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Appreciates Work of Camp Adair Workers

Gen. Bradley Commends Builders In Letter to Col. Des Islets

In terms of highest praise, Maj. Gen. J. L. Bradley expressed his appreciation and satisfaction of the work done in construction of Camp Adair, in a letter to Col. R. E. M. Des Islets, area engineer in charge of construction. The letter was made public today by Col. Des Islets and is printed in full in another column in this paper.

Especially, the general's commendation went to those who have accelerated their work to such an extent that his headquarters are now established at the camp and the first contingent of troops are already in residence here.

"It permits the organization of the 96th Infantry division to proceed as planned," the general's letter reads. "It deserves commendation the same as a battlefield success. We of the division salute them (Camp Adair workers) and are proud to be associated with such real men."

With the present accomplishment, General Bradley said he has no hesitancy in asking more, and followed with asking the construction personnel to finish the 96th division area so that troops may be moved in at the rate of 1000 a day beginning August 15, when, he says, the men will be available.

Full cooperation and assistance of the division are pledged by Gen. Bradley, including right-of-way in everything for construction and he pledges to produce in the shortest possible time, "a hard-hitting, first-class fighting division so that the construction personnel will be proud to have been associated with the 96th division in its early days, and can point with pride to their part in getting it into combat without delay."

Col. Des Islets concurs with the appreciation of the general, he says, and congratulates the workers and all employees.

The cadre of the division was to arrive July 15, according to the general's letter.

Civilian Defense Is Subject of Meeting

Portland Officer Is Instructor in Work

Tuesday night at American Legion hall, the civilian defense meeting conducted by Lt. J. B. Purcell, detective division of the city of Portland, together with Dr. Joseph Beeman, crime detection laboratory of the state police was attended by a group of nearly 50 men made up of members from the city police department, members of the auxiliary police, senior wardens and assistants of the air raid wardens division.

The group was instructed in the proper department of police officers, given special instruction on what to be on the alert for from saboteurs, the general law of arrest, traffic control relationship to war time movements.

Under traffic control movements it was advised that cars would not be abandoned in the streets during bombing, but should be placed on vacant lots or in the parkings, also the keys should be left in the ignition switch.

The different forms of military convoys were explained. Under this heading the group was told that a movement of an armored division of some 3300 vehicles would cover a stretch of highway approximately 100 miles long.

Camp Exchange Now Operating

Two Stores Are Open On Post With Offices Organized in Corvallis

With two temporary exchanges ready now at camp, one for the soldiers in tents and one for the 96th Division area, the Camp Adair Exchange is getting under way here. Major R. J. Ayers, formerly assistant exchange officer at Ft. Lewis, is exchange officer here and although he is handling the business of the exchange with civilian help now, there will be other officers assigned to his department.

Maj. Ayers' home is in La-Grande where he was in business and he has been at Ft. Lewis three months before coming to Corvallis.

"The Camp Adair Exchange will be operated only on the military reservation," said Maj. Ayers yesterday, "and we will sell only to soldiers, except lunches, which will be available to civilian workers on the post. We will be no competition for civilian stores in the communities around the camp."

There will be 16 retail outlets scattered about the camp according to present plans and the organization will employ nearly 500 civilians for the work of operating the exchanges. There will be no soldier help unless it is found impossible to get sufficient civilian employees, Maj. Ayers said. This is a development of the present war and releases all soldiers for the work of fighting.

"The Exchange is a non-profit organization," the major continued, "with all surplus funds divided among the various company and organization funds which belong to the soldiers."

Assembling of equipment and stocks will be carried on from the present office in the Elks Temple, Corvallis, until the office may be moved to Camp Adair.

Charles R. Lee, civilian manager of the Camp Adair Exchange, is in Corvallis also and has opened an office in the old stage terminal on Monroe street, where he is receiving applications for positions in the exchange. Mr. Lee will be the active manager of the stores, Maj. Ayers said.

Maj. Ayers is a veteran of World War I, having served with the War Plans division of the general staff.

Monmouth Starts on Program of Dances

One hundred men from Camp Adair were guests of Oregon College of Education co-eds at a dance on the campus Tuesday evening, July 7. The dance was arranged through M. R. Thompson, Monmouth recreation chairman, and Lieutenant Mix of Camp Adair.

Other dances will be held in Monmouth with college girls and other young women in the community acting as hostesses under a junior hostess league. Arrangements are being handled by a committee comprised of Mrs. Howard Morlan, chairman; Mrs. Clay Egelston; Mrs. John E. Black, dean of women, and Delmer R. Dewey, dean of men, of the Oregon College of Education.

