STUDENT OFFICERS AT PRESIDIO ANXIOUS TO BE TOLD THEIR FATE

Recommendations for Commissions Have Been Forwarded to Department.

OREGONIANS ARE ACTIVE

Candidates From Beaver State Continue to Uphold the Established Record of "Oregon First."

By E. Roscoe Pershing

San Francisco, July 28.—(I. N. S.)—Who will be the lucky ones? That is the big question that is overshadowing everything else at the Presidio these days.

"Will I get a commission, or must I go back home to the job?" is another question which, no doubt, each student has asked himself several times since the recommendations were sent to the war department, Washington, D. C., a few days ago.

But all the worrying will soon be over, for before August 14, when the camp closes—no one knows how much sooner than that date the news will be received here from Washington—announcement of the names of the successful students must be made. So it is no wonder that the boys here, after training so hard for commissions in the army are standing on tip toe awaiting the word that means so much to them.

Into Regular Army

Oregon boys again showed up well this week in examination for provisional second lieutenants in the regular army officers of which Major W. M. Morrow, brother of Judge Morrow of Portland, was president. The successful ones are:

James M. Adamson and Fred Hummel, Portland, second company cavalry; Donald P. Spaulding, Corvallis, graduate of O. A. C., second company; Fulton McGill and Alexander Adair, a brother of Lieutenant Henry Adair, who was killed in the fight with Mexicans at Carrizal last summer, fifth company; Walter W. Boon, Herbert F. Thomas and Wilson S. Zimmerman, Portland, all O. A. C. graduates, sixth company; Cornelius Myers, seventh company; P. Lee Menefee, who was graduated from the Culver military academy, ninth company; Earl C. Flagel, third battery, field artillery.

A Three Days' Hike

Provisional lieutenants enter the regular army on the same basis as graduates from West Point, but are on probation for two years. If at the end of that time they have shown sufficient ability as leaders they are continued on the same basis as other officers. If they do not show that ability they are dropped.

Before the camp is closed a three days' march and field trip will be taken, beginning Wednesday, August 8. Every member of the camp must go along. The usual routine of an army in the field will be followed, each man cooking his own mess. They will camp out in the night. They will do everything that an army does in the field.

Visitors From Home

Several Portland people have visited the camp this week to see how the boys from home appear at this stage of the game. John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, stationed in Portland, was one of them. He called on Arthur Fish and Graham Glass Jr. and others of his acquaintance.

David N. Mosessohn and Mrs. Mosessohn and his brother, M. Mosessohn, were also visitors. They came here to attend the Ad club convention at Oakland.

Wilson S. Zimmerman of sixth company possesses something he didn't have when he arrived at the camp. It is a moustache. But he is quite sure that he may lose it by the razor route if he has to go back to Portland.

Phillip Carroll, a former West Pointer, who hails from Hood River, Or., is now captain of field artillery. His commission arrived this week.

Captain Wallace T. Downing of Portland holds a commission in the reserve corps and is now acting commander of fourth company. He is anxious to see service in France.

Major Archer is another Portlander who says he likes the smell of powder and that the sooner he is whisked to the firing line the better he will like it. He commanded a battalion in the Philippines during the Spanish American war. He is a member of sixth company at the Presidio.

Abercrombie Among the Workers

Still another Portland student who is working hard and worrying with the rest of them concerning the coming Washington announcement is C. H. Abercrombie, an attorney. He is a member of sixth company. He commanded the first company, Oregon coast artillery, when it was at Astoria, for five years.

Oregon City is well represented here by H. E. Williams, who is acting first lieutenant of fourth company. He was formerly an officer in the company of the O. N. G. stationed in Oregon City and was also exalted ruler of the Elks of the city.

F. M. Cox, formerly manager of the Booth Kelly Lumber company of Eugene, Or., is another Oregonian in command of a company. He is acting captain of the second battery and his first lieutenant, J. Benjamin Hayes, who served with the Oregon National Guard battery on the Mexican border last summer.

Captain Milton R. Klepper, who holds a commission in the reserve officers' camp and has also acted as company commander for seventh company, is a graduate of Washington state college, where he received his military training. He was president of the Portland association of his college for last year and is a lawyer.

AT THE PRESIDIO TRAINING CAMP

—Photos by E. Roscoe Pershing.

Above—Group of Portland candidates for commissions in Coast Artillery who are in training at Fort Winfield Scott. Standing, left to right—K. P. Cecil, Martin Hawkins, H. K. Van Avery, J. A. Scott, J. W. Graham and A. T. Schenck. Seated, left to right—F. H. Reese, H. W. Kruger, Frank Pearcey, H. W. Miller and W. Biddle Coombs.

Center—Hand to hand fighting of trench warfare. X shows Arthur L. Fish of Troop D.

Below—Captain Wallace Downing (x) of Portland preparing to demonstrate to a squad the intricacies of trench digging.

Mystery Surrounds Illness of Soldier

San Francisco, July 28.—(I. N. S.)—Harold Mills, a youth from Fresno, Cal., who is a member of Company A field hospital corps, stationed at the Presidio, is believed to be dying in a local hospital from chloral poisoning. It has not been learned how he obtained the poison.

Mills dined with two young men and two girls Friday evening, and after the dinner he excused himself, saying he wished to buy some cough medicine. Two hours later he staggered back into the grill. He was unable to talk, simply gasping that he did not know where he obtained the stuff he took. The police are without a theory.

Mendocino Forest Fires Under Control

Fighters Returning to Ukiah Report Flames Confined, But Say Danger Still Exists.

