

## U. S. BATTALION SENT TO COBLENTZ

Premature Occupation Due to  
Request of Germans.

Main American Army Continues  
Its Advance in Germany  
in the Usual Manner.

American Army of Occupation, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—A battalion of the Thirty-ninth Infantry left Treves by train today for Coblenz, a four hours' run. The premature occupation of Coblenz is due to the request of the German authorities who are apprehensive of the conditions that might prevail there after the withdrawal of the German forces. This is the first time the Americans have utilized railway trains for their advance into the territory from which the Germans have withdrawn. The main army continues its advance in the usual manner and last night had reached the general line of the Rhine. The main army is now in the area of the Moselle, and is advancing in the usual manner. The main army is now in the area of the Moselle, and is advancing in the usual manner. The main army is now in the area of the Moselle, and is advancing in the usual manner.

## AMERICANS MARCH ALL DAY TOWARD COBLENTZ

BY HERBERT BAILEY.  
Special Cable to The Observer From  
The London Times.  
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The American Army, Dec. 8.—American troops have been marching all day in the general direction of Coblenz. The march has been everywhere with the usual resigned attitude by the people. The women seem to feel their position more keenly than the men. There are many reports of the American troops in the territory occupied, only the quality is poor. The Treves Landes Zeitung devoted a four line story to the march of the American troops in its last issue.

## ADVANCE OF AMERICAN THIRD ARMY CONTINUES

General Pershing, Commander of the American Third Army, has ordered the advance of the American Third Army to continue. The advance is being made in the usual manner. The advance is being made in the usual manner. The advance is being made in the usual manner.

## LAST FORMAL ACTIVITY OF 910TH PIONEER INFANTRY

Members of Organization Participate in General Athletic Meet on Parade Grounds.

The 910th Pioneer Infantry held its last formal activity as an organization yesterday morning at Camp Greene in a general athletic meet. The event was supervised by Major Logan and Lieutenant Green and details were selected from each company for the entries. Colonel Wm. A. Kent and all the officers of the organization, were especially interested in the program and enjoyed much pride in the showing the men made.

The program started at 10 o'clock on the parade grounds of the organization and each company put "pen and spirit" into the crowd with yells and songs before the regular program began. A. E. Bergman, Y physical director of the camp, acted as starter and Lieutenant Green was directly in charge of affairs. The different events consisted of the 100-yard dash, hurdle races, obstacle races, pie eating contest, egg race, undressed race, competitive squad drill, relay races, broad jump, etc. The competitive drill and squad drills were especially interesting.

The prizes offered consisted of amounts ranging from \$10 for the first, \$5 and \$3 for the third, and many received gold medals which were made up with the U. S. coat of arms, with Camp Greene inscribed thereon.

## STEADY LINE OF TICKET BUYERS AT CAMP GREENE

Faces of Soldiers Discharged Shine Through the Rain—A Worth-While "Scrap of Paper."

A steady line of ticket buyers is seen at the camp depot every day now. Yesterday and Tuesday about 800 men each day were discharged and they included both white and colored. Regardless of the rain and uncomfortably cold day the boys who were able to display that little scrap of paper which meant so much, were all smiles and one could see the sun shining in their faces any way.

## HUNTINGTON AND PROBERT ATTENDED Y CONFERENCE

Dr. Mott Discussed Work of Y. M. C. A. in Connection With  
Return of Men in Service.

