

# TRENCH AND CAMP

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The Marines have set the pace.

General Hindenburg has again postponed his visit to Paris.

Some of our "leading grocers" are very properly given an opportunity to contribute liberally to the Red Cross. The food administrators are on the job.

A recent news dispatch says that the "Y" will have to go before the people this fall and ask for \$100,000,000 to carry out their program in trench and camp. The folks back home will no doubt see that the amount is given.

We seem to remember that England had some trouble with her so-called "conscientious objectors" in the early months of the war. We are giving them the treatment they very often deserve—a long jail sentence. We're likely to have less trouble with them in the future.

One of the most encouraging things about the terrible suffering and human destruction that is going on "over there" is the remarkable results that are being obtained by the army surgeons. Wounded are literally being made over. Almost everything now seems to be in the realm of the possible.

The government is now debating what sort of diplomacy is going to prevail during and after the war—whether it will be secret or whether all of the cards will be laid on the table so that the world may see and advise. There is a great deal of hurtful publicity, we have no doubt, but we hope that a new diplomacy will be evolved that will be an improvement on the old.

One of the soldiers who was trained at Camp Greene, but who is now on the firing line in France, is ambitious. He writes that one of his friends has effectually disposed of some 40 Germans, and he is jealous of him. Well, so long as it is our chief business to kill Germans we may as well hope that he will be successful.

Secretary Baker's recent statement that there are over 700,000 American soldiers already in the European war theater will send a thrill through the hearts and minds of our people. We've got great faith in the possibilities of those men of ours, so much so that we believe that the military observers will soon begin to eliminate altogether any pessimistic tendencies.

## BLACK CAT COMBINED WITH "13's" Hooded Ship

### Sailors of Lost Oronsa Tell Y. M. C. A. Worker of Superstitious Circumstances.

"Thirteens" in many combinations and a black cat hooded the steamship Oronsa on her last voyage which ended in her being torpedoed in British waters, the sailors have since assured Arthur E. Hungerford of New York, the leader of the 57 Y. M. C. A. workers who were on board and who escaped in boats, according to Y. M. C. A. men at Camp Greene. The sailors said they were not superstitious, but—

The passengers went on board on a Friday. The Oronsa left America on April 15, 13 vessels were in the convoy, 13 preachers were on board the Oronsa, also 13 Methodists. It was the thirteenth round trip for the commander of the convoy and the thirteenth trip for an escorting warship.

R. C. Bennett of New York, assigned to berth No. 13, was the only seasick passenger. He moved out. Thomas B. Dawson of Providence, R. I., who took his place in No. 13, had the narrowest escape.

The torpedo struck at 1:03 a. m., sinking the Oronsa in 13 minutes. Life boat No. 13 alone was destroyed by the explosion.

Upon reaching shore a conference was called in room No. 13 and one man received hat check No. 13.

On the thirteenth day out a black cat on board increased the passengers by three black kittens. Aside from that there was nothing connected with superstition.

## BLIND FOLD WRESTLING MATCHES BRING LAUGH

### Usual Good Program Given at Camp Greene "Y" 105; Secretary Herzfeld is Anxious for More Talent.

Much comedy was injected in the program of the usual stunt night at "Y" 105, Camp Greene, last week, when a large part of the program consisted of blindfolded boxing and wrestling matches. These matches kept the audience in a continuous uproar over the grotesque attitude of the contestants.

Two wrestling bouts of a more serious nature were staged by Sergeant Michalik, of the remount station, and Private Bower, of the Second squad, Third regiment; Private Peterson and "Kid" Dayton, the former of the Third company, Third Motor Mechanics, and the latter of the 68th Aero Squadron. The first of these matches resulted in a fall for Michalik in four minutes, fifty seconds. The second went to Dayton in three minutes, fifty-five seconds. Both bouts were hotly contested, and some very clever foot-work and breaks were demonstrated.

On Tuesday evening of this week a program of vaudeville acts was prepared to constitute the program, and a number of singers, dancers and players were chosen to make the program complete and interesting.

### SECRETARY HARRY HERZFELD, PHYSICAL DIRECTOR OF "Y" BUILDING 105 IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE SOLDIER TALENT ENLIST FOR THESE STUNT, NIGHT PROGRAMS.

