

# Million Letters in the Mails Today Bearing Magic Words "With the Colors"

Keynote of the Splendid Work the Y. M. C. A. Does Among  
Our Men in Uniform Is Keeping Them In  
Touch With the Folks at Home.

## STAMPED WITH STARS AND STRIPES AND RED TRIANGLE

Multifarious Ways in Which the Association Appeals to Your Boy,  
Your Neighbor's Boy, or Some Boy You Know and Love—  
Creates a Helpful Environment in Cantonment, on Way Overseas,  
in Front Line Trench and Beyond—First to Aid as He Comes  
Tottering Back—Give Your Share of the \$35,000,000 Required to  
Accomplish This "Last Evidence That Somebody Cares."

It was evening on the broad Hempstead Plain, Long Island, where the Rainbow division was spending its last night before embarking for France. It had been raining hard in the afternoon—a cold, steady autumn downpour—and there was nothing to suggest the rainbow in the outward aspect of the camp. Lines and lines of sodden canvas housed 27,000 men, gathered from 27 different states. The ground was dotted with pools and quagmires. Under the wet canvas it was damp and cold, with a penetrating chill. Lit by flickering candles, the tents were far from cheerful shelter for a man's last night in his native land.

least is on its way to you. Each one of our 16 cantonments, where the new national army is being trained, is using more than a million sheets of this paper every month. In the draft army alone that means 16,000,000 filaments of love every month reaching out from the great encampment where the men are being trained into the greatest army this nation has ever dreamed and binding them to the hearts at home. Multiply that by thinking of all the other places where Uncle Sam has men with the flag—in navy yards, on the high seas, in arsenals and officers' training camps and "Over There" in France. In all these places men are writing home. Those unassuming little sheets of notepaper gladden millions of hearts a day. They transfer more love from one

to another. The work must go on, because there is no one thing that contributes so much to the spirit and efficiency of the troops. The Y. M. C. A. is working night and day to help the government win this war. And every penny that is given to aid the work is a direct assistance to the health, happiness and strength of your boy and mine.

**Snapshots of Kaleidoscopic Work.**  
In all the big cities in France where our men pass through in large numbers, the Y. M. C. A. is operating hostels, where they can get beds and meals at a minimum cost. In London the American Y. M. C. A. has erected a large building for our soldiers and a clubhouse for American officers.

There are Y. M. C. A. dugouts right behind the front line trenches, where the soldiers can get hot drinks, crackers and other comforts at all hours.

Over 2,000 men who had been rejected on account of physical disability have been able to get into the British army by reason of the physical work of the British Y. M. C. A.

A fleet of motor cars leaves the big Y. M. C. A. headquarters in London at midnight every night to pick up soldiers who are wandering about the streets without any wholesome lodging in which to spend the night. These cars are operated by Englishwomen of position and refinement, who report that they never meet any discourtesy at the hands of the soldiers. The importance of this service can be estimated by the fact that at least 50,000 soldiers are on leave in London every week. Over half of these sleep in Y. M. C. A. beds every night.

**Entertainment on Vast Scale.**  
The Y. M. C. A. has erected a big auditorium, seating 3,000, in each of the big draft camps, and huge chautauqua tents, seating 2,500 in the other encampments. The association is running a 22 week entertainment circuit among the camps and is paying 16 companies of entertainers, who are traveling to 30 camps performing before the men.

In each of the draft camps the Y. M. C. A. has ten secretaries engaged in educational work. The association is seeing to it that every man who cannot speak English is taught to do so. In many of the camps the association has a singing director, who is teaching the men to sing the popular and martial airs that do so much to keep up their spirits.

Of 64 Y. M. C. A. men at Camp Dix only three are being paid full salaries. In all the camps the majority of the Y. M. C. A. men have left lucrative positions to do this work simply because its appeal is irresistible to any red blooded man. Harry Lauder, the famous Scotch singer and comedian, now on his farewell concert tour in the United States, is giving all his spare time to the service of the association and is singing to the soldiers at all the camps he can reach.

In one of the draft camps the Y. M. C. A. is supervising athletics on 120 playing fields, providing full athletic equipment. The winners of the inter-regimental games will play the champions of the other camps.

One of the greatest services rendered by the association is the making

# FIELD SELECTION OF SEED CORN

EXPERIMENTS AND PRACTICE  
PROVE METHOD TO BE  
BETTER.

