knickerbocker finally embarked for Stockholm. This is ordinarily a two days' trip, so only enough rations were provided for two days. There were six hundred passengers aboard the ship. Since it was in the winter, it was necessary for an ice breaker to go in front of the ship to clear away a path. This ice breaker was manned by Russian sailors. After twelve hours out from the Finnish coast, the sailors on the ice-breaker decided they would strike. They did, and returned to Finland with the ice-breaker. This left the ship, on which Mr. Knickerbocker was a passenger, ice-bound. Here they remained for two weeks, sending a sleigh back and forth over the ice to a small nearby island to gather what food they could to keep from starving. Finally another tug was sent out and they proceeded on their way. But this tug would only take them so far, and upon reaching an island the entire number of passengers were disembarked. They crossed the island on two or three sleighs. The sleighs going back and forth over a short route, and when all six hundred

passengers and baggage had been transferred over this route the sleighs would then relay them along a little farther. At the end of three days every one was across the island. Here they found a ship to take them to Stockholm.

Upon reaching Stockholm Mr. Knickerbocker found that he had arrived two days late to take the ship for Halifax, on which he had intended to embark. He thus had another long wait of three weeks in Stockholm.

After reaching Halifax he was held up five days, so that the British officials could thoroughly inspect the passengers. He reached New York the early part of last week, and arrived here Monday, May 6. The total time consumed from leaving Ekaterinburg until arriving here being some three months and ten days.

SENIOR COLUMN.

Only 14 days, or two weeks until graduation.

The Senior representative in the recent track meet, George Mellow, walked away with 14 points to his credit. Since joining our ranks this year George has shown much pep regarding school activities. He has been especially prominent the past year in the school theatricals. Besides he has proved himself to be a good student. If Washington U. has any more men like him who are too good for the Pikers, let them head this way. By the way, George is some fustier, too.

Lt. "Doc" Stoner, ex-'18, has been transferred to the School of Fire, Class C, at Ft. Doniphan, Okla. Lt. "Bill" Pugh, ex-'18, is also at this same school.

Tony Golick, '18, is still located at South Bethlehem, Pa., doing work for the U. S. Civil Service. He expects to be able to join the fire and flame branch of the service soon.

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SERGEANT-MAJOR LOWERY SPEAKS.

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the ten million men who have fought the Huns and are fighting them now in France." "Although the Germans have the best system in the world, the Anglo-Saxons are their masters with cold steel. The Germans resort to treachery and unfair means of warfare. If the Germans in 1915, with all their advantages of superior numbers, poisonous gases and liquid fire, could not win the war, God knows they cannot win now."

"The people over here must support every war organization, such as the Red Cross, the Liberty Loan, the Thrift Stamps, the War Savings Stamps, and the Y. M. C. A. The money is needed to buy equipment. The nation that will not support its soldiers is a nation of murderers. God forbid when I shall have to appeal to the American people to buy Liberty Bonds as a business proposition. The people get back their money. We do not get back what we lose—our health and our lives." "The supreme question should be, 'Am I doing my best?' Can you say, when the boys come back, that your money made the Kaiser see every star and feel every stripe of your glorious flags?"

This article by Mr. Shanfeld was chosen as the best among those submitted by the Freshmen on Sergeant-Major Lowery's speech. The Miner thanks the class for their great efforts in this matter.—F. H. GEIB.

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Somewhere in France,

April 10, 1918.

Dear Mother and Dad:

We received your letters of March 10th and 18th yesterday, and we were sure glad to hear from you again. Also received the large box of candy for Easter. Gee! but that candy sure came at the right time, as we have been eating hard-tack and bully beef for two weeks or since the big drive and battle started March 22nd. In this last big drive we lost almost everything we had in the way of equipment and personal belongings. We lost our camera and all our tools, but suppose Fritz is making good use of our tools now. Will and myself were more fortunate than most of the boys in our regiment, as we managed to get our new uniforms, heavy woolen underwear, a good heavy pair of English shoes, rain coat, cap, blankets, sweaters, helmets and wristlets. What we saved sure came in handy, as we have been

out in the weather a great deal lately, and it has been raining for about two weeks. It is cold and damp, with plenty mud and slush, but we manage to keep dry.

