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'GERMANS HAVE ABSCESS WHICH NEEDS CLEANING'

Lieutenant Picard Makes Number of Inspiring Addresses at Camp Greene.

"The Germans have abscess of the brain—an abscess being something that is full of dirty stuff—and we are going to blow it out," said Lieut. Jean Picard in an address in one of the Camp Greene "Y" huts on Thursday night. "They are crazy," he said in the course of his address, "else I cannot account for the inhumanities which they have practiced throughout the course of the war."

In such stirring statements and with a personality that dominates and delights his audiences, Lieut. Picard has awakened the spirit and enlightened a number of soldier audiences at the camp this week. In the evenings he has been speaking to tremendous audiences of men in the Y. M. C. A. buildings. On Friday afternoon he addressed two large audiences of officers.

This speaker engages in no generalities nor does he take any pains to flatter the men to whom he is speaking. At the outset of each address he attempts to give the boys an idea of what they must expect when they get to France. He lays a great deal of stress on the manner in which the men should conduct themselves as regards wine and women. He asked the boys to remember that the women of France have made tremendous sacrifices; that most of them have sons and sweethearts at the front; and he begged them to treat them with the respect that such patriotic sacrifice deserves. He also spoke to them plainly of the danger of having anything to do with the prostitute class, reminding them that a large percentage of this class are spies. He referred humorously to the practice of Americans in drinking to get drunk, but warning them that they must go slow in their consumption of wines and beers.

Lieut. Picard spoke of the necessity of learning as much of the French language as possible. He told of sergeants being ordered to billet their men in French towns, and finding it impossible to make their wants known. "You are liable to be asking some housewife to give you a bed to eat and a roast chicken to sleep on," he said.

The speaker impressed on his hearers the great value of proper training and of strict observance of discipline. Pointing his finger at the listening men, he said: "Remember that you are not going on a picnic, you're going over to kill Germans. If you can throw the bayonet more skillfully than the German he will be killed and you will not be killed." He gave these striking figures to illustrate the point. At the beginning of the war France lost six per cent of soldiers every six months. Now, since she has really learned how to fight she loses only about one per cent for the same length of time.

In counsel to the boys is "Whatever happens to you, keep on smiling." He told them that the English and French people have kept up their courage through all of the hardships they have had. "As for Russia," he said, "if the Russians do not fight we will fight the Russians battles on the western front."

Lieut. Picard's comment on the big gun will bear repeating. "When you want to kill women and children you get a gun that shoots 16 miles. When you want to do a soldier's part you can get along with a 21-inch gun that shoots 25 miles."

AN ARGUMENT.

You sing a little song or two.
You have a little chat.
You eat a little excellent fudge.
And then you take your hat.
You hold her hand and say good-bye
As sweetly as you can.
Ain't that a hell of an evening
For a great big healthy man?
—Cardinal

COMMANDER WELCOMES MEN OF SECOND DRAFT.



MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE H. CAMERON.

TO THE MEN OF THE SECOND DRAFT.

You are entering the service of your country at a time when all foolish discrimination between volunteers and drafted men has disappeared under the realization that all are badly needed and that no group of men has a patent on courage and efficiency. In the regular army, officers and men hail from every state in the Union; it was fitting therefore that the Fourth Regular Division should receive its increments to war strength from five widely scattered National Army encampments, each composed of men from several neighboring states. As a division, we embody the spirit of the whole nation and just as we have an united nation, so we have an American army welded together from regulars, national guard and national army, all actuated by the same firm resolve, all equally anxious for a place beside our allies. The Fourth Division welcomes the men of the second draft.

GEORGE H. CAMERON,
Major General N. A.

GIFTED SINGER GAINS AFFECTION OF "BOYS"

Madame Riheldaffer Charms With Voice and Stories of Her Son Bill.

When her son, Bill, enlisted with the Fifteenth Engineers to go to France, Madame Grace Hall Riheldaffer, a noted soprano concert singer, was overwhelmed at the idea of his going over to take part in such a hazardous game. Very soon, however, her pride in a son who was determined to do a man's part in the war overcame her womanly fears, and she sent Bill away with a smile.

