

War Games Prove New Army Fit But Lacking Equipment, High Officers Say After "Battle"

CAMP HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif., June 27.—(AP)—The men in America's new army are being developed into fighting fitness far ahead of equipment, army officers said Friday after sudden peace ended the make-believe "war of California."

What motorized equipment the army has is excellent, but there isn't enough of it for modernized warfare.

The consensus of officers after four days of realistic fighting between 55,000 US army troops was:

1. Manpower is running far ahead of equipment. To be fully effective, maneuvers should have a greater use of warplanes and modern mechanized weapons. Typical of the shortness of equipment, observation planes were used for scouting and for bombing raids. When they were used on raids, officers pretended each observation plane was three bombers.

2. The army's motorized equipment is rugged and able to stand the worst type of punishment.

3. The nation's new army, preparing full throttle for any eventuality, has the spirit and drive necessary for a victorious fighting machine.

4. The hodgepodge make-up of veteran regulars, former national guardsmen, reserve officers, and draftees who still feel strange in khaki, is rapidly being developed into fighting fitness.

5. Physically and mentally, the American soldier can take it—he is a 25-mile march over rough terrain in the dark, or having to nap "catch as catch can" in the field with a rifle stock for a pillow and the stubble of a field for a bed.

6. Every soldier has the esprit de corps and unbounded faith in his regiment and his division that contributes immeasurably to victory.

7. The maneuver put officers under critical eyes and there probably will be some shake-ups in commands, particularly in the low echelons.

In the maneuver itself the 34,000 soldiers from Fort Lewis comprising the northern Blue army, won the war when they drove the Red force of 18,000 back an average of 18 miles, along a ten mile front.

As far as officers of the fourth army, led by Lieut. General John De Witt, are concerned, both forces accomplished their missions and the real purpose of the maneuver—to train troops under conditions as closely akin to real war as possible.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 27.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Harold E. Fiske, retired, chief of staff to Gen. Pershing in world war I, said Friday that the Nazi German army, "the greatest military force in the world," would meet its match "if and when" it clashed with US soldiers.

Addressing a luncheon meeting, Gen. Fiske said:

"Our teamwork and co-ordination might not be so good, but our splendid soldiers in their resourcefulness, in cool and steady courage, and in a deadly determination to uphold the honor of their country which they have always known and loved, will come out victorious."

But, as a surprise climax, Maj. Gen. Charles H. Lyman, USMC (ret.), turned to the speaker after he had concluded his talk and said:

"I am sorry I cannot agree entirely with the general, because the truth is, we are not yet anywhere near prepared. We cannot yet match them (the Germans) in equipment and training, and I can only hope that we will make ourselves ready as soon as possible."

"The German army sets the pace and standard of the world today," said Gen. Fiske. "All other armies, including our own, are following their lead and attempting to equal their efficiency."

School Slates Open House

MONMOUTH — The training schools of OCE at Monmouth and Independence will be open to visitors from 8:30 to 10 a. m. on scheduled days this summer to enable teachers and parents to observe actual school work in operation.

At Monmouth guests will be welcomed July 2 and 3. At Independence on July 9 and 10, also July 16 and 17.

Credit Charter Comes

MT. ANGEL—The charter for the Mt. Angel Federal Credit Union has been received and a meeting will be held Monday night, June 30, at 8 p. m. in the music room of St. Mary's school to complete the organization and elect officers.

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Policeman Mops His Brow After This Is Over

PORTLAND, June 28.—(AP)—Even 15 years of handling traffic failed to prepare Police Sergeant Fred Short for last night. He just about blew his top.

First a streetcar trolley rod tangled in overhead wires, shorted the circuit and blocked traffic on the steel bridge at the height of the evening rush.

Following cars were routed back down crowded Fifth avenue over a little-used switch. The switch failed and a car jumped the track, blocking the jammed intersection of Fourth and Washington, where Short was stationed.

Then a woman dashed up to Sergeant Short, screaming that her automobile was ablaze. A bystander broke the glass in a fire alarm box and pulled the lever. An alarm from that central box brings out more equipment than from any other box except on the waterfront.

Within two minutes 11 pieces of fire equipment, including huge ladder trucks and first aid cars, added to the crush. The sergeant's composure wavered as two children in the smoking car howled, screams screamed, streetcar bells clanged and impatient motorists honked.

Then the every-day miracle of city traffic began. An alert bystander lifted the hood of the burning car and ripped loose some wiring, stopping a short circuit. The fire went out.

Simultaneously, maintenance men got the streetcar back on the track, skilled firetruck drivers jockeyed their monsters free, pedestrians climbed aboard the streetcars which rumbled along, hnenen got the current flowing through the bridge trolley wire, restoring the old route, and in a few thunderous moments the river of autos, busses and streetcars swept along again.

