

BLUES ROUTED IN BATTLE AT DAWN

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 In fierce fighting with the Second Connecticut regiment of the Red army, the First Blue brigade, composed of the First, Fourth and Fifth regiments, N. J. N. deserted their position between Huntington and Walnut Tree Hill, which they had occupied for the past four days, and also hastened westward.
 Six troops of the Tenth U. S. cavalry protected their rear.
New Line of Defense.
 By these marches a new line of defense was formed stretching for seven miles from upper Stepney to

Tashua Hill, and this section will be the scene of the decisive battle tomorrow and Saturday. But in these elaborate maneuvers both the left and right flanks of New York's defenders, together with their base of supplies and the railroad which cost them two defeats and a large number of men are unprotected.
 The maneuvers so far have been a succession of retreats and defeats for the Blues. A number of skirmishes have resulted in the capture of the Blues' outposts and flying patrols of the Reds have worked havoc with the defenders' supply trains and their means of communication.

AERO SQUAD TO BE EVENLY DIVIDED

(By Post Staff Correspondent.)
MANEUVER, HEADQUARTERS, STRATFORD, Conn., Aug. 15.—Due to the efficient work of the aero squadron in the war manoeuvres thus far and the favorable comments made concerning its work by the leaders on both the Blue and the Red sides, Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss today ordered a change in the assignment of the machines. Instead of the three now at headquarters being used exclusively by the Blue army, one will be assigned to the Reds, one to the Blues and the third will be used for emergency flights.
 Captain F. B. Hennessey of the aviation corps said this morning that he does not know as yet just which fliers will be assigned to the respective armies. In his order calling

for the change General Bliss stated that the use of all three machines by the Blues gave them an advantage too great in scout work. The order also required that the aviation squad make an automobile tour of the war zone this morning and familiarize themselves with the conditions of affairs.
No Flying This Morning.
 There was no flying at the camp this morning because of unfavorable weather conditions. The fliers will probably perform tonight, however, if their tour this afternoon does not tire them too much. Lieutenants Roy C. Kirtland, and Henry H. Arnold, the aviators who flew the wrecked Burgess-Wright hydroplane, arrived at camp yesterday afternoon at 5:30. Captain Hennessey, Beckwith Haven, and Lieut. Arnold and Milling constitute the touring party.

STRATFORD CAMP ALMOST DESERTED

(By Post Staff Correspondent.)
MANEUVER, HEADQUARTERS, STRATFORD, Conn., Aug. 15.—Brigadier-General Tasker H. Bliss, commander chief umpire of the war game, with his entire staff, left the headquarters camp here this morning and established temporary headquarters at Newtown, where they can better follow the opposing armies as they are now situated. With the umpire staff went a company of the Signal Corps, taking with it its wireless station and post exchange.
Cavalry Off to Newtown.
 The detachment of Tenth Cavalry

which has been stationed here since the opening of the maneuvers has also departed for Newtown, so that the camp is almost deserted. There are now Company B of engineers, one company of infantry, the New York National Guard headquarters, and the aviation corps to enliven the camp. It is likely that General Bliss and his staff will return here tomorrow for Saturday to tabulate the various decisions of the engagements.
 It was announced at the camp this morning that the war game will be no more after the stroke of four on Saturday afternoon.

RED HEADQUARTERS NOW AT BARN HILL

(By Post Staff Correspondent.)
RED HEADQUARTERS, BARN HILL, EAST VILLAGE, Conn., Aug. 15.—Brig. Gen. Frederick A. Smith, U. S. A., commanding the Red army, today located his headquarters on Barn Hill, an elevation 470 feet above sea level and commanding a comprehensive view of the surrounding country. His main forces are drawn up in a semi-circle within a few miles radius of this point and many of the camps are visible from headquarters.
Cavalry Busy Scouting.
 Scouting parties of the Tenth U. S. Cavalry, (colored), reconnoitered all day ascertaining the position of the Blue forces. Smith spent a large part of the day with his aides in going over maps of the surrounding country and preparing for the

crucial conflict that is expected tomorrow.
Location of Camps.
 The Red division of the Tenth U. S. Cavalry is protecting headquarters, its camp being pitched to the southwest of Barn Hill.
 Between Upper and Lower White Hills are encamped the Twenty-second Engineers, the Sixty-ninth, Seventy-first, Seventy and Twelfth regiments and the Second Ambulance and Hospital corps.
 The Fifth, Ninth and Tenth Massachusetts regiments are south of Monroe and the Second Vermont and Second Maine regiments are in the vicinity of Meigs Brook, near Lower White Hills. The Connecticut troops are also quartered in this vicinity.

SECRETARY OF WAR IS NOT TO ATTEND

By National News Wire.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—Forced to remain in Washington because of the demand of the Helm committee, investigating the case of Major Ray and the wishes of the president, Secretary of War Stimson today canceled

his trip to Connecticut to witness the conclusion of the army manoeuvres.
Major General Wood Coming.
 Major General Wood, chief of staff, who was to have accompanied Secretary Stimson, probably will leave here tonight, going directly to General Bliss' headquarters.

UMPIRES' CAMP IS MOVED TO NEWTOWN

By National News Wire.
STRATFORD, Aug. 15.—Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, chief umpire of the war game, today ordered his headquarters shifted to Newtown, where he will be in a better position to watch the final combat of the campaign.
 The Red army advanced its main

camp today to Barn Hill, one mile south of East Village. The invading army tomorrow will direct its attack on Danbury, the Blue base of supplies.
 The Red army in its attack on the Blues, today used only cavalry, who harassed that force in its efforts to centralize for the battle tomorrow.

