

MANEUVERS WILL MIMIC REAL WAR

Allied Veterans Start Devens Staff School

More Than 3000 Cases of Influenza in Camp Base Hospital

When Barber Gets It, "Flu" is Not to Be Made Subject of Such Puns

CAMP DEVENS, Sept 16—There has been much talk about the Spanish influenza in camp. There is considerable kidding at headquarters, the reason being that the headquarters barber went to hospital with it today. Officers and men who have been shaved by said barber are wondering what their chances are.

As far as can be learned, however, no officer or man has been guilty of the suggestion that some one opened the window and in-flew-enza." They refuse to steal jokes from Bud Fisher.

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CAMP DEVENS, Sept 16—The general staff school for the commanding general and staff officers of the 12th Division started today with Maj Bay of the British Army and Maj Bellot of the French Army as the principal instructors. This school, one of the most important in the training of a division, will last until Oct 31, classes being held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Each alternate day will see field maneuvers that will simulate a day on the battlefield in France. The old Still River battlefield, pitted and scarred by shells and bombs of the 76th Division, will be used. The field has had so many mimic battles fought on it that it now looks like the real thing.

This morning Maj Gen McCain and his staff, together with regimental field officers, met Majs Day and Bellot in Y'hut 28. Informal addresses by these two veterans were heard. During the course officers of the 12th Division will learn details of staff work in actual battle.

Wednesday morning will see the first of the field maneuvers. The public will not be permitted to witness the event. The present plans are to place a battalion of infantry in the trenches at Still River. It is hoped that two batteries of artillery will arrive in time to participate. The infantry used will consist of four companies, one from each of the infantry regiments, under the command of Maj Donaldson of the 74th Infantry.

Four Deaths in Hospital

Four deaths were reported from the Base Hospital today, two of them from pneumonia. They are Private Earle E. York, 44th Company, Depot Brigade, of Wells Beach, Me; Private William Hebenstruit, I Company, 74th Infantry, of Worcester; Private Mellen Adams, H Company, 42d Infantry, of Belgrade, Me, and Private George Sprague, I Company, 74th Infantry, of Harrington, Me.

It was made known today that there are more than 3000 cases of Spanish influenza at the Base Hospital now. Not all are serious, but the moment a man is found to have symptoms, he is immediately sent to the Hospital. It was stated at the division surgeon's office today that there is room at the Base Hospital for 1500 more cases.

Rumors have been circulated to the effect that the Base Hospital is quarantined. The Division Surgeon's office did not know anything about any such order today. Later it was learned that while the hospital is not strictly quarantined, guards are posted and civilians are not allowed to enter the hospital grounds unless visiting a relative who is critically ill.

Twelve more wards in the hospital were taken over today for use in dealing with influenza cases. They are the wards that were formerly used for reconstruction work. The personnel office was also moved from the hospital down to the old 301st Field Artillery Headquarters.

It is understood that the epidemic of grip has practically reached its zenith in this camp. Hundreds of the present patients are recovering very rapidly and the hospital will probably discharge about as many as are admitted each day. Gen McCain visited the hospital today to see the care the men are getting.

Distinguished Visitor Expected

Gen McCain expects a distinguished visitor in camp tomorrow in the person of Maj Gen James D. McLachlan of the British Embassy in Washington. It is understood that Maj Gen McLachlan will pay a two days' visit to Gen McCain.

There are at least four happy men in camp tonight. They are Sergt William C. Joiner, 36th Infantry; Sergt Fred W. Lawrence, 3d Company, Depot Brigade; Corp Albert A. Matthews, 30th Company, Depot Brigade, and Sergt Leon T. Seder, 26th Company, Depot Brigade. The reason is that orders came today giving them commissions as second lieutenants in the Philippine Scouts and ordering them to sail for Manila on the first available transport. There is but one cloud on their horizon, and that is that their transfer to the Philippines may preclude any chance of their seeing service against the Hun in France.

Another automobile accident occurred in camp tonight when a touring car skidded from the main road, near the main gate, and crashed into a tree, bouncing back into the roadway a wreck. Sergt William H. Stanton of the Provost Guard and Sergt Henry Porter and private Edward Cananan of the Supply Train, were injured. The other man in the car, private Joseph Caputi of the 32d Motor Truck Company, escaped.

Cananan's brother is said to own the machine Sergt Porter was driving. He was stopped by Sergt Stanton and taken to Division Headquarters, where, after being questioned, he was allowed to go. Sergt Stanton was returning to his post at the main gate in the machine when it left the road and crashed into the tree. Stanton and Porter were taken to the hospital. The extent of their injuries had not been determined tonight.