

COURSEN BRIGADIERED

Is Made Acting Brigadier General of Three Pennsylvania Regiments.

MATTES IS AN ADJ. GEN

Other Thirteenth Officers Changed Their Titles.

COLONEL COURSEN'S ADVANCEMENT WAS DIRECTED BY MAJOR GENERAL GRAHAM AND HAS CREATED A SHIFTING OF MANY OFFICERS IN THE SCRANTON REGIMENT—NEW ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN THE HOSPITAL CORPS WILL NOT DEPOSE ANY OF THE THIRTEENTH'S MEDICAL STAFF. THREE MEN SUSPECTED OF BEING SPIES ARE ARRESTED.

From a Staff Correspondent.

Camp Alger, Va., May 24.—"Henry A. Coursen, Commander Third Brigade, First division, Second army corps," is the way in which the Thirteenth's popular and efficient colonel now subscribes himself. Major General Graham in organizing his forces today brigaded the Eighth, Twelfth and Thirteenth Pennsylvania and appointed Colonel Coursen as acting brigadier general. The other Pennsylvania regiment, the Sixth, Colonel Schell commanding, was left unattached, and by reason of this Colonel Coursen came in for the signal honor of being selected to the highest military position ever held by a Scrantonian.

The appointment was a surprise to everybody. It was not expected that seniority in the National Guard service would be a recognized factor in the securing of the big plum. It was not considered. The fact that Colonel Coursen was a captain in the civil war is what won him that position. Colonel Coryell, of the Twelfth, was Colonel Coursen's senior in the National Guard, but did not serve in the Civil war. Colonel Hoffman, of the Eighth, saw more service in the rebellion than did Colonel Coursen, but he was only a private.

Major C. R. Parke, the Thirteenth's chief surgeon, was honored with the position of brigadier surgeon. Regimental Adjutant L. C. Mattes was named as adjutant general by "General" Coursen and Lieutenant Colonel C. C. Mattes, who succeeded to the command of the Thirteenth, detailed Lieutenant J. D. Davis, of Company F, as regimental adjutant. Tomorrow and for ten days following, Major F. W. Stillwell will have charge of the regiment, Colonel Mattes having gone home on a furlough.

HOSPITAL CORPS CHANGES.

Surgeon General Glard's arrangements in regard to the hospital corps will not depose any of the surgeons, as was first announced. One surgeon will remain with each regiment and the other two will be assigned to duty at the division hospital. The regimental hospital corps will be done away with and a single steward and orderly will be the only force the regimental surgeon will have at his command. A company of 100 men selected from the different regiments will do the hospital work for the whole division. This will decrease the hospital detail to about three per cent. of the entire command and will make it much more effective.

Three men who were loafing about the camp all day yesterday were taken into custody last night and are being held on suspicion of being spies. One of them is a Spaniard. He gives his name as Nariano Sato Mayor and claims he is a Cuban refugee. He exhibited a type written discharge from the insurgent army, where, he says, he served as a bugler. The second, H. E. McDavets, who claims to be an American, showed a discharge from the United States army. The third, W. H. Strubs, is a German and says he only came along to interpret for the Spaniard. Mayor and McDavets tried to enlist in a colored company. Mayor was extremely anxious to get in. This fact and the discovery that he could talk English and that he could not blow a bugle, though his alleged discharge from the Cuban army made him out a bugler, led to the arrest being made.

Private Sparks who it was last night feared had contracted typhoid, is now pronounced out of all danger of the dread disease. It developed today that his fever was not of a typhoid nature. It left him almost entirely and this afternoon he was permitted to eat the hospital diet. The spring from which the Thirteenth received its water supply was condemned this morning owing to the close proximity of the stables and sewer. The water is now boiled before being used.

Today was extremely hot until after the usual afternoon shower. Battalion drills were conducted at five o'clock. T. J. Duffy.

GOSSIP OF THE CAMP.

