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GUARD MOBILIZED IN OXFORD

COMPANY E ANSWERS CALL TO COLORS FOR WAR WITH GERMANY.

Probably Will Remain Here For Ten Days, Depending Upon Preparations at Camp and Transportation.

Company E, Oxford's unit of the North Carolina National Guard, mobilized in its armory here Wednesday, following the call of the President of the United States for Federal Service in the present emergency of the war with Germany. The mobilization at this time comes as the first action the company has had since it was mustered out of the Federal service in Raleigh late in March following a stay of some six months on the Mexican border.

Every member of the local company had been previously ordered by Capt. E. E. Fuller to report promptly and to bring with him all the equipment in his possession. Additional equipment to the extent of what is on hand in the Armory will be supplied to old and new men alike as far as it goes. It is expected, however, that this will be very little, but the bulk will come from the concentration camp after the troops have been sent there.

A number of new recruits have been enrolled recently, making the total of 65 in the company at the present writing. It is expected however, that some men who have been drawn near the head of the list, and who will in all probability have no cause for exemption, will come forward and join the ranks before their names are posted by the local exemption board for active service, thus depriving them of the opportunity of selecting the branch of the service in which they expect to enlist.

Capt. Fuller was successful in finding board and lodging for all of his men in private homes. Just how long the company will remain here before being ordered to the National Guard concentration camp at Greenville, S. C., is not known. An announcement by Adjutant-General B. S. Royster in Raleigh Wednesday said that this would depend largely on the ability of the railroads to furnish transportation facilities as well as upon the rapidity with which Camp Sevier at Greenville is made ready to receive the men. National Guard organizations of North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee will be concentrated at Greenville until ordered to France.

Personnel of Company E.

Elbert E. Fuller, Captain	Oxford
James I. Stegall, 1st Lieut.	Oxford
James A. Taylor, 2nd Lieut.	Oxford
Jas. M. Ellington, 1st Sgt.	Oxford
Luther C. Critcher, Sgt.	Oxford
Louis Thoup, Jr., Sergeant	Oxford
W. P. Baxter, Sergeant	Petersburg
W. E. Chappell, Sup. Sgt.	Petersboro
W. L. Holt, Corporal	Petersburg
B. B. Bragg, Corporal	Henderson
Guy T. Wheeler, Corporal	Oxford
John C. Byrum, Corporal	Edenton
Defey S. Brown, Corporal	Mt. Ulla
Omos M. Deese, Corporal	Monroe
A. D. Freeman, Corporal	Oxford
Chas. C. Staley, Corporal	Richmond
Willie T. Wells, Corporal	Durham
Heber I. Joyner, Cook	Kinston
Smith, Ewing L., Bugler	Oxford
Clark, Fred L., Mechanic	Buffalo Junction

Privates.

Averett, Lland S.	Oxford
Aiken, Roy	Creedmoor
Brady, Benjamin W.	Hope Mills
Brooks, Ernest	Chuckle
Blaock, Wallace A.	Oxford
Bowling, Kilo S.	Oxford
Clements, James T.	Durham
Cole, Press	Durham
Carver, William C.	Wooddale
Dansbury, Samuel V.	Durham
Eanes, James	Petersburg
Freborn, Edgar M.	Carrboro
Fogleman, Otis B.	Rock Creek
Frazier, Gatis P.	Oxford
Fitts, Charlie E.	Omega
Fowler, John	Stem
Goss, William	Durham
Glenn, Eugene	Durham
Green, Harold F.	Northside
Hicks, Wm. H.	Henderson
Hightower, Richard T.	Loydton
Hart, William Correll	Creedmoor
Hart, John Bynum	Creedmoor
Hobgood, Otis R.	Oxford
Hall, Willie A.	Petersburg
Horton, Joseph	Creedmoor
Moser, Olive	Carrboro
McGee, John M.	Carrboro
Mays, Thomas Z.	West Durham
Murray, Basil S.	Oxford
Mathews, James E.	Oxford

KERENSKY READY TO USE "BLOOD-AND-IRON" POLICY

Petrograd, July 25.—A "blood-and-iron policy" will be put into effect if needed to save Russia, by the Government of Premier Kerensky, to which unlimited power has been granted. In an interview today the Premier said: "Relying upon the confidence of the masses and the Army, the Government will save Russia and Russian unity by blood and iron, if argument and reason, honor and conscience are not sufficient."

