

Working of Defense Day Machinery Created by Congress Explained; Preparedness, Not Mobilization, Is Plan



To be prepared for war, is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

On September 12, the sixth anniversary of the famous battle of St. Mihiel, the War department will stage a defense test.

In Omaha, the 89th division will stage patriotic demonstrations. This day bids fair to become a great landmark in our military history.

The Omaha committee has plans for the local patriotic services. Able orators have been procured and parades will be held in almost every city and town in the state.

Review Military Progress. "The defense test," said Major Palen, "is to be held only to determine how far we have profited from our past experiences during the world war and by our unpreparedness in 1917.

Major Palen, in order to give some idea of the great undertaking, prepared the accompanying map and one may note the home stations of units of the 89th division.

How It Would Work. Suppose John Jones is living peacefully at Lexington, Neb., where company "M," 355th infantry has its home station.

The officers of Company "M" also live in Lexington, home boys who by service in the citizens' military training camps and the officers' reserve corps camps have earned their commissions.

more advanced in organization, are mobilized and rushed to the scene of operations and form the first line of defense, while the organized reserves are being prepared for service.

This process of organizing the reserve units is going on all over the United States. Finally, Company "M" is completely equipped and moves to Hastings, the home station of the third battalion, 355th infantry.

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As soon as the battalion organization and training is completed the colonel of the 355th infantry concentrates his three battalions at Omaha, the home station of the regimental headquarters.

The battalions of the regiment are at Omaha, Lincoln and Hastings, as indicated on the accompanying photostat. Finally, the regiment is joined by its twin, the 356th infantry from Sioux Falls, S. D., and the two form the 178th infantry brigade which also has its headquarters at Omaha.

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In the same manner until the division is completely formed. The division then moves with machine-like precision to the scene of operations. Mobilization and training of all units are completed at the home stations, without confusion and excitement and without waste of money, as in previous wars.

Enlistments, Description. During the first phase of mobilization all units depend on volunteer enlistments; during the second phase recruits will be furnished units by local draft boards.

In furtherance of this scheme of mobilization in the event of war plans have been prepared by all units of the 89th division.

On September 12 Thomas Smith and his friends are ordered to report to the company commander, their fellow townsman, and probably a merchant or a lawyer. The company roll is called. The company commander discusses with his officers and men the mobilization plans, the problems con-

fronting him and the part each will have to play in case of an actual mobilization.

The general plan for carrying out the defense test so far as the 89th division is concerned will consist of two parts—patriotic demonstration and test mobilization.

The duties of every officer and enlisted man in the 89th division will be to co-operate with the local committees appointed by the governor to make the patriotic demonstration a success. In addition, the duty of every unit commander will be to study his mobilization plan with a view to determining its feasibility for wartime mobilization.

In this study particular attention will be given to procurement of suitable rendezvous points. Arrangement for local recruiting and the reception of men from local draft boards, physical examinations, clothing and equipment, care of the sick.

The following reserve officers who will participate in the test are: Headquarters company, 89th division: Capt. Milton Peterson, infantry; Lieutenants Mount Burns, E. K. McDermott.

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Company E, rifle: Capt. Guy C. King, Lieutenants Oliver H. Nichols, Thomas W. H. Allen, E. Redine, Kay R. Ferguson.

Company F, rifle: Capt. Albert E. Galloway, Lieutenants Neil J. Doherty, Harry Trellis.

Company G, rifle: Capt. Thomas P. Caldwell, Lieutenants Frank C. Prince, Cedric E. Wilde, Roy F. Walker, Arden W. Godwin.

Company H, machine gun: Capt. Alva N. White, Lieutenants Oakley H. Cox, Hugh C. Wilson, John D. Curtis.

Company I, rifle: Capt. Albert E. Galloway, Lieutenants John V. Beveridge, O. W. Keifer, William V. Gaverneau.

Company K, rifle: Capt. Charles H. Epworth, Lieutenants Leo F. Kibben, Paul Rutledge, Bernard C. Dempsey, Paul H. Caldwell.

Company L, rifle: Capt. Thomas P. Caldwell, Lieutenants Frank C. Prince, Cedric E. Wilde, Roy F. Walker, Arden W. Godwin.

Battery C, Lieutenants Raymond J. Roderick, James S. McKee, Joseph M. Friggeri, Alvin S. Berkheimer.

Battery D, Lieutenants William I. Aiken, Clifton W. Ackerson, Roy M. Ames, David D. Elliott.

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