

UNIT 97.

One of the finest concerts ever heard in the unit was given last Tuesday night by Madame Grace Hall Riheldaffer, accompanied by E. Edward Crierie. Madame Riheldaffer has given up a promising career temporarily to sing in the various army camps and contentments and her concert at 97 was great. She had the boys with her from the start and carried them with her all the way through her program.

She gave arias from various operas, including Les Huguenots, Madam Butterfly, and others of note. Before singing each aria, she told the story of the opera in such a way as to connect the aria with it so that the piece would not be over the heads of her audience. After these numbers, she sang Les Marsailles in French and English and then lead the boys in singing various songs which they knew, including "There's a Long, Long Trail," "Over There," and "A Long, Long Time," to all of which she improvised a tenor obligato. The fact that Madam Riheldaffer's son is in France at present with the U. S. Engineers gave added interest to her concert. The evening was one of the most enjoyable which the boys have spent since coming into the building and the kindness of Madam Riheldaffer was thoroughly appreciated and will not be forgotten right away.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Rev. E. E. Ryden, of Jamestown, last Wednesday night. Dr. Ryden comes to Spartanburg to work in the interests of the men, under the auspices of the Lutheran Church, and this was the first time that he had spoken in camp. The sing before the talk and the movies afterward were both good and much enjoyed.

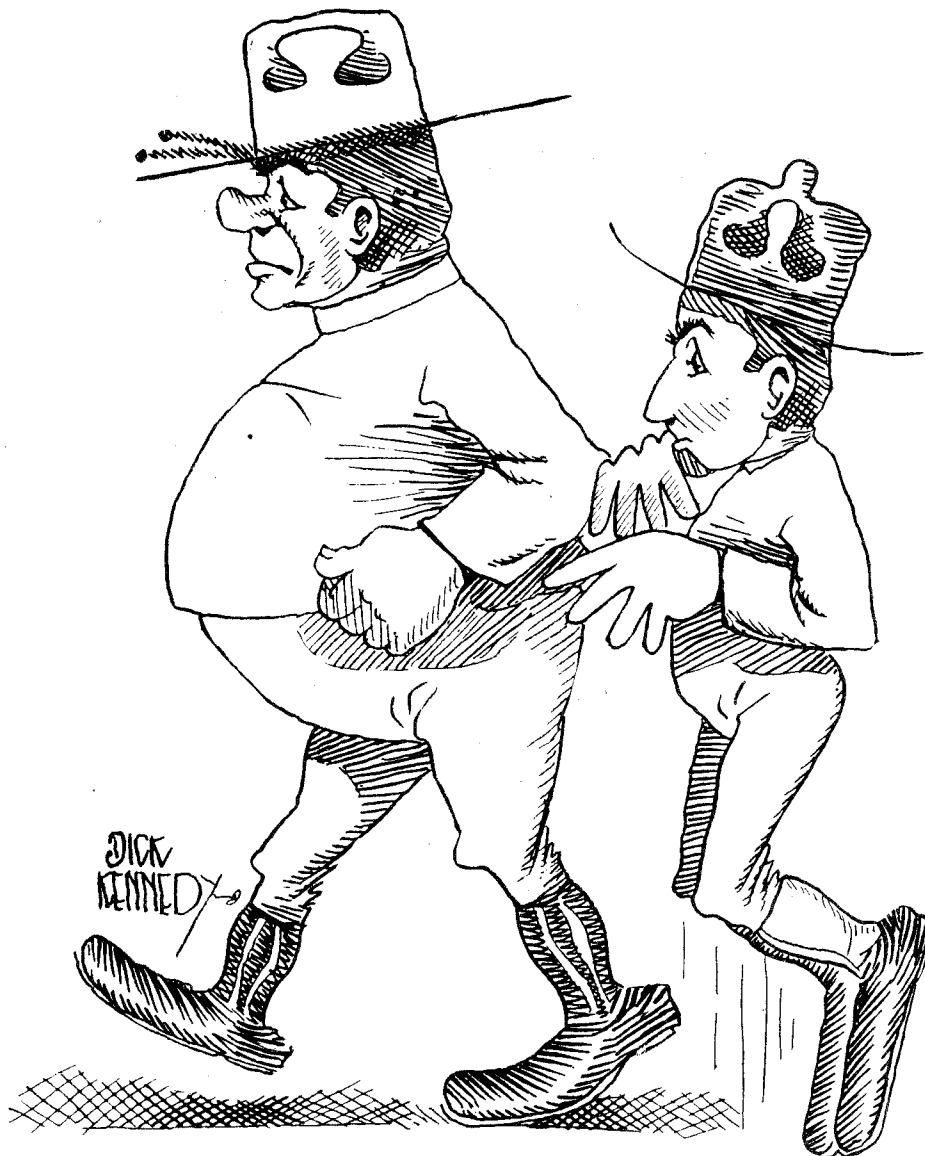
M. E. Oakes, our popular social secretary, was drafted into "active" service last week, when he was sent to Atlanta to drive the new Ford truck to Camp Wadsworth. The trip was full of hard work, delightful scenery, rotten roads and interesting happenings, after all of which "Oakesy" returned to us smiling and serene as ever. The new truck is a dandy and drives finely.

During Oakes' absence, Mr. Robert L. Milam helped out. Mr. Milam is a gospel singer of note throughout the South and comes to us from Atlanta to help wherever and however he can.

The French classes under the direction of Mr. Pafford are all doing business and a good business, too. New classes are in process of formation in Mathematics and English for foreigners.

After a big sing last Sunday night, led by Mr. Allen, Building Secretary, and a short service conducted by Mr. Ford, Religious Work Secretary, Dr. Strayer gave a wonderful talk, which resulted in many men signing the War Roll and asking for Testaments.

The 104th Field Artillery Band gave another of its fine concerts following the movies Monday night. The program was



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varied as usual, but the cornet solo by Mr. Sutherland, the "Miserere" from "Il Trovatore" was especially beautiful.

In the absence of Chaplain Shipman of the 104th Field Artillery, Mr. Ford, Religious Work Secretary, conducted the regimental service last Sunday morning.

UNIT 271.

Capt. Anthony Fiala, 102nd Ammunition Train, gave his feature address on his Polar Expeditions. A good crowd of men was present to hear Capt. Fiala relate intimate details of his own experiences in the frozen North.

We also had a splendid concert from the 102nd Train Band, under the able direction of Sergeant Roach. Come again!

Sunday night after a big "sing," a stirring talk was given to the men by Mr. Ford, Religious Work Secretary from Unit 97. Mr. Ford made a strong appeal to "living men," and at the close of his discourse many men volunteered to sign the War Roll. Special

music was furnished by T. H. Gibson, R. M. C., whose singing was much appreciated.

"Movie night," which hereafter will be an established part of our week's program on Monday and Thursday nights was initiated Jan. 14 by an unprecedented crowd that cramped even standing room. Following the screen plays, Tom Farmer and Ted Mercer gave their life-stories, which deeply impressed every man present. To those who have heard these two men, comment is unnecessary.

The library has an ever-increasing circulation, and a call for more books has been sent in. A full week's program will be scheduled and from the talent that has already been discovered among the men, there will be no lack of big doings. "Our keys are in the river" and Secretaries Bonk and Foote will welcome visitors at any time. Come over and see us.