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MECHANIZED MIGHT—Spectators view with interest the numerous 105 mm "Howitzer" weapons that were put on parade during a former Army Day celebration at Columbus, Ga. Troops in the trucks are members of various units of The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. (Official U. S. Army photo—The Infantry School.)

ARMY DAY STATEMENT BY CHIEF OF STAFF

THIS ARMY DAY, more than two years after the end of history's most calamitous war, finds the Army of the United States engaged in the task of building a firm, lasting security for all people who have suffered the tragedy of aggression. The Army, both at home and in the occupied zones overseas, is charged with a great share of our responsibility for maintaining a watchful peace.

To accomplish our mission many soldiers are stationed great overseas distances from their homes. They are performing their duties, in many cases, under adverse and trying conditions. But they are undertaking them with the knowledge that theirs is a critically important duty. And they have pride in their role as representatives of a free and powerful nation.

This Army has a single purpose—to provide for the safekeeping of our nation. It can fulfill that assignment only with the constant awareness and generous support of the American people.

(Signed) OMAR N. BRADLEY
Chief of Staff

Plan Army Day Parade in City

Colorful floats, nattily-attired bands, and neat ranks of veterans groups and Fort Benning soldiers will combine here at 10 a. m. April 6 to present a Columbus parade in the best Army Day tradition.

The Chamber of Commerce military affairs committee met Thursday morning at the Ralston hotel to plan the parade with military officials and representatives of veterans organizations.

Vincent P. McCauley, presiding as chairman in the absence of Carlton O. MacNeely, pleaded for cooperation in "making Columbus' Army Day celebration one of the most impressive we ever have had."

Mr. McCauley said Columbus merchants would arrange window displays with an Army Day theme throughout the week. Material for the displays, battle equipment and uniforms, will be provided by Fort Benning.

Streets will be decorated for the special day.

Bands from Columbus High school, Jordan High school, and Columbus Junior High school will provide music for the parade, and high school ROTC units and Boy Scouts will participate.

Army recruiting representatives said they will publicize Army Day here through a series of posters and advertisements which will appear on busses and in newspapers.

Nationwide Observance Of Army Day April 6

Army Day will be observed throughout the nation on April 6. As last year, the theme of the occasion is "A Strong America Is a Peaceful America."

Many patriotic, civic, fraternal, and veterans' organizations will join with the Army in marking the anniversary. Among them are six groups which recently joined forces in a Nation-wide program to mobilize civilian support in every community behind the Voluntary Enlistment Program of the U. S. Army and of the U. S. Air Force.

They are: The American Legion and Auxiliary, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Kiwanis International, Lions International, and U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

National and local activities in behalf of Army Day will serve to call public attention to the world-wide assignments of the new Regular Army; to emphasize the importance of the Ground Defense Establishment, which includes not only the Army, but the National Guard, the Organized Reserve Corps, and the Reserve Officers' Training Corps; to explain the need for manpower and the many career opportunities available in the Army for qualified young men; and to honor America's soldiers, past and present, who contributed so much to the peace of the world.

Among the assignments being carried out today by the Army are the following: occupation duties in Europe and in the Pacific; garrisoning outlying bases; maintaining supply lines to occupation forces and bases; manning the Military Establishment at home; training thousands of young men in modern technical skills, and conducting important research and development.

All Army posts, camps, and installations will hold "open house" an Army Day. There also will be parades, demonstrations, and exhibits throughout the country.

As has been the case since 1928, Army Day again will be officially sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars. The day marks the anniversary of the United States' entry into World War I.

TECHNICIANS ARRIVE

Willard Christiansen, government employee utilization technician attached to the Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., arrived here last Thursday to conduct a two-week study and assist Fort Benning technicians in the application of the employee utilization program.

Christiansen has been in conference with the civilian personnel chief, T. A. Barefoot and his employee utilization staff for the past week, making a study of the program and its progress. Fort Benning was one of the first installations to put the standards of the utilization program into effect.

The study and the inspection of the program here, which may eventually become nation-wide in scope, is expected to be completed by April 2.

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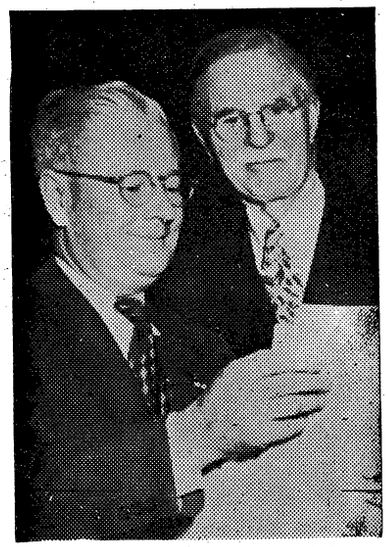

MADISON, WIS.—(Soundphoto)—Two former governors of Wisconsin head a full slate of MacArthur for President delegate candidates in Wisconsin. They are Fred R. Zimmerman (right) now secretary of state, and Philip F. LaFollette (left), Madison attorney. They are shown at the capitol as "Zim" filed his nomination papers (as a candidate) with himself (as secretary of state).

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"Profs" Begin Practice With Eyes on Post Crown

With blood in their eyes, said eyes being fastened on the Post Championship Crown of 1948, the Infantry School Detachment baseball team, the "Proffs" last week started tearing up the turf in spring practice.

This team of veteran club yielders began getting muscles into shape under the watchful eye of Coach (Capt.) James L. Walker, who paced the post champs of 1947, the airborne battalion nine. He is assisted by former Southern League Pro-player (Capt.) John Seymour. If the going gets rough this assistant coach dons the mask and protector and directs from behind the plate like the veteran player he is.

The "Proffs" has a line up of fireball hurlers on the mound that would gladden the heart of any manager. Stemmed by curve-ball artiste John Fyatt, south-paw Lanier, strike-out-king Doyle Feeber and "if—you can't see em—you can't hit em" Ike Silcox the "Proffs" say they have little misgiving about the season. They are backed by a string of veteran pitchers, all of which have proven themselves on the field with other units. These include Hal Grinols, former 37th Infantry Pitcher and third baseman Charles Hiested, from the Student Training Regiment and Weldy Welton.

Ike Silcox is credited with pitching the game of last year that won the Third Army Championship from Fort Bragg.

Doc Feeler comes by his title from his record with the 204th Transportation Truck Battalion Team of last year. In one game the books shows that he struck out 16 men and yet the team lost the game.

The outfield is strictly a line-up of sluggers. Add to that the ability to pull them out of nowhere with the glove and you have the "Proffs" threat.

They are armed with George Dickson, who led the post league of last year with an average batting of 415. Bill Brooks and Woody Burt who nip 400 closely and George Hill, who has played on the post for the past 5 years. Hill is pictured with the Infantry School Detachment Post Champs of both 1942 and 1943.

Gene Batson and Joe Smith are newcomers. Smith arrived Monday of this week. He played for Macon, Georgia, in the Southern League last year.

Not satisfied with having a hard hitting out-field on the post Coach Walker has built up a machine of ball-snagging infielders that only a ferret could get through. The first-baseman Herb Lauve, who also hits around 375, is recognized as the fastest fielding player on the post. He is assisted at the next barrier by Smitty Smith, who in diamond circles is one of the fanciest and versatile ball wielders to be found. Pegging them with the speed of a bullit and almost the force is William Hojanaki. He is feared by all teams of the league because of his tremendous throwing arm.

Other veteran players known on the post are Blondy Burnette and Zovath, who complete the infield.

Directing the game from behind the home plate is "Chick" Shiver, who has played on Post Teams for the past three years. He is not only recognized as one of the best catchers but consistently hits the kind of ball that is a threat to Championship.

New prospects making bids for places on the catching berth are John Saddler and Jack Hallett.

In charge of the liniament bottles, sore muscles and the water bucket is the veteran trainer Robert L. Smith, known throughout the post.

Operations Theater Model Made Available For Display

A Theater of Operations Model, will be made available for display in principal cities throughout the Third Army area for approximately two months beginning March 22, Third Army officials have revealed. The model will be displayed in Columbus April 8 and 9

Devised for the instructions and orientation of all Organized Reserve Corps, ROTC, and National Guard personnel, the model display will be presented to the public in connection with recruiting.

Complete in every detail, including an exact replica of a terrain in the European Theater, the model caravan will include officer instructors who will be prepared to conduct either formal instructions or general orientation during the sessions.

Plans are being made to hold the display at the NCCS club on Ninth St., with Capt. Archie Payne, commanding officer of the Columbus Military sub-district in charge. Open to the general public, the 24 foot by 48 foot model will include terrain details, electric trains and railways, model trucks, model ships with working gears and port facilities.

Invitations have been extended to civilian compents of the Army, local civilian authorities, and college and high school authorities interested in ROTC.

The caravan is scheduled to leave Fort Eustis March 22 and will be viewed first in Raleigh, N. C., March 23-24 followed by visits to Columbia, S. C., March 26-27; Augusta, Ga., March 28-29; Macon, Ga., March 31-April 1; Atlanta, Ga., April 3-4; Columbus, Ga., April 8-9; Montgomery, Ala., April 11-12; Jackson, Miss., April 14-15; Meridian, Miss., April 17-18; Tuscaloosa, Ala., April 20-21; Birmingham, Ala., April 23-24; Nashville, Tenn., April 26-27; Chattanooga, Tenn., April 29-30; Knoxville, Tenn., May 2-3; Asheville, N. C., May 5-6; Charlotte, N. C., May 8-9; Winston-Salem, N. C., May 11-12.

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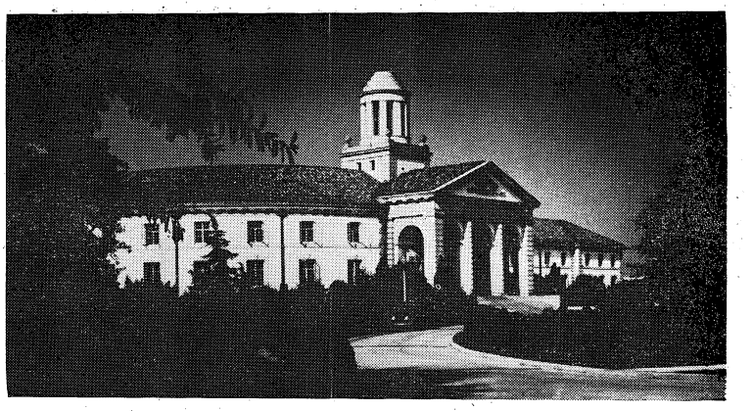

HOME OF THE INFANTRY—The Infantry School building, one of the most beautiful military buildings in the U. S., houses the administrative offices and several class-rooms for students. It is here that the commandant and his staff administer the school and important decisions affecting the infantry are made.

National Guard Steps Up Training Program

Major General Kenneth F. Cramer, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, today announced provisions to step up the six-year training program to prepare the National Guard for its established role in the Nation's M-Day (Mobilization Day) Force.

The Department of the Army has established that a Federally recognized National Guard Army unit may begin the six-year program set up by the Army Field Forces when the unit reaches twice the cadre strength in enlisted men and 50 per cent of allotted officer strength, or 30 per cent of enlisted and 50 per cent of officer strength, as allotted under Tables of Organization.

Previous requirements were 40 per cent of enlisted and 50 per cent of officer strength.

The liberalized criteria will allow National Guard units to make an earlier start toward fulfilling their mission of providing a force of 683,000 men, trained, equipped and capable of immediate mobilization in the event of an emergency.

Numerous units throughout the National Guard which have reached the required strength have already begun the intensive training program, including all the component units of the 45th Infantry Division of Oklahoma and most of the component units of the 43rd Infantry Division of Connecticut, Vermont and Rhode Island, the two divisions which have reached 100 per cent organization.

At the present time approximately 226,343 officers and men in the 3,845 Federally recognized Army units of the National Guard are receiving training in all 48 States, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

"National Security demands that the training program of the National Guard proceed as quickly as possible consonant with the required high standards," General Cramer said.

During the first four years of the program, tactical training progresses toward the battalion level, toward the regimental and group level during the fifth year, and the divisional level during the sixth.

In order to balance training, commanders of the numbered Armies, who supervise the program in their areas, may determine when component units of battalions or similar organizations will initiate the program so that as many units as possible will begin the program at the same time.

Second Officer of 82nd Undergoes Air Training

The second high-ranking officer of the 82nd Airborne division to undergo Airborne training at Fort Benning in recent weeks, Brig. Gen. Robert M. Cannon, concluded the rigorous course last week and won his "wings" in graduation ceremonies Saturday.

The square shouldered, raw-boned general, who closely resembles the late Gen. George S. Patton Jr., follows in the footsteps of Maj. Gen. Clovis E. Byers, commanding general of the 82nd Airborne division, who completed his airborne training here two weeks ago.

A veteran of 22 years service, the 46-year-old general Cannon transferred from the Sixth Army to assume command of the division artillery of the 82nd Airborne division.

Taking the short course of a normal six-week grind, General Cannon climaxed strenuous sessions of calisthenics, parachute landing falls, and mock tower jumps, with the final jumps from aircraft to win his "wings".

Like Maj. Gen. Clovis E. Byers, he believes that the Airborne arm of the army will play an important part in the future, emphatically asserting that air transportation of troops is the most effective means of transportation. He also stated that landing troops and supplies by parachute enlarges the field of operations since direction and radius in combat air traffic is practically unlimited. He illustrated this by pointing out that the forces of the late Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell received their supplies, including ammunition, from the air and para-drop, for over a period of two years of warfare in the China-Burma-India theater.

In his opinion, Airborne training has no equal. It is evident, he remarked, by the mental attitude and physical condition of Airborne trainees. He sees no room for improvement in the course for training here and he labeled the instructors at Fort Benning Airborne section as men of the highest possible caliber.

A West Point graduate, he received his commission in 1925 and received his first assignment with the field artillery at Fort Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Later he served as a field artillery officer with the Philippine scouts from 1931 to 1934.

The beginning of the war found him an instructor at the Field Artillery school, Fort Sill, Okla., from where he went to the China-Burma-India theater with the Stilwell mission in February 1942. After serving in China and India he moved over to the Northern Area combat command at the head of the famous Ledo Road in Northern and Central Burma.

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for outstanding service as of Staff of the Northern Combat Area Command. He returned to this country in April 1945.

SERGEANTS RETIRED

Congratulated for their long and continuous service in the United States Army by Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, Infantry Center commander, M-Sgt. Ralph E. Selders and S-Sgt. Charles E. Rodgers of the 3440th Army Service Unit were retired in ceremonies in the commanding general's office last Wednesday morning.

Sergeant Selders, a native of Terre Haute, Ind., who served under many commanders in this country and abroad, retired with 27 years active service to his credit.

S-Sgt. Rodgers, of Chattanooga, Tenn., retired to civilian life after more than 20 years of consistently high standard of performance as a regular army soldier.

The retiring pair were presented with a letter of merit by the commanding general for their long devoted service.

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CUB SCOUTS TOUR LAWSON AIR BASE

A group of Cub Scouts from Fort Benning toured Lawson Air Force Base recently. The boys first visited Base operations and watched the dispatcher at work, from there they visited the Aircraft maintenance section in the hangars.

The operations officer, Capt. James O. Collier, conducted the boys up and down the flight line, taking them through several type aircraft including, the C-47 and the C-82 Troop carrier and cargo planes.

At the conclusion of their tour the boys were given souvenir pictures of some of the Ninth Air Force aircraft, taken at Lawson.

Two Perfect Scores Feat of TIS Sergeant

To fire a perfect score is quite an honor, but to accomplish the feat twice is something else again. T-Sgt. Horace Nelson of company C, Infantry School Detachment proved that it was no accident the first time as he fired a "possible" with a light machine gun during a demonstration at English range.

Sgt. Nelson, assistant instructor in the machine gun group, weapons section of the Infantry School, who is believed to be the only soldier at Fort Benning that has ever performed the feat, did it once before during a similar demonstration in November of last year.

Using a 1919 A-6 light machine gun on a 1000 inch range, Sgt. Nelson fired a perfect score of 104 on the last two exercises of a four-exercise target. In the exercise he scored in each space in exercise 7-8 and 9-10 to tally 30 and 48 points respectively for each exercise. With two points awarded for each space, he placed in each of the 10 total spaces for a bonus of 26, which gave him an aggregate of 104 and a "possible".

In February 1947 Sgt. Nelson fired a perfect score with the 1917 Q A-1 Water-cooled machine gun. Hitting perfectly in all four exercises on the target, he amassed a "possible" of 200.

A native of Phenix City, Ala., the machine gun expert, is a veteran of 11 years service. He entered the army at Fort Benning August 1934 and was discharged in 1937. He came back again in February 1941 to serve with Company E of the Infantry School Detachment and later with the Officer Training Center at Fontebleau, France. He arrived at Fort Benning on his return from Europe.

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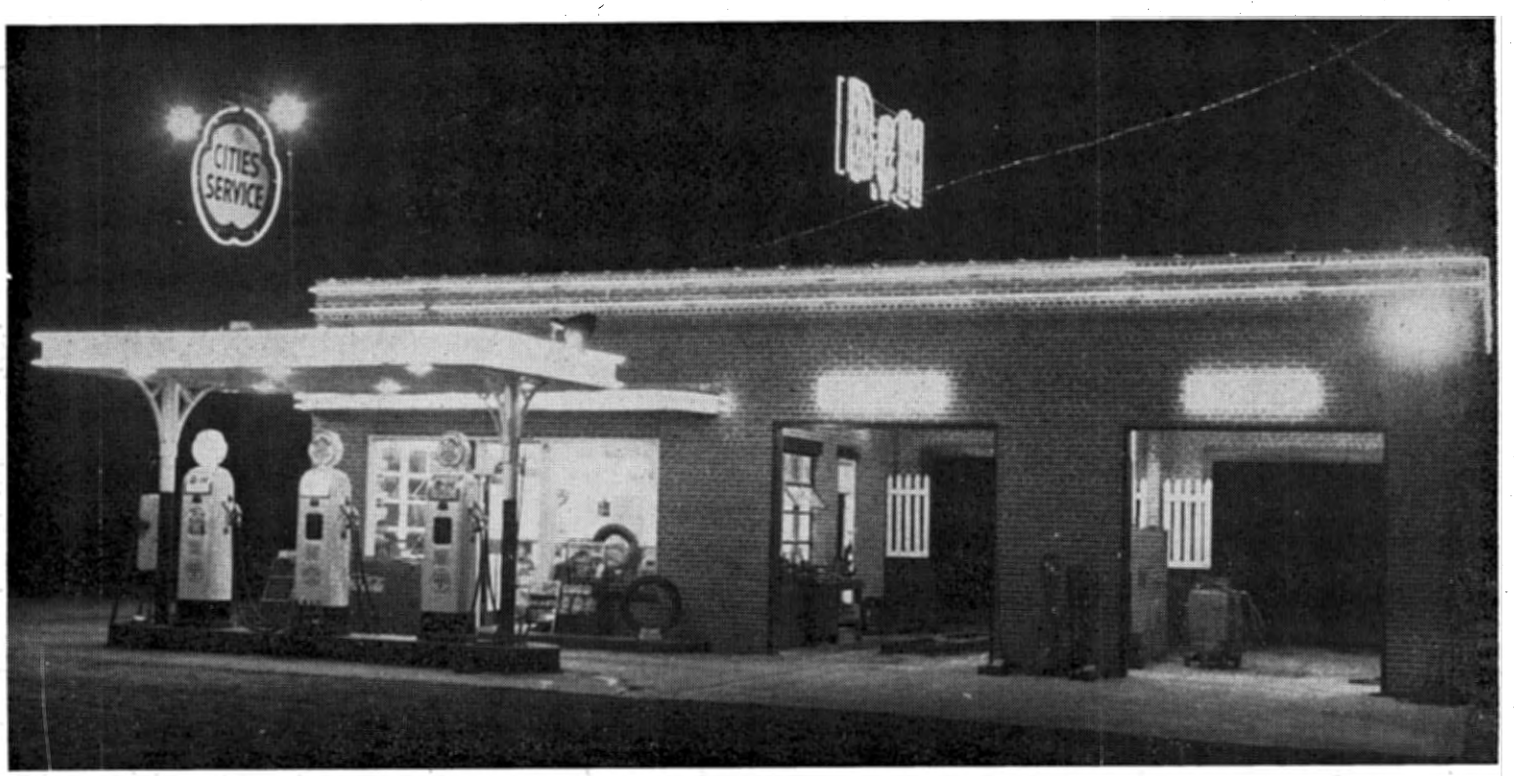

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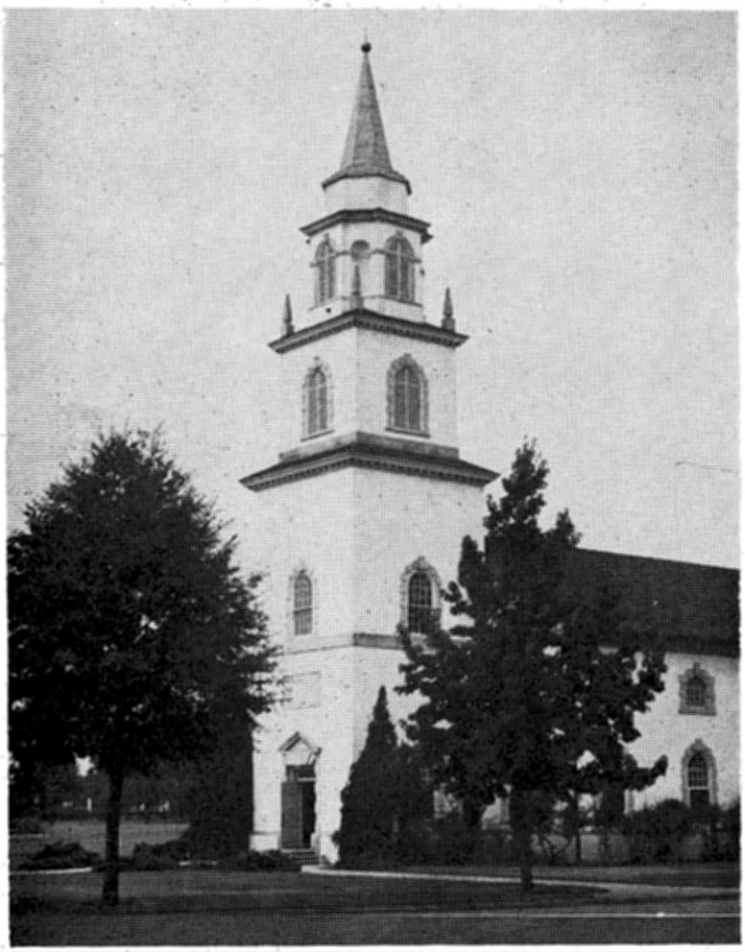

HOUSE OF WORSHIP—The second most beautiful building at Fort Benning is the Infantry Center chapel. Until the war caused the expansion of Fort Benning men of every faith met here to worship God. Now there are chapels for other denominations, but this one still hovers over all as a symbol of freedom of worship.

Army Health Better Through Past Winter

The United States Army was in better health throughout the past winter than during any like period in past years for which comparable statistics are available, it was revealed today by the Army medical department.

Hospital admission rate average for the past 25 years has dropped considerably, according to the report. Comparable figures for the past quarter century disclose an average January hospital admission rate in the Army of a little over 14 per 1000 troops per week, while the weekly rate for January, 1948 was 9.4 per 1000.

The February 1948 rate was 50 per cent lower than the average for the past 25 years. The rate this year was approximately ten-and-one-half cases of illness per 1000 troops per week, while the 25-year average was about fifteen-and-one-half cases per week.

Due to respiratory infections, the normal peak load of illness in the Army almost always occurs in February. This year was no exception, but influenza and other respiratory diseases constituted a low quantity of total illness, thus holding the peak down below the average.

It was pointed out that the improved health was reflected in figures on all kinds of illness, including venereal disease, which declined 40 per cent in the Army between January 1947 and this year.

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Holy Name Society History Dates to 1274

The Holy Name Society of Fort Benning, which holds its monthly meeting this Sunday following the mass at the Catholic chapel, has a history which dates as far back as 1274.

Requiring no dues or obligations of any kind, the Holy Name Society here meets once a month when all members gather to receive holy communion in a body, following which they conduct their regular meeting.

With Chaplain John F. Rafferty, Infantry Center Catholic chaplain, as spiritual adviser and director, the aim of the society is to promote the spiritual welfare of the Catholic men on the post.

A local group of Catholic men congregated on January 15 of this year to form the local chapter of the society and adapted a constitution to fit the needs of the personnel here on the post.

At the February 3rd meeting the group adopted the constitution and elected officers. Capt. Peter L. Kelley was elected president, T-Sgt. Raymond LeBlanc, vice-president and Capt. Carlos Lozano, secretary. President Kelley selected three committees and their heads, naming Maj. Thomas L. Gendron to head the Membership committee, Capt. Elden Campbell chairman of the Program committee and Capt. John Sullivan to lead the Sick and Vigil committee.

At the time of its establishment in 1247, the Society aimed particularly to counteract and repair the Divinity of Christ. Since the time of Pope Pius X, the frequent reception of the Sacraments and a monthly corporate communion have become the principal practices of the society.

In 1274 a general council of Lyon, France was called, presided over by Pope Gregory X. One of the purposes of the council was to check the wide-spread profanity in the name of Jesus.

During the plague in 1432 a society was formed in Lisbon, Portugal for the veneration of the name of Jesus. Shortly thereafter the society was approved and endorsed with many indulgences. It eventually became the Holy Name Society of today.

Through the ages the society fostered the reverence by assisting its members to develop a sound spirtual life. While the particular form of activity varied, the substance was the same.

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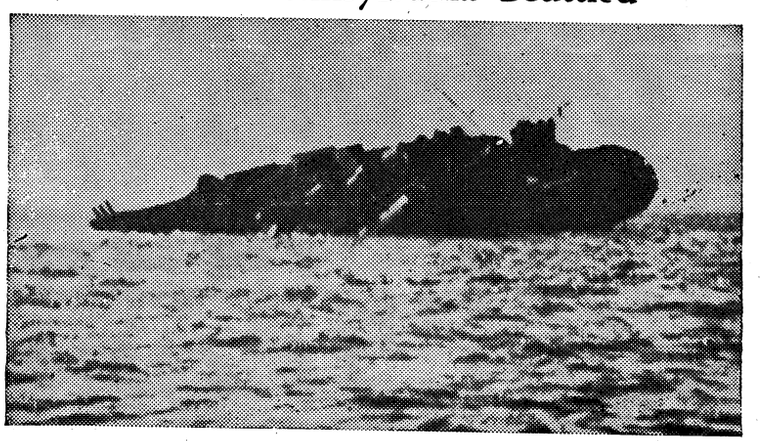

KWAJALEIN—(Soundphoto)—The U.S.S. Pennsylvania, survivor of atom bomb tests at Bikini, goes finally to her grave in the Pacific. The veteran of both world wars is shown as she settled into the sea after her sea valves were opened in deep waters off Kwajalein. The Navy has sunk two other Bikini targets which were found so heavily contaminated as to make further use of them dangerous.

EASTER COLD FAILS TO DETER WORSHIPERS

An unseasonable cold spell failed to chill the Easter spirit of early morning worshippers as approximately 3,000 Fort Benning soldiers, their families and out-of-town guests gathered in solemn prayer at the traditional Easter Sunrise service held Sunday at the Campbel-King Horseshow Bowl.

The theme of the morning service, delivered in the sermon by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Wallace M. Hale, was based upon the words of the angel to Mary "He is not here; He is risen".

Sponsored by the protestant chaplains of the post, the sunrise service was the first of the many scheduled Easter services that were conducted by various units and chaplains of all denominations here at Fort Benning.

Three choirs, the Infantry Center choir, the Fort Benning Youth choir, and the 25th Infantry Male chorus and the 72nd Army Ground Forces band provided the Easter music amid the natural greenery and surroundings of the bowl. Centered in the middle of the Horseshow Bowl were 1,000 soldiers seated in the form of a perfect cross.

A ten foot green cross centered on white-lattice work on the stage formed the background for the stage where all the choirs and speakers were situated. Under the cross was the altar, banked with Easter lilies in full bloom and on either side of the cross were green rectangular wreaths that provided the frame for the national and Christian colors that were placed there immediately following the choral procession. At the top level of the mabin, flying in the early morning breeze, were massed the guidon bearers of the various military organization serving at Fort Benning.

The actual observance, which was preceded by appropriate musical selections by the 72nd AGF band under the direction of Warrant Officer Richard Velasco, opened with a sacred concert by the band. Following was a call to worship at 6:30 a. m. by trumpeteers and the processional hymn, "Alleluia", by the combined Infantry Center and youth choirs and the 25th Infantry regiment's male chorus.

"Sunrise on Easter Morning", by Olds, sung by the Infantry Center chapel choir followed the invocation delivered by Chaplain (Capt.) Chester H. Pelt of Lawson field. The scripture, read by Chaplain (Capt.) Robert P. Canis, hospital chaplain, and the pastoral prayer by Chaplain (Capt.) Gerald L. Hayden of the 25th Infantry preceded the Lord's Prayer.

Dickinson's "In Joseph's Lovely Garden", by the Infantry Center youth choir followed.

Following Chaplain Hale's main sermon based on the theme "he is Risen", a prayer was led by Chaplain (Capt.) Russell O. Kirsch, assistant Infantry Center Chaplain.

The "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah", sung by the 25th Infantry male chorus preceded the benediction by Chaplain (Capt.) Leonard A. Ellis, Section II, 3440th Army Service unit. The 72nd army and band provided the musical background for the recessional at the close of the program.

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Nation Celebrates Army Day On Tuesday, April 6

Enthusiastic preparations are being made for the nation-wide observance of Army Day on Tuesday, April 6.

In 1948 will be the twentieth annual celebration of Army Day which first was instituted in 1928 by the Military Order of World Wars and authorized officially in 1937 by a concurrent resolution of the Seventy-fifth Congress.

The observance was formally proclaimed by President Truman who called upon the American people to "accord appropriate recognition to our Army, which throughout our history has preserved our way of life by conspicuous skill and gallanty."

In his proclamation the President continued:

"In these critical times, I urge my fellow citizens to remember that an alert and ready America is a mighty power for peace and a beacon of hope to the peoples of the world who would be free. If our soldiers who are on duty in foreign lands are to represent American democracy proudly and successfully, they must know that they have the wholehearted support of our people. I therefore commend to all Americans appropriate and sympathetic observance of Army Day as a token of special honor to the soldiers and veterans of our Army, at home and in foreign lands."

Air Force Reaches President's Ceiling

The United States Air Force this month reached the 312,000 enlisted strength ceiling set by the President's budget message to Congress and is accepting new recruits no faster than it loses men through normal separations and terminations of enlistment.

Except for high school graduates who qualify for enrollment in the Aviation Career Plan, the USAF will enlist only 5,100 men during March and 4,000 in April. More than 14,000 men enlisted in January; 11,270 during February.

Under the Aviation Career Plan, for which the USAF will not limit enlistments, qualified men can apply for and be assured, even before they enlist, of specialized technical training of their own choice.

However, enlistment requirements for the USAF are being tightened by eliminating all waivers for age and physical short-comings, and by restricting most enlistments to unmarried men. The only married men who will be accepted by the Air Force will be those with prior military service who can qualify for enlistment in the upper three grades, and former Air Force personnel who reenlist in their former grades within 90 days of their discharge.

Officer strength in the USAF now stands within a few hundred of the 48,000 recommended in the President's budget message.

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General Wheeler Conducts Brief Tour of Inf. Center

Chief of the U. S. Army Engineers, Lt. Gen. Raymond A. Wheeler conducted a brief tour of the Infantry Center last Wednesday during which time he conferred with Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, Infantry Center commander and visited various installations on the post.

The former Fort Benning officer delivered an address later in the evening on the proposed Chattahoochee-Appalachicola-Flint waterways project before a gathering of 100 Georgia-Florida and Alabama civic leaders at a dinner meeting at the Ralston hotel in Columbus.

Gen. Wheeler predicted possible navigation on the Chattahoochee from Columbus to the Gulf of Mexico by 1953, depending on the elimination of a proposed lower dam near Fort Benning.

During his stay here, the federal government's top technician addressed all Infantry Center officers on the subject, "Engineers in the Army of the Future," at the Main Theater.

He served at Fort Benning in 1921-22-23 as senior engineer instructor at the Infantry School.

The chief Engineer has an extensive background in staff and command work. During World War I he actively commanded the Fourth Engineers of the Fourth division during the Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse Argonne offensives and during the occupation period served as regimental commander and division engineer with the Army of Occupation.

An Oak Leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal was awarded General Wheeler in 1943 for his services as commanding general, Services of Supply, United States Army forces in China, Burma and India from May 1942 to November, 1943. During this period he organized, directed and supervised the supply and maintenance activities of the U. S. Army forces in China, Burma and India, providing effective support to the combined operations of ground and air forces in that theater.

At the outbreak of World War II he was a member of the Army Group, Washington, D. C., enroute to Basra, Iraq, as a member of the U. S. Military Iranian Mission. Before that he had served as Acting Chief of Staff, Supply division, G-4, War Department General Staff.

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Need Of Coordination Of All Arms Stressed

Necessity of the coordination of all arms in troubled times was stressed in Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan's salute to Army Day, which was addressed to Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall today.

Text of Secretary Sullivan's letter follows:

"On this Army Day, April 6, the entire Naval establishment joins me in extending sincere congratulations to the men and women of the United States Army.

"Our troubled postwar era has emphasized the urgent need for closely coordinated efforts of the armed services in achieving a high degree of national security. The strength of these United States developed in a cooperative spirit of order and stability will serve the world as a positive instrument for international peace.

"The Navy salutes the outstanding achievements of the United States Army and, with its sister services, faces the future in the conviction that those liberties which our country has always cherished will eventually be the salvation of all nations."

31st NATIONAL GUARD COMING FOR TWO WEEKS

The 31st National Guard division will stage a two-week encampment at Fort Benning August 1-15, according to announcement by Adjutant General James S. Saliba, Alabama National Guard head.

Approximately 414 officers and 4,500 enlisted men from Alabama and Mississippi are slated to attend the fifteen-day training session.

Anti-aircraft units of the division will train at Camp Stewart, near Savannah, Ga.

PEACETIME POWER ASK OF CONGRESS

Peacetime power is being asked of Congress by the Army to call up reserve officers to handle its expected manpower increases, according to reports emanating from the nation's capital.

The hint for peacetime power was dropped by Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commander of Army Field Forces formerly Army Ground Forces), at a news conference last week.

Seeking an increase of 22,000 men under a temporary revival of the draft, the Army hopes to obtain enough reserve officers to handle this new manpower by voluntary means. If voluntary acquirement does not work, new peacetime legislation will be required to "draft" the needed officers.

It was also reported that many Army camps will be reopened under the proposed expansion and peacetime training programs. The great need for more doctors and dentists was also expressed by officials.

POST THEATERS SHOW FIRST

Fort Benning's theaters still are receiving and showing motion pictures prior to public release dates, 1st Lt. Howard R. Smith Jr., post theater officer, pointed out. The only exceptions to this, Lt. Smith explained, are when world premiere showings are made in a particular locality.

New State-Owned Park Opens to Public Friday

An opportunity for leisure moments of relaxation from Army duties has been brought closer to the military personnel of Fort Benning, and their families amid the majestic surroundings of Jekyll Island, the new state-owned park which officially opened last Friday.

Located just off the coast of Brunswick, Ga., 251 miles from Fort Benning, the island was purchased by the state of Georgia as a recreation spot for the public.

Once the winter resort of nationally known millionaires, the estate has not been used since 1940. Rehabilitation of the island is proceeding at a fast pace and in due time the recreational spot has possibilities of becoming the most popular resort in this part of the country.

According to Major Edward D. Andrus, now on temporary duty with the Training Literature and Visual Aids Section from the Signal Corps Photographic Center, Long Island, who has just returned from a short stay at the island, the new resort is just the ideal spot for soldiers and their families.

About three miles wide and 12 miles long, the island was once the exclusive winter home for such families as the Rockefellers, J. P. Morgans, Cranes, Firestones, Goulds and others. Twenty mansions, complete in beauty and marvels of architecture, are scattered throughout the island, which was opened in 1888 with the formation of the exclusive Jekyll Island Club. Most of these homes will be turned into apartments and living quarters, while a few will be retained as museums and attractions for sightseers.

Plenty of facilities are available to visitors, including swimming, fishing, boating, hunting, tennis, badminton, and many other outdoor sports. An 18-hole golf course is expected to be ready in June.

Access to the island is by boat only. The steamboat Robert E. Lee has been leased as a ferry to carry passengers from the mainland to Jekyll Island. The sternwheel has a capacity of 700 persons. She will make at least three round trips daily from Brunswick. Trips to the island are scheduled at 9 a. m., 1 p. m. and 5 p. m., while return trips are at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7 p. m.

At present no autos are permitted on the island. The state of Georgia is contemplating the construction of a causeway from the main connecting the mainland to the island.

Rates are very reasonable at the resort, according to Major Andrues. Rates range from one dollar to three dollars for rooms, plus four dollars per day for meals. Meals are optional. The extreme rate is seven dollars per day for the best of facilities. Reservation can be made by writing the Jekyll Island Club.

Roads leading out of Benning to Brunswick are excellent, running via Cusseta, Albany, Tifton, and Waycross.

Reserves Eligible For Lump Payment

Reserve officers on active duty with the Air Forces, who accept an appointment to the rank of warrant officer under the new regular officer integration program, will not affect their eligibility for the lump sum payment to which reserve officers are entitled, Lawson Air Force Base officials have been informed by the Tactical Air Command Headquarters, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

According to the report the officers will receive a lump sum payment for the period of their active service immediately upon being relieved from the U. S. Air Forces reserve duty.

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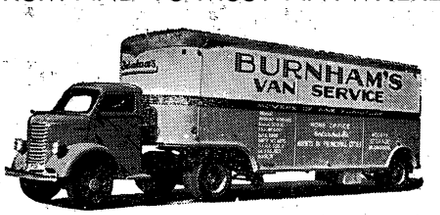

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Veterans May Collect Leave Compensation

Veterans who forfeited their terminal leave pay when they accepted re-enlistment furlough bonuses may still get a chance to collect their leave compensation, provided a bill introduced to congress by Representative James H. Morrison of Louisiana is passed.

According to Representative Morrison, the Public Law 704 (Terminal Leave Pay) which was approved by the 79th Congress, August 6, 1946, has proven an injustice to thousands of enlisted veterans. The argument centers around the re-enlistment furloughs which were offered as an inducement for enlistment under provisions of laws in effect prior to the enactment of Public Law 704.

To correct the matter, Morrison recently submitted H. R. 3514 to the 80th Congress. The bill provides that re-enlistment leave taken prior to the enactment of Public Law 704 shall not be considered as leave taken within the meaning of the Act.

The Louisiana politician argues that under the provisions of War Department circular 310 (October 6, 1945) which stemmed from Public Law 72, re-enlistment furloughs were offered enlisted men who re-upped within 20 days of discharge, or who were discharged for the purpose of re-enlisting or enlisting in the service. On the strength of this promise, says Morrison, a great number of men took advantage of the financial aspects of such an offer.

Thousands of men who accepted the offer soon discovered that Public Law 704, which did not exist at the time of their enlistment, had stripped them of their wartime accrued leave pay. In a majority of cases, it had consumed their terminal leave pay.

SHOWN IN ACTION at The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., clearing the path, are infantrymen manning two Browning automatic rifles and a flame thrower, (U. S. Army official photo—The Infantry School.)

New Skating Rink Opens In Gymnasium

A schedule to accomodate all military personnel, their families and guests has been worked out for the Fort Benning roller skating rink, which had its grand opening in the Main Post gymnasium Monday evening.

The rink will be open daily with the exception of Thursday, which has been set aside for other sporting events, and to allow needed minor repairs to be made.

From 7 p. m. until 10 p. m. each Monday, the skating facilities will be open to officers and their families, and the same hours each Tuesday will be reserved for enlisted men only.

The period from 1 p. m. until 5 p. m. each Wednesday and Sunday has been set aside for enlisted men only, but families and female guests of enlisted personnel will be admitted between 7 p. m. and 10 p. m. on the two nights.

Friday night will be for Negro enlisted men, their families and female guests.

Saturday's program includes a period from 8:30 a. m. until 11:30 a. m. for children only, and enlisted men will be permitted to skate 7 p. m. until 10 p. m.

The post athletic and recreation office said that skating will be reduced to one hour in cases where a large crowd might be awaiting use of the rink.

Your Red Cross

By MURRAY E. HILL

You that are reading this probably enjoyed your Easter, but did you give one thought one single time to the patients in the hospital during Easter week or Easter Sunday?

You may not have thought about them but the Red Cross girls at the hospital went through a very strenuous week to see that no patient at the hospital failed to enjoy Easter week and Easter Sunday. It is interesting to note that many joined hands to make this a most successful Easter holiday at the hospital, the patients, the Red Cross girls, different organizations in town, and others on the post.

The activities began on Tuesday, March 23rd, when a party for the patients was arranged in the Red Cross recreational hall with girls from the Army-Navy YMCA in Columbus attending, and did they have fun! The most interesting activity of the evening consisted of a contest for patients to design spring hats using only such items as paper plates, cups, newspapers, crepe paper, pins, and any other thing that was handy. The winning creation was designed by S-Sgt. James C. Nevells.

The children at the hospital were not forgotten either. Pfc. Freeman Mills, James C. Campbell and Sgt. Ernest Ingison, under the direction of the Red Cross recreational workers, made up Easter baskets. On Good Friday the baskets were delivered to the youngsters and a special entertainment for a party for the kids was provided by Pfc. Duncan and Miss Levine, Red Cross recreational worker.

The Junior Red Cross members of the Columbus Chapter did their share in helping provide attractive and colorful tray favors for the bed patients.

On Easter Sunday afternoon in the gayly decorated Red Cross recreational hall, games were held and music suggestive of the Easter season was played throughout the afternoon.

A call went out for flowers to the Fort Benning Woman's Club and they responded magnificently as usual. These flowers contributed by the ladies provided an atmosphere of home as well as one of Spring festivities.

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Two Soldiers Design Air Transport Symbol

The eagle and swastika—symbols of Nazi ideology—which towered atop a 30-foot marble column above the U. S. Air Force passenger terminal building at Rhein Main Air Base, Frankfurt, Germany, have been removed, and in their place will be raised an international air transportation symbol, conceived by two Air Force corporals and contributed to the USAF by the people of Frankfurt.

Corporals Boyd Moore, of Houma, Louisiana, and Henry Cypriano, of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii, clerk-typists with an Air Force Engineer unit, were awarded a tour of European air bases for their contest-winning design, a globe five feet in diameter, circled by three jet-propeled aircraft, and watched over by a closed-wing Dove of Peace. Most entries in the contest were variations of the theme of internationalism over nationalism.

The symbol designed by the two airmen is completely unofficial and probably will be used only at Rhein Main Air Base.

While on their tour the young airmen visited Berlin to attend a Press Club party where they met European correspondents and news broadcasters. They visited the American Forces Network radio studios, were interviewed on the air, and inspected the AFN's 12,000-record musical library.

They toured the ruins of the Reichschancellery, the Brandenburg Gate, the artillery-scarred Bismarck Victory monument, and the City Hall in Berlin. They attended a performance of the "Barber of Seville" at Berlin's Opera House and met German tenor Karl Schmidt-Walter.

Vienna was next on the tour itinerary, and there they visited the lavish 1,200-room Schoenbrunn Castle and examined the world's largest collection of carriages, the property of European kings and queens of the 19th century. They had second-row seats at a performance of "Aida" in Vienna.

The two corporals enjoyed the skiing at Garmisch, Germany's most popular winter sports center, where they also went bob-sledding and ice-skating in the shadows of the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain, which overlooks four nations.

Munich, cultural heart of Bavaria, was the last stop on the tour. They saw many historic German statues throughout the city, and spent a morning at the Deutsches Museum of Science, where Germany's first steam engine, street car, dirigible cabin, and other exhibits of early scientific development are displayed.

In the Munich Press Center the men met a group of Russian correspondents who were touring the U. S. Zone.

Back in Frankfurt, Oberburgermeister (Mayor) Walter Kolb congratulated the two winners and showed them, on a model of the Frankfurt area, where the symbol built from their design would be located, facing the new airport administration and hotel buildings.

Kenner Named Best Driver

For his level-headednes, knowledge, and complete mastery of military vehicle, T-4 Marvin T. Kenner of company F, was named best driver of the 25th Infantry regiment for the week ending March 20.

Citing Sgt. Kenner for his expert driving, Lt. Robert Burns of the 25th, declared, "while driving through the most hazardous and adverse weather conditions on one of the night problems, he steered the vehicle clear and free of all obstacles without stalling or accident."

Sergeant Kenner has been driving army vehicles for the past four years. A driver in the 25th Infantry regiment for more than two months, he joined the 25th when the unit was reactivated on the Main Post in 1946.

Tribute and Decorations Bestowed upon Officers

In a simple ceremony held in the commanding general's office last Wednesday, Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, Infantry Center commander, bestowed a grateful nation's tribute and decorations on Lt. Col. Paul S. Cullen, Major Wilbur J. Page and Maj. William H. Wikoff.

Lt. Col. Cullen, a student in the Advanced Officers' class at the Infantry School, was presented the Legion of Merit for his extra-meritorious service while serving in the southwest Pacific as assistant executive officer of General headquarters from April 1945 to November 1947.

Fort outstanding gallantry in action while with the Philippine Army at Zaragosa, Luzon, Major Lage was awarded an oak leaf cluster to his Silver Star Medal. He also is a student in the Advanced Officers' class here.

Major Wikoff, executive officer of the Defense committee, Tactical section, Academic department of the Infantry School, received a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during combat from Feb. 1 to Sept. 30, 1944 in Italy and France.

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Infantry Center Pistol Team Emerges Among Top

Despite bad weather and the loss of a top-flight pistol man, the infantry Center's pistol team emerged from the National mid-winter pistol meet staged at Tampa, Fla., March 9-13, with five medals and a position among the top teams of the nation.

Handicapped at the mid-winter shoot with the loss of Lt. Col. Jesse C. Drain, who was unable to attend, the five-man Infantry Center team distinguished itself against the finest pistol men in the country. Colonel Drain, one of the finest pistol men in the army, was a member of the Infantry Center team that set a world's record a few years ago.

Final results have not yet been tabulated, but at the last count the Fort Benning crew was up among the top pistol squads vying for the national crown. Their biggest victory came over the Armored Center team from Fort Knox, Ky., which is led by T-Sgt. Hewlitt Benner, the world's all-around pistol champion.

Competing against 37 other teams in team and individual matches, the Infantry Center combine walked off with five medals, with 1-Sgt. Russell A. Stow winning two, M-Sgt. Joseph Gallo garnering two, and Lt. Col. Ralph A. Tolve adding one more.

The only team in the mid-winter shoot using standard service ammunition, the local team outshot most of the 37 teams using specialized cartridges, compiling a score of 1109 out of a possible 1200.

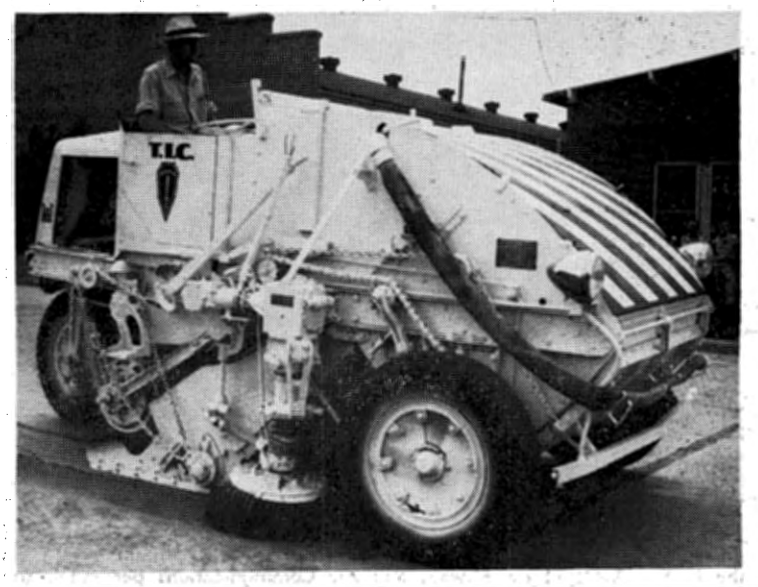
In the 50-yard slow fire match, 1-Sgt. Stow captured first place in the 45-caliber division, getting 169 bulls out of a possible 200. In the aggregate of all matches, Sgt. Stow was awarded a Bronze medal for fourth place.

M-Sgt. Gallo placed third in the 38-caliber 25-yard rapid fire shoot and finished in fourth position with the 22-caliber to annex his two medals.

Lt. Col. Tolve garnered his medal in the 38-caliber 50-yard slow-fire match with 166 out of a possible 200 to place third in the event.

After tieing several high scores in the preliminary shooting Lt. Frank J. Stonebraker ran into several tough breaks in the record matches.

The local squad now is prepping for the Southeastern regional meet which is scheduled at Jacksonville, Fla., sometime in June.



OLD REPLACES NEW—Fort Benning, as America's most compelte Army post, always keeps abreast of the changing methods of housekeeping. When the new type civilian street sweeper was introduced, Benning was among the first to adopt it to replace soldier labor.

SERGEANT HUMBERT HONORED AT PARADE

Retiring after 30 years service, T-Sgt. Sullivan Humbert of the 651st motor ambulance company, 30th Medical Group was honored in ceremonies at a retreat parade and review Tuesday at the 30th Medical Group parade ground.

After being presented with a letter of commendation by Maj. Spurgeon H. Neel Jr., 30th Medical Group commanding officer, Sgt. Humbert reviewed the troop as they passed in review in his honor.

Units participating in the review included the Headquarters detachment, 121st Evacuation hospital, 375th Medical Collecting company and the 651st Motor Ambulance company, all of the 30th Medical Group.

The 30-year veteran enlisted in 1917 at Fort Screven, Ga., with the 827th Transportation Corps. He joined the headquarters troop of the 9th Cavalry at Camp Jackson, S. C., in May 1919 and later went with the unit to the Philippines. Following his return to the states in 1922 he joined Troop G of the 10th Cavalry at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., serving with that unit until February 1928 when he transferred to Troop A.

In 1934, still with the 10th Cavalry, he moved to Fort Leavenworth, Kas., where he left the cavalry in 1942 to join the 601st Ordnance company, later going to Africa. While overseas he transferred to the 93rd Quartermaster railhead company, participating in the campaigns at Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

Following his return to the states, the Greenville, S. C., native was discharged in Oct. 1945. He reenlisted in the Quartermaster Corps, serving with the 94th Quartermaster repair company until 1946 when he joined the 651st Ambulance company here at Fort Benning.

Benning Cub Scouts Commended by General O'Daniel

Pointing out the benefits of scouting to both the Boy Scouts themselves and their community, Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, Infantry Center commander, commended the Fort Benning cub scouts for their fine achievements during the past season in a brief message delivered at the annual father and son banquet held Monday, March 29, at the Polo Hunt club.

The highlight of the annual affair was the presentation of awards to numerous scouts. James Fitzgerald was presented the highest cub award, the Boy Scout tenderfoot badge, graduating from cub to scout. He chose troop 127 as his new unit.

Following the dinner, which was prepared by personnel of headquarters company, 325th Infantry regiment, the cubs were treated to a fine performance of legerdemain by Pfc. Eugene Johnson of company A, 325th Infantry.

William Ennis, Scout executive of the Georgia-Alabama council, who made his first trip to Fort Benning since his assignment, made the presentation of awards. Hoke Baldwin, field scout executive of the council was also present.

Lion badges were awarded to Keith Cole, Doug Dial, and James Fitzgerald, while Bear badges went to John Standley and Randolph Wilson.

In other presentations the Bear badge with gold arrow was awarded to Tommy Wilson, Wolf badges to David Kent, Dale Landon, Bobby Canis and David Henderson, and Wolf badges with gold and silver arrows to Robert Blanford.

Robert Joyner garnered the Wolf badge with gold arrow, while Charles Mitchell, George Knob, and Tommy Wilson acquired the Wolf badge with silver arrow.

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Doughboy Grid Star Gets Overseas Duty

With the latest outgoing group of Airborne battalion personnel went Don Perrody, speedy left halfback on the powerful 1947 Doughboy football team, who has been given an overseas assignment with the 11th Airborne division.

The highlight of Perrody's Benning gridiron career came when he was named "player of the week" following the Fort Benning-Fort Sam Houston football game last fall.

In addition to his grid accomplishments, the shifty little backfield man boasts an enviable record in baseball, basketball, and track.

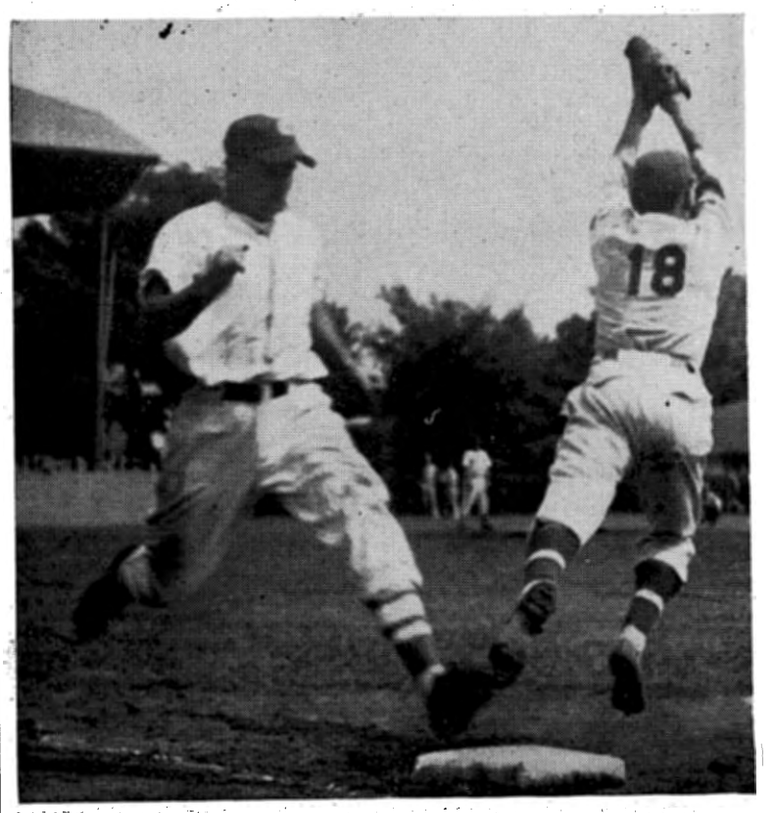
Perrody hails from Sparks, Nevada, where he got his start in athletics while a high school student.

Enlisting in the Army in February of last year, Perrody was graduated from jump school in June. Assigned to Headquarters and Service company of the Student Training regiment's Airborne battalion here, he became active on the battalion softball team. His name became known to more and more sports fans as he distinguished himself as a capable pass flipper and shifty runner in Doughboy stadium.

Perrody's athletic ability, spiced with colorful versatility, also put him in the limelight as a trackman, as well as an up-and-coming baseball player on the Airborne's 1948 intramural team.

The 19-year-old athlete attended Ohio State university for one year prior to his enlistment. While at the university, his name appeared frequently in the varsity football lineups.

In appreciation of his active part in the Fort Benning sports program, Perrody recently was awarded a commendation for outstanding ability, sportsmanship, and loyalty by Col. Onto P. Bragan, post special services officer.



SPLIT SECOND PRECISION—Lefty McGowan, Doughboy first baseman goes high into the air during the Doughboy-Columbus Mills game at Gowdy Field during the 1947 season. The unidentified runner is safe at the bag.

All Regular Noncoms Hold Permanent Rank

As of March 31 all Regular Army Noncommissioned officers will be considered to hold permanent warrants and all promotions after that date for regular Army personnel will be permanent, it was announced this week by the Department of the Army.

The temporary promotion provisions as put forth in Army Regulation 615-5 dated Sept. 23, 1946, which stipulated that non-commissioned officers appointed for and during an emergency under special authorization of the War Department will be appointed temporarily. This Army Regulation is now discontinued as of March 31, after which time all regular army non-commissioned officers wil become permanent.

The provisions of the new regulation also apply to Air Force personnel.

Pre-Season Aquatic Warm-Ups Beginning

"Build 'em up, loosen 'em up and tire 'em out," is the slogan adopted by Trainer Hewitt C. Tippins as he works on the winter-weary muscles of two remaining veterans of last year's Doughboy Swim Squad at the temporary "out-of-water" area in the Airborne Gymnasium. "The race is the pay-off," observed Tippens over his smoldering pipe, "and a close race goes to the man who is well trained. Pre-season training develops and conditions muscles through the employment of certain specially devised exercises that give a man a head start when he first enters the water and added stamina later in the season."

The two members of last year's team who currently form the nucleus of the 1948 Benning tanksters are Captain William G Thomas of ISD, Post Champion of 1947 in the 50 and 100 yard free style distances and Swimmer-Coach Lt. Walter H. Murphey, Third Army 100 yard free style champ. Two promising newcomers, who expect to begin their training this week, are Staff Sergeant William Tulley of ISD, breast stroker, and Staff Sergeant Edward Stiles, free style artist, also of ISD.

The Southeastern AAU Championships and the Third Army Championships will highlight the 1948 summer season. Other encounters, such as the Fort Benning Championships, will round out a full season for members of the Doughboy squad.

According to Coach Murphey new material is by far the most vital problem at the present writing. "We start from scratch again this year," he said. "We need divers and swimmers of all strokes and distances. If we can get them now, work them out now, we'll have the Third Army trophy in August. Last year, with a late start, a polio scare that closed all our pools during part of the training period, and the untimely illness of sprint ace Captain Thomas, we were seriously handicapped. The absence of Captain Thomas from our small group at the Third Army Championships probably affected the final results of the meet. We won runner-up honors, Fort Bragg nosing us out of the top position. Our job is to make it a different story this year."

Coach Murphey, active in swimming circles in the United States and Europe, both as competitor and teacher, is interested particularly in water-safety programs. "People, including soldiers, drown every day where elementary instruction in watermanship would have postponed death considerably," he stated. "Basic instruction in water safety and swimming has been in many cases confused and neglected to a point of criminality." Lt. Murphey plans to offer again this year courses in beginning swimming, combat swimming and water landings, both on an individual and group basis.

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KALIN ASSIGNED

Sergeant Irvin Kalin was recently assigned to Company B, Infantry School Detachment for duty as a clerk with the Operations Section of the Infantry School. A native of Oak Bluffs, Mass., he graduated from the Tisbury High School of Tisbury, Mass.

After nearly 41 months in the European Theater of Operations where he served in combat with the 20th Corps and the 3rd Division Engineers in the Campaigns of Northern France, Central Europe and the Rhineland, he returned to the United States for reassignment.

While with the Occupational Forces in Koneigstein, Germany, he married the former Miss Edeltraute Metzler of that city. They now live in Columbus, Georgia.

STR CHANGES

Recent changes affecting commissioned personnel Student Training Regiment saw Capt. Henry Q. Bernard assume command of 1st Company, replacing Capt. Clyde M. Davis who will attend the Intelligence School, Fort Riley, Kas.

Capt. Warren H. Moulton took command of 5th Company in place of Capt. Bernard, and Capt. George Tassey, a new arrival to Fort Benning commands 2nd Company, replacing Capt. Moulton.

COMPANY H

Good things are in the pot for Company H. Infantry School Detachment, with the recent assignment of new mess personnel. Tech-Sgt. Richard Hoskins has taken over as Mess Steward with Technician Third Grade Gerald Edwards as first cook and Corporal Lindsey Fant as second cook.

These men were transferred from Headquarters and Service Company of the Airborne Battalion. As these men have attended Cooks and Bakers School, graduating with honor it can be assumed that they know their business with the pots and pans. Sergeant Hoskins has also attended Mess Steward's classes.

Trainee Plans Profit From Motor Boat Racing

Following his graduation from the enlisted motor class of the Student Training regiment, T-5 Don Wallman plans to convert his hobby of motor boat racing into a profitable undertaking.

Wallman, who operates a red and white striped comet hydroplane with a 22-horsepower outboard motor, entered 18 speed contests last year, and, on 16 occasions, placed third or better. He plans to form a racing partnership with a friend in time to try for the Mid-western championship this year.

Although he has been racing only two years, Wallman already has achieved a place of prominence in water racing circles in the vicinity of his home town, St. Louis, Mo.

Commenting that the racing sport is filled with spills and thrills, Wallman cites an incident that occurred during his latest race in which he narrowly escaped serious injury when the engine of the boat he was driving exploded, hurling metal and flame in all directions.

In addition to racing, Wallman has other hobbies which include woodworking and model aircraft construction.

The boating enthusiast came to Fort Benning to attend the motor course from Headquarters and Headquarters company, Third battalion, 138th Infantry regiment of the Missouri National Guard.

First Aid, Water Safety Instructions Needed Here

Under the direction of the American Red Cross plans are being made now to offer to various groups of the military and civilians an opportunity to enroll in First Aid classes, swimming classes, and Water Safety classes. To teach all those the program now calls for, many First Aid instructors and Water Safety instructors are required.

It is felt there are many qualified Red Cross First Aid and swimming instructors at Ft. Benning. These may be among the civilian, enlisted, or officer group. It is earnestly requested that all who hold First Aid and swimming instructor's certificates contact Murray E. Hill, Field Director, American Red Cross, at the Main Red Cross office at the very earliest opportunity.

CHAMPION BATSMEN—Pictured above is the 1947 Doughboy baseball team that copped the Third Army Championship. Captain Herbert Bench, team coach and manager, carried the soldier nine through one of its most successful season's in years. Back row, left to right: Sam Cunningham, equipment manager, Captain Herbert Bench, Benny Bartosek, Lefty McGowan, Woodie Burt, Bill Brooks, Ken Watts, Lefty Lehner, Herbert Lauve and Ike Silcox. Front row: George Dickson, Andy Boland, Frank Kruger, Boney Bonair, Dick Gerhart, Charlie Martin, Chic Shiver.

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FORT BENNING ANNOUNCES INTRA-MURAL BALL SCHEDULE

With the launching of the 1948 Fort Benning intra-mural league schedule last Saturday afternoon at Gowdy field, eight post unit baseball teams entered a scramble for the loop's first half diamond title, plus a crack at the second half's winning team for the Benning crown.

A 56-game schedule, permitting every squad to play one tilt with each of the other seven participating teams, has been worked out by the post athletic and recreation office, and will run through May 12. All games will be played at Gowdy field.

Following completion of the circuit's first division, a second half of activity will be mapped for units which were unable to organize teams in time for the first half competition.

This season's program will include both afternoon and night games. Two games will be played each Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon throughout the schedule, and under-the-lights contests have been slated for each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Day classics will be played at 1 p. m. and 3 p. m., respectively, and the floodlight clashes will be staged at 8 o'clock.

Each Monday night of the season has been left open for playing postponed tilts of the preceding week.

Organizations placing teams in the league's first half are the Airborne battalion, the Infantry School detachment, the Student Training regiment, the 328th Ordnance battalion, Lawson field, the 30th Medical group, the 3440th Army Service unit, and the 204th Transportation Truck battalion.

Date	Time	Home Team	Date	Time	Visiting Team
3 April	1 p. m.	STR			Lawson Field
	3 p. m.	204th Trans. Bn.			Medics
4 April	1 p. m.	Airborne			ISD
	3 p. m.	328th Ord. Bn.			3440th ASU
6 April	8 p. m.	Lawson Field			204th Trans. Bn.
7 April	1 p. m.	STR			Airborne
	3 p. m.	Medics			328th Ord. Bn.
8 April	8 p. m.	ISD			3440th ASU
9 April	8 p. m.	Airborne			Lawson Field
10 April	1 p. m.	204th Trans. Bn.			328th Ord. Bn.
	3 p. m.	3440th ASU			ISD
11 April	1 p. m.	Medics			328th Ord. Bn.
	3 p. m.	Lawson Field			3440th ASU
13 April	8 p. m.	Airborne			ISD
14 April	1 p. m.	204th Trans. Bn.			Medics
	3 p. m.	STR			Lawson Field
15 April	8 p. m.	3440th ASU			328th Ord. Bn.
16 April	8 p. m.	ISD			Airborne
17 April	1 p. m.	Medics			204th Trans. Bn.
	3 p. m.	STR			ISD
18 April	1 p. m.	Lawson Field			Medics
	3 p. m.	3440th ASU			STR
20 April	8 p. m.	328th Ord. Bn.			204th Trans. Bn.
21 April	1 p. m.	Airborne			Lawson Field
	3 p. m.	Medics			ISD
22 April	8 p. m.	STR			3440th ASU
23 April	8 p. m.	204th Trans. Bn.			STR
24 April	1 p. m.	Lawson Field			328th Ord. Bn.
	3 p. m.	Airborne			204th Trans. Bn.
25 April	1 p. m.	Medics			Airborne
	3 p. m.	ISD			204th Trans. Bn.
27 April	8 p. m.	3440th ASU			Lawson Field
28 April	1 p. m.	204th Trans. Bn.			STR
	3 p. m.	Airborne			Medics
29 April	8 p. m.	328th Ord. Bn.			ISD
30 April	8 p. m.	3440th ASU			Airborne
1 May	1 p. m.	Lawson Field			204th Trans. Bn.
	3 p. m.	328th Ord. Bn.			3440th ASU
2 May	1 p. m.	STR			Medics
	3 p. m.	ISD			Lawson Field
4 May	8 p. m.	328th Ord. Bn.			Airborne
5 May	1 p. m.	3440th ASU			204th Trans. Bn.
	3 p. m.	ISD			STR
6 May	8 p. m.	Medics			3440th ASU
7 May	8 p. m.	Lawson Field			ISD
8 May	1 p. m.	328th Ord. Bn.			Medics
	3 p. m.	Airborne			STR
9 May	1 p. m.	204th Trans. Bn.			Lawson Field
	3 p. m.	ISD			3440th ASU
11 May	8 p. m.	Medics			328th Ord. Bn.
12 May	1 p. m.	STR			Airborne
	3 p. m.	204th Trans. Bn.			

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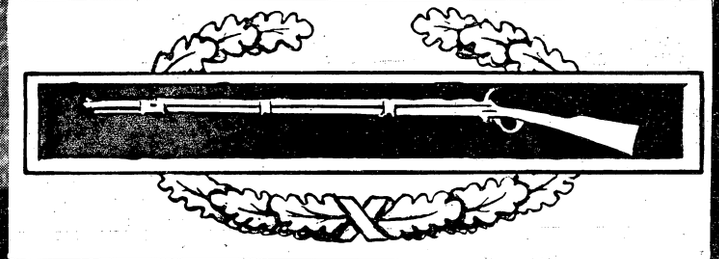

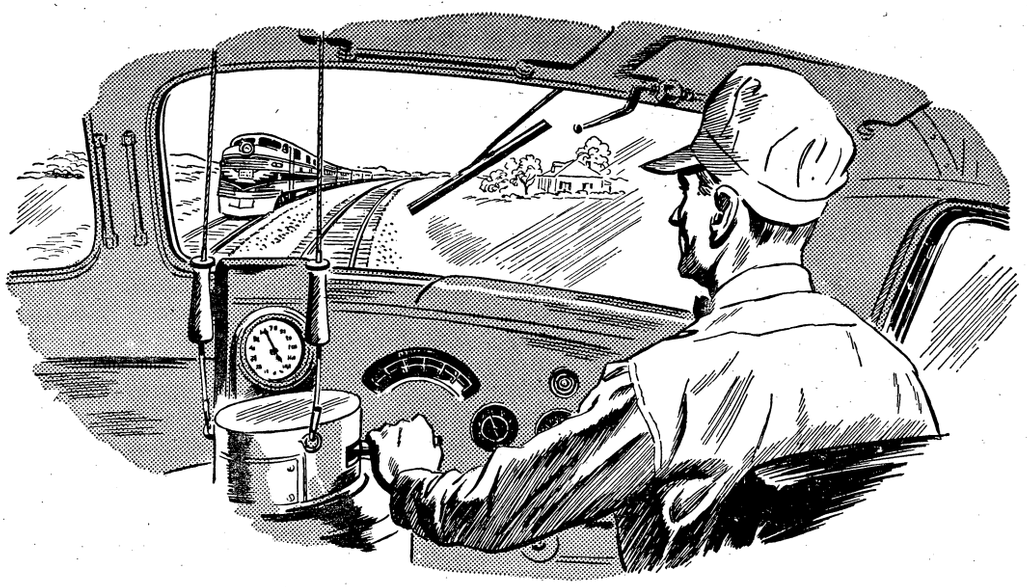

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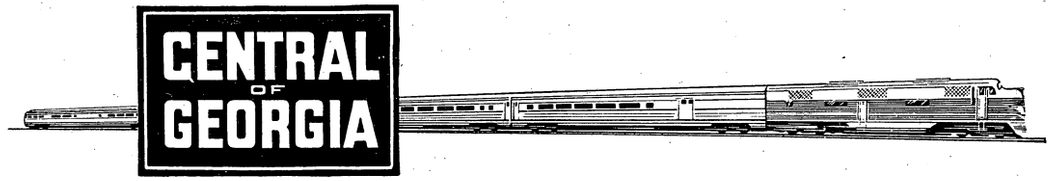

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A lot of distinguished visitors come to Fort Benning every month but few of them literally drop in the way Gen. (ret.) Jonathan M. Wainwright did the other day. He is shown here being given a helping hand by Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, Infantry Center commander, as he descends from the small civilian plane in which he landed at Lawson air force base. The tall general who had spent more than three years in Japanese prison camps after being given the distasteful task of surrendering American forces on Bataan and Corregidor came back to the States eventually to command the Fourth army, his last command prior to retiring from the service in August, 1947. Since that time, in addition to his duties as head of the Disabled Veterans of America, General Wainwright has spent much of his time visiting various army posts. His unofficial visit to Benning (he flew here from Fort Jackson, S. C.) was to spend a few hours with General Burress and Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, commanding general of the Third Infantry division. Twenty-four hours after arriving at the Infantry Center he took off for his home in San Antonio, Tex.

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TEAM'S DAY

15th RCT Gets Colors

The emphasis in World War II was on teamwork. The army, the navy and the air force worked as a team. But in the ground fighting of the war the infantry-artillery team was responsible for most of the gains of American troops. The 15th Infantry regimental combat team was one of the teams that helped make history in the war against the Germans. The regiment, with its 39th Field Artillery battalion, started fighting in French Morocco on Nov. 8, 1942, stopped at Berchtesgaden on May 8, 1945, then looked back at four major amphibious landings and 10 campaigns that carried through North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and into Austria. Then came demobilization and redeployment and the proud units, less than two years after war's end, found themselves down to zero strength but still carried on the rolls of the army.

Last December the 15th Infantry and 39th Field Artillery battalion stopped their enforced hibernation and began to grow to effective strength at Benning. The word had gone out: bring the Third Division back as a unit. Soon after the reorganization Dec. 1, Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson and his staff came to Benning and the blue and white patches started sprouting all over the post. The regiment was here; so was the battalion, but neither had their colors with battle streamers for the regiment dating back to the War of 1812.

After a couple of false starts the combat team decided definitely to have a "day," to show the people at Benning and the folks in Columbus that it was definitely shaping up as a fighting force. Scheduled were a big parade to include the presentation of colors to the two units by General Clarkson and an open house in the barracks of the 15th Infantry during which the regiment's hundreds of trophies would be displayed.

The parade proved to be one of the biggest at Fort Benning in a long time. Passing in review for the Third's commander were the 15th Infantry, 39th Field Artillery, 73rd Heavy Tank battalion, Company B, 10th Engineer battalion, Second battalion, 25th Infantry regiment (since redesignated Third battalion, 15th Infantry regiment), 999th Field Artillery battalion, Company A, 505th Airborne Infantry regiment and the 72nd Army band.

There were touches of humor and others of nostalgia at the parade, too. Spectators, many steeped in army traditions, held their breaths when, as shown in the upper picture, opposite page, General Clarkson handed the regimental colors to Col. James F. Torrence, Jr., 15th's commander; for the colors started slipping from the standard. But a ripple of subdued laughter was heard in one area of the spectators' stands when someone cracked that there was a good reason for the colors to slip. The swath of battle streamers had made the standard top-heavy. But the colors were quickly refastened and the presentation continued.

There was also some nostalgia, for in the reviewing lineup, standing next to Lt. Col. Clyde L. Jones, CO of the 39th Field, in the front row are Lt. Col. Ashton H. Manhart, Lt. Col. Ben Harrell, Lt. Col. Lee Shaughnessey and Maj. Robert De Mers. Colonels Manhart and Harrell had commanded the 15th during the war; Colonel Shaughnessey and Major De Mers commanded it after the war. There were a lot of old timers of the Third division, most of them now with the Infantry School who remembered the old days. In the second row can be seen some of the members of the "new" Third's general staff.

The bottom photo shows the color bearers of the 15th and 39th in front, while in the rear are the colors of the 73rd Tank battalion, 25th Infantry and 999th Field. Behind them can be seen part of the several thousand troops who were inspected by, and then paraded for, General Clarkson.

General Clarkson is shown presenting the colors of the 39th Field Artillery battalion to Lt. Col. Clyde L. Jones, commanding officer of the organization.

Shown here are part of the thousands of dollars worth (though the figure is arbitrary since the objects are irreplaceable) of mementos and trophies of the 15th Infantry, collected, mainly during the 26 years of the regiment's service in China. The pictures on the wall at left are of the regiment's commanders while the rugs on the floor are of hand-woven wool. The table in the foreground contains some of the unit's many athletic trophies. The table in the center holds the silver service and silver incense burner, while other trophies are on the table in the rear.

Pvt. Melvin W. Leake, standing guard in the trophy room, is shown next to two valuable vases the regiment brought back from China. The twin vases are decorated with inlaid porcelain enameled pictures of ancient Chinese scenes. Between them is a handwrought cup of solid silver.

Sgt. 1st cl. Paul F. Pierce examines an exquisitely inlaid scabbard, part of the weapons collection of the regiment. The scabbard is made to hold both the twin swords shown on the lower right edge of the stand. Included in the collection is an ancient Chinese crossbow for firing darts dipped in poison.

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Capt. Paul W. Snodgrass, in charge of the trophy room, points out features of the incense burner to Sgt. Lewis H. Robinson of the 15th. Robinson, a member of the Third division Battle Patrol during the last war, is leaning on the solid mahogany non-coms' mess table in which is inlaid the crest of the regiment. Around the edges of the table and engraved in silver are the names of the members of the mess.

TROPHY ROOM

Souvenirs on Display

For the open house scheduled for 15th Infantry Regimental Combat Team Day, the unit went into the vaults and guarded rooms of Fort Benning to bring out its hundreds of irreplaceable trophies and mementos, many of which have had a valuation of thousands of dollars placed on them. The trophies are not souvenirs in the usual sense of the word; every one of them had come to the regiment through hard work and often dangerous service or because of the esteem bestowed upon it, especially during its 26 consecutive years in China, where it guarded Americans and other foreign nationals from brigands during the ebb and flow of Chinese upheavals.

Clustered on the old non-coms' mess table in the center of the room was the famous solid silver tea service and 40 of the original 100 cups, presented by the citizens of Tientsin. Also occupying a place of honor on the table was the remarkable pagoda-shaped incense burner, also in heavy silver, while delicate cups of china and impressive trays made up the rest of the display.

On other tables in the room, in specially constructed cases and hanging from the walls were precious athletic and military trophies, priceless vases, mounted heads of Asiatic game animals and, almost covering one wall, pictures of nearly all the commanders of the regiment which dates back to the War of 1812. Even the floor was part of the display, for it was covered with nine hand-woven wool rugs, the replacement value of which is estimated to be $15,000.

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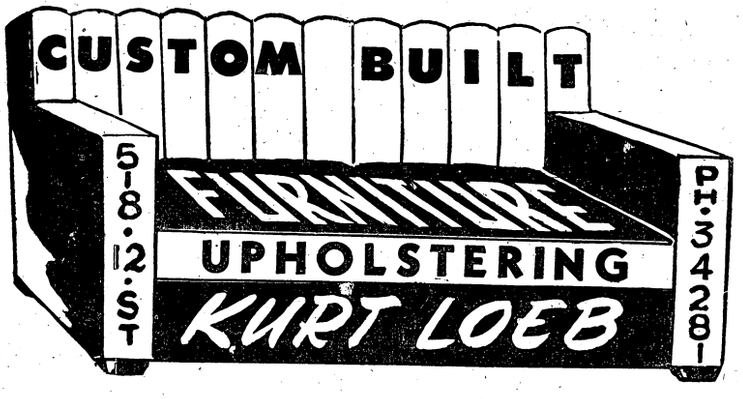

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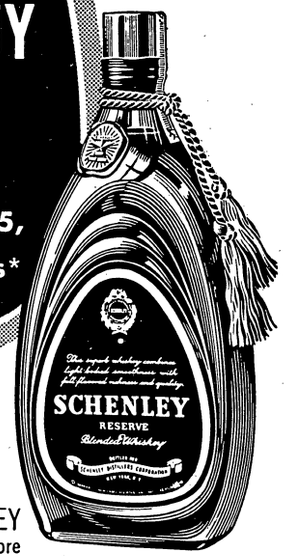

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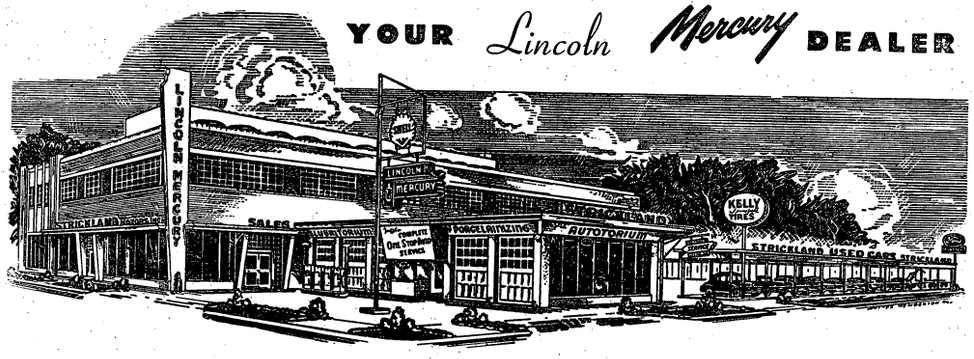

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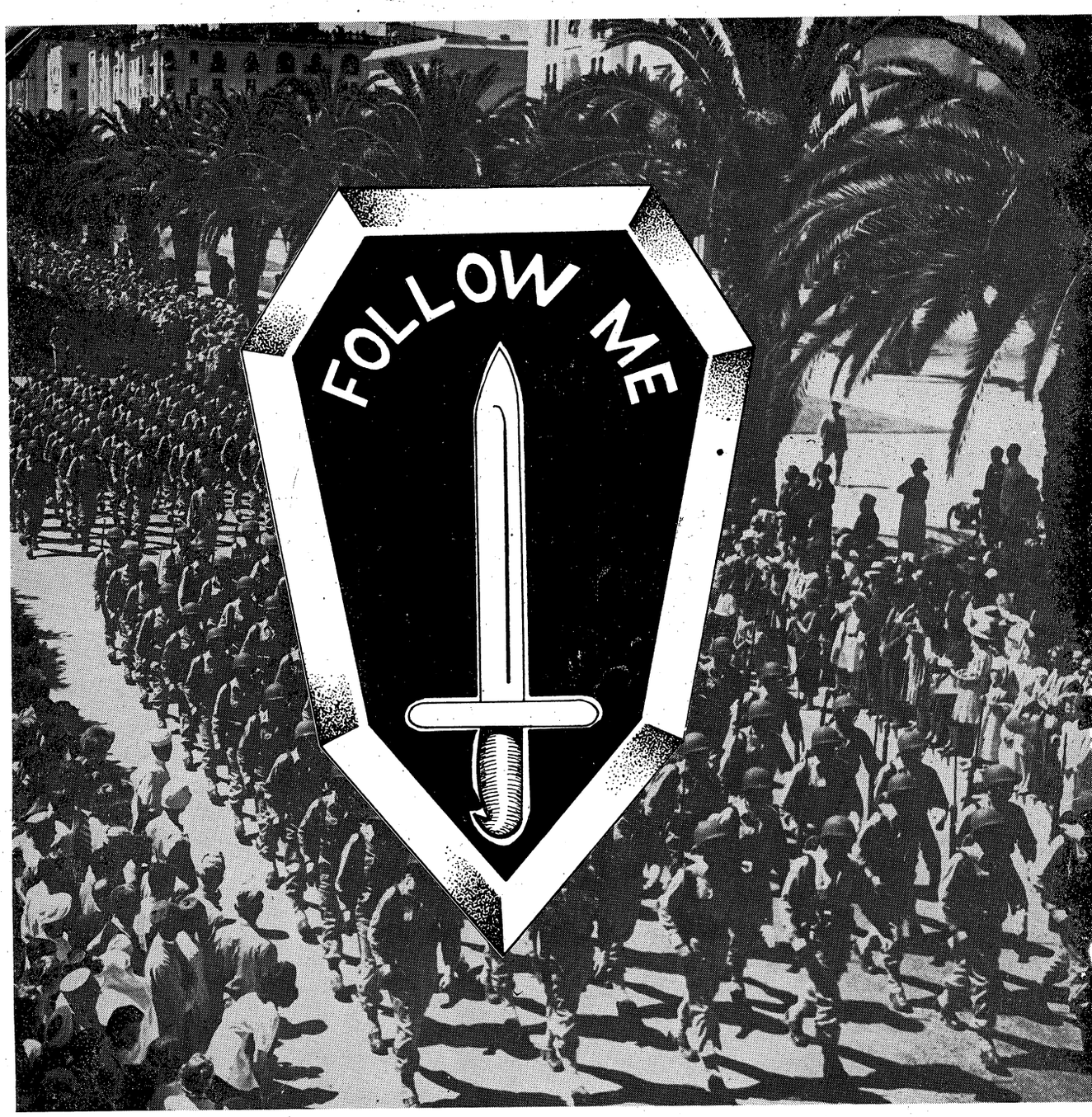

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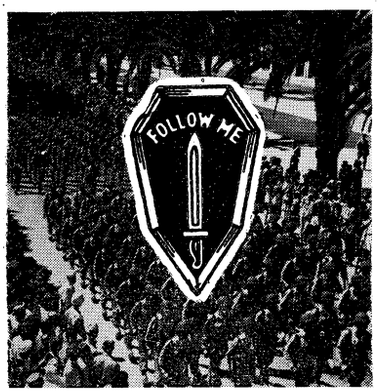

There could be no more appropriate insignia for The Infantry School than "Follow Me." When the chips are down it is always the infantry who lead. The soldiers shown on the cover of this issue are parading in Rabat, French Morocco, July 4, 1943. A week later American infantry was landing on the coast of Sicily in the first successful invasion of Europe. Infantry next landed at Salerno in Italy while others carried the fight to the Japs.

From The Editor . . .

With this issue *The Benning Herald* celebrates its first anniversary. In its present format as a picture magazine it is now just one year old. Early in October, 1948, Maj. Charles E. Dunn, then assistant Public Information Officer of The Infantry Center, and Mr. Louis C. Kunze, Jr., of The Columbus Office Supply Company, talked over the possibility of starting a picture magazine to record LIFE-like the activities of The Infantry Center. It was thought that the soldiers stationed at Benning would enjoy having a magazine distributed free to them each month in which they could see what they and their fellow soldiers were doing. So, on October 28, last year, the first issue of *The Benning Herald,* a "pilot model" of 5,000 copies, was distributed. Today the circulation has about doubled and the magazine has slowly grown in size.

When the first issue came out, in fact, even before the initial publication, it was known that the magazine would not jump immediately to the size of this issue. A great deal of experimentation had to be carried on to determine how to employ most effectively the best of hundreds of pictures taken each month. One thing was made definite: "second hand" pictures would not be used. The soldier-readers would see fresh art. Consequently, each month the photographers go out and shoot fresh pictures to tell the story of Benning activities. In addition, where other publications are using pictures of an outstanding news activity, *The Herald* attempts to get the pictures from different angles. Freshness and variety are the keynote of *The Herald's* attempt to record life at The Infantry Center.

In paying tribute to those who have made possible what we believe to be the first and only post picture magazine in the Army, too much cannot be said for the soldier-photographers of Fort Benning. They have gone out on assignments day and night to get the pictures seen in *The Herald.* But most of all, they have worked willingly. Their only reward has been to see their pictures published.

Thus, having finished its first year, *The Herald* looks forward to next year, to recording another year of activities at Benning. We hope you have liked what you have seen and read. This magazine belongs to no editor, no staff, no office. It is the magazine for the soldiers of The Infantry Center.

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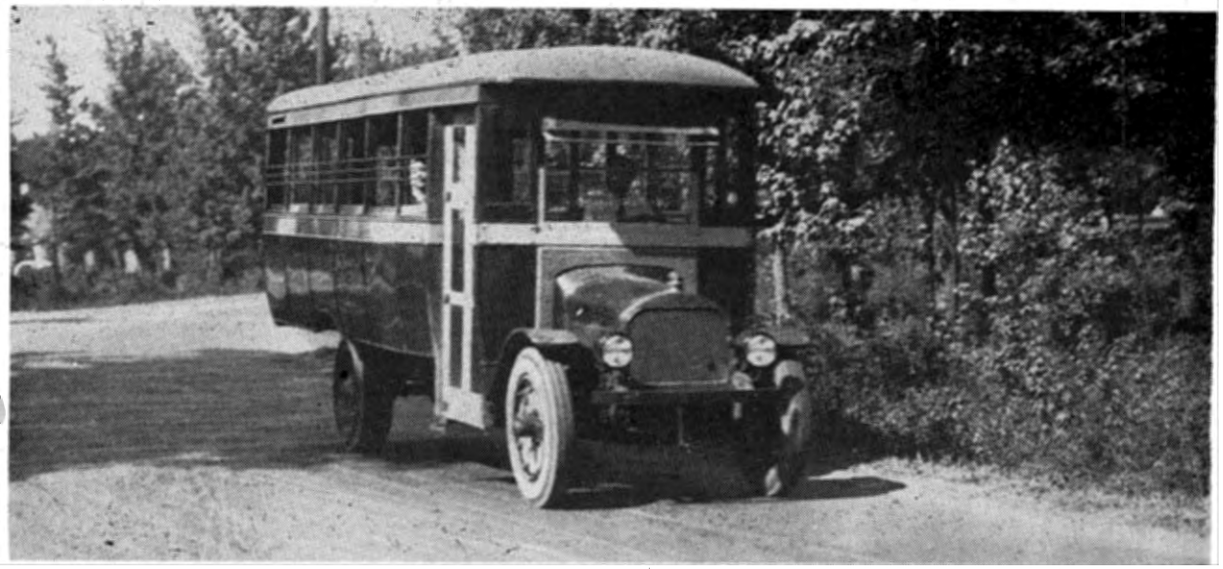

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The story of The Infantry School, the story of its struggles during critical periods of its existence through which it survived despite disheartening conditions imposed upon it by indifference, lack of financial assistance, factional hostility and attacks of critics and assailants, is an epic in the history of American infantry. Though the institution which is known today as The Infantry School is comparatively new, it is richly endowed in historical background for it is a product of evolution, the fruition of the advanced ideas of generations of progressive infantrymen. As it exists today it surpasses in its magnitude, its scope of research and development and its influence in molding the character of American infantry anything ever conceived in the hopeful minds of the pioneers of infantry advancement. Today it is the vital center of the infantry, of its progressive thought, of its doctrines, tactics and methods. It is an important support in the structure of national defense, for infantry, the preponderant force of modern armies even in this atomic and jet propelled age, remains the decisive power in war. There is no extravagant praise bestowed upon The Infantry School when it is said that in its efficiency there is a guarantee of national security, for the efficiency of American infantry will be the efficiency of The Infantry School.

In the history of American arms it has always been the infantry that has borne the brunt of battle. It is the infantry that meets the enemy in close combat, it is the infantry that seizes the enemy territory and it is the infantry that occupies the enemy territory. There has never been a substitute for the doughboy. And it is the infantry that suffers the most casualties. Never endowed with modern "glamor," the infantry of 1949 is a far cry from the infantry that fought in all the American wars from the Philippines to the deserts of North Africa, from the hedgerows of Normandy and mountains of Italy to the jungles of Burma and coral islands of the Pacific. Today's infantry has grown slowly to its present point where it has finally caught the eye of the nation as the combat arm that is so vitally important in our whole scheme of life. But it was not always so. The story of The Infantry School points to that.

BARON VON STEUBEN

American infantry of the Revolutionary War period was, for the most part, a rag-tag and bob-tail affair until Baron von Steuben (see cut) offered his services to General Washington. But those doughboys of Washington's times knew one thing that the doughboys of today know. They knew that you can't hit with a rifle what you don't see. Washington himself had learned that lesson 20 years earlier when he saw columns of redcoated Britishers, moving in close order, massacred on the roads of Pennsylvania. But the militia-infantryman of the Revolution lacked a cardinal virtue of the good soldier: discipline. He came and went pretty much as he pleased. If he felt like fighting he fought; if he felt like going home he went home. He brought his own weapon, a long rifle or musket with him, and often supplied his own ammunition and powder and rations. Fortunately for the new nation which depended so heavily on him, he had enough sense of responsibility (or at least enough of them did) to continue to serve when his services were needed, although pay was often non-existant.

How von Steuben organized and trained the army of Washington is a story known to every boy. But the former member of the staff of Frederick the Great of Prussia was also looking to the future and his look can be seen today at The Infantry School. It was the Prussian drillmaster who first conceived the idea of forming a special demonstration unit and he induced General Washington to issue the order which provided for the addition to the guard of the commander-in-chief of certain selected soldiers "for the purpose of forming a corps, to be instructed in the maneuvers necessary to be introduced into the army and to serve as a model for the execution of them." Today we find his method again in use at Benning where troop organizations are maintained and employed to develop and illustrate the technique and tactics of infantry.

In the years following the Revolutionary War the army was disorganized and literally fell to pieces. A low ebb was reached during the War of 1812 when, except in a few cases, American ground forces failed miserably in most of their missions. But a few voices in favor of the infantry, at least, were still heard in the wilderness of public and official apathy. In 1826, Maj. Gen. Edmund P. Gaines, after long and patient effort, induced the War Department to authorize the establishment of an infantry post at St. Louis, Mo., for the purpose of organizing an "Infantry School of Instruction" to improve the efficiency of the infantry. Here, in 1826, was founded Jefferson Barracks and the infantry's first school. In 1826 and 1827 the bulk of the army's infantry was assembled at Jefferson Barracks and although the idea initially had been to train enlisted men, the plan was expanded and the principal function of the school soon became one of training officers. But the time didn't seem to be ripe for the school and with the need for soldiers to fight the Indians the troops at the school were gradually scattered and thus, by 1828 the school had ceased to be and it was officially abolished November 24, 1828.

The next decades of American military history, filled with numerous petty Indian wars and the Mexican War, did not permit the infantry to do much toward its own advancement. Units were too scattered and their energies too confined in other duties to permit much thought to be given to the revival of the Jefferson Barracks experiment. Neither the years of the Civil War, nor the dark ages immediately following, saw a revival of the school idea, and service schools were scorned as nonsense. Military science found almost its sole field for development in the work of the troops themselves. But in the 40 years after the Civil War, a series of noteworthy books and manuals were written and as the 20th century opened, the idea of schools for soldiers, modeled after the great European academies, began to find favor. Thus, in 1881 there had already been established at Fort Leavenworth the School of Application for Infantry and Cavalry. By no means an infantry school, this institution gradually assumed a role similar to that of the European staff colleges. In 1892 a school for cavalry and artillery was established at Fort Riley, later to be split into two schools with cavalry at Riley and artillery at Fort Sill. Nothing was done for the infantry. Not until 1907, when automatic weapons were already almost standard equipment, was something done for the infantry. In that year a step was taken, the first one, which led to the foundation of The Infantry School of today and its location at Fort Benning.

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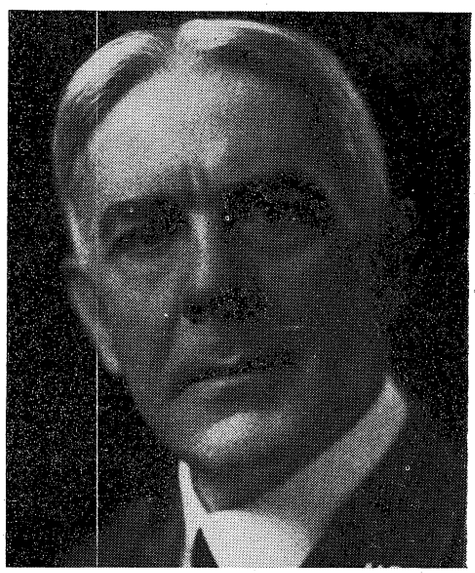
The Commandants—

The 15 commandants of The Infantry School since it has been at Benning were all men who built the school into one of the outstanding educational institutions of any kind in any time. But they were all imbued with one sincere thought: to give the American infantry soldier the finest military education it was possible to give him. No one knew better than the commandants shown on these two pages that it is the infantry and always the infantry that bears the brunt of battle. These men were leaders and they were fighters. Colonel Eames' greatest fight, and an outstanding feat of leadership, was getting the school to Benning. Generals Farnsworth and Gordon fought at Benning and in Washington to keep the school alive. The commandants from General Wells through General Singleton fought to keep the school growing. During the war years it was men like Generals Hodges, Bradley, Allen and Bonesteel who fought to keep the flow of trained men moving to the combat units. Since the departure of General Bonesteel three great infantrymen have worked to transmit the knowledge learned in the past war to infantrymen who have come into the army since the war; they have fought to keep the infantry abreast of the times. The infantry earned its place in the sun on the beaches of the Atlantic and Pacific; these men have fought to keep the infantry in that place in America's defense organization. The school could have had no commandants better fitted to lead it since 1944. General Walker led the 36th Infantry division. General O'Daniel led the Third Infantry division. General Burress led the 100th Infantry division. These men, like the first 12 commandants, know infantrymen; they are infantrymen themselves. The infantryman has never had a better friend than the commandant.



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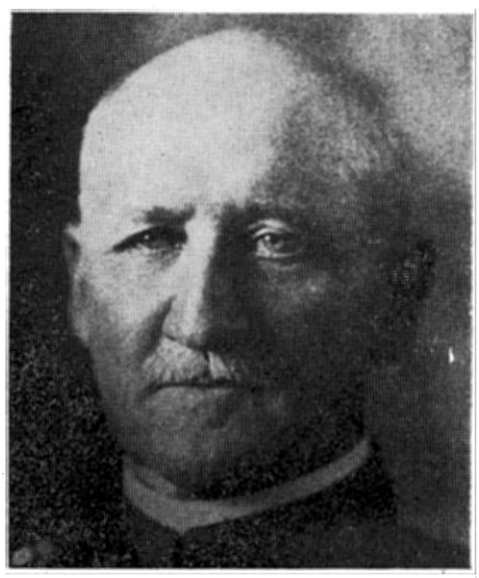

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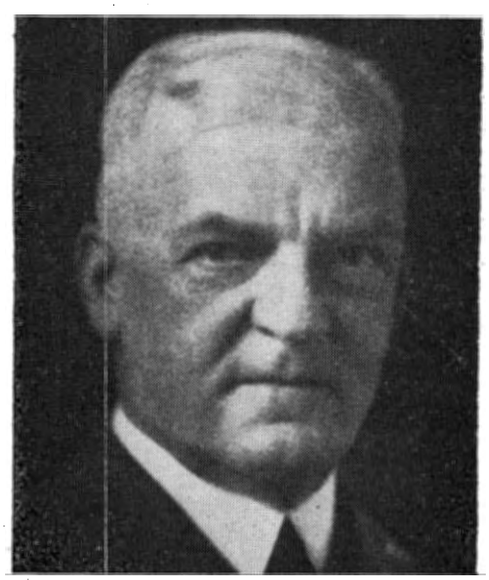

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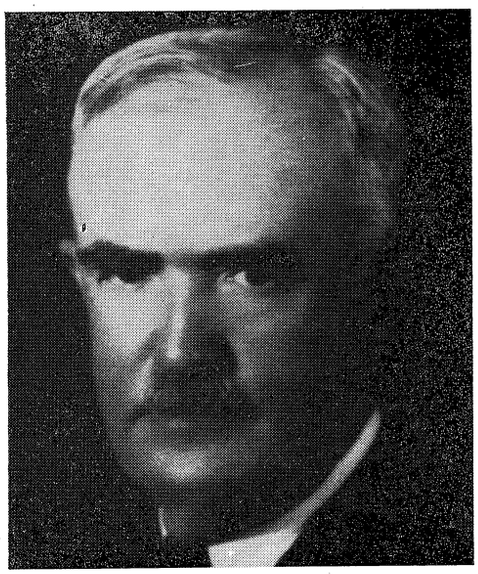

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The Assistants—

While the commandants pictured on pages 4 and 5 fought to retain and build The Infantry School, another group of 15 men carried the fight up to the present to maintain the school's impressive educational standards. These men, the assistant commandants of The Infantry School, working side by side with the commandants, have kept a sharp eye on the school's curriculum, have worked unceasingly to keep the thousands of students abreast of the latest developments in warfare. It is of interest to note that to be assistant commandant of The Infantry School has meant that the assignment has been a stepping stone to advancement. Colonels Malone, Fassett and Bjornstad left Benning as generals. Lt. Col. George C. Marshall's rise in the military firmament is without parallel. Colonel Hodges became the commandant of the school and retired recently with four-star rank. Colonel Burress, the present commandant, activated and commanded an infantry division, commanded a corps and commanded the Constabulary before returning to Benning and his present assignment. General Weems has just returned to an important position in the Third Army after assigment overseas. General Shepard, now a major general, is serving in the Pacific.

In the complex life of a military post as large and important as Fort Benning, much of the labor of directing the school falls on the shoulders of the assistant commandant. As the commandant's right hand man he assumes much of the burden of handling the vast amount of work and worry connected with the instruction of thousands of students annually. In the present year about 15,000 students will be at Benning. They and their instructors will look to the "AC" for leadership and guidance. Today's assistant commandant is an officer of the same tradition of Generals Marshall and Hodges and the others. During World War II General Bradley commanded an infantry regiment and was assistant commander of an infantry division. He knows what doughboys have to know. His job is to see that they learn what they must know. With the help of his staff he does that.

LT. COL. PAUL B. MALONE
APRIL, 1920 — DECEMBER, 1922

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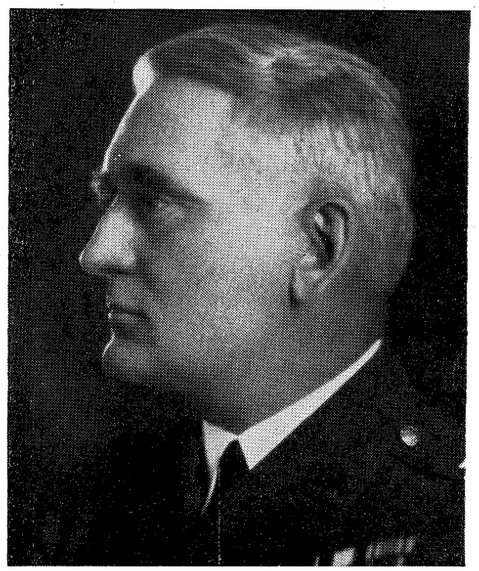

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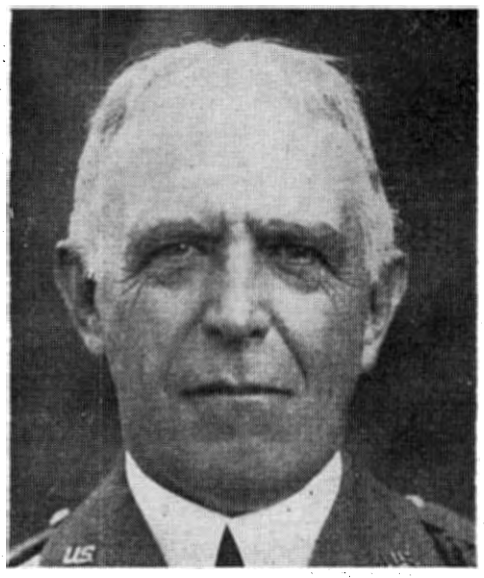

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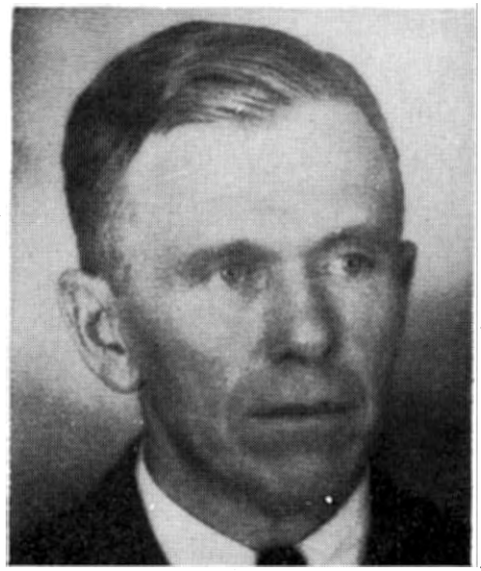

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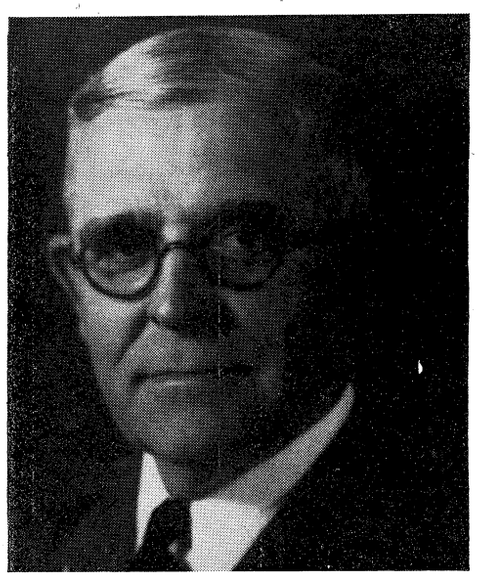

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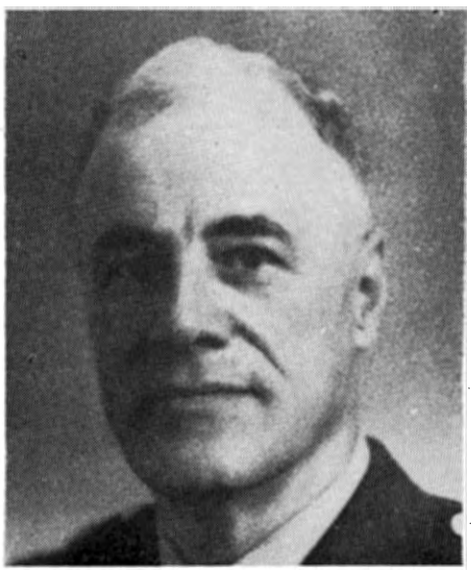

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GENERAL MacARTHUR WAS A GREAT BELIEVER IN THE INFANTRYMAN AND HIS RIFLE.

