

COMEDIES OF CAMP GREENE

Family Report

Last Official Request Was for 2,000-Acre Drill Ground.

In His Absence Major General Cameron Assumes Command of Camp Greene.

Major General Joseph T. Dickman, commander of Camp Greene, accompanied by Mrs. Dickman and their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Foster, wife of Captain Foster, aide-de-camp to General Dickman, left Charlotte last night for an unannounced destination. General Dickman continues in command of the Third regular army division.

In the absence of General Dickman, Major General Cameron will be commander of Camp Greene. As construction work in Charlotte, General Dickman and the members of his family lived at the New Central.

One of the last official acts of Major General Dickman while commanding Camp Greene was to formally accept authority for the camp commander to extend the limits of Camp Greene to include 2,000 acres of land in the "Steele creek loop" as a drill ground. Announcement was made yesterday that this request had been forwarded to the war department.

Also, it was announced that the work of enlarging the railroad yards serving the quartermaster depot at Camp Greene has been commenced. Sites for 20 additional quartermaster warehouses have been surveyed, and the report of the inspectors forwarded to Washington. Authority to begin construction of these warehouses is expected with little delay, it was stated.

Major Clarence H. Greene, under whose direction Camp Greene was built and enlarged from time to time, returned yesterday from Washington, where he went to confer with war department officers. As construction work at Camp Greene will have charge of any construction work which may be ordered. For about two months, Major Kasper, quartermaster, has had charge of construction work at the camp, according to information obtained there.

Camp headquarters had no announcement to make yesterday night of 157 soldiers, members of units at the camp, as enemy aliens. These men were sent to Fort McPherson, near Atlanta, Ga., probably for internment for the duration of the war, according to information obtained in the city.

FAMOUS ACTOR TAKES CHARGE OF AMUSEMENTS

Washington, D. C., February 25.—Anxious to render a personal service to James K. Hackett, famous American actor-manager, has volunteered his services to the Knights of Columbus committee on building and has been appointed general director and in charge of the organization of amusement by that organization.

Mr. Hackett will immediately begin the organization of high caliber musical companies in the army encampments and the naval stations, these companies to be composed of professional actors and talented amateur actors now in military service. Mr. Hackett will receive no remuneration for his work, and has signified his intention of devoting his entire time to it for the duration of the war.

The plays which Mr. Hackett plans to produce will be presented in the buildings which the Knights of Columbus, representing the Catholic population of this country, are operating as social, recreational and religious centers in the camps. It will be assisted by several executive and producing experts from his own staff, and will begin operations at Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts. As soon as the organization of the talent in the American camps has been completed, Mr. Hackett will go to France to continue his work in the Knights of Columbus buildings located in the camps of the American expeditionary forces.

"There are probably more actors in the service than men in any other branch when the numerical strength of the profession is taken into consideration," says Mr. Hackett. "I am sure there will be no difficulty in organizing companies which will compare in every way with those usually seen in the best theaters, and after examining the Knights of Columbus buildings I am most admirably suited to productions of the kind I have in mind. The Knights of Columbus are rendering a splendid patriotic service by the maintenance of these recreation buildings, and I am glad of the opportunity to contribute my experience to the work they are doing."

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After the target registered No Hit: "Take a chance, Elmer, snowball it!"

ARGUE VALUE OF SLAV PEACE IN THE GERMAN

Army Headquarters Debaters Argue Over Effect of Break in Allied Ranks.

The debate between Company C and Company F, of First Army Headquarters (formerly First New Hampshire Infantry) was held last night at Y. M. C. A. hut No. 164 amid scenes of greatest enthusiasm and excitement, the question being, "Resolved.—That in the future Russia would be more detrimental to the central powers than to the allies." Company F, upholding the negative, was declared the winner.

Representing Company F were Corporals Birch and Hoffman and Private Hooker. The representatives of Company C were Corporals Heffernan, Ruggier and Wetmore.

The affirmative maintained that the idealism and propaganda of Trotsky and Lenin would force the German people into a state of rebellion and internal unrest, as was instigated by the recent labor uprising in German cities, and thus sooner end the war by forcing the German government to make peace as a result of internal discord. Internal troubles, the affirmative speakers declared, would much more quickly and effectively breakdown the German military machine than the Russian armies could have, had they remained intact and active.

The speakers for the negative side expressed the opinion that the Ukrainian peace and the demoralization and demobilization of the Russian armies would tend to open the unlimited resources of Russia to Germany, and thus relieve the serious food shortage which in Germany has followed the tightening of the English blockade and the American export restrictions. With Germany provided with food, these speakers declared, the possibility of the dissemination of bolshevik doctrines making much impression upon the German laboring class would be largely overcome, would tend to largely decrease the likelihood of open rebellion against the militaristic class.

BAND OF 77TH GIVES STUNT NIGHT CONCERT

Instrumental and Vocal Numbers and Boxing Bouts Entertain Soldiers.

The Seventy-seventh Field Artillery band was the Tuesday evening feature of the "Stunt" night program at Building 106. Handmaster Hawley, conducted the concert in his usual capable manner, and the frequent outbursts of applause were indicative of just how much the audience appreciated the program.

In addition to the concert, there were a number of other features on the bill, starting with group singing, led by the physical director. The men situated about 100 certainly know how to sing in a manner that would bring tears of envy to the eyes of many a choral club.

