

SLIGHT INCREASE
SICK RATE IN CAMPS

Increase in Meningitis in All
National Army Camps Shown
by Department's Report.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Slight increase in the sick rate for both national guard and national army for the week ending January 25 over figures for the preceding week are shown by the health report published today by the war department.

The non-effective rate for the national guard was 28.4 per cent compared to 27.1 of the preceding week, but the hospital admission rate decreased from 30.1 to 29.3. The non-effective rate of the national army was 33.9 compared to 31, and the hospital admission rate was 39.6 compared to 36.8.

There were 81 deaths in the national guard compared with 65 of the preceding week. Of that number 47 were pneumonia cases. Deaths in the national army were 108 against 119, pneumonia causing 71 of the deaths.

Camp Wheeler, Georgia, showed the highest non-effective and hospital admission rates of the national guard camps, although both rates were below those of the preceding week for that camp.

Among the national army camps the highest admission and non-effective rates were at Camp Travis, Texas, where mumps prevails extensively. Measles generally showed a decrease at the camp stations. There was an increase in pneumonia at Camp Lee, Virginia, and Camp Travis. There was an increase in meningitis in all national army camps.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY FIFTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.

Members of this company regretted to know that they were about to lose one of our best cooks, for at the examination on vocation today Cook Patton, after telling all the boys that he was a graduate cook from Washington and that he did cooking in all the best hotels in the United States, as well as chef work, told the examining officer that he had a riveter and steel worker. This is good news to our two other cooks, Dayton and Cumbledge, who have been bothered by the smoke that comes from the kitchen stove. Don't worry boys Patton is a riveter and the stove will soon be fixed. It was also learned that when he left the cooking kitchen at Washington he was recommended for kitchen police, but he has the chevrons now and he should worry.

Some of the boys informed the questioner that they were traveling salesmen, hotel clerks, I. W. S., and Sergeant John Phillips had the nerve to say that he was a bartender. I wonder if he ever gets a girl in Washington while he is in the army. Good luck Jack old boy, but don't forget your friends in the Headquarters company.

Private Porter and "Long Boy" Van Landingham are much interested in the Village of Thrift. Now Porter and Knapp are the best looking boys in the best looking girl. It looks as if Knapp's was the best as he spent all day Saturday and Sunday at her cottage. The argument by saying neither of the girls were anything extra "show up Porter, as long as you think she is nice that is enough.

Second Lieut. Boyle has been returned to duty from the camp hospital after a spell of diphtheria. Our sympathy was with him in spite of the fact that he caused the office force to be sent to the detention camp.

Private Adema Lupton, of Hartford, Ind., and of the office force, was sent to a local regular corporal this week. The boys, as well as himself, are wondering how he ven got it so quick. Maybe he is a personal friend of Mr. Baker, or as he has a bunch of money he may have his eye on Del.

First Class Private Boy Lightfoot returned from the hospital this week after a case of measles, while at the same time his hut mates were busily thinking of him at the detention camp. They were Sergeant H. O. Young, A. Vernon, Fred Bartell, Charles Porter and Raymond Knapp. After returning to the company the boys all made up for lost time as far as chow was concerned.

ORDERED FOUR MORE
K. OF C. SECRETARIES HERE

W. M. Egan, of Detroit, Mich., has been returned to Secretary Galvin, of the Knights of Columbus building, Camp Greene, for duty as assistant secretary.

At least three other Knights of Columbus building secretaries are expected to arrive here soon, and from this number and those attached to the present K. of C. building will be organized a staff for the second K. of C. building. This building, built in sections and of the portable type, is now en route to Camp Greene. The time of its arrival is not known. Within a week after arrival, the building should be ready for use of the soldiers, Secretary Galvin expects.

BARRED WRESTLING HOLDS
DEMONSTRATED TO TROOPS

In an effort to teach the soldiers interested in wrestling the five holds which are barred under modified rules promulgated at the request of the war department, Sergeant Harris, of Company B, Seventh Infantry, and Private Bajowicz, of Company A, Seventh Infantry, gave an exhibition of wrestling at Y. M. C. A. 103 under direction of Secretary Aysworth, company, Seventh Infantry, and Sergeant Harris engaged in a fifteen-minute exhibition. The struggle was continuing without either showing any marked superiority when the time for stopping arrived.