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The American soldier had always been famous for his prowess with the rifle and his marksmanship had been the envy of military officialdom the world over. Until shortly after the Spanish-American War improvement in rifle marksmanship had progressed steadily, but gradually there came a decline in skill with the rifle. This became a matter of great concern to Lt. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, (father of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur) commander of the Pacific Division of the Army. He ordered Capt. Frank L. Winn, his aide-de-camp, to locate and build new ranges and find instructors for the extensive courses in marksmanship which he proposed to inaugurate. Captain Winn's work resulted in General Orders No. 4, Pacific Division, February 21, 1907, which formally established the School of Musketry, Pacific Division, at the Presidio of Monterey, California.

Well ahead of his time, General MacArthur not only believed that the infantryman should know his weapon, but that he should also know how to use it under all conditions. The school opened April 1, 1907 and the curriculum included, in addition to marksmanship, studies of all infantry weapons, ballistics and their relations to tactics, fire control and discipline, supply of ammunition in battle and a limited study of small

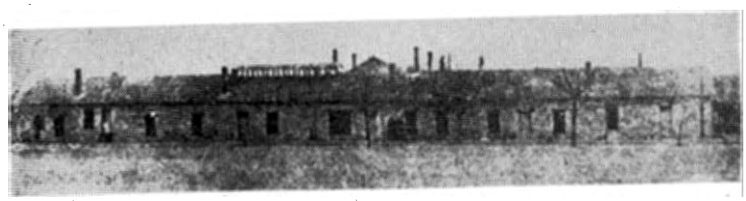
THE FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL OF MUSKETRY AT THE PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, CALIF., 1911, WHERE "A WHITE HEAT OF ENTHUSIASM PERMEATED EVERY CLASS AND PRACTICALLY EVERY MEMBER OF EVERY CLASS. NO URGING OF LAGGARDS WAS NECESSARY."

THE MACHINE GUN WAS A CURIOSITY TO THE CLASSES AT THE SCHOOL.

arms of foreign nations. It was here, too, that the celebrated coach and pupil method came into being. Three months after its opening the status of the school was changed to that of a department school and from then on, although attendance was restricted to a very small number of men, it began to grow in importance.

In 1910 a movement was afoot to move the School of Musketry to Fort Sill, Okla., site of the Field Artillery School and the transfer order was finally issued on December 19, 1912. This transfer to Sill and the change in the status of the School of Musketry from a division to a War Department School gave great impetus to interest in infantry tactics and weapons and during the next seven years the importance and prestige of the school rapidly rose. But all was not easy for the proponents of the school. In 1913, for example, the border trouble with Mexico drew practically every infantryman to field duty and the school was, for all practical purposes, temporarily suspended. In fact, except for Lt. Walter C. Short, who remained at Sill as school secretary, all other members of the faculty and student body except the ordnance officer and four enlisted men were called away. The War Department, however, didn't forget the school, for by Army Regulations published June 7, 1913, the School of Musketry was included among the recognized service institutions.

Again, for a time from 1913 till 1915 activities at the school were almost nil as the small infantry force was ordered almost all over the western hemisphere for various duties. During 1914 and 1915 the sole activity of personnel at Sill had to do with tests of range finders and pistols. Housing and other facilities were as bad as could be found and it seemed to many that Fort Sill was looking at the infantry more as a stepchild than anything else. World War I was in the offing, however, and things were soon to change for the better. No official classes had been held by the school up until February, 1917 after the previous years' disturbances on and south of the border. The intervening time had, however, been used to perfect the instructing personnel in their duties, and in the revision of school texts. Much had also been learned from the experiences of the European powers in the war which the United States was soon to enter. On February 6, 1917 a new class of non-commissioned officers was ordered to the school for a 16 weeks' course to be devoted primarily to the study of machine guns. This was the impetus needed to get the school going stronger than ever before. That summer, on July 23, the War



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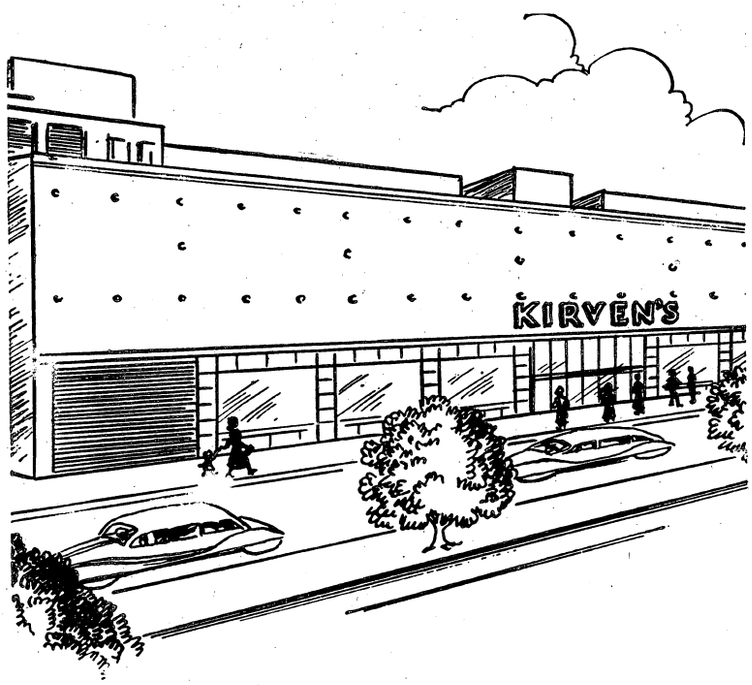

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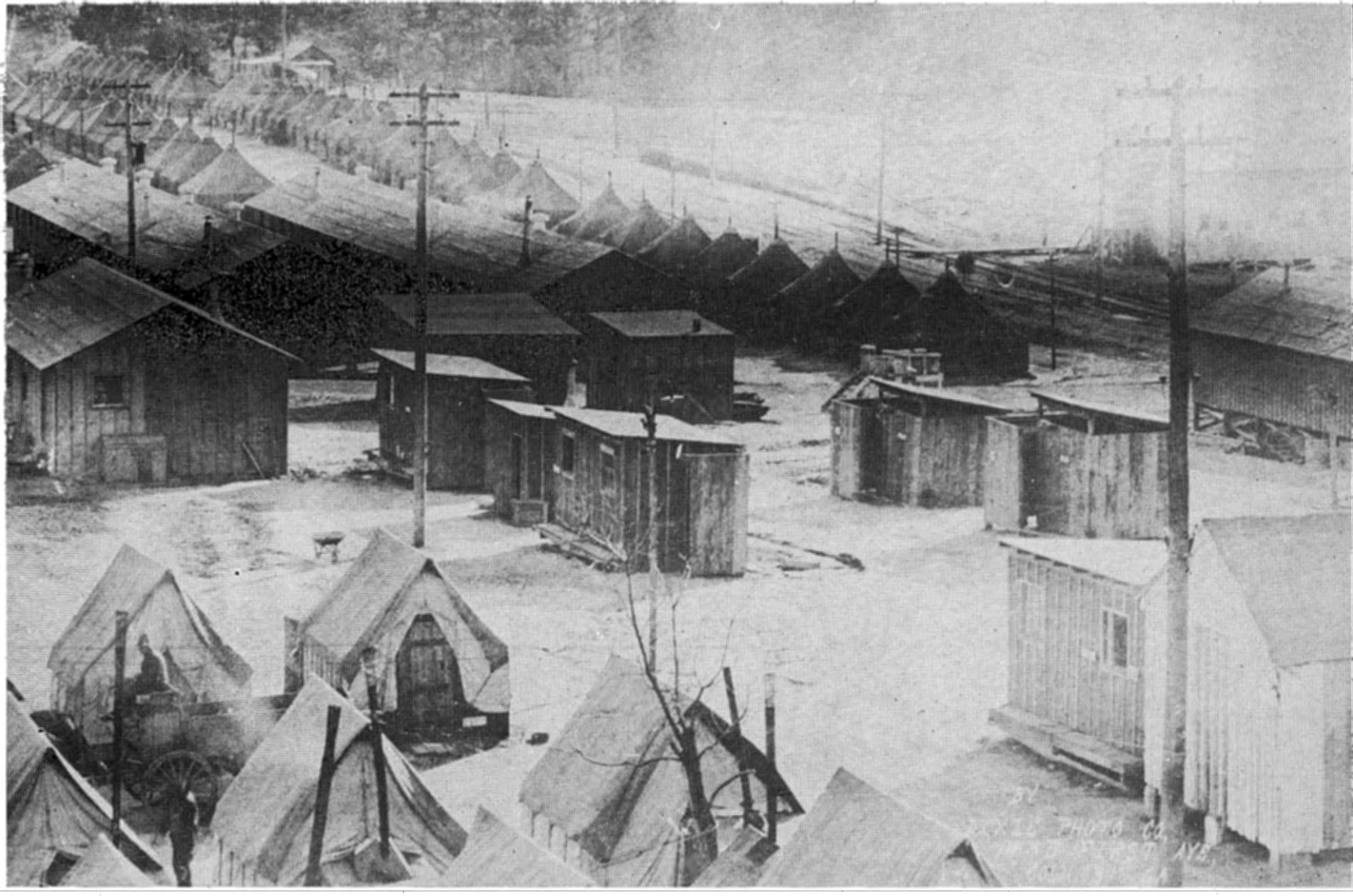
Department ordered the name changed to the Infantry School of Arms; this meant that for the firt time the infantry would have a school devoted entirely to the training of infantrymen.

While things were looking up, however, the expansion of the army forced a split in the new school. The machine gun department was transferred to Camp Hancock near Augusta, Ga., and the small arms school to Camp Perry, Ohio. The next move would be to Benning, and it would be a move that would result in the establishment of America's most complete military post. Oddly enough, it was a famous cable from General John J. Pershing that may have swung the balance in favor of a permanent infantry school, for, on October 21, 1917, he told the War Department: "Recommend that instruction of divisions in the United States be conducted with a view of developing the soldiers physically and in knowledge of sanitation, inculcating high standards of discipline, producing superior marksmanship both on the range and in field firing exercises in large bodies. Close adherence is urged to the central idea that the essential principles of war have not changed, that the rifle and the bayonet are still the supreme weapons of the infantry soldier, and that the ultimate success of the army depends upon their proper use in open warfare." To many, this meant that the army needed a permanent infantry school for only there could these principles be taught.

At the time that General Pershing sent this cable, there were no adequate facilities for teaching the courses required to train the army that would be fighting in France. Sill, Hancock and Perry were the locations of the sections of the school and geography so unfavorable hampered the school's operations. Early in 1918, the War Department considered seriously the construction of another Infantry School of Arms. They still thought of it, in Washington, as a war measure, necessitated by overcrowding at other posts, especially at Fort Sill. But in the latter part of May, 1918, as directed by Special Order 119, a board, headed by Col. Henry E. Eames, commandant of the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill, and consisting of Lt Col. Charles E. Reese, Major Thomas A. Lowe and Lt. George Van W. Pope, all instructors at the school, was sent to Columbus, Ga., Fayetteville, N. C., Knoxville, Tenn., and Oklahoma City, Okla., to inspect prospective camp sites for this new project.

Many estimates for construction of camps in various localities were sent to the Secretary of War for approval but the recommendations for establishing The Infantry School near Columbus outweighed all others. The reasons for choosing the Columbus site were many and convincing, but the two principal considerations were diversified land and relative moderate climate. The Columbus site offered 250,000 acres and the climate was not unbearable at any time throughout the year. The citizens of Columbus, too, had backed the idea of establishing the school in its present location and as far back as the declaration of war against Germany, civic committees had gone to Washington and to Charleston, S. C., headquarters of the Southeastern Department, to urge the construction of a post in their area. After months of preliminary investigation and reporting, the decision was finally made by the War Department on Sept. 12, 1918 to transfer the three sections of The Infantry School from Fort Sill, Camp Hancock and Camp Perry to a site on the Macon Road, three miles east of Columbus.

FOR FIELD FIRING THE ONLY SUITABLE TERRAIN WAS SEVERAL MILES FROM THE POST AND IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR THE STUDENTS AND SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO CAMP NEAR THE SITE DURING THE FIVE TO 10 DAYS IT WAS IN PROGRESS. HERE A GROUP OF THE LADIES OF THE GARRISON ARE SHOWN VISITING THE MUSKETRY CAMP.



THE FIRST SITE OF THE INFANTRY SCHOOL SELECTED BY COLONEL EAMES WAS ON THE MACON ROAD WITHIN THREE MILES OF THE HEART OF COLUMBUS. SEVEN DAYS AFTER IT HAD BEEN STARTED THE CAMP WAS READY FOR OCCUPANY.

The School Came to Benning

Two months before the decision to move The Infantry School to Benning was made, Majors Solomon and Gibbs of the Construction Division had been in the new area following orders to select a building site for a cantonment for 30,000 officers and enlisted men. They selected the site on the Macon Road, but no decision as to what to build or where to put it had been made, however, when on September 20, 1918 the Construction Division was notified that The Infantry School at Fort Sill was under orders to move to Columbus and that the troops would probably arrive there on or about October 1. This was short notice for Major J. Paul Jones who had been selected as constructing quartermaster for the project. In fact, he was in Washington when he was notified that the troops were enroute to Columbus and that although no money allotment had been made and the project had not been formally approved by the Secretary of War, shelter and facilities must be arranged for the troops. Caring for a number of troops without proper authority to spend money was a matter of considerable concern as it was estimated that it would take $100,000 to build the mess halls, tent frames, latrines, bath houses and water supply installations for the 1,200 men. However, a civilian construction company offered to undertake construction of this temporary camp and wait for payment until the proper authorization had been obtained! The offer was accepted, and Major Jones left Washington on the 21st, wiring helter-skelter to Atlanta plumbing and electric companies and Columbus lumber dealers to meet him immediately. When Major Jones arrived in Atlanta on the 23rd he promptly bought a carload of pipe and materials although he didn't know whether the pipe was the right size or the materials suitable. He just needed everything he could lay hands on. Then, while he wired the lumber dealers in Columbus to meet him that night, the last train left Atlanta, so he hired a car and rode to Columbus in style and speed, arriving the next day at 10 a. m.

Colonel Eames and Major Jones immediately laid out plans for a camp site, and after persuading the local dealers that they would be better off in the long run to lower their prices on a million feet of lumber, construction began. Labor and materials were short but the civilians pitched in, loaned trucks and on the first Sunday alone moved 400,000 feet of lumber to the camp site. On Monday 600 men reported for work and the job was as far advanced by then as if it had been organized 30 or 40 days. It took exactly seven days to build the first Camp Benning. On the fourth of October the first detach-

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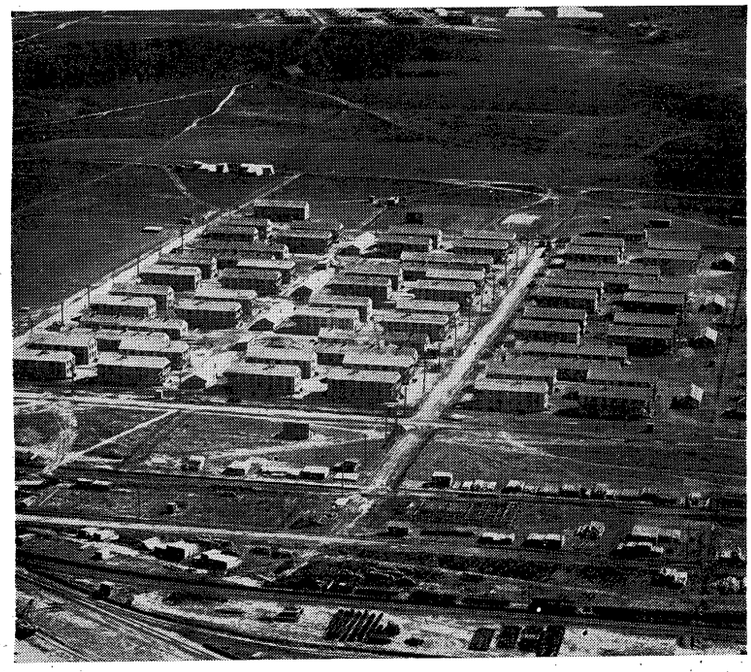
ments began to arrive and were easily taken care of in the new area.

A few days after the completion of the temporary camp a flag raising was held. Miss Anna Caroline Benning, an elderly lady, was chosen to raise the first flag in this new camp. Her father, General Henry Lewis Benning of the Confederate forces in the Civil War was considered the outstanding officer from this vicinity during that war and in keeping with the spirit of complete union between North and South it was thought fitting to name the new camp after him. After the flag raising the matter was taken up with Washington and the name approved as Camp Benning.

During the first few weeks the strength of Benning was augmented by the arrival of personnel from the School of Small Arms at Camp Perry and these men began to look for sites for ranges. None were found so Colonel Eames ordered a board to start work on new locations. The board went over the entire reservation and found nothing suitable. They did recommend that the Bussey plantation, nine miles south of Columbus on the Lumpkin Road just south of Upatoi Creek and east of the Chattahoochee River was ideal and it was soon decided to move from the temporary camp to the present site.

While progress on the building of Benning was going on the war ended in Europe and the economy faction immediately called for the abandonment of the temporary camps and breaking up of the army. On January 7, 1919, an order was received to abandon Benning and salvage the equipment. Major Jones, however, interpreted salvage to mean "save" so he immediately ordered all buildings painted to "save" them. Early in the year, however, Colonel Eames went to Washington and met with members of the General Staff and instead of abandoning Benning, it was decided to set up a peacetime Infantry School with a personnel capacity of 5,040 and an area of 98,000 acres. The school, however, was not functioning officially when, on February 22, 1919, the West Point class which had begun a short course of instruction in December, became the school's first graduating class.

Boards had been working, money was appropriated and



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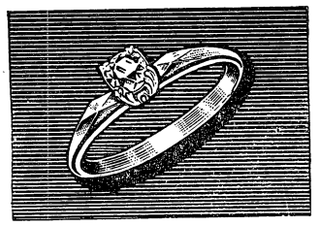
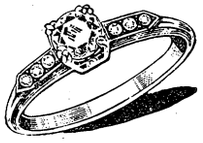
throughout the early part of 1919 the work of building the camp and instructing the students went on. On April 3 the reunion of the school was complete when the last of the personnel arrived from Camp Hancock and on the 22nd Colonel Eames concluded his duties as commandant and was succeeded by Maj. Gen. Charles S. Farnsworth.

The problems of 1919 were essentially the problems of living. As Mrs. Lloyd R. Fredendall, wife of the officer who later became a lieutenant general, when asked how she liked living at Benning, said, "Like it! I helped build it!" And in a manner of speaking, she did. On the floor of the tent home in which the Fredendalls lived they first placed newspapers, then covered the papers with scraps of tar paper picked up from construction jobs, then, after painting, shellacking and waxing the "floor" they had a proper place on which to put their oriental rugs. But Benning was still known as a peacetime Valley Forge. On September 25, 1919, however, the War Department issued final orders for the organization of The Infantry School at Benning. The principal mission of the school was then declared to be to "develop and standardize the instruction and training of officers in the technique and tactics" of infantry. This was in line with the policy outlined by General Pershing in 1917.

But when, on December 10, 1919, the general came to inspect the camp whose establishment he had recommended his car was driven across the Upatoi on a railroad bridge, the low road span being under 20 feet of water. Seas of mud, overflowing streams, liquid roads and a sodden camp awaited him. The inundation which resulted from a down-pour of several days' duration prior to his arrival is still known as the "First Pershing Flood."





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The first months of 1920 gave promise of material backing of the orders issued the previous September by the War Department. In February Congress appropriated $250,000 for the completion of water and sewer systems and the exterior preservation of buildings. On February 20, 1919, a bit less than 13 years after the beginning of the school at Monterey, Congress ended the dark period of doubt and uncertainty concerning The Infantry School and invested it with stability by authorizing the retention of Camp Benning as a permanent military post.

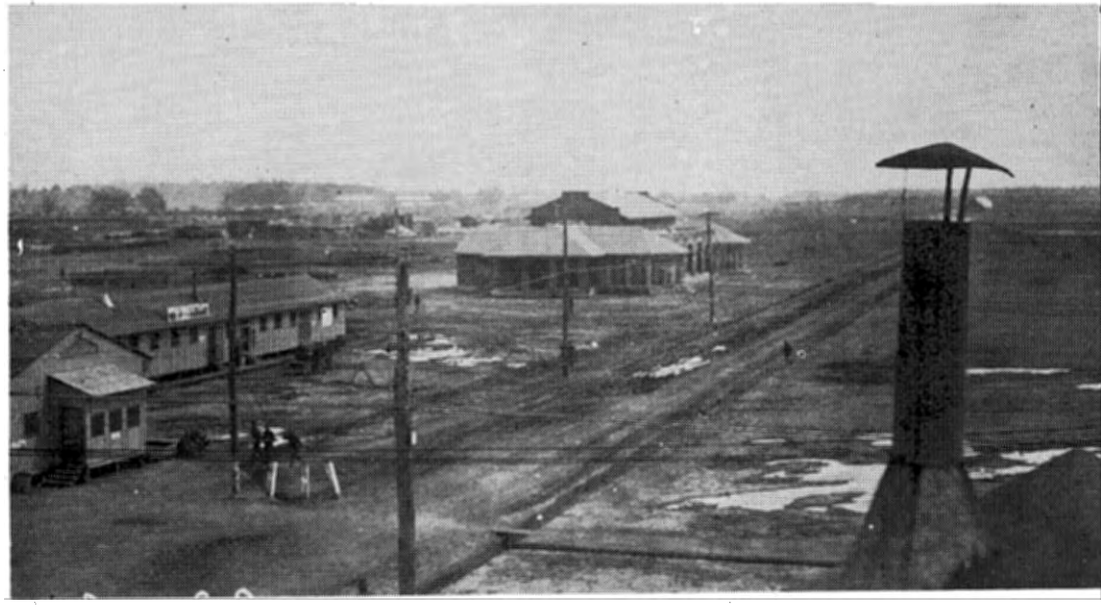
In January, General Farnsworth had written and submitted a draft of the school's regulations to the War Department. These were approved and published by the War Department as Special Regulation No. 14, April 22, 1920. They provided that the organization of The Infantry School should include the Department of Military Art, the Department of Research, the Department of General Subjects, the Department of Experiment and the school troops and school detachment. They gave the commandant authority to "command The Infantry School, the reservation and all troops stationed at Camp Benning." In regard to instruction, these historic regulations read:

"The applicatory system of instruction will be followed as far as practicable. The chief aim of all courses will be to develop in the student the quality of leadership and the capacity to instruct others. Instruction in research will form part of each course with a view to developing the habit of independent investigation and thus arriving at conclusions by analysis and deductions."

Also included in the regulations were the prescribed means by which officers would be selected to attend the classes which would begin on October 1 of each year and conclude on June 15 of the following year. They provided for courses for company officers and field officers of the Regular Army, and a short course for officers of the National Guard and Reserve Corps. The scope of instruction of The Infantry School had grown almost immeasurably from its old days as the School of Musketry in Monterey. From a curriculum limited to subjects related to marksmanship and musketry it had progressed to include the whole field of technique of the numerous modern infantry weapons, the tactics of all units up to and including the reinforced infantry brigade and the cooperation of infantry with other arms. Another innovation was that The Infantry School was open to infantrymen of all three components of the army—Regular Army, National Guard and Officers' Reserve Corps.

On June 5, 1920 Colonel Eames, who had been executive officer of the school, departed for other duties and on July 31 General Farnsworth's tour of duty as commandant ended when he became Chief of Infantry. Brig. Gen. Walter H. Gordon was appointed his successor and took command September 20, 1920.

When the school year 1920 - 1921 opened the uncertainty that had characterized the previous years was largely gone. Special Regulations 14 had brought order out of chaos and had given The Infantry School a definite mission as well as the human material with which to work. Under the new program five classes were to be held during the year. These were the Field Officers' Class, the Company Officers' Class, the Basic Class intended for officers upon their initial entry into the Regular Army, the National Guard and Reserve Officers' Class and the Refresher Class. The first three of these classes were to extend from October 1, 1920 to June 15, 1921, but due to a delay in the date of reporting it was found necessary to continue these classes until June 30. The National Guard and Reserve Officers' Class, of which it was planned there should be two, was to last three months. The Refresher Class was an innovation. It was a ten-weeks' class attended by five colonels and five lieutenant colonels for the purpose of securing a brief review of infantry organization and tactics. Another class, the General Officers' Class, was also inaugurated in 1921 and consisted of one officer, Brigadier General Fox Connor.



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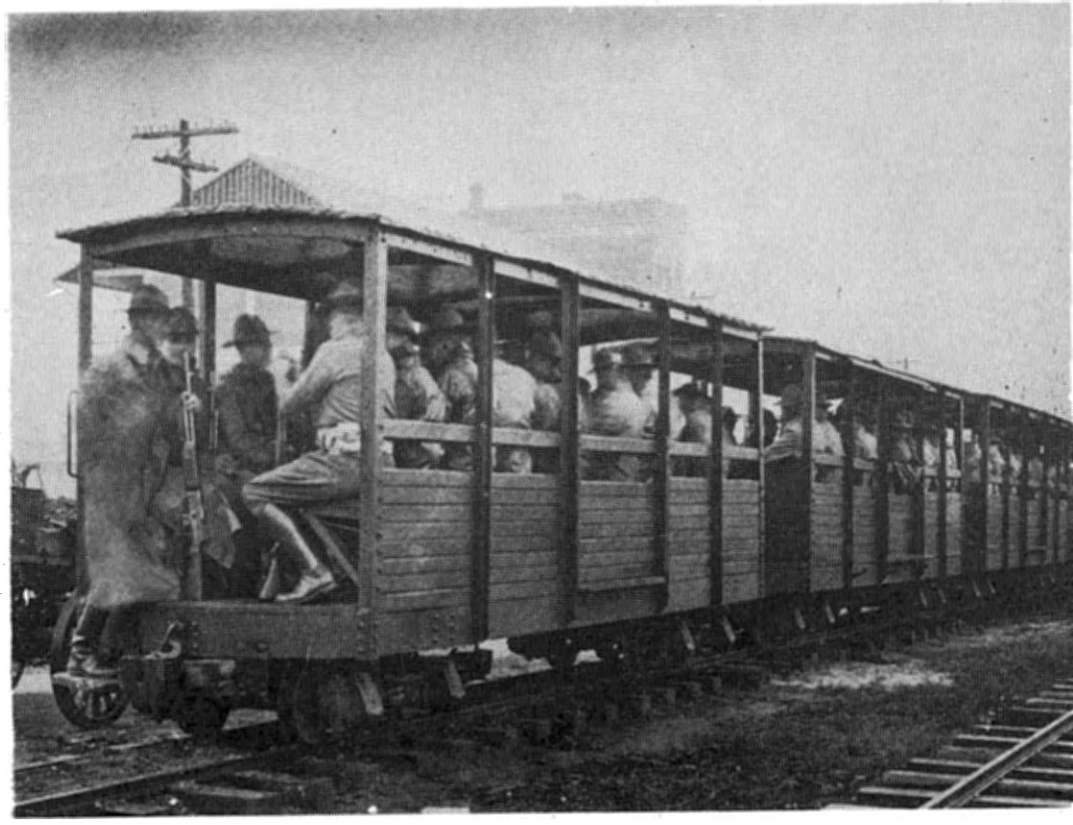

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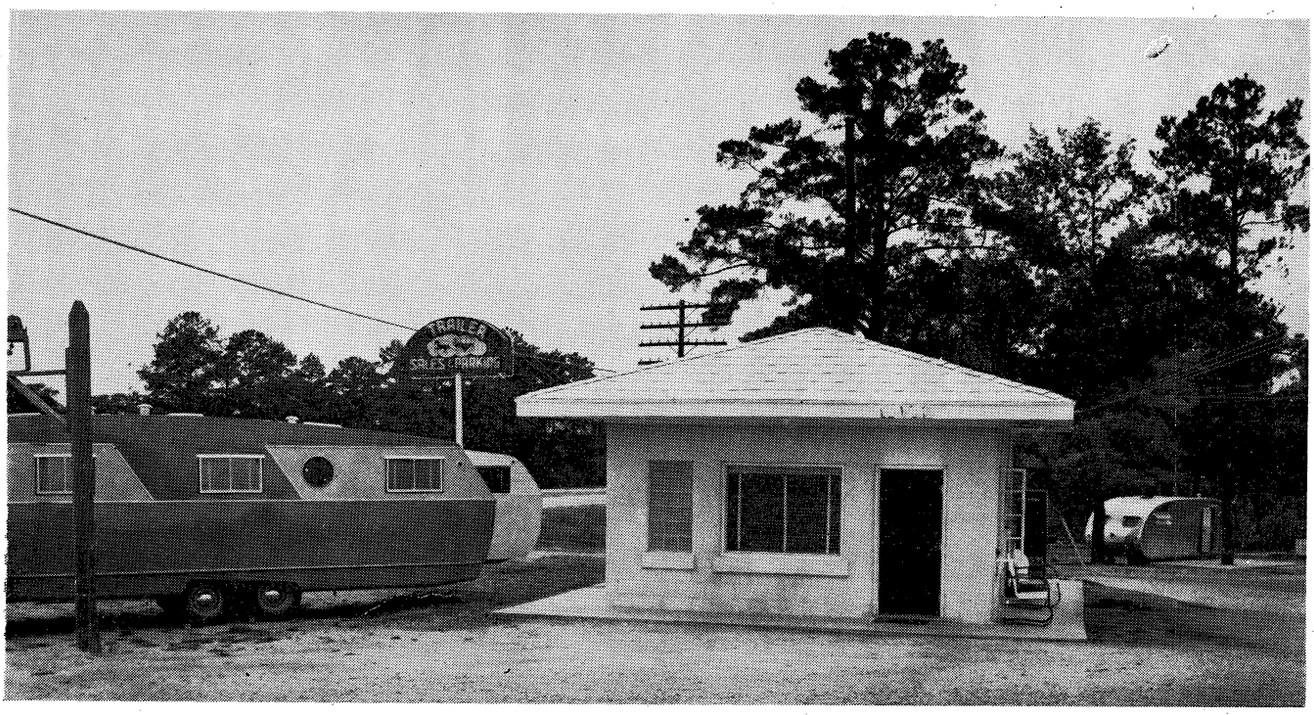

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1921—

The opening of the school year 1921-1922 brought with it a revision in the courses offered by the school. The new courses consisted of three standard courses and three special courses. The standard courses were the Advanced, Company Officers' and Basic Courses and the special courses were the National Guard and Reserve Officers', Course, the Refresher Course and the new Communications Course.

The Advanced Course, formerly called the Field Officers' Course, was to provide instruction in the technique and tactics of all infantry units from the battalion to the brigade, inclusive.

The Company Officers' Course was to provide detailed instruction in the technique and tactics of infantry units up to and including the company. While this course covered training in special arms and intelligence, it did not extend to the highly specialized training in communication.

The Basic Course was to provide detailed instruction in military courtesy and customs of the service, the technique of infantry weapons, and infantry tactics to include platoons and companies. This course was intended for newly commissioned Regular officers.

The National Guard and Reserve Officers' Course was to provide instruction in the basic requirements for infantry officers of those components. Specialized instruction was to be given to leaders of rifle platoons, machine gun platoons, howitzer platoons and communication and intelligence platoons. During the school year it became apparent that this course should offer more specialization. As a result, the classes were divided into two sections, both sections taking a few weeks of the same basic course covering subjects necessary to all students, after which one section pursued a course for rifle unit commanders and the other section's course included subjects for machine gun, mortar and 37 mm gun unit commanders.

Experience during this year again indicated need for changes in the organization of the Academic Department. A decision by the War Department that a separate Department of Research would no longer be maintained in service schools led to a consolidation of the existing Department of Research with the Department of General Subjects and the inclusion in the latter of a section for military history. This left two departments in The Infantry School: The Department of Military Arts and the Department of General Subjects.

The Department of Military Arts had been organized into four sections: tactics, small arms, machine gun and howitzer, and engineering. There seemed to be no good reason why small arms, machine guns and howitzers should not all be taught by the same section. It was therefore considered advisable to give to the chief of a single section the responsibility for teaching the technique of all infantry weapons. It was also found difficult to teach engineering in its relation to infantry without touching on the subject of tactics, where then existing doctrine often conflicted. To secure uniformity of doctrine and control the engineering section was combined with the tactical section and the subject of the employment of tanks was also given to the tactical section. This resulted in a Department of Military Arts composed of only two sections, the first charged with the teaching of tactics and engineering and the second with the teaching of weapons habitually employed in infantry commands.

WHEN THEY STOPPED BUILDING IN 1921, MILES OF DITCHES YAWNED FOR THE UNL PIPES AND SEWERS AND THERE WAS A PROFUSION OF LITTER EVERYWHERE. THE PARTURE OF THE WORKMEN LEFT INHABITED BUILDINGS WITHOUT WATER OR LIGHTS.

ONE OF THE FIRST GROUPS OF VIPS TO VISIT BENNING CAME IN 1921 WHEN PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING, SHOWN AT LEFT IN FRONT ROW, AND HIS PARTY CAME DURING OCTOBER. ON THE PRESIDENT'S LEFT IS MAJ. GEN. WALTER H. GORDON, SCHOOL COMMANDANT FROM SEPTEMBER, 1920 TILL NOVEMBER, 1923.

While continued progress was being made in the development of instruction at The Infantry School, the problem of physical facilities continued to be pressing. In the fall of 1920 living conditions had been very poor and they became worse as the school year went on. The camp was crowded with more personnel than its buildings could accommodate even had they been finished and yet, had they been completed there would have been room for only about half the troops and three fourths of the officers. Still, into this little camp which when completed could only house 3,600 troops, 137 officers of the school and garrison and 500 student officers, were crammed 7,000 troops, 350 school and garrison officers and 650 student officers.

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Another problem of no mean proportion that arose in 1921 was the serious shortage of enlisted personnel and the constant readjustment made necessary because of the scarcity of troops following the War Department's order which permitted the discharge of any man who desired to leave the service. However, in 1921 General Gordon made emphatic protest also against a proposed reduction of one fourth of the nurses at Camp Benning. "If we had modern quarters for our families, officers and enlisted men," he said, "the necessity for hospital accommodations would be very much less."

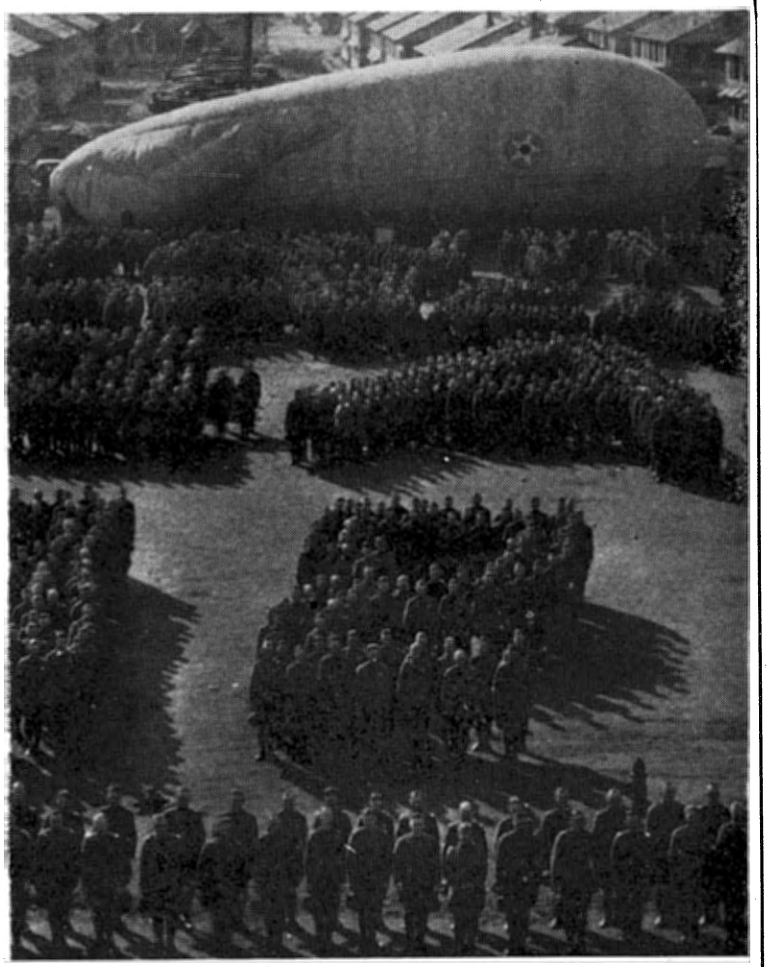
In October, General Farnsworth, Chief of Infantry, prophesied a somewhat gloomy future when he wrote: "It is becoming increasingly difficult to get personnel, money and materials for Benning. This is not because of any opposition to Benning, but because of necessity for economy in the army. The economy is real economy and not simply talk about economy." Only a year before General Gordon had written to General Farnsworth, "I feel that we are meeting successfully the crisis that The Infantry School is going through and that in another year the troubles of today will be forgotten in the improved conditions and in the school's success."

Upon completion of the general construction of the camp in 1921 it was specified that from then on only permanent types of construction would be considered. The first structures built under the new policy were a quartermaster warehouse, two ordnance magazines and 20 officers' quarters in Block 15, all of brick. The school center was to be near the Biglerville area as originally planned. The location of the permanent barracks was to be on the site of the present cuartels and plenty of parade grounds were shown on the original plans.

A board of officers, headed by Col. Reginald H. Kelley was also convened in 1921 to assign names to terrain features on the reservation and streets on the post proper. All names appearing on the original map of Camp Benning were, with a few local exceptions as Lumpkin Road, those of units that had served in World War I, terrain features in France identified by actions of American organizations and individuals killed in action. The post roads were given the nicknames of American divisions except First Division Road, for that unit then had no nickname. The board also adopted the principle that no names would appear on the map except those pertaining to World War I. This ended an attempt to utilize almost exclusively names from the Confederate Army. All names used were those of infantrymen who served creditably and were deceased. The first used were those of personnel awarded the Medal of Honor, then the other American decorations in order of importance. Designations were regardless of rank; some of the main roads on the post are named after enlisted men. A suitable certificate was printed, signed by the commandant and sent to the nearest relative of each person whose name appeared on the map, stating that a hill or other terrain feature was given his name as a permanent memorial to that infantryman. Replies received after receipt of these certificates were often pathetically appreciative.

About the time that General Gordon wrote General Farnsworth about the acute shortage of troops that had been caused by the War Department order permitting any man who wished so to be discharged, a shortage so acute that there were times when men were not available even for housekeeping, 700 recruits arrived at Benning. They had listened to the recruiting personnel and read the posters (see cut bottom of page 14) so vividly describing life at Benning. The felt that they had been grossly misinformed and many a promising young man who had been of mind to make a career in the service left informally, never to return—voluntarily.

1922—



THE SAUSAGE BALLOON AT TOP OF PHOTO WAS IN USE IN 1922 FOR OBSERVATION FOR THE INFANTRY AND, WHILE A FAR CRY FROM MONTGOLFIER'S BALLOONS OF THE 18TH CENTURY, WAS STILL FARTHER FROM THE LIAISON PLANE OF TODAY.

The year 1922 was an auspicious year, marking the inauguration of Benning's second era of construction. Although money had been originally appropriated for a new hospital, the funds were cut, but by fall the plans were again in full swing.

Another problem receiving more than a little attention was the relation between Benning and Columbus, specifically conditions which General Gordon regarded as menaces to the health and morale of the troops. An especially turbulent election in Columbus changed the form of city government and was a victory for the supporters of the morality drive, but left much rancor in its wake. Consequently, General Gordon's efforts for a closer relation between post and town were not entirely successful. The local Chamber of Commerce, however, had transmitted to General Gordon a letter in which was outlined the important steps taken to establish good community relations and the steps taken by the community to put itself in a position to meet its obligations as Benning's "social center" and neighbor. In commenting on this General Gordon stated that "I feel very much encouraged and hopeful for the future."

On November 22, Brig. Gen. Paul B. Malone who had been serving as assistant commandant was transferred and replaced by Col. William H. Fassett.

The most important change in the curriculum during the academic year resulted from a War Department decision to drop the Basic Course. This course, introduced especially for those officers commissioned in the Regular Army during the years immediately following the end of the war had served its purpose and the need for it had disappeared. The reduction in the number of courses reduced the student body to 371, or 67 fewer than the previous year.

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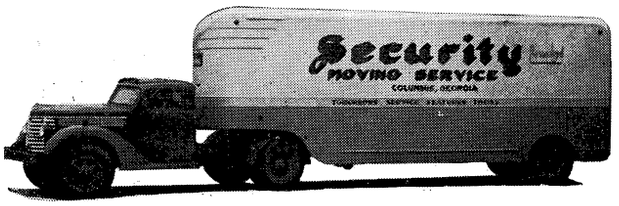

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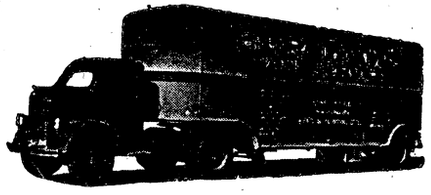
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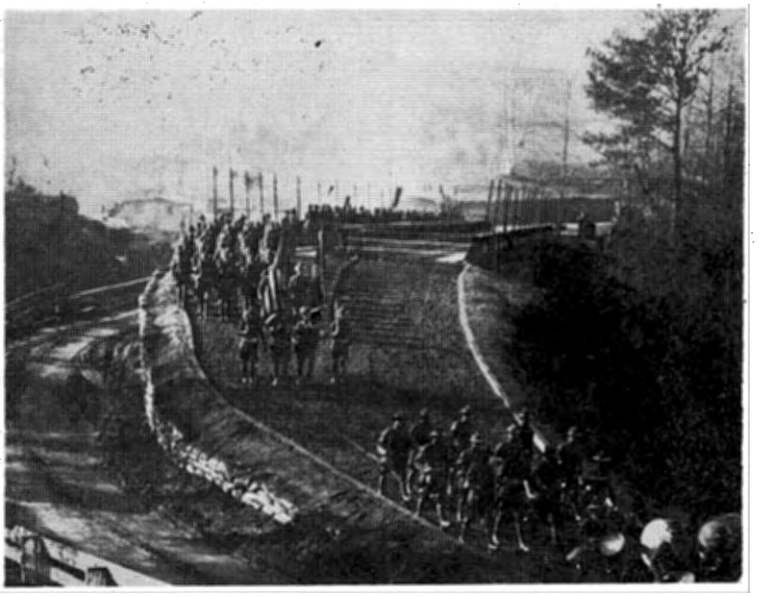


IN JANUARY, 1923, THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE UPATOI CREEK WAS OPENED WITH POMP AND CEREMONY.

The school seemed to have swung into its stride in 1923. Classes arrived, pursued their courses and departed on schedule. The courses and the school's mechanism were gradually acquiring polish and smoothness through use and experience but additional changes and modifications in type and content of courses were continuously under consideration.

During these early years the student's time was divided almost equally between classroom or lecture hall and range or field work. There was evidence, however, of a growing appreciation that the curriculum was still slighting tactics in favor of instruction in weapons. Although tactics had come to occupy an important place in the curriculum, it was felt that even more emphasis should be placed on this subject. Plans had been started in 1922 for a further revision of the curriculum for 1923 and they were tried in June, 1923.

A preliminary trial that month was the introduction in all courses of a ten-day period of field maneuvers. This proved to be one of the most valuable features of the school. The maneuvers continued for many years and not only proved to be instructive to the students, but gave additional evidence of the urgent need for increased and improved training in tactics.

Another development of the school year was an effort to improve the school library which had existed in a very primitive state since the Fort Sill period. A civilian librarian and increased appropriations gave promise that this institution would come to occupy an important place in the work of the school.

The school year 1923-1924 also witnessed important changes in the functioning and regulations of the school. The curriculum remained virtually unchanged, but the contents of the courses themselves, particularly the field maneuvers devoted primarily to the study of tactics, had been drastically revised. A study of the maneuvers resulted in revised exercises which in turn resulted in the fundamental precepts of today's command post exercises. But probably the most significant change, at least from the point of view of the students, was the abolition in all classes of the publication of the relative class standing of each student. This much criticized feature had been the cause of a great deal of discontent in previous years. Its

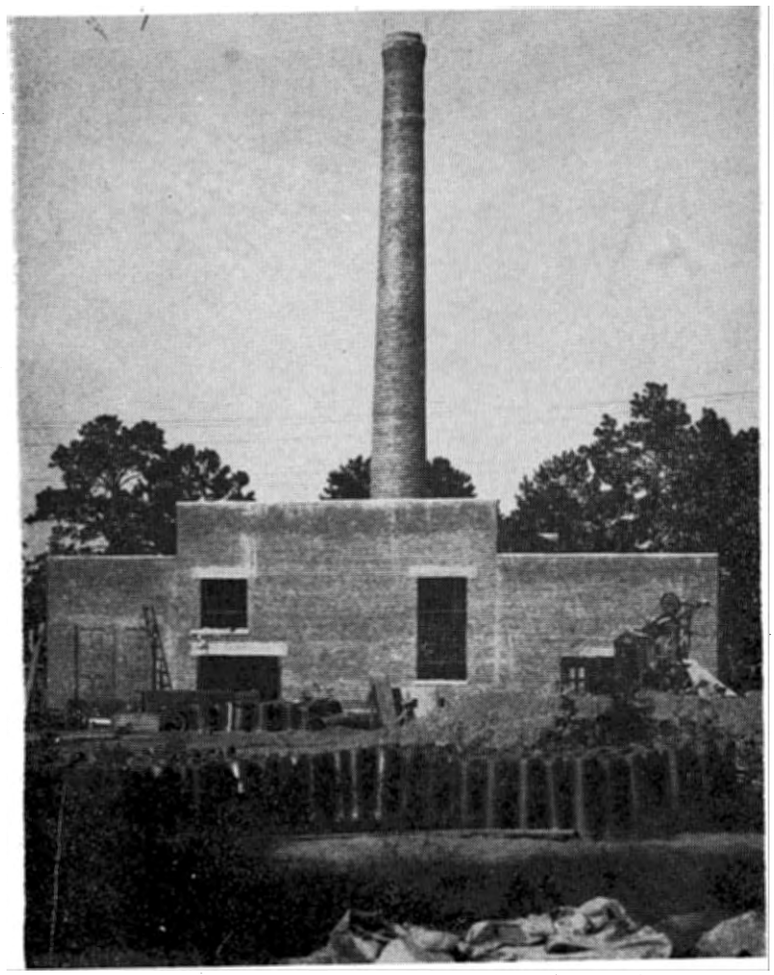
abolition and the adoption of the five ratings of the efficiency report to indicate the success of the student in his school work met with overwhelming approval from the students and resulted in a noticeable improvement in the morale of the school as a whole.

Two important personnel changes were made in the fall of 1923. Brigadier Gen. Briant H. Wells replaced General Gordon as commandant and Col. Alfred W. Bjornstad succeeded Colonel Fassett as assistant commandant.

Another change during the year was the introduction of the company organization for classes. The Advanced Class became known as Company A, the Company Officers' Class as Companies B and C, and the National Guard and Reserve Officers' Class as companies D and E. In addition to the improvement in administration made possible by this organization, it greatly facilitated the movement of the student body to and from instructional areas.

In September, 1923, builders completed the electric substation and in December began work on the main hospital building. In the same year an improvement was made in the quarters situation by the completion of Block 19 of 17 wooden buildings which had been staked out in 1919. These were designated officers' quarters. Two steel-trussed bridges were also completed across the Upatoi in January by troop labor.

Members of the garrison during those early years may have forgotten where some of the temporary buildings were located and the names of their instructors, but almost everyone stationed at The Infantry School then remembers Calculator, the little nondescript dog in whose memory was erected the monument that now stands in the rear of The Infantry School Building. Inscribed on the tablet is "CALCULATOR, Born? Died August 29, 1923. He Made Better Dogs of Us All." Calc, as he was known from general to private, was crippled. His name was suggested by the halting manner of his progress in which he "put down three and carried one."



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1924—

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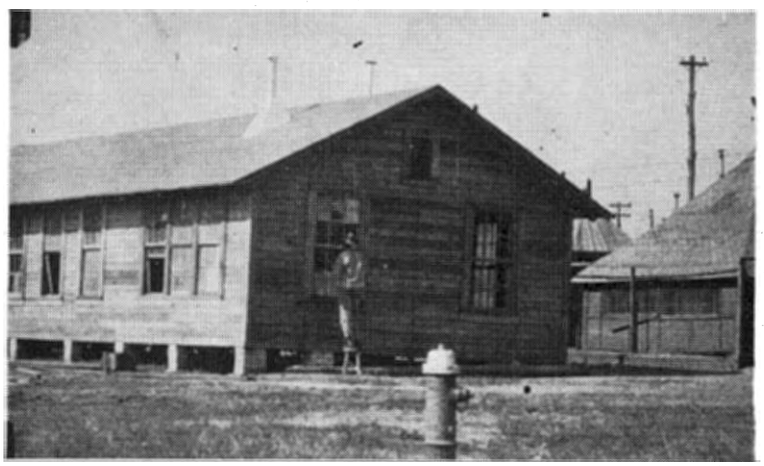
Permanent barracks were indicated on the site of the present cuartels, a school building was to occupy the area south of Gowdy Field, Gowdy Field and Doughboy Stadium were shown in their present location and a children's school was plotted on the south side of Wickersham Avenue. Also planned (and many of them are there today) were quarters for non-commissioned officers and officers, a theater, polo fields, a swimming pool and other buildings.

While still a comparatively new post, Benning was already outstanding among the service stations as an athletic center. In football Benning was playing Georgia, Auburn, Georgia Tech, Oglethorpe, Florida, Loyola, Mercer, Vanderbilt, Gordon and Sewanee. In the spring of 1924 all sports were organized under the direction of The Infantry School Athletic Association. Football, the major sport, was followed with such intensity by its players that when the "President's Cup" games were introduced in 1924, Benning was chosen to represent the army for the first three years.

In 1924, too, Doughboy Stadium and Gowdy Field were under construction. Doughboy Stadium was begun as a memorial to infantrymen killed in World War I. The money for its construction was donated by infantrymen all over the world and the troops at Benning supplied all the labor during off duty hours. Gowdy Field was built the same way as the stadium except that the funds were the overflow from the donations received for Doughboy Stadium. Ingenuity as well as effort marked the work of the soldier-builders of the recreational area. An unorthodox yet workable method of tower construction raised the two Doughboy Stadium towers. Steam was needed as power for the immense shovel which scooped out the hole in which the foundation would rest. None of the usual ways of obtaining this power was available, so tracks were laid and a siding built for the engine of the local train to come alongside the project and furnish it.



THE 24TH INFANTRY IMPROVED ITS HOUSING SITUATION BY CONSTRUCTING THESE BARRACKS TO REPLACE THE TENTAGE IN WHICH THE MEN HAD BEEN LIVING.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WERE NOT NEGLECTED IN THE MID-TWENTIES. IN THE ABOVE PHOTO CAN BE SEEN DOUGHBOY STADIUM, THE UNROOFED GOWDY FIELD STANDS AND BETWEEN THEM, THE SERVICE CLUB. THE FOOTBALL STADIUM AND BASEBALL PARK WERE BUILT BY THE SOLDIERS THEMSELVES ON THEIR OWN TIME. THEY ALSO CONTRIBUTED THEIR MONEY.

1925—

At the beginning of the school year 1924-1925 a reorganization of the Academic Department was effected which eliminated the departments and substituted in their stead five sections. This brought about a smoother organization and by reducing overhead produced economies in office administration. It also drew the new chiefs of sections into more intimate contact with their work than had been the case with the department chiefs. The new organization included the assistant commandant, an executive officer, a secretary and a property officer for the Academic Department as a whole, and a chief, a secretary and the necessary instructors for each section. The sections, organized in various committees were:

First section: Tactics, with Committee A, special operations; Committee B, defense; Committee C, offense.

Second section: Technique, composed of Committee D, organization, staff and logistics; Committee E, combat orders, operations, military intelligence; Committee F, signal communications; Committee K, military sketching and map reading, aerial photographs and military engineering.

Third section: Weapons.

Fourth Section: Training, with Committee G, training management, psychology, drill and command; Committee H, military history, methods of instruction, the Army of the United States; Committee I, physical training and bayonet; Committee J, equitation, animals, stables and transportation.

Fifth section: Publications and Correspondence Courses.

A new course for field officers of the National Guard was opened January 3, 1925 and lasted five weeks. One hundred and seven of the available 202 hours were devoted to the study and practice of tactics and the course was so successful that it was made a continuing feature of the curriculum with the recommendation that a similar course should also be initiated for field officers of the reserve.

The academic year was also marked by the transfer on February 16, 1925, of the school's assistant commandant, Brig. Gen. Bjornstad who was ordered to other duty after receiving his new rank. He was succeeded by Col. Frank S. Cocheau who began his active duties at The Infantry School on August 1, 1925.

Two new landmarks of Benning were dedicated in 1925. In March of that year the New York Giants and Washington Senators, champions in their leagues, played the first and dedicatory game at Gowdy Field, named after Hank Gowdy, first major leaguer to enlist in World War I. While a game had been played four days earlier between The Infantry School nine and the University of Georgia, this was the game at which Gowdy, who caught for the Giants that day, raised the flag over the field.

On October 15, 1925, the Chief of Infantry dedicated Doughboy Stadium. In the first game played in the stadium, Benning's Blue Tide defeated Oglethorpe University. The stadium proper consisted then as now of 40 bays and 320 boxes with a seating capacity of 9,600. The ground for its foundation had been broken by Generals Wells and Bjornstad May 12, 1924 and ten days later General Pershing had started the mixer and poured the first bucket of cement.

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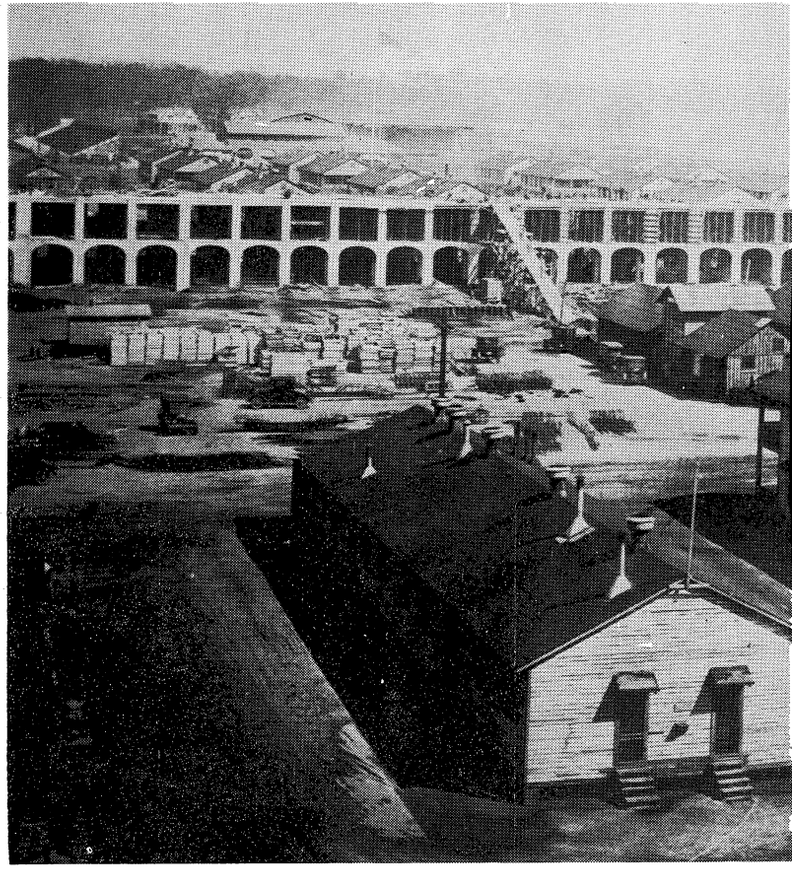

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1926—

The concept of continuous improvement which had always guided the activities of The Academic Department was seen again in the modifications which were introduced in the various courses in the school year 1926-1927. The reorganized Advanced Course for that year was devoted to a greater extent than ever before to the subject of tactics. Its purpose was to train infantry field officers and senior captains as commanders of tactical units to include the reinforced brigade and as regimental and brigade staff officers. The new Company Officers' Course was designed, primarily, to provide training for junior captains and lieutenants in the duties of company officers and of battalion and regimental staff officers. During the school year tactical instruction was given primarily in the field rather than in classrooms. To this was added an encampment period devoted to nine command post exercises, designed as a general review of the courses pursued. Instruction in the technique of fire of all infantry weapons was followed by a series of practical combat exercises to emphasize the combat use and principles of the weapons.

But although the school was in full swing it was not all work and no play at Fort Benning and the permanent building program of the post was still in full swing. Football in 1926 was still one of the great sports. The 24th Infantry regiment furnished two of the coaches of Benning's All-Army team; one of the two mentors was Maj. Dwight D. Eisenhower, then a member of the 24th. Popular as the "varsity" was, however, intramural sports were the chief interest of the garrison and each organization had its own teams. For basketball and other indoor games the soldiers of the post built for themselves the finest gymnasium in the service with the exception of the one at the Military Academy at West Point.

NAMED OLSON BARRACKS IN HONOR OF A MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER OF WORLD WAR II, IT HOUSES THE 15TH INFANTRY. TWO MORE CUARTELS HAVE SINCE BEEN BUILT.

In 1923 the Quartermaster Corps had started building a theater at Benning; the work was taken over by the Recreation Board in 1925 and in 1926 the first Main Theater was opened with a seating capacity of 1,250. The new commandant, Brig. Gen. Edgar T. Collins, who had replaced General Wells in May, 1926, ordered the construction of a swimming pool in November of that year. Where Russ Pool is today there had been a swimming hole as far back as 1919 but General Collins ordered the present pool built almost as it stands today.

The greatest construction job at Benning started in February 1925, the work on the first section was completed in September of that year and during 1926 the hardest part of the job was laid down. The building was the first cuartel, one of the largest barracks in the world, if not the largest. The building is three-quarters of a mile long and can comfortably house 2,113 men, with space for mess halls, supply rooms, store rooms, day rooms and offices. Also occupied in 1926 was the new Station Hospital, construction of which had been completed in 1925, although the 12 wooden buildings which had been located on the lot in front of the present location of the new Main Theater on Wold and Ingersoll Avenues were not finally abandoned until 1929.

Much of the construction work during the year at Benning was carried on because of the tradition of soldiers not to pass up a good thing. When the government had abandoned its great Muscle Shoals project earlier, it had said that anyone who wanted the surplus material could come and cart it away. The news of this decision had reached Benning and two companies of the 24th Infantry were soon on their way. They filled hundreds of carloads with all sorts of tools, shingles, nails, doors, plumbing fixtures, hinges, screening — almost everything necessary for building construction and brought it back in triumph to material-hungry Benning.

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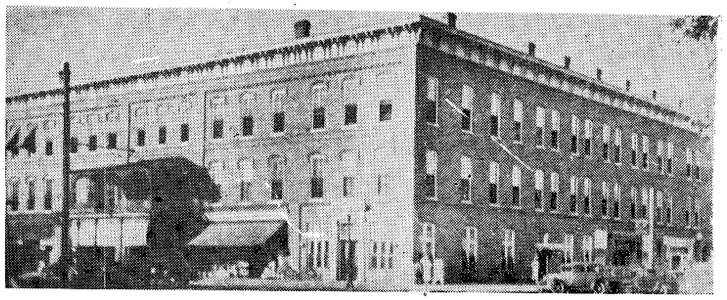

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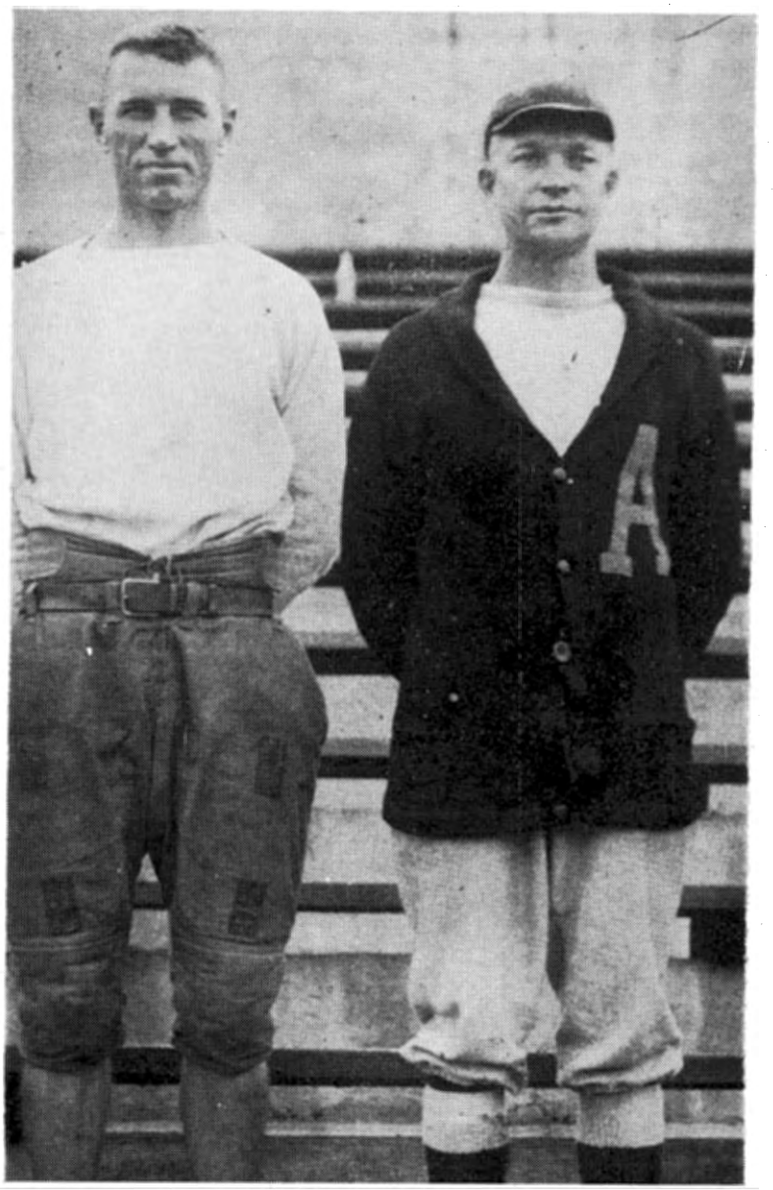


THE FOOTBALL COACH AT BENNING IN 1926 WAS MAJ. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, ABOVE RIGHT, SHOWN WITH CAPT. K. L. BERRY, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE 24TH INFANTRY. BELOW, TROOPS ARE SHOWN BUILDING A PONTOON BRIDGE OVER THE UPATOI CREEK.

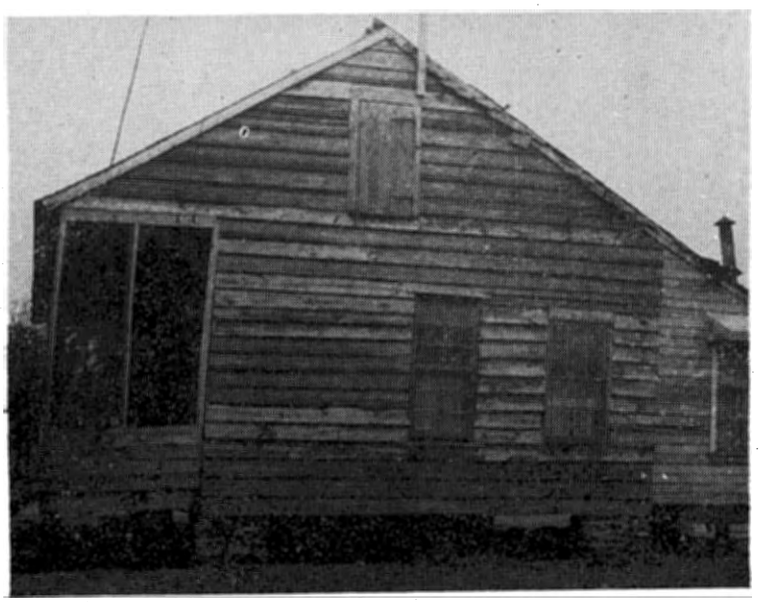
1927—

As The Infantry School completed the year 1927 it could look back on a series of solid accomplishments. By the time the year started the excitement and worries of the previous years had died down somewhat and the great problem of whether there would ever be a permanent Infantry School seemed solved. But all was not rosy and even if the sun shone on Benning there were still clouds.

One of the still-great problems was the scarcity of demonstration troops although of students there were plenty. The 29th Infantry regiment alone lacked 987 men in mid-summer but the paucity of personnel induced no lessening in the amount of work required to be performed. The manner in which the garrison performed its extra burdens drew high commendation from General Collins. "The disproportion between task and the number to accomplish it has practically precluded leaves of absence or even half holidays, and has made the average work day far longer than ordinarily expected or required, yet no thought of self-pity has been in evidence," said General Collins. "These officers and soldiers have worked with a cheerfulness, loyalty and high-minded sense of duty as to earn for them the highest official commendation and my lasting personal gratitude and thanks."

Construction activities of 1927 were valuable but not numerous. The post telephone building, which cost $20,000, and the post bakery, which cost $37,000, were completed that year by the post quartermaster. In August contractors finished the four sections of the first cuartel, then designated 29th Infantry cuartel, which had been started the previous year.

An important change in the Academic Department was



NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' QUARTERS IN 1927 WERE NOT EXACTLY SUMPTUOUS AS THE ABOVE PHOTO SHOWS. BUT THE OFFICERS OF THAT PERIOD DIDN'T FARE MUCH BETTER AS CAN BE SEEN ON THE NEXT PAGE.

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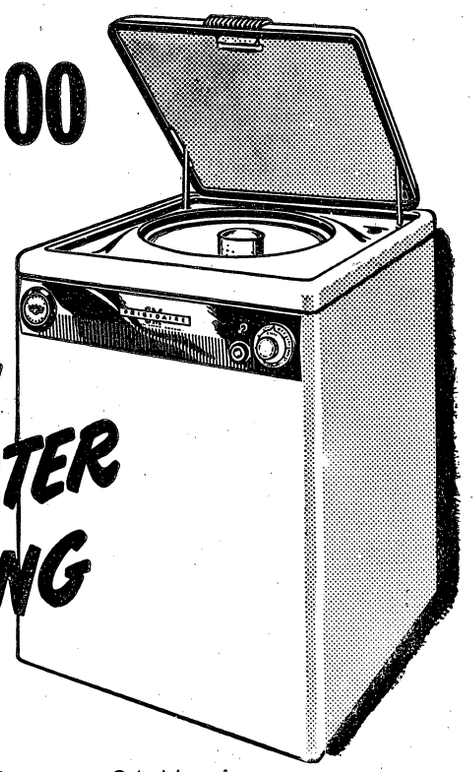

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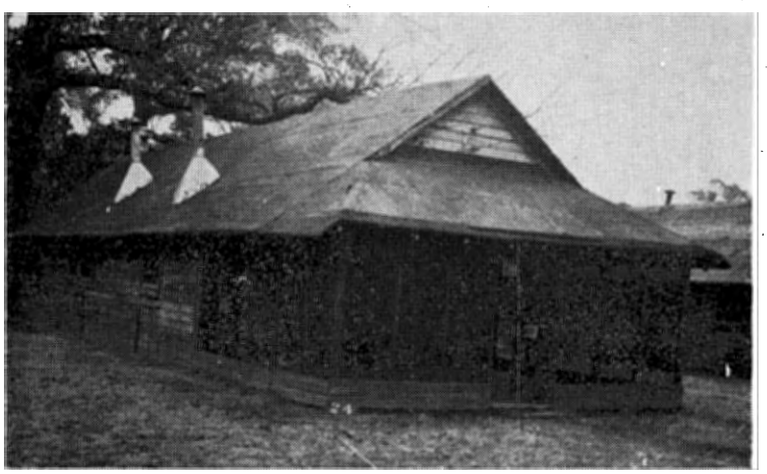
1927 Continued

the assignment of Lt. Col. George C. Marshall on November 3 as assistant commandant, replacing Colonel Cocheau, who left The Infantry School October 24.

Also in 1927 the dual control by the War Department and the Department of Agriculture of about five-sixths of the land of The Infantry School, which had resulted from the creation of the Benning National Forest in 1924 was found to be unsatisfactory from a military viewpoint despite the liberal terms of the joint agreement. On December 2, 1927, by order of the President the forest reserve was restored to its former status as part of the Fort Benning Military Reservation.

For the school year 1927-1928 the organization of the Academic Department remained essentially the same as that of the previous year, a slight reassignment of subjects being practically the only change. The course in tactics for the Advanced Class, following the procedure of the precious year, consisted of lectures, conferences, illustrative map problems, tactical walks, troop demonstrations, map maneuvers, command post exercises and terrain exercises. A new and beneficial tendency that year was to locate terrain exercises in new territory to avoid over-familiarity by instructors and students. Problems with peace and reduced-strength units occupied approximately one third of the total number. The instruction in weapons was largely practical, as in past years, and was very thorough; this phase of the academic work had probably reached a higher plane of efficiency than any other subject.

Also, during this period of the 1920's a special course in administration for company officers was added to the curriculum. It consisted of lectures on the duties of the adjutant, personnel adjutant, quartermaster, finance officer, judge advocate and personnel section. It also covered company administration and staff duty in garrison. The subject of command and leadership was presented in the form of conferences, demonstrations, and practical work, by the coach and pupil method in the first stages, with the student drilling a platoon of the 29th Infantry in the final stage.



OFFICERS AT THE INFANTRY SCHOOL ACTUALLY LIVED IN SHANTIES LIKE THE ONE PICTURED ABOVE (AND WERE GLAD TO GET THEM.) FOUR YEARS LATER, THE PERMANENT QUARTERS IN BLOCK 12 FOR ENLISTED MEN AND BLOCK 16 FOR OFFICERS WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

1928—

THE 29TH INFANTRY WAR STRENGTH DEMONSTRATION REGIMENT FOR THE INFANTRY SCHOOL IS SHOWN MASSED IN FRONT OF THE NEW 29TH INFANTRY CUARTEL, FEBRUARY 20, 1928.

Under the guiding hand of Lt. Col. George C. Marshall, the newly appointed assistant commandant of The Infantry School, the organization of the Academic Department and the content of the courses remained practically unchanged during the 1928-1929 academic year. However, studies of the methods and doctrines of foreign armies were inaugurated and modifications were planned in the courses of instruction to keep them in line with current developments in infantry armaments and tactics.

In 1928, The Infantry School Library, which houses one of the finest collections of military publications in the world was completed at a cost of approximately $27,000. (Since then the library has been moved to its present location in the new Infantry School Building.) Previously, the library had been shoved and shunted from one building to another, each of them seemingly more dilapidated than its predecessor. (See cut on page 39.)

Important improvements were also added to the water supply system, among which were a coagulating basin at the filtration plant and a steel standpipe of one million gallon capacity which was erected near the Station Hospital at a cost of $30,000. A large amount of minor construction was also carried on by troop labor. In this class of work was the enlargement of several assembly halls for the Academic Department, the construction of a building for the servants of Block 23, and the rebuilding of Russ Pool. This latter, upon completion of the improvements, was valued at $10,000. The last section of the 29th Infantry barracks, which was to cost $320,000 was begun in April, 1928. That same month work was also started on Wards 1 and 2 of the Station Hospital.

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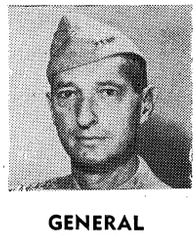
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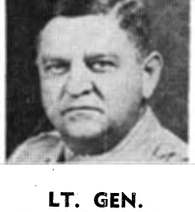
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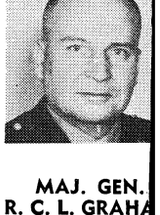
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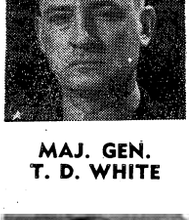
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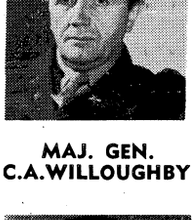
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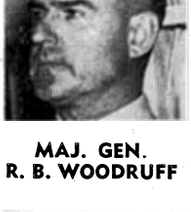
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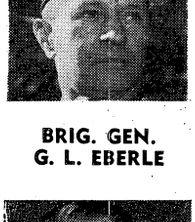
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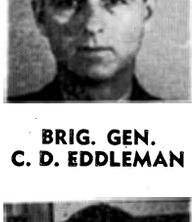
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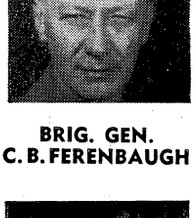
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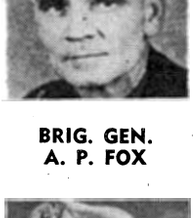
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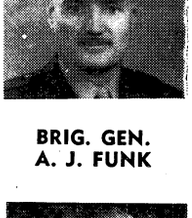
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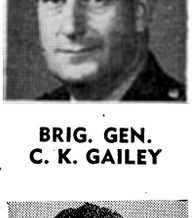
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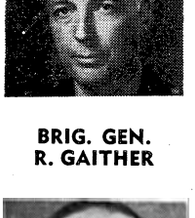
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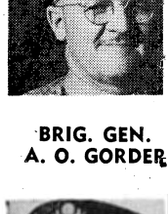
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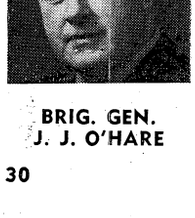
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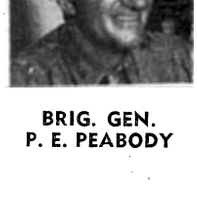
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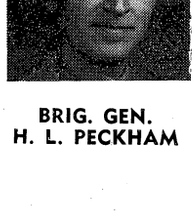
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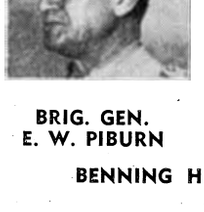
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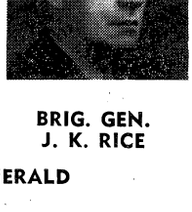
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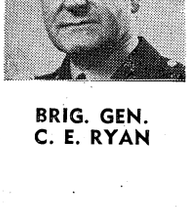
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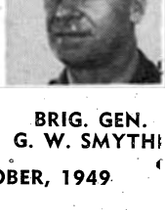
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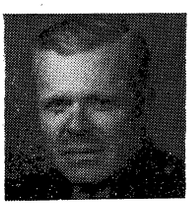

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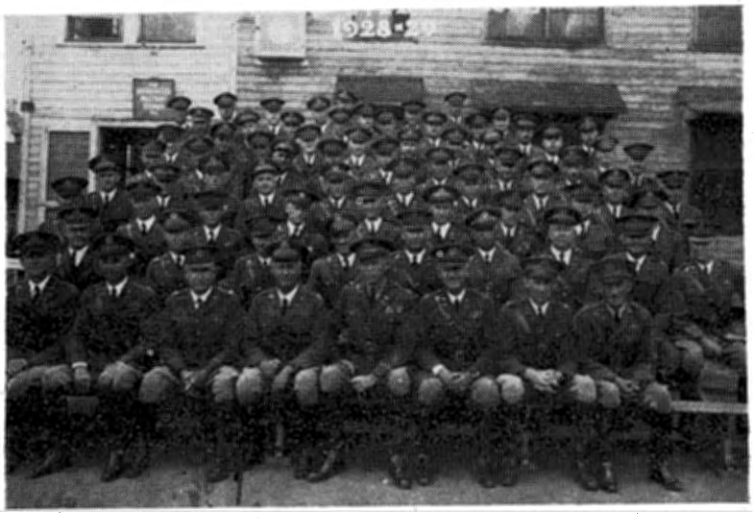


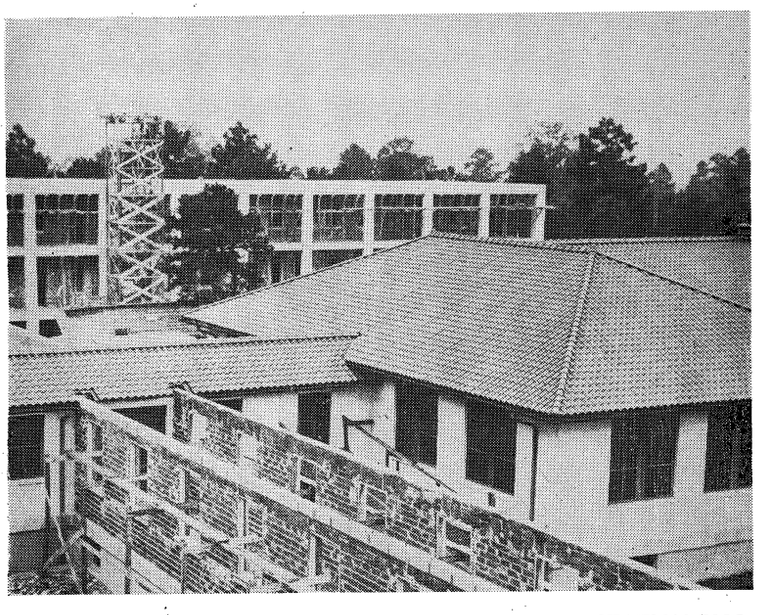
THE FACULTY OF THE INFANTRY SCHOOL IN 1928 WAS HEADED BY LT. COL. GEORGE C. MARSHALL, FIFTH FROM LEFT IN FRONT ROW.

1929—

The still slow yet already steady growth of The Infantry School continued during 1929 and as far as the Academic Department was concerned, changes were still being made to keep the instruction not only abreast of developments but looking to the future.

The entire year was one of the most active in the building sense with most of the construction, performed under contract, of large buildings or groups of buildings. The section of cuartel barracks for the tank battalion was begun in January and completed in November, costing approximately $310,000. In February the last section of the 29th Infantry cuartel (present first cuartel) was completed. The cost of the entire building and heating plant and sections constructed previously came to almost $1,500,000. Also completed in 1929 were Wards 1 and 2 of the Station Hospital; these wards cost about $140,000 and were finished in February. In July work was started on Ward 3 and the Nurses' Quarters. The water filtration plant, costing $95,000, was also completed in 1929. Other work undertaken by the contractors included paving of streets and the construction of sewers on Vibbert Avenue and in the hospital area. The expense of these jobs alone was $125,000.

A general reorganization of the Academic Department and the courses of instruction was undertaken before the opening of the 1929-1930 school year. The Academic Department was



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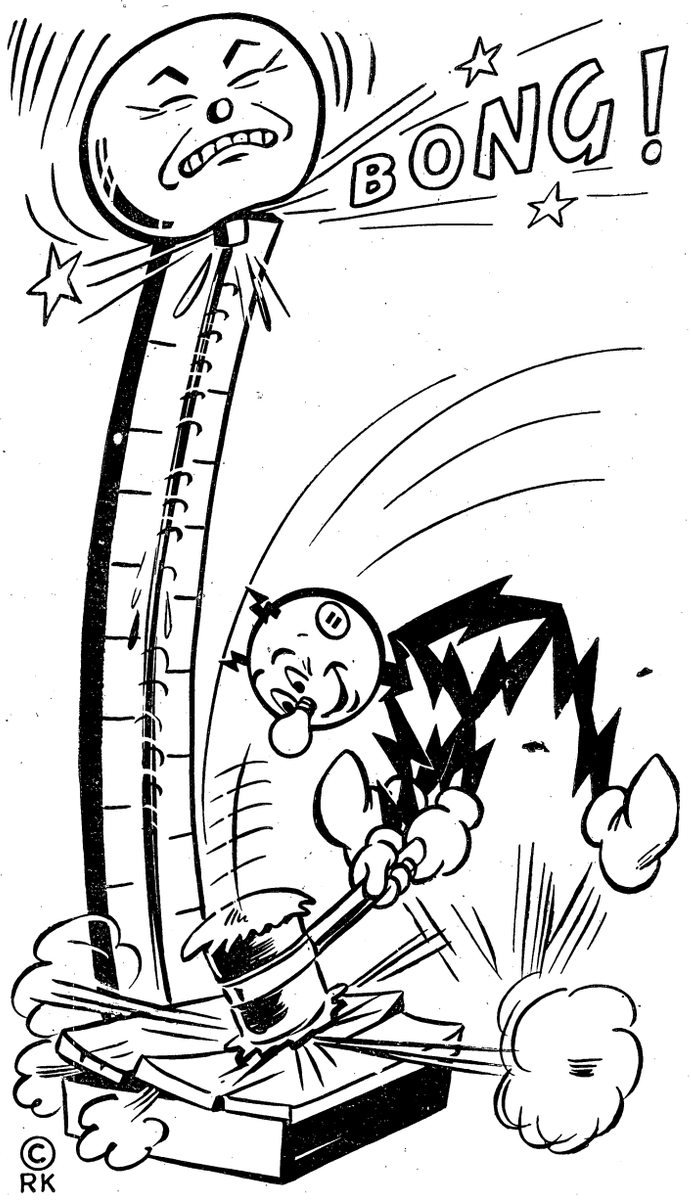

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1929 Continued

reduced to four sections, tactics, technique, weapons and training. This tended to simplify administration by eliminating one of the sections and made it possible to utilize the released personnel for instructional duties.

Instruction during the school year was somewhat retarded by the interruption of the demonstration program resulting from the reorganization tests in which the 29th Infantry was engaged. Infantry organization had long been a moot question in international military circles and beginning that year tests were conducted by the Infantry Board, using the 29th as a model, to determine the most efficient and effective organization for the regiment. That these tests should be conducted at The Infantry School by school troops was considered only natural.

Although these tests, as mentioned above, caused some problems as far as instruction was concerned, the work of the school in training better leaders went on. The faculty was somewhat smaller than that of the previous year, including only 65 instructors. They were supplemented, however, as in former years, by five officers detailed from the 29th, and one each from the cavalry, artillery, engineer, air corps, chemical warfare, medical corps and tank detachments on the post.

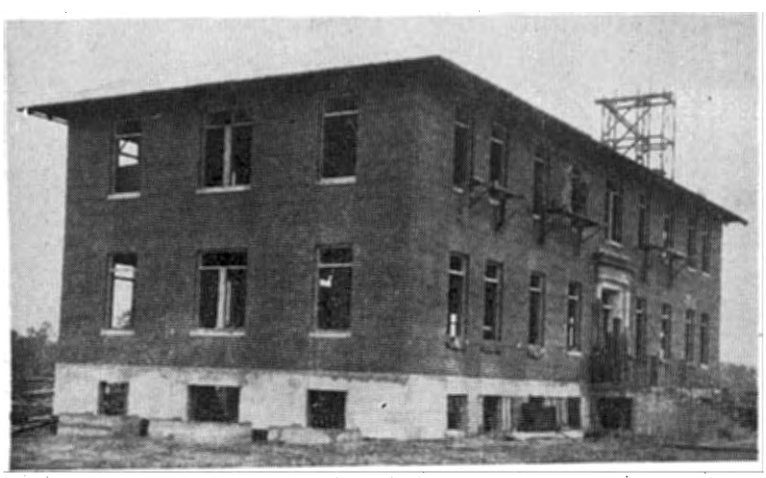
WHERE THE BRIDGE (TOP OF PAGE) WAS CAN BE FAINTLY DISCERNED FROM THE LINE OF UTILITY POLES. IT RAINED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF BENNING JUST AS HARD AS IT DOES TODAY.

1930—

The first 10 years of the existence of The Infantry School had been years during which the experiences of World War I were crystallized and consolidated into a planned program of instruction that gave infantry officer students the benefit of lessons learned through those experiences. Students in the years immediately following the war, though they lacked housing, had plenty of battle equipment with which to practice. They also had recent battle experience upon which to draw for illustrations of points in tactics or allied subjects. Thus, while the school was growing from 97,000 acres of red mud, sand and wide open spaces, when abandoned shanties were classed as suitable quarters for soldiers and their families, into a military post of which the inhabitants could be proud, the curriculum was taking such shape that at the end of the decade several courses were available in which students learned everything from battle tactics to the feeding of a horse.

Since external changes are more readily noticed, a graduate of the class of 1921 who returned in 1930 would have found more remarkable the construction that had gone on in his absence than the development of the school's curriculum. But the development of the instruction of the school was as remarkable as the physical changes on the post. By the end of the 1929-1930 term there had been 5,064 graduates. Officers of the Regular Army, National Guard and Reserve had gone out to disseminate the teachings of the school in every corner of the United States and its possessions.

Brig. Gen. Campbell King, who was named commandant of The Infantry School in May, 1929, replacing General Collins, emphasized the ideal of sound training, but did not neglect the importance of looking to the future. He was already writing articles in which he showed concern about such matters as anti-aircraft protection for the infantryman and at the same time he was propounding methods by which the infantryman could protect himself from attacking aircraft. But most of all, General King expounded the theories of extensive and intensive field training so that the men would be ready to fight and know how to fight when and if they had to.



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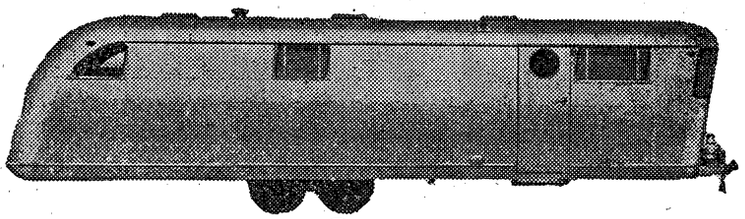

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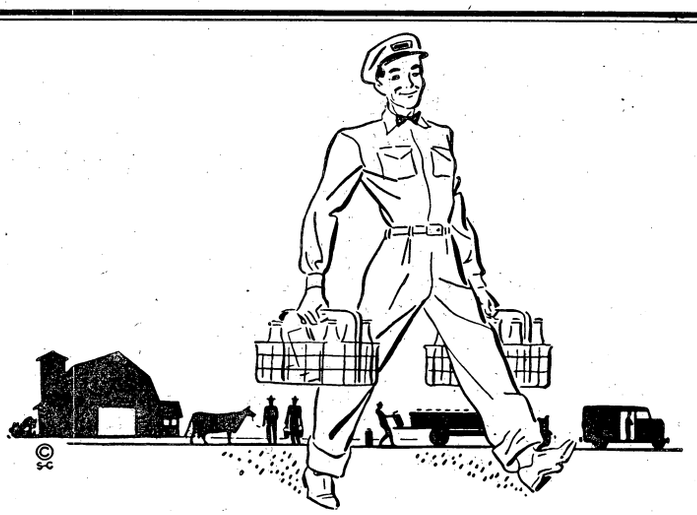

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1931—

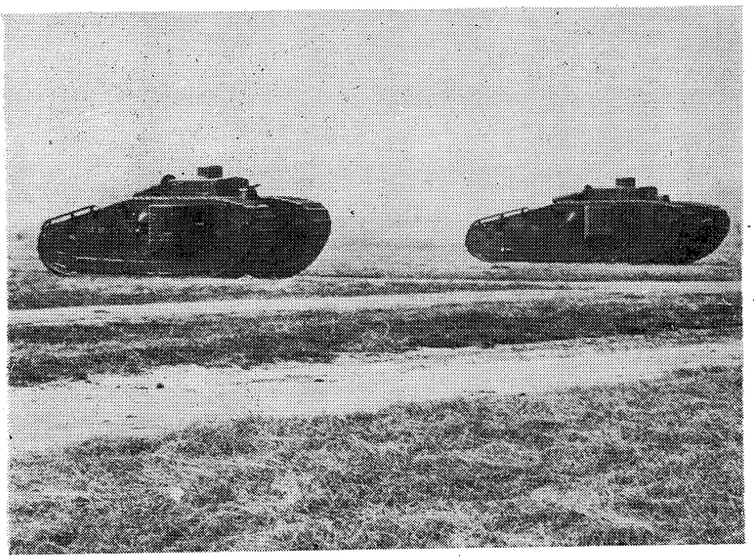
A FAR CRY FROM THE HOVELS IN WHICH OFFICERS WERE LIVING JUST FOUR YEARS BEFORE (AS SHOWN ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 28) WERE THE NEW QUARTERS CONSTRUCTED FOR THEM IN 1931.

The stock market crash of 1929 and the following depression eventually caused drastic changes at The Infantry School although they were not so keenly felt at Benning as in less secure communities. However, it was in part due to the depression and its unemployment problem that Benning received appropriations to construct some of the most important permanent buildings. The first project to receive funds was a $530,724 one covering the construction of 57 sets of officers' quarters. Ground was broken for these on April 30, 1931. Oddly enough, many officers preferred living in their old quarters and by October 10 there were even second lieutenants living in the brand new ultra modern quarters behind the commandant's quarters. The new quarters for ranking non-commissioned officers in Block 12 had already been completed and occupied by then. In September, 1931, the present Children's School was completed and dedicated. This building had been built by troop labor.

On August 7, 1931, the existing airdrome was named Lawson Field in honor of Capt. Walter R. Lawson, a Georgia pilot killed in Ohio in 1923. The Infantry School had long advocated the employment of aircraft for observation purposes and there had been a few men at Benning with the 22nd Observation squadron on May 12, 1920. On May 22 of that year the 32nd Balloon company arrived with three officers and 100 enlisted men and complete flying equipment but remained only a year. After that the school borrowed planes for its problems from Maxwell Field. Then, in 1931, Flight B, 16th Observation squadron, was ordered to duty at Benning. Two small hangars were the only substantial buildings, there were no runways, taxi strips or parking aprons and the field was in reality a small grass clearing surrounded by neighboring farms.

EVEN IN THE OLD DAYS THE PROBLEM OF ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WAS BEING WORKED ON BY BENNING LEADERS. HERE IS A PHOTO OF THE STILL-COVETED BLOCK 12 NCO QUARTERS AS THEY REACHED COMPLETION EARLY IN 1931.

1932—



WORLD WAR I TANKS, LIKE THOSE SHOWN ABOVE, WERE BEING USED FOR INSTRUCTION AT THE INFANTRY SCHOOL IN THE EARLY 1930'S.

In 1932 another new unit was added to The Infantry School when, under the policy of consolidation of all school activities of the infantry at The Infantry School, The Tank School was moved to Benning from Fort Meade, Md. The Chief of Infantry, in his report of June 30, 1932, had said, "The tank has long been recognized as one of the important infantry weapons. For that reason its characteristics, tactical employment, powers and limitations must be understood by all infantry officers, and the knowledge will become general only when the tank and its armament are treated at The Infantry School exactly as are the other infantry weapons."

Preliminary tank and infantry instruction was given to all students at The Infantry School. From these students, the 35 with the highest grades were selected to attend the tank section for five months. Thus, in some classes, general officers were studying tank and infantry wheeled vehicles alongside company officers. The extent to which economy was carried in those early days after The Tank School was established at Benning is shown by the recollections the students have of combining instruction with community chores. As the student learned to drive the vehicle he also collected garbage!

In June, 1932, Lt. Col. George C. Marshall, assistant commandant of The Infantry School since November, 1927, left Fort Benning. He was replaced by Col. Charles L. Weeks in August of that year.

What type of men there were serving at The Infantry School in 1932 is shown by the action they voluntarily took at Christmas time of that year. By voluntarily giving up two full meals, one on Christmas Day, the soldiers made 1,000 poverty-stricken people of Columbus, hard hit by the depression, happier on Monday when the latter were served a complete meal at two stations in the city. The meals were cooked at Benning and transported to Columbus in rolling kitchens and served by the soldiers under the direction of the Salvation Army.

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1933—

The first months of 1933 were marked by continued economies in the maintenance of the post. However, although the sum allotted for keeping 18 million dollars worth of buildings in repair had been cut from $500,000 to $100,000, money was still being authorized for construction, particularly of a new barracks for the Special Units at Fort Benning and the 83rd Field Artillery.

In 1933 there was also established the Civilian Conservation Corps and during the summer 10,000 members of the CCC passed through Benning. Because the army was responsible for the direction of the huge relief-training program, a huge proportion of the officers were called to CCC duty and the enrollment at service schools was deeply cut. At The Infantry School, 69 of the 80 officers on the faculty were ordered to CCC duty. They didn't like it and the enlisted men liked it even less. General Douglas MacArthur, then Chief of Staff, summed the situation up in his report for 1933, saying, "There is, naturally, the sore spot rubbed up in the army over the fact that the army private's minimum pay is $17.85 a month, while a CCC man starts at $30, even if he does have to send most of it home."

In the midst of the CCC furor, General King retired on July 1, 1933. His successor had not been named at the time and Col. Fred L. Munson assumed the duties of acting commandant. On September 1, Brig. Gen. George H. Estes arrived to take up his duties as commandant.

The depression had a deadening effect on the activities of the school but, as already indicated, was a boon to the appearance of the post. Because civilians needed employment WPA was set up; because many public buildings and works were required PWA was organized. Through these two agencies Benning received an allotment of $6,352,000 for construction. Thus dreams of Benning authorities for a modern post, equipped with modern barracks and quarters as well as classrooms and shops, suddenly entered into the world of reality.

Signs of new construction were seen all over the reservation. A radio building, new quarters for non-coms and officers, a new incinerator, a permanent guardhouse, apartment buildings for married officers and a new bridge of steel and concrete across the Upatoi were soon underway. A large chapel, new hangars for the air corps, a heating plant for the tank section, tank shops and sheds, cart sheds for the 29th Infantry, a barracks unit for the 24th Infantry, a barracks for Service company of that regiment, and a new guardhouse and stables for the 83rd Field Artillery followed rapidly. Ordnance shops, a warehouse, a veterinary hospital, permanent quarters for medical corps personnel, a large building to house post headquarters and the Academic Department, apartments for bachelor officers, a new print shop, field officers' quarters and a lighting system for the streets of the post rounded out the program. The formal beginning of the construction made possible by this fund took place on December 8 when General Estes broke the ground for the construction of 30 four-family apartment buildings for the housing of students. These buildings, costing $991,850, comprised the largest single contract awarded during the construction program.

1934—

The building program that had been started in 1933 with the aid of WPA and PWA began to show signs of completion in 1934. On July 12 of that year the new Officers' Club was completed and opened to members although the formal opening was delayed until the arrival of new classes in the fall. Plans for the structure had been formulating since 1924 when the club was housed in a small frame building crowded among the classroom buildings.

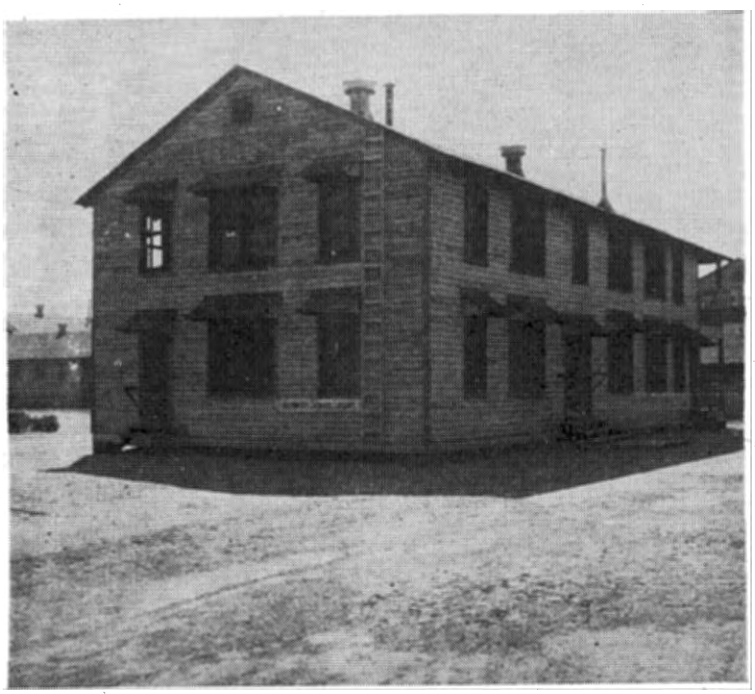
In 1934 classes were still being conducted in buildings made of wood and tar paper and the school offices were still housed in the antiquated frame buildings that were among the first constructed on the post. These buildings naturally offered a serious fire hazard to records of extreme importance. The $6,352,000 PWA allotment had provided the neeessary funds to remedy this situation. The present Infantry School Building, one of the most important in the whole construction program, was provided for in these funds.

On November 18, 1934 General Estes laid the cornerstone of the post chapel, which was completed the following year. The architecture for this building, since designated The Infantry Center Chapel, was modeled after that of the Bull Street Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia.

Also dedicated in 1934 were the three bachelor officer apartment buildings known as Lewis Hall, Greene Hall and Collins Hall. The north building of the group was named in honor of the late Col. Evans Elias Lewis, the central building in honor of the late Maj. Gen. Henry A. Greene, and the south building in honor of the late Maj. Gen. Edgar T. Collins, commandant of The Infantry School from 1926 till 1929.

A new bridge was built across the Upatoi Creek at the main entrance to the post. It spans the water at a height of 14 feet above the level of the old structure and is supported on massive concrete pylons. The new bridge, constructed to serve railroad, foot and vehicular traffic, eliminates the inconvenience caused by high water or floods such as the one in 1929 which cut off all communication with Columbus.

In 1934, too the War Department decided to put the army on wheels and an allotment of ten million dollars was set aside for this purpose, but it was a year later before the new vehicles began to be seen in great numbers around Benning.



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1935—

The year 1935 saw the completion of the most important architectural project at The Infantry School—The Infantry School Building. Begun with funds appropriated by PWA, it was ready for occupancy on July 12, 1935. This structure, although only three stories high, has floor space equalling that of a ten story city office building. The original architectural plans were made by the celebrated firm of McKim, Meade and White but were later abandoned as being too ambitious.

The structure was planned to house all the vital centers of The Infantry School, the instructors' offices, and the large lecture halls, each of which can accommodate about 350 students. It is built of reinforced concrete and tile covered with stucco and decorated with Indiana limestone at the corners, under the eaves and windows and in the pillars. The decoration above the main entrance was also carved from Indiana limestone.

A GI minded person connected with the construction of the edifice ordered it painted a shade somewhere between buff and olive drab. When the supervising architect saw what had been done, he immediately ordered the contractor to repaint the entire building white, as stipulated in the original contract.

During the summer of 1935 the move from the worn frame buildings in the old area to the new building was made. Among the first units to occupy new quarters was the Academic Department Library. Its collection, which then comprised about 13,000 books, had its beginning in a collection of 1,725 which, prior to October, 1918, had served The Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill. At Camp Benning it had first been housed in a frame building in the old Academic area, then in 1928 was moved to the brick building now occupied by the banks on Vibbert Avenue. In the new Infantry School Building its stacks and reading room now occupy a large part of the second floor of the west wing.

As a result of the extensive building program made possible by the WPA and PWA during this period there were, for the first time, sufficient quarters on the post for all officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers of the first three grades. The situation for the enlisted men of the school troops was not quite so happy, however, since there was still a deficiency in housing capacity for 1,057 troops.

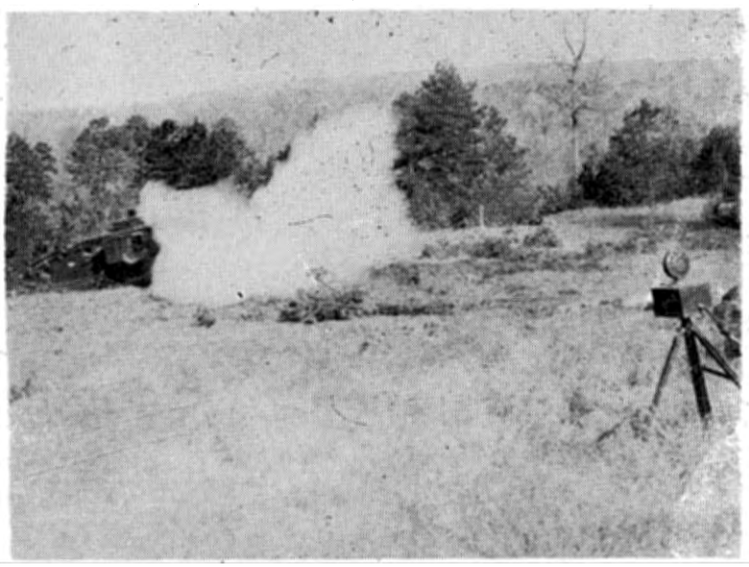
1936—

A new course at The Infantry School, known as the Regular Course and intended for officers in the Regular Army had been started in September, 1934, combining the Advanced and Company Officers' Courses. It was designed to train officers in tactical duties, both command and staff to include the infantry division; tactics and techniques of other arms, and the combined employment of other arms. The course was continued until war developments in Europe led to more modifications in the curriculum. Thus, in 1936, in addition to the Regular Course, the school offered the Tank Course, the Refresher Course, the National Guard and Reserve Company Officers' Course, the National Guard and Reserve Tank Officers' Course, the Communication Course for enlisted men, and the Motor Mechanics' Course for enlisted men. During the school year 1935-1936 327 officers and enlisted men were graduated from the various courses at the school, a sizeable increase over the student body of the previous year.