"The situation at the front is very serious and demands heroic measures. But I am convinced the organization of the state is sufficiently vigorous to be cured without a partial amputation."

CAR LOAD OF COWS ARRIVE.

Attracted Wide Attention While Being Unloaded and Passing Through the Streets.

A car load of pure bred cows from Salem, Ohio, consigned to the National Bank of Granville, and which will be distributed to the farmers of the county at actual cost, arrived at the local Seaboard station Wednesday in fine condition. The cows attracted genuine admiration as they were being unloaded and driven through the streets to their stalls where they are now on exhibition. It was a pretty sight to see these fine milch cows in our midst, and it reminded one of the prosperous communities where the cattle industry reigns supreme.

In importing the cows and distributing them to the farmers of the county at actual cost, the National Bank of Granville is most heartily commended. Every farmer in the county owes it to himself to call at the bank and get first hand information as to this stock.

DRAFT NUMBERS.

Registrants Must Keep in Close Touch With Exemption Board

It was an almost physical impossibility for the daily press of the country to catch the serial number in the draft hot from the wire and make no mistakes. The surprise is that so few errors were made. The Public Ledger made up its report from the newspapers and we find that four or five numbers, affecting the draft in Granville were incorrect.

It is incumbent upon the registrants to keep in close touch with the exemption board. They alone work under direct instructions from Washington and their word is final. Keep in touch with them and be absolutely sure as to where you stand.

VERY DISTRESSING NEWS.

Much of the Tobacco of the County Badly Damaged.

Nearly every farmer you meet from the surrounding country admits that the tobacco crop in his section has been badly damaged by the rains. Of all the sections of the county it seems that the sandy soil around Creedmoor has suffered most. The new disease is called the "speck," and the farmers are cutting much of the tobacco this week to save as much of the crop as possible.

NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS.

Adjutant-General Royster Says Over 8,000 Men Will Go to Greenville

Raleigh, July 26.—More than 7,000 National Guardsmen were mobilized in North Carolina Wednesday preparatory to being drafted into the Federal service.

Adjutant-General Royster said today the State would send between 8,000 and 9,000 men to the camp at Greenville, S. C. Movement of the troops probably would depend upon the ability of the railroads to furnish transportation.

Mathews, Willie G.	Oxford
Oakley, Thomas L.	Oxford
Owen, Shirley L.	Hester
Parham, Albert H.	Oxford
Peed, Bernice	Creedmoor
Pulliam, Lennie T.	Roxboro
Ragan, Charlie L.	Durham
Robards, William C.	Oxford
Volz, Chas. H.	Petersburg
Walters, James J.	Oxford
Womble, Charles L.	Carrboro
Williams, Robt. L.	Durham
Wheeler, G. Lois	Stem
Wadsworth, E. R.	Whitaker
Yow, Louis F.	Oxford
Wm. R. Williford, reservist	Moriah

WAR NEWS IS DISCOURAGING

RUSS BREAK DOWN CAUSES AMERICA TO SEE HER TASK.

No Attempt in Washington to Minimize Seriousness of War Situation — Break-Down of Russian War Machinery not Unexpected to Many American Army Officers; Later are Not Strongly Impressed Either With Gains of Entente on Western Front.

Washington, July 26.—No attempt is made here to minimize the seriousness of the situation in the war theatres in Europe. The United States is in the war and will go through with it; but any hope of a short struggle has gone glimmering with the apparent almost complete collapse of the Russian war machinery.

The development was not unexpected by many army officers. When the offensive of July 1 was started by the Russian forces, the most frequent comment heard here was that it was probably the dying kick of the old Russian machine.

For the United States, the Russian collapse may have an immediate and direct bearing. It will, if the German general presses its advantage, release additional German forces to bolster up the western front where American troops are to be engaged. The German line in the west has not been seriously impaired at any point, officers believe. They do not claim to know the situation all along the battle front, but they are unable to see that the British and French have wrestled from the Germans any key position of such importance that it can be used next year to hurl the enemy back.

