NINE YEARS AGO
Christmas Week with the Yanks Overseas

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND GOIN' HOME—Dec. 23, 1918, was a glorious day for the boys of the 337th field signal battalion. Here we have them attending a Christmas community program at Les Montils, Lior et Cher, France, just before leaving for America.

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 Dikirk, Luxembourg. The picture was taken Christmas day after the trucks had returned from delivering Christmas supplies to other organizations in the neighborhood.

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 sweaters and cigarettes. The photograph shows Paul Ripplert, seeking Olga Carolina, a Russian nurse attached to the hospital, as Leonard E. Duenne, Arthur H. Blumberger, Adolph Schnitzberger, Charles E. Polley, Peter J. Klizewski, Alexander J. Maxier and Carl L. Duda examine their stockings.

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

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

BOY, WHAT A DINNER!—The American soldiers enjoyed their after-dinner cigars and cigarettes in one of the extra dining rooms thrown open in the Hotel de l'Europe in Dikirk, Luxembourg, after the main dining rooms had been filled. The men were from the 3rd division, an Illinois organization.

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. Ralls, Gilbert W. Stevens, Joseph P. Pastora, Carl Duda, Peter A. Howard, Henry E. Steinhardt and Irving Hendricks got through with him he had a new sweater, socks, skates, sweets and even cigarettes.

RUSSIAN TAXICABS—Col. George E. Steward, commanding the American forces in Northern Russia, passing through the village of Chumova on his way from an inspection trip to the Dvina river front at Toulon. These typical Russian postes and the siber slesa were the only means of transportation between Archangel and the Dvina river ports.

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

AT THE OFFICERS' MESS—Christmas dinner being served to officers at the 337th field hospital, Berezniki, Russia. Left to right: Leonard T. Jones and L. E. Cote, James H. Hawley, acting dental surgeon; Capt. R. M. Martin, Lieut. Eugene Sexton, Sister Olga Carolina and Lieut. Charles J. Reed. (All photographs from the U. S. Signal corps.)