

In A Red Triangle Dug-Out Overseas



Y. M. C. A. men fixed up dug-outs with our men on the French front in the bad old days before the armistice was signed, and it became possible for the American veterans to take their recreation out in the open. Here in the dimly lighted underground rooms, refreshments were served, and an opportunity was given the boys to write home, indoor games were played and occasionally some more athletic games such as boxing. It was even possible sometimes to put on a moving picture show for the boys in their time off from actual trench duty.

SOUTHERN AVIATOR DIGS FROM PRISON AND SWIMS RHINE

Calls "Y" Work In German Prison Camp "Life Saver," While Confined At Villingen.

New York, Feb. ...—Lieutenant George Puryear, of Memphis, Tenn., an aviator, was one of a trio of hardy American adventurers who were successful in a wild dash for liberty from the Villingen prison camp on October 6. Sixteen men made the attempt, but only Puryear, Lieutenant Harold Willis of Boston, and Naval Lieutenant Isaacs of Portsmouth, Va., got away. Word has just been received at Y. M. C. A. headquarters here concerning their almost hopeless escape.

The men brought back remarkable accounts of Y. M. C. A. work even at Villingen.

"The 'Y' sent us books of all kinds and even sporting goods," said Lieut. Puryear. "We played basketball and volley ball incessantly—our space was too small for baseball and football. I tell you, those games were life savers to us, and they kept us in fair physical condition."

It is reported that Puryear and his comrades slipped out of the camp through a tunnel under the wire. All but the three named were headed off before they reached the river Rhine, but the intrepid trio swam the river—a terrible feat in itself—and made their way into Holland.

MONEY SENT HOME BEFORE BIG BATTLE

Doughboys "Cleaned Pockets" for Home Folks, When Return From Fight Was Uncertain. Y. M. C. A. Has Delivered Millions of Dollars For Amex.

Paris, Feb. ...—The steady unselfishness of the American soldier, shown by the way he "cleaned his pockets" of money before going into action, to be sent home if he didn't come back, is told by W. J. Baker of Portchester, N. Y., who served eleven months as a Y. M. C. A. worker with the 26th Division. His particular charge was the third battalion of the 103rd infantry. He joined that unit on the St. Mihiel front, went with them to Chateau Thierry, and later was in the famous St. Mihiel clean-up and the drive before Verdun.

"It was just before that action began," said Baker, "that I saw the finest example of the characteristic unselfishness of the boys. They 'cleaned their pockets' for the folks at home. They knew they were going up against the real thing, and they wanted all their money to go home in case they never came back. In all, I was entrusted with 8,000,000 francs—upwards of \$1,500,000—before that attack. We handled such funds through the regular Y. M. C. A. service established for sending money from soldiers to relatives in America."

Baker lived with his battalion, and saw lively times, as the "Yankee Division," as it was called, was kept on the fighting front almost continuously.

SOUTHERN "Y" MAN BLINDED IN SERVICE

Says it Will Take Time For Public To Realize Value Of The Red Triangle Service To American Fighters.



DeRoy R. Fonville.

New York, Feb. ...—So unusual was the service rendered by DeRoy R. Fonville of Burlington, N. C., in his Y. M. C. A. work overseas that Major General L. S. Upton has written him a personal letter in appreciation of his efforts.

Mr. Fonville has returned to his home after ten months service with the Y. M. C. A. He was with the Fifth and Sixth Marines and Ninth and Twenty-third infantry at Chateau Thierry, Soissons and St. Mihiel. It was while he was in a trench waiting to serve the Marines when they "pushed off," that a high explosive shell blew particles of rock into his eye, blinding it. The same shellfire killed James A. Birchby, a Y. M. C. A. secretary from Pasadena, Cal., and wounded another Red Triangle worker, Thomas W. Wilbut, Jr., of New Britain, Conn.

The letter of appreciation that was sent to Mr. Fonville by General Upton read as follows: "I have observed your work as Y. M. C. A. representative of the Ninth infantry for some time and wish to convey to you my appreciation of the uncomplaining and soldier-like manner in which you have undergone all without the glory that is attached to the profession of arms. The work which you have done has added greatly to the contentment of the men and thus to the efficiency of the command."

