

TRENCH AND CAMP

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EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Another fourth of July finds the American people preparing to fight for liberty—this time for the liberty of the world.

With the Bolsheviki government overthrown, the former Czar murdered, and Kerensky away from home we should say that things were pretty warm in Russia.

So far, what the American people have contributed to war causes has come out of their surplus—what they could well spare. Pretty soon we've got to go deeper.

If the war department sees fit to send negro troops here for training we see no good reason why the plan will not work. We believe that the negro troops will do their full share in the fighting, and we can assist in their training and proper equipment.

Far be it from us to assume the role of a prophet, but we do feel that we now have some sort of justification. In the last issue we spoke of our faith in the Italian army and expressed the belief that within a short time they would demonstrate their effectiveness. They have, as all the world has heard.

It is not small ground for satisfaction—this fact of our sending 100,000 troops a week now to the fighting fronts. This is not only an evidence of the fact that things are moving along rapidly, but the presence in France and Italy of so many American soldiers will no doubt have both a military and political effect. We will have reason to rejoice always that we did not arrive too late to save the day for human liberty and Christian civilization.

The Propeller, a magazine-newspaper publication edited and sponsored by the Motor Mechanics since they have been stationed at Camp Greene, is now under new management. Lieut. R. J. Kratky, of the Fourth Motor Mechanics regiment, is the new editor in chief. Lieut. Kratky is a short story writer and the author of two books, therefore must be ably qualified to make The Propeller a most creditable magazine. This week The Propeller got out a special edition that for sightliness of appearance and high quality of matter is hard to beat.

"Cussing" is one very questionable recreation that unfortunately has for a considerable length of time been considered as native to the army and navy. Even our old friend G. Washington had some trouble along this line with our great granddads. Here's a general order that he issued in New York July 1776:

"The general is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American army, is growing into fashion. He hopes the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect, that we can little hope the blessing of heaven on our arms, if we insult it by our implety and folly. Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of character and sense detests and despises it.

(Signed) George Washington."

SAYING OF A DISTINGUISHED COMPANY COMMANDER.
Capt. Gillies, 1st Co., 4th Reg. M. M.
I come here to do my best, I want you to do your best—

There is no reason in the world why you should fall down on it—is as simple as falling off a log—

You have brains—I know it and you know it—the trouble is that you don't use them—

Let your mind be the master of your body—Don't let your muscles act in a haphazard way!

The trouble is that you leave your mind in town—and come here with your body—

I'm here to teach you, and I'm going to—whether you want to or not—You might as well make-up your mind that you are going to learn—Don't be a boy—be a MAN!

P. S. Remarks made by Captain Gillies occasionally when drilling Sam'l Bernard.



GROUP OF SOLDIERS AT FLAG RAISING EXERCISES.

Several companies of Motor mechanics attended the exercises incident to the raising of Old Glory over the A. L. A. library at Camp Greene on Sunday the 23rd. The exercises were of a marked military nature.

MUSICAL PROGRAM WAS ENJOYED BY SOLDIERS

Party of Young Ladies From Charlotte Sing, Play Piano, and Violin—Soldiers Join In.

One of the most pleased audiences at Camp Greene in some time was that at "Y" building 104 on Friday evening, when a party of charming young ladies gave a musical program that was enthusiastically received. Misses Adelaide Porter, of Asheville; Lucy Oliver, of Florence, S. C.; and Ella Moseley, of Charlotte; with the assistance of Secretary C. M. Oliver, of the army Y. M. C. A., gave the program that was so much enjoyed.

Miss Porter, who has a clear, sweet soprano voice, sang with a great deal of expression, among other things she sang Mrs. Beach's "The Year at the Spring;" and Veracini's "Pastoral." Miss Moseley gave several violin solos that were much applauded. Her rendition of Wieniawski's "Kuyawiak, Mazurka" was especially enjoyed. Miss Oliver played the piano accompaniments. A number of the popular airs were played by Miss Oliver, accompanied by Miss Moseley and Mr. Oliver with violins. After the regular musical program had been given this group called on the boys present to help in singing some of the popular and patriotic airs, which they did. The soldiers present showed not only a familiarity with these songs, but many of them had voices that greatly added to the quality of the singing. This musical number, which was given last night under the direction of Mr. C. M. Oliver, will probably be given in a number of the "Y" buildings at this camp, announcement of which will be made later.

