

REGIMENT DISLIKES TO LOSE MATTES

A THOROUGH MILITARY MAN AND A GOOD OFFICER.
Resigned Because Private Business That He Could Not in Justice Neglect Made His Presence at Home Necessary—Sketch of His Military Career—Order That Has Been Pro-mulgated for the Benefit of the Officers and Men of the Thirteenth, Camp Gossip.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.
Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Oct. 12.—The condition of affairs in the Thirteenth has taken on some rapid and interesting changes within the past few days. The resignation of Lieutenant Colonel C. C. Mattes engrosses the attention of every member of the regiment, from the youngest private to the highest officer. It has been understood for some days past that the lieutenant colonel has sent in his resignation and that, in all probability, it would be favorably acted upon by the higher military authorities. Word to that effect was received yesterday.

I had a long interview this morning with Lieutenant Colonel Mattes in regard to his resignation and the effect of it. Colonel Mattes stated that he found himself situated like many of the men and resigned on account of the force of circumstances. Having been connected with the state militia at the time the regiment was called out, he freely rendered his services with the other officers and was ready and willing to go as far as the next in the matter, either of undergoing hardships or of making any other necessary sacrifices. Since the regiment was mustered in at Mt. Gretna on the 12th of last May he has stuck closely to his post and has always been strict in the discharge of his duties.

REASON HE RESIGNED.
Asked as to what were the chief motives which led him to sever his connection with the Thirteenth, he said that he has manifold interests of great importance at home which demand his attention and that he is the guardian of two minor children—a position which he cannot either neglect nor have filled by any one else. As the guardianship requires extreme care, it being a case of a delicate and rather complicated nature, he feels that the circumstances demanded his presence home, especially as the regiment's absence from home is one of inactivity and at best will, if it is ordered to go abroad, simply consist of doing a term of tedious garrison duty.

This being the case he felt it his duty to send in his resignation, the validity of which reasons evidently satisfied his military superiors.
Lieutenant Colonel Mattes enjoys an enviable military record and has of recent years been considered one of the greatest promoters and sustainers of the high tenor of discipline and efficiency for which the Thirteenth has been noted. He enlisted in the Scranton City Guard in April, 1878, and served as a private in Company C for one year. Soon after his enlistment he was promoted to a corporalship and later on to a sergeantship and in 1888 was made sergeant major of the regiment. In October of the same year he received his commission as regimental adjutant, and was appointed to that important position two years later, when he became first lieutenant of Company A in July, 1885 and captain in 1887. His commission as captain he resigned before his term had expired, but his natural love for military life led him to re-enlist as a private in July 1894 he was appointed quartermaster of the regiment and in January 1897 was elected major.

MADE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.
Two years later he received his commission as lieutenant colonel when Colonel H. A. Courten took command of the regiment as the successor of Colonel Ripple. Colonel Mattes' commission in the United States regular army dates from May 5, 1888, though he was not formally sworn into the service until May 13th.

Colonel Mattes was a splendid soldier and he knew his business from A to Z in that respect. As a tactician and a drill master, well qualified to handle men, he had few, if any, superiors in the regiment. Personally, and when not on duty, he was the personification of kindness and affability to all, and was well liked by the men, to whom he was always a good friend. They regret to see him leave and would wish if he had remained with them to the end. Colonel Mattes leaves here amid the regrets and the best wishes of the men and of the officers.

An order of much importance has just been promulgated for the benefit of the officers and of the men of the Thirteenth. A few evenings ago the line and the staff officers held a meeting and agreed to talk over the general welfare of the regiment, and agreed that it would be well to cause more published and emphasize certain matters which have been somewhat forgotten. The result of their deliberations was the drafting and the publication of the following order, which covers every point of importance in camp life:
The commanding officer of this regiment, noting the failure of many officers and enlisted men to enforce and obey the ordinary camp regulations and the general and special orders relating thereto, hereby directs attention of officers and men anew to the following rules and regulations, declaring hereby that such are orders, and failure on part of officers to respect and rigidly enforce them, on part of enlisted men to respect and obey the same, will be classed as disobedience of orders and summarily punished:
THE DAILY SCHEDULE.
I. The schedule of daily duty calls for reveille at 5.15 m. roll call at 6.20 a. m. m. and roll call at 9 p. m., and tuck and taps at 9.15 and 9.30 p. m. respectively. The reveille is a call for every member of camp to rise and a commissioned officer must be at hand, and supervise the morning and evening roll call of their respective companies.
II. Attention is directed to general order No. 7, headquarters First division, Second Army corps, June 17, 1888, and to general orders No. 23, headquarters Second Army corps, July 1, 1888, and in addition thereto officers and non-commissioned officers of the guard are required to carefully read the "Manual of Guard Duty" and the army regulations, respecting their duties, special attention being directed to the thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth and sixty-second articles of war and the punishments indicated for the violation of said articles as classified on pages 47, 48, 49 and 50 of the official manual for court martials.
III. Officers are directed to thoroughly post themselves on the rules governing honor, courtesy, etc., as laid down on page 53 of Army Regulations, and company officers will be held responsible for

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STILLWELL THE MAN.

