PROSPECTS FOR CAMP EXCEEDINGLY BRIGHT

Only a few days over three weeks before the long awaited event, departure for camp, becomes a reality. For the old timers there is a renewed thrill, this business of loging into camp for two weeks. To the newest recruit it will be a new experience, the memory of which will long remain. We don't believe there is a single individual who approaches camp with the attitude that attendance is merely a necessary duty, but, on the contrary, that it is the logical culmination of the year's training and an opportunity to make practical application of theories taught throughout the year and is eagerly looked forward to. For weeks the subject of camp has been uppermost wherever guardsmen congregate. Reports from all sections of the state indicate a high enthusiasm for the coming encampment, with excellent prospects of exceeding last year's record-breaking attendance.

As far as possible advance arrangements have been completed, orders covering the movement to camp and administrative orders have been sent out. Training programs are on the press and will be in the hands of troops within a few days. The contracts for food supplies have been completed, and, incidentally, the so-called depression will have accomplished one good, as food prices are considerably lower, which will be reflected in the unit messes, as the ration allowance has not been changed.

A number of new conveniences will be had this year—mess halls for all units and bathhouses for each battalion; even the officers have been provided for.

As in the past, eight special trains will be required to transport the Oregon Army to Camp Clatsop and Fort Stevens. The first train will arrive at 9:55 a.m. and the last at 3:25 p.m. The first day will be devoted to establishing camp, with each regiment charged with erecting its own tentage and other details incident to setting up housekeeping. The mixing of camp is always interesting and especially so when there is competition between squads, companies, battalions and regiments to see which can complete its part first.

The first day will end with all units standing retreat and a parade by one of the battalions of the 162d Infantry. At 6 o'clock the following morning the revielle gun will announce that camp has started in earnest and that intensive training will be the order of business for the ensuing two weeks. Training will be diversified, stressing those subjects applicable to field training with ceremonies closing each day's work. The days will be comfortably filled but plenty of opportunity for diversion is afforded.

Talkies for the evening's entertainment at Clatsop are practically assured and Chaplain Blenkinsop has arranged for a number of features to precede each movie program. Entertainment in camp will be provided each night, except on Saturdays and Sundays.

At Fort Stevens the Post Entertainment Officer has arranged for movies every night during the encampment period, which will provide entertainment for the two artillery regiments which will be stationed there.

An innovation at Camp Clatsop this year will be the tactical inspection of the infantry brigade on June 17. The form which the inspection will take cannot be divulged at this time but it will prove interesting and instructive to all personnel of the brigade, from the regimental commanders to the newest recruit. The Coast Artillery will, of course, devote most of its time to work with the giant seacoast guns, with service practice scheduled for the second week.

For the first time since conversion to 155 howitzers the 218th Field Artillery will have an opportunity to handle their new weapons in the field.

The tryout for the Perry team will be conducted during camp, based on scores made on home ranges prior to June 1, and the experts have been busily engaged for some time in practicing for this event. Incidently, regulations will probably call for the composition of the team to include at least five new men which means that the tyro will have at least as good a chance of making the team as some who have gone in previous years.

Regiments will provide their own demonstration troops and units scheduled were notified some time ago and have been devoting extra time in preparation of their subjects. They'll have to be good, with the standard set last year.

The afternoon of the 19th will be devoted to the field meet with the entire command assembled at Clatsop. A new feature will be the inclusion of an individual competitive drill in which one man from each unit, armed with rifle, is eligible to compete. It is expected that this will be one of the hardest fought competitions with the winner adjudged the best-drilled soldier of the command. Colonel Allen will again be director of the meet, so more need not be said.

Saturday, June 20, will, of course, be the big day of camp—the combat demonstration and review. Annually, this feature has proven a greater attraction until now it is heralded by the press as one of the outstanding instructive entertainments to be found anywhere. The demonstration this year which will be conducted by the 162d Infantry with the 218th Field Artillery, as supporting artillery, promises to be even more spectacular than in the past. Attendance this year is expected to exceed, by many thousands, that of last year. Chambers of commerce, state and municipal officials and newspapers throughout the state have joined in a concerted move to advertise this event and the railroads are cooperating by offering special excursion rates.

It's going to be a great camp and June 22, the final day, will come too soon.

The Elks Lodge of Astoria has extended the courtesy of its social rooms to members of the command during the encampment period. The privilege has been granted each year since 1927 when Camp Clatsop was established, and is greatly appreciated by all guardsmen.
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INVITE THEM TO CAMP

The guardsman who fails to urge his family and friends to visit camp is unfair to them. His connection with the service and his work in the service are matters in which his associates at home should and doubtless do take an intense interest and pride.

