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Bill Ward Made Major

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 20.—U. S. Marine Corps headquarters announced today the promotion of Capt. William C. Ward, Jr., of Tryon, N. C., to Major in the United States Marines Corps. Major Ward had been recommended for the promotion by his commanding officers for distinguished service in the Solomon Islands fighting. Major Ward is one of the youngest majors in the service. He was 23 years old on December 25th, and has been in the Marines a little over two years. He entered the officers training school a few months after graduating from Georgia Tech in Atlanta. His progress has been very rapid while serving in the important communications department. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ward of Tryon. "Bill" as he is known to Tryon friends was an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting; and he made an excellent record during his high school and college career.

Lieutenant James Rion Here

"Fort Monmouth, N. J.—Second Lieutenant James H. Rion was a graduate of the Officers Candidate Dept. of the Eastern Signal Corps School, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States on Jan. 19."

The above news bulletin was received from the public relations department of the Signal Corps this morning. Lieut. Rion has already arrived in Tryon for a visit with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Rion. Lieut. Rion is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and before entering the army was with Eastman Co., of Kingsport, Tenn.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Russell S. Walcott, treasurer of St. Luke's hospital, submitted to the Board of Directors at its January meeting, a report of the work of the hospital for the year 1942. During that year, 695 patients received 5,040 days of hospital care. Of this number, 92 were "part-pay" patients, and 105 were "free". Reckoned in days of care given, 39.9% of the care was free. These figures do not include the "out-patients" treated in the hospital clinic. There were 78 major operations, 108 minor operations, and 110 births during the year.

The income for the year included \$15,686.19 from patient's fees; \$1,937.00 from the Duke Endowment Fund; \$1,200 from Polk County and \$7,466.42 from donations. Expenses include \$22,125.00 for operating costs; \$1,147 for repairs and improvements; \$1,133 for insurance, and \$997 added to the Endowment Fund.

Contributions were made to the hospital last year by about 320 generous friends, in amounts ranging from 20c to \$1,000. Of all the pledges made, there are only six which have not been paid in full or in part. The Directors feel confident that St. Luke's hospital has the confidence, and will receive the continued support, of the citizens of Polk county, and pledge to all who are interested in its maintenance their diligent efforts to make it increasingly serviceable to the community.

There were many other valuable donations during the year, which do not appear as cash items on the report, such as a new coal

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