

Reading They Like

9th Corps Librarian Explains Set-Up For Collection of Reading Material

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At a recent conference of all professional librarians of the 9th Service Command, considerable emphasis was placed upon two particular points in connection with library service to the army.

First, on the necessity of having all donated reading material handled by the Army Branch libraries instead of it being sent directly to the camps by the donors—this has become a serious detriment in some areas. Second, on the regulation requiring all library service to the army to be accomplished through official army channels.

Five Branch Libraries have been established by the 9th Service Command to regulate the flow of donated books and reading material. In addition to this Oregon Branch, the others are located at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Salt Lake City, and Phoenix, Arizona.

In view of the instructions given us at the conference and with the realization that Camp Adair is still receiving many book gifts from well-meaning groups and individuals in nearby communities, I suggest that an explanation of the requested procedure be brought to the attention of the general public through a release to the newspapers from your office. In preparing such a release, the following summary may be of help:

People wishing to give books for the soldiers are asked by military authorities not to send their books directly to the army camps, but to take them to their local libraries during the present Victory Book Campaign. The books are then turned over to the Oregon Branch of the 9th Service Command Library, located in the State Library Building in Salem, for distribution to the service men stationed in Oregon.

By having the collection and distribution of the books controlled by such a central headquarters, a complete picture of the book needs in the state, as well as a knowledge of the number of books available is

possible. By having the books brought in to this Army Branch Library, it also becomes possible to have the books carefully sorted and made up into well balanced collections covering a wide range of reading interests.

Camp Adair now has its two fine Service Club libraries operating and serving the hospital units as well as the day rooms. But there are other camps and stations not having their own libraries and needing books badly—particularly those in remote areas which are served by Traveling Libraries. The Army Branch Library in Salem, which is under the direct supervision of Fort Douglas headquarters, receives the requests from these camps, fills the orders from the books given in the Victory Book Campaign and the whole procedure is handled through official army channels.

People in localities adjacent to Camp Adair have been very generous in their gifts but they are urged to follow the army's request not to continue to send their books directly to camp, but to turn them in to their local libraries for the Victory Book Campaign, so that the books will reach the men most needing them. In this way, there is no duplication of material or effort, and all camps are supplied with books according to their needs.

Sgt. Freeman Once Big Ten Cage Star

May Move Touted 96th Aces From Atop Stack

Customarily, they tell, it's a bad practice to make any predictions about the outcome of a basketball game. Never build up any one particular player to the point where fans expect to see a superlative exhibition of fancy shots, unbelievable scoring, and remarkable all around playing every time the man plays ball. It hurts his morale.

Man of the Week

But we'll stick our neck out. We recommend First Sergeant Charles Freeman of the 96th Signal Company as the man to watch this coming week. He's been a dark horse for lo these many months, but he's due to burst forth pretty soon, possibly this Friday night. If things turn out as we expect they will, Messrs. Fusselman, Van Dervort, and Stricklin had better make certain that their hallowed high scorer crowns are tucked well down on their curly locks.

Ex-Big Ten

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More SPORTS News

Still Follow Leader as League War of 96th Goes Into 7th Week

Kane, Easley Top Teams Tie

Standings in both the Kane and Easley Leagues remain unchanged as the 96th Division entered its seventh week of basketball competition.

Still in first place in the Easley league were the 921st F. A. Bn., and the M. P. Platoon with no games lost. The 2nd Bn. of the 382nd Inf. presented a difficult problem as far as the standings, insofar as they are still batting 1.000 but have only played one game. Whether or not to classify the team as one of the leaders may be debated by some of the more critical cage fans and as yet a decision has not been handed down.

The Second Second

The 2nd Bn. of the 381st Inf. held down second place with the 796th Ordnance Co. third and right behind.

Over in the Kane League, the tie between the 1st Bn., 382nd Inf. and 96th Div. H. Q. Co. remained unbroken.

The time for these two top squads to battle it out has not been set but the game should be one of the best of the season. The 3rd Bn. of the 382nd Inf. held fast in second place and the 96th Signal company was third, along with the 361st F. A. Bn.

Reeder Recuperated

From the M. P. Platoon comes the heartening news that Big Bill Reeder, star center of the team of giants, has fully recovered from the sprained ankle that has kept him off the hardwood for the past two weeks. During Reeder's layup, Lieut. Kinsler, the M. P. coach, has been substituting Sever and Rose who have held down the middle position as well as anybody could. Game results:

EASLEY LEAGUE — 321st Medics, 44, 1st Bn., 381st Inf. 34; 921st F. A. Bn., 49, 1st Bn. 383rd Inf., 27; 362nd F. A. Bn., 40, 1st Bn. 383rd Inf. 32.

KANE LEAGUE — 1st Bn., 382nd Inf., 50, 3rd Bn., 383rd Inf., 39; 96th Sig. Co., 37, 363rd F. A. Bn., 15; 361st F. A. Bn., 27, 321st Engrs. 13; 2nd Bn., 381st Inf., 35, 2nd Bn., 383rd Inf., 22.

Uncle S. Says Good-Bye To Nephews Passing 38; But It's Uncle Simmons

Have you met "Uncle Simmons"? His nephews are all of those over-aged men who are applying for discharge.

Pfc. Simmons is in complete control of the discharge section for his company.

The other day, after taking care of several of the "short timers," five men came in. All were dressed in Class "A" uniforms. They knocked, as you are supposed to do before entering the "orderly room" and upon hearing the cheery "Come in," entered and asked to see Pfc. Simmons. When questioned as to the reason one of them promptly replied, "We have our discharges, but we couldn't leave without saying goodby to Uncle Simmons."