General Secretary D. L. Probert, of the Y. M. C. A., and Interstate Secretary S. C. Huntington returned yesterday from what was considered a very important conference at Atlantic City. Dr. John R. Mott presided at the conference, which was called to consider the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in connection with the return of the soldier and sailor boys, and to plan not only for this but also for a great forward movement to occupy the whole field, city, industrial and rural. "Recent developments in the industries and in rural work have demonstrated the possibility of doing this and it is proposed to undertake not only more extensive work in the cities, but to extend association activities into the rural districts of the whole country in co-operation with the schools and churches," said Mr. Huntington. "The fact that the association is the creature and agent of the Church of Christ was made most emphatic and an earnest desire to be of greater service than ever before was very evident." Mr. Huntington had the following to say regarding the conference:

"One entire session of the conference was given to a discussion of the criticisms which have been heard as coming from returning soldiers. Three things have been largely responsible for these criticisms. First, the taking over of the canteen service as requested by General Pershing. Second, the immense task of providing service for the vast numbers of soldiers sent abroad so rapidly, and third, the necessity for recruiting large numbers of men for this service at short notice. The wonder is that the work has been as free from reasons for criticism as has been the case. Do not think in closing the discussion told of the delegations of prominent business men who had been sent to France from time to time to study the situation and to report on the needs of the correction of faults and improvement of the service."

## JITNEY DRIVERS MUST COMPLY WITH ORDINANCE

Provost Guards on Roads Leading to Camp Last Night.  
Drivers Must Post Rate Cards

Last night and they were directed to hire automobiles. Information received regarding the reason for this action of the guards was that numerous complaints have been made by officers and men at the camp regarding the drivers of jitneys who have been charging to take them to the camp from the city.

A city ordinance passed some months ago ordered a fixed rate for transferring passengers from the city to the camp, and within the city, and ordered that a schedule of rates be posted on the windshield of all machines bearing that the military authorities at the camp intend seeing that this ordinance is carried out in so far as trips to the camp are concerned, and no machine will be allowed to enter the camp unless it carries on the windshield a schedule of rates. And these rates must be adhered to by the jitney drivers. It was learned further that all drivers against whom just complaints are made by officers or men at the camp will be prohibited from entering the camp reservation.

## READY TO HELP SOLDIERS IN LOCATING POSITIONS

Many Men Discharged at Camp  
Greene Are Being Sent to  
Home States in Contingents.

Blanks have been received and the work of listing the names of soldiers discharged from the army at Camp Greene in contingents is being completed. Director V. J. Brawley, of the federal employment bureau, yesterday. Plans for this work were completed at a conference at Camp Greene yesterday morning of representatives of civilian organizations at the camp and Mr. Brawley.

Many of the soldiers discharged are being returned to their home states in contingents. Mr. Brawley explained, not being released from military authority until their arrival there. This is in order to get all men discharged back to the section from whence they came in as many cases as possible. It is urgent that this be done, too, to allow men to congregate in any one city. Here in Charlotte, for instance, the first of the 1,200 or 2,000 of the soldiers from this city are returning home. Jobs must be found for them and for all who come at later dates. With a little floating population of young men discharged from the service seeking employment it would be a difficult problem to locate jobs for them.

Whereas five months ago the labor situation was such that efforts were being made to bring men here, danger of their being more numerous than jobs here in the future unless proper steps are taken to get discharged soldiers back to the section whence they came and go to work for them, it was pointed out.

Liberty theater is no more, the tent being taken down last week. Until the armistice was signed the government had plans under way to erect a permanent theater building within the camp at once.

## DR. ORR TAKES CHARGE OF Y WORK AT CAMP GREENE

At Conference of Secretaries  
Yesterday Dr. Mangum Turns  
Over His Authority.

Dr. E. N. Orr formally took charge of the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Greene as camp general secretary yesterday morning, succeeding Dr. J. T. Mangum, who has been camp secretary since last spring. Dr. Orr has been religious work director at Fort Ogden and will move his family to this city at once. Before going into "Y" work, Dr. Orr was pastor of the First United Presbyterian church at Denver, Col.

At the regular conference of the Y. M. C. A. secretaries yesterday morning, Dr. Mangum turned over the authority of the camp to Dr. Orr and showed not only by his actions but by words that he was loathe to leave the work. He continues to be recruiting officer for the state of North Carolina and has offices in the Piedmont building, but is preparing to expect to leave for overseas service for the Y. M. C. A. in the near future. Dr. Orr left last night for Atlanta for a conference of several days of all camp secretaries of the southeastern department.