Sergeant Short took off his cap and mopped his brow.

Oddities ... in the News

HARTFORD, Conn.—(AP)—A sign in a Main street restaurant read: "Gone to lunch, will return at 1 p. m."

Inquiries disclosed that the restaurant had stopped serving meals pending repairs.

ST. HELENS.—(AP)—The Rev. Walter Barnes thought that the days when Oregon was a lush tropical region had returned.

He killed a six-foot boa constrictor and exhibited to members of his flock just in case there were any doubting Thomases. The mystery was cleared up when a carnival company reported escape of a young tropical reptile.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 24.—(AP)—A Florida farmer is taking no chances on "enemy parachutists."

Aviation Cadet Charles P. Canhan, ordered to "bail out" by his flying instructor when their plane was caught in a sudden storm, landed safely, sought a telephone to report to the naval air station.

The first man he met, he said, was a farmer with a shotgun who wanted to know who he was and why he jumped out.

Cadet Canhan explained and the farmer apologized for his suspicions, saying he thought he was "one of those enemy parachutists."

P.S. The instructor made a safe emergency landing.



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Salem Soldiers Took Part in Action Like This in Mock Conflict



Action packed—Here's a machine gun of the "blue" infantry ("red troops"), are pictured as they rushed the firing machine gun, manned by a 30th infantry regiment detachment. Swift action here July 10.

Marking Service Solicitors Questioned

The state department of agriculture has been advised that certain persons have been soliciting ranchers in eastern Oregon in an attempt to sell them a poultry and livestock marking service.

Pointing to the dubious value of such service, Dr. W. H. Lytle, chief of the animal division, called attention to the fact that Oregon laws provide that the department must record all livestock brands and furnish county clerks of the various counties with copies of them; also that any person desiring to use a brand must register it with the department headquarters in Salem, and that no person shall claim to own any animal or poultry brand or mark that has not been so recorded.

"In other words, brands recorded according to law are acceptable by the courts as evidence of ownership of the branded stock or poultry," Dr. Lytle said. "Any person who attempts to use the brand of another recorded with the department is violating the law."

"Hence, the service now being offered in eastern Oregon will not benefit those purchasing it and the use of such tattoo mark or brand not recorded would not conform to Oregon laws."

Brands may be recorded with the department for a \$1 fee, which is far less than solicitors are attempting to collect from farmers and ranchers.

The department's officers are also working throughout the state to prevent livestock and poultry thefts as part of the service accorded stockmen in connection with the use of recorded brands and marks on livestock and poultry.

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Many New Features Listed for Boy Scouts at Camp Pioneer

"Another new rowboat to be added to the 'fleet'—lifeguard equipment and improvements in the swimming dock—another supply of pure drinking water for the convenience of the campers in the 'Santiam' troop area—'dust-lay' chemical to keep the trails damp around the lodge—wall tents for the 'Obsidian' troop campers—forest service fire-fighting equipment and instruction in trail building—new activities in camp tying in with emergency service training—and, a brand new four-day mountain hike across the divide into country new to Scout hike parties, in addition to the previous hikes."

These are some of the new equipment, improvements, and activities in store for the Scouts who will be attending Camp Pioneer this summer, according to Ronald Rudiman, Scout executive.

This attractive summer playground for Scouts of the Cascade Area council will open its sixth season on July 6 for four weeks. It is "tucked away" in the Cascade range on Pine lake, a beautiful little mountain lake in the Marion lake district, and about 75 miles east of Salem and Albany.

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Residents Join Benefit Group At Mill City

MILL CITY—Fourteen persons were initiated into Mill City council 3337 of the Security Benefit association at a public ceremony, Friday. Eureka council, Portland, put on the initiation work, and Kirkpatrick, also Portland, sent a drill team.

Initiated were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Clark, Milton Andersen, Raymond LaVine, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rogers, Mary Ann Bruder, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mundt, Mrs. Blanche Syverson, Wallace Bevier, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nichols, William Norris. William B. Shuey is president of the Mill City council.

MILL CITY—Rev. A. C. Bates, who was reelected president of the board of the Churches of Christ in Oregon at the Turner convention this week, will speak at the Mill City Church of Christ tonight. Bates was for eight years pastor of the Mill City church.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Arthur and E. H. Ragsdale and family attended their family reunion at Rickreall last Sunday.

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Signal Corps Reserve Has Vacancies

Word was received by Lt. Col. B. H. Hensley, district recruiting officer, US army for Oregon, from the war department that vacancies exist for the immediate appointment of approximately 500 second lieutenants in the signal corps reserve under the following conditions:

Applicants must