

Religious Work

BUILDING NO. 108.

Our Tuesday evening meeting was quite a success. About 750 soldiers were in the building. And sing! Well, you should have heard them sing "Throw Out the Life-Line." Everyone had his leather lungs in that night. The spirit was excellent. Rev. J. W. Moore, of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, was the speaker, and he was well received by the men. Miss Nell Dixon was the soloist, accompanied by her cousin. Miss Dixon is proving popular in religious services.

Last Sunday evening Dr. Stair spoke on "The Re-Made Man." One hundred and twenty-one men signed the war roll. It was a wonderful meeting. Have you seen the Y. M. C. A. war roll pledge? It reads as follows: "I hereby pledge my allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and King, and by God's help will fight His battles for the victory of His kingdom." There is a challenge in it that appeals to the soldiers.

An open forum Bible class was started in this building last Sunday at 7 p. m. Seventy-five were present. Major Chaplain Gilbert talked on "The Value of the Study of the Bible." A uniform program will be carried on in the regular camp for the next four Sundays, using the following subjects: What the Bible Teaches on War; Democracy; Personal Purity; A Man and His God. We expect these subjects to prove popular.

Many men are asking for the pocket Testament. Our aim is to have every soldier carry a Testament in his pocket, and to read it.

We are organizing the Christian men of the 26th regiment machine gun companies into an inner circle under the name, "Twentieth Regiment Baracaas." The purpose is to help each other, win men to Christ, and assist in the regular religious services in the building. Sergeant Edgar F. Vestal is the leader and Private Bryan E. Rogers is the secretary. This group is growing and has already done much good.

Our mid-week service has been put to Tuesday night instead of Wednesday night, because Wednesday night is a town night with the soldiers. Private Elward W. Silvenius, Company G, Third Oregon Infantry, is helping the religious work by preaching at the piano. Such help is greatly appreciated.

Our home hour each Sunday afternoon has the home touch. It has worked wonders with some men. The heart of the soldier responds to anything homelike. On Sunday the folks of Hawthorne Lane Methodist church furnish the talent. Mr. Charles S. Stone, of Stone-Barringer Co., is making plans.

Next Tuesday at our regular religious service Mr. Gouerlie, physical director, building No. 107, will be the speaker.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING 105.

On Sunday, October 7, at 9 a. m., Chaplain Mardens, of the Third District of Columbia Infantry, held regimental service. The service was fairly well attended considering the fact that the men were celebrating their first Sunday in Camp Greene.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon the following ladies were hosts at our regular Sunday afternoon "Home Hour": Mrs. W. Johnson, Mrs. Kendrick, Miss Alexander, Miss Peaseley, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Mather, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Smith and the Misses Irabel and Katherine Johnson. This was one of the most successful entertainment events we have had. We will not soon forget the bravery of Miss Robinson's "stage" husband.

At 7 o'clock in the evening building No. 105 was dedicated with fitting ceremony and enthusiastic appreciation. Short addresses by Mr. Hawkins, Rev. Dr. Thoburn and Colonel Young helped us all to realize more keenly just why Y. M. C. A. buildings are erected in all of our military camps. Chaplain Mardens offered the prayer of dedication.

On Wednesday afternoon the Orpheus Four of Los Angeles sang in four different wards at the base hospital. The patients and also the officers in charge surely did appreciate the songs.

On Thursday afternoon about 25 ladies from town visited at the base hospital from 3 to 4 o'clock. Cakes, jelly, flowers and many kind words were generously distributed among the most appreciative soldiers. Most of the visiting ladies were members of the Card club or the Woman's club of Charlotte.

NO "POP TENT" FOR INDIANS.

Part of the Idaho machine gun company No. 1 are sleeping in "pop tents." For a time some of the Indians in the company slept in the open about a big bon-fire rather than troubled with the small canvas tents. "What the red skins call 'real tents' that the red skins call 'real tents'."

SOLDIERS HEAR SERMON BY REV. GEO. R. STAIR

An inspiring religious service was held recently at Y. M. C. A. building No. 108, when Rev. George R. Stair delivered a strong sermon on the text, "And the vessel which he made of clay was marred in the hands of the potter," Jeremiah 18:4. He pointed out that every life was marred but that we were as clay in the hands of the potter and God could take our marred lives and make them beautiful. He pleaded with the men to put their lives in the keeping of Jesus Christ. One hundred and sixty-one men responded to this timely challenge and dedicated their lives to the Lord. Almost all of the men in the large audience of over seven hundred raised their hands for prayer. It was an inspiring service which will long be remembered.

Dr. Thoburn, head religious director, was present and led in prayer. The South Dakota quartet rendered several selections at the enthusiastic call of the soldiers.

STIRRING MEETING AT BUILDING NO. 108

A stirring Y. M. C. A. meeting was held in building 98 on Sunday evening, October 7. The music was in charge of Miss Nell Dixon, who was ably assisted by Mrs. Moody. Both of the ladies are well known in Charlotte and are always welcome visitors at Camp Greene. Miss Dixon sang two solos, and Mrs. Moody, besides accompanying Miss Dixon, also sang.

The address of the evening was made by Mr. J. H. Armbrust, religious work director of Y. M. C. A. building 108. The subject of Mr. Armbrust's address was, "The Man Who Had Power." The 500 men present seemed in full accord with the speaker and it is assured that those who had never "thought to think of the subject" were caused to think this time. After the meeting, many of the boys stood around the piano and sang from the new Y. M. C. A. hymns.

Y. M. C. A. NEWS NOTES.

One bunch of soldiers has on an anti-swearing propaganda, due to an address by a Y. M. C. A. secretary. May their tribe increase.

It happened in a mess shack Sunday evening. "Like peaches" was asked a Y. M. C. A. man by a soldier. "Sure, shoot 'em across. Don't you like 'em." "Yea, but I had such a good dinner down town today that I can't eat much this evening. A lady took me home from church for dinner." Keep it up, you people of Charlotte. We Y. M. C. A. men like that game right well.

The following can be heard all over camp: "Gee, those people in Charlotte are treating us fine." Sure, what else could you expect?

Commanding officer, Colonel J. J. McGuinness.

Adjutant, Oliver S. Perry. Football is taking an inning among the members of this command now and several promising teams will be put into the field during the coming season. Company D and the machine gun company are putting in all their spare time now in the development of strong teams. The machine gun company will soon be ready for a practice game with any team in the division.

It is hoped that the balance of the Montana troops will soon be with us as they were to be relieved last week by the 24th colored troops. Montana troops have been in the service since the 26th day of March, being one of the first regiments summoned to the colors, and during that time has been kept busy guarding tunnels and bridges throughout the state and the Northwest. They will surely be glad to escape the irksome guard duty at Camp Greene. Montana boys want to get in every hour training possible for the work that is to come "over there" and this can be better accomplished in the presence of the whole division.

The officers mess has been fully established under the direction of Lieut. Theodore E. F. King and is giving entire satisfaction to the officers of the regiment. The cooking is under the supervision of Hart Conklin, who had charge of the officers mess at Douglas during the call last summer.

From the looks of things the boys from the Treasure State are becoming well acquainted in Charlotte. Nearly every one appears to be entirely satisfied with their stay here and much praise is heard on all sides for the hospitality of the good people of Charlotte who have taken the Montana boys into their churches, their homes and their fraternal societies. Troops from the far West know how to appreciate hospitality and will always repay by showing themselves to be gentlemen in every respect.

We are glad to see the troops from our neighboring States, North and South Dakota, arrive. They are only different from the troops of all three States in the State line and that is hardly recognizable out West.

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