

ARMY CORPS IS ORGANIZED AND A BRIGADE ASSIGNED TO TRANSPORTS

OFFICERS and attaches at headquarters of the Eighth Army Corps were busily engaged yesterday in packing up and getting their traps in readiness to be sent aboard ship. Major General Merritt, U. S. A., announces in official orders that the Indiana, flagship of the third fleet, sails next Monday, and that the Newport leaves next Wednesday. All the assignments of staff officers, correspondents, clerks and enlisted men have been made.

Army surgeons at the Phelan building frequently pause in the work of preparation to vaccinate officers, as directions have been issued that all must be vaccinated. A few may receive the virus in the arm after going aboard ship, but nearly all the officers assigned to the expedition have complied with the directions in this regard.

The troops at the Presidio and Camp Merritt that have been assigned to the third expedition are in constant expectation of orders to break camp and move to the transports.

THIRD EXPEDITION.

Order From Brigadier General MacArthur Assuming Command.

Orders will be issued some time today or the first thing to-morrow morning by Major General Otis instructing the forces forming the third expedition to Manila to break camp on Monday morning and go aboard the transports to which they have been assigned. This order will not affect the Astor Light Battery or batteries of the Third United States Artillery, which were assigned yesterday to the Newport and ordered to be in readiness to go aboard that vessel on Tuesday.

Orders were issued yesterday by Major General Otis assigning the recruits of the First California and Second Oregon Regiments to the Second Brigade, and those of the First Colorado and First Nebraska to the First Brigade.

The recruits of the Eighteenth United States Infantry and the soldiers of the Astor Light Battery were paid yesterday for two months, up to June 30, inclusive. Brigadier General MacArthur yesterday issued an order assuming command of the third Philippine Islands expedition, and announcing his staff as follows: Second Lieutenant Pegram Whitman, Eighteenth United States Infantry, chief of staff; First Lieutenant F. J. Kennerly, Twenty-first United States Infantry, acting assistant adjutant general, and Captain Charles G. Sawtelle, assistant quartermaster.

The 301 recruits that have just been mustered into service for the First California Regiment, were in camp yesterday morning. The men are divided into three companies, and are under the command of Lieutenants Bedwell, Halpin and Cole of the Seventh California Regiment. The recruits have their tents pitched on the camp formerly occupied by the Tenth Pennsylvania. They will go to Manila with the Seventh California Regiment.

GOING TO THE PALACE.

State Military Headquarters Will Be Moved From the California Hotel.

The headquarters of the state military forces, which have been located in the California Hotel since the first call for troops, will be moved to-morrow to the Palace Hotel, rooms 170 and 172, first floor.

"We regret very much to make this move," said Adjutant General Barrett, "as we have been very comfortably cared for here. Moving from the California Hotel will seem to us like leaving one's home. But as Governor Budd has rooms at the Palace, and that hotel is more central, he has deemed it advisable to have the headquarters there. It is a long wait for him over here, and whenever he comes he is halted a dozen times or more and thus loses much valuable time."

EIGHTH ARMY CORPS.

Personnel of the Various Staffs Organized by General Merritt.

General Orders No. 1.
Headquarters Department of the Pacific and Eighth Army Corps, SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 23, 1898.

1. By direction of the President, the undersigned assumes command of the Eighth Army Corps, composed of the forces comprising the Philippine expedition. The troops now assembled and to arrive at Camp Merritt and vicinity, in this city, are hereby organized, temporarily, for purposes of administration, as the Independent Division Eighth Army Corps. Major General E. S. Otis, United States Volunteers, is assigned to the command of this division. Further organization of the corps is deferred until the arrival of the forces in the Philippines.

2. The following named officers are announced as composing the personal, department and corps staffs, respectively:

PERSONAL STAFF.
Major Lewis H. Strother, United States Volunteers, acting aid.
Major Harry C. Hale, United States Volunteers, acting aid.

ONE OF HENSHAW'S OFFICERS



CAPTAIN J. J. WARD of Woodland, Whose Command Will Join the Volunteers.

MERRITT'S PLAN OF CAMPAIGN IN MANILA.

High Estimate Placed Upon the Troops Composing His Command—Patriotic Generosity of San Francisco Appreciated.

Although the work of Major General Wesley Merritt, Governor General of the Philippines, is nearly at an end in San Francisco, yet he will be a very busy man up to the time of his embarkation for Manila on Wednesday next. He will sail on the Newport, a speedy steamer and able to easily overtake the transport fleet, which according to the present programme is to take its departure next Monday. The Newport will join the fleet before it reaches Honolulu.

