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MUTTERINGS OF AN OLD-TIMER

By Henry Beckett

Governor's Island, N. Y. — In looking through a newspaper I came across a list of brigadier generals just promoted to be major generals.

With a kind of hopeful excitement I skimmed through the names, feeling sure that I would find one former Adair general when I reached the letter "K." I was right. He was there. "Herman Kramer," as plain as anything. Happily I called to my wife:

"Kramer has been made a major general ... Gee, I'm glad ... I wish I could tell him how glad I am."

"Well, why not write to him?"

I laughed and explained that in such circumstances it isn't customary for privates to write to major generals whom they scarcely know.

"Well, then," said my helpful wife, "why not write about it the next time you 'mutter' for the Camp Adair Sentry? In that way it may get to General Kramer."

So, I'm doing just that. Surely it's not against regulations for a private to be pleased when a general is promoted and to say so, in print.

Early last fall I read in The Sentry that General Kramer had been a military observer of German army training and had accompanied the Germans when they invaded Poland. It occurred to me

that he could say something important about the character of German military training. Such information, from him, might help to foster a more realistic attitude at Camp Adair.

Just at that time I became a member of The Sentry staff. My first suggestion was that we request General Kramer for an interview. I was assigned to see him. General Kramer gave replies to most of my questions and instructed me to write my interview and then let him have a look at it.

The general kept the manuscript for days. We had several talks about it. He had modified certain paragraphs about the excellence of the German army. The American people, he explained, did not want to hear that. After General Kramer approved the interview it was sent to Washington for approval there and then it was sent out to the newspapers.

Indirectly, that interview carried a hint that the war would be grim and probably long. That is better understood today, but wishful-thinking dies hard. It bothered me at Camp Adair, before my transfer and from reading a warning in The Camp Commander's Column I gather that even now some soldiers out there are not clearly facing the facts.

XCHANGE X CERPTS

Keeping in Harmony
Two PX gals were chatting. Said one:
"Do you know you're wearing your wedding ring on your wrong finger?"
"Yep," was the reply. "I married the wrong man."—Gab, Greenville, South Carolina.

7, 7, Come 11!
According to a news story, the Army has sent several thousand pairs of dice to Africa. Sounds like a lot of crap to us. — Communique, Camp Livingston, La.

Heads or Tails!
The Lord gave us two ends to use; One to think with, one to sit with. The War depends on which we

choose:
Heads we win and tails we lose!"
—Bark, Barksdale Field, La.

Mr. Adjutant, You're a Stork!
An army intelligence test asked examinees to define "adjutant." One soldier said it was a stork of rare specie found in India."
Checked in Webster's dictionary, this answer proved to be right. It was listed as a secondary definition.—Clovis Compass, New Mex.

"My Day"
Spend the day,
Hauling trash,
Shower cold,
Shaving gash,
Show line long,
Frantic dash,
Whaddya get,
Ye Gods, Hash!
—From the Ground Scoop.

A Perfect Target
"Be careful with that gun, sol-

It's A Great Life Notes From a Soldier's Sketch Book



dier," the sergeant raged. "You just missed me with that last shot."
"Gee, I'm awfully sorry," replied the soldier.
—The Target, Fort Sheridan.

"You've never kissed so well before, Nellie, darling. Is it because we're in a blackout?"
"Nope, it's because my name is Mary."
—The Dispatch, Camp Roberts.

Face or Mask?
"Excuse me, Madam," said the air-raid warden, "but your gas mask isn't on straight."
"You dog," said the woman, "I'm not wearing a gas mask."
—Camp Wolters Longhorn.

"Bly Aunt Lucy fell down a flight of stairs this morning."
"Injuries?"
"Yes, it hurt her somewhat and bruised her otherwise."