SECY. MANION RETURNS FROM BUSINESS TRIP

John A. Donahoe, Camp Greene Physical Director for K. of C.s, Goes to Camp Hancock—Promoted.

The soldiers will learn with pleasure that General Secretary John C. Manion has returned from a business trip to Washington, D. C., and New York. While on the trip Mr. Manion was in consultation with the executive heads of the Knights of Columbus committee on war activities. He reports most enthusiastically concerning the war activities of the Knights of Columbus overhere and overthere.

The Knights of Columbus have lost a valuable asset in the departure of Publicity Director A. J. Kelly, who has been transferred to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Mr. John A. Donahoe, who has been general secretary during the absence of General Secretary Manion, has just been awarded a well merited promotion. Mr. Donahoe is to be transferred to Camp Hancock as general secretary of the Knights of Columbus war activities at that camp. He has given sufficient evidence in the few days past of his capability to steer the soldiers' ship of enjoyment at Camp Hancock. The Knights of Columbus and the many soldier friends of Mr. Donahoe extend to him their most cordial wishes for success in his new position.

Mr. Thomas E. Hammer, who has been at Camp Green training camp for Knights of Columbus secretaries for the past 10 days, was also assigned to Camp Hancock as an assistant secretary to Mr. Donahoe. Many friends that Mr. Hammer made while at Camp Greene extend also to him their sincere wishes for success at Camp Hancock.

The latest addition to the secretarial staff at Camp Greene is Mr. "Billey" Cloonan of New York. Mr. Cloonan has been in the theatrical business previous to entering the service of the Knights of Columbus. He comes highly recommended and will have charge of the entertainment of the soldier patrons of the K. of C. buildings at Camp Greene.

AVIATION MEN COMING HERE FROM CAMP SEVIER SOON

Greenville, S. C., June 26.—The aviation mobilization depot which has been stationed at Camp Sevier for a number of months is to be sent to Camp Greene, Charlotte, according to announcement today by camp authorities. There are approximately 700 men in the depot which is under the command of Major McFadden.

DENTAL INFIRMARIES BUILT FOR SOLDIERS

Infirmary Number One Is Now Completed and in Use—Capt. W. R. Cashin in Charge.

The construction of two dental infirmaries, one of which is practically completed and soon to be fitted up, adds greatly to the equipment of Camp Greene. These two infirmaries, which are located on the camp road leading from Liberty park to the Dowd road, are in the very midst of the camp and are easily accessible. Building number one is located between the Dowd house and the camp postoffice. Number two is situated near "Y" 104 and the Liberty theater tent.

Dental infirmary number one is virtually complete, and it is fitted up with every convenience for dental work of all kinds; running water, electricity, laboratories, etc. At present only the field service dental chairs are being used. Within a short time, however, the building will be equipped with the latest model chairs, cabinets, instruments, etc.

Capt. W. R. Cashin is the officer in charge of this building, while Capt. Stout is the chief dental surgeon of the camp. There are nine dental officers on the staff, seven of whom are first lieutenants. There are a number of dental assistants chosen from the ranks of the enlisted men. These assistants, who are usually men who have had some dental training or are contemplating taking a course later on, rank as first class privates.

Building number two is not yet completed, and will probably not be opened for some time yet.

NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGRO TROOPS

General Pershing Denounces Reports That Colored Troops in France Are Not on Same Footing as Whites.

The Secretary of War authorizes the publication of the following cablegram from Gen. Pershing:

"In reference to your cablegram of inquiry:
"The stories, probably invented by German agents, that colored soldiers in France are always placed in most dangerous positions and sacrificed to save white soldiers, that when wounded they are left on ground to die without medical attention, etc., are absolutely false.

