

GENERAL OTIS IS IN COMMAND

Ready to Lead the Vanguard of the Manila Invaders.

Several Regiments Hurrying by Rail to the Camp at the Presidio.

General E. S. Otis, U. S. A., arrived on the overland train from Denver last night, and he and his aids went immediately to the Occidental Hotel, where the party were accommodated with rooms. He was accompanied by Major F. Moore, Captain J. S. Malloy, Captain John L. Sibon, Adjutant-General Fred W. Sliden, and Frederick Donnelly, Joseph H. Porter, Marshall W. Cardwell, Peter Gilhooly, W. H. Douthal, E. G. Carson and M. H. Hanson.

"Our trip has been an uneventful one," said General Otis, "and everything has been very pleasant. This is my first visit to California, although I have been on the coast before when I was commander of the Department of the Columbia in 1855. At the time I received my orders to proceed to Denver I was engaged on the court-martial of Captain Carter in Savannah, Ga., and fully expected to be there until the end of May. No sooner had I reached the Department of the Colorado than I was directed to come here. I really do not know what is in store for me, and have received no additional orders, and

FLY THE STARS AND STRIPES.

Mayor Phelan Asks the Citizens to Make a Liberal Display of "Old Glory."

To the citizens of San Francisco: During this week more than 4000 troops from the Western States will arrive in San Francisco on their way to the seat of war. These brave men are offering their services and perhaps their lives to their country in its hour of need, and it is incumbent upon all citizens to manifest their hospitality and patriotism in order to show their appreciation of the self-sacrifice and loyalty of the volunteers.

The Red Cross League has made arrangements to serve the troops at the ferry landing. Acting with the Manufacturers' and Producers' Association, I have arranged to have a band of music escort the troops as they arrive from the ferry out Market, Golden Gate avenue and Van Ness avenue to Washington street on the way to the Presidio.

I now call upon all citizens everywhere, and especially along the line of march, to display the flag and to keep it displayed at least until all our troops depart for the front; and to take such other action as may serve to cheer and comfort the men who are responding to their country's call.

JAMES D. PHELAN, Mayor.

consequently cannot speak of my movements for the future with any degree of intelligence. Suffice it to say that I will go wherever I am sent and will endeavor to do my duty."

The general declined to discuss the report that General Merritt had refused to go to Manila unless provided with 5000 regulars. He said that he had read about it in the newspapers, but military courtesy prevented him from passing any opinion on the subject.

When asked if in the case of General Merritt's refusal to go to the Philippines he, as next in command, would become Governor-General of Manila, General Otis said that was another matter he did not care to discuss.

Lieutenant Bennett, special aide-de-camp of General Merritt, met the party at the ferry with carriages, and at the hotel they were met by General Merritt.

The conference at department headquarters between Merritt and Otis lasted until midnight. General Merritt said he could not give out anything for publication.

It is regarded as almost certain that nearly all the regular troops stationed here and the First and Seventh regiments of California Volunteers will be embarked in the first division of the Manila army corps.

General H. H. Merriam, U. S. A., commanding the Department of California, decided yesterday that the volunteer troops from Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and South Dakota on their arrival in San Francisco should go into camp on the grounds of the Bay District race track. The space there is ample for the accommodation of ten thousand men and the water supply is abundant. The land is owned by the Crocker Estate Company and the negotiations for the use of the premises were conducted through Charles Green, secretary of the Crocker trust. The ground was

