
SOLDIERS' HOME IN PRETORIA.

"Tommy's" Comfort Well Looked After
—Similar Institutions at All Important Stations.

Foreign Correspondence THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PRETORIA, Jan. 9.—As one can imagine, in a town like Pretoria, at this stage of the war, everything is very dull and money very cheap. Poor Tommy, with his shilling and three pence a day, is unable to buy much at the stores or to afford the luxury of entering a café. To overcome this difficulty large canteens have been opened to supply his larder at a small rate, and soldiers' homes established at all important stations to amuse him and keep him in the straight path. He is well looked after in Pretoria, and in his off time can spend an enjoyable hour or so in the fine, large building that is used as a soldiers' home. In fact, as a good many colonials and South African cavalry men drawing 5s. and 7s. a day say, "The bloomin' regular with his 1s. and 3d. a day can have a better time than we."

On the ground floor of the soldiers' home is a comfortable little reading room open to all soldiers and supplied with the latest magazines and papers. Adjoining this is a dining room in which Tommy can have refreshments or a light meal at a small figure. Ice cream is one of the most fa-