Mr. Herzfeld will be glad to have them report personally to him or to any of the other secretaries in his building.

## AVIATION BAND GIVES HOSTESS HOUSE MUSICAL

### Lawn Crowded With Visitors. Recently Arrived Headquarters Troop Special Guests.

A delightful musical was given Sunday at the Camp Greene hostess house from 5 to 7 o'clock. The entire program was given by the aviation band, under the direction of Lieut. Joseph Arndt. This band, which is new to Charlotte, was heard by a number of the Charlotte people for the first time.

The concert was primarily for the soldiers, but the public was invited and availed itself of the opportunity to hear some unusually good music. The band rendered selections that were excellently chosen. The band organization, which is one of the very best in any of the American camps, demonstrated on this occasion its stellar ability.

During the concert refreshments were served in the hostess house tea room, which has been tastefully arranged for such occasions.

The headquarters troop were invited as special guests, at which time they were given a cordial welcome to Charlotte and the camp. They have but recently arrived from Waco, Texas.

## RED CROSS WORKERS ATTEND A CONFERENCE

Field Director Harvey and Associate Director Branch of the Camp Greene Red Cross, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Atlanta, attending a conference of all the field directors of the southern division. During the conference the Red Cross convalescents home at Camp Greene was dedicated. This is the first of the convalescent homes to be completed and the building excited much admiration.

Director Blair, of Washington, one of the heads of the bureau of camp service, spent Friday at Camp Greene, and expressed himself as well satisfied with conditions here.

Mr. Harvey was confined to his bed Sunday with a severe attack of illness, but recovered sufficiently to go to Atlanta. He is now quite himself again.

Numerous inquiries have come in the Red Cross headquarters lately for comfort kits, and it was stated on Saturday that enough are on the way to meet all of the demands that are likely to be made.

## POPULAR CAMP PASTOR HAS RETURNED FROM PITTSBURGH

Rev. Henry P. Eckhardt, Camp Greene Lutheran camp pastor, has returned to Charlotte after an absence of 10 days, which were spent in Pittsburgh, Pa. During his stay in Pittsburgh Dr. Eckhardt addressed a number of meetings on the work of the Y. M. C. A. and other religious agencies at Camp Greene. Dr. Eckhardt announces that he is again on the job, and that he will be pleased to meet any of the soldiers, particularly the Lutherans. His headquarters are at the Selwyn hotel, Charlotte.

Dr. Eckhardt, who was formerly pastor of a large church in Pittsburgh, is one of the most zealous and effective religious workers at Camp Greene. During his stay of about six weeks here he has found a secure place in the affections of the soldiers and civilians.



(Drawn Especially for Camp Greene Trench and Camp.)

## VAUDEVILLE STUNTS FEATURE THE PROGRAM

### K. C. Buildings Have Attractive Showing of Talent for Soldier Audiences.

Entertainments of unusual merit were given Thursday night in K. of C. buildings. The amusements were held in the airdomes. A vaudeville featured the affair at No. 1 building, while boxing was the main bill at No. 2.

The vaudeville had a decided professional aspect. There was nothing amateurish about it. Singing, dancing, instrumental, vocal music and boxing were among the high "spots" on the program. The talent from Charlotte made quite a hit. The "nigger" dialect of Miss Rosalie Jones of Charlotte was very amusing. She imitated a "nigger" woman by talking over the 'phone. The audience virtually howled when Miss Jones went through motions of 'phoning.

Miss Blanche Manning, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Manning of the city, was another attractive card. She took the stage without the slightest hesitation and sang sweetly. Her manner was pleasing and her voice was very clear. She could be heard all through the audience.

Some clever passes in boxing were illustrated when Sergeant Picard, of the Fourth company, Third regiment, M. M., and Leo R. Crevier, of the Eleventh company, Third regiment, M. M., met in the ring. Private John

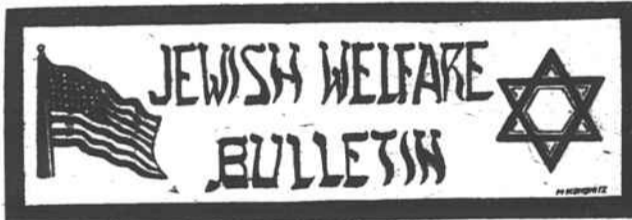
Trainer refereed. Picard's weight is 118 pounds, while Crevier weighs 122 pounds. They mugged it up several times. Both are pretty evenly matched, despite the few pounds in weight.