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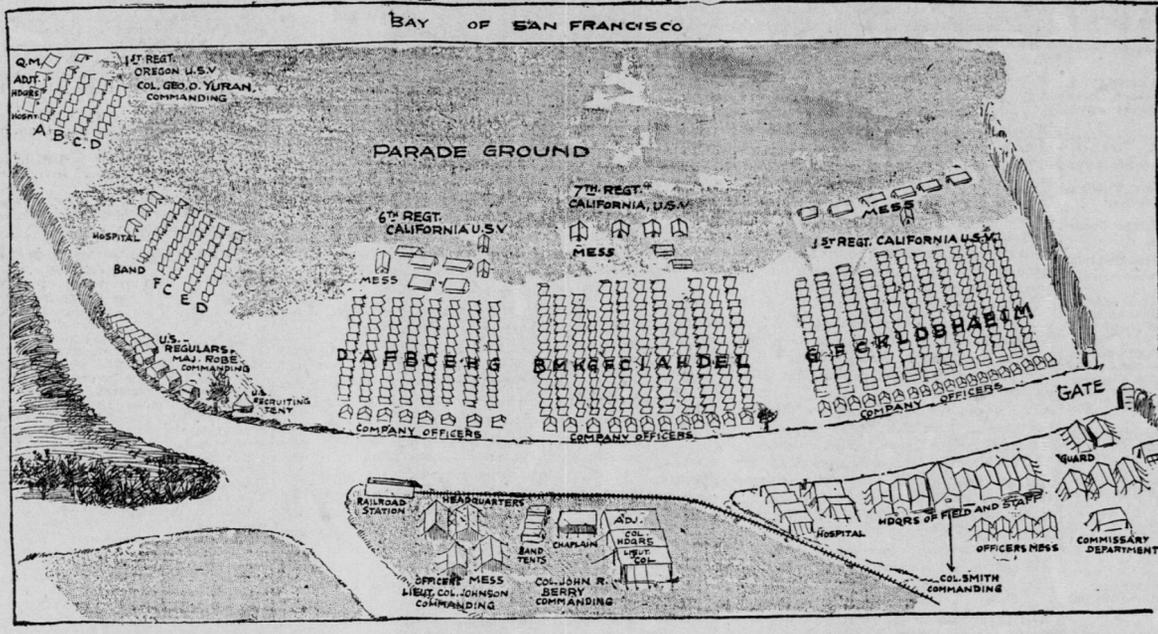
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HOW THE TROOPS ARE CAMPED ON THE PRESIDIO PARADE GROUND.

The following is the latest message received in relation to the matter:

Washington, D. C., May 17.

General A. W. Barrett, San Francisco, Cal.: When volunteer signal corps bill becomes a law arrangements will be made for enlisting small signal corps in San Francisco, for the Philippine Islands expedition. Meanwhile telegraph me immediately names of two signal officers suitable for commission.

GREELY, Chief Signal Officer.

AT FONTANA BARRACKS.

Arrival of the Second Battalion of Washington Volunteers.

The early days of '61 are recalled by the scenes enacted in and about Fontana barracks, near Fort Mason. Everything is being done by the officers of the various commands stationed there to bring the men to perfection in drilling, and the discipline shown by the troops speaks well for the officers under whom they are serving. This is particularly true of Captain George of Battery A of the Heavy Artillery, whose long service in the regular army and National Guard has perfected him in the art of intelligently handling troops. Captains Steers, Hay and Cooke also deserve great credit for the advancement made in bringing their men to so complete an understanding of their duties.

Major Rice, the commanding officer of the heavy artillery, says that he is proud of his command, and that the uniforms which arrived yesterday are distributed he will have as fine a body of troops as any one would care to see.

Everything in and about the barracks is kept in perfect order, and cleanliness prevails in all of the departments. The men are well satisfied with the food served and with the way they are being treated. They are, however, anxious to be fully equipped at the earliest moment possible, so that they may be ready to take the field when the summons for active duty comes.

The second battalion of Washington troops arrived on the Umallia yesterday morning, and at once proceeded to Fontana barracks, where they were met by the first battalion from the same State. The third battalion will arrive here from Tacoma, Thursday, and will be quartered at the same place.

They will be under command of Lieutenant-Colonel W. J. Fife, and will be accompanied by Colonel John H. Wholley, the commanding officer of the regiment, which is designated as the First Regiment of Washington Volunteers in war.

Following are the officers of the two battalions now quartered at Fontana barracks: First Battalion—Major J. Wholley, First Lieutenant and Adjutant M. H. Gornley, Quartermaster and Second Lieutenant W. L. Lemon, Company D—Captain W. B. Thurston, First Lieutenant H. L. Eggle, Second Lieutenant G. Lamping, Company B—Captain G. H. Fontana, First Lieutenant M. Gornley, Second Lieutenant H. J. Moss, Company A—Captain A. H. Otis, First Lieutenant E. H. Erwin, Second Lieutenant C. A. Hincley, Company E—Captain M. S. Scudder, First Lieutenant Fred S. Briggs, Second Lieutenant William L. Lemon, Second Battalion—Major John H. Wholley, First Lieutenant and Adjutant W. V. Rinehart, Quartermaster M. C. Justin, Company I—Captain W. B. Thurston, First Lieutenant M. C. Gustin, Second Lieutenant T. D. S. Hart, Company F—Captain C. F. Miller, First Lieutenant C. A. Hincley, Second Lieutenant G. B. Dorr, Company G—Captain Max Ellrich, First Lieutenant W. V. Rinehart, Second Lieutenant W. E. Weisner, Company H—Captain Joseph M. Moore, First Lieutenant Robert E. Koonz, Second Lieutenant C. E. Foster.

