

# YMCA NEWS

## SECRETARY BERGMAN WINS SIGNAL HONOR

Winner of Life Saving Medal. Intends to Promote Swimming and Teach Life Saving.

Secretary Arthur E. Bergman, camp physical director of the army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Greene, returned the latter part of the past week from Camp Wheeler, where he attended a meeting of the camp physical directors of the southeastern department.

While away Mr. Bergman, who is an expert swimmer and the holder of several life saving and swimming medals, added some fresh laurels. He won a Red Cross life saving medal, an evidence of his ability to save drowning persons. The test in which he qualified and won the medal consisted in a number of release holds of drowning persons, together with the use of the modern resuscitation methods. The Schaefer method of resuscitation was used, and Mr. Bergman showed himself very efficient in the use of it.

Mr. Bergman holds a voluntary life saving medal, also a number of trophies and community medals for life saving work. Now that warm weather and swimming time is here Mr. Bergman intends adding this sport to the list of those which he is promoting among the soldiers. He will use the swimming pool at Lakewood park. In addition to instruction in swimming, Mr. Bergman and his assistants will teach the Schaefer life saving methods. He expects to organize classes for instruction at an early date.

A large number of soldiers are interested in swimming. The Ninth company, Third motor mechanics regiment, has already organized a team. They expect to challenge other company team at an early date.

## NOTES FROM THE REMOUNT STATION

Corporal T. C. Ryan and Miss Laura Denson were united in marriage a few days ago. Miss Denson is of Charlotte, while Corporal Ryan is a native of California.

Private MacMasters, of 306 A. R. D. is chief of the kitchen police here. Private Schieldz, of the remount, left his team and wagon in the stables. While he was gone his team left, and took stable number two with them.

The soldiers of the remount station have had a number of enjoyable dances lately. Some of Charlotte's fairest dancers have come out to assist in making the evenings pleasant. The dancing is done on the open pavilion recently erected by the men of the remount.

It is planned to have another "stunt night" on the open air platform recently erected for this station. The last one was a large success, and the men are looking forward to the second, when it is expected that a number of wrestling and boxing matches will be pulled off. Mr. McCreery, the Y. M. C. A. secretary stationed at this camp, is working for the success of the program.

## HOLD INTER-REGIMENTAL TRACK MEET TODAY

An inter-regimental track meet is to be staged on Wearn field today, 9 o'clock p. m., by the Seventh, Thirty-eighth, and Thirtieth supply trains. The list of events include the 50 and 100 yard dash, running high and broad jumping, sack race, etc. The sack race will have teams made up of 15 men. The feature event will be hand grenade throwing. The meet, which promises to be a very successful, is being promoted by the army Y. M. C. A. physical directors at headquarters and 105, with the active co-operation of the officers of the supply trains.

## A CHALLENGE.

First Sergeant Shank, sport editor of the Twentieth company, Fourth motor mechanics, challenges Camp Greene for Fourth motor mechanic regiment vs. any army, semi-professional, or college team in North Carolina. Games to be played in Charlotte. Address Mr. Winchell, Y. M. C. A. 104, Camp Greene, N. C.

## RED CROSS CIVILIAN RELIEF LARGE PROGRAM

Camp Greene Red Cross Workers Active in Behalf Soldiers and Relatives—Other Notes.

Mr. Lansing Harvey, field director, in charge of the general activities of the Red Cross here, has just returned from a trip to Wilkesbarre, Philadelphia and Washington, at which places he combined social pleasures with Red Cross business.

Mr. J. B. Branch, associate field director, who is in charge of the civilian relief department of the Red Cross here, was one of the speakers at the Casual camp last Tuesday evening. The messages were freighted with the privileges and duties of citizenship and army life. Mr. Branch told of what the Red Cross is prepared to do for the men's families. He also spoke at the big dinner given by Battery A, Thirteenth F. A.

Mr. Harvey has offered to obtain the materials for the building and equipment of two tennis courts at the base hospital. Lieutenant Wagner, Q. M. C., at the base, will furnish the men to build the courts. The officers and nurses at the base feel that the Red Cross is an indispensable institution and that Mr. Harvey is a splendid representative of the nation-wide organization. Mr. Harvey has received from Washington preliminary plans for the convalescent home that is to be built at the base. The Red Cross will not only put up this home, but will appoint an associate director, who will give his attention exclusively to the sick.

The department of civilian relief has been instructed to care for the soldiers' families while the men are in service, and where it is found that any kind of need exists. It will give Mr. Branch pleasure to have the officers send men to him with their family troubles. These troubles may run from the extreme of a lost Persian rug, (which was an actual case), that the Red Cross was asked to find, up to putting shoes on the children's feet and bread in their mouths, (which was another true case). If the soldiers are worried over debt, or rents, or illness, or whatever it may be back home, advise them, to "tell their troubles" to the American Red Cross and it will "sew them up in the old kit bag and make the men to smile, smile, smile." The ear of the Red Cross is always open; its patience is not easily frazzled; its money is the multiplied purses of 100,000,000 Americans; and its machinery (with a heart), is the chapters in almost every hamlet, town and city in America.

## THIRD DIVISION PROVISIONAL SUPPLY CO.

All is well with the supply company. Recently we were out drilling, and the first sergeant gave us "squads left." When the smoke cleared away the whole supply company was out of formation.

If the bread agent in our mess hall had a bear skin for a robe he would pass for a bear himself.

First Sergeant Thompson was recently the subject of comment about sergeants being bald headed. He jokingly replied that he didn't have much hair to comb. Then some one said, "yes, but you have a whole lot of face to wash."

"Halt, who goes there?"  
O. D. "Gosh, I thought you was relief."

The boys got paid, and on pay days they hardly ever blow "chow."  
WAG. O. B. E.

## NOTES FROM THE CASUAL CAMP.

Well boys, cheer up. Better days are coming to you, so stick on with us fellows.

Ever since the boys put on the smoker Harry Lang has been practicing up on his stunts. Go to it, Harry.

Our ex-Sergeant Lovejoy is "some kid" now. The old company E. of the Fourth engineers ought to see him.

What's the matter with C. Jenkins. He stood fatigue call today, so

something must be very wrong. Private Benjamin Kelly has left us, and the cooks hate to see him go as now they will not be able to get rid of their slum.  
Private Miles is training his voice so that he will be able to sing better the next time.  
The other day we had school, and the boys all thought that our school days had come again.

Arrives in France.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Allen, of Charlotte avenue, have received a card from their son, J. Edmund Allen, stating that he has arrived in France. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in January.



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