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To the Returned Athletes of the A. E. F.

Written especially for the A. E. F. Athletic Almanac

BY GRANTLAND RICE

*But yesterday you dwelt beyond the gates,
In alien lands, beneath an alien star;
To-morrow, swept by the resistless fates,
You still may face the outbound trail afar:
But now—to-day—before aught ends your dreams,
It's something to remember past all gain;
The thrill that comes where first the home light gleams,
And marks the end of slogging through the rain.*

*There is a force which gathers in the breast,
Which glows and grows like living embers fanned;
Which stirs the red heart to a wild unrest;
The Call of Clan, of Kin, and Native Land:
Which echoed first in dim primordial days,
But lived, as ages died, and gathered force;
Which still must sweep along the world-wide ways,
Until the sands of time have run their course.*

*As those who watched the dock lights fade away,
Back at the port, across the swirling foam,
And then await the coming of that day,
When they shall know the trail that leads back home—
So you, who left the dreams that used-to-be,
Have waited through the stretch of exile years,
Until the call came to you, wild and free,
And dinned the song of Home into your ears.*

*The latchstring hangs without the door at last;
Across the hills the golden sun is streaming:
The day wanes soon; but now, as dusk falls fast,
The lights of home—the lights of home are gleaming.*

PART I

A. E. F. Championships

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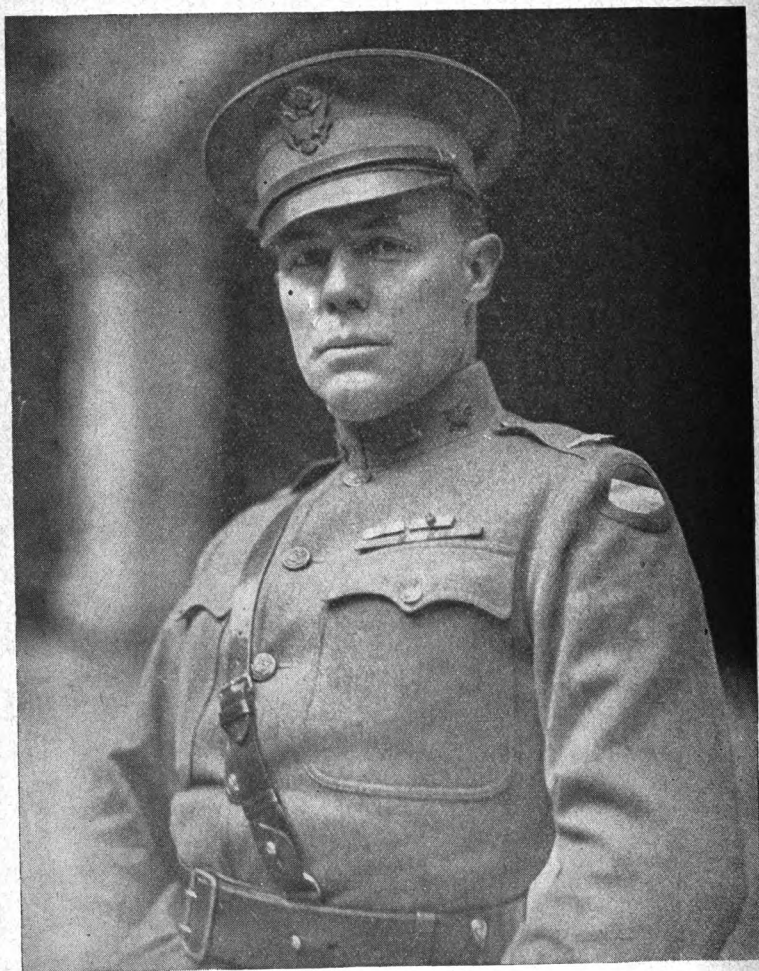
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COL. WAIT C. JOHNSON.

The Chief Athletic Officer of the A.E.F. is a University of Vermont man, and a soldier-servant of Uncle Sam for more than twenty years. He was at Chickamauga in '98, in the Philippines twice, finally returning to America in 1910; a graduate of the School of the Line, Fort Leavenworth, 1913, and with the 78th Division, an early comer to France. The signing of the armistice found him at the Chaumont Headquarters, whither he had been assigned in August, 1918, for duty in the Intelligence Section, G-2.

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Foreword

BY COLONEL WAIT C. JOHNSON,

General Staff Corps; Chief Athletic Officer, American Expeditionary Forces.

The athletic programme adopted by the American Expeditionary Forces, shortly after the armistice, was designed to maintain the officers and men physically and mentally fit for any eventuality and to keep them busy, interested, and contented during the period when they were waiting to go home, and naturally looking forward with keen anticipation to the time when their services would no longer be required here.

With Germany defeated and the armies of the Allies keeping "the Watch on the Rhine," the dominating motive which had directed all energies and sustained enthusiasm during nineteen months of war no longer existed, for the reason that its one big objective—the winning of the war—had been achieved. The problem which confronted the General Staff was to find a new stimulus and something which would catch and hold the interest of all.

