

# THEN WE ALL STOOD UP AND CHEERED

These Are The Informal Talks Delivered By Our Officers At The Farewell Banquet At The Selwyn Hotel, Last Saturday Night.

## LIEUT.-COLONEL SHEEP

"Men-

"I appreciate very much the honor of being invited to attend you banquet this evening. I regret that I will not be allowed to remain with you through the program.

"I am proud to have been connected with such a band of men as you who have made up the enlisted personnel of the Camp Greene base hospital. With practically no army experience you have made up a force which has won the admiration of all military visitors to the hospital. The advancement from month to month has been marvelous.

"If the full matter was left to me for choosing I would not trade the present Camp Greene base hospital organization for any like band in American war service. You have proven yourselves the hardest workers and most sufficient company of enlisted men in such work in the United States, in my estimation. You have helped to build a hospital which is ranked as the best of its kind in all America.

"I hope that every man of you who want to see service abroad will be "over there" in a few months. If I had my way in choosing the force for the new base hospital No. 54 I would try to take every one of you, for you have all shown yourselves to be good men.

"My parting request is that you give the same hearty support to your new commander that I have enjoyed. Your efforts have been an inspiration to me. I am sure that I can count on you keeping the good work.

" thank you.

## MAJOR GEORGE RENN

"Men and boys—

"I say men because every one of you have acted a man's part in holding up your end of the work of the base hospital.

"I say boys because down in my heart you are all my boys. I am not as old as I look and not as old as your detachment commander but in my heart I have a fatherly feeling towards every one of you fine men who have worked so nobly in the building up of our army institution.

"I am not a speech maker. I never tried to make but one speech. That was when I was a little boy. I recall the words of that declamation—

"I would not chew tobacco,"

Said little Robert Reed

"I would not use the filthy stuff,

It is a dirty weed."

" started out with the first all right. Then I got scared. It went like this—

"I would not chew tobacco,"

And exerywhere that Mary went to lamb was sure to go."

"That was my downfall. To the chagrin of my parents I walked off the stage.

"But I feel at home among you men. I want to ask again that you stick by me in my work as your commander. In turn I expect to deal with you so that no man can say that he has not not been given a square deal.

I take great pleasure in being here tonight and standing in your presence.

## CAPT. THOS. S. CROWE

Gentlemen:

"I know that the only disappointment in the hearts of you men is the fact that you cannot all go with Colonel Sheep when he makes the trip across the water at some future date. But you just wait. When your comrades are out in the middle of the ocean marking time for the mermaids they will wish they were here. A few hours on the high seas with a fine touch of ocean sickness and they will think Camp Greene looks mighty fine.

"You men who are anxious for foreign service can feel absolutely certain that you will be on your way before 1918 is ended. Those who will get "over there" first and those who will succeed best are the ones who adopt the method of doing whatever they are asked when of doing it at once and well.

"At the present time you people have the honor of belonging to the largest base hospital in United States. The Camp Greene plant is so well equipped and so efficient that it has been put in a class by itself by experts. It will be a great thing to tell when you men go back home, after Prussianism has been crushed, and when you spin the yarns about not having enough food nor enough clothes and no shoes to wear during your service.

"You have all been doing mighty fine. You have made a great record. Stick to it. Do not envy anybody. Do your own work well.

"To those who may go across later I spend my heartfelt wishes for success.

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