Yesterday General Merritt, in the course of a conversation with a representative of The Call, said:

"Everything is moving very smoothly with the command of the Philippine expeditionary forces, both at Camp Merritt and at the Presidio. The command has made very rapid and marked improvement during the last three weeks, through the efficiency of the officers and the zeal of the men. The troops have been constantly and well drilled, and are in excellent condition for active campaign work.

"I cannot give too much credit to the staff officers, who have been chiefly instrumental in bringing about this much desired result in so short a time. General Hughes, my inspector general, has been in attendance at Camp Merritt every day and has performed his duties in a most thorough manner. Major Hale, aid-de-camp on my staff, and Captain Mott have each rendered important services at Camp Merritt, and I think the command has been greatly benefited by the work they have done.

"The men, without exception, have shown a disposition to learn. While I don't wish to discriminate, I must say that in some of the organizations the men have manifested even more zeal than some of the officers. But everybody has done well, and there exists to-day a most admirable esprit de corps.

"The prospects are that the whole command will be en route to Manila before many days, as arrangements are now being perfected by the War Department to carry everybody.

"I shall go with the expedition sailing next week because I consider my presence at Manila now of much more importance than it is here. I feel perfectly safe in taking my departure at this time as the remaining troops, soon to follow me, will be left in good hands. I leave behind me, in charge of these troops, Major General Otis, Brigadier General Miller, Brigadier General King and Brigadier General H. G. Otis, all of whom are very efficient officers, and are doing everything in their power to get the command on a war footing.

"Every organization of the command is now well supplied with arms and ammunition. Furthermore, the command is made up of excellent material, and if the opportunity offers I feel confident that these men will make a record on the field of battle of which their countrymen may well feel proud.

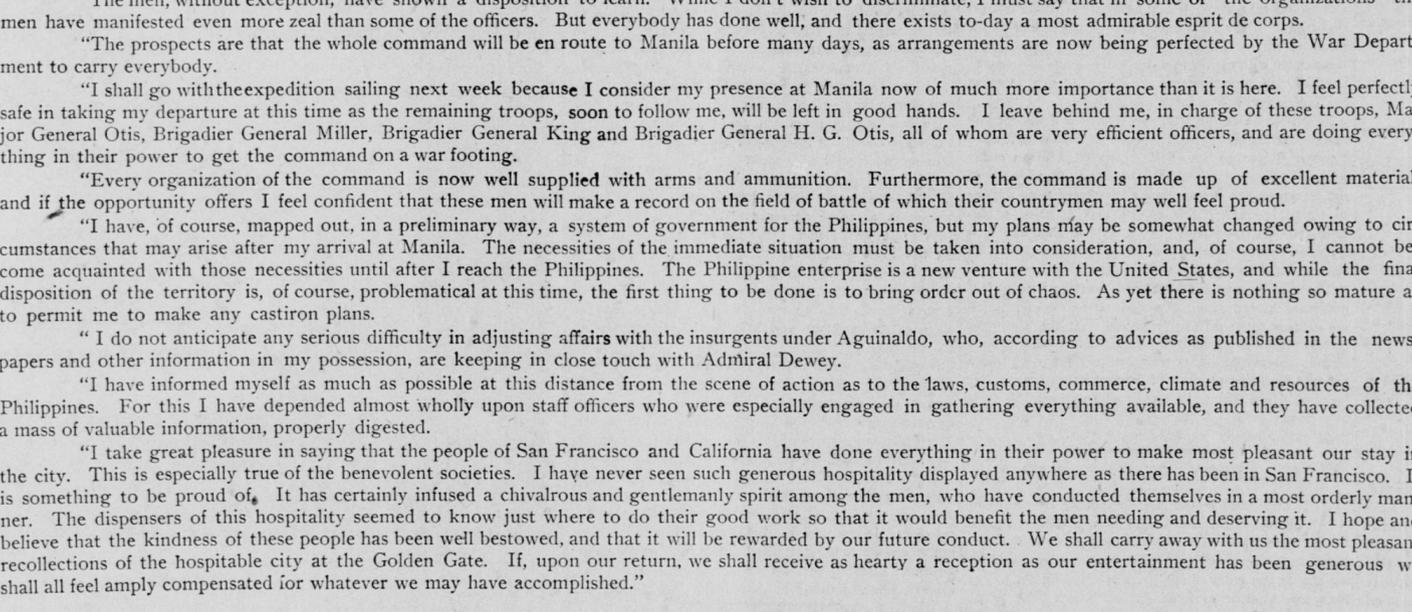
"I have, of course, mapped out, in a preliminary way, a system of government for the Philippines, but my plans may be somewhat changed owing to circumstances that may arise after my arrival at Manila. The necessities of the immediate situation must be taken into consideration, and, of course, I cannot become acquainted with those necessities until after I reach the Philippines. The Philippine enterprise is a new venture with the United States, and while the final disposition of the territory is, of course, problematical at this time, the first thing to be done is to bring order out of chaos. As yet there is nothing so mature as to permit me to make any castiron plans.