Several changes of command at Benning also took place in 1936. On July 22, Col. Charles L. Weeks, who had served as assistant commandant since 1932, was succeeded by Col. Walter C. Short. This was the same Colonel Short who, as a lieutenant, had been secretary of the school at Fort Sill. Brig. Gen. Asa L. Singleton came to Benning in October, 1936 to replace General Estes as commandant of The Infantry School.

During the year Benning was making another great contribution to American military history, one that is today familiar to every American infantryman. About two years earlier some of the personnel of the school had been armed with a new rifle, slated for testing at Benning and scheduled, if acceptable, to replace the Springfield. When it was first issued at Benning it was said: "The new U. S. semi-automatic rifle which is now receiving its service test at Fort Benning under the direction of the Department of Experiment has been found to be highly efficient, and it is announced by authorities that within the next few weeks the entire 29th Infantry will be armed with this type of weapon, replacing the 'Old Faithful' of infantry rifles, the Springfield. The adoption of this rifle, which fires semi-automatically at the rate of from 30 to 60 shots per minute, giving it from three to six times more firing power than the Springfield, will help make the infantry of the United States the most efficient on earth . . ."

The rifle is the M-1 of today, and in the spring of 1936 the 29th Infantry was using it again while testing a new streamlined infantry organization.



THE TANK FIRING THIS PROBLEM IN THE 1930'S WAS VERY MUCH UNLIKE THE TANKS THAT FIRE THE PROBLEMS FOR THE INFANTRY SCHOOL TODAY. FAINTLY DISCERNIBLE IN THE FOREGROUND ARE THE TRACKS OF THE NARROW GAUGE RAILROAD USED TO CARRY THE STUDENTS TO THE PROBLEM SITES.

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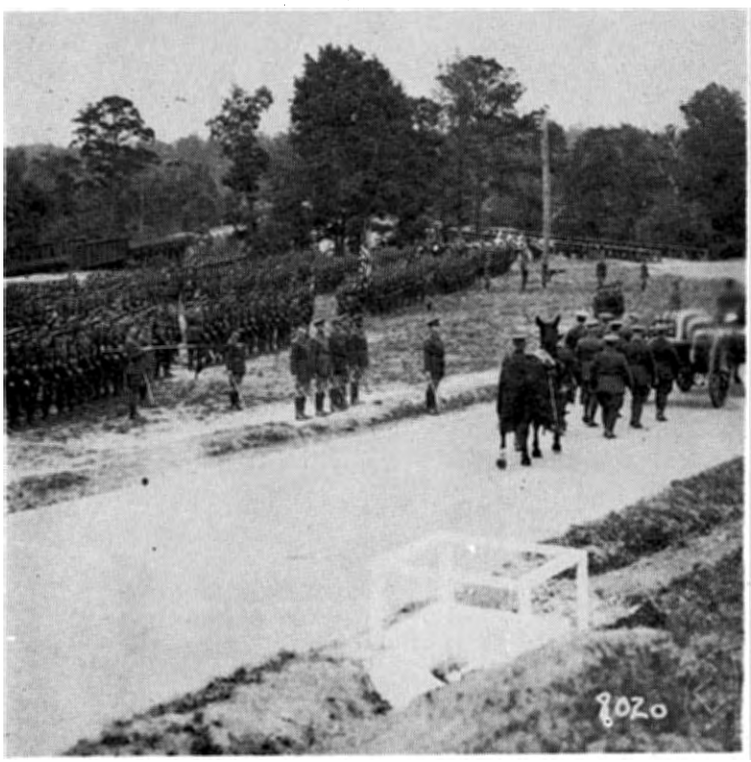

FUNERALS, LIKE THE ONE SHOWN ABOVE, WERE OCCASIONS FOR MUCH POMP AND CEREMONY AT THE INFANTRY SCHOOL.

By the opening of the school year 1937-1938 the introduction of new weapons and the uncertainty that existed in world affairs had forced additional changes in The Infantry School's Regular Course. The course in rifle marksmanship was changed, with the new M-1 being substituted for the Model 1903 Springfield. Additional hours were also added to the periods of instruction devoted to mortars and to the 37 mm gun. The time devoted to tactics was modified by including problems which emphasized field engineering, supply and evacuation, and signal communication. Of particular importance was the addition to the course of the subject of mobilization and training. Another change in the personnel of the Academic Department took place in February, 1937, when Colonel Short, promoted to brigadier general, was replaced by Col. Charles F. Thompson.

While The Infantry School, as seen above, was looking far into the future as far as training was concerned, the mushroom permanent growth of the post continued. The permanent building now housing the Army Field Printing Plant was completed and occupied in October, 1937. For recreation, the present Main Theater, constructed under the authority of the Public Works Administration, had been started in May of that year, with a projected seating capacity of 1,504.

Looking back today at the early days of World War II, it is easy to see that many of the ideas formulated at Benning five or six years before the war were first put into practice in North Africa. There, the infantry fought—using the tactics and techniques taught at Benning during the mid-thirties. There the infantry fought as a team with tanks and artillery as taught at Benning. There the infantry fought, armed with M-1 rifles, and 37 mm guns for anti-tank use. The battlefields of North Africa were the proving grounds of principles that had long been advocated at The Infantry School. For that matter, the course in mobilization and training, taught long before the draft, was of inestimable help in the orderly processing of civilians into soldiers, soldiers who could fight under any types of conditions on all types of terrain.

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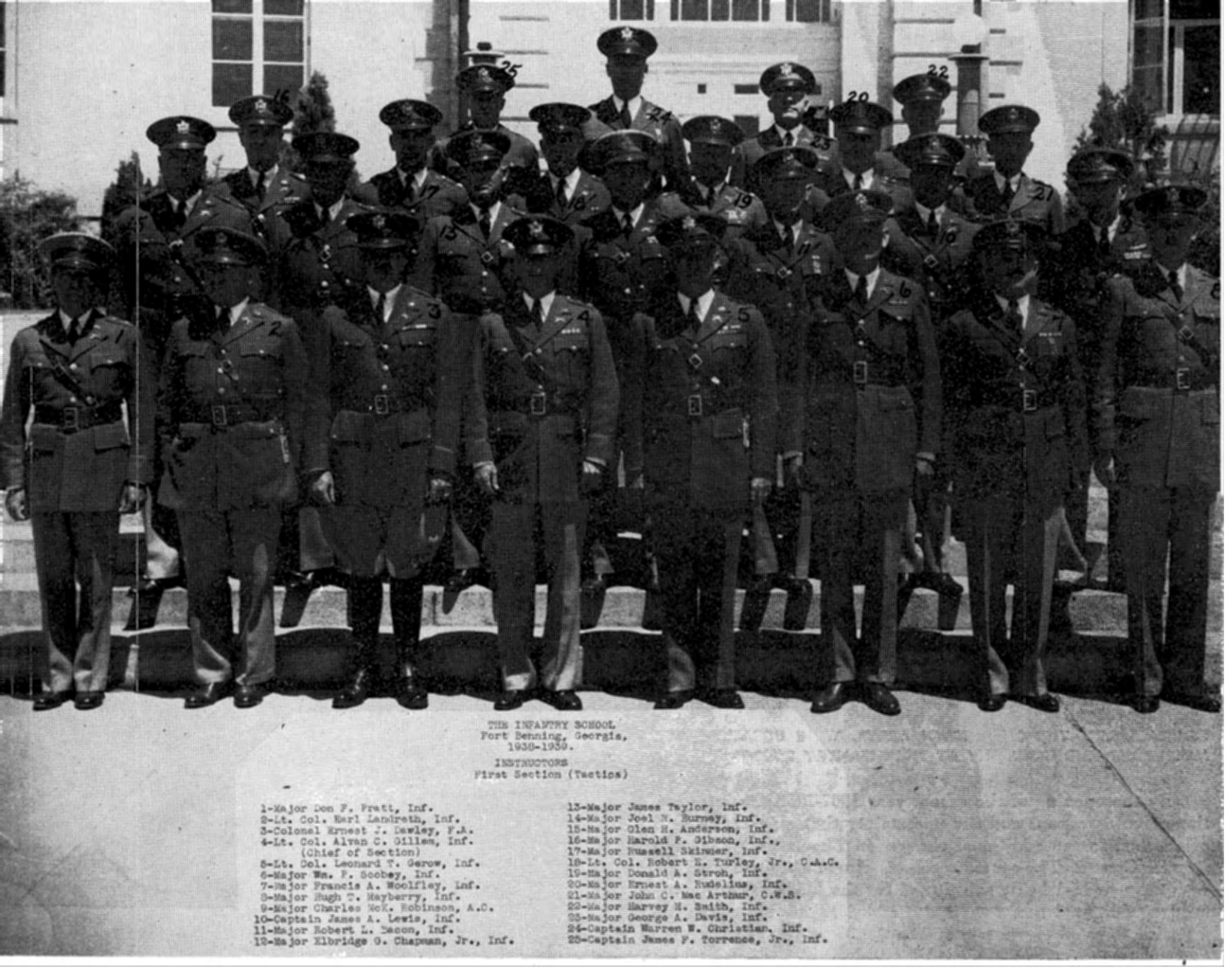

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SOME OF THEM WENT A LONG WAY DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS.

1938—

During the year 1938-1939 there were on duty at The Infantry School 76 officer instructors, including department heads, and 80 enlisted instructors. There were 25 students in the Refresher Course, 110 in the Regular Course, 33 in the Tank Course, 10 in the Advanced Communication Officers' Course, and 181 in the National Guard and Reserve Officers' Course. Enlisted students at the school included 37 in the Refresher Course for Sergeant Instructors on duty with the National Guard, 64 in the Communication Course, 60 in the Motor Mechanics' Course and 13 in the Horseshoers' Course. To the school as assistant commandant in July, 1938 came Col. Courtney H. Hodges, replacing Colonel Thompson.

With the exception of a few changes, the program of instruction followed that of the previous year. A 52 hour motor maintenance course was introduced into the Regular Course. Instruction in the tactics of the fourth battalion of the proposed infantry regiment was dropped and instruction in the tactics of the machine gun company, the mortar company and anti-tank company added. The time devoted to the tactics of small units, such as the rifle platoon and company, was increased and that time devoted to teaching tactics of the brigade decreased. Instruction in pistol, grenades and bayonet was eliminated.

The map reading, machine gun indirect laying, machine gun practice, machine gun mechanical training and drill, automatic rifle, and rifle anti-aircraft courses were reduced. The course in signal communication was revised; code practice was eliminated in this course since it was covered in the Advanced Communication Course. The military history course was modified by assigning subjects for research that pertained to the regiment and its component parts. These subjects were to be presented in conjunction with tactical instruction of the same nature.

In the Tank Course, the engine, communication, tactics and gunnery courses were reduced and the preventive maintenance, second echelon maintenance and convoy operation courses increased. The Advanced Communication Course was new. The Refresher Course for Sergeant Instructors on duty with the National Guard was changed. The time devoted to weapons and minor tactics was curtailed to permit concurrent instruction with the Regular Course. Other changes in this course were an increase in the hours allotted to signal communication, map and aerial photo reading and drill and command training.

The Infantry School was streamlining itself to prepare leaders in the war that was to come.

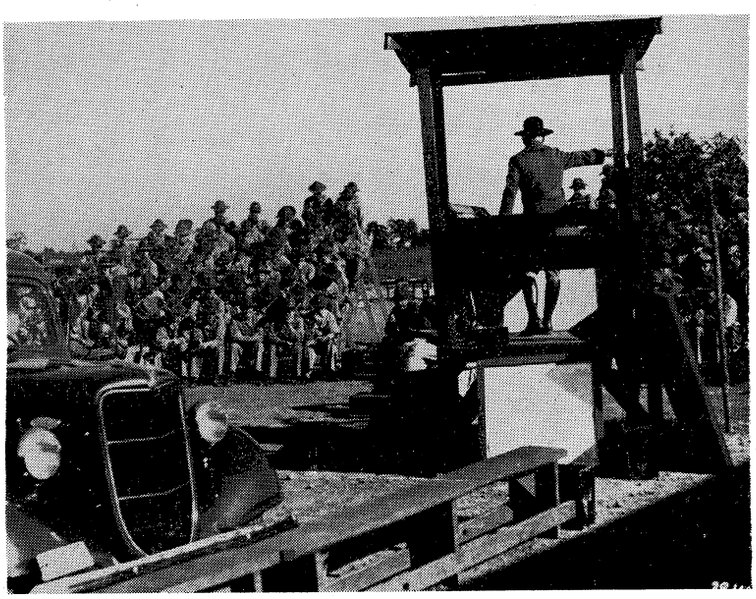
1939—

The war clouds that had been hovering over Europe for nearly a decade finally exploded in a hail of fiery steel in the fall of 1939. One week later President Roosevelt declared a state of limited national emergency and the Regular Army was authorizd to increase its strength from 21,000 to 227,000 enlisted men and the National Guard from 190,000 to 235,000. This order affected The Infantry School in that 344 men were added to the school troops and the other units on the post were *also strengthened*. Even more important, however, were the orders that came informing the school that its student body would be increased 100 per cent in the Regular Army courses and 200 per cent in the National Guard courses.

The Regular Course and Tank Course were condensed on November 1 in order to graduate the classes on February 1, 1940, 18 weeks ahead of schedule. The members of the Regular Course were attached to units of the First Infantry division, then at Benning, for field maneuvers, and the tank students were assigned to tank units for the maneuvers. At the end of the year there were 159 officers on the staff and faculty of The Infantry School and 1,396 enlisted men in the Infantry School Detachment and Student Training Battalions.

In connection with the War Department plan by which five regular Army divisions were to be given extensive field training during the winter, Benning was selected as the initial concentration point for the First division, then commanded by Maj. Gen. Walter C. Short. When this unit arrived it brought the total strength of the post up to 16,000 men.

Work on the preparation of a camp site for the First division had started some weeks prior to the arrival of the first troops and a tent city large enough for 8,500 men had been built before the arrival of the first contingent, 2,000 strong, on October 28. By the end of November the entire division was occupying its tent city. Shortly after and throughout the winter it held extensive maneuvers which, on several occasions, were participated in by the staff and faculty of The Infantry School and by the post and school troops.



ONE OF THE REASONS FORT BENNING WAS SITUATED IN GEORGIA WAS BECAUSE THE CLIMATE PERMITTED OUTDOOR OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE YEAR. WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE ARMY IN 1939 THIS MEANT THAT MORE STUDENTS COULD RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AT BENNING THAN ELSEWHERE. THE ABOVE PHOTO SHOWS A CLASS OF THAT YEAR BEING BRIEFED ON A PROBLEM.

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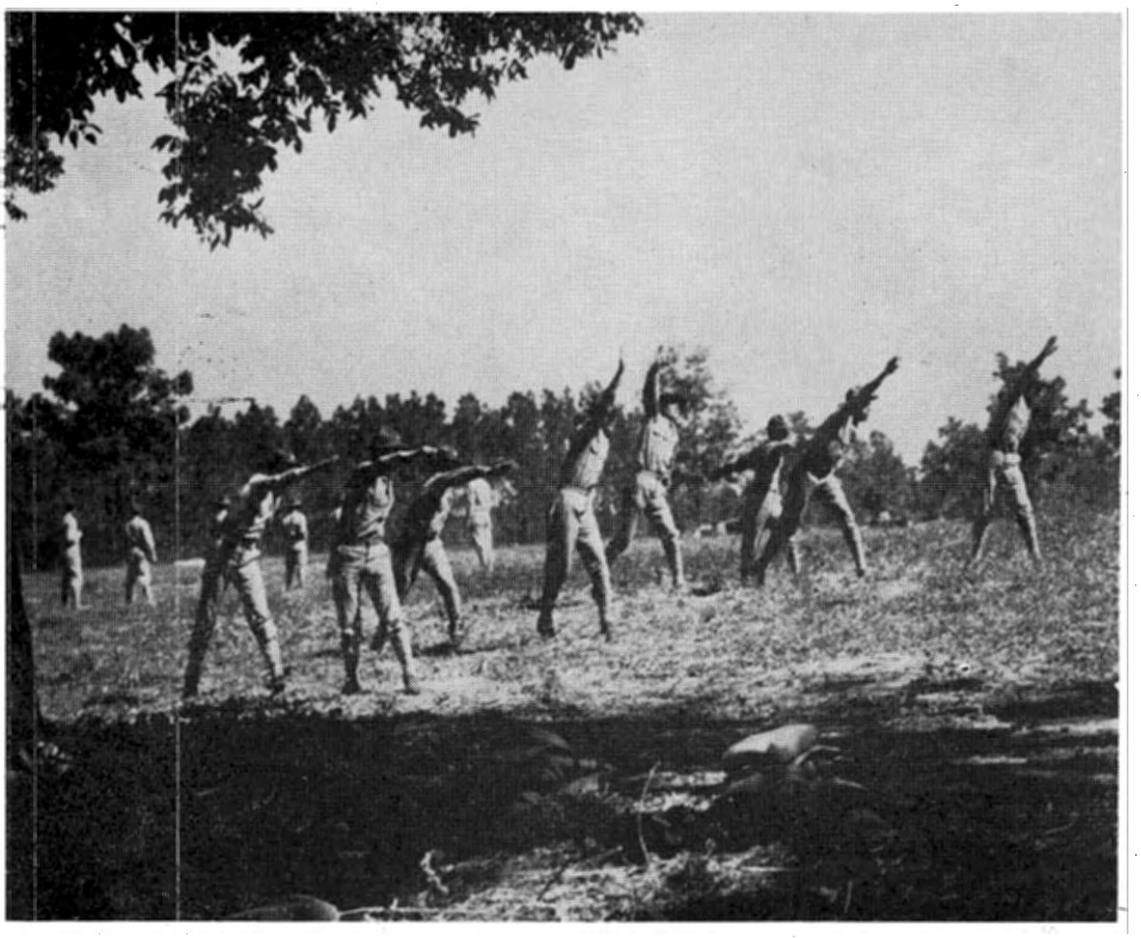


WHILE THE ARMY WAS LEARNING TO MOVE ON WHEELS AS SHOWN IN THE PHOTO AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE, SOLDIERS WERE NOT BEING NEGLECTED AS FAR AS TRAINING IN INFANTRY WEAPONS OF ALL TYPES WAS CONCERNED. HERE MEN OF THE CRACK FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION RECEIVE TRAINING IN THE HAND GRENADE. THE FOURTH WENT ON TO BECOME ONE OF THE GREAT OUTFITS OF WORLD WAR II, FIGHTING FROM THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY THROUGH THE HEART OF GERMANY.

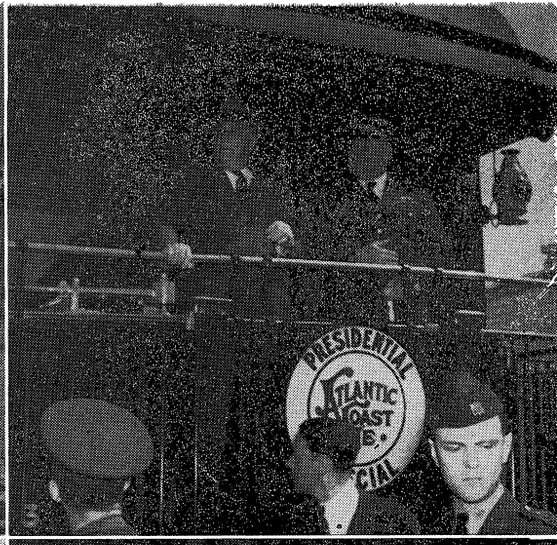
1940—

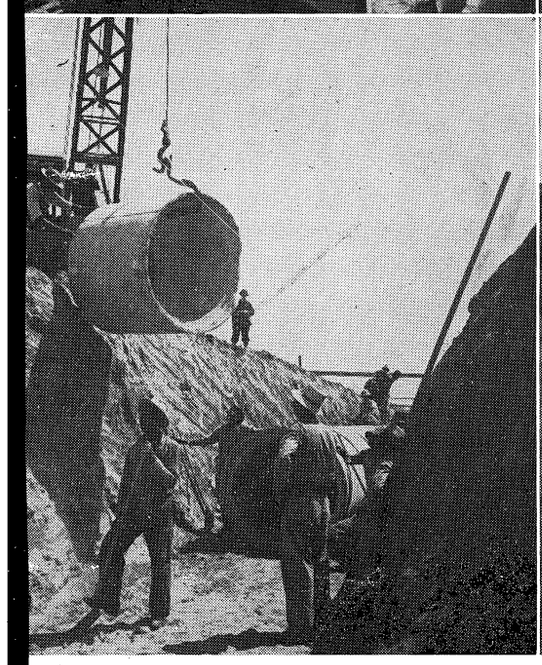
As the calendar turned to 1940 the concentration of troops at Benning became greater. To aid in the training of these men and the training of the students of The Infantry School, the First and Second battalions of the 68th Infantry (Light Tanks) were formed on January 12, 1940. This brought the strength of tank organizations at Benning to about 2,500 officers and men. The Fourth Anti-Tank battalion, first in the army, was created at Benning January 1, 1940 under command of Lt. Col. Leven C. Allen, but shortly after was redesignated the 94th Anti-Tank battalion. During the summer the battalion became part of the school troops. Other units that participated in maneuvers at Benning in 1940 were the Fifth and Sixth Infantry divisions and the 34th Infantry regiment. Then, in May, 1940 it was announced that the Fourth Infantry division would train at Benning and this unit occupied the Harmony Church area upon its arrival. Thus, by the time the IV Corps maneuvers were held in the area in the spring of 1940, nearly every type of unit in the army was represented, for the 45,000 troops included the school troops.

In October, 1940, Colonel Hodges was promoted to brigadier general and made commandant of The Infantry School and the new assistant commandant was Col. Charles W. Thomas, Jr. And there were many changes in the curriculum. The revised schedule called for Rifle and Heavy Weapons Company Officers' Classes, of 400 students each, to begin each month. A Battalion Commanders' and Staff Officers' Class was to report each month, an Officers' Communications Class was to start each month, an Officers' Motor Maintenance Class was to start each month, an Enlisted Radio Operators' Class was to start each six weeks and five Enlisted Motor Mechanics' Classes were to report each three months. Thus, by late spring of 1941 there were 26 classes in continuous session at The Infantry School.

And at Lawson Field, the 27th Bombardment group with 70 officers, 500 enlisted men and 70 planes had arrived from Barksdale Field, La.

Of paramount importance to the enlargement of the school's instructional actvities were the school troops. A report prepared for the assistant commandant stated that the minimum requirements for the month of August would be one infantry regiment (war strength); one battalion of motorized field artillery (war strength); one battalion of light tanks, one company of medium tanks; detachments of signal, medical, engineer and chemical warfare personnel; one observation flight, and one quartermaster truck company.





1941—

One of the greatest contributions made to the war effort by The Infantry School was the total of nearly 70,000 Officer *Candidates* who were commissioned second lieutenants in the army during the time the OCS was at Benning. As early as the fall of 1939 a mobilization order had included provisions for the training of these students and the school opened at Benning July 1, 1941. The photo spread above gives an indication of some of the diversified activities at the post during 1941. Top left shows a student at bayonet drill, Brig. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, the new commandant watches training on the 37 mm gun (2) and the most distinguished visitor of the year (3) President Roosevelt, is shown in the station at Columbus. There was fun, however, (4) along with the work and something new when paratroopers (5) learned how to operate a captured locomotive as engineers (6) trained in bridge building on the Upatoi. Lawson Field was enlarged during the year and sewers (7) were added. Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., (8) showed Maj. Gen. H. A. Arnold, chief of the Army Air Force, the progress of his Second Armored division at Sand Hill and a class (9) studied anti-tank defense.

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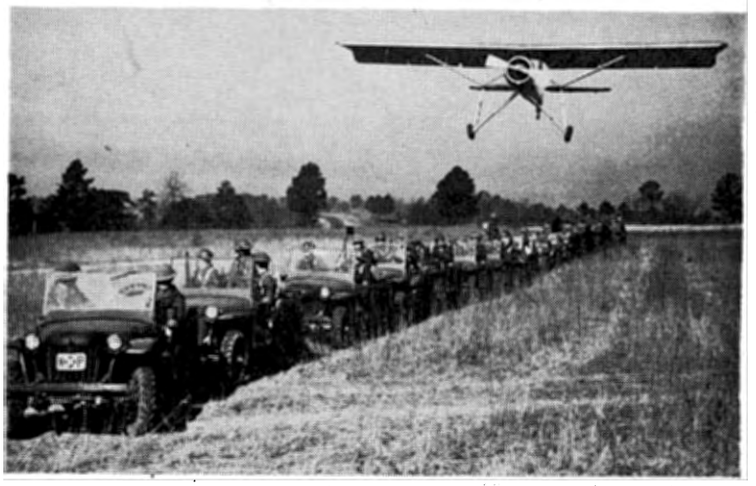

AN EARLY MODEL LIAISON PLANE CONTACTS FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS ON MANEUVERS AT BENNING. IN THIS INSTANCE INFANTRY SCOUTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED WELL FORWARD IN THE ARMY'S NEW FOUR WHEEL DRIVE MIDGET CARS WHICH DO NOT HESITATE TO LEAVE THE ROADS AND STRIKE ACROSS COUNTRY.

1941 Continued

By the summer of 1941 all Benning was roaring in full blast in its efforts to build up the entire army. On July 1 the first class of officer candidates arrived at The Infantry School, the first of the wartime classes that were to make Benning the alma mater of the great majority of infantry platoon leaders and company commanders of the war.

On December 7, 1941 the peacetime role of The Infantry School ended with the dropping of Japanese bombs on Pearl Harbor. Created during war, the school had developed during peace. Now, during a second World War was to come not only the period of its greatest expansion but also its period of greatest service. The success of its graduates was to vindicate the judgment of those who for more than 165 years had clung steadfastly to the ideal of a trained infantry as the nation's bulwark of defense.

To implement plans made during October for the further expansion of The Infantry School, the Student Training Units were redesignated on November 13, 1941 as the First Student Training regiment at the Main Post and the Second Student Training regiment in the Harmony Church area. To provide a sufficient number of demonstration troops for the increased student body, an additional infantry regiment was needed. To fill this need the 124th Infantry, formerly of the Florida National Guard, was ordered to Fort Benning. It arrived on December 20, 1941 and immediately moved into the Harmony Church area, south of Hourglass Road.

TANKS OF THE 68TH ARMORED REGIMENT PASS IN REVIEW DURING A PARADE OF THE SECOND ARMORED DIVISION FEBRUARY 14, 1941.

1942—

IN 1942 IT WAS ATTACK AND ATTACK AND ATTACK IN TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR ATTACK AND ATTACK AND ATTACK IN THE PACIFIC, IN NORTH AFRICA AND IN THE ALEUTIANS. HERE SOLDIERS OF THE 124TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, STATIONED AT BENNING, MAKE AN ATTACK THROUGH SMOKE.

The attack on Pearl Harbor and the subsequent declarations of war on this country by Germany and Italy were reflected in the increased activity of The Infantry School. There were also rapid changes in command of the school during the early part of the war. Brig. Gen. Omar N. Bradley who had replaced General Hodges as commandant in 1941 was replaced by Maj. Gen. Leven C. Allen in 1942, and Colonel Thomas, the assistant commandant who had replaced General Hodges in

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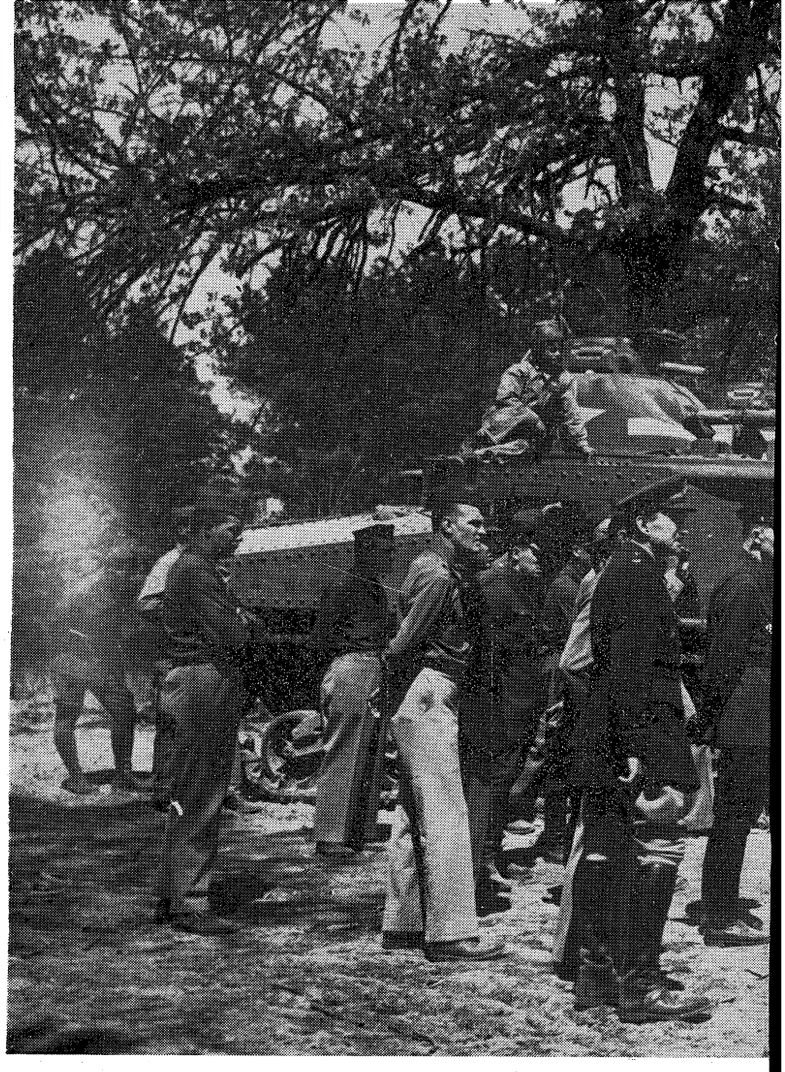

RUSSIAN AND BRITISH OFFICERS WERE AMONG THE DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND EAGER OBSERVERS AT THE INFANTRY SCHOOL DURING 1942. THE UPPER PHOTO SHOWS SOME SOVIET AND AMERICAN OFFICERS WATCHING A DEMONSTRATION PUT ON BY THE SECOND ARMORED DIVISION IN APRIL. THAT SAME MONTH SIR JOHN DILL,

BRITISH MEMBER OF THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF AND GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL, U. S. CHIEF OF STAFF, VISITED THE SCHOOL. THEY ARE SHOWN BELOW WITH MAJ. GEN. LEVEN C. ALLEN, COMMANDANT OF THE INFANTRY SCHOOL, WHO WELCOMED THEM UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT LAWSON FIELD.

1942 Continued

1940 was followed in June, 1941 by Col. William A. Hobson. In October, 1941, Colonel Withers A. Burress was named assistant commandant and remained in that post until February, 1942, when he left, later to activate the 100th Infantry division, and was replaced by Brig. Gen. George H. Weems.

As far as the Academic Department was concerned, the advanced training of infantry officers which had been the primary mission of the school for a quarter of a century, while not abandoned entirely, was temporarily curtailed. Of the 18 classes originally scheduled for the Rifle and Heavy Weapons Company Officers' Course, only seven were actually enrolled. Not only were the officers who might have attended badly needed by the new units and camps being established, but the facilities were required in the training of OCS men. The original quota of 800 students a year established for this course had been progressively increased so that by February, 1942 a quota of 9,900 students at one time was established.

Another great effort of The Infantry School at this time was in the training of paratroopers. A first experimental platoon had been established in 1939 and the school was going full blast by 1942. By the end of 1942 The Infantry School consisted of three Officers' Advanced Classes with 600 students; one Division Officers' Class of 273 students; three Communications' Officers classes with 330 students; three Motor Maintenance Officers' Classes of 330 students; a Cannon Company Officers' Class of 50; three Enlisted Radio Operators' Classes with 300 students; nine Enlisted Motor Mechanics' Classes with 900 students and 72 Officer Candidate Classes with 14,400 students. The total enrollment at that one time was therefore, 17,183 students.

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1943—

A gradual reduction in the number of Officer Candidate Classes and a raising of the standards to be met by the candidates took place during the first quarter of 1943. This was made possible since the most urgent demand for new officers had been met. In February, 1943, the capacity of the course was reduced from 14,400 to 6,600 per quarter and the facilities made available for the training of non-commissioned officers.

By 1943, too, changes began to be made in the courses as a result of reports of operations that came in from the active war theaters. More hours of close combat were taught and, when a report came in that the troops were not "tough enough," in actual combat, steps were taken to approximate combat conditions and the famous "infiltration course" was built. Close attention was devoted to courses in leadership and the physical conditioning of officers and enlisted men was stressed. New problems and demonstrations, developed from the lessons of the war, were included in the program of instruction.

Other changes were made later in the year including a change in command in September, when Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel was designated commandant of The Infantry School replacing General Allen. There were also men of the ASTP on the post and the first contingents of WACs had arrived.

The lowest level in the number of classes in session at one time since January 1, 1943, was in December of the same year when there were 51 classes with a total capacity of 8,518 students. This great reduction in students was due to the general reductions in capacity of various courses which had been instituted because of the decreasing number of officers available for assignment as students at the school.

AS THE TIDE OF BATTLE TURNED IN FAVOR OF THE ALLIES IN 1943 AND AS AMERICAN TROOPS WERE CARRYING THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY IN THE PACIFIC AND MEDITERRANEAN THEATRES, THE TRAINING AT BENNING WAS STEPPED UP TO INCLUDE THE LESSONS ALREADY LEARNED IN COMBAT AGAINST THE GERMANS AND THE JAPS. HERE A DOUGHBOY IS SHOWN ADVANCING THROUGH BARBED WIRE WHILE CARRYING A MACHINE GUN.

1944—

GERMANS WERE A FAMILIAR SCENE AROUND FORT BENNING IN 1944. HERE IS ONE GETTING SOME GEORGIA SUN.

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In the officers' courses, the OCS had produced 50,023 graduates; the Basic Course, 10,429; the Special Basic Course, 5,538; the Advanced Course, 7,422; the New Division Officers' Course, 3,780; the Motor Course, 3,012; the Communication Course, 2,834; the Cannon Course, 1,311; the Air Corps Weather Officers' Course, 82; the Air Corps Liaison Officers' Course, 39; the French Officers' Special Course 75, and the Officers' Special Courses, 156.

For enlisted men, the Motor Course had graduated 9,547; Communications Course, 5,690; Radio Repairmen's Course, 230; Artillery Mechanics' Course, 422, and Enlisted Special Courses, 371.

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1945—

As 1945 opened American infantry were nearing their goals of Berlin and Tokyo and the personnel of The Infantry School were already able to look with pride on the accomplishments of the hectic pre-war and wartime years. The German offensive in the west was already stalemated and the great counteroffensive in the Bastogne area had begun. In Italy American ground forces were girding for the final assault that would carry them to the Alps and destruction of Nazi forces on the peninsula. In the Pacific the doughboys made so many landings during the first half of the year they were facetiously complaining of webbing growing beteen their toes, while on the mainland of Asia, American and Allied forces, working with Chinese trained by Infantry School graduates, were pushing back into the heart of Burma. The war was in its declining state and the first break came in a schoolroom in Rheims, France on May 8, 1945 when the Germans surrendered to General Eisenhower, the one-time football coach at Benning. In August the first atomic bomb was dropped on Japan and the end came a few weeks later on the deck of the Missouri. Peace had come back to the world.

But if the rush at Benning had stopped somewhat, the school was by no means ready to close its doors. Already great changes were taking place. Just as in the early years of The

THE EQUIPMENT OF 1945'S AIRBORNE SOLDIERS AND A GOOD IDEA OF WHAT THE SOLDIERS COULD DO WHEN THE INFANTRY SCHOOL PUT ON A MOCK RAID ON COLUMBUS. HERE THE CIVILIANS LOOK AT SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT.

Infantry School the lessons of previous wars had been studied, so were the lessons of World War II being analyzed. And the search for better infantry weapons did not cease. From Europe, where he had commanded the great Third Infantry division came Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel to replace General Walker as school commandant. As assistant commandant, replacing General Weems in August, arrived Brig. Gen. Whitfield P. Shepard, one-time assistant commander of the Third and then deputy chief of staff of the Sixth Army group. With these two combat leaders came scores of combat-wise officers, ready to impart their knowledge to the thousands of students still coming to Benning.

Much of the actvity of The Infantry School during the year was centered around the operations of The Parachute School. From the first experimental platoon activated in 1939, this branch of the combat forces had grown so that Benning could truly say that all the great airborne divisions of the army had had their birth at The Infantry School. The adventurous young men taking airborne training at the school were learning a new way to reach the battlefield but they were made to realize that once they landed they would fight as infantry. That had always been the policy of the school: to train infantrymen to fight under all types of conditions anywhere in the world.

And in 1945, too, with the end of the war and the discharge of millions of men, Benning, which had been one of the great builders of the army, began to reverse its work as thousands of men were separated from the service here.

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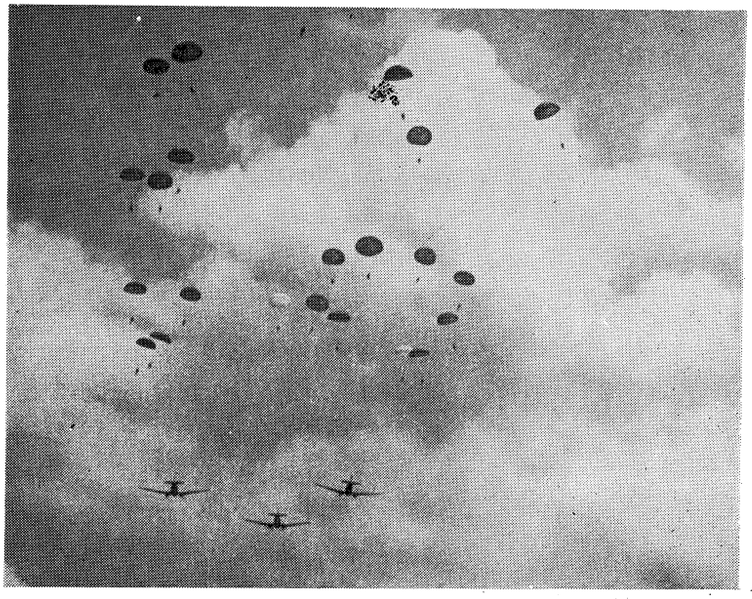
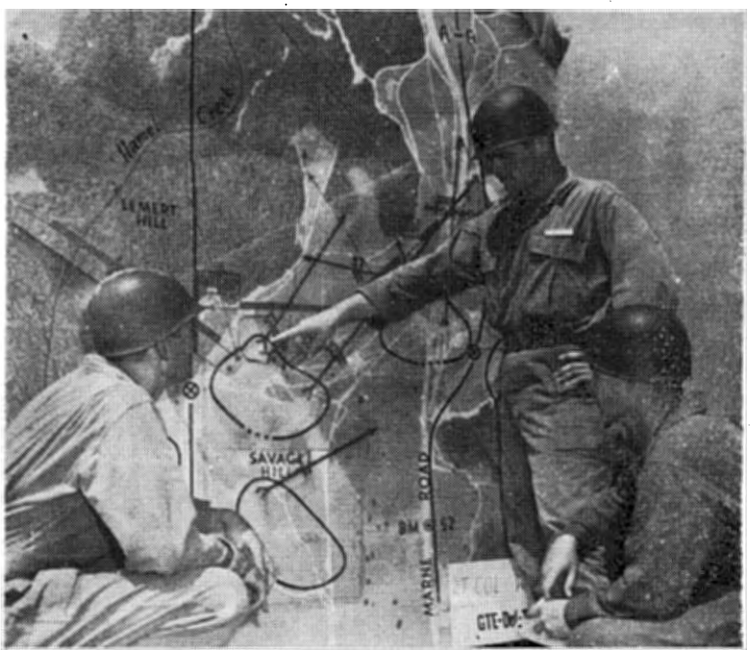


THE AIRBORNE TRAINING BEGUN AT THE INFANTRY SCHOOL IN 1939 WAS STILL GOING AND STRONGER THAN EVER IN 1946 AS THIS MASS DROP SHOWS.

In 1946, as in all its previous years, The Infantry School continued its activities of training officers and non-commissioned officers to be leaders of soldiers and to be experts in their fields. Although the army was shrinking in size, the collapse in strength was not as great or rapid as many pessimists had expected. The valor of American infantrymen had finally gone to the hearts of the American people and thousands of young men swarmed into recruiting offices while other thousands entered via the draft, which was still in effect.

As they entered the service, many of these young men indicated a desire to attend a service school and hundreds of them came to The Infantry School. They took their airborne training at Benning and hundreds more became expert radio repairmen, motor mechanics and communication men. Others came from duty with the occupation forces in Japan, Germany and Austria to try a course at Benning, while still more hundreds, stationed at Benning before or during the war, returned to the post they favored above all others.



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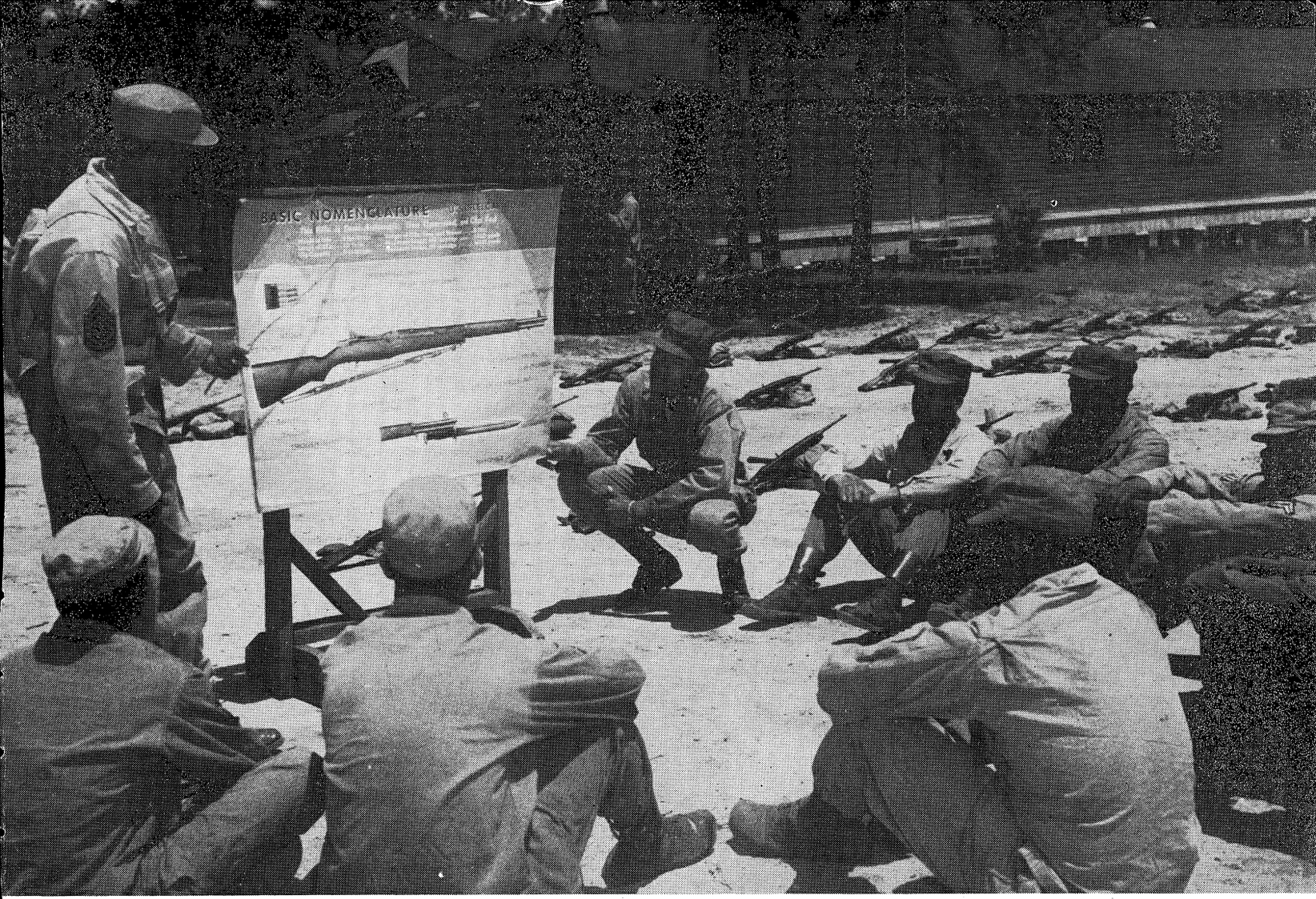

THE WAR WAS TWO YEARS OVER BUT BASIC TRAINING STILL WENT ON AS YOUNG MEN JUST OUT OF SCHOOL AND INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THE ARMY, CAME IN. OTHERS, OF COURSE WERE MORE INTERESTED IN SERVING 18 MONTHS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GI BILL OF RIGHTS. ABOVE ARE MEN OF THE 25TH INFANTRY REGIMENT ATTENDING A CLASS ON THE M-1 RIFLE. BELOW, CHIEF OF STAFF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, WHO HAD BEEN AT BENNING OFF AND ON SINCE 1921, CHATS WITH ANOTHER MAN OF THE 25TH COMBAT TEAM DURING A TOUR OF INSPECTION HE WAS MAKING THROUGHOUT THE ARMY.

1947—

By 1947 a certain stability had returned to The Infantry School and much of the orderly confusion of the war years had ended. Gone were the great and crammed classes of thousands of officer candidates, for this course had shrunk to a few hundred students and eventually moved to the Ground General Center at Fort Riley. Replacing the eager OCS men were the youthful officers of World War II, many of whom had won their commissions on the battlefield. Older in military wisdom than their predecessors and often more mature in their thinking, many of them had realized the value of a commission and the need for trained officers, especially those with battle training, in an army that might be called upon to keep a peace it had so dearly helped to win. They came to Benning to learn the things they had missed in combat, the "whys" behind the "hows" they had learned in combat.

With these new students came others from all over the world, the best of the young officers of the United Nations. Fighting side by side with American troops on a hundred battlefields in a score of countries, these "guest students" had come to appreciate the American way of doing things in war and were eager to learn the lessons the Americans had learned. The Infantry School opened its doors to them and soon Benning took on the appearance of a United Nations meeting.

Other guests came to Benning, the great war leaders who had admired American infantrymen; they came to see the school that produced so many good officers and non-commissioned officers in so short a time.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE INFANTRY CENTER, MAJ. GEN. WITHERS A. BURRESS, BRIEFS MEMBERS OF THE FIRST JOINT CIVILIAN ORIENTATION CONFERENCE. THESE MEN, ALL LEADERS IN THEIR CIVILIAN FIELDS, CAME TO BENNING TO OBSERVE JUST HOW THE ARMY IS GETTING ALONG, WHAT IT IS ACCOMPLISHING WITH THE MONEY IT RECEIVES AND, IN GENERAL, TO LEARN THE STATE OF THE ARMED FORCES' PREPAREDNESS FOR ANY EVENTUALITY. AND THEY LIKED WHAT THEY SAW AT BENNING.

1948—

A great change came to Benning in 1948, a change not easily seen but one that pervaded the entire post with a new enthusiasm. It was a change compounded of many things: new leaders, new types of training, and a new look. It was a gradual change but much was accomplished. In June, Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, the wartime commander of the 100th Infantry division and the assistant commandant of the school in the early years of the war, returned, this time as commandant and post commander. Late in the year Brig. Gen. Joseph S. Bradley came from the Pacific to replace General Shepard as assistant commandant.

Late in the year, too, came the members of the First Joint Civilian Orientation Conference. The American people, through their civilian leaders, were to see what progress their armed forces were making. The Department of the Army chose Benning as the site for the army's part of the exhibition of American might and beginning in November, 1948, the groups of distinguished scientists, teachers, editors, merchants, manufacturers and leaders in other fields came to Benning to see the infantry. They came, they saw, they were amazed. And at the same time they spread throughout the nation a new confidence in America's armed forces, for they liked what they had seen.

In 1948, too, there came to Benning the first contingents of teen-age soldiers. Thousands of young men had entered the service in the spring and early summer of the year, either voluntarily or by the draft and Benning received an overflow of about 1,500 of them late in the summer. This was an opportunity The Infantry School had long wanted: to train new soldiers by the methods long advocated by the school. They had 1,500 men on whom to try their theories. Treat them as dignified human beings, as men, was General Burress' order, but do not mollycoddle them. Treat them, he told the training cadre, as you would have wanted to be treated but, again, treat them always as soldiers. This was done and the record of the 325th Provisional Training battalion was a record that The Infantry School would long look at with pride. The Infantry School had proved that it could train recruits as ably as it trained regimental commanders and division, regimental and battalion staff officers.

The courses at the school during 1948 were more or less settled. There were the Advanced and Basic Officers' Courses and the Associate Courses, as well as the Communications, Motor, Pathfinder, Basic Airborne for officers, and for enlisted men NCO courses, the new Weapons Courses, Radio, Motor and Communications Courses as well as Airborne and Pathfinder classes. Late in the year, to offset a growing shortage of infantry platoon leaders the school started the first of the Special Associate Basic Infantry Officers' Courses.

1949—

THE WAR-FAMED THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION CAME TO BENNING TO BE REORGANIZED IN DECEMBER, 1948 AND THE TROOPS STARTED POURING IN DURING THE EARLY PART OF 1949. HERE THE 15TH INFANTRY COLOR GUARD IS SHOWN AS IT RECEIVED ITS COLORS.

The head of one of America's great universities, visiting Fort Benning with a group participating in a Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, was heard to say that he wished his school could operate as efficiently as The Infantry School. Looking at The Infantry Center in 1949 and comparing it with the Camp Benning of 1919 one could see the changes, one could understand the effort, the work and the worry that had made The Infantry School the recipient of such praise. The struggling camp, fighting for its very existence three decades previously had already earned the sobriquet, America's Most Complete Military Post."

Infantry Center officials, however, followed a tradition that precluded resting on hard-won laurels. Where there is no progress there is stagnation, was the attitude, and stagnation means a decline. So the leaders continued to push ahead, to look ahead and to plan ahead. The courses of instruction for the school year 1949-1950 were about the same as those of the previous year; some minor changes had been made but the machine was running as smoothly as ever.

There was one great change in 1949, however. For the first time except during the war years The Infantry Center had a lot of infantry troops stationed at Benning. Late in 1948 the Department of the Army had ordered the reorganization of the Third Infantry division. Earlier in the year the Seventh Infantry Regimental Combat Team had been reorganized at Benning but earlier in the fall it had moved to Massachussetts. The reorganization order of December, however, stated that the division, minus the combat team, would be brought up to authorized strength at Benning.

The first troops for this division began arriving at Benning in January and for the next few months, after the arrival of

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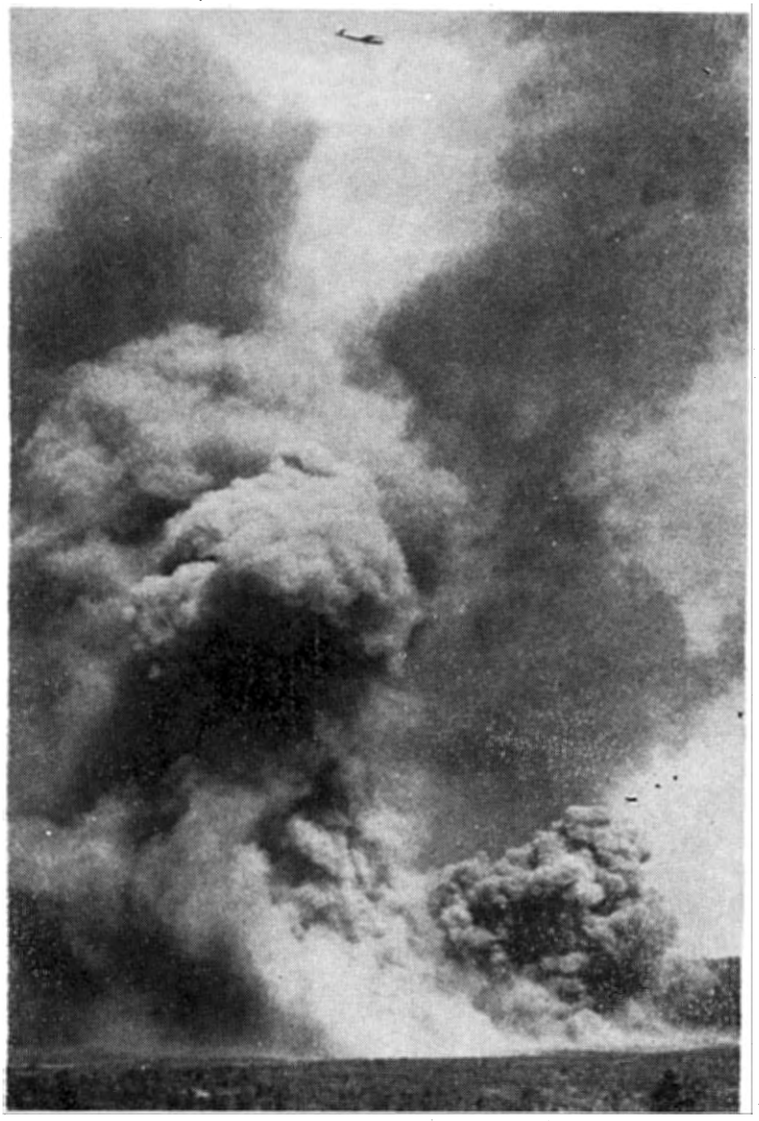
Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, its commander, the troops poured in. Preparations had been made for their arrival earlier and a vast amount of money had been spent in rebuilding the Sand Hill area for the majority of them. Their mission was not only to train so as to take their place in America's striking force, if necessary, but to serve as demonstration troops for The Infantry School. How well they perform this latter task has been told by writers who have expressed amazement at their ability to function so well under simulated combat conditions.

Because of the influx of thousands of troops the old problem of housing arose. New quarters were already under construction on the post but they were not enough. So around the outskirts of the post there mushroomed housing projects, designed to furnish low-rate but adequate homes for the thousands of Benning troops requiring them . And on the post proper there began to grow a tremendous project, the Battle Park Homes.

So, after more than 30 years, the problems were the same: keeping the curriculum abreast and ahead of times, training troops and finding housing for them. The Infantry School could look back on great accomplishments; it preferred to look forward to greater ones.



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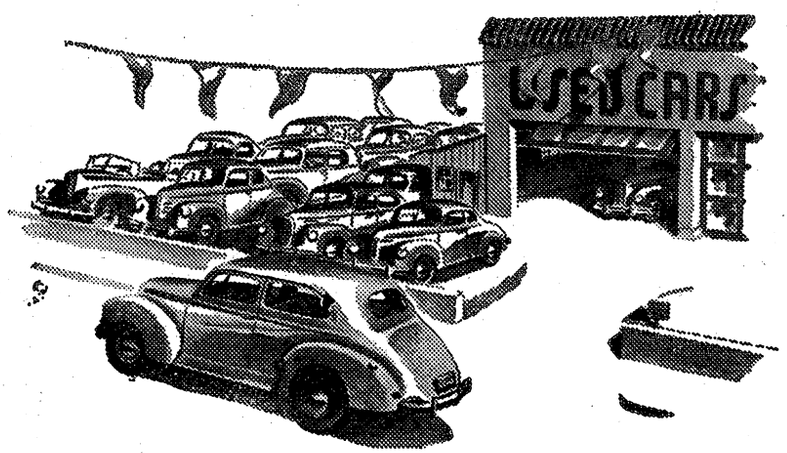

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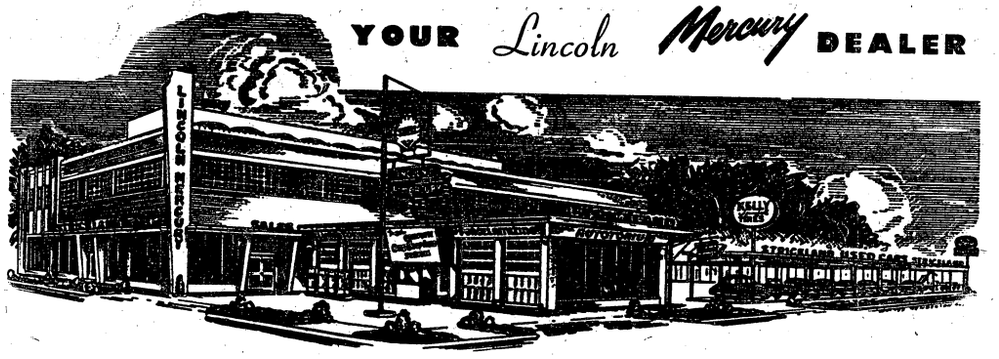

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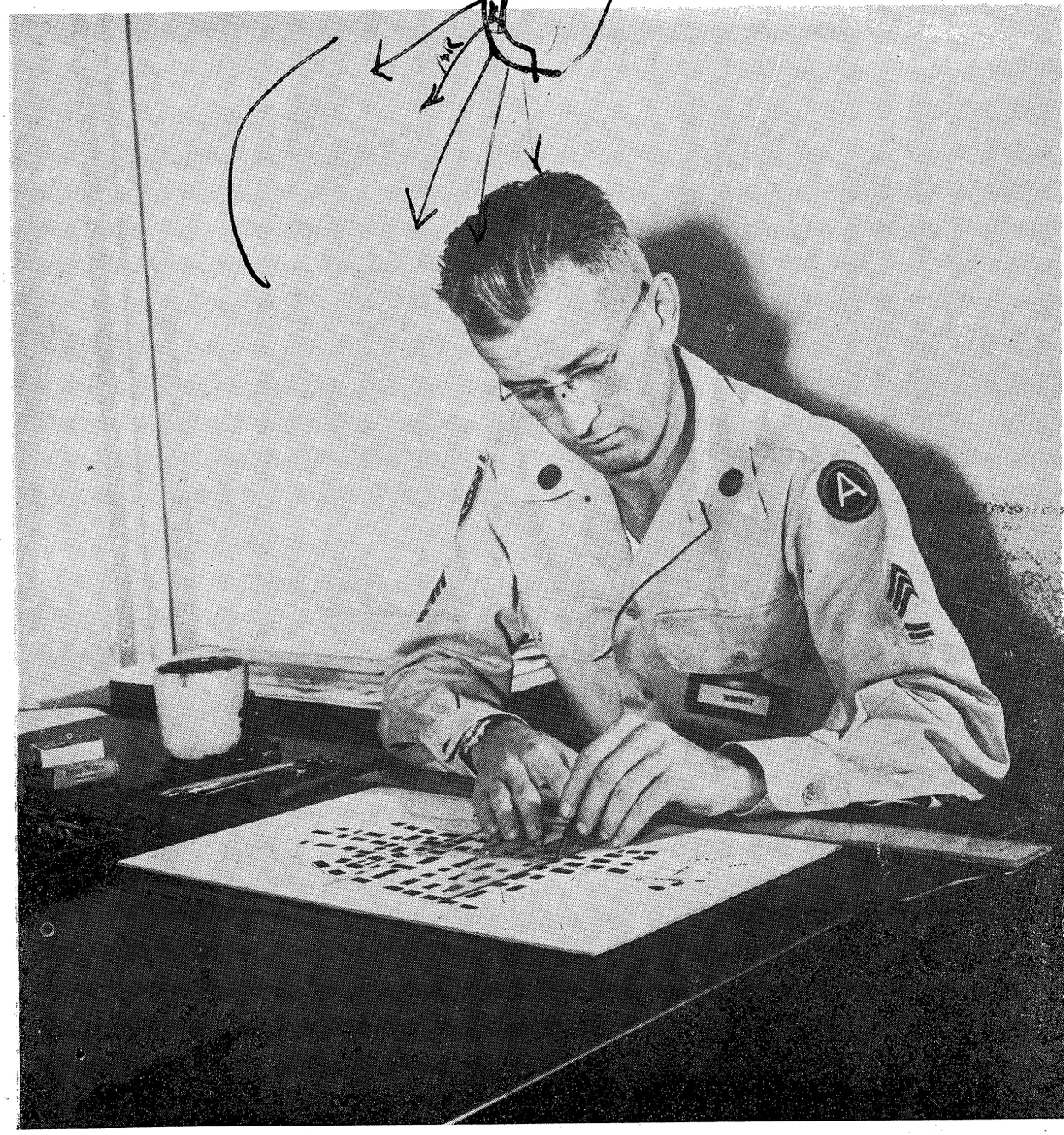

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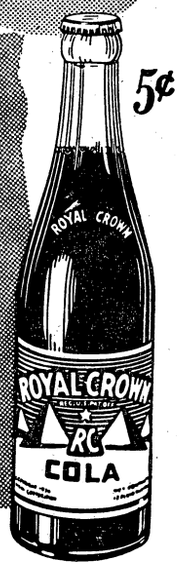

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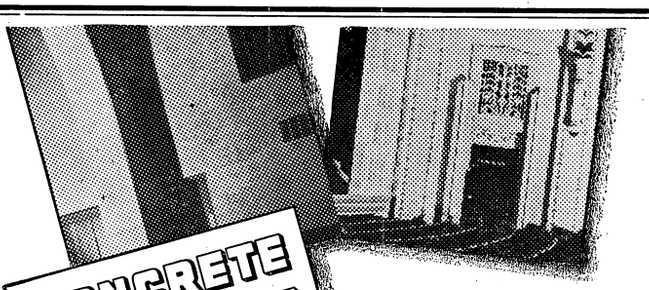

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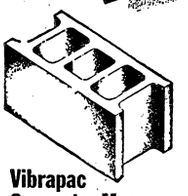

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From The Editor . . .

As *The Benning Herald* starts its second year of publication as a picture magazine its circulation is exactly double the 5,000 copies printed for the first issue in October, 1948. To those who may wonder how the magazine is distributed (free, of course) here is the way this is done. There are about 26,000 troops at The Infantry Center and the 10,000 copies of *The Herald* are distributed to units on the basis of two copies for every five men. Figures for the precise breakdown are on the basis of one copy for each officer and one copy for each three men. Thus, if there are five officers and 30 enlisted men in a unit, the organization receives 15 copies. These figures are obtained from the Infantry Center Military Personnel division and are revised as frequently as thought necessary. The copies are bundled at the Columbus Office Supply Co., delivered to the Infantry Center message center and then picked up by each unit. The breakdown for smaller units is made by the major unit, as, for example, the 15th Infantry regiment dividing its copies equitably among its companies. In most cases, however, as with the 3440th ASU, the priniter makes separate bundles for more rapid distribution to all the various units under the Provisional group.

We learned a lot about the army in preparing the picture story of the Heavy Mortar company of the 30th Infantry regiment (Pages 10-14). Like a lot of others, we had gone blithely on, realizing that the mortar is a weapon used by the infantry and somewhat devastating in its effect. But when Infantry School faculty members (including artillerymen) launched into paeans of praise about the mortars, especially the 4.2, we began to remember some of the old combat experiences concerning mortars. One of the funnier was Bill Mauldin's famous cartoon of the pfc on top of a hill with a 60 mm mortar, calling his outfit and reporting, "K Company artillery commander reporting . . ."

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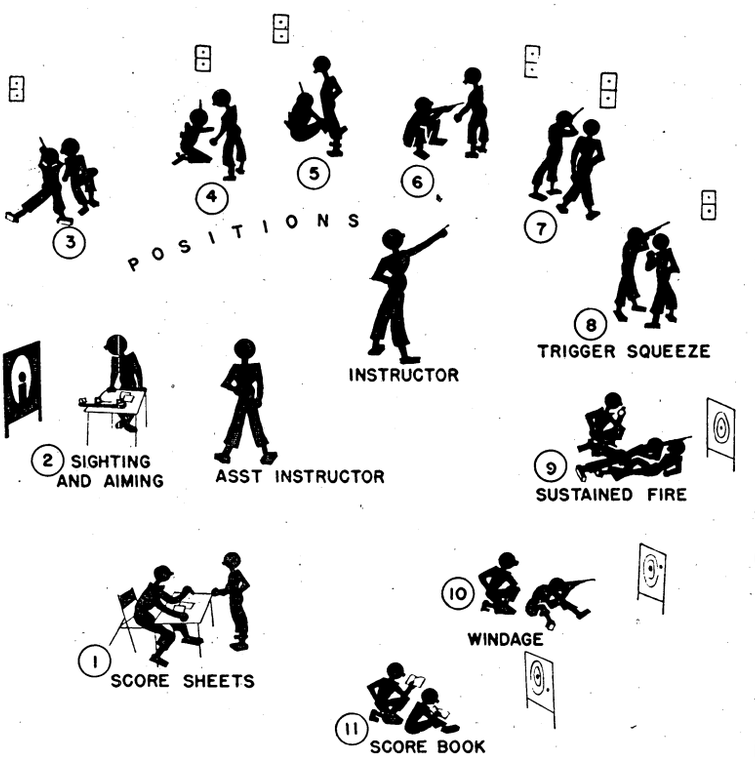

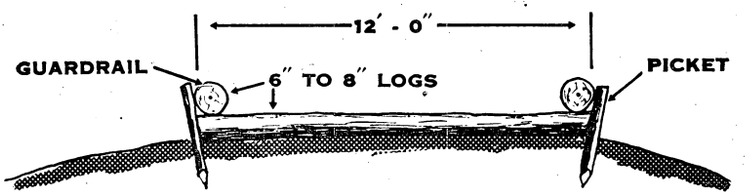

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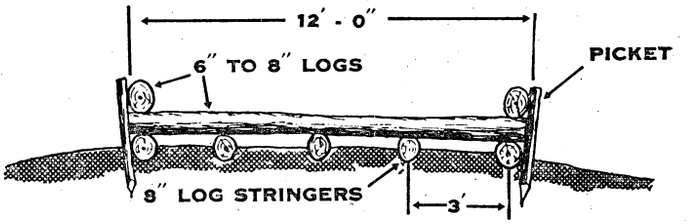

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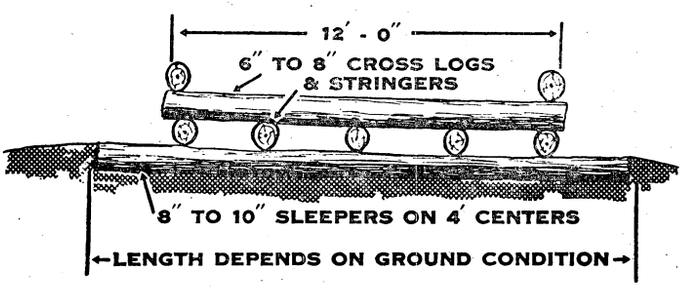

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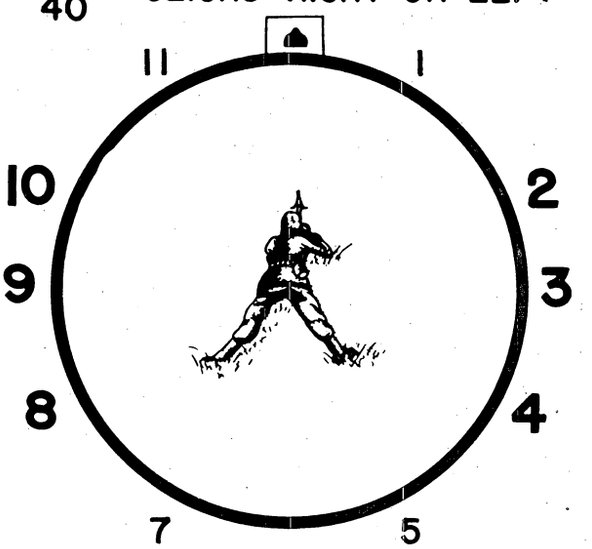

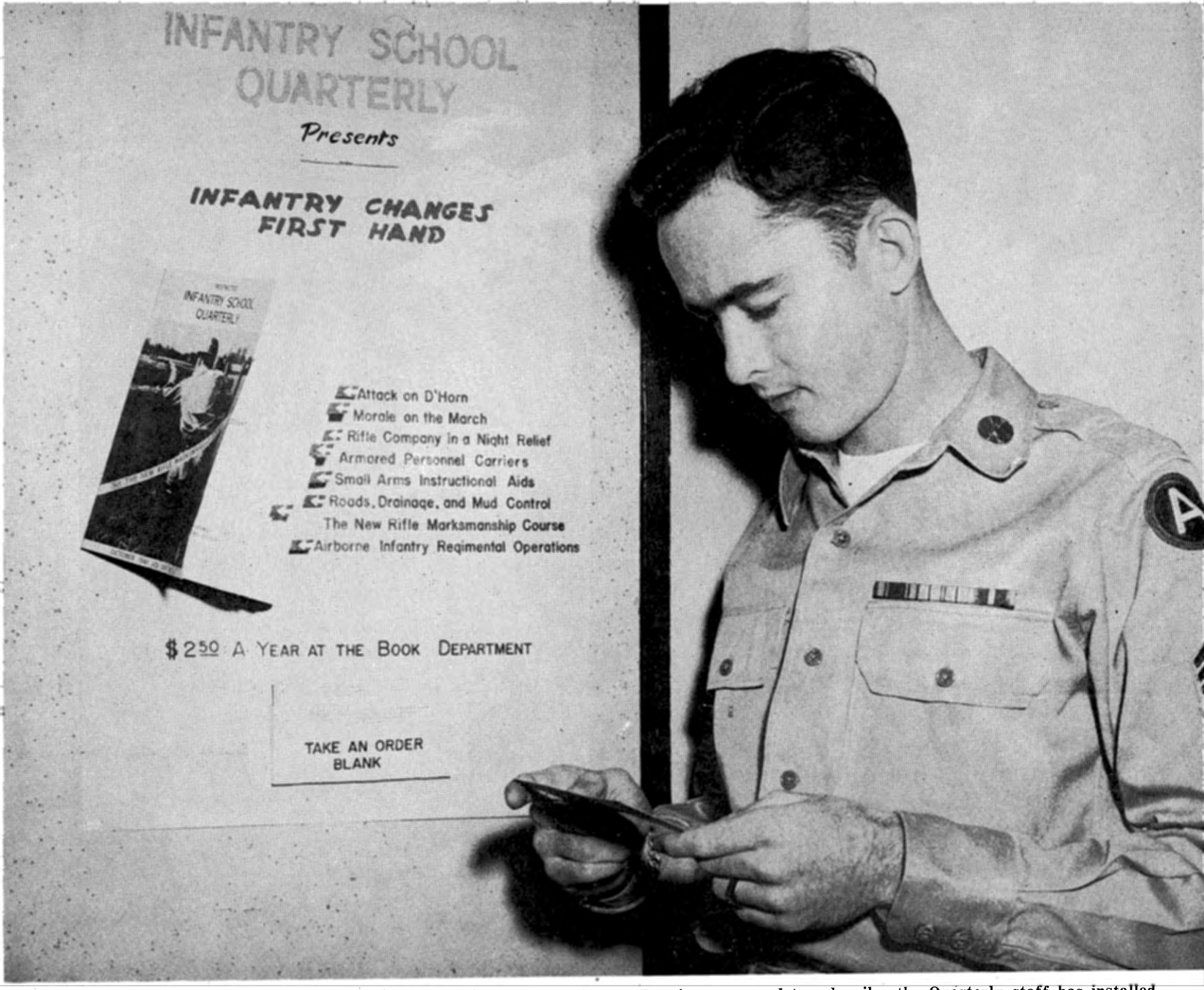

LOOKING OVER THE subscription blank for The Infantry School Quarterly is Sgt. Henry Parker, Jr., assistant chief clerk of the Academic department of The Infantry School. To make it easier for Benning personnel to subscribe, the Quarterly staff has installed handy holders in various spots on the post. Subscriptions are also taken at the Book department building.

SCHOOL PUBLICATION

Back in the dim days of The Infantry School's antiquity there came to be distributed by the school from time to time information on new developments, thoughts and trends concerning infantry. As the requests for these fact sheets came in, the numbers of regular "subscribers" became larger and soon the mimeographed publication was dignified by a title, "The Mailing List." This first official publication of The Infantry School next underwent another change in nomenclature and as The Infantry School Quarterly, is even today growing in size and circulation.

During the growth of the publication outstanding infantrymen edited and wrote for it. In looking through bound volumes of The Mailing List and The Infantry School Quarterly one can find that Col. Joseph I. Greene, now editor of The Infantry Journal, was once editor of The Mailing List and among the contributors in days gone by were a Maj. Withers A. Burress as well as a Capt. Adolf von Schell of the German Staff Corps, a student at The Infantry School in 1931.

The present Quarterly has, as one of its predominant points the dissemination of the latest information on infantry months before it is included in field and training manuals. To get this information to potential readers, the Quarterly is now undergoing a revision in format and style of writing. The articles, while bearing the stamp of approval of The Infantry School, are being written in a less formal and academic and more narrative style. More short articles are being used and the former issue of nine to ten articles is being expanded to include 12 to 14 articles. More art is being used, too, especially art of the type shown on the opposite page: These drawings are also suitable for "blowing up" and can be used as visual aids in the training of troops.

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circulation from its present 3,500 to include the scores of thousands of potential military readers. To attain this increase in circulation, an advertising campaign has been started to interest both officers and enlisted men in the benefits they will reap by being in on the "ground floor" as far as information on infantry and associated arms is concerned. At the same time, a concerted effort is being maintained to increase the number of contributors to the publication.

A self-sustaining publication, The Infantry School Quarterly presently pays up to fifty dollars for an article. This, it was carefully pointed out however, does not mean that submission of an article automatically means a check for that amount. The author is reimbursed in that amount providing the article does not entail too much rewriting and revision by the staff. The more work the staff has to do, the less the author receives.

Once received, the article is checked and double checked for authenticity. This reviewing is done by the heads of the various departments of The Infantry School whose activities may be connected with the article, and by the school's director of instruction. Because of this reviewing, what appears in the Quarterly can be accepted as the final word on infantry.

The magazine is printed at the Army Field Printing plant at Benning and is distributed by the school's Book department. Cost of a year's subscription is $2.50. The present staff of the Quarterly includes Capt. John Baumgartner and Capt. Robert A. Scruton, editors, and Sgt. 1st. cl. Willie R. Wright, staff artist.

WRITER AND EDITOR going over a Quarterly manuscript are Maj. George A. Clayton, left and Capt. Robert A. Scruton of the Quarterly. An instructor in the school's Tactical department, Major Clayton has written an article on the rifle company in the attack.

THE FIXERS

Post Ordnancemen

If it's broken they can fix it. Better yet, they can help keep it from being broken. What's it? It's everything from a pair of binoculars to a self-propelled 155 mm howitzer. And "they" are the men who make up the units which in turn make up the 328th Ordnance battalion at The Infantry Center.

It used to be that ordnance consisted of the instruments through which soldiers poked death and destruction at the enemy. Those were the days when ordnance was synonymous with guns. Mention ordnance in 1949 and it means the things that soldiers shoot — and drive — and look through — and by which they tell time — and a score of other tools of modern warfare — and at Fort Benning an outfit that also has the ticklish job of disposing of duds.

The mission of the 328th Ordnance battalion is supporting post ordnance and the repair and inspection of all ordnance at Benning except that handled directly by the 703rd Ordnance company which is responsible for the Third division's ordnance work. The battalion is directly responsible for the equipment of its own units and that of the 52nd Transportation battalion, 52nd Medical battalion and 78th Engineer Combat battalion. That responsibility includes such items as 854 general purpose vehicles ranging from jeeps to semi-trailers and vans plus small arms, automatic weapons, wrist watches, binoculars and a host of other types of paraphernalia. And disposing of duds.

The units of the 328th include the 378th Ordnance company, 516th Ordnance company, 71st Ordnance Depot company, Sixth Ordnance company, Fifth Bomb Disposal company and the Headquarters and Headquarters company of the 328th battalion.

The 378th is responsible for the support of post ordnance in the repair of combat vehicles and also operates instrument repair and watch repair detachments and includes inspection teams for artillery and small arms.

A medium maintenance company, the 516th handles automotive repair and does extensive small arms repair.

Backing up the 378th and 516th as well as the 703rd is the Sixth ordnance which absorbs the overflow of these units. It handles armored vehicles, wheeled vehicles, artillery, small arms, instruments and optical equipment.

The 71st Depot supports all units with all spare parts and equipment excluding combat vehicle parts. It stocks over 3,000 different items in its warehouse in Harmony Church.

The Fifth, a bomb disposal unit, clears duds ranging from hand grenades to 250 pound general purpose bombs from the impact areas of The Infantry School's problem sites.

The battalion operates today in its shops and warehouses in Harmony Church and Sand Hill but is able and ready on a moment's notice to function in the field in the nature of a combat army ordnance battalion. It did just this last spring at Fort Bragg where it participated as part of the Victor Task Force during Operation Tarheel (see *The Benning Herald*, June, 1949) and earned the respect of every unit participating in the maneuvers for its efficiency.

Much of the current work of the battalion's units is done in shops set up in trucks which thus constitute mobile repair units. This is a far cry from the situation of several years ago when mechanical casualties had to be carried to the rear to ordnance units. Today, instead of a gun being taken to the ordnance, the ordnance comes to the gun. Thus, where an artillery battery may have lost a part of its firepower for several days while a gun was being repaired, today's ordnancemen can have the gun firing from its same position in a matter of a few hours.

Another reason for stepped-up efficiency is the schooling received by today's ordnancemen. The 328th is making a strong effort to insure that at least 50 per cent of its men are trained in army schools. Thus, there are usually a score or so of men attending one of the many schools operated by the army to keep the soldiers informed and instructed in the latest developments of their highly technical field.

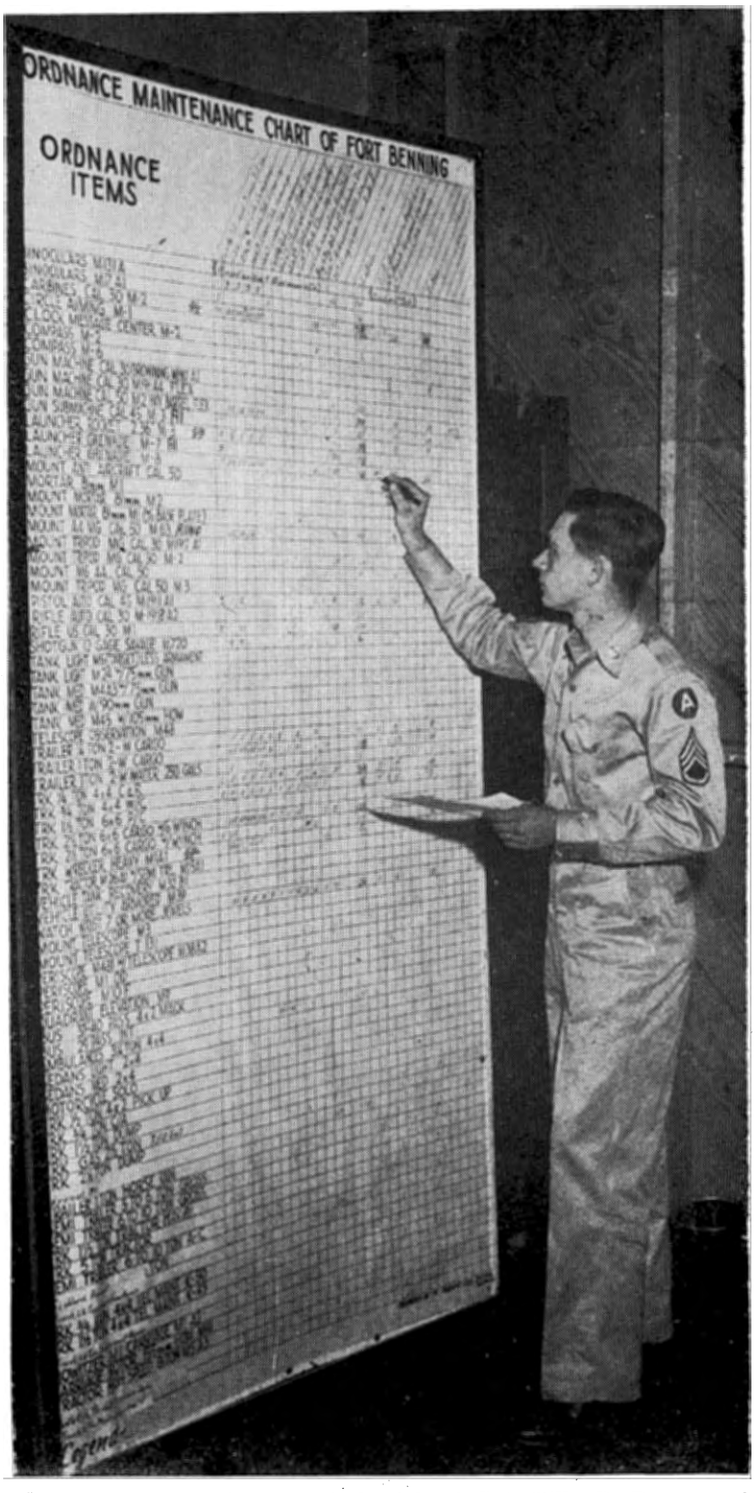
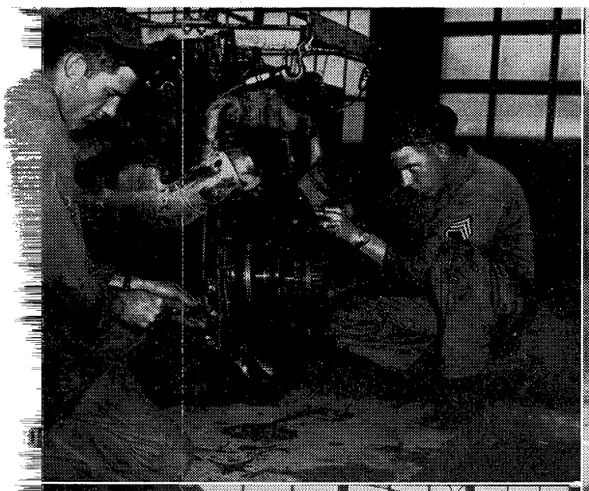
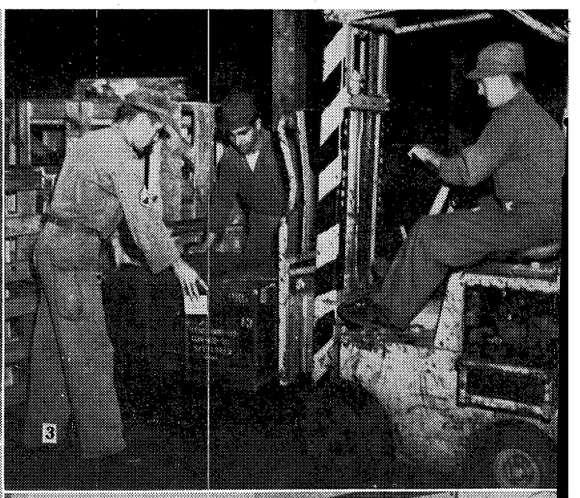
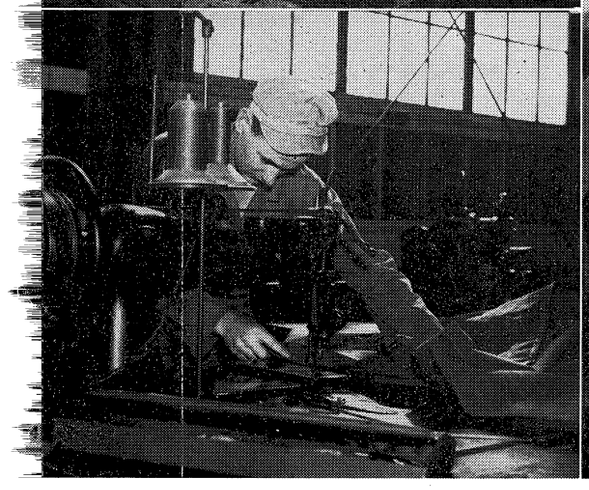


CHART-KEEPING is part of the job of Sgt. Billy B. Parsons of the S-4 sectio nof the 328th Ordnance battalion. He keeps the huge maintenance chart of Fort Benning up-to-date at battalion headquarters.

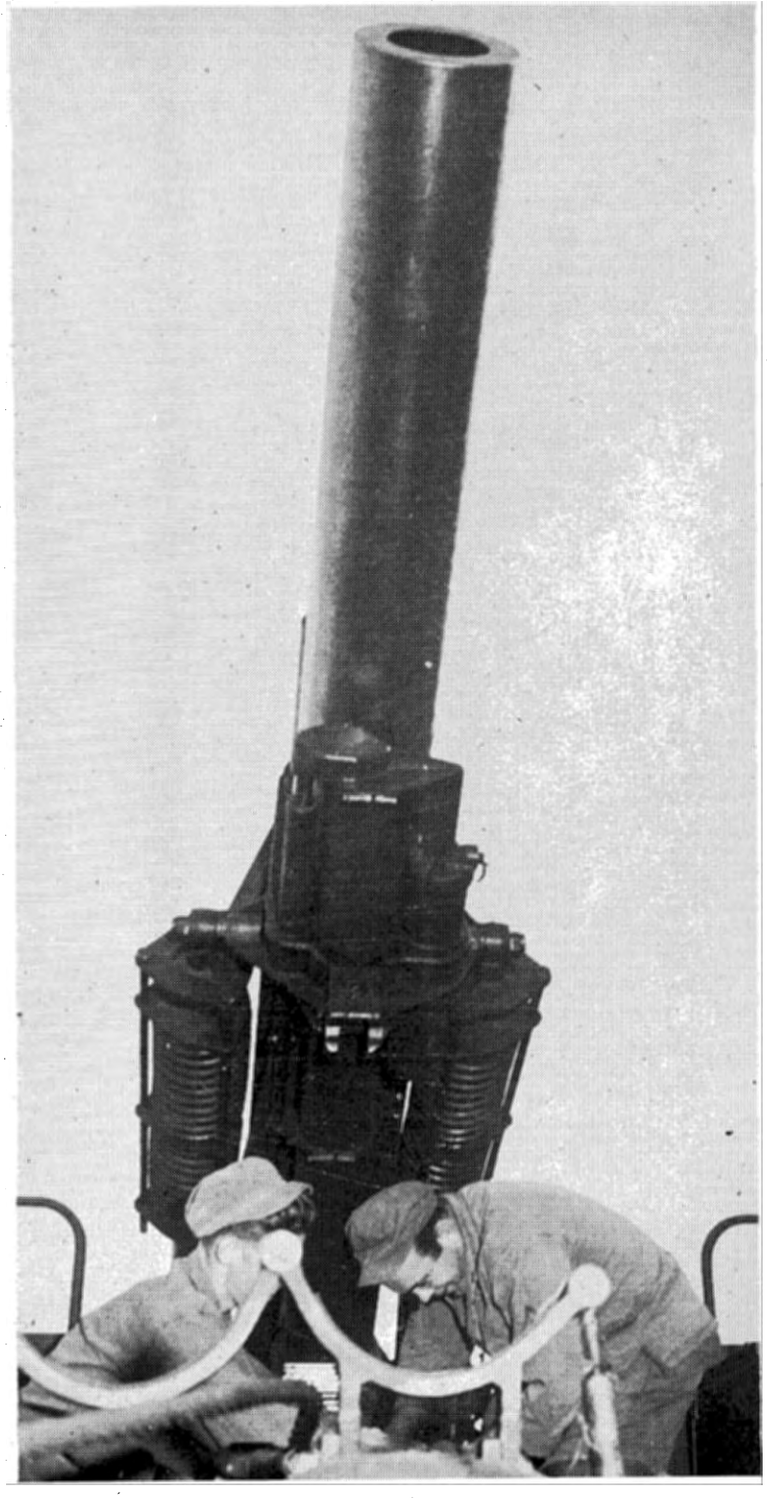






The Work They Do

The photos at the top of this page and at the left give a cross section of the variety of activities of the 328th Ordnance battalion. Cleaning the 500 horsepower motor of an M-26 tank (1) are Sgt. Henry M. Bates and Sgt. William E. Kyzer, while the men of the Fifth Bomb Disposal company (2) standing, left to right, Cpl. George J. Bailey, Pfc. Mario J. Greco, Pfc. Clarence W. Woolery and Pfc. Bobbie B. Allen, and kneeling, left to right, 1st. Lt. Thomas F. Coots, Cpl. Gerald J. St. Amour and Pvt. William C. Wensel study the best way to dispose of a 4.2 inch mortar shell. In the upper right photo Sgt. Shirley F. Dively and Pvt. Lawrence Donargo guide the driver of a fork lift, Cpl. Edwin E. Hoenke, as he moves a heavy crate in the warehouse of the 71st Depot company. Making a top for a jeep (4) is Pvt. Omer O. Cosner of the Sixth Ordnance company, while in (5) Cpl. George J. Bailey and Pfc. Mario J. Greco of the Fifth Ordnance plant a charge on a dud 105. In the month the bomb disposal unit has been operating it has blown more than 500 duds, getting as many as 98 in one day. According to Lieutenant Coots, the reason for so many duds is the softness of the ground in the impact areas. In battalion headquarters (6) Sgt. Howard N. Baker, battalion S-3 sergeant, left and Capt. James E. Mears, battalion executive officer, go over a map of Fort Benning checking up on the location of various jobs the battalion is handling. Behind Sergeant Baker's desk is the chart on which is recorded the school status of the men in the battalion. The photo on the left shows Cpl. Charles O. Richburg, with torch, and Sgt. Frank W. Stout, repairing a fender on a truck brought into the shop of the 516th Ordnance company.



They Keep 'Em Firing

Just as it's a big job to doctor a giraffe with a sore throat, so is it often a bog job to repair a big artillery piece when it needs adjustment. And when it happens that the artillery piece is one of the self-propelled 155 mm howitzers of the 999th Armored Field Artillery battalion, then it's a job for the artillery mechanics of the 378th Ordnance company. The photo above shows two men of the 378th deep in the vitals of one of the big howitzers. At the left is Cpl. Eugene L. Perry, while working with him is Pvt. William E. Hicks. In combat, instead of the gun going to ordnance to repair, the repairmen from ordnance can go to the guns. This method of keeping firepower at the front was put into effect during the past war when mobile ordnance repair teams worked closely with the combat units.

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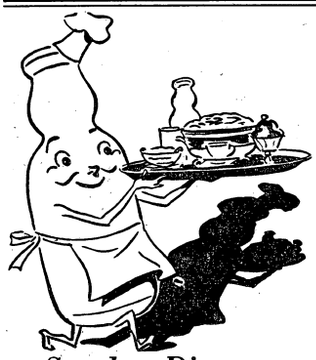

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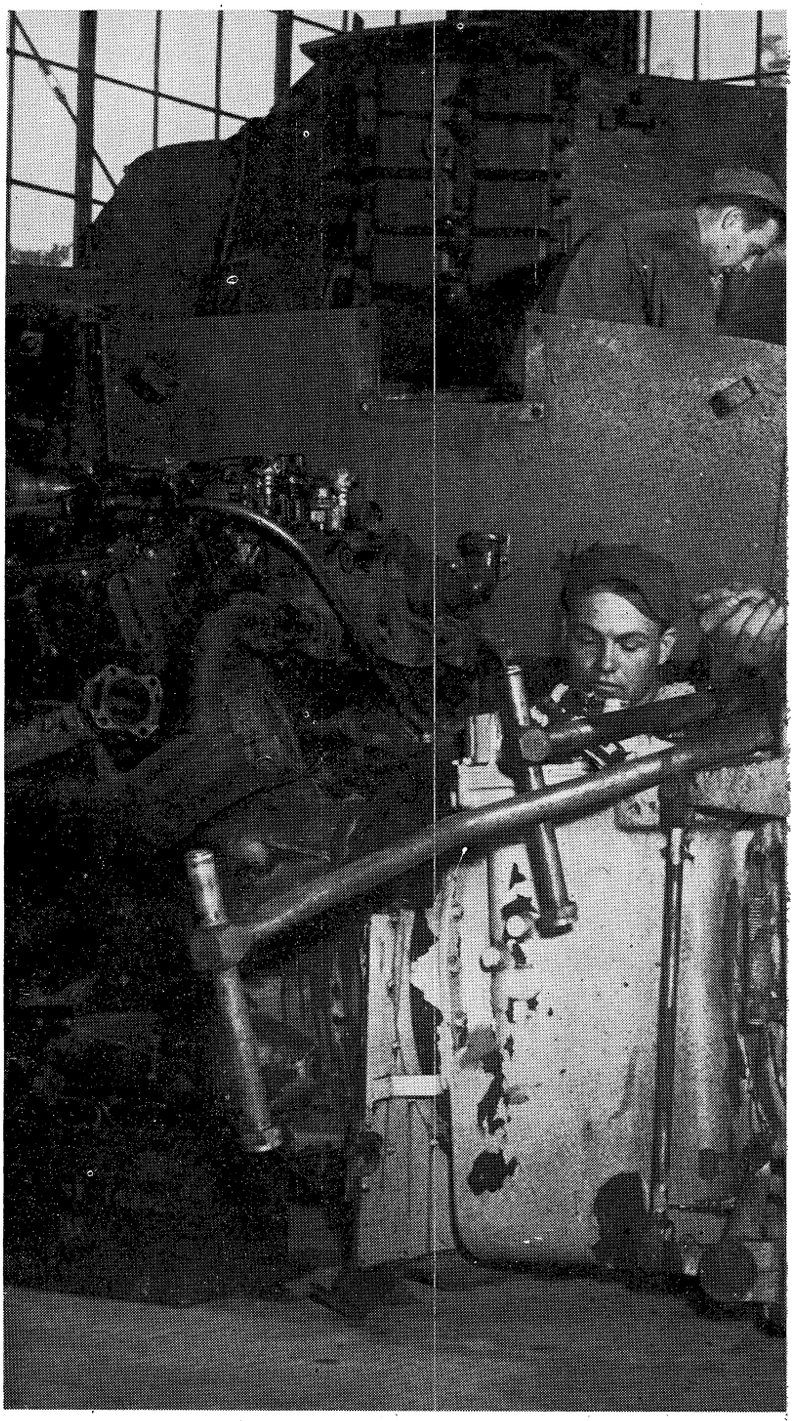

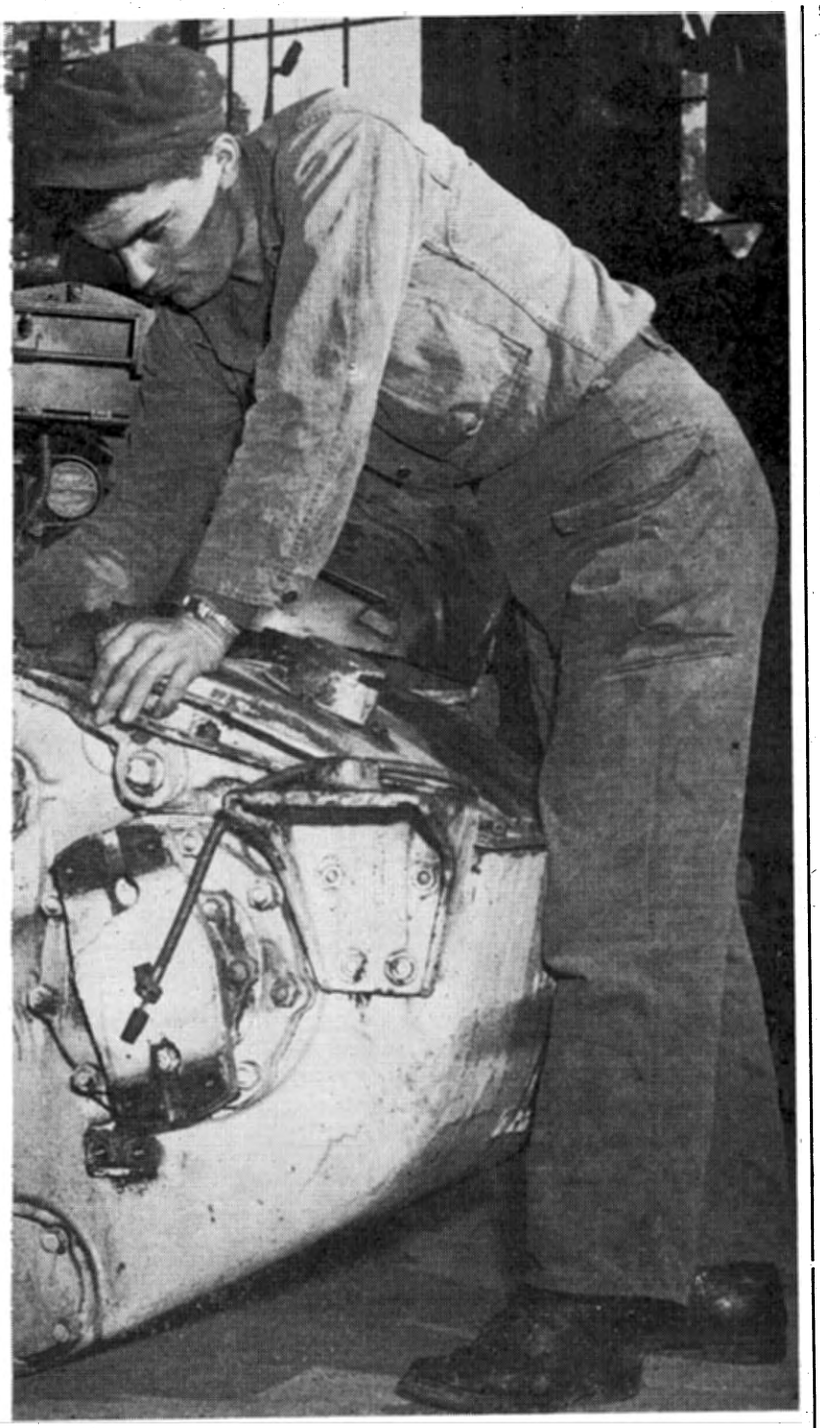

The Big and the Little

"No job too big, no job too little," could easily be the title for the pictures on this page showing soldiers of the 328th Ordnance battalion at work. Repairing the motor of an M-45 tank can be a gargantuan task and no one knows that better than the three men of the Sixth Ordnance company shown above. Working on the motor itself are, front right, Pvt. William W. Watson, while behind the mammoth motor is Pvt. Lindy L. Ribled. Inside the tank it Pvt. Harley A. Carlton.

Handling a job that's not too small is Pfc. Jack Upton, at left. A member of the 516th Ordnance company, Pfc. Upton is making a center punch on a lathe in one of the mobile workshops of the company. It was men like Upton working in mobile shops like the one shown here that earned the battalion its share of Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge's compliment at a press conference during Tarheel when he told what a fine job the service units had been doing in the field. And it was this type of mobile field work that earned the gratitude of doughboys during the war when ordnancemen kept their guns and equipment in top shape all the time.

