

CHRISTMAS

Will Be "Charlotte Day" at Camp Greene

Time---2 to 6 P. M. Place: Parade Ground in Front of Postoffice

27 Army Wagons in charge of several hundred ladies will distribute to "The Boys of Camp Greene" refreshments (cigars, cigarettes, candies, fruit, etc.) that have been provided by the citizens of Charlotte through The Charlotte Observer.

\$321 in prizes offered by the citizens of Charlotte will be awarded the winners of the five athletic events, and a loving cup will be presented to the regiment scoring the largest number of points.

See detailed program below. All are invited. Every man at Camp Greene has been provided for and will be expected.

GREAT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT CAMP

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petitor's waist. Sacks furnished to competitors at starting line. One entry from each regiment or separate unit. Prizes: First \$10, second \$5, third \$2.50.

3. Centipede race: distance 50 yards. Each competitor to bring 14 foot hospital ridge pole. Eleven men on a team. Men race astride pole, with third man carrying designated signal flag; all other men grasp pole with one hand in front, other behind them. One entry from each regiment or separate unit. Prizes: To each man on winning team \$5; to each man on second team \$2.50; to each man on third team \$1.

4. Shoe race. All shoes to be mixed up and placed in a pile 50 yards from starting line. Men run to pile, find their own shoes, put them on, and run back to starting line. Shoes must be properly laced or wearer to qualify for prize. Mark of identity may be placed inside shoes by owner. One entry from each regiment or separate unit. Competitor must bring his marked shoes with him in addition to the pair he wears, so that he will have a pair to wear while shoes are being oiled by judges before start of race. Prizes: First \$10, second \$5, third \$2.50.

5. Three legged race: distance 50 yards. Pairs to be fastened together by two cotton service belts, one at ankles, other just below knee. Team disqualified if belt breaks or comes off during race. One competitor from each regiment or separate unit. Prizes: First, to each man \$10; second, to each man \$5; third, to each man \$2.50.

6. Mile relay race for camp championship. Eight man teams, each man to run 22 1/2 yards. Tent peg to be passed from relay to relay. Prizes: First, to each team \$10; second, to each team \$5; third, to each team \$2.50.

Scoring of points: For all races First, 5 points; second, 3 points; third, 1 point. Regiment or separate unit scoring largest total to receive cup. Uniform for all races, shirt, breeches, leggings, russet marching shoes.

Equipment Race.

Distance, 50 yards and return. Equipment: Rifle, overcoat, field belt (without bayonet), woolen blouse, leggings (optional). Campaign hats must be worn throughout. Men start fully equipped, run ten yards, drop rifle; run ten yards further, drop field belt; run ten yards further, drop blouse; run ten yards further, drop leggings; run ten yards further, around turning point. Then return over course, replacing each article at point previously dropped before leaving that point. First man to reach starting line, fully equipped to win. One entry from each regiment or separate unit. Prizes: First, \$10; second, \$5; third, \$2.50.

Notes.

All competitors will report to Captain Ingalls at Y. M. C. A. hut 107 at 2:30 p. m. promptly.

Each relay team will bring one tent peg for use as baton.

Each centipede team will bring one

14 foot hospital ridge pole and one signal flag.

No team will be allowed to race with any but the proper equipment. Competitors in shoe race are advised to plainly mark their shoes on the inside. Outside distinguishing marks will result in disqualification.

E. LEROY SWEETSER, Brigadier general national army, chairman athletic committee.

A. W. INGALLS, Captain Eighth Massachusetts Infantry, secretary.

Soldiers will notice that the prizes are well worth going after. The citizens of Charlotte provided the cash for prizes.

The following organizations were authorized to be represented by teams: 7th infantry, 30th infantry, 38th infantry, 39th infantry, 47th infantry, 50th infantry, 58th infantry, 59th infantry, 60th infantry, 61st infantry, 1st Maine heavy field artillery, 8th Massachusetts infantry, 6th Massachusetts infantry, 1st Vermont infantry, 5th Massachusetts infantry, 1st New Hampshire infantry, 13th field artillery, 16th field artillery, 77th field artillery, 7th machine gun battalion, 8th machine gun battalion, 9th machine gun battalion, 10th machine gun battalion, 77th machine gun battalion, 12th machine gun battalion, 14th machine gun battalion, 19th field hospital, 20th field hospital, 28th field hospital, 33rd field hospital, 19th field ambulance company, 20th field ambulance company, ambulance company No. 23, ambulance company No. 27, 4th engineers, 8th signal battalion, Co. B New Hampshire signal corps, Co. A Connecticut signal corps, motor truck company No. 47, bakery company No. 7, depot engineers company No. 437, base hospital, auxiliary remount depot, detachment quartermaster corps, national army.

