

THROUGH THE CAMP

TANK CORPS

"Some Camp" is the pleasing version of the members of the Tank corps battalions now at this camp where they have been ordered for demobilization. The 340, 341, 343 and 307th battalions, T. C., are the organizations that have already arrived from Camp Polk, at Raleigh, N. C., where they had been stationed for some months and were undergoing a period of training to prepare them for overseas duty.

Camp Polk was equipped with a number of practice tanks of the large and small varieties and the men were receiving instruction in the proper manipulation of the monsters. Besides the foot drill to which they were all accustomed the menu had daily lectures and informal talks regarding the heavy and the more intricate mechanism of the big machines that was to enable them to repair and remedy the defects in the operation of the tanks once they reached the other side. The cessation of hostilities put an end to all this work and the tanks were abandoned at Raleigh and the men transferred to Camp Greene.

All of them are exceptionally well pleased with the conditions as they found them here and state that from all view points Camp Greene has Polk beaten "forty ways". The "tankers" wish to express their appreciation at the cordial manner in which they were greeted by the folk of Charlotte and continue with unending praise for the city itself.

In an impromptu football match between the 341st and the 343rd battalions the former were successful in defeating the men from the 343rd outfit to the tune of 12 to 0. The game was featured by the unusual playing of the men on both teams and all things being taken into consideration it was a very well played and interesting contest. The onlookers are in hopes that a return game will be staged in the near future.

TANK CORPS HELPS.

The entertainment at the Red Cross building at the Base Hospital on last Sunday evening was a vast success and the efforts of a number of men from the tank corps department furnished no small part it.

Mr. Charles Bellingham, the camp song leader, was present and was responsible for the fine program that was delivered. One of the boys recited a selection from the "Virginia Judge," Mr. Bellingham led a few songs and Mr. Gross, the camp dramatic director, made a short address. Another attractive feature of the evening was a solo by Pvt. Calvin Gates.

During the earlier hours of the day the new player piano was the scene of great activity.

CAMP Q. M. C.



FINANCE OFFICE STAFF AID IN DISCHARGING.

One of the biggest rush seasons for the Finance Office of the Camp Quartermaster Corps has begun, now that the officers and men of the camp are being discharged. From early in the morning until late at night the men on duty in this office are busy over discharges, railroad maps and time tables, final payrolls and records of the men who are going back to civilian life.

The personnel of the office has necessarily been increased, as the regular office force was unable to cope with the situation. Several new officers are on duty in the finance office who are experienced in railroad mileage and routing, their duties being to map out the routes for the men, in order that they may get to their homes in the shortest possible time. In addition to these officers, there are more enlisted men on the job who are experts in the railroad and transportation fields.

USE NEW SYSTEM.

The government has adopted a new system of demobilization whereby men may be discharged by regiments. This system is known as the "Final Pay-Roll System." What appears to be an ordinary pay-roll, is signed by the men as is ordinarily done on the 25th of the month. The sheets are then sent to the finance office where the hard work begins. The men in this office go through the records and figure the route each individual man must take to reach his home. When the man finally receives his pay, there is included therein his regular pay plus his transportation and traveling expenses. The result is that a great deal of work, which would have been done had the old system been used, has been done away with, in that individual discharge papers are not necessary to each man,—that is, those papers which ordinarily would have come from this office.

So far the results have been very favorable, and a great amount of labor has been saved the men in the finance office. The men are discharged much quicker than they were under the old system. There were, a few days ago, some 22,000 men in the camp. Over 2,000 of these men have already been discharged under this system, and the work will continue until the others, so far as is possible, are given their freedom.

HAS PREVENTATIVE

Sergeant Scipio Hecht, the most hard boiled man in the army, height 4ft. 9 inches, says the "flu" holds no terrors for him. He uses lemon extract as a preventative.

"TREAT 'EM ROUGH"

RALEIGH TANK CORPS WILL GIVE MINSTREL

The Raleigh Tank Corps belongs to that "blood-thirsty" branch of the service and so should be "at ease" in the roll of the "Treat 'Em Rough" minstrels, which production is to be given at the Base Hospital Y. M. C. A. to-night at 7:15 o'clock.

"Treat 'Em Rough" is a full-of-life show which is the make-up of the Tank men themselves and which went across big at Raleigh. The Y building will be prepared for a capacity crowd when the curtain goes up.

WHEN THEY COME BACK.

(By Charles B. Driscoll. Written for the United Press.)

When the boys come sailing back across the ocean

To us for whom they've nobly fought and won,

How can we thank them for their stern devotion,

How can we tell what they've done!

Oh, we will cheer and bellow loudly!

We'll scatter flowers on the streets they tread,

As they go marching by superbly, proudly;

The old Starry Banner at their head!

There'll be cheers for all the boys who march before us,

And tears for all the gallant ones who stay

To sleep in holy ground until the chorus

Of Peace shall bring the Resurrection Day.

LEAVE IT TO ART

I've met the slowest girl in town,

She never hurries;

She takes the longest way home,

And never worries.

Pvt. Arthur E. Sheehan.

PROMOTED

Introducing Quartermaster Sergeant Seither, who having enlisted early in the war for Democracy has steered his military career steadily through the several stages of rank until he has meritoriously attained his present station of distinction.

CITY HAS GROWN

Sergeant John Smith went to Charlotte again this week for a hair cut. He reports that the city has grown considerably since his previous visit.

Sergeant Daniel Quinn anticipates another long walk into the country this coming Sunday.

With the ending of the war the Q. M.'s have dispensed with drilling.

When will Sergeant Streed take his furlough?

Sergeant Plumer wears his overcoat to mess.