

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

This column is rather difficult to write this week for I am herein going to say farewell—and still



Col. Des Islets

not going anywhere. You see, there comes a time when one is to bow out of the picture and leave the field in another's hands. Despite the fact that I am rather heavily engaged in this picture, I think now is the time to disengage and leave the picture in the hands of fresh troops to carry on as they see fit. So I hereby turn over all this work to the more experienced hands of Colonel Gordon H. McCoy, the Post Commander of Camp Adair.

I want to take this opportunity to point out the real heroes of this construction job or any other construction job; namely, the wives of the employees. I have worked their husbands hard and overtime and plenty of times have turned the heat on them to such an extent that I know it reflected in their homes by their crankiness, their fatigue, or in some other way. These wives suffered late meals, sleepless nights, and indignity of listening to plenty of griping—but 90 per cent of the cases they gave back to the husband concerned the food he needed, the rest he had required, and the confidence in himself, as well as the solace essential to renew him for the morrow. The country received direct benefits of the wives' fine care of their husbands. They daily came to work refreshed to do a heavy day of work and go home mentally and physically exhausted each night. Our hats are off to the women behind the men behind the construction.

Then, too, we had a flock of lady employees whose lights should not be hidden under a bushel. Most of them were inexperienced, but were willing and they learned quickly. In fact the attitude of the entire force was one of real patriotic Americanism, and was a show sufficient to gladden the heart of any true American. The home front is definitely fighting the winning battle—may the same good fortune bless our arms at the various fronts in this global shake-up.

And now I'll say, "So Long." It has been good to be with you, and the best advice I can give all is to stay in there and keep punching.

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**96th Division Now Real Army Outfit**

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Washington, with headquarters in Portland.

At this time, all reserve officers living in these two states were assigned to its components, and subsequent reserve officer graduates from Oregon State, Washington State, University of Washington, and the University of Oregon took their places in the 96th.

Recognition of the large native born population in Oregon and Washington was made when the war department chose the identifying divisional shoulder patch. It has two squares 1 1/2 inches in size placed on an olive drab polygon. The first square is white, representing the purity of the race and a second overlapping square of blue signifies loyalty.

Beginning in 1940, the reserve officers began to go on duty with the regular army, and when the division was ordered to be activated, very few of them were left to join it. However, there are about 10 serving with the division today. In May of 1942 the war depart-

ment decided to activate the 96th and Major General Bradley was chosen to command it. The general and special staffs were announced, and these officers and the rest of the officer complement were sent to special service schools for instruction and information in their respective fields.

The first officers serving with the 96th began to arrive at Camp Adair on July 6, and by July 23 most of them were present for duty. On July 8, the enlisted cadre started to come in, by July 16 most of the men were at the camp.

The high tempo at which the army is working was illustrated by the informal ceremony which was not opened to the public, as it would have impeded construction work at the camp which was carried on even during the activation ceremony.

**Get Into Your Head  
The Proper Dope on  
How to Address Mail**

There's many an empty handed return from mail call for many soldiers that can be laid right at the door of their own negligence and carelessness. Having traveled the same road on several occasions and noticed its congested condition, the Sentry offers a few suggestions to the soldier writing home and for passing along to the home folks writing that answer.

Lieutenant Hugh H. Tonsfeldt, Camp Adair postal officer, stressed these points for incoming and outgoing mail. The sender should always include his assigned serial number and section or branch of service as well as the post or camp. According to Lt. Tonsfeldt a great many letters are received at the post office for soldier personnel without this information. Those letters must then be referred to the directory service which often delays the delivery of the letters for several hours or even days. In addition, this quotation from the war department circular, No. 238, concerning the free mailing privilege should clear up another point.

Paragraph 3 of Section 2: "The name of the sender, his grade or rating, the designation of the service to which he belongs and the word FREE must be written in the handwriting of the sender..."

In other words don't use a typewriter for addressing the envelope and regardless of the fact that the envelope you use has the word "Free" printed in the upper right hand corner, you must add another "free" in your own handwriting.

Lt. Tonsfeldt pointed out that the volume of incoming mail is on the increase, and the quick delivery of that mail to the proper person is the chief concern of that office. The strict observance of the mailing regulations will be to everyone's advantage and will undoubtedly make a better mailing service possible.

**Camp Radio Program Launched Over KWIL**

Sgts. Jimmy Jones and Les Gibson aired their wares last Friday night over radio station KWIL on the Camp Adair "Detail at Seven" program. Jones at the piano and Gibson on the vocals are a fine team and their offering of "It Wasn't in the Cards for Me," an original with music by Sgt. Jones was particularly good.

"Detail at Seven" will feature enlisted and officer personnel of the post and if any of you men know of radio performers, any type, the radio section of the Camp Adair Public Relations office would like to have that information. Pvt. Nick Sansonia will be heard tomorrow night at 8:45 on "Detail at Seven." Take a listen. KWIL is on your dial at 1240.



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Camp Adair is primarily a military post, and it will remain a military post in every way. It will be filled with soldiers training for the grim business of war.

But Camp Adair will also be a thriving, bustling city. It will have paved streets, churches, places where you can make purchases of necessities and luxuries, theaters, and recreation centers.

Because we have a city as well as a military establishment, we will be citizens as well as soldiers, and the duties as well as the privileges of citizens will be ours.

At citizen should first of all be proud of his city, and we can all well be proud of Camp Adair. It will have no skyscrapers or imposing structures, and purposely it will appear drab and dull to the eye. This very drabness should be a source of pride, however, for it is the result of much research and study on the part of those who are in charge of building camps. This drabness is a protection against attack by air, for it makes the structures practically invisible from heights at which enemy planes must travel.

Regardless of its appearance, in color, our camp when completed will be modern, up-to-date, and complete in facilities for comfort and enjoyment. We will have comfortable places in which to sleep, eat and play. Sanitation measures will be taken to assure absolute cleanliness.

As citizens we will not leave it up to the military police and others to see that our camp is kept in first class shape. All of us should help in seeing that streets and buildings are kept clean and neat.

A city is also known by the everyday attitude and behavior of its citizens. We should conduct ourselves in camp—and outside as well—as gentlemen, and by our actions, infer to our visitors that we expect such behavior on their part.

We do not have elections at which

we choose our officials, but we have a well-regulated, democratic form of government. Every "citizen" on our post has the right to bring to the attention of commanding officers any matter that needs adjustment or redress, and every such matter will receive careful consideration.

Good citizens also strive to continue harmonious relations with each other. Make friends with your neighbors, and be especially hospitable to newcomers in our ranks.

Let's make Camp Adair a pleasant, happy place in which to work and live. Such an attitude will be a definite contribution to the great objective that motivates us all—winning the war in which we are all pledged to victory.

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