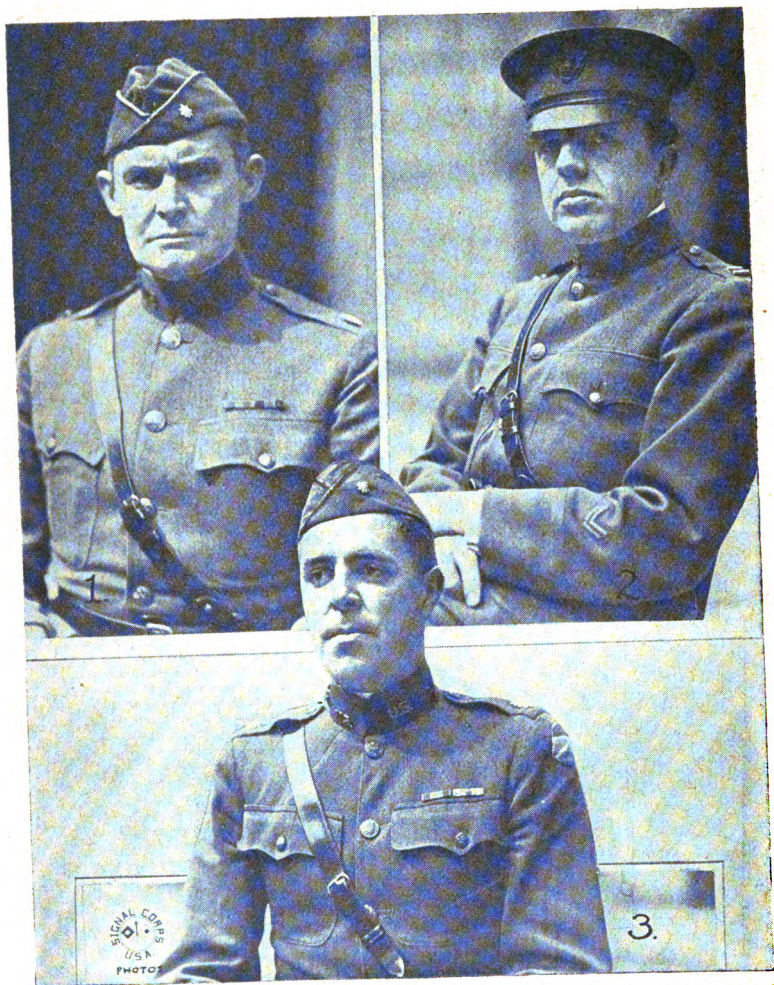
As the vast majority of the members of the A.E.F. were merely waiting for the time when they might doff their military clothes and return to civil life, it was difficult for them to remain interested in purely military duties after the purpose for which they had been brought into the service had been accomplished. Sham maneuvers against machine gun positions were little able to stir the imagination of men who had faced death in the teeth of the real thing.

It was at this time that some of us who were on duty at the headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces and who were fully cognizant of the wonderful effect for good that programmes of competitive athletics always in the past had had upon army esprit de corps, saw an opportunity for good in an extensive athletic programme. This programme was to be such as to make participation therein purely of a voluntary nature, and one that would not be looked upon by the Doughboy as merely another added duty to perform. That our efforts were to meet with the hearty support of our Commander-in-Chief was evidenced by the following quotation from a letter written by him about the middle of December:

"I am now, therefore, most anxious to encourage in every way possible the athletic side of our training, both as a means of keeping the personnel wholesomely and enjoyably occupied during the periods not needed for other military duties and as a means of keeping them in that state of physical and mental fitness which is so necessary to the morale which breeds contentment."

The programme owes much of its success to the keen interest manifested in it by our Commander-in-Chief, who was always present at the finals of the different sports, to congratulate the winners and award the prizes, and to the hearty support of Brigadier-General H. B. Fiske, Assistant Chief of Staff, G.H.Q., officer in charge of training for the American Expeditionary Forces, and under whose direction the athletic section immediately functioned.

Athletics were made an integral part of training, and soldiers participating in games were excused from other duties. The importance of encouraging the competitive spirit was recognized. The American soldier, conforming to a natural trait, likes to beat somebody, whether it be in battle or a 100-yard dash. Building upon this attribute, provision was made for a series of championship events, embracing the widest possible range of athletic activity, beginning with platoons and progressing through the company, battalion, regiment, division, corps and army up to the finals for the A.E.F. championship, and then as the culmination of the entire programme, the great Inter-Allied Games, in which the nations who had learned to love and respect each other upon the field of battle might



To these officers Col. Johnson, Chief Athletic Officer, looked to the disposition of the details of the office he directed at 53 Avenue Montaigne. Lieut.-Col. T. C. Lonergan (3) was in charge of the Technical Section; Major (later Lieut.-Col.) D. M. Goodrich (1) of the Liaison Section; and Capt. Richard H. Waldo (2) was secretary.

U. S. Signal Corps, Photos.

be given a chance upon the friendly field of sport to establish more firmly the lasting bonds of friendship.

Competitive athletics were not the only items upon our programme. Our slogan was "Athletics for everybody," or, as one division commander wrote it into his orders, "Every man engaged in some athletic activity every day." The idea of mass play and mass games was encouraged to the utmost, and activities so arranged as to furnish not only to the most expert performer but also to the mere tyro an opportunity for wholesome and enjoyable physical exercise.

The benefits of the scheme were seen almost immediately that the programme went into operation. Medical records showed general improvement in health. Greater value was derived from the military drills by reason of the increased alertness and physical well being which the men brought to their military work. Surprising changes were wrought in the psychological attitude of the command, and both officers and men entered most enthusiastically into the spirit of the programme.

The statistics on attendance, and the number of participants which are recorded in this Almanac, abundantly indicate how universal was the interest and how widespread the benefits. The contests for the championships also served to develop a wonderful organizational pride and esprit de corps such as was evidenced in the great crowd of loyal rooters which cheered the 89th Division team to the championship of the Third Army on an island in the Rhine, at Coblenz, underneath the shadow of the frowning fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, and who later also cheered their team, then representing the Army of Occupation, to victory over the 36th Division team, champions of the First Army, in the foot ball finals at Paris, on the 20th of March, 1919.

The spirit of fair play shown by all participants throughout all contests was most remarkable and no games in the history of sport ever furnished finer examples of true sportsmanship and chivalrous regard for the rights of the other man. Boxing may be taken as a typical example. The majority of the men who participated in the finals had formerly been professionals, but with no expectation of reward other than the approbation of their comrades and the desire to win for their organization, these men went through a long period of training and an elimination tournament of gruelling matches.

Fighting under a new set of rules, especially compiled for the A.E.F., these men gave a magnificent exhibition of the manly art and demonstrated that boxing can be conducted along absolutely clean lines and in such manner as to give it, in the field of sport, the eminent position that it so justly merits as a clean and splendid game. The contestants treated each other with all the courtesy of the tennis court, and yet in the fierceness of the fighting, throughout all the rounds, left nothing to be desired by the most ardent fan.

