

CAMP OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AT COLONIAL BEACH.

ADJUTANT GENERAL HARRIES National Guard of the District to Welcome Former Commander Today.

FEATURES THE PROGRAM OF FIRST SUNDAY IN CAMP

Rain Yesterday Cause of Great Discomfort to Members of Battalions Under Inspection.

CAMP ORDWAY, N. G. D. C., Colonial Beach, Va., August 21.—Hundreds "met death" in the camp of the National Guard of the District of Columbia here tonight as the grounds are given the "battle"—a sort of advance guard piece of work in the battle of popularity being fought with all the vim that the company cook can put into them tonight.

Every soldier is putting himself in order in a whole hearted desire to win the approbation of with the militia. It will be a popularity contest, as it were, and every mess tent tomorrow will have its quota of visitors, largely composed of mothers, wives, sweethearts and sisters. Of course the male visitors will be in camp, but it is to the female of the species that the "doughboys" are turning their attention.

Two Battalions Inspected. Two battalions, the 1st and 3d, pass through their annual field inspection while the rain poured off the broad-brimmed campaign hats in the form of little waterfalls.

Anxious to put up a fine showing for the brigade parade and review tomorrow evening in honor of Maj. Gen. George H. Harries, D. C. Militia, the soldiers composing the new 3d Regiment went through the parade and review.

For the first time during the week of the encampment, which closed when the command had been reviewed, the end of the day's work, Camp Ordway proved unpopular. When the command had been reviewed, the end of the day's work, Camp Ordway proved unpopular.

Round of Pleasure Today. It will be one grand round of entertainment for the soldiers tomorrow, closing only when the evening taps drift across the parade ground at 10:30 tomorrow night.

Machine Gun Company Conspicuous. One of the commands which are attracting a great deal of attention at this encampment is the newly organized machine gun company.

Officers Attend Lecture. While the soldier boys, from the non-coms down, were out frolicking along the beach from morning until night, the officers were given a lecture by Maj. Edward Sizoo, U. S. A., attached to the Army War College at Washington.

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Visitors in Camp. Thousands of visitors besieged the camp shortly after the boat arrived last night, and remained until the morning when the call of tattoo across the camp grounds, when the sentries quietly and unceremoniously put them out.

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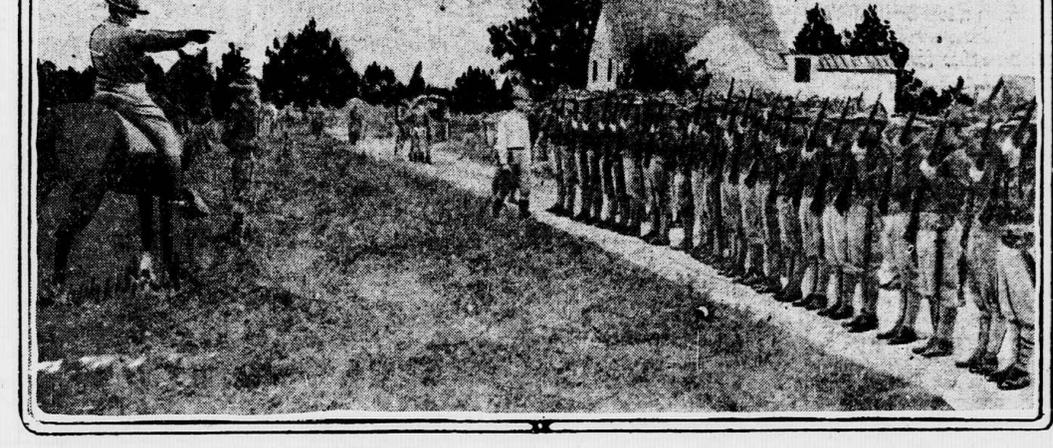
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UPPER: GENERAL VIEW OF THE CAMP. LOWER: MAJ. JOSEPH C. CASTNER, U. S. ARMY (MOUNTED), SUPERVISING DRILL OF A COMPANY OF INFANTRY.

will not be able to entertain friends at dinner.

Admonished to Guard Their Buttons. If the soldier boys don't look out the open day tomorrow night take the form of a raid, for along with the disappearing crowd when the bugler sounds tattoo tomorrow night may disappear numerous trinkets from the soldiers' trunks.

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Russians Evacuate Their Position on Gesia River in Vicinity of Kovno.

BREAK BEFORE ATTACK OF PRINCE LEOPOLD

Gen. von Gallwitz Takes Bielsk and Drives Czar's Forces to South.

SLAVS RETREAT ORDERLY

Large Captures by Teutons Made in Fortresses Alone—Evacuation of Riga Close at Hand.

LONDON, August 21.—Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops have made further progress in closing in on the Brest Litovsk stronghold.

Petrograd observers point to the Teutonic concentration on Brest Litovsk as indicating that fortress to be the goal of all Austro-German efforts in the central field of war and to the apparent attempts of the Germans to cut off the Russian armies whose base is Brest Litovsk from those whose operations are based on Ossowetz, the Russian stronghold in the west, which is still holding out.

Near Kovno the Russian forces have evacuated their position to the south on the Gesia river and retreated toward the east.

A late report from German army headquarters recorded the capture of Bielsk, on the Brest Litovsk-Bialystok line, by Gen. von Gallwitz's troops and the driving of the Russians south of Bielsk over the Biala river.

The Russians made a stand before the advance of the army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, but broke under the German attack and continued their retreat, Berlin announces.

The Russians generally still are making an orderly retreat, doing all the damage they can and, except for the guns and men taken in fortresses, the Austro-Germans do not claim any large captures.

Minimize Fall of Fortresses. PETROGRAD, August 21.—Russian military observers in their comment on the recent operations in the east minimize the importance of the fall of the fortresses of Kovno and Novo Georgievsk, which for days had been anticipated, and point with satisfaction to the heroic defense of these fortresses by the Russian garrisons.

Nearly Entire Garrison Killed. Referring to the evacuation of Bielsk, it is said that almost the entire garrison gave up their lives before surrendering the position.

Today's official statement of the Russian war office indicates that the Austro-Germans