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ANOTHER MILESTONE

On August 8, the Philippine Constabulary will have attained its thirty-second anniversary as the insular police force of the Philippine Archipelago. On the eve of a new Constabulary year the organization is faced by far more varied duties than it did thirty-two years ago when its chief function was to suppress banditry and chase outlaws who preyed on their fellow citizens. The work of the Constabulary today is far more complicated and far more arduous than in the early days when the officers and men merely had physical barriers and obstacles to surmount and overcome.

The air of discontent permeates the air throughout the country today and there is seething excitement relative to the political problems of the country. Yet no alarm is felt among the citizenry, because of the explicit confidence of the people in the Philippine Constabulary to maintain peace and order. This speaks well for the efficiency of the organization.

Never has the services of the Philippine Constabulary been more needed than it is today and in the immediate future. In the early days the United States army was on hand to enforce peace and order if necessary. The United States Army is still in the Philippines but Army officials have long left the maintenance of the internal peace and order of the Islands exclusively the job of the Constabulary. Independence will make greater demands on the services of the Constabulary, which will in time form the nucleus of the Philippine Army. Because

of this the insular officials should endeavor to augment and build up a stronger force instead of cutting it down to the least possible minimum and overburdening it with duties which will eventually hamper its efficient functioning.

On the thirty-second anniversary of its establishment the Constabulary can rightly look back to a life span of efficient and commendable service to the country. It can proudly point to its record of achievements in keeping the peace of the country and safeguarding the welfare of her citizens. Its service can stand with equal excellence to any similar body in the world and is, indeed, to be envied.

On the occasion of the Constabulary birthday, however, the officers and men in the service should realize that the organization cannot forever depend on its past laurels and achievements. It must continue to carry on. It must ever push forward and gather unto itself more power and greater glory, making its traditions serve as an inspiration and an impetus toward a higher and bigger goal.

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THE CONSTABULARY OFFICERS' CLUB

The officers of the Philippine Constabulary have organized a club, the purpose of which is to provide a medium of contact for the officers in the service. Elaborate plans are being made to establish club quarters which will afford a place where officers from the provinces may board and lodge while in Manila and will serve as a meeting place where officers may come into social contact with one another.

Such an undertaking is commendable and should receive the wholehearted support of every officer in the service. The need for just such an organization has long been felt, in the constabulary. *Khaki and Red* wishes to extend the best of luck to the organizers of the club and to offer any assistance necessary to make it a success. At the same time we wish to warn them not "to bite off more than they can chew" and to proceed slowly, contenting themselves with starting on a small scale and expanding gradually as the needs of the club warrant.