

EXPERTS ON THE GROUND

Making an Examination of the Sanitary Condition of Camp Alger.

BY ORDER OF SECRETARY

Their Report to Be Handed to Him Direct.

IF IN THEIR OPINION THE BAD FEATURES OF THE CAMP CANNOT BE READILY REMEDIED THERE IS A STRONG PROBABILITY THAT THE SITE OF THE CAMP WILL BE CHANGED—NO OFFICIAL ORDERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AS YET ABOUT RECRUITING THE THIRTEENTH.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

Camp Alger, June 2.—The repeated reports of the unsanitary condition of Camp Alger and its surroundings has caused the secretary of war to order a thorough investigation to be made. This morning Major George H. Hopkins, Colonel S. R. Greenleaf and Colonel J. M. Moore, expert engineer, assistant surgeon general and assistant quartermaster respectively, came on the ground and reported that they had been detailed as a special commission to prosecute this work and report to Secretary Alger direct.

If the complained of conditions are, in the opinion of the commission, such as cannot be readily remedied they will recommend that the camp be changed to some other site. In anticipation of a report of this character, Secretary Alger has engineers looking up various convenient sites. One in particular, along the upper Potomac, is talked of as the likely location of the camp if it is moved. In addition to the water, complaints are filed against the marshy and consequently malarial character of portions of the ground. The vermin that has been discovered in several of the camps is attributed to the lack of bathing facilities and this also is included in the complaints.

I learned today from a source that is to be relied upon, that there is no present thought of moving any of the regiments located here. The arrangement of the positions of the regiments and various other improvements of a permanent nature go to verify this report. No official orders have been received yet relative to recruiting of the Thirteenth to the newly prescribed standard.

The following is the full text of the order governing the much-mooted question of seniority in rank among the volunteer officers:

Headquarters Second Army Corps, Camp Alger, Va., June 1, 1898. The following is published for the information of the officers of this command: Washington, D. C., May 21, 1898. Commanding General, Second Army Corps, Falls Church, Va. Secretary of war has decided that relative rank between officers of the same grade, commissioned by government, shall be determined according to date of receipt into United States service; when such officers are commissioned and mustered in same date, relative rank to be determined by previous length of service in the United States army, regular or volunteer, or in the marine corps under commission; and in the absence of such data, by lot. Please advise to all concerned in your command.

H. C. Corbin, Adjutant General. By order of: Major General Graham, Chief of Staff. Official copy respectfully furnished commanding officer Third brigade, T. S. Strout, Assistant Adjutant General. Official copy respectfully furnished commanding officer Thirteenth regiment, L. T. Mattee, Acting Assistant Adjutant General. Third brigade, First division, Second corps.

Seniority means much in these days of organizing, as it invariably regulates promotion. All the Pennsylvania volunteer officers were by agreement between Governor Hastings and the war department, commissioned on the same day, May 5, although some of them were sworn in a week ahead of others.

Major Wood declined to contest with Major Stillwell for seniority, gracefully insisting that his more experienced comrade should continue in seniority. The captains are discussing a similar amiable arrangement. No drawings have as yet taken place.

State Secretary Bard, of the Pennsylvania Young Men's Christian association arrived yesterday morning with Secretary Riebs, of Scottsdale, and Rev. Mr. Bateman, of Philadelphia, and are erecting a tent near the Thirteenth's lines. T. J. Duffy.

GOSSIP OF THE CAMP.

From a Staff Correspondent. Camp Alger, June 2.—The new division hospital arrangement makes each surgeon a regular army officer, but he remains accredited to his respective regiment and at the end of the two years for which he enlisted as a volunteer he is entitled to honorable discharge. Among other perquisites of

these positions is a mounted orderly for each surgeon. Major Parke has selected Private Stuckart, of Company F, as his orderly. Private Roland A. Rice, of Company A, will do duty for Lieutenant Keller and Private Charles Adams, of Company D, will act for Lieutenant Blanchard. The orderlies must also enter the regular army service in order to avail themselves of these big plums.

It would be well for persons sending boxes to camp to follow carefully the directions given heretofore in these columns. Be sure to have the name of the party, company, regiment and brigade written plainly and to wrap the package securely. There are thousands of packages handled daily at the Dunn Loring quartermaster's station and as they are handled in a hurry no great amount of care or attention can be bestowed upon them.

Company D has an excellent quartette composed of W. F. Meyers, Harry Smith, Fred Petry and Clarence Sewell.

Captain Corwin, of Company H, is officer of the day and Lieutenant Burkehouse, of Company C, commander of the guard.

Private Thomas McLaughlin, of Company B, is orderly at headquarters. A consignment of trousers was scheduled to arrive last night. Quartermaster Cox learned of this, kept vigil at Dunn Loring until late in the night and was rewarded by securing the first selection. As a result the Thirteenth today received its outfit—ahead of the other regiments.

