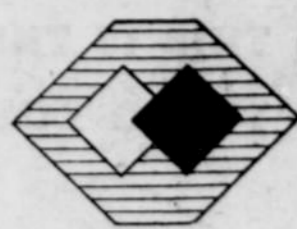


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### Major General Gives Medal to Sgt. Leach

#### Cook Hopes Hero Medal Is Only First of Hundreds for Division

The first medal for heroism awarded to any member of the Timber Wolf Division was formally presented to Sgt. Clarence D. Leach last Saturday by Major General Gilbert R. Cook, who in the presence of all divisional artillery units expressed hope that it was "only the first of hundreds, even thousands," of such medals that officers and men would receive.

"This is a very proud occasion for me," said General Cook, glancing at the sergeant's wife, there on the stage with her husband and three generals. Sgt. Leach has been cited for heroism.

"Now heroism is a very peculiar thing. Undoubtedly it is something that you have without thinking about it. It is based on duty. You'll notice that the citation says 'above and beyond the call of duty.' No one can be a hero unless he does his duty. He knows his duty and thinking in terms of duty he naturally can perform acts above and beyond the call of duty.

"Know your duty, then in emergency, thinking in terms of duty, you can perform acts of heroism. We all salute Sgt. Leach because of the standard he has set for the division. May there be hundreds and even thousands of medals for heroism awarded to the men of the division."

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### New Officers to Come From Ranks—Stimson

Announcing that only a very small fraction of the 225,000 applications from civilians for Army commissions would be granted, Secretary of War Stimson revealed this week that from now on the Army would depend almost entirely upon Officer Candidate Schools for its supply of officers.

"The stage of development attained by these schools," he said, "is such that we can count on them, almost entirely for all future Army officers. This includes not only combat officers, but technicians and specialists as well. That may be taken as the stated policy of the War Department."

This served as confirmation of unofficial reports that the Army had been finding that the best qualified officers were those turned out by Officer Candidate Schools—men who had started as privates in the ranks and knew the problems and feelings of the men under them.

In the future, the Army plans to appoint a few civilians to commissioned rank. For one thing, no civilian will be appointed who is below the age of 35 or over 60, except in rare cases. The civilian appointments will be given only to men who have specialized or scientific training not available at Officer Candidate Schools.

### Post Adj. Maj. Miller to New Duties; 'Paper Work' Expert Also Boxing Whiz

Major Victor N. Miller, Camp Adair adjutant, largely responsible for the camp's development from the pioneer days of early summer until the present time, has been transferred, destination "unknown," and the best wishes of all who have known the major, go with him.

Moreover, all who have had contact with the major will be curious about his next assignment. Not long ago a group of non-coms, who had regarded him as a "paper-work" major, were amazed to see him walk into the Field House and punch the bag with skill and fury, although he hadn't punched a bag for 10 years. Now they suspect that the major is good for most anything.

The post adjutant assumed his first duties at this station on June 26, when under authority pre-



Roy M. Scrivner, experienced restaurant man who operates post food concessions from PX.

### Gen. Easley Bouquets QM on Firing Record

#### Rookies Hit Bullseye Despite Poor Weather

By Pvt. Frank L. Trezise  
Despite the weather in which the elements dealt from the bottom of the deck and blew down targets, flooded out target details, and loosed a Niagara of rain on them, the 336 QM Depot (supply) qualified 88 per cent on the rifle range last week.

This unusual record for green non-combatant troops produced four expert riflemen, 16 sharpshooters, and 83 marksmen. Brigadier General Claudius M. Easley complimented Capt. Allen Hoppe on the excellence of the outfit's shooting.

The experts are: S/Sgt. Bernard V. McAlone and Pvt. Robert E. Gorman, Robert E. Bayless, George E. Beckwith.

Qualifying sharpshooters are: 2nd Lt. Charles H. Fischer and Pts. Carroll B. Fernandez, Claudy Price, Dale A. Jeske, Anthony J. Oberli, Annibale P. Belluomini, Earl K. Nelson, Clarence A. Kenne Jr., Salvatore Torrance, Jesus B. Charles, Joseph A. Sheehan, Joseph Allegrini, Ernest J. Boni, Eugene F. Gerstner, Victor A. Lyles and John P. Magnasco.

