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MACOMB REASSIGNED TO COMMAND CAMP GREENE

Total of 10,000 Men Reported
Ordered Mobilized Here
Within Short Time.

Col. A. C. Macomb, commanding officer at Camp Greene, received last night an order from Adjutant General Harris placing him on the active list and formally re-assigning him to the command of this camp. Since he was retired October 17, Colonel Macomb has continued as camp commander pending the receipt of orders re-assigning him or sending him to his home.

During a conversation about 30 minutes before he received this telegram, Colonel Macomb said he would continue to live in Charlotte, whether or not he was re-assigned or ordered home. "If I am sent home, it will mean only that I shall become a citizen of Charlotte," he said. In planning to carry out that decision, Colonel Macomb several days ago leased a fine home for a period of six months.

The order putting at rest all apprehension that another army officer would be sent here to replace Colonel Macomb came almost simultaneously with information that 10,000 men would arrive at Camp Greene within a short time. Engineer units of a total strength of about 5,000 men will be organized here, and it was understood yesterday that some detached officers already are arriving and later will be assigned to duty organizing these units.

The order of General Crowder, made public Saturday night, for the mobilization of more than 290,000 drafted men before November 21, provides for the sending to Camp Greene of 5,000 men—2,500 white and 2,500 negroes, the latter all to come from North Carolina. Most of the white men, 1,478 in number, come from the District of Columbia. Smaller numbers come from Virginia, Alabama and North Carolina.

SOME CHANGES

IN Y SECRETARIES

J. H. Henley, of Sanford, N. C., is a new secretary who arrived last week at the camp and is now stationed at Y 102 as physical director. Secretary L. B. Padgett left Friday for Camp Polk, at Raleigh, where he will be stationed at the new camp. He has been stationed at Y 105 in this camp for some time as religious director and the boys are sorry to see him go. Secretary L. B. Vaughn was also transferred to Camp Polk last week. He was temporarily stationed at Y 102 coming here from Camp Gordon about a month ago. Camp Accountant C. O. Padgett will leave this week for examination in the marines and expects to enter the service at once. He has been with the camp Y. M. C. A. for many months and although his home is in Charlotte yet the Y had almost won him away and he regrets leaving the work almost as much.

C. M. Williams, one of the new men coming here last week was sent to Mobile, Ala., Saturday where he will be camp business secretary. His home is in Chicago.

GO TO CAMP BRAGG.

One hundred men under command of Capt. Thomas Shaw left Friday for Camp Bragg at Fayetteville, where they will be on guard duty. These men came from the famous Forty-first division of the United States army and have been in the camp for several months. The officers are First Lieutenant Westmoreland, Lieutenant Caudill and Lieutenant C. M. Williams. Captain Shaw stated that he wanted it understood that when he came to go that every man in the hundred and all officers were to be ready and there was no check-out business. Captain Shaw has been in the camp for several months and has a military experience of many years. The Forty-first division is the best command

LONG TROUSERS NOW FOR PERSHING'S MEN

Tight Fitting Breeches Will Soon
Disappear From Overseas
Forces.

Breeches are to disappear from the wardrobe of the American expeditionary force. In their stead long trousers are to be worn, "the change to be effected as soon as the quartermaster general's office can get the necessary supply of the new style of garment to the men overseas." The announcement of the change adds:

"The trousers will be tighter around the lower leg than was the fashion with the old army trousers, since they are to be habitually worn with the spiral leggings adopted for the men of the American expeditionary force, and will probably be of the same general character and appearance as the trousers worn by the men of the French infantry."

This style of long trousers worn when on active duty, inside leggings, has always been followed in the marine corps. When off duty the marine wears his trousers without leggings. This apparently is to be the purpose of the new army trousers.

Breeches came into the American establishment with the adoption of khaki, which came after the Spanish-American war. The Rough Riders first wore them. When khaki had been taken as the standard for the service uniform, breeches were adopted, the theory being that with them infantry might be mounted in an emergency and cavalry dismounted.