To Succeed C. C. Mattes as Lieutenant Colonel of the Thirteenth. Colonel Girard's Latest Scheme for Caring for Sick.

By Associated Press.
Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Oct. 13.—Major F. W. Stillwell will take the place of Lieutenant Colonel Mattes, of the Thirteenth regiment, who resigned to resume his private business at Scranton. Lieutenant Alver, Company K, First Maryland, has been appointed commissary of subsistence of the First brigade of the First division.
Colonel Girard, chief surgeon of the Second corps, went to Philadelphia today to arrange with hospital authorities in that city to care for the sick in the hospitals at Camp Meade. He is preparing for the movement south and is sending the sick soldiers away to outside hospitals at the rate of about forty a day. He calculates that in ten days the hospitals of the camp will be pretty well relieved of sick. There were 210 sick soldiers in the First division hospital last night. A number of them are suffering from typhoid fever.
Colonel Girard hopes to secure the consent of the Red Cross society to the allotment of the society's hospital in the new southern camp and the placing of the female nurses therein in the wards of the division hospital.
The state of Rhode Island has donated an ambulance to the First Rhode Island regiment. Governor Dyer is visiting the regiment today and formally turned the ambulance over to the regimental commander.
Field ovens will be distributed among the regiments before the movement south and thereafter the boys will be expected to bake their own bread. Bids will be opened tomorrow for the furnishing of meat, bread, onions and potatoes for the corps for thirty days. Some of these supplies will have to be sent to the new camp in the south as the bulk of the movement from here will be completed before that period expires.
There are about 500,000 rations in the commissary warehouses and about 250,000 more are expected in a few days.
Saturday afternoon field sports will be held by the First brigade of the First division near division headquarters. This brigade includes the Thirty-fifth Michigan, Tenth Ohio and First Maryland. Harrisburg merchants will donate prizes; besides there will be \$100 in prizes presented by officers of the brigade.
When General Graham returns from Washington tomorrow he will be asked to secure a revocation of the order assigning the Ninth Ohio battalion (colored) to the brigade composed of the Fourteenth Pennsylvania and Two Hundred and Second New York. Neither the colored men nor the officers and men of the other regiments in the brigade are pleased with the assignment.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Extraordinary time was made by a special train on the Lehigh Valley railroad on Saturday between Buffalo and Rhabca. The train was made up of a Black Diamond, the most substantial piece of railroad in the world. It is designed to replace the serpentine curves of the present road between the points named by a straight line. The amount of cubic yards excavated between Lilly and Portage is placed at 2,000,000. The shortening of the line between these two points is said to be one mile and a half in five and one half. The saving in material will hence be equal to that of a single track of six miles—the wear of rails and rolling stock will be wonderfully diminished—eventually the heavy westward grades, one above and one below Wilmont, will be done away with, and this piece of railroad will undoubtedly be the most substantial line of equal length in the world. This work was begun two years and a half ago.

Lackawanna Pupils.

The following Lackawanna county pupils are registered at the West Chester State Normal school: Florence Caldwell, Mary B. Conaton, Mabel Edwards, Mary C. Forbes, Carbondale, Mildred K. Howe, Scranton; Nellie Kileen, Frank B. Schoonover, Carbondale.

Runaways Gone Back.

Sergeant Day and detail returned to Camp Meade on the 9.38 Delaware and Hudson train yesterday forenoon with the ten runaway soldiers captured in this city.
Before starting away from the central police station the sergeant read the order of the commanding officer under which the detail was acting when it came here. He laid special stress on the instructions to every member of the detail to carry ammunition and loaded guns, and to shoot down any one attempting to escape.
He added that it would be most deeply regretted by him to have to carry that part of it into effect, but he would do his duty.

Unable to See from Eczema.

I suffered with Eczema of the worst kind. My face, neck down to my shoulders were one inflammation, was not able to see out of my eyes for quite a while, and was unable to sleep for weeks, on account of the severe pain, which nearly drove me insane. My face and neck were swollen and made me look hideous. Had three doctors at different times, and not one of them could relieve me of my pains, which were surprised and asked, "Who cured you?" and I tell them quickly, "Cuticura Remedies."
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