



SALUTE GOLD STAR.

Public Forum Editor:

I want to add a word to the general movement for saluting the gold star in the service flags. I think that every civilian should uncover his head when he passes a service flag bearing one of the gold stars and every soldier should respectfully salute.

Nothing would help those who have given up their loved ones like this visible and continued show of reverence from the public. Such a tribute is but due to the memory of those who have glorified their country by their sacrifice. I hope the practice is inaugurated for the duration of the war at least and wish that The Caduceus readers would be the first to adopt that attention in this region.

—A Patriot.

SERVICE STRIPES.

The Caduceus:

The appearance of several men who have recently returned from service overseas and the conspicuousness of their foreign service emblem reminded me again of something that has bothered me for some time.

Personally, I enlisted in an organization for overseas service soon after war was declared and an unfortunate trend of events has resulted in my being stationed here at the hospital for about a year. I have made several successful attempts to transfer to a foreign service outfit but no I seemed to remain here scheduled for domestic service. Here I am a member of the regular army not a conscript and obliged to stand by and see men who were drafted and went unwillingly to France return home emblazoned with their blue or gold "Vs."

When I object they tell me that I am doing my share here and possibly even more than I could do on the other side, now if that is the case I shall try to be content but am I not entitled to some form of service emblem?

Does not my experience of 16 months service the privilege of wearing an insignia showing their period of service and are not the men in the army entitled to a similar privilege.

If I am of greater value here than across why not give me some recognition? I do not ask for a foreign service "V" but why not an inverted "V" or a triangle or something of that nature for six month's service here in the U. S. A.?

Sgt. L. ——— Base Hospital.

Thos ardent prohibitionists probably will be pleased to learn that the Canal du Nord is also bone dry.

DON'T NEED VIRGIL.

The Caduceus,
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For The Public Forum:

The columns of your paper presents to me for the first time the opportunity of expressing my opinion on a certain matter that has been in my mind for some time and to still do so through a military medium.

The subject in question is the product of the so-called officers' training camp.

The line organizations of the army today are flooded with what are termed among the men as ninety-day-heroes, men who have graduated from a course of three months' intensive training in infantry work for example and are considered qualified to train men who have been in the service for years and years and while these enlisted men may not be college graduates, expert lawyers or qualified architects they are SOLDIERS and I ask you which of the two classes are we in need of; the polished business man or the trained and seasoned soldier?

True, our enlisted man may not be able to solve complicated problems in algebra or translate at length from Virgil, but are those qualifications necessary to take a trench from the hands of the war-maddened Hun? How about the man who licked Moros in Luzon, or helped to defeat Huerta at Vera Cruz, mayhap he never heard of Keats or Shelley but can he handle a Springfield? Decidedly yes!

Now, from a standpoint of "world-wide justice" which of the two men is the better qualified to lead the boys to perhaps their last earthly conflict, the individual who KNOWS the army and its methods as a result of three months at a training camp or the man who has lived the army life, fought in its battles and studied the regulations for one enlistment of four years or more?

—R. H. G. 122nd Infantry.

WHY NOT MORE.

For The Forum:

While it is rather unusual I will admit, still I think that I can honestly state that I have seen fully five of Charlotte's automobiles with the legend "A lift for a soldier as far as I go."

Possibly the experience of a friend of mine who started to walk from Hoskins to Charlotte may explain it. He had proceeded about a half mile or so when a large Buick with a lady and gentleman in it pulled up beside him and asked if he wanted a lift. Naturally he accepted as soon as he recovered his senses and in the course of conversation with the kind driver casually mentioned that he was the first person from the South who had offered to carry a soldier free. The gentleman smiled and said that he was sorry but that he hailed from Pennsylvania.

This is a sad condition that seems to exist either in actuality or in the minds of the men at camp, isn't there some remedy? I wonder!

F. K. H. Camp Greene.

Medical Men!

When in town going from Square to Soldiers Club for dancing, stop and see

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Next to K of G.

The former owners of the company street canteen. In their new

FRUIT STAND

You will find

Fancy Fruits Cigars
Soft Drinks Cigarettes
Candy Cakes, Etc.

Besides

RIGHT TREATMENT
AND
PROMT SERVICE

JUST SAY

"To Hell with
the Kaiser!"

Then go to the

OTTOWAY
THEATRE
TODAY

BUT

GET

THERE

EARLY!