Colonel John H. Wholley, the commanding officer of the First Washington Volunteers, has a brilliant record as a soldier. He is a graduate of West Point, and for a long time was on detached service as instructor at the University of Washington, his record as a lieutenant in the Twenty-fourth Infantry, United States army.

PRESIDIO CAMP ROUTINE.

Seventh California Inspected. More Oregonians Will Arrive To-Day.

If "marching up a hill and marching down" is all that is necessary to constitute a soldier, then most of the volunteer troops at the Presidio have nothing more to learn. By the same token, if giving the orders that dispatch the soldiers aimlessly up and down the aforesaid elevation, and when that is done with, mounting a pedestal for the adoration of the throngs of mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts who daily and hourly swarm through the camp, is essential to wearing shoulder-straps successfully, the officers can throw away their "blue books," secure in the knowledge that they are letter perfect in the art of war.

Battalion drill, extended order, and army formation are the proper thing out on the reservation nowadays; but if one were to pick an enlisted man haphazard, and without the faintest idea of what you meant, it is quite probable that many of the staff, if not the line officers, too, would have to confess their entire ignorance of this first lesson in a soldier's career.

The truth is, the officers are putting the men through a lot of hard and, at present, unnecessary work in order that the field and line commanders may perfect themselves in movements they should have been entirely familiar with before they were commissioned. As a result, one may see a battalion—or even a regiment—drawn up in line with half the men standing in anything but a soldierly attitude. Toes close together, shoulders pitched forward or one dropped below the other, and similar defects are all too common. The cause is easy to discern. Fully 50 per cent of the volunteers never had any military training previous to going into camp, and their superiors, instead of beginning at the foundation to make soldiers of them, put muskets in their hands the first thing, and after giving them an inkling of the manual of arms and breaking into columns of fours and twos, the first day or two, sent them out with their companions full-fledged soldiers.

It would be well for the volunteer officers, commissioned and non-commissioned, to watch the Fourteenth. Many men are enlisting in that regiment daily, recruits as raw as any who joined the volunteers, and the way they are broken into harness is a revelation to the few who witness the proceedings. Those men are not weighted down with muskets before they have learned to carry themselves properly, and in consequence after two days a recruit in that regiment has a more soldierly bearing and is better qualified to stand the hardships of a campaign than volunteers who already look upon themselves as veterans.

The officers of the Sixth is about the only officer who seems to have grasped this idea. Not a battalion line has been formed since his command went into camp, but the men have had, and are daily getting, squad and company drill, and the poorest equipped—many not even being provided with a forage cap—they are

a well-set-up lot of fellows, and when they go on guard duty they know how and when to salute or to give the challenge properly.

There was joy down in the quarters of the battalion of the Second Oregon yesterday. Lieutenant Colonel Yoran received a dispatch from Colonel Summers, dated Ashland, Or., stating that he would arrive in camp with the other two battalions of the regiment this morning. The news spread rapidly among the men, and great was their delight. Accompanying the headquarters is the band, which will give up the Oregonians wonderfully. The battalion now here is fairly well uniformed and armed with '84 model Springfield. It is also well supplied with camp equipage, but like the Californians, the men require shoes and suitable underclothing. Colonel Yoran has received no intimation as to when the regiment will be moved to Manila, but he thinks it will be a fortnight at least before it gets away. If an attempt is made to supply the men with clothing suitable for the Philippines he is of the opinion that it will be even longer.

The regulars are doing plenty of hard work these days, and with the recruits that are coming in rapidly the officers find plenty to occupy their time. They are joining the regulars because there is little chance to enter the volunteer service. The four companies of the Fourteenth Infantry now here, and the two that will arrive from Alaska this week, will easily be recruited up to the maximum, but it is doubtful whether enough men will be secured to fill up the two skeleton companies and the two new companies provided for by the reorganization law recently passed by Congress.

