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fully say that I could operate this army on a more democratic 'buy scout' basis and get as good if not better and more satisfying results than this supposedly perfect plan of Berkeley.

My suggestion is that we quickly leave this subject and get along to something more tasteful, say food for instance. No comments to make on the food but I have a thought on a closely allied field, in the form of table manners. They still amaze me profoundly and particularly the way my own are being conditioned by affiliation with the source. Frankly they are atrocious (my table manners) in fact I have discovered that I have no manners at all. This condition is only one of those ephemeral things and will be duly restored at a later date. In the meantime I will try this new method as I find it a most convenient way to eat. It allows for certain surviving qualities. I have learned long ago that external appearance of ~~it~~ is no longer of the least importance and that all that really matters is getting the food down in the most practical method. In connection with the above had a typical exaggeration of humor in the comment of one of the men sitting next to me in regard to the quantity of meat being served. As the mess sgt. passed by he called him over and asked if he had anything to do with the cutting of the meat. The sgt said that he did and in fact he cut the meat himself. My friend then came back with the reply.