

## RECONSTRUCTION



(By Sergeant Ray J. Derwort.)

## SILVER LINING.

We hear so much of the German barbarity that an instance of kindness from one of them is so unusual as to be interesting. The following is a story told by Corporal George C. Leven of the kindness shown him by a German who he found in a shell hole in which they had both taken shelter after being wounded. Corporal Leven tells this story for just what it is, to show that even in the worst there are some good.

"On the morning of September 29th, 1918, my company had orders to go over the top. We started the advance in a veritable hell of rifle and machine gun fire, and had hardly gotten out of the trenches when 'Jerry' let loose a barrage that fairly rocked the earth with its concussion. Although men were falling in groups all around us we continued to go forward and had advanced about half a mile when we encountered some machine gun nests and had to step and dig in until we had silenced them with grenades and rifle fire. We again took up the advance and had gone about a mile when I was struck by shrapnel and rendered unconscious. When I awoke the shells and bullets were falling like hail and I knew that if I wanted to ever see the U. S. again that I had better seek shelter. I crawled into a nearby shell hole and was waiting for help to arrive. Some of my comrades going to the rear for first aid induced me to try to get to the rear. I had hardly gotten into the open when I was struck with a piece of shell and my leg broken near the knee. I knew that I could not possibly get to the first aid station without assistance so I crawled into another shell hole to await what might come. I soon found that I was not the only occupant of the shell crater for when I raised up in the hope of seeing some stretcher bearers I was quickly pulled back into the trench and looking around I saw a German who was wounded about the same way that I was. He made signs to tell me that it was too dangerous to look out and as neither could understand the language of the other we had to converse with each other with signs. I was suffering intensely and the loss of blood was beginning to tell on my vitality for I soon started shivering. When the German saw my plight he took off his overcoat and gave it to me. I reciprocated by giving him my canteen to drink from, which he did, showing

that he had suffered very much from thirst. He also offered me a cigarette but not being a smoker I declined. We remained in the shell hole together about an hour and a half when the stretcher bearers, who had been following our advance, came along and took me out. I waved goodbye to my friend the enemy after exacting a promise from the bearers to return and get him. I am not telling this to take up for the Germans but merely to show that even among the Germans there are some who are human."

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Mr. W. A. Alexander and son Hugh, of north of Charlotte, were here Sunday visiting with their cousin, Oscar C. White, who is a patient in D-1.

Miss Ruth Montgomery of Kannapolis and Miss Hortense Butler of Charlotte were visitors with Ernest F. Capps and Grover Danenberg Sunday.

Thompson, Sheehan and Capps were the guests of Mr. Rose of Charlotte on a very enjoyable auto trip about the city Sunday afternoon.

Sergeant Toms, who is just recovering from an attack of influenza, has been granted a ten day furlough for the purpose of visiting his former home, Wilmington, N. C. We hope the short vacation puts you on your mettle again.

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## CHANGES FOR THE WEEK.

Arrivals: Thomas, Comer, Sheehan, Leven, Houck, Keesler, Corbett, Danenberg, Rogers, Capps, Watts, Thompson, White, McCrory, Herlong, Horton, Alley, Lane, Williams, Simon, Johnston, Pressley, Bailey.

Departures: Danenburg, Houck, Johnson, Brown, Watts, Thompson, Corbett, White, Sheehan.

## EVEN DOZEN DEPART.

Twelve more furloughs were issued during the past week and the majority of them went to the men who were transferred to the base hospital from the lower camp some months ago. The men and their home states were as follows: Edwin Hirlinger, Indiana; Walter Willis, Massachusetts; Sergt. Elmo Toms, North Carolina; Walter Maruwiller, Morris Popelsky, Charles Rohrbach, and Dudley M. Sarfaty, New York; Alphonse Grondin, New Hampshire; Sam Felkner, Edmon Jobe, Roger Jones and William Parker, Mississippi.

## DIETITIAN TRANSFERRED.

It is with a feeling of regret that the hospital parts with two of its oldest members in the persons of Miss Clara M. Richardson and Miss Florence Dizard, former dietitian assigned to the patients' mess. Miss Richardson had been at the hospital in its most trying times, those of last winter, when it was difficult to secure supplies but nevertheless the diets were always arranged for and ready at the proper hours. Both of the women were transferred to debarkation hospital No. 5 at Grand Central Palace in New York City.

Miss Flora Briggs of Washington, D. C., has been assigned to assume their duties at the mess kitchen.

## LURE OF THE LAND

## LIBRARY HAS BOOKS TO HELP SOLDIER FARMERS

**B**ACK to the Land movement which the government is promoting among the returned soldiers has brought another problem for the American Library Association. Miss Marie Fox Wait, librarian at the U. S. Army Base Hospital, Camp Greene had ordered from the library supply depots many volumes on farm culture and the arguments favoring the farm movement.

The librarian submits a readable discussion of the subject and which appeal includes the names of the volumes on farming at hand:—

"Good food, good air, quiet, health, freedom from worry, the consciousness of doing a work that is vital not only to the United States, but to the whole world looking to us for food—these are but part of the farmer's 'income.'"

"Dr. Wiley tells all about it in his book 'The Lure of the Land,' and Bailey's 'Principles of Agriculture' is a good book from which to learn about the laws of science that make a successful farmer."

"The application of business principles to farming are thoroughly explained in Warren's 'Farm Management,' a book that is useful to every farmer, and one that will especially appeal to the business man who is going into farming."

"Soils, crops and animals, are the important factors in farming, however, though business principles are necessary for success. Books like 'Soils,' by Lyon, Fippin and Buckman; Van Slyke's 'Fertilizers and Crops,' Plumb's 'Types and Breeds of Farm Animals,' and 'Feeds and Feeding,' by Henry and Morrison, are practical for study."

"What you raise on your farm will depend considerably on the location. Here are a few books that suggest possibilities: 'The Corn Crops,' by Montgomery; 'Productive Orchard-ing,' by Sears; Washburn's 'Productive Dairying.'"

"Even if a man has only a small plot of land, books like Corbett's 'Garry Husbandry,' by Lewis, will help den Farming," and 'Productive Poultry' feed the family and some of the neighbors."

"And there are many books on simplifying farm work, on farm machinery, tractors, irrigation, farm buildings, marketing, cattle, bee-keeping, fruit and flower growing, and other special subjects that may interest you."

## FROM B-6.

Probe to Patients—"Have you ever seen a ground puppy?"

Patients—"No. What do they look like?"

Probe—"Like an eel."

Three patients in unison—"Do they have four legs like an eel?"

Probe—"Yes."