LIFE OF SOLDIERS AT CAMP M'KENZIE

MUCH MORE PLEASANT THAN IT WAS A WEEK AGO.

Health of the Regiment Is Good. Members of the Companies Who Are Home on Sick Leave—A Trifle Less Than Eight and One-Half Per Cent. of the Men and Officers Now on the Sick Roll—Lieutenant Inglis Is Again with the Regiment—Gossip of the Camp.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Camp McKenzie, Augusta, Ga., Dec. 4.—Camp life here is becoming just a shade brighter. More liberal rations are being received; the weather is settling somewhat, and those details which always accompany a change of camp and make the existence of the enlisted men at certain times a nuisance and an unmitigated bore, are now less frequent. In addition to this, the "slow freight" has actually arrived, bringing with it the extra clothing, the blankets and the oil stoves of many of the men, thereby adding to their comfort.

Muster of all the regiments was held Wednesday morning. The Thirteenth was marched out on the grounds at 10 o'clock, and was passed in review before Colonel Coursen and the members of the staff. The regiment was then brought up in column of companies, and the men were inspected closely by the colonel, Lieutenant Colonel Stillwell, Major Keller, Dr. Merriman, Chaplain Stahl and the respective company commanders. The results of the inspection were most satisfactory, and Colonel Coursen expressed his pleasure at seeing the men so clean-looking and so healthy and strong in appearance.

Immediately afterward the First battalion was mustered by Major Wood, and the Second by Major Fellows.

The Thirteenth is rapidly reaching its full enlisted strength once more, though there are many of the boys, that became sick at Camp Alger or at Camp Meade, who are still unable to return on account of a slow recovery. The Tribune correspondent made the rounds of the companies today, and, through the kindness of First Sergeants Rafter, of C; Morris, of A; Davis, of D; Biesecker, of B; Watrous, of G, Downey, of F; Wilder, of E, and Parry, of H, has been enabled to make the following roster of those members of the regiment who are absent on account of sickness and who have not yet joined their respective commands at this camp since we came south. The names of the absent sick with their companies are:

ABSENT FROM REGIMENT.

C—Quartermaster Sergeant Paul de Paschalis, Corporals George Robling and Stephen Lyman, Bugler Emmett McDermott, and Privates James Williams, Martin Howley, Maurice Embery, Michael J. Walsh, Charles Krona, Peter McCrea and Company Clerk John Malia.

A—Captain Derman, Lieutenant Johnson, Sergeants George Dealy and H. L. Dimmick and Privates Jacob Boath, Amasa Carpenter, John P. Connolly, George Davis, James Forkin, Thomas A. Lewis, Thomas A. Moser and Joseph McCann.

D—Quartermaster Sergeant Lona B. Day, Corporals John Hitchcock and Chas. Ross, Artificer Perry B. Bowman, Privates William Davis, Thomas J. Barrett, Timothy E. Jones and Harry Lucas.

B—Captain John W. Kambeck, Sergeants Chester D. Smith and Leslie Frutchey, Corporals William G. Watkins and Lewis M. Reese and Privates A. J. Atkinson, William B. Casterline, John Everhart, Clarence Mills, James O'Malley and Patrick Quinn.

G—Captain Robert J. McCausland, Lieutenant John C. Harrington and Marcus Crisman, Musician John F. Barnes and Privates Walter C. Hall, Guy W. Haight, Asa L. Hickok, Thomas F. Hagan, G. L. Nash, Bert Robinson, Thos. Thornton and Stacey S. Westbrook.

F—Corporal John M. Thro and Privates William O. Pender and B. F. Smith.

E—Sergeant Eugene V. Smith, Corporal George Aunger and Privates Sidney Brink, Charles E. Brink, Edward De Groate, Fred Hattler, Alexander M. Mitchell and Frank C. Walter.

H—Sergeant Archer R. Corwin, Company Clerk Charles A. Constantine and Privates Lewis A. Heghunenin, John Lynn, John H. McGuinness and David Watkins.

Besides these, Quartermaster H. B. Cox and Battalion Adjutant Harry M. Coursen and Regimental Adjutant L. T. Mattes are also absent on sick leave.