The Annual Review and Combat Demonstration, started as an experiment and later improved upon, has become one of Oregon's outstanding yearly attractions. Each year finds an ever-increasing number of enthusiastic visitors lining the grassy slopes of Camp Clatsop's natural theater. No play, pageant, or movie can ever provide the interesting, colorful, thrilling and instructive entertainment that can be found in the battle demonstration.

This vivid and realistic display of what might be expected in battle at any time and at the same time a clear portrayal of the present-day methods of warfare and a scathing denunciation of war itself. No person witnessing the event could ever wish for a war, and yet one leaves after the demonstration with a complete sense of security in the ability of our nation to defend itself and its ideals should the occasion ever arise.

Invite your family and friends to Camp Clatsop this year. The big day has been set for Saturday, June 20. The command will be consolidated at that time, the two artillery regiments coming over from Fort Stevens to join with the infantry and medical troops for the review which starts promptly at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Let them see how you live in camp, how you work and how you play. And, finally, there are the many wonderful Clatsop beaches where they may spend a delightful and restful week-end with you.

Can and Will are cousins, who are never out of luck. Will is the son of Energy, and Can is the son of Pluck. Can't and Won't are cousins too, but always out of work. Won't is the son of Never Try, and Can't is the son of Shirk.

One of the most important duties a soldier is called upon to perform in time of peace is interior guard duty. In some instances training in this subject has been neglected somewhat in the past with the result that men have been placed on guard without being thoroughly familiar with the requirements of the duties.

A visitor's first official contact with camp is with the sentry on duty at the camp entrance. If the sentry presents a smart and soldierly appearance, is familiar with his duties and can answer questions or give directions in a clear, courteous and concise manner a favorable impression is immediately created. On the contrary, a poor appearance coupled with inability to give directions or answer questions intelligently will undoubtedly create an unfavorable opinion. It is not enough to know the general orders and appropriate special orders. The sentry must realize that he is a special representative of the Camp Commander during his tour of guard duty.

Captain Harold G. Maisen, who commands Company B, 162d Infantry, at Salem, writes from Fort Benning that his time is being well occupied these days with machine gun practice, field problems and maneuvers. He says that the instruction from past practices has made the company this year in that all officers attending the Infantry Company Officers' course are given instruction in howitzer and machine-gun company weapons as well as with the rifle, thus broadening the scope of this very interesting and instructive course.

The presentation will be made during the camp of field instruction. Units receiving the rating are:

Headquarters Company, 82d Brigade

State Detachment

battery D

Battery B

Battery B

Battery C

Battery D

HEALTH INSURANCE

It is apparent that not many members of the command realize the importance of immunization against smallpox and typhoid fever which in bygone days took such a heavy toll of lives. Modern methods of sanitation have prac-

tically eliminated the danger of typhoid and the vigorous action taken by health authorities to isolate and stamp out smallpox whenever it makes its appearance have re-

sulted in the average individual seldom if ever coming into contact with or thinking of these diseases. The Army, however, is constantly safeguarding against these maladies, not only through sanitation but, in addition, immu-

nization treatment.

In event of a call to service all personnel would be re-

quired to subject themselves to such treatment if the records did not indicate that it had been previously admin-

istered within a reasonable time.

Considering that the efficacy of vaccination and inocu-

lation have been proven and that, in event of a call to ser-

dice, immunization becomes a requirement it would not be advisable to secure such protection at the present time?

The necessary vaccine and serum is provided by the Government and administered by the regimental surgeons without cost to the individual. The treatment should be encouraged and once taken protects the individual for a number of years. It is a form of health insurance requiring no premium and should receive the serious consider-

ation of every member of the command.

ENTHUSIASM

There are a number of words in our vocabulary that express a great deal without the use of amplifying words or phrases. One such word is "Enthusiasm." Let this one word be used in any connection and a very vivid thought is instantly transmitted. Used in connection with a person's attitude toward his vocation or avocation, it is only necessary to state the fact of his enthusiasm to convey a very accurate description of that individual's pro-

venience and interest in respect to the particular pursuit. When describing the merits of a member of the National Guard, if it can be said that he is enthusiastic toward his duties, we instinctively visualize a man who puts himself, heart and soul, into whatever his work may be. Enthu-

usiasm toward the National Guard of the United States on the part of the rank and file of its members is in a large measure the reason for its fine condition today, and these men who have the National Guard as their avocation are deriving a very durable satisfaction from the experience.

The annual demonstration this year will be more spec-

tacular than ever as the usual amount of blank ammun-

ition will be on hand and, in addition, guard headquarters has received a supply of pyrotechnics which should add to the battle effect of the demonstration. It will provide added training for the personnel that will use these pyrotechnics during the simulated battle exercise.
THE SCOUT

THE long-looked-for leather belts for enlisted men have arrived and will be issued at Camp Clatosop upon arrival of the troops. These belts will be issued in the following sizes: 34, 38, 42, 46 and 50. These sizes refer to waist measurement.

