

'Something New Has Been Added'



THE LEGION OF MERIT medal is pinned upon Col. Gordon H. McCoy, retiring Post commander, by Major General John E. Dahlquist.—Sentry photo.

New CO, Col. Hays, Has Long Career; War I Vet

(Continued From Page 1)

A native of Idaho and a graduate of the University of Idaho with an LL.B. degree in 1917, he immediately enlisted in the military service following his graduation.

He was enrolled in the first officers' training camp held in the Presidio of San Francisco, and was graduated as a second lieutenant in the infantry on August 15, 1917.

War I Officer

Col. Hays served during World War I with the 362nd Inf., the 91st Div., and the 166th D. B. at Camp Lewis, Wn. Promoted to the grade of first lieutenant in January, 1918, he was discharged from active duty in February, 1919.

Returning to civilian life as executive director of the Unemployment Compensation and Employment Service Division in the state of Idaho, the colonel kept up his military career as a member of the National Guard.

He joined the 116th Cavalry of Idaho in his new rank of captain in 1921. Further promotions followed rapidly, with his majority being approved in November, 1922, and his lieutenant colonelcy coming through in September, 1924.

Colonelcy In 1930

As a newly-commissioned full colonel, Colonel Hays took command of the 116th Cavalry in December, 1930. When the 116th was converted into an artillery unit, Colonel Hays was commissioned in the field artillery and commanded the 183rd FA at Ft. Warren, Wyo., and at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

From April to June, 1941, he commanded the 76th FA Brigade, and then served as executive officer of the Southern Defense Area, until he left to assume the command of the Boise Barracks.

The new post commander has three sons, all of whom are in the service, and one daughter. At college he played four years of football and three of tennis.

Drum, Bugle Corps Of 275th Perform

The newly-organized Drum and Bugle Corps of the 275th Inf. performed for the first time at last Monday's regimental retreat formation.

This was the first time in the regiment's history that it stood a formation to the music of its own drum and bugle corps.

Ninety-eight per cent of all fires could have been prevented.

Col. McCoy Receives Trophy In Ceremony

(Continued from page one) formance of outstanding services as commanding officer, Camp Adair, Oregon. He displayed superior administrative ability, tact, and devotion to duty in handling the problems of his large command. His performance of duty as commanding officer has been of such high order as evoke enthusiastic commendations of the division and corps commanders whose troops have trained at that post.

The Legion of Merit medal takes precedence over all others except the congressional medal of honor, distinguished-service cross and distinguished-service medal. It is awarded, according to act of congress, to those in the military service who have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services.

Colonel McCoy has been retired, effective September 30, because he has reached the statutory age of retirement.

Personnel Office of 274th Expands Work

From an office serving the interests of less than 350 men just a month ago, the Personnel Office of the 274th Inf., 70th Division, has grown into a full-fledged organization and has expanded its facilities more than ten times its original size.

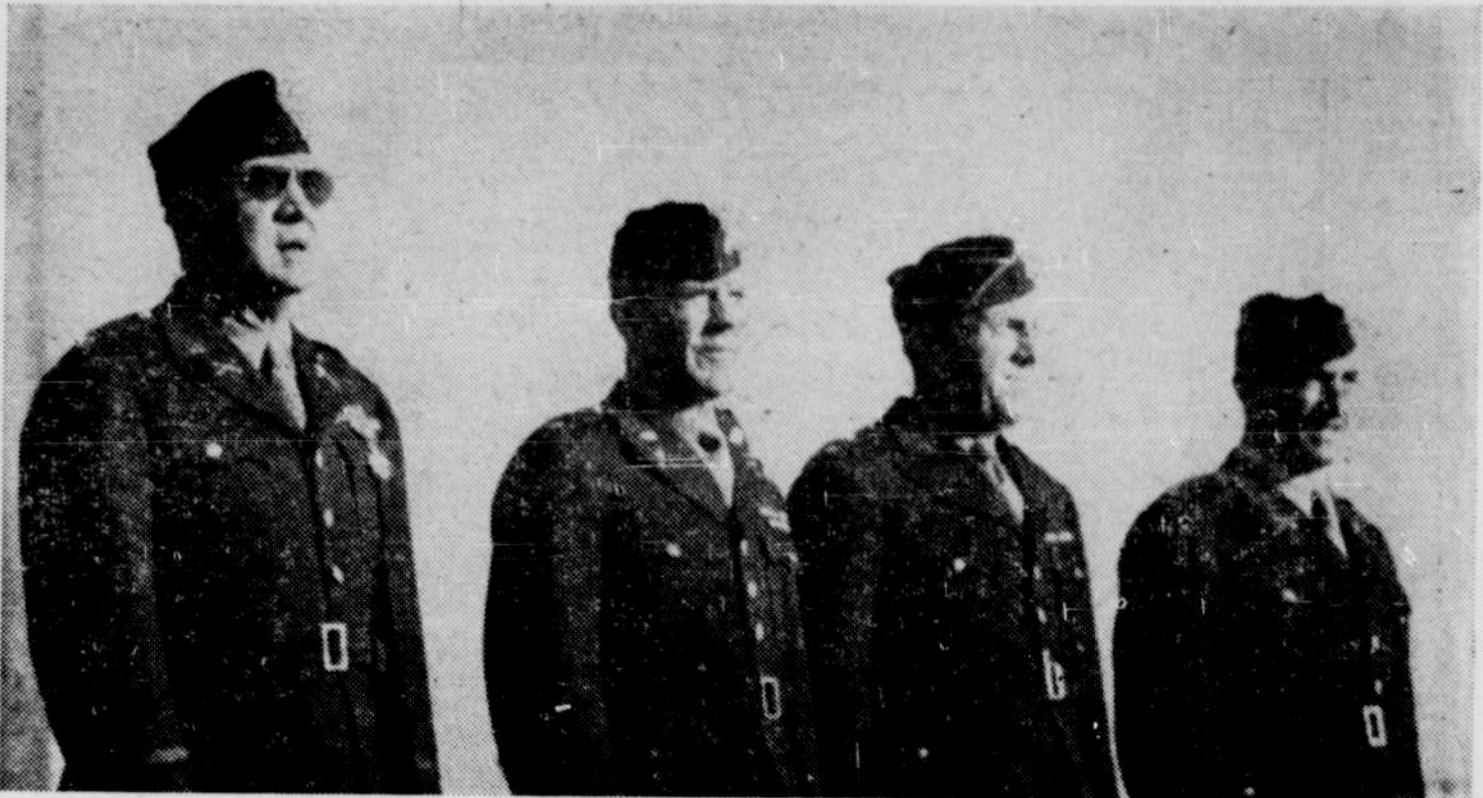
Headed by Lt. William J. Clarke and a well-trained staff of personnel specialists, the increased number of fillers assigned to the 274th during the latter part of August and early September would have staggered a similar organization. The total former aggregate payroll amounted to less than \$20,000, and the estimated figure for the end of September will probably top the \$200,000 mark.