These figures are the bases of deductions which are far from being uninteresting. They show that there are now absent sick only 8 1-103 per cent. of all the enlisted men, but 25 per cent. of all the commissioned officers, line and staff. In the entire regiment there are absent sick at present 66 enlisted men and 9 officers—75 men, or 8 31-43 per cent. of the toal strength of the regiment. In the number of men absent on account of sickness, the companies range upward as follows: F with three, H with six, D with eight, E with eight, C and B with eleven each, A with twelve, and G with thirteen.

OFFICERS ON LEAVE.

This summary also shows that two commissioned officers—Captain S. S. Derman and Lieutenant Johnson—are missing in A, and that G Company is entirely deprived of its officers. Considering the facts that there is hardly a vestige of sickness existing among the members of the regiment who are now here, and that, of those who are at the present writing absent, nearly fifty per cent. of them are in good health and waiting for transportation to join their companies.

The trouble of the past few days over the bread question is not likely to recur, as the Third brigade bakery is now in operation. Twelve tons of flour, both of spring and of winter wheat, were received, and this morning the bakery was put in full operation, and henceforth it will turn out daily between 2,500 and 3,000 loaves of bread.

Corporal Homer Pease, of A, is a half-invalid. Some days ago while exploring through the woods near camp and handling some odd specimens of low trees, his right arm came in contact with what is known as poisoned oak. In a short time afterwards, the arm began to swell, and several small eruptions broke out between the wrist and the elbow. Dr. Blanchard was called in, and prescribed some antiseptic solutions, after several applications of which the arm began to heal gradually. Corporal Pease is now off the sick list, and though his arm is still somewhat sore, he is able to attend to lighter duties.

Lieutenant William W. Inglis, of D, acting as an aide on General Gobin's staff, was welcomed back to camp Wednesday, after an absence of nearly three and one-half months. On account of ill-health, he had to quit the regiment at Dunn Loring, and went west on an extended health tour. On his return he received a warm welcome from his many friends in the regiment, and states that his health is now good.

GOSSIP OF CAMP.

Private Dan Matthias, of F, who was taken sick soon after the regiment reached Camp Meade and was taken to the hospital, returned to camp yesterday from an extended sick furlough.

Harold L. Gillespie, of D, has received formal notification of his transfer to the First division hospital corps.

Private Sam Richards, of D, and Charles Fernsler, of C, formerly cooks for their respective companies, have been transferred to the Third brigade bakery. They are the only members of the Thirteenth transferred, and they receive fifty cents a day extra while working there. Both are first-class bakers, and were similarly detailed at the corps bakery at Camp Meade.

Private David James, of C, is cultivating a beard of a certain cut which, the old members of the National Guard say, makes him look like ex-Quartermaster Reese Watkins. Others say he resembles Chauncey Depew.

Private David Harris, of the commissary, has received a few important and official maps, entitled the "Winter Camps of the United States Army." They shows all the camps in which troops are now quartered, their relative positions and railroad connections; and also gives interesting information in regard to the history and the strategic value of each point. Mr. Harris has kindly furnished The Tribune correspondent with one of these maps.

Private Peter McCrea, of C, who is now a typhoid patient in the Lackawanna hospital, has applied for a sixty day sick furlough.

Richard J. Bourke.

THE DOBBS-BURGE FIGHT.

Agreement Under Which the Men Will Meet.

Concerning the match between Bobby Dobbs and Dick Burge to box in England a number of extracts from English newspapers have been received by The Tribune. The London Sportsman devotes nearly two columns to the affair. Following is a part of the article which will be of interest to the many persons who met and admired the modest, colored boxer during his residence in Scranton:

Articles of agreement entered into this seventh day of November, 1898, by Dick Burge, of Newcastle, and Bobby Dobbs, of New York, who bind themselves by the following conditions:

To box the best of twenty rounds under Queensbury rules with four-ounce gloves, on Monday, December 12 (December twelfth), for the sum of £300 (three hundred pounds) a side, and the best purse offered.