Camp Alger, Va., May 21.—Sergeant Carling, of Company F, bears the distinction of being the first infantryman of the volunteer army to be under fire. Yesterday while strolling through a neighboring farm looking for wildflowers he came across a brood of spring chickens that like himself had wandered away from quarters on a

foraging expedition. It occurred to the sergeant that some wicked soldier might "concoct" into the state" the strayed chicks so, out of the goodness of his heart he began to gather them in with the intention of preventing such a possibility. The farmer saw the operation from a distance and misconceiving the sergeant's purpose, ran into the house and secured his gun.

When the sergeant saw the farmer making towards him with a gun, he became frightened and ran. In his fright and flight he forgot to drop two of the chickens, which he had succeeded in carrying off, and the farmer attributing base motives to the sergeant, opened fire. Luckily the distance was too great for the gun's range and the sergeant reached the cover of the woods in safety. He is in a sore predicament, however, for he fears to go back with the little chicks that he thoughtlessly carried away in his excitement. He proposes to keep them until they are big enough to find their way home and then release them—providing, of course that nothing happens to them before he can carry out his laudable intentions.

The "old veteran" who "drank out of that same spring thirty years ago" is on the ground in large numbers. He invariably adds that he has since reformed.

It is remarkable how quickly a man can accommodate himself to his surroundings, particularly a military man. One would think, to look at the contented mien of the soldier lad rising from the grass to the park that he had accidentally slid off their "tin" and after brushing off the accumulations of the contact with Mother Earth proceeded to put the truant on the right track.

The Thirteenth is utilizing its recruits entirely for guard duty, doing this actual experience the best kind of drill. Another innovation is the selecting of orderlies from the companies in rotation, the captain of the appointed company making the selection. This it is expected will increase the rivalry for the honor of being named for orderly as it is more of a distinction to be picked out as the neatest man in a company than in a guard-mount squad.

Several of the Thirteenth's young officers have their caps set for a place in the "General" staff, or a permanent place at division headquarters, in a general capacity. Down at Chattanooga, the volunteers are receiving their full share of these much coveted honors and it is felt here that General Graham will likewise make use of his opportunity of making a hit with the volunteers. There is only one subordinate position more desirable than a snaz berth on a major general's staff and that is commissary with a carte blanche in these days of big contracts and big orders.

Although the water here has a cloudy appearance, and it is said, a brackish taste, the surgeons of the various regiments who have examined it find that it is in no way unwholesome and are perfectly satisfied that if it does not become contaminated there will be no dangerous results attending its use. Their only present fear is that the sources are not deep enough to escape the surface and sink drainage, but the fear will be obliterated with the completion of the water works now under way at the reservoir in its on high ground a good distance from the camp and the artesian wells will be sunk to a good depth. The authorities are to be commended on the manner in which this work is being pushed, especially in view of the fact that the greater the haste the more open the confession of previous mismanagement.

The beautifying of the camp with young fir trees, out of the neighboring woods and set up in front of tents and recesses of the company streets, continues to be one of the favorite time-killing indulgences. In addition to being ornamental they are fragrant and on hot days help keep off the red hot rays of the southern sun. If the transplanting process continues at the rate it began and the regiment remains here for the summer the camp will be a very picturesque place.

It has rained here every day so far but it was a shower in each instance rather than a storm and consequently had no accompanying ill effects, excepting that it brought into existence along the much-travelled roads that early generated and world famous article, Virginia mud. To those who have never encountered Virginia mud and who have forgotten what they read about it, suffice to say that one ounce of it will do the work of half-a-foot of the ordinary article and it is capable of attaining a depth of three feet or more.

Exclusive of the newly arrived two troops of cavalry from New York and regiment of Missouri infantry, the census of Camp Alger is as follows: Total number of men in camp, 9,550; number of enlisted men, 8,796; number of officers, 341; number of privates, 10, number of battalions, 27. All these are

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