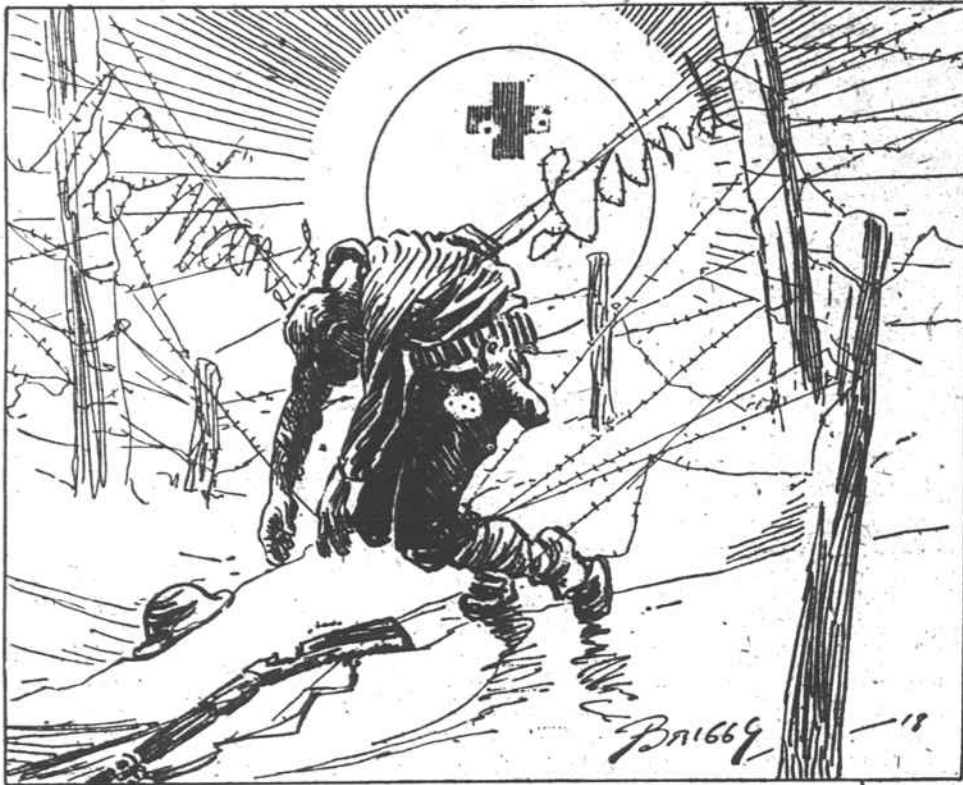


When a Feller Needs a Friend



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MAJOR RENN PROMOTED LIEUTENANT COLONEL

Lieut. Darling, Another Base Hospital Officer, Gets Promotion—News at Hospital.

Major George Renn, commanding officer of the Base Hospital, has been made a lieutenant colonel. This is the second time that Lieutenant-Colonel Renn has been advanced since his coming to Camp Greene, as a captain. On February fifteenth he received a commission as major. The hospital men are all happy at this honor shown to Lieutenant-Colonel Renn, for his relations with his men has always been most cordial.

A promotion has also come to Lieutenant Sidney Darling. He was made captain last Wednesday. Captain Darling was a student of law in New York university last June, but joined the army as a private upon graduation. After some preliminary training at West Point (where he was made a first-class private), he went to Camp Lee. Here he was made a sergeant and shortly afterward a sergeant first-class and then, before February, was commissioned lieutenant. In February Lieutenant Darling was transferred to Camp Greene as head of the medical supply depot of the base hospital. Captain Darling will conduct a practical course in the training of officers in medical department knowledge.

Two large tennis courts have been laid off for the officers of the base hospital to the east of the officers' quarters.

A first-class entertainment was given at the "Y" last Tuesday evening. Mr. Jesse Gray, of the Y. M. C. A. headquarters staff, appeared in his original character as "Elder Cobb of Tennessee." In this role he gave two side-splitting monologues, one of them, "Love and Poetry," bringing forth prolonged applause. Mr. Gray also sang some humorous songs, two of which were parodies of his own on "Where the River Shannon Flows" and "Won't You Come Over to My House." Dr. Darby, building secretary at "Y" 195, followed Mr. Gray with a short snappy address on "America's Reasons for Entering the War." Dr. Darby said that there were five elements in Germany's policy that are conspicuous by their absence from our policy: territorial aggrandizement, unscrupulous attainment of commercial supremacy, indifference to the shedding of the blood of her own men, a spirit of revenge, and hatred of the enemy. On the other hand, the speaker said, there are five elements emphatic in our policy: we fight for the sacredness of international obligations, for the bringing of succor to the weaker nations, "to make the world safe for democracy," for the brotherhood of nations, and for perpetual peace founded upon Christian principles. Dr. Darby's lucid exposition was received with cheers. Then the men were intro-

duced to an astonishing little lady from Charlotte, Ethel Smith, a five-year-old child of quite unusual talents. Miss Ethel sang "Parlais vous Français," and several other songs very uniquely, completely capturing the hearts of the people in her audience with her interpretations. She was very fetching in her manner of the veteran artist. The boys, freely said that Miss Ethel is the best little singer that they had ever heard. She has promised to visit the base hospital "Y" again.

Dr. John A. Hain er, Baptist camp pastor, preached a fine sermon on "Waste" Sunday morning at the "Y." Dr. Hainer dwelt on the widespread waste of things material and also on the common waste of life. Dr. Hainer's camp pastorate came to an end this week and he returned to Philadelphia on Thursday evening.

