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Foreword



ORD BACON'S dictum, "Reading Maketh a Full Man," is illustrated daily and hourly in the lives of our soldiers and sailors now in the service. The men frequent by hundreds the various library centres. Tired, homesick and perhaps discouraged, they there associate for a time with buoyant, optimistic spirits,

well-stored minds, constructive thoughts, and come out refreshed, filled with a new hope, and heartened to carry through their immediate task.

In the doing of this work the American Library Association has rendered an invaluable service. Books as tools, as storehouses of knowledge and inspiration, are being made known to thousands who until this time were unacquainted with this means of culture and inspiration. The use of the leisure hour makes possible not only a profitable recreation, but, under direction, becomes the basis for enlarged usefulness.

It is not enough that good books be at hand for the use of the men. These books must be wisely selected, and the reading of them should be wisely directed. To meet this condition reading courses have been, and are being prepared, enabling the soldiers and sailors to work to some purpose, mastering one topic before passing to another. This plan will also result in the reading of texts, which without direction might be left on the shelves unused, save by a select few.

The Y. M. C. A. buildings distributed over the camps, are used as library centres. Each Camp Librarian may consider as his co-worker the entire staff of the Young Men's Christian Association, particularly the Camp Educational Secretary and the Building Educational Secretaries. They will respond to suggestions of courses of study, special texts or special library arrangements in the local buildings. The librarian in turn will welcome requests for books and magazines, and will secure those not at hand. The principle of cooperation between the American Library Association and the Young Men's Christian Association, as well as between all other organizations, will be consistently maintained.

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A TYPICAL CAMP LIBRARY

The library automobile is used in the collecting and delivery of parcels of books





INTERIOR OF LIBRARY, CAMP SHERIDAN
Typical view, showing arrangement of the bookcases, alcoves, and charging desk