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MAJOR GENERAL IS ORDERED HERE

His Arrival to Mark Beginning of New, Important Activities.

Review of Week at Camp Shows Little of Importance but Much of Interest Occurred.

Receipt Saturday night of official news that Major General Joseph E. Dickman, commander of Camp Custer cantonment, had been transferred to Camp Greene, aroused the keen interest of army officers at this camp, who professed to see in this move the beginning of new and highly important activities involving the approximately 11,000 regular army infantrymen. It was impossible, however, to obtain definite information as to the time of arrival of the general who will become the new camp commander, though it is known he soon will be here.

Upon arrival, Major General Dickman will succeed Brigadier General Lerby R. Sweetser, commander of the Fifty-first depot brigade, of the Twenty-sixth division, as camp commander. It is not now known that any of the plans for the reorganization of the regular infantry regiments into larger tactical units will in any way involve the New England guardsmen in the depot brigade. On the other hand, it is emphatically stated that these orders for organizing brigades and divisions will not include the guardsmen.

It is expected that a number of important developments will become known soon after the arrival of General Dickman, including the announcement of promotions. The belief seems widespread at the camp that possibly as many as three of the colonels commanding regular regiments there will be made brigadier generals, though none seems willing to hazard a guess as to who will be selected for promotion. About 20 new brigadiers will be made, it is understood, to command brigades now being organized through the country.

The past week at Camp Greene was without important events other than the arrival of about 2,400 New England guardsmen composing the depot brigade of the Twenty-sixth division. These troops include about 500 colored soldiers. A number of interesting activities were in progress, however.

Most of the soldiers now are giving a great deal of time to the numerous interesting events scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, when they will have a full holiday and a great dinner, for which the government furnishes each man a pound of drawn turkey.

One of the big religious events of Thanksgiving Day will be the solemn field mass said at 10 o'clock by Father Stevenson, Catholic chaplain of the camp, and a sermon by Rt. Rev. Leo Haid, O. S. B., D. D., Catholic bishop of North Carolina. Other Catholic chaplains at the camp will participate in this meeting, which will be held on the field in the rear of the Knights of Columbus building. This meeting will be held in accordance with the wishes of President Wilson, expressed in his Thanksgiving Day proclamation, which will be read. The band of the thirty-eighth infantry and a choir of 20 boys from Belmont Abbey, near Charlotte, will furnish the instrumental and vocal music.

Brigadier General Sweetser, commander of the depot brigade, assumed command of the camp last Friday, succeeding Colonel Frank B. Jones, commander of the Seventh infantry, who had been commander about two weeks.

The machine gun company of the Twenty-sixth division will hold its first

COMEDIES OF CAMP GREENE



"Say, Elmer, I don't mind your usin' my razor and blankets and wearin' my shirt, but I don't think you ought to write to my girl more'n twice a week."

EIGHTH MASSACHUSETTS PLANNING BIG DINNER

Elaborate Menu for Thanksgiving Spread for Officers Bubbles With Dry Humor.

An elaborate menu for the Thanksgiving Day dinner of the officers of the Eighth Massachusetts infantry has been prepared and has been given to the printers, it was learned yesterday. In addition to calling for a big variety of delicious foods, the menu is remarkable for the dry humor.

Several songs, poems and epigrams, all of a patriotic nature, are included. The menu writer went to the length to compile a brief code of laws providing punishment for any criticism of the menu, food, manner of preparation, and covering numerous other contingencies.

The wine list covers an entire leaf of the menu, Colonel Perry, commanding, said, and, perhaps as an afterthought, explained that page would be unmarked. Humors in inspection of the printer's copy of the menu showed coffee will be the strongest beverage available.

MAINE ARTILLERYMEN HAVE "A FRIEND INDEED"

Several hundred dollars has been given to the First Maine heavy field artillery regiment by Mrs. Hugh Chisholm, wife of a New York and Portland, Maine, millionaire, with which to buy all "good things" for a Thanksgiving dinner for the enlisted men which the government does not provide. As the only "extra" furnished by the quartermaster corps for this feast, it is necessary that all the "trimmings" be bought from the regular ration allowance unless other funds for the purpose are available. As a result of her generosity, every artilleryman in the regiment will have at least one fine cigar to smoke while his mind reverts to the pleasures of the dinner.

NEW ENGLANDERS ARRIVE AT CAMP

Depot Brigade of Twenty-sixth Division to Winter at Charlotte.

General Sweetser Commands Brigade, Which Has Total Strength of About 3,400.

Though New England guardsmen were the first troops assigned to Camp Greene, the first organizations from that section did not arrive until almost four months later, when, early last week, units of the depot brigade of the twenty-sixth division, commanded by Brigadier General Sweetser, came from Camp Bartlett, Westfield, Mass. This brigade, called the fifty-first depot brigade, comes here for training and for expansion of its ranks, directed by the reorganization of the division.

General Sweetser assumed command of the camp upon his arrival, as the ranking officer, succeeding Colonel Jones, of the Seventh regiment of regular infantry.

The first unit of New Englanders to arrive was the First Maine heavy field artillery, about 700 officers and men, commanded by Colonel Ballentine, making camp Monday. This regiment was organized in nineteen days by the colonel, who paid the expense of organization. It first was intended to organize it as a "Roosevelt" regiment, but when Colonel Roosevelt's plan fell through the regiment was mustered in as Maine guardsmen.

Following the artillery Tuesday came the famous Eighth Massachusetts infantry, commanded by Colonel Perry. This regiment has a strength of about 450 officers and men, and its move here was the sixth since called into federal service.

Wednesday the two signal corps units from Connecticut and New Hampshire, with a total strength of about 300 officers and men arrived. These men said Camp Greene was a "palace" as compared with Camp Bartlett. That day the Sixth Massachusetts infantry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Damon, also made camp here. This regiment has a strength of about 300 officers and men.

Thursday three infantry regiments of the depot brigade, having a total strength of about 1,200 officers and men arrived. They were the Fifth Massachusetts infantry, the third to come from that state, commanded by Colonel W. W. Stover, the first New Hampshire infantry, commanded by Colonel M. J. Healey and the First Connecticut infantry, commanded by Colonel Goodman. The individual strength of these regiments is 400, 500 and 250.

The last units of the depot brigade to arrive were the first separate companies from Massachusetts and Connecticut, composed of colored soldiers.

These organizations have not yet undertaken an ambitious training schedule. Immediately after arrival, though, the men began to take an active interest in the work of the Y. M. C. A., K. C., and other organizations, according to amusement and recreation.

CLASSY FEATHERWEIGHTS AT CAMP ARE MATCHED

Two of the classiest featherweight pugilists at Camp Greene have agreed to meet in a fifteen-round match on the night of December 3 at the Y. M. C. A. building No. 107, said an announcement yesterday. These knights of the padded arena are Frankie Sullivan, of Company G, Sixty-first infantry, and Faber, of Company I, Fifty-eighth infantry. The main bout will be preceded by a six-round preliminary and a ten-round semi-final. The principals for these affairs have not been definitely selected.

Ladies are invited, it was said.

