

TRAINING OF ARMY SOON WILL BEGIN

Work of Transforming Men of Factories, Forests and Farms Into Soldiers Starts This Month.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—Some time after the first of September, at great camps "somewhere between the Rockies and the Alleghenies," more than 250,000 Americans will begin the training which will change the boys of the factories, forests and farms of the territory covered by the central department of the army into soldiers of the new national army of the United States.

More specifically, 243,014 men chosen in the selective draft from fifteen states in the central department, assembled in six immense cantonments, will devote all of their energies to becoming soldiers of America, ready to share the fortunes of war with their comrades from other sections of the country.

Sites for the cantonments where the future soldiers will be trained have been selected with regard to water supply, sanitation and transportation necessities. Camp Sherman, near Chillicothe, O., will train 37,589 men from Ohio and West Virginia; Camp Taylor at Louisville, Ky., 41,560 men from Indiana and Kentucky; Camp Custer, near Battle Creek, Mich., 35,992 men from Michigan and Wisconsin; Camp Grant, near Rockford, Ill., 37,364 men from Illinois; Camp Dodge, near Des Moines, Ia., 44,529 men from Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska, and Camp Funston at Fort Riley, Kan., 45,980 men from Kansas, Colorado and Missouri.

Camps Are Similar.

There will be a general similarity in all the cantonments when completed, though local conditions will necessitate a different grouping of barracks, parade and training ground. Each camp covers approximately 3,000 acres, sufficient to permit of maneuvers of all the military units assembled there. The barracks, which at most of the camps are nearing completion, are two-story structures, the second floor being arranged as sleeping quarters for the men and the first for assembly and mess halls. Particular attention to the comfort of the soldiers was paid in designing the barracks. All of the cantonments, with the exception of Camp Taylor at Louisville, will be steam heated and all will be equipped with comfortable iron beds, ample shower baths, and, in addition, each soldier will have his own locker.

When completed each cantonment will have the appearance of a moderate sized city, with this important difference: At the camps there will be no tenement district, no section squalid and unattractive, no section insanitary. All will be spick and span and army discipline can be depended on to keep them so, for one of the first lessons which the embryo soldier will be taught will be to "police the camp," which in civilian tongue means to clean up barracks and grounds, attend to sanitary details and fit the camp for rigid inspection. Buildings on each camp ground will include: General headquarters, brigade headquarters, officers' headquarters, barracks for private soldiers, hospital and animal and artillery sheds. Near general headquarters will be the parade ground, sufficient

Four Sergeants of "Dandy Sixth" Called to Officers' Training Camp

The announcement of the selection of men for the second officers' training camp at Fort Snelling caused both joy and consternation in the ranks of the Dandy Sixth.

Consternation because four of their best men, all sergeants, received the call; joy at the success of their comrades.

William Ritchie, jr., of Bridgeport, Neb., was the lucky one from Company C. Joy V. Reeder was the machine gunner's contribution to the new camp, while Company B furnished two men, John E. Harding and Herman C. Forgy.

Ritchie is a University of Nebraska man, member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and prominent in all student activities while there. Since his graduation three years ago he has built up a large law practice, which he is sacrificing to enter the army. So anxious was Ritchie to serve that he took three methods of getting in, to make sure. He first enlisted with company C, at the suggestion of

in area to accommodate the entire command. More extensive maneuvering fields will be laid out for actual drilling, and, most important from the soldier's view point, the rifle range and artillery fields will give opportunity not only for direct fire in view of the targets, but for indirect fire and barrage or curtain fire. The great range of the modern rifle permits indirect small arm fire, a thing impossible with the old musket, and the soldiers will be instructed in elevating the rifle so that an intervening hill would not prevent the destructive effect of the volley.

Two Divisions in Camp.

There will be sufficient men under arms at each cantonment to form at least two divisions of 19,000 men, as employed in France and Belgium, and intensive maneuvers with the European division as a unit will familiarize officers and men with conditions such as they probably will meet on the battlefield and in trench warfare.

That no detail of training for actual warfare may be lacking each cantonment will contain the various arms of the service with the exception of cavalry. At least one division of infantry will train in conjunction with field artillery, engineers, signal battalion and aero squadron and the support of heavy artillery. To assist in the maneuvers there will be approximately 10,000 animals, artillery horses and mules and wagon train animals, as well as thousands of motor trucks and vehicles.

The soldiers will be commanded at each cantonment by nearly a thousand officers, and many more non-commissioned officers—sergeants and corporals selected from the ranks. Announcement has been made by the War department that promotions will be made for each army division, opening the way for ambitious private soldiers to rise to positions of command.

The details of the routine for the soldier during his stay at the cantonments are largely at the discretion of the commandant of each camp, and no hard and fast regulations have been issued covering the course of instruction. In a broad way the drills are expected to follow the intensive training given to the students at the officers' training camps where the men who will hold minor commands at the cantonments received

Lieutenant Ted Metcalfe, his roommate of college days. Then he applied for Fort Snelling and, finally, he was drafted. Ritchie has a family, but no thought of claiming exemption enters his head.

