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THE FOLKS BACK HOME.

Soldiers, do you realize that the one great question that is ringing in the minds of relatives and friends back home is, "What is that boy doing in the ranks and at the cantonment?" They wonder something in this fashion:

I wonder what he is doing tonight?
Is he reading a book, attending a movie or a religious service?

Does he shoot craps, play cards and waste his time and money?

Is he applying himself to his work and does he take part in tennis, baseball or some athletic function?

Does he use his spare moments to write a letter home or tell folks he knows about his life?

Can I depend upon him as I used to?

We are sure that every man in camp wants his folks back home to know where he is and what he is doing and what is being done for him in the camp. Sending Trench and Camp home each week is one way. Other things the folks back home would love to know is what a wonderfully efficient institution Uncle Sam's army is; they want to know how your health is protected; they want to know what recreation you have and how you are entertained; they want to know who your officers are, what this Y. M. C. A. is you hear so much about and the work it is doing. Can you tell them in one or two letters? Then after you leave this camp the folks back home want to find out what is being done for you "over yonder." That you can't write very well but there are pictures, actual experiences of other men and the events right from the front that do tell your people what is going on.

This week is folks back home week in Camp Greene, starting today. Some day during the week, which ends next Wednesday, you will hear the story of what this week means to you and to the folks back home. A prominent young lady from Charlotte will be at one of the "Y" buildings on specified days to explain the idea and tell you just the best way to keep back home folks posted on over here and over there doings. Special booths will be found in each of the "Y" buildings for that purpose and these young ladies will be pleased to furnish you with the information.

WRITING TO TRENCH AND CAMP.

No camp paper can be made a representative medium unless the men in that camp take special interest to see that their special unit is represented. You furnish the notes if you can't write the story and we will do the rest. Just drop your ideas in one of the Trench and Camp boxes in any one of the buildings. However, certain rules will have to serve as a guide and as most of the men in Camp Greene are new, the following instructions taken from Camp McClellan camp paper should be observed:

Unless news items and letters to Trench and Camp are signed they will not be published. All communications must be sent to the Editor of Trench and Camp, Y. M. C. A. Headquarters, Camp Greene, and not to The Charlotte Observer.

Jokes are very fine sometimes, and sometimes quite proper, but when they are rough and appear to reflect upon some one they will not be published. Nothing that can be read two ways will be published. The joke must be clean and incapable of being

read otherwise than as a joke. Writers to Trench and Camp must obey the rule to do unto others as they would have others do unto them.

Some writers to Trench and Camp do not spell their words correctly. The communications will not be turned down on that account. But when all the letters of a word look alike, how can the editor know what the writer intends to say?

If you expect what you write about to appear in the paper do not wait too long after it happens to write about it.

The columns of Trench and Camp are open to every soldier and their folks back home. Send in the news.

If any one offers to sell you this paper, do not purchase it, but report the matter at once to the editor. Trench and Camp is published free to all soldiers.

We happened to be in the office of the commanding officer of this camp one day last week when a phone call came in from the hospital for a minister at once. Colonel Kent dropped his head, for he knew what it meant, as he said: "Some poor fellow is dying, I expect." It simply goes to show that even the highest officer of the camp, although weighed down with great responsibility, feels the loss of one man in 20,000, though he has never seen him.

Camp Greene streets present a different scene than last winter before they were paved and the work is still going on. It will mean much to have this red clay covered up a little in sloppy weather.

We often heard it remarked before coming in direct contact with the soldier and the mess hall, that enough food was wasted to feed an American army each day. That certainly is not so in Camp Greene. A soldier that overloads his plate is jeered in the first place and next if anything to an extent is left over he has the supply sergeant on top of him and there is very little waste. The soldier as well as the folks back home is doing everything he can to conserve and help supply the great allied army.

Think of the folks back home and act. They are more than anxious to hear from you and worry no little bit if some regular message is not forthcoming. Send it to them.