The Y.M.C.A., Knights of Columbus and other welfare organizations had a big share in making the athletic programme a success. To the Y.M.C.A., by reason of the large number of specially well qualified physical directors, who were found in the ranks of the athletic secretaries of the "Y" in France, was given co-operative responsibility in the conduct of the programme. The technical experience of these physical directors in mass games and play rendered their services especially valuable. To the Knights of Columbus, duties in connection with wrestling and boxing were assigned. And in closing this foreword to this Athletic Almanac, which is more or less unique in the field of athletic publications, the army wishes to do full homage to all the welfare organizations who so faithfully and unselfishly gave their efforts in carrying out and developing the army athletic programme which had such wonderful results; and which, it is hoped, may serve as a guide for the future development of organized sport and athletic activities which have proven so helpful in not only building up the physical fitness of the American army in France, but in keeping the men's minds wholesomely occupied during those long days that they were waiting for the transport which would take them to the homeland.



CAPT. WATSON M. WASHBURN.

Winner of the singles title in the A.E.F. championships at the Racing Club de France. Capt. Washburn is an old Harvard player, a team mate in many American tourneys of R. Norris Williams, 2d, also a Harvard man, and with Capt. Williams winner of the doubles title in the A.E.F. Officers' tourney at Nice.

U. S. Signal Corps, Photo.

Tennis Championships

The game of tennis was conspicuously successful throughout the whole army programme. The A.E.F. championship finals were preceded by a number of matches throughout Europe in which American players had fair success against the crack racquet wielders of the old world.

The officers' tennis tournament at Nice in mid-winter was an innovation in army athletic history and was possibly one of the biggest tennis tournaments in point of number of entries ever staged in Europe. One hundred and eighty-eight officers took part in the singles.

The showing of Captain Watson M. Washburn, former Harvard star, in this tourney, he losing only to Captain R. Norris Williams, 2d, in the finals, made him the logical choice of the Chief Athletic Officer for the officer in charge of tennis for the American Expeditionary Forces. He verified Colonel Johnson's judgment by emerging the A.E.F. champion in the singles finals in late May, and from late winter to the end of the great Inter-Allied tennis tourney, Captain Washburn maintained in constant contest first rank among the American army players, although several times closely pressed. Captain Washburn chose Lieutenant Dean Mathey for his partner and the pair put up high class tennis, growing stronger in their team play as the season progressed. They were put out in the first round of the English covered court championship at London in early April; went to defeat only in the finals in the French covered court title in Paris in mid-April; won the doubles finals from the Belgian army team in early May; won the French outdoor doubles title, and lost only in the finals for the Inter-Allied doubles title.

In the English covered court singles, Mathey got to the second round, Washburn to the third. In the French indoor singles, Washburn lost in the opening round, while Mathey worked his way to the semi-finals, and other American players fared well. Of the six Americans in the tourney with the Belgian army, four won in the singles, and seven doubles matches out of nine were won by Americans. Washburn worked his way to the semi-finals in the Inter-Allied singles.

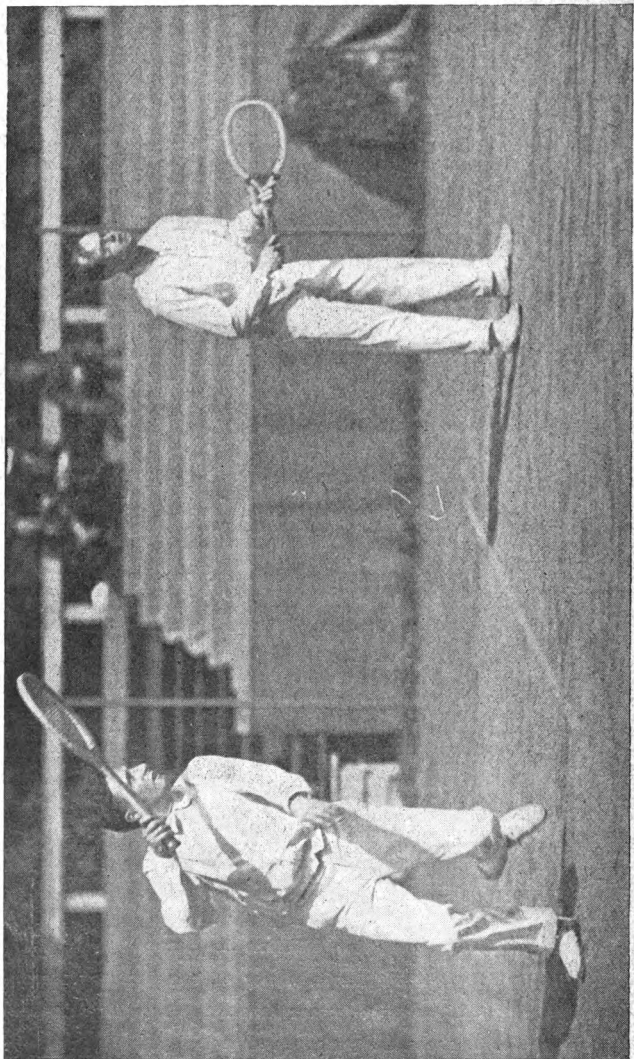
Three Americans out of four got into the finals for the French outdoor championship, and the finals were contested between two Americans, Washburn taking the honors of our sister ally from Captain Stevens, while the Washburn-Mathey combination defeated the French pair for the doubles title.

THE NICE TOURNEY.

One of the most interesting tennis affairs of the entire A.E.F. season was the tournament for officers held on the tennis courts of Cannes and Nice, the French Riviera, starting February 19. Colonel Johnson realized the importance of holding the tourney before many of the tennis cracks of the A.E.F. had gone home, and the event was staged under the direction of his office at Chaumont, the first big venture, indeed, in an A.E.F. championship line that the newly established A.E.F. athletic administration attempted.

Tournaments were held in spite of miserable weather conditions all over France, that officers of any tennis ability whatsoever might have an opportunity to attend. In many instances, snow was swept off roughly improvised courts in order to permit play to proceed, and many contests were staged that would appear ludicrous under the conditions commonly demanded in America for first-class tennis.