Suppose you have seen by the papers that the big drive and battle is on, and has been on for some time now. It will never be forgotten by those of us who were in it. The first four days in the retreat we worked day and night, and had two meals in that time, consisting of hard-tack and bully beef, but with all our hard times and rough food we continue to get stout. We never imagined a fellow could stand and go through the hardships we have gone through lately. On the fifth day of our retreat we marched twenty-five miles. We walked until our feet were all blisters, so the next day we were given in charge driving trucks. This was better than marching day, believe me.

We sent you a German spiked helmet a few days ago, but forgot to mention it in our last letter. If you receive the helmet hold on to it, as they are very scarce, and very few U. S. men have them. A helmet is one of the best and most valued of souvenirs, and we considered ourselves fortunate in obtaining one. We had quite a few other souvenirs, but lost them all when this drive started.

We are still on the march, but are doing better now, and hope we will be permanently located soon.

Today we were issued another new suit of underwear, and got to take a good hot bath, this being the first bath we had in three weeks.

We haven't heard anything more about our transfer to the Aviation, but if we do get it, it will be as motor mechanics, and not as flyers. This will take us out of the advance area, and should not be so dangerous as what we are doing at present,

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Kindly forward this letter to George, or tell him about receiving it, when you next write him, as we haven't time to write him now.

Your sons,
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Library Fines.

The fines which the Library collects for over-due books are used to meet current small expenses, but chiefly to buy books, such as fiction and "war books," which the library could not afford to purchase otherwise. Since the fines are collected from the library's patrons, it is the money for the benefit of those who paid it.

It is unfortunate that libraries have to charge fines. But they have found by experience that this is the way to get the books returned within a reasonable time.

The M. S. M. library is very lenient in the matter of fines, and is not enforcing very strictly the rule that students who owe fines shall not be permitted to borrow other books until their fines are paid. Consequently quite a number of fellows are abusing the library's good nature, and running a good thing into the ground. There are nearly forty students who owe fines of trivial amounts—some of them of several weeks standing. Perhaps they are planning to have the fines charged against their contingent deposit. It is going to cost them just the same amount, whether they do this, or pay in the library, as they should. In the one case the library will be able

to apply the money to the purchase of popular books, and in the other case it will not. The Library has no desire to enforce its rule about "no books till your fine is paid." Don't make it necessary. Pay your fines promptly like a white man.

FRESHMAN COLUMN.

If you don't believe spring is here, go down to the depot some Friday or Saturday night, and take a look at the "bums". Our class certainly has the roaming fever.

The following fellows reported a nice trip last Saturday evening: Delaloye, Hughes and Booker.

H. I. Alberts and Dan Huffman spent last Sunday in Newburg.

Roy Bowman made his weekly trip to the garden spot of the universe.

H. Hughes was on the go last week. Saturday he went to Cuba, and got back in time to spend Sunday on the river, returning Monday morning in time for school. Ask "Bus" if he was prepared to swim when he hit the rapids. He also reports that there is a good looking agent at Jerome. She starts to work at midnight.

T. A. Stevens went to Union last Friday, where he was one of the officials at a track meet.

Ray Nighswonger worked his way into the circus this week. He watered the elephant.

There are quite a few of our class that are counting on going to summer school this year.

The military department is going to hold a competitive drill next week. The Freshman class should be well represented. Come out, fellows, let's win the prize.

Had Patterson won the little "red" pig that was auctioned off this week he could have begun a young stock farm, as he already has to his credit a little Jersey calf.

QUO VADIS CONVENTION.

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present at the banquet: C. P. Williams, Washington; F. Stapleton, Washington; J. M. Nesbitt, Arkansas; R. E. Kistler, Westminster; W. E. Tarr, Westminster; C. O. Kamp, Washington; Eulich, Harris, Geib, Bohart, Petsch, Place, Bohn, Hop-pock, Wills, Triefenbach, Bailey.

In the great crisis of the world when the most momentous game for the highest stakes, Prussian world power against civilization, ever known in the world's history is being played; where the Allies have called for cards, and have caught the American ace, we are proud of our men who have gone to fill the hand of the Allies which is to call the Kaiser's bluff and end for ever the menace to civilization of the spiked helmet.

The stars in Q. V. local service for past three years roll would include the following men.

Hats off to them! Brazill, Reilly, Murphv, Lyons, McCartney, Ebmeyer, Raible, Stoner, Kluge, Stephens, Dorris, Arnold, Grotts.