Resolutions of sympathy were passed by the secretaries bearing upon the accident to one of the officers, Rev. J. G. Garth, who was run down by an automobile Saturday and severely injured. The streets were closed for several hours.

Camp Officers and Secretaries:  
Capt. Henry A. Anderson.  
Lt. Robert R. Ayres.  
Capt. Julius F. Bacon.  
Lt. Thomas G. Basil.  
Lt. Robert A. Baker.  
Lt. Alphonso J. Beiler.  
Lt. Horace P. Benton.  
Lt. William D. Bell.  
Lt. Edward J. Bond.  
Lt. William E. Brown.  
Lt. Lincen C. Brennan.  
Lt. Robert McCulloch.  
Lt. Bernard R. Byrne.  
Lt. William S. Campbell.  
Capt. Dow W. Carpenter.  
Lt. George P. Claypool.  
Lt. Kenton P. Cooley.  
Lt. Oliver D. Cooper.  
Lt. Jacob L. Drown.  
Lt. Alden D. Cunningham.  
Capt. John G. Daiger.  
Capt. George T. Desloge.  
Lt. Edward DeVries.  
Lt. Gilbert L. Doll.  
Major John Donahue.  
Lt. Joseph P. Donahue.  
Lt. Clinton Downes.  
Lt. Henry E. Drown.  
Major Donald Durant.  
Lt. John G. Edwards.  
Lt. William A. Forrest.  
Lt. Aaron French.  
Lt. Louis N. Gause.  
Lt. John G. Gilliam.  
Lt. William H. Golden.  
Lt. George B. Graeff.  
Lt. Warren E. Groves.  
Lt. Otis K. Grief.  
Lt. William M. Griffith.  
Lt. Camillus P. Hackett.  
Lt. William H. Hanson.  
Capt. J. B. Hannon.  
Lt. Richard Harpel.  
Lt. Lyle D. Hart.  
Lt. Paul Heine.  
Lt. George N. Holman.  
Capt. Roy Houser.  
Capt. Harry Huse.  
Capt. William S. Johnson.  
Lt. William H. Jones.  
Lt. August Kaiser.  
Colonel William A. Kent.  
Capt. Harry J. Kelly.  
Lt. Guy V. Kirschner.  
Lt. Lewis R. Kirk.  
Lt. James Klumel.  
Lt. Leslie Kunkel.  
Lt. Lloyd A. Lare.  
Capt. Joseph S. Lawrence.  
Lt. Delaney E. Leonard.  
Lt. D. Sterling Light.  
Lt. Solomon Lintville.  
Major John R. Logan.  
Capt. William F. McClelland.  
Lt. Lewis Maly.  
Lt. Glenn E. Miller.  
Lt. Ralph A. Monroe.  
Capt. Alphonso J. Mooney.  
Capt. Arthur C. Morse.  
Lt. Eugene E. Morton.  
Lt. William G. Oliver.  
Lt. Parker M. Parker.  
Lt. Harvey W. Potter.  
Lt. Joseph P. Purcell.  
Lt. Ruel W. Raney.  
Lt. Harry L. Reed.  
Major P. G. Reedy.  
Lt. Glenn A. Rexroad.  
Lt. Andrew E. Rudloff.  
Capt. Irving P. Snelcher.  
Lt. Charles R. Snelcher.  
Lt. Marion R. Studinski.  
Lt. Albert G. Smith.  
Lt. Ralph W. Smith.  
Lt. John W. Stewart.  
Lt. Robert M. Sweeney.  
Lt. Arch Burt Thompson.  
Lt. George E. Turner.  
Lt. March W. Vears.  
Lt. Thomas M. Ward.  
Lt. Thomas R. Walsh.  
Lt. Harry W. Weedon.  
Lt. Robert S. Willard.  
Lt. Carl S. Wilburn.  
Lt. James Stanley Williams.  
Capt. Wilson Williams, Jr.  
Lt. Robert B. Willson.  
Lt. Earl J. Yates.