It has been noted, in fact, that the one strategic advantage gained in recent fighting was gained by the Germans. Many officers here believe that when a small sector of the British line in Belgium was overwhelmed and its defenders nearly all captured or killed the Germans improve the situation on their weakest front materially. That view is based on the opinion that the only hope of decisive attainments for the allies in the west lies in rolling up the German right flank, where it reaches the sea in Belgium.

If that could be done, it is argued that the U-boat bases could be stamped out and the only offensive instrument of the Germans be eliminated entirely or made ineffective.

The big question is whether it could be done. It would require combined army and navy operations on that part of the Belgian coast held by the Germans, for it would be necessary to force the whole right flank back from the sea as a result.

Reports received from France give no cheering picture of what must be done. There appears to be no doubt that the allied lines can stand against any force Germany can bring against it. Even the Russian disaster does not affect that situation, but to gather the necessary strength for a successful offensive will take time and ample sea transportation facilities, if the United States is to furnish the needed surplus of men, airplanes, munitions and food.

PATIENCE! SUBMARINES TO WIN IN 45 MONTHS.

Amsterdam, July 25.—The Sunday edition of the Wester Zeitung, of Bremen, under the caption, "Only Patience!" places the net monthly loss through the submarine operations, at 700,000 to 750,000 gross tons. From this the newspaper comes to the conclusion theoretically that in forty-five month's time the last merchantman will be sunk.

It adds for its readers' comfort, however, that England must give in much earlier, being already obliged to withdraw tonnage from the navy for merchantile purposes.

NATIONAL GUARDSMEN COMING.

New Englanders Prepare For Hurred Trip to Camp at Charlotte.

Boston, Mass., July 26.—Forty thousand National Guardsmen were mobilized in the New England States Wednesday preparatory to being drafted into the Federal service. It was said that transportation to the training camps at Charlotte, N. C., already had been arranged for, and that the removal of the men probably would begin about August 10.

AMERICAN DOLLAR LOWEST SINCE CIVIL WAR DAYS

Geneva, July 26.—The Lausanne Gazette, in a financial article, says:

"Not since the war of secession has the American dollar fallen so low. It was quoted here today at 4 francs 46 centimes, while before the war it stood at 5.12. One hundred rubles, which were worth 266 francs before the war, now are quoted at 99 francs. One hundred marks are worth less than half their value, while 100 Austrian crowns were quoted at 39.80 francs. For the first time in history the Italian lire is worth more than the mark. The steady decline in the value of money began a month ago, and is continuing."

Copenhagen, July 26.—American exchange dropped today to 341, a new low record, about 10 per cent. below parity. Exchange in the case of all belligerent countries show a considerable depreciation, the Russian and the Austrian being the lowest. The German mark is 47 per cent below par.

LIEUT. JAMES A. TAYLOR

Arrives From Fort Oglethorpe and Joins His Company.

On the retirement of Lieutenant Vernon Taylor from Company E last week, the company got busy to fill his place with the best man available. The appointment was left almost entirely in the hands of Capt. E. E. Fuller, company commander. Upon his recommendation Mr. James A. Taylor, who was in training at Fort Oglethorpe, was commissioned second lieutenant of the company. Lieutenant Taylor is a native of Oxford, a lawyer by profession and a young man of fine bearing and is popular with the rank and file.

ENTERS AVIATION SERVICE.

A Cion of An Old Granville Family.

The following news item from the daily Press is of interest to Oxford people: "Mr. A. L. Wilson, son of Mr. Adolphus Wilson, of Weldon, is to enter the aviation service. Recently he has been at Kingston, Jamaica, for the United States Fruit Company. He is an engineer. Mr. Wilson is a grandson of the late James W. Wilson, of Morganton."

Mr. Wilson is a nephew of Major Will Landis. His mother was born and reared in Oxford.

EXPECT "MASTER SHEETS."

