RELIGIOUS NEWS AND NOTES

INTENSIVE RELIGIOUS PROGRAM SPEEDED UP

The intensive religious program that was put under way during the month of February was speeded up during the past week in all parts of the camp and the secretaries were pushing the four-fold program of increased Bible study; war roll signing; personal systematic hospital visitation and pleasing home hour meetings. In addition to strong speakers and increased attendance at the regular religious meetings.

On Sunday morning from one to three communion services or masses were held in each hut in addition to the Bible study classes.

A formal morning service has been inaugurated at Hut 103 by Dr. Jackson with an attendance much greater than was thought possible when the matter was first considered.

The outstanding features of the religious program in the camp for the week, however, were three in number.

Mel E. Trotter and his group of singers closed a six days' engagement, during which they visited each of the huts and were greeted by large crowds.

After each address the men filled the inquiry room and about 400 made definite decision to live the Christian life. The special feature of the work of this group of men was their visits to the base hospital where they sang to the patients and conducted short religious services.

Following this group came Dr. Maitland Alexander, of Pittsburgh. Traveling in his own car, at his own expense, delivering a plain, practical message to officers and men alike, he made a strong impression on every group he met whether hundreds in the huts, groups of officers in the headquarters or individuals in the tents. The man thought he emphasized was that no man could be satisfied in these times to be the "average man." The demand was for the "maximum" in every department of human activity and endeavor. His definite conclusion was that no man could reach the maximum without the help of God.

The closing feature of the religious program for the week was the coming of Dr. David Lutshow, field secretary of the religious work department from the New York headquarters.

He held a conference Saturday morning with all the Y. M. C. A. secretaries and such number of the other religious workers of the camp as could be reached on short notice.

This conference was probably the most important one, in many ways, ever held in the camp, as it outlined in a plain, practical way some of the many questions with which every secretary must deal whether personally or as a representative of the association.

The discussions of the conference were opened by Dr. Lotshow under the topic, "Every Secretary's Responsibility for the Religious Program of the Association in the Army Camp," in which he outlined clearly what was meant by "religious work," and each man's contribution to that work.

This was followed by a discussion of the subject, "The Secretary's Personal Life and Work," led by Mr. D. M. Spence.

Discussion of this subject was participated in by some half dozen secretaries and the question of physical, intellectual and spiritual fitness was discussed very frankly.

The question of relationship of the Y. M. C. A. to the churches, chaplains, camp pastors and in co-operation with the nearby churches and Y. M. C. As. was discussed by Dr. McKeen, the camp religious director, Dr. Sprague, the Baptist camp pastor, and Dr. McClung, the Presbyterian camp pastor. It was shown that ideal relationships exist among these various groups at Camp Greene and that all are working as one great organization.

"An Adequate Bible Study Program" discussion was led by Dr. Chas. L. Jackson and participated in by several of the secretaries. It was found that Camp Greene was conducting its campaigns as intensively and constructively as any of the camps.

Mr. Strawbridge started the discussion of the subject, "Methods of Securing and Increasing the Attendance at Religious Meetings." The main points were those of proper advertising, proper atmosphere, conserving results, discovering Christian men in companies and presentation of religious ideals.

"Religious Work Speakers" was an interesting topic introduced for discussion by Mr. Armbrust and added to by some ten of the secretaries.

"Making the Results of Religious Work Permanent" brought out many interesting points relating to the soldiers to the church, the use of the war roll pledge card and the distribution of religious literature. Dr. Lotshaw led in this discussion.

The question of "Religious Work Among Officers" was discussed by Acting Camp Secretary T. J. Mangum. He dealt with practical plans of this important type of work.

"How to Make the Conference Valuable in Camp Work" was the closing theme of the conference. Dr. Lotshaw discussed this important subject and left many helpful and practical suggestions that will be workable in each hut.

The conference was continued again Sunday afternoon, when many helpful, inspiring and practical suggestions were made by the several speakers. The conference was for the religious work secretaries particularly and was both practical and inspirational.

STUNT NIGHT AT 105.

The usual miscellaneous stunts put on by the soldiers at this hut was superseded by two specialty numbers this week, one of which would have furnished a whole evening's entertainment.