Entitled to marksman ratings are: M/Sgt. Howard E. Kirkpatrick; S/Sgt. John B. Menschner, Clarence Hoover, Joseph S. Krasnovsky; T/4 Lloyd J. Herrick; Cpls. Geo. J. Capri, Fred E. Akers, William Kelley, Joseph Timberio, Earle I. Hall, William C. Talbot; Pfc. John H. Poeschke, Robert L. Hatcher, Charles Gonzales, Reinold

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Maj. Victor N. Miller, first post adjutant. — Jester Miller Photo.

### 104th Officers Have New Club

#### Gen. Dunckel Speaks; Praises Work Done by Artillery Officers, Wives at 'Club-Fest'

The club of the Timber Wolf Division Artillery officers, created by them and furnished and adorned by them and their wives, was opened Saturday night, with food, music and dance, and with happy remarks by Major General Gilbert R. Cook, Brigadier General William C. Dunckel, and Col. Gordon H. McCoy, post commander.

Among the guests also were Col. George E. Ferch, camp executive officer, Col. R. E. M. Des Isles, Area Engineer, and Major Ernest Alton Shafer, Post Engineer.

General Cook said he liked to think that the distinction of the club's appointments was typical of the division. General Dunckel, complimenting the women on their work, spoke of "Mrs. Gertrude McClenaghan's 'sweatshop,' intimating that she, as the wife of Lt. Col. R. S. McClenaghan, had been a driver in keeping the wives hard at work until their job was done.

The club sponsored a dance which was held at the divisional club. Capt. Richard J. Bestor had charge of the arrangements and Capt. Roy W. Johnson of the decorations. Wilbur Berry, of Salem, entertained as a magician. Lt. Egbert W. Fisher played the piano and Lt. John T. Scofield was master of ceremonies. He and Lt. Donald E. Schmidt sang "The Timber Wolf Song," and Capt. John B. Hamilton demonstrated the Timber Wolf howl.

The orchestra consisted of Lt. Scofield, bass violin; Lt. Schmidt, saxophone; Lt. Richard J. Nolan, drums; and Warrant Officer Joseph Rubel at the piano. There also was music by the divisional band, conducted by Sgt. Eberhardt.

Officers Did The Work  
The club itself was General Dunckel's idea and he is particularly pleased because the officers did most of the work on it. He donated the bar, but they found it, on a scouting expedition to Portland. Formerly it belonged to Frank Dravel and they found the massive, old mahogany affair in a cellar.

The officers have managed to produce a clubhouse in the virile, generous mood of the West as it was in the nineties. Thus the weathered timbers, fine old logs taken from a barn on what is now the artillery range, are left in their natural, gray color. They and the heavy wagon wheels used for chandeliers give the main hall of the building a robust dignity, harmonizing with the crude, stone fireplace and ample book shelves.

Lt. Ward W. Hemer, formerly an engineer at Ida Grove, Iowa, supervised the construction. Lt. William M. Andrews, guided by the Portland Chamber of Commerce, located the grand, old bar, 18 feet long, with its expanse of mirror against the wall, and 16 feet in front.

### Eugene VFW First Vets To Furnish Day Room

Veterans of Foreign Wars of Eugene, Willamette post, No. 293, have the distinction of being the first group to furnish completely one day room at Camp Adair, reports Rev. H. R. White, who is chairman of the Lane county committee for camp and hospital service at the camp. Several local organizations are working with Rev. Mr. White in furnishing these day rooms and providing other services for the Camp Adair soldiers.

#### MAJ. SMITH SPEAKS

Speaking on the theme, "Americanism," Maj. F. J. Smith, QM, assistant director of supply, will on Saturday afternoon address the Daughters of the American Revolution, at Salem.

The meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Hubert Ostland.

# TED FIO RITO COMING

Staff Of Life Preview



First loaves of the GI bread which EM and officers of the Post will soon be eating are inspected by Col. T. A. Baumeister, director of supply, as they are hauled "hot from the oven" by Pvt. Frank Arcadia. The completely modern, spic and span new Camp Adair bakery is capable of turning out 37,000 loaves of bread per day.—Public Relations Photo.

### Victories Hinge on Food -- Gen. Dunckel

#### Addresses 47 Graduates in Third Cooks, Bakers Class

"Nine-tenths of the way to a good fighting outfit is the mess."

Thus Brigadier General William C. Dunckel re-emphasized the vital link between food and the soldier, as commencement speaker to 47 mess officers graduating from the Cooks and Bakers school, in exercises held November 24.

