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The following reports on the field inspection of the Guard of this State are published for the information of all concerned. Special attention is directed to those portions underlined, which indicate defects needing correction, and should receive the consideration and proper action of the responsible officers.

FIRST FIELD HOSPITAL

This organization participated in a joint camp of instruction for Sanitary Troops at Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wisconsin, August 2 to 10, 1915. Present in camp-- Five officers and twenty-nine men. Absent from camp-- Eleven men. No mounts, ambulances, or wagon transportation brought to camp. Organization conforms to that prescribed for Regular Army. Attendance at drills and assemblies at home station not reported-- Records not brought to camp. Each officer and man has been examined by a medical officer of the Organized Militia in accordance with the standard prescribed for the Regular Army. Two men do not appear to conform to physical standards. Four members have received the complete anti-typhoid inoculation for the prevention of typhoid fever. Property records not brought to camp. Organization Commander receipts for all property in use by his organization. The commissioned officers use some of the property for their personal use. Enlisted men do not receipt for property in their possession. Commanding Officer complies with Par. 106, Militia Regulations, in regard to reporting the loss, theft, or unserviceability of property. General condition of: Emergency cases-- Excellent; Orderly pouches-- Organization has none; Hospital corps pouches-- Organization has none; Hospital corps knives and scabbards-- Good. The quartermaster, ordnance, and medical property was properly cared for in camp. An officer has been designated recruiting officer for war; understands his duties, and is supplied with the necessary blank forms. All officers required to attend all drills and assemblies and each is prepared to drill the organization. General police of the camp-- Very good. Tents: Pyramidal for enlisted men, wall tents for officers; condition very good; condition of interior very good; seven men to pyramidal tent. Drinking water piped from artesian well to kitchen. System of latrine used-- McCall incinerators. Garrison ration issued on return to Quartermaster, Camp Robinson; all supplies except bread and meat drawn upon presentation of return; bread and meat as required. Preparation-- Excellent. Sufficiency-- Entirely sufficient. Cooks are enlisted and first cook is highly efficient. Cooking utensils sufficient and in satisfactory condition. Garbage disposed of in kitchen incinerator F.S.R. type. Neatness of personnel, soldierly appearance, school of the soldier, squad, detachment, and company-- Good. Manual of the litter-- Very good. Manual of the loaded litter-- Good. Ambulance drill-- Good. Knowledge of equitation and driving-- Fair. Bearer work without litters-- Good. Practical and theoretical first aid-- Very good. Leadership and efficiency of noncommissioned officers-- Good. Field maneuvers-- Very good. Making and breaking camp-- Good. Instruction in cooking-- Fair. Camp sanitation, instruction in prevention of diseases and instruction in infectious and contagious diseases-- Good. Observance of military courtesy and promptness at formations-- Good. Attendance at reveille-- Very good. Taps not observed in camp. No absenteeism from drill and instruction was authorized. No use of liquor observed in camp. Conduct of men off duty was excellent. No unauthorized falling out from marches, exercises, etc. Condition of clothing and equipment: Uniform-- olive drab wool-- condition very good; cotton breeches-- condition fair. Shoes, ponchos, haversacks, belts, blankets, tentage, and shelter halves-- Very good. Canteens, mess outfits and toilet articles-- Good. First aid packets-- Fair. The efficiency of the organization, considered as a whole, for field service, is good. The minimum time to prepare the organization to take the field as an effective unit or detachment at war strength, reckoning from the day it is called into the service of the United States, and assuming its present personnel, the necessity of recruiting to war strength, of training its personnel, obtaining necessary equipment, and performing the other countless incidents preparatory to field service, is estimated at three months. The weakest feature observed is inexperience in handling tentage and transportation.