Soldiers Share in Unusual Adventure

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O N 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 her stubby nose out through the Narrows and into the lecoal hossom of the heaving Atlantic.

The steamer was the General John McE Hyde, a former river craft held in reserve at the Brooklyn base. Her detication was Mania, P. I., with brief stops at Key West; Guantanamo; Kingston, Jamaica; Balbea, Panama Catal Zone; Honolulu and, possibly, Guan.

The unusual feature of this 12,000mile journey is the fact that the vessel, of a mere fifty tone displacement, was she to be refricted at sea by the transgert Kewanis which was scheduled to accompany her from Passana to Homolais, and by the transport Meigo which will convoy the small craft from Honoline to Marnia.

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 Passaus the General Hude was scheduled to make the fun "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 wamer stood out to sea were three enlisted men of the Regular Army-Sengeant Frederick H. Gibbs, of the Madical Department at Large, and Privates Carl F. Fornelius and Joseph A. Kohout of the Signal Corps.

Sergeant Gibbs will be "Doe" to the crew of twenty-five abourd the Hyde, and Privates Fornelius and Kobout, radio men both, will take turns at the key of the wire-kess board, keeping the craft in constant touch with mearby ships and land stations.

The General Hyde, built in 1922, has been held in reserve at the Brusislyn base for some time, and proceeded to Manila under War Department orders placing her in the Manila-Corregidor run and other service on Manila and Subic bays. Captain Frederick 3. Haggerty, master of the Hyde on this re-fueling run to Manila, will remain in command of the craft upon arrival in Manila, and the crew of the sturdy little steamer will also serve her in Philippine waters. Captain Haggerty and the crew were all remained from among the personnel of the U.S. Army transport service.

Equipped with storm-tight bulkheads, shutters, hatches, a breakwater bulkhead on the fo'castle head, four lifeboats and rafts, an emergency towing hawser and bridle, the General Hydewas declared to be perfectly seaworthy for the long journey when she left the Brooklyn pier. She is 150 feet long, has a 28 foot beam and 13 foot depth, has an indicated horse-power of 900, and can develop a speed of 14 miles per hour. Leaving Brooklyn, she had 16,000 gallons of oil-the craft being an oil-barner-which would give her a certain cruising radius of ten days, which, even with adverse weather condictions is ample time in which to reach Panama, where the convoving craft, the Kewanis, will join her for the trek from there to Honolula.

"Way For the Engineers!"

Enthusiastic baseball rooters of Fort-Humphreys, Virginia, carried Whitt of the Engineers nine off the diamond on their skoulders 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 an intense pinching duel between Rahn, on the mound for the home nine, and Wagner for the visiting Meade nine, with victory finally perching on the Engineers' banner when White-came through with a timely hit in the fast inning to make the score 3 to 0 in lawor of Port 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-offwith the winners of Group II of the Third Corps Area League—consisting of teams from Fort Hoyle, Edgewood Arsenal, Holabird Q. M. Depot and Aberdeen Proving Ground. The Engineers proved the class of Group I— 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 bame into camp, including such rivals as the

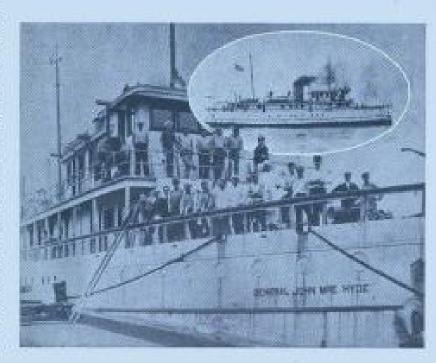
Metropolitan police sine of Washington, and the Navy Yard and Naval Hospital t cams, leaders of the strong Government League in the Capital



Ministure Golf at Army Post

Company I, 23ed Infantry, has gone 'Tom Thumb golf,' too, according to a Fost Sam Houston, Texas, flash. The infantrymentare emistructing a nine-hole miniature course on their parade ground, with many accelerate in the control of t

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



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