Private Bajowicz and Private Hurdal, of Company I, Seventh Infantry, wrestler in three five-minute bouts, with Bajowicz the victor.

During the wrestling, Private Schilling, of headquarters company, and Private Davis, of Company K, both of the Seventh Infantry, played a goodly number of selections on the piano.

COMPANY "K" FIFTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.

"Pussy Foot" Bendell Billie seems to be "peevish" because he has to fall in with the other fellows these days for drill. "Ta right hard we guess to be regimental supply sergeant and then have to come along.

Private Brown has been figuring on putting a board on his mess kit. And it might not be a bad idea at that because that boy sure does manage to hide the "grub." It is reported that he ate pancakes for breakfast the other morning. Of course that sounds "flaky," but nevertheless it's so, because Sergeant Green made the report.

First Class Private McCool has returned to the company as a "regular" after a short tour as a canteen barber.

Sergeant Freudenberger is some boy with the "dames." Three a day tells the tale from that girl of his up in "Philly." Better look out of boy, he'll get you yet.

Sergeant Olson lost a nickel in a "penny ante" the other night, and we hope he don't lose another because he hasn't a cent left.

Corporal Casey has been all "peevish" because he cannot go down town to see his little Southern Dancer. But he says that David, some other man will get her while you are away.

First Class Private Waller has provided a grand success as a "spud" peeler. Stick to it Casey, you'll make good yet.

Our mess sergeant, Jackson, isn't the worst man in the world at that, but when it comes to our borrowing, he's a real well, he's a corn bread king to say the least.

The company clerk, Fish, got a letter this week the first in quite a while. They say it had numerous effects.

Our first sergeant, Shift, is quite a pool "blash." He shot at a ball the other night down at Liberty park and missed it by about two feet hitting the "fifteen" ball on the other side of the table and making it. "He's" was making sport on playing young Willie Hope, the champion, and he'll give the chap a tussel too.

Sergeant Master, Shift's partner, is some "shark" too. Any one who more he can't bring the pick in the trenches. He's what some would call an engineer. But —

TENTH MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Things have been rather blue in this outfit for the past few days owing to the fact that the star squad, from I company, Thirty-ninth, has been quarantined on account of mumps.

Corporal "Blackey" Hearn has the squad in great shape for boxing and wrestling, and they especially star on the wood pile. In this capacity would we make special mention of "Batter" Hogan, "Red" O'Neill, "Bell" Stretcher, "Shanty" Thornton, "Frank" Machon, the ambitious barber, and "Ned" Gillet, the Italian "Frank Getch."

Every morning at 5:30 Gilbert is up, makes a fire while the others in the squad "hay" until noon. Calling in order, we don't think. Hogan is there with that Charlie Chaplin mustache, and if he carries it with him after we get into action, good-bye Kaiser Bill.

The boys now have to take a bath on every Tuesday and Friday. It sounds more like rubbing sandpaper together than it does making a bath.

"Red" O'Neill is going around down-hearted these days because he has not received any mail from the "queen" lately.

That chap Gillet is sure there when it comes to the wood. He at least breaks a piece every time he strikes to split it.

"Shanty," the ersetwhile corporal, is still wondering when he is to be made such.

The cigarettes are getting a little low, but there is still a little hay left in the bayonet dummies, so the boys won't go smokeless at that.

Hogan still does with the blue overalls and when we look at him we are reminded that he was once spending part of his time glancing out of the side door at Alma. The "Mikado" sure has got "BHU" Stretcher's goat.

CHECKER CARNIVAL
AT CAMP THURSDAY

Failure of Banks, World Champion
to Arrive, Necessitates
Two Day Advance in Date.

The checker carnival at Camp Greene, incident to the expected arrival of N. W. Banks, world's champion checker player, will be held Thursday, owing to the failure of Mr. Banks to arrive for the games scheduled to be played yesterday, according to information obtained yesterday at the camp. The games will be played at the Y. M. C. A. building near Liberty park.