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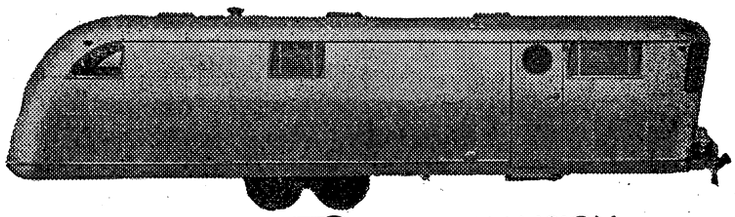

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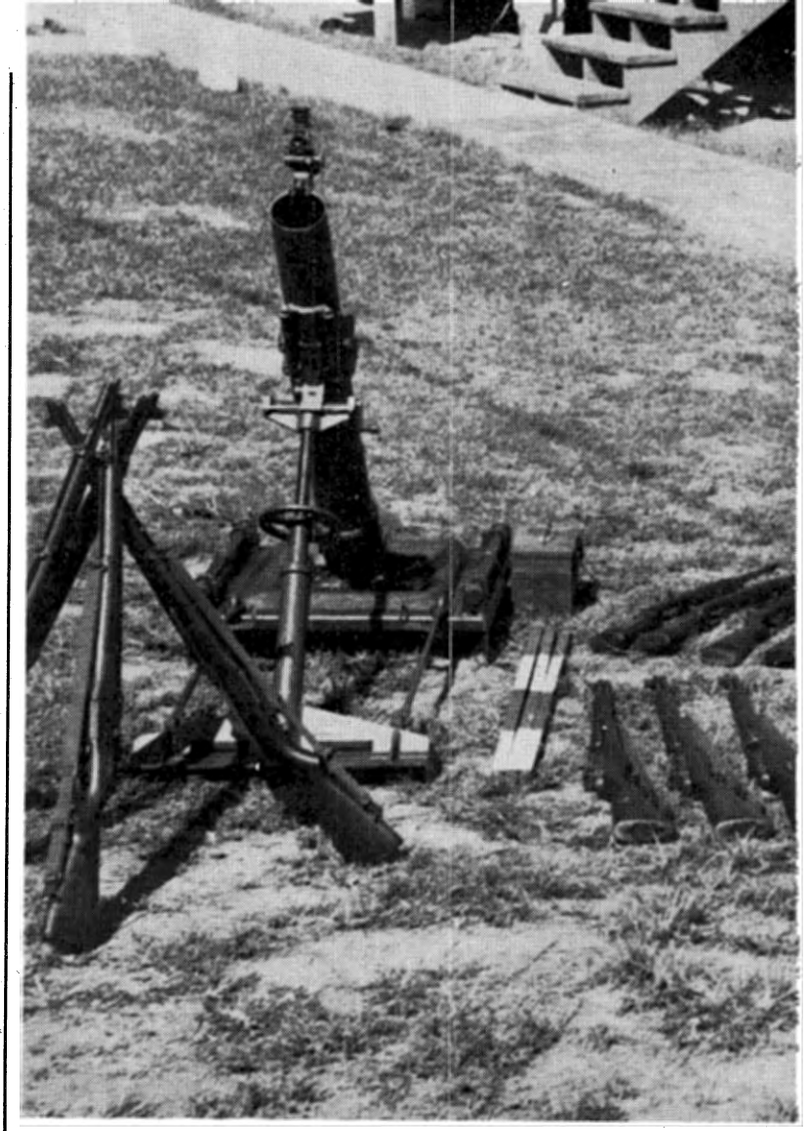
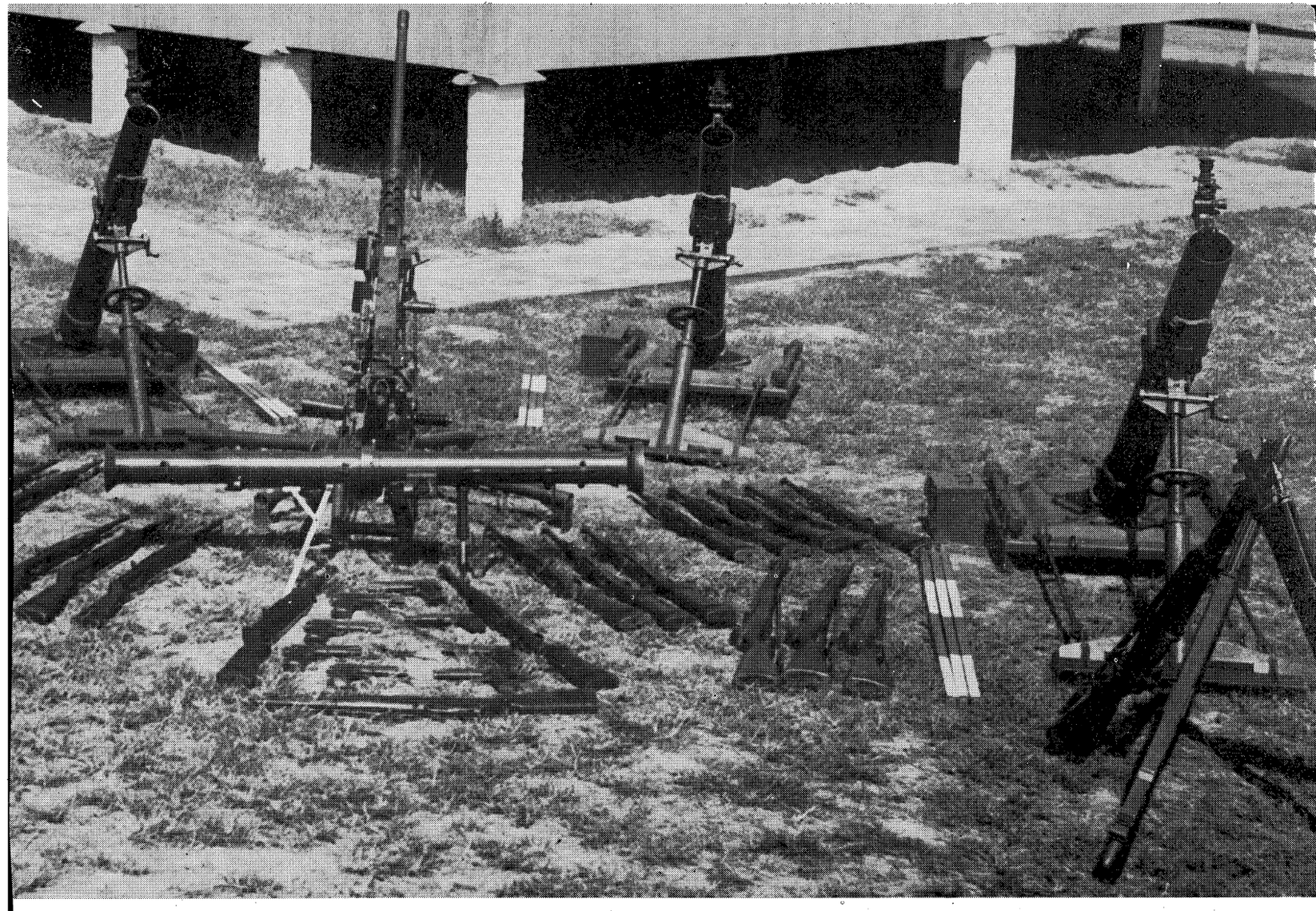


TREMENDOUS FIREPOWER of a platoon of a Heavy Mortar company is shown in this photograph of the weapons of one platoon

MORTARS—

Shortly after the end of the past war a Heavy Mortar company replaced the Cannon company in the infantry regiment because the latter did not have the firepower and couldn't give the infantry the close support it required. That the mortars could support infantry, especially when the mortars were the famed 4.2 inch models, was a fact known to all doughboys. For that matter, through the ages the mortar has been one of the most feared of all weapons. Believed to be the first gun developed, it received its name from its similarity in shape to the mortar used for pulverizing. The pattern of today's mortar was developed from that of the Dutch engineer, General Coehorn, of the 17th century. As time went on, mortars became larger and larger until the British, in the 18th century, built one weighing 114,000 pounds. This monster had a bore 36 inches in diameter and fired a shell weighing 2,912 pounds. But it was never used. The natives of tiny Malta, however, hollowed into the native rock of their island to make mortars for defense against hostile invading forces. These "fougasses," six feet wide at the mouth, were used for showering rocks, shells and other missiles on the enemy attempting a landing.



of the 30th Infantry regiment's Heavy Mortar company. Shown here are the four 4.2 inch mortars, the 50 caliber machine gun, 3.5 inch rocket launcher, 14 M-1 rifles, 19 carbines and eight 45 caliber pistols.

INFANTRY'S "ARTILLERY"

By the time the American doughboy went into action in the last war, however, the mortar had assumed its present shape and its function as a close support weapon to keep the enemy down and knock him out. The 60 and 81 mm mortars were well known to the infantrymen, but as war went on a new and bigger mortar came along, the 4.2 inch mortar of which there are now 12 in each of the regimental heavy mortar companies. This is the piece that now arouses admiration even in the hearts of artillerymen, for its firepower is unequalled. The 12 mortars in the new company, for example, are equal in firepower to two and three-quarter battalions of 105 mm howitzers. Weighing 333 pounds, the mortar, serviced by a crew of eight men, including ammunition bearers, is capable of throwing out 80 25-pound rounds in 10 minutes. It is easily moved by a three-quarter-ton truck which also tows a trailer loaded with ammunition. Always available to the company are 1,740 rounds of ammunition. In combat the company fires high explosive predominantly, but also a large proportion of smoke shells which are also effective in screening advancing infantrymen.

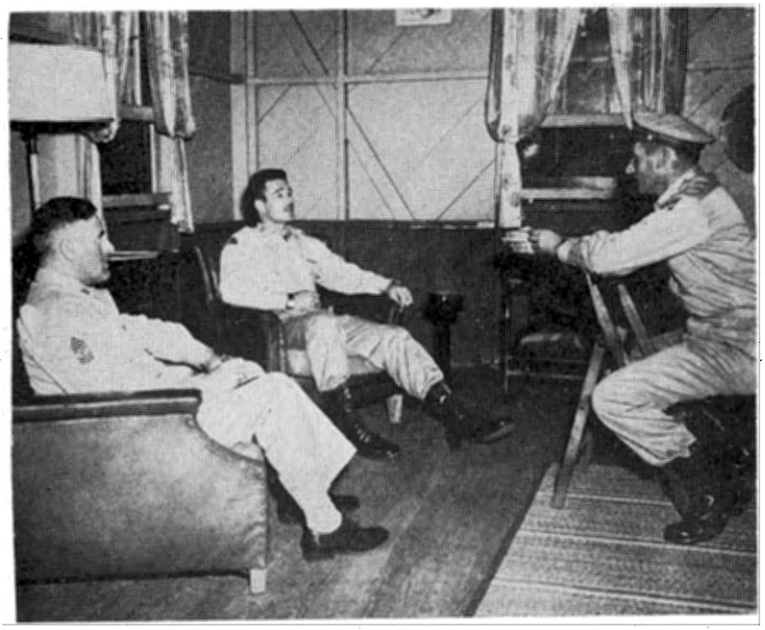
According to medical authorities, about 95 per cent of the casualties of the past war were caused by shell fragments, both artillery and mortar. But there is also a psychological factor that increases the deadliness of mortar fire. An artillery shell can easily be heard coming and a man can duck into his hole; mortar shells, however, are more difficult to hear when on the way. The Germans, however, developed and used a six-barrel mortar, the nebelwerfer, which was soon dubbed by doughboys in Italy the "Philadelphia Pipe Organ Playing the Purple Heart Blues." Its effectiveness lay in that it saturated an area and while, again according to the medical men, it was not a great casualty producer, it did immobilize infantrymen because of its great dispersal.

Under the present infantry regimental organization the Heavy Mortar company tries to keep its firepower together but will break up to give a platoon to a battalion operating on a separate mission. This firepower includes the 12 4.2-inch mortars, four 3.5-inch rocket launchers, six 50 caliber machine guns, 104 carbines, 62 M-1 rifles and 24 45 caliber pistols.

The men of the 30th Infantry regiment's Heavy Mortar company, shown on the following pages, are using most of their time learning their weapons.

A MAIN EFFORT of the 30th Infantry regiment's Heavy Mortar company today is training the men to use their weapons and at the same time training the men who direct the fire of the weapons. In the photo above M-Sgt. Walter T. Sellers, extreme left, answers a question about sighting posed by Pfc. Orvill J. Miller, standing. Grouped around, from left to right, are Pfc. Roger D. Olson, Pvt. Curtis J. Lokken, Sgt. Cecil R. Smith, Pfc. Retus R. Madden, Pvt. William R. McDonnell, Pvt. Larry L. Kerns and Pfc. Raymond A. Williams. In the photo below, 1st. Lt. William W. Woodside, gives the men of the fire direction center some problems to solve. From left to right are Pfc. Charles D. Dillard, Lieutenant Woodside, Pfc. John D. Bruen, Pfc. Lynwood Walker, Pvt. Martin Walsh and Pfc. Anthony G. Karem. As the other pictures show, however, the men also study communications and other weapons.

PRIDE AND JOY of Cpl. Charles P. Hoffart, accepting the rifle of Pvt. Thomas McKee, is the arms room he built himself to hold the weapons of the Heavy Mortar company.



A BREAK AND CONFAB at the same time was caught in Heavy Mortar company's dayroom. In the photo 1st. Sgt. Francis J. McDonnell, left, 1st. Lt. Fred G. Swafford, center, and Capt. John C. Seabury, the company commander, right, are discussing ways and means of making the dayroom, one of the best looking and most comfortable on the post, into an even more inviting place for the men of the unit. Topic for discussion at this meeting was "new drapes."

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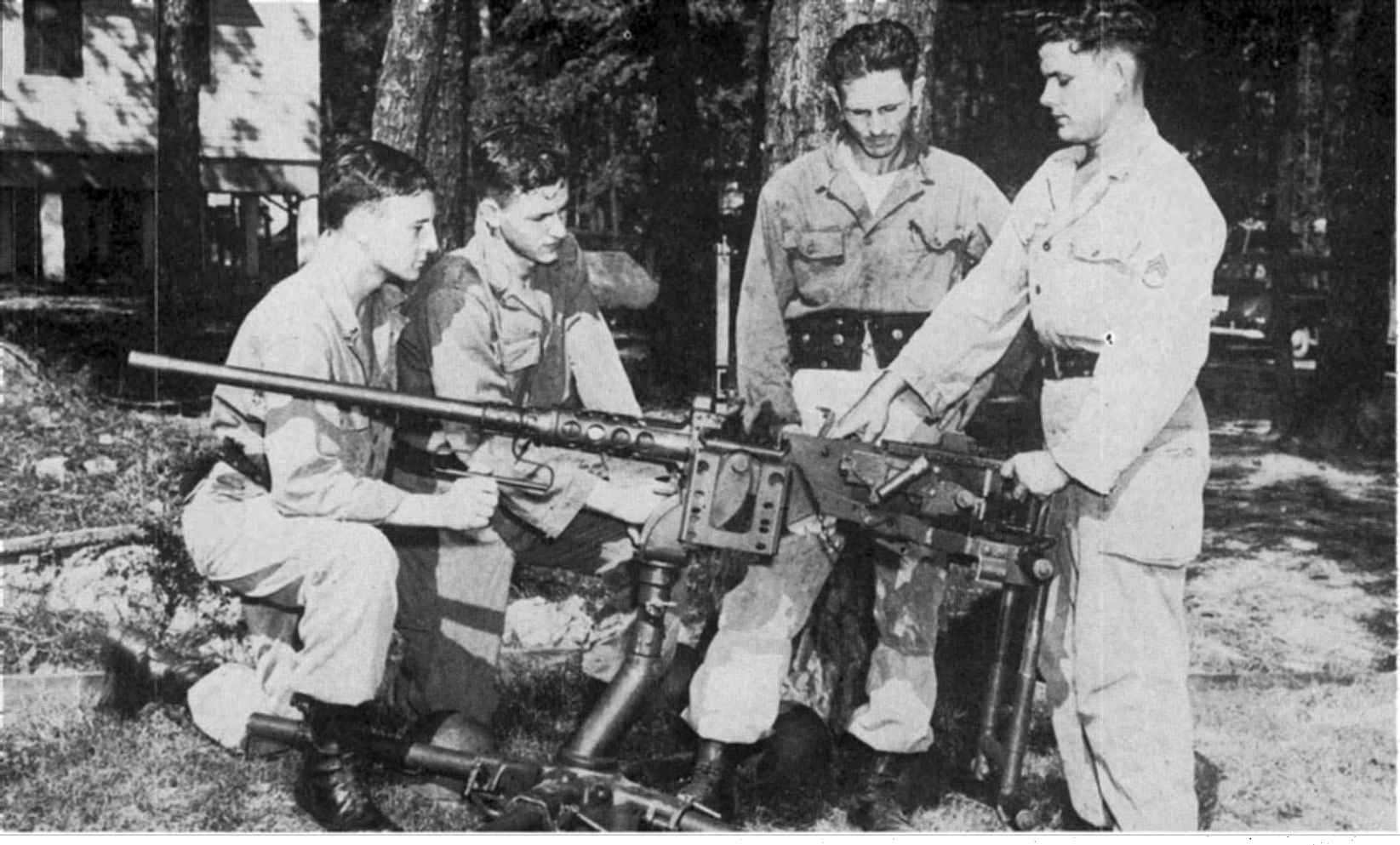

WEAPONS AND COMMUNICATIONS are the big interest of the men of Heavy Mortar company and instruction in them is a must in the company's training program. In the photo above Sgt. Johnny A. Myers, extreme right, explains the workings of a 50 caliber machine gun to Pvt. Barclay E. McLeod, Pvt. E. L. Heffley and Pfc. Myrle D. Corbett. The company uses its 4.2 inch mortars as its main offensive weapons but has six of the 50 calibers for defensive measures as well. An impromptu class on the SCR 300 is shown below as Pfc. Nelson E. Bailey, second from left, explains a point about his radio to Pvt. Jose C. Garcia, left and Cpl. Simmons Parker, standing and Pvt. Frank J. Cozze, right. Men of Heavy Mortar company can fill several types of assignment if need arises.

IN THE KITCHEN of her new apartment in the nearly completed Battle Park Homes is Mrs. Eugene P. Reynolds, whose husband is with the 73rd Heavy Tank battalion.

GOING UP

Post's Building Boom

Construction began at Fort Benning in 1918 and 31 years later Benning Herald photographers, in a quick trip around and slightly off the post were still able to get picture of five huge building projects in various stages of progress.

With housing still one of the harrassing problems, some alleviation is expected within a few weeks when 600 units will be ready in the Battle Park project on the post and the Camellia Apartments project just off the post. For non-commissioned officers of the top three pay grades, the $900,000, 80-unit project near the jump towers should be ready for occupancy before March 1, it was said by A. D. Lambert, district engineer. While the roads and shrubbery will not be ready on that date, Mr. Lambert was certain that the 80 families will be living in the new quarters on the date mentioned.

The new field house will be ready before November's end, too, said Mr. Lambert. The finishing touches are being put on the huge gymnasium in preparation for a planned Armistice Day dance and the rest of the building, including the swimming pool, is scheduled for completion around Thanksgiving Day, he declared. The fifth big project, the Communications department classroom near the Main Theater, is scheduled for completion by mid-November, according to the district engineer.

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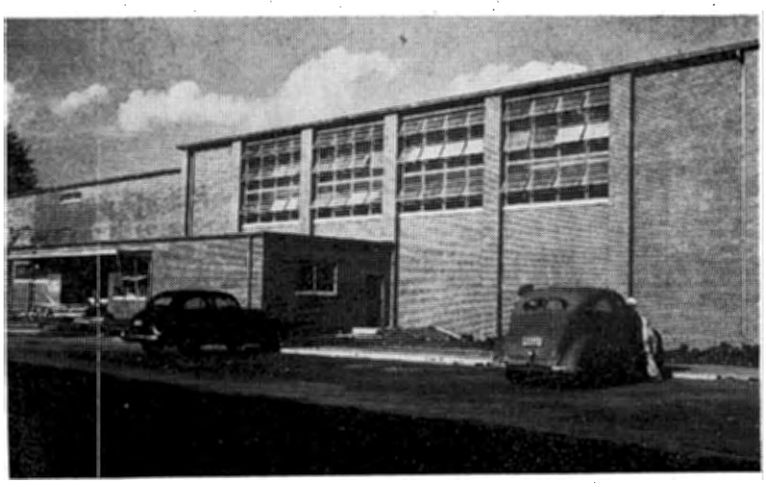
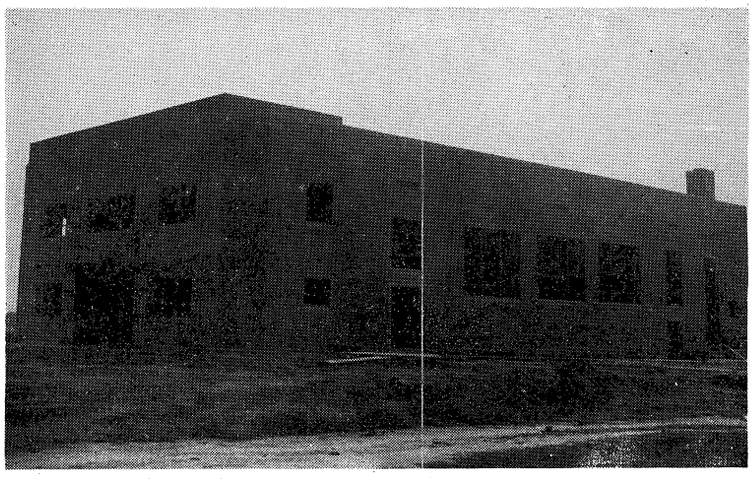
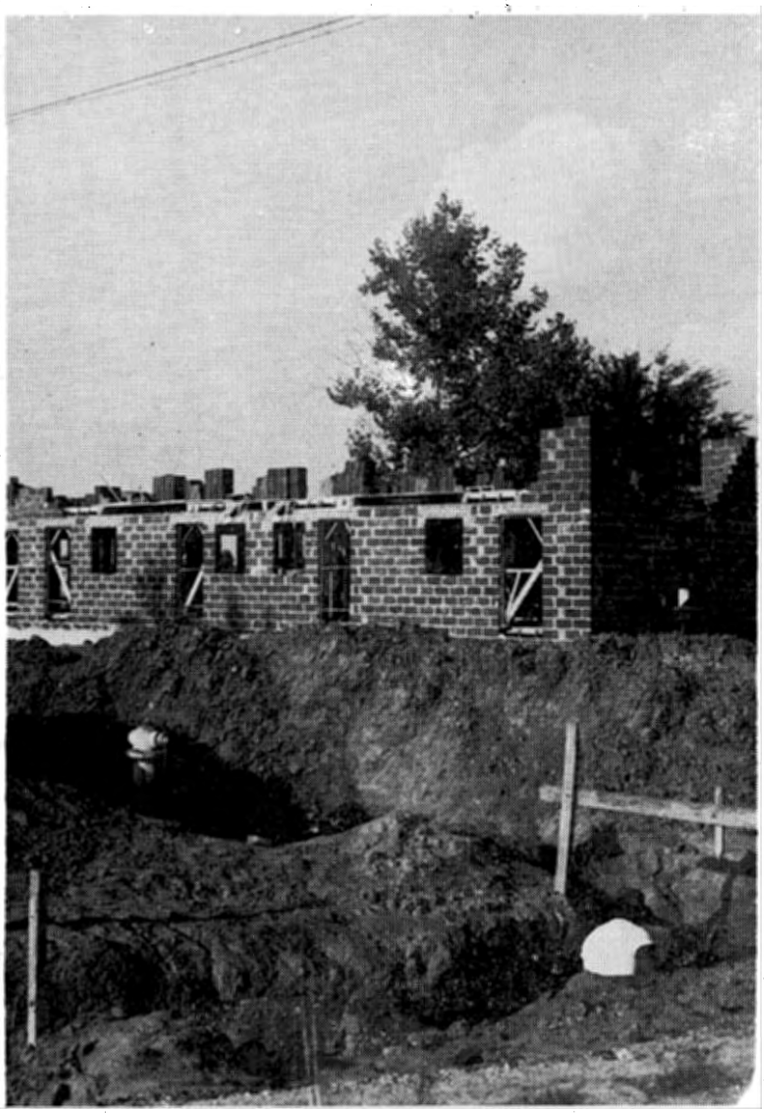
THE HUGE SWIMMING POOL in the new post field house is shown above. It will be ready for use by the end of November, according to A. D. Lambert, district engineer. The pool will be tiled and lighted. The entire edifice won't be ready till about Thanksgiving, but the gymnasium is expected to be completed by Armistice Day.



SHOWN ABOVE IS THE FRONT of the new $530,000 post field house opposite Stilwell Field. In addition to the swimming pool (top of page), it will include a gymnasium for basketball, handball courts, exercise rooms, showers, offices and storerooms, as well as a balcony for spectators.



NEW CLASS ROOM for the Communications department of The Infantry School is the $95,000 edifice shown above. Located behind the Main Theater, in the Communications Department area, the building will be completed by November 15, according to the district engineer.



SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION by March 1 are the 80 sets of NCO quarters near the parachute towers. The above photo shows a section of the new quarters and a laborer working on a water main trench.

FRONT OF A BATTLE PARK apartment is shown in this photograph. The white spot on the window is the cloth being used by Mrs. Eugene Reynolds who has just moved into her new dwelling.

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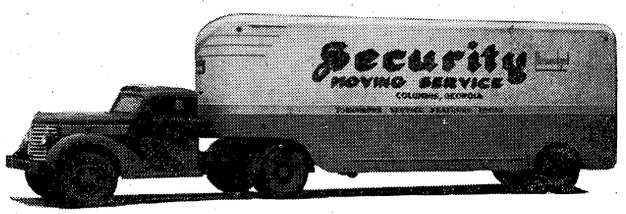

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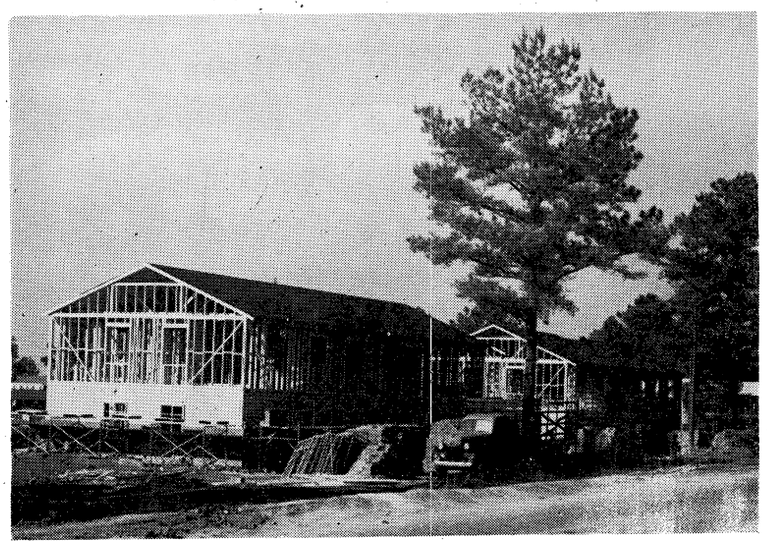

A SECTION OF THE NEW Camellia Apartments just off the post is shown above. All 400 units of this project are scheduled for completion by December 1, although the grounds will not be ready then. However, the first units will be ready for occupants by November 15, the contractors have said.

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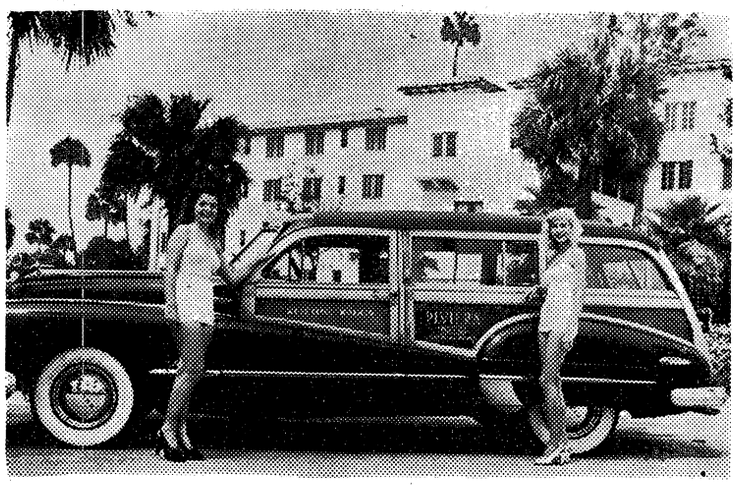

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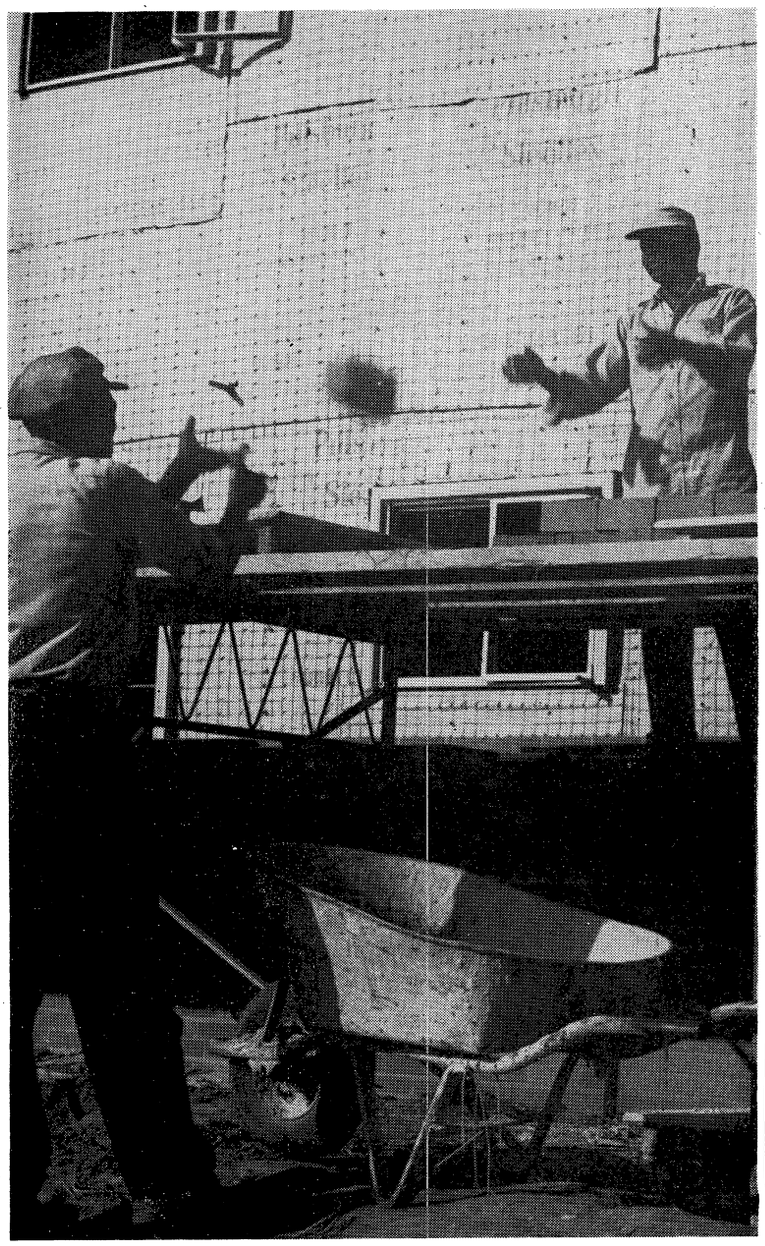

TOSSING BRICKS is a day-long job for these men working at top speed to complete the new Camellia Apartments by December 1.

AN ALL-DAY JOB for Pfc. Joseph Di Giacomo, above, is ascertaining the correct addresses of letters and packages in the locator office of the Fort Benning Post Office.

POST OFFICE

The Mail-In and Out

It's not the 150,000 or so letters and packages coming in and going out of the Fort Benning Post Office that are such a headache (and backache, too.) It's the approximately 3,500 incorrectly or insufficiently addressed letters and packages that come in each week that keep the postal personnel up to their necks in work. And with Christmas coming soon the Benning office is expecting a record-breaking holiday season. But the officials warn those sending packages overseas that if they aren't in the mail by November 15, the post office won't promise delivery by Christmas.

The Benning office handles the mail for a city much larger than The Infantry Center because soldiers are prolific writers. Soldiers long ago learned that there's nothing like mail for morale and that the more letters they write the more they'll probably get. That accounts for the up-to-70,000 letters that go out each week and approximately the same number that come in each week. Then, added to this are about 2,000 packages coming in weekly to approximately 700 going out. For the Christmas season, about four times this much package matter is expected.

It's the not quite correctly or not - quite - sufficiently addressed mail coming in that keeps the locator section going full blast, however. Bane of postal peoples' existence are the letters addressed to "Pvt. John Jones, Fort Benning, Ga." For in addition to getting this mail to its proper destination, the locator personnel have to file about 700 new cards each day for new personnel.

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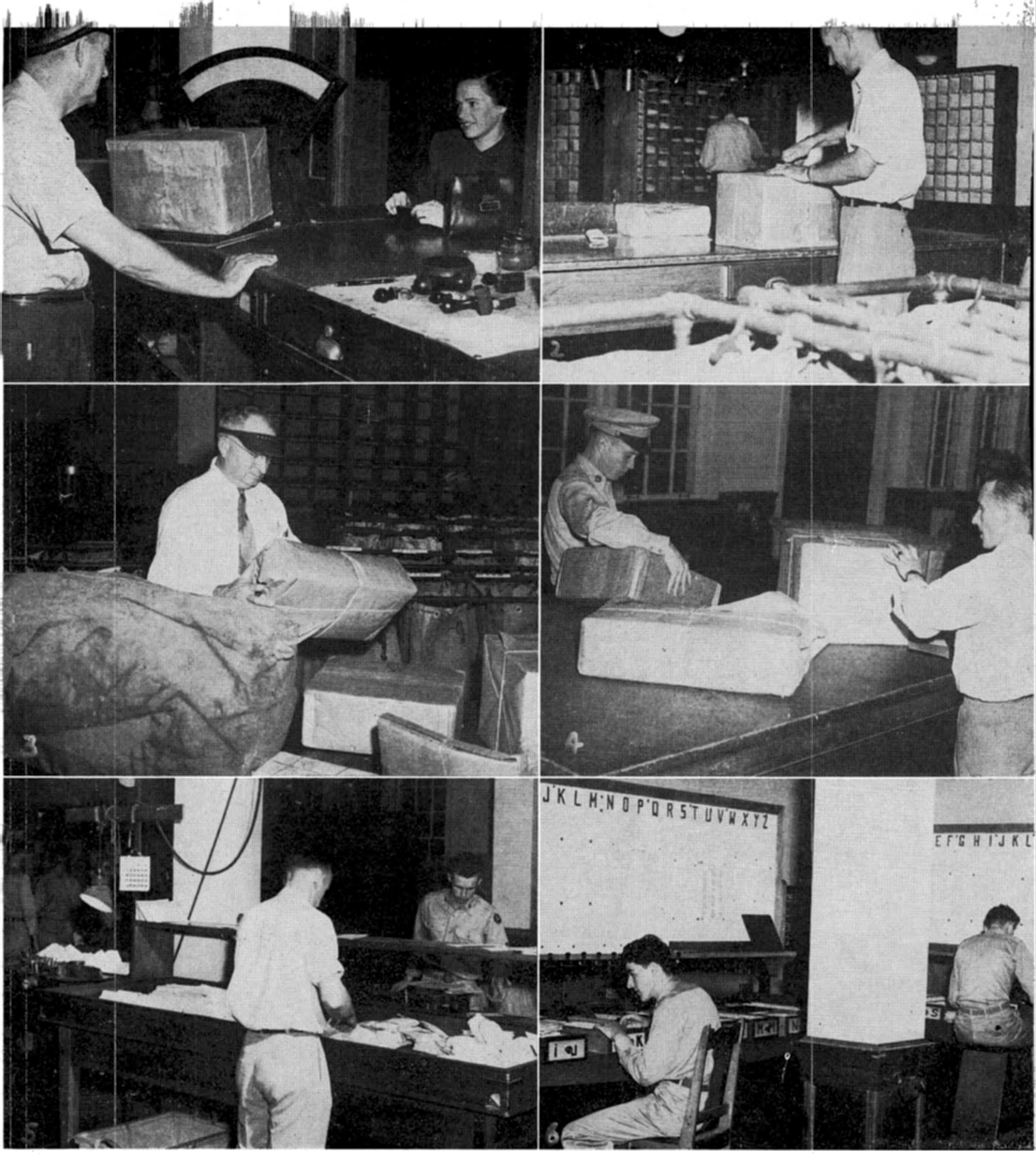

WHEN MRS. D. C. WILSON stepped up to the window of the post office (1) she set a lot of men in motion. Weighing the package she is sending to Fort Riley, Kans., is A. M. Green, after which (2) Stanton J. Fillingim is shown cancelling the stamps on the package prior to putting it in a sack to get it on its way to Kansas. While a lot of packages go out, about three times as many come in. That means a lot of work for James C. Bridges (3) who sorts them out for the units at Benning and (4) John Mullins, right, checking out a few of them to Cpl. John H. Overstreet, mail clerk of Army Field Forces Board No. 3. In photo No. 5 can be seen part of the operation of cancelling the stamps on letters prior to mailing them out while in the locator office (6) Pvt. John Samaizja, left and Pfc. Joseph Di Giacomo check through the thousands of cards to make sure that the mail gets to the right people even though it hasn't been properly addressed. Incorrectly addressed mail is the biggest problem of the Fort Benning Post Office.

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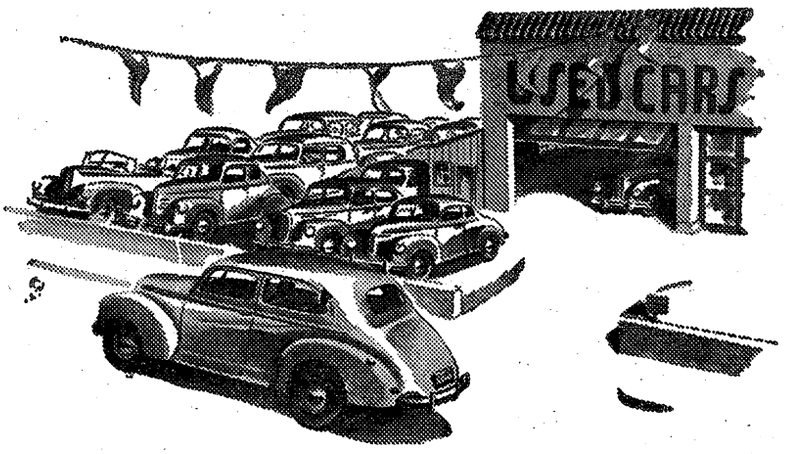

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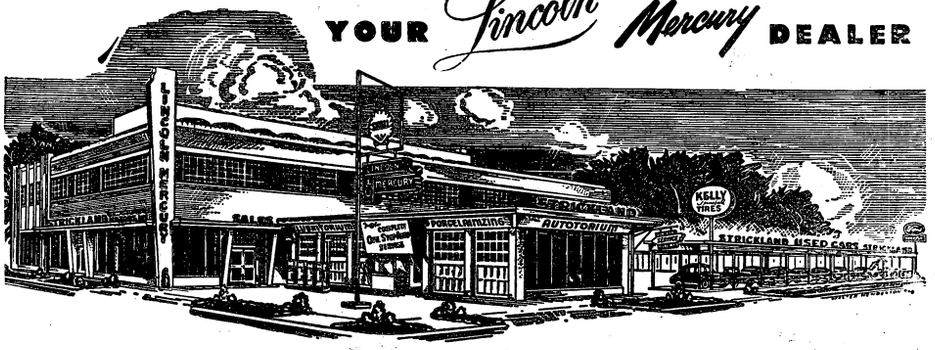

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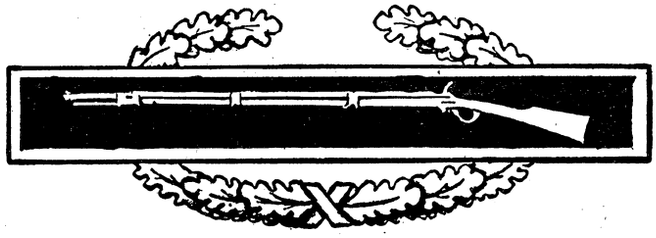

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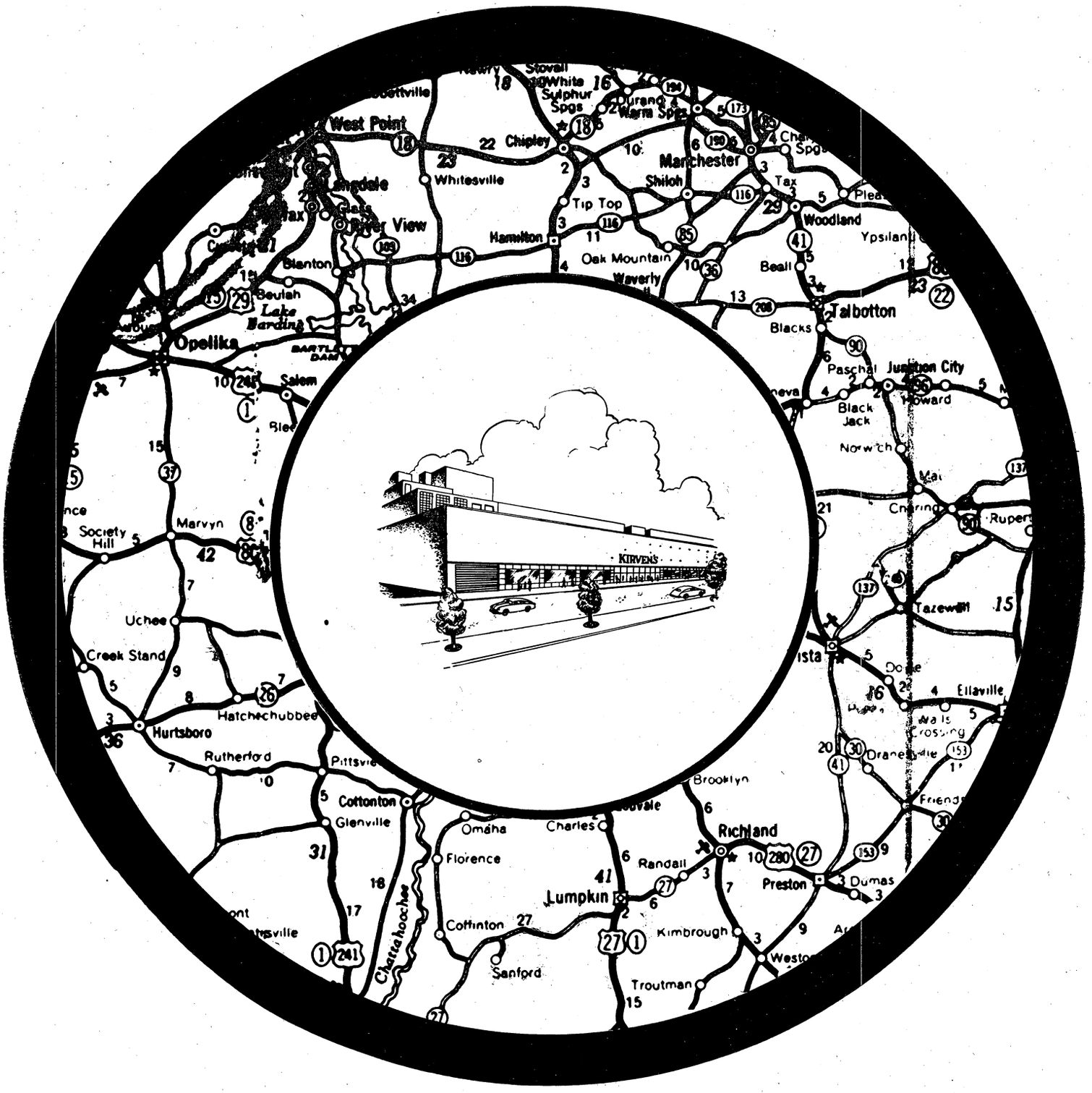

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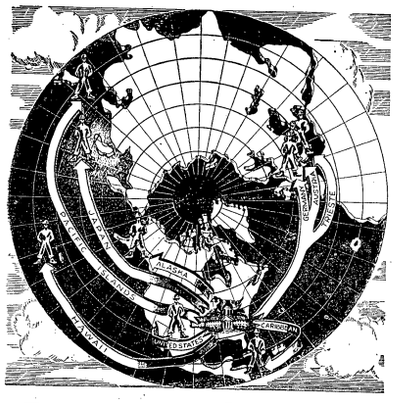

As the second half of the Twentieth Century begins, American soldiers are stationed all over the world helping to maintain what seems to be a precarious peace. To the prayers of all soldiers, and particularly to the infantryman, *The Benning Herald* adds its prayer that the next 50 years will be more peaceful than the last half century. (Cover by Pam and Willie Wright.)

From The Editor . . .

We were somewhat surprised at the lack of response to the invitation last month to send pictures and letters to the editor for publication in *The Benning Herald.* During the war the letters column of both *Yank* and *Stars and Stripes* were generally crammed full of the comments of soldiers, particularly enlisted men. We were sure, from having seen some untold thousands of cameras carried around the post that more than one embryo Matthew Brady or Karsh among Benning's population would jump at the chance to have his (or her) pictures published, especially since we promised to return them. And as far as letters to the editor were concerned, we were doubly sure that Benningites would swamp us with the products of their pens, pencils and typewriters. The offer still holds good, however. We'll print letters and photos. All we ask is that the writer sign the letters and pictures with his name, rank and unit. We'll print the letters anonymously, if the writers so wish, and keep the names confidential. We need the same information so the photos can be returned. Letters and photos must be received at *The Herald's* office in the Public Information Office, Infantry Center Annex, no later than the 15th of the month for publication in the next issue: Address all mail to:

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The story of Operation Portrex on pages 2 through 7 is the first in a series *The Herald* hopes to run on this operation. Next month we hope to have a photographer in Virginia to do a story on the training of troops for amphibious warfare and we hope to carry the series on to include photographs in story form of the actual landing and operation on Vieques. As we say, however, "We hope."

The photographs on pages 20 and 21 were taken with a telescopic lens. The photographer was not picking anyone in particular for his subjects; he was just shooting the traffic violators as they came along and were pointed out by a post safety representative. A movie camera would have been better than the Speed-Graphic, however, so frequent were the violations.

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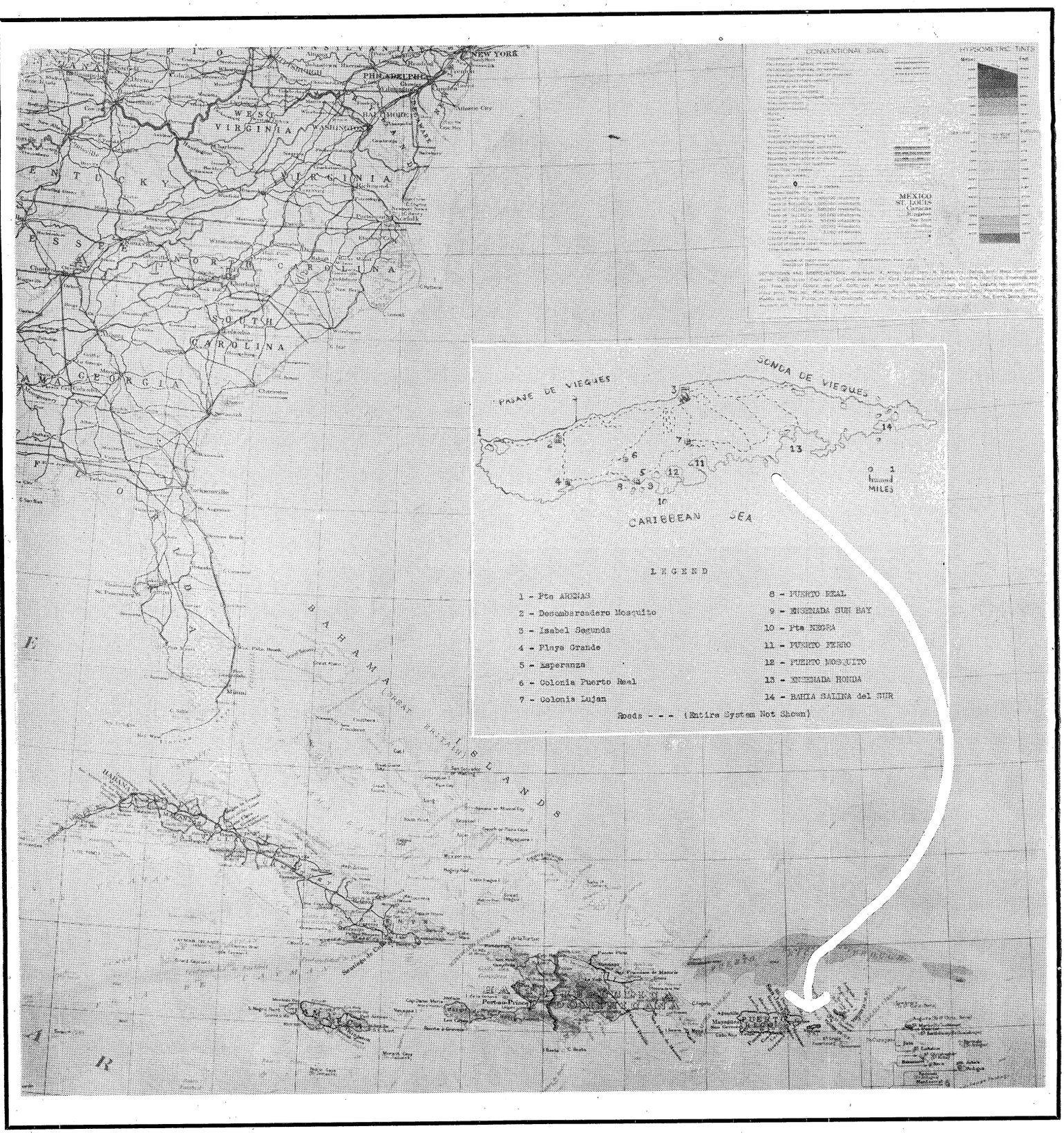

PORTREX PLANNING

Seven years and two months ago the Third Infantry Division set sail from ports in Virginia to participate in the first successful amphibious operation against the forces of Hitler and Mussolini. The landing on the coast of French Morocco, about 15 miles north of the great port of Casablanca, was the first of the division's series of invasions in World War II, landings that, coupled with innumerable dry runs, caused many a Marneman to swear that he had spent more time afloat than men of the navy and, by golly, even had webbing between his toes.

Today history seems to be repeating itself as far as the Third is concerned. In 1942 the division moved from the west coast to Camp Pickett and then to Norfolk, Newport News and across the Atlantic. Today the division is moving from Benning to Camp Pickett again. Then, after amphibious training in the coastal area adjacent to Norfolk the division will sail into the Atlantic. But that's where the similarity ends. For instead

THE GENERAL STAFF of the Third Infantry Division hears Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, left, discuss some of the latest developments of Operation Portrex. Gathered around the model of Vieques Island are, from left to right, General Clarkson, Third Division commander; Col. O. P. Newman, chief of staff; Lt. Col. William R. Kirchner, G-4; Lt. Col. Ned B. Broyles, G-2; Maj. James W. Friend, G-1, and Lt. Col. John E. Arthur, G-3. The picture was taken at Third Division Headquarters.

of fighting in Morocco the division will fight men of the Aggressor Force on the tiny island of Vieques near Porto Rico (see map). And after the men get their feet "wet" they will return to Benning.

Present plans call for the Third Infantry Division and attached units to leave The Infantry Center beginning in January. Some of the men will travel to Virginia by land, others will go to Charleston, S. C., and then board ship for a run up the coast to Virginia. They will undergo extensive training at Camp Pickett and will take amphibious training at Little Creek. Then, in the latter part of February, the ships will be loaded and the division will leave Norfolk for Vieques. Following the assault of the island, the division will return to Fort Benning in March.

Meanwhile, the large building at the western end of the second cuartel at Benning is a beehive of activity. Officers of the air force, navy and marine corps have gathered there to work out the plans with the general staff of the division. For, as Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, the Third's commander, has said, the problem is almost entirely logistical. The job of the trained doughboys is to move from ship to shore. The job of the staff is to get them, and their weapons and their equapment, to that shore. On the following pages *The Benning Herald* depicts some of the things that go into the planning of an amphibious operation.

Operation Portrex will be more, however, than an invasion of Vieques. Essentially a training mission, it will also be employed to test certain amphibious equipment and techniques. That is where the similarity between today and 1942 ends. For in 1942 the men of the Third were in "for keeps"; there was no chance at Casablanca to say as the battle raged, "We'll go back and try it again some other way." Today's Marnemen will be deadly serious in their invasion. But it won't be deadly as was Casablanca.

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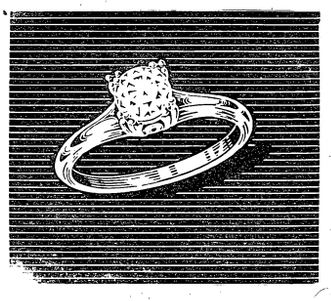

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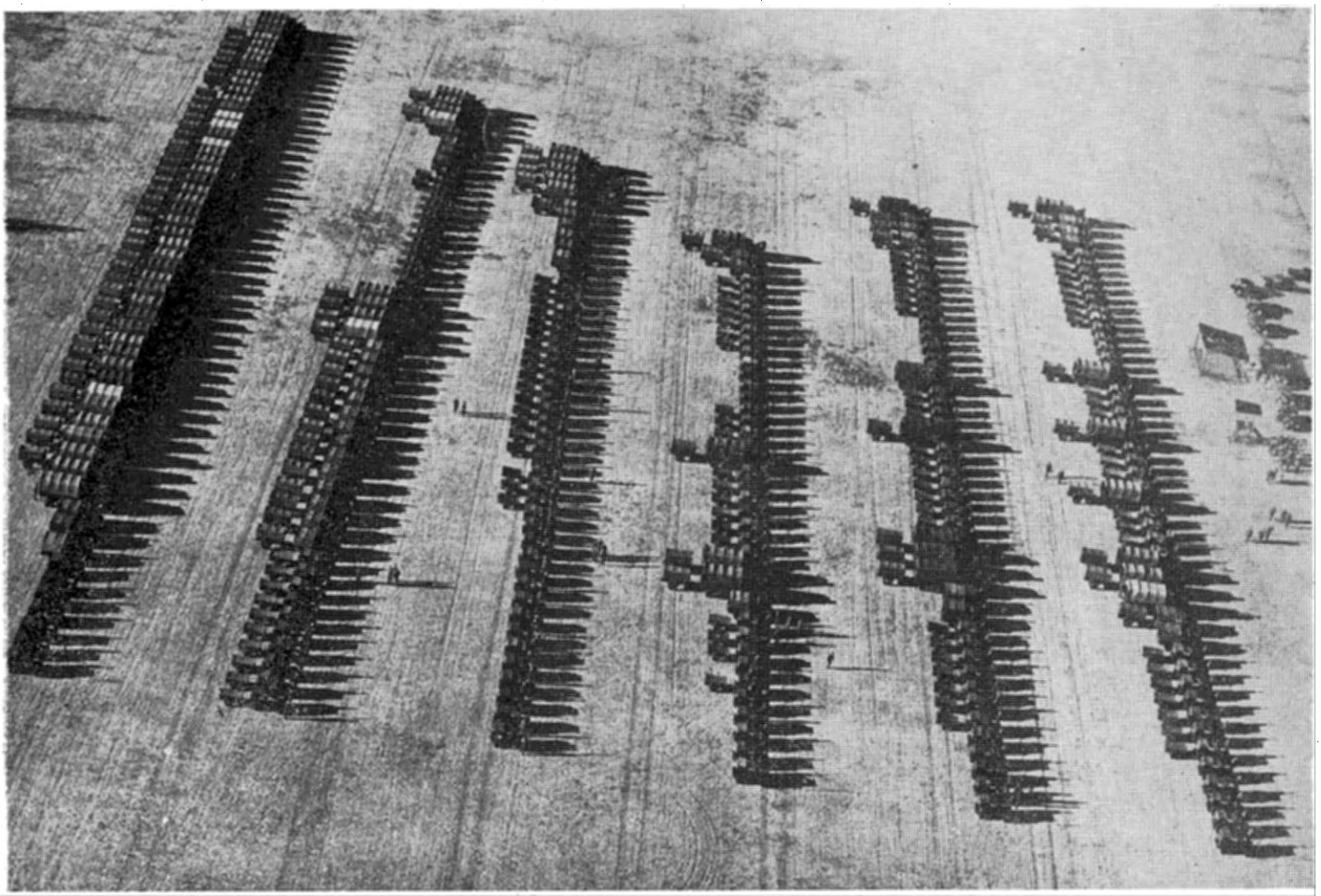
G-2—G-3

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS play a big part in planning almost any operation today. Studying them are two men of the G-2 office, above, Cpl. William P. Mitchell and Cpl. John A. Kay. In the photo below Maj. John O. Dickerson, left, Sgt. 1st. cl. Charles O. Craven and Maj. John E. Harris, all of the G-3 office, decide what will go on an overlay. In planning an operation like Portrex, the G-2 and G-3 offices work very closely in the exchange of information.



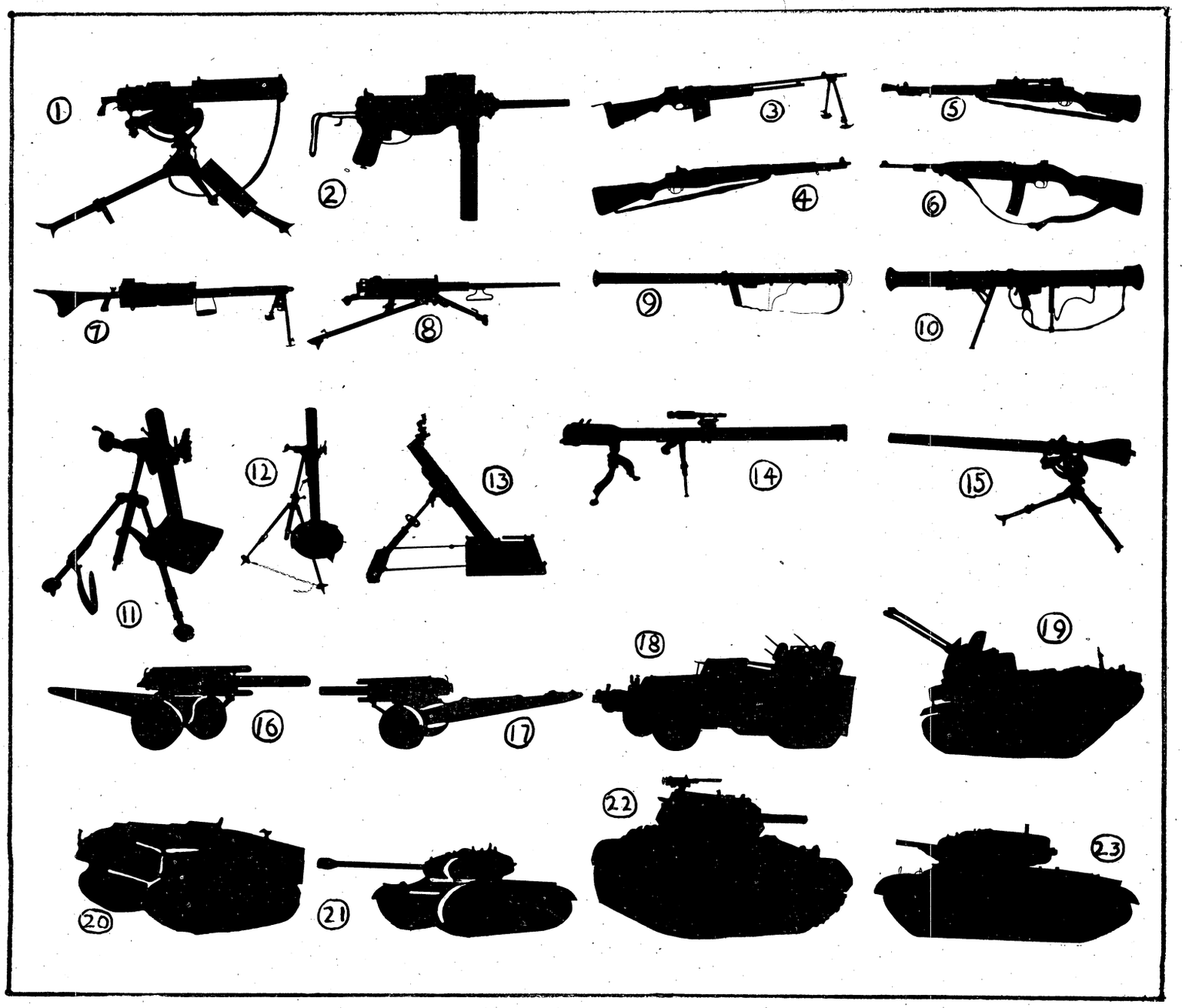
AN INDICATION of some of the problems of planning an amphibious operation today can be obtained from the picture above that shows all the vehicles of one infantry regiment. The problem of getting these vehicles combat loaded on a limited number of ships often presents great difficulties to staffs and calls for long hours of meticulous planning. Amphibious forces have come a long way since the days when the Vikings swarmed ashore on foot from small boats. And it still takes more than clambering down cargo nets.

LOGISTICS

There have never in the history of amphibious warfare been enough ships to carry all the men and material commanders would like carried.. Assault forces have always been limited by available shipping. During World War II it was a constant problem to load even what was absolutely essential aboard the craft that were available. Today, even in maneuvers such as Operation Portrex, the problem must be solved: how to get enough men and equipment to an enemy shore with a limited number of ships.

The photo at the top of this page is an excellent indication of the problem facing the men at the right. Never before has the infantry had so many vehicles of so many types, all of which are essential in ground combat. In armored vehicles alone the infantry division has just about as many as an armored division had in 1942. In fact, the infantry division of today has 4,071 vehicles ranging from liaison planes to tanks and armored bulldozers. That makes loading a headache. There has even been an increase in artillery that has knocked the loading schedules of 1942 into a cocked hat. Then it was a matter of loading four battalions of 12 guns each; today the battalions each have 18 guns. Today the G-4 people have a corresponding number of furrows on their brows.

STUDYING THE PLAN of an LST are M-Sgt. Stewart W. Freyberger of the G-4 office and Capt. Alfred J. Roth of the Ninth Field Artillery battalion. A transport quartermaster for the forthcoming operation, Captain Roth is discussing with Sergeant Freyberger some of the problems of loading vehicles on a type of craft that was one of the work horses of the last war.



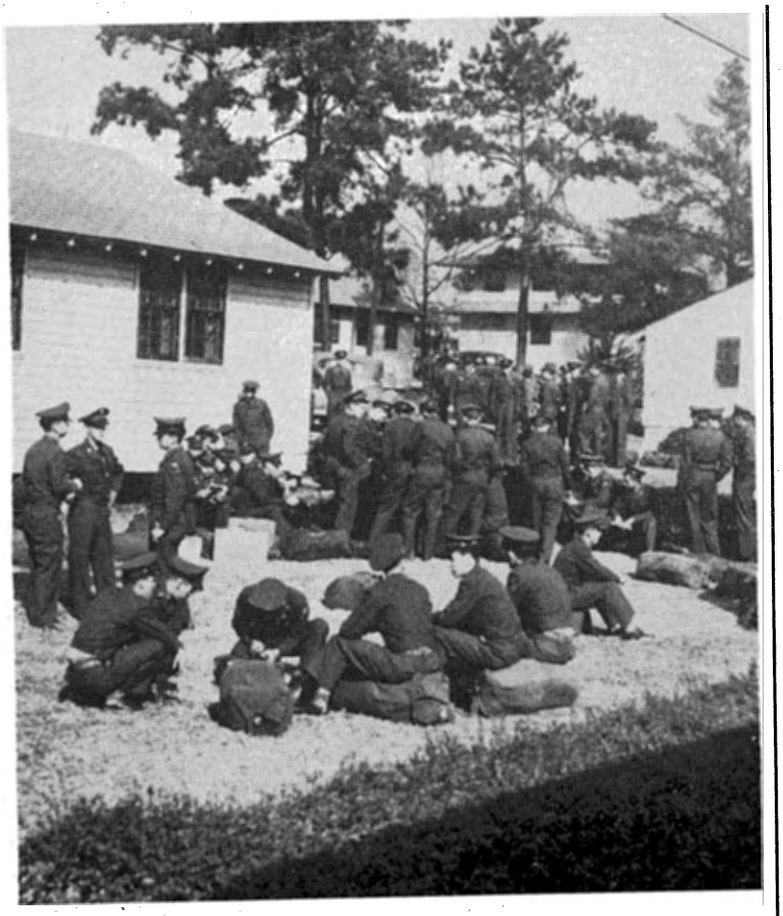
THERE IS MORE POWER

When the Third Infantry Division landed at Casablanca it was supported by the fire of naval vessels and its air cover was provided from carriers. For Operation Portrex the division will have power undreamed of in 1942. There will be the great guns of the navy's men-of-war and there will be planes: new bombers and jet-propelled fighters. But the biggest changes will be in the organic weapons of the division itself. The silhouettes on the chart above tell the story of the doughboys' punch. Today's division (also see *The Herald* for May, 1949) has 40 heavy 30 caliber machine guns (1). There are 638 submachine guns (2), 412 Browning Automatic Rifles (3), 6,913 M-1 rifles (4), 243 sniper rifles (5), 7,474 carbines (6), 160 light 30 caliber machine guns (7) and 534 50 caliber machine guns.

In heavier weapons the division of today is far ahead of the division of 1942. There are in today's infantry division 81 2.36 inch rocket launchers (9) and 465 3.5 inch rocket launchers (10). Today's division has 160 mortars, including 84 60 mm (11), 40 81 mm (12) and 36 4.2 inch mortars (13). Recoilless rifles were unknown to infantrymen of 1942; today there are 81 57 mm rifles (14) and 39 75 mm rifles (15). The 12-gun battalions of 105 mm and 155 mm howitzers of 1942 have been increased to 18 guns per battalion, with the division artillery having 18 of the 155's (16) and 54 of the 105's (17). Two more organic sources of firepower today are the 32 M-16's (18) and 32 M-19's (19).

Among the armored vehicles of today's infantry division are 34 armored utility vehicles (20), 123 M-26 tanks mounting 90 mm guns (21), nine M-24 tanks with 75 mm guns (22) and 12 M-24 tanks (23) mounting 105 howitzers.

So when the doughboys hit the beach at Vieques they will have behind them the power-packed punch of the planes and the ships. And they will also have with them at all times firepower undreamed of in 1942.



Portrex's Men

IT TAKES MEN to make an invasion. Some recent arrivals at Fort Benning who are assigned to the Third Infantry Division and who will be participating in Portrex are shown above waiting to move to their new units. Below M-Sgt. Thomas C. Brasfield and Capt. Donald T. Paul, both of the G-1 office, go over the division's manpower situation. Sometimes something will happen that really gives G-1 headaches like the time when the Third was getting ready to go to Anzio and on the "dry run" most of division artillery, guns and crews, was swamped in the Bay of Naples. The men were picked up, all right, but were taken to Malta; G-1 had to get the replacements in Italy.

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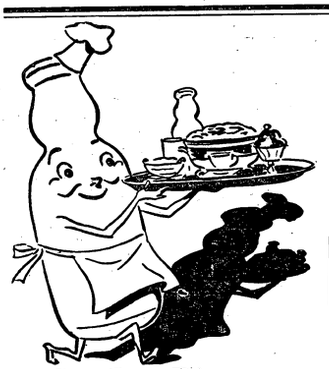

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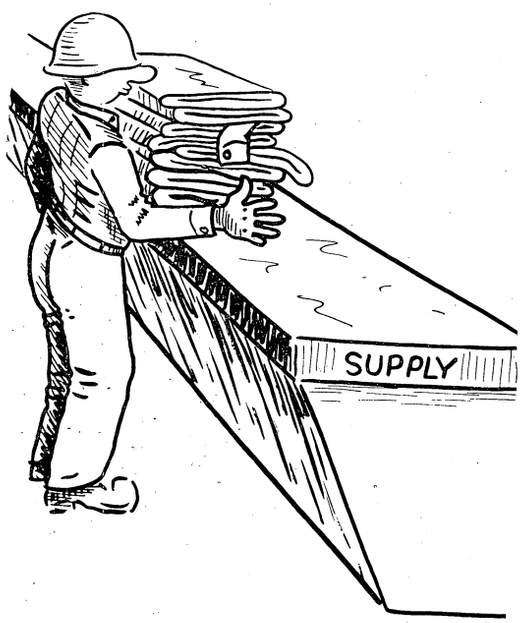
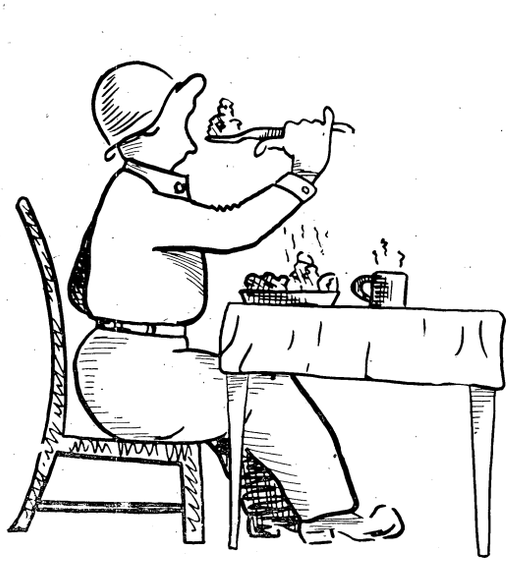
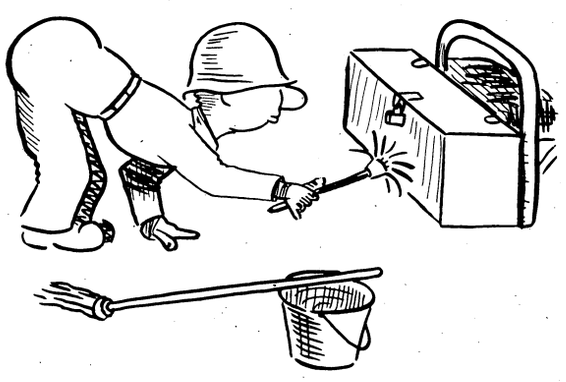
As 1950 begins a new life will be beginning for thousands of soldiers throughout the army: they will become civilians for the first time in a year. About 24,000 draftees and 6,000 enlistees, all originally slated to serve their country for 21 months, will be discharged at the expiration of 12 months' military service. The reason for this mass exodus is, of course, lack of funds. Many of the newer soldiers of course are electing to stay in service and have indicated a willingness to do so by enlisting for regular three year tours. But most of the draftees will be gone. Some of them will have enjoyed their year in the army. Some of them will not have enjoyed their year in the army. Some of them will complain that it cost them too much to spend a year in the army. All 30,000 will, however, constitute part of the pool of trained and semi-trained men who form the great reserve of manpower that this country may someday be required to call to duty in event of an emergency. The army has done its best by these 12-month soldiers, it has gone to great expense to get them and greater expense to keep them. In fact, it is surprising to realize how much it costs just to get a man to enlist.



Recruiting personnel say that the average enlistee costs about $500. This includes the cost of advertising in magazines, newspapers and radio. It includes the expense of maintaining recruiting offices and paying and maintaining the personnel to staff them. It includes the cost of transportation, the vehicles and gas used by recruiting personnel and the bus and train fare to carry the new recruits to their posts. It all adds up.

But the great expense really begins when the new soldier arrives at his unit. For the purpose of this article *The Benning Herald* has selected a man who was enlisted at Fort Benning. Thus it isn't necessary to figure the five cents or so a





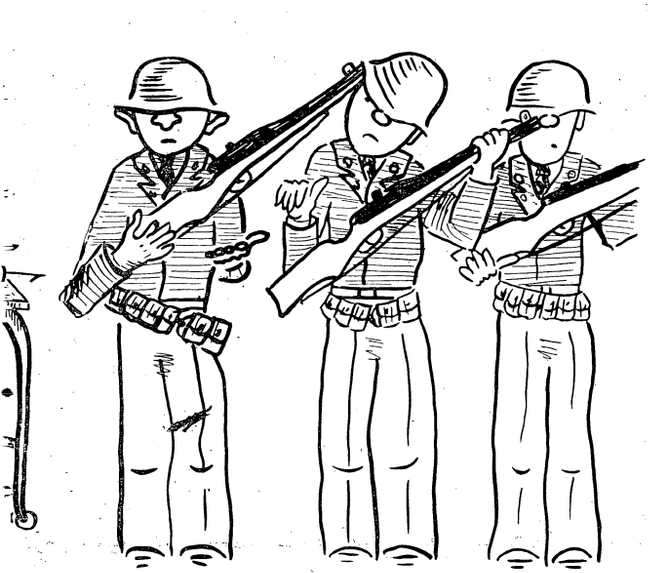
R A SOLDIER?

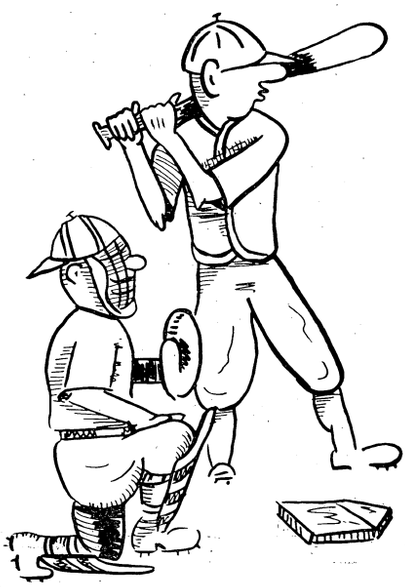
a Man for One Year

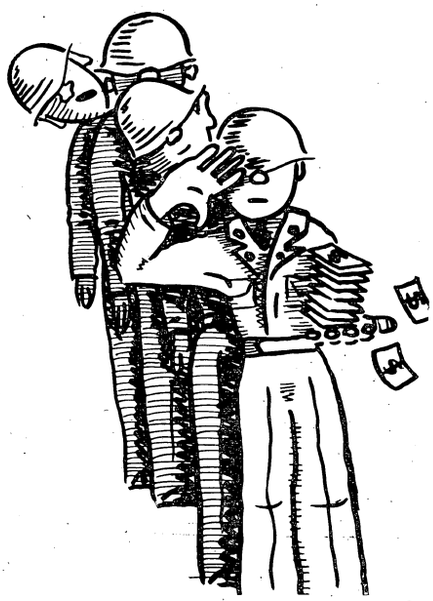
mile for transporting him to The Infantry Center. Going around the cartoons starting at the upper left, 10 major items have been illustrated. These 10 items cost the army $3,164.63. They are applicable to the man who entered service on the post and served in a rifle company for 12 months. They do not include the cost of his weapons, ammunition, transportation while in service, or other organizational equipment.

It costs $4.26 merely to process the man into the army. His clothing and expendables for one year's service are valued at $270.40. He eats $383.25 worth of food. His housing (in a temporary barracks and including such items as water and lights) comes to $168.86. Medical and dental care, including the one-and-one-half day each year at $16.40 a day that each man spends in the hospital come to $78.90. The big item, of course, is the training he receives an an infantryman. That costs $1,236.35. The army pays out $10.34 a year for his recreation; this figures does not include recreational facilities supported by company funds or other unit funds or post exchange profits. Estimating thatthe man, if an average soldier, will be a recruit for four months, a private for six months and a private first class for two months during this year, his pay now amounts to $986.10. The administration of his records comes to $21.10 for the year and it costs $5.07 to process him out of the army.

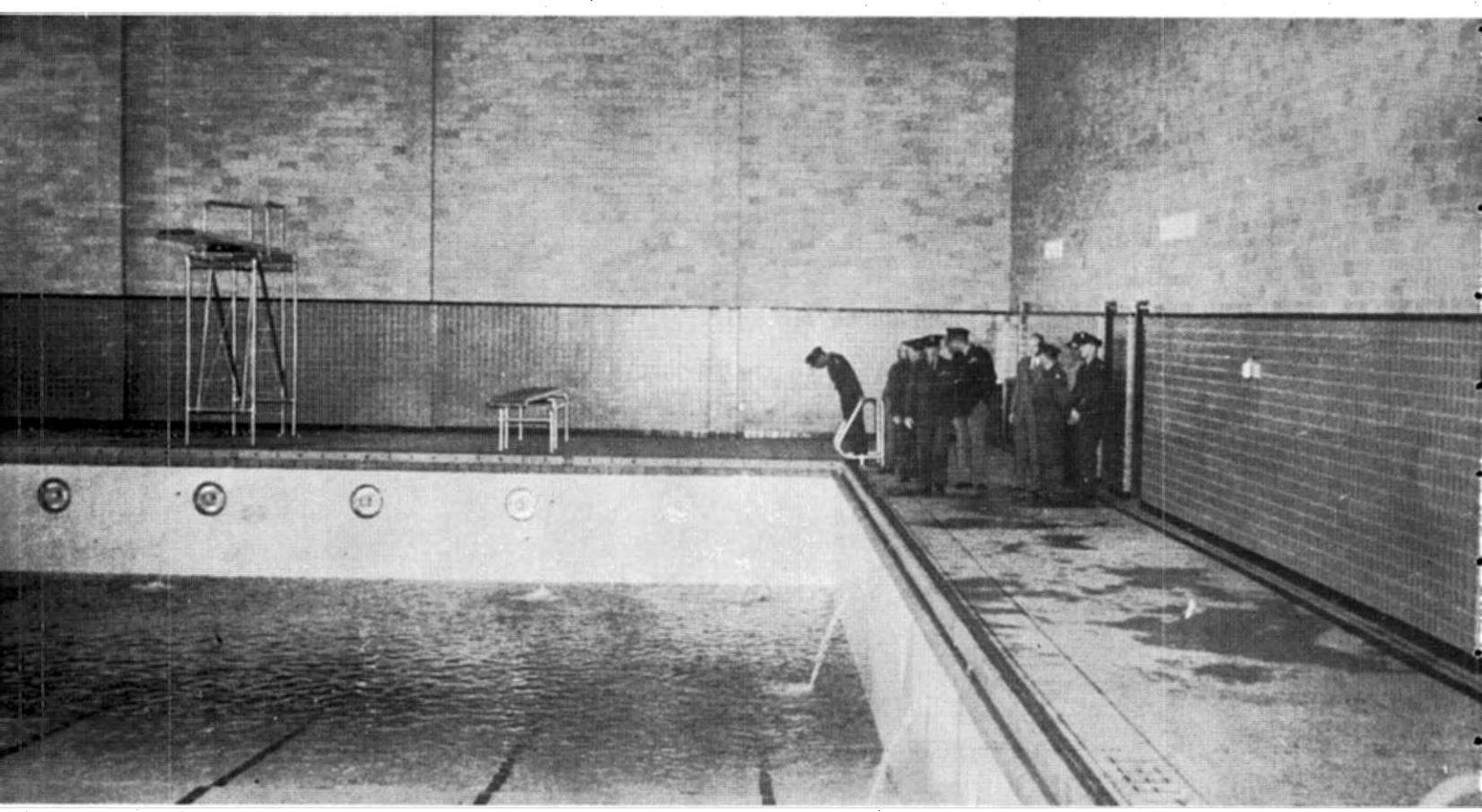
The expensive soldier of above, it must be remembered, has no dependents to whom the government is sending money, attended no schools while in service, drew no extra pay. He just spent 12 months at Benning, according to The Infantry Center Fiscal office's figures. The 10 items cost the army just $3,164.63.







THE INFANTRY CENTER'S commander, Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, fourth from left, accepts the keys of the new field house from Col. W. K. Wilson, Jr., district engineer. Others in the photo, from left to right, include Wike C. Ivey; A. D. Lambert, resident engineer; C. Edwin Gates of the Williams Construction Co.; General Burress; Colonel Wilson; Col. R. K. McDonough, post engineer; Col. Marcus B. Bell, Infantry Center G-4, and Lt. Col. Roland E. Murphy, acting special services officer. In the photo below the entire group is shown inspecting the completed swimming pool. The pool is 25 yards long and holds 125,000 gallons of water.



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One day early in December Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, Infantry Center commander, drove over to the new field house opposite Stilwell Field and accepted a nail-studded board of keys. Thus Fort Benning took possession of a new recreational facility and at the same time carried on the realization of the dream of a post commander of more than 20 years ago, Brig. Gen. Briant H. Wells.

During his tenure at Benning from 1923 to 1926, General Wells conceived the idea of building a recreational center around Service Club No. 1. A great believer in athletics of all sorts (every company, battalion and regiment had teams for each sport and 35 per cent of the men participated in some sort of team athletics) he planned the building of Doughboy Stadium and Gowdy Field and envisaged other recreational facilities where they are today. He wanted them in their present location away from the areas where the soldiers worked and drilled so that when the men were relaxing there would be nothing around to remind them of their professional duties; he wanted them to relax completely.

Today that dream of a recreational center is nearing fulfillment. And in honor of the soldier who began the building of the great Benning area for the comfort and happiness of the troops of The Infantry Center the newest addition will be called the Briant Wells Field House.

Although the post has already accepted the field house, it will be some time before it will be ready for use by troops of The Infantry Center. Thousands of dollars worth of athletic equipment of all types must be installed. Telescopic seats for 2,000 spectators at athletic events will be "erected" in the huge gymnasium. These seats will fold right against the walls and can easily be drawn out when needed. If necessary, an additional 2,000 seats can also be placed around the gym floor to take care of overflow crowds.

The work of preparing the field house for use by soldiers has begun already, however, and it is expected that all installation of athletic equipment will be completed early in January. In addition, preparations are being rushed to ready the swimming pool for use by troops during the Christmas holidays.

A BRONZE PLAQUE at the main entrance to the field house being examined by Cpl. Edgar J. Ross reads: "The construction of the field house was financed by military personnel of World War II as a memorial to their comrades who gave their lives in that war."

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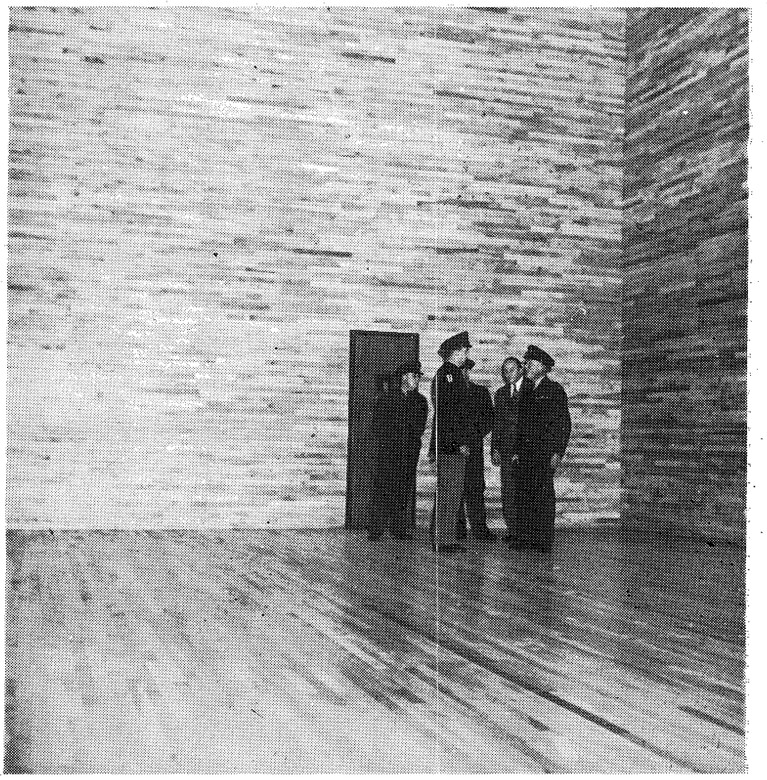
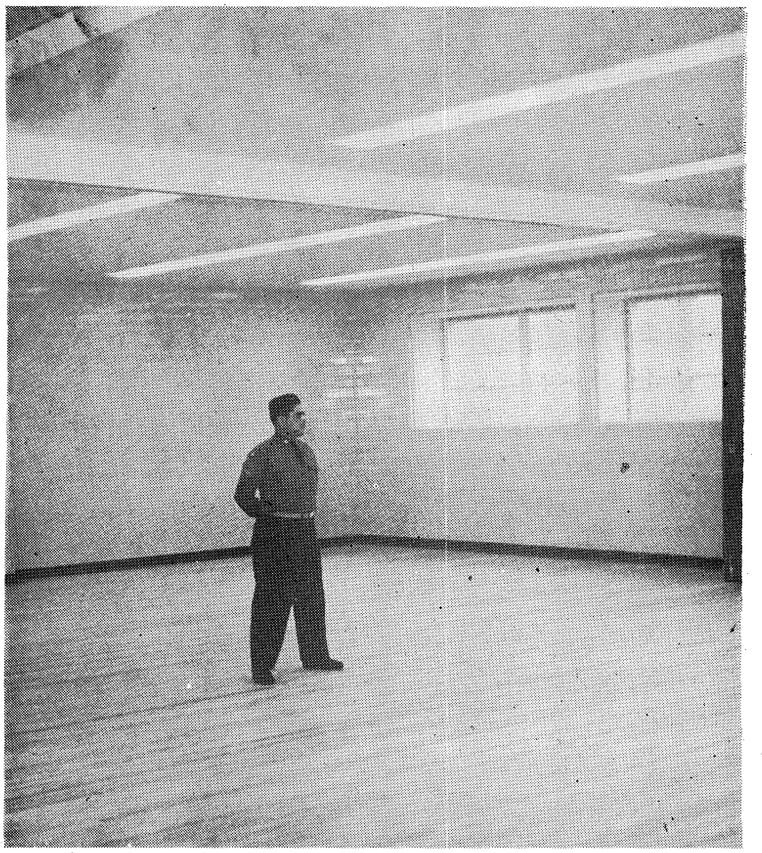
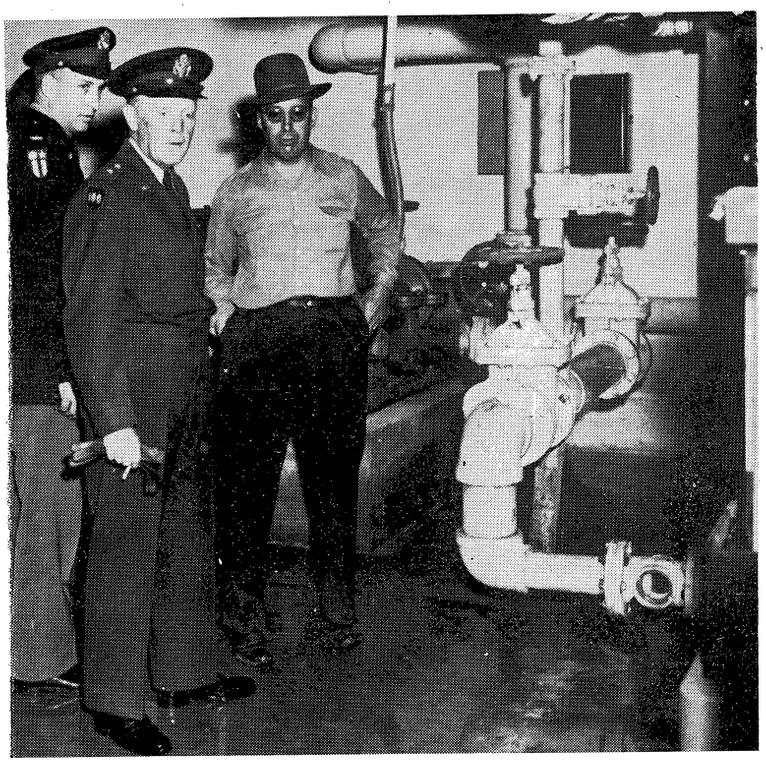


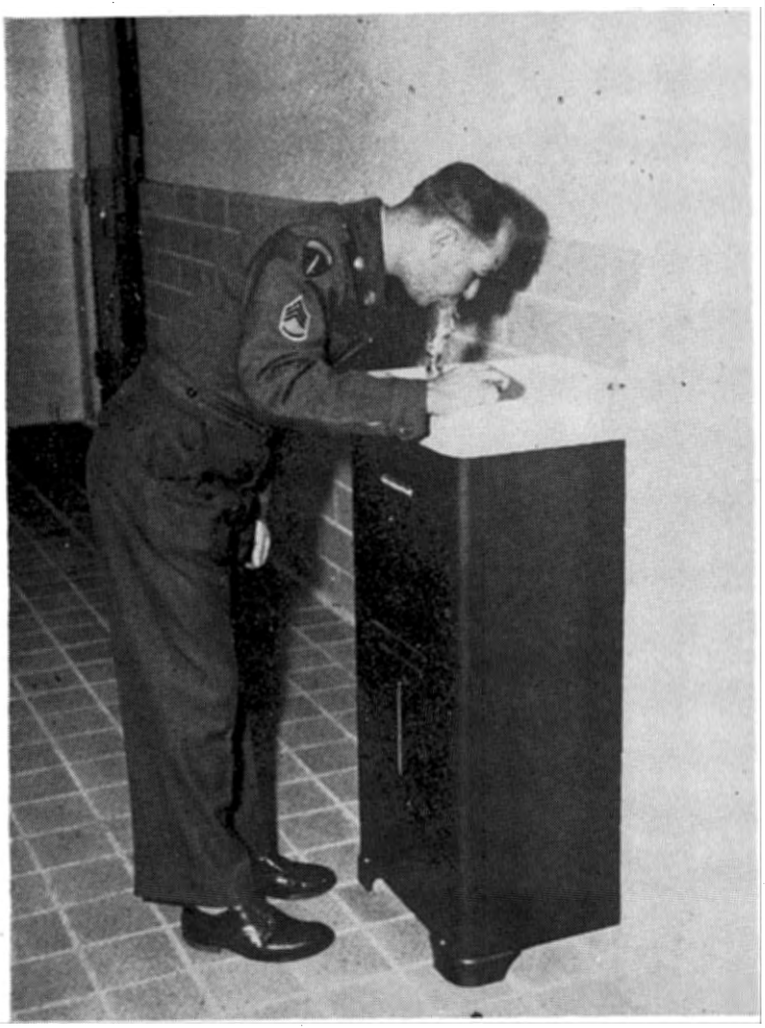
For Indoor Sports

HANDBALL COURTS are often seldom more than rooms with four walls and frequently have protuberances that interfere with the game. The two courts of the new field house, however, are all that enthusiasts of the game could desire, as shown in the photograph above. Even the door knob will provide no obstacle since it has been installed in the surface of the door. In the photo below, Sgt. 1st. cl. Frank Salmeri, post athletic NCO, stands in the middle of the wing devoted to exercise rooms. Two rooms have been built but they can be converted into one by sliding back the doors.





COLONEL WILSON, General Burress and Mr. Ivey inspect the filtration mechanism for the pool in the above picture. Whenever a large crowd gathers for an indoor athletic event, it seems there is always a long line at a lone drinking fountain. The new field house, however, has several water dispensers and Sgt. Tom Mize, below, tries one out. Everything possible has been done in the building to take care of participants and spectators, even to the installation of a spacious powder room for the ladies.



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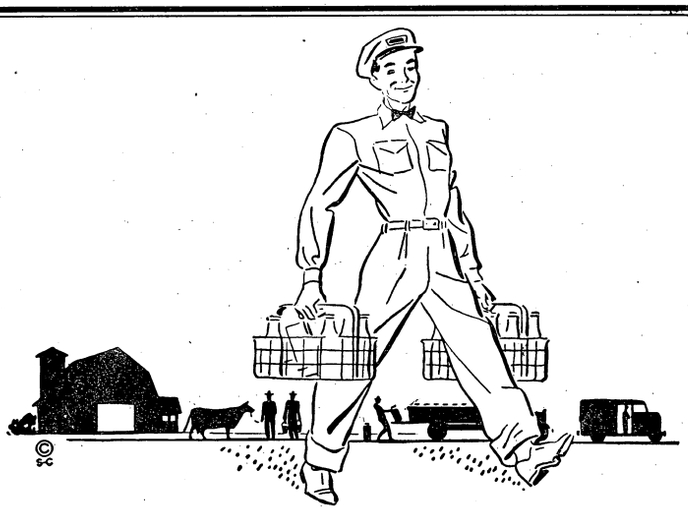

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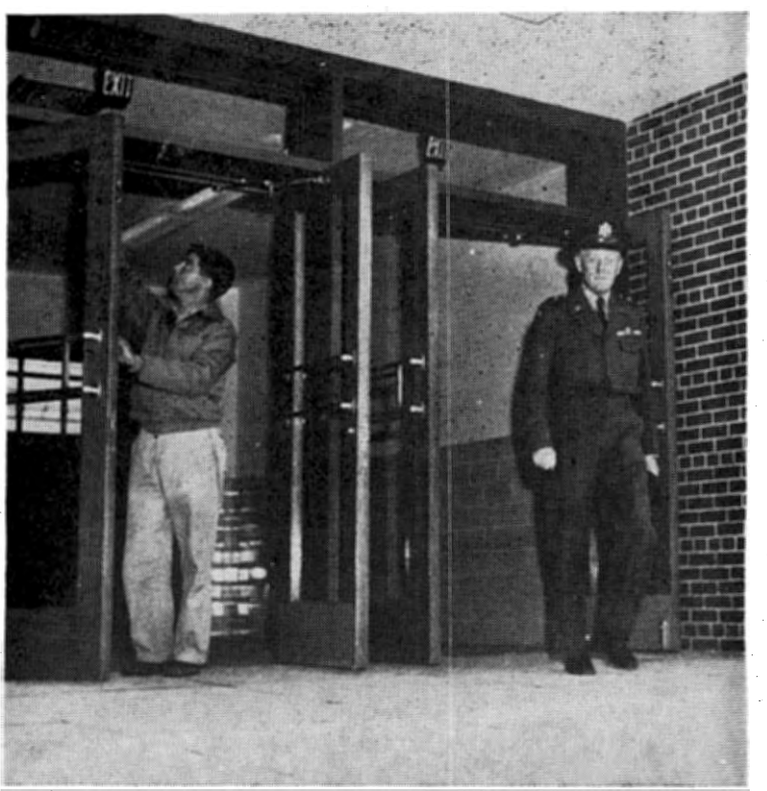

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In the early years of the school's existence there was no Student Training regiment as we know it today. Officers and enlisted men came to Benning during the first 20 years and were assigned to student companies, but enrollments were small and a large organization for the administration of students was not necessary. The war that erupted in Europe in 1939 changed all that, however. Nine years ago, in December, 1940, America's military muscles were bulging as they had not bulged since 1918. The war was close, closer than many believed. The army was expanding and the need of the army was for infantrymen, not just infantrymen to carry rifles, but trained infantrymen,

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STUDENT TRAINING REGIMENT commander, Col. Sevier Tupper, left, discusses a problem with the regimental adjutant, Capt. Donald F. Stegman.

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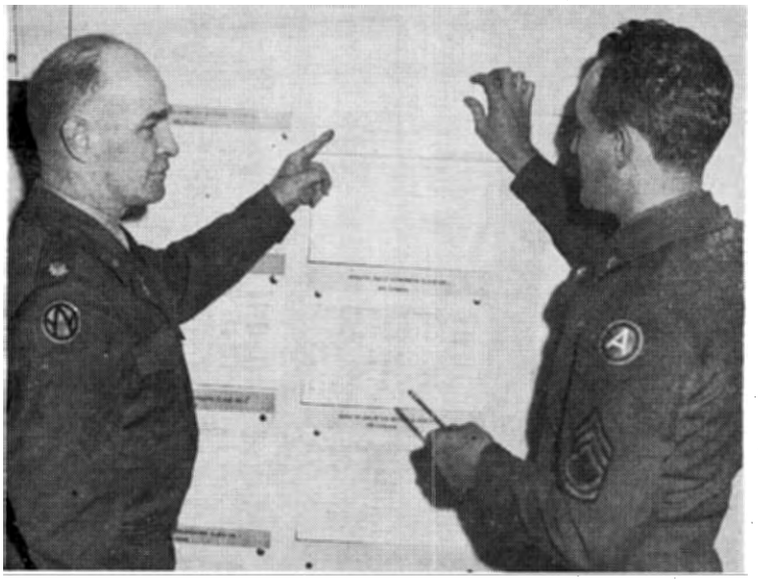

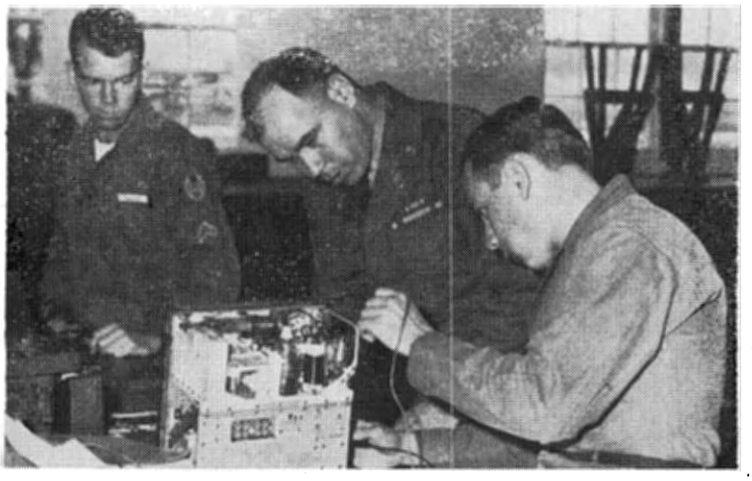

KEEPING TRACK of all classes is a prime concern o fthe STR operations officer, Maj. Elmer J. Ricker, shown in the top photo with the operations NCO, Sgt. 1st. cl. Earl L. Chapman. The middle picture shows automotive students Sgt. James H. Timons and Cpl. Owen R. Schroeder and instructor Sgt. Marshall R. Hill, while the bottom picture has M-Sgt. Ralph L. Faist, center, assisting Pfc. Lester E. Musser, left and Cpl. William C. Taylor, members of a radio repair class.

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able to land on a beach, jump from a plane, and fight with the latest of lethal instruments. But a basic need was for leaders who could be instructors. Benning furnished them.

It had long been a policy of the school to teach men who in turn could teach others. As America's roster of infantry divisions began to grow after 1939 the crying need was for junior officers and for non-commissioned officers who could teach the millions of draftees how to wage a mechanized war. Benning had the instructors and the facilities to train these future instructor-leaders of the infantry. To Benning they flocked by the scores of thousands.

By 1940 there were so many students that it was necessary to establish a separate regiment, the Student Training regiment, to handle their administration, house them, feed them—in short, make a home for them. The first commander of that regiment was Col. Sevier Tupper. Today, nine years later, after a distinguished wartime record, Colonel Tupper has returned to Benning—to be commanding officer of the Student Training regiment.

The "STR" today is far different than the several Student Training regiments of the war. Gone are the huge classes of communications and automotive students. Gone are the thousands—more than 70,000, to be exact—of officer candidates. Today the men of the Student Training regiment come in fewer numbers. But they are a select group. They come to Benning to learn the latest in infantry developments so that they may return to their units and instruct their fellow soldiers. It is still the job of the STR to handle their administration, feed them, house them—in short, make a home for them.

This academic year, as in those of the past few years, about 15,000 students ranging in rank from recruit to general officer will be part of the regiment. The vast majority will come to Benning to be part of the regiment's Airborne battalion. They will take the brief but tough basic airborne course and will leave here wearing the coveted wings of the parachutist. Some will have enrolled because of the "glamour" of wearing wings and 'troopers' boots; some will have enrolled for the extra pay; some will have enrolled, as did the several generals of the past and present year, because they have airborne commands and feel that as leaders they must be able to do what the men they lead must do regardless of the difference in age.

Other students, about one-third of the total enrollment, will belong to the STR for other reasons. About 400 of them will be regulars with excellent war records, slightly older men taking the advanced officers' courses preparatory to assuming higher commands and then going on to other schools. Some will be young regular officers taking the basic course to become better company commanders. Some will be at Benning to attend officers' and enlisted automotive, communications courses and pathfinders' courses. Hundreds of enlisted men will take the new light and heavy weapons courses.

Then there will be the reserves who will tarry for shorter sojourns as members of the STR. They will attend the associate advanced and basic courses, as well as other courses. Some will be from the organized reserves and others from the national guard. But regardless of their component, they will be full-fledged members of the STR, all of whom are treated the same at Benning.

And there will be the "guest students," officers and enlisted men from a score or more of nations. They will learn what makes the American infantryman tops in his field the world over. And the chances are good that when they return to Argentina and Africa, Sweden and Korea, they will spend hours telling of life in the barracks of the STR.

To the cadre of the Student Training regiment, however, there are few surprises. A Korean brigadier general, a Turkish captain, an American sergeant and a Filipino corporal—to the cadre of the regiment they are all alike. They are students at The Infantry School. The permanent personnel of the Student Training regiment make them all welcome, make them all feel at home. In a sense, they are Benning's amdassadors-all feel at home. In a sense, they are Benning's ambassadors-at-home.

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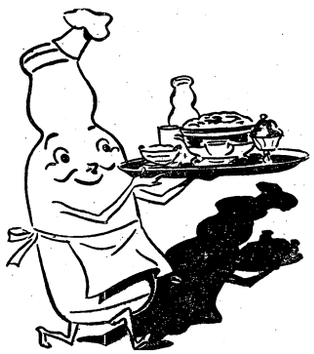

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FAMOUS FOR FOOD are the messes operated by the Student Training regiment. While the Biglerville Mess is probably the best known on the post (and throughout the army, too, for that matter) one of the most popular messes for students is that operated by Sgt. 1st. cl. James H. Armstrong, shown standing between Capt. Aaron E. Walker and Capt. John W. Barnes. In this mess the students walk in, get all the food they can eat and milk they can drink and then go back for seconds. There is practically no waiting, there are plenty of tables and the cost is nominal.

OF ALL THE SECTIONS of the Student Training regiment, one of the hardest working is the classification and assignment section, a part of which is shown above. Reason for the constant pile of work facing the men of the office is simple: about 15,000 students a year go through The Infantry School. In the picture here, the photographer didn't even have to ask the people shown to keep on with their work; they merely glanced up, then went back to their checking of papers, impromptu conferences and telephone calls.

THE DRIVER OF THIS JEEP DROVE A LITTLE TOO FAST. HE DIED.

NO HOLIDAY FOR DEATH

It has been estimated that between 15,000 and 20,000 men of The Infantry Center will take leave of some sort over the Christmas holidays. Many are making plans to go home. But the chances are excellent that some soldier will never arrive home; the chances are excellent that some soldier will never return to Benning from his leave. The chances are excellent that some soldiers from Benning will die during the otherwise joyous holiday season. For Death will be taking no holiday; he will be riding in the cars carrying Benning's men to their destinations, waiting for only one slight slip to claim another victim, to add to the toll of those killed in automobile accidents.

