

## RECONSTRUCTION



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Who has an opinion of the Reconstruction Ward as solid gold bricks? Well, a visit to the Red Cross Building, on Wednesday afternoon will entirely change their opinion of them, when the visitor will notice them pulling and pushing an extraordinary heavy polisher on the floor, preparing it for the dance of the Medical enlisted personnel of disease fighters with sharpened hob-nails. We advise the dancers to use hob nail shoes, they prevent slipping and prevent another fall.

And when it comes to playing volley ball, leave it to the Reconstruction Ward. We are trimming all rivals and lastly played the colored men, with whom we have trifled and its not necessary to state the results of the game, for it would be very embarrassing to the colored men and possibly take all their ambition from them.

We also regret that we have lost two of our boys. Private Lebo and Private Petit being discharged from the service who participated in our games and were recognized as ancient gladiators.

Private Petit left with his leather leggins and a new garrison cap, let's hope that no M. P.'s will see him in Charlotte before he gets on the train or Private Petit will go home capless and legginless. When reaching his destination he said he will catch up with what he lost and get on good terms with all his former liquor dealers.

Private Lebo's only saying was, I'm willing to go home as a plain buck private and am very sorry that I did not fatten to the size of the clothes which were issued to me.

## SPECIAL.

When a stream of roars went flying over the hospital grounds, it was not for another German abdication or surrender, but was a warm welcome to Stocking who is the sunshine of Base Hospital, Camp Greene, N. C.

The Reconstruction Volley-Ball line-up. Captain, Sgt. Nierzwicki; Private Beck, Private Mundy, Private Seeger, Private Lobe. All challenges will be accepted by Sgt. Nierzwicki, Ward D-1.

## "JUST CHATS"

Sgt. Nierzwicki, possesses an ability of testing alcohol and no doubt would approve the old method of testing by his strong taste.

Stocking denies of using it but while being sick he was fortunate and received a few minims and now in his little heart hovers a flatter that it was certainly good.

Brandy, tells us he knows all about making alcohol and tells us what great advantage it is to make friends with men working in the distilleries.

Lyons, likes it but is afraid it would interfere with his heart.

Petit, dreams thru all nights of treating his friends and now and then gives a shout "proast."

Slovick, never uses it but is with us in the joking.

Lebo flatly denies he does not use it, simply because he hasn't got it.

Beck the tailor, said that a stronger poison kills a weaker one, and this holds good while sleaning clothes with gasoline a minim of alcohol positively kills a mimim of gasoline.

Mundy, knows every brand of alcohol. We don't think he was specializing in memorizing brands.

Pomoni, raised hops and wonders why N. Carolina does not raise it, for he could instruct them how to raise prize winning crops.

Seeger says, one good drink deserves another, but he doesn't remember the last one.

Love is afraid to express his desires.

Young upholds the Bone Dry Law, but little attention is paid to him for he's only young.

Norman will never touch it again. That is a very good resolution but it is customary to make resolutions only on New Year.

Sgt. Derwoat is not with us in the chat, but we all know that he is back once more in the country where everything is plenty.

## GET FURLOUGH.

The successful men in the rush for furloughs the past week were the following: Sgt. Perro who headed for Massachusetts; Pvt. Steinling started to West Virginia; Pvt. Pat Hughes to the Bay State; Pvt. Ray Wells to Rhode Island; Pvts Wicks and Lewis began their journey together to the wilds of New Hampshire, Pvt. Dick Mansfield left for Connecticut, Pvt. Arthur B. Wilson to Maine and Pvt. Lanoix returned to his home in tall timbers of Mass.

## AN APPRECIATION

## WORK OF THOMAS W. GARDNER IS PRAISED.

It was talked at the Red Cross building on last Friday night that Thomas W. Gardner, field director of the Red Cross at Camp Greene, and who holds a rank in that organization which would correspond to major in the army, is soon to retire from the Red Cross service.

Expressions of regret came from every member of the party of enlisted men who were gathered in front of the crackling fire of the big open fireplace at the time. They decided to form a committee and to draw up resolutions, which they felt are the sentiments of the entire body of the enlisted men of the U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Greene.

A member of the group, who was formerly an attorney, framed the following document of appreciation and which the other ten members of the party signed. Since it was agreed that the eulogy voices the opinion of all Camp Greene the document was submitted to The Caduceus for wider publication.

## THE STATEMENT.

"It is understood that the present Field Director of the American Red Cross, at Camp Greene, is to retire from the service in the near future and we feel that there would be no more opportune time for the enlisted personnel of the Base Hospital to express our appreciation for the untiring services of our friend in our behalf.

"Coming to Camp Greene six months ago Major Thos. D. Gardner, A. R. C. at once began a campaign, along the lines of soundest business principles, for the aid of soldiers, and the families of Camp Greene soldiers, who might need the aid of the greatest Civilian Relief Organization that the country has ever produced. And in his official capacity he has investigated the affairs of hundreds of soldiers and rendered assistance, without which the soldiers would have been in painful circumstances.

"More forcefully has the work of Major Gardner been impressed upon the personnel of the Base Hospital for it was he that built for us the new Red Cross building, where the members of the Hospital Personnel have spent so many pleasant hours, and without which, it now seems that life would be unhappy.

"While the services of Major Gardner have not been unequally divided nor has he shown special favoritism to us, he has certainly been our friend and as he goes back to civilian life we wish him to know that we are very grateful to him and that his work among us and for us has added to our comfort and happiness, even more than our mere words can express to him.

"Major Gardner, on behalf of the enlisted personnel of the Base Hospital, the undersigned publish this expression of our appreciation for your services in your official capacity while in Camp Greene, and we wish for you many years of good health and happiness.