OFFICERS' NEWS

(By Lieutenant William Munson.)

THIRTY ALL.

The latest athletic equipment installed by the officers of the base hospital is two large tennis courts, laid off to the east of the officer's quarters. The plat of ground has been leveled and smoothed and playing has already started.

The courts with their whitewash lines and white nets and posts give an attractive touch to the surroundings of the officer's quarters.

CLOCK WAS WRONG.

Leutenant Kraetzed has returned from an eight-day leave spent in Brooklyn and Prospect Park, Through some error on the part of the town clock in Brooklyn the lieutenant arrived back two days ahead of time. Fast place that Brooklyn—near New York.

SUCCESSFUL PARTY.

Captain Dowdle took first honors at the party held in the East Wing last week. Captain Myers started well but finished poorly. Captain Harvey contributed largely to the success of the occasion.

WENT FISHING.

Captain Evans has returned to duty following a leave of ten days spent in Pennsylvania and New York. Evidently his pencil was not in working order as no one heard from him while he was there.

THERE'S A REASON.

Lieutenant Darling cut off his hair and ten days following was made captain by special telegram from Washington. This accounts for the others "going over the top."

Captain Choate has been appointed instructor in equitation. (We called it excoriation at Harrison M. O. T. C.) for the nurses and is giving lessons several times a week.

Captains De Foe and Graham are giving several of the new officers a course of instruction in "Hearts."

Lieutenant Meade has been assigned to Base Hospital No. 54.

Medical officers who wear boots to dances should see that their spurs are put on properly. Lieutenant Wilson, take notice.

Lieutenant Freed has gone on a tenday leave.

The officers who received the charming boudoir caps of red, wish to thank the unknown friends for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Bath robes to match is only a suggestion.

Major Adams is in Chicago attending the annual meeting of the A. M.

Captain Stockard is some forager. He has been in the army before.

DIAGNOSIS.

The word "diagnosis" is derived from the Greek and literally translated into english means "knowing exactly"

It is used by the German food commissioners, Russian politicians, business men before applying for a bankruptcy, and also by many scientists in their scientific reports. But it is mostly used by medical scientists, and especially doctors. For instance if a person has a bad cold, goes to the doctor who, after a careful examination diagnoses "stomach trouble," submitting the poor creature to a strict diet, if he has heart trouble the doctor diagnoses 'hysteria," if sore throat he diagnoses spinal "meningitis" or if flat feet he diagnoses "inflammatory rheumatism," ordering two mustard baths for an indefinite time and so on. Wives use the word too; they immediately diagnose whether (the husband who complains on a Saturday night of having a bat headache) had Green River or Blue Moons on his way home from work.

-By Private Grover J.

WHO IS GUILTY.

Although the following notice: "Smoking allowed in doctors dressing room only" is conspicuously posted in several places in the operating room, a certain captain (surgical) who has been here about six months, after finshing his fourth smoke in the workroom asked: "Is smoking allowed in here?" Miss "H," much embarrassed and with an apologetic attitude, said: "Why, I believe captain smoking is allowed in the nurses' dressing room only."

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IMPROVING RAPIDLY.

Captain Thomas S. Crowe, who was stricken by an attack of kidney trouble a week ago, is much improved. He is able to be about.

Captain Miller's favorite question, 'What's wild"?

Captain Hart is still awaiting orders for over sea duty. Did we say "still. Save the mark.

Lieutenant Munson reports that his entire leave of ten days we required to transact his important "personal business." Write again, Bill, they responded the last time.

Lieutenant Dabney Minor is now giving lessons in life-belt drill in officers' quarters. Rumor has it that he and Lieutenant Allgood sleep with life belts on preparatory to experiencing this novelty on their trip across with Base Hospital 54.

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