Automobile accidents that take the lives of pedestrians as well as passengers and drivers, don't just happen. They are caused. They are caused by thoughtlessness and carelessness, by ignoring the rights of others, by lack of consideration for

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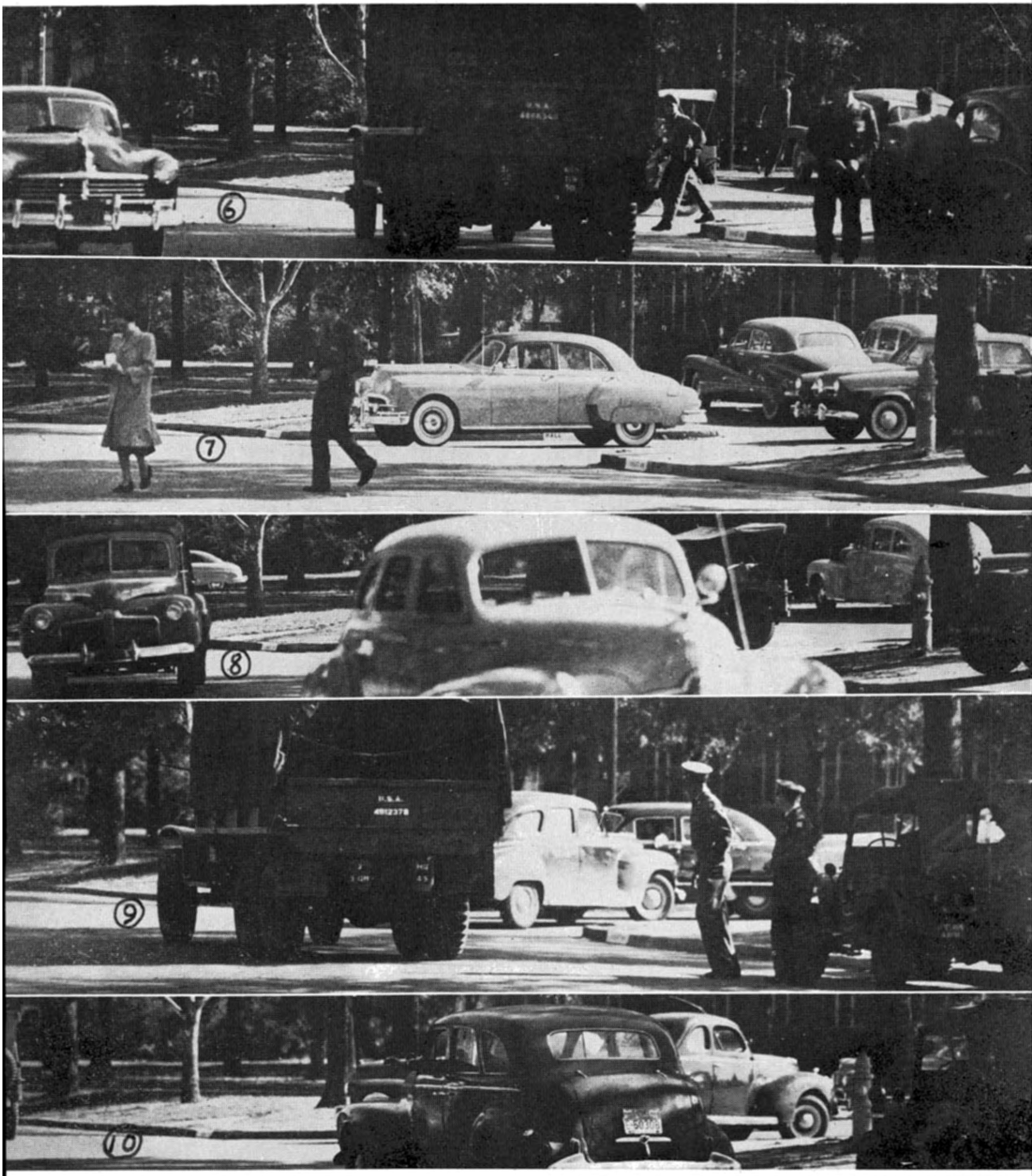
Post safety officials say the corner of Vibbert Ave. and Hall St. has the worst record for being the scene of accidents. A Herald photographer stationed himself on that corner on pay day, Nov. 30 and 10 photos on this page show only 10 of the traffic violations or examples of carelessness and thoughtlessness he caught with his camera in 30 minutes. In photo No. 1 the car on the left is making a left hand turn from the wrong lane; the driver didn't even signal. In photo No. 2 the driver has stopped in the pedestrian lane to look for a parking space; the soldier had to walk out in the street to get across Hall. The driver in No. 3 is parked in a No Parking area in front of the bank. No. 4 shows a jeep forced into the center of the street because of the parking violation. In No. 5 the driver of the civilian car is assuming that the truck towing the gun will clear him; he is also crowding a convoy. In No. 6 the man in fatigues is



attempting to board a moving truck; the truck was forced to make a right turn from the left lane because the civilian car was parked in a No Parking area. No. 7 shows a woman reading a letter, paying no attention to traffic, as she jaywalks across Vibbert. The station wagon in No. 8 went through a stop sign and didn't signal for the turn. In No. 9 the woman with her hand out the window signaled for a left turn and turned right; The MP jeep is parked in a No Parking area while the passengers go into the bank. No. 10 shows an MP jeep parked in a No Parking zone while its passengers are in the bank; the coupe making a right turn into Hall is a foot over the curb. At the same time the driver preparing to turn left is in the proper lane and giving the proper signal.

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Five two-and-one-half ton trucks moving in convoy were a bit too close together. Four of them are shown in the photograph above. The driver of the first vehicle made a normal stop prior to turning. But the drivers of the second and third vehicles were "fooling around." The driver of the second truck wasn't watching the truck in front;

No Holiday

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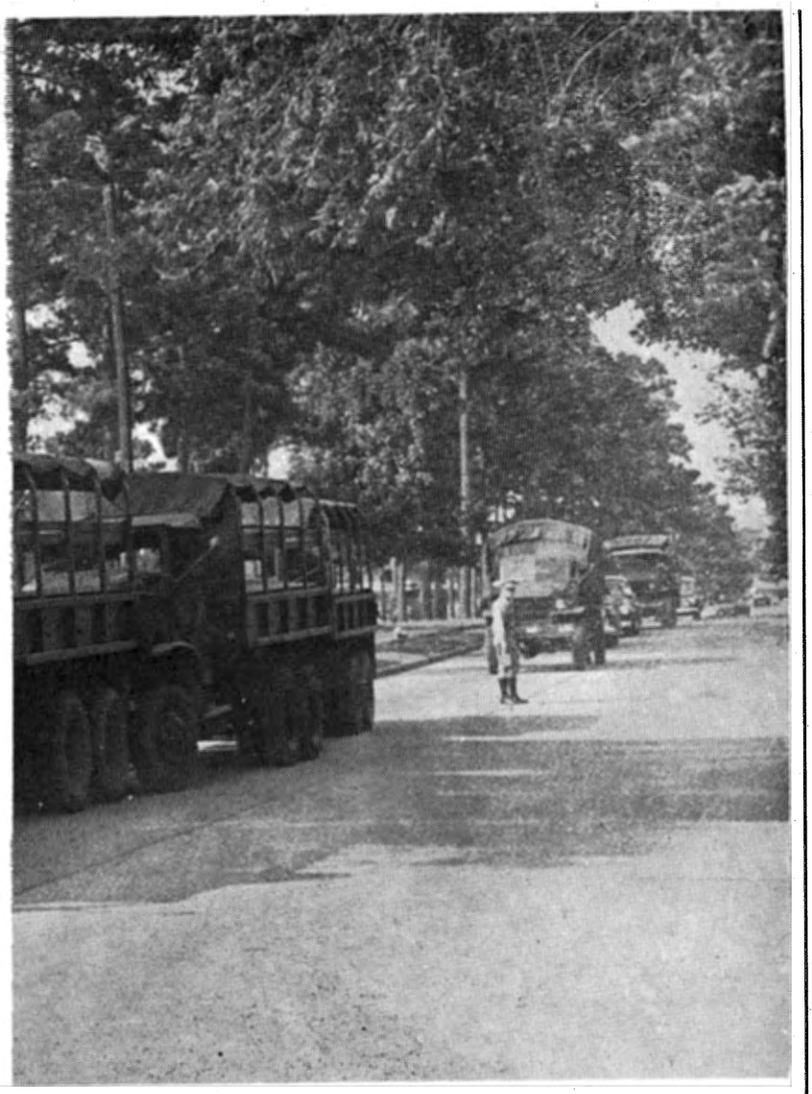
oneself as well as for others, by arrogance and by stupidity.

During the first 11 months of 1949 nine Fort Benning soldiers were killed in automobile accidents. A total of 74 others were hospitalized for injuries, 15 of the latter suffering permanently disabling injuries, loss of limbs, paralysis, even one man whose brain is deteriorating. Most of those killed and seriously injured (and most of these accidents took place away from Benning) were caused by speeding. Two men were killed on the way to Birmingham, Ala., at four o'clock one afternoon; the driver was pushing 70. One was going more than 60—on the wrong side of the road. The driver of this car was killed, as was the driver of the car with which he collided. The soldier-driver's buddy was the man whose brain is deteriorating. The other two soldier-passengers were lucky to escape with minor injuries.

If two infantry divisions had been entirely wiped out, every man killed, in one day of the war, the entire nation



he was watching the truck behind him. He barely saw the vehicle ahead of him stop. He jammed on his brakes and the second, third, fourth and fifth trucks banged into each other. The first truck was undamaged. "Fooling around" cost the army $650. That's more than a recruit receives in eight months as pay.

would have gone into mourning. Last year 32,000 Americans were killed in auto accidents—two divisions of infantry. Fourth of July week end alone saw 600 Americans meet their death on the road. Christmas, with millions on their way home, some travelling on icy or otherwise slippery roads for the first time in months, will take its toll as it does each year.

There can be no price put on a human life for who knows the cost of a life? But a price can be put on the mayhem that takes place on the nation's roads, an economic cost that is measured neither in thousands nor in millions of dollars, but in billions. Last year auto accidents cost the people of this country, in addition to 32,000 killed and 1,100,000 injured, the staggering sum of $2,800,000,000. Of that economic total, one billion seven hundred million dollars was the cost of medical treatment and the property loss was one billion, one hundred million dollars.

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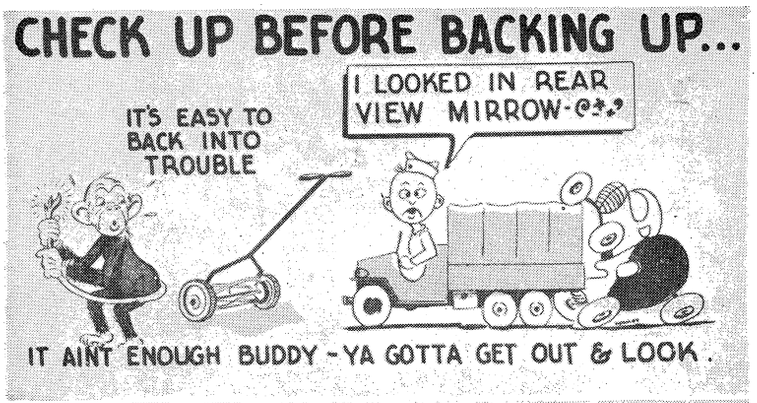

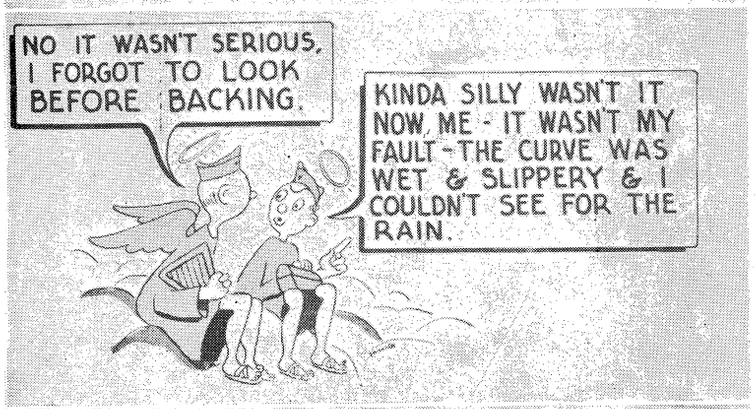

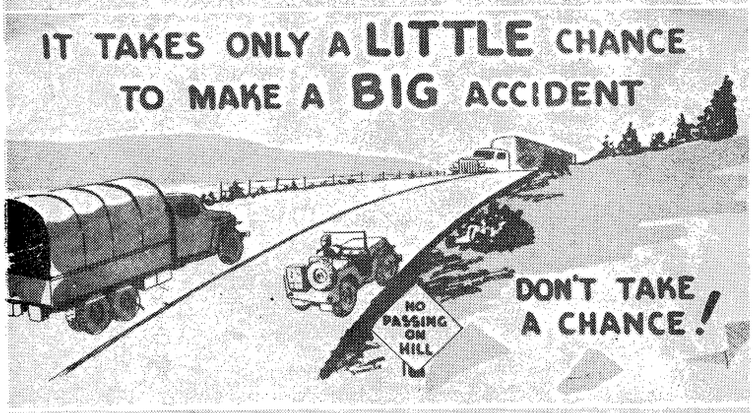

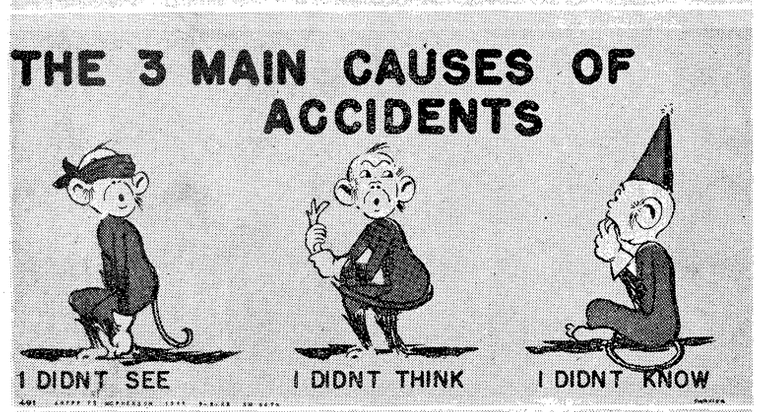

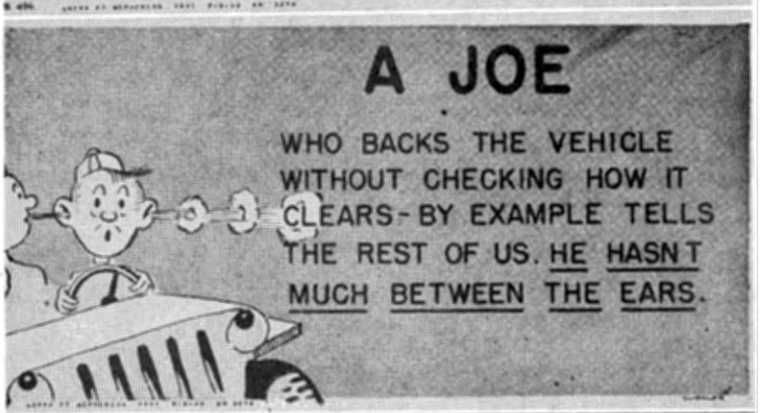

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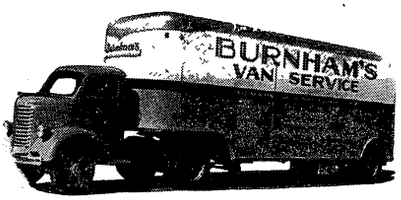

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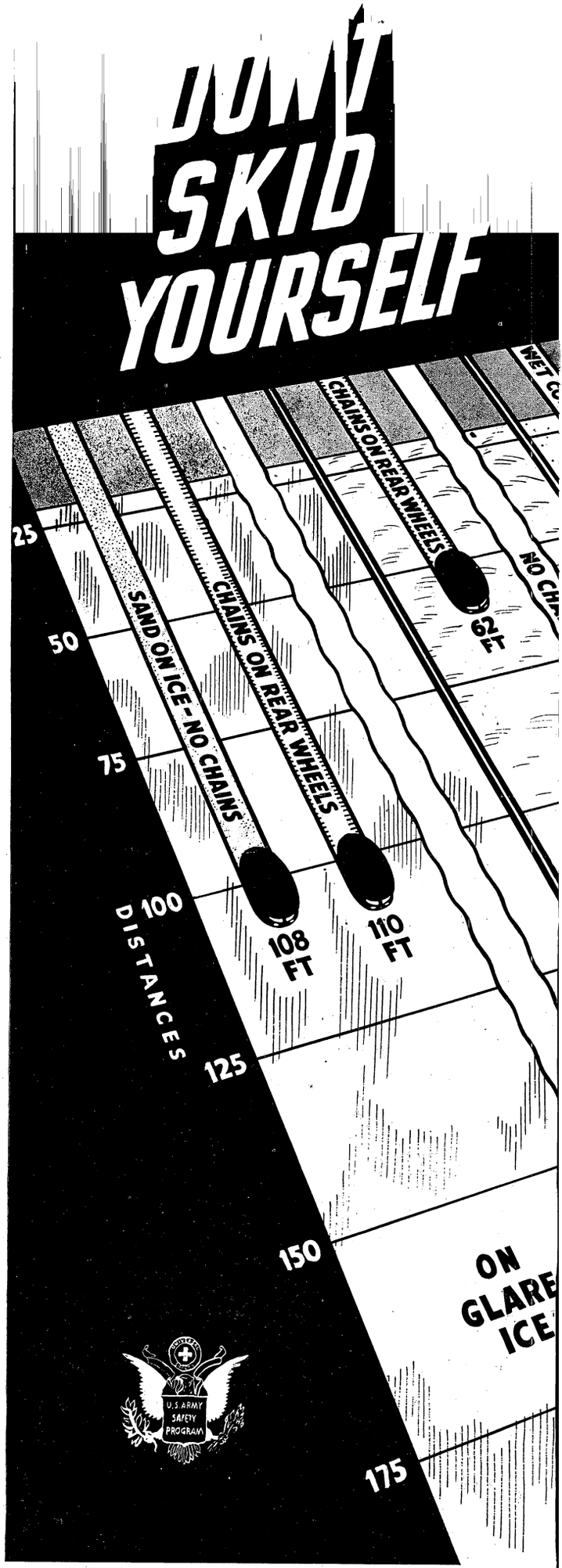

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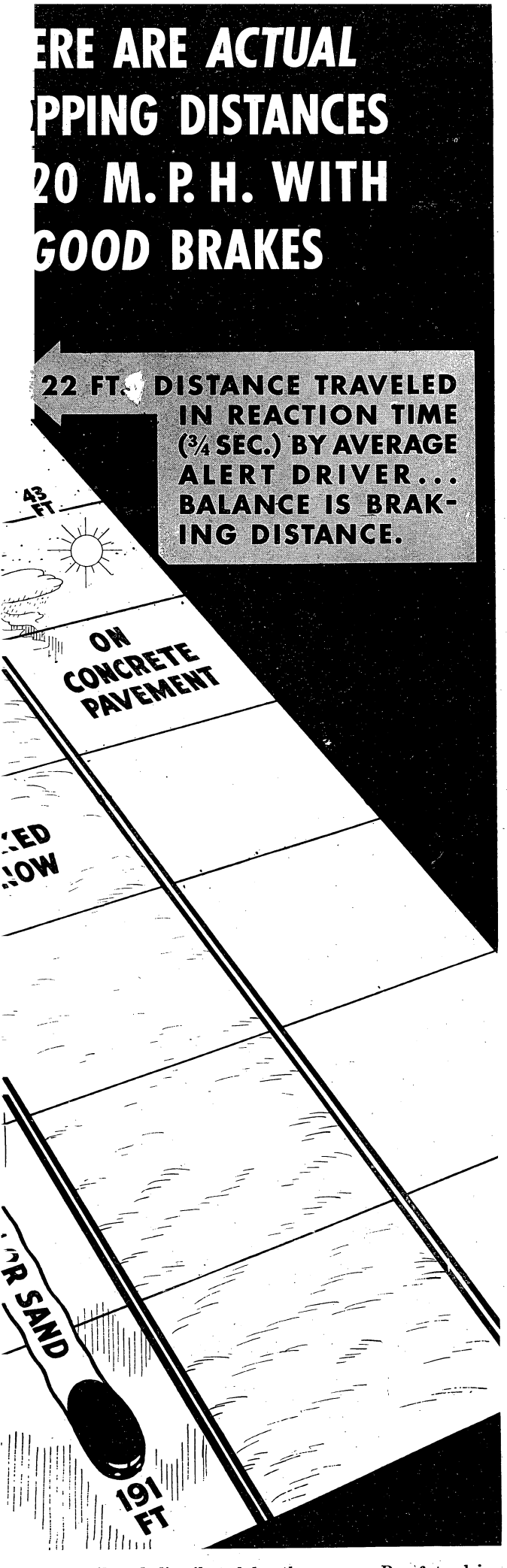

afety Council and distributed by the army. Proof to drivers that akes aren't always what they ought to be, or even what they seem be, has been demonstrated in the tests of vehicles made by the ovost marshal's office. Nearly 30 per cent of the first thousand hicles inspected were defective in some way.

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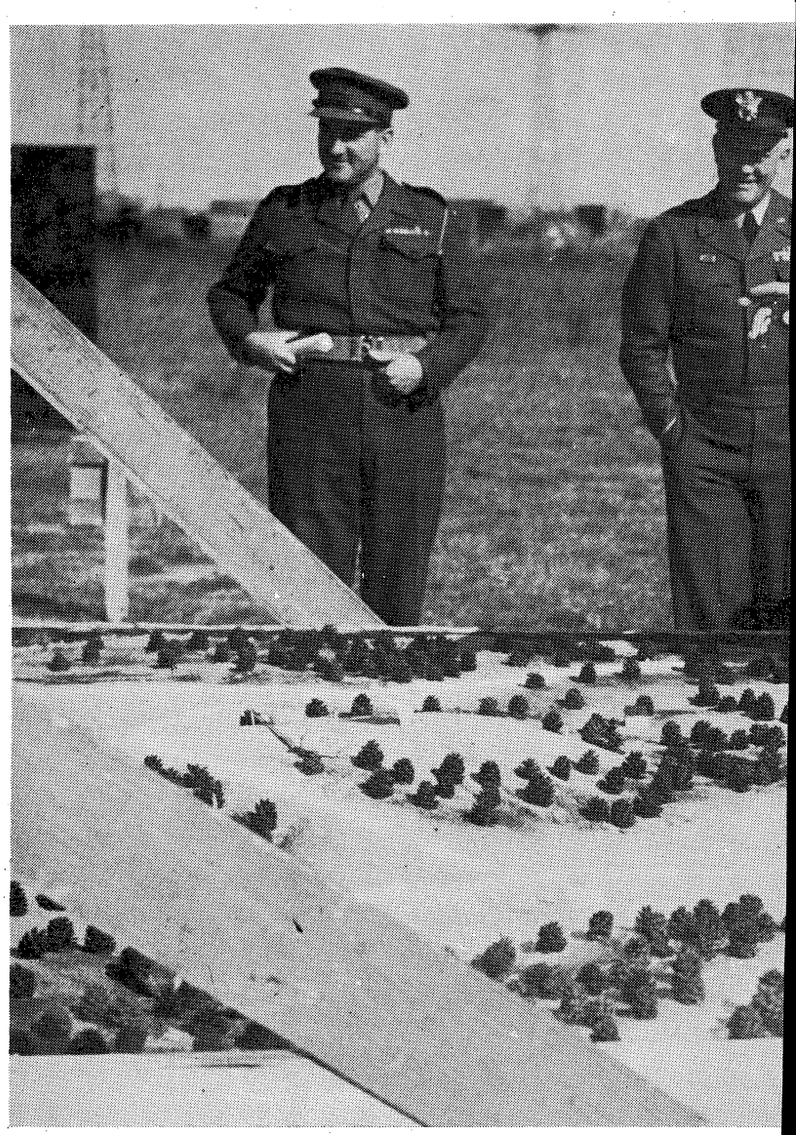

FIELD MARSHAL Sir William Joseph Slim, Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, is an infantryman. During his recent visit to The Infantry Center he evinced a keen interest in the way The Infantry School and Third Division train doughboys. In the photo above Capt. Norman McArdell is shown pointing out on a sand

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The Empire's Top S

An infantryman commands Britain's army today. The Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Sir William Joseph Slim, who visited The Isfantry Center recently, is an infantryman who rose from command of a squad of infantrymen to the top command of the British army. And Britain's top soldier has a keen appreciation of infantry technique, tactics and troops. He saw them at Benning, saw them rapidly and thoroughly; he also liked what he saw.

During a two-day stay at the post, Field Marshal Slim saw demonstrations presented by The Infantry School, visited Army Field Forces Board No. 3, made a speech to The Infantry School faculty and members of the advanced classes, and inspected the Third Infantry Division. During that time he also listened and he asked questions. At the Third Division, where he was inducted into membership into the 15th Infantry, he observed training and he talked to NCO's, cooks and supply sergeants. After he talked to the cooks he sat down in the enlisted men's mess of Headquarters Company, 15th Infantry and ate the same lunch served the men. The men liked it; it's not every day they eat lunch with a British field marshal.

table how his heavy mortar company of the 15th Infantry handles fire missions. Grouped around the table are Lt. Col. Fergus A. H. Ling, British army liaison officer at The Infantry School; Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson, commanding general of the Third Division, Lt. Col. Joseph W. Stilwell, Jr.; Captain McArdell and Marshal Slim.

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But Marshal Slim knows soldiers; he is one himself. During World War I he served in France, Mesopotamia and in the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign. During the past war he commanded a brigade in the Sudan and Eritrea, a division in Syria, Persia and Iraq and a corps and then an army in Burma. By war's end he was commander-in-chief of Allied Forces in Southeast Asia.

Like all infantry career soldiers, Marshal Slim also spent years as a student and as an instructor, as well as commanding troops and serving on various staffs. A one-time instructor at the Staff College at Camberley, he was later a student at the Imperial Defense College, then commandant of the Senior Officers' School at Belgaum, India and in 1946-47 served as commandant of the Imperial Defense College in London.

Associated with the late General Joseph W. Stilwell in Burma, while at Benning Marshal Slim was accompanied by General Stilwell's son, Lt. Col. Joseph W. Stilwell, Jr., now a member of the Third Division, and twice inspected an honor guard at Stilwell Field, named in honor of the late general.

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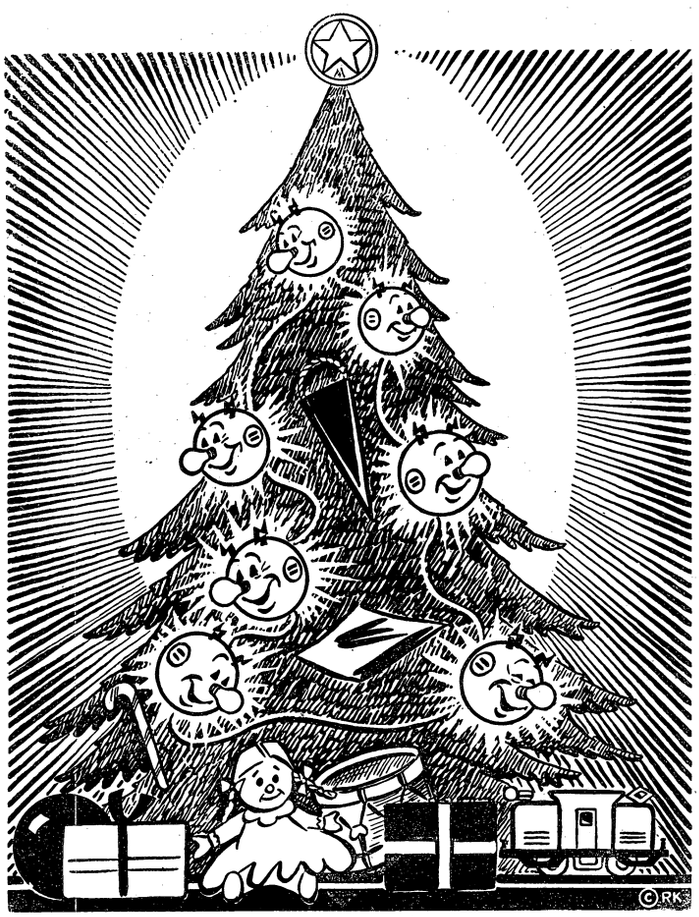

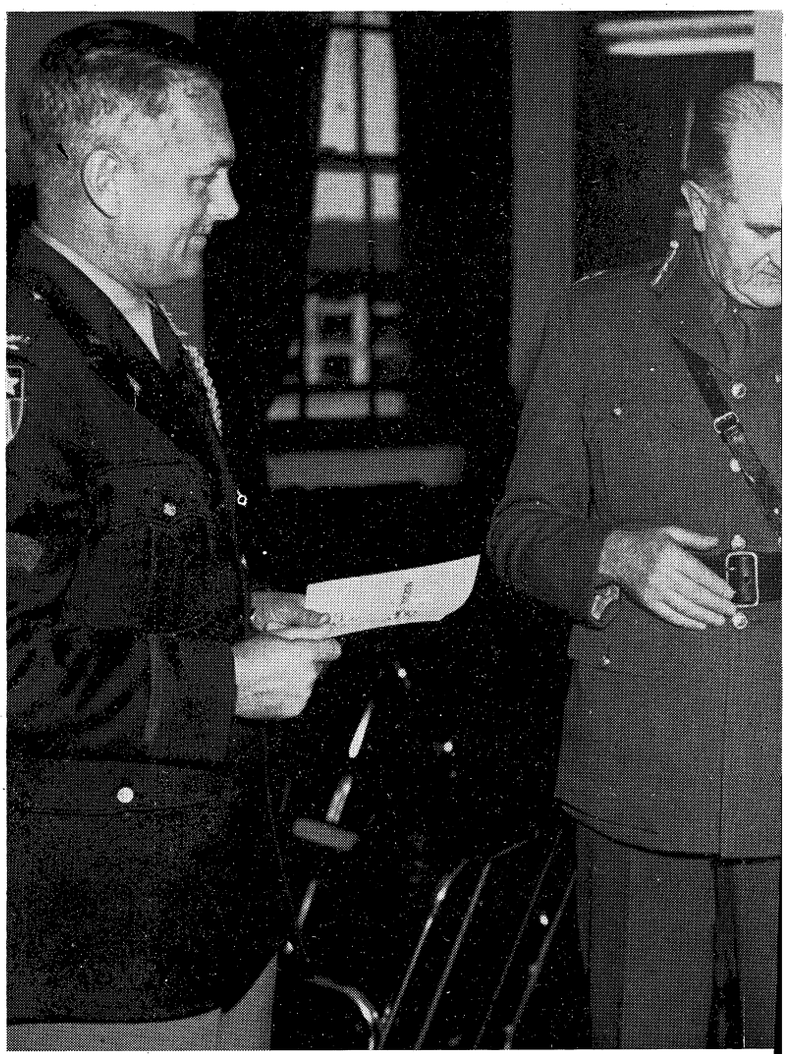

DURING A BREAK in his inspection of the Third Infantry Division, Field Marshal Slim became a member of the famed 15th Infantry regiment. He is shown here a moment after Col. Dennis M. Moore, regimental commander, pinned the regimental insignia on his blouse.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS have the reputation of being the best fed in the world. Marshal Slim learned some of the reasons why they are by talking to Cpl. Samuel Ferraro, left and Sgt. Wilbur L. Murphy, cooks, and 1st. Lt. George M. Richardson, mess officer, all of Company E, 15th Infantry, in his visit to that unit.

Looking on at the left is Col. Clarence W. Bennett, Marshal Slim's American aide on his tour of this country's military installations, and at right, Maj. Gen. Withers A. Burress, Infantry Center commander, who welcomed the visitor to Benning.

SUPPLY PROBLEMS on a company scale were explained to the British visitor by Sgt. William V. Stevens of Company E, 15th Infantry, shown on a tour of his supply room with Marshal Slim. Also with the party was Capt. Hiram S. Type, right, company commander. Marshal Slim later lunched at an enlisted men's mess.

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THE GUN AND CREW, the shell in the air and the target, the tank in the left middle part of the picture combined to make this one of the outstanding photographs of the year. The men are members of Battery A, 38th Field Artillery battalion.

BEST OF '49

Pictures of the Year

During the war soldier-photographers of the Army Signal corps accompanied front line troops in the thick of combat to record the incidents of battle. Today at Fort Benning, soldier-photographers of the Post Signal office and Third Signal company are present when anything of importance takes place. On these and the following pages can be seen some of the best pictures of the year taken by these men for *The Benning Herald* and *The Bayonet*. Most of the photographers at the post have had but little experience; what they lack in experience they make up in willingness and a desire to do the best job they can. In taking the pictures on these pages they often had but little time to pose their subjects and in many cases it was a matter of taking the picture then or not getting it at all. Five of the photographs were selected by the editor of *The Herald* and five by the managing editor of *The Bayonet*. They were not necessarily chosen for composition or technical perfection. For the most part they were selected as the photos most appealing to readers of the publications because of their general interest.

Army Signal Corps Photo — Robert Ambrose (Bayonet)

WAF MARY ULISSE is blessed by Francis Cardinal Spellman as Third Division chaplain, Lt. Col. Peter S. Rush, looks on.

Army Signal Corps Photo — Richard Ashbaugh (Bayonet)

MASSED COLORS of the Third Infantry Division are seen in this picture taken during a parade at Blue Polo Field last fall.

Army Signal Corps Photo — Howard Cooper (Herald)

CLIMAX OF PROBLEM 1001, The Infantry School's famed firepower demonstration was caught by the camera in this photograph. The demonstration began with explanations of the different weapons of the infantry. Then the tremendous "Mad Minute" was built up from the fire of a rifle squad until all weapons were firing simultaneously at which time this picture was taken.

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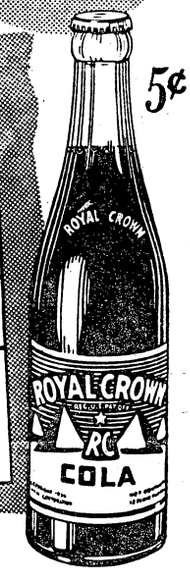

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SMOKING AN AIR STRIP was the problem of the day for the men of the 71st Chemical (Smoke Generator) company. The photographer took this picture from the air just as the smoke began to thicken over the strip in the Alabama area.

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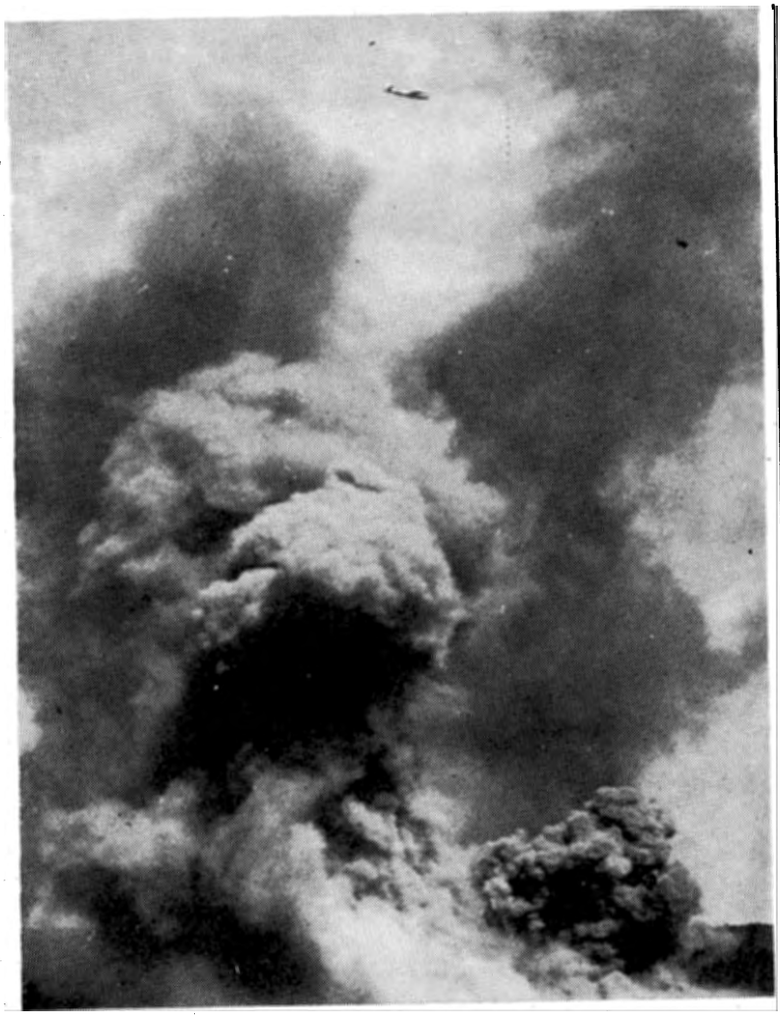
A LOADED PARACHUTIST, Sgt. 1st. cl. John Jenkins, above, devised a new method of releasing the heavy equipment the pathfinder carries before he hits the ground.



Army Signal Corps Photo — Marty Kornfeld (Herald)

FIRST USE OF JET PLANES in Infantry School problems was thoroughly covered by Benning photographers. Here is one plane just as it has released its bombs over the target area of Problem 2421.

Army Signal Corps Photo — James Hamrick (Bayonet)

POLIO PATIENT Mrs. Freda McNeal smiles from her iron lung as Capt. Reita Weir holds the mirror for her. Mrs. McNeal was removed from the Station hospital at Benning to Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Ga., last fall.

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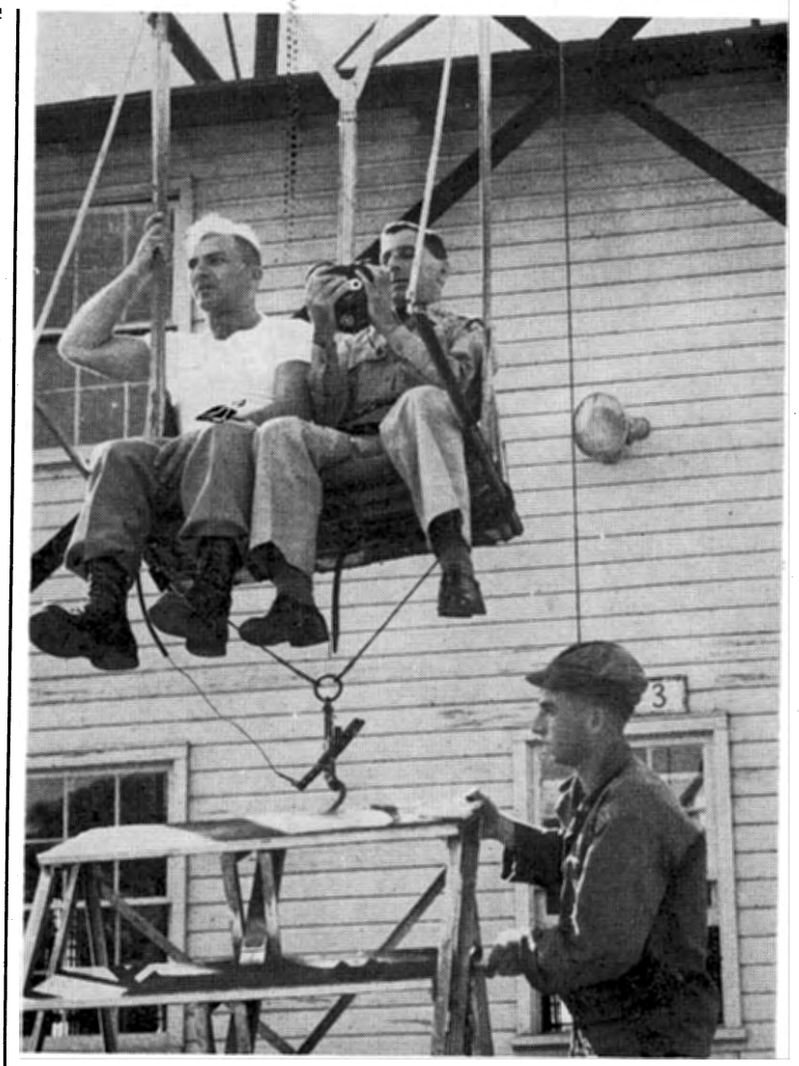

Army Signal Corps Photo — Marty Kornfeld (Bayonet)

GLOBE-TROTTING British correspondent William Courtenay, right, aviation editor of the London Daily Graphic took a ride in the "buddy seat" of the jump tower with Maj. Herbert Mansfield during the former's visit to Benning.

Army Signal Corps Photo — Howard Cooper (Herald)

WIDELY PUBLICIZED throughout the nation was this photo of top defense officials visiting Benning. From left to right are Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Chief of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Secretary of the Air Force W. Stuart Symington; Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Forrest P. Sherman; Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson; Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Air Force Chief of Staff, and Secretary of the Navy Francis P. Matthews.

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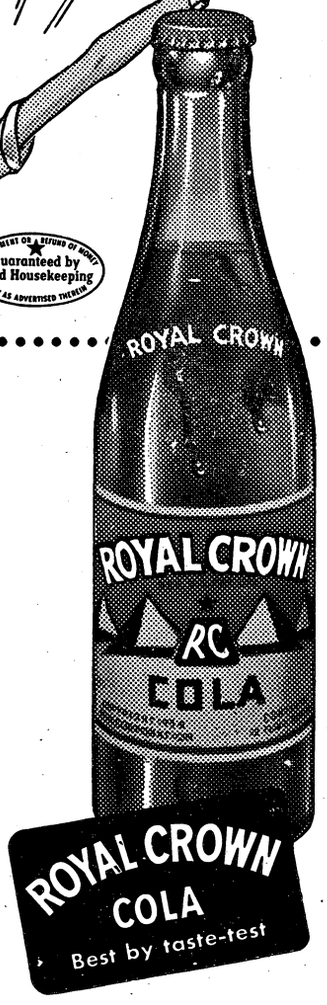

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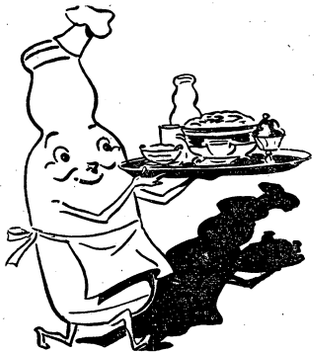

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In This Month's Herald....

Construction at and for Fort Benning reached an all-time post-war high during the past twelve months as almost 3,000 housing units were begun and several millions of dollars were invested in new training or recreation facilities.

The most beautiful new edifice erected during that time was the Briant Wells Field House, pictured on this month's cover. This $600,000 center of indoor athletics boasts such additions for the sports-minded as a regulation swimming pool, handball courts and gymnasium. The new Book Department, constructed with profits from the sale of books, training manuals and school supplies, was a fitting addition to the other permanent Morrison Road structures, such as the Infantry School Building, the Officers' Mess and the Army Field Printing Plant. Another impressive building constructed during this period was the $90,000 Communications Department's Brown Hall, named in honor of the late Maj. Gen. Lloyd Brown.

Housing, of course, took precedence over almost every other form of building, with two civilian off-post projects completed for the primary use of Fort Benning personel and their families, in addition to two Wherry Act projects just outside Outpost No. 1 on the reservation and one on-Post project for non-commissioned officers and their families. For a complete roundup of construction turn to Page 2. The article was authored by Staff Writer Pat Murphy, and the pictures are the work of Staff Photographer John Anderson.

Staffer Murphy also composed the article on the waterproofing of Army vehicles, which begins on Page 6. This three-page account of how the Infantry School provides non-commissioned officers with the know-how necessary to protect their vehicles during river crossings is part of the Automotive Maintenance Course offered by the School's Automotive Department.

The 3003rd Station Complement, a Florida Organized Reserve Corps unit, is typical of the many similar organizations which spent two weeks in training at the Infantry Center this summer. What they accomplished is told in words and pictures by Maj. Joseph A. Stern, the 3003rd's Public Information officer, and Staff Photographer Anderson, beginning on Page 10.

Three Herald staffers are responsible for the article on the Training Aids Department, which starts on Page 17. Staff Writers Joe Simmons and Allen Mullikin and Staff Photographer Anderson combined their talents to take Herald readers through the various activities of the Department, placing particular emphasis on the Silk Screen Section, a new reproduction process almost as fascinating as photography must have been in its first stages.

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THE INFANTRY SCHOOL BOOK DEPARTMENT was a necessary addition to post training facilities. Completely stocked with military chronicles of every category, and incidental clerical supplies, the department is available to all personnel on the post. Constructed between the Army Field Printing plant and the Main Officers' mess, the building cost $81,755.

$13 Million in Building Boosts Post

In the 12 months between August 1, 1949 and August 1, 1950, more than $13,000,000 construction of buildings was inaugurated and completed, a far cry from the total construction at Fort Benning in its first five years of existence. This year's total cost exceeds by more than 400 percent all construction done here between 1919 and 1924.

In a sense, Fort Benning's increase in construction is indicative of the major importance placed on this cradle of Army learning. Every Infantry officer, regardless of his date of commission, at one time or another has or will come to Fort Benning for training, troop duty or assignment with the Infantry School. The tremendous flow of personel, therefore, requires increased housing for more families, more recreation facilities for off-duty troops and more facilities for training purposes.

This year's building problem was mainly one of housing. The huge cost of constructing homes for families was funneled into the requirements of completely modern and spacious quarters.

Sandwiched between the growing demands for more housing, Infantry Center officials arranged for construction of a stately field-house gymnasium, a large classroom building, new hospital wards and varied improvements to existing facilities which had grown gracefully old through the unrespecting attrition of years.

Topping the list of Fort Benning construction projects was the erection of Briant Wells field house, a landmark of beauty, dignity and strength on the main post.

The brick-veneer structure, equivalent to three stories of a normal office building, was completed in slightly more than six months at a cost of more than $600,000. Engineers and architects, scrutinized by the government's top engineering officials, put the latest touches of modern design in the building which is the only one of its kind in the Army area.

Into the basement of the spacious structure went a portion of the $90,000 equipment bought to furnish the building completely. On the north side a long, lighted swimming pool was built to permit year-round indoor swimming. The water is heated automatically during cooler seasons. The pool received its inauguration early this year when several top swimming teams vied for the coveted post championship.

Also in the interior is a spacious basketball court, equipped with four retractable backboards, located high over the smooth hardwood courts. Ten tiers of bleachers and a balcony provide ample seating room for the crowds attending the matches. The auditorium-sized basketball arena was the site early this year of a concert by the Army Ground Forces Band.

Athletic work-out equipment and a locker room augment the completeness of the post's most beautiful new edifice.

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BROWN HALL, located in the block behind the Main Theater, was built for Infantry School classroom use at a cost of nearly $90,000. Completed earlier this year, the brick-veneer building is equipped with automatically operated stage chartboards and window curtains, facilities for air-conditioning, a sound system, colored stage lights, a projection room and stage screen and 250 seats for students.

NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS' QUARTERS, at a cost of $890,000 were built on the main post early this year in area northwest of the Student Training regiment. The 80-unit project contains all two-story buildings, each unit having two bedrooms, a bath and complete mechanical kitchen facilities. The development provided for first-three-grade noncoms living off-post and in older quarters.

BATTLE PARK HOMES was added to post housing facilities early this year at a cost of $1,400,000, financed and built by the Jordan company of Columbus. The one-story brick-veneer units, which are equipped with complete kitchen facilities, house 200 Fort Benning officers' families on a site less than a mile from the main outpost on the old Fort Benning road.

$13 Million in Building Boosts Post

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Ranking in size and cost of construction of a single project is the Custer Road Terrace housing development, a project of completely modern homes sired and nursed through a period of critical housing demands.

At a cost reaching somewhat in excess of $5,500,000, Infantry Center officials and construction wizards of the Jordan Construction company, Columbus builders of the project, have broken the horizon with 600 units for officers and their families.

In a tree-shaded plot of acreage north of Custer Road leading to Sand Hill, Custer Road Terrace has been constructed amidst the clattering and clamoring speed of thousands of skilled construction workers.

Stevens and Wilkinson, architects of the project, devoted years of knowledge in producing living quarters unequalled on Army reservations. One feature incorporated in the designing of the project was the location of homes on winding, landscaped lanes and the employment of natural foliage and woodlands for landscaping of individual buildings.

The 600-unit, brick-veneer project, which features one- and two-story buildings, is spread lazily across several hundred rolling acres of Georgia land. In the geographical center of the red-roofed project is a huge community center building, which houses barber and beauty shops, a project rental office, grocery store, drug store and other merchandising activities conveniently accessible to Custer Road families.

Two large playgrounds located in the project will adequately handle the recreation demands of hundreds of children living there.

Adjacent to Custer Road Terrace on the extreme west of the development is a new, one-story brick schoolhouse, which will open soon for the fall school session. Seven classrooms in the building, which are equipped with supplies from the deactivated Fort Jackson, S. C., children's school, will handle more than 240 grammar school children. A central heating plant, consolidated toilet facilities and an auditorium will supplement the completeness of facilities in the T-shaped building.

Designers of the schoolhouse have devoted skills to devising a special natural-air ventilation system and arrangement of windows to permit maximum employment of natural lighting.

To the west of Custer Road Terrace is another milestone in the growth of Fort Benning. Battle Park homes, a development of more than 200 one-story units, was built late last year as the first big step in relieving housing difficulties of officers and their families. Battle Park, like Custer Road Terrace, was built under provisions of the Wherry bill, whereby civilian contractors may erect housing projects on government reservations under a lease-type arrangement.

Battle Park sprawls gracefully across a hill which splits the roads leading to Sand Hill and the old Fort Benning road. Beneath the black roofs of the one- and two-bedroom units are complete kitchen facilities, inexpensive utilities and modern arrangement of rooms.

Although Battle Park has found a slower start in its landscaping progress, it is located on a spot potentially beautiful and convenient to the activities of the main post.

The $1,400,000-project, which saw completion within six months after it was started, is also located adjacent to the Custer Road Terrace school, which will accommodate many of Battle Park's grammar school youngsters.

While construction officials were tending to the speedy

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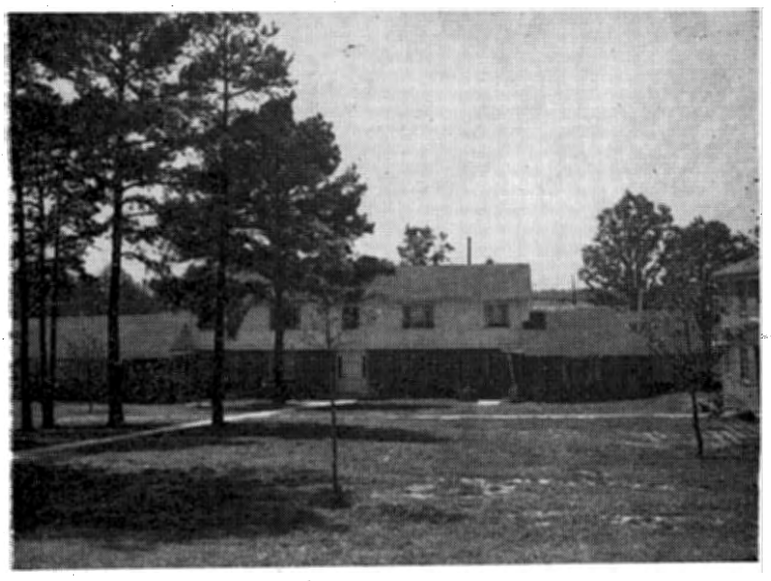

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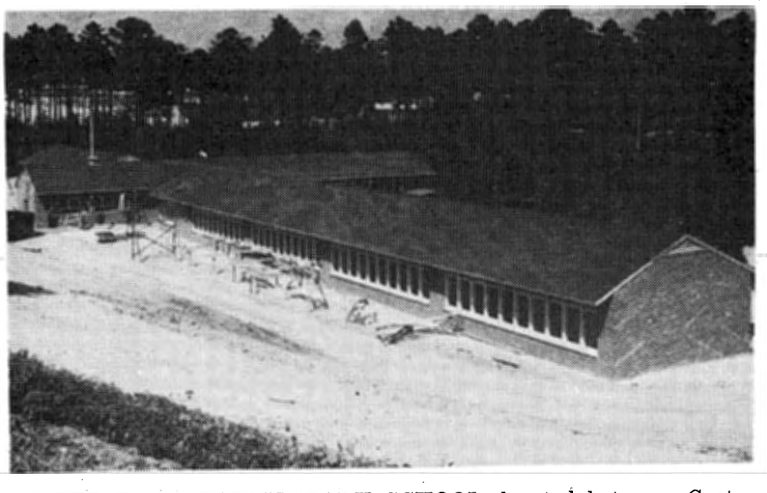

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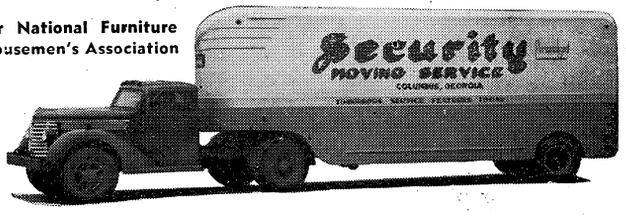

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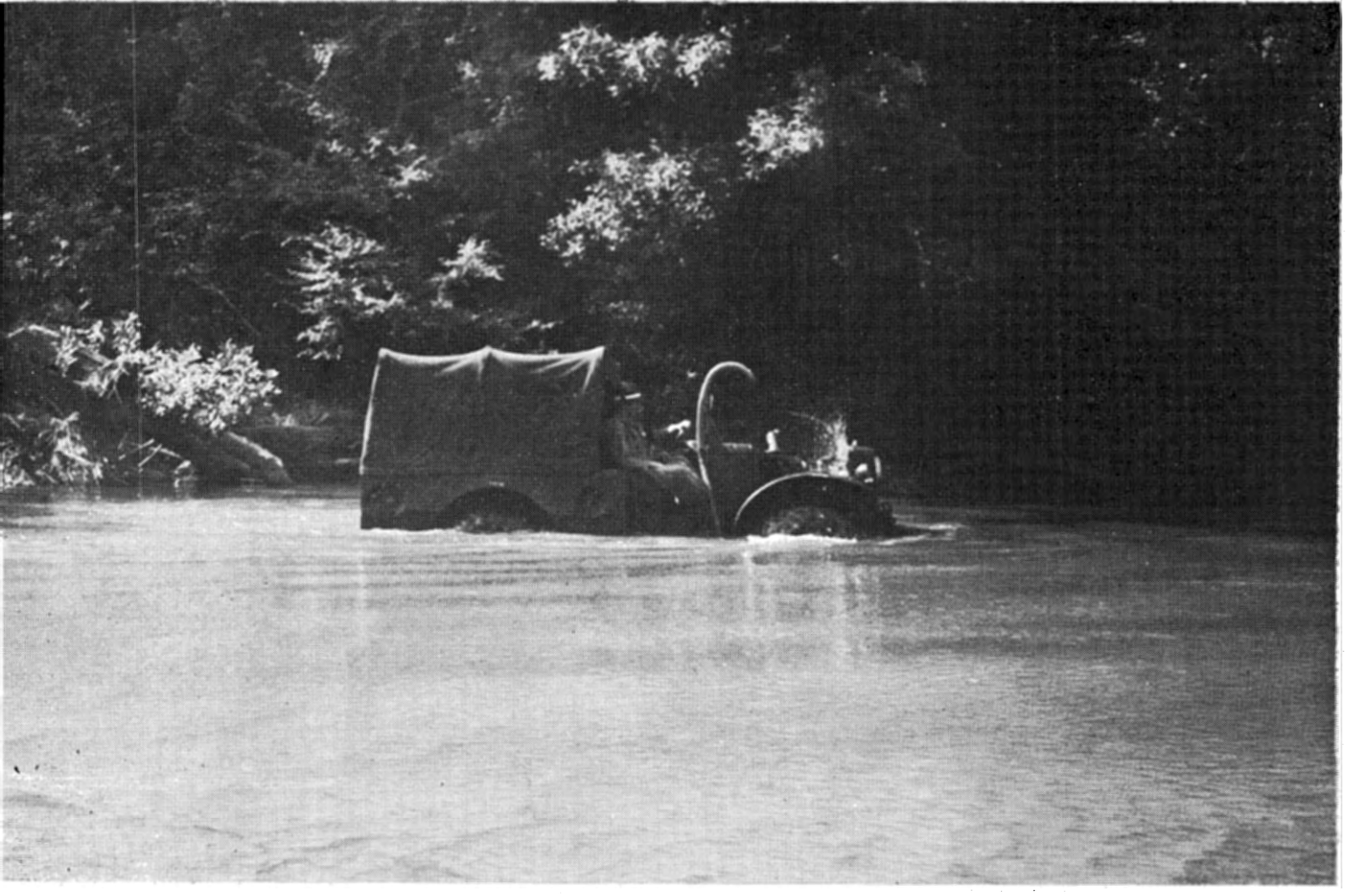

CRUISING DOWN THE CREEK without the slightest trouble, this three-quarter ton vehicle easily negotiated the three-foot deep water hole and pulled gracefully to the shore. Driven by Sgt. Wesley T. Waters, the truck sputtered and strained under the drowning effects of the water when it first entered the stream, but kept up the pace and jounced through the 100-yard "dunking" segment. Drivers of amphibious vehicles have been instructed to enter the water with almost full throttle, using the hand brake to govern the speed of the vehicle. This eliminates stalling of the motor and uncontrolled actions of the truck while in the stream.

Army Water-proofs Its Vehicles

When armies of the world first began using automotive vehicles for transportation and warfare, the problem of crossing bodies of water became, in no uncertain terms, the biggest problem of their implementation. In the 25 years since vehicles have taken an active part in military activity, various theories have been advanced on how to transport them across short spans of water with speed. Many theories were good. but a great many more were scrapped.

In pre-World War II days, when the United States Army suffered tremendously under the strains of inadequate funds. outdated equipment and infrequent experimentation, tacticians were bothering themselves with determining an expeditious means of transporting vehicles across water.

Their solutions, in turn, more often than not turned out to be dreamy theories with little practical advantage. Again, lack of funds prevented extensive testing.

Of the many ideas sired in this period of sub-standard military development, one of the most laudable was the transportation of a small jeep-sized vehicle across a stream on a buoyant trapaulin. The huge square of canvas-type fabric was rolled and filled with wood, which, in turn, supported the quarter-ton load across a sizable stream.

Difficulty arose in these early tests when crews on board the small amphibious transport were unable to control the "boat" in swift currents. (Originally, the idea had been borrowed from the Infantry, in which a squad, loaded on the same type raft, paddled across streams.) For a time, experimentation was carried on in the raft idea, but controlability and stability soon overcame the heroic efforts of the researchers.

At one stage of the game, some time was spent on converting small barges for the purpose of taking vehicles across a shallow body of water, but the tactical disadvantages of moving barges in and out of an inland battle area was good enough reason to discard this idea.

After World War II began, rapid American experimentation and production put into use thousands of huge landing craft which put vehicles and troops on beaches far from American shores. But this, as such, did not solve the problem of how to transport a vehicle across an inland stream.

In fields of World War II battle, improvising American troops invented new processes or expedients which have now become a first-rate system of operation for training today. One of these was the waterproofing of a vehicle so it could cross a stream—with water pouring in over the spark plugs and delicate mechanical equipment.

The first record of such a process was in Sicily where an American unit applied grease, chewing gum and make-shift lengths of exhaust pipe to enable a jeep to ford a four-feet deep stream. Sputtering and spitting laboriously, the little jeep was said to have made the crossing in almost record time.

Today, as the Army moves closer to becoming a jack-rabbit ground force, the technique of waterproofing vehicles has become an important tactical phase of operation.

At the Infantry School's Automotive department, where thousands of students are graduated each year from courses

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THE ARMY'S NEW 6X6, 2½ ton Diesel truck is the center of attraction here as James F. Martin, (in the background) Shop Superintendent, points out the completely water-proofed engine to Capt. Rayford C. McCormick, (foreground) reserve Ordnance officer, who at one time was in charge of these same Fort Benning Shops. Captain McCormick returned to the shops for training with the 3003rd Station Complement from Florida.

A VERITABLE BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY precedes the actual stream-crossing. Automotive students, briefed by a department instructor, make a close inspection of the waterproofed two-and-a-half-ton truck to be sure all points are sealed. The truck forded the stream smoothly and in record time.

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AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION was brought about when the jeep began ad-libbing during the "dunking." Sgt. James K. Cook, Automotive department instructor and driver of the one-quarter ton vehicle, glares at the waterproofed motor that flooded and conked out. The spot was chosen by officials as the best depth for the test.

Water-proof Vehicles

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designed for mechanics and automotive maintenance technicians, the waterproofing technique has been perfected and integrated within the training curriculum.

Several weeks ago, an Automotive Maintenance class, which had enrolled more than 50 enlisted men, readied three Infantry School vehicles for a deep-stream crossing. On the night preceding the Saturday-morning "dunking" demonstration, the student mechanics, under the supervision of CWO John B. Derden, of the Automotive department's Operations group, began waterproofing the delicate parts of a jeep, a three-quarter ton weapons carrier and a two-and-a-half ton truck.

To protect mechanical parts and wiring from the drowning effects of rushing creek water, the students applied pliable asbestos grease to spark plugs and exhaust openings, varnish-like ignition compound to wire terminals and syrup-like glyptal paint to wiring connections.

But crossing a stream three-feet deep with only wiring and mechanical parts protected by a grease covering will not prevent

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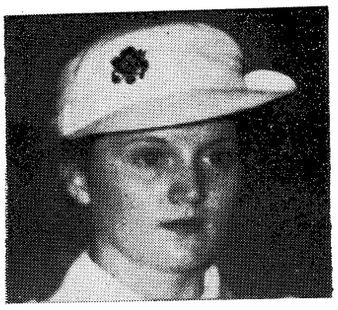
AN UNPLANNED RESCUE OPERATION made something of a novelty. The waterproofed two-and-a-half-ton, which had been waiting on shore for its turn to ford the stream, had to be called to the rescue of the jeep. By hooking a chain to the bumper of the smaller vehicle, the truck pulled the stranded demonstrator ashore.

TIC QUIZ

HOW MANY CAN YOU IDENTIFY? Six right means excellent observation. Four or five right shows you are good. Three or less right means start looking out. Answers at the bottom of the page.

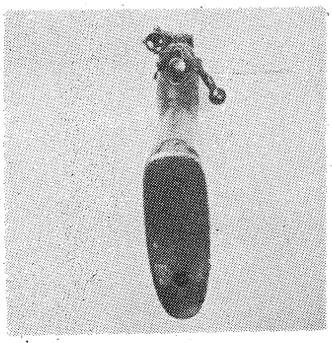


1. She wears the new hat of the (a) Women's Marines (b) Waves (c) WAC (d) Army Nurse Corps.

2. This departing Benningite is (a) Murray Hill (b) Maj. Gen. P. W. Clarkson (c) Albert Carver (d) Col. Armistead Mead.

3. A triumphant smile is worn by (a) Elizabeth Sanderson (b) Toni Pagano (c) Mildred Hart (d) Smiles Bogart.

4. This WAC ball slugger is (a) Lunna Waters (b) Ruth Dally (c) Margaret Martin (d) Babe Winters.



5. From the back it is a (a) Colt 45 (b) Winchester 73 (c) Garand M-1 (d) Springfield 03.

6. He wears the uniform of the (a) Germans (b) English (c) United Nations (d) Aggressor Nation.

ANSWERS: 1. (c) Wac, Women's Army Corps. 2. (a) Murray Hill, resigning Field Director of the Red Cross. 3. (b) Toni Pagano, co-winner of Third Army tennis doubles. 4. (b) Ruth Dally, outstanding Wac athlete. 5. (d) Springfield 1903 rifle. 6. (d) Aggressor Nation, the mythological opponent in U. S. military meneuvers.

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DAILY VISITS WITH HIS PATIENTS is a normal every day action for Col. Alphonsus McCarthy right, a Daytona Beach Surgeon who serves as the Commanding Officer of the 3003rd Station Hospital. Colonel McCarthy has been learning the "ins" and "outs" of hospital management from Brig. Gen. Robert B. Hill (second from right) during his reserve training at Fort Benning. Sgt. Fred C. Myrick, the patient, seems unconcerned about the matter, as Col. H. A. Kind, (extreme left) Chief Medical Service, and Maj. Frances C. Nash, Assistant Chief Nurse, accompany General Hill and Colonel McCarthy on the ward visit.

Florida Group Trains at Benning

By Maj. J. A. Stern, ORC

Typical of the many reserve units which take their annual summer training at Fort Benning is the 3003rd Station Complement, a Florida group. Leaving divers civilian occupations, which range from attorney to zoologist, they spend two weeks of every year in an intensive program of orientation and re-indoctrination in on-the-job-training.

Last year it was scheduled at Ft. Jackson, and on Aug. 12 this year, the 3003rd completed its current tour of active duty at Benning.

The 3003rd Station Complement is a Florida unit with headquarters at Orlando. It is commanded by Col. Floyd Call of Orlando, who is secretary of the Florida Bankers Association in civilian life. His executive officer is a Daytona Beach attorney, Lt. Col. Walter E. Foster. Because the unit is divided into two sections, with one meeting in Orlando and the other in Daytona Beach, Colonel Foster acts as officer in charge of the Daytona Beach contingent.

Formed to train as cadre in the event of mobilization, the 3003rd is proud of its two-year record of training, and an esprit de corps unusual in a group of this kind.

The reason for this, according to Colonel Call, is "a genuine desire on the part of all members of the unit to learn new military occupational specialties". A contributing factor, he added, is the fact that all members of the unit live in the same or relatively adjacent communities.

For many, this was the first real contact with the Army in over four years. They had been attending paid drill meetings twice a month for over two years under the direction of the unit instructor of the Orlando Sub-District of the Florida Military District.

SELF-ADMINISTRATION IS ONE of the requirements of a reserve unit. The Adjutant of the 3003rd Station Complement, Capt. V. K. Magarian, (left) and his S-1 Section dig knee-deep into the unit's paper work. Top-kick for the outfit is Sgt. R. V. Thomson (second from left) an Orange City salesman in civilian life; Company Clerk, Pvt. H. R. Bayless, Jr., (second from right) is a Melbourne grocery clerk in private life; and the Assistant Adjutant, 1st Lt. E. G. Lehew (right) will soon return to Daytona Beach to resume his duties as a bank collection manager. The summer training period briefed and prepared the men for active service if needed.

Florida Group Trains at Benning

Being ordered to a short term of active duty meant digging out the old uniform. It meant hurried trips to the tailor for revisions in the waist lines of trousers which appeared to have shrunk. Arriving at Benning it meant for many an adjustment in hours, changes of living habits without the "little woman" and the rest of the family.

How rapidly the 3003rd acclimated itself to the Army routine may be found in the "infiltration" tactics used to place members of the unit in on-the-job positions throughout the post. Soon every member of the group had an opposite number in one of the key jobs on the post. The lawyers were assigned to training in the JAG section, while the zoologist could be found training in the laboratory. Other members of the unit could be found in the Provost Marshal section, in the bakery, in the PX warehouse. Others were assisting in the special sections of the post, and still another group administered the affairs of the unit itself.

Colonel Call, in commenting on the experience and training received said:

"The 3003rd Station Complement, as a result of the training received at Benning, is almost in a position to assume the duties of a Station Complement.

"I would like to express my thanks to the Commanding Officer of the 3440th ASU Provisional Group, Col. Maurice L. Miller, for his great help.

"At the same time our appreciation is extended to all the section chiefs who cooperated in this training".

Colonel Call added that despite the difficulties encountered as a result of a decrease in personnel because of the emergency, every member of the 3003rd found the on-the-job training most helpful in bridging the gap between the theory as outlined in the various Army publications, and the practice as found at Benning.

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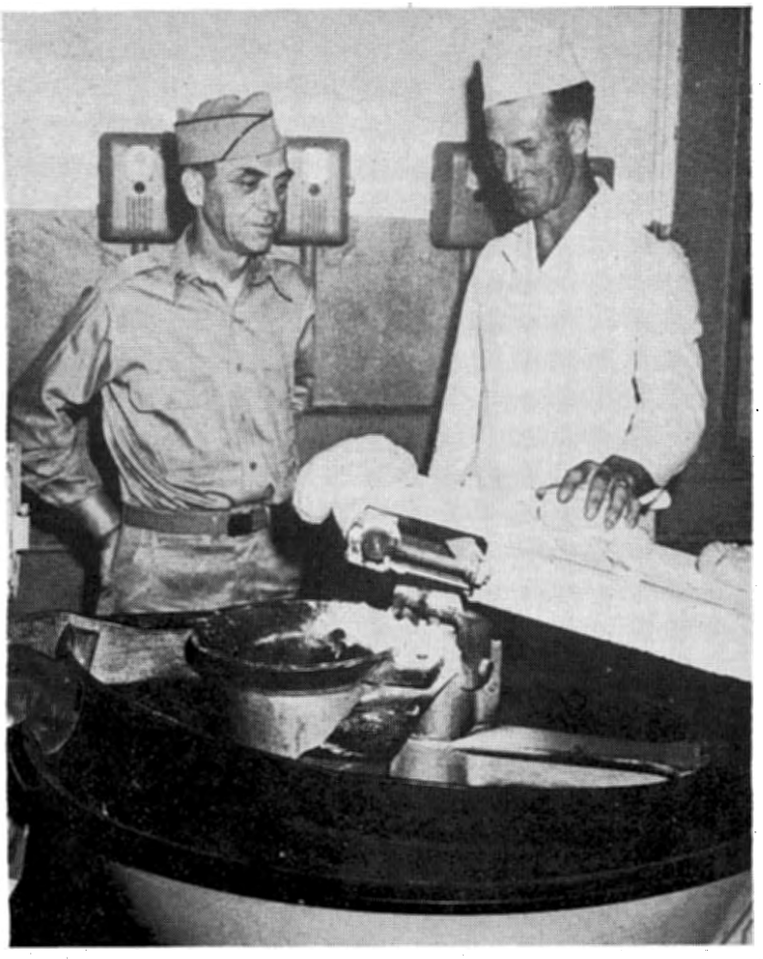
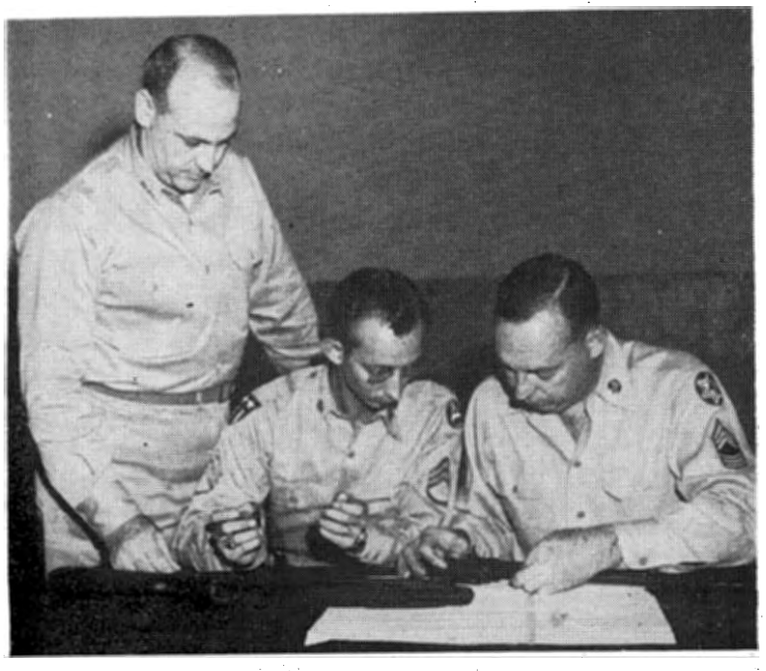
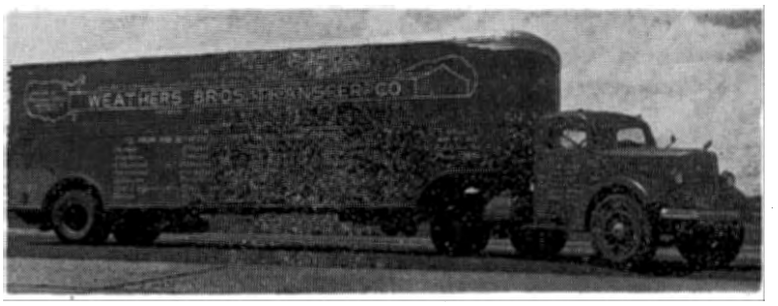
INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION ON THE CARBINE is the keynote as Capt. Sterling R. Martin (left), of Daytona Beach, Fla., observes S-Sgt. Charles A. Armstrong, also of Daytona Beach, disassemble an M-2 model. Officers and enlisted men alike were required to complete carbine record firing while taking their summer reserve training at Fort Benning with the 3003rd Station Complement.



ROLLING IN THE DOUGH COULD very well be the title of this picture showing Lt. Col. Gladstone L. Kohloss, (left) an Orlando attorney assigned to the Quartermaster reserve, who appears fascinated by the bread baking equipment demonstration given by Jessie J. Williams, civilian employee at the Post Bakery. Colonel Kohloss is another member of the 3003rd reserve unit which recently completed summer training at Fort Benning.



CARBINE RIFLE INSTRUCTION IS AMONG the weapons training classes given reserve units. Each unit commander is responsible for his own group's training. Here is Maj. Walter T. Thomas, (left) Nehi agent for Orlando, Fla., observing M-Sgt. Elbert G. Henning, City Tax Assessor and Collector for Orlando, giving individual instruction to S-Sgt. Elles R. Guest, Jr., also of that city.



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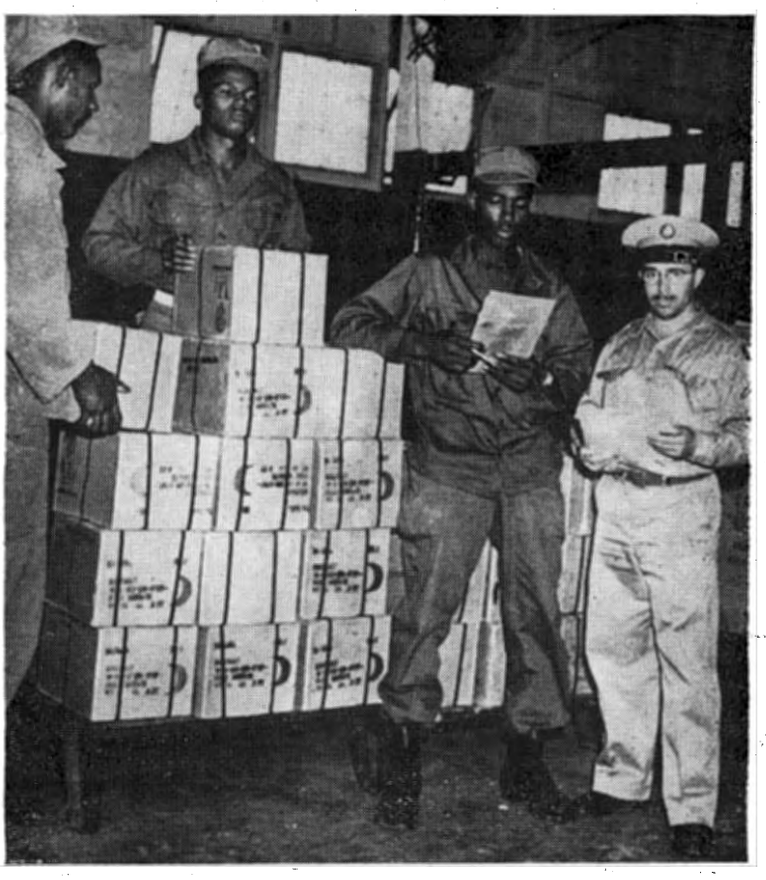
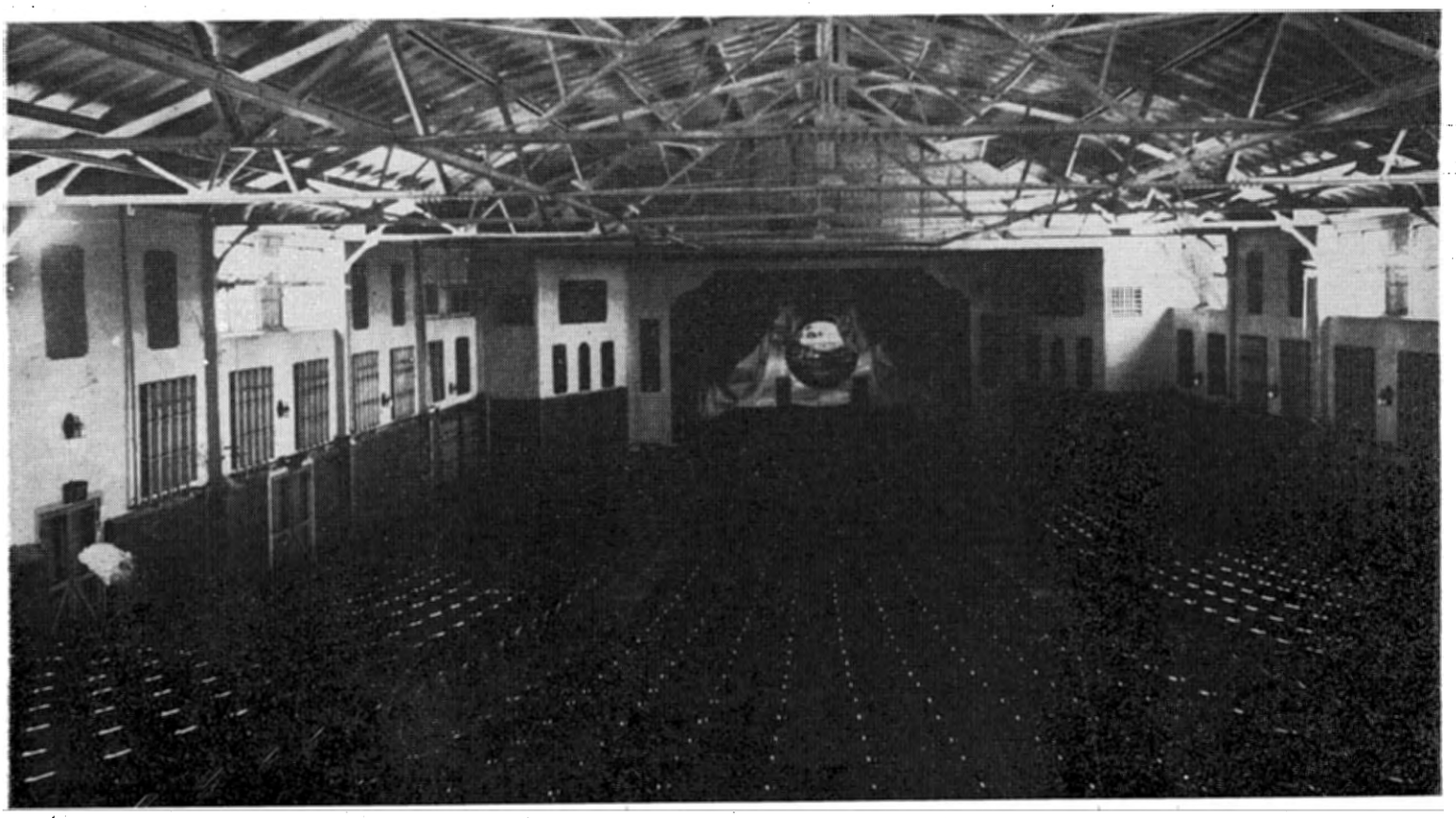


THESE ENLISTED MEN OF THE 3003rd Station Complement were assigned for on-the-job training with the Post Quartermaster. From left to right are Pfc Harold Boulder, Pfc Vap Reynolds, Pfc Joshua Williams, Pfc Richard E. Clark and Pfc. McKinley Keith.



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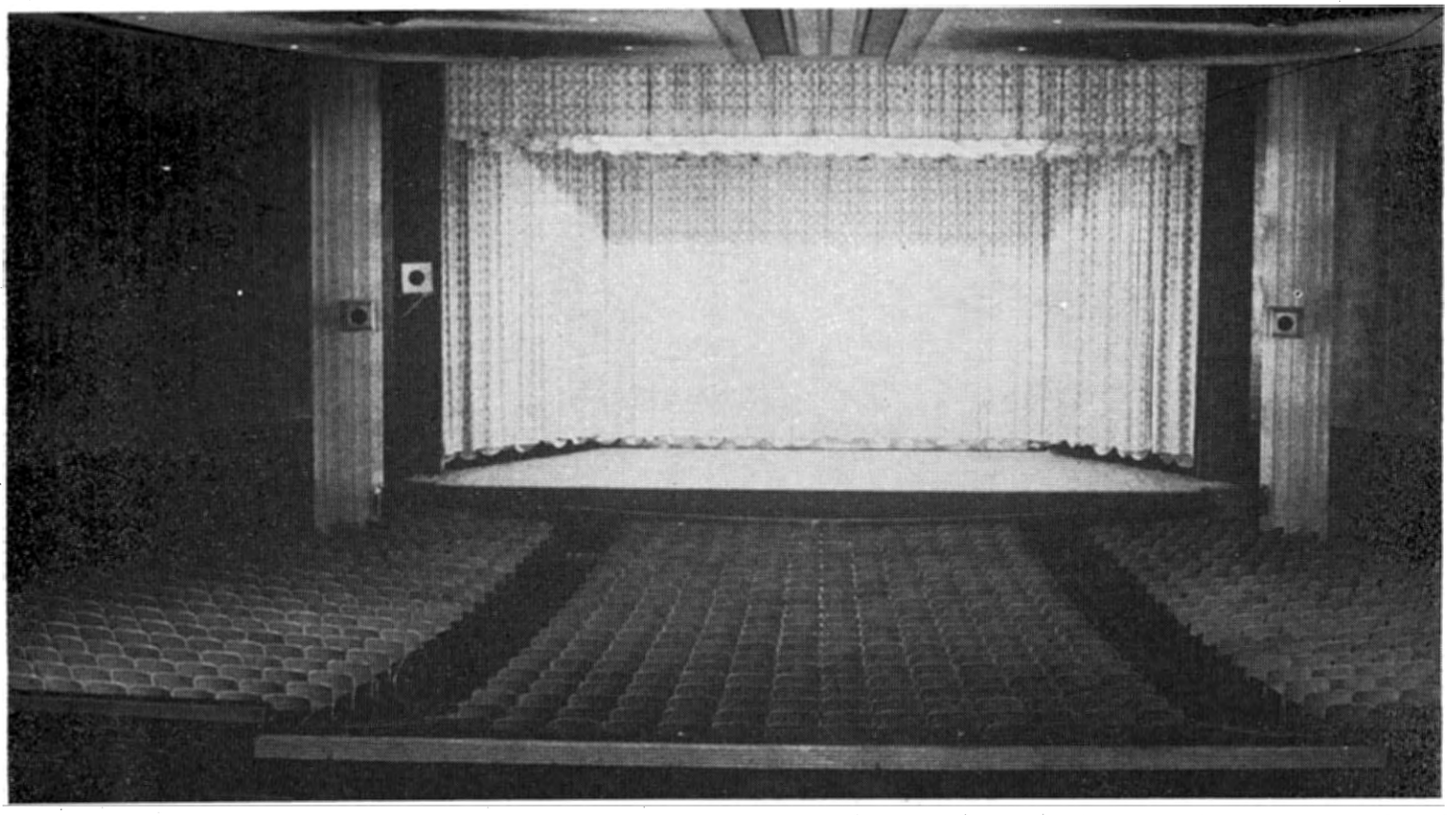
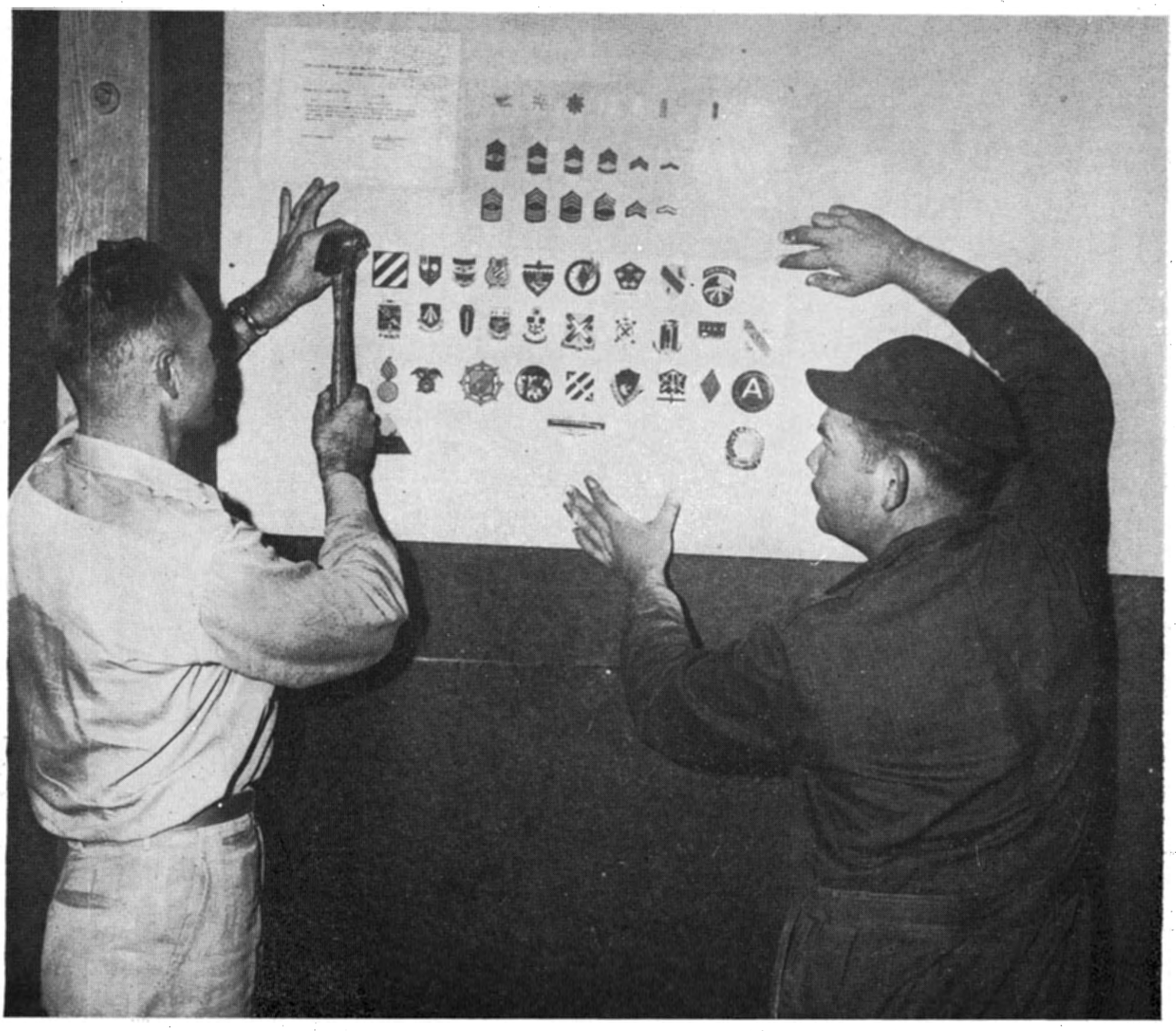


SURROUNDINGS OF THE SILVER SCREEN have advanced through the years at Fort Benning from a converted hangar building (top) to the air-conditioned movie palace (bottom) that is now the Main Post Theater. Benningites hissed the villians and cheered the heroes back in the days when the shadow stage was silent in the drafty confines of the old theater building. Cushioned seats and planned acoustics entered the lives of post movie fans when the present theater was opened in 1937. Prior to the days of the converted hangar building post theatergoers flocked to an old stable; that was when movies were flickers and Fort Benning was a raw recruit



EXAMPLES OF THE WORK done in the silk screen process assembly line of the Training Aids Section are displayed prominently on these two pieces of plastic. First Lt. Charles M. Lough (left) and Sgt. Claude T. Meridith tack the display in a good spot for everyone to see on the bulletin board. On the boards are 50 different decalemanias (called decals for short) of the insignia of various units on the post and off. A decal is a design that may be transferred from its original paper backing to any flat surface, such as the window of a car, the back of a chair, a table top, etc. These are only samples of the work done by the Training Aids Section.

Training Aids Section Has Many Jobs

Seeing is believing in modern classrooms where visual aids point up the instruction, and the shops of the Fort Benning Training Aids Section must be seen to be believed. This section of the Infantry Center G-3 does a remarkable job of designing, building and distributing the maps, charts and models that are an indispensable part of the Army's education programs.

Skilled men with the best methods and machinery make possible the tremendous job of keeping Benning's classrooms supplied with the gadgets for getting across the idea. The ideas that can be put across by the Training Aids Section are endless. Aside from its regular supply of classroom aids, the section makes a variety of posters proclaiming everything from baseball games to keeping your mouth shut for security reasons.

Two general types of work keep the post Training Aids Section on the run to see that everybody is looking at the right thing at the right time. Designing and building original aids takes the most skill, but the job of distributing standard items from their stock in four warehouses is no mean task. Post units are continually supplied with just the article they need whether it is a disassembly mat for an M-1 rifle or a series of charts on how to give first aid for snake bite.

The bee hive of creative activity in the Training Aids Section is the shop, located near the four warehouses. The hive holds cells for carpentry, printing, sign painting and that complicated method of reproduction—the silk screen process.

Ideas for large visual aids are nailed together in the carpentry shop, supervised by one enlisted man. Equipped with every type of hand and machine tool for both wood and metal work, the carpenter can make anything from a simple sign post to elaborate working models of weapons. These working models are cutaway views showing the inner mechanism of a weapon's parts. Each part is painted a bright color and works just as the actual moving parts of the weapon. This type of

AFTER THE ROUGH DRAFT has been approved by Capt. Gilbert C. Sawyer, Training Aids Section head, Corporal Hoffman paints the poster. Here he is putting the final touches on the "loose talk" poster that can now be seen all over Fort Benning.

training aid makes possible the instruction of large numbers of men with a high percentage of understanding.

Once a sign board has been knocked together by the carpenter shop, it goes to the paint shop for the application of ideas by brush. Although not exactly training aids, the many direction-giving signs on the post are made by the section; after all, people do learn things from them. The principal job of the sign painting shop is to produce displays that are too large to be made by printing or by the silk screen process.

When a quantity of small cards or leaflets are called for, the Training Aids Section starts the presses rolling in the print shop. With all the equipment that will be found in any job press plant the printer can quickly turn out a quantity of cards on driving care, or how to wear the uniform or any other subject that deserves a campaign of mass enlightenment.

By far the most interesting, and, we might add, busiest, cell in the Training Aids beehive belongs to the assembly line of the silk screen process. This process is a comparatively new method of reproduction based on the old idea of running paint or ink over a stencil to reproduce a picture or written material. In the silk screen process the stencil is put into a piece of silk stretched tight in a wooden frame.

Two methods are employed to make the stencils used in the silk screen process: hand cutting and photography. The hand cut stencils are made on sheets of specially prepared,

ONE OF THE MOST DELICATE TASKS in making a poster is cutting the stencil. The nearly transparent stencil is laid over the original painting, and the top layer of the stencil is cut away. For this particular poster, five stencils will have to be cut—one for each color to be used.

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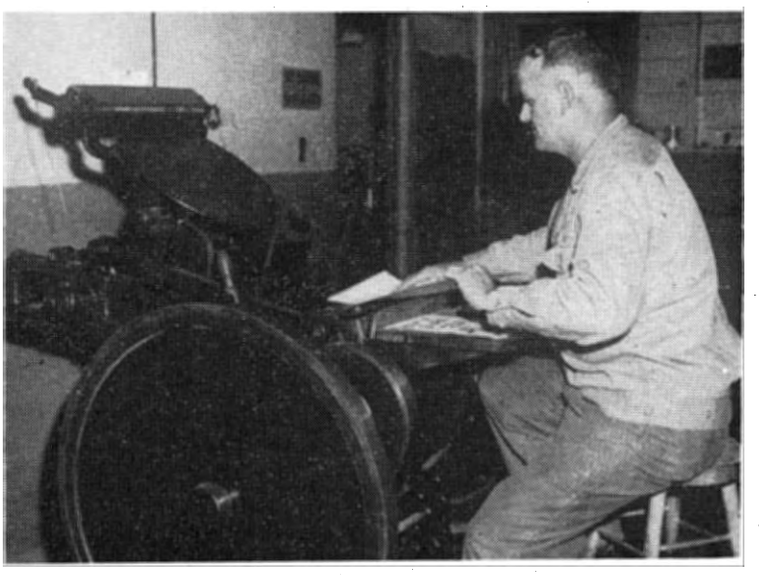
AFTER THE POSTERS come through the dryer, Sfc. Walter E. Spencer removes them from the conveyor belt and stacks them. After one run is completed, the screen will be cleaned, a new stencil put in place, and the cardboards go through this same process again.

transparent material. By tracing the design that is to be reproduced with a sharp tool, the stencil cutter takes the first step in the delicate process.

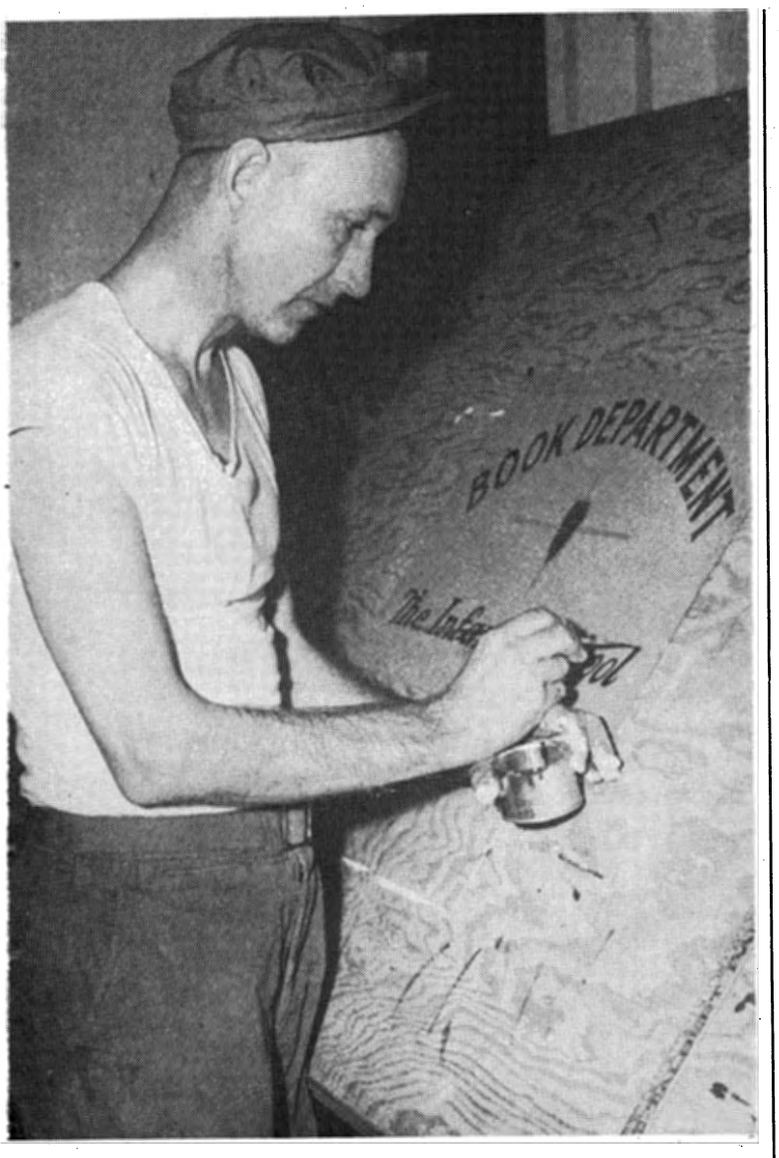
The design is cut only in the top layer of the double sheet of fragile stencil material. If the finished product is to be in several colors, a separate stencil of this type must be made for each one.

When the cutting is completed, the stencil is placed under the piece of silk stretched tight in its frame. Then the screen is pressed down against the stencil, and an adhering fluid is rubbed over the entire screen of silk. As the adhering fluid dries, the top layer of the stencil containing the design sticks tightly to the silk so the second layer of the special material may be removed. With the stencil in the screen the unused area of surrounding silk is filled in with lacquer, leaving the design to be reproduced the only open portion on the tight screen.

This stencil in silk can be compared to the simplest type of cardboard stencil, but it is much finer and produces a much more accurate reproduction. The silk screen is now ready for the printing. A piece of poster material is placed under the



TYPESETTER, PRINTER and general jack-of-all-trades is Cpl. Myron T. Phillips, who reigns over the Printing Shop. Often posters and charts are made by a combination of silk screening and printing. For instance, the posters seen on post during the Third Army baseball tournament were made this way. Combining these two forms of reproduction entails delicate planning and precision, and the Training Aids Section goes all out to insure there will be no mistakes in the finished product.



ACE SIGN PAINTER Sfc. Edward F. Towles has had more than 20 years experience painting signs. He is putting the finishing touches on a sign he painted for the Book Department of the Infantry School. Sergeant Towles can knock out a simple sign in a matter of minutes.

screen, and paint is poured on top of it. A squeege (it looks something like a windshield wiper) is then drawn across the screen to spread the paint evenly and to take off any excess. This process must be repeated for every color on the poster. The entire operation is by hand, and yet it makes a reproduction that would call for thousands of dollars worth of machinery if done on color presses.

As each piece comes from under the silk screen the fresh paint on it is dried rapidly. The shining new poster is placed on a conveyer belt that carries it under a bank of drying lights. The continuous movement under the hot lights takes the finished products almost to the door of the shop where they are stacked for the delivery trucks. This dryer that ends the silk screen assembly line is believed by personnel of the shop to be the only one in operation on an Army post.

In combination with the silk screen process the Training Aids Section uses a peculiar method of photography that does not call for a camera. This hybred brand of photography is used to make stencils of such fine detail that hand cutting is impossible. The original from which the stencil is made is called a positive negative, really a transparent print resembling a photographic slide.

This original is placed on a sheet of photographic film specially made for use in the silk screen process. A powerful arc lamp burns an impression of the original into the film which is developed by a process similar to that used in ordinary photography. The negative achieved by this method is then adhered to the silk screen in the same way hand cut stencils are adhered. From there on the process is identical.

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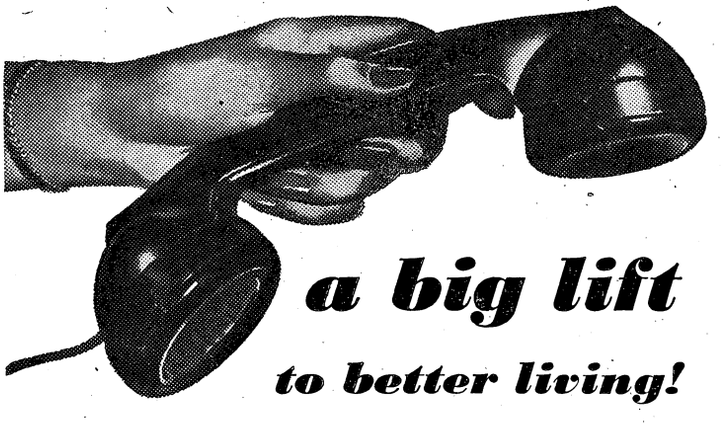

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erection of adequate housing facilities, another task loomed closer and closer to completion on the main post. The $890,000-Main Post Noncommissioned Officers' quarters were being whipped into shape by hundreds of skillful crews clinging to the building's scaffold-covered sides.

The 80-unit project had been sorely needed by the post's first-three-grade NCO's—many of whom had been living off-post. Into the project, engineers and designers incorporated the newest in equipment and the latest in construction methods and materials.

Meanwhile, the first brick was being laid to a new classroom building, less than five minutes walk north of the NCO project. In this one-story brick building—which stands as high as a two-and-a-half story building—the Communications department of the Infantry School will hold classes of the future.

With the more than $80,000 construction chiefs had at their disposal, air-conditioning equipment, automatically controlled stage and window curtains, colored stage lighting, the newest type desks and motion picture screen were installed.

Earlier in the construction year, a one-story building was being completed adjacent to the Main Officers' mess and behind the Infantry School building. The Book department, built at a cost exceeding $50,000, was erected to accommodate the increasing demands of the Infantry School's "school supply" branch.

The spacious, stucco structure handles thousands of books and manuals pertinent to the curriculum of Infantry School students and other supplies vital to military personnel. Also, the department handles special orders on books of military history, used primarily by individuals for extra-curricular reading and study.

In November 1949, Victory apartments, located a scant four miles from the main post on the old Fort Benning road past the traffic circle, was being shaped for occupancy by 162 military families. Although it is open to rental by civilians, the project was built mainly for use by Fort Benning servicemen.

At a cost nearing $1,400,000, the project was constructed with beautiful red brick veneer and landscaped entirely with natural foliage.

Camellia apartments, considered to be one of the most beautiful off-post projects for military personnel, was completed in March this year. Although cost of the original 200-unit project was $2,700,000, additions are being made now that are expected to cost an additional $2,000,000.

The overall increase in housing facilities has been a tremendous boost to the centralization of families living off-post.

Water-proof Vehicles

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drowning. To remedy this, the students attached a length of pipe to the exhaust and to the air intake, twisted upward away from the water level.

Early Saturday morning, the class loaded into trucks and drove to the scene of the "dunking."

At Upatoi creek in Sand Hill, CWO Derden gave a handbook-briefing to the students, and then listed several last-minute checks to be made on the vehicles' waterproofing.

The jeep rocked and bumped along the shallow creek and sputtered protest at the "dunking." Because tires had been deflated 50 percent—that's a standard proceedure for water-crossings—the small truck moved well along the stream's slippery bed.

Sgt. James K. Cook, driver of the jeep, warily regarded his ailing vehicle as it sank lower in the hole. Spouting water five feet into the air and choking violently, the jeep made a last sigh and stopped running. The motor was dead.

Stranded in the flowing stream, Sergeant Cook waited for a two-and-a-half ton wrecker-truck, which was dispatched into the river to drag the drowned vehicle from its watery position.

The next two trucks, the three-quarter ton and the two-and-a-half ton, were more successful in the venture. Both sped through the water without even getting either of the drivers wet.