The ring to be twenty feet square.

In the event of no purse being offered the editor of the Sportsman to appoint a place for the contest to be decided, and name referee and timekeeper. The men to go to scale at 2 o'clock on the day of boxing.

Either man being overweight to forfeit £100 (one hundred pounds), and if four pounds overweight to forfeit the whole of his stake money.

The editor of the Sportsman to be stakeholder, and the decision of the referee to be absolutely final.

One hundred pounds aside to be lodged, and the final two hundred pounds a side to be lodged with the stakeholder on Monday, December 5.

(Signed) Dick Burge.
Witness: W. Hatcher.
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Another is of Dove Colored French Broadcloth and is cut with triple capes overlapping. The collar and shoulders are trimmed with all over sherred ribbons, lined with Cerice Taffeta. There is another of Fawn Broadcloth with a nine-inch flounce of same materials. It is decorated with and embroidery and velvet appliqueing. A quilted satin of matching color lines the body of the wrap.

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ON BOARD THE TRANSPORT CHESTER

INTERESTING LETTER FROM R. C. COLBORN.

He Left This City with a Party of Recruits and Went to Huntsville, Alabama—He Is Now on a Transport en Route for Cuba Where the Regiment of Regulars to Which He Is Now Attached Will Do Garrison Duty.

The following interesting letter has been received by The Tribune from R. C. Colborn, brother of Attorney A. J. Colborn, who recently enlisted in the regular army and is now en route for Cuba:

On Board U. S. Transport Chester, G Company, Fifteenth U. S. Infantry, Nov. 29.—Having so many Lackawanna and Luzerne county boys with our regiment I thought perhaps a letter from one of them would be of interest to many of your large number of subscribers. Altogether there are over two hundred men in the regiment from the northeastern part of the old Keystone state, and I have great faith in their ability to become thorough soldiers and a credit to the community from whence they came. The discipline in the "regular army" is a schooling in itself and will prove a lasting blessing to many of the boys, who heretofore have never felt the hand of restriction over them.

Those boys who enlisted with the expectation of having feather beds to sleep on with "down" pillows and all home comforts (and there are some) will suffer great disappointment and had better have remained at home. The true life of a soldier in the United States army has been grossly misrepresented by all correspondents after whom I have ever read, and the "boys in blue" placed in a false light before the public. I was never so agreeably disappointed in my life as with the regular army boys, and army life in general, and feel that at the expiration of my enlistment I will be a much wiser and better man.

FINE BODY OF MEN.

Instead of finding a rough, uncouth, selfish crowd, I found a crowd of big-hearted, honest, generous fellows, always willing to assist and instruct a recruit, without a pretense towards domineering over them. True, it affords amusemet to most of them to watch the actions of the "Rookies" (as they term recruits), but never an unkind word is spoken. Our regiment is officered by educated, talented gentlemen, who seem to be always solicitous of the welfare and comfort of the men under them. No complaint can be made of the character and quantity of the food, but, of course, those who expect "Hotel Jermyn" fare will have to bring it with them.

The trip south to Huntsville, Alabama, was a pleasant one, with the exception of a shortage of rations, six sandwiches only being given each man upon leaving Scranton for a forty-hour trip, and when the commanding officer here was told of it, declared it an outrage and it is evident that some one is making a "good thing" at the expense of the recruits.

The boys all think the "Sunny South" a myth, for we encountered more severe weather here than any experienced before leaving home. Alabama and Georgia are the most barren looking states I ever visited; nothing but corn and cotton fields, with old broken-down shanties to live in. Ther is no spark of progressiveness or enterprise here, only that which comes from the "Yankee" and their railway service is fully ten years behind the north. The attention from conductors and trainmen generally is anything but courteous, and information given as though it were a great effort and condescension.

The wages paid at one of the large cotton mills would scarcely be believed unless a personal visit and inquiry be made. Boys receive 12 cents per day, laborers from 60 to 80 cents per day, and the highest price paid any employe is $1.50, which is paid the engineer. Laborers on the railroads receive 60 cents per day, etc., most of the work is done by colored people as a majority of the whites are too lazy to work.

