

Timber Wolf Finance Officer Now Colonel

Promotion for Belcher, Pay-Day Expert Who Came From Georgia

For a finance officer the Timber Wolf Division has a new colonel—one whose early activities equipped him, in curious fashion, for the things he did later.

He is Lt. Col. Leo W. Belcher, just promoted from major, and he came here, by degrees, from Georgia.

As a boy he jumped fences, in his home town of Bainbridge, Ga., because he couldn't take time to open the gate. Later on he was a track athlete, doing the hurdles, high and broad jump, and also running the 100 and 220-yard dash.

As a boy, also, he broke colts for his father, who had fine horses, and later on he went into the cavalry.

When 19, and a college junior, he married a girl of 18, a sophomore, yet they both went on through school. Since then the colonel has been a banker and has been concerned with the finances of his Alma Mater and of various organizations. All that experience has led, indirectly, to his present post. He is only 38.

Was Soldier at College

Col. Belcher was born at Bainbridge, Ga., attended high school there and in 1925 received a degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce, at the University of Georgia, where also his military career began, in the ROTC. At graduation he was commissioned in cavalry. He was made a first lieutenant in 1928, a captain in 1933, and in 1937 was transferred to finance, still as captain. Incidentally, he had enjoyed nine tours of duty with the cavalry, at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., and then with motorized cavalry at Ft. Knox, Ky. In 1940 he was made a major and in 1941 went into active duty at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala.

That was one of three air training centers in the country. Previously the old air corps tactical school, it was the only advanced flying school in the southeast. It was headquarters for the army air force in the southeast and Col. Belcher was property auditor.

Last July 6, Col. Belcher was ordered to Barkley Field, Texas, for temporary duty. Then on August 8 he came to Adair as finance

Gets Promotion



Lt. Col. Leo W. Belcher, division finance officer, who was just promoted from major. He was a banker, with a varied career before his financial work.

officer for the new Timber Wolf Division.

Aside from regular military duty, Col. Belcher was active in the Athens chapter of the Reserve Officers Association, being president and attending many state conventions.

He is a cavalry swordsman, a mounted pistol expert, and rifle marksman.

Banker in Georgia

From 1925 to 1937 he was with the Citizens and Southern National Bank of Athens, Ga., one of the biggest banks in that section, and he was one of the original employees. Later he was assistant treasurer of the University of Georgia and remained there until called into active service. For years he was treasurer and recording secretary of the alumni association.

His association with the university always has been close; while a student he belonged to Alpha Kappa Psi, honorary commercial fraternity, to the Economic Society, and to the Demosthenian Literary Society, which was founded early in the last century and is one of the oldest college literary societies. He was a member of the Lampa Chi Alpha Fraternity and the girl he married belonged to the Chi Omega Sorority. She was a graduate with a degree of Bachelor of Arts and

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was on the way to a master's degree when motherhood stopped her.

Mrs. Belcher was Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Reed, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Reed. As registrar of the university for 30 years, Mr. Reed is one of two faculty members living on the campus.

While a student, Col. Belcher lived in the famous dormitory where Alexander H. Stephens, first vice president of the Confederacy and Crawford W. Long, discoverer of the use of anesthesia in operations, had been roommates. Both are in the Hall of Fame at Washington, D.C.

The university was founded by Abraham Baldwin, a graduate of Yale University, and the ties between the two universities always have been strong.

Faithful Church Member

Col. Belcher was chosen by the congregation of the First Baptist church in Athens as a deacon, and considers the church the central agency in his life. Before being ordered to active duty he was secretary of the board of deacons. He has been chairman of every committee of the Athens Rotary club and also the club's president, and in 1940 he attended the national convention at Havana. He also has been chairman of the First Baptist church troop of Boy Scouts and has taken part in the money drives of the YMCA, the Salvation Army and other organizations.

At present Col. and Mrs. Belcher and their two children, Leo W., Jr., 15, and Dorothy Reed, 12, are living at Corvallis. Like his father, the boy has been active in the Boy Scouts and is a Life Scout and would be an Eagle Scout if the family had not moved around so much.

Col. Belcher himself is one of 11 children. His father, A. E. Belcher, has his home at Bainbridge, one brother of the colonel, Russell A. Belcher, is a captain in the armored cavalry. A brother-in-law, Matthew M. Byerley, is a captain at Ft. Knox, Ky. Also Charles C. Compton, Jr., a grand son-in-law of Mr. A. E. Belcher, is a first lieutenant.

Both grandfathers were in the war between the states and a brother was in World War I.

