



ROYAL RANGERS LEADER'S

DISPATCH

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PLEASE PUNCH AND FILE
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

ATTENTION COMMANDERS!

Here is your autumn issue of "Dispatch."



BIBLE STUDY COURSE:

Includ. in this issue is A Bible Study Course for Royal Rangers.

These lessons should be mimeographed and one lesson given to each boy each week.

Additional lessons will be sent in the next issue of "Dispatch."

IDEA EXCHANGE:

We would like to use our "Dispatch" as a means of exchanging ideas between our commanders. If you have ideas you would like to share with other leaders, please send them in to us. We will be giving proper credit in the "Dispatch" for each idea used.

NEW STAFF MEMBER:

Bob Reid has joined our staff as National Training Coordinator. He will supervise a leadership training correspondence course for our leaders and also prepare our Bible study course for Royal Rangers. In addition to these responsibilities, he will assist in other areas of Royal Ranger promotions.

UNIFORM

Wearing insignia:

Because many leaders have had difficulty in securing khaki shirts with shoulder epaulets, (flaps), the following method of wearing insignia is permissible: If you do not have shoulder epaulets, wear the insignia on the right shirt collar, and the R.R.'s on the left collar. See illustration.



Western hats:

It is permissible for leaders to wear a western style hat instead of the cap if they prefer. These hats can usually be purchased in any department store. Select a color nearest the color of your uniform.



Summer style:

In hot weather it is permissible to wear the shirt of the uniform open at the collar without a tie.

CRAFTS

In response to many requests for names of books on crafts, listed below is a bibliography of craft publications.

Pack-O-Fun, (a scrap-craft magazine)
Subscription rates \$3 per year, (10 issues)
14 Main St., Park Ridge, Ill.

Craft and Hobbies - by Ben Hunt
Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee, Wis., Price, \$3.25.

Indian and Camp Handicraft - by Ben Hunt
Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Nature Crafts - by Ellsworth Jaggar
MacMillan Co., New York

Easy Crafts - by Ellsworth Jaggar
MacMillan Co., New York, Price, \$2.75.

Check at your local book store for the above books. The magazine must be ordered direct from the company.

Perhaps you know of a good book on crafts you would like to share with us.

SERVICE

TRACT AND TREAT:

Halloween night is an excellent time to distribute tracts.

The boys could be supplied with a number of tracts when they go "trick or treating." At each door when they have received a treat, they can respond by giving the person a tract. Enclosed is a tract we would recommend your using.

Our office will be happy to supply your group with these tracts free of charge. However, you may enclose a small offering to cover the cost of the tracts if you wish. Write to Royal Ranger Division, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, stating the number of tracts needed.

Oh yes! Be sure to give us a report on the results of this service project.

SERVICE

THANKSGIVING IDEAS

An excellent way to emphasize to boys how much they have to be thankful for is to involve them in doing something for someone in need.

FOOD BASKET:

Prepare a basket for a needy family. Let the boys help supply the items in the basket. Also, let the boys take part in presenting it to the family. It will warm the heart of each boy and also make them aware of their own material blessings.

GIFT FOR THE ILL:

Let the boys share in purchasing an appropriate gift for a sick person or a "shut-in." If possible, let a delegation of the boys make the presentation. This will help the boys to become more aware of the blessings of good health.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE:

To emphasize thanksgiving for freedom of worship, plan for your outpost to attend a special Thanksgiving service in your church or community. If possible have the group in uniform.

DEVOTION

GOD'S POWER

Commander's purpose: To make the boys aware of the need of God's supernatural power for salvation.

Equipment needed: A medium size rope.

Story:

When your national commander was a boy, he lived on a small Texas ranch. One day a small calf waded out into a quicksand bog in the river. Suddenly the calf began to sink. He fought and struggled to reach shore but the more he struggled, the deeper he sank until he had sunk up to his stomach. There he lay bawling for help.

His mother rushed to the edge of the bog and bawled her encouragement but that was all she could do. All the other cattle surrounded the bog and mooded their sympathy. But that was all they could do. This calf needed a power beyond the cattle to help him. Quickly we tossed a rope around the little calf's neck. Tying the rope around our saddlehorns we slowly pulled him to solid ground. Shaking himself free from water and mud the little calf began to romp for joy and all the other cattle joined in.

Fellows, a sinner is like that little calf. He is bound in the miry clay of sin. His friends and parents may pray for him and encourage him, but it takes a power beyond human power to set him free from a sinful life. He needs God's power to save him! However, when he crys to God for help God will lower his life-rope of Grace and lift him from his sins and make him free.

Ceremony: Fellows, we are going to form a circle and each one grip this rope. The rope represents God's grace. As we pray together if any of you are not Christians, I want you to firmly grip the rope and pray for God to set you free from sin and make your heart clean.

DEVOTION

Commander's purpose: To emphasize the need of courage to live by our convictions.

Equipment needed: A sheet of paper labeled, "I had rather be right than popular."

Story:

One of the great men in our American history was Henry Clay. On one occasion he was preparing for a presidential campaign when a certain issue arose in Congress. Because of his opposition to this issue he wrote a speech expressing his views. Before presenting his speech to Congress, he called a friend into his office and asked him to read his speech. The gentleman exclaimed in amazement, "Mr. Clay, if you present this to Congress it will cost you the presidency of the United States." Henry Clay answered, "That's not the question. The question is, do you think I am right?" The man replied, "Yes, Sir, I believe you are right." Then Henry Clay gave this inspiring answer, "I had rather be right than be president of the United States."