Ukiah, Cal., July 28.—(U. P.)—Serious forest fires, which have been burning for the last two days in Mendocino county, were partially controlled tonight, although reports brought in by returning fire-fighters were that the danger had not yet passed.

Late today practically the entire Ukiah valley was surrounded by fires burning in the timber and undergrowth of the slopes, while calls for men to fight fires were sent in from other parts of the county. Ukiah itself is in no immediate danger.

Reports tonight are that the fire near Orr's Springs, which threatened serious damage, had been practically controlled, but fires burning toward the same point from other directions caused alarm. Fire Warden Joe Weselsky, with a crew of volunteers from Ukiah, is in charge of the fire fighting.

Reports from the Carmichael ranch said that a fire there had destroyed 1000 acres of pasture and had burned over a six mile front in the timber. Another fire is burning towards Orr's Springs from Irmulco, and late today telephonic reports from Anderson valley told of fires doing considerable damage there. Still another fire was reported as having started in Potter valley.

Officers Anticipate Rates Will Be Lower

Camp Fremont (Menlo Park), Cal., July 28.—Officers at the national guard camp being built here express confidence that there would be a substantial reduction in railroad fares to and from the camp as a result of a petition for lower rates which has been sent to the railroads by the men here. The men maintain that the present rate is too high for them to come to San Francisco to spend their idle hours.

Neylan Spoken of As Food Controller

San Francisco, July 28.—John F. Neylan, former president of the California state board of control, will arrive here from Washington tomorrow, where he is reported to have been offered a special commissionership in charge of food control in a number of western states, according to report tonight. It is understood Neylan will accept.

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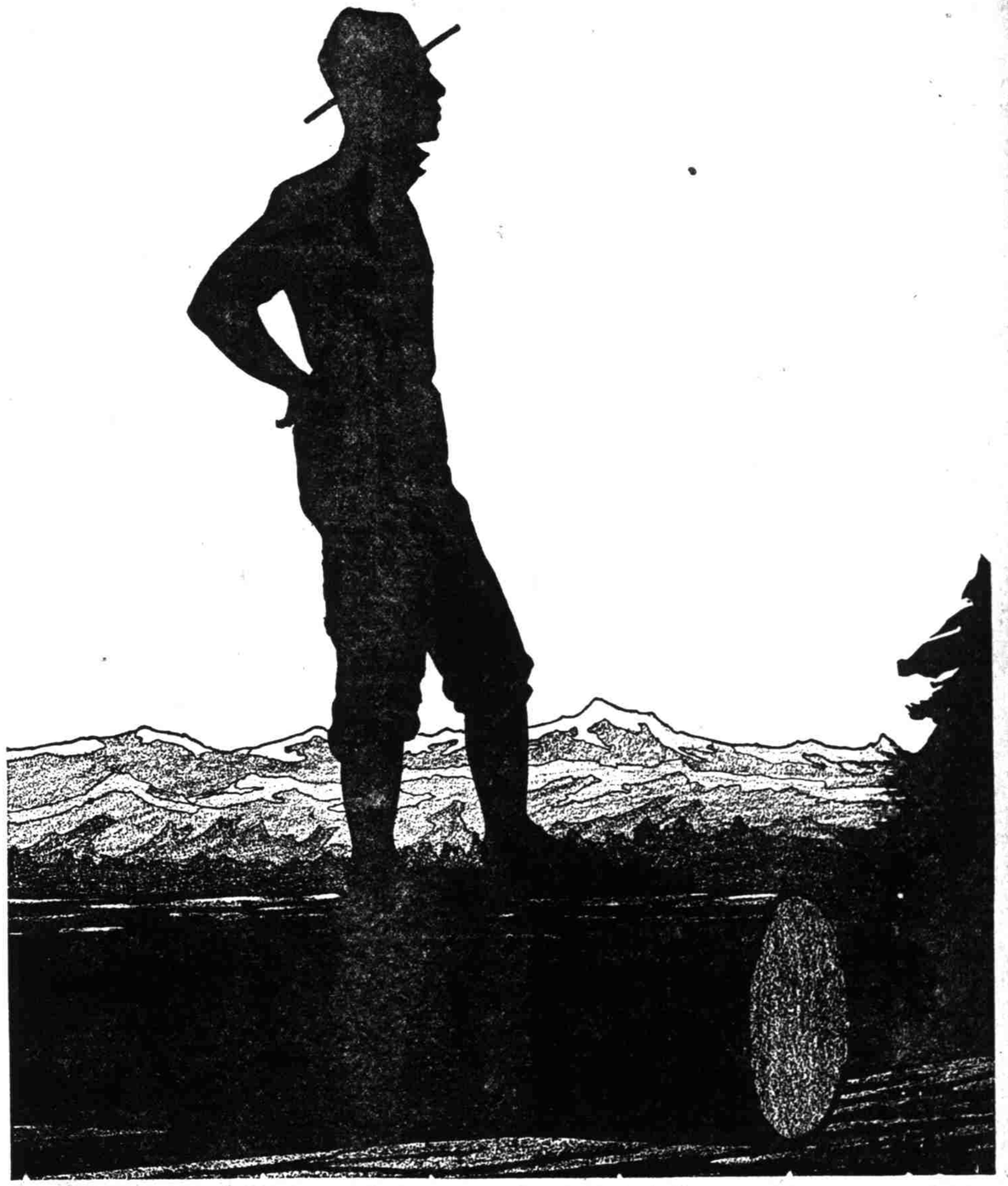

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