

FIRE DRILL

HOSPITAL PERSONNEL TURNS OUT STRONG.

Despite the intense heat of Monday afternoon when the fire call sounded at 2 o'clock, the men instantly left their duties and dashed headlong for the fire house; where they were assigned to the various pieces of apparatus, which were rapidly rushed to the scene of the supposed fire in convalescing barracks No. 4, near the nurses' home.

Although there was some slight confusion at the fire house the men did very well as a whole, what little interruption occurred arising from the over anxiety of the boys to do their best and in so attempting were not as observant of the rules of discipline as was possible.

"That is one failing that should be overcome," said Fire Marshal Harvey to the boys later on, "for there is nothing that so upsets the efficiency of a fire-fighting organization as the lack of the proper discipline."

It is interesting to note the vast improvement shown by the men since they were called upon to fight the threatening and disastrous fire that destroyed the laboratory and operating room on December 31 last. On that occasion the men were compelled to dash madly into the very path of the flames with axes and chemicals to arrest the further advance of that all destroying element fire. The fact that they were successful in saving

CITED FOR BRAVERY

FOURTH ENGINEERS IN THICK OF THE FRAY.

Official despatches from Gen. Pershing Thursday, contained the names of Lt. L. F. Mail, E Co., Capt. J. P. Growden, F C., and Maj. Newcomer, in command of the second battalion, or the Fourth U. S. Engineers, cited for bravery under heavy fire.

Lt. Mail, under heavy machine gun fire, succeeded in laying large planks, as a foundation to a temporary bridge, across the Vesle river.

West of Fismes, Major Newcomer and Capt. Growden felled a tree on the South bank, which spanned the Vesle; then crossing to the North bank, they felled another which reached the South bank, thus forming stringers for a temporary foot bridge. All this was done in the zone of intense fighting and during daylight.

These men were in Camp Greene for four months. Lt. Mail will be remembered as having charge of the two companies who constructed the stretch of cinder road from the Administration Building to the Tuckasee road.

the remainder of the hospital is one that caused many praising comments from the press and the officers of the hospital at that time and no doubt Lieutenant Harvey is well pleased to have an organization which has actually withstood the test and faced the flames, under his immediate control.

SUNSHINE LETTER

The following extract is taken from the daily newspaper of Sedalia, Missouri:

"G. A. Smith, living on Route 7, Sedalia, is home from Camp Greene, North Carolina, where he was called by the illness of his son, George, a member of the Fourth Company, Third Motor Mechanic regiment, who was stricken with pneumonia.

"Mr. Smith found his son in a hospital, surrounded by the best, with attendants who gave him every possible attention. He left his son much improved, out of danger and on the road to recovery.

"Mr. Smith was impressed with the surroundings at the hospital and the careful attention the officers gave the boys.

"My boy received better attention than he could have been given at home, and it equalled that at public and private hospitals in cities," concluded Mr. Smith."

BREAKING



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