## FOURTH RECRUIT CAMP

Recruit Camp Four Astir With Athletic Sports.

During the past week in Fourth Recruit camp there was a shift from the heavy drilling the boys had previously been going through to athletics. This new feature of activity was introduced by Captain Gleason, the commanding officer. The supervising of the various forms of athletics is under the able direction of Captain Scherman and morning and afternoon the husky recruits are on the new athletic field enjoying the sports to the fullest.

The game that seems most popular with all of the boys is push ball which has had a most prominent place every day for the last week, some days more than 150 men engaging in a single game. Other games that are attracting attention and being indulged in quite freely are soccer, football, basketball and volleyball. Captain Scherman called on Camp Physical Director Bergman to give a mass calisthenics drill one morning during the week which proved a great thing and was enjoyed by all. Physical Director Lott, of Y. M. C. A., is assisting the boys in many ways and has arranged some competitive games for this week. Now that the tank corps is here rivalry in athletics will pick up and some high class sports is promised for the next few days.

The drill grounds of the organization are the headquarters for these sports and from 10 o'clock each morning until 4 in the afternoon the field is fairly alive with the recruits who are all taking part in one way or another.

Many of the boys are from the homes.

Volley Ball Games.  
A very interesting series of games were played on Wednesday afternoon at 4th Recruit camp headquarters between officers of 4th Recruit camp and officers team near by. Officers representing Fourth Recruit camp were Lts. Crum, Davis, Mark, Edwards, Raeder and Meisler. Officers representing Y 102 were Capt. Tundler, Luty, Conahan, Galen, Jarmon and Y. M. C. A. Secretaries Iversen and Bloom.

## MUSICAL PROGRAM BY TANK CORPS COMPANY

Soldiers at Camp Greene Given  
Splendid Treat This Week by  
the "Treat 'Em Roughs."

Soldiers of Camp Greene have been given a splendid treat this week by the 307th battalion of the tank corps company in the way of a musical program. This company has an orchestra, male quartet, dancers, violinists, vocalists, reader, jazz band, etc. In fact they have one of the best organizations ever seen in the army at the present time.

Every night they have had packed houses and visitors from Charlotte have begun to learn of the excellent program being given. Last night was an open date with them and the time was spent in practicing. The program is given by Sergeants Henning, Smith, Evans, Minch and Tryple and Privates Ray and Claffin. The quartet is made up of members of Company B of the 307th.

## ENCOURAGING TALKS TO COLORED TROOPS

At Y hut 285 where Dr. Sinclair is secretary, Friday night, one of the most interesting meetings was held of the year. Dr. Sinclair is the colored secretary for the building and is stirring up a lot of interest and public spirit among the colored boys who are about to leave for their homes.

Friday night he had Lieutenant E. F. Atherholt from the 41st battalion, speaks to them and interested the boys in a splendid talk on citizenship and gave them pointers on how to take care of their country. Then Ray Funderbuck, Y educational director of the camp, made the boys a splendid talk on being Christian citizens and men as proud of their work at home as they have been of the flag they have been following. During the evening Dr. Sinclair told of a story of the colored man, Johnson, who held off a bunch of Germans in the battle of the Marne killing five and putting 20 others to rout. He explained that he killed the Huns with his bowie knife and Dr. Sinclair closed by saying that he never uttered an oath in his life. "But," he said, "what in hell could he have done if he had had his revolver?" That story brought down the house.

## TREAT 'EM ROUGH BOYS ARE A LIVELY BUNCH

Four Thousand Tank Corps  
Men Are Here Preparing to  
Be Mustered Out Soon.