The liquor war continues unabated. Charles Campbell, the owner of the premises has been fined \$1,000 and committed to jail for three months for allowing intoxicants to be sold on his premises, but the selling still continues. He appealed the case to the Supreme court and will offer as a defense his license from the corps headquarters. The question at issue is whether or not government officers can authorize the sale of liquors on a temporary United States reservation in a prohibition county.

Ice is being supplied free to the hospitals by the Washington ice companies. The women continue to keep the hospital larders filled with delicacies for the sick. Supplies for the hospitals and dispensaries are being received from the government stores and in a few days there will be nothing left to complain of in the management of the hospitals.

In the rear of the Twelfth camp, and on the left flank of the Thirteenth's, is a natural amphitheatre capable of accommodating ten thousand people. A portable stage has been constructed and entertainments are to be given at frequent periods. Colonel Coryell, of the Twelfth, has extended an invitation to the theatrical companies now in Washington to come out and amuse the boys. His regiment conducted an entertainment the other night which afforded much amusement for a couple of thousand of the boys.

After three futile attempts to strike water by boring, the Thirteenth has decided to sink a well. It will be located in the field just across the road from the camp. Work on it will be commenced tomorrow.

A neat and substantial bridge to permit easy travel from the Thirteenth's camp to the main parade ground has been constructed over the intervening creek by a corps of men under Lieutenant Johnson, of Company A.

Lieutenant Benjamin, of Company H, went home today on a three days' furlough to attend to some pressing business.

Captain Rebling, of Company C, is today entertaining his wife, father and brother-in-law, Isaac Owens. The hospital quartermaster yesterday received word from Colonel Girard that the proposition to reduce them to privates had been abandoned. They are to retain their present rank and pay, but are required to enter the regular army service. This latter requirement, which the stewards contended against, was made acceptable by an arrangement which assigns each to his own regiment as dispensary physician during camp. In the field, however, they will be, practically, part of the regular army corps. It was also announced to the stewards that they are entitled to a horse, something they had not known of before.

All arrangements are now completed for the organization of a regimental band. As fast as vacancies occur in the companies the members of the Hundred band will be entitled and when a sufficient number have been taken in, a bandmaster will be engaged.

The Young Men's Christian association, of this camp, four have already been placed in position. The Pennsylvania Y. M. C. A. tent is erected just opposite the Thirteenth's camp. It is a large and well equipped tent and as Mr. Gretna, will be a great completion of the boys for correspondence and pastimes, to say nothing of its other benefits.

Major Parke's promotion to the office of brigadier surgeon makes a vacancy in the regimental corps of surgeons, which will likely be filled by Dr. George Merriman, the hospital steward.

Up to today the canteens were selling to privates who would present an order from their captain. Some forged orders were detected by the provost and the only commissioned officers and their tickets are supplied. Commissioned officers have a great many guests.

Lectures on hygiene are given daily by Surgeons Keller and Blanchard. A squad from each battalion, the personnel of which is changed each day, makes up the audience. The auditorium is in the grove at the rear of the camp. The sanitary care of the body, camp, clothing, tents, bedding and the like are being treated at first and in time lessons will be given in caring for the wounded.

The men will be paid in the course of a week or two for their services during the month of May. Hereafter pay day will be every two months.

General Graham contemplates changing the arrangement of the camps so that they will not be as scattered as they now are, some of them being as much as three miles from corps headquarters. When this is done there will be some changes in the make up of the brigades. This will not affect the Thirteenth as it is the only one of the three regiments of the brigade of which it is a part are located together. The work of rearranging the camp lines is to be done by Lieutenant Snyder, of the Twelfth, Pennsylvania, who was formerly city engineer of Williamsport.

Private Michael Schroeder, of Company C, who was injured at Mt. Gretna and who was sent to Fort Meyer hospital immediately after the regiment arrived here, has been discharged from the service.

W. O. Lathrop, of Company F, was

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MILLINERY DEPARTMENT—3RD GOOD FLOOR.

JONAS LONG'S SONS.

headquarters orderly yesterday. Dr. W. A. Kelly, surgeon of the Eighth regiment, received word yesterday that his resignation had been accepted and he has returned to his home in Carlisle. His health was the cause of his quitting. Dr. J. C. De Costa, Jr., of Philadelphia, has been chosen as his successor. T. J. Duffy.

MILITARY INCIDENTS.

Accident to Major McKee—Peculiar Case of Gen. T. J. Dougherty.

Concerning the accident to Major McKee, of the Ninth regiment, T. P. Elyer, the Wilkes-Barre correspondent at Chickamauga Park, says under date of June 1:

The greatest spectacle ever witnessed on this historic field since the Federal and Confederate forces met in deadly combat was the division dress parade, which was held on Kelly's field yesterday morning. The entire division was in force and as most of the men were newly equipped they presented an impressive appearance. But the scene was marred by a most unfortunate accident which happened to the troops when returning. As the Ninth regiment was entering camp the mounted officers spurred ahead. Major McKee, of the Second battalion was with them and they were going at a lively pace. Directly in front of the major were two trees growing close together.

