

FULL SCHEDULE

DRILL, STUDY AND SONG MAKE DAY FOR HOSPITAL.

Awaiting orders to leave Camp Greene is no loafing matter for the personnel of Base Hospital No. 54. From reveille to taps the officers and enlisted men are kept busy by a program which has been outlined by Colonel Henry Page.

The real day's work starts for the officers at 8 o'clock in the morning when they go through a brisk movement of setting up exercises for fifteen minutes.

At 8:30 o'clock is the call to drill. The bodies of officers and enlisted men are divided into nine squads. For an hour the groups of men march across the drill field despite the rising temperature of the summer day.

The officers in charge of the squads are: Major McCrae, squad one; Captain Shoat, two; Captain Zinner, three; Captain Ray, four; Captain Meyer, five; Captain Harvey, six; Captain Ferdelman, seven; Captain Dawdle, eight, and Lieutenant Hartsell, nine.

Community Singing.

Before each lecture period the entire personnel joins in a rousing song. Private George Ryder is leader of the male chorus.

"Where do we go from here, boys, is one of the favorite tunes for the song saturnalia.

Other songs which are called for when Private Ryder asks for favorite numbers are "Good-Bye, Broadway, Hello, France," "Over There" and "There's a Long, Long Trail."

"If the Germans could only hear them sing," said a member of the old detachment on Thursday morning, when the strains of "There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight," crashed from the Y. M. C. A. hall.

Two Lectures.

There are two lectures daily for the officers of the newly formed unit and one lecture each morning for the enlisted men.

The morning class from 10 o'clock until 11 o'clock is for both the officers and enlisted men. Colonel Page or one of the medical assistants delivers the lecture. The subjects deal with phases of hygiene, sanitation, infectious and curable diseases, practical medical problems with which the men will have to deal across the sea.

From 2:30 until 3:30 each afternoon the officers attend a class on medical complications. The lecture or quiz is conducted by officers of the detachment, who deal with subjects upon which they have specialized.

French Class.

All the men are expected to know some French. The officers under Captain Meyer, who have been following a volunteer course for several weeks have a fair knowledge of the language already. They can converse quite fluently in French.

The French classes are on between 3:30 and 4 o'clock each afternoon. Captain Meyer is conducting two classes for officers during the day, as he has taken on an evening class for officers who have not followed the course.

Sergeant Pindat is in charge of the

MISS ICE WATER

HEALTH ORDER ALSO BARS MILK AND ICE CREAM.

Ice water with our meals is a half forgotten luxury since the order prohibiting the use of ice in water has been placed into effect. The officers, nurses and enlisted men have suffered alike as in no case is ice to be used in water or in direct contact in cooling any other liquid in Camp Greene.

Patients of the hospital also miss their milk ration, which was furnished upon purchase at the post canteen, as no milk is allowed to be brought into the camp. The mess halls are able to make limited use of the liquids by importing condensed milk.

No ice cream from Charlotte is coming into the camp. Ice cream cones were very popular at the canteens and the frozen cream was one of the dainty parts of the Sunday dinner at the hospital.

Fruit is being substituted for ice cream on the mess menu. The extensive use of fruits in hospital rations is being encouraged by officers because of the health value of the natural food. Berries and watermelons have added to the dinners for three days of the past week.

Camp officers hold that care in the use of all food matter cannot be overdrawn at this season of the year. Since ice is very apt to hold germs and since the precautions in treating milk and preparing ice creams in Charlotte have not been thoroughly investigated the ban will be held against these products until camp officers are assured that they can be no possible source of illness.

The bill of fare at the U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Greene, was not altogether wrecked by the "no ice nor milk" order, as the following menu for Sunday dinner will show:

Roast beef,
Mashed potatoes,
Brown gravy,
Spiral grass,
Cucumbers,
Cocoanut cake,
Pears,
Lemonade,
Plenty of bread.

TEN-DAY LEAVE.

Privates Jack Peldger, Francis Mills, Roy Evans and John Woodman left on last Sunday for ten-day furloughs.

beginners' class of enlisted men.

The work of shaping up the Base Hospital No. 54 outfit is having telling effect as was evidenced by the showing of all the men at the weekly inspection, last Saturday morning.

Colonel Page was much pleased by their appearance.

"I have been inspecting companies for twenty-one years and I have seldom looked upon a better group," was the colonel's comment.

Captain Thomas J. Nelan, whose work as detachment commander has been the cause for favorable comment, gives much credit to the non-commissioned officers of the body, who have been working hard at the drill and instruction courses.

BOYS AND BOOKS

BASE HOSPITAL LIBRARIAN GIVES HER IMPRESSIONS.

Marie Fox Wait knows the wants of folks as well as she knows books. The way she has scented the spirit of the U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Greene, in the month and a half that she has been stationed here is portrayed in the following article written by the librarian herself.

The question has been asked, "What do the soldiers read?" The answer is, "Everything." Why not? They read the books they like; those that suit them. Wearing khaki does not affect their literary taste or their lack of it.

The army is composed of "all sorts and conditions of men, and a librarian realizes how greatly tastes differ. There is a demand for "kid" books as well as for the classics. The reader of Alger, Optic and Henty must have books suited to his mental development and can not be expected to enjoy Henry, James, Ibsen and Macaulay.

Pajamas and bath robes are effective disguises and even an officer's uniform is no indication of the literature he reads. It is only after conversation, when by voice, manner and language there has been some revelation of the individual, that it is safe to recommend a book.

The library is thoroughly appreciated. During the first weeks some expression of pleasure and satisfaction was heard every day, showing that there had been a need for just such a place of rest and recreation. After two months, its benefits and pleasures are more taken for granted, but the fact that some men come every day and some several times each day is proof that this collection of books is not only helping to while away the tedium of days of convalescence, but that this enforced waiting by the roadside has added to their fund of knowledge.

Of course, the books of fiction are most in demand. Patients in a hospital wish for something to pass the time and the easiest method to accomplish this seems to be the reading of an absorbing story. Detective and mystery tales are very popular. Adventure stories are never long on the shelves. Zane Grey, Rex Beach, Robert W. Chambers, Jack London, Oppenheim, McCutcheon and Harold Bell Wright are constantly in circulation. But there are many other tastes and even the Harvard classics receive their share of attention. Requests have been made for the Greek philosophers and the works of Shakespeare are frequently read.

Some Study.

Not all reading is done for amusement. There are many men whose belief in preparedness is most practical. They realize that this spare time can be put to real use in fitting them for greater skill in their work

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