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MILITARY TRAINING CAMP

Eastern Department, U. S. Army, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

BULLETIN

1. QUALIFICATIONS.

An applicant for enrollment for the "Business and Professional" men's camp must be (1) a citizen of the United States or have taken out first papers (2) between 21 and 45 years of age (3) of sound physical condition, capable of hard drill and maneuver marching with a full infantry equipment; eyesight normal or corrected by glasses to admit of target practice; (4) have a college education or the equivalent. By "equivalent" is meant a good elementary education which has been supplemented by business or professional training. This to be stated on application blank.

2. PERIOD OF CAMP.

The first camp will open Monday, April 3, and continue to April 30, 1916. Men are required to report in camp on April 3. If conditions warrant, other camps will follow this one. A student camp will open July 5, for students at least five feet four inches in height and between the ages of 18 and 30, in universities, colleges and the graduating class of high schools—and other schools rated as such—or graduates of the same.

3. LOCATION.

The camp will be located at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, a military post now garrisoned by the 11th U. S. Cavalry. It is near Chattanooga, Tenn., with both electric and steam railway service between the city and the camp.

4. CAMP EQUIPMENT AND EXPENSES.

Arms, Ordnance and equipment, including mess outfit, will be furnished by the United States Army.

Expenses—for four weeks (exclusive of transportation to and from camp, and the uniform, which costs from \$8.00 to \$10.00) about \$30.00. This to be deposited in advance and includes \$5.00 to cover loss or damage to United States property which is refunded in case no loss or damage is incurred. This sum covers board, camp expenses, and ammunition expended.

Government loans tentage, Ordnance (full field equipment), blankets, ponchos, cots, pillows, sweaters and mattresses.

City furnishes camp site, drill grounds, running water and electric lights (latter in mess shacks, Y. M. C. A. tents, officers' and orderly tents, rears and showers). It also pays for damage to crops on maneuvers.

Y. M. C. A. furnishes a large tent for each battalion, tables, chairs and writing materials.

All instructors are officers of the Regular Army.

NOTE.—Each company has attached to it one sergeant and one private of the regular Army, as sergeant instructor and signaller respectively.

Extra pay for cooks and waiters—who are detailed enlisted men—is paid out of the \$30.00 deposit.

5. UNIFORMS.

Each man must take—1 pair tan marching shoes, medium weight socks, 1 pair light shoes or sneakers, underwear, 2 pairs of olive drab breeches, cotton; 1 pair leggings, regular pattern; 2 olive drab shirts, wool; 1 Army blouse, cotton; 1 campaign hat and cord (special for military training camp); toilet articles and other necessities.

Articles of uniform may be purchased from Post Exchange, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Army & Navy Cooperative Stores, 16 East 42d Street, New York, Sigmund Eisner, 103 Fifth Avenue, New York, or from camp store. These outfitters will furnish measurement blanks on request.

The Munson last shoe is recommended, but any good tramping or hunting shoe of fair leather will be satisfactory. [Must be broken in.]

All necessary articles of uniform or clothing may be purchased at the camp store conducted by the camp authorities.

Civilian clothing, etc., in trunks and suit cases will be properly stored.

6. TRANSPORTATION.

Chattanooga, Tenn., is reached by the following railway-systems: Southern, N. C. & St. L.; C. N. O. & T. P.; Central of Georgia; A. G. S.: W. & A. Camp is reached by steam or electric railway.

Arrangements have been made for special rate for attendants of 1½ cents per mile each way for the round trip.

Facilities for moving passengers and baggage direct to the camp have been made.

Agents of any of the above railway systems will furnish information as to rates, routes, schedules, and arrangements for special cars and trains where the numbers warrant.

7. BOOKS ON MILITARY MATTERS.

It is recommended that the following books be read before attending camp:—Infantry Drill Regulations; or Cavalry Service Regulations; or Field Artillery Drill Regulations; U. S. Army Field Service Regulations; "Manual of Military Training," by Captain Jas. A. Moss. For those wishing more information additional books are suggested: Tactical Principles and Problems (Hanna); "Basic Course for Cavalry" (L. C. Andrews); "Elements of Military Hygiene" (Ashburn); Military Sketching and Map Reading for Non-Com. Officers, by Lieut. Grieves.

The above may be obtained from The Army and Navy Co-operative Stores, No. 16 East 42d Street, New York; The U. S. Infantry Association, Washington, D. C., the George Banta Publishing Company, Menasha, Wisconsin, or from any book publishing company.

8. INOCULATION.

It is strongly recommended the typhoid prophylaxis inoculation be taken at the camp or before, if preferred. (No charge for this treatment at the camp or for approved applicants at any Army post.) Not obligatory.

9. INSTRUCTION.

The purpose of the camp will be to give each attendant as much of the fundamental education of an officer as can be imparted in the duration of the camp. A certain definite routine will be prescribed for all, including rifle practice.

Special opportunities under selected officers will be offered for training in various branches of the service, Cavalry, Artillery, Engineers, Signal Corps, and First Aid.

There will be present at the camp, Cavalry, Artillery, Signal Corps, and Infantry officers of the Regular Army.

Those who have had a fundamental Infantry training or have attended a Military Training Camp, may enter directly a troop of cavalry or a battery of artillery and devote their time to this special training, provided there are enough applicants.

10. ORGANIZATION.

Attendants at the camp will be divided into war strength companies of infantry, troops of cavalry, or batteries of artillery, commanded by officers of the Regular Army, whose duties cover not only those of instruction but also the health and general welfare of their commands. Attendants are on a Cadet basis.

11. SPECIAL PERIODS OF ATTENDANCE—NATIONAL GUARDSMEN.

Those who are members of the National Guard or have had other recent military training (since August, 1911) may apply, and on approval may attend for less than the prescribed period. As the military training is progressive, the latter part of the camp is recommended for such men. Men of sufficient experience will be used as officers and non-commissioned officers for the various organizations. The original enrollments stating experience are on file with the Commanding Officer of the camp.

12. EXAMINATIONS.

No examination is required, but a board of regular officers on duty at the camp will make such recommendations as to individual qualifications as they may deem proper, to be filed with the War Department.

For further information apply to

OFFICER IN CHARGE,
Southern Military Training Camp,
Governors Island, N. Y.

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