The tournament drew a remarkable entry list, 188 in the singles, including such famous former stars as Major William A. Larned, seven times American champion (he received his lieutenant-colonelcy during the tourney); Lieutenant-Colonel Dwight F. Davis, donor of the famous international tennis trophy; Major George L. Wrenn, the old Harvard player; Captain R. Norris Williams, 2d, another former American champion; Captain Watson M. Washburn, ranked No. 7 the last year before the war; Lieutenant Dean Mathey, No. 10 the same year; Captain Douglas Watters, the



Lieut. Dean Mathew (left) and Capt. Watson M. Washburn were the winners of the A.E.F. doubles championship in the tourney held at the Racing Club de France in late May, as well as representing the American army in numerous tourneys in England, Belgium and France. They also won the French and Belgian doubles titles, and were only beaten for the Inter-Allied title in the final round, when conquered by the Australians, Wood and Lycett.
U. S. Signal Corps, Photo.

Southern champion, and Lieutenant H. C. Breck of San Francisco, who pushed William M. Johnston to five sets on the Coast just before the war.

Colonel Walt C. Johnson competed in the tourney himself. The Colonel won several important American tournaments not many years ago and was army Philippine champion, 1907-08-09. He got to the third round in the singles before he was put out by Lieutenant F. R. Devereaux and, paired with Lieutenant Cutting, he got to the fifth round in the doubles, before losing to Lieutenants Stoddart and James.

The 181 entrants came from forty-one States, a remarkably representative American tournament to be held outside of America.

The victory of Williams in the singles and Williams and Washburn in the doubles was impressive, the final matches in each instance being won in straight sets. Throughout, Williams' play was the feature. In spite of almost two years' absence from the courts during the war, "form" was still supreme.

The tournament was under the supervision of Colonel Johnson, the details being left to the tournament manager, Harry L. Graff of the Y.M.C.A. Mrs. Josephine Wallace of the Y.M.C.A. acted as Colonel Johnson's secretary during the tourney and the Y.M.C.A. ladies entertained royally at the officers' club with teas, dances, vaudeville, etc., Mrs. Antoine, Mrs. Baxter, and Mrs. Tyson constituting this able entertainment committee.

Scores of the early rounds are omitted, owing to lack of space. From the fifth round on in the singles and fourth round on in the doubles the scores follow:

MEN'S SINGLES.

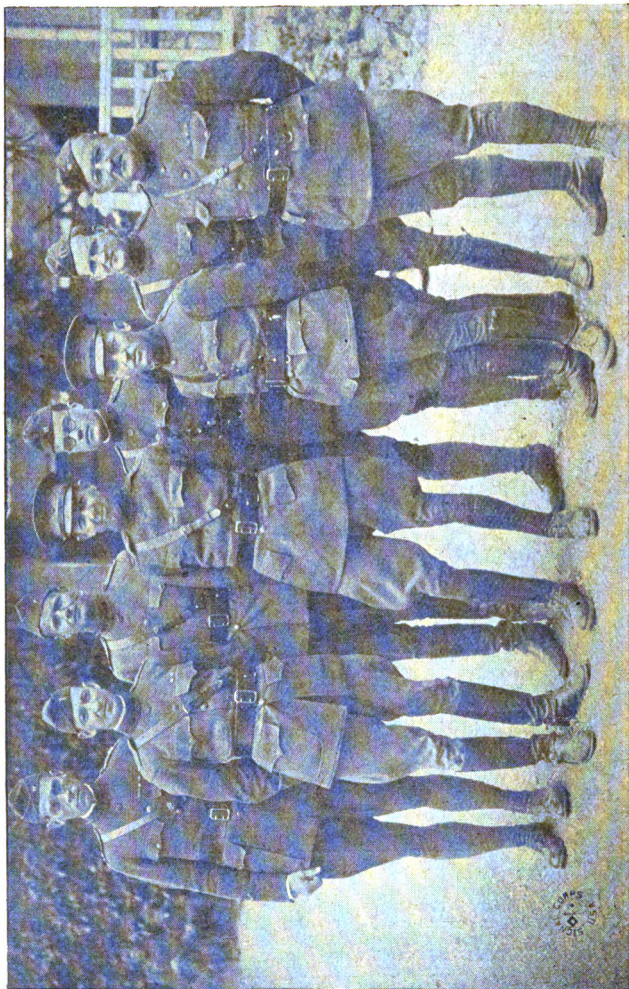
FIFTH ROUND—Capt. R. N. Williams, 2d, d. Capt. Louis Graves, 6/3,6/4; Lieut. J. E. Rowland d. Lieut. J. C. Devereaux, 9/7,6/4; Lieut.-Col. D. F. Davis d. Lieut. R. B. Swain, 7/5,6/2; Lieut. H. C. Breck d. Lieut. J. P. Walden, 6/0,6/3; Capt. W. M. Washburn d. Lieut. Philip Van Deventer, 6/1,6/2; Lieut. Dean Mathey d. Capt. J. S. Cannon, 6/2,6/2; Lieut. F. R. Devereaux d. Lieut. J. S. Brown, 1/6,6/4,6/3; Capt. Frank T. Payne d. Lieut. W. N. L. Hutchinson, 4/6,6/2,6/2. **SIXTH ROUND**—Capt. Williams d. Lieut. Rowland, 6/2,6/2; Lieut. Breck d. Lieut.-Col. Davis, 6/3, 6/2; Capt. Washburn d. Lieut. Mathey, 6/1,6/2; Capt. Payne d. Lieut. F. R. Devereaux, 7/5,1/6,6/3. **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**—Capt. Williams d. Lieut. Breck, 8/6,9/7, 6/1; Capt. Washburn d. Capt. Payne, 6/2,6/3,5/7,6/3. **FINAL ROUND**—Capt. R. Norris Williams, 2d, d. Capt. Watson M. Washburn, 6/2,7/5,6/2.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

FOURTH ROUND—Williams and Washburn d. Sheets and Lieut. Thayer, 6/0,6/0; Rowland and Van Deventer d. Capt. Evans and Bushman, 6/1,7/5; Johnson and Cutting d. Potter and Rumble, 6/2,6/3; Stoddart and James d. W. Hutchinson and Breck, 6/0,5/7,6/1; Larned and Wrenn d. Devereaux and Devereaux, 7/5,6/3; Davis and Dell d. Payne and Buddy, 3/6,6/3,6/3; Allen and Roberts d. Watters and Monroe, 6/2,5/7,6/4; Mathey and Thomas d. Brown and Josephs, 6/4,6/4. **FIFTH ROUND**—Williams and Washburn d. Rowland and Van Deventer, 6/1,6/3; Stoddart and James d. Johnson and Cutting, 6/1,6/3; Davis and Dell d. Larned and Wrenn, 6/4, 4/6,6/4; Mathey and Thomas d. Allen and Roberts, 3/6,6/1,6/3. **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**—Williams and Washburn d. Stoddart and James, 6/0,6/4,6/2; Davis and Dell d. Mathey and Thomas, 6/1,7/5,6/8,2/6,6/3. **FINAL ROUND**—Capt. R. Norris Williams, 2d, and Capt. Watson M. Washburn d. Lieut.-Col. Dwight F. Davis and Chaplain B. Dell, 6/1,6/1,6/2.

