

"No man can suffer too much nor fall too soon, if he suffers or if he fall in the defense of the liberties and constitution of his country."—Daniel Webster



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Col. T. A. Baumeister Faces Big Assignment

Task of Outfitting Camp Adair Falls Upon Quartermaster Chief

Mighty few items of G.I. issue wear as long and as well as the Camp Adair Quartermaster, Col. T. A. Baumeister. In 33 years of service he was off duty, on account of illness, for only 3 days. Recently, though, he did have to go to the hospital for repairs. His knee needed a little patching and that was all, he supposed, but the doctors, out to prove that they were as diligent in keeping a human being in condition as any quartermaster could be about uniforms, managed to find something else out of order and kept him in the hospital for two months.

Now at last he is out and the war can be resumed and the Camp Adair Sentries eagerly tell some facts about Col. Baumeister and his works. Incidentally, he was still waging war through his son, 2nd Lt. T. A. Baumeister, now with the armored forces in Louisiana maneuvers. Another son, John J. Baumeister, 17, a six-footer, weighing 180, a freshman at Oregon State college, wants to get into it, but has agreed to stick it out in school through the first year.

Back at his desk, with the huge task of outfitting and supply still before him, Col. Baumeister consented to an interview. He talked about women, old men, the Japanese, Filipinos, and his job.

"I prefer women," said the colonel, speaking of his work. "We have about 500 civilian employees in the quartermaster section of the camp and 85 per cent of them are women. Next month the laundry will open—we hope—and some 280 civilians will be needed there, and 85 per cent of them will be women. I prefer women, because we can be more sure of them. Men are subject to call for the military services, so we cannot count on them."

On the moot question of turning out the "old men," Col. Baumeister was skeptical.

"Of course old men should not be in combat organizations," he said, "but we can give them plenty to do here. Among our 500 enlisted men are many unfit for arduous fighting, but more useful here than younger men might be, men who could stand more in the field. And we also have veterans of the other war, although most of them are officers."

The colonel emphasized the importance of accuracy and diligence in accounting, saying that older men often had special experience and skill in practical accounting, in the purchase of equipment, in details of transportation. Their work is much appreciated in the warehouse and cold storage plant, he remarked. He did not believe that older men would be arbitrarily withdrawn from such tasks and discharged from the Army.

Expected Jap Attack

Col. Baumeister saw much of the Japanese during his 11½ years in the Philippines and was not at all disillusioned when the Japanese finally did attack.

"We Army people knew that they would jump on us whenever they were ready," he said. "Back in 1908 we took a census of the Japanese in the district and we could tell that they were making maps and keeping records, but there was nothing to do except report the facts as we learned." (Continued on page 7, column 4)

Colonel Des Islets Is in India; But He's Still in Corvallis—How Come?

Lt. Col. Des Islets now heads an important construction work at a "plane hospital base" in India. You're wrong—that's right, as the w.k. orchestra leader might say. It's Lt. Col. John L. M. Des Islets, a brother of Camp Adair's own Lt. Col. R. E. M. Des Islets.

The brother-colonel, who formerly resided in Portland and was a civilian engineer on the Bonneville Dam project, is now heading an heroic plane repair project "somewhere in the heart of Mother India," according to a syndicated feature story which came to the attention of the Sentry this week.

Story of the Indian project is graphic. Some 1500 American soldiers have turned 13 native mud villages into a huge combination supply depot and airfield. Col. Des Islets is depot commander. As he says, planes serviced must be badly damaged:

"We'll take them when they come in with their wings flapping."

DREAM GIRL WANTED!

Wanted—a young girl with a sense of humor! If she knows how to stoke a wood stove so much the better.

This request (or fond hope) is from Miss Dorothy, Texada, who works in the quartermaster office here in camp. Miss Texada is not exactly pursuing the Golden Fleece, but seeking such a person to share an apartment with her at 228 South 9th St. in Corvallis. If you can qualify, call Miss Texada at Camp Adair 2856.

War Department In Chest Drive

Sec. of War Stimson Pledges All-Out Aid Of Govt. Services to Reach \$150,000,000

The war department, all personnel of the army and all private and government organizations under the control or supervision of the war department are giving complete support and co-operation to the many organizations raising funds to aid the peoples allied with the United States in the war.

Throughout the United States, during the ensuing months, there will be held war chest and community chest drives to raise the funds necessary to maintain through the coming year the local hospitals, health, welfare and social agencies which contribute to the civilian morale. Funds will also be raised during these months for the United Service Organizations and for many other war-time emergency groups.

