

## NEW HOSPITAL READY HAD DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

### LARGEST ARMY HOSPITAL NOW COMPLETED.

The U. S. Base Hospital at Fox Hills, Staten Island, N. Y., with accommodations for 2,200 patients is finished. This is reputed to be the largest army hospital in the country at the present time and was constructed at unexcelled speed. The work was started last February and ninety acres covered with buildings erected in 120 days.

The structures are two and one story frame. They are fitted with every modern appliance and equipment. Every detail for the comfort and care of the wounded soldiers and sailors from overseas that science and skill and money could provide has been looked after. The men will be examined and classified here and then distributed to other hospitals provided for the various classifications. Physicians, surgeons, nurses and orderlies are ready for the coming of their patients.

Major E. A. Simmons, U. S. Constructing Quartermaster, supervised and built the hospital.

In 120 days he built a small town with roads, water mains, sewers, light and power, hospital buildings, barracks, officers' quarters, offices, rail-way siding and station, post office, post exchange, garage and other structures.

Work was begun in the severest winter weather ever experienced in the district. The frost in the clay hills to be levelled was at a depth of four feet, which necessitated the use of tons of dynamite, because construction work could not be delayed. The Major's enthusiasm could not be checked. He gave the men an example of ceaseless activity which was an inspiration to the workers, for Major Simmons was always on the job—Saturdays, Sundays and holidays were all the same to him.

Three thousand men and 100 teams were employed on the job, which cost over \$2,500,000. The layout complete consists of: 15 2-story frame buildings, 22 1-story frame buildings, 1 officers' mess kitchen, 1 nurses' quarters, 5 2-story barracks, 1 administration building, library, 1 cleaning building, operating building, post exchange, post office, 3 storehouses, 1 commissary storehouse, 1 shop, 1 laundry, linen storage building, 1 receiving building, fire station, guard house, dry cleaning building, mortuary chapel, garage and steam heating plant for steam and hot water for buildings, 3 medical storehouses and Red Cross auditorium, recreation quarters for nurses and hostess house.

Pumping station operated by two electrical and one gasoline pump; 21,000 feet of water mains, 17,000 feet of sewer mains, 8,800 feet of macadam and tarvia roadway, and 6,500 feet of covered corridors connecting all of buildings, excepting the medical store houses, which are isolated from the other buildings.

Chemical fire stations are installed throughout the corridors, and can be put in service in a few minutes.

A railroad spur 6,500 feet long was built from the main line of the Staten Island Railway.

Lieutenant-Colonel Seigle of the surgeon-general's office, paid an official visit to the hospital this week. He was here on his tour of inspection both Sunday and Monday.

Lt.-Col. Seigle, of the Surgeon General's office, has been making an inspection of the surgical service of Camp Greene Base Hospital. Personal interviews with each officer on that service was held by the Colonel. Monday afternoon an animated dramatic lecture on femoral hernia was given by Colonel Seigle at the Y. M. C. A. building. This type of teaching is original with him, and judging from the favorable expressions made by the officers seeing the demonstration it is destined to be extensively used.

### ALL SOLDIERS TO VOTE.

That Americans in military service, both abroad and at home, from States which have enacted laws for absentee voting of those in the Service may cast their ballots in the elections next fall, was announced on June 25. The voting will be permitted where it does not interfere with military operations or training. The decision reverses a ruling previously made by the War Department, which would have prevented men in service overseas from voting. Strong objection to voting by soldiers overseas is said to have come from the General Staff of the Army, although President Wilson recently stated that he was most anxious that as many soldiers and sailors as possible be permitted to exercise their franchise.

### SAD BUT TRUE.

Admitting that the Kaiser is a great fighter, we must not forget that also was Jack Johnson.

When you can hear a man eating soup you can bet he has a loud taste.

Houses are not women. A coat of paint will make an old house look like new.

The skye terrier is not an aviation canine.

It is all right to be in love with a peach, but not of the free-stone variety.

The man who wants the earth should have dust thrown in his eyes. This is what we are doing to the Kaiser.

A black eye requires more explanation than any other color-scheme we know of.

The only honorable way to commit suicide is to work yourself to death. If we should speak well of the dead, why blame our faults on our ancestors.

A little lie goes a long way, but the truth can also be stretched.

One-half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives, and what is more, doesn't care. Some people feel that way about the army.

We note that the Kaiser has given up the idea of "Me and Gott" and now attests that "Gott" has placed a heavy burden on his shoulders.

The burden is getting heavier—200,000 troops sailed in two weeks.

## SUNSHINE LETTER

(Editor's Note. — The following is taken from the "Agra Sentinel," of Agra, Kansas, of a recent date.)

To My Agra Friends:

I wish to thank my numerous friends for their interest in me, as was shown by the beautiful post card shower I received from there a few days ago.

Such cheerful, friendly greetings are worth more than medicine to a fellow who is sick, and 1,500 miles from home, but I can not say that I am away from friends down here, who spare neither time nor effort to restore us to our former health.

My doctors have been of the best and cleanest type.

My nurses understand their work and use every precaution to prevent a relapse and to make us comfortable.

I am able to walk a little every day and I think that I will be on my feet all O. K. before long. Thanking you all again, I remain,

Yours very truly,

CHARLES WALLACE ROATH.

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Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

## 45 MEN LEAVE

Last Saturday morning saw the departure of forty-five of our boys for a Port of Embarkation, somewhere along the Atlantic Coast. This group was made up of boys from every "outfit" that had arrived for duty at the Camp Greene Base Hospital, there were men from Ethan Allen lads from Harrison, soldiers from Oglethorpe and others from Devens.

Those who were forced to remain expressed their regret at being separated from their comrades of so many busy months but in another sense they were glad to part with them, knowing as they did their friends' desire for foreign service.

### BELLEAU WOOD.

"Armies they can never raise,"  
Said the German overlord,  
"Crude, undisciplined their ways;  
Bred to plough and not to sword."  
Sighed the wind in serene mood  
Through the trees of Belleau wood.

"They shall never cross the sea,"  
Said the German overlord,  
"So must our U-boats decree,  
Much though it may be deplored,"  
Rushed the wind, a roaring flood,  
Through the pines of Belleau wood.

"They are cowards, will not fight,"  
Said the German overlord,  
"Use them then in their despite  
Till the tally deep is scored.  
Slay ye now the baffled brood—  
Yours to hold us Belleau wood."

Field gray forms with sightless eyes,  
Ghosts o' haunt their overlord,  
Tell their stories to the skies—  
Yea, the forest paths are flooded!  
Starry field and stripes of blood  
Wave also o'er Belleau wood.