The horse tried to get between them, but Major McKee, knowing the space to be too narrow, reined the horse to one side, the animal swerved suddenly and the major lost his balance as the horse swept by the tree. His rider was leaning over to one side and before he could recover himself he struck the trunk and was thrown violently to the ground. The entire staff and Surgeons Weaver and Stewart were there in a moment and the major was perfectly conscious when carried to his tent. The surgeons were relieved, however, to find that he escaped with a couple of broken ribs and a gash on the nose. As I write this he is chatting with some friends in his tent, although the pain at times makes him wince. His fine constitution will bring him to his feet again in a short time. Owing to the disability of Major McKee, Captain Flannery, of Company H, who is the senior captain of the regiment, is acting as major of the Second battalion.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction among the men owing to the irregularity of the fresh meat and the fresh bread supply, and the disgusting practice with which they are fed salt pork and hard tack. The majority of them are not used to such fare and many are unable to eat the pork.

who was reduced from sergeant major of the Ninth regiment to private by Colonel C. Bow Dougherty, of the Ninth, who is now an acting brigadier general, has this to say about the matter in his daily correspondence to the Wilkes-Barre Times:

The report of the Ninth regiment canteen, which I wrote for the Times a few days ago, has been the cause of my full front page. It is that article was written I was detailed sergeant major of the Second battalion, Ninth regiment infantry, Pennsylvania volunteers. I am now occupying the position of company commander, same regiment. The reason for this sudden drop is simply that the acting brigadier general in the Third division, First army corps, does not look with favor upon the "canteen comments" of the Times war correspondent. In my very sorry, indeed, that my accounts conflict with the views of the acting brigadier general. I suppose this could have been avoided by a consultation with that officer before writing the article in question, but I was so forgetful as to overlook this little conventionality.

I looked upon the opening of a canteen in our regiment in exactly the same light as I would regard any other news item, in mentioning the matter to the Times. I simply gave a short explanation of what a canteen was and the circumstances connected with the establishing of one in the Ninth. In the opinion of officers and men which was heard expressed both in favor of and against it. I did not venture to publish my own views as to its propriety. Now when those few lines were written, I had no idea they were going to create a sensation or cause a row. When I received a summons to report to acting Brigadier General Dougherty at his headquarters, I hastened over with a light heart and a clear conscience, never suspecting the storm of wrath that was about to break and descend upon my head.

In a voice husky and tense with passion, the general invited me to a seat, when, from a clipping some one had been kind enough to forward him, he began reading aloud the article I had written for the Times a day or two ago. His anger was so great as to seriously affect his articulation but he finally finished even to the reading of my name, which was attached. Turning a terrific glance upon me he then demanded: "Did you write that?" I answered very mildly that I had. This loosened the flood gates and in the next few minutes I was the subject of more abusive language than I ever received before in my life. I didn't interrupt the display because military discipline would not countenance such a discourtesy.

When the acting brigadier general had exhausted his flow of eloquence and his breath, he told me that I could have twenty-four hours in which to write and publish a denial and retraction of the article printed in the Times. I called his attention to the fact that what I had written was all true and, though I was very sorry, indeed, to displease him, I couldn't conscientiously deny the truth. "That don't make any difference," he remarked. "Are you going to write a retraction or not?" I answered that I was

not. "Then you will have to take the consequences," said the acting general, and I promise you I will make your life a burden from now on.

That ended the interview and I respectfully saluted and took my departure. I heard nothing more of the matter until yesterday morning, when copies of Saturday evening's Times, with Taylor's cartoon of the canteen came to camp. Colonel Dougherty must have been angry before, but he was simply furious when he looked this over, and he came tearing across from his quarters to those of Colonel Wallace, who is commanding the Ninth. As soon as his report was made and returned him to Company C, where he belongs. The order was accordingly made out. I am now in Company C, and the acting brigadier general has begun his campaign of vengeance.

Colonel A. L. Hawkins, of the Tenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, which is now at San Francisco awaiting orders to move to Manila has been appointed an acting brigadier general.

Pennsylvania Pensions. Washington, June 2.—These Pennsylvania pensions have been issued: Adolphus Benjamin P. Mickerson, Burlington, Bradford, \$5 to \$12. Original widows, etc.—Notie A. Cole, Alva, Bradford, \$12; Louise Wheatcraft, Homestead, \$5.

Eight Months for Friend. Wilkes-Barre, June 2.—John T. Friend, of Fort Wayne, Ind., was sentenced in court today to eight months imprisonment in the county prison. He was convicted of defrauding a local merchant out of \$500.

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