

How's Your Day Room? Comfy? Here's Reason

How's your dayroom, soldier? More than 125 dayrooms have been furnished, or partly furnished, through the Camp Adair Camp and Hospital Service Council. If yours hasn't been, don't give up. It may be next.

Every outfit has its dayroom—the army built it. But the army has put in little furniture, and G.I. steel chairs weren't built for relaxation.

That's where the Camp and Hospital Council came in.

Former Red Cross Field Director James Layton — now serving the Red Cross somewhere between Cairo and Calcutta—saw the need for many things which communities near Camp Adair could do for the men in camp.

Holds Conclave

At his request representatives of six nearby Red Cross chapters met to make plans last September. Colonel McCoy sent his Special Service Officer to explain that, more than anything else, dayrooms needed to be furnished.

Within a few days Camp and Hospital Committees representing service clubs, churches, granges, labor unions, rural communities and lodges were organized and at work explaining the need for dayroom furniture. Mimeographed sketches of dayroom plans and lists of needed furnishings were distributed by the Red Cross Field Director... The local committees persuaded organizations to sponsor dayrooms, special service officers decided where the furniture was to be placed, and when notified that the furniture was ready, the Field Director arranged transportation to camp. What has happened since then? Let's see:

70 DAY ROOMS! MARION COUNTY

Seventy dayrooms furnished and more to come! That is the record of the Marion County Committee. Mrs. Chester Luther of Salem, Marion County Chairman, wondered if the job could be done when she pledged sixty rooms to be furnished at that first meeting. Colonel Carle Abrams, for many years Regimental Commander of the 382nd Infantry, agreed to act as dayroom chairman and all Marion County went to work. They're still working.

BEST DAY ROOMS IN CAMP—POLK

"The Best Dayrooms in Camp" is the slogan of Mrs. Charles Greenwood, Dallas, Chairman of the Polk County Committee. The fifteen dayrooms from Polk County are among the most comfortably furnished in camp. Ask the man who has one! There'll be several more.

FOLKS OF BENTON IN HEAD START

Mrs. Victor Moses, "the 13-piano lady," gave the Benton County Committee a running start. Uncle Sam's mail claimed Mrs. Moses'

Yankee Doodle Johnson
The phone in the Sentry office rang.
Sweet feminine voice—Is Sgt. Ray Johnson handy?
Pvt. Zilch—I don't know whether he's handy or not ma'am. I'll ask him.

attention, but Mrs. P. M. Brandt is pushing Benton County close to its goal of 30 dayrooms.

EUGENE ELKS BOOST LANE COUNTY HELP

Lane County was slow to start—until the Eugene Elks Club decided to take over. Chairman Ed Boehnke had charge of a whirlwind campaign that was climaxed by the well-known "furniture caravan" to Camp Adair.

LINN AND LINCOLN BOTH CONTRIBUTE

Linn County is on its way toward its quota of rooms. A number of organizations in Albany, Lebanon, Scio, Lyons, Sweet Home and Brownville already have sent in furniture.

Lincoln County, smallest in the Council, has sent furniture for three dayrooms. The Rev. Charles Neville, in addition to working as chairman of the County Committee, is council Treasurer.

COOS COUNTY IS LUSTY FLEDGLING

The newest member of the Council is Coos County. Hearing of the opportunity to do things for the men at Camp Adair, a committee headed by Mrs. Mel Johnson of Marshfield is hard at work encouraging community groups to participate.

"Camp and Hospital Service is a channel through which the civilian community can help the men in the service," Milton E. Meyers, Council Chairman, explains: "The Red Cross provides the mechanism; the organizations in these communities do the work. It works the other way, too. Through the Red Cross Field Director requests from the communities are passed on to the appropriate military authorities, and requests for out-of-the-ordinary equipment and services go to the Council."

So far the big job has been to furnish dayrooms, and much remains to be done before all the rooms are completed. In the meantime recreation supplies for patients at the hospital, athletic equipment for isolated and detached units — and many other things needed by the soldiers are being located, donated, and brought to Camp Adair.

Upped in Grade

The 361st Field Artillery Battalion released news of the promotion of Pfc. Robert R. Rick to T 5. Headquarters of the 363rd FA Bn. announced the promotion to staff sergeant of Leo S. Eisenberg and Hilmar B. Schmelzel and Oscar W. Drew, Jr., was promoted to T 4.

When Adair Visited Adair



It was in May that Henry M. Adair II, nephew of Lt. Henry R. Adair for whom this Post was named, visited the still uncompleted camp. Lower photo shows young Adair with his father, W. M. Adair, and above (right) with Col. R. E. M. Des Isles, area engineer then, at door of the administration building.

Out of the HQ. Well

By Cpl. "Dubby" Duboff
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One year ago this month Camp Adair and the Sentry was born. It is merely a co-incidence that I am today celebrating my first anniversary in the Army... (Drinks are on me, 7 Up, Pepsi Cola, Dr. Kildare's, Refreshing Vitchey Vater from the Volga, or its five cent equivalent in candy, gum, or popcorn—Line forms to the right, ladies and children first.)

To begin this story properly I must relate to those of you who have not been here in the days of "Tent City" the beauty and excitement of "Life in the Raw"... Ahhhh—It was June, and all over the country, flowers spread their pretty petals, and filled the air with fragrant perfumes.