H. C. Forgy, first sergeant of Company B, has been in the division superintendent's office at the Omaha postoffice for five years and has been in the postal service ever since he was 19. He is a graduate of Knox college, Galesburg, Ill., and was for three years a member of Battery B, in the artillery of the Illinois National Guard. He has a wife and two children, but has no intention of claiming exemption.

John E. Harding, mess sergeant of Company B, graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1913, in the department of agriculture. He might claim exemption as a farmer, but he won't. He was major of the cadet battalion at the university and has always been interested in things military.

their education in military affairs. Reveille will rouse the men at 5 o'clock, and their subsequent activities will include morning and afternoon drill, first in "the school of the soldier," which calls for mastering the manual of arms, learning to stand, walk and run properly; the efficient care of weapons and the use of the rifle. Then comes the "school of the squad," in which the soldier learns to act in conjunction with his seven squadmates; then the "school of the company," with platoon formations; then the "school of the battalion," and lastly, duties as a part of the regiment brigade, and division.

Acquainted With Rifle.

While all this is being accomplished he is becoming acquainted with his rifle and expert in its use. Mindful of the lessons of the great war in which he soon may be a participant, special attention will be paid to the soldier's bayonet exercises and practice in bombing and grenade throwing will be given. Before the instruction is complete gas masks will become familiar to the soldier, and all the details of trench warfare, from digging the trench to defending it against every conceivable attack, will receive careful attention.

At first the work will be light, but as the soldiers of the new army become hardened long marches and exhausting drills will supplant the lighter exercises and fit the soldiers for their task.

"Drill, drill, drill" will by no means be the only activity at the cantonments and recreation has been carefully planned. In the intervals of maneuvers, base ball, foot ball, and other sports, particularly those of an athletic nature, will be encouraged. Experts in wrestling, fencing, swimming and boxing will impart their skill to the men. Moving pictures and entertainments will help to while away evening hours.

Every effort will be made by the officers in charge to protect the men from evil influences and the camp morals will be under constant supervision. The entertainment of the men will be largely under the direction of company chaplains.

Reading rooms, facilities for writing and opportunities for indoor amusements have been arranged, all with a view to making the soldier comfortable, contented and cheerful that he may more quickly learn his

duties and responsibilities and the sooner become a first-class fighting man.

Arrange for Food. While line officers have been busy preparing to train the citizen soldiers the quartermaster's department has been no less busy arranging for feeding the thousands who will occupy the cantonments.

As in the regular army each company will have its cook and helpers who prepare and serve the food. Cleanliness is an absolute necessity. The rations which will be served each man include: Beef, mutton, bacon, (corned, canned and fresh), corned beef hash, fish, (fried, pickled, canned and fresh), turkey, soft bread, hard bread, corn cakes, corn bread, baked beans, bean soup, rice, hominy, potatoes, (fresh and canned), onions, tomatoes, (fresh and canned), turnips and other vegetables, prunes, apples, peaches, jam, coffee, tea, sugar, milk, (evaporated), vinegar and pickles. Care is taken to avoid too frequent repetition of any food in the daily meals and the varieties make possible a balanced ration at all times.

In preparing the cantonments the War department has sought to make sure that the soldiers in training for the new national army shall have comfortable quarters, good food, moral surroundings, needful recreation and above all expert military instruction so that the new army may be able and equipped at every point for the task before it.

Men Examined by Bribe Board to Be Recalled

New York, Aug. 11.—All of the men exempted from military service by the local exemption board in District No. 99, will be re-examined by a new board, the members of which Governor Whitman is expected to name today.

District No. 99, which is in one of the most congested sections of the east side, was expected to fill a quota of 213. Out of a total of 728 men examined, 317 were listed as physically qualified, 303 were rejected and 108 were held for re-examination. About 600 aliens remained to be examined when the members of the board were removed last night by order of President Wilson "because of irregularities."

ANOTHER BEE MAN CALLED BY UNCLE SAM.



R. D. R. WEIGEL

R. D. R. Weigel, another member of The Bee family, has been called to the colors of Uncle Sam and will enter the second officers' reserve training camp at Fort Snelling August 27. Formerly Associated Press telegrapher, Weigel has lately been acting in the capacity of day telegraph editor of The Bee. He is 25 years old and resides at 5121 North Twenty-fourth street.

Sinn Feiners Win Another Seat in British Parliament

London, Aug. 11.—Sinn Feiners today won another parliamentary election when they captured the seat for Kilkenny. William Cosgrove, the Sinn Fein candidate, defeated the independent nationalist, ex-Mayor McGuinness, by 380 votes, receiving 772 votes to McGuinness' 392.

Democracy Must Prevail In Arizona, Says Official

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 11.—"Bisbee in particular and the Warren district in general is a hot bed of anarchy."

