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### SHAM WAREFARE STARTS AT CAMP

French Officers Begin Instruction in Specialized Fighting.

Many Events of General Interest to Soldiers Occurred During Week, None Very Important.

For the first time at Camp Greene, soldiers went "over the top" today in mock warfare, beginning a new phase of intensive training. For the time, effort will be directed to developing the men in specialty work, it was announced, including bombing, field fortifications, gas attack and defense and liaison (connecting rear linking defenses), and henceforth training will be of such a nature as to prepare the soldiers for participating in highly specialized warfare.

In this training, the commissioned and non-commissioned French officers will take an increasingly important part. The 10 Frenchmen here were selected for the particular specialty in which they are to train the soldiers here.

Also, the regulars will soon acquire their first experience with deadly gases, one of the new destructive agencies developed during this war. This experience will be acquired in a house hermetically sealed to prevent the escape and spread of the gases over the camp. The purpose is to convince the men of the efficacy of the gas mask as a means of protection. Two so-called gas houses have been constructed and are located near one end of the sector of trenches now in an advanced stage of completion.

The general opinion among officers is that they will be permitted to continue this training from three to four months longer, though they have no official information that it is the war department's intention to permit these 11 regiments to remain here that length of time.

During the past week, the 163rd infantry (formerly the Second Montana) arrived at an unannounced destination, having departed from Camp Greene toward the close of the previous week. The 164th infantry (formerly the First North Dakota), which departed late last week, has also arrived at its destination. With the departure of this regiment, Camp Greene for the first time since it became populated with troops has no guardmen quartered there. At the camp are about 16,000 infantrymen in 11 regular army regiments.

Commanders of these regiments have not yet received advices informing them from whence will come the thousands of men needed to fill these ranks to the newly organized war strength of about 900 men to the regiment. Some officers expect regular army recruits for this purpose, while others say they must be recruited at the arrival of national army men to expand the regular army regiments.

One of the most important events of the past week at the camp occurred last Monday when Col. E. B. Jones, formerly commander of the Seventh infantry, assumed command of the camp, succeeding Brigadier General Wedgwood, commander of the Eighty-second infantry brigade of the Forty-first division, who had departed.

The work of preparing for the beginning of actual construction of an artillery range and a direct camp at Camp Greene, near Gastonia, for the use of units quartered at Camp Greene, was abruptly resumed last week, with the arrival of an assistant quartermaster of the southeastern department. He came to complete legal matters relating to leases of lands included within the area of the proposed range.

### COMEDIES OF CAMP GREENE



"Aw, you piker, quitlin' now when we've got to build a man-deep trench, trench, just because I'm two feet bigger'n you!"

infantry went to the rifle range, 10 miles from the camp, early last week and during the week completed the course of firing. These companies were the first regular army units to take the firing course here.

By a score of 45 to 0, the 164th infantry (formerly First North Dakota) overwhelmed the football team of the fifty-eighth infantry in a game played Wednesday at Wearn field, Charlotte.

The team of Company B, Forty-seventh infantry, will play the Charlotte high school football team Thanksgiving Day at Wearn field, said Lieutenant Hanlin, coach of Company B's team.

Negotiations for a football game here Saturday after Thanksgiving Day between picked mixed teams representing Camp Greene and Camp Wadsworth, at Spartanburg, where the New York national guard is in training, have been completed.

The five French officers at Camp Greene, together with Colonel Jones, commander of the camp, and Captain Purdon, camp adjutant, were guests of honor at a dinner given at the Charlotte chamber of commerce Friday evening.

Announcement was made that an eight-team basketball league has been organized among the regiments at Camp Greene, indicating the gradual accomplishment of the work of organizing all athletic activities of the soldiers. The identities of the eight basketball teams was not announced.

The Fifty-ninth infantry won over the Fourth infantry, 13 to 9, in a football game Saturday afternoon.

Lieutenant Russell's drop kick gave the Sixty-first infantry a 3 to 0 victory Saturday over the Seventh's eleven in a hard fought contest. Russell formerly was an All-American quarterback, playing with Chicago.

### BROUGHT COLONEL'S MOUNT

"Private J. W. Shepperd, who was orderly for Colonel Butts in the Twenty-first infantry, stationed at San Francisco, arrived the other day after a 16-day trip with the commanding officer's horse. He will probably transfer to the headquarters company Thirtieth infantry and continue as the colonel's orderly."

