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Mr. W.O. Simons,
The Lawrence Daily Journal-World,
Lawrence, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Simons:

The following excerpts from Captain Zajicek's personal record may be of help to you in introducing him to fellow Rotarians:

Captain Zajicek served as an enlisted man in the U.S. Marine Corps during the period 1907-11.

After discharge from same in 1911 he decided to enter the University of Valpraiso, and worked his way through the University by doing odd jobs in construction work in the vicinity. He graduated from the University with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Engineering in 1916. Upon the declaration of war in 1917 he was taking post-graduate work and immediately left for the 1st Officers' Training Camp at Forts Sheridan & Leavenworth. After three months service at training camps he was appointed a Captain of Engineers. During his training at camp, after three weeks service, he was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant of Engineers and placed on active duty at camp. His previous experience as an enlisted man in the Marine Corps was of invaluable assistance to Captain Zajicek during this time. A year later, after training camp entry, Captain Zajicek received his appointment as a Major of Engineers, rapid promotion because of his outstanding abilities, and served during the World War on many important details. After the World War he was discharged as Major of Engineers and appointed in the Regular Army as Captain. Prior to coming to the University of Kansas, August 1930, Captain Zajicek has had a varied career as a soldier. He has been engaged in mapping duties in the Philippines, through its jungles and ~~tropical torrents and mountains and~~ terrain. For two and a half years as Assistant to the District Engineer of the San Francisco Area, he has played a prominent part in river and harbor work. Captain Zajicek is a graduate of the Engineer School at Ft. Humphreys, specialized in Advanced Military Engineering and at present is in charge of the Engineer Unit of the ROTC at the University of Kansas.

Sincerely,

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