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## PRIDES OF LOUISVILLE CAMP

By CHARLES E. HALL.

Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky., Dec. 1.—(Special).—To many people in Omaha there is a direct interest in anything concerning Camp Zachary Taylor, for the reason that there are over 100 of the best young men in Omaha now stationed here. These men now compose Ambulance Company No. 335, and are known here as Omaha Ambulance Company No. 35.

Further, there is interest in the camp itself, as being one of the 16 cantonments, at which are being trained not only all of the great select army, but many regular troops, as well.

Any soldier sent to Camp Zachary Taylor is very fortunate in being sent to one of the best, if not the best, of all the cantonments.

Its location is ideal. Louisville is a fine city, and with characteristic southern hospitality is doing very much for the soldiers. It is able to do this owing to its equipment for such service. Probably no other city of its size, nor many of larger size, have as many splendid churches, libraries, lecture halls and kindred institutions. Each church vies with the other, to provide wholesome instruction and entertainment for the soldier.

Large signs are placed on the churches, or are erected on the church lawns, calling attention to the welcome extended to soldiers, as well as to special features provided expressly for them.

Apparently no family is too rich, nor too far up the social ladder, to appreciate what these young soldiers are doing, that wealth may be preserved and that the finer things of life be enjoyed by their fortunate possessors. Into these, and scores of more humble, homes, soldiers are invited, every Sunday, to partake of the Sunday meal, meet the young people of the home, and others of the city, invited in for the occasion.

**Soldiers' Club.**  
In the heart of the business section only a few doors from the post office, a splendid free club room for soldiers has been provided. This club is equipped with writing desks, stationery, reference library, information

bureau, telephone booth, lounging room, etc.

The city is well policed, and within the principal business area is exceptionally clean. There is a zone established within which the soldiers are required to remain, not because that conditions are vile without, but because the zone of permission includes all that is best, or necessary, and limits the work of the military police, which would be enormous, if every street were policed by them.

We were not used to military police in Omaha, so a word or two about them may not be amiss. The duty of the military police is to preserve order within the camp itself, within the territory surrounding the camp, and known as the military reservation, and within adjacent areas, well populated, like cities, to which considerable numbers of men from the camp may go while on leave.

**Patrol Streets.**

That these men shall be as well behaved while away from the camp as within it, the camp commander extends the zone of military police activity to the city and town in question, applying it only to members of his camp. Thus the military police patrol the streets of Louisville at all hours and arrest any soldier who may be outside the zone to which he is entitled to visit, or who is anyway doing anything which would be either a civil or military infraction of law, particularly military, for military requirements are usually more stringent than are the civil requirements with respect to observance of city ordinances, etc.

The camp is located close to the southern extremity of Louisville and is about five miles from the center of the city. Well paved streets over several routes lead to it, the city street car system is extended to it, and a fine interurban service is possible also. The fare on the street cars is 5 cents, on the interurban 10 cents, and one can ride in a public automobile for 25 cents.

The camp and reservation is located upon high rolling land, some of which is covered with splendid native forest trees. The camp, while doubtless arranged according to the best practice of military science, still is as beautifully laid out as though the work had been done by an experienced and

skilled landscape artist. The roads wind over the ridges and sweep with graceful curves through beautiful ravines, from the crest of one ridge to that of another, and finally merge into the splendid drives and grand woods of one of the most beautiful parks in America.

Truly, Camp Zachary Taylor is one of the best located and of the most livable camps in our country.

**Welfare Work.**

The welfare work for the men at the camp ranks well up with any other camp and is far ahead of some. The Young Men's Christian association buildings, while of the general type and usual number, appear to be exceptionally well handled and the work is well administered. The Knights of Columbus building is of the usual type and size. In addition to these there is a splendid auditorium for lectures, schools of instruction and entertainment. This building has a scene loft and stage adequate for almost any play, and the best theatrical productions in the country will be offered here from time to time.

There is an undefined quality existing about all camps, which, for a better term, is sometimes called its atmosphere. This atmosphere is essentially the reflection of the character and quality of the commanding officer and the personality of his staff. Insofar as such atmosphere may be compared, that of Camp Zachary Taylor would rank high.

