

30TH DIVISION SETS UP 'HOME' AT ATTERBURY

Unit of World War 1 Fame Arrives for Further Training Here.

HEADED BY GEN. HOBBS

Division Was Re-activated in 1925, Called to Active Duty in 1940.

The 30th Infantry division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Leland S. Hobbs, has arrived at Camp Atterbury for further training, the Atterbury public relations office revealed today.

Announcement of the division's arrival was withheld pending completion of the military movement. Arrival of the division brought a big boom in requests for housing in Columbus, Franklin, Edinburg and other towns as members of the division sought quarters for their wives and families. Many requests are still being received at the Chamber of Commerce rental service office here and apartments, sleeping rooms and houses are needed.

Men in the 30th Division wear an oval division insignia in red on the left shoulder sleeve.

Created in 1917, the 30th Division was originally created in June, 1917, three months after the outbreak of World War I and during the war the division received more than half the decorations awarded American troops by the British and 12 of the 78 Congressional medals of honor.

It played an important part in the Trench operations, the Somme offensive and the smashing of the Hindenburg line, Germany's greatest defensive rampart.

The division was disbanded after World War I, but was ordered reactivated by the War department in 1925 as a national guard division and troops were added from Georgia.

It was called to full-time duty in 1940, one of the first four national guard divisions to be called. It started training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and also received training at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Forrest, Tenn.

Units in Historic Battles. Some of the division's original units were old in history of the nation, having taken part in every war from the battle of King's Mountain in the Revolutionary war to San Juan hill and Santisero in the Spanish-American war.

During World War I, the division was known as the "Old Hickory Division" in honor of Andrew Jackson. It was composed of troops from Tennessee and North and South Carolina.

There are two other generals with the division. Brig. Gen. John E. Lewis, serving as artillery officer and commanding general of the 30th Division artillery, and Brig. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., assistant division commander.

Generals West Pointers. All three generals are graduates of the U. S. Military academy at West Point, N. Y.

General Hobbs attained his present rank in 1942 and became commanding general of the 30th Division the following day. Since graduation from West Point in 1915, he has seen service from coast to coast in the United States and was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands and Trinidad, British West Indies.

During World War I he served in France at Lognes and Chagnon. While attending West Point, General Hobbs starred in football, baseball, basketball and track. He later returned to the academy as tactical officer and assistant athletic coach. General Hobbs was born in Gloucester, Mass.

General Lewis was graduated from West Point in 1912. He was commander of the Tenth corps artillery at Camp Greber, Okla., when transferred to the 30th Division in September. He is a native of Kansas.

General Harrison, who was born in the District of Columbia, was graduated from the military academy in 1917.

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