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Capt. W. V. Morris, adjutant, 6th Cav., went to Benson to meet Mrs. Morris, who arrived at the post on Wednesday. Mrs. Reany and children left last week to join her husband, Capt. Robert J. Reany, 4th Cav., at El Paso. Major Grote Hutcheson, who transferred from the 4th to the 6th Cavalry, is a recent arrival and is commanding the 1st Squadron.

Lieut. F. W. Glover, 13th Cav., the new post exchange officer, went to Tucson Monday for a new stock of supplies. Capt. D. H. Biddle and Lieut. J. P. Hasson, 6th Cav., returned the first of the week from a month's leave spent at Fort Des Moines. Major and Mrs. R. P. O'Connor, M.C., entertained Col. C. M. O'Connor and Major and Mrs. C. Y. Brownlee Tuesday evening for dinner. A surprise reception to celebrate Colonel O'Connor's birthday was given by the officers of the post at the club Tuesday evening, followed by an informal dance.

Lieut. F. D. Griffith, 6th Cav., has just returned from a leave spent at Fort Des Moines. Lieut. F. W. Glover, 13th Cav., is the new post exchange officer, relieving Capt. J. P. Ryan, 6th Cav. Mrs. Brownlee, wife of Major C. Y. Brownlee, came last week from Honolulu. She is a daughter of Col. C. M. O'Connor, 6th Cav.

Capt. D. T. E. Casteel, 6th Cav., left Saturday to spend a four months' leave in the East. Major J. W. Heard, 6th Cav., has been building a new steeplechase course in the vicinity of the baseball diamond.

Major Heard, with two troops of the 6th Cavalry, left Saturday for Nogales, on the border, where he will watch developments of the Mexican elections. Capt. J. L. Jordan, constructing Q.M., is kept busy with plans for the enlargement of the post. It is proposed to bring a larger supply of water from Garden Canyon, about ten miles distant. Lieut. S. D. Maize, 12th Cav., is among the few who qualified as an expert pistol shot. Lieut. J. A. Degen, 12th Cav., has been appointed signal officer and will have charge of the installation of the new telephone system, which will prove a great convenience.

There was a dinner party Wednesday at the headquarters' mess, given by Colonel O'Connor's staff in honor of his sixtieth birthday. Those who attended were Major and Mrs. Brownlee, Capt. and Mrs. Morris, Colonel Blockson, Captain Ryan and Chaplain Freeland. The officers and ladies of the post are much interested in the comet which is visible every evening in the western sky. A picnic party in Garden Canyon Wednesday evening was made up of Major and Mrs. Brownlee, Lieut. and Mrs. Ross, Captain Meyers and Mr. O'Neill. It ended in a delightful moonlight ride back to the post. The Misses O'Connell, of Tucson, are the guests of Lieut. and Mrs. F. W. Glover for the week-end.

The post is anticipating the visit of the Secretary of War and the Chief of Staff, who are expected soon.

The 12th Cavalry troops completed their target practice the last day of September. They found the expert test so difficult that none was able to qualify.

Capt. A. Miller's Airedale terrier, the most valuable dog on the post, was accidentally killed on the target range the other day.

The Misses O'Connell, of Tucson, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Jordan, Captain Morris and Lieutenant Koch were entertained to-day by Mrs. R. P. O'Connor at a noon luncheon. Capt. P. E. Buchan's birthday was the occasion of an enjoyable dinner party Thursday evening, followed by a moonlight ride enjoyed by quite a number of the post people.

Quite a large party of officers and ladies of the post went to Tucson last Monday to attend the circus and visit friends there. Among them were Col. C. M. O'Connor, Major and Mrs. R. P. O'Connor, Capt. and Mrs. Mabee, Mrs. John L. Jordan, Lieut. and Mrs. Glover, Lieut. and Mrs. Turner, Lieut. and Mrs. Koch, Captains Miller, Ryan, Buchan and Meyers, Lieutenants Geary, Aleshire, Chipman, Dillman and Hemphill and Dr. Uri. Mrs. Glover and daughters remained in Tucson after the circus party to visit friends there. Mrs. Cary, the postmistress, entertained a party of post children at her

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ranch all day Sunday. They visited the silver mine and the Huachuca Cave near by.

