

FOURTH RECRUIT CAMP

Was Proud of His Wife.

Trench and Camp:
To whom it may concern kindly print this in your next issue:
Supply Sergeant Joseph L. Sotoff, recruit camp No. 4, Company No. 7, has been transferred to the quartermaster corps.
The boys of the 7th certainly were sorry to lose "Joe." He was the only married man in the company who always spoke of his wife.
May luck be with him.
COMPANY NO. 7.
Recruit camp No. 4.

On Recruit Camp Four Diamond.

Recruit camp No. 4 has again shown itself to be equal to any occasion. Snappy games of baseball have been played in which the usual friendly rivalry was in evidence.
To date the games played and the scores are as follows:
20 vs 21. Score 15 to 14 in favor of 20
21 vs 22. Score 10 to 2 in favor of 21
13 vs 14. Score 16 to 7 in favor of 13
15 vs 16. Score 14 to 12 in favor of 15
19 vs 15. Score 6 to 4 in favor of 19
21 vs 22. Score 10 to 2 in favor of 21
4 vs 22. Score 14 to 7 in favor of 22
9 vs 8. Score 8 to 3 in favor of 9
8 vs 15. Score 2 to 0 in favor of 9
9 vs 13. Score 9 to 0 in favor of 9
7 vs 8. Score 19 to 1 in favor of 9
Company nine challenges any company or organization—and bids fair to wearing the laurels of championship.

Fell Asleep, But Not on Duty.

Recruit Wells, the 220 pound pride of Company 9, recruit camp 4, used a new tactic Thursday night in connection with night operations which may attract the attention of the war college.

Since hostilities have been declared between companies 9 and 8, Eighth company sentinels have been most diligent, but despite this fact the guard on No. 2 discovered a huge form on his post late Thursday night.

Investigation developed the fact Recruit Wells while sleeping had fallen out of bed and rolled on No. 2's post, a distance of about 10 feet. It was unnecessary for Sentinel No. 2 to call the corporal of the guard.

Fourth Recruit Has Quartet.

It is suggested that the Fourth Recruit camp quartet be given a little consideration in Trench and Camp. They have all sung prior to coming into this camp and they are noted for their music, possession of talent in that line, etc. The members are: Peter Longtin, tenor; Marmaduke Woodward, second tenor; Frank Grod, baritone; Merle B. Roe, bass.

They are under the direction of Lieutenant Wright, whose ability in that line cannot be beaten. Of course, he carries a swagger stick and wears kid gloves, but he is cute enough to be given that privilege; the girls all like his hair and the quartet has

adopted his way of coming their hair. Private Woodward has an awful job to keep his hair back, it gets in his eyes. That noted jazz piano-player, Hartman, (note: Not Bill Hart.) This fellow is from New Jersey and he sure can rattle the ivories. He says he is going to sell his store. And, oh dear, that little Eva impersonator, Grod, he is such a dear thing. Lieutenant Wright is going to adopt him, and Roe, he is a big, quiet lad from New York state; he got all he wanted "over there." He thinks positions is everything, so he was discharged from the royal flying corps on July 30, last, and held a rank of captain. Now he is a first sergeant in Sixth company. He says he is doing fine, captain to first sergeant. We agree with him. They hope to be able to show the people of Charlotte what they can do. Lord have mercy on them if they do.
SERGEANT SHADDUCK,
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Company Five Also Sets Up Claim.

Company Five, Fourth Recruit camp, has an actor well known in the theatrical profession in Private Claude J. Cramer, of New York city. Mr. Cramer has been on the stage for six years, playing in the leading vaudeville houses throughout the United States and Canada. Before he was drafted in the army he did charity work for soldiers and sailors, and appeared with wonderful success, pleasing everyone who saw him.
Mr. Cramer was one of the men who appeared in Charlotte last week at the Piedmont theater with Sid Myers, the boys with eccentric feet, in "Getting Acquainted." Both of these gentlemen are members of the Fourth Recruit camp.

Companies Nine and Ten Consolidate.

The Tenth company under the command of Lieutenant Raeder, has consolidated with the Ninth company, with Lieut. James S. Gough in command. The first sergeants of the two companies, Sergeant Boggs, of the Ninth, and Sergeant Gilmore, of the Tenth, flipped the coin to ascertain who should be the first sergeant of the consolidated company, the winner being Sergeant Gilmore. The two are getting along admirably, and in the Charlotte parade Saturday they expect to show the other companies the value of first class training and discipline.

Notes From Company Six.

Private James Terrence Hoban, the smiling rookie of Company Six, camp four, is kept so busy answering perfunctory notes that he hasn't time to answer mess call. The poor lad is falling away to a ton.

Private Joseph Schneider, of the same company, has again returned to us after being away for the past month at camp personnel office headquarters. He is glad to be back again and hopes to be sent overseas shortly.
COMPANY REPORTER.

A-TEN-TION!

Just as we landed, off of the train It started in, a swell of a rain! Dear Carolina, you greeted us great! And they say, this is a Dry State!

Mud to our knees, minus all smiles They marched us through camp, about two miles Our buddies grew heavy, as we did hike it All over we heard, "Yoo'll like it!"

They marched us then, and a little more Until we came to company four Gave us blankets and kits, then down the lane Into our tents and out to the rain!

Lined us up and best of all Marched us into the big mess hall Gave us food and some feed! Good hot coffee, that we did need!

Then into our tents, we did creep And oh! what, a fine night's sleep! I slept quite soundly, as never before And since, I'm champion sleeper of Company four.

We have a good sergeant, and a fine foot But God help the man who does not salute! Here's to the finest man what am! Hats off! Three Cheers!

Lieut. Cunningham,
W. 4th Co., 4th Recruit camp.