Coordinator Lays Out Requirements of His Job in Nursing Public

H. C. Johnson, co-ordinator, was recently asked to give a talk at one of the nearby school houses on his work as a co-ordinator at Camp Adair—and he used for the outline of his talk the following:

Functions of a Co-ordinator

1. Must be a modern Houdini.
2. His duties are:
 - a. To know likes of Army.
 - b. To know likes of civilians.
 - c. Attempt to please everyone.
 - d. Be dumb (at times).
 - e. Be smart (at times).
 - f. Try to favor all towns in area.
 - g. Speak at public functions.
 - h. Try to be a family man.

—Contributed.

Red Cross Staff Is Here for Camp Work

Field Director Will Be Here for Duration

James Layton, field director for the American Red Cross, has arrived in Corvallis and will be stationed at Camp Adair for the duration. Layton had been at Fort Lewis, Washington, prior to his assignment here.

His staff now consists of Verl Lewis and Miss Ada Keyes, both assistant field directors, who accompanied Layton to Corvallis. A clerical staff of about 20 persons is expected to be recruited as soon as possible, Layton said. Field directors are trained in Washington, D. C., and then are assigned to camps throughout the country. All are civilian employees who are attached to military work, he said.

Purpose of the field directors is to serve as the contact point between the soldiers and their families. Their services to the armed forces include those that the army is not equipped to handle. All work is done under congressional charter and at the request of the war department.

Included in their tasks is to act as the verifying agents to ascertain death, sickness, or other emergency in the home of the soldier. From the camp office the Red Cross chapter in the home of the soldier is informed and this chapter cares for the soldier's family.

An emergency loan service for use by the soldiers is also operated and in general, their work is to keep up the morale of the soldier.

Headquarters at the present are in the quartermasters office in the Elks building, but a building in the Camp Adair area will eventually be constructed.

Harold Steel of the American National Red Cross is here this week to help Layton set up his office.

Griffin Blanks SHW In Corvallis League

Four Builders kept their winning streak in the Corvallis City league in the rain again last night when Griffin blanked Smith-Hoffman and Wright club 7 to 0. Griffin allowed two hits and he struck out 10 opponents. Intermittent rains spoiled the game for the fans, but it went the full time.

The Soldier club won from the Engineers 10 to 4 in the first game, with just a sprinkle of rain the last inning.

Most of the crowd left during the latter part of the second game.

Albany to Have Program Friday

Big Parade to Start American Heroes Day Celebration Schedule

In celebration of "American Heroes Day," Friday, July 17, Albany will dedicate its new Victory Center, located at the corner of First and Broadalbin streets. The dedicatory ceremony will follow a big street parade in which local and military entries have been received and there will be several bands, according to Vin Hurley, president of the Albany chamber of commerce.

The object of the celebration will be to further the sale of War Savings bonds and stamps.

The parade will start at 2 o'clock and will be followed by a program at the new Victory Center. The entire program will be patriotic in keeping with American Heroes Day and a representative from the office of Governor Sprague will be present.

Corsages made of War Savings stamps will be for sale on the streets. These will be made up by Albany florists under direction of Miss Ruth Romaine. The parade has been planned by the women of Beta Sigma Phi, Albany sorority, and other arrangements have been made by the Retail Merchants of the chamber of commerce. Don L. Primrose, manager of the local Sears, Roebuck and company store, is chairman of the Retail Merchants.

Labor unions of Albany have had the responsibility of building the new Victory Center, which will be left and from which a program will be broadcast three times a week during the afternoon over radio station KWIL. Progress of the Victory Day sales will be followed in reports and will be continued during the following programs.

Sale of bonds and stamps is expected to be tripled through this effort, Mr. Primrose has announced. During the first week of July, through special efforts, sale of these war time savings were doubled in Albany, in comparison with sales the preceding month, Mr. Primrose announced.

Men From Camp Visit And Dine at Lebanon

Capt. F. J. Smith and Lt. C. L. Carter, both of the quartermaster corps offices in Corvallis, and H. C. (Sven) Johnson, coordinator, attended a chamber of commerce dinner in Lebanon, where Capt. Smith was the speaker.

Some of the problems of the quartermaster corps and the way they are handled were related by Capt. Smith. Fried chicken was served in grand style, according to Mr. Johnson.

Artillery Commander Comes Here for Duty

Brig. Gen. Paul V. Kane, commander of the artillery division of the 96th, arrived in town this week and was temporarily located at the Hotel Benton in Corvallis.

A temporary office was opened by Gen. Kane at the camp yesterday.