In many local communities, these appeals have been joined, in accordance with the wishes of the (Continued on page 7, column 5)

CONGRATULATIONS

Do you remember the chap who, in the days of Tent City, seemed to know all the ropes? The fellow who used to advise the brand new soldiers whether it was the right time, or not, to ask for a pass? The guy who used to know all the answers, and didn't hesitate to share a few of them? Gist of these few words is that he's now in line for congratulations.

Special Orders No. 108, October 26, carried this official information: To be Corporal, Pfc. Wilfrid de Tonnancourt.

These Little Witches Are G. I.



Flying through that cloudbank from left to right, you see Marvis Ward and Elsie Lee Meyer. Sometime during Hallowe'en evening, they'll park those pogo sticks long enough to greet you from behind the soda fountain at Service Club Number 1. . . . Public Relations Photo, with art work by T. S. R. C. Johnson.

No Longer a Military Secret; Saturday Is Hallowe'en Traditional Night for Soldiers to Make Merry Such as Dancing and Stuff -- But Best of All, It's Payday, Too!

The night for witches, hobgoblins, spooks, black cats and bats is at hand . . . yes, Hallowe'en, the traditional night for all kiddies to raise the devil and upset things in general . . . and for grown-ups to raise the devil even a little higher and upset bigger and better things in general . . . falls on Saturday night, October 31.

To the officers and enlisted men at Camp Adair, this observance means many things . . . the night of payday, dances at the USO Clubs in the surrounding towns, the approaching winter holiday months and many other things.

Socially speaking, the post will celebrate Hallowe'en prematurely, by a matter of 24 hours. Friday night, both Service Clubs, on Club Avenue between First Street North and First Street South, will hold dances commemorating the date. Decorations will be in keeping with the date, and various appropriate games and novelties have been planned.

But there's a dual reason for celebrating a day early . . . primarily, the service men's dances are

Tour of OSC Camp

As announced last week a tour of the Oregon State college buildings and campus is planned for this Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Will those desiring to go please give names to Capt. Ruth at Special Services Office before Friday noon.

This "tour of inspection" will include a general survey of campus buildings, visits to the Horner Museum, Memorial Union, KOAC station (where "Private Pete" broadcasts), OSC gardens, Agriculture buildings and Art Exhibits, college library, gymnasium and other places of interest. The college will furnish guides who will meet us at Memorial Union (on the campus) at 3 p. m. this Saturday, October 31, to start the tour.

Lt. Godfrey Speaks To Women of Rotary

The importance of women in war work was stressed in a talk in Salem Monday before more than half a hundred members of the Women of Rotary, by Lt. George H. Godfrey, post public relations officer.

Lt. Godfrey, who spoke for Major R. E. Riordan, unable to be present because of military duties, also told of the many activities of a soldier in training in camp. He praised the close cooperation between the civilian and the military in the Willamette valley, and ventured the prediction that many of the soldiers would make it their permanent home at the close of the war.

The luncheon was held in the Cherry City bakery auditorium.

Maj. Gen. C. H. White In Camp Adair Visit

Major General Charles H. White, commanding general of the IX army corps, made an official visit to Camp Adair early this week. He was accompanied by Colonel John C. Wyeth, chief of staff, and Col. Richard F. Fairchild, ACS, G3, both members of his staff. Also here at the same time was Col. Harry L. Hart, quartermaster for the IX army corps.

While here the visiting officers conferred with Major General Gilbert R. Cook and Major General James L. Bradley, division commanders, and Col. Gordon H. McCoy, Camp Adair commanding officer.

General White's headquarters are at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Full U. S. Aid Needed to Win

Willkie Hits Small Part Nation Plays In Aiding Allies; Urges 2nd Front

Second front in Europe. An all-out attack on Burma. Global action, in war and then in peace. Adequate production and delivery of war material. Full national mobilization, now.

Such were the demands of Wendell Willkie, Monday night, in a radio report to the nation on the conclusions reached in his recent world tour to learn how the war was going.

In the course of his address he also conveyed a striking impression of the relatively small part the United States has played so far in the actual fighting.

"Five million Russians and 5,000,000 Chinese," he said, "have given their lives in this struggle. Each of these countries has lost as many men as we have in our entire army."

Mr. Willkie reasoned against the attitude that civilians should not criticize military men, reminding his audience that French civilians were rebuked when they questioned the value of the Maginot line.

"The record of this war to date," is not such as to inspire in us any sublime faith in the infallibility of our military and naval experts," he said. "Let's have no more of this nonsense. Military experts, as well as our leaders, must be constantly exposed to democracy's greatest driving power—the whip-lash of public opinion, developed from honest, free discussion. Men with great power usually like to live free of criticism. But when they get that way, that's the time to increase the criticism."