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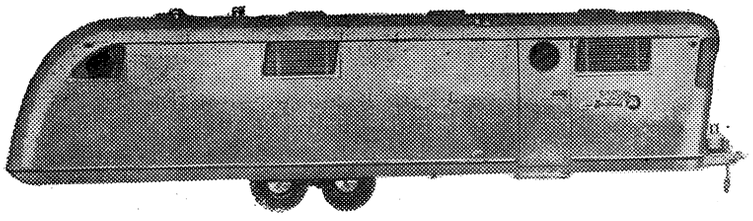

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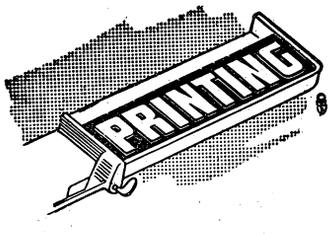

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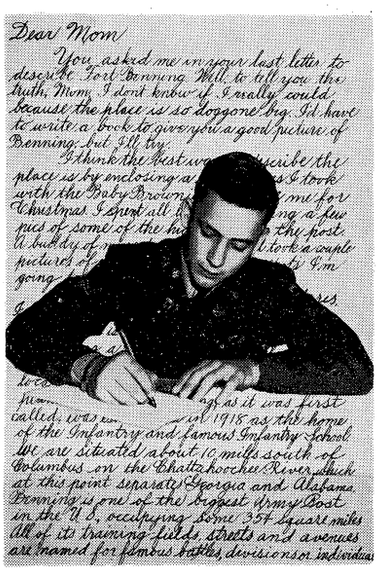
Did you every try to tell your parents, your relatives or your friends just what Fort Benning is like? Chances are, there was so much to tell that you just skipped over the surface. Chances are, too, that there were many little-known but interesting items about the Post which you did not include in your description. So this month, with the aid of Pfc. Carl J. Bryan (see cover), son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Bryan of Baxter Springs, Kans., The Herald has attempted to write that description for you. Eighteen-year-old Carl, who has been in the Army for nine months, is assigned to Company H, Airborne Battalion, Infantry School Detachment, as a rigger.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Author of the letter to Dear Mom is Staff Writer Henry Kasselik, who collaborated with Staffer Leslie Odell. Both Kasselik and Odell spent many hours digging up information about the various buildings pictured in this month's Herald, and came up with some extremely interesting facts and figures. For instance, did you know that there is a monument to a stray dog which occupies a place of honor on the terrace of the Infantry School Building? Did you know that the scene of all Post baseball games bears the name of a famous ex-major leaguer? Did you know that Fort Benning is located on the site of a former Southern plantation and that the Commanding General's quarters are the original home of the owner of that plantation? These and many other facts may be learned by reading this month's Herald.

Pictures of Pfc. Bryan, which show him at the traffic circle, looking at the jump towers, pointing to a group of Post buildings, eating a banana split and reading in the Main Post Library, were taken by Staff Photographer Joe Talbot. Others are the joint efforts of Signal Corps photographers, including several by Madeline Barbour.

We hope that our readers will have as much fun reading the article, "A Soldier Writes a Letter Home," as we did in preparing it for publication. We hope also that you will send your copy home so that those who have never seen the "world's most complete Army Post" will at least get some idea of its magnificence.

A word about next month's edition, scheduled to be off the press in two weeks. It will deal entirely with the Army Nurse Corps. which celebrataes its 50th anniversary February 2. Herald staffers have been readying the pictures and story on the Army Nurse at Fort Benning for several weeks now. We know you'll like what you see when next month's Herald is delivered.

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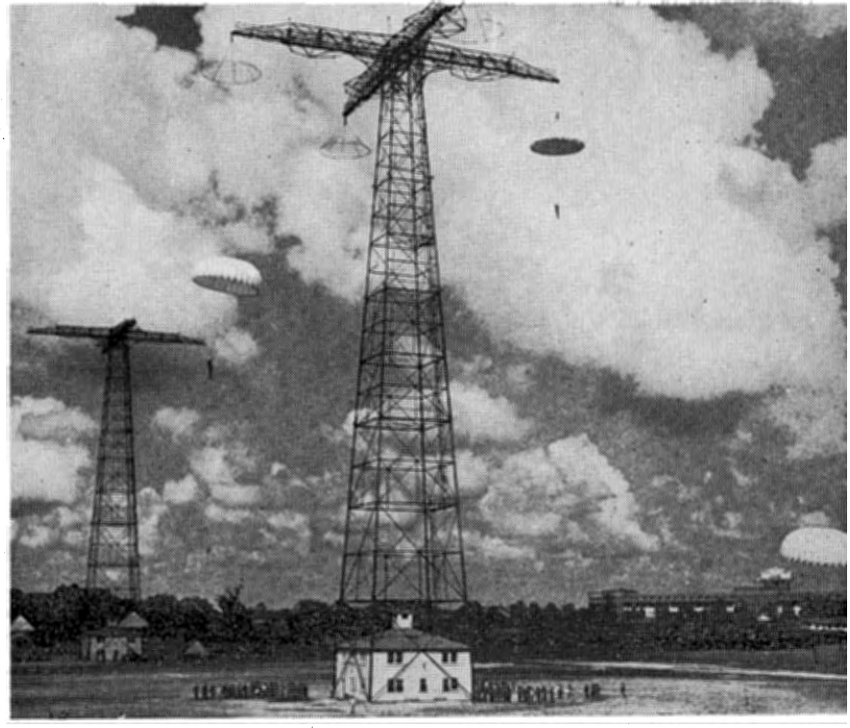
First, before I show you the pictures, I better tell you a little something about the Post. It is named for Brig. Gen. Henry L. Benning, a Confederate general and a native of nearby Columbus, Ga., and is located on the site of an old Southern plantation. Camp Benning, as it was first called, was established in 1918 as the home of the Infantry and famous Infantry School.



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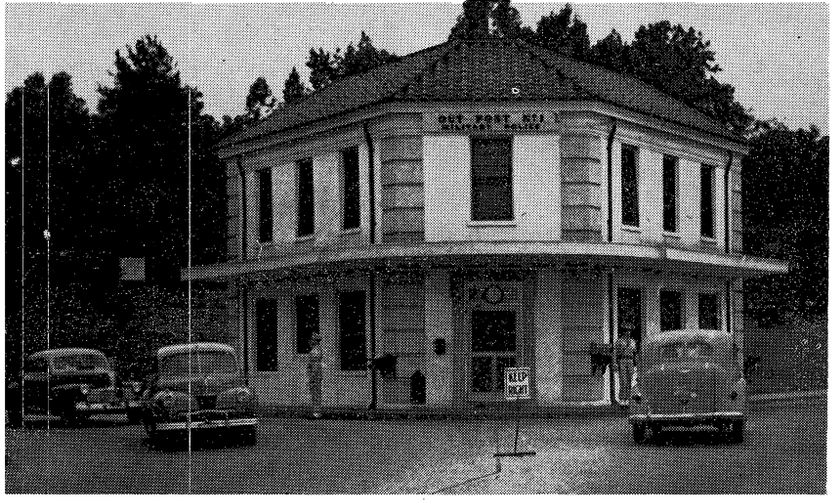
Mom, it's really a swell place to be stationed. When we arrived in Columbus, I didn't really believe all the things they said about Fort Benning. I was determined to see for myself. And now that I have, you can take my word for it, is is the "world's most complete Army post," just as they claim.

When we were driven out to camp in one of those Army buses, we went by way of Victory Drive, a big four-lane highway constructed in 1945 as a tribute to our Armed Forces. Along the way I noticed a lot of newly erected houses on both sides of the road. The driver said they were built especially for families of officers and enlisted personnel stationed at Fort Benning. Boy! Would I like to live in one of those houses. As we passed, he pointed out Baker Village, Benning Park Homes and Victory Apartments, which he said were occupied by enlisted soldiers, and then the Camellia Apartments and Battle Park Homes where officers live.

When you enter the Fort Benning reservation, you can really see the difference. First of all, we saw two big stone gate posts which meant we were on the reservation. And then we were flanked by beautiful landscape of green grass, just like our lawn at home, and all kinds of beautiful, multi-colored flowers. One of the guys said there were calla lilies, crepe myrtle, dogwood and mimosa.

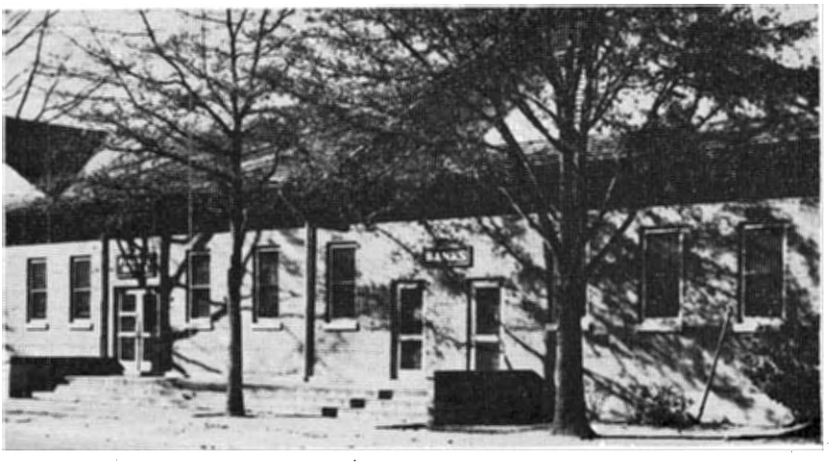
Just before we reached the Main Gate, which they call Outpost No. 1, we crossed over Upatoi Creek on a long, modern bridge. The bus driver said that it was built by the U. S. Army Engineer Corps. We also saw some tall towers in the background, which someone said were training towers for paratroopers. The first picture shows me looking at a sign which welcomes everyone to Fort Benning. In the next picture I am looking at the 250-foot jump towers on which the paratroopers first learn what it feels like in a real parachute dropping to earth.



Military Police on duty at Outpost No. 1

Post Guest House used by visiting families

Benning headquarters of American Red Cross



The local Wall Street: Banks and Finance Office

A Letter Home

That's Outpost No. 1, the main entrance to the camp, in the next picture. From the Outpost, a winding road takes you up through a beautifully landscaped park-like area with well kept shrubbery and pine trees to the Main Post area.

That next photo shows the Post Guest House, which is situated on one of two long main avenues running parrallel through the Main Post area. If you and Dad come down for a visit sometime you may stay here. It is centrally located and is convenient to all Post facilities.

Adjacent to the Guest House is Red Cross headquarters. This is the outfit which arranges for emergency leaves and provides entertainment for the boys up in the hospital. They also receive blood donations and collect money for the National American Red Cross fund-raising campaign.

Down the street a little way, on the "Wall Street" of Fort Benning, are the banks and Finance Office. They are located in one building known as the Thomas Building, which was named in honor of Pvt. William H. Thomas of the 38th Infantry Division, who was killed in Luzon. The building houses the Finance Office, which handles our pay each month, and branch offices of the Columbus Bank and Trust Company and First National Bank of Columbus.

You ought to see the traffic here a couple of days before and after pay day. You can always tell when the payroll is in, because the place is filthy with armed guards who are guarding their money as well as everyone else's. And that means the chance of getting any of that dough illegally is pretty slim. During and after pay day, the place is a bee hive of activity. It seems that everyone on the Post tries to get in that building to cash checks, add to their savings and checking accounts, or send money home.

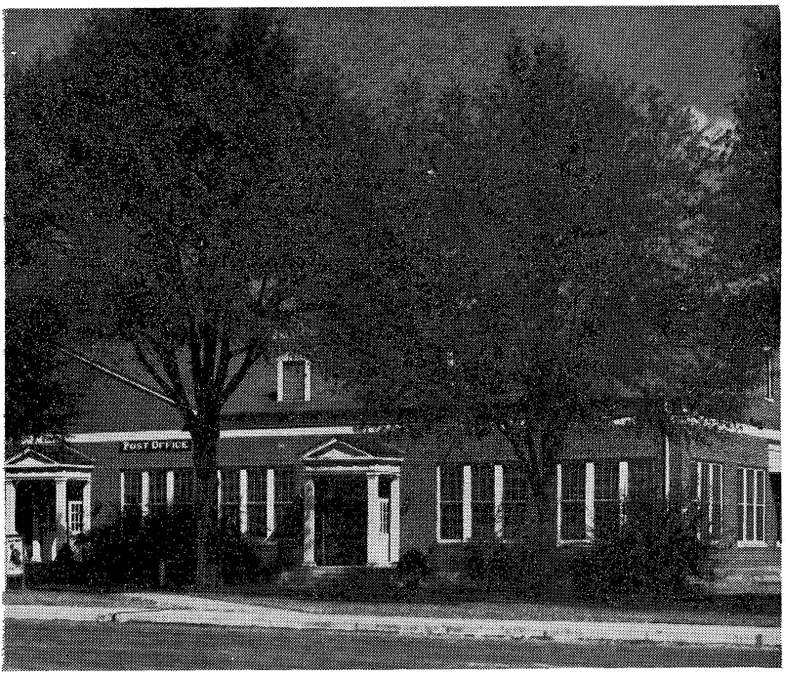
In the picture you can see the banks at the right end of the building and the Finance Office at the left.

Diagonally across the street from the Thomas building is the main Post Office, where I will mail this letter. This is a comparatively new structure . . . it was completed in early 1943. Approximately 350,000 letters and 5,000 packages are trafficked through this office each month. Actually there are two Post Offices in this building. One is the Army Post Office, and the other is an independent branch of the Columbus Post Office which uses a Fort Benning postmark. It is just like the one we have at home except that it can handle mail for more people . . . about 25,000.

That next picture of me was snapped by a buddy of mine just as I was pointing out some of those buildings I just described to you. We were standing at one corner of Stilwell Field from where we could see nearly all the buildings. This field, by the way, was named in honor of the late General Joseph Stilwell. Vinegar Joe, as he was called by his men, you may remember, gave the Japs a heck of licking in Burma and China. One of the sergeants in my outfit who has been here for quite a while said that this field was the site of the old Main Post area until 1936 when it was made into a parade ground. It used to be the location of the Academic Department building, mess halls, the old section building and all the other buildings that made up the Post.

Mom, I also enclosed a map which you probably have found already. If you start at the upper right hand corner of the map, you can sorta follow the course I took on my tour of the Post. You can see Outpost No. 1 on the map, and you can see the winding street that I described to you. It is Sigerfoos Road. It runs South into Vibbert Avenue, on which all of these buildings are located, just east of the junction of both these streets.

Most of the places I am telling you about are located in this particular area.



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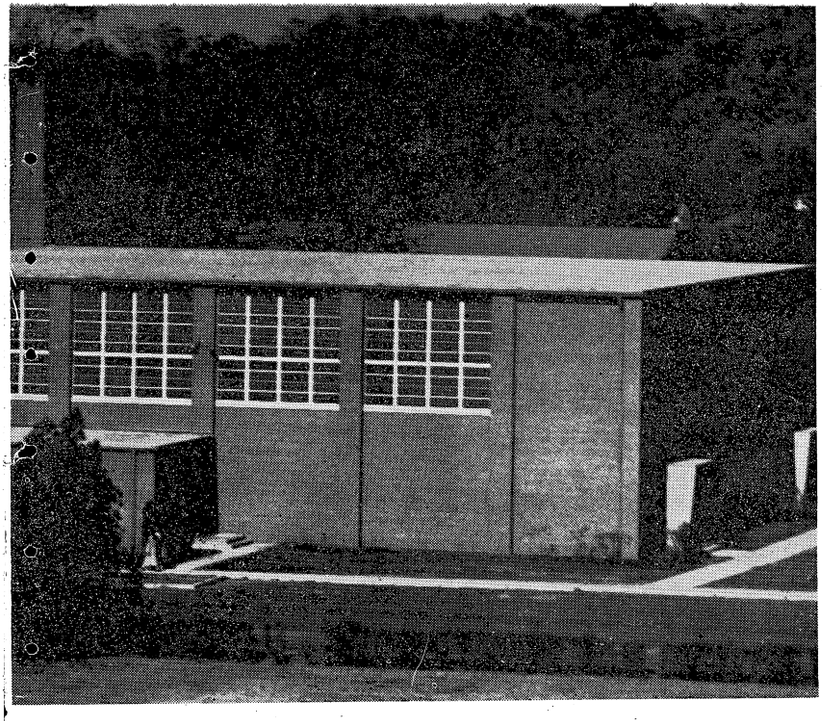

on dollar Briant Wells Field House

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The large brick building you see in the next photograph is the Briant Wells Field House, the sports center of Fort Benning. This modern building, which is named for Brig. Gen. Briant Wells, was completed only last year at a cost of $500,000. At least that is what the guide book says. But I believe it after seeing the inside. You should see the beautiful all-year indoor swimming pool it has. It's a honey. It also has two basketball courts, two hand ball courts and a complete gym for boxing, wrestling and exercising.

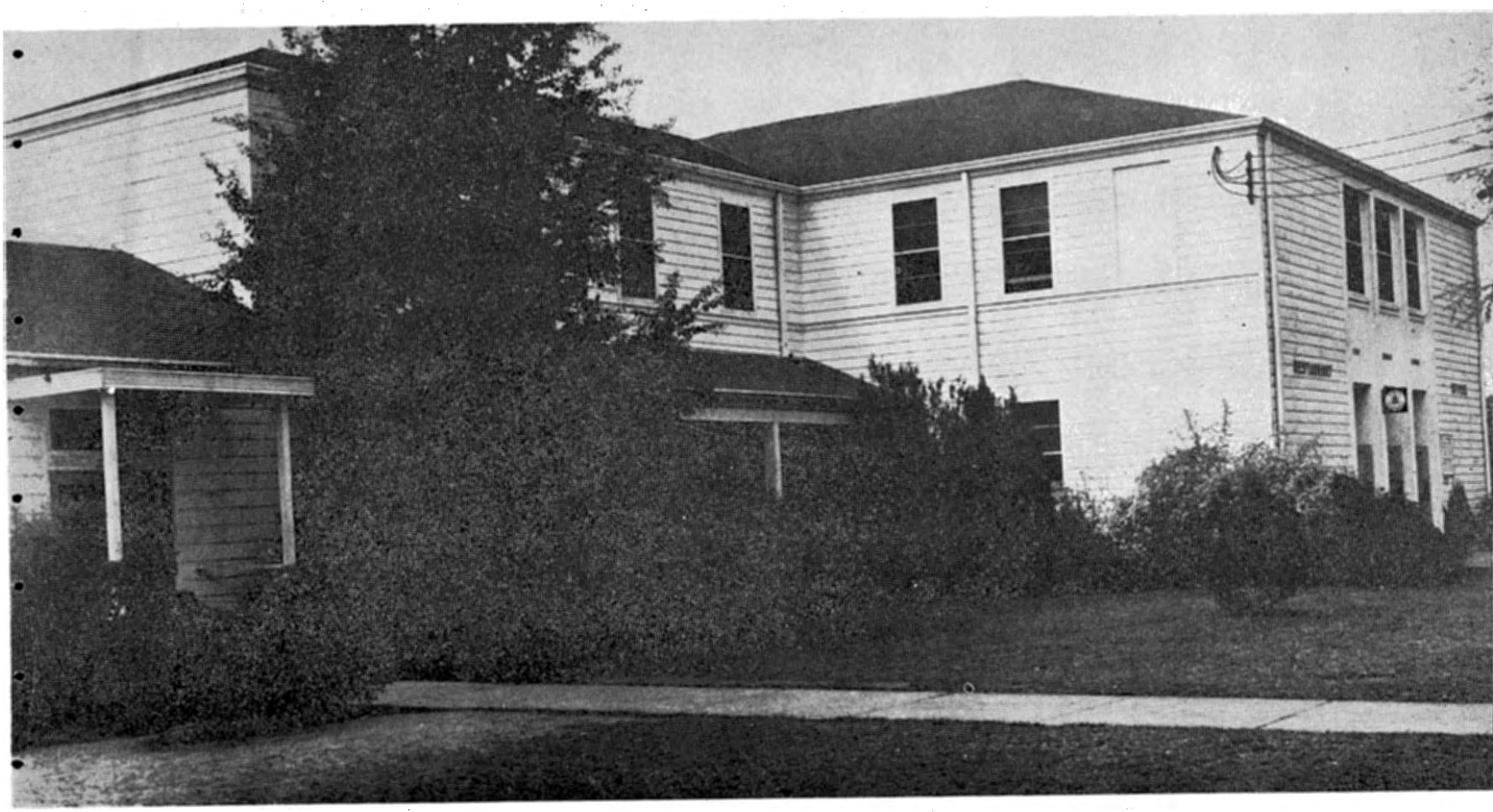
All the Post basketball games are played here. Sometimes we even have visiting professional teams play against some of our men in exhibition games. Every two weeks professional wrestling matches are held, and once in awhile other sports activities are scheduled, too.

In the rear are the exercise rooms, where a lot of the fellas lift weights and use the rowing and cycling machines. Off-duty classes in wrestling and judo are also conducted there by some of the officers on the Post.

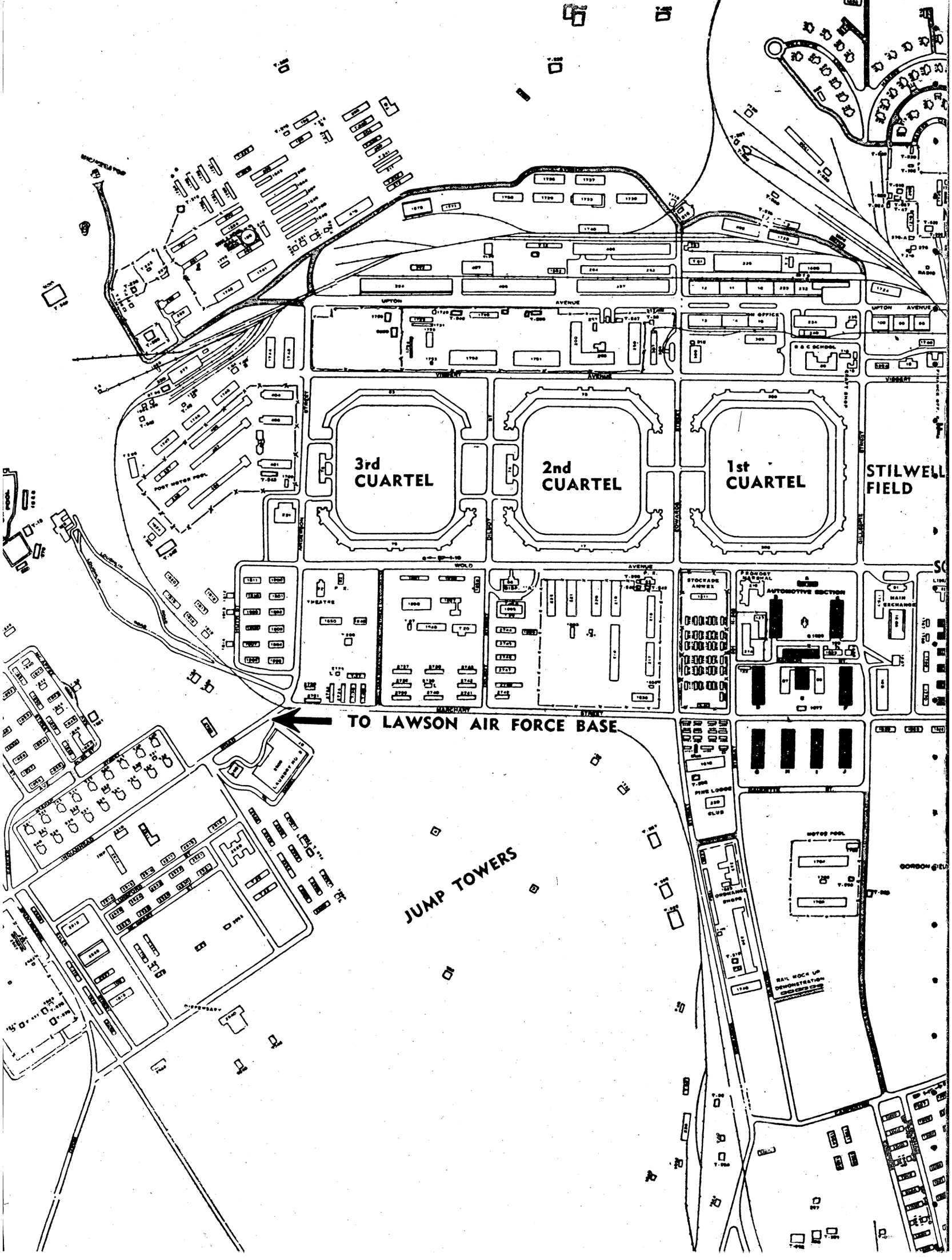
But the part I like best is the swimming pool. It occupies the left wing of the building and is open each day and night. In the winter, the water is heated to body temperature. It is very long, 45 feet by 75 feet, and has several diving boards. Over 100 swimmers can be accommodated at the same time.

After workouts or basketball games we usually go to the Soda Shop or Cafeteria which is shown in the next picture. And here is a picture of me tearing into a banana split, taken when I wasn't looking. Both the Soda Shop and Cafeteria are favorite spots on the Main Post. A lot of the fellas stationed far out in Harmony Church and Sand Hill areas come here just to eat.

Many of the civilians who work in offices eat their lunches here, and many eat all of their meals here. The cafeteria which opens around 7 a. m. is open all day, and the Soda Shop opens in the afternoon and remains open until around 11 p. m. So, you see, we don't have to worry about getting hungry any time of the day.



Just like the Drug Store and Cafeteria back home is this modern structure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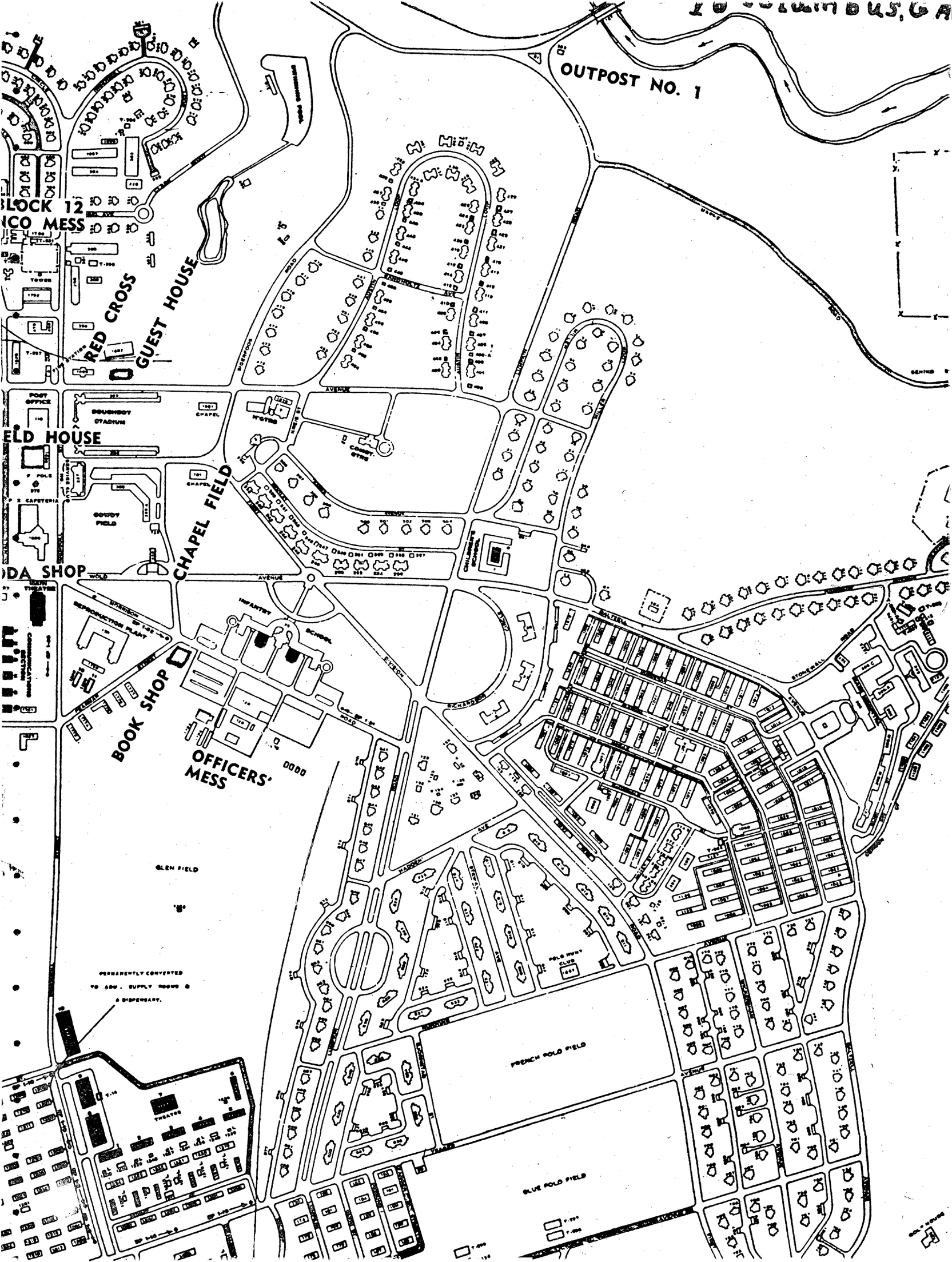
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Across the street from the Soda Shop on Wold Avenue is the biggest entertainment attraction on the Post, the Main Post Theater. This is not the only theater we have on the post, however. There is a total of six movie houses on the Post, but this is the biggest and most popular. New films are shown almost every day, the more popular ones are shown for maybe two days.

Other features are the beautiful lounges which are provided for both officers and enlisted personnel. They have nice, clean rest rooms and soft easy chairs, and are filled with candy, cigarette and soft drink vending machines. And you know me, Mom, I could never go to a movie without a bag of popcorn. That they have, too.

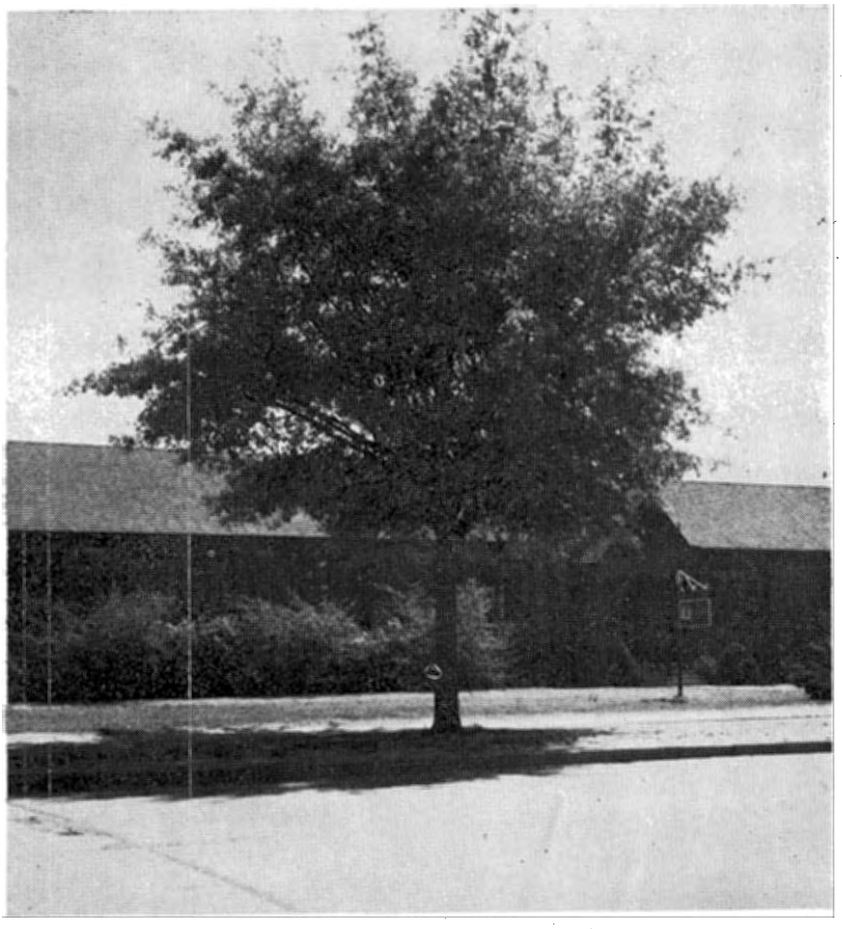
Sometimes, after coming out of the show, we drop into the Main Post Library, which is called the Sayers Building, in honor of Pfc. Foster J. Sayers who won the Congressional Medal of Honor and was killed in World War II. The building is comparatively modern, just like most of the buildings on the Main Post. It was completed in 1944, and since then has collected over 15,000 books. And that is a lot of books for any library. The librarian said that over 3,500 books are checked out to Army personnel each month.

In the next picture you can see me sitting in one of their big easy chairs reading one of the latest cartoon books. Sometimes, I come up and just browse around, not looking for any book in particular, but I usually end up checking out a mystery book.

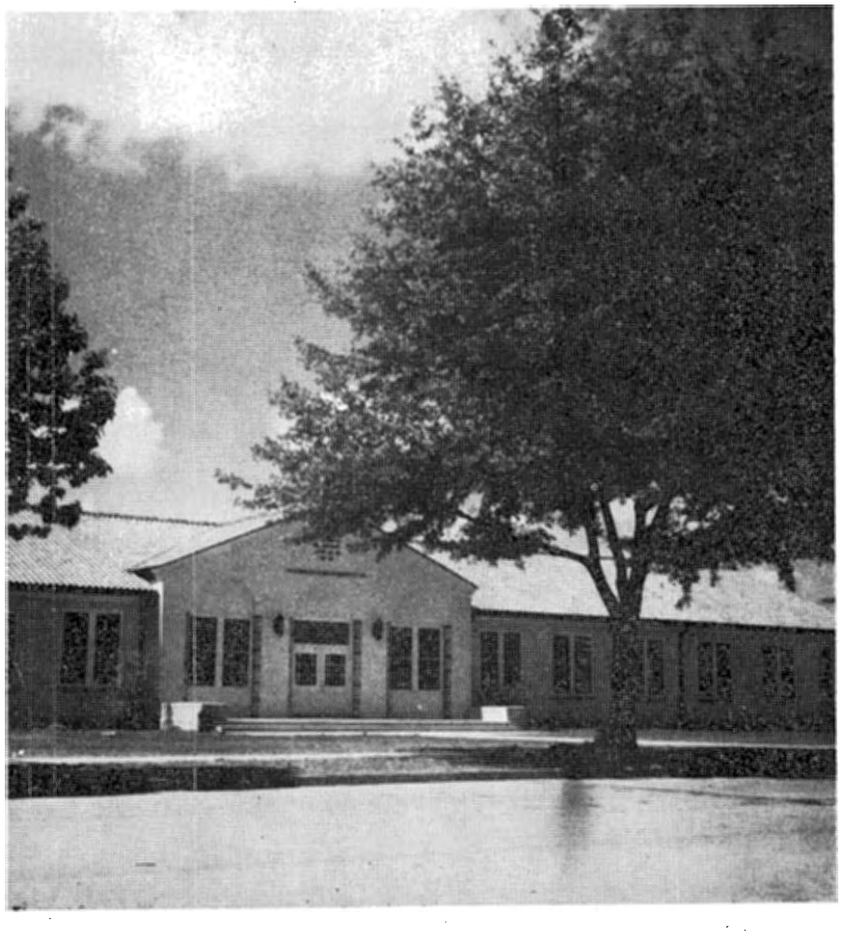
The next picture is the Book Store, which is said to be the most complete Book Department in the Army. This is one of the latest additions to the Post. It was started in September, 1948, and completed in the spring of 1949.

It is primarily for students attending the Infantry School, but actually other military personnel can make purchases there. The place is "plumb" full of office supplies, typewriters, Army manuals and anything a student could use. They will order stuff if they don't have it in stock, but I doubt whether there is much in that line that they don't have.

Right next door to the Book Shop is the Army Field Printing Plant, or Reproduction Plant. That is shown in the next photo. Here, nearly all Army manuals concerning infantry doctrines are printed. It contains its own type-setting machines, Linotype machines and engraving facilities, valued at $500,000.

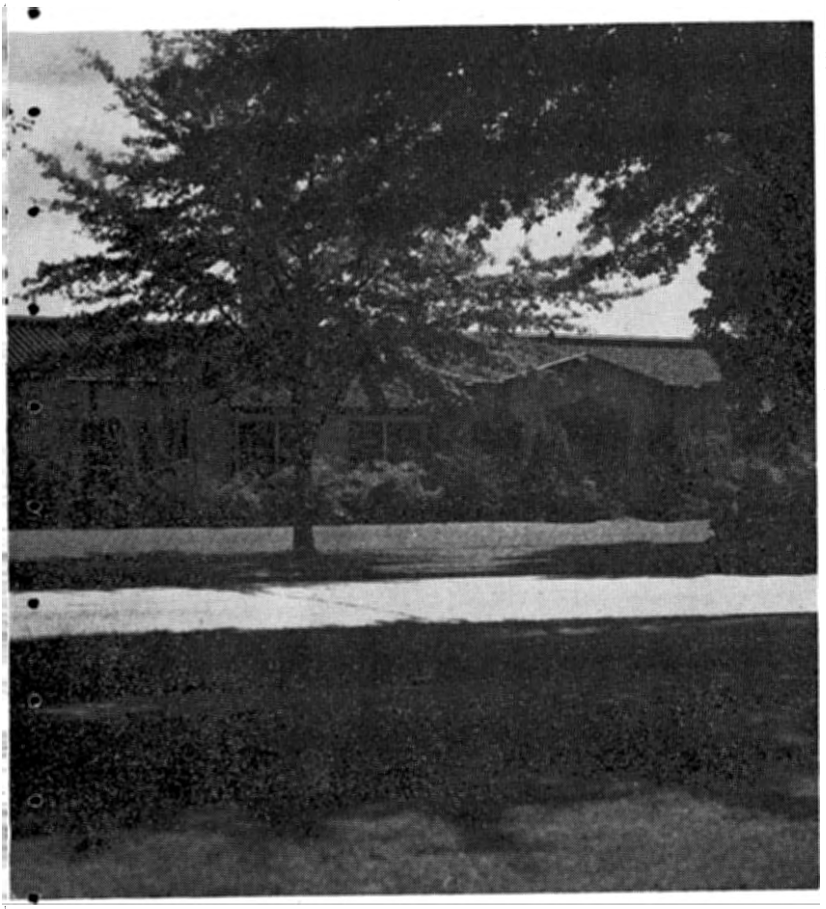


Main Library is centrally located



Self-supporting Book Department handy for students

The Main Post Theater has many patrons



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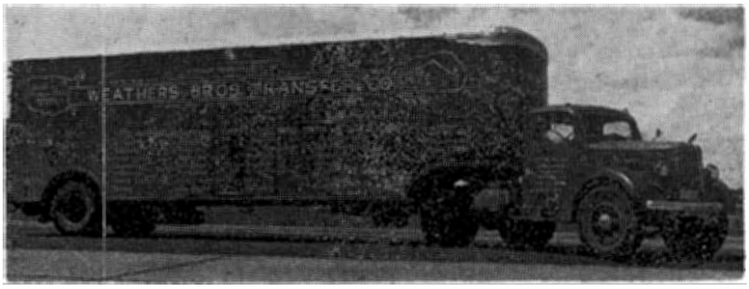

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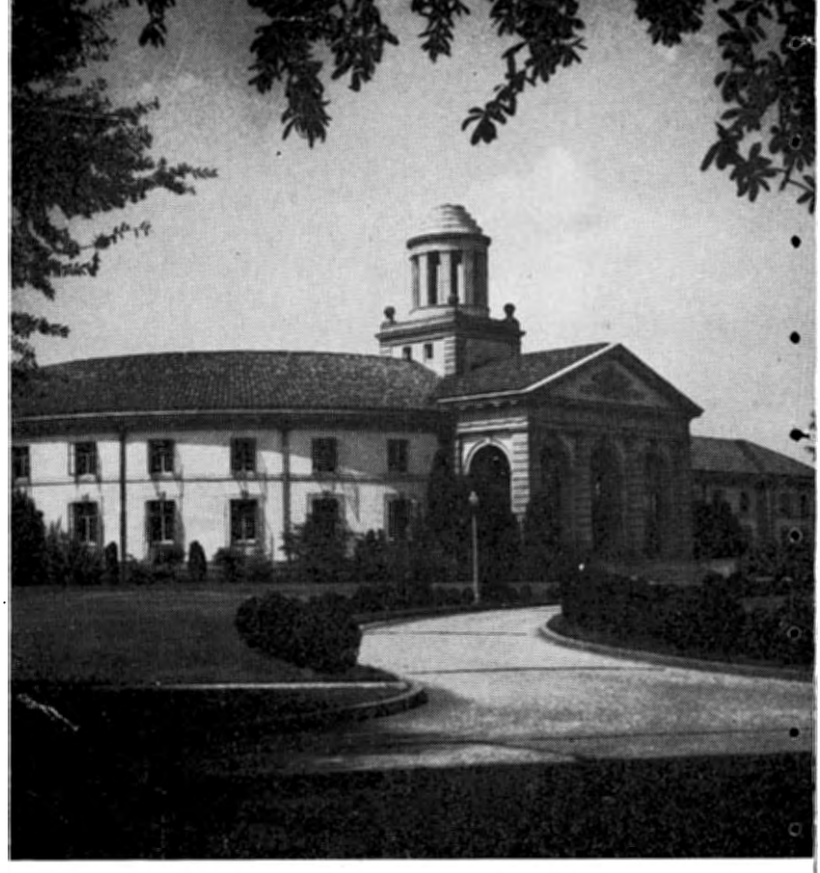
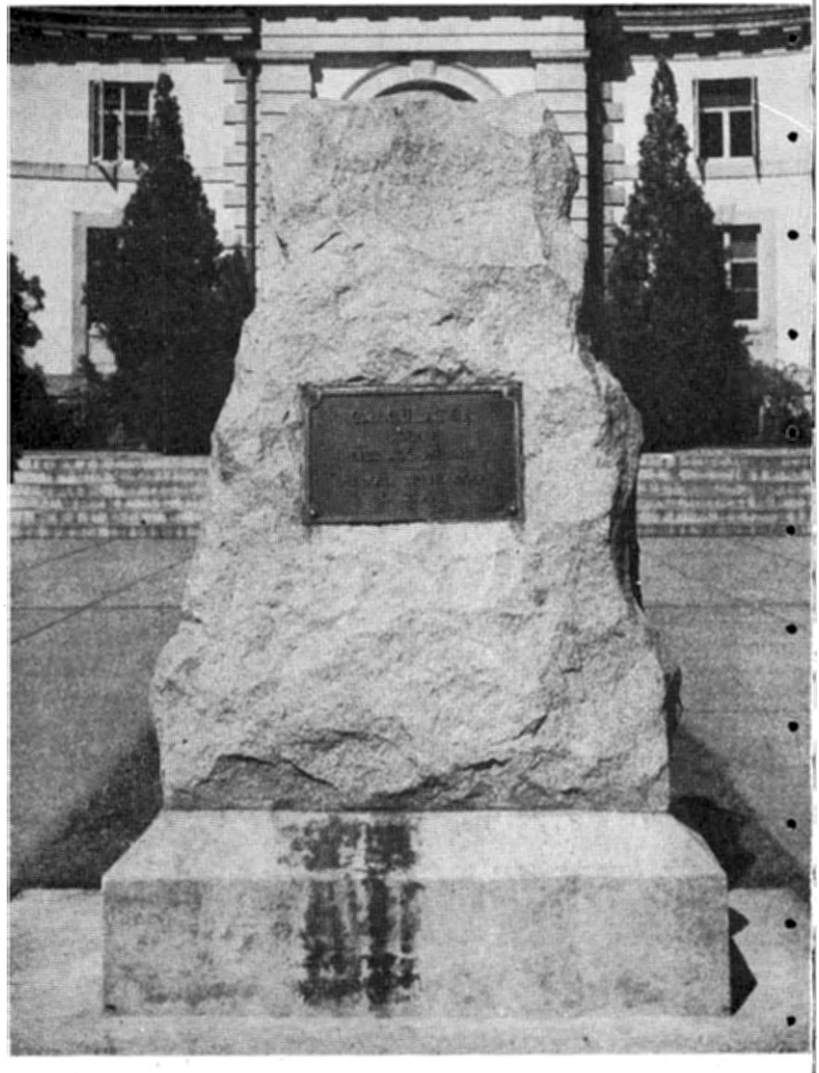


The "heart of Fort Benning": Infantry School



Monument to Calculator, "just a dog"

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In the next picture is shown the most beautiful building on the post, and considered one of the most beautiful military school buildings in the world: The Infantry School Building. This is the home of the Infantry and headquarters for the Post. It is over 400 feet long and more than 100 feet high. The first stone was set in 1934, and it was completed one year later. The center section is U-shaped with two L's jutting out at either end, but you can't see that from this side.

That monumental column you see in the next photograph was erected by the Post to the memory of a dog mascot named "Calculator." The mongrel, who was partially crippled, walked on only three legs, and was very popular with Infantrymen everywhere. He joined Fort Benning units around the time of World War I and became the best known pooch in the Army.

He is said to have owed allegiance to no one in particular, just attached himself to the entire command from generals on down to privates. His name derived from his peculiar manner of walking and running with his crippled leg—he "set down three and carried one."

You can probably see the inscription which reads "Calculator. Born ? Died 1923. He made better dogs of us all." One of the oldtimers here said that he died from eating poisoned food.

The beautiful picture you see next is a shot of the Infantry Center Chapel, looking across the parade field. It was constructed with WPA funds in 1935 and was dedicated as the Three Faiths building, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish.

And next is the Station Hospital. This aerial shot was taken by a buddy of mine who gave me an extra copy. The main structure you see in the middle was constructed in 1935; the wooden frame wards on the opposite side of the street were added later during World War II to accommodate the large number of troops being trained here at that time. It has beds for 900 patients.

The next two photographs show Government homes for soldiers stationed here permanently. The first is the type provided for field grade officers, chiefly those who are members of the Infantry School or Infantry Center staff and others who are to be here for quite some time.

The second is a typical non-commissioned officer home. These quarters, which are located behind the jump towers, were built last year. They are roomy and have all the latest conveniences.

And those next two pictures were taken of our quarters. They are called cuartels, which in Spanish means barracks for troops. There are three such cuartels on the Post.

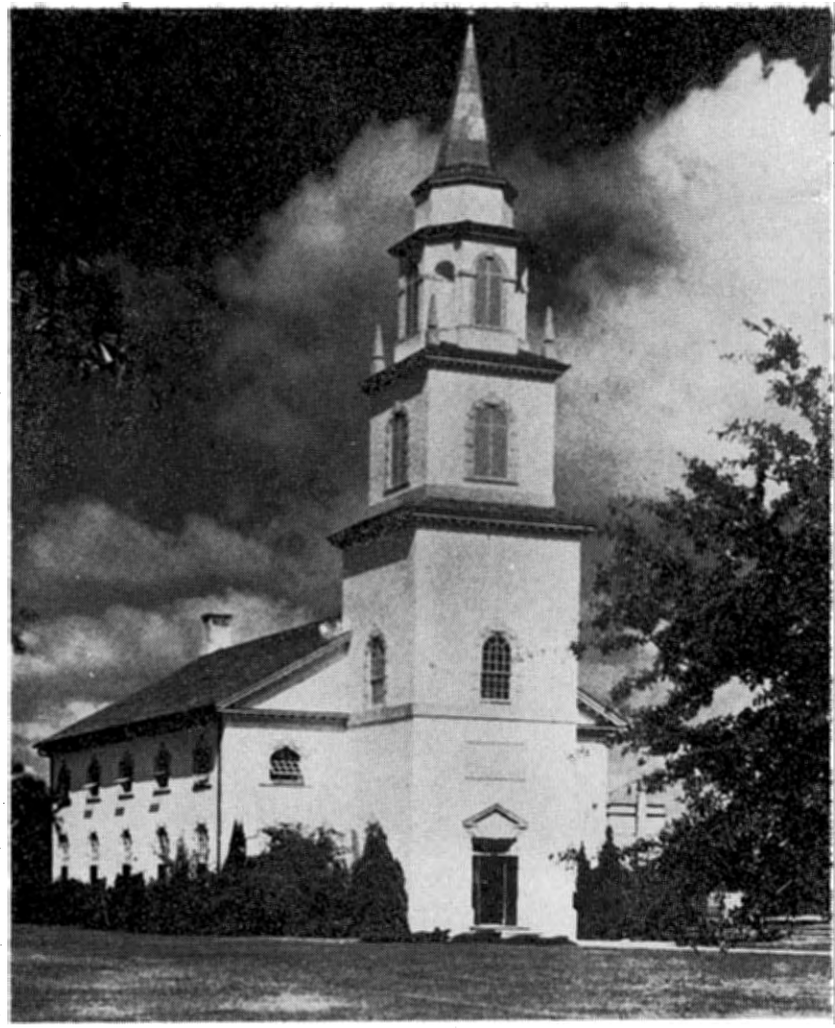
Actually, these are seven buildings, each divided part being considered a separate building. The first building was completed in 1929. This building also has the longest undivided porch in the world, about a half-mile long. You can see the porch in the second photo. And the last building of the group was completed in 1939. Over 6,000 soldiers can be quartered in all three cuartels.

Probably the oldest and most picturesque building on the Post is the Commanding General's home which you see next. It was once the colonial home of Arthur Bussey, a plantation owner upon whose lands Fort Benning is now located.

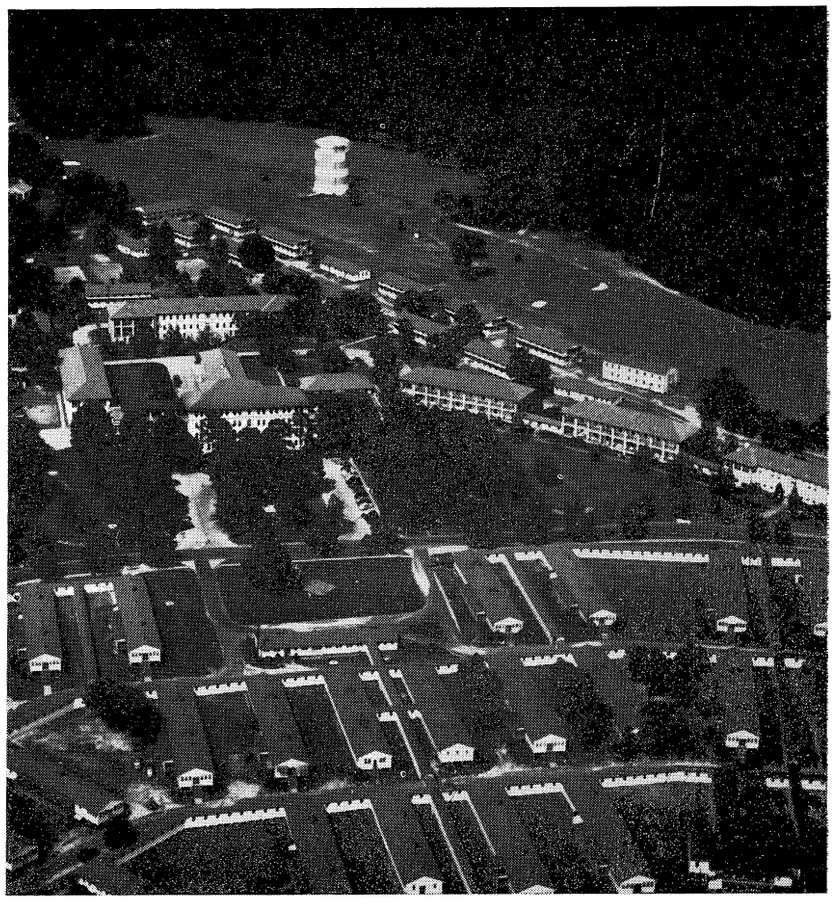
The northeast corner is said to cover the grave of a Colonel John Tate who died while preparing to lead a large band of Creek Indian warriors against the British at Augusta, Ga., in 1780.

As I told you, Fort Benning is the site of the Army's first Airborne Department. The basic course is three weeks long. In the next picture you can see an Airborne graduating class.

Formal graduation ceremonies are held every week on Chapel Field which is right across the street from the Infantry School.

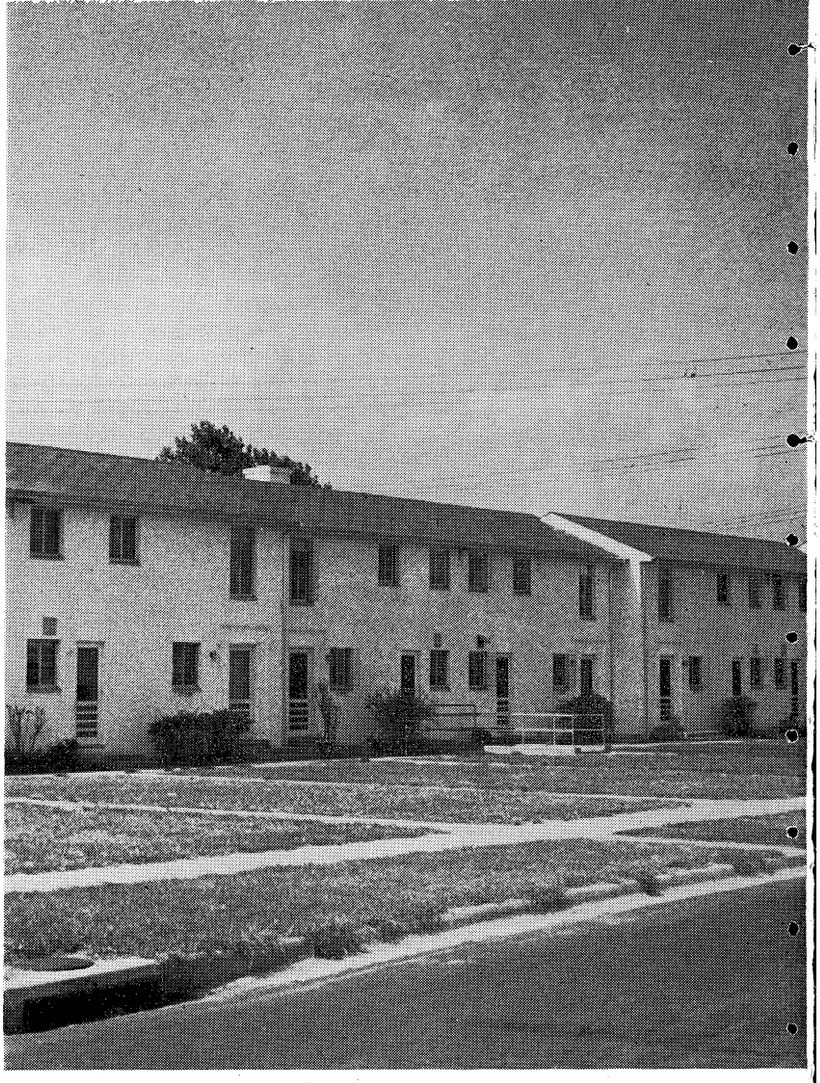


The magnificent Infantry Center Chapel



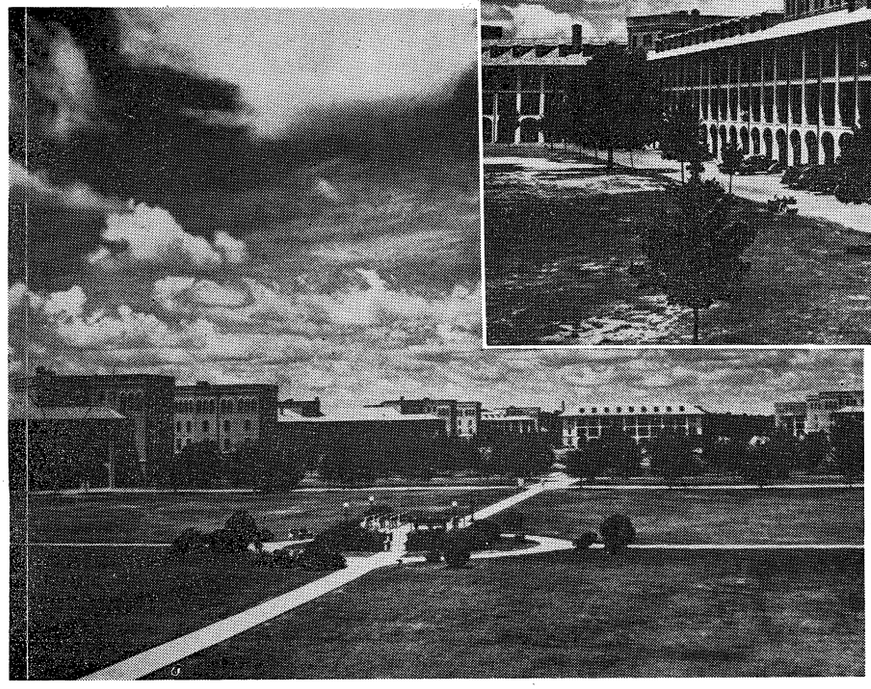
Where sick Benningites are hospitalized

Field Grade officers' quarters

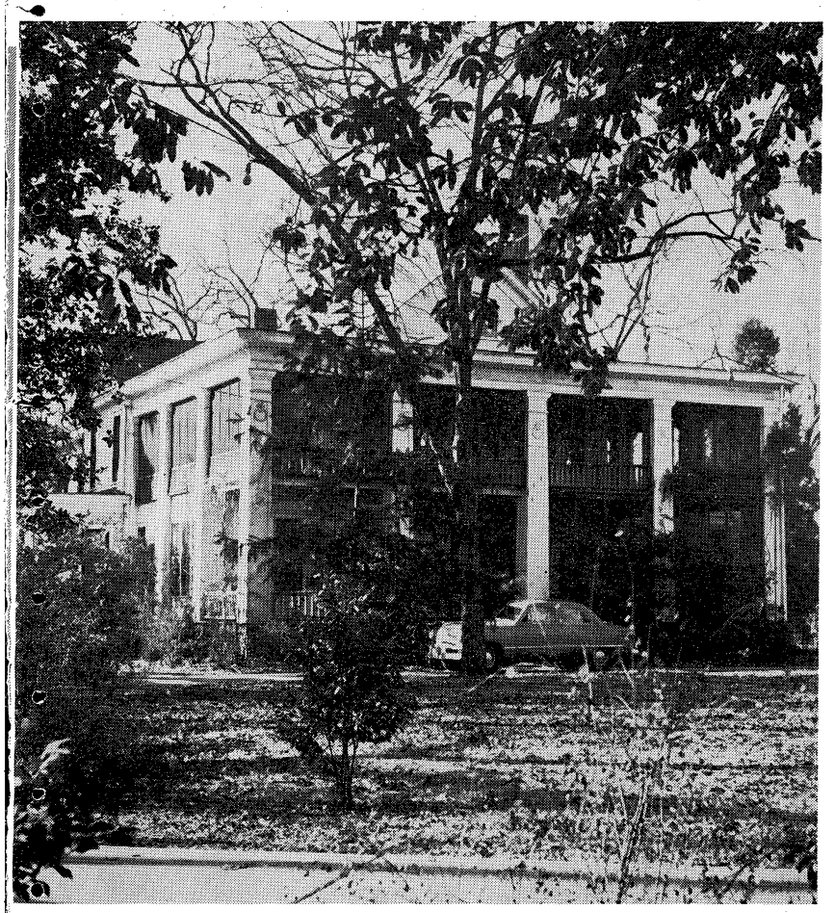


Non-commissioned officers' quarters

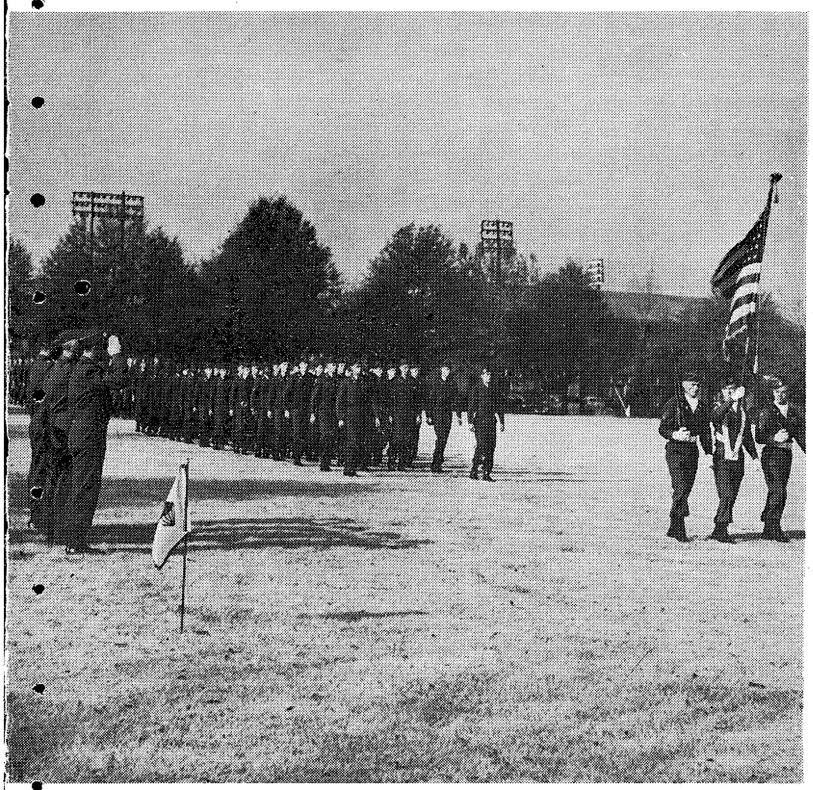
World's longest porch: one-half mile



Enlisted men's quarters, called cuartels



Commanding General's quarters



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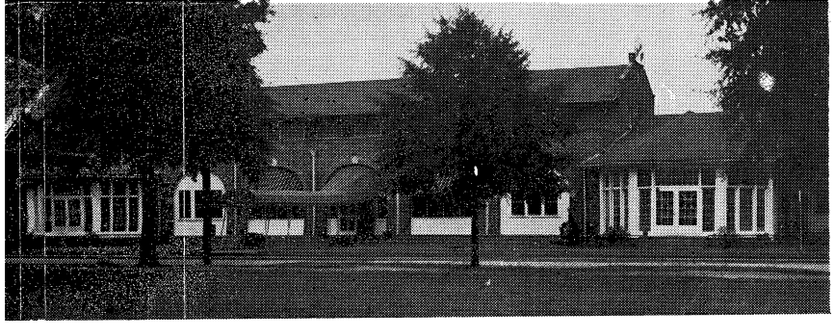
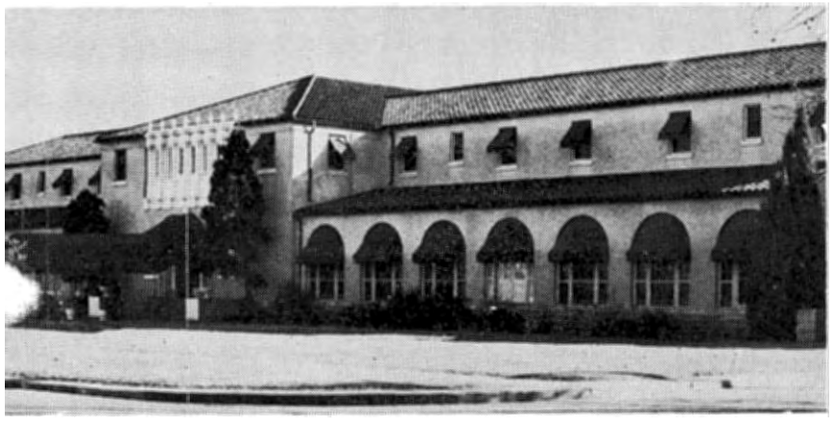
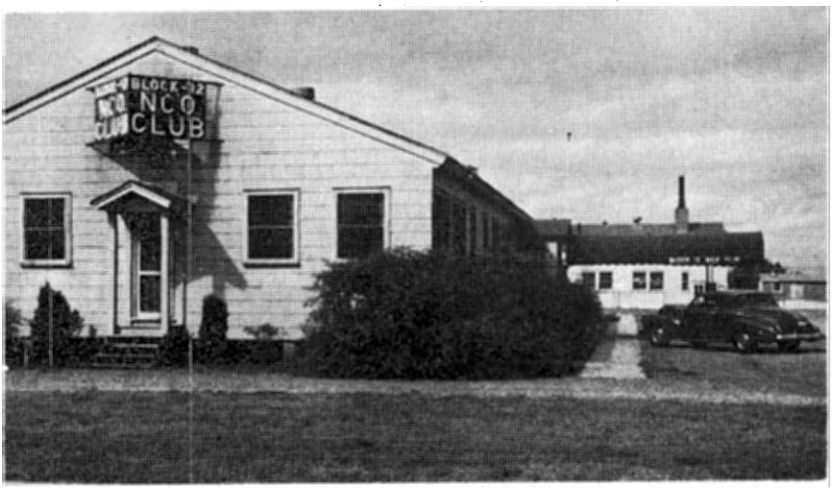


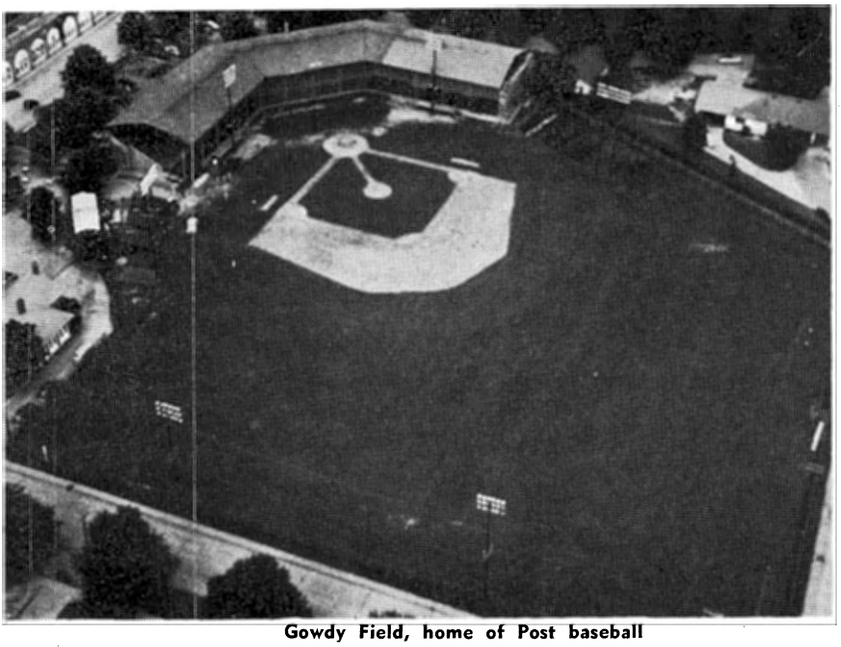
Service Club No. 1 for enlisted men



Main Officers' Mess



Block 12 Non-commissioned Officers' Mess



Gowdy Field, home of Post baseball

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Next in line is Service Club No. 1. This is located behind the Briant Wells Field House and is one of the more popular spots on the Main Post. It is the second oldest permanent building at Fort Benning.

Of course we are not the only ones who have clubs. The officers have their clubs, too. The next snapshot you see is that of the Main Officer's Mess. The architecture is Spanish design as you can see. In the back is a huge swimming pool which is available to all officers and their dependents.

Every group has its own club, and the married enlisted soldiers club is included. Next, is the Block 12 NCO Club which belongs to this group. Only top NCO's who are married can belong to this club.

The last two photographs are aerial shots taken of Gowdy Field and Lawson Air Force Base. Gowdy Field is a baseball diamond, and during the summer is a mecca for baseball fans from all over. It is the same as any other small town field and can accommodate over 5,000 spectators in the grandstands.

This is the only place that has been named after a living person. It was named in honor of Hank Gowdy, the first major league player to volunteer in World War I. The field was built by soldiers on their own time at no expense to the Government.

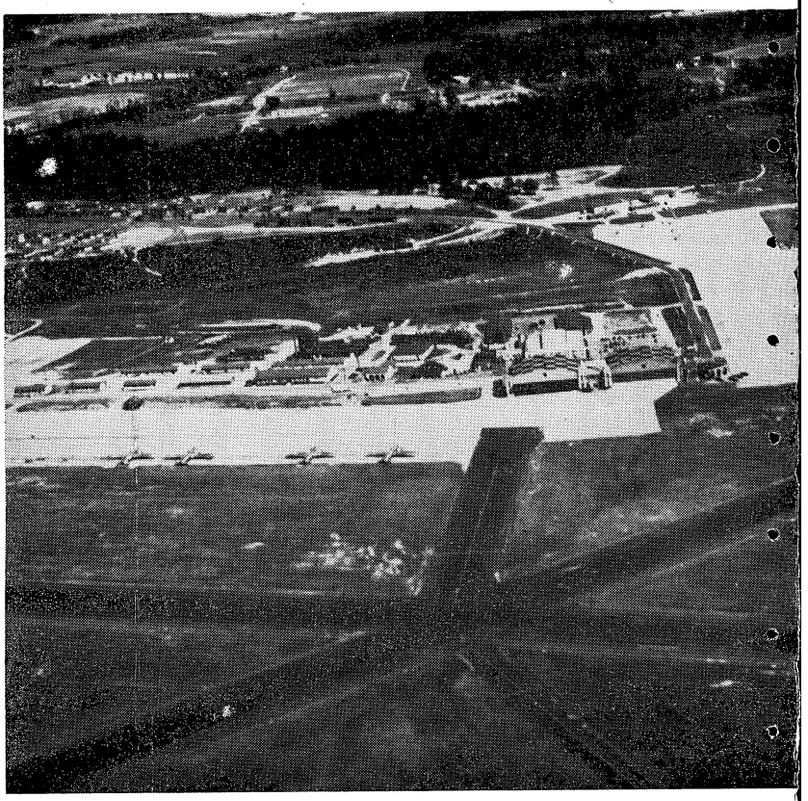
Lawson Air Force Base is strictly an air-pounder outfit, but it is used jointly by the Army and Air Force. It is here that student paratroopers board their planes to make their six qualifying jumps.

Well, Mom, that's about it. I missed a lot but you said I should write you about some of the main points of interest, and that's it. I have to finish now because "lights out" just blew and some of the guys are moaning about me leaving them on. I can hear the CQ down the hall, too. Maybe I can tell you about the rest of the Post if I get that pass home next week-end. Good night, Mom.

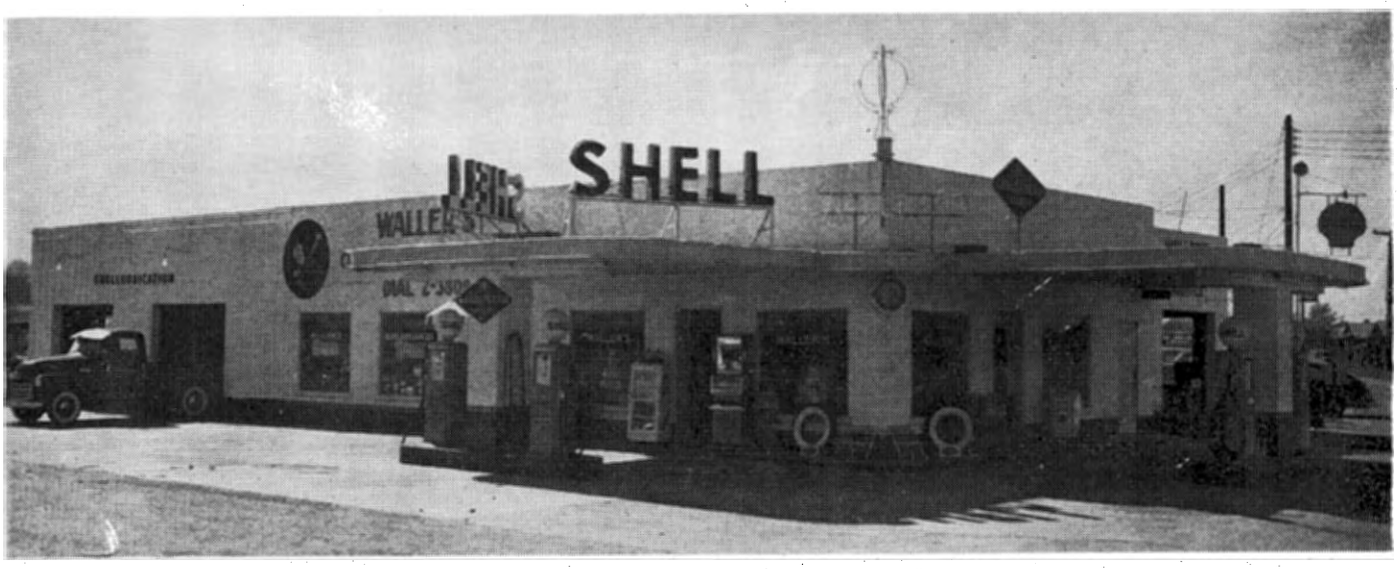
Your loving son,

Carl.

P. S. Thanks for the cookies.



Aerial view of Lawson Air Force Base



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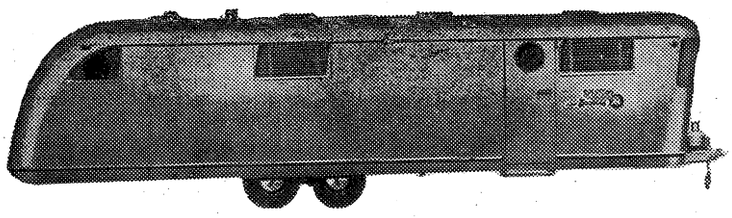

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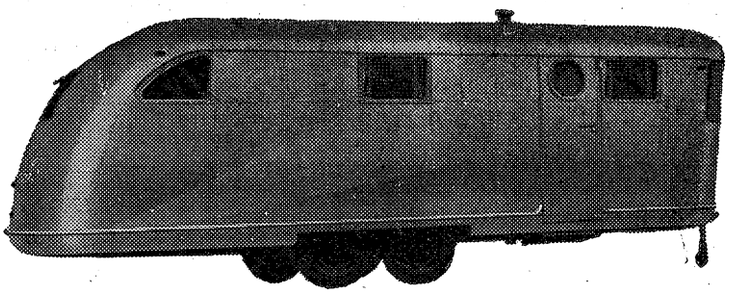

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IN THIS MONTH'S HERALD

Latest techniques in modern combat call for precision support of infantry by whirlwind attacks of jets and F-51 fighter planes, the latter dubbed 'Mustang' during World War II.

In days gone by, sore points in salients were aided by rumbling artillery pieces which threw shells into enemy sectors, backing up hard-pressed doughboys. In modern times the fighter ship has been found to be a wonderful aerial platform for rockets, shells, heavy caliber machine gun fire and even napalm jelly bombs.

Doughboys still say to themselves "bless the artillery" as they huddle under covering support, but they are finding more and more reason for hastily whispered blessings for those who guide the streaking fighter ships into enemy lines.

We thought the spirit of unity which is exemplified today on the fighting front and in training would be best illustrated by bringing together this great American team—the doughboy and the fighter pilot.

So the Herald reporter and photographer brought together Pfc. Warren Swamp, a giant ranger, hardened by weeks of heavy field training at Fort Benning. His heavy, callused hand is gripping that of 1st Lt. Leon Jansen, a much smaller man, but when sandwiched into the 'office' of his fighter plane can transform his craft into a screaming fury of bombs and bullets.

We believe this picture speaks much more than words.

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THE BARGAIN HUNTERS WHO PICK AND POKE

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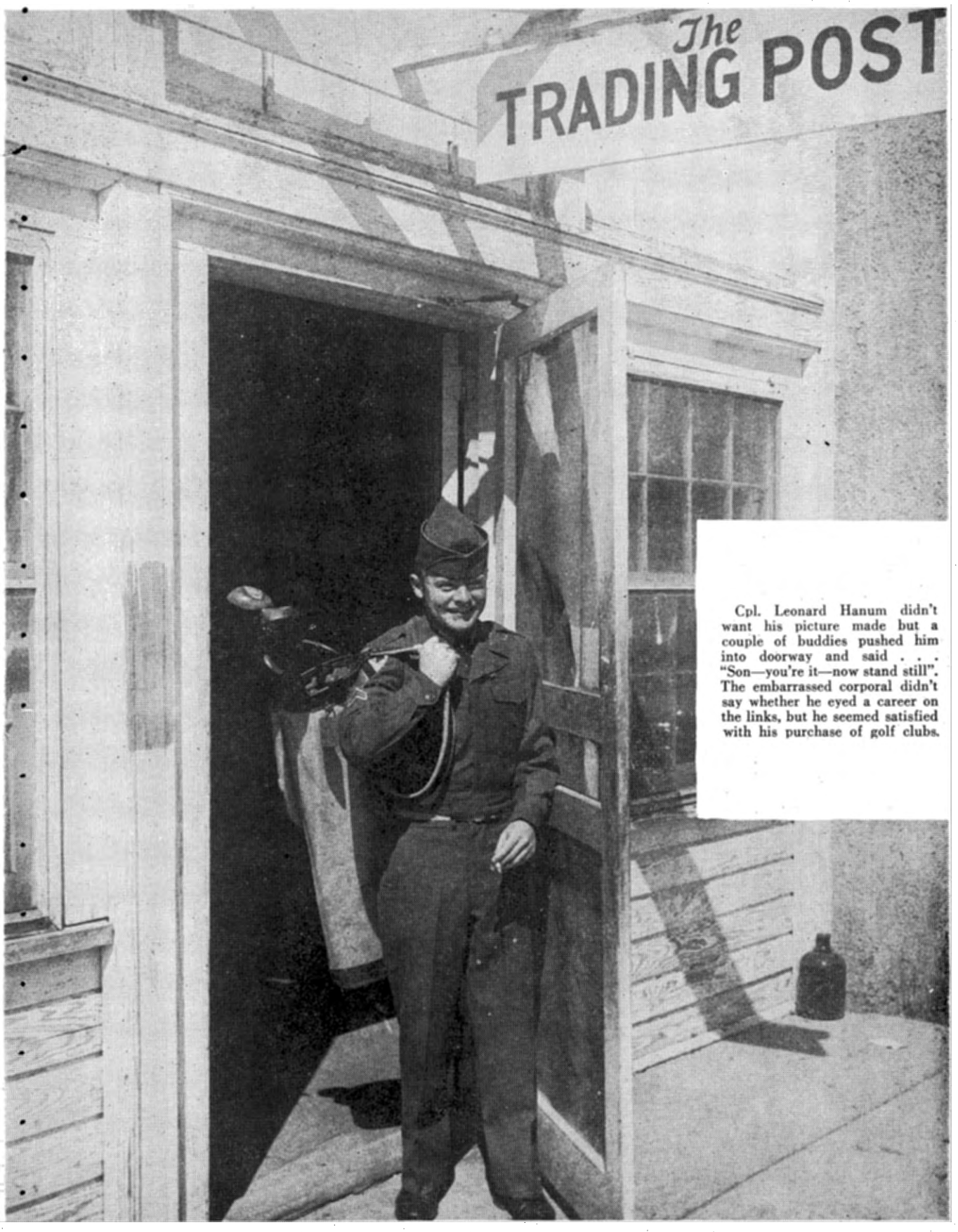

Cpl. Leonard Hanum didn't want his picture made but a couple of buddies pushed him into doorway and said . . . "Son—you're it—now stand still". The embarrassed corporal didn't say whether he eyed a career on the links, but he seemed satisfied with his purchase of golf clubs.

• *AT LEFT*

Lt. Col. H. E. Miner, Army Field Forces Board No. 3, examines a summer uniform blouse. The clothing is used, but the price keeps going down as long as the garment remains on the rack. The colonel has his eye on appearance and condition.

WELL . . IT LOOKS GOOD . .

A washing machine is always an attraction to a housewife, and a good sturdy looking model gets a close inspection from Mrs. W. E. Austin. At right, Mrs. K. E. Buell, a friend, lends a critical eye to the used machine. What the heck . . . if it works good . . . and is a good, uh, bargain . . . "How much did you say . . . ?"

FOR SALE!

Mrs. W. E. Austin has an item for sale so she has brought it in and lists her asking price for the object with Mrs. L. Sheppard who lists information for tagging. That's the way the trading post operates . . . the good old barter method brought up to date.

JUMPING GENERAL

New Yorker Got General Stars and Chutist Wings at Same Time Recently at Benning

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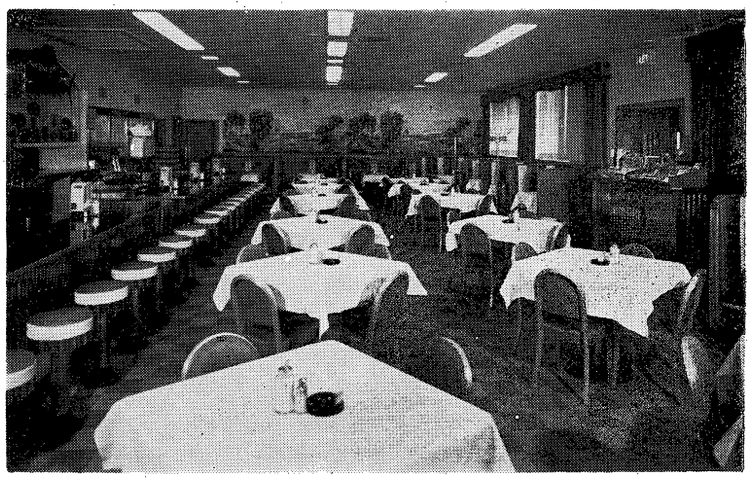
GOOD REASON FOR SMILE . . .

Something of a record was set by Brig. Gen. Kenneth S. Sweany, right, son-in-law of Col. and Mrs. Phillip R. Ward, Route 3, Oswego, N. Y., who was given the stars of brigadier general and the wings of qualified parachutist recently at Fort Benning. Brig. Gen. George Honnen, left, assistant commandant of the Infantry School ,presents silver parachute wings to General Sweany on his graduation from the Airborne department of the Infantry School. General Sweany is now stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.



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PORTRAIT OF A SOLDIER . . .

2nd Lt. Rolf Olsen, Corps of Military Police, recently commissioned directly from enlisted status, grade of sergeant, and formerly a member of the MP, Replacement Training Center, Camp Gordon, Ga., was assigned last month to the 3440 Area Service Unit at Fort Benning. During World War II he was an enlisted man with the Air Force and served in the Aelutians and in Europe. He received a commisison as second lieutenant on March 5, 1951. He has attended the Air Force Gunnery School, the Fort Dix, N. J., and Camp Pickett, Va., leaders courses, and is a graduate of the Criminal Investigation course at the Provost Marshal General's School.

EASTER SCENE

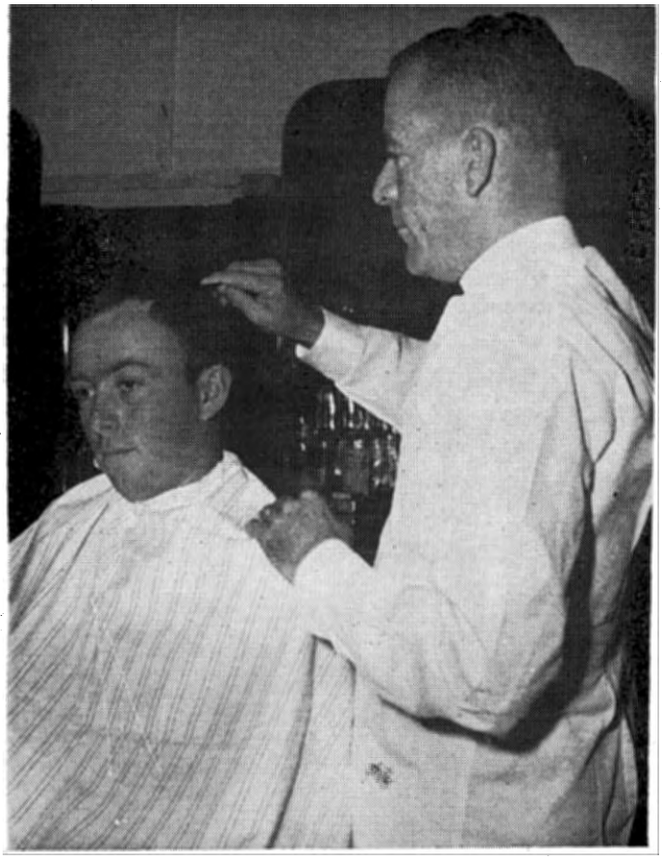
IN YOUR EASTER BONNET . . . A typical Fort Benning family joins the Post parade to Easter services. The Wrights, who live on Austin Loop, are left to right, Mrs. Wright and Lt. Col. John Wright, Jr., Jeanne and Johnny, three and a half year-old twins.

THE BARBER SHOP—

WAITING!

Hair has a way of growing along at the same plodding rate in the Army—the same as in civilian life. The shears of the Army post barbers are just as sharp and just as snippy as civilian shears, so getting the dome trimmed is the same chore. Pvt. William M. Reagan, Company F, 12th Infantry regiment, Fourth Division, walked over to the barber shop one day recently and got a place in the 'next' line.

YOUNG MAN WITH A CHORE



Here we go! . . . Barber Bud Green goes after some straggling locks, while Reagan muses over a number of things as all folks do when they're getting a haircut. A neat haircut has always been the mark of a trim looking soldier, and Pvt. Reagan is no exception.

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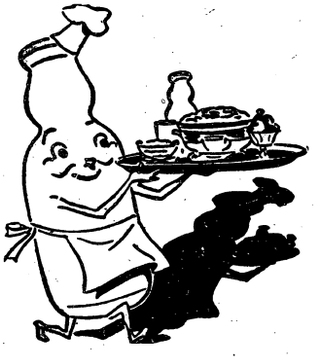

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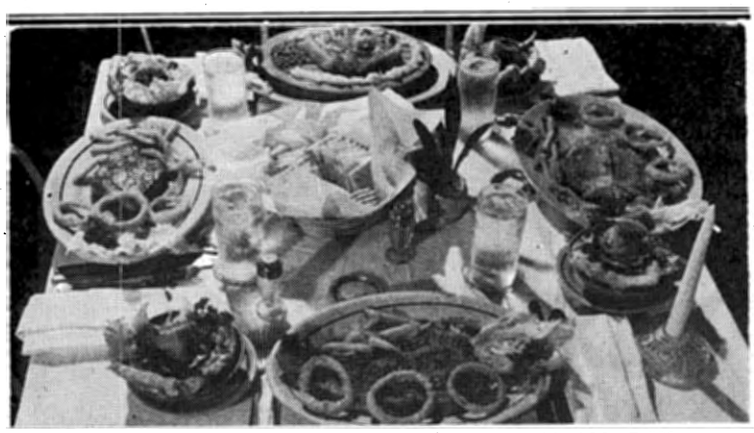

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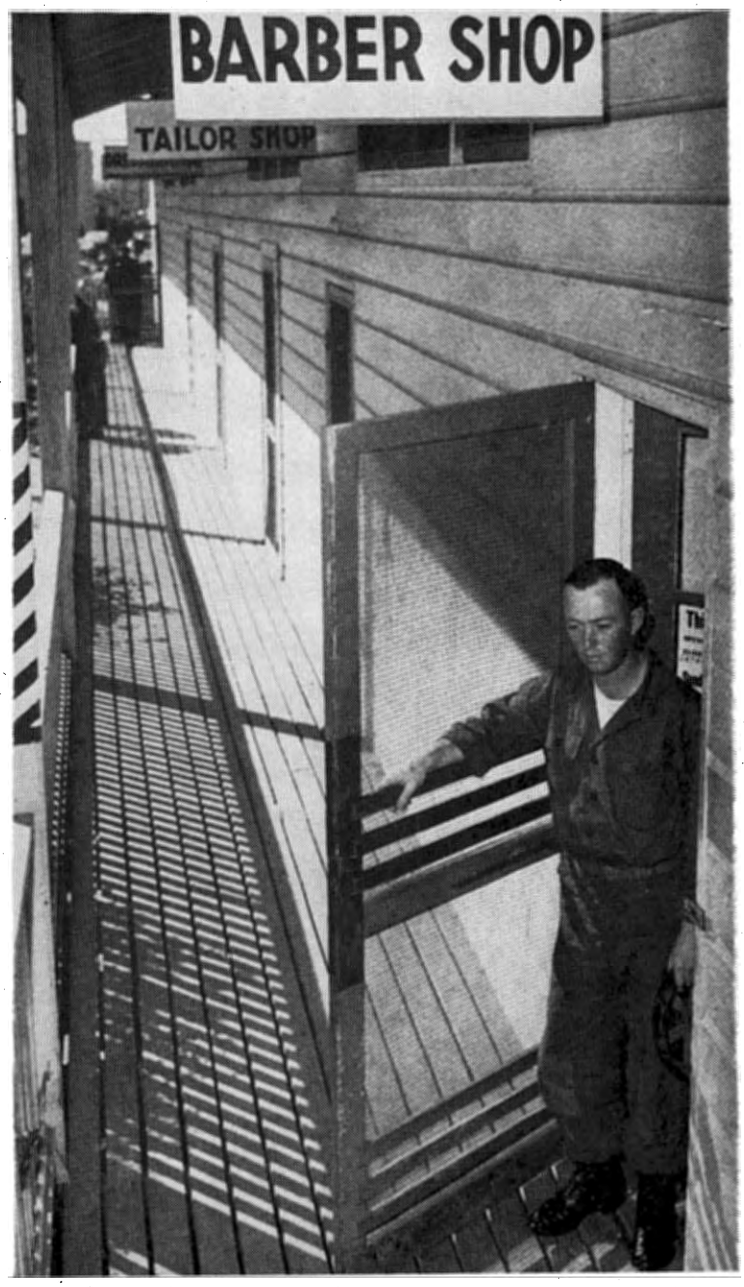

BACK TO THE BARRACKS

Pvt. Reagan, trim and with his haircut chore out of the way for another fortnight, heads back for the barracks. In soldiering there are not always such well-equipped barber shops to attend. But wherever the soldier goes, even in combat, there is usually one GI who packs along a pair of shears and a clipper. One of the most frequent scenes which many combat men have brought back from 'the lines' both in Europe and in Asia is a picture of a GI, ankles in mire, and with an old OD towel around his neck, getting a haircut from a buddy.

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Fort Benning seems to be almost completely motorized if the daily traffic at Outpost No. 1 is any indication.

The average flow of traffic past the main entrance to the post is around 18,000 vehicles daily, except Saturday and Sunday. It's a sight that would gladden the heart of any car manufacturer or gasoline distributer, but for the personnel in charge of traffic problems on the reservation it's a big headache.

During the rush periods from 6 to 8 a. m. each morning and from 5 to 6 p. m. each afternoon there are over 2,000 vehicles on the roads entering and leaving the post, and the traffic on the bridge across the Upatoi creek is so heavy that only one-way traffic is permitted..

During these periods too, traffic entering and leaving the post is divided into two streams, one traveling the old Benning Road and the other Benning boulevard. If a driver gets into the 'wrong' stream by mistake he must stick by his decision and has no choice but to take the "long way round."

The problem of the overcrowded entrance has been greatly aggravated by the stepped-up defense program and recently both local and government officials have been meeting in an effort to find a solution.

A recent survey of the situation by officials from the Atlanta Bureau of Public Roads resulted in the recommendation for the construction of an additional access road and bridge parallel to Benning boulevard and resurfacing of the existing two lane road.

Funds for the project have not been forthcoming, however, as it is against the policy of the bureau to use access road funds for the improvement of roads within military reservations whose principal or sole function is to provide service to the reservation.

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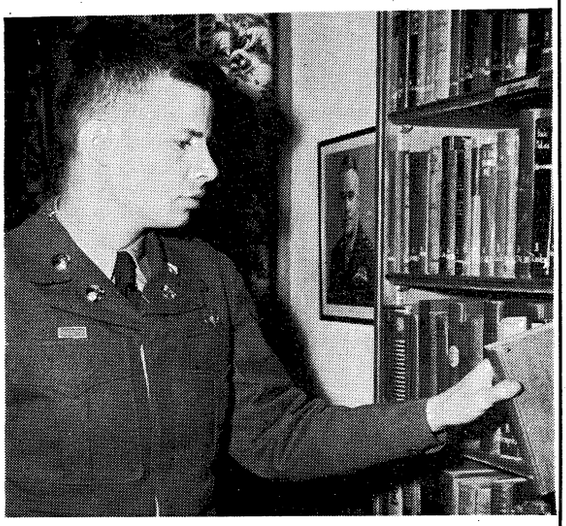
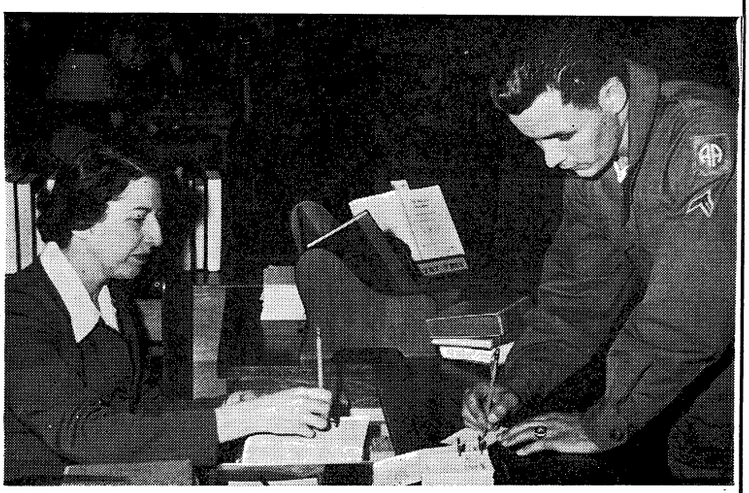


PVT SNYDER GETS A BOOK

PRIVATE GLEN SNYDER, Company F, First Student regiment, selects a book at the Main Library. It happened to be a biography and probably devoted to the life of some great soldier. Wisdom comes from hard lessons in a practical way but legions of ambitious young soldiers stationed at Fort Benning have spent many hours in the Main Library delving into volumes, rich in wisdom and lessons hard learned and passed on by their elders.

MISS HOLLIS CHECKS OUT A BOOK



MISS NAOMA HOLLIS checks out a volume for Cpl. Herbert Bowers, Headquarters company, Third battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry regiment. Ranging from science to comics, the sixteen thousand volumes at the library present all types of reading.

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SGT. TROY McCALL'S fingers dance and stab in an inimitable way over the studio keyboard at the Public Information Office studio at Fort Benning on Friday afternoons, providing the background for fast paced songs, skits, slow ballads and sometimes a solo. McCall is obviously in love with his weekly stint for the Army, McCall comes from Charlotte, N. C. where the pianos are just the same as pianos everywhere else and have just as many keys, says Troy.

"This is the Columbus Broadcasting Company, WRBL, 1420 on your radio dial." . . . "WGBA, where Georgia borders Alabama; the Ledger-Enquirer station, 1460 on your dial." . . . "This is WDAK, Columbus, 1340 on your radio dial." . . . Those are call letters of the three Columbus radio stations. All three air Fort Benning radio shows weekly.

All of the Fort Benning radio shows heard on the Columbus stations are produced and presented by the Public Information Office. The Infantry Center, Fort Benning. At the present time there are three 15-minute radio broadcasts heard weekly: "Benning in Review", 6:15 p. m. Saturday, WRBL; "Benning News Parade", 5:30 p. m. Saturday, WDAK; and "Fort Benning Feature Page", 10:45 p. m. Monday, WGBA.

Each of the three broadcasts mentioned are different. "Benning in Review" is a variety show featuring a singer, Pfc. Ken Brewer; a pianist, Sgt. Troy McCall; a Roving Reporter, Sgt. Mel Longfield; an interviewer of some talented guest weekly, May Pigott; and an announcer, M-Sgt. Robert Groover.

"Fort Benning Feature Page" is an accounting of some unit, organization, or activity at Fort Benning. In addition, recording tapes received from Korea are aired on this broadcast. The announcer on this show is Sgt. Mel Longfield, and the narrator is M-Sgt. Robert Groover. When the occasion demands, a guest narrator is heard on this program.

"Benning News Parade" is a compilation of the week's news at Fort Benning. Regular newscasters on this show are: Sgt. Mel Longfield and M-Sgt. Robert Roover, but guest newscasters are used from time to time.

On The Air . . . Radio Section Fights 'Fluffs' And Winds Up With Smooth, Entertaining Show

On the air! A 'live' show in process with Fort Benning's radio section reeling off a weekly program under the intent gaze of the station engineer at WRBL in Columbus. Employing three microphones, the sections members toss program cues back and forth with the result that the fast-paced production is smooth and uninterrupted. At left is Public Information Office, Information Specialist May Pigott teaming up with Sgt. Mel Longfield. Sgt. Troy McCall sends soft piano background music into the show as M-Sgt. Bob Groover, Radio section chief and Nevorah Adams await their cue.

PVT. BREWER IS FEATURED

Not so long ago Pvt. Ken Brewer, tall, blonde and handsome; not to mention talented as a singer, actor, dancer, was getting his feet firmly planted on the Hollywood success ladder. The youngster, shown at right with Nevorah Adams was under contract at a large studio. Nevorah, wife of Army Captain Dwight L. Adams, stationed at Fort Benning has a background of stage and radio experience.

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TEACHER AND PUPIL, above, talk over the game at the club. Frank Goss, country club professional, has a busy time with the host of aspiring golfers who are always seeking to improve their game. The fact that some of the girls have a woeful long way to go before they reach the hallowed 80s has not dimmed the light in their eyes whenever they get off a long low drive 'right to the green'. Below, Madeline, left arm rigid as possible and pretty eyes correctly focused on the ball goes into her back swing. Heigh Ho for the fairway.

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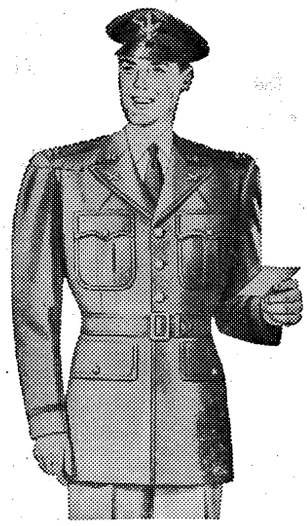

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IRENE CORKING OF OXFORD, ENGLAND, air airline stewardess, laughs happily at carefree Pvt. John Stepanek who has just cracked a joke. The occasion was commercial airline transportation to whisk troops of the Fourth Infantry division's 40th Tank battalion to Fort Hood, Texas for 90 mm moving target practice. The division engaged four commercial transports to fly tank commanders, gunners and cannoneers to complete training gained at Fort Benning. The stewardess went along with her plane, true to the airline tradition of accommodation.

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BED NEVER FELT SO GOOD before to Officer Candidate Cecil Medlock of Savannah, Ga., who is seeking his commission at the Fort Benning Officer Candidate School. One thing for sure—he would forever treasure the memory of something fully earned! At left Candidate Medlock checks schedule for day. At right, in the field leaning over a fallen tree trunk he grabs a moments rest—but not for long!

AT ANY moment a caandidate may wind up in front of the troops—in command. Candidate Medlock has been pulled out. Here he is issuing commands — and the commands better be right!

STRONG MUSCLES aid an alert mind! Medlock srains biceps as he hauls himself over one of the many obstacles which the Army knows he would be faced with in actual field operations. Equipped with pen and pencil and identification card the pose was for the photographer . . . hence the grin. At right Medlock strives to remember lessons in map reading of which he must emerge an expert.

OCS Is Resumed

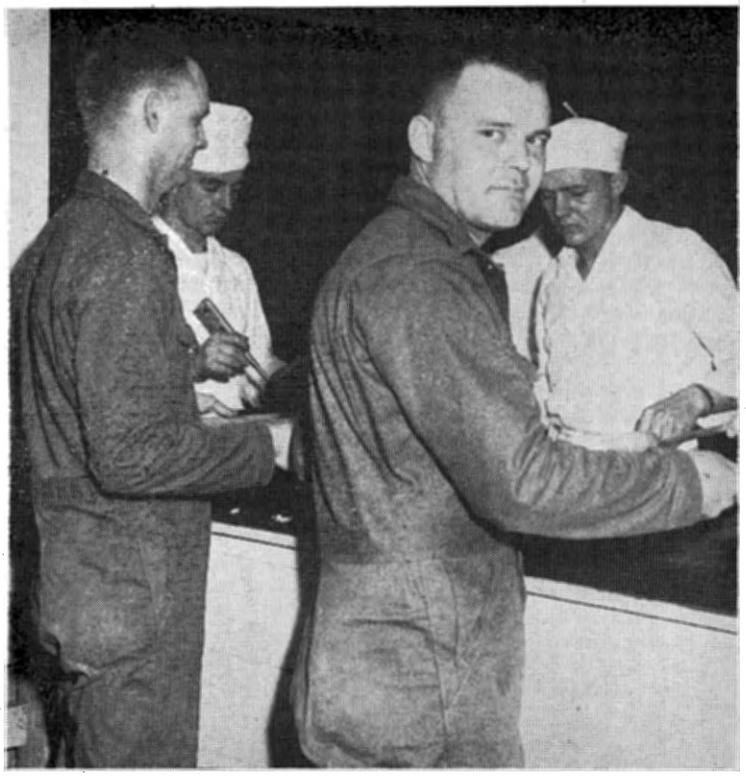
In August of this year some 200 odd men will have the shiny new bars of a second lieutenant pinned on them. On that day they will be the first graduates of the newly-reopened Infantry Officer Candidate school.

During World War II, the Officer Candidate school wrote a history of achievement that will be hard to beat. Approximately 67,190 candidates graduated from the school.

The present schedule includes twenty-two weeks of classes. The whole course has been revamped and streamlined to equip the graduates for combat leadership. Under the new set-up the candidates receive instruction with greater emphasis on weapons and tactics and great stress on physical fitness and character guidance.