A.E.F. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.

Six teams competed in the A.E.F. team championship which was contested on the courts of the Racing Club de France, in the Bois de Boulogne, May 20-26. The Base Section No. 2 team from Bordeaux, composed of Major E. Field, Sergeant William Boas and Privates G. Maxon, H. Lewis and K. Joy, and coached by Charles Chambers, well-known New York player in France with the Y.M.C.A., captured the honors, taking six out of seven matches in the preliminary round from G.H.Q., four out of seven in the semi-finals from the A.E.C. representatives of Le Mans and four out of seven in the finals from the Intermediate Section, S.O.S., players.



Left to right—Capt. A. C. Withers, Infantry; Lieut. William G. Williams, Marine Corps; Lieut. J. Stacy Brown, Jr., Field Artillery; Major George L. Wrenn, Infantry; Capt. Watson M. Washburn, Field Artillery; Capt. C. H. Holcomb, Infantry; Capt. Louis Graves, Infantry; Lieut.-Col. Robert Smart, Marine Corps.

MAJOR GEORGE L. WRENN AND STAFF, HANDLED THE TENNIS EVENTS FOR THE A.E.F. TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WITH RARE SKILL. U. S. Signal Corps, Photo.

The team tournament was operated on the basis of five representatives in the singles and two teams of doubles, best four out of seven deciding. The detailed scores of the team matches:

BASE 2 DEFEATS GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, 6-1.

SINGLES—Pvt. G. Maxon d. Corp. J. T. Comesty, 3/6,5/7,6/4,6/2,6/2; Col. R. E. Beebe d. Sgt. William Boas, 6/3,6/0,6/2; Major E. Field d. Lieut. R. R. Townsend, 6/0,6/2,6/1; Pvt. H. Lewis d. Lieut. E. H. Vredenburg, 6/0,9/7,6/1; Pvt. K. Joy d. E. J. Helms, 7/5,2/6,6/1,6/4. **DOUBLES**—Maxon and Field d. Beebe and Townsend, 6/3,6/3,4/6,6/3; Lewis and Boas d. Helms and Comesty, 6/4,6/4,6/2.

INTERMEDIATE SECTION DEFEATS PARIS, 5-2.

SINGLES—Major Allen d. Capt. W. Jennings, 1/6,6/1,9/7,7/5; Corp. T. D. Chantier d. Lieut. Spencer, 6/4,6/3,6/4; Lieut. Barney d. Pvt. L. Bronson, 6/2,6/3,2/6,6/4; Lieut. H. S. Middendorf d. Kahn, by default; Lieut. K. Boardman d. Lieut. Walden, by default. **DOUBLES**—Jennings and Chantier d. Allen and Barney, 7/5,6/4,6/1; Faunce and Mikel d. Spencer and Anthony, 6/4,7/5,6/4.

BASE 2 DEFEATS AMERICAN EMBARKATION CAMP, 4-3.

SINGLES—Wagoner Wiley d. Pvt. Maxon, 6/4,6/4,3/6,6/3; Corp. Benney d. Sgt. Boas, 6/1,6/2,6/0; Major Field d. Lieut. Fause, 6/3,6/3,3/6,8/6; Pvt. Lewis d. Lieut. Miller, 6/3,2/6,6/3,7/5; Pvt. Joy d. Lieut. Kerr, 6/2,6/8,6/1,6/4. **DOUBLES**—Maxon and Field d. Hugus and Wiley, 7/9,6/4,6/4,7/5; Leighton and Benney d. Boas and Lewis, 6/2,6/4,6/2.

INTERMEDIATE SECTION 4; 3D DIVISION 3.

SINGLES—Lieut. Treanor d. Capt. Jennings, 2/6,6/4,6/4,6/1; Corp. Chantier d. Lieut. Krugh, 6/3,7/5,6/1; Pvt. Bronson d. Capt. Love, 6/2,5/7,7/5,6/4; Chaplain Merrill d. Lieut. Middendorf, 6/2,6/3,6/2; Lieut. Boardman d. Lieut. Bowman, 4/6,6/1,6/8,6/2,6/4. **DOUBLES**—Jennings and Chantier d. Treanor and Krugh, 11/13,3/6,6/2,8/6,8/5; Love and Merrill d. Faunce and Mikel, 5/7,6/4,6/4,6/4.

BASE SECTION 4; INTERMEDIATE SECTION 3.