DOINGS AT Y 104.

Mr. DeLoache, social secretary, has rendered a fine program during the past week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday there were social meetings, Friday, movies, Sunday, preaching and Bible classes. The Y through the generosity of Mrs. A. J. Hagood, is the beneficiary of a nice flag of the U. S. and is very grateful for the donation. Mrs. Jones has also been active and through her influence the ladies have entertained, given musical recitals and subscriptions taken for the Y magazine.

The fourth recruit orchestra has been practicing with us. A. J. Menin, the able director, now has an orchestra of 18 pieces and invitations of love are pouring in for their services. They recently played at Cornelius and furnished music for the welcoming of Col. Macomb to Charlotte.

GAS WARFARE IS IMPORTANT FEATURE

Lieut. Gilmer Instructing Men How to Detect Gas and Have Confidence in Mask.

The officers that have been taking gas instruction for a little over a week under the direction of Lieut. E. D. Gilmer have begun to realize its great importance. As soon as they become proficient in the work they will pass the instruction on to every man in camp. The classes are interesting and the drill work of getting the mask on when a gas alarm is given is a most important feature.

The use of gas in this most modern of wars has been constantly on the increase until this branch of the army's training has assumed an importance equal to any other training given. The training in offense and defense, as well as the production of offensive weapons and anti-gas appliances is now carried on by an organized corps. Heretofore part of the work was handled by the medical corps, part by the engineers, part by the ordnance, and part by the bureau of mines. The personnel of these organizations employed in gas work has been united under the chemical warfare service.

The director of this corps is no less a man than Major General William L. Sibert, the general who headed the first division of the American army to go to France under General Pershing in 1917, and the man who, as an engineer-officer of the army was responsible for the construction of the Gatun locks and the Gatun dam of the Panama canal. Prior to his appointment as director of the chemical warfare service he had, for several months been the commanding general of the southeastern department of the army, of which Camp Greene is a part.

An officer of the chemical warfare service has been appointed chief gas officer of Camp Greene and is developing gas training in this camp. The insignia of the corps is two crossed retorts surmounted by a hexagon, representing the carbon ring, a symbol of organic chemistry. This insignia is probably now seen in this camp for the first time.

The final object in all training in defense in gas warfare is to save lives by teaching the men to protect themselves. To do this it is essential that a man shall have a knowledge of and understand the principles underlying the use of gas and the tactics which are used by the enemy. In addition he must understand all apparatus given him for defense, and be drilled thoroughly in its use.

Defense against gas is on an entirely different basis from defense against shells, shrapnel or bullets. A soldier can be guaranteed absolute protection from gas if he enters into the training with a determination to learn everything that is given him to learn and to comply with all orders given him. Most of the gas casualties can be shown to be the result of disobedience to orders, which orders were made with the one ultimate purpose of protecting the soldier. Discipline then is of prime importance in attaining the final object in training in gas defense.

A difficulty frequently encountered in anti-gas training arises from the mystery which men associate with the word "gas." When we add to the word gas the word "chemistry" the mystery is increased. Most people think that all gases are inflammable. Few people understand that the physical qualities of gases are as well known by those who are trained to handle them as are the dimensions of a block of wood. Gases are credited with all sorts of impossible qualities of movement and death dealing, even those considered educated men. There is an intensity of ignorance and superstition attached to the material of gas warfare that is not found in any other branch of military training.

It is, therefore, of prime importance that in anti-gas training a soldier be disillusioned as to alarm and distrust that may exist in his mind, that the idea of mystery and the supernatural in regard to gas be removed, that he be brought to realize that he has adequate protection, and made to feel a sense of confidence in his apparatus. At the same time he must not develop a sense of recklessness. With the knowledge that he acquires of the dangers of gas he should develop both confidence and caution.

To gain confidence in the mask it is essential that the soldier shall actually go into a deadly gas with his mask on, and be shown that properly handled it affords him protection. In addition he must be taught how gas is used, how it travels, when and where it accumulates, how it can be removed, when to expect it, the signs and alarms as gas attacks, and what to do at the time of attack. He must learn to treat his respirator with as great respect as a manual of arms. When it is realized that at the front a mask is constantly carried, that in the front lines it is always at hand even when he sleeps, a man awakes to the fact that the quicker he becomes familiar with this apparatus the more confidence and comfort he will have. By drill the man learns to obtain protection in the minimum amount of time. Speed is es-



"THE ANGEL OF PEACE."

By Salvator Florio, 4th Recruit Camp, Co. 6.

essential to safety. By lectures and discourses the man learns the common sense of gas, its use and defense.

The drill carried on in this camp is based on these considerations. The men are urged to come into the work with a full realization of the significance and purpose of it. In this as in many other matters pertaining to life and death, power is knowledge.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

This last week has taken the avivility of the Red Cross in every way and they are doing a splendid work in helping the soldiers all over the camp.

One of the latest changes in the recruiting staff is the arrival of Dr. Alexander Johnson who will be associated field adviser succeeding Rev. L. B. Branch who left yesterday for Washington where he will report for duty, expecting order to go overseas. Mr. Branch has been in Camp Greene for the past seven months and has won a warm place in the hearts of those with whom he has come in contact. Dr. Johnson comes from Indiana and has had long service in relief work with other organizations, especially in public hospitals. He was the guest of the Atlanta Rotary club yesterday at their regular luncheon and is expected to return to his work today.

Some of the boys yet have the idea that they pay for Trench and Camp. This paper is free and will be found at any Y. M. C. A. hut. A new issue is printed every week of the events of the camp and by putting a wrapper around the paper and placing a one cent stamp thereon it will go any place in this country. Send it home. Let your folks know what is going on.

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