Top notch training is being given to the present classes. Training in every phase of discipline, combat, physical fitness and administration is the order of the day. The unspoken motto of the school is if a man cannot discipline himself under any and all conditions he is not fit to be a leader.

Since men's lives depend on a leader's know-how under any circumstances, the qualifications and rules set to be accomplished by the men are necessarily high. When those two hundred men walk out as second lieutenants they will be the best trained, the most alert and the best equipped to deal with their respective assignments.



When food tastes better than ever. At the table he gets a chance to relax, contemplate the tasks ahead . . . to compare notes with fellow candidates. Medlock, too hungry to glance at the camera, is at left getting his share. Candidate at right shows popular haircut style for student officers.

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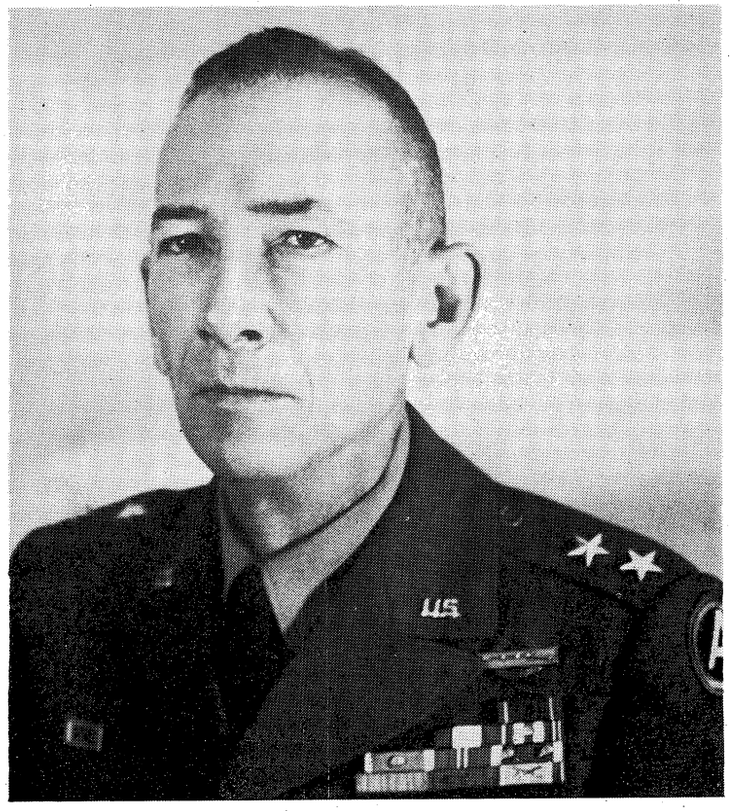

And His Task

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RENEWED emphasis in realism in training is a vital part of the Infantry School program under the new Infantry Center commander, Maj. Gen. John H. Church.

The hard-hitting former commander of the 24th Infantry division has wasted little time putting into effect the lessons learned in combat during World Wars I and II and, more recently, on the battlefields of Korea.

Top points in the general's all-out training program are rugged physical and mental training under realistic battle conditions and intensive night training.

General Church, who was with General Headquarters, Far Eastern Command, when the fighting broke out in Korea, was named commander of the 24th Infantry division last July after Maj. Gen. William F. Dean was reported missing in action.

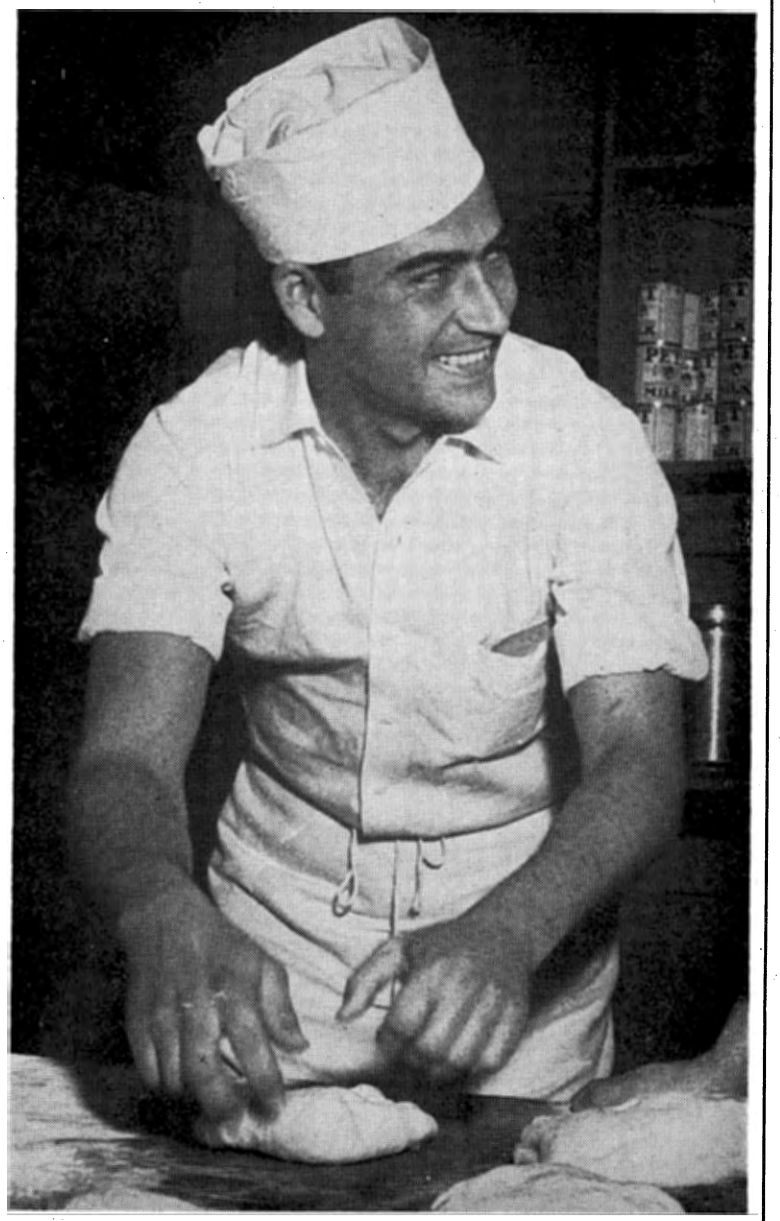
During World War II he served with the 45th Infantry Division participating in the landings in Sicily, Salerno, Anzio and Southern France. He was promoted to brigadier general in August, 1944, and joined the 84th division on its arrival in Europe in October. He received his second cluster to the Purple Heart while serving with this unit.

With the 28th Infantry division in World War I he fought in the campaigns of Cantigny, Montidier-Nayon, Aisne-Marne and Meuse-Argonne, and was wounded twice.

The general, who completed a company officers course at the Infantry School in 1921, attended the Command General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1936.

General Church wears the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service medal, the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star medal and the Purple Heart with two clusters, as well as many foreign medals.

A Soldier Baker



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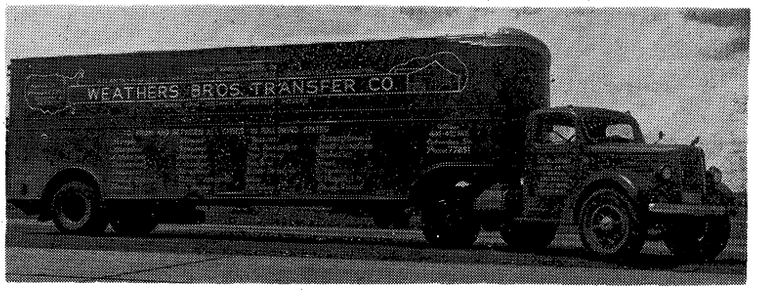
THIS IS THE AIR FORCE MR. JONES! S-Sgt. Lee T. Wright makes the dough for delicious paastry and his daily missions are performed amid the rattle of pots and pans and the heat of his routine battle comes from a big Army stove. The mouth-watering baking he produces is a far cry from the "wild blue yonder" but he considers himself as much a craftsman—and is, as the boys in the 51s and jets. Sgt. Wright is of the 117th Food Service Squadron of the 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Lawson Air Force base, Fort Benning. His pies are from Heaven.



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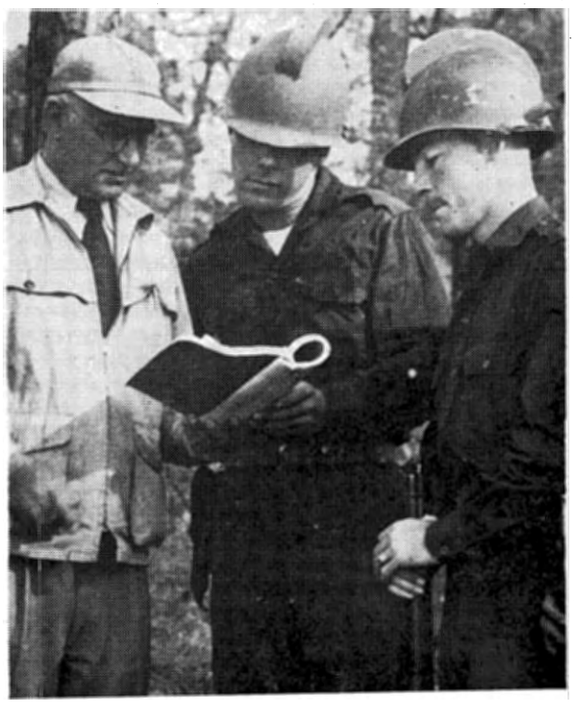
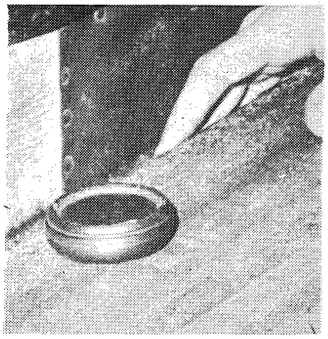
Edward Seward, left, a full-fledged director holds the script while soldiers listen to the words of cinema wisdom. Soldier at left is Cpl. L. E. Crum, with Cpl. Wililam J. Wallace and M-Sgt. W. E. Wallace at right. It's a far cry from 'let's pretend' games of the youngsters because all the action in the movie must be technically correct—AND follow the 'plot'. The plot in this case is a training film by which thousands of soldiers will see on the scene what they are expected to do in training.



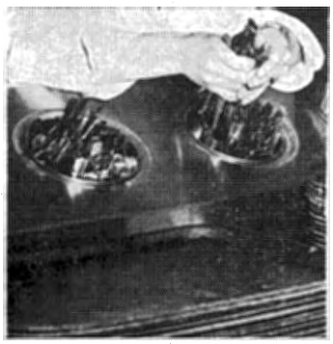
Soldier at left in top right photo is a captured 'enemy'. Already he has caught the spirit of moviedom and his fine portrayal of a dejected enemy prisoner should be tabbed by the Oscar-givers. Soldier with blackened face at right and devil-may-care expression is on 'our side'. At right are two 'extras' one is a civilian actor. He is Jerry Landers, at left, and he played in "Undercover Girl", a Hollywood thriller starring Alexis Smith. A far cry from Alexis is Army-toughened Sfc. L. H.. Spahletto at right. They look alike, eh!

TIC QUIZ

HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU? Six right entitles one to honorary membership in the Quiz Kids. Four or five correct? Man, you're really in the groove! Three or less? Man, YOU'RE really in a rut! Answers at the bottom of the page.



1. An off duty G.I. (a.) sandpapers the floor (b.) shoots skeets (c) plays shuffleboard (d) cleans camera lens.



2. He's loading up (a.) A multiple mortar (b.) silver holders (c.) A hospital sterilizer (d) kindling wood.

3. O. K. It's a (a.) M-46 Patton (b.) Walker bulldog (c.) General Sherman (d.) Grant.

4. Visiting "f i r e m a n" sights through a (a.) 2.36 rocket launcher (b.) carbine grenade launcher (c.) 3.5 rocket launcher (d.) rifle grenade launcher.

5. These crossed pistols belong to the (a.) Free French underground (b.) Quartermaster corps (c.) Boy S c o u t sharpshooters (d.) Military Police corps.

6. A recent visitor at Fort Benning this "doll" is noted for her work in (a.) education (b.) ice skating (c.) golf (d.) tennis.

ANSWERS: 1. (c.) Shuffleboard, one of the more popular pastimes at post service clubs. 2. (b.) Containers for silverware, knives, forks and spoons, at local mess. 3. (a.) M-46 Patton, recognize it? 4. M (c.) A member of the House appropriations committee inspects an 3.5 rocket launcher while touring the post. 5. (d.) Shouldn't have to tell you this one. 6. (c.) Patty Berg, well-known woman golfer.

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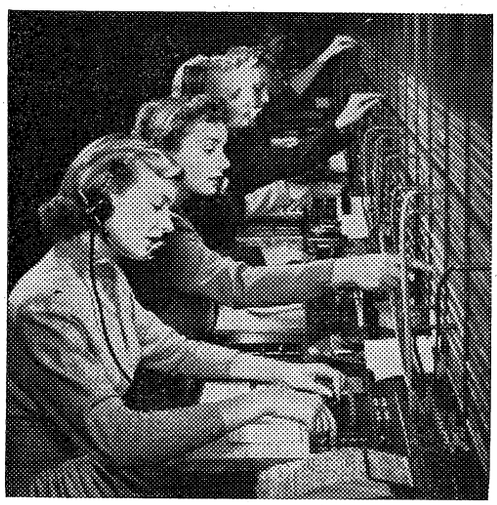

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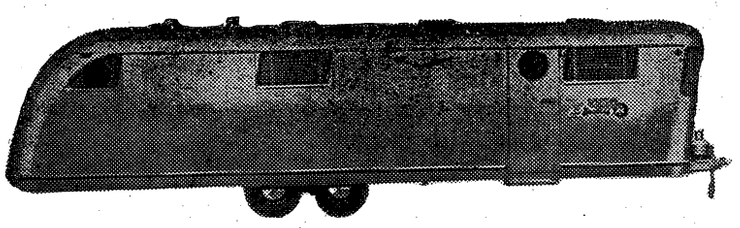

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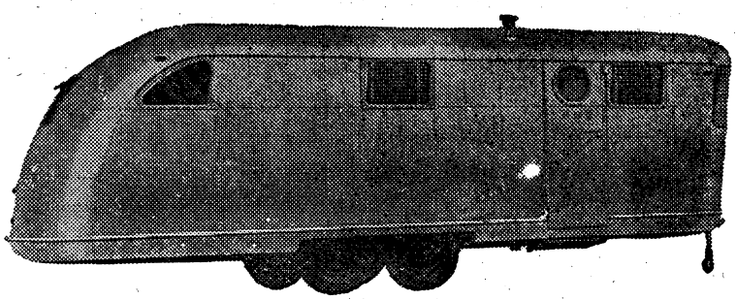

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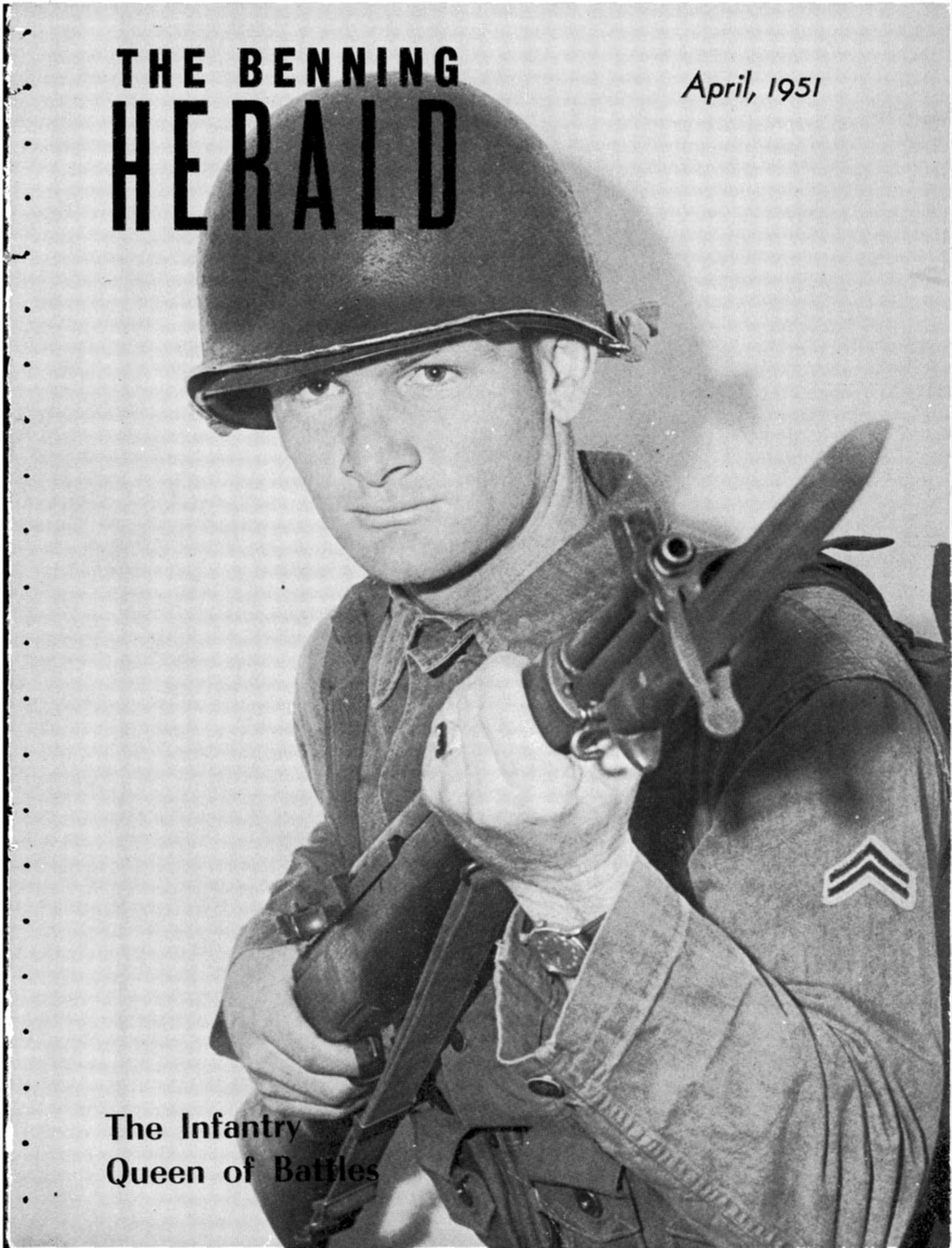

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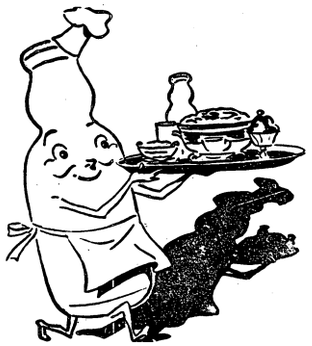

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Armed Forces Day brings the nation's attention to the men and women who stand ready to defend their country in whatever military tasks assigned to them.

Obedience to orders, a high sense of personal pride and a deep acknowledgement of sacrifices which are often expected of them are ingrained in the good soldier.

From time immemorial, the layman has pictured the military as masses of men armed with personal weapons. But in the last analysis wars are won by determined fighters who pay for ground with valorous deeds and often with their blood.

It has often been said that war to the infantryman is confined to a few hundred yards of contested ground about him. The enemy to the infantry, however, is a very real danger in the form of whining bullets and exploding shells or armed men who seek to grapple with him to the death.

Lack of fear never made the best soldier. Experience has taught that courage is the most an infantryman has to offer. Attention to orders makes possible the success of the planners and strategists.

The soldier on the lines knows that the rifle in his hands backs up the decisions of his country's leaders.

The soldier's mind is not to question orders but to obey them. This has been a tradition since the first groups of people banded themselves together for mutual help and protection.

The front page of this issue, therefore, shows an infantryman who has been trained in these precepts. Pride in his training and his weapons provides the reliant expression.

The soldier is Cpl. Jon A. Kowal of Company K, 12th Infantry regiment. He is a rifle squad leader. His home is in San Diago, California.

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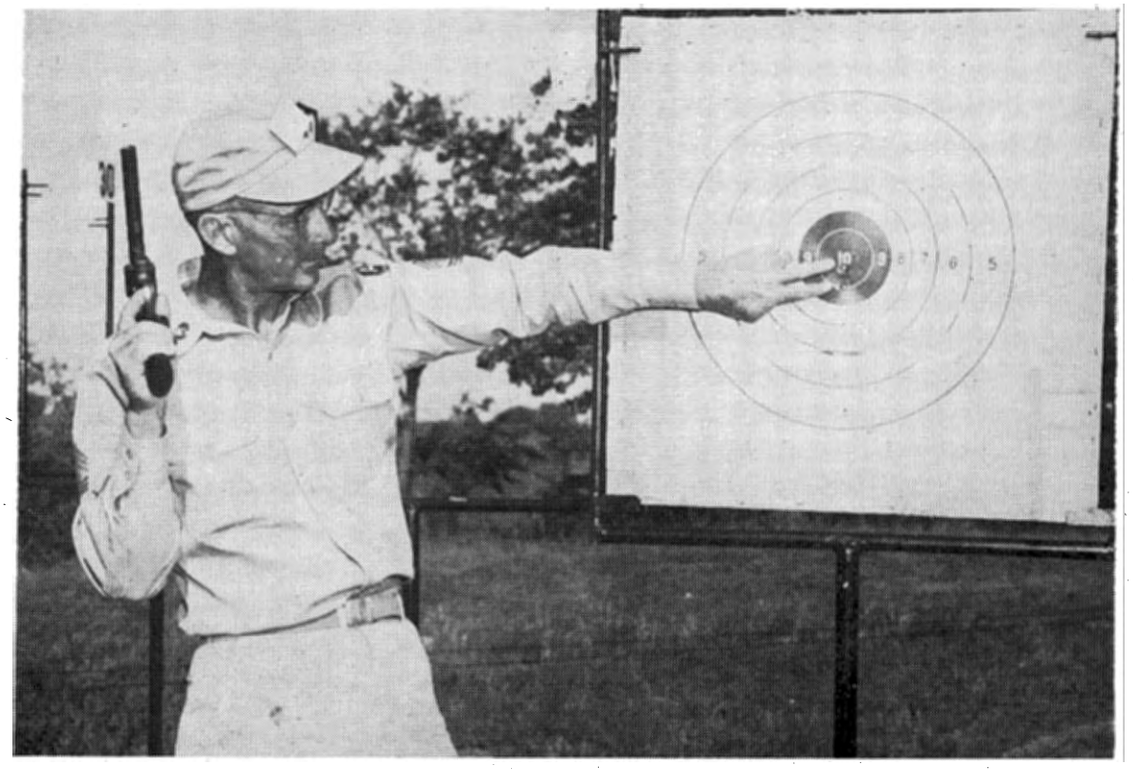
• Speaking of Service •

Hospital Life Not as Dreary as Was in Past

Weeks and months of confinement to a hospital bed is the fate of many wounded combat men. A whining bullet suddenly cuts off a rugged outdoor vigor and snaps a string of vitality that kept a man on his feet as a fighting machine through days of slogging through icy slush and mud of mountainous terrain. After being whisked back to the States he begins that long, tedious road to recovery. Many injuries and wounds cause even the slightest movement to be accompanied by twinges of pain. Army hospitals have always been noted for a constant, unflagging effort to improve facilities—the never-ending battle to bring comfort to those tormented by shocked bodies and torn sinews. The brave smiles of men who have proven themselves the greatest combat soldiers in the world deserve something to smile about. Recently the Fort Benning Army hospital brought a new addition to the wards. The Southern Bell telecart, shown in above photo, brings the world to the bedside. M-Sgt. Orville Rairden of Mt. Sterling, Ky., gets assistance from Capt. Alice Barratt, ANC. The telecart is equipped with a 50-foot coil and may be moved to any position in a ward. The hospital at Fort Benning is the first Army hospital in Georgia to have use of the telecart. Thad Brown and James G. Meadows of the Southern Bell company, installed the new telecart at Fort Benning Army Hospital. They are shown at right beside their handiwork.

Crack Shot

M-Sgt. Huntley Exhibits Guns, Amazing Skill At Post Ranges



MASTER SERGEANT HUNTLEY POINTS TO GOOD SHOT GROUP IN TARGET

Sergeant has Won Many Medals in Army Career

MASTER SERGEANT HUNTLEY'S proficiency with firearms comes from nothing else but endless hours of practice. A keen eye is all that is needed to develop a sterling marksman, prime requisite for an infantryman, which for all its ordnance is in the final analysis built around the man with the rifle. Effective marksmen are showing what can be done in a 'fire fight' in the hills and valleys of Korea.

ENDLESS PRACTICE MADE FINE SHOT

Drawing a fine bead on a target isn't an easy job when a shooter looks down the sights of a fire arm. Showing continuous bull's eyes means that the shooter must practice endless hours and know his weapons thoroughly.

M-Sgt. Daniel S. Huntley has mastered the art. He works with Fort Benning's Weapons department and is one of the most prominent members of the Army's pistol, rifle and skeet circles.

At the present time, Huntley holds several honors in the Pistol and Rifle and Skeet clubs. He is the chief instructor of the Pistol and Rifle club and he is one of the few men to crack the Skeet club's noted hall of fame where a shooter must break 100 straight targets to qualify. It is very seldom that one man is blessed with so much talent that he excells in so many phases of target shooting.

Earning awards and setting new records is nothing new to the genial sergeant. He has been doing it for years. In 1937, Huntley was a member of the Herrick team match at Camp Perry, Ohio. His team of eight men, firing 26 rounds each at 1,000 yards, set a new world's record. They cut the bull 797 times out of a possible 800. The .300 magnum rifle was the weapon they used for the event.

"Zizzwheel" Huntley then moved North and entered the Michigan State match in 1938. He walked away from that one with top honors. He then moved over to Indiana and took the 200-yard rapid fire title with 50 bulls out of a possible 50.

Huntley became a member of the Infantry team in 1940. Again he showed fine shooting form by cutting the black for the second place spot in national individual fire. He ended up the year with the team to win the second position in the National event. During this tourney, "Zizzwheel" cut the V-ring 11 times in 20 shots.

In the same year, Huntley became a member of the enlisted man's team which set a new world's record in the standing position at the 200-, 300-, and 400-yard rapid fire events.

There are many other awards of merit that have been presented to Fort Benning's shooting ace. One was that he was a member of the President's 100. In this match, over three thousand shooters compete. Of this total, a top count of 100 men is selected. The top shooter of the 100 is given a letter of commendation by the President of the United States. The other men wear a brassard to show that they were among the very best.

Moving over to the skeet range, Huntley shows excellent marksmanship. Aside from being a member of the post club's hall of fame, he won the Fort Benning Open this year and he was a member of the post's skeet team that captured the Georgia State title in Augusta.

Even though the friendly sergeant approaches very close to the acme of the shooting profession, he still remains a "regular guy". He'll point over to the old McAndrews "A" rifle range and say, "The name has been changed to Easley Range. That's in honor of Claudius M. Easley, Brigadier General, Infantry. He was a real shot. He taught me what little I know about shooting."

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POST MARKSMAN TAKES AIM WITH 45 CALIBER PISTOL

Huntley on Range

DAN HUNTLEY proudly shows his most famous award to retired Sergeant Logan Duff, who is caretaker of the post skeet range. All skeet shooters are proud of their jackets and Huntley has good reason to be with the many awards he has earned over the years. Top photo shows Huntley at Easley range in kneeling position that has helped him win numerous awards and medals.

"CONGRATULATIONS!"

General Hartness Promotes Officer Under New Authority

First Lieutenant Julius Goldman, Fourth Infantry division Adjutant General's section officer, gained the distinction recently of being the first division officer to receive promotion under authority recently vested in Maj. Gen. Harlan N. Hartness. Grasping promotion orders in his hand and beaming happily, Lt. Goldman grips the hand of his commander. The ceremony took place in the office of the veteran combat officer.

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ARMED FORCES DAY MESSAGE

DEFENSE SECRETARY George C. Marshall issued a stirring message for the military on the occasion of the Second Armed Forces Day, May 19, 1951. The words of the veteran soldier should be well remembered.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of Armed Forces Day, we should take stock of the strides made in the unity of effort and purpose of our three Services. It has been demonstrated that our land, sea, and air forces have performed as a great coordinated team in Korea. In the present build-up of our Armed Forces and war material, the coordination of the three Services has been splendid.

As a new Secretary of Defense, I have been surprised and highly gratified by the practical progress that has been made toward genuine, working unity.

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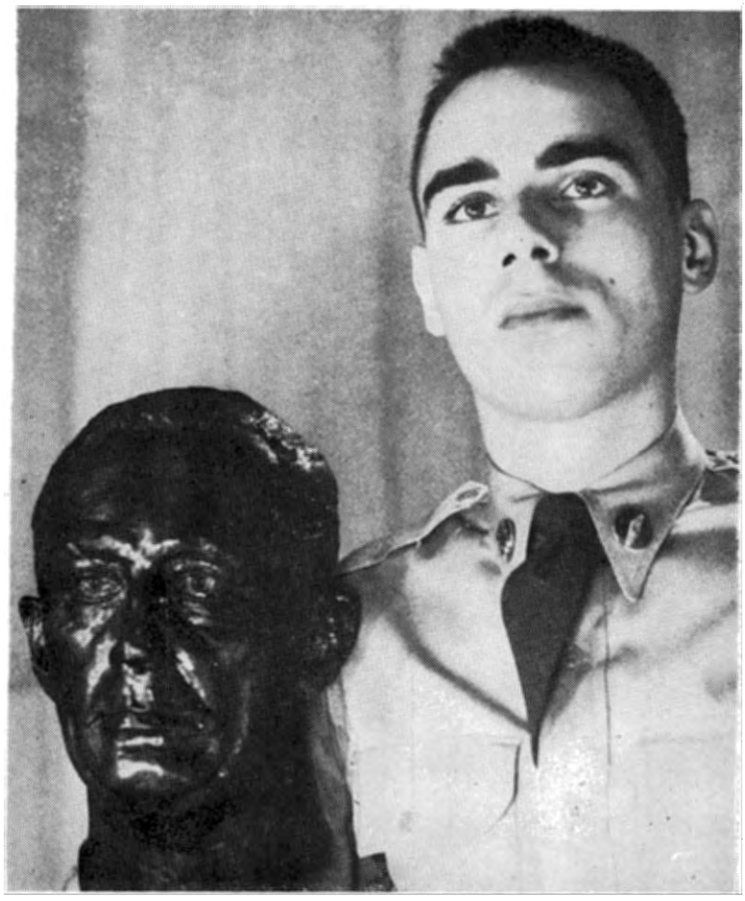
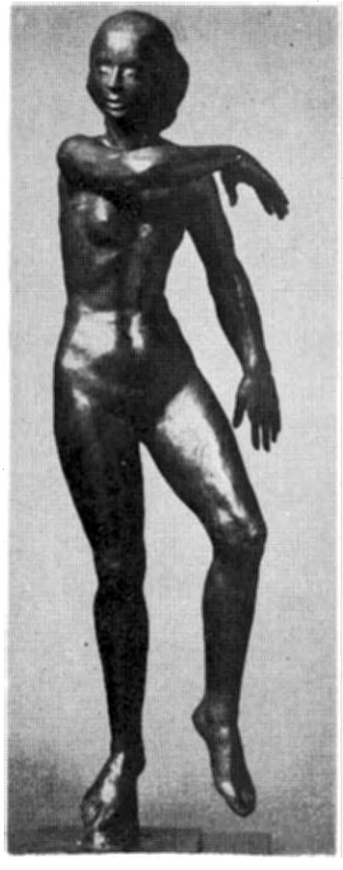


Soldier-Sculptor

"Three Dimensional Drawing"
Explains Pfc Carl Cramer of the 4th Infantry Division



Young Sculptor From Cleveland Is Self-Taught

Cramer works quickly and only needs one 'sitting' of subject to capture expression with nimble fingers on clay from which he casts bronze bust.

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Ambition is Designing

"Sculptering is really nothing but three dimensional drawing," says Pfc. Carl Cramer of the Fourth Infantry division's 40th Tank battalion.

Cleveland, Ohio born, the young sculptor began his profession at the age of 10.

Cramer never really had formal training in his work, but his incredible native talent and intelligence have placed his name high in the fine arts circles. His talents include a little of many things. In the type of work Carl does, architectural design and garden sculpture, it is necessary to know a little about plumbing, carpentry and many other trades.

Cleveland Debut

When Cramer was 14 years old, he made his debut into the art world with his first public showing on an amateur basis at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Three years later he established his name with the museum on even a more permanent standing when he presented his work in a professional exhibit.

Cramer says that a popular misconception is that art exhibits are for the purpose of selling the artist's work. The real reason for these showings is to register artists' names with the museum as artists.

Following Carl's professional debut, he traveled and did portraits of people in sculpture. Of the many people he worked with, there was a host of notables who posed for him. Alicia Alonso, the first ballet dancer of the ballet theater, was one. John Mason Brown was another.

Opens Own Studio

In 1946, Carl opened a studio. He had to have a place to keep the tools of his trade. He accepted contracts from industry on a free-lance basis so that it would be possible to continue his travels. Cramer gave instruction in his studio to adult classes while handling business as usual.

Sculpture is an interesting business and is probably as different from any other business as day is from night. Creative ability is always tantilizing to those who have talent. Aside from having pride in a work that is born entirely of the artist, results from that work are often something to remember.

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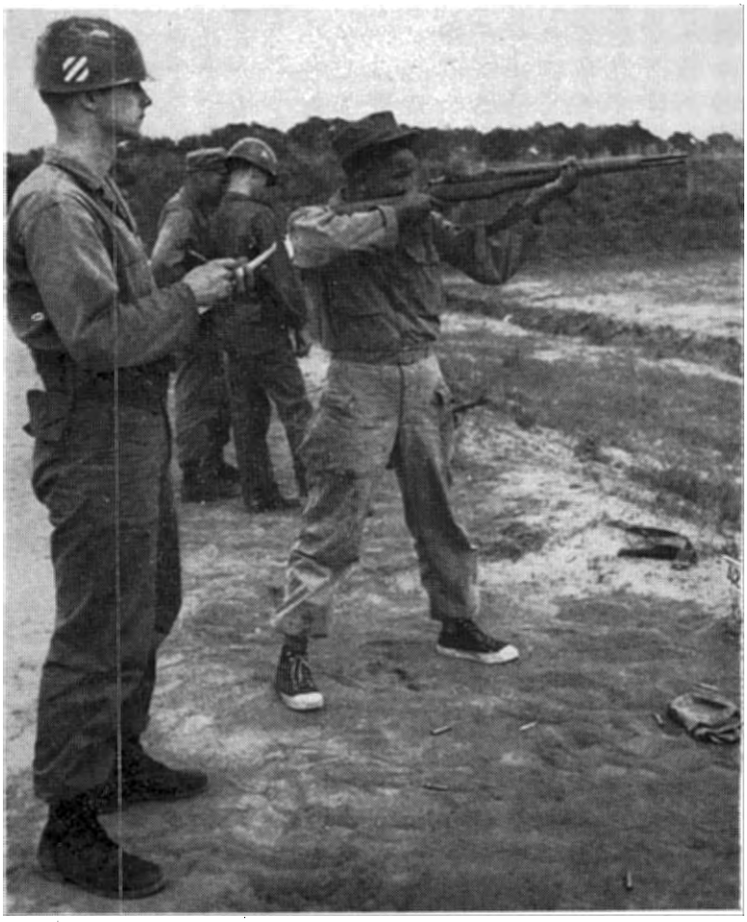

BY GEORGE ROBEY

Pentathlon time at Fort Benning offers the biggest athletic challenge of the year.

Fort Benning recently held the annual 1951 Military Pentathlon. The most versatile athlete is determined by a four-mile cross-country race, a grenade throwing contest, firing of the M-1 rifle and .45 calibre pistol and a 100-yard swimming grind.

The man who excells in all these contests is indeed a champion.

In the first phase of the competition, ability at map reading is tested. The course is laid out on such a map with five stations noted.

Runners must either shout their names as they pass or hand a card to the official at each station. Athletes are allowed fifteen minutes before the race to study their maps and to shoot azimuths The first man around all five of the stations is the winner.

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CPL. DUKE SHERMAN levels his sights for another bull's eye on the M-1 range, while fellow contestants in the 1951 Pentathlon squeeze off shots at the target. Photo below shows runners checking their military maps, getting oriented, shortly before taking off on their cross-country race. Knowledge of map-reading is combined with foot racing ability, quick thinking and stamina. Each race was timed individually, and runners departed at different intervals so that there could be no coaching of each other along the way.

HERE ARE THE ENTRANTS in the 1951 Pentathlon shown in all their grime and fatigue. Front row: Cpl. Jack Hines, Pfc. Daniel Zoeler, Cpl. James McFarland, Sgt. Jack Mitchell, the winner, and Cpl. James Bailey. Second row, left to right: Sgt. Ed Stiles, Cpl. Duke Sherman, Cpl. Nealy Godwin, Pfc. John Walton and Pfc. Floyd Carroll. Lower photo shows Sgt. Jack E. Mitchell, pentathlon winner, with azimuth, crouched on the hot sand scanning his map. Minutes later Mitchell jumped up and headed off on the gruelling cross-country event. The course covered four miles, over wooded hills, across fields, over creeks and fences and other natural obstacles.

Blisters and Sore Muscles

Next on the schedule is the hand grenade throwing contest. Past training and accuracy in hitting the target frames mount the score for the contestants.

Another important event for the soldier strong men is rifle and pistol fire. M-1 fire, both sustained and time fire, is judged by the officials. The same holds true for the calibre .45 pistol fire.

During the recent Pentathlon, fine skill was shown by the doughboys on the range.

Swimming, the final event of the Pentathlon, was held at the spacious pool inside Fort Benning's noted Briant Wells Field House.

The athletes swim a 100-yard course. Any stroke is acceptable. After a long rigorous day of sporting activities, this event can be the crowning blow to fatigue. All the contestants completed the course in this year's competition. Missing just one event would have disqualified a man from winning, even if he had taken a first in all the other contests.

Trophies are awarded by the Special Services section of Fort Benning to those men who get the lowest total scores. The winner of one event would show one point for that event, second place would show two points on the chart and so on.

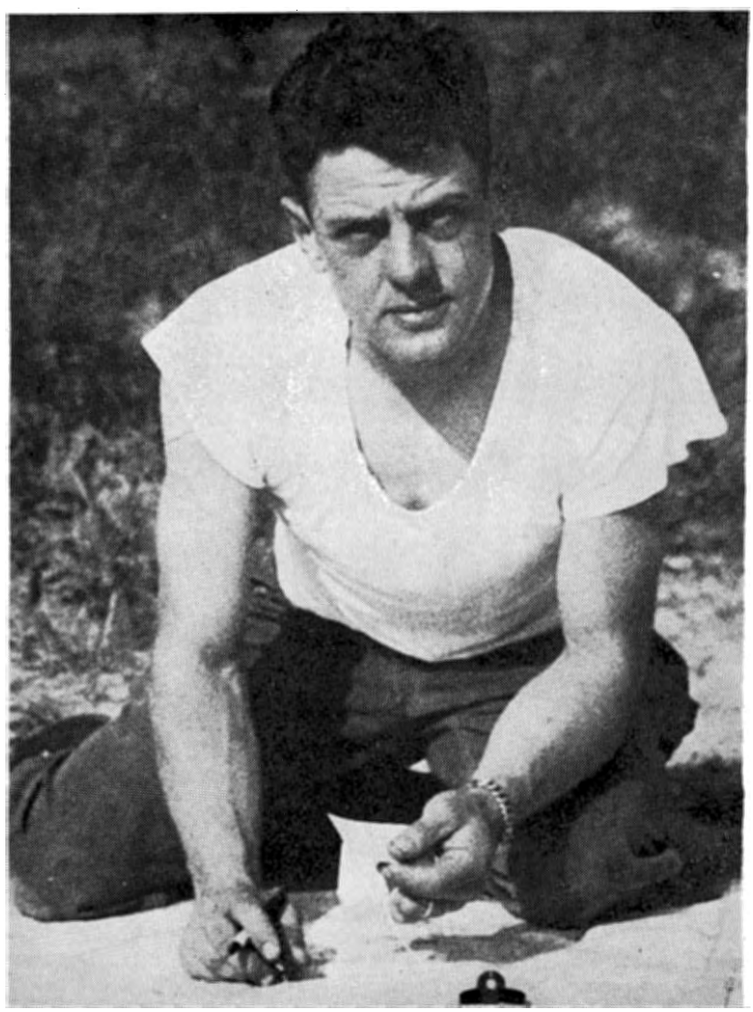
Scores are judged according to how the soldier finishes each event.

A large trophy is presented to the winner. Two other trophies are awarded to second and third place winners. In this year's competition, there was a tie for third place.

Sgt. Jack E. Mitchell of the 516th Ordnance Medium Automotive Maintenance Company was winner of the 1951 annual Pentathlon.

Cpl. James McFarland won second and Cpls. James Bailey and Duke Sherman tied for the third place.

McFarland, Sherman, and Bailey are members of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regimental Combat Team.



New Soldier Show Being Readied

THE CAST OF THE SHOW 'FOLLOW ME' is shown at the rehearsal hall. Left to right, back row: Pvt. Clem Jurica, Pvt. George Vitanis, Sgt. George Payne, Pvt. Edward Jesinsky and Pvt. Dave Gordon. Front row: Pfc. Helen Ward, Mrs. Gerrie Phillips, Mrs. Nevorah Adams, Mrs. Guin Griffin, Pfc. Elaine Snyder.

All is bustle and activity at 'the Shack'—the birthplace of the forthcoming all-soldier show "Follow Me".

Night after night, the cast, composed of both military personnel and their dependents, gather for rehearsals. There're the steady rhythm of dancing feet, musical instruments being tuned up, pounding of hammers as the sets slowly take shape, electricians working on spotlights and the insistent instructions of the dance director.

After numerous separate rehearsals, the show begins to take shape. After the 'dry run,' the separate groups start their individual practice again to iron out rough spots.

First offering of the soldier show section, "Vagabond Varieties", met with such great success on its post run in February, that the crew and cast are determined to bring even better entertainment in the coming show.

With this idea in mind, the staff has carefully selected the numbers that go to make up the show. The revue will have three distinct paces of entertainment beginning with the sprightly opening "Follow Me", followed by the service club scene and comic parts, the Willis Brown choral group and the Rhythm Rockers under the direction of Edward Cox, and the zaney ending with the Olson and Johnson slant.

Some of the old cast of the first show will again appear and new faces will also be featured.

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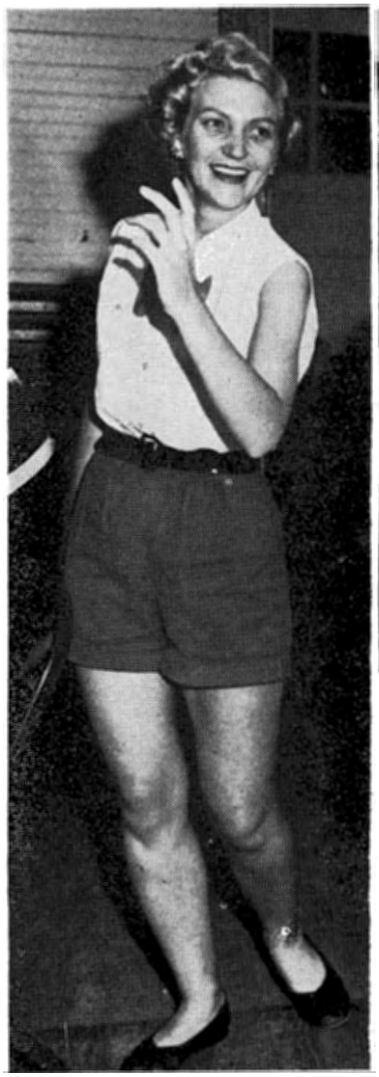
Veteran of Korean War Is Non-Com in Charge

Capt. Donald Rogers, show officer, and M-Sgt. William F. Bertram, non-commissioned officer in charge of the soldier show, are on hand to lend any aid to the staff in its undertaking.

Sgt. Bertram, a returned Korean veteran, claims that the cast and crew are the most energetic and enthusiastic he has seen in a long time. He said "What amazes me is that most of these people have full time day jobs, yet they never complain when they have to go over and over, a number and their energy is boundless. With such spirit the show is bound to be successful".

"Follow Me", presently scheduled to open the latter part of May, will be set for the various post theaters.

Revue Titled "Follow Me"

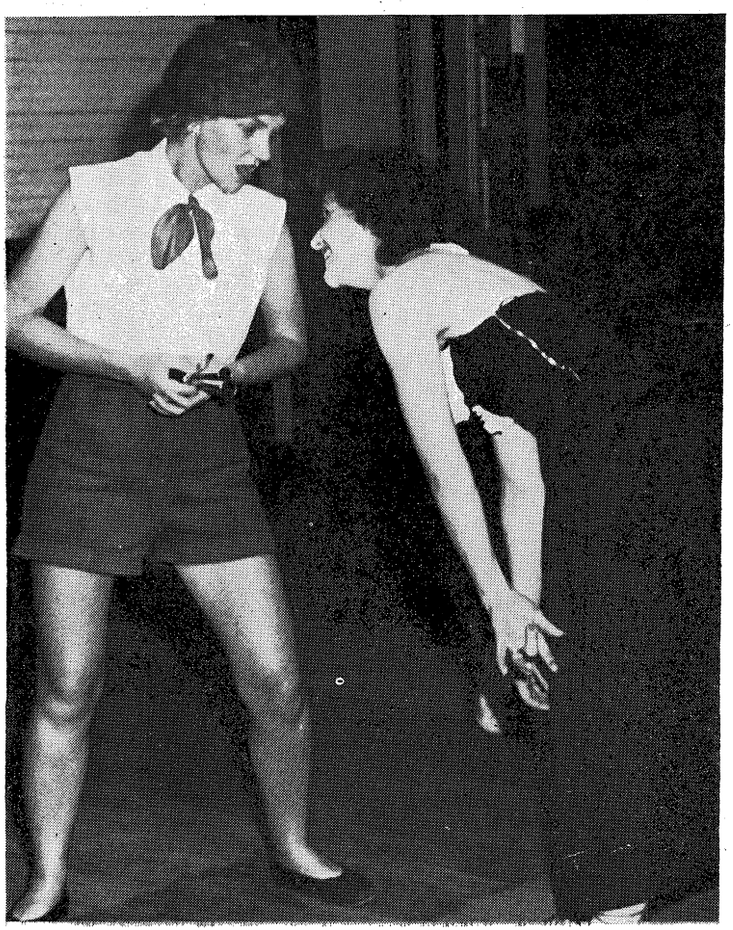


MRS. GERRIE PHILLIPS is pretty chorine.

Madcap Fun

ONE OF THE NUMBERS is patterned after the Olson-Johnson type of comedy with some 'audience participation'. Characters will mingle with the audience and zanys stunts will bring plenty of laught. Dave Gordon manages to stay on his feet in above photo, despite the stumbling attempts of dance 'partner', Mrs. Guin Griffin.

Below: **NEVORAH ADAMS,** right, ex-night club dancer, shows Gerrie Phillips how to put bounce into her number. Gerrie is attired for a Harpo Marx take-off and is even equipped with the bicycle horn.



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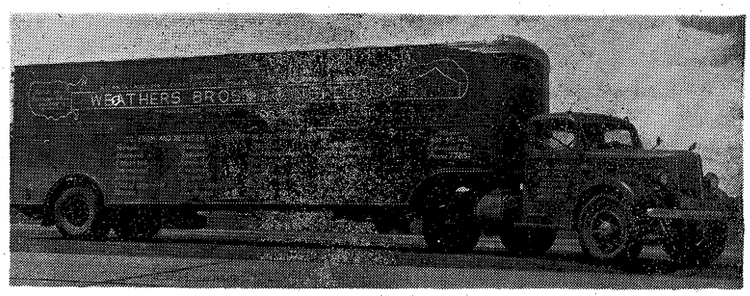

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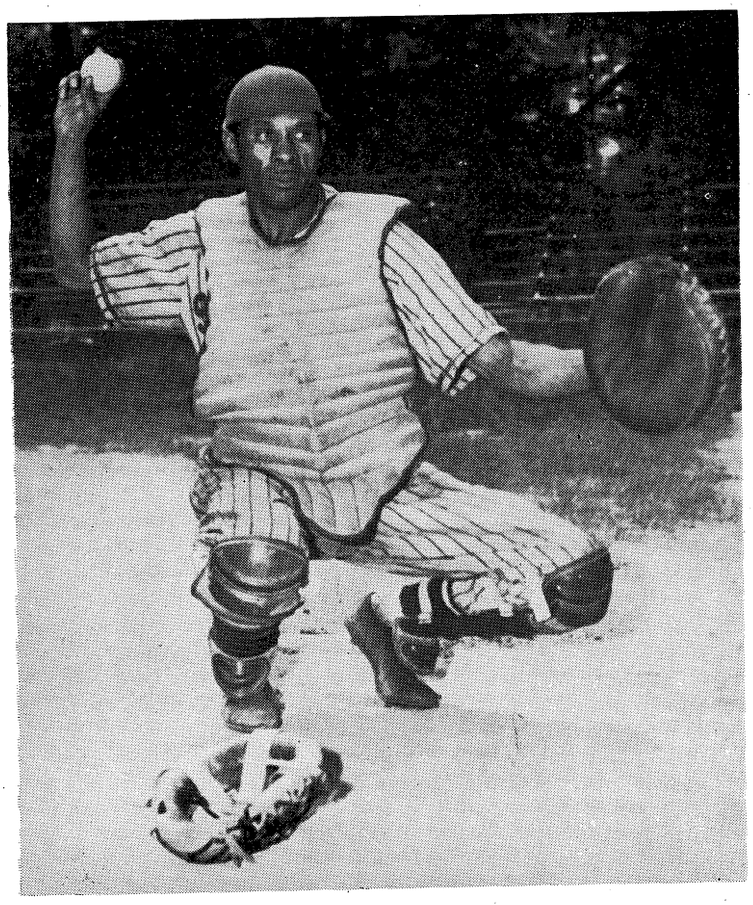
GROUP WORKS ON SONG NUMBER. Production expert Pvt. Dave Gordon tells members how he wants song handled. Gordon is former television show director from New York. Pvt. Myron Packman, at piano, must have score well memorized for the timing of numbers. Left to right: Pvt. Gordon, Pfc. Elaine Snyder, Sgt. George Payne, Pfc. Helen Ward, Sfc. Frankie Lumpkin and Pvt. Packman.

Veteran Athlete Ulus Hale Marks 25th Year in Sports



"Old soldiers never die", as the saying goes, "they just fade away." At Fort Benning there is one old soldier who simply refuses to fade away, especially from Army sports.

He is Sgt. Ulus Hale, 45-year-old catcher for the Area Service Unit Provisional group baseball team.

Hale, a native of Johnson City, Tenn., this past month celebrated his 25th season of Army baseball. For more than 20 years, his name has appeared on team rosters for nearly every sport played at Fort Benning, many with famous military figures and personalities.

It was shortly after "joining up" in 1925, that Hale began his colorful Army sports career. He arrived here just in time to start his first baseball season, but it wasn't until the following year that he really began to bloom.

He signed up with a Service Company nine which won the 24th Infantry baseball championship for the next five seasons. That same year, he began playing football under "Maj." Dwight D. Eisenhower. His name was on the Doughboy line-up for 14 years.

Also in 1926, the versatile soldier-athlete established a new post track and field record for the 100-yard dash. His record of 10 seconds flat wasn't bettered for five years.

Old timers on the post will probably remember Hale for one other sport: exhibition-show riding. Shortly after his arrival here, he began working with the old Infantry School Detachment horse stables. For the next 14 years, he participated in nearly every horse show or riding exhibition on the post. He is a noted equestrian.

Though he loves them all, his favorite is baseball. Starting his 26th season this past month, Hale is still rated one of the top players on the post.

Age is not to his disadvantage, he claims, because with it he has gained much valuable experience. He is still fast and well coordinated, and many local pitchers realize the potentialities of his big bat.

Today he is one of five original members of the 3440th Area Service Unit, and he is still going as strong as ever.

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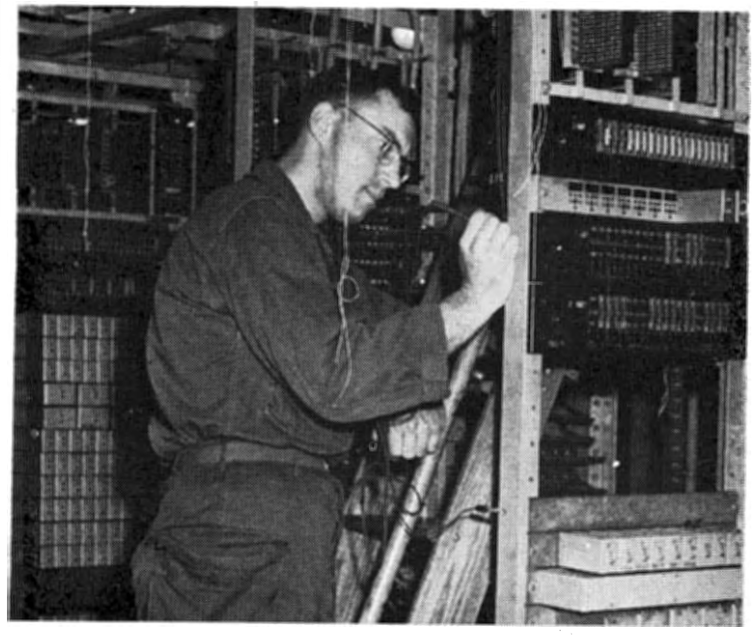
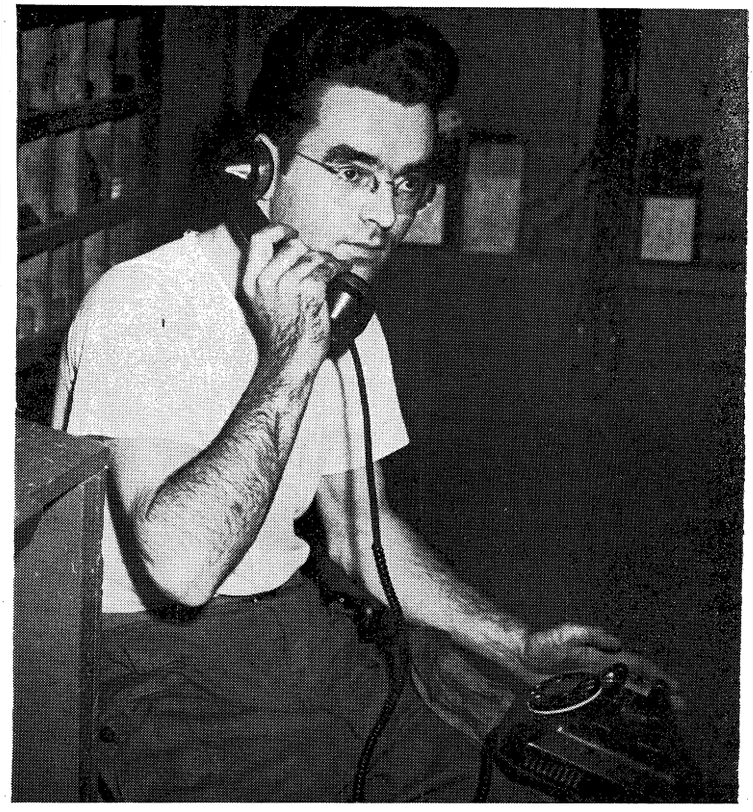


SWITCHMAN PVT. D. R. SKENDER, 3440th Area Service Unit, has the job of keeping the machinery for dial telephones in order.

"TROUBLE" is the nick-name of WAC Pfc. Helen Swenson shown at left. She listens to the woes of telephone subscribers day in and day out.

Shown below Sgt. Gerald Roche, 3440th Area Service Unit, gets a ringing in his ears as he fixes telephones at the repair shop.



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Routine too are the 3,000 long distance calls that cross the switch board every day of the week, originating from places as far away as Korea and Moscow. Of these, 300 calls are made from Fort Benning.

This business has everything—romance: there's a man who calls his wife in Germany every week—adventure: mysterious calls to and from top government officials—and humor: for some unknown reason A. G. Bell's gadget has a sort of magnetic attraction for inebriates.

As the "number please" crew has to be on duty seven days a week, 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays, the working schedule has been arranged so that the maximum number of operators, seven, is on duty during the peak load hours.

Every call made through the switchboard, non-dial that is, lights up on four different positions and may be anwsered by any one of four different operators. Chances of having a call overlooked are non-existent.

Like all other Civil Service workers the telephone exchange employees work for two hours at a stretch and then take a short rest period. Unlike most of the others though they don't spend these breaks in extensive conversation—they seem to get enough of talking at the switchboard.

Many of the operators have been employed by the post telephone service since the beginning of World War II in 1941. Familiar voices are Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Mildred Irwin, Miss Josie Tilson, Mrs. Arler Lyda, Mrs. Alice Hughes, Mrs. Clara Gallops and Mrs. Rosa Smith.

FINDING A NUMBER in a revolving telephone directory Mrs. Margaret Boyette answers questions quickly.

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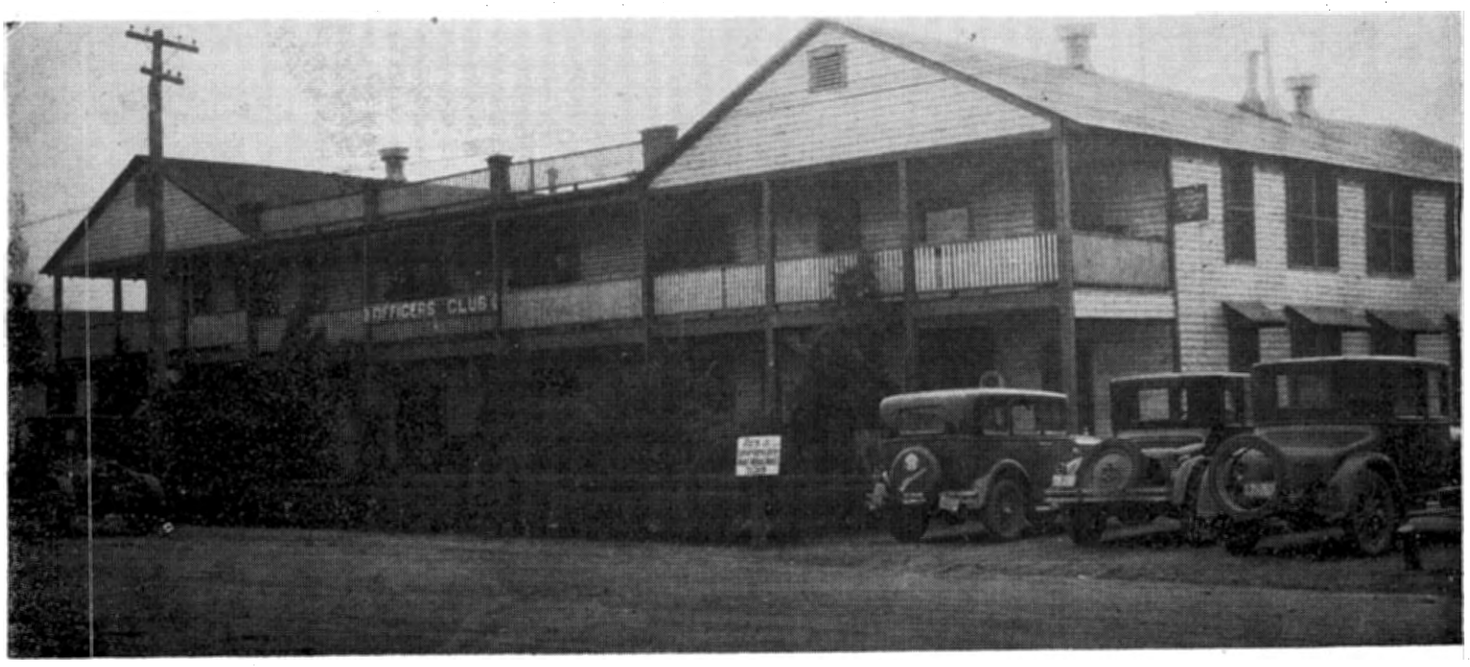
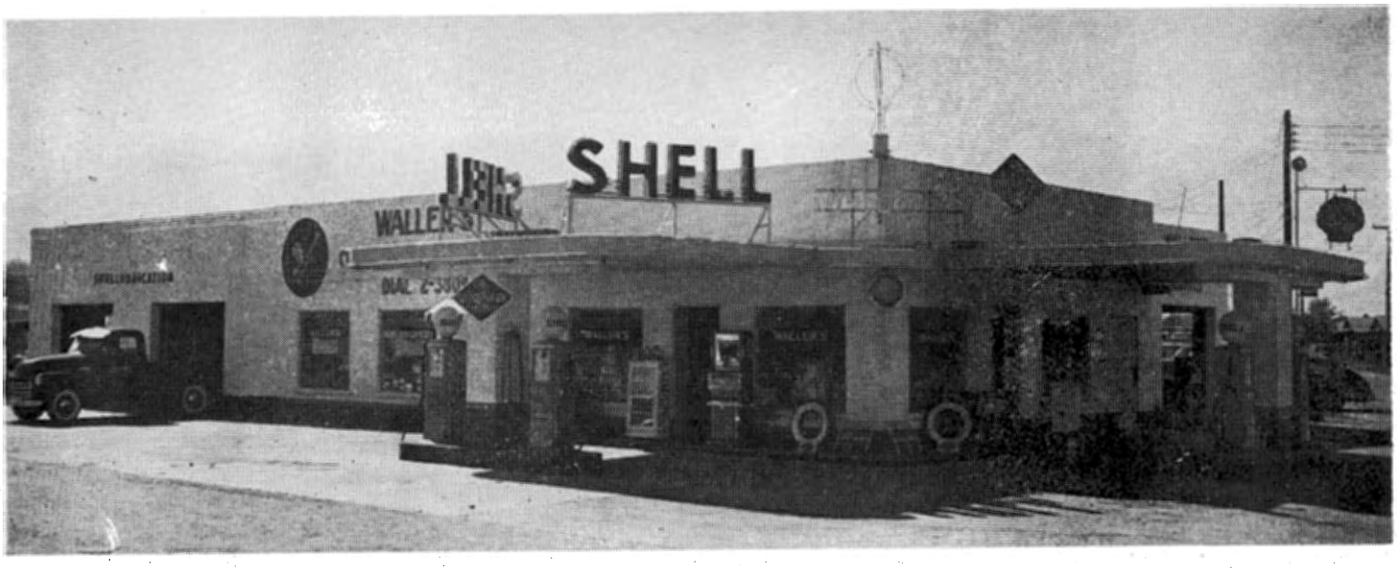


Then and Now

AWAY BACK YONDER the cozy little club at the top of the page was a favorite gathering place for the officers of the garrison and their guests and wives. But time ambled on and Fort Benning grew into the largest Infantry post, and anyone who has existed through a hot, arid Georgia summer knows that just a little cozyness goes a long way. During these summers too, all post personnel were sharing the clear blue waters of Russ pool and it also was rapidly becoming more than a little crowded. So, during the 1930's, the club pictured below was constructed, with the aid of funds donated by interested civilians from the nearby community.



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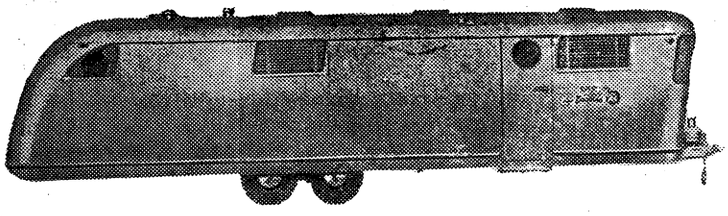

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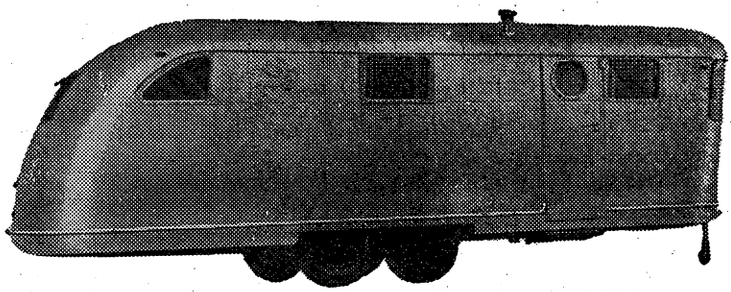

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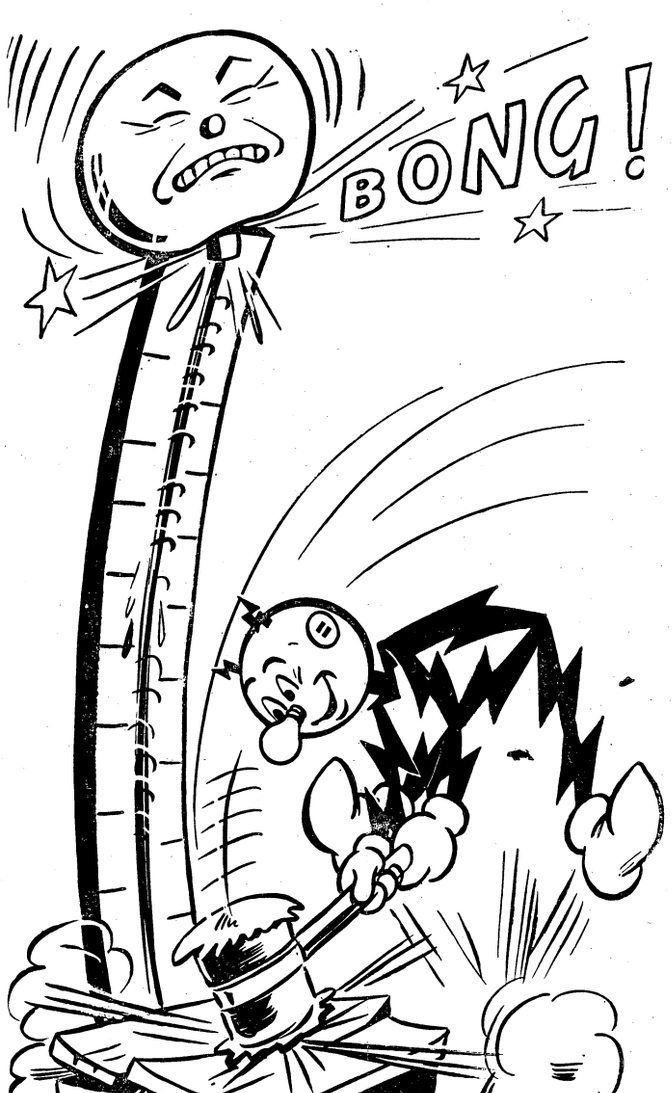

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IN THIS MONTH'S HERALD

Infantrymen who slipped and stumbled over rocky hills in Korea will get a lot from the cover photo of this month's HERALD. Not just a picture to them, the photo will bring back memories of lungs that ached from sucking in the smoke of battle, feet that ached and were blistered and eyes that burned from sleepless nights.

The top of one of these hills was just the doorway to other hills—just a place to slug it out with the enemy for possession of the heights from which to command the corridors that led through the disputed battlegrounds.

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Rocks become blessed things behind which a can can gain sanctuary from whining bullets and bursting mortar charges. Home in this photo was a hole hammered out of the rocky ground—a place which must be defended at all times.

Veterans of Korea will note by this photo that there is no horizon—no sky at top—just continued ground, leading upwards. To the infantryman, the sky is not his jurisdiction. The infantryman is concerned with the ground—he fights for it—he sleeps in it— and he must defend it.

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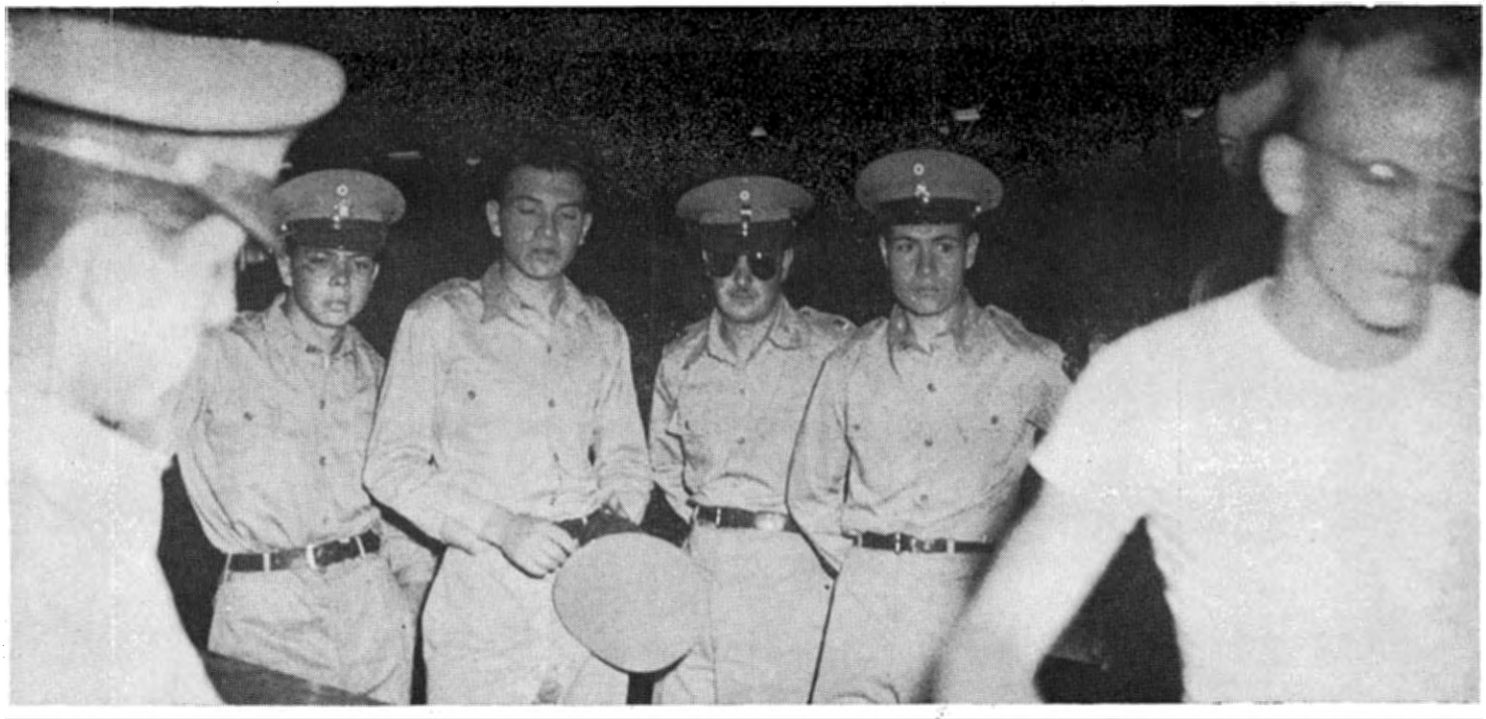
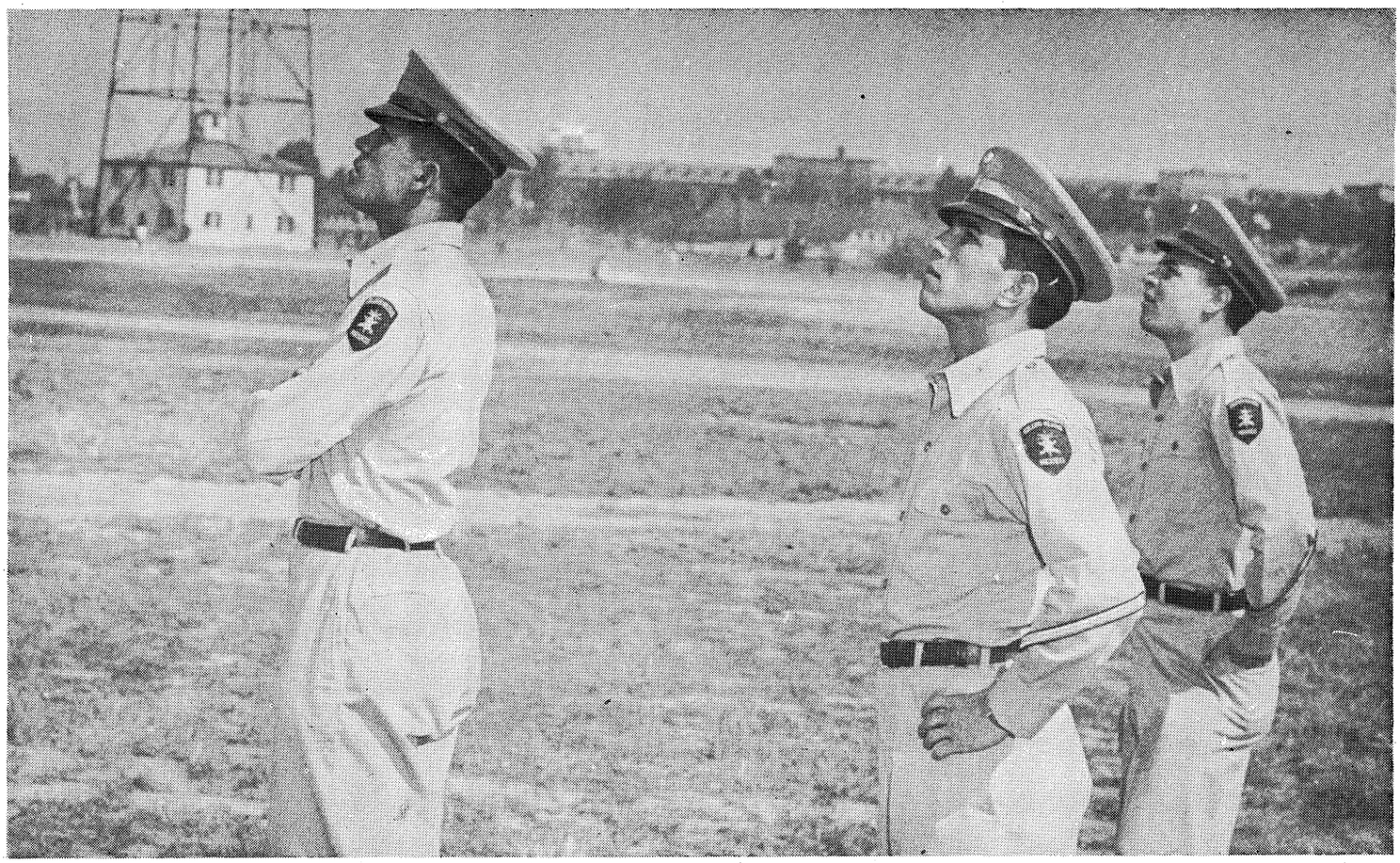
Mexican Cadets Tour Benning

A SOLDIER'S BEST FRIEND. . . .A group of Mexican Military Academy cadets, guided by Capt. Eugene Powell, company commander, look at the weapons of the Third platoon, Second company at the Officer Candidate School here. Like any other Allied visitors, they were particularly interested in the U. S. Army's system of having candidates rate their classmates.



FOLDING 'CHUTES. . . .No tour of the Airborne department of the Infantry School would be complete without seeing the men behind the men under the canopies. Watching men packing parachutes in the packing shed are, left to right, Mexican Military Cadets Luis Garzon Zetina and Eduardo Peters Lopez, Lt. Armando Perez Robledo, Mexican army, and Cadet Rafael Cervantes Acuna.



LONG WAY UP . . . Visiting the jump towers of the Airborne department of the Infantry School, Mexican Military Academy Cadets Raul DeZaldo Galina, Mario Ballado Ramirez and Rafael Cervantes Acuna watch airborne students as they come down by parachute from the top of the 250-foot structures. When asked if they would be interested in taking jump training, several cadets answered they couldn't. . . ."we're in the horse cavalry."

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Teamwork In Army Shown In Practice

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Old Soldier Saves Photos Of Benning In 'Old Army' Days

WHIPPET TANK—1927 AT CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY FAIR

4.2 STOKES MORTAR—SCENE MADE ON TOP BURTON HILL

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Not long ago a master sergeant visited the Public Information Office and carefully unfolded a large album of personal photographs.

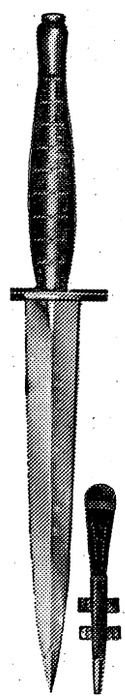
Part of the album was devoted to photos made at Fort Benning almost 25 years ago.

The sergeant was Maynard M. Peden who was on active service from 1926 to 1929, stationed at Fort Benning, in the Chemical Warfare Service. Company C, First Gas regiment.

M-Sgt. Peden is currently attending the Food Service School. He has been a member of the National Guard for twelve years.

The photographs, almost quaint in view of the many changes made in Army ordnance, are most interesting for that reason. The angular little Whippet tank was a marvel of the day and the truck in the background with solid rubber tires was the latest thing in motor transport.

The photos provide an interesting contrast.



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The route will be as follows: leave Columbus station 7:15 a. m.; Thirteenth street and Tenth avenue, 7:17 a. m.; Thirteenth and Thirteenth avenue, 7:19 a. m.; Thirteenth and Cherokee avenue, 7:20 a. m.; Thirteenth and Peacock, 7:21 a. m.; Brown avenue and Wynnton road, 7:23 a. m.; Brown and Buena Vista road, 7:25 a. m.; Brown and Heard street, 7:26 a. m.; Brown and Cusseta road, 7:27 a. m.; Cusseta road at Benning drive, 7:29 a. m.; Baker Village shopping center, 7:31 a. m.; Sigerfoos road and Vibbert avenue, 7:45 a. m.; Vibbert and Gillespie street, 7:47 a. m.; Main Post bus station, 7:49 a. m.

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They have been called the "fearless angels" in Korea! Their numbers aren't great and a lot of people do not know much about them. They are just a small, well-selected, well-trained band of Army aviators who can do anything.

They aren't the Air Force variety of "birdmen". They are members of the walking Army who have been trained to fly airplanes on a wide, weird variety of missions in direct support of the ground troops. They fly the smallest, slowest aircraft in the Armed Forces, and their jobs call for skill, imagination and a lot of nerve.

INTERPRETERS

For instance, in Korea during the past winter's fighting, the "angels" found that by using air to ground broadcasting with a South Korean interpreter in the back seat. they could round up innumerable North Korean prisoners. So, off they'd go! Back behind the enemy's lines and spot isolated groups of North Koreans.

By talking to the cold and hungry enemy through loud speakers, and flying so low at times they were literally ducking bullets, they were able to talk the enemy back to the South Korean lines where they were taken prisoners.

They are all officers in the Army field forces, and all volunteers. They go to the Army Aviation school, get the fundamentals and a general idea of what part they will play in future combat. Then comes an assignment and they're on their own.

They are strictly the seeing eye and air power of the ground forces, from which come the designating titles

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CONTAINERS TO L-5 PLANE FOR DROP-LIES TO UNITS

of Army Aviation and Army aviators. Though they must meet requirements similar to the Air Force, there is no connection whatsoever.

The characteristics of the L-4's, L-5's, L-16's, L-17's, L-19's and the helicopters explain a lot about the aviators. They are slow and unarmed as speed only hinders observation and reconnaissance, and the planes are not designed for fighting.

Take the case of the cut-off battalion recently in the Korean fighting. The aviator's motto is simply: "You name it, we will do it!" The battalion was fighting fiercely, giving the enemy everything it had by way of destruction. The Americans were surrounded by the enemy. The aviators had spotted them and had notified friendly troops of their position.

Supporting troops were moving in to help the battalion. For five days during continuous heavy bombardment and artillery fire, the aviators with their little planes kept the battalion supplied with food and water, ammunition and medical supplies. They evacuated the wounded to rear-line hospitals, completely disregarding the air full of destruction surrounding them. The battalion survived, supporting troops arrived and the enemy was routed. How did they do it? Nerve and skill are part answers.

PHOTOGRAPHY

It takes a lot of nerve to fly at about 125 miles per hour at low altitudes behind enemy lines. But they get valuable photographs that way. With the man with the camera in the back seat doing rapid fire shots, in no time at all the troops on the ground have a complete, wide-range

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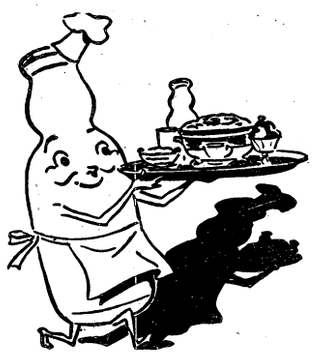

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picture in front of them of what's ahead.

Communication sections love them! They can lay telephone cable while flying at tree-top level, a mile a minute. On courier runs, they can deliver and pick up messages 20 times faster than anything on wheels; that is, it would take 20 jeeps to one liaison plane, according to one communication official. And jeeps can't always get where a liaison plane can.

As artillery spotters, the aviators are invaluable. For being as weak and helpless as they are and utterly unable to defend themselves, they command terrific firepower. When you consider the team, one man and one plane, and the destruction it causes, it's really something!

By radioing back from enemy lines on-the-spot observation of hidden enemy artillery, tanks, battalions and even whole companies, friendly units are able to move up immediately and take over.

RUNWAYS

As for the skill of the pilot, it is enough to say that he either has it or he isn't an Army aviator very long. It looks and is easy to take off

LITTLE WORKHORSE, L-5 PLANE FLITS OVER BENNING LANDSCAPE

and land on a nice, long smooth runway. The only catch is that in combat aviators never heard of such a thing. Landing in a plowed, muddy field with or without boulders is standard operational procedure. Even landing on a hill with a curved cleared is considered pretty good.

When the only possible landing spot happens to be in a plowed field with boulders, a curved clearance spot, lined irregularly with trees of varying heights and decorated with suspended, high-voltage cables about a hundred feet off the ground — then an aviator might admit the landing or take off was a little tough.

It takes 1,000 feet of runway to land the L-5 variety and 1,500 feet for the L-16. In combat it has been done with only 600 feet .

The aviator must be skilled enough to land in daylight or darkness without the aid of runway lights or markings. If trucks are available, fine! The headlights sometimes illuminate the landing area. If not, the nearest available flashlight might be used.

Variety is the spice of flying in the Army aviator's life. While in other branches of military flying, specialists fly specific types of planes, in the Army aviation business there are no set rules. Results are what count, even if getting them gets a little unconventional.

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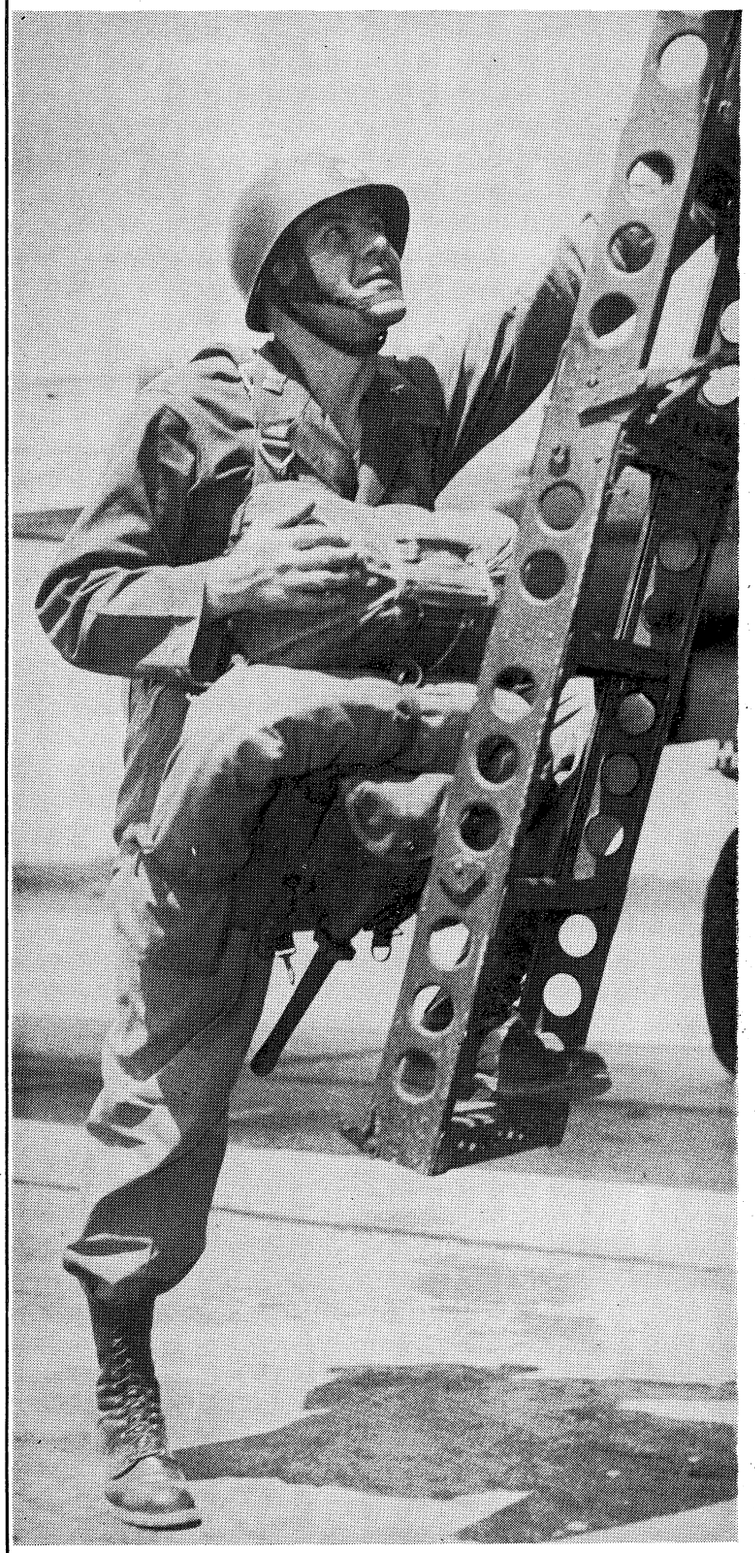

JUMPING CHAPLAIN READY TO TAKE HIS PLACE WITH MEN

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Parachuting, naturally, was not considered when Fort Benning Chaplain Capt. Emil Papusta was studying for the priesthood at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, N. Y. Nowadays, in full paratroop regalia, Chaplain Kapusta, an Airborne department graduate, is prepared to take God's Word anywhere his men go. It's a pretty swell outfit when you know that the chaplain has his static cord on the same line as yours and is ready to follow you 'out the door' into combat.

The Role Of The Wife

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Here's a gem of poetry which could be applied to the disordered life of wives for every branch of the service. The loyal and long-suffering wives, who break camp with their husbands with the frequency average of once every two years during their career in the service, deserve much praise.

Medals should be struck for gallant families of the nation's fighting men.

Here's a poem which to us illustrates vividly a frequent side of being a wife of a career warrior.

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THE AIR FORCE WIFE

Who said that 'Variety is the Spice of Life?'
No doubt 'twas first said by an *Air Force Wife!*
For the poor girl never knows just where she's at,
Her home is wherever he parks *his* hat.
She moves every two years, into new sets of quarters,
During which time, she births sons and daughters.
She packs up to move to the plains of Nebraska,
Then orders are changed, they go to Alaska.
Her house may be a hut, with no room for expansion,
It may be a tent, or, perhaps it's a mansion.
Then she uncrates the furniture, in snow and in rain,
And lays the linoleum between labor pains.
She wrangles saw-horses, and builds all the beds,
Makes curtains of target-cloth, she last used for spreads.
And during each move, now isn't it strange?

She no more than gets settled, when she must dress up pretty,
And go to a party and be charming and witty.
She must know contract rules, mah jong and chess,
And whether a straight or a flush is the best.
On every subject, she must know how to discourse,
She must swim, ski and golf and ride any troop horse.
She must know songs and traditions of the *Kaydet* Corps,
And she fast learns all details how *he* won the war.
She jitterbugs with Lieutenants, who always are glamorous,
Then waltzes with Colonels, who are usually amorous.
She must drink all concoctions: gin, whiskey and beer;
But of course moderately or she'll wreck *his* career.

He insists on economy, questions every check stub.
Yet her house must be run like a hotel or club.
For she entertains at all hours, both early and late,
For any number of guests, eighty or eight.
The first of the month, there is plenty of cash,
So she serves turkey and ham, but the last week it's hash.
She juggles the budget for a new tropical worsted,
Though the seams on her own best outfit have bursted.
Then she just gets the uniform payments arranged,
When the blouse is no good, regulations have changed.
One year she has servants and lives like a lady,
The next, she does her own work and has a new baby.
That there'll be a bank balance, she has no assurance,
It all goes for likker and some darned insurance!

At an age to retire, *he* is still hale and hearty,
Fit as a fiddle, the life of the party;
While *she* is old and haggard, cranky and nervous.
Really a wreck, after *his* thirty years' service.
But even then, when all's said and done,
She *still* believes that Air Force Life is *fun.*
She has loved every minute, and shy, good grief,
She would have been bored with a doctor or merchant chief.
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She has loved every minute, and why, good grief,

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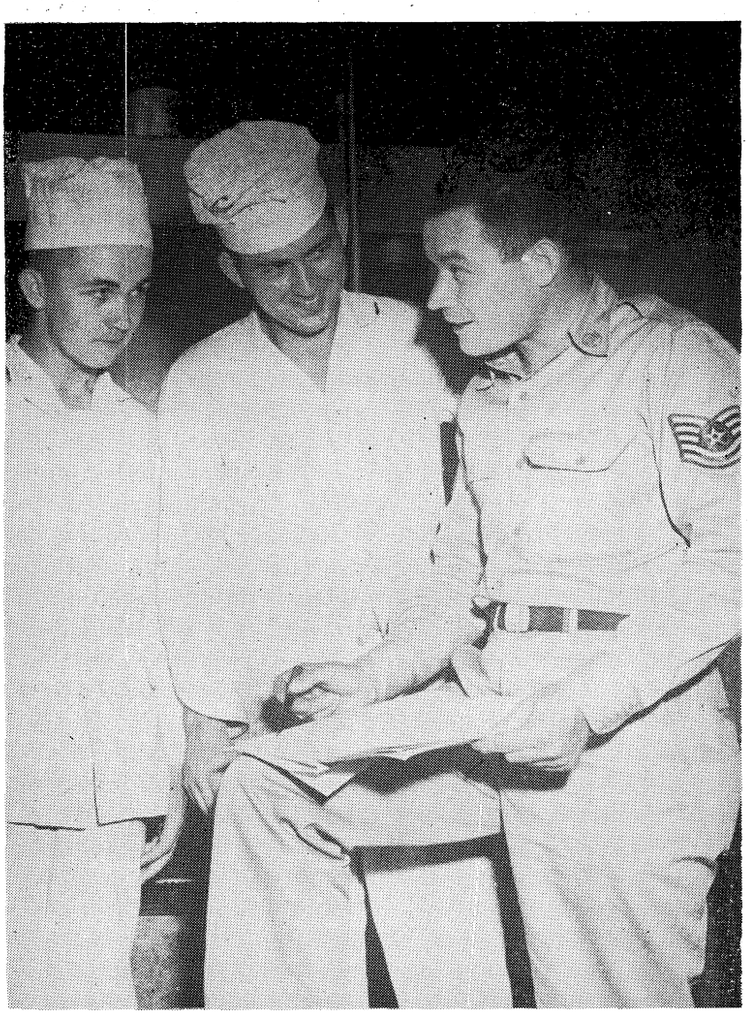


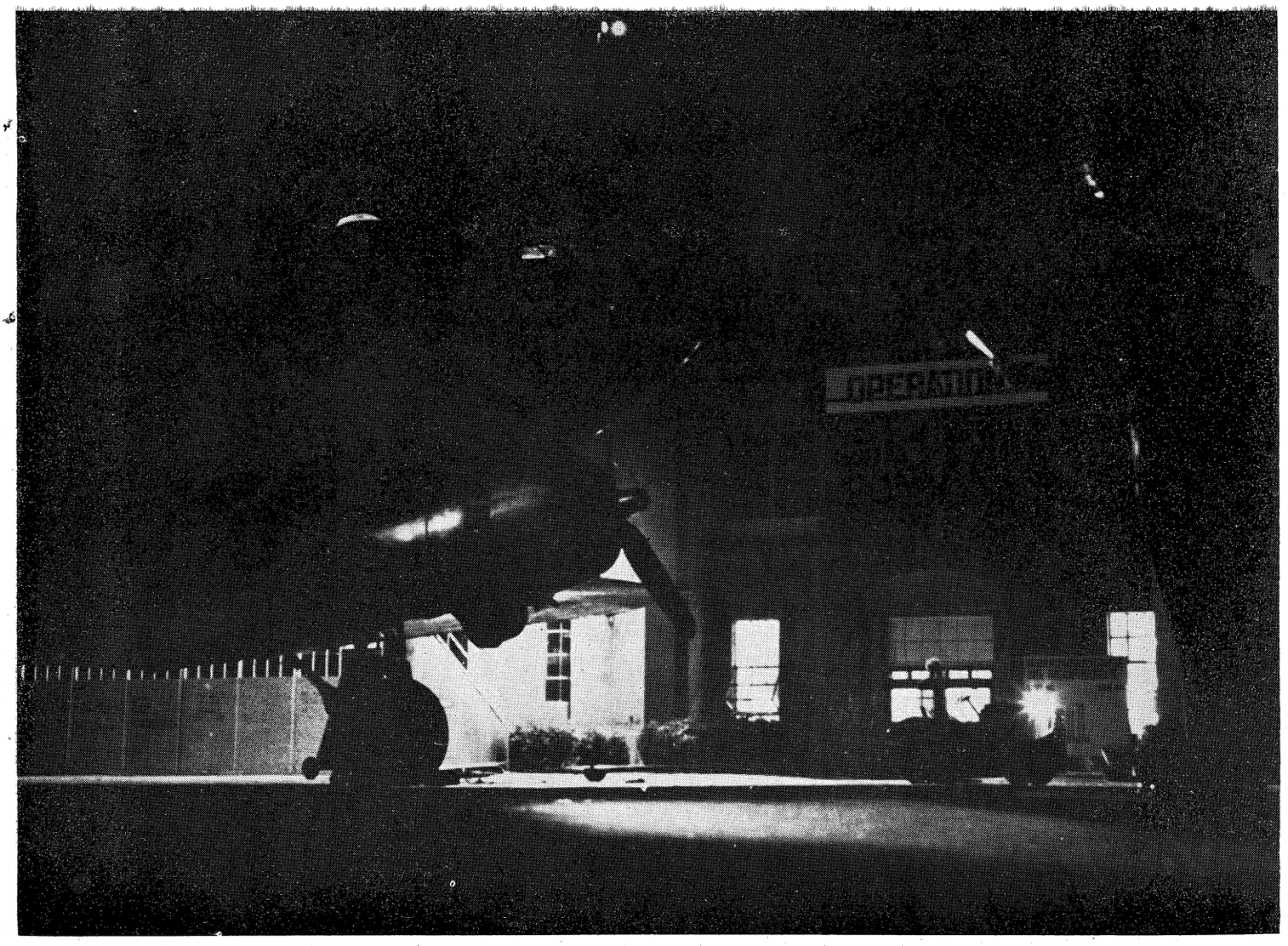
Lawson Air Force Base Even Hums at Night In Round-Clock Activity

Lawson Air Force Base hums every hour, day and night.

To most personnel and civilians the day would seem to end with "taps" and begin again anew with "reveille". But certain vital sections of the 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing here must always be active. Whether Station — Crash Crew — Operations—Control Tower—Air Police—Food Service—Alert Crew—each plays a necessary part in the continual after-dark functions of an Air Force base.

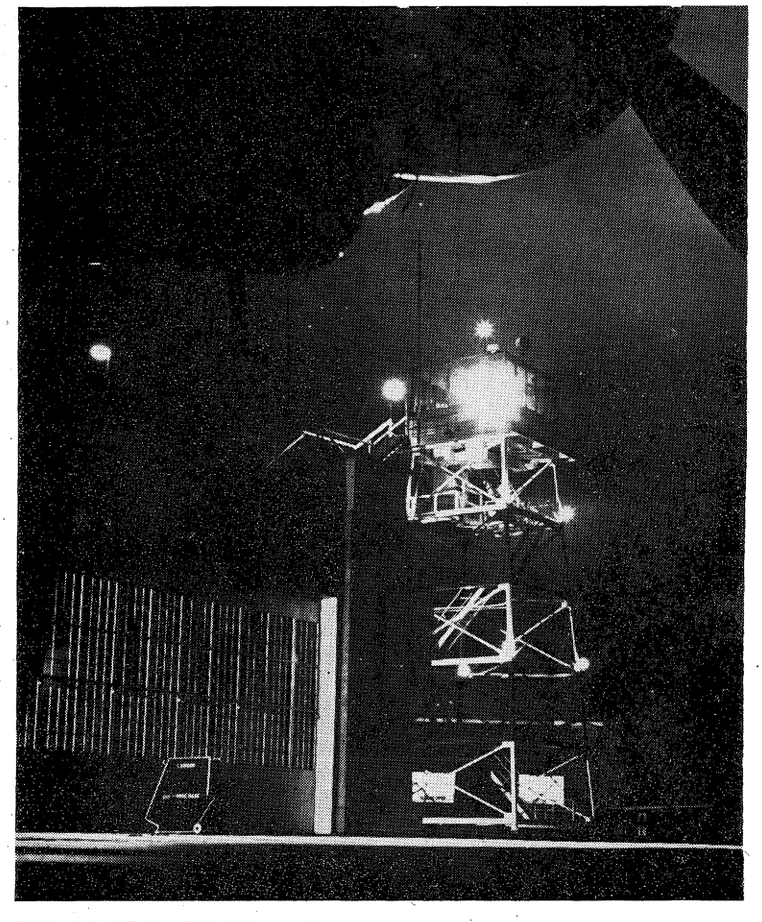
The responsibility of night operations is a big job. Incoming flights must be guided safely to earth; crews must be fed and berthed; barracks and storage areas must be guarded; aircraft refueled and readied for flight; and emergency crews must ever be on the alert in case of aerial or ground mishap.

Thus, although few ever see these night operations, they are one of the many highly important jobs involved in running an Air Force base.



AIRPORT NOCTURNE Base operations, the front door to any air base, functions twenty-four hours a day. As flight nerve center of the field, it controls all flying traffic into or out of the base.

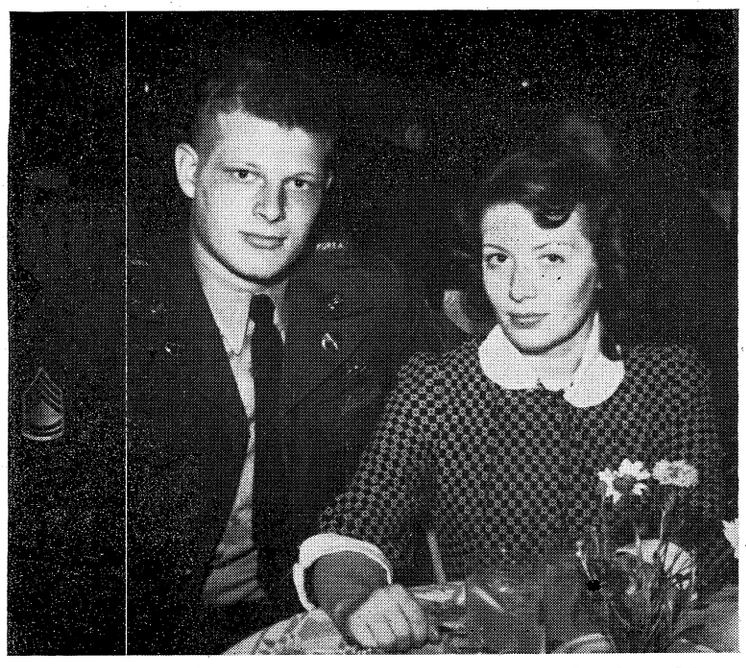
EMERGENCIES . . . They can be a trying job, particularly when accidents are infrequent. Here two Crash Crew members inspect the cut-off valve of a turret nozzle on a 155 Aircraft Crash Rescue Truck. (Dept. of Defense, U. S. AIR Force Photo).



THE CONTROL TOWER . . . Day or night, the control tower is ready to give aid to pilots. Usually landing instructions are sufficient. In any case, the pilot knows he may count on the tower operators for correct navigational information.

THE WAR IN KOREA had not begun when this photograph was taken of Cpl. Joyce M. Kinser, back in June, 1950. Cpl. Kinser was a member of the Fort Benning WAC detachment then, and was assigned as a laboratory technician at the Fort Benning Army hospital. This photograph appeared on the cover of the July, 1950, edition of "Benning Herald', the issue in which "A Day In The Life Of A Typical WAC" appeared.

FROM HERE TO KOREA



TOGETHER AGAIN, with a lot of water under the bridge, Sfc. Steve Schroeder, left, and Cpl. Joyce M. Kinser, right, are phototgraphed in a Tokyo NCO club, in May, 1951. The Sergeant was in Tokyo on five days' rest and recuperation leave from the frontlines of Korea.

Like ships that pass in the night, soldiers are here today and gone tomorrow. Where they come from and where they go depends entirely on where the Army needs them most. Although the Army is a large organization, soldiers meet their buddies at posts, camps and stations the world over.

In June, 1950, a writer for the "Benning Herald" received an assignment to prepare an article for the magazine on Fort Benning's most typical WAC. The writer was Pfc. Pat Murphy, and the girl finally selected for the article was Pfc. Joyce M. Kinser, a member of the Fort Benning WAC detachment, then working in the Fort Benning Army Hospital laboratory. This was in June, 1950, before the Korean war broke out.