Work will win the war!

Covered



EM wishing for a bit Lamour may see Dorothy at Theater 5 tonight and tomorrow, appearing with Hope, in "They've Got Me Covered."

Corvallis Wins District Title

The Corvallis high Spartans downed the Toledo high school basketball team at Corvallis Tuesday night by a score of 40 to 17, thus clinching for them the sub-district title and clearing the way for the district championship battle with Eugene here this Friday.

After a slow start which saw the first quarter score just 6 to 0 in their favor, the Spartans, led by a substitute guard named Larry West, scored 10 points while the awakened Toledo five pushed in 9. Score at half time was 16 to 9.

High-scoring honors for the evening went to Larry West whose timely second quarter baskets kept the Spartans in the lead. His 10 points were followed by 8 apiece for Anderson and Toledo's Crosno and Ashton.

Baton Rouge, La., firemen, summoned to douse a burning auto, were urged to "save the tires and gasoline" by the owner, who was trying to get his tires off.

SCU QM Whips 691st To Increase Margin

The Post Complement-IXth Corps leaguers managed to sneak through last week's schedule with only two games played, plus a number of forfeits, but at that the fast-traveling SCU QM outfit managed to increase their lead by winning a scorching from the second-place 691st QM outfit, 37-27, at Field House.

In the other game the 336th QM, which has been riding sixth place in the league, took a whisker-finish 26-25 skirmish, from the still third place SCU Hdq. team.

The SCU QM team has now bolstered its league rating to 16 wins, one loss to 11 and 5 for the 691st, which captured one game last week by forfeiture.

Private Beats Major—That's News, But It Happened Back When. Meet Sam Longert

When a private can openly boast of beating a Major he had better have either a good lawyer or a good excuse. In the case of Pfc. "Sammy" Longert, star light-heavyweight of the 381st Infantry Boxing team, neither is needed.

This rough and rugged 175 pounder when fighting as Dominion Intercollegiate Champion for the University of Toronto defeated the middle-weight member of the West Point team and said member is now a Major in active service. So there you are.

To show, however, that he wasn't picking on the military, Longert's record shows a string of victories over the champs of such colleges as Harvard, Columbia, McGill, Queens, and many others.

Employing the same brand of cool precision boxing that made him the talk of collegiate ranks not long ago, Longert will go into the Salem Armory ring in the bouts Friday night with the additional advantage of ten more pounds of solid fighting weight. This has been brought on by exposure to army chow. Jack Earl, coach of the 381st "Bulldogs," agrees with Longert in saying that the additional poundage was all that Sammy needed to round out his natural light-heavyweight style. Longert is a veteran performer.

before fight fans of the Post. In company with the rest of the 381st "Bulldogs," he has been doing a lot of roadwork in the odd moments snatched from army training but the boys who have seen him fight before are inclined to think of this as an unnecessary precaution. At least they are giving odds that his famous right will lstop Rerischeck, his opponent from the 383rd.

Pheasantries of Life —Cpl. Feig Gets Bird

Out of the episodes of last Thursday evening, Cpl. Sidney Feig of our Post theater system got the real Hollywood thriller. In fact, Cpl. Feig got the bird, and a slightly blacked eye.

It happened this way: A bunch of the boys were gathered outside Theater 4. The lights flashed on. There was a terrific whir and—bang!

"I never would have known what hit me," said Feig, "but there was my eye; and I was still there. Wotta beating. What an experience."

An Oregon pheasant, frightened and blinded by the light, had flown directly into the group of EM, picked Feig for its target and unloaded.

P.S.—The EM also got the bird.

Work will win the war.

Pep Talk for Friday Fights



Some thumping good advice on meeting their rivals of the 383rd Inf. boxing team in the big Salem fights Friday night, is handed out by the six-great light-weight, Pete DeGross, to Sammy Longert (left), star light-heavyweight, former Dominion of Canada Intercollegiate champion, and heavy-weight Danny Cox. Both will represent the 381st Inf., 96th Div. Fights will start at 8 p. m. in the Salem Armory. —Signal Corps Photo, cut courtesy OREGON STATESMAN.

Handball Stars Start Ladder Tourney

Challenge Tilts Begin On Lorenz Court

The Camp Adair "inverted ladder" handball tournament, in which the first are now last and will stay that way unless they beat a lot of first class competition, is underway. It starts tonight on the Lorenz Court, 1st St. N., near F. Ave.

Players were seeded by tourney director, Fire Chief A. L. Sherk, using the recent single-tourney as basis—then they were reversed in the ladder. To climb to top players must successively challenge and defeat the first two players above them.

Doubles Tourney Soon

A doubles tournament will be launched as soon as the "ladder singles" is well in progress, Chief Sherk said. Players will be requested to handle their own competition in the ladder tournament, which will close on March 15 and 16, with players who then stand in first six rungs, meeting in finalist eliminations.

To begin the ladder, Fireman Herb Funk stands atop the ladder. In 19th spot, the lowest rung is the winner of the recent singles tourney, Pfc. Bob Ruska, ff, and in 18th is the runnerup, Assistant Fire Chief Toby Wallace. Fifteenth is Pvt. Al Richey, recent arrival at Camp Adair, and a former ace player of the Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland.

Post-tourney entries will be accepted, Chief Sherk said, but must start out on the lowest ladder rung. Numbers allotted to contenders follow:

1st, Herb Funk, Fireman; 2nd, Chaplain, Lt. Victor E. Newman; 3rd, Ray Madley, Fireman; 4th, Lt. Robert H. Rosen, Timber

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