

WHY BE SAD?

CHRISTMAS WILL BE BRIGHT FOR THE SOLDIER



LD Father Time in his ramblings had arrived at that particular place in the last month on the calendar which is usually displayed in the same color as Thanksgiving, New Years, and all the other famous feast days when people permit themselves to eat everything that they can consume.

Back home the folks were seated around the bountiful board, doing their bit toward dis-articulating the bird.

But there was an unmistakable sign of something lacking in the zest they were putting into consuming the collation.

Perhaps the vacant place at the table was responsible for their apparent lack of interest in the matter of eating.

Had they but known the truth they wouldn't have worried, for their little old soldier boy was well taken care of.

Let us go with him to the scene of his Christmas, and watch him to see how he makes out. Just one hour later than ordinarily, Sammy creeps out from between the blankets that cover the cot whereon he is wont to lie nightly in the arms of Morpheus until the arrival of morning is heralded by that noisy nuisance, the bugle, in the hands of the then most unpopular man unhung, the bugler.

In a few short minutes he is present or accounted for at reveille, and shortly afterward the bugler has a chance to redeem himself by blowing the nicest call of all—Mess Call, at which our hero, mess kit in hand, and with a fair appetite, takes his place in line and waits to be served.

The mess hall has overnight been converted from the bare-walled, barn-like structure that it usually is into a veritable dining room, rivaling in neatness, and brilliancy such famous eating-places as Shanley's, Child's, and Brown's. The usual christmas trimmings and decorations are these galore, thanks to the earnest efforts of the mess sergeant and his crew of cooks and K. P.'s. The color scheme, like all Christmas color-schemes, is

ANOTHER MILESTONE

TEMPLE MEMBERS TO GIVE THANKS



HANKS for the blessings of peace and plenty will formally be given by the Masons at the Temple December 27. In the call to brother Masons the final paragraph reads:—

The more sordid things of the Temple, such as the counting of the shekels and the writing upon the parchment of our records certain thoughts of the Nobles will be attended to with dispatch early

"Peace be unto you,"
C. E. Cotton,
Potentate.

of green and red, and in the front of the mess hall, in letters of red that stand out from a green background, is that world-famous, far-reaching, everlasting message of Good Cheer, "Merry Christmas."

Following breakfast the soldier may do any one of many things.

The line forms and the men march into the mess hall much in the manner of movie fans

And then he eats. Every edible that usually appears at the Christmas dinner is in evidence. The tender turkey is there in abundance; cranberries disguised as a sugar-sweetened sauce have been brought in from their native marshes. The humble spud, in both the Irish and sweet varieties, helps make up the repast. Thick, rich gravy is present almost by the barrell-ful. Then there are pies, cakes, candy, nuts and ice cream. Army coffee flows freely, and at the end come smokes—cigars and cigarettes of the popular brands. Truly, Uncle Sam is a generous providee. A meal like this would cure a case of lock-jaw.

That night he may call on some friends, or attend some church festival, or otherwise occupy his time, but "Taps" will find him safely sandwiched between the blankets on his straw tick and "The End of a Perfect Day" is at hand. He has thought of those back home, and wished he impossibility of such a hope, he op-Camp.

KNIGHT AWDUHLEE,
(M. J. Hughes)

OFFICERS DANCE

GALA OCCASION FOR MANUFACTURER'S CLUB



RILLIANT holiday dance for the officers of Camp Greene is being planned by the Charlotte branch of the War-Camp Community Service, and it will be celebrated at the Southern Manufacturer's Club, at 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening, December 27th. This is expected to be a gala occasion and plans include special Christmas decorations, favors and programs. A special committee on arrangements is composed of Mrs. Wm. B. Clayton, wife of Captain W. B. Clayton of Camp Greene, and Mrs. Theadore West, wife of Captain West of the X-Ray department, Base Hospital. They are assisted by the executive staff of the War-Camp Community Service. Patronesses of the dance will be the wives of the commanding officers of Camp Greene, among whom are Mesdames Macomb, Kent, Boyce, Renn and others.

DANCE FOR ENLISTED MEN

A special Christmas dance for enlisted men at the Soldiers Club, 516 South Tryon street is being planned under the auspices of the War-Camp Community Service.

GATES WILL SING

The usual Sunday afternoon concert conducted by the War-Camp Community Service at the Soldiers' Club, 516 South Tryon street will be featured on this occasion by the singing of Calvin Gates, tenor, of the Base Hospital, Camp Greene, and who is a favorite with soldiers and civilians.

CHRISTMAS TREE

There will be a Christmas tree at the Red Circle Inn for the exclusive benefit of members of the household who are officers, enlisted men and their relatives living there and who are unable to leave the city for the holidays.

After many days of the grit and grime of repair work the motorcycle; that featured so sensationally in the accident on West Trade street a short time ago, is completed and the machine is in first rate running order again.

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