The K. of C. shows would not be up to top notch if the audience didn't see our "Black Dot" Carolina Brunson and Sergeant Taylor, the comedian, formerly with Barnum and Bailey, Garbed in a negro mamma's dress, "Black Dot" brought the audience to their feet several times. He has the negro dialect down to perfection.

There is none better when it comes to minstrel performing than Sergeant Taylor. He knows the game. His attire is one of the funniest make-ups than has ever been seen in the camp. He dressed like a tramp and takes the part well.

## THIRD MECHANICS TO PLAY LINCOLN BALL TEAM

The regimental baseball team of the Third Motor Mechanics, under direction of Captain Wood, will play the Lincoln ball team at Lincoln Wednesday afternoon. The team will be accompanied by the band of this regiment. During Wednesday evening, the band will play at a dance, when the members of the ball team will be especially invited guests. Receipts both of the ball game and dance will be contributed to the Lincoln Red Cross chapter. It was announced here.



Among the many features of the past week which have taken place in the Jewish welfare clubroom in camp was the wedding ceremony performed by Dr. Raisin when he united one of our fighting men, Sergeant Henry J. Levy, Third regiment, Thirty-first squadron, aviation section, with the present Mrs. Levy, formerly Miss Florence Irma Kahn, of Troy, New York. The marriage was held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, June 12, and although there were a crowd of fellow soldiers to witness and cheer the bride and groom, the wedding was very quiet, due to the fact that the couple desired it so, and therefore, none was present beside the "best man" and the two witnesses, Mr. Seligman and Mr. Crossman.

Sergeant Levy did not announce his intentions as to a honeymoon nor did he give anyone the opportunity to find out. Five minutes after the ceremony he slipped away with his bride and we have not seen nor heard from him yet. Where is Sergeant Levy?

Activities in Town. Sunday evening the usual entertainment held the attention of the soldiers and townspeople at the clubroom in town, 409 West Seventh street, and the program proved to be the most pleasing of any thus far.

Dr. Raisin opened the entertainment with a short talk to the men and was followed by the well-known pianist, Private Trenellon. This popular piano player can transpose any piece, no matter how difficult, into any key, and can also boast of reading music, classic or otherwise, in a manner that brings out hearty applause.

Other appreciated numbers were Sergeant Haas, who gave a monologue; Private Sweet, with a vocal selection; Sergeant Russ, also with a vocal selection, and Sergeant Drowan, who played the piano. Last, but not least, was little Miss Ethel Smith, who, as ever, made a big hit with the audience with several new songs.

The dance, held Wednesday night, was again a success, and although the music was furnished by a colored jazz band, instead of an orchestra from the aviation band as the week previous, it played with plenty of pep and jazz strains and assured themselves of many future engagements.

Activities in Camp. The program for the past week in camp has consisted of usual Friday evening services, lectures by Dr. Raisin on Tuesday evening, and the French classes by Private Schenlin. Dr. Raisin is much pleased to note the increasing interest in the Friday night services and urges the men to continue their enthusiasm and next Friday is looking forward to seeing new faces and many of them.

The Tuesday evening lecture by Dr. Raisin was well attended, the subject of which was "The Jews in England," and next week on Tuesday, Dr. Raisin will again lecture along the same lines, however, using another country as the basis of his lecture.

Not only has the clubroom been well represented by the different regiments and companies in camp on the evenings that a program has been planned, but the other nights of the week have found the clubroom well used by the man men who can spend an enjoyable few hours visiting with the representatives and swapping stories.

Saturday Night Smoker Discontinued. After carefully considering and with the opinion of the men the board has deemed it advisable to discontinue the Saturday night smoker and in the future will have only two programs a week, the Wednesday dance and Sunday entertainment. These smokers were first inaugurated with the view of entertaining those men who cannot enjoy themselves in the presence of the female sex. It seems, however, that in the regiments now in camp there are no such men; on the contrary, the men say they would enjoy themselves considerably more if the girls were not prohibited from attending the clubroom on Saturday nights.

Through there will be no official entertainments, the clubroom will be open, smokers may be had, and to the satisfaction of the soldiers, the girls are invited.