BLUES CONFIDENT OF REPELLING REDS

(By Post Staff Correspondent.)
BLUE HEADQUARTERS, REDDING RIDGE, Conn., Aug. 15.—Everything was activity and then some at Gen. Mills' headquarters here to-day. The Blue army hasn't been meeting with overwhelming success in its defense of New York city, and Gen. Mills intends that this order of things is to change right away.
General Takes Field.
 Today the general personally took the field to look over the positions of his army and to get a working idea of the topography of the country where to-morrow will be fought the big battle of the war. He spent considerable time in going over maps and had conferences with his aides during the day.

Reports from Blue troops in the field were received this morning at headquarters, all divisions reporting their approximate position. These positions were not disclosed today. The Blue line, it is understood, stretched northeasterly for about nine miles from Long Hill.
Sharp Fighting Reported.
 At noon today sharp fighting north-west of Tashua Hill was reported.
 The Fourteenth New York cavalry was ordered to look over the situation and may possibly take a few pot shots at the enemy.
 Gen. Mills is said to be confident of holding back the Red force tomorrow and his aides say that the general has plans that will put the invaders clean out of commission. The field artillery with the Blues is expected to do great work from its position on heights in the vicinity of headquarters.

WILMOT LAWN IS USED AS HOSPITAL

(By Post Staff Correspondent.)
MONROE, Aug. 15.—Twenty two sick and wounded Blues, members of the Fourth New Jersey, were left upon the lawn of Walter S. Wilmot's summer home in this town last night, as the routed defending forces dashed wildly through, closely pressed by the victorious Reds. Heat-sick and half-famished because of the lack of food and water, the panic-stricken Blues were sadly demoralized and appeared hardly able to march.
Laid Out the Wounded.
 Permission was asked of Mrs. Sarah Wilmot by the Blue officers before the

22 sick and wounded were quartered on the lawn. Mrs. Wilmot says that many of the soldiers complained that their rations had not been served them and that the food was not properly cooked. The officers asking Mrs. Wilmot for the use of the lawn declared that they would establish camp within a few miles and then sent back ambulances to bring them to camp.
 Shortly afterward it rained, and the soldiers were carried into the Wilmot barn, to await the erection of tents on the lawn. The ambulances arrived about 11 o'clock, and took the sick men to camp.

SOLDIERS SUFFER EXTREMELY FROM ARDUOUS TRAMP

Report that Several Are Dead from Exhaustion Can Not Be Verified at Press Time.

There was a wild rumor north of the city this morning that seven militiamen encamped near Stepney had died owing to exhaustion and troubles brought on by the work in the field. This could not be verified. There was also another story that two soldiers, a white man and a colored man had died. This is also unverified.
 It is known that many dropped along the march after the day's battle. Seventeen militiamen from the Fourth New Jersey which bore the brunt of yesterday's fight were left near the summer residence of Dr. D. C. DeWolfe in Monroe to recover. They were entirely exhausted and the doctor administered restoratives and neighbors aided them until they were able to move along.
 It is reported that the Massachusetts regiments have suffered the most from the heat and fatigue. The members seem to be mere youths, many of them hardly eighteen years of age apparently.
 Lieutenant Marks of Company B, U. S. Engineers, who camped at Huntington, and laid out the various camps preliminary to the manoeuvres, has made many friends since he has been in this vicinity. He was one of the official observers yesterday at the battle of Walnut Tree hill.

ENDURANCE HIKE MAY FOLLOW THE WARMANOEUVRES

Persistent Rumors that Roosevelt's 90-Mile Ride Tests Will Be Made.

(By Post Staff Correspondent.)
MANEUVER, HEADQUARTERS, STRATFORD, Conn., Aug. 15.—Persistent rumors were afloat among the officers at the camp today saying that the annual endurance test for officers will be held from this place immediately after the close of the war game. Included in the test is the famous Rooseveltian idea, the march of 90-miles in three days, which has never proven very popular with army officers.

REAL BULLETS SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN USE

Persistent Rumor To-Day that Some of Soldiers Had Real Cartridges in Possession.

There was a report today that some of the militiamen had been found with cartridges loaded with bullets and that some had been fired. No official confirmation of this report could be obtained. The orders are very strict with regard to using bullet cartridges and each company commander is held personally responsible. The rifles and cartridge belts are inspected every morning.
Had Narrow Escape.
 It is reported that a major of one of the Massachusetts regiments said that a few soldiers did have bullet cartridges and that it was a narrow escape from trouble. The Post does not vouch for this but it was a report that was persistently repeated along the lines.

BATTLE EXPECTED.

According to all accounts the War Game will reach a climax in a pitched battle tomorrow. Today has been spent in maneuvering and rest, after the tragic battle of Walnut Tree hill. Apart from a few lively skirmishes little has been done although the umpires have been busy at work plotting the positions and getting everything in readiness for the final struggle.
 The bulk of the troops are north of this city in the vicinity of Monroe and Redding and there is where spectators will have to go to see the remaining battles. The week's work has been trying on the troops and especially the militiamen who are not hardened to the life of a soldier like the men of the regular army. Another thing that goes a long ways in the manner in which the men are taken care of by the Commissary department.
 According to report the War Department has after the regiments of regulars and each state takes care of its own troops. As a consequence the regular army has been well provided for but some of the militia regiments have suffered severely. It has been reported that some were obliged to tramp all day in the sun with nothing to eat. The full privations of the war manoeuvres will never be known until later in the armories when the men get together and rehearse their experiences.
 The War Game has been a God-send to people out in the country districts who see a milk-wagon or two every week but have little else by way of excitement. It certainly is a lively change to have soldiers armed with rifles, sabres and revolvers rushing by in squads and singly with occasional outposts shooting down the enemy from someone's front door yard. The residents of Monroe and Huntington especially will be sorry when the war is over.