

OFFICERS' NEWS

(BY LIEUT. WILLIAM L. MUNSON.)

FOLLOWED ORDERS.

Major McRae, remembering the days when he was physical director in one of our large universities, and feeling pretty fit after his vacation, decided one day last week that he would see how many Germans he would be able to kill when he "got over" put the mits on with one of the men in the X-ray laboratory.

It is reported that his instruction to his opponent before the opening of the bout was that "you needn't go easy just because I am an officer."

It seems that the instruction even though they were not orders, were rather closely followed.

Captain Swanick is attending the major.

Seriously ill report has been made to the adjutant and the folks at home notified.

Lieutenant Munson is conducting a class in "sitting up exercises" every morning in the rear of the east wing of the officers' quarters. The best command he gives is "Company dismissed," and then Captain Ellen, the company goes in and has his morning shower.

HERE THEY ARE.

Lieutenant Cleveland, one of the chief dopesters on the surgical side has made some very clever observations during the past week. Among others the following have been gathered.

"The permanent staff for the Camp Greene base has been picked out and they are all captains."

"The surgeon general has a habit of doing as he thinks best without my advise."

"All the lieutenants are going as regimental surgeons when they send the draft into camp."

Any one desiring to know what the future holds for them can find out by a short talk with the lieutenant. The fee is reasonable—one camel to oil things up.

Capt. Thomas J. Nelan is on a ten days' leave, which he is spending at his home in Pittsburg, Pa.

Major McCrae has returned from a five-day leave.

Captain Wilkes has returned from a ten-day leave spent at his home.

Lieutenant Cobb of Base 54 has returned from a visit at his home in Maine.

Lieutenant John D'Albora has left the base hospital for duty with his unit, Base Hospital 102, now mobilizing at Camp Bureguard, Texas.

Captain Dwaddle has returned from a ten days' leave. It is reported that the trip from Washington to Charlotte seemed awfully short to the captain.

TO THE KAISER

AN OFFICIAL LETTER

Base Hospital, Camp Greene,

Charlotte, N. C.,

June 27th, 1913.

From: Uncle Samuel's Men this station.

To: Kaiser Bill of Germany.
Subject: Travel Orders.

1. Proceed plumb to hell for command of that station.

2. The present commanding officer of that station has been ordered to retire to the inactive list.

Travel directed necessary in the military service.

Per Order. Gen Star and Stripes.

Official.

ANY OLD WAY.

Manny of the officers are breaking in boots preparatory to service "over there." Some are wearing them with wind shields, some with spurs upside down, and some with no spurs at all.

Lieutenant Meade, the source of military knowledge around these diggings, has suggested that the spurs be worn on the outside of the boot with the bulbous portion down.

Last Sunday afternoon Captain Evans appeared on the officers' veranda booted and spurred and as the custom is walked up to Lieutenant Meade with the question: "Say, Meade, have I got these things on right?" After a thorough inspection Lieutenant Meade replied: "Well, Captain, you got them on the right feet, I guess."

USE YOUR MUFFLER.

Guards at the base hospital are ordered to halt all automobiles that attempt to pass through the hospital grounds with their "cut out" open. There are a number of drivers of cars, which come to the hospital quite often, and yet who show an appalling disregard for the patients in the wards by racing along the hospital roadway with no thought of using the muffler attachment on their machine. Force is not to be spared in stopping this practice.

The visiting hours for automobiles are supposed to end at 8 o'clock at night. After that time the hospital is darkened so that there are few objects of interest to be pointed out from the roadway. Several chauffeurs, who apparently do not visit the hospital because of interest in its construction, have startled the patients by speeding around the hospital road at a late hour. Accordingly Sergeant Hages, senior sergeant of the guard, has issued the order that all automobiles coming to the hospital after 8 o'clock in the evening shall be halted and their mission ascertained.

Lieutenant Foster, who was with Base 54, has been ordered for extended field service at Hoboken.

Major Morris and Captain Carney are both doing well.

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