### OFFICERS AID MEN TO STUDY ENGLISH

We are indeed happy that the officers of the Fourth and Seventh regiments are interested in the welfare of their men in a social and athletic way but especially because of their interest in their education. Before coming to Camp Greene, they helped many of their men to gain a more complete knowledge of reading and writing English. A number of the classes are already in progress and we hope every fellow will try to grow educationally as well as in military tactics.

We have a number of very good boxers and wrestlers in the Fourth and Seventh regiments. We would like to arrange matches with any other men in camp. See one of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries in your nearest building and have him arrange a match for you.

One of the men of the Fourth regiment, Company B, said: "I have never saw such a fine bunch of people before. They surely do make you feel at home. Many regulars who have been in the service for years say Charlotte is the best place they have ever struck. Fellow, if you want to get in well with the people, go to the social functions when it is possible."

### "G" COMPANY, 59TH INFANTRY.

Acting Sergeant L. O. Fischer (late D. S. San Antonio, Texas, officers' training camp, now with this company), has plenty of opportunities to demonstrate his knowledge of close order drill acquired with the old fourth. He is at present in charge of the awkward squad. Good luck to you, old top. Play safe and don't lead into it yourself.

As a "tip-kicker," "Sand Crab" Thornton is hard to beat. However, he would remind one sometimes when he is on the football field that he had gotten the football "stuff" and brick-laying confused.

Former Supply Sergeant Foy (formerly of the 15th China) is making good as duty sergeant. They are all snapping out the dope.

Private Campbell is no longer acting mess sergeant. Shine 'em up for inspection, ol' boy.

### SOLDIERS FROM MAINE ARRIVE

First Heavy Artillery Regiment Quartered at Camp Greene.

Is Part of Depot Brigade of Twenty-sixth Division, Which Is Ordered Here.

The First Maine Field artillery, commanded by Colonel Ballentyne, with a strength of about 1,200 officers and men, arrived at Camp Greene late yesterday and immediately after unloading pitched their small shelter tents in a reservation near the Dowd house.

At the quarters of this regiment, it was stated that this unit comprises part of the depot brigade of the Twenty-sixth division, having a total strength of about 2,500 officers and men. The entire brigade will soon be mobilized at Camp Greene for the winter, it was said, and while here training activities will be continued. This unit is the first heavy artillery regiment to occupy quarters at this camp.

The troops traveled in two passenger trains, with a freight train bringing their baggage and equipment. Their permanent tents will be pitched this morning. Owing to the recent departure of the Thirtieth regular infantry from this reservation to the one recently vacated by the 164th infantry (formerly First North Dakota), the boys from Maine will have a minimum amount of work to do in preparing their camp.

Information obtained from the Maine guardmen was to the effect that probably no officer at this time would come south with this brigade who will outrank Colonel Jones, camp commander. This means there will be no change, for the present, at least, in the person of the commander of the camp.

The two sections were unloaded for more than an hour yesterday at Salisbury, where the men went through vigorous setting up exercises to get the kinks out of their muscles. Then they Carey, chaplain of this regiment, says the thought occurred to him that time might be available for brief religious services, and Colonel Ballentyne consented. Then the hundreds of people of Salisbury who were at the station to see the soldiers witnessed the unusual spectacle of a regiment standing with uncovered heads in a vacant lot while their chaplain said mass.

The men were in good health and spirits, and said they were deeply interested in visiting Charlotte, of which they declared they had heard much during recent months. The trip was without unpleasant event.

### STIRRING ADDRESS BY

REV. WM. H. ADAMS

On Sunday evening, November 11, a crowd of about 400 men at Building 108 listened to a stirring address by the Rev. Wm. Hooper Adams, of the Westminster Presbyterian church of Charlotte. Mr. Adams is a man of pleasing personality, and made a deep impression on his audience, for he used no tricks of oratory, but confined himself to a straightforward message that would be of help to any man.

Rev. Mr. Adams is the type of man who appeals to the soldier, for he puts his message in understandable language, which always assures a ready response from the men. In conjunction with the religious meeting, a very pleasing musical program was rendered by Miss Nell Dixon, assisted by Miss Parks at the piano. Miss Dixon possesses a very pleasing voice and whenever she is heard at the "Y" is assured of an attentive and appreciative audience.

