

U. of Valparaiso (Ind.) President Likens Trailblazer Mag unto 'Life'

You're Looking At



TEC5 ARTHUR SWANSON, 276th Medics, before he got greetings from Uncle, and—



—Tec5 Swanson afterward. This photo-cartoon series, as depicted in these two cuts, has proved most popular of features in the current Trailblazer magazine.

"The Trailblazer is a good job of picture editing, even surpassing LIFE in certain features."

That is the comment of President O. P. Kretzmann, president of Valparaiso University and himself a writer and editor of note.

Although to date the Trailblazer isn't quite challenging the circulation of LIFE, it is selling at a good clip at all post PXs. Sales at company day rooms has also been consistently high.

Postal workers report that most GIs are taking advantage of the free mailing privilege and are sending thousands of copies home.

"This—What I Do"

One of the most popular features about the current edition is that every part of the Division is represented in pictures and so every GI in the 70th can circle at least one picture and write home "This is what I do in the Army."

The full page of pin-ups and the original drawing of Miss Lace are again prime favorites.

But the one feature that is arousing most comments is the inclusion of pictures taken at Infantry Day observances here. Both readers and professional newsmen express admiration at the fact that the event could be covered so close to the deadline of the magazine which normally is already on the press by the 15th of the month.

Capt. George H. Godfrey, 70th Public Relations Officer, announced that complete files of the magazine, five issues, are available in a very limited quantity at \$1. They may be obtained at the PRO on the second floor of Division Headquarters.

SERGEANT'S ACROBATICS SAVES CREW IN FRANCE

England (CNS)—The acrobatics of Sgt. John J. Nick, of Clifton, N. J., were credited with saving the lives of the personnel aboard a troop-carrying plane over France.

With Nazi bullets humming around his head like honey bees, Sgt. Nick was suspended head downward by two crew members who held his ankles while he hacked away with a knife at a parachute bundle which had become fouled in the control under the plane's fuselage. He finally freed the bundle, averting a crack-up.

A smart salute is the sign of a good soldier. Salute all officers on the Post and in town.

History of Adair: Chapter 2 Recites 'Days of Highlights':

They Crabbed of Dust: 'But Youse Guys Will Remember It'—They Did!

By Pfc. George Simmons

What is a Post without a Commander? The answer was Col. George C. Ferch, artillery officer and veteran of two other wars, who came from Camp White as acting Commander of Camp Adair, and set up headquarters in a part of the Elks temple third floor office in

Corvallis, pending active occupancy at the camp. Later Col. Ferch was to organize and lay out the training aids, including target ranges, maneuver and drill areas.

Two weeks later the first Commander of Camp Adair arrived. Col. G. H. McCoy, new Commander, came to Camp Adair a veteran of World War I who had seen front line action in France, as well as service in the Philippine islands and the Panama Canal Zone, and before coming to Adair had held a



Maj. Gen. James L. Bradley

SYNOPSIS—

Surveys, plans and figures are completed; old time residents are moved out, contracting companies arrive—a new camp begins.

Under the direction of Capt. Ted Dittiebrant and in turn Col. R. E. M. Des Islets, the cantonment flourished and April 27, 1942, saw the raising of the first flag over what had now become Camp Adair.

The first permanently assigned officer, Col. T. A. Baumeister, arrived, followed by other Post officers and the first enlisted men.

diplomatic assignment in Mexico City for a number of years.

With the coming of Col. McCoy, Camp Adair began to flourish with entertainment and recreational features for GIs. The first PX was open, the first dance for GIs off the post was given in Corvallis, nearby towns open their first USOs, Headquarters offices were moved to the Post, and the first Service Club Hostess arrived.

Activation—96th Div.

August 13, 1942, Camp Adair came to maturity. Major General James L. Bradley, commanding general of the 96th Division, presented the national colors to the senior officer of the line and the first Division ever to be organized in the Willamette valley became an active part of the United States Army.

Activation of the 96th was the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the division. It was born September 5, 1918, but the signing of the Armistice arrested the development of the division and on January 9, 1919, it ceased to exist. Later it was assigned to Oregon and Washington and had headquarters in Portland.

