

BACKGROUND OF COLONEL MANNING:

Colonel Wyndham M. Manning has been an outstanding public figure in South Carolina for many years, having run three times for Governor, and having been the runner-up twice. He was one of the leaders in the House of Representatives during the trying days of the Depression, and played a big hand in bringing the State through its financial crisis.

A son of Richard I. Manning, South Carolina's Governor during World War I, Colonel Manning is a veteran of both World Wars. His military services began when, as a boy of 16 years, he enlisted in the National Guard. He later was graduated from West Point in 1913. He served one year in the Regular Army and then resigned, but immediately joined the National Guard when trouble with Mexico broke out in 1916. He served on the Border for the duration of the Mexican Incident, and remained in the Army throughout World War I, serving overseas with the 81st Division.

Soon after the outbreak of World War II, Colonel Manning again offered his services. He served for a time with the Fourth Service Command Headquarters in Atlanta, and later was placed in charge of the prisoner-of-war camp at Fort Jackson, with supervision over more than 8000 German war prisoners, distributed in some 20 camps throughout the State. Many of these prisoners were from the tough Afrika Korps.