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BON VOYAGE, COLONEL GREGG—

The Director of Field Museum, Lieutenant Colonel Clifford C. Gregg, who has been on active duty with the United States Army since September 1, 1940, in the Adjutant-General's Department at Sixth Corps Area headquarters in Chicago, was transferred to another post far from Chicago late last month.

Prior to his departure, a farewell reception was given in his honor in the Museum Library, with the entire personnel of the institution attending. An especially prepared memento book, bound in calf-skin, containing a testimonial of the respect and friendship of every man and woman employed by the Museum, and personally signed with the autograph of each, was presented to Colonel Gregg upon this occasion. Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood, Curator Emeritus of Zoology, and Mr. Stanley Field, President of the Museum, made addresses in connection with the presentation of the volume, and Colonel Gregg responded with a farewell speech.

During the twenty-one months since Director Gregg was called to active service with the Army, he has maintained his



LT. COL. C. C. GREGG

connection with and interest in the Museum. Day after day, following a full stretch of hard work on his Army duties, Colonel Gregg came to the Museum in the evening and put in further hours of toil in the interest of this institution, as well as many extra-long sessions at week-ends.

Ever since the first World War, during which he was a lieutenant, Colonel Gregg had retained his commission in the Army Reserve Corps, continuing his military studies, and frequently serving in the summer training camps for reserve officers, thus qualifying himself for promotions. At the time of his call to active duty he had attained the rank of major, and in March of this year he was again promoted to his present rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Until Colonel Gregg's return from the war, Mr. Orr Goodson, who has been his assistant for some time past, will serve as Acting Director. Dr. Osgood will temporarily take Colonel Gregg's place as Editor of FIELD MUSEUM NEWS.

Following is the testimonial voicing the sentiments of the Museum Staff at the departure of their Director for the duration of the war:

"To Lieutenant Colonel Clifford C. Gregg

"The entire personnel of Field Museum of Natural History extends its warmest good wishes to you as you leave for active field service to the Nation. You carry with you our pride, our loyalty, and our confidence in your success. We know that the fine qualities you have shown as Director of this institution will continue wherever you go. May you return to us safely and speedily."

—AU REVOIR

Staff Notes

Mr. Karl P. Schmidt, Chief Curator of Zoology, gave the annual lecture before the Illinois Academy of Sciences meeting at the University of Illinois, May 8. His subject was "A Naturalist in the South Seas."

Mr. John W. Moyer, Staff Taxidermist, returned May 1 from a leave of absence for an extended lecture tour.

African Proverbs

African Negroes have many equivalents of American and European proverbs. The Ibo of Nigeria, instead of saying that "Charity begins at home" state that "A man repairs his own house first." Instead of saying "Familiarity breeds contempt" the Ibo say "If you play with a puppy he tears your clothes."

Among proverbs of the Ovimbundu of Angola are the following (the American equivalents are cited in parentheses in each case):

"You can't tie an antelope's head in a cloth, the horns will stick out" ("murder will out").

"A turtle cannot climb on a tree stump, someone has to put it there" (an incompetent man has to be promoted through influence).

"Hot water does not burn a house" (said of a braggart who keeps threatening things he cannot do).

"If you are full of food don't climb on a leopard's back" (means do not be proud and foolish through good fortune).

"I caught some fish but lost my bracelet" (said of a deal which brings small gain and a bigger loss).

Death Takes Mrs. Hackbarth, Museum Telephone Operator

Mrs. Adelaide F. Hackbarth, who had served Field Museum as telephone switchboard operator since 1920, died on April 25 after a long illness. She will be long remembered for her uniform cheerfulness even under the stress of an extremely busy board.

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