

NEW SELECTMEN AT GORDON ANXIOUS FOR REAL SERVICE

Even the Physically Unfit Beg to Stay—Interviewing De- partment Is Busy Classify- ing New Arrivals

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Camp Gordon, Ga., June 1.—"The Ohio
and Illinois men sent down here by the
local boards didn't come to visit; they
came to stay."

That's how Captain Best, officer in
charge of the physical examination sta-
tion, pays a compliment to the spirit
of the soldiers that have been sent to
Georgia from the big and little towns
of Ohio and Illinois.

During the week Captain Best has
come into actual contact with more than
ten thousand, and 50 per cent of the
men that have been rejected put in a
plea to be allowed to remain in camp.
"When we tell them they're unfit and
they're got to go back they accept it
grumblingly, and some of them just
won't go back," said the captain. "One
man who had paralysis some time ago
which affected one of his legs, making
it much smaller than the other, couldn't
be gotten rid of. He said he wouldn't
go back. We're going to see if we can
use him."

Twelve per cent of these new men,
according to Captain Best, have been
turned down for physical unfitness.

One of the busiest rooms at this can-
tonment right now is the room that is
used by the interviewing department of
the personnel office, and through which
all the new men pass immediately after
they arrive here. The interviewing,
classifying and "flagging" is done by
this department.

The officers on duty at this place rep-
resent four different states; namely,
Lieutenant Charles H. Lloyd, Florida;
Lieutenant Charles J. Moore, North
Carolina; Lieutenant R. P. McKinley
and Lieutenant H. W. Guitner, of Ohio.
The latter hails from Columbus.

In a round-up of the "story" soldiers,
the writer found something that he
was quite sure wasn't in the world—a
modest shoemaker earning \$25 week-
ly for his efforts. This high-salaried ar-
tist is Frank Arata, a native Italian,
and now a member of the Thirty-fourth
company of the Third replacement regi-
ment. He hails from Cleveland.

The municipal government of Clevel-
and is represented in the person of
John T. Wasielewski, who held a posi-
tion in the purchasing department be-
fore he decided to help out Uncle Sam.

Elmer W. Ochs, of Cleveland, is now
assigned to the Thirty-fourth company
of the Third infantry replacement regi-
ment. He was quite prominent in the
Lake Erie region, having been president
of the Outing club. He was engaged in
making airplane cylinders.

Felix Linski, a native of Poland, was
making shirt buttons in Cleveland when
they told him to board a train for the
sunny south.

Mile Zoyton, another Cleveland man
in the Thirty-fourth company, was
heating steel for pounding in Clevel-
and when he was called. Some years
ago he was a farmer in Russia.

J. J. Kujaski, a salesman, had head-
quarters in the city on the shores of
Lake Erie. His line was church nov-
elties, and his earnings amounted to
\$65 per week.

With open arms, Camp Gordon wel-
comes Elroy F. Cook, who "did every-
thing in a Cleveland cafe except bak-
ing."

Albert Abrams, a Cleveland soldier,
has been a teacher in Palestine, and is
one of the camp's globe trotters, hav-
ing seen and enjoyed many foreign
countries.