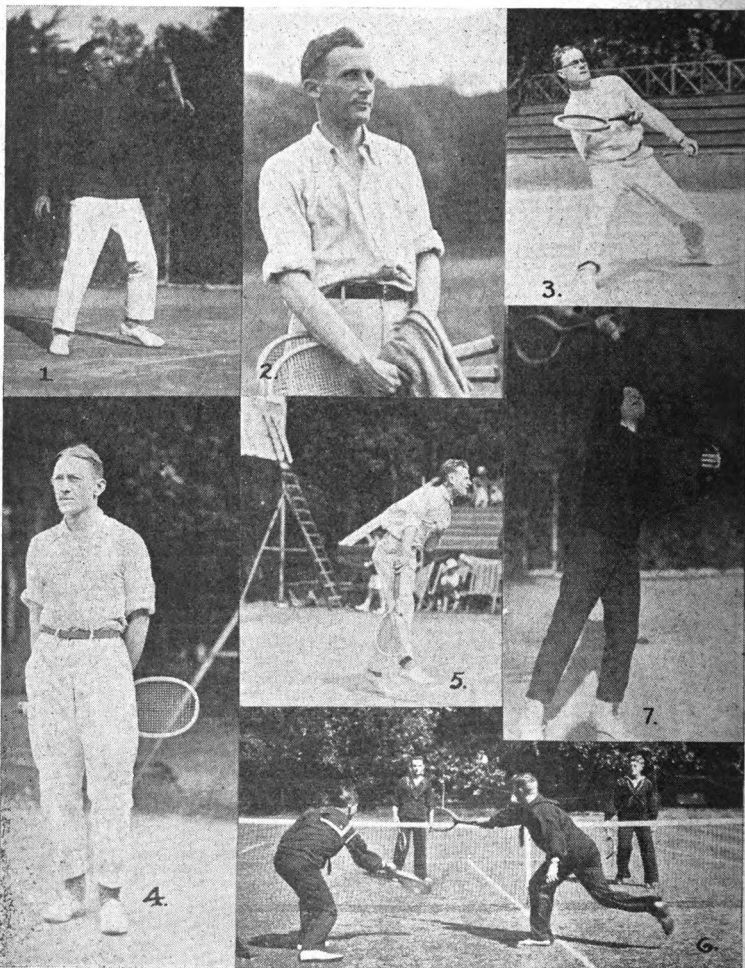
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A.E.F. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The individual tennis honors of the A.E.F. were contested upon the usual open entry basis and were also played on the courts of the Racing Club de France during the week of May 20-26. Captain Washburn won a lively match with Captain Sweetser in the singles finals and the Bordeaux doubles team, which was a part of the winning Base No. 2 A.E.F. team champions, scored a hard-fought victory in the doubles finals. The scores of this tourney:

SINGLES.

FIRST ROUND—Pvt. Tilton d. Lieut. Townsend, 6/3,6/1; Capt. Toland d. Sgt. Sauer, 6/2,6/2; Lieut. Treanor d. Pvt. Willoughby, by default; Wagoner Wylie d. Lieut. Williams, 6/2,10/8; Capt. Cannon d. Lieut. Bond, 8/1,9/7; Capt. Graves d. Pvt. Cohn, by default; Lieut. Spencer d. Pvt. Richards, 6/0,6/3; Col. Hobson d. Lieut. Heyl, 6/1,6/3; Sgt. Zeisler d. Lieut. Stocking, 6/1,6/4; Lieut. James d. Col. Beebe, 6/0,2/6,6/1; Lieut. Cox d. Capt. Switzer, 6/3,6/2; Lieut. Brown d. Lieut. Walden, 6/2,6/4; Lieut. Garland d. Sgt. Helms, 2/6,6/4,6/4; Capt. Stevens d. Chaplain Smith, 6/4,6/0; Major Allen d. Corp. Conaty, 6/4,6/2; Capt. Washburn d. Lieut. Egerton, by default; Major Payne d. Sgt. Hoover, 6/1,6/4; Lieut. Reinthal d. Lieut. Dennison, 6/3,2/6,6/4; Corp. Belmev d. Sgt. Miller, 6/2,6/2; Lieut. Krugh d. Lieut. Black, by default; Chaplain Beal d. Lieut. Badger, 6/3,6/1; Sgt. McNeal d. Lieut. Rodman, by default; Corp. Johnson d. Lieut. King, 6/3,6/1; Lieut. Mathey d. Lieut. Dietzer, 6/0,6/2. **SECOND ROUND**—Capt. Graves d. Lieut. Spencer, 6/2,6/1; Sgt. Zeisler d. Col. Hobson, 7/5,6/1; Maxon d. Tilton, 6/0,6/3; Chantier d. Toland, by default; Treanor d. Brown, 6/3,6/3; Sweetser d. Wylie, 6/3,6/4; Cannon d. Holcomb, 6/3,6/3; James d. Cox, 3/6,6/2,6/4; Washburn d. Allen, 6/1,6/1; Beal d. opponent, by default; Payne d. Reinthal, 6/1,6/2; Mathey d. Johnson, 6/0,6/1; Stevens d. Garland, 6/0,3/6,6/2; Wester



1, Capt. Payne; 2, Lieut. Dean Mathey; 3, Capt. Watson M. Washburn; 4, Arthur Sweetser; 5, Lieut. H. C. Breck; 6, Tennis at U. S. Naval Base, Inverness, Scotland; 7, Capt. Cannon.

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GROUP OF A.E.F. TENNIS EXPERTS.

d. Behney, 9/7,6/3; Breck d. Krugh, 6/4,6/3; MacNeal d. Field, 7/5,6/2. **THIRD ROUND**—Zeisler d. James, 8d, 6/1,6/1; Cannon d. Graves, 6/4,7/5; Chantler d. Maxon, 7/5,6/1; Sweetser d. Treanor, 6/2,6/0; Breck d. Beal, 6/2,6/2; Washburn d. Stevens, 9/7,6/3; Wester d. Payne, 6/4,6/3; Mathey d. MacNeal, 3/8,6/3,9/7. **FOURTH ROUND**—Sweetser d. Chantler, 6/3,6/1; Cannon d. Zeisler, 7/5,6/3; Mathey d. Breck, 6/0,6/4; Washburn d. Wester, 4/6,6/1,6/3. **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**—Sweetser d. Cannon, 5/2, 7/5; Washburn d. Mathey, 6/1,4/6,9/7. **FINAL ROUND**—Capt. Washburn d. Capt. Sweetser, 6/1,6/4,4/6,6/3.

DOUBLES.