"I do not anticipate any serious difficulty in adjusting affairs with the insurgents under Aguinaldo, who, according to advices as published in the newspapers and other information in my possession, are keeping in close touch with Admiral Dewey.

"I have informed myself as much as possible at this distance from the scene of action as to the laws, customs, commerce, climate and resources of the Philippines. For this I have depended almost wholly upon staff officers who were especially engaged in gathering everything available, and they have collected a mass of valuable information, properly digested.

"I take great pleasure in saying that the people of San Francisco and California have done everything in their power to make most pleasant our stay in the city. This is especially true of the benevolent societies. I have never seen such generous hospitality displayed anywhere as there has been in San Francisco. It is something to be proud of. It has certainly infused a chivalrous and gentlemanly spirit among the men, who have conducted themselves in a most orderly manner. The dispensers of this hospitality seemed to know just where to do their good work so that it would benefit the men needing and deserving it. I hope and believe that the kindness of these people has been well bestowed, and that it will be rewarded by our future conduct. We shall carry away with us the most pleasant recollections of the hospitable city at the Golden Gate. If, upon our return, we shall receive as hearty a reception as our entertainment has been generous we shall all feel amply compensated for whatever we may have accomplished."

RULER OF THE ISLANDS.



MAJOR GENERAL WESLEY MERRITT, the New Governor General of the Philippines.

of transports cut a commanding figure and caused many vexatious delays. But eventually General Merritt succeeded in getting two expeditions off and ships to carry enough more troops to make up about half the force assigned to his command.

One day the general announced that he would accompany the third expedition, leaving General Otis to dispatch the remainder of his forces as rapidly as possible. A number of ships would be available by the middle of July to transport the bulk of the troops, and General Merritt was anxious to reach the scene of his operations and begin the establishment of a military government at the earliest possible day.

When this announcement reached Washington Secretary Alger saw in it another opportunity to accomplish the undoing of Merritt. His plan was nothing less than to stop the forwarding of reinforcements, leaving Merritt with half the force he had been promised. This would naturally prevent him from doing anything more than to occupy Manila. He could not undertake a campaign against the enemy if he retreated beyond range of Dewey's guns, nor could he even cope with the insurgents under Aguinaldo should they rebel against American sovereignty in the islands. Consequently his campaign would prove a failure, and Merritt would be a fallen hero in the eyes of his countrymen.

Such is the rumor that has traveled across the continent. If Merritt sails with the third expedition not another man is to follow him if Alger can prevent it. Wild as it may seem, there still remains the fact that since the close of the Rebellion Alger and Merritt have been anything but friends.

ARTILLERY TO AID DEWEY
Four Batteries of the Third Artillery Regiment to Sail for Manila on Monday.

The entire Manila Battalion of the Third United States Artillery Regiment, now encamped at Camp Miller, on the

DOES ALGER PLOT MERRITT'S DOWNFALL?

whisper of which has reached here through a member of the charmed circle—which, if true, may have much to do with the Philippine expeditionary forces and upset completely the carefully laid plans of General Merritt, if it does not wreck the success of the great undertaking.

The rumor has to do with the ill-feeling that is known to exist and has existed between Secretary of War Alger and General Merritt ever since the war of the rebellion. An old story is revived of an act on the part of Secretary Alger, then an officer in the volunteer army, which nearly resulted in his having to face the ordeal of a court-martial. General Merritt being one of those most insistent upon his punishment.

Through the long years of peace that followed, Alger could only nurse his animosity and wait. Even after he assumed the direction of the army as Secretary of War no opportunity presented itself for him to show the general that he still remembered the affair of a third of a century ago, until war with Spain broke out and Dewey scored the first great victory of the struggle.

Then, according to the tongue of Dame Gossip, the Secretary fancied he saw an opportunity to even up the old score—an opportunity of which he lost no time in taking advantage. The capture of the Philippines—then an unknown quantity—necessitated their occupancy, at least

WEIRD RUMOR THAT TROOPS WILL BE WITHHELD FROM THE GENERAL.

