

## HONORS THE DAY

FRIDAY WAS "FOURTH OF JULY FOR ITALIANS.

The gay flags of Italy floated from three staffs to Camp Greene on Friday in honor of Italian Independence day. The dignified symbols of green, red, white, and blue, which dangled just below "Old Glory" at the camp library, the nurses home of the base hospital and the base hospital Y. M. C. A. had been made by Miss Marie Fox Wait, the base hospital librarian, who receives the occasion for any form of patriotic demonstration with enthusiasm.

Camp Greene received no notification to keep the day and activities in camp were carried on as usual. There were several dinner parties by the Italian soldiers in the camp however. Camp Greene holds 700 soldiers who are from Italy or first descendants from families who came from Italy.

September, 20 is the anniversary of the occasion when Ferdinand marched into Rome and thereby made that province a part of the Italian government and insured a united Italy. The date of the taking of Rome is 1870 and the capture of the city was made possible by the withdrawal of the French garrison because of the activities of the Franco-Prussian war.

There was an inspiration in flags, with their dignified cross of Sevoy and the dark blue border of the Italian coat of arms as the flag of our allies floated beneath our own in the camp. Miss Wait had taken much care in preparing the banners and the result was a work of neatest order. The waving symbol spoke of another unconquerable people who have met the reverses of the great war with a fortitude that means sure defeat when the men of all free lands are banded for the final blow to tyranny.

## ON GUARD.

Cpls. Dempsey and Sullivan are now in charge of two of the guard shifts. The 4 to 12 relief being in the hands of Dempsey and the 8 to 4 shift is responsible to Sullivan.

## NEW TOP SERGEANT

LIEUT. DEMPSEY SUCCEEDED BY CHESTER F. LEIGHTON.

It is not without a knowledge of our whims and excuses and general misfortunes that Hospital Sergeant Chester F. Leighton comes to the power of top sergeant of the base hospital detachment. He had served a credible apprenticeship as duty sergeant under the present Lieut. P. J. Dempsey in the days before our men began putting on bars.

Our new "top kicker" hails from Maine and there is every show of that ruggedness in his bearing. He sits a horse as easily as he consigns an unfortunate to the fatigue gang. But Hospital Sergeant Leighton is not all roughness and gives every promise of making the best use of his knowledge of men and military.

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Top Sergeant Leighton was a sophomore student in the University of Maine when he enlisted in the army at the outbreak of the war. He was

## MORE FREE RIDES.

A committee of Charlotte women have been organized by the war camp community service for the purpose of giving convalescent sick and wounded soldiers of Camp Greene automobile rides. Arrangements have been made with hospital authorities to send cars for patients on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. When driving convalescent soldiers committee members' cars will bear the insignia of the war camp community service.

## TO TEACH GAS WARFARE.

Lieut. E. D. Gilmer, headquarters' staff corps, has arrived at Camp Greene to act as instructor in gas warfare. He expects to begin at once drilling the men in offensive and defensive tactics of this new but highly important part of modern war.

## THREE MORE BACK.

Sgt. Hyneman, Cpl. Grabovsky and Pvt. Nikrant are all with us again after spending their furloughs in their respective homes, the two former in Massachusetts and the latter in Indiana.

called to active service at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., on August 13, 1917, and arrived at Camp Greene on October 5th. He was made a sergeant on November 22nd and sent to the Third Officers' Training Camp at Oglethorpe, Ga. On August 19th he became Hospital Sergeant Leighton and for a week has been in charge of the detachment.

"I am very much pleased to have an opportunity to act in this capacity," said our new Top Sergeant when interviewed by a Caduceus representative on the day of his appointment. "I feel the responsibility of following in the wake of one who has so ably performed these duties for a year as P. J. Dempsey has done. I hope to have the whole support of the entire detachment. With the help of all it is my ambition to help in keeping up the record for efficiency which this detachment has established."



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