The Stars and Stripes is the most interesting camp paper that we receive because it comes direct from the front, is printed in France and tells stories that are never found in the newspapers. The issue of August 9 tells of the interesting advance and crossing of the Ourcq with the slogan, "Heaven, Hell or Hoboken Before Christmas." We also note a statement that north of Chateau-Thierry that German officers were found chained to their machine guns.

At mess the other day some one called for the salt and one of the boys spoke up and informed the gentleman that it was in the cellar.

GENERAL WOOD TO THE SOLDIERS

General Leonard Wood, who saw such great possibilities in Camp Greene, but who was removed to the far west, recently gave a farewell address to the men of the Tenth division at Camp Funston, of which he is commander. His counsels to the boys as a whole were fine—in part particularly fine, as when he talked to them of morals. "Go over clean in mind," he advised them, "and clean in body," because he could assure them they would feel a lot better when the pinch comes, "when you have to go into combat, if you are clean in mind as well as in body." General Wood cautioned them to "get rid of all loose language." "Remember," he said, "you are dedicated to a great cause, that you are going to give your life; in any case you are going to offer everything you have." He told them further that modesty as a part of the make-up of a good soldier is most important, and he warned them against blustering conduct when over there. He particularly advised them not to say they are "going to win the war," because that would be an insult to our allies "who have fought our fight for us for years and are fighting for us in the period when we are getting ready." And what could have been more admirable than the general's reminder to his boys that they "are going into the land of those people who have been fighting their battles." "You are going to live in their land," he told them. "You are going to occupy their houses. You are going to come in contact with their people. Let your conduct always be that of soldier. A soldier is a gentleman, a real soldier always." The soldiers sent over to France by Lenoard Wood are likely to be known by their conduct—which at the same time will indicate them as among America's finest.—Charlotte Observer.

Camp general secretary, Dr. J. T. Mangum, spoke Sunday night at the unveiling of the service flag at the Presbyterian church at Steel Creek. This church is located nine miles from Charlotte and is said to be the largest country church in the south of any denomination and has some of the best improved farms to be seen anywhere.

FOUR-FIFTHS OF WOUNDED RETURN TO SERVICE

The war department authorizes the following statement by the chief of staff: "In connection with the casualties among the American expeditionary forces in the Marne-Aisne offensive, it should be stated upon the basis of the officially attested experience of our associates during four years of this war that of wounded soldiers sent to hospitals for treatment fewer than one in twenty die.

Of all the soldiers sent to the hospital only 45 in every 1,000 die. These include those who die of disease as well as those who die of wounds. Of all soldiers wounded in action more than four-fifths return to service, many of them in less than two months. It is necessary to discharge for physical disability only 14.5 per cent.

These figures are based on an average of both British and French official figures, including both officers and men. The two are averaged together since American troops are fighting with both the French and the British under conditions which vary. They show:

Returned to service, 81 per cent, or 81 per 1,000.
Discharged from service because of physical disability or other causes, 14.5 per cent or 145 per 1,000.
Died from wounds, 4.5 per cent, or 45 per 1,000.

THE ROOKIE'S PRAYER.

Oh Lord, I crack like a rusty hinge,
And my feet have gone to sleep,
My nerves are like a tangled fringe;
There's a hole two inches deep,
Where the trigger-guard rubs collar-bone,

And my brain goes in a reel,
But I mustn't cuss and I will not groan;

In spite of my blistered heel,
I made the hike, and I stood the test,
It wasn't just merely luck,
For I wasn't allowed to stop and rest;
But I stuck, oh Lord, I stuck!

"I took my turn at the shovel and pick,
When the sun was broiling red,
I didn't stall or play off sick—
Though I longed for a day in bed,
But I squared my jaw till it ached
again!

And I swore that I would not quit,
I needed some rest so much just then,
But I WOULD NOT ask for it,
In spite of burning and blistered palms,
That fall to the lot of the 'Buck,'
With the tired back and the aching arms,

I stuck, oh Lord, I stuck!
"It won't be long till I'm on my way
To ship from a Jersey pier,
I'm ready now, Lord speed the day!
O, when do we go from here?
The transport's path across the foam
By the U-boats is beset,
And I'll be a long, long way from home,

And the sea is awful wet!
But the bayonet thrust or cannon's roar,
Or saber, or bomb, or pick,
Just give me the nerve and I won't ask more,
God, give me the grit to stick!"

