

Found! A Deaf Soldier

One of our Faribault friends who is at present stationed in a large military camp in Texas writes that there is a deaf soldier in the camp. He says that this soldier cannot hear at all, but is an expert lip reader.

A few days after the deaf man

got by the examiners he was sent to this Texas camp. He had been there only a short time when he decided to take a stroll about the camp on a moonlight night. Innocently, he wandered into the section of the camp where artillery men are trained in the handling of big guns. This section of the camp was closely guarded because of the nature of the weapons there.

A sentry on duty saw the deaf soldier and challenged him. Not hearing the challenge, the deaf soldier wandered farther and farther into the restricted territory. The guard yelled, "Halt, or I'll shoot!" Of course, the deaf man did not hear the challenge; he did not see the sentry as the latter was back among some trees. The sentry with gun ready, now advanced into sight of the deaf soldier. The latter saw him and the menacing position of his gun. Just in time the smart lip reader yelled, "I can't hear a word; I can read the lips; come closer."

Needless to say, the deaf soldier was sent to the guard house via the usual route. He was mighty lucky that he was still in the land of the living. The army is now taking steps towards securing the discharge of the man.—The Companion.