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NEWS NOTES FROM EUGENE

Private 1st Class KENNARD COLTON, Med. Det., 186th Inf.

Medical Detachment, 186th Infantry

Drill attendance for the month of March, 100 per cent, brought the Colonel Waller Cup back to the detachment, and a perfect attendance on record for April also. It appears that the cup will remain with the medics for some time.

An intersquad attendance competition started some time ago by the detachment commander, Major Stannard, is now entering the final stage. A feed for the winning squad is the prize and the competition closes with the field training camp.

Company M, 186th Infantry

Sunday range practice is being stressed with good turnouts and usually with quite a number of spectators. Sergeant Charles L. Carlson and Clark P. Spurlock have passed the examination for commission in the Reserve Corps and have received certificates of capacity.

Company C, 162d Infantry

Members of the second platoon and winners of an attendance contest within the company now rate a feed at the expense of the first platoon which is scheduled for the near future. Members of the company are getting in considerable firing on the indoor range in preparation for the outdoor season.

THE DALLES REPORTS

The members of Company H with several civic organization leaders as guests celebrated the seventh anniversary of the formation of this company on April 30 in the local armory. An excellent dinner was served, followed by several interesting talks and several rounds of boxing by members of the company.

The company functioned as engineers on a recent Sunday, constructing a 1500 foot road to the range house. Sergeant William A. Tubbs, the first man to enroll for the aviation correspondence course through the instructor's office in Portland, has completed the first subcourse with a rating of 95 per cent.

L. BENNETT, Reporter.

100%?

Will the percentage of attendance at camp this year rise over last year's? The answer seems to point in the affirmative, as the efforts of all concerned are being earnestly applied to that objective. Over hundred per cent attendance is not expected or intended that troops will be kept on duty longer that day than actually needed; however, there are changes that are difficult to avoid can lower that figure. As 2 per cent of the total number of enlisted men in the state is about 56 it takes only one absent man from each of the units to make the percentage to 98. Therefore, just a little extra effort should put the attendance at a very high or maximum figure.

Just a thought regarding the return to home stations from camp. It should be borne in mind that the command will receive pay for the day of return and actually the time until midnight belongs to the Government. It is not expected or intended that troops will be kept on duty longer that day than actually needed; however, there is some essential work which must be completed, checking in of property, cleaning and storing ordnance and equipment before the camp is officially over and the commands dismissed. If everyone does his part and the details are not left for a few it will mean early release from duty for all concerned.

The Commanding General has completed arrangements with the several contractors constructing the various new buildings at Camp Clatosop for the acceptance of 14 new mess halls, three enlisted men's bath buildings, two officers' bath buildings and one regimental warehouse.

The completion of these buildings will provide a mess hall for each unit of the 82d Brigade, six permanent type bath buildings for the 82d Brigade and one bath building for the attached units.

The additional regimental supply building will make it possible to handle and care for the supplies of the two infantry regiments in a more satisfactory manner.
COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments
First Lieutenant HAROLD B. WHARFIELD who was ap­pointed and assigned to Headquarters, Second Battalion, 218th Field Artillery on May 2, is a World War veteran having re­signed from a Provisional Field Artillery. At the time of appointment he was serving as Corporal in Battery D of his regiment. Lieutenant Wharfield is a practicing attorney of Portland and holds degrees of Ph. B. and LL. B.

The appointment of MIKE A. TRAPMAN as Second Lieu­tenant, Field Artillery, and his assignment to Battery B, 218th Field Artillery, as of May 5, is the second acceptance of an appointment to commissioned grade by this officer as he first entered the service in 1923 and was commissioned through the non-commissioned ranks to Second and then First Lieutenant in Company M, 1624 Infantry. Having resigned during September, 1929, on account of change of residence, Lieutenant Trapman did not reenter the service until December, 1930, at which time he enlisted in Battery C of his present regiment.

HAROLD L. SQUIRE became Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery, on May 5 and was assigned to Battery D, 218th Field Artillery. Lieutenant Squire has served in his present Battery since August, 1929, and prior to that time served in a Seattle Infantry unit of the Washington National Guard. In civil life he has served as a Baptist minister, receiving the degree of Th. D. in 1929.

Separations
The following separations from the active service have occurred during the past month:

To: The Commanding Officer, Battery D, 249th Coast Artillery, re­signed April 30, 1931.

Captain CARL J. LARSON, Battery C, 249th Coast Artillery, re­signed May 11, 1931.

Captain WILLIAM H. LEHMAN, 1624 Infantry, transferred to the National Guard Reserve, April 15, 1931.

Second Lieutenant HYDE H. IRWIN, 1624 Infantry, transferred to the National Guard Reserve, May 4, 1931.

