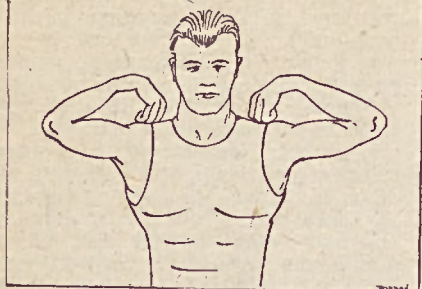


## RECONSTRUCTION



WARD E-3 (A FIGHTING FAMILY)

(By Ray J. Derwort)

Corporal Stocking, a patient of this ward, surely hails from a fighting family, and one that is the arch enemy of "kaiserism." The father, Fred A. Stocking, Sr., is in the navy, an electrician, sergeant first class, and in charge of the government radio station at Ketchikan, Alaska. A brother, Corporal Fred A. Stocking, Jr., is a member of the 33rd service squadron, signal corps, which was in the Marne drive of July. First Class Shellman Theodore J. Stocking is also in the navy, present station and address unknown but when last heard from was at Lima, Peru, South America, with Admiral Simms' fleet. Bernard A. Stocking is a corporal of the 116th headquarters train military police but was unable to go "overseas" with that organization on account of sickness incurred just prior to their departure. The youngest brother, Raymond J. Stocking, is but 17 years of age, yet he has been rejected twice on account of his age. He tried to enlist in the Canadian army after failing to get into the U. S. army but his age barred him. We think this is rather a unique distinction for a family to hold on account of the fact that all are volunteers. One cannot but admire the spirit that impelled a mother to give up three sons and husband that "Might" shall not be the ruler of our destinies.

### WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Just a bit of poetry that was copied from a newspaper which seems to be worth passing on:

#### Your Service Star.

1. Halt, lift up your eyes, salute that star.
2. It tells that a man has gone to war.
3. It tells of a mother's love and tears.
4. It tells of a father's hopes and fears.
- It tells of a sister's broken heart.
- It tells of a brother doing his part.
7. It tells of a sweetheart's sacrifice.
8. It tells of hell and paradise.
9. It tells of a man who has gone to war.
10. Halt, lift your head, salute that star.

### ODD LOTS.

Without doubt this ward has the oldest platoon in the army. Here you find most every branch of the service that is incorporated in the army. Hat cords of all hues and colors grace the headgear of these men and the service of the different members are just as different. One patient's service dates from the original enlistment in the marine corps in 1896 while another has been a soldier but a few weeks and still wears the clothing of a civilian. They hail from most every state and a few were born in the old country. The following branches of the service are represented: Infantry, cavalry, medical department, signal corps, aviation, motor macks and Q. M. corps. Can you beat that? If you can let us hear from you.

### TOUCHED FOR HIS ROLL.

One of our departing patients, Private Payne, was unfortunately touched for his roll amounting to \$65 and his government transportation to Garden City, L. I. That's hard luck, Payne, "Sure Nough."

### CHANGES OF THE WEEK.

Arrivals: Thompson, Jones, Stocking, Uhl, Boyd, Hopkins, Walter, Eellicetti Jones D. E., Herndon and Kentner.

Departures: Payne DeGroat, Handel, Lambert, Ketchem, Skalecki, Swanberg, Gaberman, Wetterholm and Hoffenberg.

### JUST AMERICANS.

You must not call them Sammies,  
You should not call them Yanks,  
And if you call them Doughboys,  
Loud laughter splits their ranks.  
You will not call them Buddies,  
And when on Kultur's track  
You need not call them forward,  
You cannot call them back.  
—London Chronicle.

### FOR THE KAISER.

Lieut. Wm. H. Scheukel had a squad of men, near the Dowd house Saturday, digging a hole. When asked by a curious passerby what the hole was being dug for one of the workmen replied: "This is the kaiser's grave," and the conversation closed.—Trench and Camp.

### MEDICAL SUPPLY.

Captain Darling is very grateful to Sergeant Dave Brill for allowing him to go horseback riding Tuesday evening on the captain's own horse. Better luck, next time, Dave.

The boys are welcoming another addition to the enlisted personnel in the person of "Jac," our new mascot. It took a high bid to beat out the quartermaster corps but everyone knows the financial resources of the M. S. D.

And now's an opportunity  
To tell you here in verse—  
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For butter or for worse.  
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