That "Treat 'em Rough" crowd of boys, the first of the kind, are in Camp Greene and although in quarantine, everybody most has learned that they are a lively bunch. They are happy of course because of the prospect of being sent home soon, but regardless of that it has been learned that they have all kinds of athletes, stage artists, cartoonists and men who are professional entertainers in many ways. Then added to this, they are a fine, jovial set of fellows and are ready for most anything. They have their organized football and base ball teams, boxing and concert artists and this week are proving their claims by match games and public entertainments.

About 2,000 men and officers are located in the area near Y 103 at the entrance to the camp at Liberty park. These men include battalions 307, 340, 341 and 342 and are under command of Major Gill with Lieutenant Ogden in charge. The 307th battalion has an organized minstrel-musical show which they are putting on as the Y buildings this week. It consists of a male quartet, banjo artists, fancy dancers, a violinist, several soloists and a jazz orchestra.

These about 2,000 men from the same organization coming from Camp Polk are located in the area near the entrance to the camp.

The command also is being directly in charge of Lieutenant Ogden. Located in this area are battalions 308, 341 and 305, consisting of about 2,000 men. This group of men also has Company C of the 308th battalion, which has the honor of having a football team that cleaned up after the Camp Polk boys and never been beaten. They might get a good match in Camp Greene though if the season isn't too late. The Camp Personnel Base Hospital. This group could make things lively. This same Company C has a man who draws a cartoon every time he turns around unless drilling, in the person of Sgt. C. E. Moore. Trench and Camp expects to have some of this work next week on display.

The following contribution comes from the Editor of Trench and Camp: The men of Battalion 340, tank corps, would like to have you print a word or two about our Sgt. Major Bobbie North, who has done so much to organize and maintain the highest degree of efficiency and good fellowship in our ranks.

Mr. North came to us as a volunteer from Chicago, Ill. After being in camp two days he was made a corporal and one week later an instructor sergeant. On November 16, 20 days after joining the army, he received the highest non-com warrant obtainable, that of a sergeant major and has twice refused a commission in order to remain in the army. Our work at Camp Polk has been one round of pleasure because of Mr. North's efforts. Almost every night he staged for us some kind of a show and he has done so much for us that we are all very grateful to him. We pulled out he arranged the swellest dance Raleigh has ever known, for the men. We appreciate those things which would like to let everybody know this through your columns. If we can break the quarantine we expect to give him a dinner at the Selwyn hotel. North is only a kid in size but sure, but believe me he is a peppy one and the men are with me when I say we're strong for him. We heard tonight that he is planning a sort of a farewell show for this town, after we're discharged. You can bet it will be a corker because he never starts anything he doesn't finish.

## NEGRO UNDER BOND FOR RUNNING DOWN 'Y' MAN

Arthur Lilly, negro, who was arrested Saturday night on a charge of reckless driving, has been released under bond. It is alleged that Lilly was the driver of the automobile which ran down and badly injured J. G. Garth, Y. M. C. A. secretary at Camp Greene, on Mint street, near Hill, Saturday morning. The driver of the machine which struck the Y. M. C. A. man failed to stop to see if he was hurt, but drove rapidly on.

Mr. Garth was reported at the Presbyterian hospital, yesterday, to be resting well. His condition was reported as somewhat improved. His injuries included a broken leg.

## WILL MUSTER OUT 41ST BATTALION THIS WEEK

The 41st battalion, United States guards, located at Camp Greene, will be mustered out this week, according to information given out at battalion headquarters yesterday. This organization is composed of about 300 men and officers, some having been sent to Camp Greene recently. About six weeks ago 100 men and officers were transferred to Fayetteville from this organization for guard duty. The mustering out will probably start tomorrow morning.

R. Brook Thomas arrived in Camp Greene Saturday and is now camp business secretary for the Y. M. C. A. Secretary Thomas has been out in the campaign and was formerly building secretary for Y 102.

## SHIPPING BOARD SENDS MEN HERE

Seeks to Interest Enlisted Men  
in U. S. Merchant Marine.