In the days after Activation, construction companies rushed to completion the section of Camp Adair that was to be occupied by the 96th Division during their stay here. And not a day too soon, either. Almost every day for weeks the Division received a thousand

'GLORY BOYS' COMMENDED FOR DISDAIN OF DANGER

Washington (CNS)—The work of the Army's "Glory Boys"—the U. S. glider troops used in the Normandy invasion—was lauded here by the War Department in a statement commending the young pilots for their "magnificent disdain" of danger.

Calling the job of landing glider troops in enemy areas one of the most complex and dangerous of invasion assignments, the WD gave full credit to Brig. Gen. Paul Williams, of Los Angeles, who organized the group.

men each day to start their training at Camp Adair.

Days of Highlights

These were days of highlights. The Post Chapel was dedicated. Pvt. Nick Sansonia was thrilling GIs with his songs and stage patter. The Sentry was paying \$10 for the best fish story. Neighboring towns were teeming with the faces of woebegone recruits, all trying to find their place in this new way of living.

One of the chief GI gripes at this time was the "infernal dust" that clung to freshly polished shoes—an experience also very new to most of the boys at that time, but back in the old files of the Sentry we notice a timely little tip:

Words of Prophecy

"Youse guys who are crabbing about the dust, remember it a month from now!—And within the month most of them would have sworn that such a thing as dust could not have been in Oregon. Thus came to being the expression 'Swamp Adair'."

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CORPS SEEKS TOP MEN

Washington (CNS)—The Army is on the prowl for some top men with which to complete the roster of its Counterintelligence Corps.

Enlisted personnel for the Corps will be acquired from the three major commands in monthly quotas for a period of about six months. If the major commands cannot furnish qualified personnel, however, it will be secured from reception centers.

Men assigned by the Corps to organizations using its services must be no younger than 24, no older than 38, must be physically fit for general overseas duty, have an AGCT score of at least 110, must have completed the Counterintelligence Corps Training Program, and must be high school graduates and U. S. citizens with residence in the U. S. for at least five years. Complete fluency in one or more languages is also desirable, although not mandatory.

Get Cash on the Barrel-Head for Their Smart Ideas



Signal Corps Photo

A COOL \$100 AWARD went to Franklin C. Still, civilian superintendent of Post Laundry, for his ingenious contrivance shown above which expedites the packing of barracks bags. It is mounted on a swivel.



Signal Corps Photo

CONRAD BEACH of Post Engineers received \$25 for his simple yet effective thought, to wit: marking the tops and bottoms of grates, which firemen have a tendency otherwise to fit in wrong, causing much breakage. If you can read, you can't go wrong.

2 Civilians, GI Win Suggestion Awards

Three more names have been sent in requesting awards for suggestions, according to E. L. Cramblitt, head of Civilian Personnel, in compliance with CPR 103. This award is given to civilian personnel for

suggestions or plans that will help save labor or money and a suggestion that may be carried out with the least amount of adjustment in machinery or personnel.

Franklin C. Still, Quartermaster Post Laundry, has been recommended for the \$100 award for his suggestion.

Bundle Shaper

Still's idea is a bundle shaper and loading device to package laundry bundles in GIs own barracks bags to eliminate paper packages. The device not only keeps clothing in a small compact bundle, but the clothing does not get wrinkled in bundling.

Still's suggestion is estimated in savings of over \$4200 for wrapping paper alone besides countless man hours saved.

Louis A. Borde, in charge of Heating Dept., Post Engineers, and an old Post employee, proudly announced that Conrad G. Beach, third man from his dept., has been recommended for the award of \$25 for his suggestion on improvement on a No. 5 Range grate that is estimated to make a saving well above \$500 for installation and is well justified.

Tec4 John D. Benbeneck, SCU 1911, also being recommended for an award, submitted an idea for an alphabetical listing of names and sections on a roster that will show where all personnel is on duty at all times and the roster does not have to be retyped every time a new alteration is made. This roster becomes of value in time-saving and efficiency in the War Department.