"For instance, it was public criticism of the constant failures in North Africa that brought about a change of command there. When I was in Egypt, that new command stopped Rommel. It has now begun aggressive fighting. I hope our aid to this action will be adequate and prompt, so that Britain and America will be able to eliminate Rommel, free North Africa from Axis domination, and begin an assault on the soft spots of southern Europe. I also hope that shortly we can put the considerable force in India to aggressive use in an all-out attack on Burma, as General Wavell has urged. Thus we will relieve the pressure of our enemies on China and Russia, our superb fighting allies."

Mr. Willkie remarked that there existed a great reservoir of good will toward America, but that this reservoir was leaking badly because of broken promises and the failure to do what lesser nations had every right to expect from this country.

"Here we are," he said, "supposedly the biggest industrial nation on earth. But the flow of war materials out of this country to some of the nations I visited is not only small in itself, but as compared to the immensity of this global war we are engaged in, it is tragically small . . ."

"If I were to tell you how few bombers China has received from us you simply would not believe me. If I were to tell you how far Russia feels we are from fulfilling our commitments, you would agree with me that we have little reason to boast about our performance."

This Here Newspaper Has New Life Injected

Newest plebe with the Sentry is Pvt. Robert A. (Bob) Ruskauff, Hq. Co. Ruskauff brings a background of some 12 years experience conducting a news and photographic bureau in southern California. Served both newspapers and magazines with a potpourri of material; including in the news list the Los Angeles Times and the Associated Press.

Under pressure he prefers writing for he believes that he has shot worse photographs in his time than he has written worse words.

2 New Majors in SCU One First Lieutenant

Shafer, Armstrong and Mallonee Are From Three Coastal States

The three Pacific Coast states are represented in the three latest promotions of officers in Service Command Unit. Major Ernest Alton Shafer, 53, war veteran, was born in Joseph County, Oregon, was long an engineer on important Oregon projects, and is now director of repairs and utilities in this camp. He has been promoted from captain.

Major Earl F. Armstrong, 46, Chemical Warfare officer for this post, enlisted at San Francisco in 1918, for the other war, and visited Japan as a University of California baseball catcher and glee club singer, and was in the California petroleum industry. He also has been promoted from captain.

First Lieutenant Robert E. Mallonee, 25, now assistant officer in Special Services, was born at Burlington, Wash., grew up in Yakima, and is a graduate of the high school there and the State College of Washington, with a degree of Bachelor of Science. He has been a chemical engineer in charge of pulp and water purification, with the Grays Harbor Division of Rayonier, Inc., at Spokane.

The experience of Major Shafer includes civil, railway, highway, municipal, bridge, hydraulic and structural engineering. Following graduation in civil engineering, in the University of Wisconsin extension division, he was location and construction engineer with the Oregon Short Line, Harney county engineer, and an engineer with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad. He was also U. S. Mineral Surveyor for the district of Oregon.

Entering military service in 1917, from Olympia, Wash., the present major was a first lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, and went overseas with the 26th U. S. Engineers.

He was also assistant construction engineer for the base hospital at Mars-sur-Allier and later took part in the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne offensives and was in Germany with the Army of Occupation, as an engineer with the First Division.

Following his return to this country, and to civilian life, the major was highway engineer for the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, then for the Oregon State Highway Commission. He entered the service again in October, 1940, with the Quartermaster Corps at Washington, D. C., then went to Camp Callan, California, as assistant construction engineer. He became post engineer there in July, 1941, and last July was transferred to his old home state and to Camp Adair, as post engineer. He is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers.

Major Armstrong, who wishes that he had "taken a crack at some Japanese" when he visited Japan and also China and the Philippines as a college singer and ball player, first went to Edgewood Arsenal, in the other war, and then was with the first Chemical Warfare Unit, at Lakehurst, N. J. To enlist, he dropped out of the university and when the war was over re-entered the school. Later he quit school again to make some money, returned and was graduated, with an A.B. degree, in 1927. Since then the major has had eight years in the petroleum industry, partly with the Standard Oil Co. of California. (Continued on page 7, column 5)

POST RESTAURANT MOVES

The Post Exchange restaurant will move Tuesday right after lunch.

The new location is the corner of 1st St. South and Ave. F, which is just across the street from the new field house. It will be open for lunch Wednesday, Nov. 4. In case you're a bit confused by all the activity going on here in camp, this PX restaurant is the old stand-by that served so well across the street from the Hq. Co. barracks.

New All-Pacific Trio



Left to right: Major E. A. Schafer, 1st Lt. E. F. Armstrong and Major E. F. Armstrong. All promoted, they hail from Oregon, California and Washington. . . . Public Relations Photo.