Soldiers Share in Unusual Adventure

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On a pleasant Saturday afternoon in August, a small but sturdy Army craft cast off from the Army Base pier at Brooklyn, New York, and pointed its stubby nose out through the Narrows and into the broad sweep of the hearing Atlantic.

The steamer was the General John M. Hyde, a former river craft held in reserve at the Brooklyn base. Her destination was Manila, P. I., with brief stops at Key West; Guantanamo; Kingston, Jamaica; Balboa, Panama Canal Zone; Honolulu and possibly, Guam.

The unusual feature of this 12,000-mile journey is the fact that the vessel, of a mere fifty tons displacement, was due to be refueled at sea by the transport Kewannis which was scheduled to accompany her from Panama to Honolulu and by the transport Meips which will convoy the small craft from Honolulu to Manila.

This refueling was planned to be done at sea when climatic conditions permitted; the transfer of fuel and fresh water was to be done from either alongside or astern, depending upon the kind of sea running at the time. From Brooklyn to Panama the General Hyde was scheduled to make the run "on her own."

The entire trip promised to be interesting and possessed of an unusual adventurous tinge. And sharing in the pleasures and thrills of the trip as the steamer stood out to sea were three enlisted men of the Regular Army—Sergeant Frederick H. Gibbs, the Medical Department at Large; and Privates Carl F. Formelius and Joseph A. Kohout of the Signal Corps.

Sergeant Gibbs will be "Doc" to the crew of twenty-five aboard the Hyde, and Privates Formelius and Kohout, radio men both, will take turns at the key of the wireless board, keeping the craft in constant touch with nearby ships and land stations.

"Way For the Engineers!"

Enthusiastic baseball roosters of Fort Humphreys, Virginia, carried Whitt of the Engineers nine off the diamond on their shoulders recently at the conclusion of a thrilling contest between the Engineer School team and the fast Fort George G. Meade (Md.) squad. The game developed into intense pitching duel between Rahn, on the mound for the home nine, and Wagner for the visiting Meade nine, with victory finally penciling on the Engineers' banner when Whitt came through with a timely hit in the last inning to make the score 3 to 0 in favor of Fort Humphreys.

By this victory, Fort Humphreys extended its winning streak to seven games. This team has suffered no defeats and it now assured a play-off with the winners of Group II of the Third Corps Area League—consisting of teams from Fort Hoyle, Edgewood Arsenal, Hotbird Q. M. Depot and Aberdeen Proving Ground. The Engineers proved the class of Group II in Fort Washington, Headquarters, Washington District, Fort Meade, Army Medical Center being the teams in that circuit with Fort Humphreys.

In addition to cleaning up among soldier nines, the Engineer aggregation has taken several good civilian teams into camp, including such rivals as the Metropolitan police nine of Washington, and the Navy Yard and Naval Hospital teams, leaders of the strong Government League in the Capital.

Miniature Golf at Army Post

Company I, 23rd Infantry, has gone "Tom Thumb golf," too, according to a Fort Sam Houston, Texas, flash. The infantrymen are constructing a nine-hole miniature course on their parade ground, with many novel obstacles.

Members of the company will be allowed to play free, while other soldiers and civilians will be assessed a small playing fee.