



Something About The Commanding Officers Of The 27th Division



CHARLES L. PHILLIPS

Brigadier General Charles L. Phillips, acting in command of the 27th Division, U. S. A., was born in Illinois of New England parentage. His boyhood was spent in Maine, from which State he was selected as a cadet to attend West Point. On graduation, he was assigned to the artillery, in which branch he has since served continuously until his present assignment.

Except for short service in command of the coast defenses of San Francisco and for a three-year tour of duty in the Philippines, he has been stationed at various coast artillery posts on the Atlantic coast. He was adjutant at the Fortress Monroe Coast Artillery School for four years. He has also commanded the coast defenses of Key West, Eastern New York, Portland, Me., San Francisco and Manila Bay.

When assigned to his present duty, he was in command of the Northeastern Coast Artillery District, including all the coast defenses of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, with headquarters in Boston. He has been active in the development of coast artillery methods of fire control, and has been associated with other artillery officers who have originated many of the modern devices now in use.

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN FRANCIS O'RYAN

He is forty-three years old, this excellent soldier who commands the Twenty-seventh Division, U. S. A. He was born in New York City, and there studied in the public schools, the College of the City of New York and New York University. From the latter institution he received his degree in law. He became, subsequently, as efficient a lawyer as he is a soldier.

He enlisted, March 12, 1897, in G Company, Seventh New York Infantry, and was transferred to the First Artillery, November 22, 1900, becoming a Second Lieutenant in that organization just two weeks later.

Thus started, his rise was rapid. April 9, 1904, he was commissioned First Lieutenant, and Captain May 10, 1907. The succeeding steps to his present commission were made with the rapidity and certainty that could not be denied so able an officer.

On April 16, 1912, he became Major General of the New York Division. He has become an authority on many military subjects; has written much and lectured much. He is a strong disciplinarian and a recognized authority on the psychology of discipline.

He graduated from the Army War College in the class of 1914. His records there were enviable. Moreover, he was the first National Guard officer in the country to complete the course.

Last August, the United States Senate immediately confirmed his nomination to the command of the Twenty-seventh Division, U. S. A. He was among the first of the National Guard Division Commanders to be thus accepted.

In September, he was assigned to special duty in France, leaving his troops in Camp Wadsworth. He commanded the New York Division on the Mexical Border in 1916, and there won distinction as an organizer.

Despite the fact he is a rigid disciplinarian, he is never brusque nor discourteous. He is just in his own dealings with his men, and insists upon such fairness prevailing throughout the Division.

His return to this Division is an event to be looked toward eagerly. We are singularly fortunate in having Major General John F. O'Ryan as the man who is to lead us against our enemy.



HON. CHAS. WHITMAN, GOVERNOR
OF NEW YORK, REVIEWED THE
TWENTY-SEVENTH DIVIS-
ION ON FRIDAY, NO-
VEMBER 1, 1917.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT

Friday, November 1st, was an old-home celebration at Camp Wadsworth, for a New York Governor, hundreds of New York fathers, mothers, wives, brothers, sisters and sweethearts witnessed New York soldiers on their general review.

The Governor had arrived in Spartanburg the previous day, and had visited various parts of the camp, where due honors were accorded him. On Thursday evening a dinner and reception was given the Governor and Mrs. Whitman at the Hotel Cleveland, where General Charles L. Phillips and staff, Governor Manning and staff, besides many prominent citizens of Spartanburg, were in attendance.

The review began Friday morning at ten o'clock and lasted for three hours. The Commanding Officer and staff, the Governor of South Carolina and staff and the Governor of New York and staff were upon the reviewing stand, while the parade grounds were surrounded with interested spectators.