

Movement of Troop Trains.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the railroads' war boards, authorizes the following:

Plans for the largest troop movement ever scheduled in the history of this country are now being perfected by the American Railway Association at the request of the United States government. Altogether 687,000 men will have to be transported to the various cantonments that the government is building to house the national army. The movement will start September 5th. Between that date and September 9th the railroads will complete the entrainment of 300,000 men, or approximately 30 per cent of the total number scheduled to be moved to the various training camps.

It is expected that a second movement of approximately 200,000 men will begin on September 19th continuing for four days thereafter, and a third movement of the same size on October 3rd.

Some conception of the magnitude of the task confronting the American Railway Association in preparing schedules that will assure the safe and prompt transportation of these armies without interfering with regular traffic may be gleaned from the fact that to move one field army of 80,000 men requires 6,229 cars made up into 356 trains with as many locomotives and train crews.

Meanwhile, in addition to moving the 687,000 recruits for the national army, the railroads have been asked to supply transportation for the 350,000 members of the national guard to their training camp. This national guard movement has already started and will continue in increasing volume until all have been moved.

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