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NEW ENGLAND UNITS EXPECT EXPANSION

Probably Will Remain at Camp Greene—Liberty Park Closed. Camp Items.

Recent developments, the details of which are not announced, appear to have the effect of doing away with the expectation that the New England troops at Camp Greene might soon be ordered to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg. During the time soon after the departure of Brigadier General Sweetser, former commander of these units, which then composed the Fifty-first depot brigade, the expectation was rife that the New England troops soon would follow him. Nothing regarding the future of these regiments now appears to be definitely known, though the thoughts of moving have been supplanted by thoughts that these regiments will be filled to war strength later in the year by increments of recruits and drafted soldiers.

The war department has authorized the Boston recruiting offices to accept recruits desiring particularly to join the Eighth Massachusetts infantry, one of the New England regiments here. Only a very few new men have been received in this regiment lately. Recruiting offices in some cities of Maine also have been authorized to accept recruits who wish to join the First Maine heavy field artillery.

Private Eddie Hatch, of the First Connecticut, is now taking life easy, having been appointed regimental mail orderly.

A series of boxing matches will be pulled off Monday evening at Y. M. C. A. 103. The list of pugilists is yet incomplete.

Chaplain Ballentine, of the Sixth Massachusetts infantry, is planning a camp checker tournament.

Crowd Recreation Buildings.

Owing to the bad weather and the necessity of the soldiers staying within the military reservation, the Y. M. C. A. buildings and the Knights of Columbus building are overcrowded each night now. Hitherto, the crowds of soldiers which attended these buildings taxed their capacity, but the abnormal conditions have resulted in crowds greater than previously had been anticipated coming each night. The new conditions have resulted in a considerable disruption of the programs of the Y. M. C. A. buildings, especially those of Sunday afternoons.

New K. of C. Building.

The second Knights of Columbus building, which will be erected at Camp Greene within a few weeks, will be of the portable type, such as is used in army service overseas, it was learned yesterday. This new building will cost $6,000, and was authorized a few days ago. It probably will be some larger than the one already serving the troops at this camp. Possible locations for this building were inspected yesterday by Secretary Calvin, of the Knights of Columbus building, and Major Greene, constructing quartermaster, but a selection was not made. Four new Knights of Columbus secretaries will be ordered here. Secretary Galvin will be in general charge of both buildings.

First Class Musician Shaffee, of the First Connecticut infantry, is a patient in the base hospital, Camp Greene. He is said to be seriously ill with a fever.

Liberty Park Closed.

An order prohibiting soldiers from attending shows and congregating at the various concessions of Liberty park was issued late yesterday, effective immediately, according to information obtained over telephone from reliable sources. This action had been expected as a measure precautionary against the possible spread of disease.

COMEDIES OF CAMP GREENE

"Naw, sir! I ain't associatin' with a guy who has GERMAN MEASLES."

SERGEANT BYARS WEDS MISS ALICE PURCELL

Miss Alice Purcell of Union, South Carolina and Mr. James H. Byars of New York were married on Tuesday, January 22 at the home of Rev. J. E. Barnhardt. Mrs. Byars is the eldest daughter of Mrs. John J. Purcell of Union and a pretty brunette, while the groom is sergeant-major in the Fiftieth infantry at Camp Greene. Both Mr. and Mrs. Byars have a number of friends in Charlotte and elsewhere who will be interested to learn of their marriage.

COMPANY M, FORTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY.

Top Sergeant Von Krebs certainly likes to work the machine gun boys.

Sergeant Smith and Private Baxter transferred to the motor truck company and expect to leave Company M, Forty-seventh infantry, soon.

Sergeant Wagner said that only a man can grow a mustache. He may be right, but what about Corporal Meeker, who has allowed his to grow for nearly two months and you cannot see it yet.

Corporal Holick is down with the rest of the recruits. Company M wonders if he tells them to come from present to port arms before coming to order arms, as he insisted was proper.

First Class Private Yanover, better known as "The Hustling Barber," of Company A, 11th machine gun battalion, discovered a new freak the other day.

He says that he sat next to "Kid" Lamberg, who is the wonder of all wonders and does not know it.

The poor fellow is so cross-eyed that he ate off the barber's plate thinking it was his own.

SHORT STORY CONTEST IN ITS FINAL WEEK

This week is the last for handing in news, feature or fiction stories for the three prizes offered by Harry R. Newcome for the best three stories contributed to Trench and Camp. The judges have been appointed and in the following issue of this paper the prize winning story will be published. Put your ideas on paper and hand the story to any Y secretary.