MESS HALL GENERAL ORDERS.
1. To take charge of all gravy and spuds in view.
2. To watch my post in a military manner, keeping always on the alert for any stray sausage that comes within sight or hearing.
3. To report to the mess sergeant any bread sliced too thin.
4. To repeat all calls for seconds.
5. To quit the table only when satisfied, and sure there is nothing left.
6. To receive, but not to pass on to the man next to me, any meat, cabbage or beans left by the non-coms, buck privates or K. Ps.
7. To talk to no one who asks for onions.
8. In case of fire in mess hall to grab all eatables left by the others in their escape.
9. To allow no one to steal anything in the line of macaroni.
10. In any case not covered by instructions, to call the corporal of the beans.
11. To salute all chicken, beefsteak, porkchops, ham and eggs, piggs' feet and liver.
12. To be especially watchful at the table and during the time of eating to challenge any one who gets more prunes than I do.—Camp Gordon Trench and Camp.

WATCH OUT FOR FOLKS BACK HOME

This week the soldiers of Camp Greene are going to be surprised. At every Y. M. C. A. building in the camp and other prominent places on certain designated days, a prominent young lady from Charlotte will be stationed to tell you about "The Folks Back Home Week." These ladies have very kindly consented to help out the Y. M. C. A. in this work and it don't ask for subscriptions for the Red Cross, Liberty bonds, war stamps, Y. M. C. A. nor any other organization. It is just a story the girls have to tell every soldier about the folks back home and explain how to not disappoint them nor forget you. Watch for the booth and the young lady who will take charge of it.

Classes in Typing.

A class in typewriting and stenography has been organized starting off with ten members from base hospital 92, 122, 123 and 147. Mr. Padgett is business secretary of the Y. M. C. A. and is teaching the boys in Y 102.

SOLDIERS TO ENTERTAIN HERE THURSDAY NIGHT

Musical and Concert by Several Stars in Musical Firmament Will Be Held at Auditorium.

A musicale and concert will be given in the city auditorium Thursday night by a galaxy of stars in the entertainment world who are now members of the fourth recruit camp at Camp Greene.

The proceeds of the affair will be used for the purchasing of musical instruments for Camp Greene and will be kept at the camp even after the men who will first benefit them have left for other parts. In this manner it is expected that the camp will be able to produce a band at all times and for all occasions. At present they are handicapped by lack of instruments.

The entertainment will be under the direction of Lieutenant J. R. Wright and has several noted performers on the program.

Private Abraham I. Mehl, who will direct the orchestra, is one of the best known young violinists in New York city and has the distinction of winning the LeDuc medal for music at DeWitt Clinton high school, New York city.

Private Gilman F. Alexander is well known as a baritone singer of exceptional ability in Charlotte where he has sung in many of the churches.

Sid Meyers, late of the famous "musical feet" duo of Myers and Meiden who starred for several years with the Gus Hill minstrels, will be featured in a buck and wing stunt.

Private Teles Longtin, who has been tenor soloist in Carnegie hall, New York, for two years will sing a duo of songs.

Other notables on the program are Israel Dorman, violinist; Jack Glick, song and dance artist; and Marmaduke Woodward, tenor soloist.

BODY OF STUDENT NURSES ARRIVES AT CAMP GREENE

Thirty-seven student nurses arrived at the base hospital at Camp Greene the latter part of last week and began at once the extended course of training that will fit them for admission into the ranks of the Red Cross nurses, each of whom must have a diploma showing the training course has been completed. While officers did not discuss the policy of employing student nurses in the base hospital, it was understood at the camp that the necessity of depleting the ranks of trained nurses in America to increase the corps of nurses overseas has made this action necessary.



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