

CAMP QUARTERMASTER HAS MAN-SIZE JOB ON HIS HANDS TO LOOK AFTER 32,000 MEN

How Major Schell Works With Uncle Sam at the Big Southern Training Post

Houston, Dec. 7.—The quartermaster depot at Camp Logan issues more than \$2,000,000 a month in necessities for the men in camp. Two millions a month is an interesting figure. Two months of it would pay the bills of the municipality of Houston for a year. But the really arresting fact about the quartermaster force at Camp Logan is this:

There are ten civil service clerks and 20 enlisted men in the camp quartermaster's office. With these thirty men Major Edward H. Schell, of Harrisburg, camp quartermaster, and the officers under him run the business of supplying 32,000 enlisted men with all and 1,100 officers with a good part of their material necessities. That is to say, thirty men do all this for more than 33,000—a thousand to one responsibility. Chief Clerk J. L. Douglas, veteran of thirty-six years' service in the corps, was proud to make that statement. There are 210 men, all told, assigned to the camp quartermaster at Camp Logan. Only thirty of these, however, are in the administrative department. There was never a camp quartermaster depot run more smoothly, with less friction. When you sug-

ury warrants totaling \$1,022,000. In November, up to Monday, the 26th, he estimated that he had passed the \$1,000,000 mark, with four days left to go. Understand that this more than \$1,000,000 a month represents merely money paid out by Lieutenant Wilson. It does not include the value of vast quantities of Government equipment which pass through the camp quartermaster's hands to the men, for every penny's worth of which Major Schell is accountable, but for which no cash is paid out.

Pays Troops Each Month. Lieutenant Wilson is responsible for the paying of the troops in camp every month. His August payroll was \$16,250. His September payroll, with the number of men in camp increasing steadily, was also in round numbers, \$272,000. In October he gave out \$661,000 to cover the pay table. Up to November 25 the payroll showed \$725,000 owing for November pay.

In round numbers, Lieutenant Wilson has paid out \$2,000,000 to the Thirty-third Division and other troops at Camp Logan since August 23 as wages, if November pay is included. It costs the nation from \$30 a month up to pay a soldier his wages. This is the heaviest single item of his upkeep.

The next heaviest repeated item of cost is food for the soldier—in the Army term, subsistence. The War Department \$12.85 to feed each enlisted man for the thirty days of the month. An allowance of 43.83 cents a day is made to the mess and of each unit for each enlisted man. (An officer has to pay for his own mess.)

Food Costs \$13,705.60 a Day. There are a few more than 32,000 enlisted men at Camp Logan now. It is costing the nation \$13,705.60 a day to feed them, many men, or \$411,168 a month of thirty days.

The commissary is now merged with and is a part of the quartermaster's office. Each mess sergeant is credited with his monthly allowance per day per man. The rate changes each month to keep abreast of fluctuating prices of foodstuffs. He draws from the commissary whatever he needs for his company or battery mess and has it charged against him. There are certain amounts of certain foods that he is required to draw. Beyond that he can use his own discretion. If he is careful he can feed his men well and still have a small balance left at the end of the month, to be taken in cash and put into the company fund. Most mess sergeants at Camp Logan succeed in doing that.

Captain Clarkson Galleher is assistant camp quartermaster in charge of subsistence at Camp Logan. He has the largest grocery trade in Harris county. He paid one sugar bill not long ago that set the War Department back \$188,000. Captain Galleher spends some money for foodstuffs that he buys direct. He handles far more in commodities than come to him on invoice from the big commission supply warehouses, for which he is charged, but for which he has only to pay in issues, not cash. However, the cash he paid out in October, for instance, totaled \$102,054.32. Most of this was spent in Houston.

Captain Hagen in Charge of Forage. Forage for Camp Logan's four-legged population runs from 3,000,000 to 5,000,000 pounds a month, Captain Hagen, in charge, states. Last month 6,000,000 pounds of hay and 4,000,000 pounds of grain were fed to the animals. This month there will be nearly 10,000 animals in camp, Captain Hagen says. There are horses and mules in about equal numbers.

Each mule is allowed nine pounds of grain and fourteen pounds of hay per day. One hundred pounds of straw for bedding is allowed per animal per month. A horse is al-

lowed twelve pounds of grain and fourteen pounds of hay per day, with bedding as for a mule.

Ten thousand mules and horses eat seventy tons of 4,000 pounds of hay a day and 2,100 tons a month. Five thousand horses and the same number of mules eat 1,575 tons of grain a month.

The quartermaster depot also issues fuel. The wood allowance per tent is a cord a month. There are 4,000 tents at Camp Logan. Each mess is allowed a quarter of a cord a day. There are 210 mess kitchens operated at Camp Logan, and these burn fifty cords of wood daily. Up to the last of October as fuel for cooking and incinerator fires 4,669 cords of wood had been issued. For November it will be nearer 5,000 cords. At \$5 the cord, 4,600 cords cost \$23,000.

