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WITH BATTERY "B" AT CAMP SEVIER.

Staff Correspondence.

To-day closes four weeks of intensive training at Camp Sevier for the boys of Battery "B," 113th U. S. Field Artillery, formerly 1st N. C., Field Artillery, Volunteers for service anywhere.

At the close of the day, Sunday, September 16th, this battery was unloaded at Paris, S. C., a station just about three miles from the camp site, and in the gathering twilight the battery was formed in infantry formation and marched to Sevier Branch, the camp site of the 55th brigade of Artillery. The course carried them through an impenetrable forest, and ended on the summit of a small hill where a mess shack had been erected, and nothing more. The soldiers hurriedly made away with what provisions were left, and securing their blankets, made haste to find the shelter of the gigantic trees where they spread their blankets and were soon lost in dreamless slumber.

The camp of this branch is located in a most beautiful spot, almost under the shadow of Paris mountain, and is well protected on all sides by the huge oaks, maples and pines of this section. The din of the commercial world is sadly lacking here; every sound is created by military activity, and goes on with the snap and vim of the perfect cadence of army training and discipline. Every boisterous sound and every commotion can be accounted for without trouble or inconvenience.

On the morning of the first day here it was learned that several acres of woodland was to be cleared on which to erect our tents and make a presentable Battery Street. Without loss of time the work commenced under the direction of the Battery Commander. Massive trees, some at least one hundred feet tall, were to be felled and disposed of; stumps were to be torn from the ground with their roots, and burned, so that nothing would be left to disfigure the camp. A great quantity of dynamite was necessary in this operation, and the thunderous roar of this high explosive was almost incessant for several days.

The boys all worked with a vigorous determination to make Battery "B" Street the best in regiment, and it is pleasing to state that they did not fall down on the job, and the result of their energies has given us a street of which we may well feel proud, considering the contour of the location, which includes two hills and a gracefully sloped valley. What was a tangled undergrowth and a multitude of sturdy trees, is now a well-kept thoroughfare that will compare most favorably with the best kept street of the cleanest city in the universe. Not even a cigarette butt or a match stem can be found on this street, so diligently do the police execute the orders of the commander. What was an uninhabited forest is now a beautiful tented city, regulated by the rules of a most careful and enthusiastic commander, who is ever alert and is determined that this camp shall not receive criticism from the most exacting inspectors.

The men themselves evince as much pride in the appearance of the camp as do the commanders,

and heartily cooperate with them in every endeavor, even that which is not embraced in their line of duty. The street and tents are watched religiously by the men, and whenever one digresses and unconsciously throws even a chewing-gum wrapper or peanut hull on the thoroughfare he is unmercifully upbraided by whoever sees him, even if a 'buck' private catches a sergeant in the act.

A day's work is strenuous, but is regulated and executed in such a manner that much interest and pride is taken in carrying out each detail.

There are six batteries in the regiment, and the guard detail is made up from a separate bat-

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RESULTS OF RED CROSS WEEK.

While the Red Cross workers did not reach the goal at which they aimed during Red Cross Week, the results were deeply gratifying. New members were enrolled and a greater interest was aroused among the people. The treasury was generously replenished and our women are enthusiastic over the work that lies ahead of them—that of knitting and making warm, comfortable garments for the dear boys who have gone to fight our battles for us. No more patriotic deed has been done by the people of Plymouth than that of subscribing funds for the purchase of wool to be knitted into sweaters for the boys of Plymouth, who are in the service. May other communities follow their example.

The Auxiliary wishes to extend its thanks to everyone who so willingly helped to make Red Cross Week a success. Especial mention is due the school children, the Camp-Fire Girls, the committees on subscriptions, on arranging for a Red Cross Rally, the Boy Scouts and our Editor.

The gift of twelve Testaments for the Christmas bags from Rev. B. T. Hurley was also greatly appreciated.

On Thursday evening a large audience gathered at the Majestic Theatre for the Rally, which was presided over by Attorney Z. V. Norman. Rev. B. O. Myers opened the exercises with prayer. "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung, followed by an outline of the work being done by the Auxiliary, read by Mrs. R. P. Walker, Secretary. Miss Mary Smith sang very sweetly, "The Soldier's Farewell."

Then followed timely and instructive talks by Rev. B. O. Myers, Messrs J. W. Darden, A. W. Swain and Z. V. Norman. They told of the vast amount of work being done by the Red Cross, to alleviate suffering, not only in our own country, but in those of our allies. The urgent need for funds to carry on this work was forcefully presented to the audience, which responded generously to the appeal made to them.

"America" was sung, and every serious thinking person present went home feeling that the Red Cross is one of the strongest mediums through which our struggle for freedom is to be won.

The proceeds from the tags, striches, candy, rolls, Rook and Knitting Parties amounted to \$35.53. Contributions, a list of which follows, amounted to \$345.50, making a

total of \$381.03.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

A. Swain,	\$25 00
Conway Newman,	25 00
Clyde Cahoon,	25 00
Zeb Vance Norman,	25 00
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G W Parney,	15 00
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J W Darden,	10 00
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M G Darden,	5 00
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W C Harrison,	25
Miss Mary Harrison,	25

Total subscriptions, \$345.50

NOTICE.

Notice is given to all persons that on Monday, the 29th of October, 1917, at the Office of the Governor in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina, application will be made by the undersigned for the pardon of Milton Rhodes, now a prisoner in the State's Prison. Said Milton Rhodes was convicted in the year 1903 for murder in the second degree of one Henry Sutton. Let all persons who may desire to oppose the granting of said pardon be present on said date.

This the 2nd of October, 1917.
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