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"LEADERSHIP"

One of America's ablest journalists, in his year-end review, has said: "... in our whole history we have never had an army so well trained and so well equipped and so well led, and above all so progressive in the military art. The achievement is due to the fact that first-rate men at the very top have known how to open up the way to ability down the line."

That last phrase is deeply significant. Our Army regards every private as a potential leader and trains him accordingly. Leadership in our Army stems not only from our generals but from our sergeants and our corporals. Every officer, commissioned or non-commissioned, who looks forward to promotion, must learn the duties of the next higher grade. When called upon, he can therefore step into a post of greater responsibility with knowledge and confidence. The Secretary of War has stated that "the officers of our forces are chosen by the most democratic method and educated by the most thorough system of officer schools which we have ever had in our history." Before men are chosen for Officer Candidate Schools, they must show conclusively that they possess the qualities of leadership. They are also required to have at least three or four months' experience in the ranks. The success of our Army's selection and training system is borne out by the fact that recently in North Africa five of nine officers promoted for gallantry in action were products of the Officer Candidate Schools.

To the wisdom of their strategy, our Army leaders add their inherent courage. They undertake the most hazardous missions without thought of their personal safety. The exploits of Lieutenant General Mark Clark and Major General "Jimmy" Doolittle have won the admiration of all of us. Our leaders lead!

Most of the plans for our great battles are initiated in our nation's capital. These plans must be formulated by our Chief of Staff and his associates... men of vast experience... men who know their jobs. They are fully aware that the success of our cause depends on their skill and sagacity. They know that their decisions may affect the lives of millions of men. They are taking full advantage of all our nation's resources, our manufacturing facilities, our power to transport our Army. They are in constant conference with military and naval representatives of the United Nations and with our Commander-in-Chief. In making a decision, they weigh carefully every fact that may affect that decision.

It is part of our democratic heritage to question the decisions of our leaders. But before we are led to draw any rash conclusions, let us remember that our military leaders have access to all the facts. We do not. Their decisions are guided by only one thought: to win the war as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

We who wear the uniform of the United States Army have full and complete confidence in our leaders. We know those at home share our confidence that American Army leaders are the finest in the world, and that they will lead our Army to ultimate victory.

In Praise of Medics

Across the desk come words of tribute to the medical profession; praise turned into us by one P. F. C. Harry Kravitz of the 382d Inf. of the 96th Division.

It is praise which is a little more than that. It includes some cogent, good advice. And it brings us to realization, as P. F. C. Kravitz points out:

Those of the medics, not only here at Camp Adair, but at every camp in this country, and across the seas, and in civilian life and throughout the world are, and from time immemorial have been our first, heroic bastion of defense against the most uncompromising and deadly enemy of mankind: Disease.

In time of peace, or riding side by side with War, this ubiquitous pestilence is the most dreaded of the Four Horsemen.

The medical profession, dedicated to wage perpetual war against this scourge, are mankind's knights in shining armor.

And today, in this man's Army, we have the finest doctors in the world.

using the latest and finest equipment in surgery, the ultimate word in the medicines that ceaseless work of their laboratories confers has produced.

In the last war the medics did a magnificent job. It will be surpassed in this war. It may be said that in certain instances it has already been surpassed. Wounds that meant certain death in World War I are now being treated to effect complete recoveries. Achievements that the medics have wrought since Pearl Harbor are eye-opening.

But the praise of tribute are NOT the most significant utterance to be made at this time and in this space. The simple, sheer fact is that you and you and you—by realizing and cooperating with the huge job that the medics are performing, can help them in their war.

How? The first thing is—stay off the sick book unless you are sick, but, Secondly, if you are sick, report your ailment honestly AND IMMEDIATELY.

The medics, and by this we mean the entire medical corps, works on 24-hour call just like the rest of this Army. But their work goes beyond the simple execution of duty, and at all times.

The thing which is part of their code and the key-note of their profession, is their unrelenting search for more and better weapons to combat disease. Their progress

It's A Great Life

Notes From A Soldier's Sketch Book

On Furlough—"I don't mind Willie dramatizing his stay in Oregon a bit, but that 'Chinook Whirl'—that's a bit too much!"

has been tremendous, but this enemy had a great head start. If you in any way can help, then help. With or without any of our organizing the medics will carry on. But it is good to speak a word.—B. R.

Sentry Editorial on War Bonds Receives 9th Corps Publicity

To every War Bond officer... in every camp, station and post, including exempted stations and tactical units, in the entire 9th Service Command... has been sent "Campaign Bulletin No. 8," which quotes in full the "Camp Adair Sentry's" War Bond editorial that appeared in the Dec. 31 issue and concerned the plea of Eddie Ricknacker for civilians to "make this a total war and let each be determined to bear his share of the common burden."

The editorial, which perhaps bears repeating in part at this time, continued: "What are your reactions to these words of a man, one of our soldiers, who has come back not to boast of the sufferings he personally endured aboard a raft, floating aimlessly for 21 days in the Pacific waters, not to seek glory and fame—but to ask YOU, as an American, to be worthy of your brothers, your sons, your neighbors on the far-flung battle fronts. You who are still living in comparative ease and comfort here in the States—what can you say in answer?"

In conclusion, the editorial suggested five New Year's resolutions, calling for personal sacrifice, the willingness to serve and serve well where needed, let my actions speak louder than words, and to set aside money for War Bonds through a Class "A" reservation plan. P. S. Just another feather for the "Sentry's" hat!