As a divisional finance officer, Col. Belcher must see to it that the officers and men of the division are paid and paid on time. He has a staff of one officer, one warrant officer, and 17 enlisted men. His department has a separate building and from the window of his private office he looks out on the lawn and flower beds of the divisional headquarters.

FOR THE DURATION

Here comes the bride, as usual, for the war wedding, but she'll wear a ring of gold, instead of platinum, for the duration. (Duration of the war.) It seems that the use of platinum in all jewelry manufacture has been prohibited because of its importance as a war material—in munitions manufacture, in communications equipment and for many other industrial uses. The order does not affect the sale of platinum jewelry now manufactured and in the hands of dealers and retailers.



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Meet Miss Hemphill



Miss Irene Hemphill has returned to her post as secretary to the Camp Commander after eight glamorous days in Los Angeles. Miss Hemphill is one of the early pioneers of Camp Adair. She was here even before Tent City—way last March, to be specific. Public Relations photo.

Camp Adair Beauty Returns to Duty; Is Happy To Be Back

Miss Irene Hemphill is back from her vacation.

Miss Hemphill, just as if you didn't know, is secretary to Colonel Gordon H. McCoy, post commander, and adds more charm and beauty to headquarters than any given number of officers, non-coms, Pfc's or even WAAC's.

Of her furlough (pardon, we mean vacation), Miss Hemphill reports that it was spent in California, Los Angeles and Hollywood to be exact, and that she had a lot of fun. She used to live there, but somehow managed to evade talent scouts and such connoisseurs of beauty as Dick Arlen and, for all we know, 2nd Lt. Clark Gable.

Miss Hemphill insists she is an Oregonian at heart and thinks soldiers are okay. She lives in Corvallis with her parents and is not engaged—yet.

Thanksgiving Reasons Many

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Matinees, 2 P. M.
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Radio Stars
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Men at four divisional day rooms will have extra cause for rejoicing—the rooms will be fitted through courtesy of four Salem groups; the Salem Heights Community club, First Baptist church, St. Paul's Episcopal church and the Hanna Rose Court, order of Amaranth No. 6.

A number of EM and officers

Today's Menu (for 100 men)

- Nuts—15 lbs assorted.
- Roast turkey—100 lbs.
- Giblet gravy—1 oz. sage.
- Sage dressing—2 lbs onions, 8 lbs bread.
- Cranberry sauce—12 No. 2 cans.
- Corn—21 No. 10 cans.
- Mashed potatoes—18 lbs.
- Sweet potatoes—15 No. 2 1/2 cans.
- Waldorf salad—10 lbs celery, 13 lbs apples, 1 qt. Drsg. salad, 2 pkgs. raisins.
- Olives, large ripe—11 No. 10 cans.
- Pickles, sweet—1 gallon.
- Mince pie—Recipe No. 252, "The Army Cook."
- Bread—12 lbs.
- Butter—3 lbs.
- Coffee—4 lbs, 6 lbs sugar, 5 cans milk.

USO-Camp Show Gets Into Adair Theatre

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thing from basketballs to a 100-pound bed. If your top kick will permit you might take along a couple of foot lockers for added interest.

Hall and Rennie put on a veritable menagerie of patter and music. Rennie plays straight, sing, plays the saxophone. Hall includes violin, bicycle pump, trombone. Once with Paul Whiteman, teamed with his partner in England and they've done Europe. He was with Ed Wynn's "Laugh Parade" on Broadway.

Vernon & Draper embellish their routine "with subtle comedy" (fashion note—It won't have to be too subtle, chillun; the WAACs aren't in yet).

The Taft Kretlow girls have done some big enough time—playing at Drake hotel in Chicago; Beverly Hills, Calif., Country Club; Club Royal, etc.

Orientation Course Gives Review of War

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matter, personal oratory and training films.

These officers will be assisted by enlisted men and civilians whose positions in peace time have qualified them as expert critics and war commentators.

Lieutenant Colonel Gail Cleland, division chaplain, will formally open the course on Wednesday, December 2, when he will address the Camp Adair personnel over radio station KOAC at 5:45 p. m. Chaplain Cleland is eminently qualified for this work having lived at times in a number of foreign countries. He is also a veteran of World War I.

The post Special Services office, which is the coordinating unit for the course, has announced that as a special feature in keeping soldiers posted on the latest developments of American units both in this country and abroad, the official army magazine "Yank" will be distributed at the rate of \$1.00 for 35 copies. Subscriptions may be made beginning some time next month through company first sergeants.

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