Class was the third graduating from the school. Instruction was given by Maj. Josiah J. Osborn, assistant commandant. Eight officers scored perfectly on the final exam, to graduate with honors. Twenty states were represented in the graduating class.

In speaking to graduates, General Dunckel, stating that the "mess officers make an organization," declared:

"It takes a real leader to get cooks and KPs who are fagged from lack of sleep and overwork in the front lines, to keep on going." But this is vital, it was pointed out, for the men must be fed.

Victories and defeats have hinged on food: "One reason the British were defeated at Gallipoli was that 80 per cent of the men had diarrhea in one day, due to poor mess management.

"Twenty per cent casualty inflicted by the enemy is a very heavy loss—but carelessness on the part of the mess officer can cause much higher casualty rate. The failure, for instance, of a mess officer to stop a cook from making sandwiches of pork and mayonnaise filling, caused a 40 per cent casualty the next day."

A total of 210 mess officers have thus far been graduated by this branch of the Ninth Service Command School for Bakers and Cooks. The current graduate roster includes:

1st Lts. James M. Moss, Frederick F. Maloof, Marsh O. Perkins, E. B. Dickey; 2nd Lts. Walter A. Wall, Ernest J. McCulley, Bruce C. Brown, William H. Barrows, W. R. Webber, Grady V. Paris, F. L. Scarborough, Steve Rochester, Stavis J. Milton, Paul M. Link, J. C. Hankley, Percy H. Mills, Michael Santiano, Edward J. Summers, Chester A. Thomas, R. A. Nelson.

O. A. Pynes, Joe B. Peevey. (Continued on page 3, col. 2)

#### Top Kick



Hdq. Co.'s 1st Sgt. Ray Atkins has every kind of SCU soldier in his outfit.

### He Must Have Rolled Double or Nothing

Who said you have to be a 2nd Lt. first—if you expect to climb from the ranks? Well it ain't necessarily so—and 1st Lt. Emery H. Draeger, assistant finance officer, is the proud proof. He wears silver bars now, but recently he was but a warrant officer, junior grade.

Lt. Draeger came to Camp Adair from Camp Roberts in California. Before that he had been stationed at Ft. Wm. McKinley in the Philippines. A native of Inglewood, Calif., Lt. Draeger went to Inglewood High School and Compton Junior College. He has served in the army for nine years.

#### CAN YOU BEAT IT?

The 96th Division band, now in rehearsal, wants a dance drummer. One with his own truck load of equipment preferred, but at any rate a drummer. Potential Gene Krupas should contact Warrant Officer W. Krog in building T-3-220, Avenue D and Third South.

### Gas Ration Cards Must Be Presented To Your Local Board

Here is some vital information for those in organizations of SCU and units attached—both military and civilian personnel—who are wrestling with the gas rationing problem.

Captain C. L. Carter, QMC, Transportation Officer, yesterday announced that hereafter all supplemental mileage ration applications will be given back to the applicants who must personally present them to their local board. Applications will no longer be sent from Transportation office.

"Our function is simply to edit the supplemental mileage ration applications and certify as to their truth," Capt. Carter explained. "The applicant must then personally get back the card from our office and present it to the local board, which has the authority to grant or deny the request."

Likewise, effective tomorrow, the local boards will accept all additional applications for "A" ration cards. Facilities are not available to handle this as a Post service, Capt. Carter said.

### Added Library Service For EM of Camp Adair

Here's reading service, plus—in announcement that the Corvallis library, Seventh and Monroe streets, will allow library service to Camp Adair men. Both books and magazines (earlier than current issues) may be taken out on library card.

A variety of technical books and magazines are available at the college library, and can be taken out by special arrangement. Note to married men—a children's, 7th St. entrance, will be open 3 to 6 p.m.

#### CHANUKA PARTY

The Salem Jewish congregation will hold a Chanuka party for fifty enlisted men next Sunday at five o'clock. The place is Chemetka and S. Commercial streets and the invitation is to all of the Jewish faith wishing to attend.

#### Holiday Greetings!

"Welcome service men—'Keep up the good work!'" These are the words on blue and white signs now adorning Corvallis shop windows. The Corvallis Merchants association sponsored the idea which, it is pointed out, is instituted not primarily to make profit from soldiers, but to make them feel that they are cordially welcome.

### Maestro Here Monday; Plays at Fieldhouse

#### Entire Troup of Musicians and Entertainers Take Part in Show To Be Staged for Service Men

Ted Fio Rito, his band and his top notch crew of entertainers, will stage a concert at Camp Adair Fieldhouse Monday.

