



THE ARMY and THE NAVY

1,000 INJURED MEN AT FT. DES MOINES

Crippled Men Are Being Taught An Occupation That Will Enable Them to Earn Livelihood

(By J. W. Jarbagin)

Camp Dodge, Iowa, Oct. 9.—The number of patients at the base hospital is now about the same as before the epidemic of influenza broke out. The death rate has been a little out of proportion because of the prevalence of a number of severe attacks of pneumonia following the influenza. Quarantine has been lifted and the men are permitted to visit the city Saturday afternoons and Sundays. Visitors at Camp Dodge are allowed to see the soldiers only on Saturdays and Sundays, unless coming from a long distance and not familiar with the new order. In such cases a pass may be procured. Automobiles may move about the grounds but the occupants are not allowed to mingle with the soldiers. The object of these restrictions is to prevent the men from being in any measure diverted from their military duty. The prevalence of the epidemic made a delay of nearly a month in training and it is hoped to overcome this by intensive drilling. The large force of special nurses and civilians doing volunteer Red Cross work have left the camp and the regular force is now able to handle the work. There were about 500 volunteer workers on duty when the sickness was at its worst. A large force of carpenters and helpers are at work on the construction of additional barracks. These will be finished before winter. There will be 688 of them which will afford quarters for several thousand men. The call that was issued for the assembling of 5,000 men here early in November has been deferred until health conditions over the country improve. Brigadier General Benjamin T. Simmons is now in command of the newly formed 19th division. Over 5,000 men have been transferred from the depot brigade to the units that are to form the nucleus of the new division.

Many Wounded Men at Des Moines

The United States Government Reclamation hospital No. 26, at Ft. Des Moines, now has over 1,000 wounded soldiers brought back from France. These men are suffering from all kinds of sickness and wounds. Some have lost a leg, some an arm and some were so badly wounded that bone-grafting must be utilized. Others have been gassed and still others contracted diseases that have become chronic and recovery is slow. The main interest in the hospital is the reclamation work. These crippled men are being taught an occupation that will enable them to earn a livelihood in spite of their handicap. Classes have been formed in electrical engineering, telegraphy, automobile construction and various kinds of shop work. Equipment and skilled mechanics are provided and the fort is a busy place. The plan is to utilize the wounded men as instructors as far as possible.

The Ford assembling plant which was but recently completed at a cost of over a million dollars will also be converted into a reclamation hospital. It will accommodate 2,000 men. The St. Catherine home, a Catholic institution nearby, has been leased for a five-year period at an annual rental of \$10,000 a year already furnished, to be used as a home for the 200 nurses that will be required at this hospital. Last Friday 116 men came in special U. S. hospital cars, to Ft. Des Moines, direct from France and on Saturday sixty-six others landed. If the men are able they are taken to Fort Des Moines on the street cars but those unable thus to travel are taken out on hospital ambulances. At almost every train from the east may be seen a group of soldiers equipped with stretchers that the wounded men may be properly taken care of most of them brought here are enlistments from the middle west. As the battle continues on the western front in France the ranks of the wounded are being greatly augmented. With the enlargement of Fort Des Moines, and the use of the Ford plant 5,000 men can be accommodated here.

Assign Engineer Officers

The majority of the officers for the Two Hundred Nineteenth engineers which will correspond in the new division to the Three Hundred Thirtieth engineers of the Eighty-eighth division probably will be assigned at Camp Dodge from Camp A. A. Humphrey's, Va., engineer training school and also a large number of enlisted men to form the foundation of the organization. Three hundred enlisted men from the machine gun school at Camp Hancock also are to be brought to the cantonment as a basis for the machine gun battalions. Practically all officers for the four infantry regiments of the new division have been assigned and when the enlisted personnel has been transferred work in

training will begin in earnest under the new regimental commanders.

Brewer Coming to Dodge

Harry Brewer, a veteran welter-weight boxer of Kansas City, Mo., has been appointed boxing instructor at Camp Dodge, succeeding Joe Herrick, who was appointed temporarily following the transfer of Mike Gibbons to Camp Gordon. Brewer recently finished a course of instruction in bayonet fighting, calisthenics, deep breathing and athletics at Camp Gordon, where all of the boxing instructors were assembled to take work. Brewer was one of the best known boxers in the middle west six or eight years ago.

Well-known Boxer Victim of "Flu"

Priv. Samuel Rheinberg, better known in boxing circles as Al Thomas, lightweight, died at the base hospital from pneumonia, Sunday morning. He had been sick since the Friday morning previous with Spanish influenza. Private Rheinberg was the champion lightweight boxer of the 88th division, and as such held the championships of Camps Taylor and Funston in his class, winning his matches in the tournaments that were held between the divisions at those camps and the 88th. Private Rheinberg remains were shipped to his home in New York City.

W. C. T. U. Makes Big Gift

At the state meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Perry, Iowa, recently, it was voted to set aside \$5,000 for a pipe organ at Fort Des Moines, and \$500 for a clock in the same hospital. The big organ will be placed in the chapel at the fort.

Rifle Practice Popular

Lieut. Col. S. L. Brookhart and his staff of instructors from the school of small arms firing, Camp Perry, Ohio, are on duty and work in the teaching of small arms firing has been begun at the rifle range under their direction. Battalion scout officers assigned here from overseas have been assisting in this work. The battalions are being taken out one at a time, making the classes small and enabling the instructors to give a great deal of personal instruction to nearly every man. The course under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Brookhart will continue until December 1, when Colonel Brookhart and his staff of instructors will go to Columbus, Ga., to institute a similar course for the officers and men there.

