

Colonel's Column
Col. R. E. M. DesIslets

Back in the harness again and the bite of the leather as I lean into it once more feels good again.



Col. DesIslets

My! What a difference a couple of weeks made in the camp. Things are beginning to take final form. Some of the areas are nearly 75 per cent completed—and better had be, too, for troops are all over the place. Begins to look like soldiers are going to soon be with us for keeps—and it's good to see them, bless their all-American hearts!

I got an awful kick out of two boys whom I picked up enroute to Albany while I was in sport clothes one afternoon. They asked a lot of questions about the local situation—and finally wanted to know if I worked at Camp Adair. I replied, "Yes, up till ten days ago." This seemed sufficiently unimportant. They let the subject drop for something more interesting which was army life. I don't know when I have been more amused by the soldier anecdotes which brought back my memories of 20 years ago. One rumor after another, misinformation given in good faith as gospel because "it was said in camp"—all brought back a nostalgia of "latrine rumors" of old, when the non-coms used to fill up the recruit with plenty of "horsefeathers." Good old army humor—it's what makes the American soldier what he is, the finest extant.

It's about time I remember my manners, too, and take the opportunity to publicly welcome General Bradley, C. G., 96th Div, his chief of staff, Col. Munroe, the post commander, Col. Gordon McCoy, and his executive assistant, Col. Ferch, who now is in the ranks of the "old-timers" like Col. Baumeister, Post Q. M., Col. McCallum, post surgeon, etc. We're glad to see you here and trust you will like this community as well as the community has made we builders like them. They're fine people.

And once more men, by the 15th we've some dates to meet! Don't let's miss—more troops will soon be with us and let's be ready. Stay in there and keep punching—it's nearly over except for the clapping.

R.E.M.D.

4 Builders Family Sends Men to Army

Additions to 4-B honor roll: Joined the army — L. I. Engstrom, Glen DuPont, Lorenz Krueger, Raymond C. Comer, Merle Johnson, R. Nicholson, D. D. Bunker, Andrew Vandervort.

Joined the navy—L. E. Williams, E. J. Janeway, Wm. Mills, Jr., Ernest Smith, M. L. Stewart, B. J. Gifford, D. Hall, Quentin Greenough.

Many men have worked for Four Builders while awaiting their calls to the colors. They have worked hard and conscientiously and we know they will make good members of the armed forces. The heartiest well wishes of all follow them into their great adventure.

By working early and late, through all kinds of weather, some few of our people earned a few hours of rest. It is quite apparent that they are also strenuous resters, because of the cases of sunburn, etc., that showed up Monday.

The burning question around here has been answered, and by an unquestioned authority. Many

have marveled at Harry Heuer's ability to take everything in stride. Some have said that he looks like he had just had a refreshing nap. That's it, but not on the job; he gets in an extra little snooze beforehand; but let Mrs. Heuer tell you about it.

The Four Builders family, each and every one, has had a good time watching our boys play softball. It has been a nice relaxation. The entire bunch want to pass the word along to the players that their efforts are appreciated. It is no cinch to put a day in at labor and then have pep enough to win a ball game. The boys are to be congratulated on their position of league leader.

Moose Pinochle Club Men Win Over Women

Roy Cobb proved to be the best pinochle player Friday evening at the regular game of the Corvallis Moose pinochle club, K. C. Reitsma came next and Charlie Painter next, the scores being 7700, 7510 and 7360. Smarting over the trimming they received last week from the women, the men scored 22,670 points over the women's 21,790. Josie Deikhoff scored highest for the women with 7,310, Emma Faulkner 7260 and Mrs. Neuman 7220.

The committee has arranged for a pinochle instruction game for the purpose of teaching the game to any who would like to learn and a general invitation to any who wish to take up pinochle playing to apply to the committee for instructions. J. F. Scott is chairman and can be found in attendance at all games.

Albany Theaters Give Rubber Drive Matinee

"Anything that stretches" and amounts to six pounds in weight, whether in one piece or many, will admit the bearer to either the Venetian or Rialto theaters Thursday at 1 p. m. for a special feature matinee, it was announced by Oberson, in charge of the Linn county scrap rubber drive. The shows are being given through the courtesy of Art Adamson, owner of the Venetian theater, through his manager, Ray Porter, and Ray Hendersen, owner of the Rialto theater.

Shows suitable for children will be presented at both theaters, it was stated.

Oberson also announced that Linn's rubber pile now is in excess

of 390 tons. It is still the belief of the committee that Linn county will be on top when the final figures are tabulated.

Draft Would Allow All 1-B's Enlistment

Those Rejected Will Have Another Chance

Selective service offices are authorized to accept for induction any man previously placed in 1-B provided such man volunteers for service.

Men who have previously been placed in 1-B classification by determination of either local physicians or by the army examining board may volunteer and be sent for further examination by the army board in Portland.

Class 1-B men who are passed by the medical board of the army induction station as meeting physical standards set for class 1-A will be accepted for general military service.

Those class 1-B registrants meeting only class 1-B standards will be inducted for limited military service. Those meeting the standards of neither will be disqualified for any military service.

Class 1-B men will be entitled to transfer to the enlisted reserve corps for a period of about 14 days immediately following induction, as are all 1-A men called now. This will permit them to dispose of any business affairs after they have definitely learned whether or not they are acceptable to the army.

Any 1-B men who have previously been rejected should call at the local board office to volunteer for service.

A limited number of 1-B men will be called for service in August, in accordance with their order numbers. However, any volunteers will be given first place in the quota.

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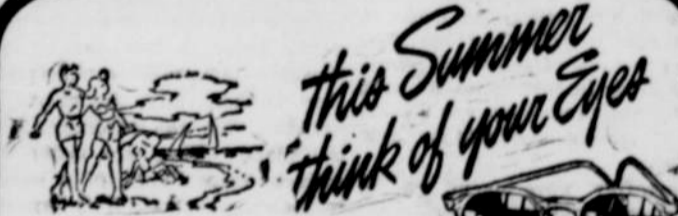
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