

TRUE TO THE TRUST

SUCH IS SPIRIT CAPTAIN HOPES FOR CADUCEUS.

Where do the avenues lead that penetrate the darkness ahead of us?

We do not know.

We have started our journey over them. Ahead are the steep hills which we must climb and beyond an inky sky darkness into which we must march. Only the loyal and stout-hearted can emerge from out this blackness and gaze upon the valley that lays lighted and smiling beyond this terrible maelstrom of human fiendishness.

Our country has called us. We must come. We must take part in this, the fiercest struggle ever staged between man and man. We have no choice but to sacrifice our all if necessary on our Country's Altar of Patriotism. We must help to maintain our own and the world's freedom and peace.

Are we prepared to enter and engage in this struggle to the bitter end? This does not refer to guns, cannon, ships, airplanes, or gas.

Are we prepared physically? Is our mental attitude correct?

Have the years of plenty which we have enjoyed deposited in our mental habitations encrustations difficult to move? Must some of us be forced by our Government even yet to clean up these chambers one by one?

At this critical time it seems almost impossible to conceive that anyone amongst us is not stripped of every thought but that of winning this duel with autocracy; yet entirely dependent upon the response that each one of us makes is the preservation of our country's form of government as well as the peace and safety of all mankind.

What a responsibility! Think it over and over again.

Let it not be placed upon the shoulders of a few. It would overwhelm the heavens if it were. It must be born on millions of American shoulders, on every upstanding citizen's shoulders that it may be born successfully.

May the birth of our hospital publication in such a dark year help out as it grows older to bring about that steadfastness of purpose and clearness of vision, to enable all who read it to see beyond the present distress in the world's household and to inculcate into the minds of all who turn its pages that quietude of spirit which comes from the consciousness of faithful effort, for such is its spirit, that we may be all better Americans.

—Capt. Thomas S. Crowe, M. R. C., Detachment Commander.

The loss of our comrade and co-worker ex-Sergeant First Class Wycliffe R. Morris, is keenly felt by all of the members of the detachment. He is of the stock that goes to make the leaders of men. He is now with the 77th Field Artillery with his ambition to be of service "Over There" about to be realized.

APPETITES ARE KEEN

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL EAT 200 POUNDS OF BEEF A DAY.

It is not the failure of appetite that has afflicted most of the soldier patients at the base hospital. The sick soldiers alone at the hospital eat more than 200 pounds of beef at one meal. By the aid of the enlisted men the hospital consumption of potatoes at dinner is 400 pounds.

If mother baked more than 100 loaves of bread a day she could not keep up with the food consumption of the base hospital.

It would be a difficult matter to grow the 8,000 pounds of potatoes, used in the two mess halls in a week, in a vest-pocket garden.

We get some idea of what Uncle Sam is up against on the food situation when we think of our unit consuming 10 cases of string beans, 100 pounds of sugar and 24 dozen bottles of vanilla extract in a day.

At the present time there are less than 700 patients in the wards of the Camp Greene hospital and 600 enlisted men. While this about half of the number held here during the winter, yet the figures of food pounds consumed, when taken in the aggregate, is something to cause father to hoe another row in the family garden.

For one meal, according to figures carefully compiled by Lieutenants Lee and Wilson, in charge of the food supply, the hospital uses 100 pounds of rice, 30 pounds of butter, 40 pounds of coffee, two cases of canned milk and 700 pounds of beef.

The amount used for one week comprises the following big figures:

Sugar	lbs.	4,000
Potatoes	lbs.	8,000
Beef	lbs.	3,000
Butter	lbs.	500
Bread	loaves	3,000
Coffee	lbs.	400
Tea	lbs.	200
Cocoa	lbs.	200
Canned Vegetables	cases	150
Fruit	cases	50
Fish	lbs.	1,400
Pickles	gals.	75
Fresh milk	gals.	500
Canned milk	Cases	35
Ice cream	gals.	80

Think over the above figures and see that it would strip the entire stock of a modern grocery store. Is it any wonder why the Government urges that the biggest crop be raised that is possible this year.

Now take a look at this enormous amount of provisions used last winter when the big hospital held many more patients than now:

Sugar	lbs.	7,000
Pitatoes	lbs.	12,000
Beef	lbs.	5,600
Butter	lbs.	500
Bread (2-lb. loaves)	loaves	4,600
Coffee	lbs.	600
Tea	lbs.	300
Cocoa	lbs.	350
Canned Vegetables	cases	350
Fruit	cases	80
Fish	lbs.	2,000
Pickles	gals.	125
Fresh milk	gals.	1100
Ice cream	gals.	100

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