Lieut. Tefteau Arrives in Charlotte to Establish Office.  
Explains Board's Plans.

Lieutenant Louis M. Tefteau, of Philadelphia, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon for the purpose of establishing an office for the United States shipping board and directly to interest enlisted men at Camp Greene, in the merchant marine. He carries orders direct from the war department through the board's representative to report to the commanding officer of Camp Greene, and secure suitable offices and quarters and will be joined today or tomorrow by two other officers who will assist him in the work of acquainting the enlisted men of the camp with the opportunities offered by the marine service.

Men have already been opened in out of the 35 army cantonments in the country, which are intended to be used as demobilization camps. In talking of the employment problem throughout the country, Lieutenant Tefteau, who seeks men to man the merchant marine fleet, said that the shipping board would provide attractive places for 1,000,000 soldiers as soon as they are released. The three men who are being stationed at Camp Greene during the demobilization period represent the recruiting service, the industrial relations division and the shipyard employment bureau.

Classes of Work Open.  
No soldiers will be shipped up in camp, but the advantages of the shipping board work will be pointed out to all men who display any interest in the matter. Places of work are open in the following branches of the service: laborers, helpers, bolters, erectors, regulators, anglers, riggers, fitters, cooperages, riveters, riggers, machinists, draftsmen, electricians, boiler-makers, crane operators, fitters, men, fitters.

Men between the ages of 18 and 35 are eligible, regardless of whether they have seen army service, but the latter class having been discharged with a physical examination and military rules and regulations. Men adapt themselves to the work and service and have much better wages over the civilian life.

Merchant service.  
The deck department, ordinary seamen \$55, bakers \$55, stewards \$55, butchers \$55, vegetable cooks \$55, messmen \$55, in the engine room receive \$50, firemen \$75, wireless on oil burners \$75.

In certain of these classifications, which will be explained upon application, the merchant marine service will use the men who are discharged with a physical examination and military rules and regulations. The training lasts from one to two months. From the very start they are put on pay ranging from \$30 to \$75 per month and in all the branches, board and lodging is also furnished the men. One feature of the training as explained by Lieutenant Tefteau, if it is a ship, is that the vessel will be moving from port to port so that the men get a varied experience and have an opportunity to see some of the world at the same time after finishing training, the men are given a regular rating which carries the regular pay as fixed by the United States shipping board.

In speaking of the need for men for this service, Lieutenant Tefteau said: "We want the type of men who are coming from the army service, but we want them to go home first, and consider carefully with relatives the opportunity; we also want to know that they met and discussed it better than ever before and that the shipping board follows up the men and encourages promotions at every opportunity and that men who are in the merchant marine are not subject to military service in any form."

Lieutenant Tefteau will report to camp headquarters today, and expects to put on an educational campaign through the welfare organizations, the morale department, and the intelligence branch of the army in Camp Greene.

## TAR HEEL STATESMEN DISCUSS "GOOD EATS"

Senator Simmons Says Question Is All a Matter of One's State of Hunger.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—Brig. Gen. Samuel Tilden Allen, of the office of the judge advocate, was born at Columbia, S. C., and is a native of North Carolina. He is a large, upstanding, two-footed man, with ability and character. A. W. McLean, the southern member of the War Finance Corporation, is quite as large and formidable. These two prominent Tar Heels are devoted friends. They were naturally attracted to each other. Not long ago they met and discussed everything from Cherokee to Currituck, and back again. During the discourse they turned to good things to eat, and agreed that there is nothing better than "good eats" in North Carolina collards and fatheads.

Learning of this decision Senator Simmons said: "Well, it is just a matter of one's state of hunger. I was to the home of an old bachelor in eastern North Carolina once. I was out all morning and part of the afternoon. My host mixed eggs tender oniony and cooked them together. That was the best I think I ever ate. It was not until 3 o'clock, and I was ready to eat."