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General Kramer Tells Impressions of German Army From Long Service as Military Observer With Nazi Troops

By Cpl. Henry Beckett  
Brigadier General Herman Frederick Kramer has given an interview to the Camp Adair Sentry, evaluating German military training as he himself observed it at the outbreak of war, and predicting that the Axis forces will be defeated only if the United States matches that training and equals the enemy in sacrificial effort.

It was General Kramer's first interview since his recent elevation from the rank of colonel and at the request of the Sentry he talked about a subject that he is peculiarly equipped to discuss—German army training and what it will take to crush the German war machine.

For General Kramer is in a position to speak from first hand knowledge. Although he granted this interview in his office at the 104th division headquarters—where as assistant division commander he helps to direct a bee hive of activity incident to that division's approaching activation—he spent nearly two years studying and observing the German military machine.

General Staff Academy for nearly two years—1937 through 1939—he had occasion to participate as student observer in troop and field exercises of the German army, even following the invading army into Poland and passing some time there. After completing his schooling, he passed several months on duty with the Military Attache at Berlin.

"The Germans will lose and we will win," General Kramer said, "if we build up a will to win and if we care enough about it to expend the same amount of energy and make as great an effort and sacrifice as much as the Germans do. We can win if we work hard and long. And if we really want to get it over with we must go into all-out training now."

Although General Kramer was unwilling to say, for publication, how long he thought the war would last, he indicated his own idea as to how the break would come. Like a rubber band that has been expanded beyond its stretchability, Germany is likely to snap, he suggested. The General feels that "economic conditions and political am-

man victory, provided that enough military pressure is brought to bear against the Axis." He believes that political ambition may lead the German state to over-extend to the point of collapse.

Enlarging on the statement that military pressure must be brought to bear against the Axis, General Kramer said:

"Although the strong and able German army has been weakened by military action, it still is powerful in the field and is capable of winning many tactical victories. It is true, of course, that such victories in themselves do not win wars. Despite the good condition of the German army it must be kept in mind that we have all they have and more."

While General Kramer is unfamiliar with the nature of today's training within Germany, he remembers the pre-war training as being extremely intensive.

"The German soldier," he said, "undertakes a vigorous and exceptionally thorough program of training from the day he enters the army. For a year he has basic training, covering all military subjects and so designed that the process for producing a hardened soldier is continuous and effective by the year's end. Also every soldier has between 30 and 60 days in the field for combined maneuvers."

"In the second year, following a furlough of one or two weeks, the soldier helps to train new men and has more strenuous training himself. In summer this goes on from eight to twelve hours a day, with a great deal of night work, practical more than academic. The soldier is not only trained as an individual, but also to do his part as a member of a team."

"Even at the end of the first year of training the German soldier is toughened to endure unprecedented marches. He soon learns to expect a marching day that begins at 2 o'clock in the morning and ends at 7 o'clock that night. He marches 35 miles with light pack and gas mask and nights and days are the same to him."

General Kramer cited the importance of this intensified training "since the infantry must be able to stick with motorized units and exploit their gains." He told of being on one march with infantry when not a man fell by the way, but six horses, used in the transport, were lost.

German army discipline is firm, said General Kramer, yet it promotes a sound relationship within the ranks. Incidentally, a soldier salutes every other soldier, as well as his officers.

Just Like 'Rover Boys,' It's Ever on the Move

In case you have an overdue copy of "The Rover Boys And Their Mechanical Yo-Yo" and haven't been able to find the library to return same—there's a reason. The Camp Adair library has moved from the Special Services building to Service Club No. 2, building 309.

The Service club is on Club avenue between 1st St. North and 1st St. South. The library will be open from 6 until 10 p. m. on week days, and on Sundays from 1 to 5 and from 6 to 10.

Oh Craig, Oh Craig! What's in That Bag?

Last week this paper expressed curiosity as to what Tch/5 Charlie Craig transported in that bag of his from barracks to camp headquarters every morning. Curiosity killed the cat and the solutions we are receiving are about to kill us.

There is but one thing that keeps us on the subject. Craig, himself, refuses to enlighten a palpitating world with a personal reply. Break down and tell us, Craig. We'll stand by you even if it's a bottle of hair

Trees in Tent City? Who's Kidding Whom?

The cherry trees which bounded the Tent Area on the east have been chopped down and George Washington had nothing to do with it. The engineers did it, in accordance with camp plans, and if the pioneers are sorry to hear it they at least may be glad that they ate all of the cherries they could reach, when the trees were heavily burdened, in June.

Water is being piped to the tent area now, and will run soon in kitchens and new showers, and the tents have floors.

A striking feature of recreation among the colored troops in camp is the choir of 40 voices, recruited from the tents and from elsewhere in the camp, and led by Cpl. Hurley V. Grissom.

Don't fool with poison oak if you get an itch. Go to your Doc.



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