

For Some There Was Fun, but Sleep Was Welcome Anywhere



—World-Herald Photo.

Order in the Court—The Military Police Company of the Iowa-Nebraska Thirty-fourth Division was bivouacked in a District Court room in Council Bluffs. Men slept in the jury box, on lawyers' desks, spectators' seats. For fun, Sgt. 1/C Harold Kamm (left), Eagle Grove, Ia., used the judge's bench and "pronounced sentence" on his men when assigning work.



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Coffee and Doughnuts—The Salvation Army pulled in officers from out-of-town assignments, accepted volunteers for 12-hour tours of duty to serve levee workers. It borrowed kitchen facilities of restaurants and clubs to meet the demand for snacks and stew.



—International News Service Photo.

They Came from Everywhere—Mrs. Paul Nelson of Wamego, Kans., was typical of women who showed up in men's jobs, and also of the many who came great distances to help.



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Ham at Work—Radio "hams" were an indispensable part of a communications network. Joe Connell (above) of Council Bluffs, was one of more than one hundred who flocked to communications centers.



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An Early Victim—The Port of Omaha, outside the levee at the foot of Burt Street, was one of the first areas engulfed by the rising water. A day before the crest water swirled 20 feet deep around the grain elevator (right) and the gantry crane. Damage was estimated at 50 thousand dollars.



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Crisis Conference—Among officials on hand for the fight to control the Grace Street Sewer were Fire Commissioner William D. Noyes, Flood Co-ordinator E. I. Myers, Lieut. Gen. Lewis A. Pick and Col. Paul D. Berrigan of the Corps of Engineers.



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And Finally, Rest—Exhausted by the struggle, these soldiers fell asleep on the City Hall steps after an all-night vigil the night the crest passed Omaha.

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

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All of us should pause in grateful recognition of the heroic efforts of the men and women of the Omaha area, whose courage, diligence and resourcefulness made victory possible.

Faced with the greatest flood threat in a century, the people of Omaha and Council Bluffs banded together in an army of workers who did the greatest co-operative job in the history of our country.

This valiant army of volunteers snatched security from defeat and turned threat into victory.

No effort in the hundred-year history of Omaha was more magnificent. Never has there been such concert of purpose and such selfless devotion to a community task. Blessed with people of such fiber and determination, Omaha can look forward to a great future with confidence in her own strength and purpose.

To this vast army of men and women from the Omaha area, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce pays heartfelt tribute and deepest thanks.

In this great ordeal, we have tested the sinews of our community and found them strong!

We have tried the spirit of our people and found it matchless! Omaha has become a greater community through the shadow of disaster!

Every citizen will be ever grateful to the thousands of volunteers who performed so unselfishly and so valiantly.

Harold P. ...

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