

RECONSTRUCTION

(By Sergeant Ray J. Derwort)

GREETINGS

W E, the men of the Convalescent department wish to take this method of conveying to all our friends greetings of the season. Our dearest wish is that all your sorrows may turn to joy and may this day be the happiest that you have ever known and may each succeeding one be happier than the last. To those who have made our stay in this department more agreeable by giving us auto rides and inviting us to their homes we are especially grateful and wish you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

CHRISTMAS

Once again this festive day is with us. What fond memories are recalled by the very word "Christmas"! As children, this day was the orbit on which revolved our little world, we looked forward to the day when we should awake to find our stocking, which had been hung by the fire-place, filled with the things dear to the heart of every child. Our eyes took in the result of dear old Santa's visit at one glance. The Christmas tree glowing with vari-colored candles and strung with pop-corn, stick candy and the glittering things that add to the pleasing tone of the decorations. The Yule Log crackling in the fire-place near which hung the stockings of the children, baby Mary's, from which protruded the head and laughing eyes of her first doll, brother Jack was filled with delight when he discovered the air rifle, the pride of every boy's heart, hanging near his, and You, what did you find? That shiny pair of skates that you had wished for so long. We look back to those days when the keenest of pleasure yet since we have grown to man-hood Christmas holds a new significance. It now means the day when Christ our redeemer was born in a stable in Bethlehem. For four years this world has not known the peace that Christ spoke of, Peace on earth to men of Good Will. This year we face a Christmas with the world at peace and millions of hearts happy that have known only sorrow in past days. May their hearts know only gladness and never again be filled with the sorrow that stalks in the

path of a world at war. Long may we be able to say, Peace on earth good will to men. To this end we offer up our prayers to Christ who died that men might live.

EXPECT THEM SOON

Since this hospital has been designated by the War Department as one of the convalescent stations for "Over-sea" wounded we are daily expecting a quota of wounded from abroad. Camp Wadsworth at Spartanburg, S. C., has already received some men so we too are looking forward to receiving some of them very soon. We are well equipped for this service having six capacious barracks for this purpose and will do all in our power to bring them back to health and to make their stay here as pleasant as possible.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Lieutenant Z. H. Schultz, who since the opening of the Convalescent department, has been our Ward Surgeon, has resigned his commission to return to his practice in civil life. Lt. Schultz proved himself a very efficient officier and doctor and it is with many regrets that we bid him farewell. Lieutenant Schultz left the 11th of this month for his former home in Hartford, Kentucky, accompanied by his wife. Wishing him all good luck we bid him farewell.

CHANGE MODE

Sergeant Nierzwicki, who has been on day duty and Private Stocking who has been on the night shift, resumed their former status. These changes were necessary owing to the absence of Sergeant R. J. Derwort who has been on furlough visiting with relatives and friends in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

SET FOR CHRISTMAS

The Hospital Post exchange has been attractively decorated for the Christmas season and many favorable comments have been passed upon it by visitors to the hospital who have chanced to spend a few moments at the big canteen. Sgt. first class Charles Cameron, in charge of the exchange, spent many trying minutes in arranging the wreaths of holly and Christmas tinsle, bells and accompaniments in such good taste. Another of his innovations is the attractive lighting effect of the flags of the allies and the miniature colored electric bulbs arranged among the show cases. It is well worth the time of any one to visit this display and look over the stock of our exchange.

Sgt. Cameron who is largely responsible for the success of the exchange expects to leave shortly as his discharge papers are "en route." He is oldest non-com at the hospital at the present time.

MADE COOK

Bernard A. Raphael, former private first class of the Patient's mess has been promoted to the well-earned rating of cook.

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