FIRST NEW HAMPSHIRE LEADS IN INSURANCE

New England Regiment Carries $12,515,000 of Protection. Sixty-First Active.

Out of a total of $5,000,000,000 in war risk insurance carried by men in the army and navy service, about $120,000,000 was carried by officers and enlisted men of the regular army and national guard at Camp Greene, according to figures compiled to include policies applied for January 2. These figures were made public yesterday by Captain Pond, camp insurance officer.

Camp Lewis, at American Lake, Wash., leads all camps in total amount of insurance carried by the men encamped there, with a total of $233,000,000, followed by Camp Upton, $223,000,000, Camp Devens, $199,000,000, Camp Dix, $191,000,000, Camp Bowie, $189,000,000. Available figures did not show the relative standing of all the training camps, with reference to totals of insurance carried by men encamped there. Consequently, Captain Pond was unable to give the position occupied by Camp Greene.

The First New Hampshire infantry, until reorganized a New England national guard regiment, leads the regiments at Camp Greene in total of insurance with a total of $12,515,000, according to official figures reported yesterday. Five companies of this regiment each have applied for total of insurance in excess of $1,000,000. They are Companies A, B, C, G, and K. Headquarters company of this regiment is almost in that class, having a total of $977,000. Companies B, C and K each wrote over one million dollars in insurance during the past fiscal week.

Twenty-nine Red Cross nurses at the base hospital have bought through the office of the camp insurance officer a total of $255,000 in insurance, seven of whom bought $5,000 in insurance each. The others took the maximum amount, $10,000.

The company of the First Vermont infantry commanded by Captain Sullivan is thought to be the first company to report at Camp Greene to report its members 100 per cent insured. Company C of the Sixth Massachusetts infantry, commanded by Captain Powers, is another company 100 per cent insured, and the record of this company is particularly interesting in that all but one man of this company took $10,000 in insurance. The one man bought only $5,000 and effort is being made to get him to take an additional $5,000 to make the company an absolute maximum of insurance.

The Sixty-first infantry is thought to be leader of the regular army regiments at Camp Greene in amount of insurance written for the officers and men. The regiment wrote over one million dollars in insurance during the past fiscal week, and now carries a total of $6,420,000 in war risk insurance.

The average policy sold to officers at Camp Greene is in amount $5,000, according to official figures.

"Pete" Boyd, the "insurance girl" calendar, has been shipped to Captain Pond in the interest of war risk insurance, Washington. These will be distributed throughout the camp for service men's benefit, due to the urgency of war risk government insurance. In this connection, a memorandum sent to officers and other officers at Camp Greene, with specific instructions, read in part as follows:

"On the 12th day of February 12, 1918, the date of automatic insurance, as well as the opportunity for the uniform of the men to purchase war risk insurance, the heavy responsibility will fall upon the commissioned officers and their insurance officers, so that the matter of war risk insurance is placed before every man in their organizations, with the explanation of both diseases as well as the hazards of war, the duty of every officer to protect both himself and family by means of the liberal provisions of the war risk insurance act should not be neglected by any man in the service.

"Commanding officers are requested to cooperate in every possible way in calling to the attention of all their men all of the benefits to be derived from participation in the war risk insurance, and to inform all concerned that their automatic insurance will cease on February 12, 1918."

COMPANY B, 58TH INFANTRY.

Sergeant Smith has just returned from a visit to the home folks in Hattiesburg, Miss. He reports a good time.

Sergeant Joe Tracy has been transferred to the brigade headquarters. Seems pretty soft for some folks these days.

Lots of the boys are wearing long faces these days. The quarantine has broken into several love affairs of the fellows who were advancing in the city.

"Doc" Hutton sure likes the noonday school we are having along now. Always he is reported to be broke and unable to go to Liberty park, so it isn't so bad after all.

CHECKER CHAMPION HERE TO OPPOSE SOLDIERS

Preparations were completed yesterday for a checker tournament at the camp tonight and perhaps tomorrow night, which will be featured by exhibition games in which Newell W. Banks, of Detroit, world champion checker player, will display his prowess. The games probably will be played at the Y. M. C. A. building near Liberty park. Lieutenant Balentine, chaplain of the Sixth Massachusetts infantry, formerly New England champion at checkers, received the co-operation of Y. M. C. A. secretaries in preparing for these exhibitions and spreading the news of the arrival of Mr. Banks.

While in Charlotte, Mr. Banks will be a visitor at the home of Brevard Nixon, who, the Y. M. C. A. authorities said, is responsible for the visit of Mr. Banks. The checker champion is making a tour of southern cities, and will appear at a number of army camps.