General Easley Talks At Final 96th B'cast

The final broadcast of the 96th Division's series of "Orientation Lectures" which have been a weekly feature over KOAC Corvallis each Tuesday evening, occurred last night with a stirring message delivered by Brig. Gen. C. M. Easley.

General Easley, in his broadcast, summed up the "Orientation" series by tracing America's entrance into the present conflict and he forcefully pointed out the American soldier's responsibility to this country and the United Nations. The transition of the complement of the 96th Division from civilians into "the best fighting men in the world today" was also emphasized.

What Next? M/Sgt. Boge?

When M/Sgt. Maynard E. Boge, SCU 1917, does a good thing—like buying War Bonds—he does it in a large way, and consistently (which is always a jewel of an idea).

Back in August, when he first made S/Sgt., he increased his Class A Pay Reservation to \$87.50 monthly.

He made Tech. in October and hosted it to fifty per.

Now he is subscribing \$75.00 toward a \$100.00 bond every pay day.

Success story? Yes, an American story.

CAMP COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Camp Adair

All officers and non-commissioned officers of the Army should realize that discipline must be obtained through leadership, proper indoctrination and training. Continual reliance on court-martial to enforce discipline indicates weakness, lack of leadership and faulty command. While trial by court-martial is necessary in many cases it should be resorted to only when adequate disciplinary action cannot be provided by other means.

At times, there exists a tendency on the part of some officers and non-commissioned officers to resort to court-martial for all types of offenses irrespective of the local situation and the training experience of the soldier involved. As a suggestion, it might be well to institute a program of supervised education with the idea of affecting a material reduction both in the number of trials and the number of men sentenced to confinement. If successful, it should produce satisfactory results for all parties concerned.

From the day of induction, the new soldier should be properly and vigorously impressed with the demands of military discipline and its vital necessity in time of war. He should be made to understand the gravity of Absence Without Leave, Failure to Obey Orders, Disrespect to Officers and Non-commissioned Officers, etc.

This cannot be achieved by a perfunctory reading of the Articles of War. Military discipline is strange and unfamiliar to the new soldier and time, thought and effort should be exercised in his instruction. He should be taught the vital importance of implicit obedience and meticulous adherence to regulations and of individual and group behavior.

He should be made to understand that the life of a good soldier is an easier and happier one and more conducive to contentment than that of a poor soldier and above all, officers and non-commissioned officers must themselves, by word and deed, set the proper example in conduct and respect for authority on their part.

To The Editor: My plea to the men of Camp Adair is for clearer speech in our everyday relations with our fellow soldiers and primarily for a more reverent use of the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is an amazing fact that, wherever one goes, he will find the Sacred Name endlessly, meaninglessly and irreverently used by Catholics and non-Catholics. There is no need to stress the point, we are all too familiar with it.

But why the name of Christ? Why not that of Roosevelt, or Nelson or Mickey Mouse? Could it be that this blasphemous use of the Sacred Name is a hangover from days when that name was invoked by sincere Christians as a sign of faith? Does it not indicate only too clearly how men have lost the spirit of Christ, how they have forgotten the spirit of Christ, how they have forgotten who He was and failed to remember why He came to us?

If speech expresses thought, then Christ is not in the minds of men, except as an expletive. Sincerely, A "Sentry" Reader.

Important Notice To Service Men, Camp Adair

Beginning Saturday, January 23rd, Southern Pacific Railroad Company will operate one special train for service men Camp Adair to Portland, handling Portland passengers only, leaving Camp Adair 2 P. M.

Round trip, \$2.00 — good on special train only. Tickets available at Main Bus Terminal and at Wellsdale station.

Oregon Motor Stages, for lack of equipment and inability to secure adequate equipment cannot render adequate transportation service to service men in Camp Adair, especially the Portland traffic, and we earnestly solicit and urge all service men desiring to visit Portland over the week-ends avail themselves of the service to be rendered by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company and endeavor to arrange for their passes or furloughs sufficiently in advance to make use of this special train service.

Your cooperation to this extent will enable Oregon Motor Stages to render more complete and greater frequency of service between Camp Adair, Albany, Corvallis and Salem.

For the return of service men to Camp Adair, this special train will leave Portland on Sunday, January 24th, at 6:30 P. M.

Shuttle buses will operate on Saturday, January 23rd, between hours of 12 Noon and 2 P. M., serving SP Railroad Depot. South-end shuttle bus will operate in reverse direction during these hours.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

OREGON MOTOR STAGES

listed mens' and wives' party. Wednesday — 7:30 p. m., small games activities; 7:30 p. m., ballroom reserved for party by 71st Infantry. Thursday—7:30 p. m., Stamp Exchange Club meeting; 8 p. m., truth or consequences party. Friday—7:30 p. m., small games activities; 8:30 p. m., informal dancing. Saturday — 1-10 p. m., canteen open; 1-5 p. m., registration for home hospitality; 4-8 p. m., register for sleeping cots. Sunday—9 a. m., visit church of your choice; 9 a. m.—10:30 p. m., canteen open; 4-5 p. m., dance (ballroom); 5:15-6:45 p. m., musical program; 8:30, singfest.

Was General Is Private It was discovered, three weeks after his induction at Fort Dix, N. J., that Pvt. Alexander Barmine was once a Brigadier General in the Russian Army. He fled his post at time of the Red Army purge.

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