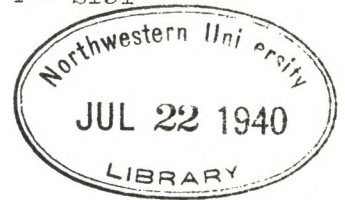


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MAJOR LEAVEY APPOINTED ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF WPA AS WAR DEPARTMENT
TRANSFERS MAJOR HARLOE TO GENERAL STAFF

Transfer of Major Bartley M. Harloe, Assistant Commissioner and Chief Engineer of the Work Projects Administration, by the War Department to duty with the General Staff was announced today by Colonel F. C. Harrington, Work Projects Commissioner.

Colonel Harrington at the same time appointed Major Edmond H. Leavey, Corps of Engineers, for four years Deputy Administrator of WPA in New York City, to succeed Major Harloe.

Major Leavey and Major Harloe were classmates three times -- at West Point, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and at the Command and General Staff School. Each has been assigned to duty with WPA for four years.

Major Harloe will serve with the Supply and Construction Division of the General Staff, on liason work with WPA and the Federal Works Agency generally in connection with projects regarded by the War Department as important to national defense. For two years Major Harloe served as Chief Regional Engineer of WPA for the Western States, with headquarters in Salt Lake City. Subsequently he was assigned to the Washington office as executive assistant to the Chief Engineer. Upon the appointment of Colonel Harrington as Commissioner of WPA in December, 1938, Major Harloe became Assistant Commissioner and Chief Engineer.

Before his assignment to WPA, Major Leavey had been in charge of the Construction Section, office of the Chief of Engineers, in the War Department, Washington, for three years. He also had served as Assistant District Engineer at Portland, Oregon, and at Ocala, Fla., on the Atlantic-Gulf Canal, and as Assistant and Acting Department Engineer in Hawaii. Following graduation from West Point in the Class of 1917, he served at Fort Bliss, Texas, and as senior instructor of Engineer Officers Training Camps at Camp Lee, Virginia, and Camp Humphreys, Va.

Major Leavey is a graduate of the Army Engineers School and of the Command and General Staff School. He also attended Texas A. & M. and was graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in civil engineering. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of Sigma Xi, and Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

A native of Longview, Texas, Major Leavey married Miss Ruth Farrington of Honolulu. They have one son, Edmond, Jr., now in his third year at West Point, and a daughter, Catharine, in high school.

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