



TRUE SOLDIERS

Mr. Editor:—

Kindly allow me space in your paper to say a few words of commendation in behalf of the members of this detachment who volunteered their services to help in the wards Wednesday night.

When Sergeant Wm. E. Wright let it be known Wednesday afternoon that he was going to be short of help for the night shift, without a moment's wait the following men offered their services, despite the fact that they had been at their regular duties all day and would have to take up the same next morning: Sergeants Woolard, C. O. V. Johnson, MacNish, Wright and Corporals Clement, Johnson, Lyons, Donley and Mahn. Privates Arthur F. Hart, Trott, Carver, Albert, Mills, Herbert, Anderson, Choate and Batchelor.

No doubt others would have offered had they known of the existing shortage, but with the above added to the regular night force the number was complete.

While this in itself may seem a small thing, I think it shows the spirit that is embedded into the members of this detachment. Their spirit of willingness, at all times, is the first thing that impresses a "New-Comer." During my short stay here I have noticed, more than once, a member of this detachment called on for extra duty, but have yet to hear one complaint. "Willingness to do at all times" seems to be their motto and while they may never get to show this willingness in "Going over the top," I am sure, if given the chance, they will do their duty with bandages and litters in "No Man's Land."

And allow me to say that this same spirit must prevail in our Sister unit, Base Hospital No. 92. Private John Doyle, who is with us on detached service, from that unit, and who had worked in Ward all day, (and those who had any connection with a Base Hospital know what a day in a ward means) upon being notified of the shortage of help, refused to leave the ward at six o'clock but gladly offered his services for the night shift along with the other boys.

And let us not forget the other members of the detachment who are working regularly in the ward and kitchens. Despite the fact that their work has more than doubled in the last week, we have yet to hear a word of complaint. Instead, they all show that same spirit of willingness and no doubt stand ready to volunteer for extra service should the occasion arise.

From all reports this same spirit of willingness is imbedded into all of

Uncle Sam's Boys and no doubt will soon be best able to tell how hard it is to overcome. He will have to admit "That it can't be done."

Trusting that it may be my pleasure to serve with the boys of this detachment "Over There" where all are so anxious to be and where no doubt this spirit of willingness will be shown even more, may I say, beautiful than it has here, I am,

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HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANS.

We are at war! A war that is felt in every house, in every home; a war that had to be, that had to be met and to be met either with the life, blood or money of every single person living within the jurisdiction and territory of these United States. There is just one degree of patriotism, it is the kind that is four-square in Americanism, full in measure, honest in purpose and without stint, evasion or self-limit as to absolute allegiance to the principles, purposes and aims of the government of the United States of America.

We are at war, and there is no place, no room in these United States for the doubter, for the half-hearted, spineless apologizer, for the 50-50 American, for the weak, sneak worm who listens with wet eyes to the sniffling fatherlander who is ever ready to criticize the government at Washington.

We are at war, and from the womb of this conflict will be born unto the people of these United States a child of freedom and love, baptized in the blood of the best of our youth, sobered by a knowledge of the worth of citizenship and endowed with a determination to see that right, justice, equality before the law is placed so high on the altar of citizenship that the polluted hands of the demagogue and fanatic can not reach and defile this covenant.

We are at war! "Thrice is he armed who has his quarrel just, and he but naked, though locked up in steel, whose conscience with injustice is corrupted."

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