

ALWAYS READY**BASE HOSPITAL PROUD OF ITS
FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM.**

"Always ready to answer the call, Though wild flames leap and timbers fall."

So runs one of the half-forgotten melodies written about the deeds of a crew of city firemen. We claim that it would also hold for the fire fighters of the base hospital as they have always been on the job and are ready to answer any alarm on the minute.

There are five firemen who live in the hospital fire house although every detachment soldier answers the alarm for action when the big gongs ring at stations about the hospital. By timing the false alarm runs it is found that eight minutes is the average time required for two hundred men to reach the seat of a hospital blaze and to have one stream of hose drowning the flames.

Lieutenant C. F. Harvey, Jr., who has succeeded Captain Harold Carney as fire chief of the base hospital is drawing up a new set of fire drill rules which will be announced in The Caduceus of next week.

The fire station, standing in the shadow of the hospital water tower, has been in service since last October. New equipment has been added at intervals since that time, however.

The latest improvement is the installing of two large chemical drums, which stand at the head of A and C rows. The twenty-gallon force tanks are mounted on wheels and can be drawn along the runways to the location of the fire.

Four gongs and two sirens are now ready to sound fire alarms and bring the men running from wards and offices at the first shrill call.

There are twenty fire plugs distributed over the hospital grounds. Each fire plug is marked by a red lantern by night. During the winter the pipe was covered by a big red box in order to keep the pipe from freezing. Lieutenant Harvey has arranged for the turning off of the wa-

COLORED MEN HERE**BIDDLE UNIVERSITY WILL BE SO-
CIAL CENTER.**

Nearly 2,000 colored men have been brought to Camp Greene during the past week, most of the men arriving on Tuesday. The new arrivals are nearly all draft men and seventy of that number are from Mecklenburg county. It is expected that 4,000 colored men may be brought to the camp and six times that number of white men.

Biddle University, just outside of Charlotte, and one of the best known colleges for colored people in the south, is to be a social center for the colored troops, it is planned. A house next to the colored people's library on South Brevard street has been rented by the Soldiers' Club for a club house for colored soldiers.

TRAINING FOR OFFICER.

Sergeant Arthur C. Fay, who was transferred to Markleton, Pa., from the base hospital two weeks ago is now at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., where he is in the officers' training camp.

ter beneath the ground surface and therefore making the use of the coverings useless. With the box cover gone a coupling can be made a half minute sooner, it is reasoned.

Members of the regular fire force see to it that all lanterns are lighted at night and that apparatus is ready for instantaneous use. These men leave the station only for their meals and on the one day in five when they are at liberty.

Corporal Arthur Overly is in charge of the station men since Sergeant Wentworth Files is called to Officers' Training Camp. Private John Booth is the only member of the force who was a regular fireman in civilian life. He answered the calls in New Haven, Conn., from the No. 5 station before the war opened. Corporal Herbert Freeman and John Doyle are other members of the hospital crew.

FAREWELL LETTER**FIFTY-FOUR SERGEANT VOICES
THANKS.**

With the knowledge that the Base Hospital No. 54 outfit is soon to be ordered away, Sergeant J. R. Hoffman has submitted a farewell letter of thanks to the men of the medical supply department for their efficient services in aiding the soldiers of Base Hospital No. 54.

"Our best wishes and many thanks to the M. S. D. for their kind remarks and good fellowship, they have shown towards the members of Base Hospital 54.

"We can only hope to meet as clean cut an organization over there, who instead of trying to find our faults will only see our good points.

"We will all disregard personal grievances and pull together, as every American citizen is duty bound to do at this time.

"When we arrive 'over there' we all expect to have our hair clipped short and sincerely hope to meet the type of men that you represent.

"The members of Base Hospital No. 54 are in this war to do their bit, they have all passed the physical exams. for overseas service and are proud of it and their non-commissioned officers, especially those who have lately been transferred from the old detachment and have helped to build up this base hospital.

"We do not need a long crop of hair at present and don't expect to shine in any more society until the job over there is finished.

"Our best wishes to all the men that we leave behind.

"Good-bye."

—By Sergt. J. R. Hoffman.

LABORATORY AID.

Private S. V. McCullough, transferred to the base hospital from the Aviation section Signal Corps, is the latest addition to the laboratory force. He is acting assistant in the bacteriological department.

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