



## OFFICER'S PAGE



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## SEES LONG SERVICE

## LIEUT. MCKNIGHT A SOLDIER OF MANY YEARS.

Following a precedent that seems to exist among all long-service men, First Lieutenant Marion F. McKnight, our new assistant adjutant, wears not a single service pin or a single glistening medal, although during his many years with Uncle Sam he has acquired several of both.

Lieutenant McKnight first enlisted on February 24, 1899, at Asheland, Ky., and since that date he has seen continuous service 'neath the Stars and Stripes, having been stationed at the greater part of all the larger posts in the middle and far western United States, exclusive of his eleven years in the Philippine Islands.

Among the posts where Lieutenant McKnight has served we find in chronological order: Anniston, Ala.; Cuba, where he spent 15 months; two years in the Philippines; Fort Thomas, Ky.; Columbus, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; and back to the Philippines in 1903, where he remained until 1912. During this period he saw service with three different regiments of infantry, the second, third and the fourteenth. In 1912 he transferred to the medical corps and rapid promotion followed. On August 2, 1917, he received his commission as first lieutenant in the sanitary corps, national army.

Lieutenant McKnight is considered by his many friends to be an authority on phases of life in the Philippines.

When questioned regarding his most thrilling experience, the lieutenant was rather uncertain but concluded that it occurred when he was a mere recruit and was engaged in his first battle.

This happened on January 31, 1901, at Uson Island of Masbate, P. I., between the Insurrectos and Company M of the second United States infantry. It seems that the lieutenant was a private then, was on guard at the time, nervously walking his post amid the crackling underbrush of the tropical islands. The sky overhead was gradually changing from an inky black to a foreboding gray when from amongst the thick forest behind him and from the Uson Bay before him rang the sharp and defiant yell of the charging Philipinos. The din was fearful, antique spears and poisoned darts filling the air

The young recruit was badly startled and ran for the center of the encampment discharging his piece as he ran. The detachment was aroused and succeeded in repelling the attack with little difficulty, only one man being wounded.

On his first trip to the "Islands" one



LIEUT. MARION F. MCKNIGHT. of the passengers on the same vessel was his present commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Renn, who was then a surgeon with that organization.

## INCREASE FAMILY.

The Base Hospital family has been increased this week by the arrival of Captain Robert M. Jones and Lieutenant Leslie J. Atkins, both of the M. R. C.

Captain Jones, whose home is in New York City, was graduated from the New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1896, served as interne in the Rochester Homeopathic Hospital, and for a number of years has been engaged in nose and throat work in New York City, being a nattering laryngologist and rhinologist at the New York Ophthalmic Hospital.

Lieutenant Atkins, who comes from Olean, N. Y., is a graduate of the University of Buffalo, '17, and an ex-interne of the Buffalo General Hospital. He was commissioned a 1st Lieutenant June 24, 1918. Camp Green is the first station for both Captain Jones and Lieutenant Atkins.

## WILL DIRECT UNIT.

Lieutenant Dean Cornwall, M. C., whose splendid work for many months in the laboratory of our Base Hospital has caused him to be highly regarded by his fellow officers, has been ordered to the Brady laboratory of the Yale Medical School at New Haven, Conn., where he is to organize and direct a mobile laboratory unit.

Lieutenant Cornwall will be greatly missed by all at Camp Greene, not only because of his extraordinary ability but for the many other fine qualities that made him popular. He has our best wishes.

## SEVEN HOT MILES.

Lieutenant Vernonr Condon has gone to Camp Wadsworth, at Spartanburg, S. C., where he is attached to the 61st Pioneer Infantry.

He writes that he is seven hot miles from town and that the only visible means of locomotion is his two feet and a very infrequent jitney. Lieutenant Condon has been succeeded as officer obstetrician of the Camp Greene Base Hospital by Captain George Washington Conterno, M. R. C.

## PLENTY OF 'EM.

Capt. John H. White, known to some of us as "Uncle John," writes from Camp Greenleaf that he has no complaint concerning any lack of work and that he has had enough lame muscles to do for a pair of twits.