Lieutenant Hunt, the recruiting officer of the Fourteenth, was busy mustering in a lot of recruits yesterday, when a grizzled veteran of the Rebellion entered the tent and presented a letter from the

President's secretary demanding that he be sworn in immediately. The applicant gave his name as R. W. Patton and his age as 60 years. He said he served through the Rebellion as a scout, and before the present war was declared he wrote to President McKinley tendering his services to his country again. The letter from Secretary Porter was in reply and thanking the old man for his offer. Lieutenant Hunt referred the applicant to the post surgeon, and Patton started for the barracks after declaring that if the regulars would not accept him the volunteers would be glad of his services.

Colonel Berry of the Seventh California is surprised and highly gratified at the comparative freedom from sickness of his men, notwithstanding the radical change of climate and their poor equipment. Last Saturday eight men reported as sick, and Sunday the day it rained so hard, there were 27; Monday, 18, and only 5 yesterday, when the weather had moderated. Most of these cases were of a trivial nature. Private Pichler, Company A, was sent to the Marine Hospital yesterday, as he was suffering from pneumonia. The regiment was inspected in light marching order by companies yesterday by Captain Carrington, U. S. A., to verify the muster rolls. Every man was present. Within the last day or two the men have been given more freedom, which is greatly appreciated. For a time it was necessary to hold them close in camp, as they were liable to be called upon at any time by the mustering officer.

A number of ladies from Oakland visited the Seventh yesterday and provided all the men with "comfort bags," which are greatly appreciated.

Seven men from Riverside and two from San Diego have been enlisted as bandsmen in the Seventh. There are enough good musicians in the regiment, who will be detached for band duty to form an excellent band of twenty-three pieces.

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Requisition has been made for instruments, and in a few days Colonel Berry will have his band hard at practice. The men of the Sixth and Seventh regiments are in want of shoes. When this want is supplied they will be quite comfortable.

Colonel Smith's regiment was made happy yesterday evening by a large quantity of quartermaster's stores, and the work of issuing shoes, underclothing and mess utensils was begun at once. This evening it being fitted out first, as it is expected that it will be the first of the volunteers to proceed to Manila. A large number of spades and kitchen-ware was also supplied to the regiment. The spades will be used for throwing up fortifications, etc.

During the day the First had a long, hard drill on the hill south of the camp. Private W. J. Furey, Company L, First Infantry, was killed by a bullet from a company street last evening and broke his ankle.

Colored Men Organizing.

OAKLAND, May 17.—If a second call comes from President McKinley for more troops to invade lands of the Spaniards he will find 300 colored volunteers in this city awaiting his summons. A meeting was held at the Methodist Church last evening for the purpose of organizing colored troops, and in a very short time the names of 300 were on the roll. The meeting was called by Major Penney and Captain Hunt, both of this city. The church was crowded to the doors by those eager to fight for the nation and their friends. Several speakers addressed the audience and then the roll was thrown out for signatures. But very little time was wasted by those anxious to go to war, and a formidable body of men ready for service was soon listed. The troops will be drilled one week by their commanders, and by the time a second call comes, if one does, the colored soldiers of Oakland will be among the first to offer their services, whether or not the mission they are wanted to perform be one of war or peace.

WAR INCIDENTS.

The stand of colors donated by the Chamber of Commerce will be presented to the First California Volunteers at the Presidio on Thursday at 1:30 p. m.

Seven Pine Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., will this afternoon at 3 o'clock present a flag to Company B, First Regiment, California United States Volunteer Infantry.

Golden Gate Parlor No. 29, N. S. G. W., has adopted a resolution reminding fines, dues and assessments against all members of the parlor who have enlisted in the volunteer service of the United States Army. Branches of the Young Men's Christian Association are being established in nearly all the camps of the United States volunteers throughout the country. General Miles has given his approval and indorsement. Permission has been granted to Colonel Morris, commanding the post at the Presidio, to organize a branch there. The local association has secured a tent 40 by 60 feet, which will be carried to the ward at the camp. Mr. McCoy has received the names of hundreds of young men belonging to the association from parts of the country who are to be temporarily located at San Francisco. Open exercises of the branch are expected to take place to-morrow evening.

Eighty-two members of Company D, of the old Third Regiment of the National Guard of California, met at Saratoga Hall last evening and volunteered their services to the country. The company is composed of young, sturdy men, and is commanded by Captain William M. Sullivan, First Lieutenant Irvine Graham and Second Lieutenant McConaghy.

Only \$1 for the round trip to Santa Rosa, May 20, for the Rose Carnival, via San Francisco and North Pacific Railway. Leave Tiburon ferry at 7:30 and 9 a. m.