## GREATER YIELD IS THE RESULT

Production of Grain Increased Seven  
to Ten Bushels an  
Acre.

To make the best showing possible at next year's corn harvest South Carolina farmers should take the first step this fall, advises the farm crops men of Clemson College. It must be taken in the field by selecting good seed. Don't wait to select the seed from the crib. It's an uncertain method—very uncertain. A good season and a good soil properly treated go a long way to make a big corn crop, but the quality of the seed planted is one of the most important factors, one that is entirely within the control of the farmer. Weather conditions may or may not be good, so with the natural conditions of the soil, in some degree dependent upon the character of the season; proper soil preparation and subsequent cultivations will be somewhat dependent upon the labor supply; but good seed in abundance can always be had only for a little extra effort.

The other farmer's seed corn may be scarce, and high priced. This will force many growers to plant seed of inferior quality which results in a poor stand and unthrifty plants.

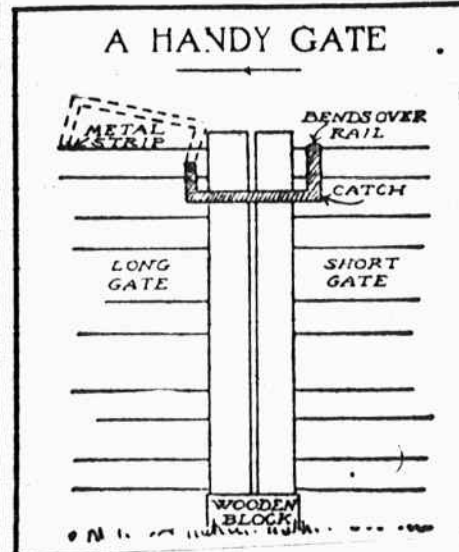
### Farmer Knows What He's Getting.

Experiments have shown time and again that home-grown seed usually is the best seed to be had. Practical experience has proved that field selected seed, if properly stored, always is better than crib-selected seed. Field selection makes it possible for the farmer to compare the individual plants and make his selection from those producing the most grain. It is true that he can select good-looking ears from the crib, but he does not know whether they are produced by high-yielding plants or low-yielding plants, by early plants or late plants. No definite idea whatsoever can be had of the previous productivity of the seed. If properly performed the yield of corn is usually increased from seven to ten bushels an acre by field selection, sometimes it's more.

What the South Carolina farmer wants next year is the greatest amount of grain possible to the acre. All the directions for selecting seed corn in the field may be summed up together in one good rule: Select ears from plants that yield more grain than surrounding plants grown under the same conditions.

### How to Go About It.

Sling a sack over the shoulders and walk down the rows, plucking those ears which are considered desirable—ears borne on vigorous plants growing under average conditions and which have reached maturity. Also, it is best to select those ears having drooping tips and borne at a height of about three and a half feet. The ears should then be stored in a dry place where they will be free from insects and rodents.



The combination of a double and a single gate erected side by side is very useful to farmers. The construction shown herewith calls for no center post but merely a block sunk into the ground, to which the two gates may be hooked.

The larger gate is ten feet wide and serves for the ordinary wheeled vehicles. The smaller gate, four feet wide, does for bridle or foot traffic. At times, however, it is necessary to have a wider opening than the larger gate will give, so that particular farm implements may be carried through. In such cases both gates are thrown open, thus providing a space of fourteen feet.

A good and convenient catch is also shown in the drawing. It will be seen that the catch comes well down on the gates, keeping them firmly in position when shut. A small piece of iron should be placed on the top bar of each gate to receive the catch, thus keeping the catch from cutting into the wood when thrown over.—W. E. Bowers, Agricultural Editor, Clemson College, S. C.

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**TAX NOTICE**  
Office of Treasurer Kershaw Co.

Camden, S. C., Sept. 24, 1917.  
Notice is hereby given that the books will be open for the collecting of State County, and School Taxes from October 15th, 1917, to March 15th, 1918. A penalty of 1 per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid January 1st, 1918; 2 per cent. February 1st, 1918, and 5 per cent. March 15th, 1918.

