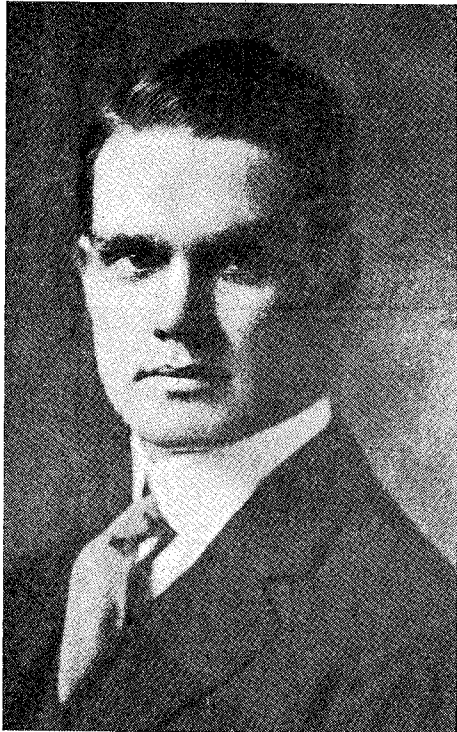




# News of the Y. M. C. A.

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**JAMES A. G. MOORE, BUILDING SECRETARY UNIT NO. 93.**

Mr. James A. G. Moore, Building Secretary, Unit No. 93, was born in Geneva, N. Y., received his preliminary education in Geneva, later going to Trinity College, Hartford, from which he graduated in 1914. While in college Mr. Moore was prominent in athletics, playing on the college football and basket-ball teams the entire four years of his college career, making the track team two of the years in college. He later went to Rochester Theological Seminary, where he graduated with honors last May.

Mr. Moore has always been active in Y. M. C. A. work and while at Trinity College was instrumental in establishing a branch of the College Y. M. C. A. at that college. While at Rochester Theological Seminary Mr. Moore was also active in local Y. M. C. A. work, being especially interested in the Boys' Department. Before coming to Spartanburg he had charge of the Boys' Farm Cadet Camp near Rochester, which is run under the supervision of the New York State Food Supply Commission. Mr. Moore came to Spartanburg in August as a Building Religious Work Director and has lately been made Building Secretary of Unit No. 93.

## UNIT 93.

Last Thursday night at 12 o'clock the Corps in Unit 93 were compelled to answer knock at the door. Were they callers? No, they were shelter-seekers. The wind had just blown down tents occupied by the guards of 106 Inf. These men had been out in the cold wind for some time and were looking for a place that would give comfort. The men here did what we could to give it. Unit 93 is always ready to serve the boys their best.

Wednesday night the boys had a real musical treat, Mme. Grace Hall Riheldaffer, grand opera soprano singer, and E. Edwin Crierie, composer, accompanist, both of much note, rendered a most enjoyable program. We were fortunate in having these people with us, they both made a hit among the boys.

Sunday morning, Jan. 6, Chaplain Hauscomb, of 106th Inf., held an impressive Communion Service. There was a large number of soldiers present to partake of the Lord's table.

Sunday night, Jan. 13, the Rev. M. J. Thompson, D.D., of Rochester, N. Y., delivered a stirring sermon. The boys enjoyed it. We are anxiously awaiting his return.

## UNIT 95.

Bob Drysdale, the jolly Scot, our Religious Work Director, has gone to Unit No. 96, where he is closer to the fellows from his home-town, Rochester. Two large crowds filled the building when he gave his last talks on January 6 and 8. In his place has come Dr. Marvin J. Thompson, also of Rochester, N. Y. We were mighty sorry to lose Mr. Drysdale but we are glad Dr. Thompson is his successor.

On Thursday, Jan. 10, we were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Blotkey and her company from Spartanburg.

The movies on Wednesday and Friday evenings would not be complete without the 10th Inf. Jazz Orchestra: Chauncey Sears, violin; Frederick Alwaise, piano; Harry Silman, mandolin-banjo; Paul Klopf, banjo-ukelele. The movie operators are Pvts. Anthony Guido, Co. H, 10th Inf, and Alfred Shackler, Co D, 10th Inf. Col. Andrews, of the 105th Inf., has kindly loaned us the regiment's new Powers 6 B machine.

On Monday and Saturday of last week the building was packed to the doors. Most seats were taken when the secretaries returned from mess. Men occupied every available space, even the rafters, to gain a foot hold. On Saturday we had the added company of the prisoners and guards of the

105th Inf. who had been washed and blown out of their tents during the storm on the previous day. The attraction was the entertainment of Private Sydney Greene, of Co. C, 105th Inf., his company of eight star performers and Silverstein's Orchestra of the 51st Pioneer Inf., one of the best musical organizations in camp. Their comedy sketch, "Fun in a Schoolroom," made a great hit. The company is available for other units. Ask Mr. Jenny.

Sunday, Jan. 13, Chaplain Tucker conducted services in the morning and the Rev. Dr. Jordon, of Spartanburg, spoke in the evening.

Secretaries Jordan and Ortnier are confined to the base hospital. We hope for an early return in vigorous health. The latest addition to our staff is the new office secretary, Clayton C. Codrington, of DeLand, Florida.

## UNIT 96.

During the week of January 9-16 this unit has had the usual varied activities. The unit has missed very much the men of the 108th Infantry, but the attendance has fallen off very little.

On Wednesday, January 9th, there was an informal sing led by Lucian Bareham. On Thursday night a spirited meeting was held with addresses by Dr. Thompson and Dr. Strayer, followed by singing and movies. Friday night drew an unusually large crowd for the movies. Sunday, January, 13th, there were two splendid religious meetings. In the morning at 10:30 Chaplain Edrop, of the 53rd Pioneer Infantry, conducted a regimental service and gave an impressive sermon. In the evening Rev. Robert J. Drysdale, the new Religious Secretary of this unit, conducted the meeting—"Scotty" Drysdale made a great hit with the men and proved by his first talk that he will be a great asset to this unit. Mr. Drysdale was formerly at Unit No. 95, but it is especially fortunate for this Unit to obtain him as he is well known by the many Rochester men who come here.

Tuesday night, January 15th, we had one of the best movies of the Winter with Ty Cobb as the star.

During the week we lost George K. Warren, Religious Secretary, since the Unit was opened. Rev. Warren will be much missed, not only in this Unit but in the camp in general. He has returned to his church at Syracuse, N. Y., but hopes in time to return to Y. M. C. A. work.