FIRST ROUND—Garland and Williams d. Walden and Holme, 6/4,4/6,6/3; Miller and Faust d. Harrison and Chattock, 6/2,6/2; Tilton and Hall d. MacNeal and Becker, 0/6,6/2,6/4; Treanor and Krugh d. Perry and Leap, 6/2,6/2; Dennison and Zeisler d. Smart and Hoover, 6/0,6/0. **SECOND ROUND**—Denton and Ballard d. Garland and Williams, 7/5,6/3; Treanor and Krugh d. Dennison and Zeisler, 3/6,12/10,6/3; Denney and Wester d. Faunce and Mikel, 6/1,6/3; Allen and Spencer d. Lindstrom and Gedney, 6/3,6/4. **THIRD ROUND**—Jennings and Chantler d. Donnell and Johnson, 6/4, 6/1; Denton and Ballard d. Miller and Faust, 6/3,10/8; Field and Maxon d. Treanor and Krugh, 1/6,7/5,6/1; Allen and Spencer d. Denney and Wester, 6/3,6/3. **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**—Jennings and Chantler, Intermediate Sec., S.O.S., d. Denton and Ballard, Base No. 1, 2/6,6/3,6/4; Field and Maxon, Base 2, d. Allen and Spencer, District of Paris, 6/1,5/7,6/3. **FINAL ROUND**—Major Field and Pvt. Maxon, Base 2, d. Capt. Jennings and Corp. Chantler, Intermediate Sec., S.O.S., 9/7,4/6,6/3,6/4.

FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP.

The French outdoor championship was contested on the courts of the Racing Club while the A.E.F. tourney was a contemporary attraction at the same beautiful Bois de Boulogne resort. Four American players won in the first round, Captain Washburn defeating Aslanger of France, 2/6, 6/3,6/3; Captain Stevens defeating Lesuellec, France, 6/0,9/7; Lieutenant Breck defeating a fellow-American, Lieutenant J. Stacy Brown, 6/4,6/2, and Captain Cannon winning two matches. In the second round, Captain Cannon was defeated by Lieutenant Breck, 8/6,7/5, while Captain Washburn defeated Fourgassie, 6/2,6/4. Lieutenant Breck defeated Sweetser, 6/4,10/8, and Captain Stevens won from Port, by default. In the semi-final, Captain Stevens won from M. Brugnon, 6/2,6/4, and this left three American players to fight it out for the French title. Captain Washburn defeated Lieutenant Breck, 7/5,6/2, and then bested Captain Stevens in the final, 6/4,6/3,6/3.

S.O.S. TOURNEY.

The S.O.S. team championships were staged at Biarritz, on a class basis, with a point-scoring system. The Base Section No. 2 team of Bordeaux carried off both the singles and doubles honors. The playing of Private G. Maxon of Bordeaux was one of the features. He won in the semi-final from Lieutenant Jennings, Intermediate Section, 7/5,6/2,6/2, and the final from Private Johnson, Base 5, Brest, 6/0,7/5,0/6,6/4. Paired with the veteran, Major Field, in the doubles, the Bordeaux team won the finals from Chantler and Jennings, Intermediate Section, 7/5,6/3,4/6,6/4.

The team scores were as follows: Base Section 2, 5,000 points; Intermediate Section 1, 4,000; Base Section 5, 1,750; Base Section 1, 1,750; Base Section 6, 1,750; Advance Section 1, 1,250; Intermediate Section 2, 1,000; Advance Section 2, 750; Base Section 7, 250; Base Section 4, 0.

THIRD ARMY TITLE.

Sergeant David Zeisler, a medical man from the Advance Depot at Treves, won the Third Army singles championship, defeating Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. Hobson, an ex-West Point tennis player, 6/1,6/2,7/5. The final match was played on the courts of the Ruder Club at Coblenz. Before the match



1. Col. Wait C. Johnson, Chief Athletic Officer, A.E.F.; 2. Col. Dallas; 3. Lieut.-Col. William A. Larned, former national champion; 4. Lieut.-Col. Dwight F. Davis, donor of the international tennis trophy that bears his name; 5. Major George L. Wrenn, officer in charge of tennis matches for the A.E.F.

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FAMOUS TENNIS STARS WITH THE A.E.F.

odds favored the colonel, who had already won the Third Army Corps singles and doubles. The summary:

SINGLES.

THIRD ROUND—Dietzer d. Heyl, 6/2,7/5; Hobson d. Garland, 7/5,3/6,9/7; Bond d. Stocking, 6/3,6/2; Zeisler d. Treanor, 6/3,7/5. **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**—Lieut.-Col. Hobson d. Capt. Dietzer, 6/1,6/1,7/5; Sgt. Zeisler d. Capt. Bond, 6/0,6/0,2/6,7/6. **FINAL ROUND**—Sgt. David Zeisler d. Lieut.-Col. J. W. Hobson, 6/1,6/2,7/5.

DOUBLES.

FIRST ROUND—Capt. H. H. Emmons and Capt. W. Hartshorn, 4th Corps, d. Lieut.-Col. J. Hobson and A. P. Withers, 3d Corps, 6/1,6/2; Chaplain Beal and Lieut. Stocking, 1st Division, d. Lieut. Livingston and Lieut.-Col. Landes, 7th Corps, 7/5, 7/9,6/4. **SECOND ROUND**—Lieut. Garland and Lieut. Williams, 5th Division, d. Capt. Shrafforth and Capt. Morrison, 6th Division, 6/2,6/3; Pvt. Richards and Sgt. Miller, Third Army, d. Capt. Emmons and Capt. Hartshorn, 6/3,6/2. **SEMI-FINAL ROUND**—Shrafforth and Morrison d. Capt. Harrison and Bugler Chattuck, 6/4,6/1; Treanor and Krugh d. Richards and Miller, 6/3,6/4,6/3.

PARIS DISTRICT.

Major A. H. Allen, a veteran tennis player, defeated Lieutenant C. E. Spencer for the District of Paris singles title, 6/2,8/10,6/2, the match being hard fought throughout.

INDOOR TOURNAMENT IN ENGLAND.

