

SEATTLE JAPANESE ASK HARRY WHITNEY TREAT TO LEAD THEM

Offer to Raise and Equip Regiment of 1,000 Men for Service Against Germans

AMERICAN LAKE TROOPS EXPECT ORDER TO MOVE

Second Battalion Looks for Instructions for Service "Somewhere in Washington."

RIFLE PRACTICE STARTS

Easter Services Are Arranged for Today by Regimental Chaplain, Major Sulliger.

TACOMA, Saturday, April 7.—Easter Sunday at Camp Cosgrove will dawn with expectations high, for the Second Battalion expects to be started away for service "somewhere in Washington."

This is not definite, but the men feel certain that they will get away soon. The battalion was mustered into federal service by Capt. Harold D. Coburn, inspector instructor, U. S. A.

Maj. S. S. Sulliger, regimental chaplain, will hold Easter services at 10 o'clock and an invitation has been issued to friends and relatives of the soldiers.

Incessant rain did not bring a pause in the work of preparation at the camp. The last of the physical examinations were given and the men had the first work on the rifle range. Each of the companies is having a turn at it, and the crackle of the guns is heard at all hours throughout the day.

Another event of Easter Sunday will be the arrival at the camp of eighty-eight mules for the supply company. Many of the soldiers came into Tacoma tonight on leave and helped to give the city a martial air. The men are in high spirits and eager for activity away from the mobilization ground.

SECOND INFANTRYMAN PLAYS HISTORIC FIFE

Apparently there is nothing remarkable about the fife which Fred Smeizer, member of the Second Infantry Band, toots with such vigor while marching on parade or as a member of the fife and drum corps of the infantry regiment.

To the ordinary observer the instrument is just an ordinary "fute" which responds with due obedience to the energy of the owner. But that fife is among the most prized possessions of the Smeizer family because of its previous "war service."

The first time the fife sent forth its shrill note to strike upon the ears of fighting patriots was during the Civil War. Smeizer's uncle was a captain in command of the drum corps and later became a colonel. The fife went through the struggle unscathed and has been handed down as an heirloom in the Smeizer family.

According to the family records the fife was in the second battle of Bull Run and the battle of Chattanooga. Its service also includes participation in numerous other minor struggles of the war.

CAMP CHAPLAIN SEES TO IT THAT "FOLKS BACK HOME" GET LETTERS



—Photo by Webster & Stevens, Times Staff Photographers.

Maj. E. S. Sulliger providing writing materials.

If members of the Second Washington Infantry, National Guard, now at the concentration camp at American Lake, forget or neglect to write to "the folks back home" it is not the fault of Maj. E. E. Sulliger, regimental chaplain.

For, besides officiating in his capacity as spiritual advisor for the troops, Major Sulliger is official camp postmaster. And the chaplain has provided well for the letter writing needs of the soldiers.

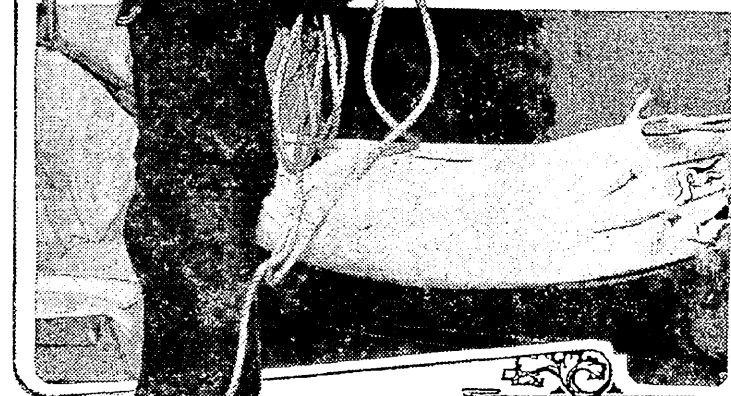
In this photograph Major Sulliger is shown opening a package of writing material for use by the men. He has

furnished paper, pens, ink, pencils and even blotters for the men. And the major is "on the job" when the supply begins to run low.

Then, too, Major Sulliger has obtained the location of a branch United States postoffice at the American Lake encampment. At this station a clerk is stationed during regular hours each day, assuring the prompt handling of the mail for soldiers.

Major Sulliger has turned his large service auditorium tent into a writing room for the men during the day. The Tacoma Y. M. C. A. is furnishing reading matter to convert it into a veritable library.

SCENES DURING MOBILIZATION OF NAVAL MILITIA FORCES OF WASHINGTON AT THE SEATTLE ARMORY



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PREPARING FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

The upper picture shows a party of citizen-sailors completing necessary packing for entrance into government service. The men included everything from bedding to personal equipment in the white "ditty" bags and canvas cases they are shown packing.

Lower left picture shows a Naval Militiaman swinging the hammock which will be his only "home" during his navy career.

NAVAL MILITIA SAILS TO JOIN U. S. SEA FORCE

Bluejackets Off for Bremerton Where They Will Be Placed on Ships and Soon Sent Out for Ocean Duty.

FIVE HUNDRED of Washington's staunchest citizens, drawn from all walks of life, shortly after 3



COAST ARTILLERY REGIMENT SCORES RECORD INCREASE

Fifty-four Officers and 1,323 Enlisted Men Comprise

SONS OF NIPPON SHOW LOYALTY TO UNCLE SAM

Thomas Y. Nabatame, Veteran of U. S. Navy, Is Originator of Idea.

UNITED STATES, BANZAI!

Recipient of Honor Says He Is Willing to Accept Commission.

"United States, Banzai!"

This cheer rose from the throats of twenty Seattle Japanese who gathered at the home of Harry Whitney Treat, 1 West Highland Drive, last night, formally to present their offer of raising and equipping a regiment of 1,000 Japanese residents of this city and to ask Treat to lead them into battle for the United States against Germany.

Mr. Treat said he would accept the commission.

With a Japanese lantern in one hand and an American flag in the other, each of these men went direct from the patriotic parade, where their contingent was greeted with continuous hand clapping and applause, to the home of Treat.

The idea of raising a regiment of Seattle Japanese and offering their services to the United States government originated in the mind of Thomas Y. Nabatame, general manager of the Glenn Ellen Coal Company, when an intimation of a possible break between the United States and Germany first arose.

Nabatame served twelve years in the United States Navy and received his honorable discharge from the service when he was on the U. S. battleship Alabama twelve years ago.

Veterans of War.

"We have in Seattle almost 1,000 Japanese who served in the Russo-Japanese war and many of them have been graduated from the 'Sagacar Sugarcoar,' which is a Japanese army college," said Nabatame last night. "We want to help the United States in its fight against Germany. All of our sympathies are with the United States and nothing but the friendliest of feelings exists between the two countries. We have asked Mr. Treat to lead us because he has always been friendly to the Japanese people and understands us."

"I have many friends among the Japanese," said Treat. "I have traveled through their country and have met and become acquainted with many of their most important men. I have always liked them and will be willing to lead them. I have lived among the Japanese and have eaten their food and know that I could get along fine with them."

Treat said he already had telegraphed Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, commander of the Western Division of the United States army, intimating that a regiment of Seattle Japanese would be formed and its services offered to the United States. He said he had not received a reply to this telegram and does not know whether General Bell would look with favor upon accepting the services of this regiment.