Second Lieutenant KENNETH W. BLOOM, 249th Coast Ar­tilley, resigned April 29, 1931.

SHOES SERVICE

A recent article in the Recruiting News on "Army Shoes" discusses the effect that poorly-shod troops have probably had on battles and the course of National history. It cites the instance where certain forces under General Patterson were unable to accomplish their mission of preventing the Southern leaders, General Johnson, from adding his command to the other confederate forces in the first battle of Bull Run and probably because so many of General Patterson's troops were so sadly in need of shoes that they were unable to march with the speed expected of them.

As the report of the Federal Inspecting officer on the inspections just completed makes reference to the abuse of shoes and the lack of timely to replace them, certain shoes are all that stand between us and a rough and harsh terra firma and that it behooves us as a more or less selfish measure to preserve and give the best of care to the issue shoes. As the fire power of the modern automatic rifle is proportionately entitled to, to say nothing of inspections, finds us standing in a good pair of "shoes service."

FIRST DAY RATIONS

Judging from the lists submitted by the regimental supply officers for the initial ration issues at this year's camp all companies and batteries will be afforded the opportunity of enjoying well-balanced meals the first day in camp. These lists are notably generous in fresh vegetables and nonstarch foods. This is desirable as troops should receive very little hard or starchy food the first two or three meals after their journeys from home stations to camp. A suggestion that seems pertinent is that mess sergeants study the ration items available with the purpose of arranging menus for the first few meals that will fully utilize the fresh vegetables and relishes provided. The Gresham armory, home of Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 188th Infantry, was burglarized on April 25, and a number of items of government property stolen. Two days later the thieves were apprehended and are now facing trial before a federal court in Portland with excellent prospects of an extended sojourn at McNeil's Island.

Klamath Falls unit commended

The Commanding Officer, Battery D, 249th Coast Ar­tillery, was recently in receipt of a letter of commendation from Major General William G. Everson, administrative head of the National Guard at Washington, D. C., as a result of winning the third successive year the National trophy for excellence in marksmanship.

Subject: Commendation.

To: The Commanding Officer, Battery D, 249th Coast Artillery, Oregon National Guard (through the Adjutant General of Oregon).

1. To win the National Trophy for excellence in marksmanship once is a signal honor, but to have achieved this honor more than once is worthy of the highest commendation. It is with much pleasure that I learn that Battery D, 249th Coast Artillery, Oregon National Guard, has joined the very restricted list of organizations to which this honor has fallen. Your accomplishment is a testimonial of the high standard of marksmanship training maintained in your battery.

2. You have set a high standard for other units of the Ore­gon National Guard. They cannot but feel admiration for your work and will not doubt look to your record as one worthy of emulation. The successful result of your training during the past year will probably render your future tasks more difficult, in view of the excellent example it has created since you will no doubt be opposed by many determined marksmen from the other units who will also be striving to bring their organizations a record such as you have established. However, I feel assured this will result in spurring the members of Battery D to ever greater effort to maintain your position. Such keen competition as you have created by your record will have a most beneficial effect upon marksmanship training in Oregon in general.

3. If the standards in other phases of training of the bat­tery are equally high, you can truly feel that your organiza­tion is a splendid one, and a credit to the whole National Guard.

4. I wish to extend to the officers and men of the battery my sincere congratulations and best wishes for the continued high degree of excellence of Battery D, 249th Coast Artillery, Oregon National Guard.

WM. G. EVERSON, Major General.

THE AUTOMATIC RIFLE

In his recently distributed training directive for the 82d Brigade, General Rilea requires that emphasis be placed on automatic rifle marksmanship training and that all men armed with that weapon will fire the qualification course. The importance of training with this arm is not only fully appreciated and its use too frequently con­sidered only of being a component of the number three of the rear rank at parades and inspections. Perhaps some of us forget that one automatic rifle delivers fire equal to four riflemen and that the proportion of automatic fire to manual is in all its phases entitled to do efficient work in the hands of well-trained men, it would seem that as infantrymen we should devote approximately the same proportion of time to training with it as we give the power proportion entitle it to.

As a result of last year's success in broadcasting the review and combat demonstration and an insistent demand that it be featured again this year, Guard Headquarters is arranging for its release over a Northwest hook-up which may possibly be extended to a National release. For those who are not fortunate enough to be at Camp Clatsop on June 20 the radio will afford an opportunity for a word picture of this outstanding event.

This year the entrance to the camp area will be indicated by a large sign denoting the camp name, also a short history of the exploits of the Lewis and Clark expedition which originally named Fort Clatsop, after which the camp was named. The borders of the sign will be red, white and blue, the center containing black letters on a white background.

When war is on and strife is high, God and the Soldier is all the cry.
When war is o'er and peace is sighted, Then God and the Soldier are quickly slighted.

- The Sojourner.