Trainload of Horses Sent to France

A letter from the War Department received at camp headquarters states: "In order to meet General Pershing's requirements that only broken and seasoned animals be sent to American Expeditionary Forces in France, you will turn over all animals in your division to the Quartermaster General for shipment overseas at any time he calls upon you to do so. The animals thus turned over to be immediately replaced by a fresh supply from the remount service. In keeping with this order a train load of the best drilled horses is on the way to an Atlantic port to be shipped to France.

Greater Freedom in Taking Pictures

Greater freedom is to be allowed in the taking of pictures in the camp through an order from the War Department. Full censorship of all pictures taken in the camp is already made one of the duties of the assistant division intelligence officer, Maj. Jackson R. Day. Hereafter it will only be necessary to submit one copy of pictures taken in the camp for censorship, instead of three copies, as formerly required. According to the new ruling persons wanting to take ordinary photographs in the camp may do so by calling in person at the office of Maj. Jackson R. Day, division headquarters, for a permit.

Large Force of Nurses Required

The value of the various organized war activities among civilians was demonstrated during influenza epidemic. It was through these that it was possible to secure the large number of nurses required. Every state in the middle west contributed young women for this special service. Their faithful contribution toward the welfare of the afflicted men was greatly appreciated by the War Department. The death rate among the nurses was very small.

Band Boys Return

The development battalion band No. 1 of Camp Dodge returned to the cantonment Thursday night from a four weeks' trip throughout the state in the interests of the fourth Liberty Loan. The band of thirty-eight pieces in charge of Sergt. Harry E. Polk played in twenty-one towns during its trip, giving both indoor and outdoor concerts and furnishing music at patriotic meetings. It also played at six military funerals of boys who had died of pneumonia while in the service. It is estimated that it played to more than 50,000 persons on the trip. The members of the band report that they were treated royally wherever they went.

They were lodged and boarded at private homes, were guests at numerous receptions and chicken dinners and were taken on several automobile trips. The band started on its trip the day before the camp was quarantined and was allowed to prolong its jaunt until the lid was lifted.

Death Sentence Commuted

Private Eric Ostrum, a member of the depot brigade, who refused to sign his enlistment papers and was sentenced by a general court martial to be shot for refusing to obey orders, has had the sentence commuted by President Wilson to fifteen years imprisonment at Fort Leavenworth and dishonorable discharge from the service. Private Charles A. Runge, another member of the depot brigade, has had a twenty-five-year sentence at hard labor reduced by the reviewing authority to fifteen years in the United States disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth. Runge was found guilty of refusing to obey orders, among others an order to do kitchen police.

Men in Tents Getting Seasoned

The placing of one entire battalion, consisting of 6,000 men, in tents afforded the men a touch of real soldiering. A three-inch rainfall, covering three days, accompanied by a chilling wind, made camp life somewhat disagreeable. The flat ground around the tents held the water so that very uncomfortable conditions obtained.

Much Coal Required

It is expected to have 50,000 tons of coal stored about the camp by December 1. This coal is shipped to the camp by rail and then distributed by the use of mule teams, men being assigned by turns to the work.

Takes Lots of Bread

Three shifts of bakers make a full 24-hour day at the big camp bakery. About 14,000 pounds of flour and substitutes are used during that period.

Nurses to Wear Uniforms When Off Duty

An order has come from Washington that members of the A. N. C. are to wear a uniform prescribed by the War Department whenever they are off duty. The patterns which have been received call for a blue serge suit built along military lines. The coat will be a belted Norfolk style with a roll collar. To show that they are in the service, the nurses will wear collar ornaments; the "U. S." on the right side and the caduceus on the left side. The hat will be blue to match the suit.

Death of Major Dean

Maj. William B. Dean, acting division machine gun officer at Camp Dodge, and commanding officer of the Fifty-fifth machine gun battalion of the new division, former West Point football star, died in the base hospital at the cantonment Wednesday. Fellow officers of Major Dean considered him one of the strongest and most vigorous men at the cantonment. During his military service, much of which was spent in the Philippines where he had entire charge of all machine gun work, he kept himself in fine physical trim by systematic exercise. The officer recently returned from a trip to Siberia. At camp he was chief instructor of the division machine gun school and included in his program a course of daily physical exercises for his men.

DRINK A GLASS OF REAL HOT WATER BEFORE BREAKFAST.

Says we will both look and feel clean, sweet and fresh and avoid illness.

Sanitary science has of late made rapid strides with results that are of untold blessing to humanity. The latest application of its untiring research is the recommendation that it is as necessary to attend to internal sanitation of the drainage system of the human body as it is to the drains of the house.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, can, instead, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing, sick or well, should, each morning before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. While you are enjoying your breakfast the phosphated hot water is quietly extracting a large volume of water from the blood and getting ready for a thorough flushing of all the inside organs.

The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, bilious spells, stomach trouble, rheumatic stiffness; others who have sallow skins, blood disorders and sickly complexions are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to make anyone a pronounced crank on the subject of internal sanitation.

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Getting Them to Listen.

"One of the surest ways," said Uncle Eben, "to get a crowd highly pleased and interested is to stan' up and tell em dey is so wicked dey is all golt' hreck to perdition, or words to dat effect."