

**IMPORTANT FACTORS**

**CAMP PAPERS SPEAK FOR THE BEST IN SOLDIER'S LIFE.**

"Every encouragement should be given to the soldier papers which are arising to voice the life of the men in khaki," Secretary of War Baker is credited with saying when interviewed concerning the establishing of a soldier press in several camps.

"As a war aid the camp newspapers are destined to prove a most important factor in building up the great American armies," states Lieutenant L. R. Fairall, U. S. A., editor of The Camp Dodger of Camp Dodge, Iowa, in an interview from The New York Times.

"The power of the soldier press is growing every day," continues Lieutenant Fairall. "The men of the different division are accepting their beliefs and creeds in no small part from their newspapers. What the reliable camp journals say the soldiers of those camps think and do. I believe I am safe in saying that the camp newspaper will loom as one of the greatest factors in building our American army before the war is over. The best of the camp papers speak for the best in the soldier's life.

"The people back home are receiving unbounded comfort and camp education from these soldier papers. They learn that the soldier's life is not one round of dull monotony, dreary labor and dread.

"It is only natural that the soldiers should call attention to these camp papers of theirs. The result has been that for every two papers sold in our camps, a third one goes to relatives or friends 'back home.' This has opened for the cantonment press another field—the opportunity to link more closely together the camps and those communities from which the selected men have been drawn. This has been done in a hundred and one ways.

"The government has learned to know the benefits of the camp papers and so has given every impetus to the enlisted men to establish and operate these periodicals. Returns to the government are in the aids in the sale of Liberty bonds, which is estimated as being in millions of dollars from the help of camp papers last fall. The papers reach a spot which outside speakers can never find. The military insurance campaign is another instance of soldier press aid. The fact that the War Department has reported almost every soldier as insured for from \$5,000 to \$10,000 is a testimonial to this work.

"This is just a glimpse into what our new military press is doing. It must be remembered that all these papers are still in their infancy, and that their greatest field for service their greatest story lies in the future. This war has developed many new things for the army. And when it is all over, military historians will find that one of the most powerful forces in developing the much-boasted morale of our Yankee army was the soldier press."

There are now more than fifty camp newspapers in the United States.

There are only two big camps in the country in which the soldiers do

**LOST HIS BET**

**AMERICAN GUNNER DID NOT FAIL TO HIT SUB.**

Captain O'Neil, of near Gastonia, has kept open house for the soldiers since the artillery range was established in that region. One of the lads who used to enjoy the hospitality of Captain O'Neil has written a letter to his former host and the missive was forwarded to The Caduceus.

In the letter which was written sometime in June and "Somewhere on the Atlantic," Wagoner Richard E. Smith, of Field Hospital No. 33, which was stationed at Camp Greene for several weeks, writes of an incident in meeting a submarine:

"One of the crew was illustrating the difference between American troops and those of other countries. He was a cockney Britisher and his story amused us. He told it for the truth.

"He said that when a bunch of soldiers from any other land but America were coming over that they would run for life preservers when they sighted a sub. He was on one ship with the "Sammies" when a U-boat heaved in sight.

"Do you know that those blokes run around and everybody tried to get a good seat for watching. Then the bloomin' fools begin to bet on whether the gunner got the sub or whether the submarine would get us.

"One lad lays a two to one bet that our gunner would not hit the submarine and when the gunner hit the conning tower the Yank cursed his luck in losing the the bet.

not publish a journal of one sort or another. Some divisions have gone so far as to recognize two rival publications. All the others boast of at least one, generally published weekly. The size ranges from eight pages in the weaker organs to twelve and sixteen where the support has been stronger.

It is but justice that we state that The Caduceus, which has been published less than three months, has come to be recognized as one of the strongest of America's camp papers. The Caduceus has probably wielded a more potent power among the citizenry of its camp district than any other like periodical, as it is found in hundreds of homes in every city surrounding Camp Greene.

Newspaper men of this section have given The Caduceus a full share of the credit in breaking the power of any attempts at German propaganda in the region of the training camp. The Caduceus has been stone blind to any virtue in the Teuton system of efficiency and to the glory of the Superman.

More than 100 copies of The Caduceus are carrying their "we are back of you" message to soldiers in France.

To those who have been reading the base hospital magazine since its first issue we wish to state that we have lost none of our zeal in striving towards that high calling of strengthening of the morale of the Camp Greene soldiers and to aiding the cause of world wide justice.

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