

**NEW DIRECTOR**

Lanning Harvey, who has been the director of the Red Cross work at this camp for some time, has left to take a position in the office of the national headquarters in Washington. He is succeeded by Dr. T. D. Gardner of Quincy, Ill. Dr. Gardner has had considerable experience in work of this nature and he will commence his duties at once. He is rapidly becoming acquainted with the situation and will be welcomed by military officials as well as by welfare workers. Rev. J. B. Branch, associate director, will continue in charge of the civilian relief work.

Mr. Harvey has remained for several days turning over the office to his successor. He goes to Washington to become the associate director of hospital activities for the whole country. His promotion is one well earned and something to be proud of. It will also give him an opportunity to be of far greater use to his country. The work which he did here will long be remembered and we wish him success in his new position.

**FOR FIELD USE.**

The X-Ray Division of the Surgeon General's office had under examination this week a new X-ray outfit for field use. The whole outfit is packed in one motor truck, and can be quickly opened and set up. It consists of one large operating dark tent, in which the operating table is set up; a box about three feet long containing the mechanism for the apparatus, and all the usual paraphernalia. Outside the tent is a tank for the development of the plates. The power is obtained from the motor under the truck. A number of these outfits have been ordered for use abroad, although it is not thought that many of them will be required; the main use for the X-rays being at the base hospitals, where they are set up permanently. The British and the French allot two of these mobile outfits to each army corps.

**BIG PROBLEM**

The status of the army medical corps is one of the important subjects that has been under discussion in army circles for some time.

General Gorgas, as Surgeon-General of the Army, has demanded a higher military ranking for the many capable surgeons who have gone into the service, in order that there may be the necessary authority to secure the best results in sanitation and hospital management. It has been a winter of bad weather conditions, and we made the mistake of rushing too many men into the camps before having supplies of warm clothing, and before sanitary and hospital provisions were duly made. The prevalence of pneumonia, scarlet fever, measles, and to some extent meningitis, has given General Gorgas and the Medical Corps great anxiety. In France, near the fighting front, General Pershing's staff and the line officers of the army must obviously have as much authority as military exigencies seem to require. But in the administration of our training camps here at home, with vast numbers of recruits pouring in, the sanitary and medical considerations could well have been put first. The army has lost more than it has gained in efficiency of training through relative failure on the medical side, which General Gorgas now declares has been caused by the lack of proper rank and authority. Something in the nature of a Medical Board of Health, with the commanding officer of the camp or cantonment as its ex officio president, should have been in position to exercise immediate authority.

**FIRE WATER ONLY.**

Clerk (in small town hotel): Will you have a pitcher of water sent to your room, sir?

Colonel Bluegrass: Water? What for? Ain't there any fire escape?—Boston Transcript.

**150 ARRIVE****PERSONNEL OF BASE 54 REACH CAMP GREENE.**

The mystery is solved; the question of who was to make up the enlisted personnel of Base Hospital No. 54 is settled once and for all, and settled in the most unrefutable manner by the arrival of the men themselves.

After many weeks of impatient expectation, the 150 pulled into the base hospital the other day in the most unconcerned manner imaginable and took possession of the new tents in the rear of the barracks, and quite a few of the old tents that have sheltered the soldiers of the old detachment for many happy weeks. While we are pleased to have these new men with us we regret the event that has necessitated the removal of so many men from the cool, breezy tents to hot, confined, sweltering barracks, where the crowded conditions are likely to prove anything but enjoyable.

It now seems probable that removal of the entire organization of Base Hospital No. 54 to another post or encampment is very probable. This expected change has been looked forward to by the men and officers of the outfit with great interest and it now seems predestined to take place in the very near future.

We trust that these new men will appreciate the fact that their arrival has made the men who put the tents in the delightful screened condition that they are in at the present time. The men who were obliged to move live in hopes that the new arrivals will at least attempt to preserve the work that they spent so many hours in erecting.

Private Raleigh Baker has just returned from a thirty-day furlough spent on his farm near Taylorsville, this state.

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