After the athletic events and tree exercises, the soldiers are invited to enjoy a special entertainment in each "hut" building.

Camp Educational Director H. M. Thurston has provided an exceptionally attractive program in each "hut" and the fellows are urged to crowd the buildings and enjoy the features.

"WHO IN THUNDER AM I?"

That Private Ed. F. Rosky of Co. F, 50th Inf., got terribly mixed up about a year ago because more than evident when he read the following history of his relatives:

Last year I did not want to embarrass my girl to make her propose to me, so I asked her to be my wife, and she said I would rather be excused, and I like an idiot excused her, but I got even with the girl. I married her mother. Then my father married my girl. Now I don't know girl's mother the girl became my daughter and when my father married my daughter then he is my son. When my father married my daughter she was my mother. If my father is my son, and my daughter is my mother, who is in thunder am I? My mother, which is my wife, must be my grandmother, and I being my grandmother's husband, I must be my own grandfather.

PROGRAM OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT CAMP

Promptly at 2 o'clock a massed band, composed of seven regimental bands, opens celebration with half hour's concert.

Crack battery from Sixteenth field artillery gives exhibition drill. At 2 o'clock the 20 wagons in charge of the ladies' committee will leave The Observer office and proceed to the celebration grounds. On arrival there they will be escorted about the grounds by Major Cahill, Brigadier General Sweetser's chief of staff, who will be in charge of the wagons and distribution. The wagons will then be placed at convenient points about the grounds and one truck will be dispatched to the base hospital with presents for the soldiers and another truck will go to the detention camp.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock Mayor McIninch will present loving cup from the city of Charlotte to General Dickman, commander of the camp. General Dickman will respond to the mayor's speech of presentation and while the band plays the American national air loving cups from the city will be presented to General Cameron and General Sweetser. The mayor will then present loving cups from the city to each of the colonels of the regiments at the camp, the colonels filing up singly as the band plays patriotic American airs.

Following presentation to the colonels, mementoes of the occasion will be presented to the five French officers at the camp while the band plays the French national air.

This ceremony will be followed by a like presentation to the British officers as the band plays British music.

Immediately following the presentation the following program of sports will start:

1. Sack Race—50 Yards. Each competitor running in ordinary sack. Sack to be held by being tied around waist or held by hands above hips. One man to compete for each regiment. Distance 50 yards.

2. Three Legged Race. Two men together—inside legs tied with two bolts—run directly below the knee and other at ankle. Two men compete for each regiment. Distance: 50 yards.

3. Shoe Race. All competitors on line 50 yards from start. Competitors race to pile up shoes—pick down from pile, put them on properly laced and race back to original starting line. Correct shoes, properly laced determines winners. Distance 50 yards. Man may mark own shoes inside. One man to compete for each regiment.

4. Centipede Race. Eleven men astride a 14-foot ridgepole. Third man to carry regimental flag or other designating flag. Distance 50 yards straight away.

5. Equipment Race. The equipment race is described as follows: Distance, 60 yards; equipment, rifle, overcoat, field belt without bayonet, wool blouse, canvas leggings. Men start fully equipped and run 10 yards, drop rifle; run another 10 yards, drop field belt; run another 10 yards, drop overcoat; run another 10 yards, drop blouse; run another 10 yards, drop leggings; run 10 yards around turning point and return over the course they came, replacing each article as dropped at the point where it was previously dropped before leaving that point. The first to reach the starting point fully equipped is declared winner of first prize.

There will be one entry from each regiment in this race.

One Mile Relay—Regimental. Eight men on team. Each runs 220 yards, carry tent peg and pass to next runner.

Points to Count as Follows:

First place 5 points
Second place 3 points
Third place 1 point

Relay to count first place, five points—second place, three points. Prizes: Gold pieces to individuals. Cup to regiment scoring highest number of points in all events.

Following the contests the drum corps of the Fifth Massachusetts Infantry will lead a parade about the field with the winners of the contest.

The parade will finish before General Sweetser, who will receive from A. J. Draper the prizes for the winners. General Sweetser will then present the winners with their prizes.

The lights will be turned on the Christmas tree and dozens of red torches will be lighted.

The Glee club of the First Maine heavy artillery will give a concert, at the tree while the band and the ladies of the refreshment committee march about the tree.

Program ends.

