

AIRSHIPS SENT TO CAMP GREENE

Eleven Planes and Extra Motors Coming From Texas.

Flying Is Not Contemplated, but Will be Used for Purposes of Instructing Mechanics.

A number of airplanes are to be sent to Camp Greene, according to a statement by Lieut. Col. Roy C. Kirtland, commanding officer of the Motor Mechanics brigade. A number of planes have already been shipped from aviation fields, to be used here in the courses of instruction that will be opened for the motor mechanics.

Five Curtiss planes are coming from Gerstener Field, and six standard machines have been shipped from Love field. They are all expected to arrive here in the near future. More airships will very probably follow.

A number of aviation motors, also, are in transit, 10 Curtiss motors from Kelley field and an equal number of Hall Scott motors from Love field, they having been shipped recently. Some of the motors will be dismantled and the parts will be used in familiarizing the motor mechanics with the details of aviation motor construction. Others will be used in studying and demonstrating the adjustments of valves, ignition apparatus, and carburetors.

The airplanes will be used in instructing riggers in the details of airplane construction, and in erecting, adjusting and rebuilding machines. They will be especially useful in familiarizing men, now proficient in related trades, with the work that they will be called on to do on the other side.

Reports that airships were en route to Camp Greene from Texas gained currency here several days ago. The first intimation, which could not be confirmed from official sources, came when the order, sending the members of the Motor Mechanics regiments, in small squads, to various factories where machines and parts are manufactured, was countermanded. Latest information from official sources indicates that the thousands of Motor Mechanics and the members of the aero squadrons will be given an intensive course at this camp in the assembling and repair of aeroplanes and their motors.

It is not thought any Liberty motors will be sent here at this time.

The immediate plans for the training of the men at Camp Greene indicate the war department has taken another definite step in the carrying out of the announced purpose of making this a Signal corps training camp. While in the past a certain amount of training of troops has been done, Camp Greene's history shows it has been used largely as a mobilization and expansion camp.

During recent days a few hundred additional men have arrived at the camp, but no general movement of troops to this camp appears in prospect.

MAJOR DUPONT RETURNS TO VISIT CAMP AND CITY

Popular French Officer Formerly Stationed at, Camp Greene Renews Friendships Here.

Major Eduard Dupont, who for several months was in command of the contingent of French troops stationed at Camp Green, made a brief visit to Charlotte and Camp Greene Saturday. Major Dupont went from this camp about a month since to Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky. He has recently been detailed to go to the camp at Chillicothe, where he will command the French troops giving instructions to the American soldiers. During a brief visit to Washington, Major Dupont took occasion to make a short visit to North Carolina friends.

Major Dupont is a worthy representative of those delightful people, the French. During his stay here he not only proved to be of the highest value to military authorities, but he endeared himself to everybody with whom he came in contact. He was very delightfully entertained by people Charlotte and surrounding towns, and also made a number of patriotic speeches that were enthusiastically received by all who heard him. His treatment here was so cordial that Major Dupont says that he has come to consider this as his American home.

HOLD VICTORY ATHLETIC CONTESTS AT CAMP JULY 4

Athletic Directors and Officers Planning for Big Track Meet on Liberty Day.

"Victory" athletic meet will be held at Camp Greene July 4, according to an announcement which was made by A. E. Bergmann, camp athletic director for the army Y. M. C. A., the plans of which are being perfected. This meet will be held in accordance with a central scheme which has been very elaborately worked out by the officials of the southeastern department, and which has the sanction of the department military officials as well as that of all the camp commanders.

The Camp Greene meet will be under the direction of Physical Director Bergmann, who will be assisted by the divisional athletic director, Clarence E. Foster, and the regimental athletic officers. General Kenyon, commanding Camp Greene, has given his sanction to the meet, and in that he has been joined by the other interested military officials of the camp. This week there will be a meeting of the athletic directors and officers, at which time the program will be outlined and plans laid for the successful carrying out of them.

This camp has some unusually fine track talent, all of which will be given a chance for display on the glorious fourth. The events will be open both to the officers and men of the camp, and judging from the amount of interest there is no doubt but that there will be a large number of entries for all the events. It is expected now that the meet will be held in the morning, but it may be that this will be changed to the afternoon. The place for it has not yet been definitely decided upon, but an announcement of all details will be made at an early date, it was promised. It is safe to say that a place will be selected that will be entirely suitable, to both the contestants and the large number of onlookers that are expected to be present.

The events will be run in the order decided upon by the local athletic council. The fine list of prizes which will be donated by the Y. M. C. A., will be given as follows: A first, second and third prize for individual events; four medals for winning relay and signal teams, and three medals for winning litter bearer's team. A trophy for regiment or corresponding unit winning greatest number of points will also be given.

The following events are on the schedule:

Fifty yard dash, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, one-half mile run, one mile run, running broad jump, running high jump, semaphore signaling, litter bearer's race, relay race.

The semaphore signaling team will consist of four men, two messengers, one sender and one receiver.

The litter bearer's team will consist of three men, two bearers and one subject and return to the starting point from the starting point. The litter bearer starts on the signal, secure the subject and return to the starting point. The work of both of these will no doubt prove unique and interesting.

AERO SQUADRON TO GIVE DANCE AT AUDITORIUM

The 60th Aero Squadron will give a dance complimentary to Troop G of the canteen service, at the city Auditorium Friday night. Invitations will be sent out today. Those promoting the dance said it promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the season.



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