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## FEW ARMY TACTICS.

**Summary of Soldiers' Duties, Our Official National Air, How Saluted and When, General Treatment of Soldiers, French Language Must be Studied at Once. Mr. Baca Advocates.**

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(Mr. Baca has seen three years service in foreign countries as a soldier in war times, has an excellent and honorable discharge as a non-commissioned officer and his observations as a soldier are very valuable at present to all our drafted men.)

I have been urgently requested by mothers and young men of our County of Apache to give them and point out an idea of army life, its duties, general treatment of soldiers, etc. The unexpected task has come to my attention rather suddenly and to a certain extent unprepared to perhaps meet their suggestion clearly, however, I am glad to feel that I can point out several little things that I would have considered valuable previous to my enlistment in the army, during the Spanish-American war in Cuba and the Philippine Islands.

### Duties to be Performed.

The first duty for any soldier to execute, and that you must never forget, is to first learn to obey orders from all your superior officers, force and practice that resolution and never give it up. Do not be afraid to become a soldier, a soldier's life properly performed is just as honorable as any other good life only more creditable, perhaps. Make a constant rule to acquire deeper information on whatever subject they order you to undertake and try your best to get ahead of the next man to you. Keep all your army equipments perfectly clean; dress neat, wear your collar clean even off duty and keep all your shoes properly shined at all times. Always make up your bed nicely and keep it clean; your other things well arranged and all your shoes lined up "like soldiers" at the designated place, remember, properly shined up, without being told to do so. If you have shoes that are very old shine them much much harder and with special care. The "soldier" next to you may not be so particular about his things and "military shoes" but that is his business—maybe. Never get the "blues" because your non-commissioned, less your commissioned officer, never tell you of your cleanliness, it is perhaps the next man to you that they are constantly lecturing. In better words never give an officer a chance to speak to you only while on training duty. If an officers cares to see you while you are off duty never jump up to see him without first taking a close observation as to how you look to appear before him. Have practically the same caution to see a non-commissioned officer. Talk less every 24 hours unless you are called upon and know what you are going to speak about. Never go on the sick report unless you are sick.

### Prominence in civil life gets no one promotion.

The fact that your father may be a prominent politician, banker, merchant, bishop, business man of any high standing in civil life in your community, gets no sol-

dier a two-cent stamp in the U. S. army, and while others pave their pals financial standing, you study up your regulations.

### Every Soldier Treated Alike.

Everybody in the army are granted the same treatment, the same chance, and your promotion depends strictly and entirely on your own merits as a soldier.

### Never look for special duty jobs.

Never look for special duty or company clerk's job unless you are appointed to one.

### Manners and Courtesies.

While few are making faces when a private gets promoted to corporal, try and be the first private to congratulate him upon his appointment and ask him how he did it. When an officer, of your command, is promoted to higher rank, it is proper to ask him in writing for his photo and send him yours with a congratulatory small note attached, properly and clearly signed by you, with your name, date and title of your rank, it makes no difference what your rank may be, he appreciates compliment exceedingly. (The last two paragraphs are not inserted in the blue book print, but as a matter of pure courtesy and a very good way of making a good impression if you can substantiate same by acts.)

### Officer and Soldier.

Never think that an officer holds himself better than you because he wears a pretty striped uniform or performs much higher official duties than you. He is like a father would be to you, always ready to help you on any point that you do not understand and you may ask him any time to tell you. Respect an officer in civilian clothes just as much as if he was wearing his uniform. You will find an army officer a highly cultured person always, and he can, from his many hard studies, size you up at a mere glance, so keep your post intelligently at all times, and say but very little.

### Use your promotion right.

If you are promoted Corporal, please do not loose your head, like in many cases our civilian officers do but make your enemies, if any, like you and make them be ashamed of their acts and help them all alike. Have no prejudice against a private but make the best use of them. While off duty, sing, dance and play all you can, make other just as jolly as you can. While on duty be as strict to your men as if you was ranking brigadier-general, with nice kind words and high respect for each of those under your care.

### Soldiers Treatment.

Tell your dear true mother, father, sister, brother or sweetheart, that as a soldier, you are going to be treated nice; that you are going to a place where everybody is treated according to their own conduct. If you need medical treatment and go on the sick report, you are promptly attended by an army qualified physician and properly taken care of at once. At all times there is plenty to eat and wear and nearly as much reading as a person can find at the famous Congressional Library at Washington, D. C., (the greatest library in the U. S. containing about two million vol., or the Bibliotheque Nationale at Paris, France, the greatest libra-

ry in the world—about three million volumns.)

### Brass Band Music.

On all special occasions while you march you hear the best American National airs played by the best brass bands on the American continent. Remember the music known as "The Star Spangled Banner" is designated our National Anthem of the United States of America and always when you hear it, not in formation, you must stand up at attention facing toward the music (except at colors when so ordered.)

