

30TH DIVISION WINS PRAISE OF GENERAL DRUM

First Army Commander Taken On Tour Of Fort Jackson

FORT JACKSON, S. C. Jan. 18. (Special) — The 30th division has once again been stamped with approval. This time by Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, commander of the First Army, who said in a press conference here this week that "the 30th training has progressed rapidly, and I am highly pleased with the manner in which the training of selectees has been expedited."

General Drum had been taken on a tour of Fort Jackson and through the recruit training areas for the selective service men arriving here from North Carolina and Georgia reception centers.

"I went down in the ranks and talked with these Southern men. I found them seriously entering into the life of soldiers, with the necessary qualities and characteristics of fine men."

General Drum expressed his satisfaction at the improvements which had been made in the building program and the training facilities, and remarked again that "the training of the troops is excellent."

North Carolina's 105th Engineers, 120th Infantry, and its units of the 105th Quartermaster regiment put on a real show for Gen. Drum.

First unit of the 30th division inspected by the army commander was the 105th Quartermaster regiment which brought out its new trucks and equipment and demonstrated a road march. The 105th Engineers' regiment, made up of several hundred men from North Carolina, brought out its new bridge and road building equipment and gave field demonstrations.

But it was the 120th Infantry which stole the show. This North Carolina regiment moved out into the sand hills of the reservation and set up a headquarters in the field similar to one which would be used in actual warfare. The headquarters was complete: from maps and personnel to communication lines.

General Drum expressed approval of the rapid progress made by the 30th national guard members in a conference with staff officers at the fort.

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