Major General Hale, the officer in command, is every inch a soldier. He is competent, earnest and unusually industrious. He realizes to a remarkable degree the seriousness and importance of the duty imposed upon him, has an accurate measure of his

responsibility and the ability to discharge his duties. He is everlastingly "on the job" and his influence pervades and inspires the whole camp. Ably supported by a splendid staff, full of the spirit of their leader, there is an electric thrill throughout all of the camp life and action. Action is the word. You feel it and sense it as you enter the reservation. It is "Esprit du Corps" personified.

Into this environment the Omaha ambulance company arrived, in the darkness of night, late in September, and it is now a part of the division, which is being developed into a splendid army.

**Part of 84th Division.**

This division is officially designated as the 84th division, and the Omaha ambulance company is a part of the sanitary train of this division. The official designation of the sanitary train is the 309th sanitary train.

Should anyone wish to write to some of the Omaha boys and desire the proper address, it is as follows:

"To \_\_\_\_\_, care 309th Sanitary Train, Ambulance Company No. 335, 84th Division, Camp Zachary Taylor, Louisville, Ky."

The 309th sanitary train is composed of four ambulance companies, under Major Fletcher, a medical reserve officer from St. Louis, Mo., and a very capable officer. One of these companies is composed of regular army men under Captain Bueker, and its motive power is the very efficient mule. The next company is what is known as the "Knights Templar company." Its full equipment of motor ambulances, officers' car and other equipment were given to the United States by the Knights Templar of Michigan. This company is under the

command of Captain Roberts, a medical reserve officer, of Flint, Mich.

Next comes Omaha's own company, No. 335, with a partial equipment, contributed by the Omaha chapter of the Red Cross. Our company is commanded by Captain Kline, a medical reserve officer from Cleveland, O., and a very earnest and energetic officer. Its senior first lieutenant, Dr. Linquest, who was in command when the company left Omaha, is an able and efficient officer, very much admired and respected for his ability, character, attention to duty and care of the men in the company.

**Two Omaha Officers.**  
The junior lieutenants are: Martin, Hall and Fleischnan. Martin and

Hall are from Omaha, and Fleischnan is a medical reserve officer from New England.

The Fourth company is composed of men from the select or national army, and is not equipped, but is fast getting in shape, under Captain Jordan, and his lieutenants.

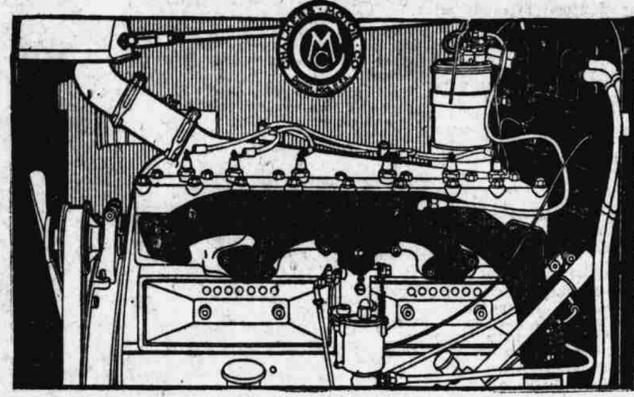
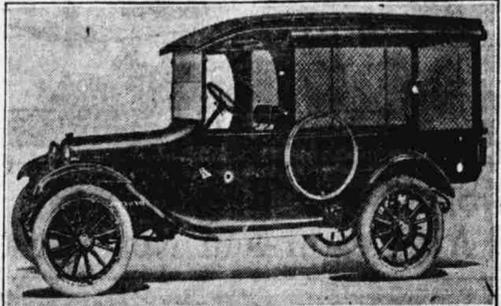
The sanitary train is now detailed to do all of the ambulance work of the entire camp, two ambulances being on duty continually at the base hospital.

One ambulance and detail, under Lieutenant Lynn T. Hall, M. D., of Omaha, Company No. 335, is at present on daily duty with the Infantry School of Arms. Dr. Hall is also mess officer of the company and in charge of the officers' mess, besides lecturing to the Officers' School of Arms.

The Omaha company barracks and Omaha officers' barracks are located in the most favorable position in the camp. They are just across the street from the newspaper offices of the Louisville Courier-Journal and other papers, telegraph office and canteen.

The commanding officers' residence is the camp auditorium and the Young Men's Christian association and Knights of Columbus auditoriums are each within two blocks of these barracks.

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