### Other Nations National Anthem Saluted, When—

The same marks of respect as stated above as are observed during the playing of the national anthem of the United States shall be shown toward the national anthem of any other country when played, remember this, upon official occasions.

### Study the French Language.

Another very important thing for all drafted men to say and to do is: "Y' aimerais apprendre le langue francaise" for you will be sent across the water to carry the stars and stripes into the trenches at France, and you must know something about the French language and the sooner you set your mind to study it the quicker you will learn it, for your own benefit, your country's and your fellowmen.

### Loyalty.

Remember that we have been born to liberty and freedom but nothing worth having is without its cost. Remember also that there is over one hundred million souls in your country behind you, backed by one of the greatest and most liberal Government institutions the world has ever produced. Fall in there, forward, march! Show the Kaiser that you are a member of that powerful organization behind you, when we have accomplished that we have done a wonderful and noble act. July 26, 1917.

### In Regard to Selective Draft.

The local Selective Draft board for Apache county, will within a day or two receive from Washington official list of registered men who are to be examined soon.

The list of these names and numbers will be posted in St. Johns; accessible to the public, and anyone whose name and number is in the list must report for examination within seven days, unless he can furnish a legal excuse for not appearing.

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## REUNION.

The home coming was held, in connection with stake conference on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday as scheduled. President Grant and Elder McKay of the quorum of the twelve were the visitors. The former added much to the meetings by his vigorous and enthusiastic sermons and his impressive singing, while the latter's splendid speaking, culminating in his oration on Pioneer Day, made an impression on all.

The Sunday schools of the stake held their convention with a sociable Saturday evening, an officers meeting at 9 a. m. Sunday morning and Sunday forenoon meeting of conference. Elder McKay is one of the foremost Sunday school men of Mormondom and he made telling remarks to the workers. Sunday forenoon his address to the children was extra good.

The Sunday afternoon meeting was taken up by local speakers and a short appreciative address by our old townsman, John T. Lesueur, and sermons by the visiting apostles. Elder McKay's address on "why we are at war and our duty to our country" was a marked one.

The young people's meeting was held on Sunday evening. Elder McKay made a masterly appeal to the young men, especial those who go to war, to lead clean lives and President Grant's address was on the subject of doing one's best in the world.

Monday, July 22rd was the celebration of the stake's organization 30 years before. Bishop W. D. Rencher presided. A roll call of the original officers of the stake was responded to by 24 of the number who answered in person and received their pretty badges. Chairman Crosby answered for 16 more who are living, making 40 who survive at the end of 30 years. The four officers who have served the full 30 years are President David K. Udall, his wife, E. L. S. Udall, Edmond Nelson and Mary E. B. Farr. They were presented with leather upholstered chairs and each made responses to the presentation. Judge George H. Crosby Jr. then read a historical sketch of all Arizona's Mormon colonies in general and of the St. Johns Stake and its wards in particular. He predicted that St. Johns would some day be one of northern Arizona's biggest towns.

Judge Crosby presided in the afternoon. The first fifty minutes were spent in two minutes responses by such staunch old pioneers as S. N. Adair, of Luna, F. G. Nielson, of Bluewater, C. H. Riggs, of Vernon. John T. Eagar, now of Snowflake, Jeanette Smith of Snowflake, David K. Udall of St. Johns and Joseph Wakefield of Taylor, and Wm. H. Gibbons of St. Johns, and such representative citizens as Pres. Samuel F. Smith of Snowflake, Frank Campbell of Snowflake, Marinus Christensen and Jacob Hamblin of St. Johns and W. W. Pace of Thatcher. Many telling bits of history they told. Eulogies of President Udall and the other stake officers and of the committee who had prepared the celebration were made by Elders Grant and McKay. A benediction on the 30 years of the stake's history and of the celebration was pronounced by President Grant.

Monday evening the best concert ever given in St. Johns was rendered at the academy. The excellent piano selection by Miss Lettie Anderson with the orchestra accompaniment was simply superb. The orchestra rendered a most impressive overture and responded to an encore with another, while Mrs. Pauline Anderson and Gerald Berry gave good readings. Alfred Anderson's violin selection ranked high, as they always do.

Tuesday was Pioneer day. The oration of Elder David O. McKay was a master piece. He told of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, the writing of the Declaration of Independence and the rise and coming west of the Mormons and said they are three greatest world events in America's history.

The afternoon sports were held on the academy grounds as usual, and there were two good dancing parties in the evening.

Hon. Fred T. Colter was in the city for a few days during the week. He was returning to his home in Colter after an absence of several weeks spent in and about Phoenix.

C. W. Davis, wife and two of their children, Mesdames E. J. Johnston, Elva Bond, M. E. Bond and Bishop A. F. Bloomfield, of Ramah, N. M., were in the city attending the L. D. S. conference and home coming.

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