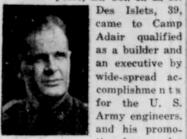
# Camp Commander Is Engineer of Wide Experience in Building for U. S. Army

Cramming wide experience, both neering, he saw even more in a of life and his profession, into a responsibility of character building



to lieutenant colonel came through

after his arrival at Camp Adair. Bonneville dam, great power and navigation project of the lower huge pile of concrete on our own Oregon shore, was Col. Des Islets' responsibility immediately prior to the higher ranks in the army. his Camp Adair assignment. In fact, his work there is still on his

yet been reached which will free him completely from responsibility.

The colonel has been responsible head of construction and operation this job with a resident engineer promotion are in other hands. Periodical visits back to Bonneville, and more frequent telephone communications are still a part of the colonel's job.

is busy. It is a big surprise to character, and he regrets that he those close to him that he is able to handle the mass of detail which acquainted with the thousands of goes through his office every day, and still use speedy and accurate judgment in his decisions bit for the great war effort. He on the larger questions. And has made a definitely fine place through it all, he has time to smile, for himself in the communities tell a good story, or listen equally about Camp Adair, and has dewell as occasion arises. He's able to be "the hard-boiled colonel" of army tradition, even in his comparative youth, when it is necessary, but his organization at Camp Adair makes these necessities very infrequent.

Col. Des Islets was graduated from West Point in 1926 and immediately got into a building job for his share in the work and if we for the army. He was assigned to Fort Bliss, after a period with will be a credit to us and to the troops on the Mexican border, and army. laid out the new post including utilities, theatres, an in-door riding hall.

On the side, he assisted in counter espionage along the Mexican border, and it was through the efforts of him and his associates that a revolution was put down before it began. They predicted within two hours, the time of the beginning of the revolution and made it possible to frustrate it without interference of U.S. troops, thus saving diplomatic concussions on both sides of the border.

few short years, Lt. Col. R. E. M. in the young men of the south, and this should not be. There are too Des Islets, 39, now recites many pleasant memocame to Camp ries of the development of these Adair qualified cadets from college freshmen to

as a builder and officers in the army. Ability of the Camp Adair commandant was recognized by the are being furnished for these jobs war department following the Au- who are not trained men but come burn assignment, when he was out as such, that they are in realordered to attend the Commanding ity "green" men who do not know General's Staff school, the height how to handle tools safely or work tion from major of army recognition and the goal in a safe manner because they are of all career officers in the army. not trained in this crift, that these The school is at Ft. Leavenworth, men are calling themselves crafts-Kansas, and technique of administration, tactics and handling of Columbia river, with one end of its troops up to 125,000 on one mission is included in the course. Comple-

Col. Des Islets has had much interest in athletics in the past, that we cannot do anything about hands "in addition to his other and regrets that engineering duties duties," because the stage has not have taken most of his time away things. We must get this job finfrom that field. He has an impressive record of his own. Besides football and track at West Point and efficiently. Every hour that he went to Paris and Amsterdam of the physical features there, and in 1924 and 1928 as a high hurdler an accident is an hour gained by still is, although he is now sharing in the Olympic team representing our enemy. his country. He coached army aththere. Disposal of electricity and letics on the side on many of his assignments and only last year led his league as a hitter in soft ball with his Bonneville team.

tion of this school is necessary to

Mrs. Des Islets and a boy, 10, live in Corvallis. The colonel is The military head of Camp Adair human along with his professional is not able to become personally men and young men who will be working here helping him to do his veloped warm friendships here during his short stay.

> All the rest of us interested in the early and efficient completion of the camp, to make it ready for our share of the big new army, are fortunate that we have a man of the calibre of Col. Des Islets at our head. We may count upon him follow his leadership, Camp Adair

### M. F. Low Representative Of Accident Commission

M. F. Low, representative of the claims department of the State Industrial Accident commission,, has an office and puts in a shift each day at Camp Adair. He is on hand to handle any claims that arise and to assist the contractors and employees.

Mr. Low was formerly in business in Corvallis, later in Albany Old-time patriotism and love of and now resides in the state capital. April 23, 1942

### Safety Always A Weekly Check

During the past two weeks the frequency of our accidents at Camp Adair has jumped about 100 per cent. There is something wrongmany hours lost on this project from accidents. Yes, we hear from all sides that this is due to the number of inexperienced men working on this project, that men men and a lot of them have never worked at this trade, but have joined the union and have gone to work here. There are many other excuses that are just excuses and not an answer to our problem.

It is not enough for us to say this and that it is just one of those ished and finished on time. We must teach them to work safely is lost on this project because of

Each and every man that holds a supervisory position from the

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general superintendent down to the | which they are the best fitted on line foreman must realize that it the basis of their qualifications, is his job to get this done and do and train them to work safely. it safely for safety has long been Good tools should be furnished as recognized as one of the funda- well as safe surroundings to work mental requirements on each and in. If this policy is followed, it every job. These men in the super- will go a long ways to make our visory positions will have to spend work here at Camp Adair more a little more time with their men enjoyable and we will reach the organization and wherever at goal that we are all shooting atall possible select and assign the FINISH ON TIME AND SAFELY. men in their crews to jobs for J. Glenn Julian.



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country deeply buried in the colonel's heart were accentuated during Main Contractors Are his next army assignment. He Listed for Information attended the engineering technical school at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, which is only four miles from Mt. Vernon and laid in a country steeped in the traditions of the American revolution and the country's growth since.

Upon graduation from this school, the colonel went to Hawaii Roberts and Freethy; Hoffman, with troops. This assignment included some engineering in reorganization of defense layouts on the north shore of the island of Owahu.

Upon returning from the islands, the colonel was assigned as an instructor of R.O.T.C. cadets at Auburn university, Alabama, where he imparted some military engineering to many fine young men Islets' job there was military engi- next. It's worth an effort,

The following firms are larger contractors at Camp Adair, and each has a headquarters office at the camp:

Strong and McDonald; National Builders; Lovering, Halvorson and Sletton; Four Builders; Moore, Wright and Smith; Nat McDonald-Kern and Kibble and Parker-Schram.

Every effort is being made in the towns about the camp to dig out every available apartment, room and house for workers.

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