It was also believed that breeches made for freedom of movement and general comfort.

BIG NIGHT AT RED CROSS HUT BASE HOSPITAL

Special Program Arranged by
Mrs. Baldwin Thursday Night.

A program consisting of athletic stunts, monologues, and otherwise entertaining will be rendered tomorrow night, Thursday, November 7, at the Red Cross hut at the base hospital. The program will be principally athletic in nature, the talent to be secured from the base hospital outfit with which athletic director A. E. Bergman has been working. Many of these men did not know what an athletic stunt was until "Bergie" took hold of them and every day he may be seen with his classes in the convalescent wards where he is helping to bring them back to themselves again. The program will be augmented with music and monologue work of Social Secretary Jesse Gray, of the "Y" force, better known as Elder Cobb.

The program promises to be worth while and is given especially at the request of Mrs. W. H. Baldwin, who is in charge.

PARIS ORCHESTRA TO GIVE CONCERT

The Paris Symphony orchestra will give a concert in Charlotte at the Auditorium on Tuesday evening, November 13. Tickets for the concert will be exempt from the war tax, according to official announcement of the United States treasury department received by the Charlotte Music Festival association. This immunity from taxation is granted because the whole proceeds from the concert are to be turned over to the Red Cross. This, the first trip of the organization to America, is epochal in the music world, and its purpose is to increase the "entente cordiale" between the United States and France.

ORGANIZING BASKETBALL TEAM.

Herbert W. Spratley and Robert J. Dickinson, basketball players of fame, are organizing a team of fellows, and when completed will challenge any other team in the camp. It will be remembered that Coach Spratley coached at Fordham college and, no doubt, he will put a good team on the

PIONEER INFANTRY TO RIFLE RANGE

Col. Kent With His Colored
Troops Are Now Learning to
Hit Bull's Eye.

Monday three companies of the 810th Pioneer infantry left for the rifle range, eleven miles out, and prepared the way for the rest of the troops. Tents were set up, supplies gotten together and by today the boys will be hard at work trying their first luck at hitting the bull's eye and incidentally imagining that it is a Hun helmet.

This is about the first rifle range practice that has been done this fall. As is customary the "Y" was on the job with their hut at the range where they are taking care of the soldiers with the usual programs and other conveniences which the soldiers are so much accustomed to in the camps.

NO CHRISTMAS PACKAGES WITHOUT THE LABELS

Each American soldier overseas will receive a Christmas package provided he fills out a label bearing his correct address. These labels are now being distributed throughout the army. They will be sent back by the boys to the relative or friend in the United States from whom the soldier wishes to receive his Christmas package. Without this label packages will not be accepted for delivery by the postal authorities.

Families and individuals receiving these labels from France will take them to the nearest Red Cross chapter or branch where they will be given cardboard boxes three inches by four inches by nine inches. These boxes will be furnished by the American Red Cross without cost. Complete instructions will be furnished with each box regarding the articles which may be sent.

No message or written material of any kind will be allowed in the boxes. Boxes when packed, wrapped and ready for shipment must not weigh more than three pounds. Perishable food, soft candy, liquids or glass containers will not be accepted. The boxes must be delivered to the nearest collection station designated by the Red Cross, unsealed and unwrapped, ready for inspection.

Individuals will not be allowed to mail the boxes themselves. No Christmas parcel will be accepted by the American Red Cross for shipment after November 20. It is expected that approximately two million of these packages will be sent abroad and the amount of shipping space provided for them will not permit of any deviation from these rules. The war council will not allow more than one parcel for each man. The men themselves will decide who is to send each one his parcel.

If you do not receive a label from your boys you cannot send him a Christmas present.

HAVE SOME NEW UNIFORMS.