The 1919 convention will be held in St. Louis.

Engineer's Club Honor Membership.

In accordance with the agreement of the Engineer's Club of St. Louis with student technical societies in the Universities of Missouri, the Engineer's Club is offering again this year a free Junior Membership in the Club, carrying with it remission of initiation fees and dues for one year to that student who shall present the best paper before the Missouri Mining Association, of which he is a member.

The selection will be made in the near future. For further particulars see E. R. Housholder, president of the local organization.

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TALES AND TAILINGS.

All Girls Know This Science.

Michigan has quite a number of girls who are studying "husbandry."

'66. What a lovely ring! Is it silver?

'17. No; platinum.

'66. You don't tell me. I thot it was real. What good imitations they do make nowadays.

Quite matchless are her dark brown i i i i,

She talks with perfect e e e e,
And when I tell her she is y y y y
She says I am a t t t t.

—Ex.

Soph.: Did you see the movie called "Vanity Fair?"

Senior: Yes; gosh. it would make some book.

Signs of the Times.

Go to war.

Go to work.

Go to jail.

Not a Love Jog.

'18 (in a whisper): "Say, I am almost sure this pretty girl on the other side of me nudged me with her elbow just now."

'19.: "Aw, forget it. Don't you see she is just knitting."

Vot goes around mit morbid frown?

Vot dinks he is der pest in town?

Vot really acts shust like a clown?

Der Sophomore.

Tommy: "Drink to me only with thine eyes, mon petit."

Celeste: "Say, what do you think this is?—a W. C. T. U. convention, or are you broke?"

—Pelican.

Pleasant Contrast.

"Mike."

"Phwat."

"I was just thinkin.' After we get out of the trenches and back home again, how nice an' peaceful that old boiler-factory

will sound to us."

Prof.: "In writing stories for children, my lad, you should write so that the most ignorant can understand."

The Lad: "Yes, sir. What part of it don't you get?"

—Kansan.

Daughter: "Everett kissed me last night."

Mother (indignantly): "That is outrageous. Did you sit on him for it?"

Daughter: "I did —" ?

"The Huns struck a stone wall in Amiens' attack," says a news story. This is proof either that the American football players have got into action over there, or that some of the college sport writers have degenerated into war correspondents.

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The Wind as An Ally.

There was a good and substantial reason behind the German Government's request to the Swiss Red Cross to try to induce the Entente Powers to agree to an abandonment of the use of poison gas for the remainder of the war. The Germans, with all their scientific thoroughness, failed to take account of one important fact when they resorted to the use of poison gas in warfare. If the available meteorological data had been consulted it would have shown them that the prevailing winds on the western front were unfavorable to them. While the Germans had a monopoly of the use of gas, this was not a serious matter, as they could pick the days when the wind was blowing toward the Allied front to loose their gas clouds, but when the British and the French began to use gas in reprisal, with the wind favoring them an average of six days out of seven, the situation became highly uncomfortable for the Germans. It happened, too, that the Germans were more than

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Miller Joins the Colors.

Mr. L. E. Miller, Assistant Editor of the Missouri Miner, left school Monday to go with the colors. He has enlisted with the Coast Artillery, and is very enthusiastic over the outlook.

From Rolla he went to his home at Kansas City for a brief visit before reporting for active duty.

Mr. Miller belonged to the Junior class, and was a campus favorite. He came to the Miner this year, and his work has been of the highest caliber, and to lose such a man weakens the organization, but he has done that which all true patriots are doing and we wish him God speed.

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SOPHOMORE COLUMN.

Contrary to the theory of the matter, Prof. Dean says that he cannot see any poetry in pure higher mathematics.

Finlay learned in English that it is better to admire a thing than to fall for it.

