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LIEUT. MARKS IN CHARGE OF CAMP W. H. LEE TODAY

Lieutenant E. H. Marks was in command of Camp Walter H. Lee this morning when a Post representative visited the soldier city in the woods near Huntington. Captain Willing and Lieutenant Scott were off on a reconnaissance. Lieut. Marks was also preparing to ride to town although he said he had no liking for a very extended hike, as he covered 40 miles on horseback yesterday.

Much had been done to the camp since the reporter visited it last Saturday. The engineers have built a good road to the camp from the highway, dug storage pits for supplies, have a company store in full operation, have built drains, walks and enclosures so that the camp is now systematically laid out and equipped.

No Drilling at Camp.

The men work with pick and shovel from 7 to 9 in the morning and also an hour in the afternoon. They have considerable time to themselves and seem contented. It is not a very warlike camp and there is no drilling or parading. The gleam of a stack of rifles, however, can be seen in every tent and it is evident they know how it called upon.

The engineers are an ingenious lot and many little provisions for comfort are noticed. Hammocks have been made by stringing barrel staves together and tables and benches here and there have been fashioned from the small trees and branches that have been cut down.

Hospital Tent.

The hospital tent with a stone drain extending around the base is a good example of the ship shape methods employed and next to it was the tent equipped with drawing

boards and instruments for the making of maps, etc. The cook tent equipped with collapsible stoves and all sorts of pans and kitchen utensils was the busiest place in camp and right handy were ice storage pits, fires for burning refuse and big kettles of water heating over smouldering fires.

At the other end of the camp were the mules and horses of the command. While there the troop of 24 mounted men came filing over the slope. They had been some distance to water their horses. Lieut. Marks explained that for some reason the horses would not drink water from the stream that flowed at the base of the camp.

U. S. Pays for Privilege.

The lieutenant said the officers found that many people who owned land which was wanted for camp sites during the maneuvers from August 8 to August 18 were suspicious of the soldiers and feared they would damage the land. They were therefore having some difficulty in locating the various camps where they wished. They have been prospecting from New Haven to Danbury and have selected a number of satisfactory places. The camp sites will only be used for one or two nights and the government is paying from \$25 to \$50 for the privilege according to the location.

Gen. Bliss to Command.

It is expected General Tasker H. Bliss, commanding the Department of the East with headquarters at Governor's Island, will be in charge of the war maneuvers and will act as umpire when the attack on New York city and its defense is carried out. No one knows just the exact location of the proposed maneuvers nor where the regiments will be located, not even the engineer officers now at Camp Lee. They are given instructions about laying out the camp sites from time to time and do Engineers, 150 men, which is now required.

This City to Be Headquarters.

It is known that the war operations will take place between Danbury and New Haven on the outskirts above this city. There will probably be several camps within the city limits. The war aeroplanes will have their headquarters here and the headquarters of General Bliss and the foreign attaches from the em-