

OFFICERS' PAGE

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SPOILED WAR

LETTERS OF A LIEUT.

Friend Ross:—Well, dammit, they went and ended the war on me. It's just a month since I came here. I guess now it's simply a case of "in again, out again, Finnegan."

You remember I promised to tell you about gas drill. Well, take it from me, gas attacks ended forever when the Hun signed the armistice! And yet on the next day they got us all into line and the old one-two-three practice started again. The work was like a post-mortem except that a post-mortem is useful. But the discipline and drill count and I, for one, have attained a lot of respect for a real line and a company of trained men.

It won't be long now before we all hear the "bout, face" and then it will be "as you were" till the next war.

Our chief amusement down here outside of swapping yarns is "Black Jack"—we used to call it "stud"; just for the fun of being in it, I took a hand the other night and on the first deal got kings back to back. Wasn't that like they are in Europe today? I played the situation for all it was worth, and the kings stood up. Wasn't that different from kings in Europe today?

I suppose my chance to get across is off since I'm not especially fit for any kind of plastic or reconstruction work. Most of us anticipate a lot of physical examinations and then "home, sweet home." In the meantime, since the war is over a lot of the boys have sent for their wives to come down—going to give them a war end outing. The harem is mostly located in the Hotel Stratton. Some amusing incidents occur on account of the differences in rank between the lady lieutenantesses, captainesses and on up. But ain't that just like the women? Here in camp we're all equal—just scholars.

Ross, they have two mottoes down here and I'm going to print them out for you and when I get home I'm going to have them fixed up to hang over my desk. If we all got nothing else out of this these two would make it worth while.

Keep your eyes peeled;

Keep your lips sealed.

Can you beat that for a doctor?

Do it well! do it now; do it cheerfully!

Ever since I got here I've been hustling right along those lines and it's rumored I may get an appointment that carries a promotion with it. Wouldn't that be great? I'll say so!

Yours,

Fisher Morse,
Ambitious 1st. lieut., M. C., U. S. A.
—From The Journal of A. M. A.

MUCH IMPROVED.

Captain Hamner is out on the streets again after an operation and we are all very glad to see him about.

CAPTAIN RETURNS.

Capt. Gaston Day has reported back from a fifteen day's leave of absence during which period he visited New York.

BACK AGAIN.

Capt. John Brown has returned from his home in Paris, Ky., where he was called by serious illness to the bedside of his wife and father-in-law.

Capt. Leonard Hart has found that his services in the laboratory are still needed but we fear that the captain is ill for his welcome smile has turned to a perpetual frown. But cheer up Captain you still have friends.

Lieut. Stauffer has returned from a five days leave, the first in six years, to resume his duties as hospital property officer.

HAD FINE TIME.

Lieut. M. R. Levine is with us again after an absence of ten days which he spent in New York City and he reports that he had a swell time while there.

HAS SHORT LEAVE.

Lieut. L. O. Gibson is back on the job after a short leave which he spent at his home in Statesville, N. C.

LOST.

Black pin seal purse containing \$20.00, fountain pen, check book, and Red Cross Identification Card, by Miss Anna Grabill, Base Hospital Camp Greene, lost about 6 p. m. Tuesday night, coming from town in taxi. Liberal Reward.

ALL CONSTRUCTION WORK IS STOPPED.

Construction work at Camp Greene has been suspended by Major Clarence H. reene, construction quartermaster, in compliance with orders received several days ago from the war department. Two contractors of Charlotte were engaged on big jobs there, Porter & Boyd being engaged in laying water and sewer mains and other work, and J. A. Jones was in charge of various building projects.

Headed For Best Society.

"Have your millions enabled your children to marry well?" "Rather. My daughter married a cabaret dancer and my son is engaged to a prominent chorus girl. We're headed for the best society now."—Kansas City Journal.

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