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ST. JOHN SOLDIER WRITES TO TIMES OF RED TRIANGLE

What He Saw One Night in Y. M. C. A. Dugout Close To The Front Line in France—Good For The Weary Fighting Men.

The following letter relative to the work of the Y. M. C. A. in France was received this week from a St. John soldier who is in France, who has himself been in the front line and wounded, and knows from personal experience since 1915 all about the Red Triangle and its work. He writes: "Having read a letter from a lady in Canada in which she tells of the criticism of a few returned boys, and being in a position to observe closely the work of this institution, I feel that some few people may be interested to read a short account of their activities in one line, namely the forward canteens. "On a certain Sunday I made an arrangement whereby I was to go to one of our forward canteens and spend the night. After walking several miles and passing many batteries in action, I arrived at my destination. The canteen is in a brick cellar or basement, and consists of three rooms. It is not bomb-proof by any means, and boasts two large holes in the roof where German shells have played havoc. Seven men were killed by one of these shells just before our division took over this area. The first room is about 30 ft. by 16, and has writing tables, piano and a large open fire-place. The second is considerably smaller and contains reading material and a gramophone. It also contains the eight gallon urn from which the men get their free tea—and it is free tea. This urn is practically never empty. The third room holds the canteen, where the men can buy biscuits, chocolate, canned goods, tobacco, etc. at very nearly cost price. The large printed price list hangs over every canteen and each man can verify his charge. The whole plant is lit by acetylene lamps, which must be kept burning continuously. "The staff consists of a sergeant and two privates. The sergeant is known to me personally, and is a most conscientious fellow. He is personally at the service of each and every man who enters his quarters. His spirit is reflected by the sign hanging over the counter: "Our motto, Service." One of the others is forty-nine years of age and very happy, because he evaded the doctors in England, who told him he was too old for service in France. Incidentally this man fought at Passchendaele in the infantry. His one desire is to stay till the finish and go home with the boys. "The staff sleep just behind the canteen on boxes on the floor. They keep open from 8.30 a. m. to 8 p. m., as long as the men come they are served. The canteen is near enough to serve the men in support, the artillery and working parties going up and returning from the front line. "Among those I saw were many engineers who had been up on wiring parties and who were wet, cold and tired. The effect of hot tea need not be

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Y. M. C. I. HAS HAD A GOOD YEAR

Crafting Reports Presented at Annual Meeting—Interesting Address by Rev. Wm. Duke. The annual meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Institute was held last evening in the local rooms in Cliff street. The chief business of the meeting was the presentation of reports from the various committees, on the general workings of the institution and the progress made during the past year. The general tone of the written reports submitted on behalf of the committee by their respective secretaries showed a progressive disposition in all the branches. The reports of the committees also held out timely suggestions which were favorably received. ... Ernest Sterling read a lengthy report on behalf of the athletic committee. The report showed that a keen interest had been taken in all lines of sport. The report contained several suggestions all of which were favorably received. ... Rev. William M. Duke, spiritual director, spoke at length. He referred to the general interest displayed in the annual reports of the various committees. It was a difficult thing to start an institution like the Y. M. C. I. without some slight setback. The Y. M. C. I. however, was now being well shaped. Good success had been met with both financially and otherwise. It had practically been self-supporting. Reference was made to the work of J. J. McNamara, physical instructor, drew much applause. He paid him a high tribute for his work. Father Duke expressed the hope that Mr. McNamara would be here again next year. Special attention was directed by the spiritual director to more activity in lectures, debating, etc. He urged the students next year among the Catholic societies of the city. He directed more attention to the boys' classes. The uplift of the institute for the coming year depended largely on these boys, he said. He congratulated and thanked the retiring members of the board of directors for their work and also the members of all the committees for the interest they had shown during the year just closed. ... THE 10 PER CENT. EXCISE TAX. Word has been received from Ottawa that manufacturers, wholesalers and dealers in all articles, such as automobiles, etc., subject to the new ten per cent. excise tax, will be permitted, if they so desire, to take out bonded warehouse licenses whenever convenient and

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IN QUEBEC Quebec, May 8—Forty more candidates for admission to the Royal Flying Corps have applied to the local committee. They will be examined here on Monday. Victor Company is Dissolved. New York, May 8—The Victor Talking Machine Company was held to be an illegal combination in restraint of trade in a final decree signed late today by Federal Judge Augustus N. Hand. The court issued the usual dissolution restraining orders in such cases.

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