Coal Costs \$3,250 a Month. To heat shower baths and water for the baths the camp is allowed 500 tons a month of bituminous coal. This coal costs \$6.50 a ton delivered. The monthly bill is therefore \$3,250. Water for the camp is estimated about \$1,400 a month. It is supplied by the city of Houston.

Electric light for the camp varies in cost between weather and the season. It is just now about \$2,300 a month.

Motor cars and trucks belonging to the division and used in its business burn up 12,000 gallons of gasoline a month. At 22 cents that gas is worth \$2,640.

The division burns up 1,000 gallons of kerosene a month. This costs ten cents a gallon, or \$100 a month. Crude oil used for disinfecting purposes, is purchased on the open market. The camp is using 25,000 gallons a month at 8 1/2 cents, or \$2,125 worth.

Besides these, there are gear and transmission oils and other sorts of "lube" used. All oils, up to date, have been purchased on the Houston market.

All these are "extendable" supplies—stuff that is used up rapidly and replaced. Taken all together it amounts up to \$100,000 a month. But the first cost of outfitting a soldier is as heavy as the cost of keeping him for a couple of months.

Pay of the Soldier Explained. Whatever does not come under the head of subsistence or forage, that is all supplies that are not expended, but are never ceasing. But the first cost of outfitting a soldier is as heavy as the cost of keeping him for a couple of months.

Captain O. J. Weed, who is in charge of the commissary, is used in a certain allowance, is charged for what he buys, and gets the difference, if any, in cash at the end of the year.

Captain Weed has given out so much equipment that he has no ready way of finding out just what the total is.

Captain Stanley Tappen, assistant to the property officer, who has had seventeen years' service in the Army, obligingly figures out what it costs the nation to equip a fighting man for the field.

He found that it took \$89.90 worth of quartermaster equipment and \$35.40 worth of ordnance property to outfit one infantryman. A mounted man is far more costly. Horse, saddle, bridle and fittings at present prices total nearly \$300 a man.

Ordnance property has been slantly defined as "anything that shoots, stabs or explodes. It is not issued by the quartermaster corps; the camp ordnance office has to do with all ordnance business."

If it takes \$40 worth of quartermaster equipment to outfit the ordinary soldier, the nation has \$2,880,000 tied up in personal equipment of the men at Camp Logan, much of which Captain Weed has issued. When it comes to ordnance it is impossible to deal in values—besides, that is another story.

Captain Blair in Charge of Utilities. Captain Robert A. Blair handles one phase of the camp quartermaster work that shows how varied the job really is. He is officer in charge of public utilities, construction and repair. He looks after lights, water, supervises new construction work, and keeps everything in good roads to street lights in camp in repair.

The center of all this activity (the "real head of the office," Major Schell gracefully calls him) is Chief Clerk J. L. Douglas.

Douglas is an indispensable man. He served thirty years in the quartermaster corps. He is a Regular Army, in the Northwest, the East, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and for the last eleven years in Texas. Six years ago he retired from the Army after thirty years' service, but civilian clerk. When the present emergency came up and Camp Logan had to be created to train men for the new Army divisions, he was here to whip a paint-new executive force into shape. He has it in shape—such shape that the thirty men handle the supplying of the wants of the 32,000 men and get almost no complaints.

The man who wears the wheel crossed with the saber and key and surrounded by the spread eagle as his corps insignia, and the buff cord on his service hat, is the man behind the gun—the army quartermaster. He has a man-sized job.

State College Announces Farmers' Week Program

The annual Farmers' Week at the Pennsylvania State college will be held this year on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 26, 27, 28 and 29. Although the period has been reduced to four days the program indicates that a large amount of practical information is in store for those who attend.

Lectures and demonstrations will be given in all phases of agriculture, including vegetable gardening and floriculture. A special home economics program has been arranged for the women who attend and also for the boys' and girls' club members.

Lecture periods, each one hour in length, will begin each day at 8.30 a. m. and last until 5 p. m. Double periods will be used when necessary for practicals and demonstrations. Evening programs will be general, and largely social or recreational.

Educational exhibits will be staged by various departments of the school of agriculture. Printed programs will be available for distribution, December 1.

BIBLE CLASS SOCIAL. Enola, Pa., Dec. 7.—At the monthly meeting of the men's Bible class of the St. Matthew's Reformed Sunday school in Enola, Pa., last night it was decided to hold a social in the church on February 22. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of a service board to be placed on the outside of the building.

VICTROLA CLUB BANQUET. Enola, Pa., Dec. 7.—Arrangements for the December meeting and banquet of the Victrola Club of the Y. M. C. A. which will be held in the association room next Tuesday night are almost complete. Roy Johns, president of the club, will be toastmaster at the banquet. J. J. Erb is chairman of the decorating committee and Henry Deckard has charge of the committee arranging the program for the evening.

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