

On the Beach at Swamp Adair

# Lt. Col. Robert McKay Has Meteoric Advance

## 96th Div. Finance Officer Up From Pvt. to Col. in 15 Years

Lt. Col. Robert B. McKay who last month pinned his silver oak leaves on his shoulders can be credited with making what is probably the most meteoric rise in rank in a limited time of any officer in the 96th Infantry Division.

Today as division finance officer, he can look back with satisfaction on the past 15 years which have brought him from the plebian simplicity of the enlisted man to his present position on the staff of the commanding general. His formula for success was simple. He simply listened and did what he was told, studied in his spare time, and took advantage of every break that came his way.

He enlisted in the regular army on November 25, 1928, and was assigned to the Field Artillery. Three months later he transferred to the finance section and forfeited a sergeancy in order to qualify as a student for the Army Finance School at Washington, D.C.

After a competitive examination in 1933 he was appointed staff sergeant, rose to tech sergeant in 1933, and now holds the regular army grade of Warrant Officer (j.e.).

It took a war for him to gain advantage of a reserve commission. In 1940 he was ordered to active duty as a captain and reported at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Upon his arrival at Camp Adair in July, 1942, he was immediately promoted to major and became a lieutenant colonel on February 13, 1943.

Mrs. McKay and a 3-year-old daughter live in Salem.

### IF WINTER COMES, CAN SPRING GET HERE TOO?

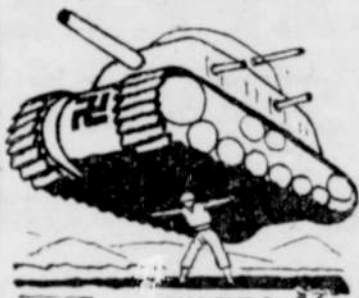
One of the static sights from north windows of Post Headquarters building for quite some time has been the moving of the four room building that once housed Publications Office, being done by a moving detail under Cpl. Constantine Von Schaier. The building is very small but is in 8 (eight) CCC sections, entailing quite an engineering problem, says Cpl. Von Schaier.

If it should happen to rain a little it may be possible to float the structure to wherever it is going and that would be pretty smart. (Suggestion 64-B, from Sentry's suggestion dept.)

## Un-Immaculate Arabs! But WAACS Are Gay

Col's. Son, T Sgt., Writes from N. Africa

(Continued From Page 1) Arab men wearing GI barracks bags for pants.



"I'll bring back a souvenir."

"We don't have much entertainment here and except for an occasional picture show (most of them are in French) there is nothing much to do when you get through work. Only recently a company of WAAC's arrived and it certainly was good to see an American girl for a change. There are so many soldiers around here that it makes it as hard to get a date with one of the WAAC's as it would with Hedy Lamarr. Some outfit has a



"Getting a Dance with a Wack."

dance for them most every night and the poor girls are about danced to death.

"Well, I have to close and get on with some work. Give my love to Dot and Beverly and tell Beverly that her big brother, Doug, will bring her back some German souvenirs as soon as the war is over." Your devoted son, "Doug."

Three tons of jewelry dies, originally costing over \$250,000 were contributed to the scrap drive.



The art editor heard that the Pacific Ocean (with beach) was being moved inland to the camp. He handed over this studious pose of Mary Howard, a motion picture actress b'gosh, and we printed it before learning the art editor was the victim of April Fool pranksters. We're not sorry we did, though.

## Second-Hand Dealers Buy Victory Books Unsuitable for Army

Of the 4,500,000 volumes collected in 1942 Victory Book Drive, more than one half have been rejected, according to a statement from the New York Public Library, because they represented the type of reading material least wanted by men in the Armed forces.

Dull books, worn books, and valuable books came under the three heads that governed the rejections. Texts like "The Lives and Loves of an Interior Decorator," an anonymous volume printed in 1903, or "Egyptian Aesthetics," "Famous Chateaux of France," or "The New York Digest for 1934," are examples of the public's errors in selection. Two hundred and fifty spotless new volumes on trout fishing were an outstanding example.

Second-hand book dealers received the juvenile, dated novels, dusty reports, and out-of-date technical books. Receipts of the sales immediately went to buy new novels, mysteries, westerns and technical books popular with service men.

British "pig clubs" of amateur pig-raisers accounted for 7,000 tons of bacon in 1942 and provided enough pig meat for 100 million breakfasts.

**Have You Any Sheep, Sir?**  
Civilians having property around the post reservation, who have sheep grazing on same, are requested to send their name and address to post headquarters. This will help range personnel in returning sheep who have gone A.W.O.L.—quite a number have been doing so, it has been reported.

## Reading They Like

Camp Adair's Librarian Recommend Newest Books You'll Like to Read

By Miss Doris Fickel Librarian, Service Club 1

Many new military books are being added to the library and a display table of them has been set up by Private John Stump. These books are varied in subject matter and range from a ponderous tome "Military Preventive Medicine" by George C. Dunham, to the light but helpful, "How to Get Along in the Army" by "Old Sarge."

A few of the books follow: "The School of The Citizen Soldier" edited by Robert A. Griffin and R. M. Shaw. This book is adapted from the educational program of the second army and is planned to fill the gaps in the education of the men in the army.

The tank is playing an important part in this war and there are many books on this subject in your libraries. Among them are:

"War on Wheels" by Kutz, "Armies on Wheels" by Marshall and "Mechanized Might" by Ra-borg.

"Strategy at Singapore" by Eugene H. Miller is a study made by the American Council on Public Affairs of the fall of Singapore, analyzing the reasons for this catastrophe.

"Infantry in Battle" publicized by the Infantry Journal is a practical book on battlefield problems.

"Flight Training for the Army and Navy" by Captain Burr Ley-son. This is a manual for pilots and aircraftmen based on the official curricula of the Army Air Corps and Naval Air Service. A

description of airplanes, parachutes and how they work.

A little book which might keep you out of trouble is "The Soldier and The Law" by McComsey and Edwards.

These and many more on the army are in your libraries. Come in and browse around.

### Thirty Adair Soldiers Served Grand Banquet By Pedee Women's Club

Thirty soldiers enjoyed a real feast at the Pedee Women's club in Monmouth last Saturday. Arriving in two G.I. trucks at the invitation of Mrs. Eva Van den

Bosch, the boys received a royal reception. Chicken, biscuits, pie, and all of the other side dishes that go with a complete meal were served.

Those big tough servicemen turned out to be softies around all of the youngsters who attended in order to get a look at the army uniforms. Before the evening was over, they were attempting square dances accompanied by Gus Jahn on the piano accordion.

Jimmy Seykowsky of the Timber Wolf Division appeared as a dancing K.P. Nedly Navarro of the 705th anti-tankers tap-danced for the crowd. Cpl. "Uncle" George Simmons and his buddy, Pvt. Humphrey Strickland, both of Headquarters Co., SCU 1911, showed the rest of the gang how the square dance is done.

Restricting the use of iron and steel in wood furniture is saving about 22,000 tons of the metals for war use annually.

## PORTLAND SPECIAL TRAIN!!

Everybody Rides the Special Train

### Note New Time Schedule

Leaves Wellsdale at 2:30 P.M. Saturday afternoon

#### FOR THE RETURN TRIP

Leaves Union Station in Portland at 10:30 P. M. Sunday Evening.

**\$2.00 Round Trip**