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NEW WARD BUILDINGS AT BASE HOSPITAL COMPLETED

Red Cross Building Soon to Be
Erected—Sergeant Dempsey Promoted.

Construction of the six large ward buildings, which will double the capacity of the Camp Greene base hospital, is almost completed. The new structures, each of which is two stories high, are the most substantial buildings at Camp Greene. They are built for permanent use, which tends to bear out the original intention of military authorities to make the Camp Greene hospital a general hospital.

Lumber has arrived for the large Red Cross building, which is to stand in the center of the convalescent wards. Work on the proposed structure will start at once, and it is expected that it will be completed before the fall. The Red Cross recreation home will be built in the form of a cross, and is to cost \$18,000.

Top-Sergeant R. J. Dempsey, one of the most popular and efficient non-commissioned officers at the base hospital, has received a promotion. He has received the warrant which makes him hospital sergeant. Sergeant Dempsey enlisted in the regular army at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., on May 21, 1917.

A number of new Red Cross nurses arrived at the hospital the past week. Miss Agnew, chief nurse, is now away on her vacation. Miss Mary LaSelle is acting chief nurse during Miss Agnew's absence.

Lieut. John D'Albora has left the base hospital for duty with his unit, base hospital 102, now mobilizing at Camp Bureguard, Texas. Captains Dwaddle, Wilkes and Nelan, and Major McRae have recently returned from leaves of absence, which they spent at their respective homes.

Private Tad Markuszewski, whose home was in Chicago before he enlisted in the medical department, was married on Wednesday afternoon of the past week to Miss Grotz, of Chicago, the ceremony being performed in a Presbyterian manse in Charlotte. A wedding banquet was given at the Selwyn hotel, at which were present a number of friends of the groom. The bride, who will remain in Charlotte for several weeks, gave a musical program at the base hospital "Y" on Saturday night.

A number of interesting games of baseball were played in the vicinity of the base hospital recently. A game of ball between the officers of hospital unit number 54 and those of the old hospital resulted in a score of 13 to 4 in favor of the former team. The hospital team was defeated on Wednesday afternoon by the medical supply team, the resulting score being 8 to 7. The game was a very close one, and was featured by some good playing on both sides.

A great deal of interest is being taken in volley ball at the base hospital. During the past week Secretary McCreery, of the "Y" has been promoting the game, with the result that there is a renewed interest and an increased number of players.

The K. of C. quarters in the hospital chapel was opened on Wednesday evening of the past week with a program of jokes and songs. Some of the artists on the program were Spinelli, who has made a reputation as a tenor singer; Jack Foster, who is known as the soldier Harry Lauder; Miss Grace Manning, a Charlotte vaudeville artist; and Frank Trenolone, a singer and piano player.

Two splendid addresses were heard at the base hospital "Y" building during the past week. Secretary S. R. Gray, of "Y" 105 spoke on "The Unfaltering Faith of Daniel." Dr. J. O. Grogan, chief executive of the army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Greene spoke on Friday night, his subject being

NEW COMMANDER OF CAMP GREENE.



LIEUT. COL. GEORGE A. RENN, COMMANDER OF CAMP GREENE
BASE HOSPITAL.
(Courtesy from The Caduceus.)

"Service, the Supreme Test of Christianity."

Miss Alice Louise Williams, of Atlanta, gave a program at the "Y" building on Tuesday evening. It consisted of readings, darkey dialect and folk songs.

Secretary Talliesin W. Davies, of the hospital "Y", has been spending the past ten days at Blue Ridge, attending a conference of Y. M. C. A. secretaries. During his absence Secretary W. J. McCreery, formerly attached to "Y" hut 102, has been taking his place.

On Thursday evening of the past week Secretary C. M. Oliver, educational director of the army Y. M. C. A., made an address to a rather small but interested audience at the "Y" building. Mr. Oliver gave an interesting "revue" of current topics of interest to the soldiers.

Chaplain McRae, of the aviation brigade at Camp Greene, made an address at the hospital "Y" on Sunday evening.

Dr. C. L. Jackson, who has endeared himself to the officers and men of the base hospital, as well as to the patients and nurses, will soon leave to take up hospital work at Azalea, near Asheville.