HELP IS SCARCE.

The planters find difficulty in getting help to pick cotton, as the darkies find it more profitable to hang about the camps doing chores for the soldiers, selling pies, cakes, etc., and doing their washing. Altogether there are 15,000 troops encamped here, and some terrible crimes have been committed by the soldiers who indulged too freely in "corn whiskey."

All of the serious crimes and murders have been traced to the volunteer regiments, who lack the severe discipline of the "regulars," and do not punnish as severely, nor place the same restraint upon their men. Friday morning orders to "pack up" were received, and I never witnessed such a scene of activity. Every man had a duty to perform and no one allowed to shirk. At 6.30 p. m. the regiment started, leaving in three sections of Pullman sleepers, reaching Savannah, Ga., at 8 a. m. Sunday morning. We remained aboard the cars until 5 p. m. when the entire regiment, headed by the regimental band, marched to the transport Chester lying at the dock in waiting for us.

"Here the trouble began to brew." No words are severe enough, no censure strong enough to apply to the government transportation department for the accommodations given the men. Imagine, if possible, 150 men living and sleeping in a space 40 by 60 feet and eight feet high. Sleeping in hammocks placed one above the other with a space of one foot between, with no sign of ventilation, and sanitary conditions ignored entirely. Only one toilet room for 1,500 men, with no place to wash. The deck of the ship is occupied by 250 mules and horses which shuts off all possibilty of breathing pure air or having exercise.

Talk of war investigations, why, right here is a chance for some noble hearted philanthropist to immortalize himself by starting inquiries and investigations into the outrages perpetrated on the men being sent to foreign lands for garrison duty. There is absolutely no excuse for it on the part of the government officials connected with the war department. Our officers are in no wise to blame and deplore the fact that their men are thrown together like swine, and do all in their power to make things brighter.

ON A SAND BAR.

The boat left the pier at 6 a. m. Monday, and had gone down the river but five miles, when to avoid a collision, she was forced to change her course and by so doing, struck a "sand bar" where she has remained captive ever since. At 6 a. m. Tuesday all men were taken from the boat and placed on barges, while numbers of tugboats attempted to release her, but her release was only temporary, for when the men again boarded her she "stuck" again, and here we are waiting for the "flowing tide" to come in, that we may glide seaward, on toward our destination the Province of Puerto Principe, Cuba.

Up to the present all the Pennsylvania boys are well and in good spirits notwithstanding the discouraging surroundings at present. This is written on board the transport Chester with scarcely room to manipulate a pencil, I used the floor as a table. Shall advise you of the landing of troops, etc., later. R. G. Colborn.

SEVERAL MINERS BURNED.

Were in a Mine Fire Explosion in the Buttonwood Shaft.

A small blaze in the Buttonwood mine of the Parish Coal company, near Wilkes-Barre, Saturday morning, caused an explosion which injured several men, though none were seriously hurt. The fire, which was trivial, was in a chamber at the head of No. 1 plane, East side, about a half mile from the foot of the shaft.

Fire Boss W. J. Powell alone tried to extinguish the fire, but without success. He then secured the services of a gang of men. The heat from the blaze had generated a body of gas which exploded about 8.30 o'clock.

The following men were burned: William J. Powell, fire boss; Thomas Morgan, fire boss; William Matthews, fire boss; Richard Matthews, miner; Zigmund Dalucka, miner; Wm. Thomas, plane runner, and Ralph Hutchinson, miner. They were taken to the surface and cared for. The burns were about their faces and hands. Not much trouble was experienced later in subduing the fire.

ANOTHER SOLDIER DEAD.

Lewis H. Mead, a member of the late Ninth regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers, died at the home of his father-in-law, S. R. Stevens, at Plains, at 5 o'clock p. m. Friday, aged 22 years, of typhoid fever, contracted in camp at Chickamauga. Short services will be held at the house at 8 o'clock a. m. today and the remains will be taken to Standing Stone, Bradford county, for interment.

Deceased was married to Miss Minnie Stevens about two months ago. He was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

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