The famous maestro was invited to appear here by Capt. Willis Ross, special service officer of the 96th Division, at the request of Major General James L. Bradley, commanding general of the 96th.

According to Capt. Ross and Capt. Frank C. Wimer, special service officer for the post, who will jointly manage the big show, Fio Rito and his troupe will arrive in camp from Salem around 6 p. m. Monday and the concert will begin as soon as the stage can be set.

#### Black-Out Coming

Traffic on all roads into Corvallis will stop on Monday between 7 and 7:30 p.m., because of an imaginary war "incident" involving a black-out and other precautionary measures, it is announced by Dr. George W. Peavy, as Benton County's Civilian Defense Coordinator. All military and civilian personnel of the camp are advised to keep this in mind, to save inconvenience.

### Bus Schedule Upped For Holiday Traffic

Added services of the Oregon Motor Stages are now in effect in runs from other communities to and from Camp Adair, Manager H. A. Reed announced.

Buses now will depart 5:45 a. m. from Albany and Corvallis, to fit reveille better. Service to Salem on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays will be each half hour instead of hourly.

Buses departing Salem at 6:30 a. m. will go directly to laundry while those leaving at 4:45 p. m. will start at the laundry.

The stages will now be operated through Independence, so, in case you know anybody at Independence—

Soldiers are asked to, whenever possible plan to use buses at other times than peak hours and on holidays.

### Many Army Leaders In Army in 'Teens

Many of our present outstanding Army leaders were in the service before they were twenty. Lt. General Hugh A. Drum, now commanding the First Army and our eastern defenses, joined the service at 19; Lt. General John L. DeWitt, commanding the Fourth Army and our western defenses, joined the service at the age of 18; Lt. General Ben Lear, commanding the Second Army, enlisted at 18; and Lt. General Walter Kreuger, commanding the Third Army, enlisted at the age of 17. General Arthur MacArthur enlisted at the age of 17.

### Corvallis Group Is Celebrating Dec. 7

#### Col. McCoy, Governor Sprague Are Speakers

Monday, December 7, is the first anniversary of the Pearl Harbor tragedy.

Every city and community in the United States has been requested to observe this day with an appropriate service of commemoration. The associations of World War veterans, Ministerial Association, Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants, lodges and the civilian defense council are sponsoring a joint service to be held in Mayflower chapel, Corvallis, Monday at 8 p. m.

Guest speakers will be Governor Charles A. Sprague, Col. Gordon H. McCoy, post commander at Camp Adair, and Major E. C. Allworth, representing Oregon State college. Guest artist will be Corporal John Walsh, former Metropolitan opera singer now stationed at Camp Adair.

Honored guests will be the parents of all men in the service of the country and officers of Camp Adair.

The program will be broadcast over KWIL and KOAC.

All associations of World War veterans are requested to wear their caps and members of the civilian defense groups with uniforms are requested to wear them.

### Boat, Trailer AWOL Say Monmouth Man

An urgent appeal for the return of a boat and trailer is being made by V. P. Van Den Bosch of Monmouth.

According to Mr. Van Den Bosch, two officers from Camp Adair called upon him several weeks ago and requested the loan of his boat and trailer-carrier. The owner said he was anxious to meet with any request of the Army, and loaned his equipment for the day. He has not seen the two men, or the boat and trailer since.

Mr. Van Den Bosch is anxious for its immediate return, and asks that anyone having knowledge of the aforementioned articles get in touch with him at Rt. 2, Monmouth.

### Camp to Inaugurate Two New Programs Over Corvallis and Albany Hook-Ups

Two radio news programs, designed to keep Oregonians abreast of events at Camp Adair, will be inaugurated Thursday, Dec. 3, by the Public Relations Office of the post over radio stations KWIL, Albany, and KOAC, Corvallis, Ore.

The programs will feature news concerning the personnel stationed at the post and such information on plans, training, sports events and inner-camp activities as are in keeping with existing regulations. S/Sgt. Bob Black will be the news-

caster on the programs which are the first steps in building an enlarged broadcasting schedule from the camp. This policy is in keeping with the recent OWI announcement that the public be kept informed of all such military activity as is possible.

Titled the "Camp Adair Sentry of the Air," station KWIL will release one edition at 4:30 p. m. each Thursday while KOAC, the Oregon State College station, will broadcast an entirely different news summary at 5:45 the same day.