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BUYING NOW

With the lifting of the quarantine there will be a revived era of whole-sale shopping in the cities near the training camps. It is the last hour for Christmas buying for the boys away from home.

The Caduceus will carry the advertisements of firms which have reliable military goods or gifts with the military touch. It will be well to consider the business displays of the Charlotte merchants before buying.

THE WARD SURGEON

IS A TOLERABLY BUSY MAN.

What is a ward surgeon?

He is the person that is responsible for the correctness of the Morning Report and the Contagious Report. He must also see that all patients receive proper diet, take the histories of all admitted and is responsible for the Clinical Records; also responsible for effects of all patients admitted, especially when they die.

He notifies the adjutant of all patients seriously ill, with correct name and address of nearest relative and thereafter reports the condition of said patient each morning. The Ward Surgeon must see that there is no smoking in the ward, that ward, bath rooms, kitchens, etc., are clean.

He is responsible for his nurses and orderlies (including the night man, who is apt to be some pest that has been fired from every ward in the hospital.)

He makes rounds with the Chief of Service, and gives the patients his best care and attention, including advice as to how to get his money into the Registrar's safe, how to clean his teeth and how to run his family at home. He also tells the patients that he cannot get them a furlough. There is also a Monthly Report, a monthly report of all cases in hospital two months or more and a ward muster roll on the last day of the month.

He reports leaks, broken doors, etc., to the Q. M. Once in a great while the Sanitary Officer stops in to tell him that there is an extra blade of grass growing out in the back yard.

If there is any time left he spends it studying any case that may be of interest, but usually in trying to figure out who borrowed, destroyed, lost the medical and quartermaster supplies that he signed for.

Try it some time and see if you can keep busy.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

When ever you're discouraged,
And feel so awfully blue,
Just stop and think of others,
That are more discouraged than you.

When ever you are lonesome,
And feel you haven't a friend,
Just smile and be happy
Then angels will attend.

When ever you need money,
And feel that you are broke,
Just stop and think of others,
That could hardly buy a smoke.

When ever you are sick,
And feel you're bound to die,
Console yourself by believing,
You'll meet others in the sky.

Now when ever you are idle,
And have nothing to peruse,
Just scan the poetry,
And a motto try to choose.

But if you find it difficult,
My writing to depict,
Just stop and think of others,
That are in your same fix.

By E. E.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE SERVICE

What if Germany should surrender today?

Would our obligations stop short? Would all the price we owe the boys who stepped out for the honor of freedom be paid in the hour which ends the war?

Military leaders estimate that at least twelve months will be needed to get our brave lads back on Freedom's soil when Junker power has crumbled.

That must be a year through which every promise we made the sacrificing fathers and mothers and our fighting youth on that day when the strongest marched away must be kept in full.

The care we have taken of every soldier on that long way from his front door to far-away France must not slacken until he is brought back to home again—and brought back clean.

Peace furies must not be allowed to delay or interfere with the gigantic War Work Campaign in which \$170,500,000 is to be raised during the week of November, 11-18.

The Soldier's gymnasium, the Soldier's college and the Soldier's church, maintained by the seven societies of the Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Jewish Welfare Board, Salvation Army, Y. W. C. A. War Camp Community service and American Library Association, must be kept in full operation "till the boys come home." Until the last day of demobilization we must continue to give our soldiers as much as we can of home light and home warmth, helping them and heartening them, and promising that "somebody cares."

During the time that the soldiers are waiting their return to civilian life there will be much leisure time on their hands. They will not have the excitement and incitement of battle to stimulate their spirits and the intense activities of the war period to absorb their attention and utilize their time. Their temptations will be more numerous and persistent. There will be the tendency to let down the standards and relax discipline. These idle hours have been the greatest foe of every army that ever marched to war.

It is of the utmost importance that every plan be made for wise use of these leisure hours. There must be more football and baseball and wholesome outdoor games. There must be more picture shows and more books. There must be many more men and women carried over the sea to operate these theatres, schools, libraries, synagogues and churches.

Every penny of the money to be raised can be employed to make the period of demobilization one of growth in knowledge and working efficiency and of strengthening of character and life purposes.

Each one of us can have a part in the answer to the question—"Shall our men and boys come back to us weaker or stronger men?"