Sapier, the old reliable, was out of quarantine and put on a few songs, numbers, in his own inimitable style. His songs went big with the crowd and he was encored to the echo. "Where the Black Eyed Susans Grow" was particularly well received by the audience.

Corp. Buckley of the Seventy-seventh band, next rendered a very popular vocal selection in a very pleasing manner.

Boxing was next on the program, a number of excellent bouts being staged.

Bout 1, Lamatta, Bat. 1, Thirteenth, and Moore, Bat. 6, Seventy-seventh, put up a corking good battle, with the odds favoring Lamatta.

Bout 2, Witworth, Batt. 8, Seventy-seventh, staged a clever and fast set-to, with "Red" just a bit too clever for his game opponent.

Bout 3, Diehl, Bat. 6, Seventy-seventh, and Depoite mixed it up in a fashion that had on their toes, during the entire bout. Honors were about even.

Bout 4, Sergeants Pharr and Cabana, of Bat. 6, Seventy-seventh, put on an interesting bout. They are heavyweights, and mixed it up in good shape.

Bout 5, Pantusso and Kelley, both of Bat. 6, Seventy-seventh, mixed it up in great style. They weighed about equal and are clever and shifty. Honors were even.

Entries are being received by Physical Director Taylor, for the boxing tournament to be held in the near future. Any man in the Seventy-seventh, Thirteenth, Sixteenth and Fourth trench mortar, or Ammunition train is eligible to compete. Prizes will be furnished for the champion in each weight.

The bouts are to be held in the following classes: 135 pounds or under, 145 pounds or under, 160 or under, 175 or under, and above 175 if a sufficient number of entries are received in this weight. Get busy and enter!

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A ZEPPELIN NIGHT RAID.

We are indebted to Private Charles Landes, of the Fourth Divisional Headquarters, for the following account of a raid by German Zeppelins that he actually saw in his home town, Leeds, England, two years ago:

"I was at a theater that night and was enjoying a good show when suddenly during the last act the lights went out and a voice announced that the Zeppelins were approaching. The large crowd immediately left the theater and rushed to their respective homes through the dark streets, for all the lights in town had been turned off as soon as the first alarm was sounded. Usually the British battalions are the first to detect the approach of Zeppelins and they telegraph at once the nearest town that hostile aircraft are approaching. This town in turn notifies the surrounding country so that, by the time the Zeppelins arrive there is not a light to be seen. When I arrived home I found all the lights of my neighborhood in the bomb-proof cellar, built especially for this purpose. A great many of the houses in Leeds have taken the precaution of building these places of refuge, and it was lucky for my family that we had one—as you will see later on.

"The first evidence that we had that the Zeppelins were approaching was the booming of our anti-aircraft guns. Soon the sound of the faint whirr of the giant engines high above our city. Gradually the sound grew louder and then the bombs began to drop. We could hear explosion all around us and that of a sudden a tremendous crash as one of the bombs fell directly on our home. Fortunately none of us was injured, we were all more or less stunned by the terrific explosion, but in a few moments were able to crawl out after examining ourselves that the Zeppelins had been driven off by the incessant fire of our guns.

"An awful sight of wreckage greeted my eyes as I crawled out of the cellar.

"Everything was smashed about the house and the roof was entirely gone and the windows were broken to bits. The people of the town were running about the streets trying to ascertain the extent of the damage and the number injured. A house was dropped in one of the main streets and had bursted the water main several feet underneath the ground, and water was rushing forth from the ground and flooding the streets. Several houses and buildings were wrecked but fortunately there was no loss of life. Most of the houses were dropped on the residential section of the city—and this is what the Hun calls legitimate warfare. I have always felt grateful to my father for having had that cellar built for had it not been for that I would not be here this afternoon telling you this story."

Private Landes is in the hospital at Camp Greene having had two operations for appendicitis. He gave this account to a Y. M. C. A. secretary who was visiting him a few afternoons ago. One of his brothers was killed in the British army during the Dardanelles expedition. He has another brother in the "Naval Squad" of the British "Somewhere on the Western Front." He was severely wounded during the fierce fighting at Lens, and has since recovered and is back again in the front line trenches.

Mr. Landes is anxiously counting the days until he can get home from the hospital and receive orders to "go over," as he thinks that he has a big score to settle with the Kaiser and his followers.

COMPANY A, 38TH INFANTRY.

Well, the ammunition train goes has left us and we are sorry to see them go, especially Whitehead, who holds the title at Camp Greene for demolishing "chow."

Corporal O'Hanlon is now attending the gas school and the boys all hope that he makes good.

Private Dakoski and Hartong have just graduated from the trench engineering school and are eagerly waiting for their diplomas.

Private "Buck" Sherman believes in preparedness—he has already bought his corporal chevrons.

Private Macenko has been worried about getting a furlough, and he wants to go back and see that undertaker's daughter. Watch your step, old top!

Our friend Barnhardt is a great lover of work when it comes his way. He is always in the bath house waiting for drill, or either in some tent where there is a good fire.

Private Canizales was certainly feeling lousy over a game of "Sevens and a half" in which he lost a nickel—and has not slept since.

Corporal Peters says it takes a man to raise a mustache. He might be right as far as that goes. But what about Private Hartman, who did not shave for 12 weeks?

All the boys were glad to see Lieutenant Hudson back from his furlough. We hope that he had a good time while he was away.

Miss Sergeant Williams certainly has a wonderful pose as a boxer. But when it comes to putting the "mitts" on with "Fat" Parker he gets all yello.

