

THIRD MECHANICS TO BE SENT TO FACTORIES

Small Units of Soldiers to Help Make Parts of Aeroplanes for Training.

The Third Motor Mechanics regiment commanded by Lieutenant Col. R. C. Kirtland will be split up within a few days into units of from 30 to 50 men. These units will be sent to the various factories where parts of aeroplanes are being made, so the men will have an opportunity of acquiring practical experience in work they will be expected to do when they go overseas. Official announcement to this effect has not formally been made at camp headquarters, but reports heard in the city were well authenticated, yesterday. It is planned, it was understood, to reassemble the men of this regiment when the practical training period is ended, the duration of which has not been made known.

A report that the Fourth Motor Mechanics regiment would be split up likewise for this purpose was heard but lacked confirmation.

A number of the men of the Third Motor Mechanics regiment are expecting to leave Charlotte this week for plants located in eastern, northern and middle western cities. This and the Fourth regiment were not completely organized when they arrived here about two months ago. The men originally were chosen from many organizations stationed at camps scattered pretty much all over the United States. This training they expect to undertake soon was said to be the first practical training for them in work particularly for motor mechanics.

The plans concerning these two regiments in no way affects the plans of the war department, as received here, regarding making Camp Greene a signal corps training camp, it was understood. The practical training that the motor mechanics regiments must receive can not be given here nor could provision for such training be satisfactorily made.

RECEPTION GIVEN BY NURSES AT NEW HOME

Delightful Social Affairs Held at Base Hospital — Many Invited Guests.

The new nurses' home at the base hospital was the scene of a reception and dance Thursday evening from 8:30 until 12 o'clock, which was tendered by the nurses to the medical staff of the base hospital, the commissioned officers of the Motor Mechanics and their wives. The new home is very commodious and was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The large dining-room, just back of the reception hall, was used for dancing. Music was furnished by the string band from the Third Motor Mechanics.

This was the first large reception which has been given at the base hospital. There are at present about 120 nurses and over 100 surgeons and doctors in the base hospital; these together with the commissioned officers of the Motor Mechanics and their wives formed quite a large party. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

DETENTION CAMP STARTS WORK ON BIG GARDEN

There are so many activities that are being undertaken by the soldiers that one is scarcely ever surprised when the news of a new one reaches his ears. But it has remained for the detention camp to give the most practical turn to the desire of the soldiers for exercise. The detention camp is doing nothing less than starting a garden—one of some fourteen or fifteen acres—and the soldiers are determined to raise plenty of vegetables for their own mess. Eight mules have already taken up their abode at the camp, and the farming utensils are being gathered. Already there has been much plowing and other preparation.

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MILITARY POLICE UNIT ARRIVES AT CAMP GREENE

Presence of This Organization and Scattering of Another Forecasts M. P. Changes in City.

A unit of troops designated as military police of the aviation section, signal corps, has arrived at Camp Greene, and the probability is known to exist that these men within the course of a short time will assume the duties of military police in Charlotte. Just what the plans of the camp commander are, or will be, were not definitely known yesterday. Since the men of the Third Motor Mechanics regiment, which furnishes the military police for this city now, soon are to be sent to factories making aeroplane parts, the opinion prevailed yesterday that the military police administration of the city would pass to the newly arrived organization.

Capt. C. S. Downs, provost marshal, and his force of military police have been active and have successfully discharged their duties since assuming this task two months ago.

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Sergeant Pickard, better known as "Kid Thomas," has proven himself a batter on several occasions. His last bout was one of the "headliners" at the auditorium on Wednesday night, May 22.

The ball team is under the supervision of our worthy "Top Kick," Sergeant Don Filcon, who is a pitcher of note himself.

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FROM SEVENTH COMPANY, THIRD MOTOR MECHANICS REGIMENT.

The Seventh company, Third Motor Mechanics regiment is composed of very modest young men, but at present they are very justly proud of the fact that they were one of the four

companies selected to escort the "Blue Devils" during their visit to Camp Greene, and they surely behaved in a manner befitting the honor.

The Seventh company also claims to have the best arranged street in the Third regiment and a trip to the company will disclose to the visitor the wings and flags of the signal corps along with the name of the company and regiment worked in stone, at the front of the mess hall; and a street so plainly and neatly improved and decorated as to attract the attention of any disciple of cleanliness.

The baseball team of the Seventh company is fast getting into shape and although they have not taken part in many games as yet, they will soon start out on a campaign which they expect to eventually land them at the top. Their manager is Sergeant Clayton, and they are fully equipped with all the necessary baseball material through the generosity of their company officers and men. One of our most strenuous baseball fans is our Captain Jones and he seldom if ever misses a game in which the fighting Seventh takes part.

PLEASANTRIES FROM EIGHTH COMPANY.

The carpenters of the Eighth company, Third Motor Mechanics, are anxious to take their position in the front line trenches, as they are the only ones who can complete a drive.

The Eighth company men got orders the other day to turn in their unserviceable clothes. The company is now taking swimming lessons.

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