

Army M. P. Doing Fine Work in Maneuvers

First Army Public Relations Division, Camden, S. C., Nov. 25.—Action on battle fields has been that of the outstanding characteristics of the Military Police in Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum's vast First Army now spread over six million acres in North and South Carolina.

Almost 4,000 carefully chosen men are now on M. P. duty day and night in the cities, towns and rural areas of this vast military theatre.



1941 LOOKS AT 1916

THINGS have changed a lot in 25 years—yet there is much that is the same.

In 1916 it was Preparedness; in 1941, National Defense. But now the scale is bigger, the pace is faster. There was pressure on the telephone business then. The pressure is infinitely greater now. New training camps; new aviation fields; new munition plants; new shipyards and many other defense industries, all need telephones. Everyone is moving faster... and, when a nation hurries, it does so by telephone. Southern Bell spent about \$4,600,000 on new construction in 1916. It is spending over \$51,000,000 in 1941.

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handling difficult traffic problems, seeing that routes connect themselves properly, enforcing military law in the field and civil law for soldiers in the towns.

Behind the scenes and almost daily pictures presented by any one of these thousands of M. P.'s is a story of careful selection and diligent training, which makes the M. P. of today's First Army a vastly different man from the brown-nighted swingler so skeptically looked upon by the doughboys of World War I.

Lawyers, teachers, engineers and business executives—all men of experience and maturity—have been called up from the Officer's Reserve Corps to take charge of Military Police training and activities. Special efforts and close personal interviews are conducted in the selection of enlisted personnel to secure older and more experienced men who understand people and know how to handle them tactfully.

"Force is not except as the very last resort," says Lt. Col. Harry D. Hebbel, First Army Provost Marshal. "No M. P. under my command will be permitted to use force when the great majority of the cases can be handled just as effectively with tact, shrewdness and good old common sense."

With great masses of soldiers in the sixteen counties of the two Carolinas M. P.'s are responsible for seeing that they abide by all city and state civil laws. Behind this job lies months of training at civil police schools, in addition to special Army courses. Since last December, and up to the beginning of the maneuvers, hundreds of First Army M. P.'s have been training under civil police experts where they have learned the elements of civil law, court procedure and criminal investigation. Should a minor or major crime be committed, M. P.'s are equipped to get right on the job in an expert manner. Juvenile fingerprint analysis have been taught to many of them at these schools as well as lecture courses on practical psychology in handling difficult and obstreperous cases in a tactful manner.

Traffic control, both in towns and in the field, is one of the most important jobs for the Military Police. Hundreds of M. P.'s have received training with local police on the streets of New York and other communities in the First Army area during the past year. Army courses stress the need for M. P.'s to be expert not only in traffic direction, but in road news, highway engineering and bridge capacity so that troops or convoys or on foot will not be lost, injured or misdirected. M. P.'s must also be familiar with the conditions of towns and the distances between them in order to prevent the clogging of roads.

Blatant driving and its control are especially stressed since so much military movement now goes

on at night in great darkness to avoid air attack. All through the night, during the current First Army maneuvers, M. P.'s can be seen standing at road junctions, bridges, and obstructing points, their white gloves and caps gleaming in the darkness, directing thousands of troop laden military trucks and safely routing civilian cars in the area.

Every M. P. must know how to administer first aid, whether in the field or in the towns. He is given the same elementary training in first aid practice as that which is given to members of military detachments with regular troops.

Farmers Not Expected To Donate Scrap Metal

Although farmers are asked to sell their scrap metal as a service to the Nation rather than as a way of making money they are not expected to give it away says Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the N. C. State College Extension Service.

Price ceilings have been set for iron and steel scrap by the Government as a means of preventing profiteering and keeping down the cost of defense. For a farmer to know what a fair price would be he really must know the prices paid at primary points, the differentials between these points and his area, and he must understand how the metal is handled.

Dr. Schaub explained that scrap collected by dealers must be "prepared." Different kinds of scrap have different uses and, therefore, must be sorted and graded by experienced men.

Then it must be put in a form convenient for shipping and handling at the mill. For example, bulky scrap is compressed into bales, and heavy awkward shapes are cut by torches and shears into material that can be banded and shipped. The average cost of this preparation is \$2.50 per gross ton (2,240) pounds.

The Office of Price Administration has established that the maximum price of unprepared scrap is the maximum price for the corresponding grade of prepared scrap minus \$2.50 per gross ton.

Farms have long been one of the most important sources of scrap supplies the Extension director pointed out. It is especially important now he went on, that the flow of scrap from farms be increased to the highest possible point.

COLLEGE COMMENTS

(By Carolyn Prince)

The Thanksgiving game at Hickory in which Catawba College won over Lenoir-Rhyne caused this column to sprout forth once more. There, some of the K. M. students mentioned before in College Comment, could be seen in action.

Lenoir-Rhyne's cheer leader, dressed in white with red and black jackets, were vigorously inspiring the yelling. One of the most unusual things they did was to have the girl cheerleader lean cheering standing on the boys' shoulders. K. M.'s Gloria Cornwell looked very attractive, though she must have been a bit afraid of falling, in that high position.

At the half who should come out on the field but Ben Bridges, with his high flung hat, swung the crowds by his spectacular catching and twisting. The Catawba band wore blue and white uniforms, but Ben and the other drum majors wore white with brass buttons that tinkle like bells when they walk.

Amid the scattered raindrops, K. M. fans watched closely as each new player was sent in. How often do you suppose they were looking for? None other than K. M.'s Jimmie Dickie, who went into the game in the last quarter to play some swell football for the winning team, Catawba.

SEEN AT THE GAME: Chas. Ploak and Edgar Cooper with the Cooper family, yelling for their team, Lenoir-Rhyne.... Pride Hatterree and James Gibson, K. M.'s football players at Appalachian, standing close to the addition, watching each play.... Fred Wright

and Robert Adair, standing to watch the football and cheer given by Robert's University afterwards... Eugene Patten, surrounded by his friends, waiting for her classmate, Lenoir-Rhyne.... Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mowbray, watching the game.... Ben Bridges' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bridges with Mr. and Mrs. Al White and Mary Fanny White, sitting near the top, watching Ben march.... Dr. Huber in jovial mood smoking his pipe.... Chas. A. Gierath, Jr. amid his recently grown mustache, with Chas. Patterson and Frederick Weaver.... Dick Huber, eager to see some old friends at the college.... Mr. and Mrs. Filly Mowbray, hurrying to a good seat.... Some unknown gal in front of us with two long green glasses shooting out of her hat, one on each side. The hats weren't what bothered us most. It was that excited man sitting on the other side of Vivian with an umbrella, which he insisted upon pointing toward her eyes, and almost succeeded in getting in them.

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