The first aspirant for honors in the stunt line was Dr. Maitland Alexander, who sometimes characterizes himself as an army tramp, who, who in the common everyday life of the big city of Pittsburgh, is pastor of one of the leading Presbyterian churches, and is often called the "missionary" preacher. He heard the call of the army, and though possessing an overplus of weight and burdened with more years than Uncle Sam allows, he entered the army war work in September and has spoken in 13 camps and cantonments.

He was at his best at 105 and put on a monologue for 35 minutes, discussing with the fellows in his own frank, energetic, pointed, inimitable way "The Average Man." When he had finished there was round after round of applause, indicating that each man there was determined not to be the average but the maximum man.

Just as Dr. Alexander closed his address, the band of the Thirtieth Infantry under the leadership of Acting Bandmaster Charles Ferris, appeared.

March—"America Wirst"—Losey.
Overture (Lustspiel)—Lawnendeau
"I Can't Do the Sum"—Herbert.
"Shades of Night"—Gilbert.
Selections from Firefly—Prince.
Two-step, "Snow Baby"—Lazenbug.
Intermezzo, "Forget Me Not"—Macbeth.
"They're wearing them higher in Hawaii"—Mohr.

Each number in the splendid program was so roundly applauded that the band was compelled to respond to an encore on each number. The band was in charge of Acting Bandmaster Charles Farris, who by his energy and personal interest in the organization has made it one of the best bands in the camp and well deserving the applause that came to it from the big crowd.

SUPPLY COMPANY, 58TH INFANTRY.

The members of this company have no use for the men who eat at the "Staff" table and have less use for the Mess Sergeant.

We regret the loss of our cook, Malony, who has been detailed on special duty in the Casual Camp until further orders. We sure will be glad to get him back.

Talk about Supply Sergeants, well our's has got 'em all going. Poor fellow! He issued clothes as though he had to foot the bill.

One good thing about this company. We still have our old friend, John Branch, who still insists on eating at a good fellow's table, despite the three stripes that help to decorate his manly uniform.

Pay day will soon be here, but the "wop" Cadler will realize no benefit, for it seems the boys in the 11th have him roped up in a little poker game.

But to come down to facts, the Supply Company, Company A and Company B, of the Fifty-eighth, have the best Company Commanders of this outfit, and in fact the best in the Fourth Division. You surely will have to go some to beat Lieutenant Autrey, Lieutenant H. Green and Captain Johnson. These three hold the world's record for being a friend to the enlisted man.

Privates G. D. Glazebrook and Wagonger Gladen are working now as wheelwrights and, assisted by Wagoner Fowler as painter of wagons. Some jog the boys are doing nowadays, luck to them!

Wagoner John Branch has been promoted to Sergeant this week and take it from the boys in Supply Company, he is the man for it, although some of the old wagoners in the lower end of the company street are jealous of him because they thought they were the ones for it when their own men knew better. Ha! Ha! Boys stick to your teams, it always comes to the one who waits.

When it comes to snoring Private Glazebrook has it on any of the men in Supply Company. He stands ready to challenge anyone in Camp Greene. We are lucky to have him with us, because when the Supply Company goes to France he will scare the enemy away.

Everybody is waiting on pay day to roll around, especially Wagoners Ryberbg, Kock, Plunk—those famous and noted gamblers in poker. They seem to have the leader roped in and also Private Beidmann. Oh! Those unlucky guys.

Private Glazebrook is joyful nowadays as his little girl in Hanover, Pa., is writing quite often and believe me he is quite contented. Nothing better could suit him. He certainly has a large collection of letters just from that one girl since he has been in Camp Greene. We wish he would get married when he takes his next French furlough.

COMPANY F, THIRTY-NINTH INFANTRY

The boys of this outfit who were transferred to the "Fighting" Twelfth Machine Gun Battalion, Company D, are having the time of their lives strolling around the woods with machine guns, while the boys in Company F are doing skirmish and right front into line. We understand that they infantry does all the fatigue for us when we hit the trenches, nothing would give us more pleasure to sit around smoking butts while the boys in Company F prepare our machine gun emplacements.

Our sergeant, Otto Coldiron, got a very mushy letter from a dame in Brooklyn, N. Y. It's funny how the dames fall for the stripes. Corporal Morford is back on the job. His little trip to New York netted him a bride.

