

First Army Will Launch Games Today

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CAMDEN, Oct. 5.—(AP)—Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum's first army, 350,000 officers and men, will swing into action tomorrow in the opening phases of a two-month training maneuver over a 10,000-square mile area of the Carolinas which will culminate the last two weeks in November with intensive battle practice in which all components of a modern fighting force will be employed.

Concentration of the various units from their bases all the way from Maine to Georgia was complete today. Soldiers, enjoying their last week-end leave before the start of their eight weeks of battle exercises, were under orders to report back to camp tonight to be in readiness for the beginning early tomorrow of the maneuvers.

SEPARATE EXERCISES
This week the three corps making up the First Army will engage in separate field exercises, each within its own area.

The First corps, composed of the Eighth and Ninth regular army divisions and the 13th national guard division, under the command of Maj. Gen. Charles F. Thompson, with headquarters at Fort Jackson, S. C., will start a five-day maneuver, divided into two parts, in the area near Chester. The principal action is expected to take place in the vicinity of Blackstock, a few miles south of Chester.

This corps was the first to be alerted in the maneuver area, and it has already engaged in the working out of one field problem.

The Second corps, composed of the 28th, 29th and 44th divisions, all national guard units, has been assigned the task of covering the hypothetical concentration of the remainder of the First Army.

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This problem will require two and a half days. The corps will advance from its bases in the neighborhood of Wadeboro, N. C., toward Chesterfield, S. C., with the 28th division, made up of Pennsylvania guardsmen, and the 44th comprising guardsmen from New York and New Jersey, moving abreast. The 29th, including guard units from Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, will be held in reserve near Wadeboro. Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredenthal is commander of the corps.

The Sixth corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. Karl Truesdell, will stage a delaying action in defensive tactics in the area near Mt. Gilead, N. C. This corps is at present represented by the 26th division, composed of national guardsmen from Massachusetts, and supporting troops.

FIRST TO COME LATER

The First regular army division, based at Camp Devens, Mass., is a part of the corps, but it will not arrive in the maneuver area until about October 15. The 26th or Yankee division is commanded by Maj. Gen. Roger W. Eckfeldt.

Next week the schedule calls for similar operations by each corps within its own area, but the following week will see the Sixth corps pitted against the First and Second corps in simulated combat.

During the final two weeks, Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

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