People rushed to the beaches, Country Clubs, they wore red, blue, and rainbow color bathing suits, with hat and umbrella to match. But here, at Camp Adair, things were a little bit different.

After four showerless days and nights, we arrived at the then sunny Oregon, deep in the heart of Camp Adair. It was still June—but instead of the smell of flowers, the combination of dust and musk seemed to have had a priority on the jernt. Or perhaps it was the undershirts of the under-nourished recruits, with their unglamorous fatigoo suits, that cast a shadow of doubt in the minds of all.

But, would the boys BEEF? Did they squawk, when they had to pitch tents in the hot sun? Did they say a word to anyone, when they had to eat their chow on the good old mother earth, drink chlorinated water out of lister bags, dig their own latrines, and K.P. in double time? — YOU CAN BET YOUR LIFE THEY DID.

Today—nine months later—some of the same men are still here. They have lived through the months of rain, and UNUSUAL snow. These men, a part of the gigantic Army machine, are still in the fight. Cooks, clerks, painters, typists, experts all, are still here and doing a big job. Unlike their brothers, and pals, who are overseas, fighting, and giving their all, these men are keeping the wheels turning, for the man behind the man, behind the gun. They are still here because they are needed here, and don't let anyone tell you different. And we are still training, too. Ask Sgt. Spiegel and Webb, and they will tell you... how little we know about rifle drill.

An old timer here is one ex-janitor, now Sgt. Benjamin Tow-sky, alias Tim Benson. I am told by a reliable Sgt. of the Publications Section, that he, Tim Benson, received a notice from the Post Library to return a book that had been taken out quite some time ago. Will somebody remind him again of his negligence—and incidentally—place the book on his nose, and between where his eyes are supposed to be—so that he can read the title of it, "The Army Means Business."

With the Medics

by
T 5 John E. Sheehan
QM

T/3 Charles Schaefer, formerly with medical supply, left for MAC school at Camp Barkley, Texas, last Monday night. A farewell dinner party was held for him Saturday night at the home of a friend in Corvallis. It was a swell party and a good time was had by all. Charlie kept us amused a good part of the time with his knowledge of magic. The guy really is a Houdini!

If you should see a very depressed Sgt. trudging around the Administration building with a look of utter desperation upon his once cheerful face, don't be surprised. It's Sgt. Bill Klun from the Sick and Wounded Office. It seems Bill and his girl have changed their plans and decided to be married before the war is over, but Bill can't find any place to live. If any of you fellows know of a place for Sgt. Klun and his bride-to-be to live, get in touch with him at the Sick and Wounded Office at the Hospital.

Congratulations to T/Sgts. Toews and Jourdan on their new ares. Sgt. Jourdan, incidentally, has transferred from Unit Supply to Personnel. T/Sgt. Toews is in charge of the Police and Personnel Department.

Pfc. Giusto Cacioppo is really

popular with the girls at the Hospital! Gus was a hairdresser in civilian life and hasn't been able to get away from it. If you should happen to see one of our nurses looking like the cover-girl on some style magazine, you'll know Gus has been on the job!

T/5 Vicent Campbell from the A and D office is now a proud papa. He has a son born two weeks ago—Michael Vincent.

Sgt. Ueal Holleman — "Tex" as he is known around the Motor Pool where he is in charge — recently joined the ranks of the married men. It all happened Saturday, April 3, at the minister's house in Salem. The bride is the former Dorothy Wilkinson of Salem, and about all we can get out of the groom is that he is "very, very happy." Lots and lots of luck, kids!

Word has been received from Frank Follin, formerly of Personnel and now at MAC school at Camp Barkley, Texas, that the going is really tough. Frank is coming along fine, though, and it won't be long before these bars are shining on his shoulders.

ITCH IN EVERY STITCH

British soldiers are now wearing undershirts that itch—and there's a purpose. Made of a string-like material which resembles a crocheted mesh, it is worn beneath the usual undershirt and is designed to massage the skin with every movement and by keeping blood flowing faster generate extra heat for the wearer.

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Second free Field House air show features talent from 96th... post commander's wife, Mrs. Gordon H. McCoy, asked to christen latest Kaiser ship in behalf of camp... "Flying Colors" coming early next month... Eugene Elks help equip dayrooms... Gideon society distributes Bibles, religious matter, to post chapels... new postal rules set for overseas parcels... why trucks are named after ladies is revealed... date bureau formed at Club 1... camera restrictions enforced... Corvallis USO to be renovated... "safeguard military information" stories appear regularly... wood plaques of 96th Div. generals by Pvt. Litzkuhn added to club... promotions keep going strong... telephone-alarm system adds to Fire Department efficiency... V-mail for overseas correspondence encouraged... post checker champ is Timber Wolf... Capt. Eagle appointed head of Cooks and Bakers... Chemical Warfare boys show how to fight bombs... Sgt. Henry Beckett, known by all, leaves for eastern camp on 54th birthday... civilian employee at Station Hospital received first Class A War Savings Bond... "Arsenic and Old Lace" presented by USO-Camp Shows... chain system of training explained... army orientation courses introduced by Gen. Cook, Timber Wolf Commander... post civilians stranded by flood put up at Service Club... huge athletic program announced.