"My experience gave me an appreciation of American men and what they can go through," said Mr. Fonville. "Our division was a shock unit. It never went any way but forward. Our division alone captured 12,000 prisoners. Those men appreciated the Y. M. C. A. and understood the difficulties it had to contend with in getting supplies up to the front. I have no complaint to make about losing the sight of one eye, that is war, but it bewilders me to have known what I do of the work of the 'Y' in France and then come home to learn of the criticisms being circulated here. I believe that in due time the full appreciation of the Y. M. C. A.'s work for victory will be general."

GIFTS FROM "Y" HELPED DOUGHBOY

Corporal Irving Abrahams of New York has just returned from France. Just because the Y. M. C. A. men overseas had gone out of their way to treat him well, he took the trouble to make his way to the Headquarters Building of the National War Work Council, Y. M. C. A., New York City, and found some one on the 9th floor at Headquarters to tell how much he appreciated the service of the Red Triangle.

This is just a part of what he said: "I returned from France on the 27th of January. Have been wounded three times. Am feeling fine, but the first time when we landed over in France in April, 1917, we took the position up on Chateau Thierry and the Y. M. C. A. was right with us and brought up on the firing line chocolate, cigarettes, and also pears, biscuit and done the best and all he could just to please the boys.

"And in August when we drove the Germans back he came up under heavy shell fire and brought us the same chocolate, cigarettes, and if the boys didn't have any money he would give it to us just the same.

"And up on the Argonne Forest he went under heavy shell fire and brought up all the candy and chocolate, and also spoke to the boys to send our money to our mothers and which we did, and also he told us to send our money home and he will do all he can for us, and also the boys of the Third Division is very well pleased of the Y. M. C. A. and also thank them ever so much, and also when we got relieved from the Argonne woods the Y. M. C. A. entertained us, gave us a grand time, and we thank the Y. M. C. A. with our full heart and we shall never forget them.

"So I don't see why the fellows are coming back from France and kicking the Y. M. C. A., and I can speak to anybody and ask them why they are knocking the Y. M. C. A."

Red Triangle Man Tells Of Serving At Chateau Thierry

The Y. M. C. A. has been criticized because it was said that it had no one at the fighting in the region of Chateau Thierry. The other day, Ernest C. Bardwell, a New York man, came back from France, broken in health because of his strenuous work in that region.

Mr. Bardwell was one of a party of Y. M. C. A. men who entered Chateau Thierry village with supplies at 10 o'clock on the morning of July 22 and worked all day and far into the night serving the boys who were beating back the German counter-attacks. The last German prisoners, he said, were taken out of Chateau Thierry at 8:30 o'clock on the same morning.

THE Y. M. C. A. IN FAR EAST

The work of the Y. M. C. A. in Macedonia is rapidly extending over the newly-opened areas, and in the present state of flux heavy responsibilities devolve upon C. W. Bates, the secretary in charge at Salonica. Centres have been opened in Serbia at Vranja, Nish, Monastir and other towns, and in the capital city, Belgrade, the Y. M. C. A. is now established in a good building. Percival Whitley, son of the deputy speaker of the English House of Commons, is developing the Association's work in Northern Bulgaria, while on Turkish soil Mr. Howard Bradley has planted the Red Triangle in Constantinople itself.

PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke



Copyright 1919 by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

PLAY the smokegame with a jimmy pipe if you're hankering for a hand-out for what ails your smokeappetite!

For, with Prince Albert, you've got a new listen-on the pipe question that cuts you loose from old stung tongue and dry throat worries! Made by our exclusive patented process, Prince Albert is scotfree from bite and parch and hands you about the biggest lot of smokefun that ever was scheduled in your direction!

Prince Albert is a pippin of a pipe-pal; rolled into a cigarette it beats the band! Get the slant that P. A. is simply everything any man ever longed for in tobacco! You never will be willing to figure up the sport you've slipped-on once you get that Prince Albert quality flavor and quality satisfaction into your smokesystem! You'll talk kind words every time you get on the firing line!

Tippy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—and that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidor with sponge moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition.



R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.

New Goods Arriving

We have bought many Beautiful Things for Spring that will soon be on exhibit. You'll be pleased, we know, for no one can see our stock and not appreciate its worth.

EVERYTHING THAT IS NEW AND PRETTY FOR SPRING AND SUMMER WILL BE REPRESENTED HERE

Our goods are correct, not only as to style, but as to quality and workmanship and our prices are reasonable as they can be consistent with our high standard of quality.

M. S. BAILEY & SONS

"The Big Store With the Big Values"