There is a rumor current in the innermost army circles of Washington—a

Presidio reservation, will sail for the Philippines next week with the third expedition. Batteries G and L, commanded by Captain James O'Hara and Captain Birkhimer, respectively, the latter being in command of the battalion composed of these two batteries, received orders several days ago to get in readiness for embarkation on the transport Ohio. The loading of their belongings was completed yesterday, and they will go on board ship to-day or Sunday.

Brigadier-General Miller, of whose brigade the Manila Battalion of the Third Artillery form a part, held a consultation Thursday afternoon with its commanding officer, Major Hess, and upon being informed that the remaining batteries—H and K—were prepared at a moment's notice to embark for Manila, he stated that these two batteries would be ordered to sail on the Newport. The officers of H Battery are Captain Charles W. Hobbs and Lieutenant B. M. Kessler, adjutant of Camp Miller; and of K Battery the officers are Captain Charles W. Hobbs and Lieutenant Cayton England. The Manila Battalion will go to the front with its full strength of 800 men—200 to each battery.

The other batteries of the Third Artillery are stationed at various posts: One at Fort Stevens, at the mouth of the Columbia River; one at San Diego, one at Fort Monroe, Va.; three—A, I and E—under command of Major Kinzie at Fort Ford, where they are in readiness for the regiment; and the two light batteries are with General Shafter's forces.

LONG NOT TO BLAME.
Local Commercial Bodies Exonerate the Quartermaster of Employing Chinese.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Trade yesterday and forwarded to Senator Perkins:

To Hon. George C. Perkins, United States Senator, Washington, D. C.: Kindly present copy of the following statement to each member of your committee on the subject of the Quartermaster's Department, the Navy Department and the War Department in Washington:

Whereas, Certain statements have been made in the San Francisco press derogatory to the character of the depot quartermaster, U. S. A., this city, charging that he has favored Chinese labor over preference company labor; and whereas, such statements are calculated to injure a preference company whose knowledge has endeavored in every practicable way to obtain from the markets of San Francisco and from the manufacturers of the coast all necessary supplies for this department and for the equipment of the expedition to Manila;

We, the undersigned, officers of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and San Francisco Board of Trade, do hereby certify to our personal knowledge that Major Oscar F. Long has stipulated in all contracts that only white labor should be employed in manufacturing the supplies required for the army, and that whenever fair wages have been paid, before him showing that contractors have deviated from his requirements he has at once canceled the contract.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF SAN FRANCISCO, High Craig, President.
BOARD OF TRADE OF SAN FRANCISCO, A. A. Watkins, President.

TROOPS IN SAN FRANCISCO.
An Army of 17,062 Officers and Men at Camp Merritt and the Presidio.

The grand total of officers and men now at Camp Merritt is 14,062.

These figures do not include the executive officers at the headquarters of Major General Otis nor the quarters of Brigadier Generals Otis, MacArthur, Miller and King. The number of headquarters attaches will average six each. This will add thirty to the total of the figures below.

Regiment—	Enlisted.	Officers.	Total.
Fourteenth Infantry.....	677	9	686
Eighteenth Infantry.....	975	15	990
Twenty-third Infantry.....	918	16	934
Thirtieth Minnesota	1,284	50	1,334
Volunteers.....	1,233	46	1,279
Twenty-fourth Kansas.....	654	31	685
First Idaho.....	324	14	338
First Wyoming.....	100	2	102
First Utah Cavalry.....	100	2	102
Seventh California.....	1,280	51	1,331
First North Dakota.....	1,024	48	1,072
First South Dakota.....	663	31	694
First Nebraska.....	49	3	52
Astor Artillery.....	97	48	1,025
Signal Corps.....	50	2	52
Recruits for various regiments.....	530	16	546
Engineer Corps.....	99	2	101
Totals.....	13,598	464	14,062

At the Presidio the organization of regular artillery and cavalry, together with the volunteer infantry and artillery, numbers 300 enlisted men and officers. The army at present in San Francisco therefore numbers 17,062 officers and men.

TREADMILL FOR HORSES.
To Be Used on Shipboard for Exercise of Cavalry Horses Shipped to Manila.

Major Sanford T. Kellogg, in command of the six troops of the Fourth United States Cavalry and of the Nevada troop, which has been attached to his command, has had assigned to him an experimental task of great responsibility. Each of the six troops of the Fourth Cavalry will take to Manila fifty horses, making a total of 300. The distance is about 600 miles, and the only stopping place is at Honolulu. Whether the fleet of the fourth expedition will stay at Honolulu long enough to have the horses taken ashore in order to give them needed exercise remains to be seen. Even should the fleet stop there.

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GRASS VALLEY'S LEADER.

Captain P. T. Riley, Who Will Retain His Command in the Eighth Regiment.