Fellows, it took a lot of courage for Henry Clay to make such a statement. Sometimes it takes far more courage to live up to our convictions of right and wrong than it does to face danger. A boy who does the right thing in spite of criticism sometimes has more courage than the boy who does a dangerous feat.

Ceremony: Fellows, in my hand is a sheet of paper. At the top are these words, "I had rather be right than be popular." Now I want all of you who are willing to make this pledge to sign your name to this sheet of paper. We will then put it in our files as a record of your committment. After we sign the paper, let us pray together that God will give us courage to always do that which is right.

DEVOTION

LEARNING THE HARD WAY

Commander's purpose: To emphasize the importance of being obedient.

Story: When your national commander was a boy, he was walking one day with his father. In the course of the walk they passed a Persimmon tree that was loaded with beautiful unripe Persimmons. "Oh boy!" cried Johnnie. "I'm going to get me a Persimmon to eat." "No," commanded his father. "They are not ready to eat yet." Reluctantly he obeyed his dad. Later that day, however, Johnnie decided he was going to have a Persimmon regardless of what his father said. So, slipping away from his house, he made his way to the tree. He picked the biggest and prettiest Persimmon he could find and greedily began to eat it. Suddenly the green Persimmon began to draw his mouth. He spat out the remainder and rushed to a nearby stream and washed out his mouth with water. But water did not help. Shamefaced he returned home to ask for help. His father smiled and taunted, "Well, Son, I guess you found my orders to leave the Persimmons alone were for your own good." "Yes, Sir," the boy answered through puckered lips.

Fellows, most rules are made for our own good. The rules we have in Royal Rangers are for your good and the good of the outpost. Our country has laws for the good of all its citizens. Also, God has certain commandments for the good of everyone. It is a shame for a boy to end up in a hospital before he realizes he shouldn't break traffic laws, or a man becoming an alcoholic before realizing he shouldn't drink, or a person getting lung cancer before realizing he shouldn't smoke or a boy contacting a dreadful disease before realizing he shouldn't break God's moral laws. Most of man's troubles have come through disobedience. It all started with Adam and Eve disobeying God in the garden of Eden and bringing sin on the human race.

Ceremony: The R.R. code says, "A Royal Ranger is obedient." As we pray, ask God to help you to be obedient.

DEVOTION
HELP FROM ABOVE

Commander's purpose: To impress the unsaved boys with their need of God.

Equipment needed: Some type of microphone.

Story: Several years ago a diver was lowered into the ocean to examine the wreckage of a ship. As he was examining the wreckage, suddenly out of the inky blackness of the water, a giant octopus loomed before him. Within seconds, the giant creature encircled the man's body with its tentacles. The diver began to struggle desperately as the octopus attempted to squeeze the life from him. Gripping his emergency signal cord he began to tug frantically for help. When the men on the ship's deck saw his signal they quickly pulled him free and lifted him on deck. Later, when describing this experience, the diver stated, "The one major fact that filled my mind was, I must have help from above."

Fellows, sin is like an octopus. It grips our hearts and tries to destroy our souls. When sin is in our lives, we too must have help from above. When we send the signal to Heaven that we need God's help, thank God, He will lift us out of our sins and put peace and joy in our hearts.

Ceremony: In my hand is a mike. Wouldn't it be wonderful if I could say, "Now fellows, someone has invented a radio that reaches to Heaven. If you speak into this mike, you can actually talk with someone in Heaven. We, of course, know this is not mechanically possible. However, through prayer it is possible! When we pray we have a direct line to Heaven and we may talk with the Lord Jesus.

As we form a circle and have our prayer time, I want each of you to talk with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, ask for help from above to become a Christian. Whatever your need is, God is willing to help you.

DEVOTION

TAKING A STAND

Commander's purpose: To encourage the boys to take a stand for Christ.

Equipment needed: A piece of chalk.

Story: Many stories are told about the famous battle of the Alamo in Texas. One concerns the evening when Colonel Travis, the commander of the group at the Alamo, called all his men together. Drawing his saber, he drew a line across the dirt floor of the Alamo. "Men," he stated solemnly, "after tonight there will be no escape for us. All who are willing to stay and die for freedom, step across this line." All the men except one crossed the line. Even Jim Bowie, who was in bed seriously ill, cried, "Somebody carry my bed across the line. I may not be able to fight much, but I want to be on the right side."

Later the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo," was used by Texans as they fought and won their freedom. It was inspired by the courage and sacrifice of these men.

Fellows, it takes a real he-man to take a stand for Christ. Anyone can drift with the crowd. Most of our great men have been individuals who have dared to be different. Are you willing to take a stand and be different for Christ?

Ceremony: Fellows, I am going to draw a line across the floor with this piece of chalk. All of you who are willing to take a stand as a Christian and live like Christ wants you to, I want you to step across this line. Some of you may already be Christians, others may not be Christians as yet. However, I want all of you to cross the line and take your stand for right. Now, let all pray that God will give us power to stand true to what we know is right.

Note to commander: Unsaved boys who cross the line should be dealt with personally about salvation.

Royal Rangers March

Words and Music
by Oren Paris

In March Tempo

Roy - al Ran - gers, Ex-plor-ing new fron-tiers,

Roy - al Ran - gers, With-out a doubt or fear; Yes

sir, we have our or-ders and we're following God's command.

There's high ad -ven-ture on sea, air and land. We're

Roy - al Ran-gers, all REA-DY, now and here.