Lieutenant Balentina, of the Sixth Massachusetts Infantry, formerly champion of the New England states, is taking an active part in the work of lining up the soldiers who will oppose Mr. Banks. A series of unusual contests will be played, in which Mr. Banks will oppose at various times from 12 to 100 soldier checker players. It is planned to have Mr. Banks play in simultaneous games against 100 soldiers, and the world's champ contends he will win a majority of the games. He expects to also win a majority of the games while he is blindfolded.

Few approaching events have attracted more interest among the soldiers than the checker competition, for there is a large number of experts in uniform at the camp and hundreds of others possessing more or less skill in this time-honored indoor pastime. Since outdoor athletics and other activities are prevented by the mud and other conditions, the soldiers are forced to turn their attention to indoor amusements and this perhaps accounts in part for the unusual interest in the expected coming of Mr. Banks.

NORTHROP JOINS CAMP
CAMPAIGN FOR THRIFT

The thrift campaign being conducted throughout Camp Greene by the Y. M. C. A. authorities, in cooperation with the camp insurance officer, Captain Pond, was reported yesterday as one of the principal matters receiving attention at Y. M. C. A. building 106, near the Dowd house. Former Y. M. C. A. Camp Business Manager Northrop, now a member of the Eighth Massachusetts Infantry, was the speaker last night at Y 106. He dealt with the economic side of the matter of the enlisted man taking out insurance under the government plan, though in his talk he briefly touched upon the other important phases of the subject.

Aside from the insurance feature of the campaign, secondary attention is being given in this campaign to inducing the soldier to be thrifty with reference to his health.

Y M C A PHYSICAL DIRECTOR
GOES TO CAMP JACKSON

Harry C. Newcome, physical director of "N" building No. 102 has been transferred to Camp Jackson at Columbia, S. C., where he will act in the same capacity as he did here.

"Harry" had a host of friends among the 4th Infantry and Fourth engineers regiments and we wish him great success in his new field of work.

Army Orders

The resignation of First Lieutenant Robert C. Thompson, 118th Infantry, North Carolina national guard, accepted January 18 by President Wilson, is announced by the war department.

Capt. Edward J. Russell, quartermaster corps, is relieved from duty with a labor company at Newport News and is ordered to report to Camp Greene remount station for duty as commanding officer of a wagon company.

The following named officers of the medical reserve corps are relieved from duty at the medical officers' training school, Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and will proceed to Camp Greene for duty with the Sixty-first Infantry: First Lieutenants Robert F. Beckwith, William V. Kams, Robert J. Lovell and George D. Mason. The following for duty with the Fifty-eighth Infantry: Captain Walter Verity, First Lieutenants Gustave G. Kalmus, Herbert C. Kincaid, William Westrate, Douglas Wyatt.

SUPPLY COMPANY FIFTY-EIGHTH INFANTRY.

If you happen to see High Private Allweiss walking around with his chest about twice the usual size and all the buttons on his coat flying off, it is because he has a political pull and is holding down the much honored position of orderly in the supply office.

We see Samuel D. Butcher has not forgotten about his lost fortune. He still keeps the boys abreast at night, and expects that when he is always pleading with and asking him to return his nickel. Butch, we suggest that you can get some results.

We are very sorry to hear that Private Kissel has not succeeded in holding down his position as clerk. You have our sympathy Kissel. Some one suggested that perhaps you could get a commission and show them all up.

The boys all suggest that Sergeant Cavanaugh use a little more glue on his saddle when he takes Tommy horse out. The boys suggest this for your own benefit Jesse. Very kind of them, hey, Jesse.

The new office clerk, better known as "I can't eat beans" Walker is in need of a milk bottle very bad. All they boys ought to make up a collection and see what they can do for his relief. The office force will contribute to it freely and will make no kick in doing some. Are you as follows, we would like to get this in before the war is over.

Wagoner Plunk is talking about transferring to the ordnance corps. Luck to you old top.

Whittle came very near getting stuck with his load of straw the other day, but Glazebrook came along and gave him a lift with his whip. Some whip—that.

GIVES INSTRUCTION
ON AUTOMATIC RIFLE

Lieutenant Estes began yesterday a two-week school during which instruction in the use and care of the automatic rifle will be given the men of the Thirty-eighth Infantry. Sessions of this school will be held each afternoon in the Knights of Columbus building.

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