She also sent Bill away with a promise that has been abundantly fulfilled. She told him that if he was going to do his bit by fighting she would do her bit by singing to the soldier boys in the camps all over the United States. She decided, therefore, to give up all of her concert engagements and devote all of her energy to bringing sunshine and happiness into the life of the soldiers. During the past week the soldiers at Camp Greene had a most gracious visit from Madame Riheldaffer, and had a number of opportunities to hear her wonderful voice. Beginning with

Monday night, she gave her program in the "Y" huts during the entire week. Her unaffected pleasure in singing to the "boys" and her charming personality made her one of the most delightful entertainers that has appeared in the camp during the year. In addition to her rendition of a number of arias, Madame Riheldaffer sings "the old songs," the ones that the men enjoy most, and her audience went wild with enthusiasm. She told them about her son, Bill, how proud she was that he was able to serve his country, and promised to be a "victory mother" to all the Camp Greene boys who cared to claim her. After her concert she talked to them in an informal way.

Madame Riheldaffer's accompanist, Mr. E. Edwin Crierie, is an accomplished musician, a number of whose compositions she sung. Every number on the program was well selected and delightfully rendered.

A SOLDIER'S ODE

Your face is black.
Your sides are brown.
I never greet you
With a frown.
Your task is neat,
Your presence sweet,
I love you, rife,
Old Jimmy Pipe.
—The Orange Peel.

FRENCH LANGUAGE TO BE STUDIED HERE

Schools for Instruction in French to Be Established Here This Week—Large Interest.

You wouldn't want to ask a French dame to rent you her best bed room and have her show you the stable. If you are a sergeant and your company commander orders you to billet the company in a French town would you know how to start to do it?

In order that some of the links which the soldier's contact with the French soil will inevitably bring may be straightened out there are going to be a number of classes for the study of the French language instituted in Camp Greene this week. An effort will be made to teach the fundamentals of the language, giving the student a working knowledge of the necessary terms that he will have use for in the course of the day. The necessity for this is so apparent that it is fully expected that a large number of officers and men will enroll in the various classes.

The educational department of the Army Y. M. C. A., which is under the direction of Mr. C. M. Oliver, has the arrangement of the classes in hand. A survey will be made this week of every regiment in camp for the twofold purpose of locating teaching talent and enrolling men who desire instruction. The general plan is to set up classes in each company with instructors from the company; the studies to be continued after the regiment leaves camp.

A model school of French is being organized in the Third and Fourth Motor Mechanics regiments. This work is under the direct supervision of Chaplain Starns and Secretaries Myers and Hebble of "Y" 104. At a meeting last Monday of a committee of officers the entire situation was gone over and plans laid for the establishment of the school. There will probably be two schools for this outfit; one for the officers and one for the enlisted men. Most of the men of the Motor Mechanics are college or high school men, and with such material much work will probably be done.

The presence of Lieutenant Picard in camp this week has stimulated the desire to learn French, as he has pointed out the great need for it. He related many humorous stories illustrating the difficulties which will be encountered if one doesn't know anything about the language.

All men in camp who desire French will do well to give their names to the nearest educational secretary, though it should be understood that after enrollment attendance is compulsory.

SIXTH CASUAL DETACHMENT.

Private O'Callaghan, after receiving his overalls wanted to know what he had, as he thought he got a job on the railroad.

Private Tom McGovern received his classification card and opened up his new inn. This is called "McGovern's Inn." Mack is in it, class, boys, call around.

Private Myers and Fitzsymbous are going to write a book entitled "Our Experience on Cooks." Get your copies early.

Sergt. Packey Lynch knows a friend when he sees one. McGovern got \$50 from home. Good luck, Pat.

Private Sullivan is going out west after the war, as he has a girl in Geneva, Ill., whose father owns a bank.

There are sure quite a few heroes in the first squad? Anyway, they have organized the bucket brigade.

The boys want to know if Mess Sergeant Foy has a worn piece of the strings out in the kitchen, as one of them found a piece of meat in the soup.

The first squad has hung out a service flag as Private McGovern has been transferred to the 23rd squad.