NORTHROP TELLS OF EIGHTH'S MINSTRELS

Friday Is "Charlotte Night." Saturday Show Especially for Soldiers.

BY H. C. NORTHROP.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All ye citizens of ye city of Charlotte and ye soldier boys residing in ye Camp Greene, take heed and listen. On ye Friday and Saturday nights of ye coming week, to wit: ye eight and ninth of ye month of February, ye far-famed and renowned minstrel singers and dancers from ye gallant Eighth Massachusetts infantry will entertain ye assembly at ye city auditorium. All ye citizens and ye soldier boys are hereby instructed to take due note thereof and govern themselves according. Ye penalty will be ye sad regret when thy friends tell thee of the good time that you missed.

If anyone is unable to attend either of the two performances, which are to be given by the merry minstrel men and maids, they will miss one of the best shows yet given in Charlotte this winter.

It is only necessary to mention the names of some of those who will appear to show how high class the performance will be. For example there is Sergeant Joseph Bowering, the old time minstrel star whose ballad singing will bring to memory the days of Primrose and Dockstader. Then there is Sergeant Hines, known to all his friends as "Red," whose adventures as a wounded soldier in the base hospital will be told when he sings "I Don't Want to Get Well."

The names of Sergeant Bentley, Sergeant Webster and Private Rosenthal are already well known to Charlotte people, and it is only necessary to say that they will all be at both performances with bells on.

Specialties will also be given by Sergeant Snow and William J. McNamee of the Eighth Massachusetts infantry, and Louis Silverglat of the Thirtieth infantry. One of the interesting features will be a brass sextet under the direction of Sergeant Bugler Eaton, for many years a solo cornet player with Sousa's famous band. The music will be furnished by the Eighth Regiment band under the leadership of Bandmaster Lee.

As a token of their appreciation of Charlotte's hospitality and to express the oneness of the nation in the present crisis, the performances are dedicated to the ladies of Stonewall Jackson chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and it is expected that a large number of them will be present Friday, which has been named "Charlotte night." Saturday will be known as "Camp Greene" night. Among the Charlotte young ladies who will help to make the program a success are Miss Margaret Gardner, Miss Minerva Arrington, Miss Anna Belle Dowd, Miss Bennetta Heath and Miss Lucile Mason.

NEWS FROM COMPANY "G" FORTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.

It is understood that Corporal Williams' recruit cannot do battalion drill very well, but when it comes to a skirmish formation, he is all to the mustard. When it comes to drilling recruits, there is some class to Bill.

Private Earle Henley left for his home in Jonesboro, N. C. last week on a seven day pass. The home folk will surely be glad to see Earl.

Private Ward Newman blushingly came back from old New York with nothing but a smile on his face. Corporal Stevenson nearly died of lonesomeness while he was gone.

It is "on again, off again" with Privates Pursley and Laplante.

A suggestion for art: Corporal Addomizio at night, with his head wrapped up in that spaghetti scarf.

Up to this writing no one has drowned in the mud, but another foot or so of it may turn the trick.

Winsome Otto James is the niftiest little company agent in the army, but simply detests being disturbed at night.

It is reported with much pleasure that Mechanic Edward E. Johnson is greatly improved, and since the arrival of his wife last Saturday, has made great strides on the road to recovery.

"Absent from Reveille" draws kitchen police like the bee draws honey from the honeysuckle.

MOVING PICTURES OF MEN AND CAMP TO BE MADE

Army Photographers Expect to Film Proposed Parade of Thousands at Camp Greene.

Moving pictures of Camp Greene will be made, probably soon after the weather becomes favorable, according to information obtained at Camp Greene headquarters yesterday. Lieutenant J. P. Annin, of the photographic division of the aviation section of the signal corps, with two assistants, is visiting several of the camps in the southeastern department for this purpose. Lieutenant Annin for a day or two will visit his brother, Captain R. O. Annin, one of the intelligence officers of the Third division (regular), at Camp Greene. His assistants now are at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, and Camp Sevier, Greenville.

Pictures of these and other camps probably will be made before Lieutenant Annin and his assistants make pictures here. It is expected that they will come here at a time when they will be able to make pictures of the proposed review by General Dickman, camp commander, of the troops quartered at this camp. When this review will be held is entirely dependent upon the weather. It officially has been stated that the review will be held "just as soon as the weather and the condition of the roads permit." It is probable that the order for the review will not be issued until early in the morning of the day for the review.

