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A Word About Being Prepared

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Make your army a comfortable home for the men, and have a class of men that will not cause you to be ashamed. Invite the men to join the Army. They are gentlemen, and they will do all they can to make it a place where you will be proud to serve.

In this article I shall not enter deeply into the duties of the Field Officer. What I wish to do is to explain some of the reasons for the benefit of the individual. This with your instruction in Field Service will make an improvement in your company.

It is my opinion that there are three items of great importance to the Commander participating in Maneuvers—proper eating, cleanliness, and care of the feet, and not least among them is the care of the feet.

Suppose that you assign almost any surgeon to name one of the chief ailments at an encampment. The chances are that he will say, "the feet are the sick man."

Poorly shod does not necessarily mean old and broken shoes—it means much more than that. If a pair of shoes is well made, and if the shoes are properly used, little harm will come to you. If your boots are made of pretty good stuff, and are properly used, you will not be harmed.

To keep feet healthy is to prevent germs from getting into your blood. Research shows that germs thrive in the feet. A man is constantly putting his feet into the dirt, and if he is not careful, he will become ill.

There is no need of being afraid of the disease. A fever is a disease, and it is caused by the germs. The germs are the cause of the disease, and they will not be cured until you get rid of the germs.

Prevent scalds between the toes by sprinkling inside the toes a good powdery powder, a box of which can be purchased for ten or fifteen cents.

Open a blister by pouring the skin near the blister and rubbing the needle to the water. Be sure to remove the top of the blister. Rub the blister with a towel, and repeat the process until the blister is removed.

To do so is to invite colds and sore feet. In order to keep the feet in hot water and rub briskly until dry.

Keep your hands clean. It is possible both to rub dry and rub dry.

Beware that your quarters are properly drained and dried. It will mean work to you to keep your hands clean.