

FEED PRISONERS; GET INFORMATION

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Real Food and Cigarettes Put Captives in Such Grateful Frame of Mind That They Open Their Hearts to Y. M. C. A. Workers and Make Startling Revelations Regarding Conditions in Austrian Army.

By E. A. BATCHELOR.

That "the shortest way to a man's heart is through his stomach" has been proved in Italy. The American Y. M. C. A., by a few acts of kindness toward Austrian prisoners captured when the Italians made their Piave drive, were able to secure information of immense value to the Italian army.

These prisoners were in bad shape, particularly in regard to food. In fact, they were literally starving. They said that they had been living chiefly on black bread and gave the Red Triangle workers samples of this food to prove how inadequate it is for the sole ration of fighting men. The bread was hard, heavy and thoroughly unappetizing.

Some real food and cigarettes put the captives in such a grateful frame of mind that they opened their hearts to the Y. M. C. A. workers and, with perfect candor, made startling revelations regarding conditions in the Austrian army.

With one accord they said that they are heartily sick of the war and tired of being starved. Mutinies of serious proportions are prevented only by the fact that many German officers have been placed with Austrian regiments.

These men, schooled in Prussian discipline, do not hesitate to shoot any man that is slow about obeying the order to advance, so the soldiers face the alternative of fighting the Italians or being murdered by their commanders.

Opens Prisoners' Eyes.

It was a revelation to those prisoners to see American soldiers and Y. M. C. A. workers. They had been told U-boats would prevent the United States getting any considerable num-

Later the Noose



ber of men overseas. The fact that already hundreds of thousands of Yankees are fighting in Europe opened their eyes.

The prisoners are desperately anxious for peace and rapidly getting to think that even a defeat would be preferable to existing conditions.

Apparently the hatred of Germany is growing more intense every day and it is only a question of time before Austria will seize an opportunity to desert her ally.

The treatment accorded prisoners by the "Y" was an eye-opener to the Austrians. They have been told the Yankees either killed their prisoners or abused them so death would be preferred. They hardly could believe a man in an American uniform would hand out food and tobacco.

Work among the Austrian prisoners is just one small part of the American Y. M. C. A. activities in Italy. Splen-

did results have been obtained among the Italian soldiers, whose physical welfare and comfort are being enhanced constantly. Not long ago refreshments were served to 6,000 troops in seven hours at one of the kitchens. The men arrived tired and dusty with their heads down and left for the front singing and laughing.

In Genoa, Florence, Rome and Venice the Red Triangle has been displayed and fine work is being done for men on leave and among the wounded. At Genoa the association comes into intimate contact with American sailors forming the gun crews of merchant ships. These sailors find the home atmosphere of the hut very pleasant after their long and monotonous voyages and are as happy as schoolboys when they see the well-known sign.

Army Appreciative.

The Italian army is so appreciative of the work of the association that it

has given it carte blanche and is according every facility for carrying out the program. Labor and material are furnished whenever possible, and travel on all the railroads is to be had without much of the red tape that usually surrounds journeys in wartime.

The physical feature of the work is making a particular hit among the soldiers. They take to American sports in great style and are deriving benefit from the mass games that have been so successfully used among all the allied fighters.

Wounded men find that properly directed sports help them greatly in their progress toward health and strength, and this work has been introduced in several of the convalescent hospitals.

NEED LABOR IN SOUTH

Shortage in Cotton Belt is Serious Proposition.

The question of securing cotton pickers is proving a great annoyance to Southern cotton planters. Reports from all parts of Alabama show that cotton pickers are short everywhere. Plantation owners have put in a large acreage of cotton this year and the bolls are already opening so fast the farmers cannot get the crop picked. Fear is expressed that a large amount of cotton will be lost if more pickers are not secured.

Appropriate Name.

As he polished his customer's boots the bootblack puffed at the end of a cigar. Thinking to have a little fun at the youth's expense, the customer asked him if he always smoked cigars. "Oh, yes, pretty often," declared the youth.

"What brand do you generally smoke?" was the next question.

"Robinson Crusoe, sir," came the reply. The customer pondered awhile. "I never heard of that brand," he said.

"It's a name I've given 'em myself," said the youth. "You see, gov'nor, old Crusoe was a castaway!"

Wedding Cake.

The wedding cake has from time immemorial formed among us an important item in the matrimonial banquet. This is a relic of the Roman period, when the pagan marriage ceremony consisted principally of the contracting parties partaking of a cake made of flour, salt and water, in the presence of the Pontifex Maximus of high priest and ten witnesses.

All kinds of legal blanks at the Courier.

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Letter heads that will please you, at the Courier.