Some of the colored companies of the labor battalions have received their allotment of the regulation blue uniforms and they are donning them. They are of the navy blue with gold stripes, long trousers and the same style as worn by the regulars before the war and before khaki came into vogue. These colored boys are sure proud of their outfits and when they get their caps will "show off" in some style.

TWO GOOD TUGS OF WAR.

Two good tug of war games were a feature Thursday afternoon last week in front of "Y" 105 with Physical Director Lott in charge. The yells and cheers of the men as they pulled and tugged at the rope reminded one of a regular football game at its highest pitch. Company L of the 810th Pioneer infantry, was divided as was Company K and the two games were on.

Company L was commanded by Captain Daiger, with Lieutenants Anker, Trench, Brennan, Wheeden and Steward, and Company K was commanded by Captain Andrews, Lieutenants Benton, Bleier, Forrest, Yates and Wiley.

WELFARE WORKERS DRIVE COMES NEXT

Campaign Starts Nov. 11—Or-
ganization Will Be Effected in
Army Camps This Week.

The campaign for funds for the welfare organizations doing work for the soldiers starts next week all over the nation. No solicitation of funds will be made in the camps, but it is planned to offer the opportunity to soldiers who desire to help voluntarily and also encourage them to write home telling relatives of the work that these organizations are doing. In Camp Greene the organizations expect to meet and through Secretary Mangum, of the Y. M. C. A., Secretary Silverman of the Jewish welfare, and Secretary Eagan of the Knights of Columbus, a campaign manager will be selected and these organizations, together with the military authorities, will work out a plan and keep up the interest in this camp. Many men in the service who are able want to help out and naturally they will be allowed to do so.

Raymond B. Fosdick, chairman of the commission on training camp activities, was asked by President Wilson early in September if it would not be possible to alleviate the work of the seven war work societies, recognized by the government, in attaining the money necessary to continue their work among the soldiers of the United States, as well as those of our allies, by uniting in their appeals for funds, in order that the spirit of the country in this matter may be expressed without distinction of race or religious opinion of what is really a common service.

Following the President's request, Mr. Fosdick called the leaders of the various organizations together and after delivering to them Mr. Wilson's warm expression of the government's appreciation of the splendid service they had rendered to the troops at home and overseas, stated that the President in his letter said that he wished it distinctly understood that, by their compliance with his request, they will not in any sense imply the surrender of their distinctive character and autonomy.

That the President's appeal brought instant response is evidenced by the agreement reached by the leaders of the seven societies on the day following the receipt of the President's letter, whereby the seven organizations agreed to a joint campaign to begin November 11, and that all funds collected would be distributed on a pro rata basis among the societies participating in the campaign in such proportion as the total budget of each organization bears to the sum of the total combined budgets. The budget estimates are:

Society	Budget	Pct.
Y. M. C. A.	\$100,000,000	18.65
Y. W. C. A.	15,000,000	2.8
Knights of Columbus	30,000,000	5.6
Jewish Welfare board	3,500,000	0.65
War-Camp Community service	15,000,000	2.8
American Library Assn.	3,500,000	0.65
Salvation army	3,500,000	0.65

It was also agreed that specified or restricted subscriptions shall not be asked for, but if given, shall be credited to the particular association, such amount to be a part of the total and not an addition to it.

The committee named to take full charge of the campaign and settle all questions arising among the seven societies participating follows: George W. Perkins and Dr. John R. Mott, for the Y. M. C. A.; Mrs. Henry P. Davison, for the Y. W. C. A.; John G. Agar and James J. Phelan, for the Knights of Columbus; Mortimer L. Schiff, for the Jewish Welfare board; Myron T. Herrick, for the War-Camp Community service; Frank A. Vanderbilt, for the American Library association; George Gordon Battle, for the Salvation army; John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of the great union drive for New York and Cleveland; H. Dodge, as treasurer ex-officio. This committee will act together under the chairmanship of Raymond B. Fosdick, of the