The Sunday evening service at the "Y" was in charge of Mr. L. B. Padgett, secretary of religious work in Building 105. Mr. Padgett based his remarks on passages from the Song of Solomon. He interpreted the book as being figurative and referring to Christ and the church as bridegroom and bride. The service was much enjoyed.

Dr. C. L. Jackson spoke at the Steele Creek Presbyterian church last Sunday morning. The church was crowded and the audience listened with deep interest to an excellent sermon on the text, "Behold the Man!"

K. C.'s. OPEN UP NEW RECREATION CENTER

New Chapel at Base Hospital Now Has Place for Pleasure of Soldiers.

Through the courtesy of Major Renn, commander of the base hospital, a new recreation center in the chapel building, was opened by the K. of C. last Monday. The new center is in the rear of the dispensary. It promises to be one of the most attractive of the camp recreation buildings. The painters and decorators, who were doing the work, transformed a room with four bare walls into what is considered to be one of the most attractive of the K. of C. buildings in the south. A player piano with music suited to all tastes, tables plentifully supplied with reading matter and a library are among the assets of the new building. Complete sets of Shakespeare and Dickens' works are on the shelves.

For the benefit of those who wish to spend a little time in quiet meditation, a miniature chapel complete in every respect has been curtained off at the end of the building and on Saturday night after a little scene shifting, the building is transformed into a church.

The K. of C. activities at the hospital are under the direction of the Rev. Paul Bethal, Ph. D., and secretary William J. Callaghan. A cordial invitation to those connected with the hospital is extended.

On Friday night, June 21, a splendid musical program will formally open the new building. The program is being arranged by Acting General Secretary John Donohue.

CONCERT AT SOLDIERS CLUB BIG SUCCESS

Program Under Direction of Sergt. Roy G. Downs Was Put Over in Great Style.

The concert given on Thursday evening of the past at the Soldier's club in Charlotte was a distinct success, and it was much enjoyed by a large number of soldiers and their friends. The concert was under the personal direction of Sergt. Roy G. Downs, of the Fifth company, Fourth regiment, who demonstrated to the audience his ability, both as director of the orchestra and as a soloist. Sergt. Downs was before his enlistment director of a large church choir in Buffalo, N. Y.

The concert was featured by solos by Privates Ruff, Rieff, Goss, Sergeants Dalquist and Downs, all of whom charmed the audience with their splendid voices. Sergeant Downs sang "Rocked In the Cradle of the Deep" and "Saved by Grace," the latter with the assistance of the male chorus. Several interesting musical numbers were rendered by Privates Copeland and Lutton. Sergeant Kinn, of the Sixteenth company, Fourth motor mechanics, made some very striking remarks and told a number of laughable jokes.

The male chorus, which so delighted this audience, have had a number of other engagements recently, among which were those at the Presbyterian hospital, Tryon Street Methodist church, and several Y. M. C. A. events.

RED CROSS WORKERS ENJOY A DANCANT

K. C. Building Number 2 Scene of Much Merriment on Wednesday Afternoon.

Packed to capacity by soldiers, No. 2 building, last Wednesday, was the scene of much merriment when the Red Cross unit of Charlotte paid their regular weekly visit. The Red Cross workers entertained the soldiers by a dansante. Refreshments were served and the boys thought it a fine treat. They relished the home made cookies, which the women of mercy brought along. Dancing was enjoyed and several instrumental and vocal solos were rendered.

The hostesses were the guests of the Seventeenth company, Fourth regiment, motor mechanics. The women greatly enjoyed the mess and extended their appreciation to Mess Sergeant Widdle Jennings and Secretary Bianco, who is in charge of the building. It was the women's first meal ever taken in a camp.

A picture was snapped by Camp Photographer Watson. The Red Cross workers were included in the picture and many of them were seated on a large truck.

Boxing was held in the evening. Private Earl R. Hunter defeated Duncan Stewart. Both boxers were of about even weight and they gave an interesting exhibition of the manly art.

Moving pictures will be shown Monday night. The pictures displayed last Monday night were exceptionally good. "The Marked Man" and "Rummy," both Universal films, were the headliners.

Wednesday and Friday nights will be for French classes. Thursday will be the regular vaudeville night. Plans are being laid for a boxing event for Tuesday night.

Arthur Doyle of Boston, Mass., Anthony J. Klee of Indianapolis, Ind., and R. Fred Rabold of Bowling Green, Ky., were the new secretaries to arrive this week. Edward Keefe was transferred last week to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

John C. Manion, general secretary, was called to Washington on Wednesday on business. He will be gone several weeks. Athletic Director John Donohue is acting general secretary.

NOTES COMPANY NINE.

Among the American soldiers wounded last week was Private Roy C. Inman, of the 9th casual company. Due to the nature of his wounds, however, his name will not be found on the list of General Pershing's men who fell victims to the Hun's shells.

Careful investigation of Private Inman's wound reveals that the more or less well-known God of Love, Cupid, planted one of his arrows in the victim's anatomy between the volley ball net and mess hall.

He was married Monday evening to Miss Edna C. Bright, of Charlotte. The bridegroom's home is in Caspar, Wyoming.

Chief among the items of the week's news in the 9th company were "pay-day, which, as this is written is but a vague promise, and the ceremony of standing retreat by Sergeant Bowers. One of the foregoing fractures of routine is just as unusual as the other.

Douglas Fairbanks is in no danger of losing his laurels, at least as far as his athletic prowess is concerned. This was determined Tuesday noon when Sergeant McGill attempted to mount Captain Meissner's fiery steed in front of the orderly room, in an imitation of the movie star. The final "close-up" of Tuesday's event showed Sergeant McGill face downward on the ground gasping for atmosphere and the horse making his own way to the corral.

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