

BAD WEATHER BROUGHT Y. M. C. A. HARD WORK

Best Service to Soldiers During
Freeze Was to Pro-
vide Fire.

It is a characteristic of Y. M. C. A. work that one always has to meet some emergency. They are always occurring. Building 104 has had its share during the past week. The snow and cold made athletics impossible. The men were paid off, which made hours of extra work spent in writing money orders.

Thousands of dollars were sent to the needy homes far away. The Christmas packages caused unusual work at the desk. But most of all, we were troubled with the cold. About the largest service that could be rendered to the soldiers was to give them the opportunity to toast before a red-hot stove. The building staff met the opportunity. It was enough to melt the heart of any man to see the soldiers after having suffered from the cold for hours, to gather around the giant stoves in the building. It was the only place that they could go to get warm. The staff felt it a privilege to tend the fires. It is yell to "Keep the Home Fires Burning," but to keep the Y. M. C. A. fires burning at a time like this is a service that goes straight to the heart of every soldier concerned.

One of the best things that can happen at the Y. M. C. A. is to have a overcrowded night in a while just to give it a reputation among the men. It was the object of the educational secretary to have a jam on Wednesday night, December 15. The men were advertised as no event has been advertised in the past. Large red posters were placed on every company bulletin board. The men were made far ahead of time, and the word was passed along personally. As a result there were twelve hundred men crammed into the building and five hundred had to be turned away.

Real progress is being made along the educational line. Men that were absolutely illiterate are no longer. The men taken a keen interest in the work. The attendance at the classes instead of falling off is steadily gaining. New men enter the English classes every day. The officers' French class has twenty new members. In all there are about seventy-five men in the class. The total attendance to the classes is now well over three hundred. The Y. M. C. A. wishes to thank the instructors for their untiring efforts. They are the largest cog in the machine. The hearty co-operation of the officers has made the work unique.

COMPANY A, FORTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.

Private Laughlin was promoted to first class private.

Corporal Hill is certainly glad that he is going to the Machine Gun Battalion, as he likes the company commander very much.

Corporal Little is a very brave man. Put Chatman came in his tent the other night with a glass pistol and yelled "lands up!" Corporal Little took refuge under his bunk in the twinkling of an eye. Brave boy!

The company sure has some baseball team. Some of the players have new gloves and now they are ready for any of them.

Sergeant Nick Carter received a letter box a few days ago. Everybody crowded around and to the surprise of all found only a large amount of newspapers and some money.

Private Thomas is some runner. We'll leave that job to him.

Privates Merrill and Dedevoul were promoted to corporals.

Private Chapman has made quite a hit in the wrestling game and won a number of matches at the Y. M. C. A. He is looking for a good match.

RANKING DUTY SERGEANT OF COMPANY D, FORTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.

We have a man in our company. A man you should all meet. He hasn't got a darn red cent, but he's always looking neat. I'll introduce this grand good man, Sergeant John Vitt by name—He's a father all recruits. They are drilled by the toe of his boots. I'm sure they get their share.

But old John Vitt, gray haired from fight, He received in the Philippines. The hero medal he won for the right As the Ninth charged the dark ravines. Are only a symbol of his power and might. Or at least to the recruits it seems.

INKLINGS OF COMPANY F, FORTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY

Owing to the recent fall of white chips, Company F, Forty-seventh Infantry, has done some wood chipping. All out for wood.

Private Barrone, of Tigertown, Gawga, is open for recruits. Connelly and Smith, please take notice.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES AT CAMP DO FINE WORK

Because there is such a large element of non-English speaking men of the recent arrivals at Camp Greene, the commanding general of the camp has detailed all such men to attend English classes under the leadership of competent teachers appointed by the several commanders of the many regiments stationed here. All this work is being co-ordinated under the directorship of Chaplain Griffes of the Seventh United States Infantry, assisted by the Y. M. C. A. unit.