INDOOR ATHLETICS THRIVING AT CAMP

Outdoor athletics have been set back considerably the past few weeks owing to the muddy state of the ground. The outdoor basketball courts and baseball diamonds are in no shape to be used and all athletic activities are confined within the "Y" buildings.

The "Y" physical directors are busy these days putting on indoor programs for the entertainment of the men—and the soldiers appreciate it.

CO. I FORTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY

With Private Katz and Private Whitlock on as military police all soldiers are warned to keep their eyes on their girls.

A wonderful time was had by Corporal Weston, Privates Sloane and Cummings and Bugler Peers. After the boys had spent a few dollars on Peers he returned the blow by buying four bottles of soda and did not seem to think anything of the 20 cents.

Private "Dutch" Reuler (Hercules) will wrestle anyone who cannot fight. He was never licked—he never fought.

Did Columbus discover the "Sunny South" when he discovered America?

HUNDREDS OF ATHLETES TO COMPETE AT CAMP

Inter-Company Contests, First of Four Big Meets for February, Scheduled for Saturday.

Weather permitting, the first of the four great athletic carnivals planned for the month of February for the troops at Camp Greene will be held next Saturday. This will be the inter-company meet, in which the majority of the companies at Camp Greene are expected to participate. In reality, the afternoon's competitions will be as many separate meets as there are company teams.

Y. M. C. A. physical directors, who will co-operate with the athletic directors of the respective regiments in running off the meets, estimate that at least several thousand men will participate.

Physical Director Aylsworth, of Y. M. C. A. building 103, is making an effort to secure the fair grounds for holding these meets. He said yesterday he expected the parade grounds near the various regiments, on which it was first intended to hold the company contests, would be too rough, if dry, for athletics, and their condition yesterday gave little hope of anything but mud covering them Saturday.

Owing to the muddy condition of the grounds, these meets almost a month ago were advanced two weeks by Major Cole, camp athletic officer, exercising general supervision over all athletic activities. The new dates for the other three big meets are: Camp cross-country run, for all athletes desiring to enter, Saturday, February 8; inter-regimental athletic meet, in which teams to be selected from winners of events in the inter-company meets will participate, Saturday, February 16; camp athletic meet, in which individuals and teams winning events in the inter-regiment meets will compete for the camp championships, Saturday, February 23.

The regimental athletic officers are giving a great deal of attention to lining up men for the series of competitions, and the men are taking quite a lot of interest in them. Practice has been almost impossible during the past several weeks, because of the continued bad weather.

Events in each meet are: 100-yard dash, 440-yard run, relay race (four men, each to run 220 yards), running broad jump, running high jump, one mile run.

CALL FOR YOUR LETTERS.

The following letters were sent to care of the Y. M. C. A., Camp Greene, and may be obtained at Y. M. C. A. Administration Building, Camp 3:

Als Adlerberg, Fred Almond, Dewey Attebery, John Bentrand, Baxter Bowden, Francis Brick, Averill Burgess, Robert E. Carr, Finley M. Burch, John T. Cash, Sergt. D. S. Cole, Lieut. Geo. J. Coleman, William C. Cooper, Raymond Corey, John H. Crain, Roscoe B. Cumbie, Stephan Curilla, C. C. Dailey, Orley DeMond, Tommy Despain, Sam Edward, John Ellena, W. A. Engel, Luther Evans, Lieut. James N. Fee, Harold Fitch, J. W. Folse, Fred Gard, Charles Garrison, Clarence S. Gillette, Frank R. Gourney, A. M. Grilley, E. O. Hamon, M. J. Heenan, Ernest Hewitt, Charles Hitchens, John L. Hughes, Hans Jacobson, Andrew Jonghlood, Levi Koboski, Lavern LaBue, J. M. and T. J. Lanier, Jonah L. Lanick, Diedrich Mansell, J. T. Martin, Virgil V. McAually, James P. McCoy, Joseph Meehan, Chas. H. Merrill, Fred G. Miller, F. D. Mills, Dennis O'Brien, Arthur Offutt, Joseph Poletzner, Edward Rasch, Ralph Rombough, George Schlitzer, George Schmitt, Bratt T. Smith, William E. Swart, Clarence Stickford, Roland P. Stratton, Delbert W. Streeter, Hugh Strider, Bruce Taylor, R. Tebbetts, Jola Tracy, J. L. Ware, B. Watson, Walling Welsh, Harry White, Hargray Willby, Gerald L. Wilson, Clifford Wopperer, Charles T. Wright.