Secretary Martin, of the hospital "Y," who is one of the most cheerful souls alive and fond of a joke, has had lots of fun recently with a "red bat." He takes the visitor back of the desk to see the bat, which is confined in a box all covered over with fine wire. He gets all the laughs coming to him out of the denouement, which is staged when the visitor discovers that it is only a brickbat.

AEROPLANES ARRIVED AT CAMP ARE BEING STUDIED

Four aeroplanes, the expected arrival of which was recently announced, are now at Camp Greene. They were assembled by the Motor Mechanics, and are now set up and ready for a flight. Large numbers of interested soldiers watched the assembling of the machines, and visitors have been frequent in that part of the camp where the work was being done. It was not learned whether there will be any flying right away at this camp, but it is not believed that flights will be made. The machines now in camp will be supplemented by others, which are soon to follow. They will be studied by the aviation men as well as by the Motor Mechanics.

FULL GROWN!

Lieut. Col. George Renn, present commanding officer of the Camp Greene base hospital, weighed 225 pounds when he came to Camp Greene.

He had been here just two days when he met one of the old-time darkies on the street in Charlotte. The colored man, whose kinky hair had been whitened by the years, removed his worn hat with great Chesterfieldian manners and remarked warmly:

"Good mornin', boss. Bless God I is at last seen one full-grown soldier. Dese here soldiers what I bin seein' is nothin' but chillen and it makes my heart so sad to see dese boys—but you is certainly full-grown. Say, boss, what is you? A general?"—The Caduceus.

UNIQUE MENTAL TESTS GIVEN TO SOLDIERS

Psychological Tests Being Given
to Determine Mental Alertness
of Men and to Give Rating.

Psychological tests, which are perhaps a new thing under the military sun, are now being given to the soldiers of Camp Greene, the purpose of the tests being to determine the mental alertness of the soldiers examined and to give them an intelligence rating. Classes are examined daily in the building formerly used by the Fourth division as a school building, located near the drill ground back of "Y" hut 104. First Lieut. E. M. Chamberlain, who is at the head of the psychological examining board, has charge of the school and conducts the tests. Lieutenant Chamberlain was an Austin teaching fellow in education at Harvard at the time of his entering the service.

The purpose of the test is not only to give every soldier an intelligence rating, but also to eliminate the mental incompetents who would be likely to seriously affect the good of the service. The tests are of two classes, the Alpha test for those who are able to read and write English, and the Beta test for those not so accomplished. Individual tests are also given those who are not able to pass either of those named. The first of these, the details of which may not be published, is intensely interesting. There are eight tests, all of which require power of concentration, quickness of thinking, good judgment, and some knowledge. No great amount of the latter is required, however, only the ability to quickly and properly use what the student possesses. All enlisted men, non-commissioned officers, and commissioned officers below the rank of major have to take the examination.

At the beginning of the war a group of psychologists at Harvard university, feeling that the government could make good use of the elements of their science, demonstrated in a number of tests the use to which it could be put. Experiments were made at five of the national army camps which convinced the army and navy officials that they could make use of the science in arriving at an estimate of the mental efficiency of the soldiers. So successful were these experiments that a department of psychology was established under the surgeon-general, in immediate charge of Major Yerkes. The tests which are given at Camp Greene conform to a standard one, which was worked out as a result of the investigations in the five camps mentioned.

The war and navy departments have recognized the necessity of arriving at a true estimate of the mental as well as the physical powers of the men who are being sent to France and Italy, and as a consequence the soldiers who do actually reach the battle fields of Europe will be thoroughly equipped to fight intelligently as well as bravely.

QUOIT EXPERTS BUSY.

With the best of weather in their favor, volley ball enthusiasts and quoit players have been enjoying a good season. A very exciting match game of quoits was played recently with Dr. Darby and O. J. Myers, secretaries of Y. M. C. A. No. 105 and Dr. J. O. Grogan, camp general secretary, and A. E. Bergman, camp physical director as chief participants. The "Y" No. 105 team beat the visitors from headquarters three games out of four in their first set-to, which was played at this place. However, tables were turned when the 105 representatives journeyed across camp to the headquarters court; here the headquarters team trimmed their opponents in three straight games; score in final contest being 21-20. A final match will be played in the near future to decide camp championship.

