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WOUNDED MEN ARRIVING AT FORT DES MOINES

MEN CAPABLE OF LIMITED SERVICE TO TAKE ALL NON-COMBATANT POSITIONS

Plenty of Talent at Camp Dodge—Men Capable of Doing Almost Anything May Be Found

CAMP DODGE, Iowa, Oct. 3.—The most important matter in dealing with the thousands of new men is to ascertain who are fit for strenuous military service. It is also equally important to find out those who are capable of only a limited service. The new order from the war department decrees that men physically fit for service in the line are to be transferred from non-fighting organizations and their places will be filled by those not qualified for line duty. The War department order is taken to mean that able-bodied men now serving in the quartermaster, ordnance and other non-combatant branches will be transferred; also that limited service men will replace physically fit soldiers now performing clerical tasks in regimental, brigade and divisional headquarters. This order has greatly disturbed the men in various subsidiary capacities and who have been congratulating themselves upon having something of a snap. Col. Armand Lassetgne, commanding the Fourteenth infantry, and the majority of the enlisted men of the regiment, arrived at Camp Dodge late Tuesday. Colonel Lassetgne as ranking officer has taken command of the camp, relieving Col. William C. Bennett, commanding the Second infantry. The division of the two regular army units to form the nucleus for the two infantry brigades of the Nineteenth division is expected to be accomplished soon. The infantry regiments will be recruited to strength then by transferring men from the depot brigade. Seventeen officers from the American expeditionary forces have reported at camp headquarters and been assigned to infantry and machine gun organizations of the Nineteenth division. They are Captains Edward A. Gelein, Charles J. Hill, Raymond G. Barnett, Perry E. Gregory, Seba F. Huston, William M. Johnson, Bert Lyon and Harvey C. Vermilyea, and First Lieutenants Clarence Fisher, Walter C. Ronde, Albert Scown, Lloyd R. Watson, Hartwig E. Rasmussen, Forrest C. Wells, George A. Bolland, Herbert C. Kruse and Emil A. Rasmussen. This is following out the war department's latest policy in assigning officers who have experienced actual warfare to the divisions now in training for overseas duty in this country. These officers were sent here from Camp Dix, New Jersey. All of them have seen several months' service in Europe in the front line trenches.

High Class Stunts by Soldiers.
There is all kinds of talent in the army. Men capable of doing almost anything may be found ready for any emergency. The other night at the big Y. M. C. A. auditorium it was announced that a big show by "home-talent" would be staged and it was so. There were tight wire artists, sleight of hand performers, jugglers, trapeze performers, lariat throwers, ventriloquists and a number of clowns. Most of these men had been with circuses or with vaudeville.

Musicians capable of playing everything that was susceptible of producing melody added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Announcement for another stunt to be put on soon is as follows: Private William J. Smith, Company H, 2nd infantry, known to men of that regiment as the "jaw-breaking king." Al Thomas, a well-known boxer; Paul Prehn, wrestler, and Rudolph Novak, stunt acrobat, of the Tent City, will be headliners on the athletic exhibition to be given at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Monday evening. Private Smith, the jaw breaker, will bend nails, iron rods and gas pipes with his teeth, and perform other feats of strength. Al Thomas is scheduled for a bout with Corporal DeMott, Company M, 2nd infantry. Corporal DeMott is the champion boxer of the Second, and the men of that regiment predict a lively scrap with Thomas. Private Bloss, Base Hospital No. 104, who hails from New York City; Holsen of Company G; Martin, of the Machine Gun Company; Mayle, an Indian boxer of the supply company of the 3rd infantry, are also billed for boxing contests on this program. Paul Prehn, middleweight challenger for the championship of that class in wrestling, who has just been released from the hospital, following bruises received in an auto accident two weeks ago, will give an exhibition wrestling match. Private Rudolph Novak, who has made two world tours with an acrobatic troupe, will be on the program for a number of stunts on the horizontal bar and horse.

Work on Barracks Being Pushed.
A large force of men has been gathered from all corners of the country for the purpose of a speedy erection of the 698 new barracks. Those are to be completed before any of the other buildings required for the enlargement of the cantonment are commenced. The rush is to get the buildings up before cold weather sets in as the men stationed in the tents complain already of chilly surroundings at night. The next increment of new men to arrive the week of October 7th will doubtless be the last that will have to put up in tents.

Four-minute Men From the Banks.
An order issued from camp headquarters directs the appointment of more than a score of soldier speakers who are to address audiences in the Y. M. C. A. buildings, the Knights of Columbus halls, theaters and other gathering places. The order says these men are to speak one or more times each week after drill hours. The conservation and reclamation branch already has saved the government thousands of dollars in reclaiming, repairing and renovating partly worn out clothing and equipment. It is to be the duty of these speakers to tell soldiers the importance of turning in their wearing apparel before it is so badly worn that it cannot be reclaimed.

