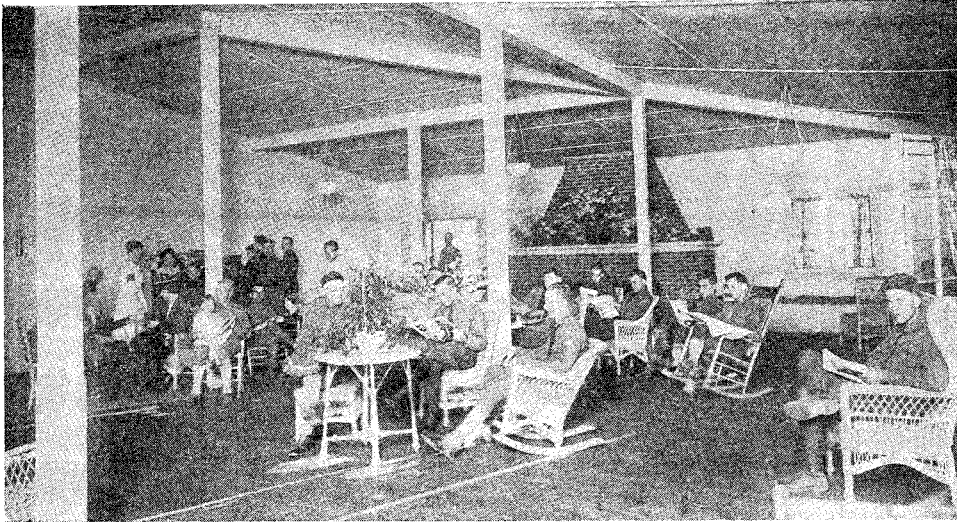


“LET’S GO TO THE HOSTESS HOUSE——”



The Lounge.

Miss Bertha Miriam Loheed of Brockton, Mass., Colonel of the Hostess House, calls this attractive wickered and chintzed room—“the lounge.” It is, without doubt, the most comfortable place in camp (except when someone plays “Silver Threads Among the Gold” on the public Victrola). Here the soldier can read, meditate and rest after retreat and in his other moments of leisure. A log fire crackles in the fire-place, which, just now is surmounted by boughs of dog-wood blossoms. It is in this room that Miss Loheed (the lady in white whom the camera has caught in the midst of a song at the piano on the left of the picture) says, one or two hundred times a day to mothers, wives and sweet-hearts of the soldiers—“So pleased to see you!”



“Forty-Five Cents!”

Heavenly blue and canary yellow is the decorative motif of the cafeteria of the Hostess House. The azure effect is carried out in everything but the cashier’s eyes. They are brown. This room also has a fireplace which the Y. W. C. A. hostesses keep covered with fresh dogwood blossoms. Captain Elizabeth Kingman is seen in the act of assembling some pie a la mode. Lieutenant Ila Williams, adjutant of the cash register, is just about to scan a tray with one of the aforementioned sepia-hued optics, and smile “Forty-five cents” so archly that the soldier will go back for another piece of strawberry shortcake just to hear her say “Sixty.” Allen, the indefatigable bus-boy, appears in this picture to have a double-yolked head. Which, in real life, he hasn’t. He was gliding in front of the camera with a tray when Mrs. Major Beall’s eagle eye detected him and to get him to stop she cried out the first masculine name that occurred to her, which was “Harold.” In the parlance of the Rialto, Allen did not give her a tumble but continued on his way, with the result that he appears to have a double bean. Speaking of beans, the cafeteria is the soldier’s refuge from beans. Here he can heap his tray with luscious things, and laugh at the mess sergeant. The self-service feature puzzled one apple-knocking gentleman from Aurora, New York, who in relating his adventures in the cafeteria said, “I got my knife and fork and spoon, collected a lotta vittles on a tray, took ’em to a table myself, et ’em, but then I fooled the hostesses. I snuk out without washin’ the dishes!”

DIVISION LOSES BRIGADIER-GENERAL LESTER.

Popular Commander Found Physically Unfit and is Honorably Discharged.

Brig. Gen. James W. Lester, commander of the 54th infantry brigade, has been dismissed from the service because of physical disability. Gen. Lester made his last public appearance as head of his brigade here when he was in command of the 10,000 troops who participated in the Liberty Loan parade. Upon returning to his quarters at the conclusion of the military pageant, General Lester received official notification of his dismissal.

Gen. Lester was regarded as one of the most efficient commanders in the 27th division and was exceedingly popular with the officers and enlisted men as well, who served under him, because of his fairness and consideration in all his dealings with them. Gen. Lester was a veteran of the Spanish-American war, having served as major in the Second New York National Guard infantry.

Gen. Lester rose from the ranks, and has been a member of the New York National Guard for more than 33 years, enlisting as a private at Saratoga Springs, his home, March 25, 1884. He was appointed a captain on January 15, 1892, a major on March 29, 1898, and Lieut. Col. March 21, 1899. He assumed command of the Second infantry as colonel December 11, 1903, and was appointed a brigadier-general June 6, 1911.

General Lester was given a farewell reception by the officers and enlisted men.

Colonel Edgar S. Jennings, commander of the 108th infantry, has been assigned to temporary command of the brigade.

NEW M. P. COMPANY.

Capt. George W. Sullivan, fourth pioneer infantry, has been ordered to organize a provisional company of military police as soon as possible by Brig-Gen. Guy Carleton, commanding the provisional depot for corps and army troops. With the arrival of new soldiers for the depot unit the work has been found to be too extensive for the military police of the Twenty-Seventh Division to handle and the provisional company is to be organized to co-operate with them. The other officers of the provisional company will be First Lieut. Thomas Barndon, Jr., of the fifty-fourth pioneer infantry and Second Lieut. John H. Jenkins, of the fifty-third pioneer infantry. Capt. Sullivan will report to Major T. Harry Shanton, commanding the 102d Military Police, for instructions.

150,000 MEN ARE CALLED TO ARMY CANTONMENTS.

The provost marshal general has issued a call for approximately 150,000 men to report at camps, the movement to begin April 26 and continue five days.

New York State’s quota is 10,171.