



THE ARMY and THE NAVY

Lifting Quarantine Brings Great Relief

Men Again Permitted to Mingle in All Community Centers—Wit-ness Big Minstrel Show

(By J. W. Jarnagin)
Camp Dodge, Iowa, Nov. 6.—Quarantine was raised at Camp Dodge Sunday as far as it made restrictions upon the men in the camp. This permitted the mingling of the men again in all community centers. It was a great relief. The men celebrated the event with parades, band concerts, resumption of all kinds of amusements and the mingling together as in the past. Spanish influenza took its departure as suddenly as it came. It was a terrible visitation. In our last letter we stated the number of deaths in the thirty-day period from September 13 to October 12 was 213. This was from all causes. For the ten-day period from October 12 to October 22 the number of deaths is reported by the war department at Washington to have been 299. That was an average of 29 a day for the period in question. This makes the total number of deaths since September 13, the date of the first attack of Spanish influenza, up to the 22d, the date of the lifting of the quarantine, 512. This is the total from all causes. The large number of negroes at the camp made the death rate larger than it would otherwise have been because fatalities among the members of this race are greater than among the whites.

Headed for West Point
Ten enlisted men from Camp Dodge are to be examined by a board of officers for appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point according to orders received this week. Prior length of service, the instructions say, are not to be considered in determining applicants. Secretary of War Baker recently approved a recommendation that the two upper classes at West Point be graduated November 1, and that for the duration of the war remaining classes are to be for one year only. The military academy, on this basis, will turn out approximately 1,000 officers each year instead of about 200 as in the past.

Entertainers for Camps Recruited
Nearly 200 entertainers to put on "stunts" at Camp Dodge or at Fort Des Moines during the coming winter and spring have already been listed by the War Camp Community service. It is estimated that at least 1,000 will be needed. Professional and amateur entertainers or dramatic organizations prepared to put on short plays are being urged to register. Plans are to present about four shows every week. The programs

will include both professional and amateur entertainers, vocal and instrumental musicians, monologists, and other "snappy stuff" in the entertainment line.

To Supply Soldiers With Goods
Formation of a camp exchange detachment is now under way. Tables of organization call for fifty enlisted men and a number of officers. Lieut. L. E. Skinner, as camp exchange officer, will be at the head of the detachment, with Lieut. Frank S. Perkins his assistant. Each of the military cantonments in the United States is to be a detachment similar to that being formed here. The exchange at Camp Dodge will operate a large warehouse at Eleventh and Main streets, where merchandise will be stored for distribution to all regimental and other exchanges. Officers of the individual exchanges will make requisitions for stock from the warehouse, and deliveries are to be made by trucks, three of which will be used for this purpose.

General Simmons Coming to Dodge
Brigadier General Simmons, an infantry officer, who has been on duty in this country, will be sent to Camp Dodge soon to command one of the brigades, and will be in command of the camp until a major general is designated. Although the War department has made no designations yet it is thought that an officer from France will be the commanding major general. The department is working on a slate of commanders for the various camps.

15 Years in Pen for Two Objectors
Privates Joseph L. Walter, Bridgewater, S. D., and Joseph S. Wurz, Freeman, S. D., members of the depot brigade medical detachment at Camp Dodge, have been sentenced to fifteen years each at hard labor in the United States disciplinary barracks at Ft. Leavenworth. Both men were charged with refusing to obey the command of Captain Clarence De Weese to wear the uniform. The convicted men claimed conscientious scruples. The sentence as returned by the court imposed a sentence of twenty-five years each. The reviewing authority reduced them. First Lieut. Jonathan J. McMillan, assigned to the Eight Hundred and Fourth Negro infantry, was convicted by general court martial at Camp Dodge of conduct unbecoming an officer and discharged from the service. According to the charges, McMillan struck and used abusive language to a colored soldier named John Johnson. Private Carl Erickson, depot brigade, tried by general court martial, sentenced to twenty-five years at hard labor, had his sentence disapproved by reviewing authorities. The soldier was released from confinement and restored to duty. Private Erickson was charged with refusing to obey when ordered to take a shovel and work at cleaning the streets. He claimed that the court had no jurisdiction in his case. The court refused to recognize his plea and proceeded with the case without giving him any chance to present his evidence regarding the court's jurisdiction. According to reviewing authorities the court's refusal affected the soldier's right under the Thirty-seventh article of war.

Dying Soldier Leaves Property to the Red Cross
When Private John Doubeck saw there was no hope for his recovery from the attack of pneumonia he called a Red Cross worker to his bedside and had him write a will which provided that all of his belongings be left to the Red Cross. Doubeck was a native Hungarian, but had been a member of the 3d battalion 14th infantry, for several years and was stationed with the battalion at Juneau, Alaska. He had no close relatives and but distant relatives in Hungary, so he willed all his property to the American Red Cross. This amounted to about \$1,400 including three \$100 Liberty Bonds and deposits in a bank in Juneau, Alaska, amounting to \$1,100.