This was the statement of Attorney General Wiley E. Jones at a meeting of all local unions in the Warren district here last night.

"This district is in a state of anarchy," he told the assembled workmen, "and I am going to endeavor to restore a republican form of government here. Orders and requests of the governor and the state authorities have been ignored," he added, "and they will continue to be treated in that manner until federal troops and martial law have been installed here."

Governor Thomas E. Campbell attended the meeting.

Hanscom Park Muny Guards To Drill This Afternoon

The Hanscom Park Muny Guards, Company D, will give an exhibition drill this afternoon. They will drill on the playgrounds at the park. The boys have been practicing for the event for about a month and are anxious to show the people of Omaha what boys of 12 to 14 can accomplish in a military way.

This company is now fully uniformed. The money for the outfits was collected from neighbors. The young soldiers worked hard for two days and now have uniforms of military air to show.

Company D took a military hike Saturday afternoon. They marched to Riverview park, where they enjoyed a camp meal of wienies, buns and fruit.

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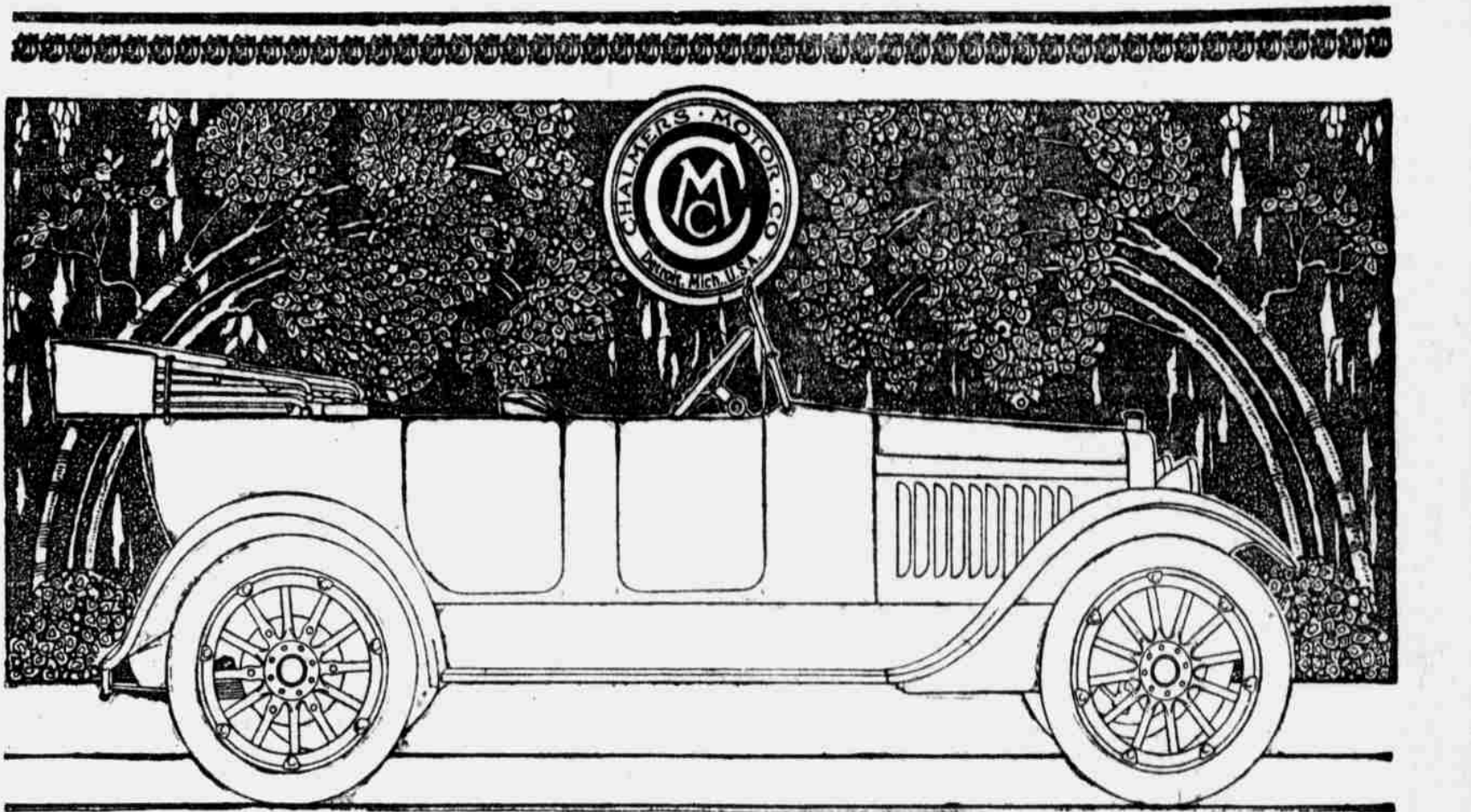


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