

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

Another division has started to arrive and we're glad to have you with us. Welcome to your new home, and all that sort of thing. If we can do anything to help you, over at the U. S. Engineer's office, ask us. Mostly, however, you'll find your problems will be solved by the Post Engineer, who is very cooperative, and will undoubtedly do all in his authority to do, to help you get comfortably settled.



Col. Des Islets

We're sorry not to be "long gone" out of your way—but we're still 'way early in our completion rate, and you people must remember that it's the cadre of an outfit that "takes the beating" when going to a new home.

It won't be long till we'll be all settled in good shape.

In the meantime, our first division is being activated as of this coming Saturday, and are deserving of our congratulations for the arrival of their birthday, which we have long awaited.

Everyone knows that both divisions are going to make a fine showing—and will eventually write history in the fight for freedom now rampant in this world. We're all proud to have had a small hand in preparing them for their supreme efforts. And we're all looking forward to the time when we can say, "We knew them when..."

Many of us construction people are leaving—and might I say publicly now—that I have never experienced such a pleasant surprise as that I had when I ran into such a super-congenial, super-cooperative group of contractors. They made the job live—they made it tick—. Thank God for people like they, with sufficient Americanism in their souls to permit such whole-souled cooperation in time of stress. Stay in there and keep punching. I'll be seeing you...

R.E.M.D.

This Week in Army History

August 10, 1915 — A military instruction camp for business and professional men established at Plattsburg, N. Y.

—1917 — General Pershing assumes personal command of the first army of the Marne, and makes immediate preparations for the St. Mihiel operations.

August 11, 1938 — The German Focke-Wulf Condor plane lands at Floyd Bennett Field after non-stop flight from Berlin in 24 hours, 59 minutes.

August 12, 1676 — King Phillip, the Indian chief, son of Massasoit who had welcomed the Pilgrims of the Mayflower, killed, by whites under Captain Benjamin Church, one of the fiercest wars in New England colonial times.

—1899 — Peace protocol ending the Spanish-American war signed.

—1929 — The first successful colored motion picture from the air taken by Captain Albert W. Stevens, Air Corps.

August 13, 1899 — American troop movements in Cuba cease with the news of the signing of the peace protocol.

—1898—Manila falls to American troops.

—1911—Further improvement of the St. Michael Canal, Alaska, vital to America's defense plans, completed under the direction of U. S. Army Engineers.

August 14, 1775—Major General Thomas Mifflin appointed first Quartermaster General.

—1795 — President Washington signs peace treaty with England.

—1941—Atlantic Charter. President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill issue declaration of peace aims evolved during series of meetings aboard war vessels in Atlantic.

August 15, 1769 — Napoleon Bonaparte born on the Island of Corsica, in the Mediterranean.

—1855—The army cap is replaced by the black felt hat. It is looped on the right side and fastened with an eagle. Black feathers ornament the left side, three for field officers, two for company officers and one for enlisted men.

—1913 — The Richardson highway, Alaska, becomes passable for light automobiles in summer time... an important military development.

—1914 — Panama Canal opened to traffic after ten years of toil.

—1935—Will Rogers and Wiley Post killed when their plane crashed in a fog 15 miles from Point Barrow, Alaska.



CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

ARMY TRAINING

The greatest liability and at the same time the greatest asset any nation can have is its Youth. The army in order to keep faith with the nation must become a center of spiritual and intellectual culture. The welfare of the enlisted man demands that he be kept plastic and enthusiastic in the pursuit of knowledge and activities that bring proper moral and physical development. As officers charged with responsibilities, we must see to it that the soldier does not develop a craving for stimulation, excitement and "thrills" that are degenerating in their influence.

Our recreational program must not be one of negation. We must provide wholesome social and recreational activities for these thousands of young men.

The purpose of all training is to fit the individual for his place in human society without the creating of a mal-adjustment. The gangster, thief and prostitute are people who do not fit into an orderly scheme of society, therefore, they constitute a social and military problem.

Education is an attempt to get acquainted with the universe Almighty God has created and given to us. This knowledge inspires reverence for the beautiful hills all about us in Camp Adair, the trees that lift their verdant spires toward heaven, the water that holds before us a perfect mirror and the rocks that have stored away in their seams the history of the ages. With such surroundings as we have here, all soldiers should become lovers of God and all His creation.

(Capt.) LLOYD V. HARMON, Camp Chaplain.

Know Your Chowline And Your Chowtime

Just in case veteran "chow hounds" are blaming cooks and K.P.'s for keeping them an extra few minutes at the head of the line these days, we quote the following official time for mess calls for S.C.U. 1911.

Breakfast, 6:40 (not six-thirty) dinner, noon (no change there) and supper, 17:30 (that's five-thirty and not five). Sundays and holiday, breakfast is at 7 and supper is at 5.

Ban Placed On All Promiscuous Writing

Loose Correspondence May Leak Information

Girls who brighten soldiers' days with mail should expect none in return unless they are personally acquainted with their soldier correspondents, it was announced today at the headquarters of Major General Kenyon A. Joyce, commanding general of the Ninth service command, at Fort Douglas, Utah. Letters, snapshots, hometown newspapers are welcome as excellent morale builders, but only from people known to the recipients. Soldiers are forbidden to correspond with persons unknown to them.

This rule is dictated by the fact that soldiers' mail inevitably contains military information. "Correspondence" or "pen" clubs make it possible for improper persons to assemble that information.

Reiterations of the ban on promiscuous correspondence follows publicity of the formation of clubs whose members were pledged to write to soldiers, one of which urged its members to obtain lists of soldiers from newspapers. While the good intentions of particular organizations is not questioned, it was suggested that members limit their correspondence to members of the armed forces who are relatives or friends.

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