The rate per centum for Kershaw County is as follows:

State Taxes	8 1-2
County Taxes	10 1-2
Road taxes	3
School taxes	3
Total	22

The following School Districts have special levies:

School District No. 1	5
School District No. 2	4
School District No. 3	2
School District No. 4	4
School District No. 5	2
School District No. 6	8
School District No. 7	4
School District No. 8	4
School District No. 9	4
School District No. 10	5
School District No. 11	5
School District No. 12	7
School District No. 13	4
School District No. 14	3
School District No. 15	3
School District No. 16	4
School District No. 17	3
School District No. 18	4
School District No. 19	4
School District No. 20	4
School District No. 21	2
School District No. 22	7
School District No. 23	3
School District No. 24	4
School District No. 25	4
School District No. 26	4
School District No. 27	9
School District No. 28	5
School District No. 29	4
School District No. 30	4
School District No. 31	6
School District No. 32	4
School District No. 33	4
School District No. 34	8
School District No. 35	8
School District No. 36	4
School District No. 37	2
School District No. 38	5
School District No. 39	5
School District No. 40	11
School District No. 41	4
School District No. 42	3
School District No. 43	3
School District No. 44	8
School District No. 45	4
School District No. 46	8
School District No. 47	4

The poll tax is \$1.00.  
All able-bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to sixty (60) years, both inclusive, except residents of incorporated towns of the county shall pay \$2.00 as a road tax, except ministers of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees, and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State, and persons who served in the late war between the States, and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificates from two reputable physicians of this county.

All information as to taxes will be furnished upon application.  
D. M. McCASKILL,  
County Treasurer.

**NOTICE.**  
Executions for the unpaid taxes 1916 have been placed in my hands for collection. Please call and pay the same at once and avoid extra charge.  
Oct. 15, 1917. L. C. ROUGH, Sheriff.

**FINAL DISCHARGE**  
Notice is hereby given that on or from this date, on Monday, November 26th, 1917, I will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County my return as Guardian of the estate of my two children, Charlie Waters and Penelope Waters, and on the same day I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Guardian.  
L. M. WATERS  
Camden, S. C., October 23rd, 1917.

**Notice To Debtors and Creditors**  
All parties indebted to the estate of Cornelius Sutton, deceased, are notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties, if any, have claims against the said estate to present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.  
BESSIE SUTTON,  
Qualified Executrix of the Estate of Cornelius Sutton.  
Camden, S. C., October 31st, 1917.

# We Can Suggest

Nothing better for these cool, crisp mornings than a breakfast of hot Buckwheat Cakes and syrup.

- We have
- Buckwheat Flour
  - Maple Syrup
  - Pure Porto Rico Molasses
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  - Georgia Cane Syrup.

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- Plain Shampoo ..... 25c

# EUREKA BARBER SHOP

L. B. ENGLISH, Prop.



Music, Games, Good Reading and Correspondence Facilities in Y. M. C. A. Building.

In each of these a soldier was strumming on a piano; others were reading books and magazines; hundreds were writing letters home. Behind the raised counter at one end three or four young men were busy passing out notepaper and envelopes, selling stamps and weighing parcels, which the men were sending home. One of the soldiers said to me as I stood in the tent used chiefly by men from Iowa: "We came all the way here from Des Moines, and we were mighty lonely. Then we found this Y. M. C. A. on the job, and it's been a home and more than a home to us. It gave us what we wanted when we needed it most. We'll never forget it. The boys' best friend is the Y. M. C. A."

### Fine, Clean-Cut, Upstanding Fellows.

How close those benches were packed with men, bending over the long tables absorbed in their writing! What an appeal to the sympathies those great groups of soldiers make! Fine, clean-cut, upstanding fellows, some of them mere boys, one thinks immediately of the sacrifice they have made for the rest of us and how precious they are to some one back home. Somewhere, in far off farm or village or city street, there are parents or brothers or wives who would give all they possess for one glimpse of those sunburned faces as you and I see them on their last night before going across. And it was with a throb of the heart that I watched them, bent over their letter paper, in one after another of those seven big tents.

These were the tents of the Y. M. C. A. On that last night in America the association was serving the soldiers in the best of all ways—giving them an opportunity to write home. On previous nights they had enjoyed boxing bouts, movies, concerts, dramatics and a score of healthy entertainments as well as religious meetings. But on this last night home ties were strongest. And perhaps that is the keynote of the splendid work the Y. M. C. A. is doing among our men in uniform—keeping them in touch with home.