Dodge Boys Buy Bonds
Camp Dodge soldiers have subscribed more than \$300,000 to the fourth Liberty loan. Of this amount \$18,000 represents cash sales. Solicitors are still busy among the men and it is believed the sales will reach a half million dollars when completed.

Promotions Are Made
Michael Sullivan, of Camp Dodge, has been made first lieutenant in the quartermaster corps, the war department announces. Other appointments the Eugene Schenk, Waterloo, first lieutenant, engineers; Frank A. Martion, Abia, second lieutenant engineers; John E. O'Connor, Dubuque, second lieutenant, quartermaster corps; John A. Snyder, Roland, first lieutenant, medical corps; Oscar L. Hawkins, Cascade, Ralph E. Lorimer Madrid and John H. Lynch, Baperoft, second lieutenants, veterinary corps; John D. Cooney, West Union, and Ben H. Clark, Danvenport, air service.

Give More Freedom to Picture Takers
Permits from Washington hereafter will not be required for the taking of ordinary photographs about Camp Dodge and other cantonments, according to a recent order. The object of the new regulations is to remove all necessary restrictions and grant the maximum of practical freedom to civilians in photographing matters of legitimate public or private interest. In photographing military objects where secrecy is important it will first be necessary to get the permission of the director of military intelligence.

First Big Entertainment.
As soon as the quarantine was lifted Liberty theatre was thrown open for a minstrel show to be put on by the 163d Depot Brigade band. The largest theatre in the state was packed at the first presentation and the big show was repeated with a similar success the following evening. Some of the performers have a world-wide reputation in minstrelsy. It was a high class performance and the men thoroughly enjoyed the local hits.

Cookies Were a Delight.
A million home made cookies were taken to the men as soon as they were released from quarantine. These were contributed mostly by the women of Des Moines but there were large numbers sent from other communities and some from Illinois, Minnesota, North Dakota and Nebraska. Out of the ten great truck loads was a variety that fit the case in every instance. The soldier that preferred dark colored cookies was granted to find that his wants were met. All varieties, colors and flavors made the combination a most appetizing one. During the epidemic a number of Salvation Army attaches in a typical hut erected in the heart of the moving picture district on Locust street, put in long hours each day cooking doughnuts for the men.

Captain Dox Dodge Nutrition Officer.
Capt. A. W. Dox, sanitary corps, reported Thursday at Camp Dodge to enter upon the duties of nutrition officer. Since October of last year, Captain Dox has been in charge of the nutrition board for the southern department and has inspected the various army camps in the south with reference to the proper feeding of the troops, the adaptation of the ration to climatic conditions and the energy requirements of various forms of drill. At Camp Bowie, Texas, he was in charge of a school for nutrition officers. As an expert in the science of nutrition, it will be his duty to confer and co-operate with the various camp officers, who have to do with the handling and preparation of food. Captain Dox is an Iowa man, having been during the seven years previous to the war chief chemist of the Iowa agricultural experiment station at Ames.

Foot Ball Teams Organized.
A number of star foot ball players are at the camp. Men who have thrilled thousands of rooters in great college contests are here dressed in khaki. Some big games are already planned. The first notable event will

be at the Drake stadium November 9, at which time the crack team from the State University of Iowa City will enter the arena. This is expected to be the class of the local teams of the year. Coach Jones has developed a team of unusual strength at Iowa, and "Heavy" Graham and the other football coaches at Dodge have every prospect of a winning eleven there. The Dodgers have started practice and since they are physically fit, owing to drill and restricted diet, it will not take them long to round into the best possible shape.

Officers from Overseas on Duty.
Maj. Louis Cansler, recently returned from seven months' service with the signal corps in France, where he served as captain, commanding one of the companies in the first regular signal battalions with the American Expeditionary Forces, has succeeded Captain John J. Eckert, as commanding officer of the 219 Field Signal Battalion. Captain Eckert is ranking

captain of the battalion and has been assigned to the Outpost Company. Major Cansler received his promotion from captain since arriving at Camp Dodge. Only a few days before First Lieut. William J. Brogan was promoted to captain and commanding officer of the Wire company. Another new officer with the organization, First Lieutenant Lewis, arrived here last Saturday from College Park, Md., where he has acted as radio instructor for many months. Lieut. Lewis succeeds Lieut. K. E. Graham commanding the Radio company, Lieut. Herbert Meldrum, who has been signal supply officer since early fall, has been relieved of his position by Lieut. S. E. Wade, who came here from Little Silver, N. Y., and Lieut. Meldrum has been assigned to the Outpost company of the 219th.

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