The sergeant dozed in his bunk. A pleased smile flickered across his relaxed face and he seemed drifting into dreamland with nothing but best wishes for all the

ANSWER BOX

Q. What is the insignia of the German Tank Corps?
A. The Death's Head.

Q. We had a session the other night over who was entitled to wear the National Defense Service ribbon. Can you straighten this out for us?
A. The ribbon may be worn by those who enlisted or who were inducted into service prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Q. I was a member of the National Guard for four years before the war. Does that permit me to wear any service stripes?
A. Yes. You're entitled to wear one hash mark on your sleeve, denoting three years of service.

Q. I leave for officer candidate school in the very near future. If I flunk out do I get a promotion in the non-commissioned ranks? I'm a corporal now.
A. No. However, if you fail in one subject you get some coaching and a chance to retake the examination.

Life Savers Weapons



Never point a weapon at anybody unless you intend to kill him.



Always keep the safety lock on when your weapon is loaded and you are not firing. If you don't, you may accidentally catch the trigger and shoot yourself or a comrade

CAMP COMMANDER'S COLUMN Camp Adair

One year ago Old Glory was first raised aloft over the Post Headquarters Building of Camp Adair. In the time since this has become a big, and one can say with pride, an important cantonment.

We have now come to the point where this Post (and here we speak directly to the Post Complement as its custodians) can reach the peak in efficiency and high morale that it must have in order to stand out as a vital unit in the world's greatest Army—the Army of The United States of America.

There are contributory factors. The construction of barracks and buildings does not make an Army camp. Filling it with operating personnel has not yet made it an efficient camp.

Synonymous with the arrival of spring we have begun the landscaping of Camp Adair: This is the final, physical touch in the building of a camp on which we will look with high and justifiable pride.

But that is only part. The training program for personnel of the Post Complement, both officers and Enlisted Men, is a program in which every member of the post complement is expected to participate with sincerity and purpose. It is our own vital phase of "personal landscaping."

Whether personnel is general or limited service at present; whether their particular major duty is at a desk, distributing supplies, or just hard labor, we are still soldiers.

And we are here for one purpose—service!

It is we, as soldiers, who are responsible for making a camp to be proud of—and making of ourselves soldiers to be proud.

MAY

The house is builded and the builder rests,
Above her treasures, tiny eggs,
new laid,
A grassy bank was chosen for the nest's
Foundation, with a graceful fern
for shade.
—Ida H. Waite.

Leave It to The U. S. Signal Corps
Getting along in the wilderness is nothing new to the Signal Corps boys.

The Alaskan Defense Command told today how they got around an unusual problem in an unusual way. Wires had to be laid across a glacier but nobody had ever been able to transport heavy reels of wire across ragged glacier ice before. So they loaded ten reels of wire on an Army bomber, flew over the glacier and dropped the reels one by one in a straight line.

Then line crews struggled out and strung the wire from reel to reel.

M.P.: "Hey, be careful with that rifle, you just missed hitting me!"
Pvt.: "Did I? I'm sorry."

May, 1942

Engineers dance at College Memorial Union building, Corvallis, first social event of moment ... the Army brings progress to Albany, noted that "busy Albany corners to have traffic signs" ...

Camp Quartermaster office, headed by Col. T. E. Baumeister, set up in Corvallis ... carloads of QM stores arrive ... with broadcast over Station KWIL, the new soldier's center at Albany dedicated ... "Tortilla Flats" was playing at Whiteside Theatre, Corvallis ... bus fares for

communities surrounding Camp Adair set up, buses run at time by Independent lines ... camp inspected by Lt. Col. Sweeney, instructor at Ft. Leavenworth ... Albany furniture store installs fluorescent lighting and remodels its counters ... Inez Mudgett of Shedd chosen

queen of Calapooia round-up, held July 4, at Crawfordsville ... Camp visited by Henry R. Adair, III, nephew of the hero of the Mexican expedition for whom this Post was named ... Camp dance held May 23 at OSC campus in Memorial Union Ball Room ... Sonny Dunham

swings it at Salem Armory ... an earth tremor is felt May 12 in Corvallis ... feminine cantonment worker, Pat Gallagher, starts cartoon series, "Elmer the Camp Tramp" ... civilian workers start leaving for (you guessed it, the Army).