### Magic Words, "With the Colors."

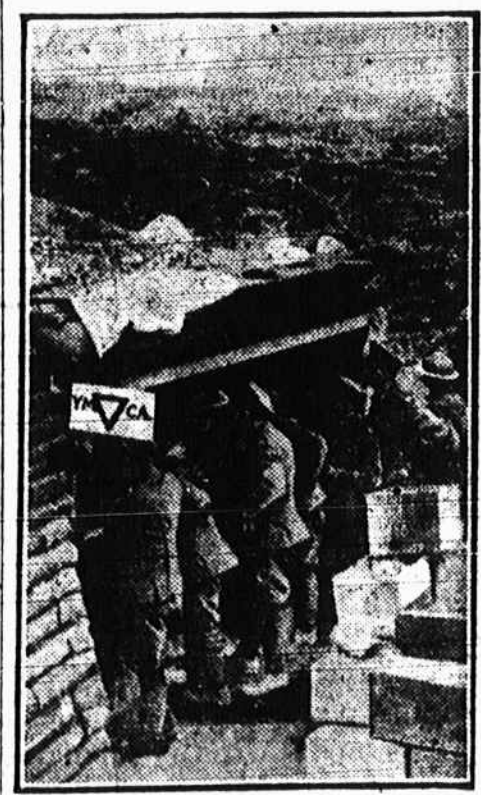
In these times there are some letters that mean more to us than any we have ever read before. They are written on sheets of paper stamped with the Stars and Stripes and the red triangle of the Y. M. C. A. and they bear the magic words, "With the Colors." There are many more than a million such letters in the mails now while you read this. Perhaps one at

part of the world to another than statistics can express. Statistics are pretty poor anyway when it comes to reckoning in terms of love and human tenderness. Let's put it this way: That the Y. M. C. A. is the biggest express company the world has ever seen, and the parcels it is handling are the loves and devotions of human beings.

### World's Best Loved Trademark.

This war has made us think hard and fast. Your boy or your neighbor's boy or some boy you know and love has been called to do his share in the big job of policing the world for democracy and human liberty. Is it any comfort to you to know that wherever his duty may call him your boy will have a friend that will serve him in body, mind and soul? Are you glad to know that this friend will place books and magazines at his disposal, organize classes to teach him whatever he wants to learn, give him a pocket testament and invite him to join religious meetings of the faith that he was brought up in? Did you realize that the association provides athletic equipment for his favorite games, teaches him games if he knows none and holds concerts, lectures, movies, Bible classes, dramatic entertainments and every kind of wholesome amusement to keep him interested? Are you glad to know that this friend will go with him overseas, help to shield him from a score of difficult and dangerous temptations and follow him right up to the front line trench and beyond it? The last contact the soldier has with this life he loves so well is a cup of tea given him by the Y. M. C. A. free just before he goes "over the top" to a hand to hand struggle with the enemy. And as he comes tottering back from No Man's Land, wounded, but strong enough and plucky enough to keep on his feet, even before his wounds are dressed the Y. M. C. A. is waiting for him with tea and sweet chocolate, the great comforts of the man in the trenches. Do you wonder that the Red Triangle is called "the best loved trademark in the world?" One soldier in France has called it "the last evidence that anybody cares."

If every thinking citizen could see with his or her own eyes something of the actual work being done for our men by the association there would be no question of the Y. M. C. A. having to appeal to the public for money. Rather than let this essential work fail for an instant rich men would sell their motorcars, poor men would



A Red Triangle Dugout in the Trenches.

out of money orders by which the men can send their pay home to their families. In some of the big camps the Y. M. C. A. is providing banking facilities for the men as well.

### Do Your Bit With a Tenner.

This month (November) the Y. M. C. A. must raise \$35,000,000 to carry on its work among our soldiers and their allies until next July. Of this \$35,000,000 about \$24,000,000 will be spent on the work with our own troops or about \$10 for every man in Uncle Sam's uniform. If everybody who has received letters from soldiers and sailors were to contribute \$10 the task would be easy. Are your boy's health and happiness and clean soul worth \$10 to you?

Your town mayor, your pastor, your school superintendent will know who is the treasurer of the campaign committee in your county or town. Otherwise send a check or money order to Cleveland H. Dodge, treasurer, 124 East Twenty-eighth street, New York city.

Only sacrificial giving by millions of givers will make possible the continuance of this vast work for American soldiers and for those of our allies.