CONTINUE TO REHEARSE FOR MILITARY MINSTRELS

In spite of the quarantine, rehearsals are being held daily for the performance of the military minstrels, which is to be given by the Eighth Massachusetts infantry at the Auditorium Friday and Saturday nights, February 8 and 9. It is the plan of those in charge to present the show on the first two nights after the quarantine is lifted.

Unless more cases of spinal meningitis are discovered in the city, the quarantine will likely be lifted February 7, as originally intended, according to Mayor McNinch, in an interview yesterday with H. C. Northrop, business and publicity manager for the minstrels. If not, it is probable that the performances will be postponed until the first two nights after the ban is finally lifted.

BASE HOSPITAL BREVITIES.

Seven first class privates from the ranks of the men who make up the Thirty-third field hospital are working in the base hospital wards. They will be here for two weeks. They have been placed in the surgical wards with the intention of giving them a fuller insight into the operating methods of a war hospital.

Above the charred ruins of the laboratory and surgical wards the new buildings which are to take their places are rapidly rising. There is the merry music of the resounding hammers every day, as the new frame structures are being enclosed.

Four men from the hospital detachment have been given discharges recently. They are Privates Brown, Durfee, Mondrone and Sydnor. Brown was discharged because of dependent relatives and the other men were issued S. C. Ds.

Eight regulars from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., are now doing duty in the Camp Greene base hospital. The newcomers are doing medical work and are located in barracks seven. They are but a small per cent of the 231 men who were distributed through Camp Greene from Fort Oglethorpe. These men tell that they found deeper mud than covers Camp Greene when they "were marching through Georgia."

We all put down our names as being employes of the government, on Thursday. Now we will join the chorus of "All we do is sign the pay roll."

The hospital camp welcomes Lieutenant Everett from the Fourth division, and Lieutenant White from the Third division, who are now stationed at the hospital supply depot.

None of the men who went hunting one day last week have displayed any game but Corporal Moore claims that First Class Private Menger, barber in barracks six, did not give the rabbits, at which he fired, a close shave.

The base hospital team is spending all spare time in practicing basketball.

There were many laugh provoking answers to the queries in the first medical class quiz, last week. In one case the soldier-student was able to name all the chemicals, which must be kept under lock and key in the wards, but alcohol. Corporal Woollard was fishing for the correct answer. Finally he interrogated:

"What is it that would disappear rapidly if the men were given ready access to it?"

"Money," came the prompt answer.

Private Charles Oswald is the new telephone operator at the hospital subcentral and he is doing a mighty good job.

Rain and mud and no hot water for a bath. In a few days we will all be afflicted with dermatokelidosis, it is feared.

CHARLOTTE GIRL BRIDE OF VERMONT INFANTRYMEN

Miss Lena Vliva Kerr of Charlotte and Sergeant James Heber Best of the First Vermont infantry regiment were married Saturday evening by Rev. W. B. Lindsay, pastor of First A. R. P. church. The vows were spoken at the residence of the pastor. The groom's home is at Morristown, Vermont.

"B" COMPANY, FIFTIETH INFANTRY.

The fourth squad has attracted the entire company by hanging out a sign which reads: "washing taken in on Sundays only."

When it comes to a busy squad see the third. For a pass time you might ask one member of this outfit how he did it when he was discharged.

Tony Kay is somewhat at home these days as he is a constant man with the pick and shovel brigade.

According to Private Runke he is a very busy man when he writes Mich Carter. Of course, "Fat" has something to say about this.

Corporal Marshall is suffering from a severe attack of heart trouble along now. He has just been married.

The lightning squad is expecting the flying Irishman back from his pass in a few days.

Huskey is also to return this week to that lightning outfit. Then it should be at war strength.

A few days ago two men standing in ranks were called "Dusty" and "Weary Willie." And the joke is the man who was called dusty is an old timer of six months service.

It is reported that the lightning squad is again on the war path. Dusty and Weary Willie are responsible for this.

There is also a certain sergeant who is on the same war path. Something seems to have gotten his goat.

If company has traveled all over the world during the last week. Our famous musician is responsible for this stuff. There is a rumor every half hour. Very good Eddie.

Owing to the fact that our mess sergeant has been folling with Dan Cupid we beg to announce his mind has been transferred to Chicago for the time being.

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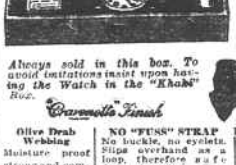

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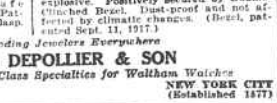

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