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106TH DIVISION AT CAMP; NAME HOSPITAL HEAD

Unit Arrives for Further Training—Commander Is Maj. Gen. Jones.

IS THIRD TO BE AT CAMP

Col. H. L. Conner to Head New General Hospital at Atterbury.

Arrival of the 106th Infantry division at Camp Atterbury for training was announced today. Moving in of the new troops resulted in the recent rush for houses and apartments in Columbus and towns surrounding the camp.

The public relations office announced that the 106th Division has arrived at the camp for further training. It is commanded by Maj. Gen. Alan W. Jones. The assistant division commander is Brig. Gen. Herbert T. Ferrin and the division artillery commander is Brig. Gen. Leo T. McMahon.

Third to Train Here.

The 106th Division is the third infantry division to train at Camp Atterbury since activation of the camp in 1942. In July of that year the nucleus of the 82d Division arrived at the camp in the first large-scale movement of military personnel into the new installation.

The second to move in for training was the 20th Infantry division, which was stationed at Atterbury last winter.

The official word of the new division's arrival followed an announcement Friday that Col. H. L. Conner, formerly stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex., and a native Hoosier, will be commanding officer of the new general hospital to be set up at Camp Atterbury.

The hospital announcement was made by the camp public relations office. Other details for shifting the 87-building station hospital at the camp to a general hospital were not revealed, but it is understood that the general hospital will be ready for activation around the first of May.

The War department announced March 3 that a general hospital would be established at Atterbury for treatment of men returned from overseas. This announcement was made at the same time the War department revealed that Atterbury was being reopened as an active training camp.

To Be Opened.

Eleven new general hospitals over the nation have been, or shortly will be, opened by the War department as it prepares for handling increased war casualties. The new medical installations will bring the number of general hospitals to more than 60 and will increase total capacity by nearly 30,000 beds.

A new name has been selected for the Camp Atterbury general hospital and probably will be announced in the near future.

Colonel Conner was post surgeon and commanding officer of the station hospital at Fort Bliss. His new command is within 50 miles of his birthplace at New Albany.

Colonel and Mrs. Conner have one son, Maj. Haskett L. Conner, Jr., who is now overseas.

Trained at Johns Hopkins, Colonel Conner received his training in medicine and surgery at Johns Hopkins university, graduated in the Medical corps in 1910. He was commissioned in 1910. He was commissioned in the Medical corps in 1910. From there he went to Boston to do special work in orthopedics and followed this assignment with a tour of duty which included Fort Meade, Md., Camp Sevier, S. C., and Camp Gordon, Ga.

Stationed in Hawaii from 1918 to 1924, Colonel Conner was returned there in 1926 for another 2-year period. He was in command of the general dispensary of the Schofield arsenal at Philadelphia, when ordered to Fort Bliss in 1940. On July 3, 1942, coincident with a "temporary" promotion to full colonel, he took charge of the Fort Bliss station hospital where he had been executive officer since its activation in 1941. One year later, in July 1943, Colonel Conner was promoted to a permanent colonelcy in the Regular army.

The Atterbury hospital, composed of concrete block buildings and designed so that it could be used both during and following the war, will accommodate several thousand patients and it is presumed that it will serve men returned from overseas and those in training at the camp.

Cpl. Charles R. Hendricks has been camp surgeon since the hospital opened almost two years ago, supervising the care and treatment of hundreds of patients daily.

TWO STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILES

Irving Bridgewater Ordered in for Questioning After Accident.

Two persons were injured when run down by automobiles in the building district here Friday.

Police ordered Ira Bridgewater, 208 Second street, in for questioning after it is alleged that his automobile struck a pedestrian at Fourth and Jackson streets at 10 o'clock last night.

Flash Berry, Route 7, who was struck by a car at that location, was not thought to have been seriously hurt. Police said he declined medical treatment.

According to the police report, an automobile identified as that owned by Bridgewater, failed to stop after striking Berry. The pedestrian was walking across Fourth street when the automobile tumbled off Jackson street into a ditch and knocked him down.

Witnesses said the car failed to stop.

Police ordered Bridgewater detained when they found a pair of spectacles, owned by Berry, on the fender of the car.

At 10:10 o'clock Friday afternoon, Mrs. Perry Thompson, south of the city, was struck by an automobile on Washington street between Fifth and Sixth streets. It is thought to have sustained only light damage, she was taken to her home.

Mrs. Anna Newson, Route 1, was the driver of the automobile, Maj. Hagedorn rendered assistance, police said.

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