"The following are the losses as reported up to June 18 in the four colored combat regiments now in France: 369th Infantry: Died of wounds, 3; died of disease, 8; severely wounded, 2. 370th Infantry: Died of wounds, none; died of disease, 3; severely wounded, none. 371st Infantry: Died of wounds, none; died of disease, 8; severely wounded, none. 372d Infantry: Died of wounds, none; died of disease, 3; severely wounded, none. These figures show conclusively that Negro troops have not thus far occupied positions as dangerous as those occupied by white troops, and that their physical condition is excellent.

NEGRO TROOPS TO BE MOBILIZED AT CAMP

Report That Large Number of Drafted Negro Men Would Be Sent Here for Training Was Untrue.

Publication of the intention on the part of the War Department to send negro troops from North Carolina to Camp Greens aroused a good deal of interest. It was learned through Washington dispatches that some parties of negro drafted men may be mobilized at Camp Greene and later sent to other camps where they will receive the proper course of training. Another dispatch from Washington stated General Crowder said negroes are being mobilized at all southern camps and in many other cities where there are no camps. The first news dispatch relative to the sending of colored troops was from Raleigh, and stated that about 2,000 would be sent here.

Y. M. C. A. MAN WRITES FROM "OVER THERE"

Former Camp Greene Worker is Now Up Near Front Line Trenches.

The following letter from a former Y. M. C. A. secretary at Camp Greene will be read with interest here. Secretary Gwin, who was in charge of the army Y. M. C. A. warehouse, is now in France with some of the troops who were stationed at Camp Greene. May 25, 1918.

Dr. J. O. Grogan, Camp Greene, N. C.
My Dear Doctor: This letter leaves me hustling somewhere in France. We had a great trip over and were not assigned to duty for eight days.

I am the only man here at this place and I have to be preacher, storekeeper and all-round man. I have a nice place, good bed in a residence with the canteen in a room across the hall. For assembling the men I have a tent across the street. We had a great service on "Mothers' Day." The tent was dedicated last Thursday night. We had the band and the Colonel over.

I am with some of the boys I was with in the states. Was here just as they were unloading their barrack bags.

We have volley ball, foot ball, boxing and baseball. Had a good game yesterday and another this morning. We have beaten everything so far. Tell Bergman Colonel B. sends regards.

Give my regards to all my friends at camp. W. P. GWIN.

CAMP CHRONICLE IS NOT TO BE LEASED ANY LONGER

Camp Chronicle, the artillery range camp which was established near Gastonia this spring, is to be abandoned, according to a statement given out the past week. The Charlotte chamber of commerce had notice the past week from the war department that the lease on Camp Chronicle would not be renewed upon its expiration next March. The site for the range was leased last March as the result of activities by the Charlotte and Gastonia chambers of commerce. It has not been used since the Third and Fourth divisions were stationed at Camp Greene some time ago. The fact that the government is giving up Camp Chronicle does not affect Camp Greene.

NO WASTE ANYWHERE IS SLOGAN ADOPTED

Tin Cans Are Being Saved at All Mess Halls—Other Plans for Saving.

The "waste not" admonition of Herbert Hoover is being carried out to the letter at the Camp Greene Base Hospital. Not a particle of food is destroyed. Every by-product is utilized. Even the tin cans are saved.

The tin cans are rinsed out in scalding water, by the members of the kitchen police force. The cans are then battered into a solid mass. When a sufficient quantity of the battered tin is collected the metal is hauled to Charlotte and loaded on board a railroad car. It is shipped to a metal reducing plant and the tin and lead will be used again in different capacity.

Two weeks of saving the cans netted a full car load of tin from the patients' and detachment mess halls of the hospital. The government is gaining a goodly return for a product which was wholly waste in past years and which offered the problem of burying the cans.

Bread crusts and pieces of bread, which have not been allowed over for a meal on the big platters, are taken to make bread pudding. The way the cooks of the two mess halls have of flavoring the pudding with raisins and custard makes a delicacy much sought after.

Large meat bones are saved for flavoring soups and fats are rendered into lard in the base hospital kitchens.

Garbage is not wasted as it was in former years, when much fuel was used in burning the discarded food. The food waste is bought, by the farmers of the Charlotte region, for fertilizer and is collected in large cans by colored workmen after each meal. —The Caduceus.