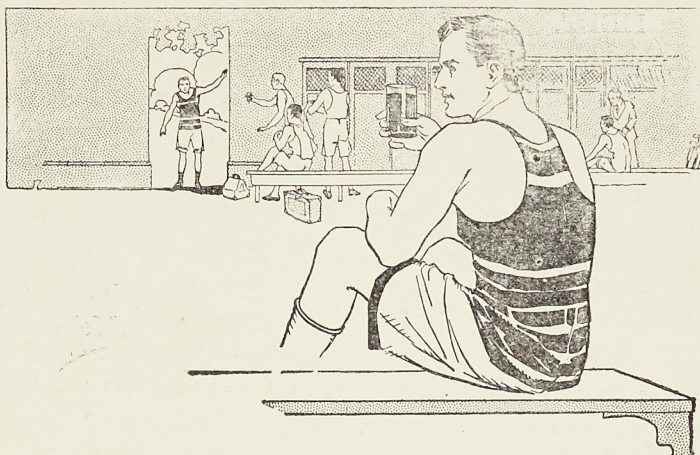
C. J. Millar spent a delightful afternoon on the Gasconade in company of friends last Sunday. However, on this trip he was engaged in a plot of frightening a fellow schoolmate into removing his wearing apparel before descending the current in a canoe.

We understand that Al Laun is going to France as an ambulance driver when school is out. Luck to you, Al.

This delightful weather is making the student more anxious about his "college education" than about his college studies.

A certain Sophomore discovered that he was "bigger" than he ever suspected. Hodges and Millar, the bugologists, conducted the experiments which enlightened the Soph.

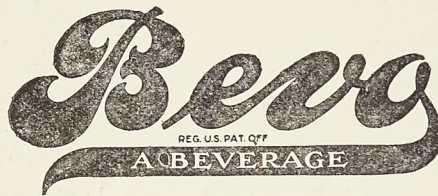
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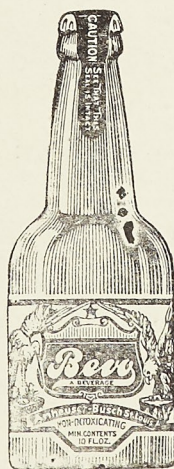
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Capt. J. L. Peatross, ex-'04, Co. E, 353d Inf., Camp Funston, Kansas, is visiting his mother, Mrs. J. M. Williams, in Rolla.

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SOPHOMORES WIN TRACK MEET.

At the annual inter-class track meet, held last Saturday, May 4, on Jackling Field, the Sophomores, or to be more exact, Mr. Eddie Bohn, carried off the honors. He was indeed the Jim Thorpe of the day, and won six firsts. The meet was good from a grand stand viewpoint, and proved to be very interesting, although such a thing as the up-to-the-minute trained track man was missing. A good showing in regard to all events was obtained, although no records at any time were in danger.

The Junior class was second in the meet, Frosh third, and Seniors fourth. The Sophomores had 46 points, Juniors 42, Frosh 23, and Seniors 14.

The football meet has been officially counted up by Coach McConnell, and G. S. Norville, the dark horse, takes the cup for the backfield, with a score of 164 points. This has proved a great

surprise to Rolla men, as Norville has never been out consistently, and just entered the meet at the last minute, without any practice to speak of. Edie Bohn won the Lineman's cup, with 136 points to his credit.

Results of the track meet in tabulated form are:

100-yard dash—Bohn, first, time 10 4-5; Mellow second, Christy, third.

High jump—Bohn, first, distance 4 feet 1 1/2 inches; Mellow second; Swayze, third.

One mile—Lottman, first, time 5:10; Needham, second; Metzband, third.

Pole vault—Scully, first, distance 9 feet; Hurd, second.

120-yard high hurdles—Bohn, first, distance, :20; Christy, second; Ashlock, third.

440-yard—Mellow, first, :57 4-5; Gill, second; Weiser, third.

Broad jump—Bohn, first, distance 19:5; Gill, second; Hurd, third.

Shot put—Place, first, 30:95;

Swayze, second; Lottman, third.

220-yard hurdles—Bohn, first, :25 4-5; Christy, second; Ashlock, third.

Discus throw—Place, first, distance 96.1; Krause, second; Swayze, third.

880-yard run—Lottman, first, time 2:32; Mellow, second; Ashlock, third.

220-yard dash—Bohn, first, time, 25:2; Mellow, second; Christy, third.

Two-mile run—Lottman, first, time :12 1-8; Metzband, second; Niece, third.

Javelin—Krause, first, distance 126 feet 10 inches; Weiser, second; Place, third.

The Miner received a letter today from L. J. Zoller, Co. B, E. R. O. T. C., Camp Lee, Va., where he is "being put through the mill." With him are Ralph Dale, '17, Mucker, and Cy Young, '16, Corsair. We hope and feel sure these men will soon get their commissions.

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ROLLA, Mo., April 19, 1918.

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