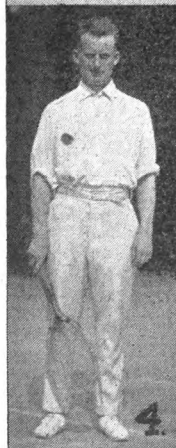
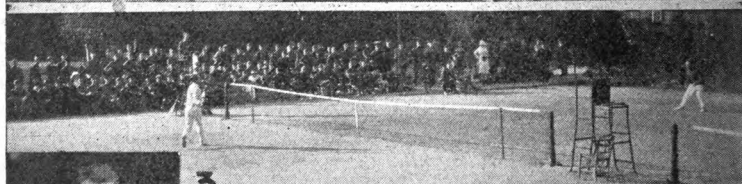
Captain Washburn and Lieutenant Mathey left for England on April 2 as a tennis team to represent the A.E.F. in the All-England covered courts championships, which were held on the covered courts of the Queen's Club, Kensington, London. Both players had participated in the military tournament held at Cannes in February, but had only a few days of practice on the wooden surface before their first matches. In the first round Captain Washburn earned a very creditable victory over Major A. H. Lowe, a former Davis Cup player and one of England's best players, defeating him by the score of 11/13,7/5,6/4,6/3. Lieutenant Mathey won quite handily over Captain Deck in his first round match. In the second round Captain Washburn defeated S. N. Doust of Australia, another famous Davis Cup player, 2/6,7/5,1/8,6/3,6/0. Lieutenant Mathey was beaten in this round by Major Heath of Australia in one of the best matches of the tournament, the American leading in the fifth set, 5/4, only to lose at 7/5. In the next round Captain Washburn finally succumbed rather unexpectedly in four sets to P. M. Davson of England, who turned out to be the ultimate winner of the singles championship.

In the doubles the American team met defeat in the first round at the hands of Doust and Jones, the Australian pair, in three straight sets, 6/3,6/0,6/1. Neither Captain Washburn nor Lieutenant Mathey got going in this match, and it was rather unfortunate that they should have been drawn in the first round against one of the best teams in the tournament, before having had an opportunity of playing together a little more.

During the tournament a tennis dinner was held at the Queen's Club, at which the Lord Chancellor of England presided, and the usual international pleasantries were indulged in. Captain Washburn responded for the Americans.

FRENCH TOURNAMENT.

On April 17 the French covered court championships were resumed at the Tennis Club of Paris after a lapse of four years, and the entries included a number of Americans, among whom were Captain Washburn, Lieutenant Mathey, Lieutenant Breck, Lieutenant Stevens, Mr. Arthur Sweetzer, Lieu-



1, Col. Wait C. Johnson, the Countess de Purtales and Col. Dallas. 2, Lieut.-Col. Dwight F. Davis, donor of the famous "Davis Cup." 3, Scene on the beautiful courts of the French Riviera. 4, Lieut. H. C. Breck. 5, Harry L. Graff, Y.M.C.A. Secretary and Tournament Manager. 6, Capt. R. Norris Williams, 2d, and Manager Graff. Rey, Nice, Photos.

OFFICERS' TENNIS AT CANNES.

at Rowland, Captain Toland and Major Allen. In the singles Lieutenant Mathey was the only one of the Americans to reach the semi-finals, Captain Washburn having been beaten in his first match by Brugnon, one of the rising young French players. Lieutenant Andre Gobert, who defeated Lieutenant Mathey in the semi-finals, won the tournament and showed himself to be clearly the superior, indoors at least, of any of the players entered. The doubles finals brought Gobert and Laurentz, the Frenchmen, against Captain Washburn and Lieutenant Mathey, and one of the best matches of the season resulted, the Frenchmen finally winning after the hardest kind of a five-set match by the score of 6/4,9/11,9/7,3/6,6/3. The Americans were several times within a point of winning the match. The play was at times most exciting and the large gallery was very appreciative of the excellent play of all four players. It was Gobert's splendid all-around effective playing which finally brought the victory to the French. In fact, all the American tennis players took away from this tournament a most favorable impression of Lieutenant Gobert's remarkable tennis and fine sportsmanship. On Sunday afternoon of the finals, Mr. Balfour, English Foreign Secretary, presided at a very delightful luncheon given to the players.

AGAINST BELGIAN ARMY.

Tennis representatives of the A.E.F. scored a victory in a dual army tennis meet against Belgian soldiers on the courts of the Leopold Club. Brussels society made the meeting a goal for attendance and the American representatives were cordially received. Singles were played the first day of the tourney. America won four of the six matches. At the close of the second day's play the Americans had won five of the six doubles matches.

The best singles match of the tourney was between Lieutenant J. S. Brown and Captain Niset, the capable Belgian player. The latter won the first set, 8/6. The American won the second, 6/4. The Belgian won the third set and match, 7/5. The scores of the matches in which American players figured are given in full:

SINGLES—Capt. Watson Washburn d. Lieut. Washer, Belgium, 1/6,8/6,8/6; Lieut. Neil Stevens d. S. Halet, Belgium, 5/7,6/0,6/2; Lieut. Dean Mathey d. A. Lammons, Belgium, 6/3,1/6,6/4; Lieut. Harry C. Breck d. Van Nitsen, Belgium, 6/3,4/6,7/5; V. De Laveleye, Belgium, d. Capt. John S. Cannon, 6/4,5/7,6/2; Capt. Niset, Belgium, d. Lieut. J. S. Brown, Jr., 8/6,4/6,6/1. **DOUBLES**—Washburn and Mathey d. Halet and De Laveleye, 6/3,6/0; Breck and Brown d. Niset and Van Nitsen, 6/2,6/1; J. Washer and A. Lammons, Belgium, d. Breck and Brown, 6/3,3/6,6/4,6/3; Cannon and Stevens d. Halet and Laveleye, 4/6,6/3,6/0,4/6,6/4; Washer and Lammons d. Cannon and Stevens, 6/2,5/7,6/0; Breck and Brown d. Halet and De Laveleye, 7/5,6/3,6/1; Washburn and Mathey d. Washer and Lammons, 7/5,6/3,6/0; Cannon and Stevens d. Van Nitsen and Niset, 6/3,8/6,2/6,6/4; Washburn and Mathey d. Van Nitsen and Niset, 6/1,6/2,6/3.

French Tennis Star, Gobert, a Giant.

André Gobert, victor over Lieutenant Dean Mathey in the French tennis singles championships at the Tennis Club de Paris, is a rangy six-footer weighing 180 pounds. His style is similar to McLoughlin's. His service is a regular whirlwind.

McGurk a Foot Ball Fiend.

Jimmy McGurk of the Intermediate Section S.O.S. broke all individual foot ball records by taking part in twenty-five straight games during the season. McGurk went over in September, 1917, from Philadelphia with the 19th Engineers.

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