

ALL WERE BUSY

EVEN MAIL DEPARTMENT HAD  
A FEW DUTIES.

(Special to The Caduceus.)



HAT the mail and record department of the Surgeon General's Office was not idle during the year just past is shown conclusively in the annual report of mail, records and files in the administrative division of the office, just submitted by R. H. Brooke, chief clerk in charge of this department. The detailed report shows that the department handled thousands of letters, records, telegrams and files during the year, and did it with promptness and efficiency.

Altogether there was a total of 698,703 pieces of official mail handled during 1918, 753,418 pieces of personal mail and 112,558 pieces of bureau mail, or a grand total of 1,564,677 pieces of incoming mail.

Although the incoming mail came well up over the million mark, that which was sent out from the office also passed the million, but did not reach the total of the incoming matter. Of the outgoing mail that sent first class was by far the greatest, as 1,024,977 pieces were sent out in this manner during the year. Fourth class mail to the amount of 140,020 pieces was sent out and 89,181 pieces of bureau mail. The grand total of outgoing mail was 1,254,178.

The telegraph wires were kept busy going in and out of the Surgeon General's Office all year long, for there 126,466 incoming telegrams and 62,313 outgoing, or a total of 188,779 telegrams. This brings the grand total of all mail and telegrams handled to 3,007,634, making a daily average of mail and telegrams for every working day in the year of 8,240, or almost enough to keep a good size force of clerks working nearly every minute.

The record room was equally well employed, with 930,034 cross refer-

FAREWELL.

After almost a year in Camp Greene, I am now taking my leave. I have spent almost ten months of that time at the Base Hospital "Y," as Building Secretary, and during this time I have had many new experiences and have made many new friends. The officers—both those who have come and gone and those who have remained—are noble men, kind and faithful; the nurses have rendered such faithful service of Uncle Sam; the enlisted men, so faithful and true have stood their posts in the darkness of the night and guarded us while we slept—all these are noble men and women. Doubtless they will have a great reward in the future—they deserve it.

The Caduceus, during its existence here at camp, with its many good stories and news items about the camp and the life at camp, has done a wonderful and noble work for the boys here and the folks back home who have scanned its pages for some bit of news of their son here in training. May the editors live long and prosperous lives.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father abide on all.

CHAS. H. MARTIN.

ences made and 86,844 cases recorded.

In the filing section there was not much time for anything but work. Over a million papers were filed, 1,555,154 to be exact.

To carry out this enormous amount of work during the entire year, there was an average of 107 employees present every day, but even so, the statistics show that there were 10,139 hours of overtime work performed, in order that everything might be kept strictly up to date and in complete form. And incidentally, those 10,139 hours of overtime figure up something over 422 extra days, and those are good long 24 hour days too, so that it would appear from this that the record room really worked two years in stead of one.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

SGT. MILLS ENTERTAINED.

Sgt. Frank D. Mills of the Medical Department was delightfully surprised last Monday evening when ushered into the dining room of the Red Cross House and was greeted by a number of friends gathered about a beautifully decorated table. Not until congratulations were being offered did Sgt. Mills realize that it was his birthday dinner.

The guests found their places by recognizing a well known nickname on the place card. A pink and green parrot was perched on the glass at each lady's place and a pink ribbon led from the gentleman's places to the center of the table, by which they extracted a small doll from beneath a cluster of pink chrysanthemums. The lighting system was effectively camouflaged to represent a rose bush bearing large pink roses, from which radiated a soft glow, which added beauty to the pink and green decorations throughout.

The event of the meal was when all lights were extinguished and Miss Hildreth entered bearing the Lighted Birthday Cake, which was placed before Sgt. Mills to cut. Miss Jehle drew the thimble and Miss Marie Fox Wait the button. An unsolved mystery is: who got the ring and dime?

After opening the packages of gifts, which were wrapped so as to create surprises, Sgt. Mills expressed his thanks to those present.

The guests were: Mrs. Baldwin, Misses Marie Fox Wait, Converse, Richardson, Welch, Hildrith, Jehle, Theil and Chapin; Sgts. Mills, Miller, Reel, Barth, Elrod, Both and Arledge.

ACTING DUTY SERGEANT.

Sergeant First-Class Harold MacNish is a busy man these days in the absence of Sergeant First Class Faulkner, as he is taking care of the position of duty sergeant in connection with his own duties as supply sergeant of the detachment.

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