Classification, service and payroll records are only part of the function of the 274th Personnel which also handles all of the correspondence concerning men in the Regiment.

TREASURY GOT GALS

Washington (CNS)—The U. S. Treasury now has five pistol totin' mammas on patrol here. The women guards were given .38 caliber revolvers when they qualified on the pistol range to handle them.

Colonel McCoy Takes His Final Review



REVIEWING HIS SCU troops for the last time, Col. Gordon H. McCoy (left) stands at rigid attention during the formal retreat parade last Wednesday in his honor. Next to him stands Maj. Oliver C. Stauffer, from the Station Hospital, who also retired from military service yesterday, after 45 years of active duty. Major General John E. Dahlquist, commanding general of the 70th Division, and Col. Samuel D. Hays, the new Post commander, are the others in the picture.—Sentry photo.

Trailblazers Again Over the Air Waves

Soon after the jump and jive Trailblazers had sent their hot licks over the KEX air waves September 23 from service club 2, the radio station suffered a fire which caused considerable damage. Under suspicion are a couple of particularly hot arrangements of "One O'Clock Jump" and "Moten Swing."

Back on the air again last night over KEX, the program originated in service club 1.

Before a large, enthusiastic audience, the program moved into stride with the full Trailblazer Band under W/O Lorn E. Christensen playing the program's theme song, "Oh, Susanna," followed by the "Crosby March." Other well-received efforts included "Calf Skin Calisthenics," featuring the drums of Sgt. Bill Rhodenbaugh, "Desert Rhapsody" and the ever-popular "Lady of Spain."

Sharing the spotlight, the Trailblazer dance band gave an excellent account of itself with Cpl. Maurice Dieffenbach's arrangement of "I Never Mention Your Name," featuring the voice of Cpl. Robert Kirkpatrick; "Angels of Mercy," another Kirkpatrick vocal; and Cpl. Dieffenbach's arrangement of Duke Ellington's "The Girl in My Arms."

The program was announced by Day Foster of the KEX Portland staff.

Is anyone wondering what has happened to the mad Russians, Greenhouse and Bromwich? They are "K.P.eeing" it a secret.

Sleepwalker Creates Unusual Problem for Conscientious Sentry

Walking with the solemnity and austerity that marks a soldier on his first tour of guard duty, Pvt. Frank DeJohn, Co. L, 274th Inf., was confronted with one of those much-discussed "cases not covered by instructions."

DeJohn didn't know quite how the corporal of the guard would react to a semi-nude, sleepwalking soldier.

"There I was," says DeJohn, "walking my post in a military manner, when out of the dark comes a guy in nothing but GI drawers. I hollered, 'Halt!' Whaddya think happens? He jumps about three feet in the air; says, 'Where am I?'; and beats it back to his barracks on the double."

Officers Depart for School Courses



CAPT. WALTER PADRICK, Provost Marshal, and Capt. Frank Moore, Post Exchange officer, both departing Camp Adair for short time, to pursue additional study courses.—Sentry photo.

Capt. Moore and Padrick to School

Post Officers Get Special Training

Two well-known officers of the post, Capt. Walter R. Padrick and Capt. Frank Moore will be "gone away for awhile."

Capt. Padrick, Post Provost Marshal, left a few days ago to pursue further studies at the Provost Marshal General School, Fort Custer, Mich. Capt. Moore, PX officer, is slated to leave soon for the Army Exchange School at Princeton University.

A native Oregonian, Capt. Padrick was one of the first officers assigned to Camp Adair, having been ordered here from Fort Lewis in June of 1942. He was here to receive the very first enlisted men who arrived.

During Capt. Padrick's absence, Lt. John P. Loffredo, Military Police Officer, has been designated Acting Provost Marshal.

Capt. Moore reported at Camp Adair Nov. 20, 1942, after a period of training at the Army Exchange School. As a civilian, he had been employed by the F. W. Woolworth Co. for 16 years, his last assignment having been in Canton, Ohio.

Prevention is the first defense against fire loss.

'Take Me Back to Sorrento'



FOR THE LAST time perhaps, Col. Gordon H. McCoy, retiring Post commander, listens to one of his favorite singers, Sgt. Nick Sansonia, sing his favorite song, "Return to Sorrento." Sitting next to him is Major General John E. Dahlquist, commanding general of the 70th Division, during the stag that the officers of SCU gave in honor of the retiring colonel.—Sentry photo.