

ARCTIC TERN COME TO HILLS TO VISIT AT COMPANY 1651

FORMER CHAMPIONS ARE PREPARING FOR ACTION

Company 1651, Lewiston district football champions last year and always strong opposition in any form of athletics, are practicing daily and will doubtless give a good account of themselves in the district athletic program.

A volleyball court has been constructed and countless hours are spent here at the close of the day's work. At the far end of the camp ground a group may be seen engaged in a game of basketball. Others prefer baseball, and still others the less strenuous games of horseshoes and ping-pong.

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Again snugly ensconced in the verdant hills and wooded slopes of Idaho after a glorious eight months in the land of oranges and pomegranates, Company 1651, CCC, now located at Boehl's Cabin in the Lewiston district.

It is safe to say that no man will soon forget that train ride to Idaho, nor the trip from the detraining point, Elk River. Mile after mile of mud, and slush caused by melting snow from mountain slopes made progress slow and hazardous. Many times during the long trek from Elk River to camp did the boys unload from the trucks with baggage and other impedimenta to lessen the load, corduroy the road by means of rocks and logs, and put a shoulder to the wheel. They arrived at camp that night, tired, weary, and rather disheartened, but after fortifying themselves with sandwiches and hot coffee prepared for them by members of the advance party the situation took on a different aspect. When the excitement abated somewhat, they began to look around for a place to sleep, and in due time silence reigned supreme, and in the crispy night air nothing could be heard save the rustle of wind through the trees and the roar of the river.

Came the dawn, and as the early morning breeze sifted through the trees, an involuntary "oh" escaped many a lip at the splendor of the scene before them. In small groups they explored the surrounding territory where they were destined to spend the next several months.

Situated at the convergence of the little North Fork and Breakfast Creek it is indeed a beautiful spot for camp. Mountains, tall stately trees, and swiftly moving mountain streams make one thrill with the joy of living, and marvel at such pulchritude. Beautiful beyond description, and superb to a degree that it baffles a common vocabulary.

A week later the campsite showed remarkable improvement. Rocks line the walks to the various places, rustic chairs and benches, give the appear-

ance of a park, and green ferns and beautiful foliage lend a picturesque aspect to the setting.

Under the popular and capable guidance of Capt. C. B. Leasure and Lieut. C. T. Blankley, and the cooperation of some two hundred enrollees, Company 1651 gives promise of becoming an outstanding achievement in the Lewiston district in the summer of '35.

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Boehl's Cabin Camp Organizes Chapter of New Fraternity

Enrollees Learn Parliamentary Law in New Organization.

Company 1651, located at Camp Boehl's Cabin in the Elk River district, boasts of an organization known as the "Order of the Arctic Tern," made up of enrollees of the company who desire to become members of the order, and thereby take part in its activities, as well as receive instructions in parliamentary procedure as laid down in Roberts' "Rules of Order."

This order was conceived in the Fort MacArthur district, following a lecture by Dr. Alfred Cookman entitled "Fighting Birds of the Air." In his talk he described the Arctic Tern, a small gull-like bird with a pointed bill, as the champion flying bird of the world and dedicated it to the company, as he has done with other companies.

After his talk, which was most entertaining and instructive, a member of the company, Frederic B. Wallace, suggested that a society be organized called the "Order of the Arctic Tern," meetings to be held, a pin designed to be worn by each member, and the spirit and good fellowship of the company carried on in years to come.

This met with instant approval and the present order is the result. The officers are known as flight commander, first and second lieutenant-commanders, adjutant and sergeant-at-arms. A silk flag was purchased which stands at the right of the commander's desk on a mahogany stand with a golden eagle at the top. The flag is saluted at the opening of each meeting.

All offices are filled by enrollees, officers of the company being just members. The company commander, however, acts in an advisory capacity to instruct the membership in the manner of conducting the meeting and reads from Roberts' "Rules of Order" the various points of parliamentary procedure.

At an early meeting Dr. Cookman, the one honorary member of the order, was present and personally installed the officers with appropriate remarks befitting each office.

There are 81 charter members of this "parent" organization and all are unanimous in the opinion that the meetings are of great benefit and a lot of fun, as well as instructive.

Article II of the Constitution states: "Its purposes are:

(a) To perpetuate the friendships formed by membership in Company 1651.

(b) To build up the spirit and morale of this organization.

(c) To increase and further the discipline of the company.

(d) To create and maintain a feeling of good fellowship among its members through its meetings and associations.

(e) To educate its members in parliamentary procedure and public speaking.

Company 1651 claims no monopoly nor has it copyrighted the idea, so if any other company has any desires along this line, just drop a line to the Adjutant, Stuart W. Wright, and request a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws and it will be forwarded at the earliest possible opportunity. The pins cost \$1.50 each and are very attractive. Every boy who has one is proud of it.

A chapter is being organized in Rock Island and Moline, composed of boys who have been honorably discharged from the company. All Sixth Corps Area companies are urged to get behind this movement, and in future years, who knows what this organization may amount to back home in Illinois.