Private Walsh made a flying trip to Cleveland. He came back the other day, but was pretty shaky on his pins. Must have good stuff in Cleveland.

Private McCort received a fine worsted helmet. It is pretty warm for helmets these days, but it could be used to dry his musket.

Privates Van Drezer and Flossie Davis are getting real chummy these days. Van even dries Flossie's musket for him.

Private Walsko was made a first-class private. This boy is a comer. He will be wearing the bars soon.

Pat Conley is still around and packing away the eats.

First-class Privates Gilberg and Lapkowski were busted to buck privates. Gilberg was busy ripping his chevrons off the other day. They are for sale to a thin one.

Private Simmons is busy these days telling the boys how things are done in Boston. Boston must be some busy place according to him.

Private Mann, commonly called "Colonel Mann," wonders why the lieutenants pick on him. Maybe it is because the colonel is always thinking of dear old Broadway instead of the drills.

Privates Matullo and Martineau were both discharged and are both now "somewhere" up north eating mother's cooking.

Bennie Clabbots, sergeant in Company F, is worried to death because he might be shifted to our outfit. Bennie doesn't want to lose left guide. We always think well of the boys in the Thirty-ninth. It amuses us to watch them play games. They certainly enjoy themselves these days while we are soldiering. Talking about eating—we machine gunners are there. We keep the K. Ps. busy and Mack, the mess sergeant, wonders how we do it. Tell Mack it's a gift, it proves we are healthy.

COMPANY D, 29TH INFANTRY.

For several weeks old Company D has remained silent and has not sent any contributions to Trench and Camp. Now, however, all is changed, once more the glaring headlines proclaim "What's what in Company D."

Heard in mess hall last week: Lieutenant Lynch to Private Dicamillo, "Dicamillio, why is water purified by boiling?" Dicamillio, "Because it's boiled." Did you ever stop to consider, Pocketbook, that if brains were sunshine, you'd be in the dark? Never mind, Pocketbook, you are all brains from the feet down.

Owing to the energy of Captain Clement, Company D is the proud possessor of a Victrola. Henceforth on passing the mess hall one may hear strains of "canned" music softly wafted from the windows, and intermingled also may be heard the desperate attempts of such unfortunates as are forced to attend the singing class.

Sherman said a mouthful when he said "War is Hell."

Moradiano, our dark-complexioned Chinese friend, had charge of the second squad today. All we say is that if brains were ink, Moradiano wouldn't be able to dot an i.

Every one congratulated Merjer on his sudden promotion. When a man has been in the service fifteen years it is about time he was made corporal. But hereafter, corporal, it would be better to say "Squad halt" than "Squad stop."

We know you are awkward, but you are learning fast.

Say, Moran, how about that girl in Grafton? Is she still living? It must cost you some money for stamps.

Say fellows, did you ever heard of a company being commanded to "right front into line" while being in company front? Of course he can't help it, he's only learning.

Of course, we don't mean to insult anyone, but we have our opinion of the man who smokes tarred rope for a cigar. I wouldn't smoke those La Cheaplxto cigars, Kauffman, even if they are a hundred for a dollar. The Robert Burns is a fair cigar.

Private Manthe is drilling recruits. Well, it takes a recruit to drill a recruit.

HUBBEL SUCCEEDS EDWARDS.

Secretary Edwards, of Building 104, left last Thursday for New York, where he will take instruction in the Ordance School at Columbia University.

This department feels keenly the loss of Edwards. He did an excellent piece of work at 104 and won many friends. His leaving at this time is especially hard, as the educational department is short several men.

Secretary Paul Hubbel, who has been assistant building secretary at 103, will succeed Secretary Edwards. Secretary Rubbel is a Rhodes scholarship man, an ex-Y. M. C. A. secretary of the English army. He is conveniently fitted for his educational work and a great piece of work is looked for at 104.

DR. PEARSON RETURNS.

Dr. Pearson, of the U. N. C. department of history, returned to Chapel Hill last night, after completing his series of lectures at Camp Greene. Dr. Pearson's lectures on "The French Republic and Its Contribution to the World" and "The British Empire and Its Contribution to the World War" have been well received by the soldiers. Dr. Pearson will not be forgotten at this camp.

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