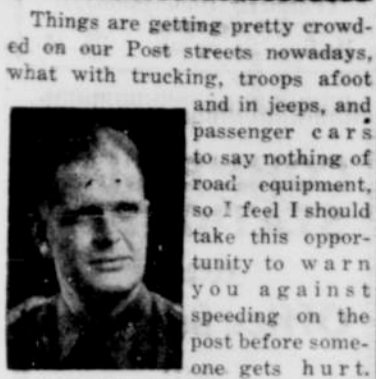


**Colonel's Column**  
Col. R. E. M. DesIslets



Things are getting pretty crowded on our Post streets nowadays, what with trucking, troops afoot and in jeeps, and passenger cars to say nothing of road equipment, so I feel I should take this opportunity to warn you against speeding on the post before someone gets hurt.

From a construction standpoint we have been very lucky with our accident record at Camp Adair. Let's not spoil it by piling up a few traffic deaths in a hurry. In the building area, I think 20 miles per hour is about right and you'll not injure anyone at that speed for it gives you plenty of "stopping-time." Also, you drivers look ahead about a block and try to be ready for any situation that might arise by the time you get there. Easy does it!

Now, some of us never did fill our seats up completely driving to and from work during construction. These days, however, there are plenty of soldiers on the roads going to or from Corvallis, Albany, Salem, Monmouth and points north, south, east and west. Let's fill up our empty seats by giving the boys a ride whenever we can. The transportation problem is a big one at best for all of us, but it looms particularly so for the soldiers. We can help them in this way. Mrs. Des Islets and I picked up three soldiers on our way home from Independence the other night. They were a fine group of boys, polite, well-poised and entertaining. It was a pleasure to drive them back to camp for they were a credit to their families and their outfits.

Kinda ramblin' this week—covering a lot of things. By the way, soldiers, have you acquainted yourselves with the surrounding country yet? Have you seen the state capitol and the town of Salem? They also have a list of things to do and places to see at their Chamber of Commerce. Have you been to Silver Creek Falls, or Cascadia? Have you seen Bonneville dam—or any of the surrounding state fish hatcheries—or Oregon State college grounds, etc., etc.? Have you, in other words, made a personal reconnaissance of all the natural and man-made recreational features in the vicinity? Your training period will soon begin and your time will be much more filled than it is now. Better get around prior to September 1.

Construction people, let's go! We want to completely clear the area in the very near future, so step along. Stay in there, and keep punching!  
R.E.M.D.

**This Week in Army History**

Aug. 22, 1905 — The Army Signal corps completed the Valdez-Seward cable in Alaska a distance of 223 miles.

Aug. 2, 1908 — First Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, for whom Selfridge field, Michigan is named, becomes the first army officer to fly alone. He remained aloft for 1 minute, 30 seconds.

Aug. 2, 1909 — The U. S. Signal corps purchased its first plane, a Wright pusher bi-plane, powered by a 4-cylinder, 25 horsepower motor, capable of the amazing speed of 40 miles per hour and carrying two men for 125 miles.

Aug. 3, 1861 — Beginning of the Army retirement system. Provisions made for the transfer of a limited number of officers to a retired list when incapacitated for active service.

Aug. 3, 1938 — A goodwill fight of three "Flying Fortresses" from Langley field, Va., to Bogota, Columbia, to participate in the inaugural ceremonies of President-elect Dr. Eduardo Santos.

Aug. 4, 1876 — General Crook reinforced with Merritt's Fifth cavalry, begins campaign to avenge Custer.

Aug. 4, 1897 — President McKinley sends Captain Ray and Lieutenant Richardson to the Alaskan gold fields, with almost unlimited authority, to investigate conditions so that all possible aid could be furnished the population of Alaska.

Aug. 4, 1921 — Successful spraying of poison powder from an airplane over a grove of insect infested trees demonstrated by Lieutenant John A. Macready of the United States army air service.

Aug. 5, 1858 — First message sent by Atlantic cable.

Aug. 5, 1861 — Congress abolishes flogging in the army.

Aug. 6, 1777 — American flag displayed for the first time, at the battle of Oriskany.

Aug. 6, 1861 — Congress increases pay of private soldier from \$11 to \$13 per month.

Aug. 6, 1904 — Due to the inventions and experiments of Captain L. D. Wildman, Signal Corps, radio communication is established between Nome and St. Michael, Alaska, a distance of 100 miles. The first stations in the world to handle business regularly over such a distance.

Aug. 6, 1939 — Imperial Airways plane lands at Port Washington,

Long Island, to inaugurate British trans-Atlantic mail service.

Aug. 7, 1782 — The Military Order of the Purple Heart founded by George Washington as a reward for "singularly meritorious action."

Aug. 7, 1789 — War department officially organized.

Aug. 8, 1850 — Fort Atkinson, Kans., is established for the purpose of protecting the emigrants enroute to New Mexico against hostile Indians.

Aug. 8, 1917 — U. S. Engineer corps begins improvements to Los Angeles harbor to make it more accessible to ocean-going ships.

**Portland Radio Man Wants to Come Here**

Rollie Truitt, for 11 years baseball broadcaster with radio stations KEX and KGW in Portland, is angling to enter the army via Camp Adair.

Truitt is negotiating with the higher-ups in hopes of being attached to a spot in athletic activities.

**Camp Folk Entertained In Independence Home**

Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Butler entertained a small group at their home in Independence Saturday night, following the soldier entertainment down town.

Those present were Lt. Col. and

Mrs. John W. Shuman, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. (Sven) Johnson, Don C. Wilson and Mr. Butler's mother.

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