In the vicinity of Y. M. C. A. building 105, the chaplain has seen the necessity of having these classes led by commissioned officers and practically every company has a lieutenant organized and instructed by a lieutenant.

Attractive literature dealing with military terms has been prepared by the camp Y. M. C. A. Several thousand men are being affected by this program and if it succeeds according to the plans it will bring joy not only to the privates themselves but also to the hundreds of drill sergeants who have seen fit to "cut back" because they have had to try to drill men who did not know the difference, in language between the terms "squads right and squads wrong."

Y. M. C. A. ACTIVITIES AT CAMP BRIEFLY TOLD

Bible Class Becomes Popular. Fiftieth Infantry Puts on Fine Program — Practice Hiking Songs.

Every available bit of space was occupied at the home hour at but 106 Sunday before last. Men clung to the rafters, and in the semi-darkness looked like serpents whose heads stood on the tables, desk, in the moving picture booth, and many were turned away. Fully eleven hundred crossed over seen in this building. Eleven Redpath people put on the program. The line-up of talent was of a high, clean order. Each number was greeted with applause and laughter. A times two and three encores were responded to, before the boys were satisfied.

The open forum Bible class is an important and helpful innovation. Sunday before last eight hundred men heard Rev. Padgett of hut 107 speak on "Bible Standards for Enlisted Men." This was the first appearance of this preacher in our building, and we want him again.

The Fiftieth regiment put on a good program on their Sunday night. The band with the silver trumpets rendered some artistic music. The band master knows his business. Lieutenant Merriman led the big sing. Chaplain Hill delivered his first address to soldiers, and he put across a strong vigorous message. Thirty-four men voluntarily signed the war roll at the close of the service, and many asked for pocket Testaments. The entire service was deeply religious. Instead of a closing hymn the band played "Onward Christian Soldiers," and gathering up of the hymn books. Five minutes after the benediction every book is in its place in the store room. A little system of the trick.

The enlisted men's Bible and prayer league is proving prosperous. Several new members have signed up. Watch us grow!

Rev. McDowell, D. D. of Melrose, Mass. spoke on Tuesday evening. Lieutenant Merriman led the song. The quartet from Company D, Fifty-eighth regiment was on hand to sing. This quartet is making a reputation both in the camp and in the city. Sergeant Heinrich leads it up.

Lieutenant Merriman is planning to use 20 minutes prior to each Tuesday evening's service for the practice of hike songs.

We will miss Lieutenant Merriman from his big sing job next week. He is leaving single, but we have a hunch that he will return a married man. Good luck to you.

MAJOR COLE IN CHARGE OF CAMP ATHLETICS

Major O. P. Cole, of the New Hampshire Infantry has been appointed, and is on the job as Camp athletic officer.

Major Cole held a meeting with the regimental athletic officers last Thursday at "Y" No. 106 and presented the scheme he has outlined for the recreation and competition of the men.

Major Cole expressed himself as being very much interested in the recreation of the men and asked the full co-operation of every athletic officer in camp. About 30 men attended the meeting. Major Cole presiding and Camp Physical Director Hagley acting as clerk.

MANION RECOVERERS

Secretary J. C. Manion, of the Knights of Columbus building, after three days confinement at the Charlotte manor has recovered and is back on the job at the building.

SUPPLY COMPANY — THIRTY-NINTH INFANTRY.

Lambert of the Supply company. Thirty-ninth infantry has at last received a letter. Cheer up, old boy, next it will be private's turn.

It will be tough on "Speedy" Swift, the Indian war veteran, and also on "Jim" Riley when the Tenth machine gun battalion moves away. "Speedy" has transferred to the Tenth as a sapper. These two are considered the champion pinochle players of the regiment. Almost any day you may see them playing. Even at their meals they are discussing the game.

Tucker, who is doing kitchen police this week got all dressed up to go on past the other night. He got on the train but he left his pass behind so a M. P. brought him back. Cheer up, Tucker. Did you leave the pass on the piano?

First Sergeant Ashline is right at home since his family moved down here. Some men were born lucky here. We will have to give Eddie credit.

