

AMERICAN CHARACTER STRONG FOR FIFTY-FOUR

By Dr. C. J. Jackson, of the Base Hospital "Y."

At a meeting of the National War Work Council, June 3, at the Bankers Club in New York, Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary alike of the council and of the international committee, who has recently returned to this country from a trip to France, Italy and England, said in a very inspiring address:

"I support to the full what has been said as to the character of the American army. I know that army. Moreover, since this war began I have seen every other great army on both sides of this struggle and have seen them intimately, with the exception of the Turkish army and certain armies of the Balkan states; and I am free to say that with the possible exception of the Canadian army—there has gone forth to those European shores, or risen up in those European Islands, no body of men averaging as high, as judged by every test, as this army of American young men—the flower of the manhood and the boyhood of this republic."

Dr. Mott did not undertake to say how large a contribution to this superb character of our American soldiers has been made by the Y. M. C. A., but it is an acknowledged fact that this contribution is very considerable. One has but to talk a few minutes with the average soldier about the "Y" to be assured of this. Its activity, as presenting the true attitude of the Christian church toward the soldier, and its deep and abiding interest in him, has served to win for the church and Christianity a larger place in the heart of the millions of American boys who are so splendidly giving themselves to the perilous task of "making the world safe for democracy." It has been impressing the boys with the immense importance of true religion—religion which does not evaporate in sentimentality or express itself in can't, but takes off its coat and goes out into the field to serve the world for which Christ died. For this reason it is, no doubt, that the average soldier in our camps and cantonments is so ready to attend the religious meetings which are conducted in the many "Y" huts, and so ready to respond to the gospel message when it is presented in the true spirit of Him whom it holds forth as the Great Companion of men in the trenches as well as in the vocations of peace.

This service to the men of the army is making strongly for character of the sort which Dr. Mott spoke of in his great address. It is altogether probable that when the war is over the regular attendance of men at the places of public worship throughout the country will be much larger than it has been for the past few years; and just for this reason—that the church, through its adopted channel the Y. M. C. A., has been rising to meet an unprecedented opportunity of showing forth the essential spirit of Christianity as a service to man as well as a worship of God. This



(LIEUT. GEORGE H. UPTON.)

The stuff that Base Hospital No. 54 is made of is reflected in the bearing of Lieutenant George H. Upton, assistant detachment commander of that organization. Lieutenant Upton has been with that body since the forming of the enlisted personnel at Fort Oglethorpe, several months ago. He has been a "big brother" to the men and a constant booster for "dear old Fifty-Four," as he writes in his poetry.

Lieutenant Upton has acted as instructor for most of the classes for the Hospital No. 54 men during the past two months.

MEN TRANSFERRED

EIGHTEEN SWITCHED TO BASE HOSPITAL DET.

The following men were transferred from Base Hospital No. 54 to detachment medical department, Base Hospital, Camp Greene, by special order of July 1, 1918:

Bernard Agusucci, Joseph Barrett, Owen Berry, Andrew Bogin, Jacob Demczyk, Timothy Downey, Fred Harsh, Sol. Infield, Loyd John, Costos Katisologos, Louis Nikoloff, Solomon Sahadi, Mike Sardello, William Schumm, Earl Shoff, Edward Simmons, Cornelius Terzeu and Leonard White.

spirit must forever challenge the respect and win the hearts of men.

In October, from the 14th to the 21st, the Y. M. C. A. is to make its next grand drive, and it is to be a drive for a hundred millions. That it will meet with success in its great undertaking will be guaranteed by what the men of the army have been saying and will continue to say about the indispensable character of its service to themselves.

SUNSHINE LETTER

230 Benezet St.,
Chestnut Hill, Pa.,

June 23, 1918.

Lieutenant Colonel Renn,
Base Hospital,
Camp Greene, N. C.

Sir:

My wife recently returned from a visit to the Base Hospital, Camp Greene, where she was summoned on account of the serious illness of our son, James O'Neil.

His illness was so serious that she remained with him for seven weeks, and during that time was shown every courtesy possible, being allowed the privilege of spending most of the day with him.

My son's recovery testifies that the medical care and attention given him were the best, as we know his was a remarkable case.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all the officers, nurses and orderlies, both for the attention given my son and the kindness shown to his mother.

Sincerely yours,

PATRICK O'NEIL.

BIG NEW HOSPITAL.

The labor of constructing the largest military hospital in England has been started by the American government and will be located in Salisbury, six miles from Southampton. Accommodations are being made for 3,000 wounded Americans from the Western front.

The site is a magnificent country estate of nearly 200 acres which the Red Cross has purchased. The old Manor house will be the central building of the new hospital and around it the Red Cross is building nearly ten acres of hutments and wards.

The central corridor of the new hospital will be 1,000 feet long, opening on either side into wards, each one of which will accommodate from sixty to one hundred patients.

The site is one of the most beautiful in southern England. It overlooks Southampton harbor and the Isle of Wight, and has a frontage of a mile on the water, with good fishing and boating facilities. From the tower of the Manor house one has an unobstructed view for twenty miles in all directions. The property includes a large amount of woodland, where American lumbermen are already felling trees to provide heavy timber for the new buildings.

WELCOME BIRTHDAY GIFT.

Through a curious coincidence Sgt. McDonnell and Pvt. Mahn, both of the detachment office celebrated their twentieth and twenty-first anniversaries, respectively, last Sunday, June 30. Sgt. McDonnell has the distinction of being the youngest non-commissioned officer in the detachment and the detachment clerk. As a birthday gift he received his appointment of Sergeant from Corporal.