Soldier, Anthrax Victim.
Pvt. George Nuzum of Pisgah, Ia., a member of the depot brigade at Camp Dodge, died from anthrax, according to a report to the division surgeon. Nuzum's death is the second to be reported from this disease. Soldiers with whom he was associated have been placed in quarantine and the personal effects thoroughly sterilized.
Commission to Decide as to Soldier's Votes.
Gov. W. L. Harding will appoint a

commission of three men to investigate the feasibility of men in military service, voting at the fall election. The commission will consist of two Republicans and one Democrat. If the commission decides that the plans can be carried out a board will be appointed to go to various camps in this country and France. The cost of taking a soldier's vote on the Mexican border two years ago the \$1687.11. As the total soldier vote for governor was \$1,300 the cost per soldier was \$1.31. W. H. Williams, chief clerk in the auditor's office, estimates that owing to the increase in transportation and other expenses the same vote today would average \$2 per soldier. Gov. Harding stated Monday that Iowa had 125,000 men in service of whom he estimated 100,000 were voters, so that the total cost could hardly be less than \$300,000.

Base Ball Still Popular.
Notwithstanding the cool, autumnal weather and the organization of foot ball teams, base ball is still popular and the men persist in getting excited over the various contests between rival teams. It is possible soldier baseball nines representing Camps Fuston, Dodge, Grant, Custer, Tyler, Jefferson Barracks and the Great Lakes training station will battle for the championship. Texas Jones, a member of the Des Moines team that played in the Western League, who has been assigned to Camp Dodge, has "struck fle," with a vengeance. A year ago last spring he invested \$3,000 in an oil development scheme in Kansas and he is now drawing around \$5,000 a month from his investment.

Potatoes and Onions Wanted.
Bids are asked for furnishing Camp Dodge with 1,200,000 pounds of potatoes and 40,000 pounds of onions. That means 20,000 bushels of potatoes and over 600 bushels of onions. That is only a preliminary order and is for October delivery. The winter spuds and onions will be ordered when harvesting time arrives.

New Intelligence Officer.
Second Lieut. Arthur A. Zimmerman of Waterloo, Iowa, a graduate of the second officers' training camp at Fort Snelling, and for seven months assigned to intelligence work with the American Expeditionary Forces has been returned to the United States and assigned acting intelligence officer for the Nineteenth division Camp Dodge.

Football Star at Camp Dodge.
Major William Deam, famous football star, has arrived at Camp Dodge and taken command of a machine battalion. He has just returned from the Philippines. He is a graduate of West Point and made all of the points in the only baseball contest between West Point and Yale in which the former won. He is an Iowa product.

No Spanish Influenza Cases Found at Camp.
Camp Dodge is without a single case of Spanish influenza, according to Cap. Sidney H. Jacobs, camp epidemiologist. Every precaution is being taken to detect the possible presence of the disease. Incoming troops from other camps are preceded by a health report giving the kinds and numbers of contagious diseases in the camp from which the men have come.

Objectors Sentenced.
Lars D. Sorenson and Peter Rasmussen of Algona, Ia., conscientious objectors and draft evaders, were sentenced to twenty years each by general court martial and will be taken to Fort Leavenworth. Priv. Walter Carter, Base Hospital detachment, began serving a three year term in the federal disciplinary barracks, Fort Leavenworth, this week. He had been convicted of being absent without leave and forgery, when tried by court martial. Twenty-eight draft evaders were brought to camp Wednesday morning and will be mustered into the service at once. They were sent here from Fort Sheridan, after having been collected there from the large cities near that camp.

Negro Colonel at Fort.
Col. Franklin A. Denison of Chicago of the 370th infantry now in

France, has arrived Ft. Des Moines hospital. Colonel Denison has the distinction of being the colonel of the only negro regiment officered only by negroes. He was a former member of the Illinois legislature and apartment member of the Chicago bar.
Overseas Wounded Men at Fort Des Moines.
The government hospital at Ft. Des Moines is gradually filling up with wounded men who have been sent back from France. It is a long journey, the wounded men say, but they are glad to get back since being rendered unfit for longer service. Some of them have lost a leg or an

arm or have passed through various phases of German cruelty in what is supposed to be honorable warfare. Those most severely wounded made the long journey on stretchers. They are not broken in spirit and their only regret is that they are denied the privilege of helping their comrades further in winning the war. The men were from widely different organizations and all parts of the country. The artillery, infantry and supply train are represented and states as far west as California and Washington.
No New Uniforms.
There will be few if any new uni-

forms issued to selectives reporting at Camp Dodge this fall and winter, according to an order issued from headquarters directing the issue of what is termed "reclaimed" garments to all recruits from now on. Recruits now instead of donning uniforms, hats, shoes and other personal clothing will be given uniforms and equipment which have been through the conservation and reclamation branch of the quartermaster corps. Thousands of partly worn garments have been renovated, disinfected and repaired by this branch since it was established several months ago.

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