Kelly, our shoemaker, is back from pass. He says it is "heap cool" up north.

The guardhouse across the way is being enlarged.

Frank Seandorn, our former motorcycleist, has sold his motorcycle. I guess he must be thinking of going on pass.

George Klenitch, our bread boy came home from town the other night all tired out. Did you walk home, Klenitch?

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Company G wishes to take this opportunity to wish all its comrades a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

COMPANY A, EIGHTH MACHINE GUN BATTALION

Private John Kitchen, Company A, Eighth Machine Gun Battalion, is willing to meet all customers as company clerk.

Company A, Eighth Machine Gun Battalion, would like to meet the basketball team of Company B, Seventh Infantry. See Clerk Baner at his office between 1 and 3 p. m. Saturday.

Sergeant Smith, formerly of the Seventh Infantry, Company B, has recently been married. Bugler T. Rietzinger was best man. Sergeant Smith will live in Charlotte.

Saddler O'Neal, formerly of Company I, Fourth Infantry, now with Company A, Eighth Machine Gun Battalion, is keeping himself busy getting wood for the fire.

CHAPLAIN LOSES FATHER

Chaplain Mehart of the Sixtieth Infantry has been called home on account of his father's death. The sympathy of officers and men at Camp Greene and his many friends in Charlotte goes out to him in his bereavement.

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COMPANY A SEVENTH MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

The company commander of the Seventh machine gun battalion will give a furlough to 15 men for the Christmas holidays.

There was a feast given in the Fifteenth squad last evening by Private Puno, who had received a furlough Christmas day from his sweetheart in Yansboro, Pa. The boys wish to thank the young lady, for the eats were great.

A cure for the blues is an enjoyable afternoon. Spend yours at the Y. M. C. A. hut 104. You won't regret it. Ask the boys.

The boys from the dear old state of Pennsylvania says if this is the "sunny south" give us Alaska.

The boys are afraid to have their overcoats cut short all for fear that their black and white hat cords they will be taken for a pill-roller.

COMPANY G, FORTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.

Corporals Roy D. Stevenson, Chas. Macken and Louis Addonizio left for their respective homes to spend the Christmas holidays.

Sergeant Arthur M. K. Crews has returned from his home in Virginia, where he has been on pass, real nice.

First Sergeant Ernest W. F. Ainsley, Sergeant James J. Boyle and Corporal Patrick Conway were all recommended for the third officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. They will probably leave for the camp about January 1, and the best wishes of the entire company go with them.

Private Kinsey Jennings is confined to the base hospital with a severe attack of influenza.

Things the Soldier Needs Well Selected and Moderately Priced



OUR UNIFORM DEPARTMENT IS OVERFLOWING WITH ALL KINDS OF MILITARY GOODS AT ATTRACTIVE PRICES.

Officers' O. D. Serge and Cloth Uniforms	\$25.00, \$29.50, \$35.00, \$37.50 and \$39.50.
Officers' O. D. Overcoats	\$25.00, \$29.50 and up to \$47.50
Privates' Khaki Uniforms	\$14.50, \$16.00, \$17.50 and \$19.00
Officers' O. D. Cloth Pants	\$8.50, \$9.50, \$10.00 and \$12.50
O. D. Khaki Pants	\$3.00 to \$3.95
Officers' Raincoats	\$5.00 to \$19.50
Rain Capes, reversible	\$6.00
Fenchos	\$4.50
Stetson Army Hats	\$2.95 to \$3.95
Regulation Hats	\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00
Regulation Army Sweaters	\$4.50 to \$6.95
Flannel Shirts	\$2.00 to \$4.95
Gloves	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Army Lockers	\$6.95, \$7.95 and up
Bed Rolls, Special	\$12.95
Leather Puttees	\$14.50
Regulation Sheep-lined Coats	\$3.50 to \$12.50
Spiral Puttees	\$3.00 to \$3.95
Canvas Puttees	\$2.00 and \$3.50
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