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R. R. HURON WILL ATTEND THE MILITARY CAMP

Full Instructions for the Western Department Received

R. R. Huron, instructor in the local organization for military instruction, has applied to attend the forthcoming encampment at American Lake. Capt. H. E. Coolidge, former commander of the La Grande militia company, has received from Col. C. U. Gantenbein, of Portland, the bulletin pertaining to military training camps which is herewith appended in full:

The following regulations governing the attendance at the Camp of Instruction for Civilians, in this department, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Purpose

To help properly qualified men to fill the great deficiency in officers and non-commissioned officers that would immediately arise in case of national emergency, by giving them

four weeks of intensive military instruction in the field under regular officers, and with troops, of the Regular Army.

To foster a patriotic spirit and spread among the citizens of the country some knowledge of military history, military policy, and military needs.

To instill in four weeks of healthy outdoor life the habits of obedience, discipline, command and self-control that are the prerequisites of efficiency in every business or profession, and to send men back from the camps better prepared to take care of themselves and of others.

Qualifications

Applicants must be (1) citizens of the United States, (2) of sound physical condition, capable of the severe physical work of drill, and manoeuvres with full infantry equipment; eyesight normal or corrected by glasses, (3) at least 18 years of age and under 50, (4) students in public or private schools who have reached a grade equivalent to senior class, high school, or graduates thereof; undergraduates and graduates of colleges and universities; other citizens not included above who have the equivalent, i. e., a good elementary education, which has been supplemented by business or professional training. Qualifications must invariably be stated on application blank. The requirements as to physical qualifica-

tions are not so strict as in the Army, only an organic disease or some disability that would prevent marching or render the applicant liable to ill effects from the active outdoor life of camp will be considered a disqualification. To insure certainty on this point, and for their own convenience, intending applicants should first be examined by a physician.

Periods of Camps

Monterey, California, July 10-August 5.

American Lake, Washington, August 14-September 9.

Fort Douglas, Utah, August 21-September 16.

Camp Equipment

The Government loans tentage, blankets, cots, pillows, mattresses, ponchos, sweaters, ammunition, and ordnance, including field equipment.

Local authorities must furnish camp sites, drill grounds, running water, and electric lights (the latter in mess huts, Y. M. C. A. tents, officers' and orderly tents, latrines, and shower baths). They must also pay for any damage to crops or private property caused by the troops on manoeuvres.

Uniform and Personal Equipment

Each man must have: 1 pair tan marching shoes (broken in); medium weight woolen socks; underwear; 2 pairs of olive drab cotton breeches; 1 pair leggings (army pattern); 2 olive drab shirts; 1 waist belt (army pattern); 1 service hat and cord (this cord is manufactured especially for these camps); and the necessary personal toilet articles.

The regular army shoe is recommended but any good tan leather hunting or tramping shoe will be permitted.

Bathing trunks are recommended. Civilian clothing, etc., in trunks and suit cases will be properly stored during the period of the encampment.

Clothing must be purchased by the individual, the cost of which should not exceed \$15.

Expenses—Exclusive of Clothing

A deposit of \$30 will be required on reporting at camp. This sum covers board, other camp expenses, and includes \$5 required to be deposited to cover any loss or damage to United States property; this latter amount is refunded in case no loss or damage is incurred.

The cost of transportation to and from the camps must be borne by the individual.

Inoculation—Not Obligatory

It is strongly recommended that 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 garrisoned post in the Western Department.)

Instruction

The instructors are officers of the Regular Army. Each company will have attached to it five non-commissioned officers of the Regular Army.

The purpose of the instruction 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 infantry training and rifle practice.

Organization

Attendants at the camp will be divided into companies of Infantry commanded by officers of the Regular Army. Attendants are on a Cadet basis.

Books on Military Matters

It is recommended that the following books be read before attending camp: Manual Military Training, by Capt. James A. Moss, U. S. Army; Self-Helps for the Citizen Soldier, by Capt. James A. Moss and Merch B. Stewart, U. S. Army; and Privates' Manual, by Capt. James A. Moss, U. S. Army. The last three books, popularly known as "Moss' Three-Inch Library for the Citizen-Soldier," may be obtained through these headquarters for \$3.00.

The Western Department of the Army comprises the States of Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Montana.

Citizens desiring to attend this camp must make application, to these headquarters, for authority to do so. Application blanks will be furnished upon request.

The Army Reorganization Bill, which became a law June 3, 1916, provides that the government shall furnish uniforms, clothing, and subsistence free to those who attend civilian training camps; the provisions of this law can not be carried into effect until such time as Congress shall have appropriated the necessary funds. The Army Appropriation Bill now pending provides \$500,000 for this purpose. It can not be foreseen when this bill will become law. Under the circumstances it now becomes essential to return to the conditions originally announced on March 6, 1916; that is, those who attend must defray the cost of their own transportation and subsistence and pay for their own uniforms. These are the conditions under which the camps have been held in previous years and are the conditions which now prevail at Plattsburg and Fort Oglethorpe.

J. W. Bristow, who is former years was in business in La Grande, is up from Portland on one of his occasional trips.

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