

# NINE YEARS AGO

## Christmas Week with the Yanks Overseas



**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS! AND GOIN' HOME!**—Dec. 25, 1918, was a glorious day for the boys of the 311th field signal battalion. Here we have them attending a Christmas community program at Les Montils, Loir et Cher, France, just before leaving for America.



**THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN LUXEMBOURG**—Wirtgen place, Diekirch, Luxembourg, pictured as men of the 108th field signal battalion, formerly company A, Illinois signal corps, were busy stringing telephone wires.



**SANTA CLAUS MOTORIZED**—Trucks of the 108th supply train, an organization made up of detachments of the former 7th Illinois infantry, at their headquarters in Diekirch, Luxembourg. The picture was taken Christmas day after the trucks had returned from delivering Christmas supplies to other organizations in the neighborhood.



**BOY, WHAT A DINNER!**—The American soldiers enjoyed their after-dinner cigars and cigarets in one of the extra dining rooms thrown open in the Hotel de l'Europe in Diekirch, Luxembourg, after the main dining room had been filled. The men were from the 33rd division, an Illinois organization.



**WHERE THE SNOW WAS DEEP**—A listening post near the village of Toulgas, Russia. Private Andrew T. Nelson is delivering a message from headquarters to Corp. Anthony Ross, in charge of the post, as Private Walter T. Ingham stands by.

**IN RUSSIA**—Santa Claus, impersonated by the Red Cross, was good to the boys of the 337th Field hospital, stationed at Berezniki, Russia, each man in the detachment and each patient in the hospital receiving a stocking containing sweets and cigarets. The photograph shows Paul Rupright joshing Olga Carelina, a Russian nurse attached to the hospital, as Leonard E. Doeren, Arthur H. Sluyter, Adolph Schneeberger, Charles E. Pooley, Peter J. Elazjewski, Alexander J. Mazur and Carl L. Duda examine their stockings.



**'TIS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE**—A little Russian boy, cold and hungry, wandered into the quarters of the 337th Field hospital detachment at Berezniki, Russia, Christmas morning, 1918, and discovered there was a Santa Claus after all. When W. E. Bails, Gilford W. Stevens, Joseph K. Piastupa, Carl Duda, Peter A. Howard, Henry C. Reinhardt and Irving Henderson got through with him he had a new sweater, socks, skates, sweets and even cigarets.



**RUSSIAN TAXICABS**—Col. George E. Stewart, commanding the American forces in Northern Russia, passing through the village of Chamova on his way from an inspection trip to the Dwina river front at Toulgas. These typical Russian ponies and the queer sleds were the only means of transportation between Archangel and the Dwina river posts.



**CHRISTMAS IN BED**—Sister Olga Carelina, a Russian nurse, acting as Santa Claus to Private Dale L. Wilson, company B, 339th infantry, who was a patient in the 337th field hospital at Berezniki, Russia.



**AT THE OFFICERS' MESS**—Christmas dinner being served officers at the 337th field hospital, Berezniki, Russia. Left to right, Lieuts. T. B. Jones and L. E. Cote, James H. Howell, acting dental surgeon, Capt. R. M. Martin, Lieut. Eugene Sexton, Sister Olga Carelina and Lieut. Charles I. Reid. (All photographs from the U. S. Signal corps.)