



WOULD TREAT 'EM ROUGH



PUBLIC Forum Editor:—

I am not pulling for the silver chevrons. The fact that they are made up in ornate designs but adds the more to the monumental effect that is often sought by placing gegaws and flub-dubs on the tomb stones in an apparent effort to distract from the sadness of the mourner's loss. The silver stripes are pretty and all that but they stand for "out of luck" and their beauty is only an effort to smooth the pain of those who were called but not chosen.

But the silver chevron is here in abundance. From the amount of silver that flashes along Tryon street on a Saturday afternoon one would think that all the old regulars from every fort in the land had been gathered into Charlotte for a convention. The burlesque of it all is apparent. Some of the men have been in since the last draft call and are announcing the fact by three stripes. Such a degradation of the stripe order is a slur upon the honor conferred upon us all when our venerable comrade, Colonel Macomb, that warrior whose stout heart will never be beaten in the battle of years, addressed us as "Comrades of the Silver Chevron."

Something should be done and why not now? I am suggesting that a committee of three men might be ap-

pointed out of each company in camp. These men could become acquainted with the service records of their companies. They should know how long a man has been in the army. They could consult their data when they see a fellow with three stripes. If he has earned them well and good.

The tank corps has for its motto "Treat 'Em Rough." We think they believe in that principal. Why not use their suggestive title and when a soldier disregards the spirit of the order for one stripe for every six months—"treat 'em rough." A few cases of man handling would be sufficient.

—Second Hitch

SUGGESTS IMPROVEMENTS.

Editor Public Forum,

Dear Sir:—

Due to the efforts of some thoughtful individual we now have a fairly good walk between the hospital and the car line at Liberty Park but when anyone attempts to navigate that same walk on a dark night or in the rain they are attempting a very precarious task. While the path itself is comfortably wide the deep drainage ditches on either side present an element of danger that should not be disregarded.

Is it not possible to place several electric lights of medium candle-power at intervals along the path? Certainly, this is not an undertaking that would require any great engineering skill or necessitate any great expenditure of reserve funds. A few of the enlisted personnel could, in a day's time, easily establish this feature that would mean so much to all of us and would serve to decrease the likelihood of serious accidents.

Sincerely,

J. U. G.

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Editor,
"The Caduceus",
Camp Greene, N. C.

Dear Sir:—

Congratulations on your excellent Christmas number.

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Sincerely,

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