Much Clerical Work to Do When the List Arrives

"Master Sheets" are expected to reach the local board today. There is still much clerical work for them to do before they can get down to the work of conducting the physical examinations which are to determine who of those subject to the draft shall be accepted or rejected.

It may be the middle of next week or even later before the boards are able to undertake the immense task of eliminating those who are physically unfit from the draft lists.

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL.

Superintendent Guy B. Phillips Arranging For Opening.

Since his return to Oxford last week Superintendent Phillips is rushing preparations for the opening of the new term.

One of the first big tasks is that of arranging for orders for the books to be used during the term, and Prof. Phillips now has this matter under consideration, and is preparing his list. He expects to have all books here by the opening, so that several days and possibly a week may be saved that have heretofore been lost in waiting for the arrival of the text books.

Practically all teachers for every school have been selected and accepted.

One of the many items that is now engaging the attention of Prof. Phillips is getting the High School building on Williamsboro street in readiness. With the scarcity of labor we fear that he will find it difficult to push the work.

As yet no definite date, so far as the public is advised has been set for the opening of the term.

THE OXFORD TOBACCO MARKET

WILL OPEN ABOUT THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER.

The Good Prices Paid For the Weed in South Carolina Is a Forerunner of High Averages in Oxford.

Oxford warehousemen are making the preliminary preparations for the tobacco season which will open here about the first of September. So far these plans for the coming year are in the making, and little definite information has been given out. Probably the most important of the rumors that have been heard is that the Owen will not run, and that Capt. Will Fleming will be connected with one of the other four warehouses.

Oxford tobacco men who are working over the country, interviewing farmers and looking at the crops, report that Oxford's chances for making a good crop in sales are very good. On the whole the tobacco crop is in fair shape. It has made considerable progress during the past two weeks and any kind of favorable weather during the coming fortnight will result in a good crop of tobacco.

Of course it is impossible to tell about the prices the crop will bring on markets in this section of the country. Judging by the South Carolina markets the crop which have recently opened the crop will sell unusually well.

Last week's Southern Tobacco Journal, of which Col. G. E. Webb is editor carries an editorial about the South Carolina prices which will be interesting to people in this section. In part it follows:

"The old man attended the opening sales in South Carolina last Thursday. The opening of South Carolina market has been looked forward to by tobacco men for some time, with considerable interest and much speculation. It has been a settled fact in the minds of tobacco men everywhere that prices would be high and by some that all records of the past would be smashed. All were correct. Prices were high and all records were broken.

"We arrived at Florence on Wednesday night, to find hundreds of tobacco men from all parts of the tobacco sections. Florence being a central point, with good railroad and hotel accommodations, tobacco men make it a place to meet and arrange campaigns, etc. On Thursday morning good and early tobacco folks began to scatter. Automobiles were called into requisition and soon the highways were crowded with eager and anxious buyers, some of whom were rushing from market to market.

"Together with several gentlemen we chartered an automobile and went first to Hemmingway—a fifty mile ride. Hemmingway is comparatively a new market, with three warehouses, and located in a fine section. Here we witnessed the first opening sale. We were prepared to see high prices, but must confess that we were not prepared to see such averages as was obtained on these opening sales. Common tobacco went out of sight, and medium also. We noticed a few piles of the better grade from 20 to 24 cents that were more reasonable and which, in our opinion, will go higher.

"It will be remembered that one year ago the average on opening sales in South Carolina was about 8 1/2 cents. This year, so far as we could see and find out, the average went to about seventeen cents, or an increase of at least one hundred per cent. This is a remarkable increase. It is a well known fact that the offerings on the South Carolina opening sales consist of the lower grades and first curings.

Judging from prices last week, we should say that the South Carolina crop will average from 22 to 25 cents provided excessive rains do not injure the crop on the hill. We estimate that thirty markets which opened on Thursday sold around four and a half million pounds of tobacco at an average of around seventeen cents."

Miss Sophronia Cooper, Nina Cooper and Carrie Fuller have returned from attending the Summer School at Chapel Hill.

ON MONDAY MORNING, JULY 30,

at nine o'clock, I will begin teaching any children desiring instructions. This class will continue at my home for four weeks. Jeanette E. Biggs. July 28th