Col. C. M. O'Connor, 6th Cav., went to Benson Wednesday to meet Mrs. O'Connor, who arrived on the post Thursday from Des Moines. Lieuts. F. D. Griffith and J. T. Kennedy were the two officers of the 6th Cavalry detailed to take the course at the School of Musketry at Monterey, Cal. Lieutenant Griffith left Monday and Lieut. and Mrs. Kennedy and son on Tuesday. Fourteen non-commissioned officers of the 6th and 12th Cavalries left Wednesday for Monterey, where they will take the course in the School of Musketry.

The hunting season opened Sept. 15, and a number of parties have secured fine deer. Traces of bear are also reported in the mountains. Capt. and Mrs. W. P. Moffet entertained Capt. D. H. Gienty and Lieut. S. D. Maize Wednesday evening with a venison dinner. Major and Mrs. Brownlee and Lieut. and Mrs. Ross picnicked at Box Canyon Saturday.

Capt. and Mrs. D. H. Gienty, 12th Cav., had a rather unusual experience on their trip to the post last week. On reaching the San Pedro River they found it such a raging torrent that they were compelled to return to Herford and wait for the water to subside. Major and Mrs. E. P. O'Connor

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nor left Friday for Oakland, Cal., called there by the serious illness of Mrs. O'Connor's father.

The latest report is that the Secretary of War and Chief of Staff will visit the post Monday. They are reported at Apache Friday. Mrs. Kruttschnitt, of Tucson, is the guest of Lieut. and Mrs. F. G. Turner, Lieut. and Mrs. Turner have the quarters recently vacated by Lieut. and Mrs. J. T. Kennedy.

Material for the new station at Huachuca Siding has arrived and work has been commenced, to replace the station which was destroyed by fire several months ago. Lieut. J. A. Degen is preparing plans for the enlargement of the target range. The idea is to make it large enough to accommodate ten troops instead of four. The 1st Squadron camp, under Major Grote Hutcheson, has been handsomely enclosed in a stone fence, the material for which was obtained on the camp ground. The orchestra of Troop I, 12th Cav., furnishes the music for the enlisted men's weekly hops in the post hall.

The officers of the 2d Squadron, 6th Cav., gave a reception at the camp Tuesday evening in honor of the visitors, Gen. and Mrs. Manning and the Misses O'Connell, of Tucson. Mrs. P. W. Glover entertained Wednesday in honor of her wedding anniversary. Among those present were Gen. and Mrs. Manning, Mesdames Kruttschnitt, White and Ketch, Lieutenant Maize and the Misses O'Connell, Capt. and Mrs. Morris, Lieut. and Mrs. Ross, Captain Meyers, Lieutenants Hasson and O'Neill enjoyed a camp supper Sunday near the springs of Huachuca Canyon. Mrs. R. P. O'Connor gave a delightful dinner on Monday for Capt. and Mrs. Mabee, Capt. and Mrs. White and Capt. and Mrs. Moffet. A very pleasant tea was given by Mrs. Jordan Friday afternoon for Mesdames C. M. O'Connor, Sickel, Brownlee, Gienty, White, Morris, Moffet, Degen, Glover, Ross, Ketch, Manning and the two Misses O'Connell. Mrs. Mabee poured tea.

A party of officers and ladies enjoyed a camp supper at Box Canyon Saturday. They camped there over night and all day Sunday, returning to the post Sunday afternoon. A dinner party was given Thursday by Col. C. M. O'Connor, 6th Cav. The arrival of his wife that morning was a surprise which added much to the enjoyment of the dinner.

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GARDEN CANYON AND FORT HUACHUCA.

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To THE EDITOR OF THE ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL:

Last month the 6th Cavalry camped two days in Garden Canyon, seven miles from Fort Huachuca. When the regiment returned surveyors were at work laying out an extension. It appears that the post is to be increased from one to two squadrons. As a matter of fact there is hardly room for one squadron; also a scarcity of water and no ground near the post, excepting the bull diamond and polo field, that is not covered with rocks.

At Garden Canyon there is abundance of water, clear ground to maneuver a regiment on and room for a regimental or brigade post. It is a beautiful spot and well wooded in addition to its other advantages.

If any of your readers can tell me why this impossible place is to be rendered still more impossible by the expenditure of some \$120,000, while an ideal spot with plenty of water and everything in its favor, is available, I will be duly grateful.

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