Pfc. Murphy is now Cpl. Pat Murphy, a war-correspondent in Korea, and Fort Benning's "typical WAC" is now Cpl. Joyce M. Kinser, with the Tokyo General Hospital, Tokyo, Japan

But this story is not about Cpl. Murphy and Cpl. Kinser. When the article, "A Day in the Life of a Typical WAC" appeared in the July, 1950, issue of the "Benning Herald", one of the photographs accompanying the article showed Cpl. Kinser dancing with a young paratrooper named Cpl. Steve Schroeder. Cpl. Schroeder was then attending the Infantry School's Communication course, and although he was dating Joyce at the time, she said about him:

"He's a swell guy, but there's nothing serious involved."

But what of Cpl. Joyce M. Kinser and Cpl. Steve Schroeder? How has the war in Korea affected their lives? Did their ships pass in the night never to pass again? Let's follow the young couple further.

When Cpl. Schroeder completed the Communication course at Fort Benning in August, 1950, he returned to his parent unit, the 82nd Airborne division, Fort Bragg, N. C. Not too long after, Joyce received orders transferring her to Tokyo. But the story does not end here.

Cpl. Schroeder returned to Fort Benning and became a student in the first Ranger company to receive training in the newly organized Ranger Training Command. Upon completion of the course, he remained at the Ranger Training Command for awhile, then in October, 1950, received orders transferring him to the Far East Command.

Cpl. Schroeder went to the Far East Command, and was assigned to a Ranger unit attached to the Second Infantry division, then hard-pressed in battle against the Communist Red forces of North Korea. Subsequently, the Red Communist forces of China entered the battle, and the action in Korea since then is well known to most Americans.

In May, 1951, Cpl. Schroeder, now Sfc. Schroeder, received a five-day rest and recuperation leave from Korea to Japan. When he arrived in Tokyo, the first thing he did was to inquire at the Tokyo General Hospital, in an effort to locate Cpl. Joyce M. Kinser. He found her, and the next five days must have been like old-home week for the young couple. They must have had so much

"SENTIMENTAL ME" was the song most preferred by Cpl. Joyce M. Kinser, left, and Sfc. Steve Schroeder, right, as they relaxed in their off-duty hours in June, 1950. Photograph was taken in the WAC day-room. The WAC detachment was then housed in the Fort Benning Army hospital area. Sgt. Schroeder was a member of the 82nd Airborne division, and was at Fort Benning attending the Infantry School's communication course, in June, 1950.

to talk about—so much news to tell each other about their many friends at Fort Benning. Then there were shopping trips to Tokyo's Broadway, the "Ginza". There were parties at Tokyo's nightclubs, and long afternoons spent at swimming, playing tennis at the Roosevelt Recreation Center, and in general just relaxing from the rigors of a troubled existence in a troubled part of the world.

It's a long way from Fort Benning to Tokyo. It's been a long time since last June. Soldiers have come and soldiers have gone. Some have fought and died in Korea—while others have

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IN TRAINING AS A RANGER STUDENT at the Fort Benning Ranger Training Command was the life Sfc. Steve Schroeder, left, was leading in September, 1950. The Sergeant left for FECOM not long after this photograph was taken. He is now a Ranger, working in the United Nations frontlines in Korea.

ONE YEAR LATER, AND ONE YEAR OLDER, Cpl. Joyce M. Kinser appears a little more mature in this photograph, taken in Tokyo, Japan, where she is assigned to the Tokyo General Hospital. WAC's in Japan are authorized to wear civilian clothes off-duty.

been fortunate enough to again see familiar faces, and to know the pleasure of just relaxing.

Cpl. Joyce M. Kinser and Sfc. Steve Schroeder are just two soldiers in the United States Army. But multiply this two by thousands more just like them, and then multiply those thousands by millions of American people who share this couple's strength and determination, and it is easy to see why the United States of America has never been defeated in a war—and never will bow to a conqueror.

The "Benning Herald" is proud of Fort Benning's "typical WAC". For she, like so many other "typical" WAC's, is contributing her part in no uncertain measure toward achieving the peace which all mankind so desperately wants.

Benning's Buddy Seat Gives General, Aide Thrill On Visit Here

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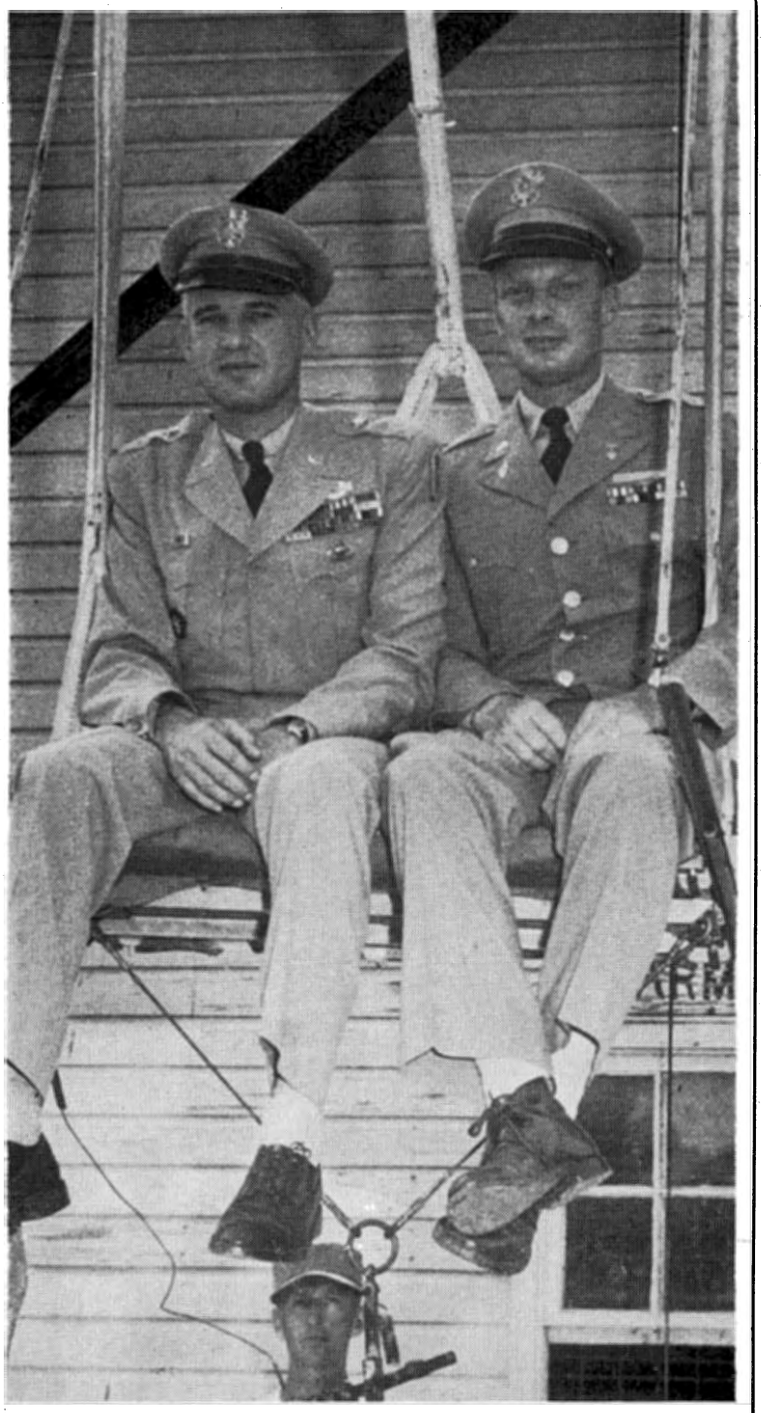

BIRD'S EYE VIEW . . . Getting a towering view of the Airborne department of the Infantry School at Fort Benning are Brig. Gen. John H. Michaelis, left, former assistant commander of the 25th Infantry division in Korea, and his aide, 1st Lt. Robert L. Chamberlain. They are shown in the 'buddy seat' of the apparatus which hoists visitors 200 feet into the air. The descent is by controlled chute. Visitors from all over the world have gone home to tell about "that ride they had at Benning".

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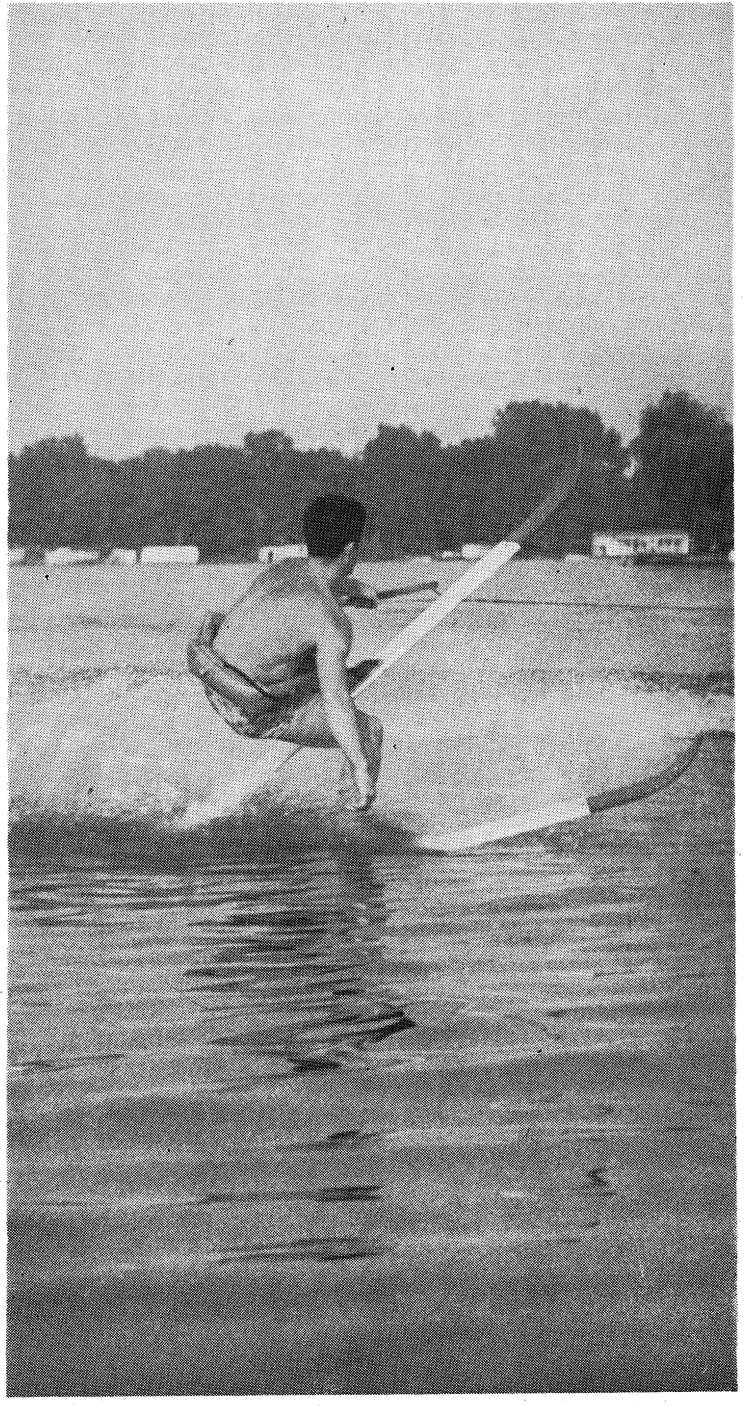

WATER SKIER SET FOR SPILL AT OVER 40 MILES PER HOUR

Water Skiing Grips Fans

Friends of Pvt. George Robey, Columbus, Ohio, outdoor sports enthusiast now stationed at Fort Benning, are being introduced to water-skiing.

Robey, an expert skier, brought two pairs of the 'bounding boards' with him into the Army. He found that the sport, popular in his home town, was virtually unknown in this vicinity.

The Ohioan looked over many ponds and lakes for someone who owned a speedboat and who was interested in the sport. A water skier without a speedboat is about as unhappy as a robin with a broken beak.

Finally Robey located a sportsman at Bartlett's Ferry or Lake Harden, about 30 miles from Fort Benning, who was a speedboat owner, and more important, interested in water skiing.

Robey's next step, after trying his skis on the stretches of Lake Harden, to the delight of spectators, was to begin a school for water skiing for a select group of fellow soldiers at Fort Benning.

Recently Robey put his fledgling skiers through their paces in an exhibition at Lake Harden which was produced in conjunction with a speedboat racing program.

WATER SKIING CATCHES ON WITH THE FAIR SEX TOO

After his charges had demonstrated the more conventional side of the sport, Robey whizzed off on a series of hair-raising tricks on the boards which brought enthusiastic applause from the lake-side audience.

A five-foot ramp which slings Robey high into the air was supposed to be the high spot of the show. Robey tried a number of times to 'line up' on the ramp but the jump was prevented when the ramp kept drifting toward a dock platform.

The soldier sportsman was disappointed at being unable to go through with the act. He hopes to have another ramp built soon over which he intends to zip skywards for perfect landings.

The pupils as yet take a dim view of the ramp jumps, but they are making steady and happy progress towards being skillful water skiers.

Meanwhile, Robey, continually nursing aches and bruises, (what water skier doesn't) plans bigger and better vistas for the sport in this area.

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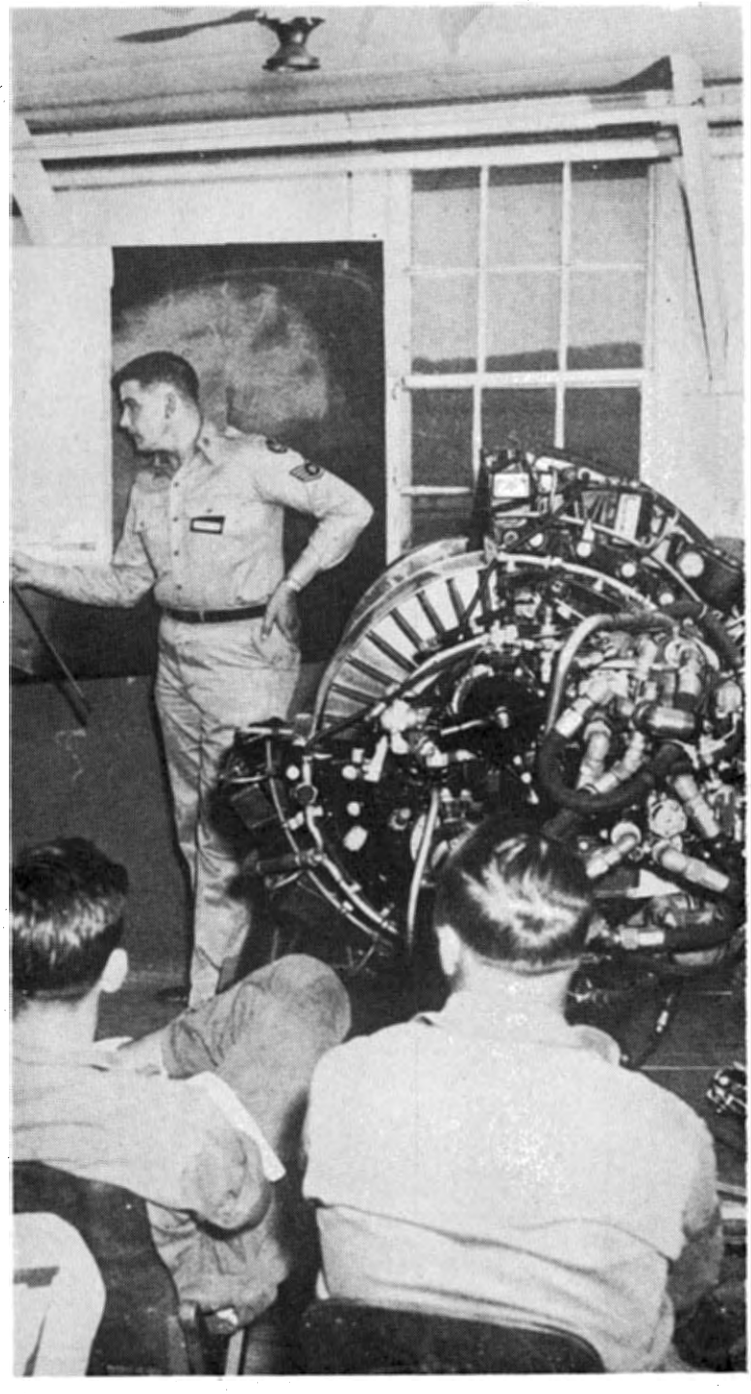
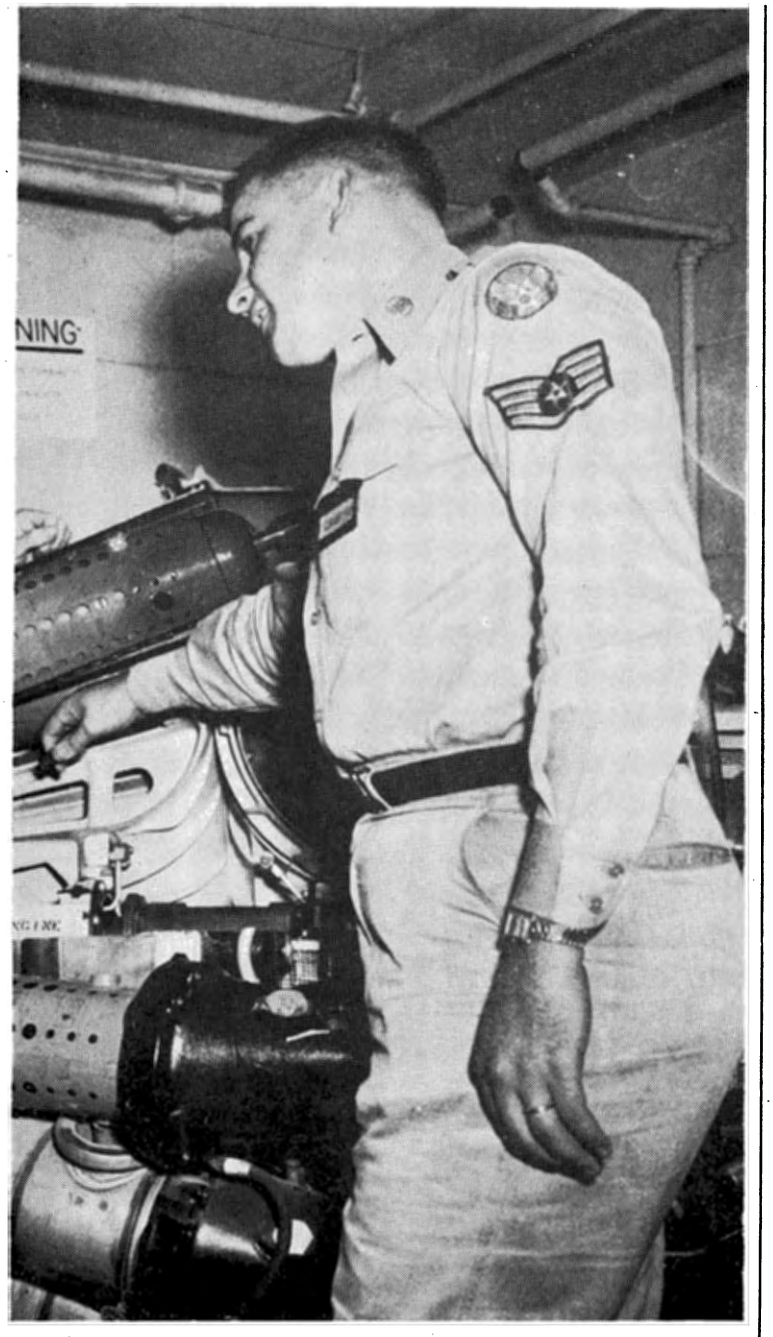


For the past few weeks personnel of the 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing Lawson Air Force base have been taking jet engine training from a mobile training unit, RF-80-1 of the 349th Mobile Training squadron, Chanute Air Force base, Ill.

The unit is the oldest of its kind in jet training.

After completion of this school officers and airmen of the wing are sent to Shaw Air Force base, S. C., where they work on the RF-80s which are now there.

Here at Lawson in the mobile training unit school the men spend four hours a day in class. The course is divided into different phases such as hydraulics, engine, radio and armament.



At the end of each phase a test is given to each student. On completion of the course students receive a diploma or certificate of graduation.

WORLD TRAVELERS

The course offered by the mobile unit is the same as the six months' course at the Jet School at Chanute Air Force base, condensed to 56 hours.

The instructors are all graduates of the school at Chanute and some were instructors there before joining the mobile unit.

This unit, and others like it, travels all over the world teaching Air Force personnel about jet aircraft. The unit is transportable, carrying all of its equipment and displays with it wherever it goes.

The displays include cutaway models of jet engines and of the cockpit to show ejection seat operation and panel operations.

Capt. George T. Wilson, officer in charge of the unit, says this is the last stop for the unit, which is going back to school to learn about a new jet before making its next trip. He also says that the next trip will probably be overseas to give instructions on jets to personnel of a foreign Air Force.

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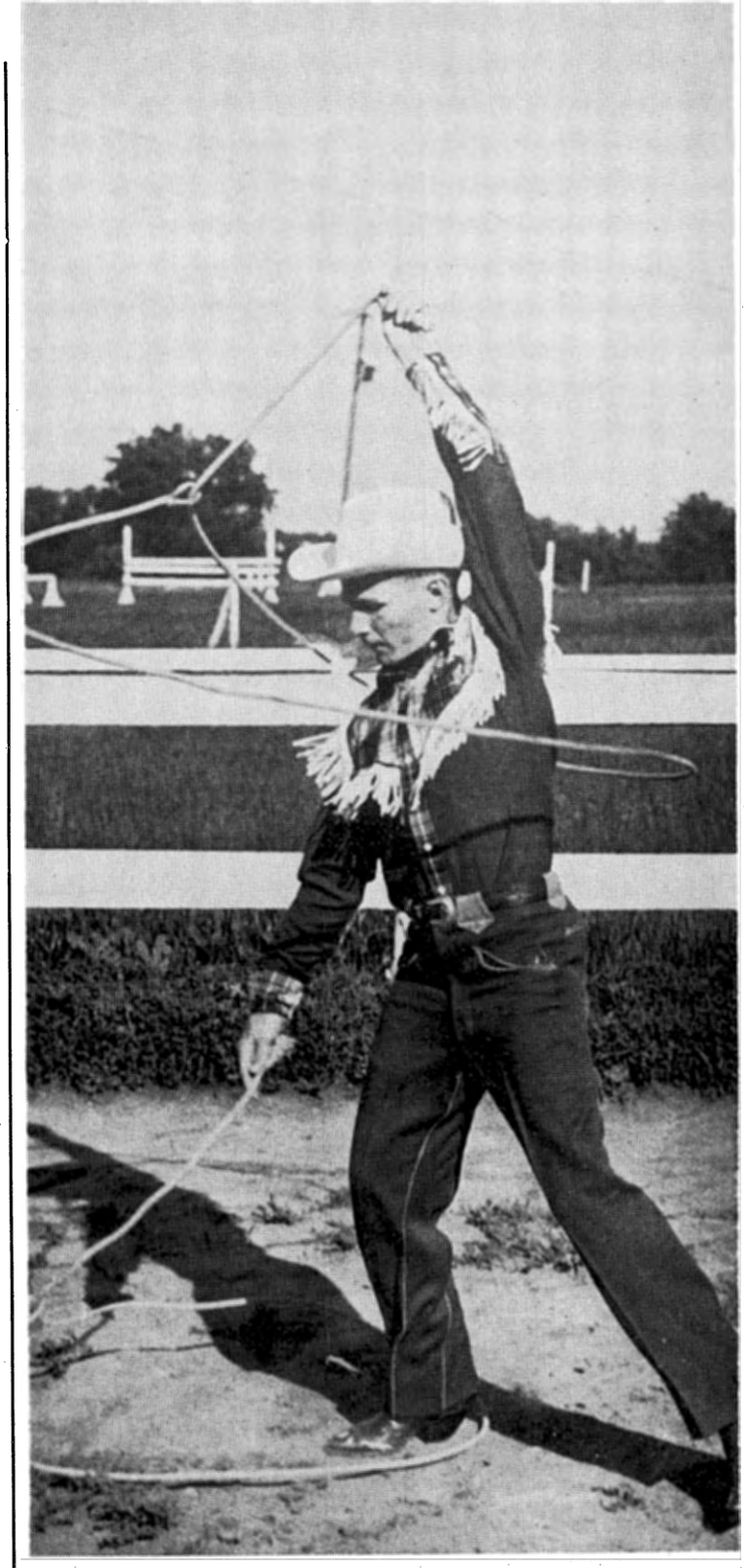
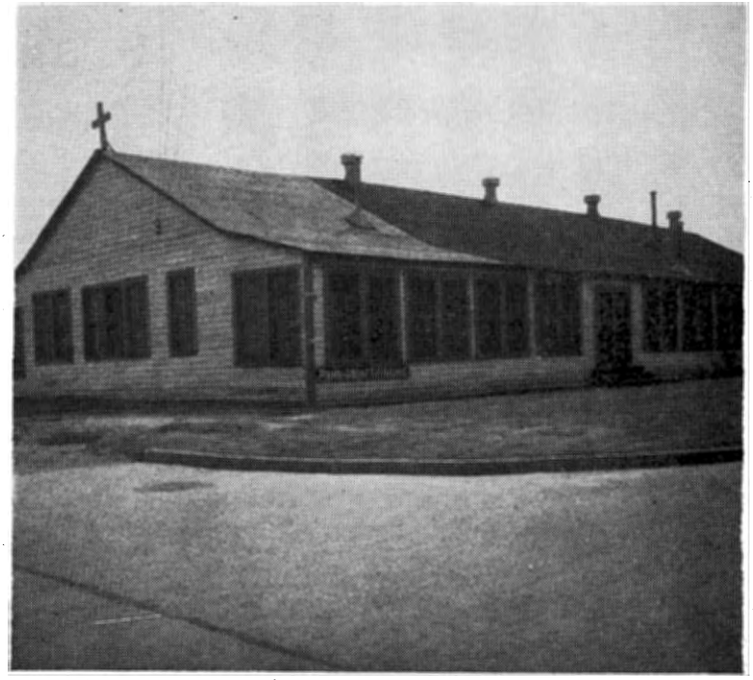


STOKER KNOWS EVERY KIND OF FANCY ROPE TRICK

Cowboy Showman Performs For Fellow Soldiers

There is entertainment talent galore in the Army. Pictured above is cowboy Pvt. J. W. Stoker, Headquarters detachment, Section 1, 3440th Area Service Unit, Provisional group, who has been entertaining fellow soldiers in conjunction with duties with the Special Services Soldier Shows section.

Stoker, a westerner, learned to rope and ride in Kansas and soon was travelling with a rodeo show. As a youngster he was featured as a Juvenile Trick Rider. A career in show business followed. Now in the Army, Stoker is using his talents to entertain GIs at Benning.



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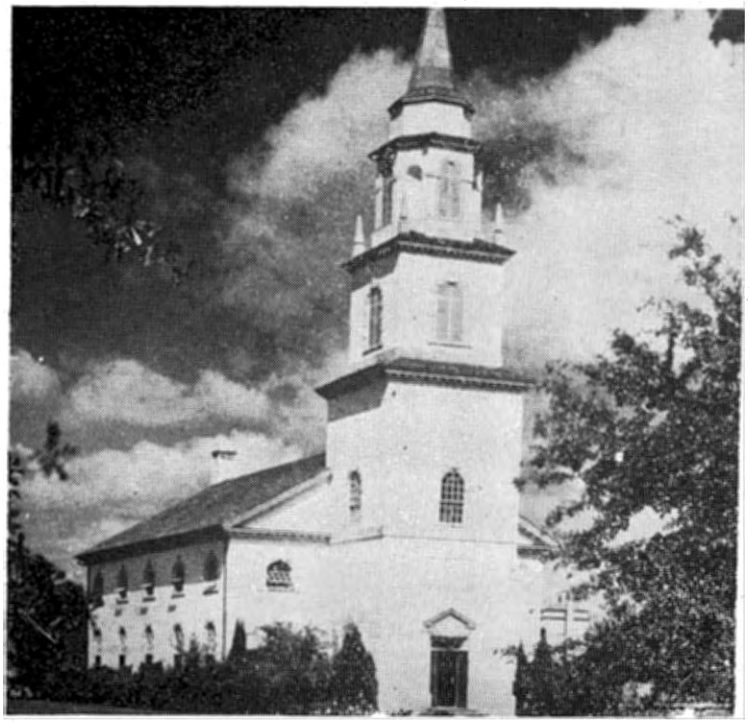

Towering steeples and classic architecture were far removed from the antiquated tar paper and wood frame buildings that served as post chapels at Fort Benning during the 1920's. In addition to being an eyesore the structures were also a fire hazard. The Protestant Chapel of this era, located at the corner of Gillespie street and Wold avenue, was among the first buildings constructed on the post. The present post chapel, known throughout the Army for its striking appearance, was once featured in Robert Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" column because services for five different denominations were held there. The cornerstone for this chapel was laid in November, 1934, and the building was completed the following year. The architecture for the Infantry Center Chapel was adopted from the Bull Street Presbyterian Church in Savannah, Georgia. The original plans called for two additional wings to be constructed in back of the present building to house offices, Sunday school classes and the like.

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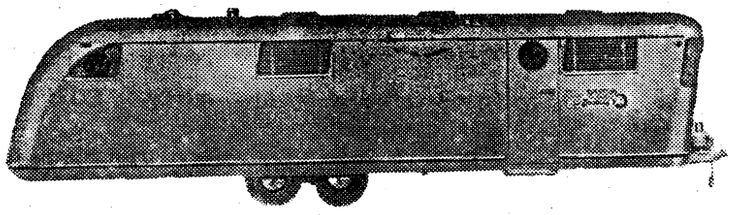

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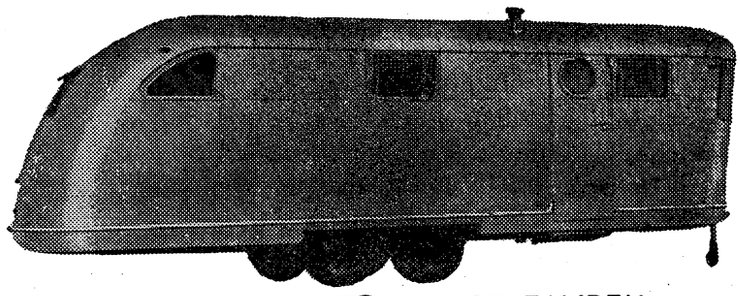

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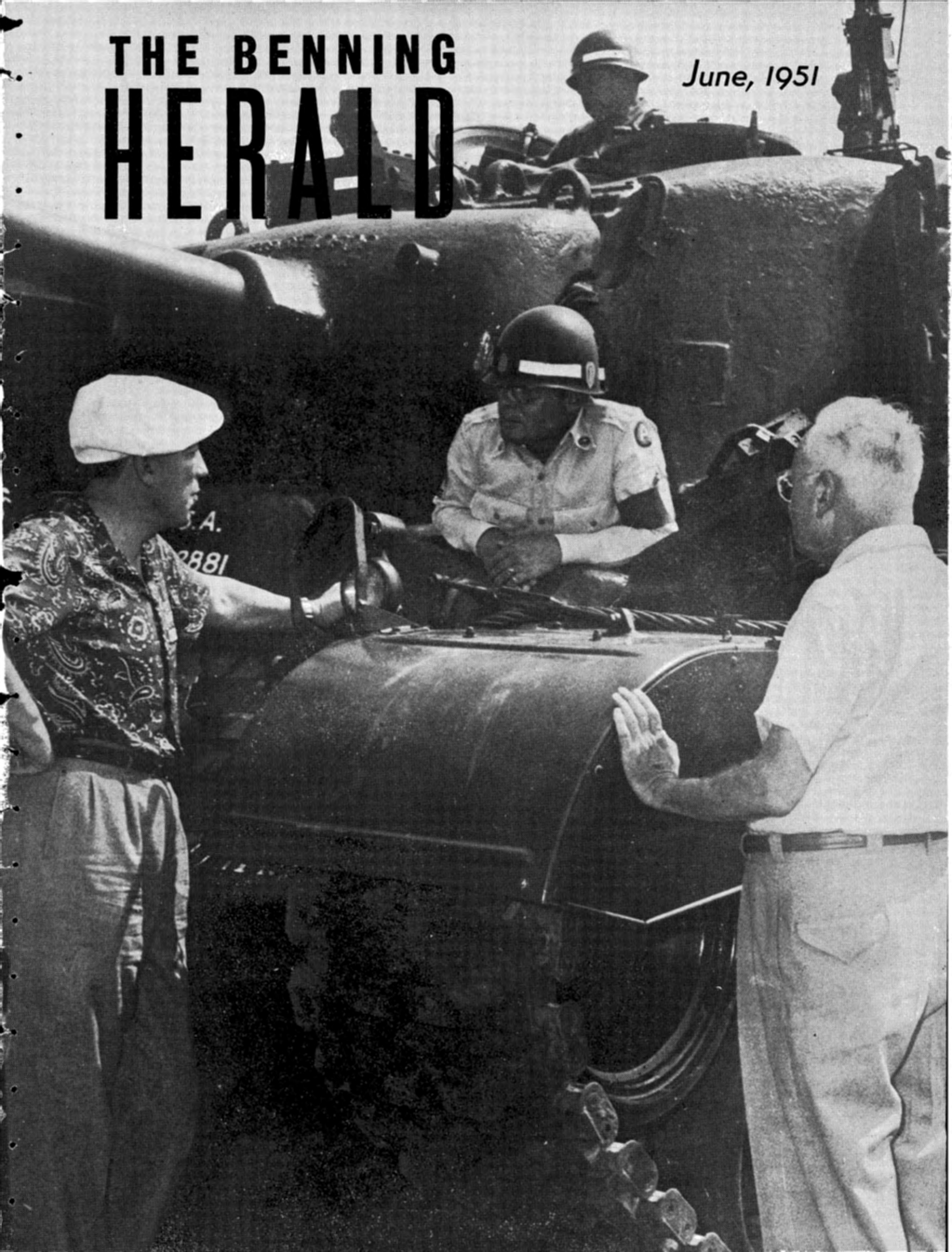

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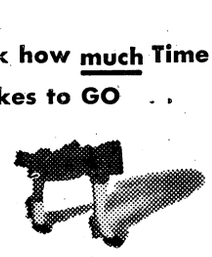

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IN THIS MONTH'S HERALD

Fort Benning's Infantry display was quite an eye opener for the business and professional leaders who toured the post recently as members of the Ninth Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.

Everything conducted as demonstration for the distinguished national leaders was done with snap and precision. American industry, long noted for its constant search for a 'better way' to manufacture, devise and serve, finds the Army is also constantly seeking to improve equipment and techniques.

The Herald cover picture shows two of the visitors during an interlude in the tour. Leonard D. Callahan, left, director of public relations, Gilfillan Brothers, and William T. Van Atten, right, chairman of the board, New York Board of Trade, talk with M-Sgt. D. B. Cowart, Weapons department, the Infantry School, during an Infantry fire-power demonstration presented by the Weapons department, the Infantry School, at Hook range.

In a nation, gearing for the utmost in preparedness in a world teetering on the verge of a new and more awful World War, such visits as these are of the utmost importance, for it is American industrial might which is helping to hold freedom's torch.

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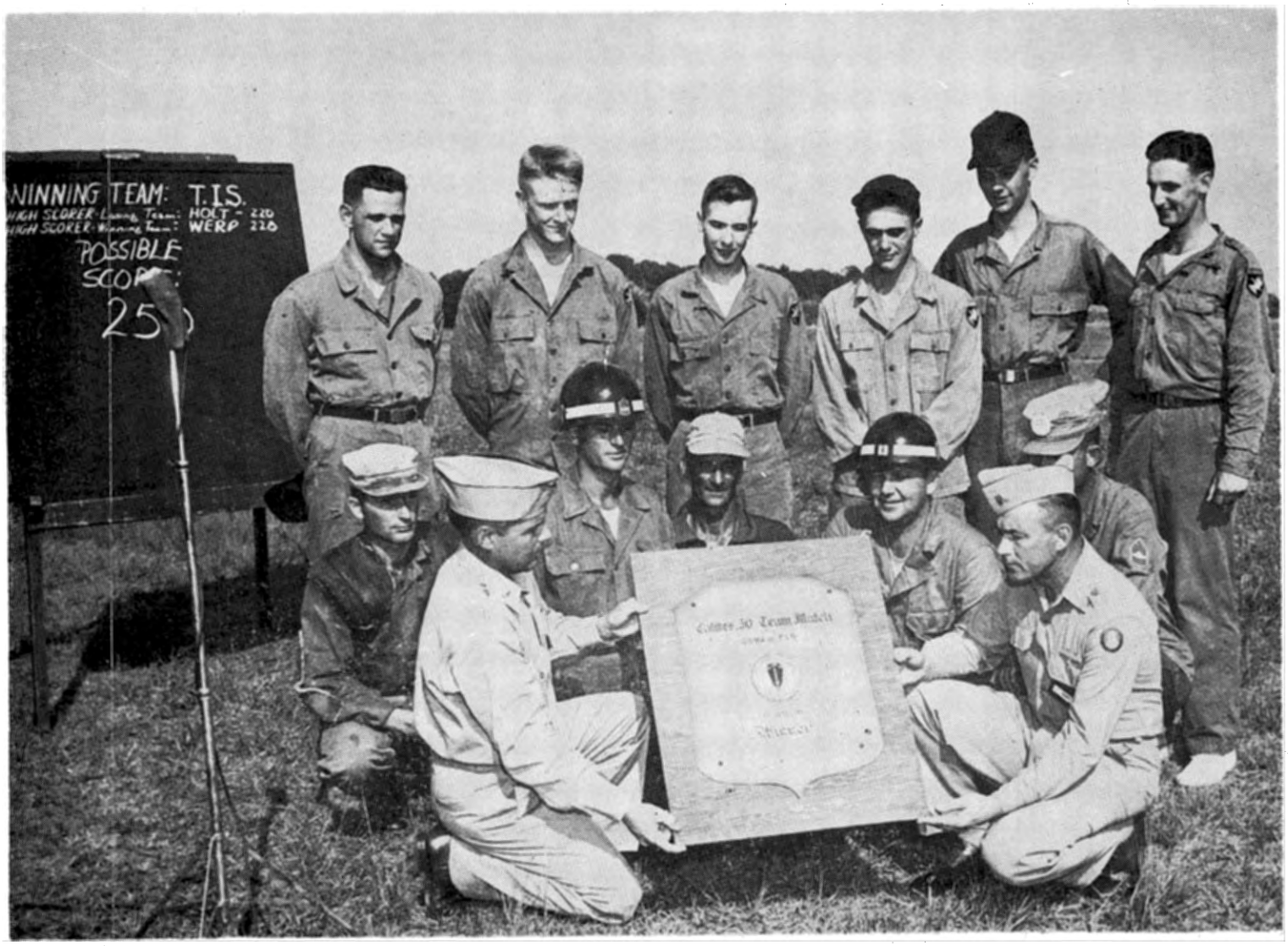

MATCH TROPHY . . . Both teams with the winning trophy following the rifle match with the West Point Cadets against the Infantry School rifle team. Left to right, front, Lt. Col. J. D. Butler and Maj. Joseph Werp. Second row, Sfc. James Brannon, Sfc. Benny Silverman, M-Sgt. Dan Huntley, Capt. James McCubbin and M-Sgt. J. R. Stapleton. Third row, USMA Cadets, Dick McCoy, O'Ferrall Knight, Stewart Paterson, Metz Seebach, Cadet Capt. Winfield Holt and Gaylord Sluga.

McANDREW RANGE SCENE OF SPIRITED CONTEST; GI BRUSH IS AWARDED

Some one said many years ago that "the size of man is measured from the shoulders up."

And cadets from the United States Military Academy demonstrated that they are men of the highest caliber in a recent visit to Fort Benning, included in a tour of Army posts. Despite a crowded schedule the cadets still had time to participate in sports.

McAndrew Range was the scene of a rifle match between the West Pointers and the Infantry School rifle team.

It was a rough day for shooting. There was a heavy cross wind and much of the shooting was done at distances as far away as 500 yards. Yet, bull's-eyes popped up consistently for both teams. Precision shooting isn't easy even on a calm day at that distance, but the shooters were perforating the black frequently.

Major Joseph Werp walked away with the top honors as the high man for the day. He shot a score of 228 of a possible 250. M-Sgt. Daniel S. Huntley took second honors with a 224.

West Point team captain, Cadet Capt. Winfield Holt, was high man for his team and third high man for the tourney. He fired 220 x 250.

Fort Benning won the match with a total pointage of 1,232. The cadets amassed 1,099 points. Keen competition and the loss of the match demonstrated that even though the cadets didn't win, they are excellent shots and real gentlemen. At the close of the proceedings, the West Pointers expressed gratitude to Fort Benning officials who handled the matches so well and who were so kind to them during their brief stay at the range.

The cadet team congratulated the Fort Benning squad on its prowess with firearms and expressed a desire for a return match.

A trophy of remembrance was presented Fort Benning by the cadets. They called it the 'clean up' trophy and it will establish a tradition between West Point and Fort Benning rifle competitors in the future. The trophy was a personally engraved G. I. brush. It was presented to Fort Benning riflemen by Cadet Capt. Winfield Holt on behalf of his team.

L-R—MAJ. WARREN DAVIS AND CADET CAPT. WINFIELD HOLT ADMIRE CLEAN-UP TROPHY PRESENTED TO DAVIS ON BEHALF OF WEST POINT

LT. JOHN HANLON, CAPT. JOHN BELLINGER AND CAPT. R. S. CORBETT TOOK TRANSITION COURSE AT SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S. C.

Lawson Gets Long-Awaited Jets

RF-80 Shooting Star Replacing the 'Fan Jobs'

COCKPIT CHECK . . . Last minute instructions are given Capt. John N. Bellinger by Lt. Bryce Poe, 18th Tactical Reconnaissance squadron at Shaw Field. Following the check, Capt. Bellinger, pilot of the 117th Tactical Reconnaissance wing of Lawson Air Force Base, Fort Benning, made his first flight in the RF-80 Shooting Star.

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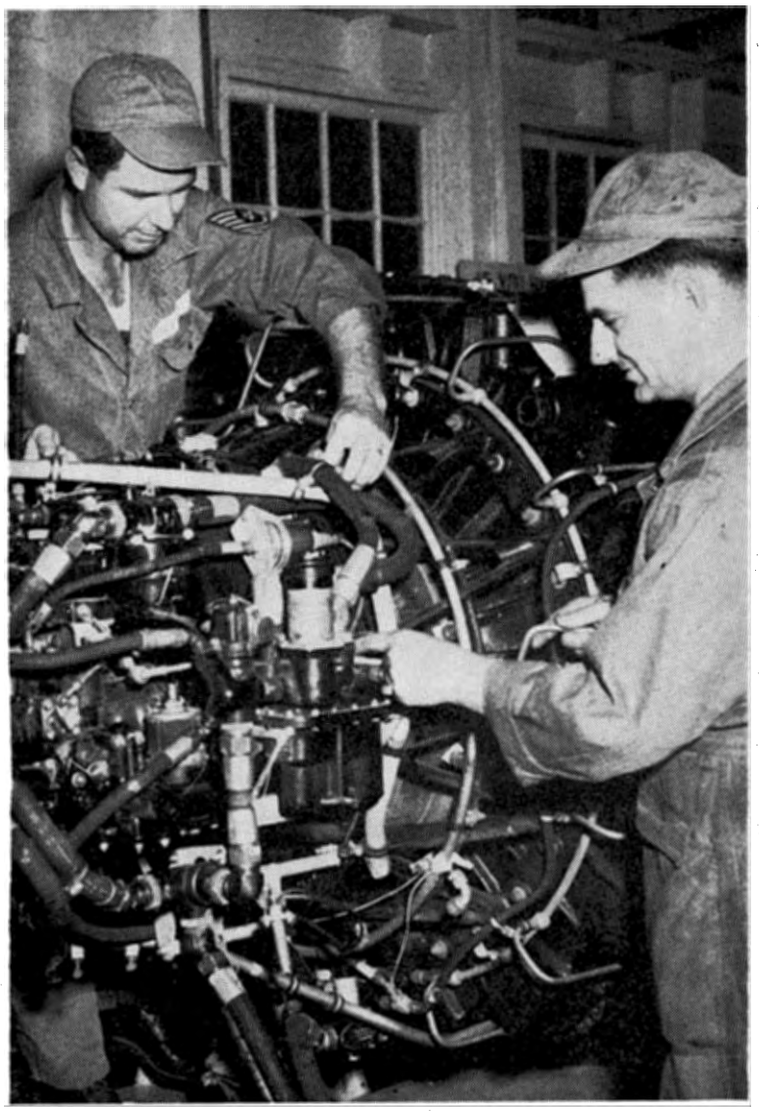

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Completing the course of instruction here, the pilots proceed to Shaw AFB where they get more instruction. At Shaw, 20 hours are spent in studying and becoming thoroughly familiar with emergency procedures as they pertain to the RF-80.

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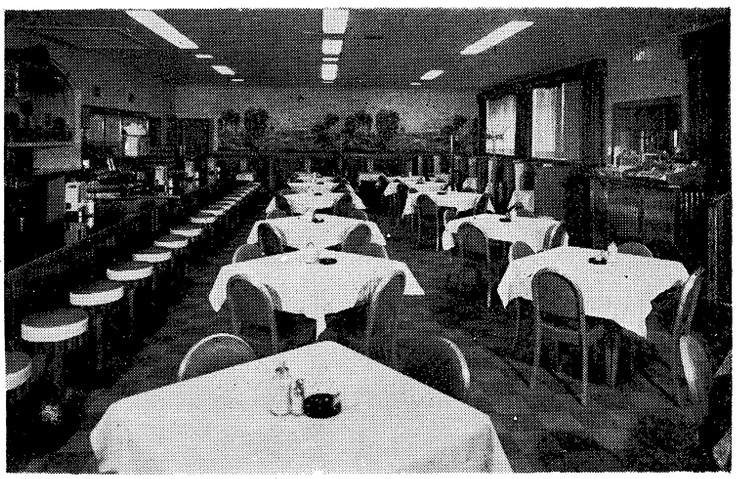

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Capt. John Bellinger of the 157th squadron was most impressed by the air conditioned cockpit in the new jets. At any altitude, the temperature in the cockpit can be controlled by the pilot. This development is welcomed by all fighter pilots who have experienced the extreme heat and extreme cold that was common in World II vintage planes.

Pilots of the wing who have undergone the transition instruction in jets are unanimously agreed that the RF-80s have everything—maneuverability, fine pilot visibility and, of course, SPEED.

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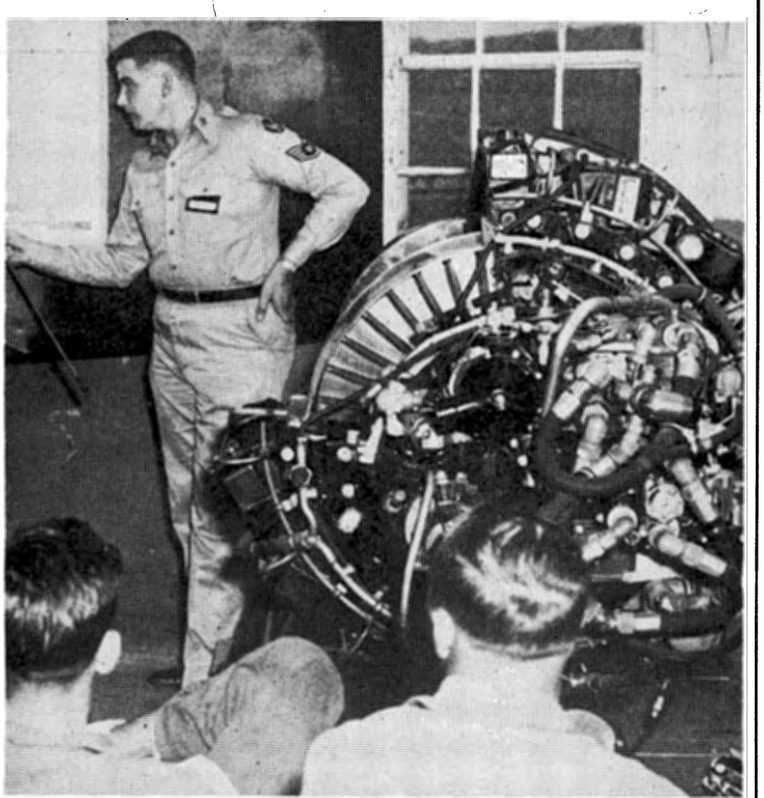

MECHS GET INFO . . . Aircraft mechanics of the 117th Tactical Reconnaissance wing look on with interest as S-Sgt. H. K. Kemp, of the RF-80 mobile training unit, explains to them the finer parts of the jet engine, using a cutaway model as an aid in his explanation.

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The course takes eight hours, and, as in basic airborne, the training is from the ground up and back again."

Students, all qualified jumpers, learn aircraft inspection and to recognize any conditions which might make jumping hazardous. Next, they are instructed in personnel inspection, to check the harness and see that it is worn properly, and to check the parachute to see that it is packed correctly.

In an hour of instruction on duties and responsibilities, the future jumpmasters are briefed on routine matters, such as loading the aircraft, jump commands and use of the red and green light within the plane.

Included in the training is a briefing with the pilot of the aircraft, similar to that usually held 24 hours before a tactical operation.

Following the instruction, all student jumpmasters are put through a thorough and exacting examination.

They make inspections of both aircraft and personnel, looking for mistakes that may (or may not) have been "planted." A grader accompanies the student on his inspection, and if the future jumpmaster misses a turn—in a word "he's had it".

In the final phase of training, jumpmasters must jump themselves" accurately over the drop zone. They must be able to judge at exactly which point to jump in order to land on a "T" made of panels on the ground. Each man jumps alone in a separate airplane pass over the drop zone, and he is allowed only a three-second margin of error. That is, he may jump not more than three seconds early or three seconds late without being disqualified.

At the completion of the course students receive certificates as qualified jumpmasters.

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BUSINESS LEADERS GUESTS OF POST

Infantry tactics were displayed for 64 executives and 15 NATO country journalists of the Ninth Joint Civilian Orientation Conference who visited Fort Benning for a full day of inspection on Thursday, June 28.

The visitors arrived at Lawson Air Force base on the afternoon of the 27th. An official reception and dinner were held for them that evening at the Main Officer's Mess. The distinguished visitors were guests of Maj. Gen. John H. Church, Infantry Center commander.

The group was awakened for reveille at 6:45 Thursday morning by the music of the 122nd Army band. Following breakfast the visitors went to Hook range for problem 1001, an infantry fire-power demonstration by the Weapons department of the Infantry School.

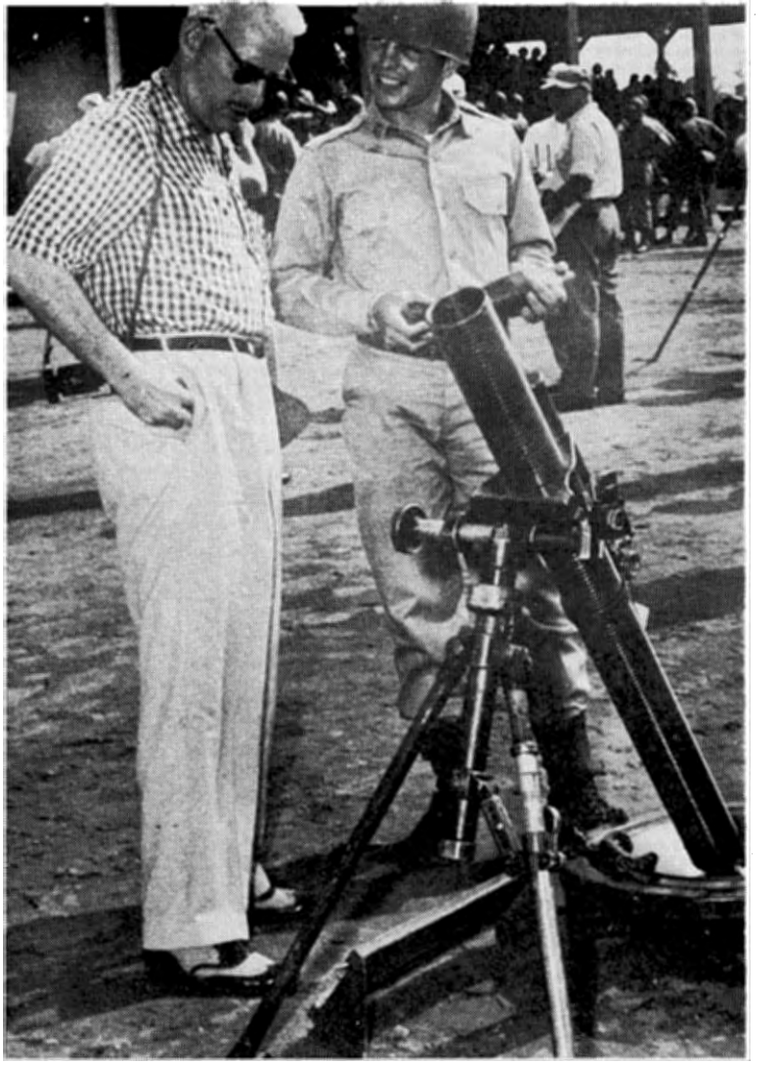
During the afternoon newsmen and conference members witnessed two Infantry School problems, an Infantry-tank attack and Airborne training and technique.

They left Lawson Air Force base at 5:30 p. m. en route for Eglin Air Force base, Fla., next stop on their itinerary.

Among the top executives who attended the conference were: Thomas L. Apjohn, Petroleum Administrator for Defense, Department of Interior; Arch Booth, vice president, U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Charles William Mayo, Mayo Clinic; Winthrop Rockefeller, Harry A. Bullis, Booz Allen; Joseph B. Hall, president of the Kroger Grocery and Baking company, and J. T. Schneider, chairman of the Personnel policy Board.

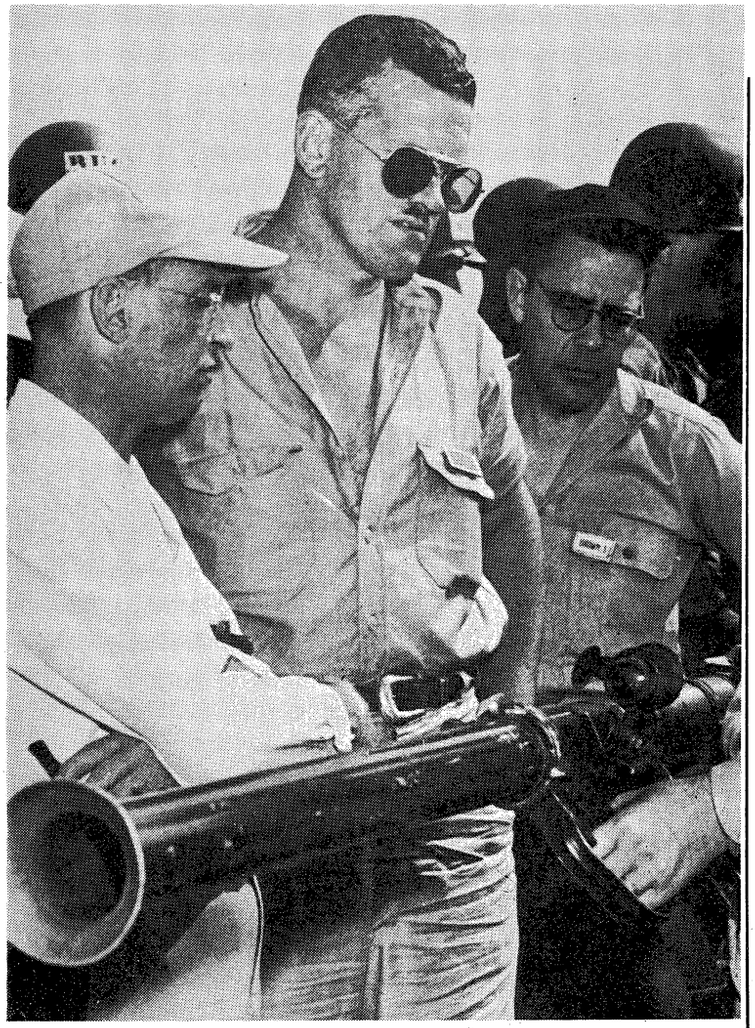
Ken E. Geyer, National Milk Producers association; the Reverend Henry W. Linn, executive assistant to the president of Creighton University; William T. Van Atten, chairman of the board, New York Board of Trade; Dr. Franklin Prescott, dean of Humanities, University of California; John Stuart, chairman of the board, Quaker Oats company, and Dr. Forrester B.Washington, director of the Atlanta University School of Social Work.

NATO countries represented by the visiting journalists included Denmark, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Great Britain.

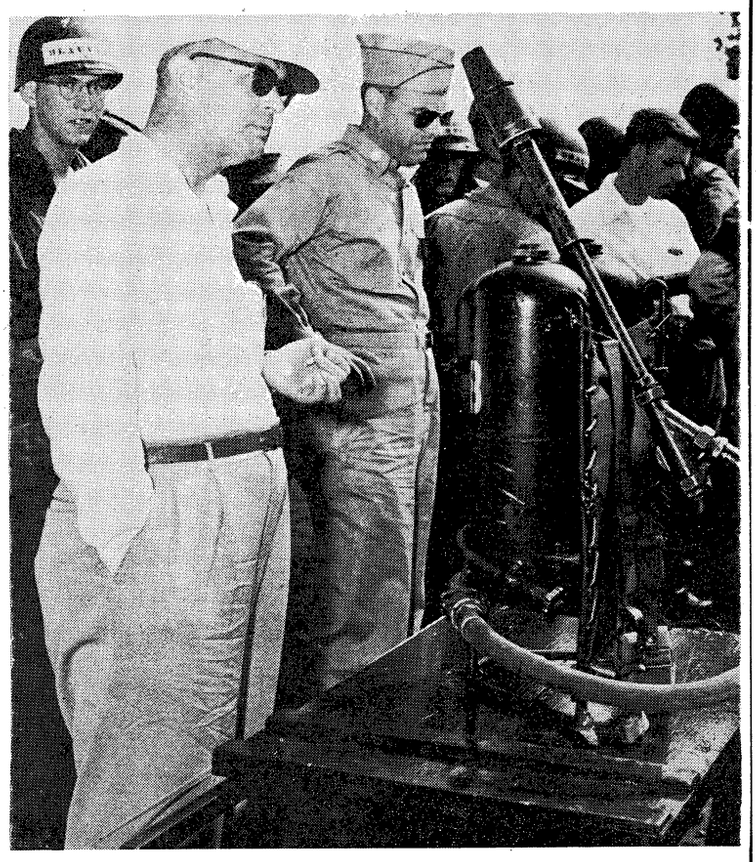


MORTAR STUDY . . . Paul G. Benedum, left, president of the Hiawatha Gas and Oil company, Pittsburgh, Pa., discusses the effectiveness of the 81 mm mortar with Pfc. E. A. LeVay, Company H, 325th Airborne Infantry regiment at an Infantry fire-power demonstration presented by the Weapons department.

MEET THE PRESS . . . Visiting NATO journalists Borge Outze, left, editor of the Information Daily, Denmark, and Francois Roussel, foreign editor LaCroix, France, get the American viewpoint on various topics from Air-Force T-Sgt. N. L. Deos, 3253rd Training Squadron, Food Service School, while having lunch at the 344th Area Service Unit mess during their tuor of the Infantry Center June 28.



ROCKET INFO . . . Members of the Ninth Joint Civilian Orientation Conference inspect a rocket launcher at Hook Range, following an infantry fire-power demonstration. Civilians, lef to right are: the Reverend Henry W. Linn, executive assistant to the president, Creighton university, Omaha, Nebr., J. H. Carmichael, president, Capitol Airlines, Washington, D. C., and Sevellon Brown, III, associate editor, Providence Journal Bulletin, Providence, R. I.



FLAME THROWER . . . Dr. Franklin Prescott, left, Dean of Humanities, University of California, Los Angeles, Calif., examines a flame thrower on display at Hook Range, after seeing a fire-power demonstration.

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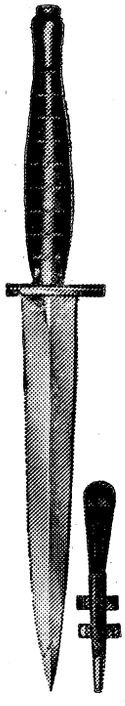
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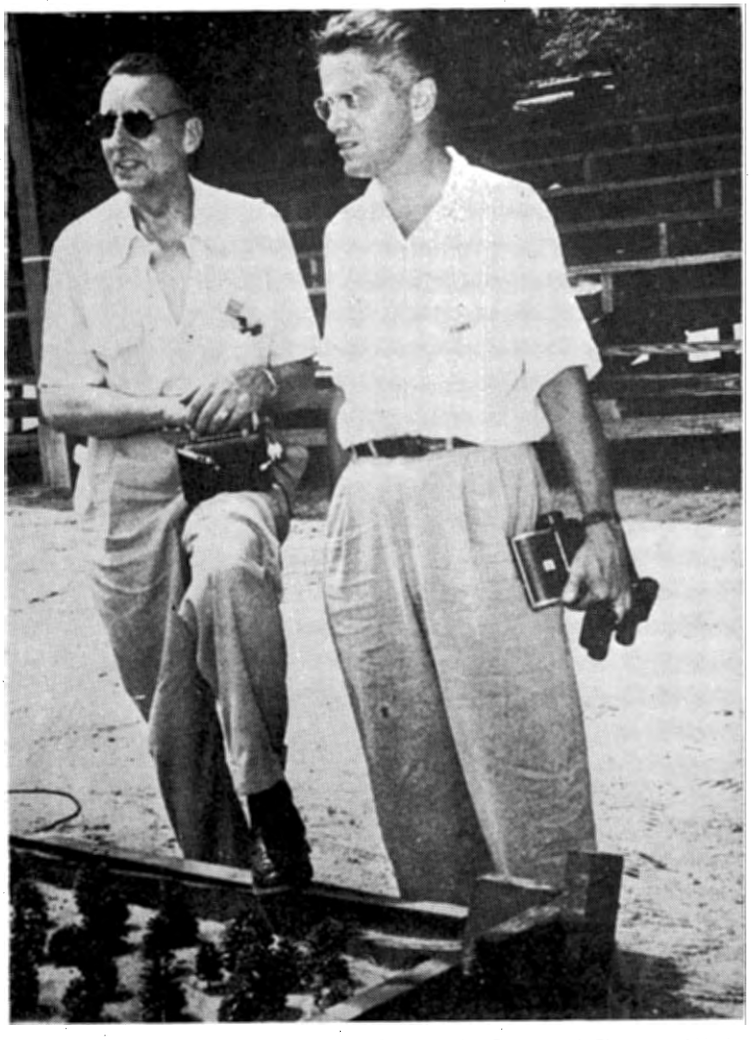

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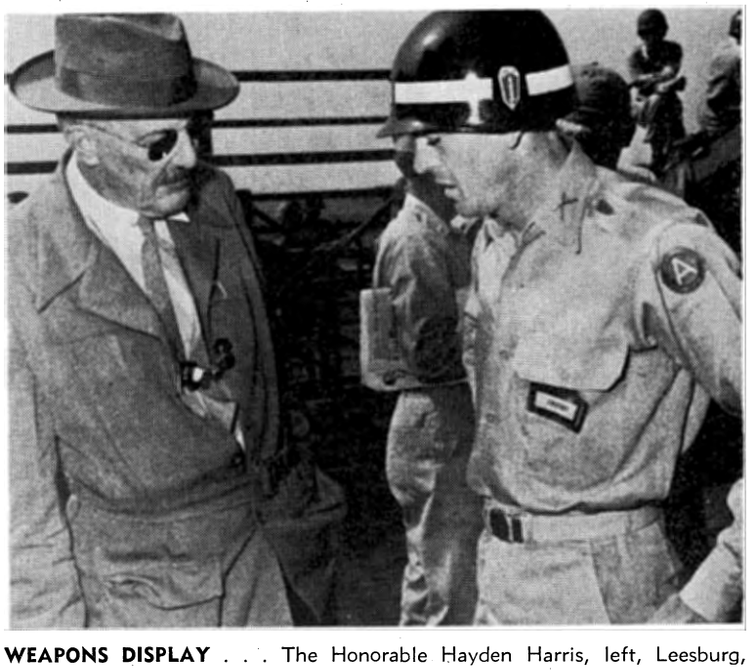

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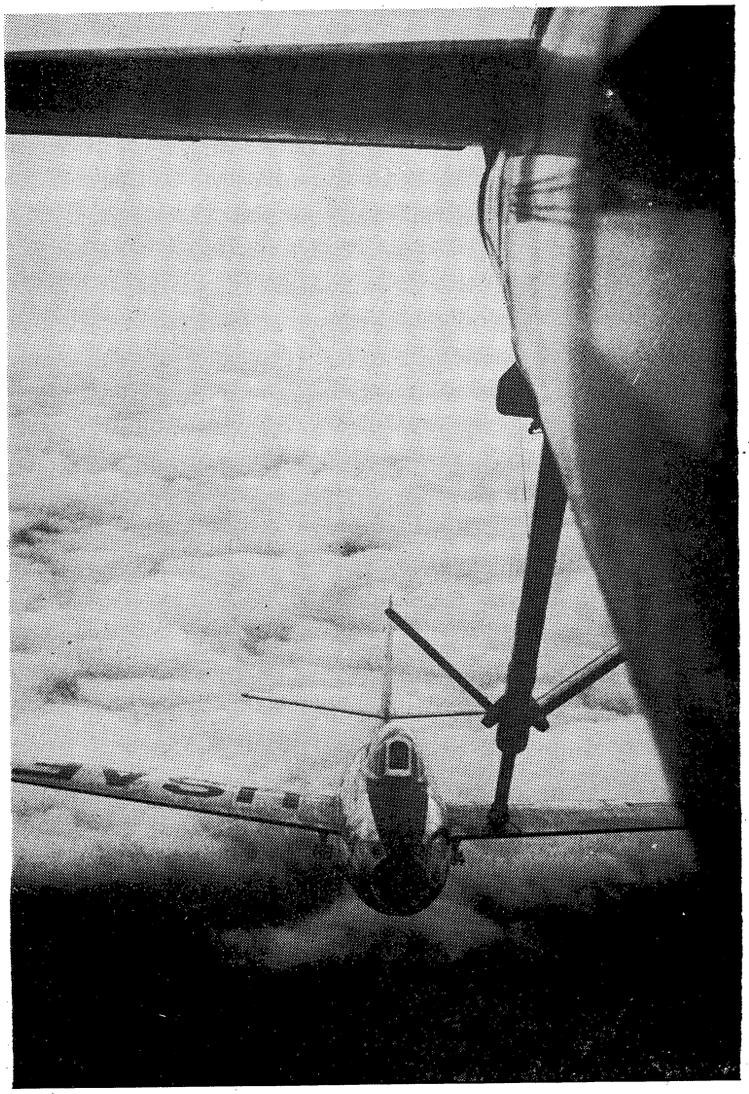

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This is a statement by a man who knows. Reptiles are the business of Cpl. Donald F. Carroll. He has handled and trapped serpents for many years.

Carroll hails from Chelsea, Mass. About seven years ago, he was traveling through Florida when he saw a 'help wanted' sign. So he went in to see what kind of job was open. The ordinary man would have turned tail and walked away fast, but, being an outdoorsman that was just what Carroll wanted to do for a living.

He was immediately hired by Lester and Bill Piper, operators of the Everglades Wonder Gardens at Bonita Springs and foremost authorities on Florida reptiles and animals. Carroll helped capture many snakes, alligators, birds, animals and crocodiles. He helped land one 14-foot crocodile in the Florida Keys.

HIS BUSINESS
FIND" AT BENNING

Carroll joined the Army in August of 1948, and, was put to work as a range guard following basic training. When Carroll arrived at Fort Benning 18 months ago, he kept on the job as a range guard.

Since then, in two summers, he has captured 300 snakes. Carroll likes them so well that last winter he kept a couple of rattlesnakes in his quarters under plexiglass so he could observe their feeding habits and daily lives.

Carroll recently caught the biggest snake he has seen on the post. It is a five-foot two-inch rattlesnake. It can cause plenty of trouble, but Carroll handles it with the enthusiasm of a kid with a toy. He is quite proud of this catch. It is a "fine specimen" with 16 rattles and a button. Rattles are usually lost by the snake before it acquires so many.

HARD TO FIND

There are many snakes in the wilderness training areas of Fort Benning, but there is no reason for soldiers to become alarmed, he says. The chances of running upon a poisonous reptile are slim. If a soldier should see 10 snakes, chances are that only one of those might be poisonous.

Dangerous snakes are hard to find, Carroll claims. The four poisonous snakes to watch for are the canebrake rattler, the ground or pigmy rattler, the cotton mouth or water moccasin and the copperhead. To the best of his knowledge, those are the only dangerous reptiles on the post.

The business of picking up and handling poisonous reptiles isn't easy. Carroll says he has been lucky. In over seven years of handling dangerous reptiles, he has never been struck. But he looks upon his chances with cold calculation. Carroll says that in time the law of averages will catch up with him and he'll get it. It's like a game of Russian roullete, but it doesn't worry the quiet-spoken corporal. He knows exactly what to do if he's bitten and he knows that most old snake hunters are struck sometime.

Picking up a rattler appears easy. After Carroll releases the snake, he keeps it under control with a short pole that has a hook attached. With this hook, he can control the direction of the snake's path as it crawls.

Then he holds the snake's head to the ground with the flat side of the hook. The reptile will become immobile for just a few seconds. Then Carroll reaches down and picks the snake up just behind the head. As soon as the reptile is aloft he starts writhing and Carroll knows just where to grab the body. He says they have a lot of strength and the hold has to be firm. A mistake or loose hold could be fatal.

The five-foot-two inch canebrake has a long sharp vicious pair of fangs. They are about three-quarter-of-an inch long and venom is light yellow in color. The medical profession uses venom after processing as a serum and pays well for it.

Next, the problem is to get rid of the snake. Carroll has someone hold a sack for him with the open end up. He has to coordinate the way he drops the snake so the fangs are in front of his hand. Then he lets go with both hands at the same time, grabbing the sack as the snake drops. Quickly, he twists the top of the sack and traps the snake in the bottom of the bag. Then he ties the bag securely and puts it into a locked box where it can't harm anyone.

Carroll says that snakes are not murderers. They are put on earth, as every other creature, for a reason. These reptiles are beneficial. They kill rodents that cause man many problems in disease and crop loss every year. Snakes are able to crawl into a rat hole and wipe out a whole nest in one attack.

Also, Carroll states that reptiles strike only in self- defense or when they are scared. One reason snakes are so hard to find, he says, is because they are so frightened if anyone approaches that they leave. In open territory, Carroll says that reptiles are easy to see and can be recognized.

Rattlers have their rattles on the tail and have a definite design on their back that stands out vividly, especially if it has just shed its skin. Cotton mouth is just what the name implies. When it opens its mouth, the inside is snowy white.

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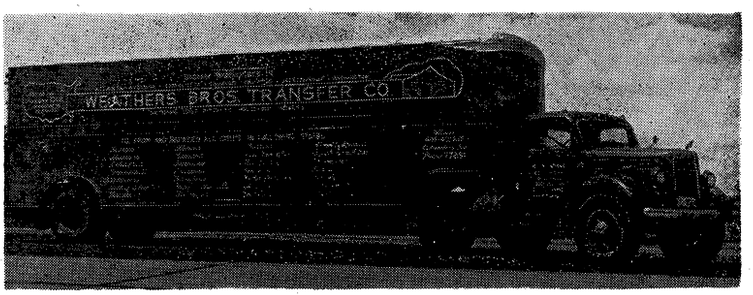

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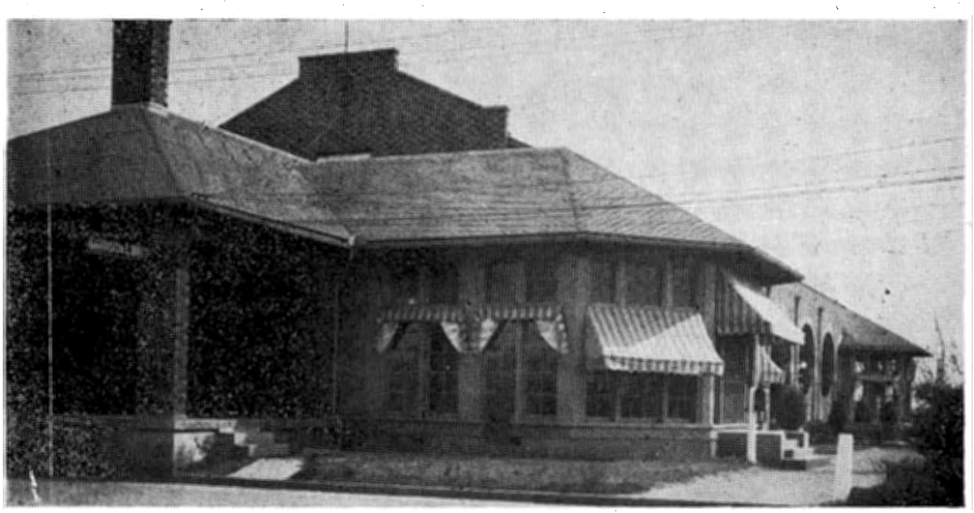

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A study of recreational facilities at Fort Benning will give a good indication of the growth of the largest Infantry post. Back in 1927 one relatively small room tucked away in a corner of Service Club No. 1 served as a more than adequate library for the garrison. During the 30's this literary nook was expanded to include an adjoining porch.

Reading tastes, then as now, ran largely to westerns and mysteries. In 1942 the present Main Library, located beside the Main Theater, was completed. The neat brick building with its comfortable chairs, lamps and large collection of reading matter was a popular place for relaxation for men in the wartime Army.

Books from the smaller libraries at Sand Hill, Harmony Church, Lawson Air Force base and the Army Hospital also had record circulation. During the period between World War II and the Korean conflict several of the branch libraries were closed down. The libraries are keeping pace with the current training program, and at the present time there are eight reading centers in operation at Fort Benning.

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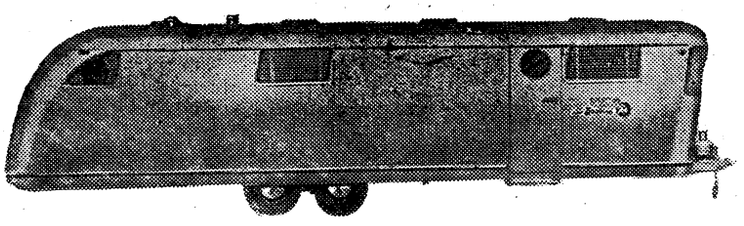

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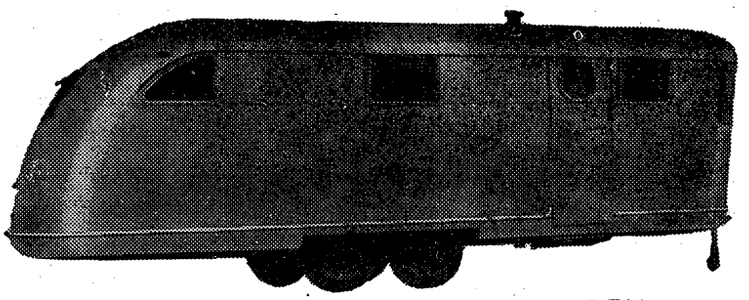

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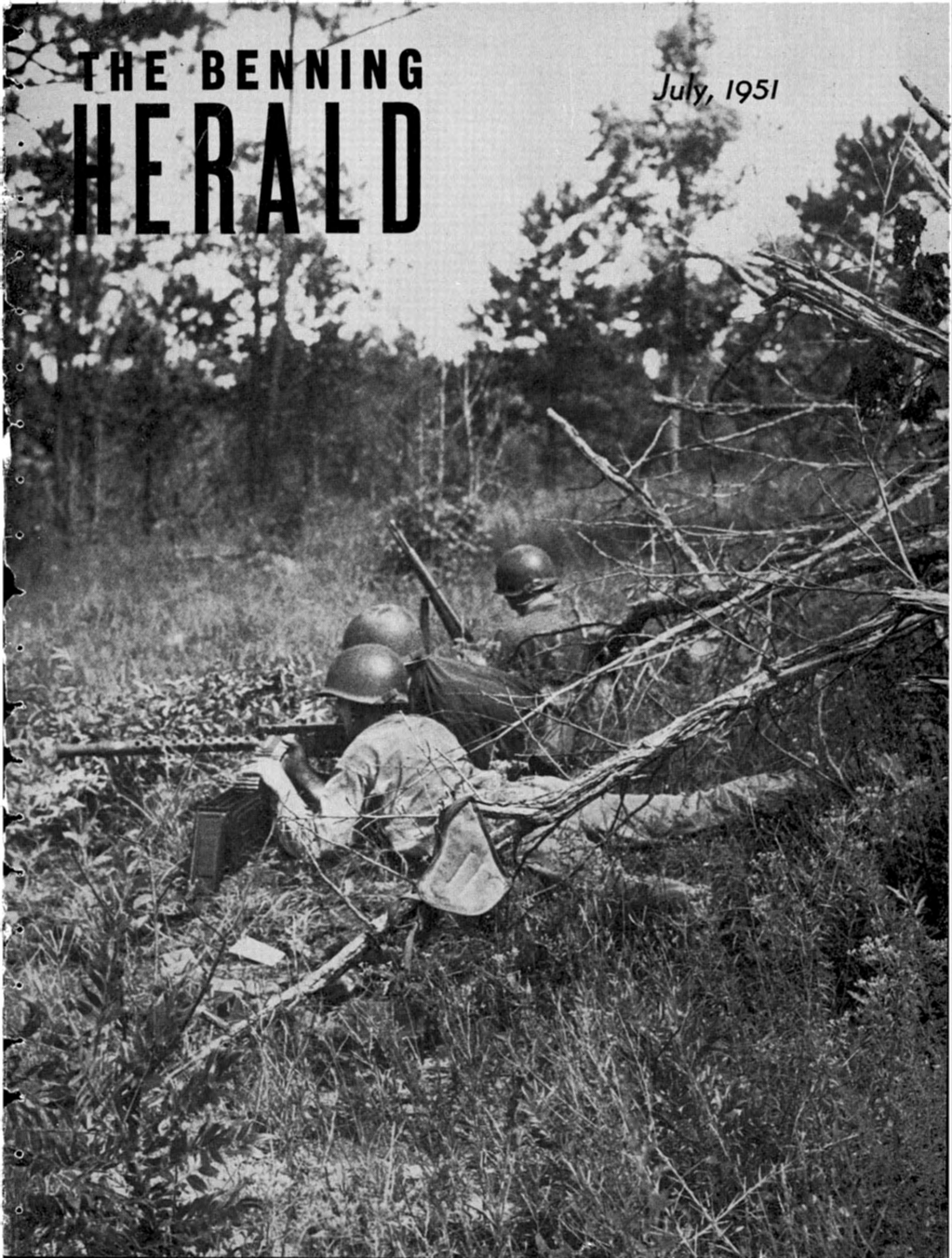

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IN THIS MONTH'S HERALD

Troops from the 325th Airborne Infantry regiment leave Fort Benning this month to return to the 82nd Airborne Infantry division at Fort Bragg, N. C.

For the past seven months this Airborne group has been on temporary duty at the Infantry School, showing the students how various demonstrations and problems should be handled.

In addition to their duties with the school the men of the 325th AIR also furnished honor guards for top-ranking visitors from all over the world.

The unit supplied more than 1,000 men daily as demonstration troops, at the same time maintaining heavy training schedules throughout the combat team.

Recently the crack troops have been participating in Army Field Forces training tests. The front page of this issue of the Herald shows a major phase of one of these operations.

Engaged in a counter-offensive against an aggressor force dug in on a ridge north of Carmonche Range, a platoon of Company C attacks under simulated combat conditions. A touch of reality was supplied by stimulated artillery bursts and blasted trees.

Playing their role to the hilt, Cpl. John Ferris, assistant gunner, and Cpl. Douglas Schlutow, gunner, provide a protective cross-fire with their .30 calibre light machine gun during a defensive phase of the test.

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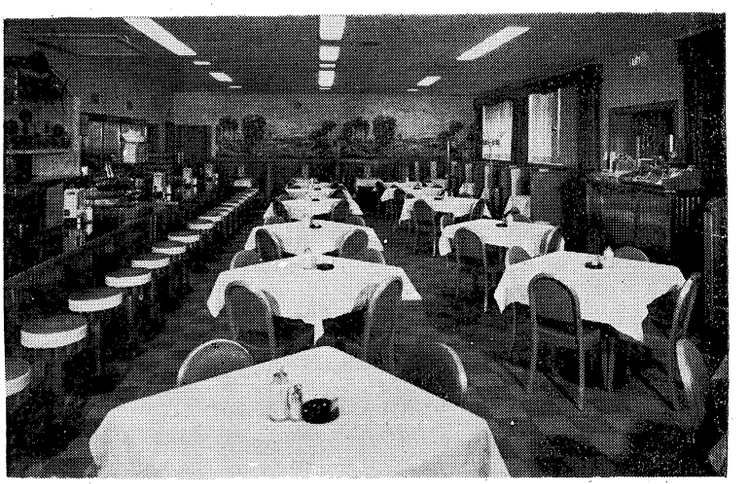

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Probably the most important of the hectic three weeks training is the first week. It is in this period that the men are separated from the boys. The trainee must learn to be constantly alert.

Correct procedures must become mechanical as often there is no time for thought. The smallest detail becomes vitally important and the trooper learns to respect the value of his instruction.

The slightest deviation from mental and physical alertness if punishable by added physical training. This week is designed to teach the paratrooper about everything he needs to know to make a correct jump.

From the first day, the soldier must become familiar with an entirely new vocabulary and not for one minute during the entire week is he permitted to forget one word of it, for if a lapse of memory occurs it might mean disaster not only to him but others.

Since the first things come first the trooper learns the first basic jump techniques and the seven jump commands. This phase of training is done by what is known as Mock door patterned after the door of a plane.

For six hours of the week, all he will hear is Get Ready, Stand Up, Hook Up, Check Equipment, Sound Off for Equipment Check, Stand In Door and Go! and then he makes the simulated jump, not one time but over and over again.

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The fourth basic jump technique, on which he spends six hours training, is the parachute landing fall. Parachute landing falls are made first from a two-foot platform without harness, then harness is added and platform height goes up to four feet and finally equipment is added.

Then comes the fifth basic jump technique; wind machine training.

For two hours of training during the week, the trooper battles the element that will mean so much toward a safe landing when he actually jumps and he also learns how to collapse a parachute quickly and efficiently.

To be able to stand the terrific strain on the muscles, five hours during the week is spent in actual physical training, for a soldier not able to stand the physical training will never make a jumper.

Various odd subjects are covered in six hours of training.

The instructors who guide the troopers have to be expert at all phases of the course for each day they are shifted around and not until the schedule is posted do they know exactly where they will be, one period might be the Mock Door, the next physical training and so on. They are even assigned to the second and third week of training.

This group of men not only have to instruct but actually show the troops just how each step is done. There can be no haphazard methods used, since the men learn in their classes how to take care of themselves and their buddies and how to get the job done in the safest, quickest way.

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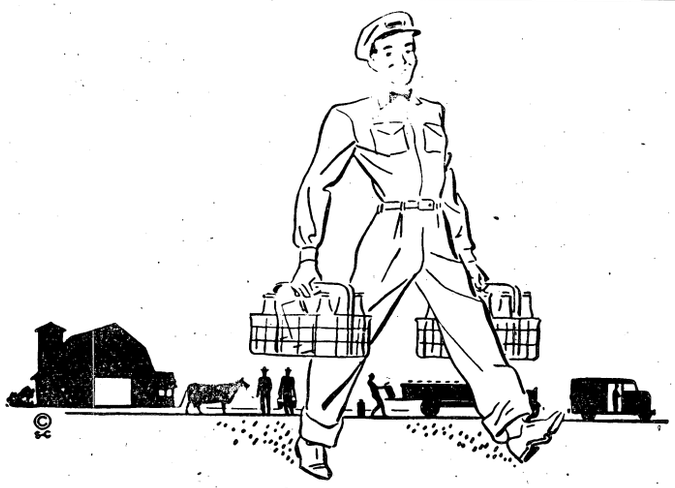

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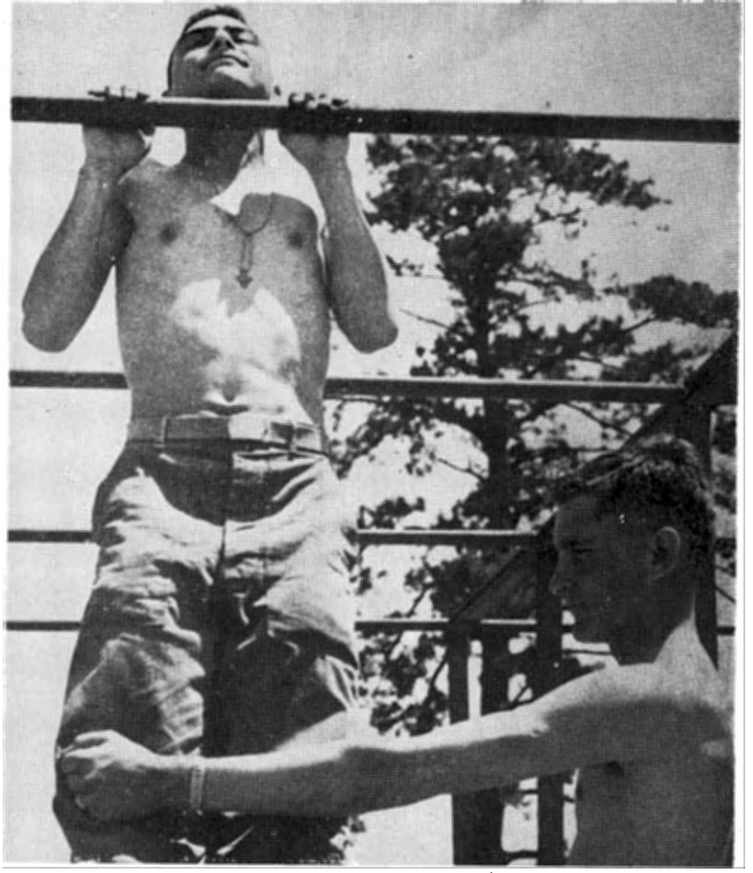
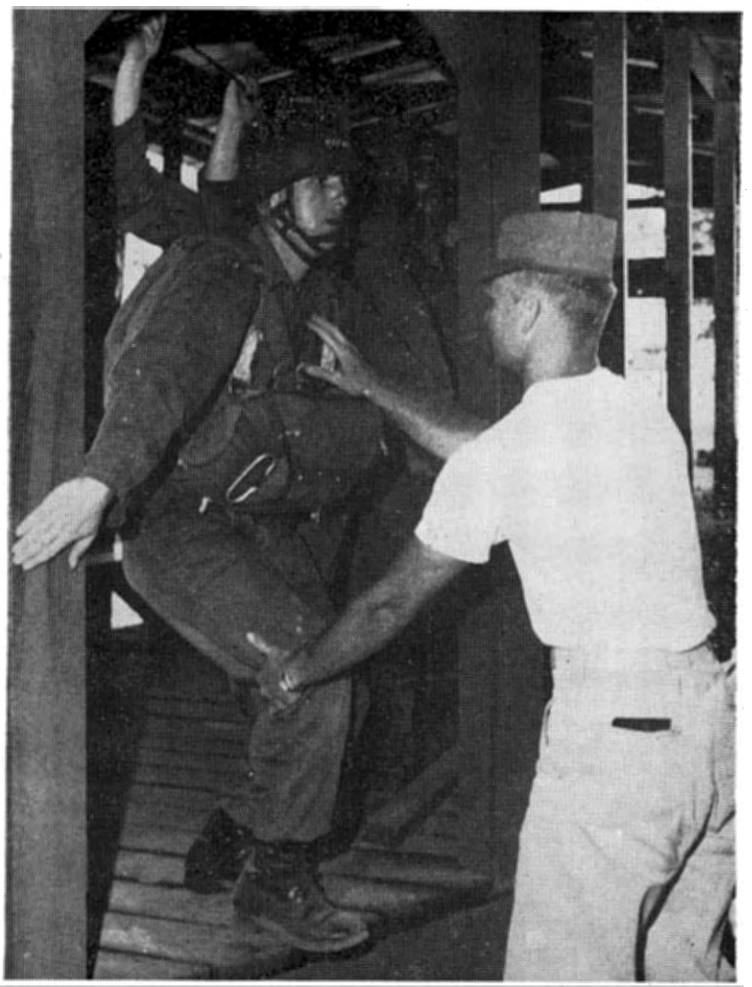
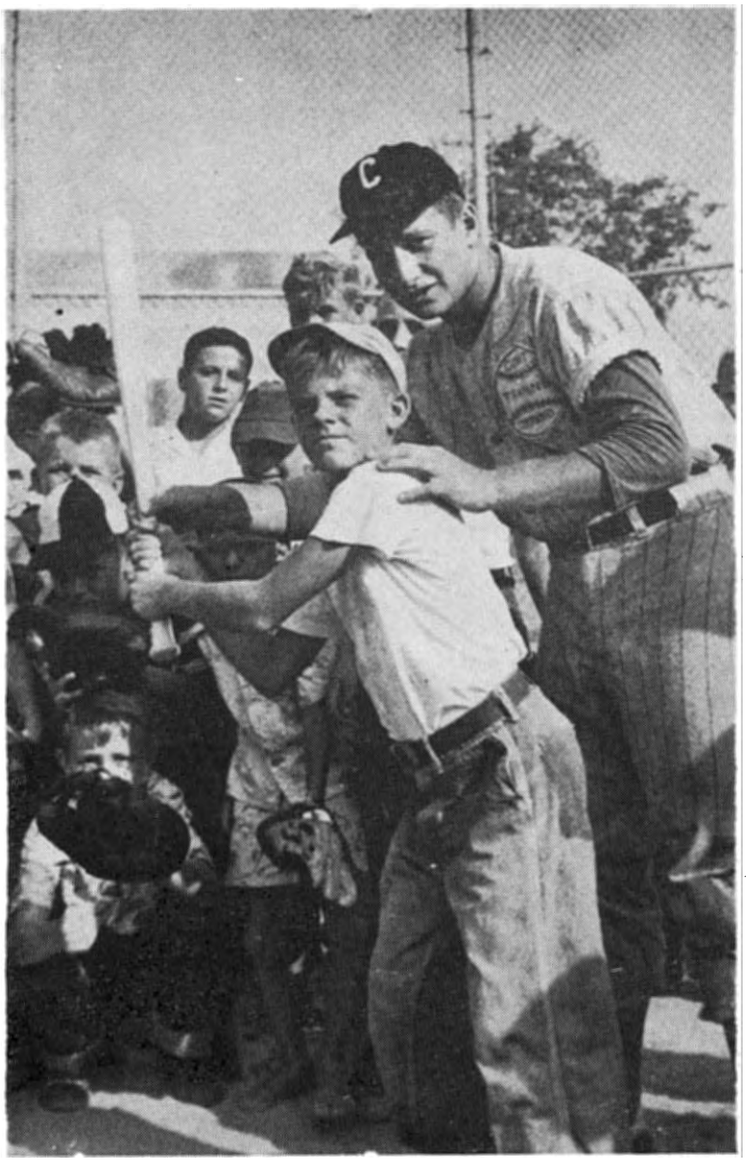


SELECT GROUP . . . Only the physically fit can complete the rugged three week Airborne course. Students are rated on their ability to do various exercises such as push-ups, chins, sit-ups and sprinting. Road runs are part of the regular training schedule. Here a student is coached on the proper method of chinning.



BEST FOOT FORWARD . . . Proper body position is imperative in parachute jumping and a proper exit from the aircraft helps insure a good jump. At the command "Stand in the door" the student assumes a slightly crouched position with one foot forward and hands flat against the sills. Here an instructor, in white shirt, checks a student as he practices exits from a mock airplane on the ground.

SOLDIERS HELP AS LITTLE LEAGUE GETS UNDERWAY



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Little League baseball is underway throughout much of the nation.

Fort Benning soldiers have been taking time out during their off-duty hours to operate a full league on the sprout diamonds. Aside from men like Sgt. Joe Smith, Fort Benning baseball ace, Bill DeLong, noted special services soldier and M-Sgt. Ray Tousignant who has taken over the reins as president of the Little League's National league, many other baseball stare on the post are lending support to the youngsters by giving them tips on the game.

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WAR GAMES IN KOREA–5th RCT Men

STEEL SUPPORT—Ridge-running tanks of the Fifth Tank company rumbled up adjacent hills to blast Hill 440 as 24th division Infantrymen swarmed up their objective.

FIELD BOSS—Maj. James P. Alcorn, Lexington, Ky., directs his Third battalion of the Fifth Regimental Combat Team from his field command post at the spectacular training maneuver.

Sgt. Al Mullikan, combat correspondent in Korea and ex-Bayonet Staffer at Fort Benning, has covered 'the real thing' in Korea for many months. Sergeant Mullikan took his typewriter to a new 'front' recently to cover war games during a lull in the fighting. Here is his account.

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By SGT. AL. MULLIKAN

KOREA.—It was a perfect day. Everything went according to plan. The acrid fog of smoke and dust rolled up by the attacking battalion settled around the men and machines which had accomplished the story book mission of "Operation Pipedream."

The 3rd Bn. of the 5th RCT had taken another objective and that was the end of the operation. The follow-up tasks of continuing to advance or guarding against counter attack did not exist because "Pipedream" was a training maneuver.

"The closer you get to the front, the more training you see," said Lt. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, who flew from his to witness the demonstration of an Infantry battalion attacking.

Addressing the thousands of officers and men who saw or participated in the spectacular array of Army firepower, Van Fleet continued, "You are making good use of your time. There's no loafing up here."

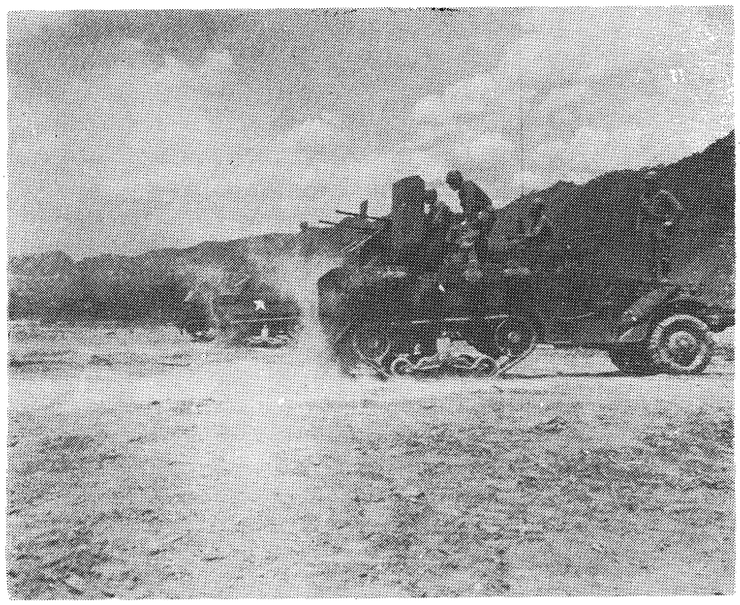
Though veterans of many a death-lock struggle with Communists in Korea, the 3rd Bn., of the 5th RCT worked diligently to perfect their assault tactics. The objective, Hill 440, was another position to take and the "Ridge Runners" went out after it, precision against the imaginary enemy.

Three battalions of field artillery blasted the "enemy"

GENERALS WATCH—Lt. Gen. James Van Fleet and Lt. Gen. W. M. Hoge look up with other general officer spectators and the bleacher crowd of officers and enlisted men to watch the streaking jets that joined in Operation Pipedream.

SAFETY CONTROL—Watching and figuring, men and officers of the Safety Control set up for Operation Pipedream prevented any casualties that might have resulted from the heavy concentrations of live ammo used on the demonstration

Use Lull in War for Training Maneuver



QUAD CLATTER—Protected by steel, 50 caliber machine gunners of the 52nd Anti-aircraft battalion throw a roof of infantry cover fire from their tough half-truck vehicles used as support.

RIDGE RUNNERS—Assaulting doughboys, armed with flame throwers, pause at the summit of a ridge taken in the pitched battle

hidden in their deep log bunkers which packed the face of the hill. The jolting barrage finished, four F-80's streaked from nowhere to skim the ridgeline of Hill 440. Silver tanks of napalm fluttered from beneath the wings and splattered into roaring flames on the hillside.

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Air and artillery had shown their damage. Maj. Ernest Davis, exec of the attacking infantry battalion began the narration of the foot soldier's assault. A ROK lieutenant stood at his side by the microphone to interpret the narration for visiting Korean Army leaders.

Rambling tanks of the 5th Tank Co. and clattering quad 50's of the 52nd AA AW, Bn. moved out on the flanks as the crouching riflemen advanced in quick spurts toward the draw they would use as an approach to the objective. Mortar tubes of every size began popping their charges onto the hill. Machine guns sprayed burst after burst over the heads of the Infantrymen. Recoilless rifles set the ground beneath them to trembling as their projectiles roared forward in a burst of flame.

The loudspeakers barked the commands of the infantry leaders as the men swarmed up the slope of the objective.

The scrambling infantrymen drew themselves into a tight line. Hails of fire zipped over their heads from support weapons. The riflemen stood up. Screaming and firing, they rushed forward as an unbroken wall of running fire.

One lone doughboy climaxed the realistic bayonet charge by lobbing a phosphorous grenade that blew the last "enemy" bunker skyward in a burst of white smoke.

AWAITING THE ORDER—Poised to charge their objective in a bayonet assault, riflemen of the Third battalion, Fifth Regimental Combat Team, are ready to move out.

BUNKER BLAST—Alert for action, the 24th division Infantryman levels his M-1 through the boiling white smoke to pick off any 'enemy' who lived through his phosphorous grenade assault on the last bunker atop the objective.

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MAKING IT COUNT—Battery A, of the 41st Field artillery, is shown firing a problem for the Rangers that earned them an official letter of commendation and appreciation. Stressed in the letter from the Ranger Commandant were the accuracy and effectiveness of the fire, as well as the spirit of the artillery crews operating the field pieces.

BEST FOOTBALL SQUAD

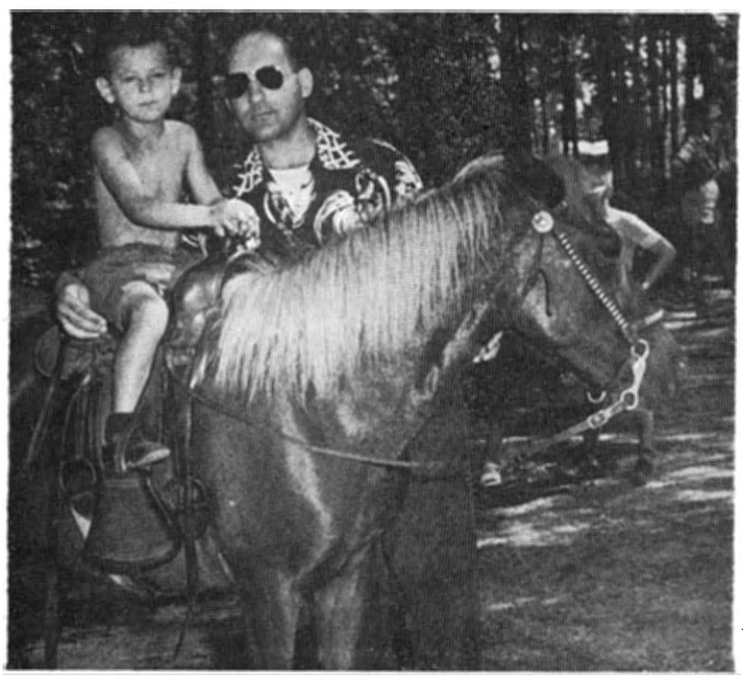
TROPHY WINNER . . . Col. D. M. Allison, commanding officer of the 117th Tactical Reconnaissance wing presented a trophy to T-Sgt. Andrew Pachuta, manager, of the 112th Tactical Reconnaissance squadron which won top honors in the base softball league here at Lawson.

POST SNAPSHOTS—

RECENTLY PROMOTED

NEW FULL COLONEL . . . Recently promoted, Col. Donald P. Christensen, commander of the 44th Tank battalion, receives his eagle from Col. Thomas Mifflin, commander of the 325th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

PONY RIDE THRILL



PICNIC FUN . . . Capt. Edward S. Mehosky and son "Edward" are pictured at the Shetland pony ride at the 508th Airborne Infantry regiment's officers picnic at Victory lodge recently. The pony ride was a highlight in the day's activities for the youngsters attending the picnic.

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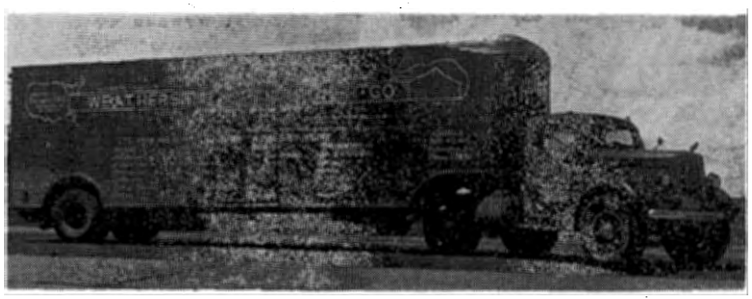

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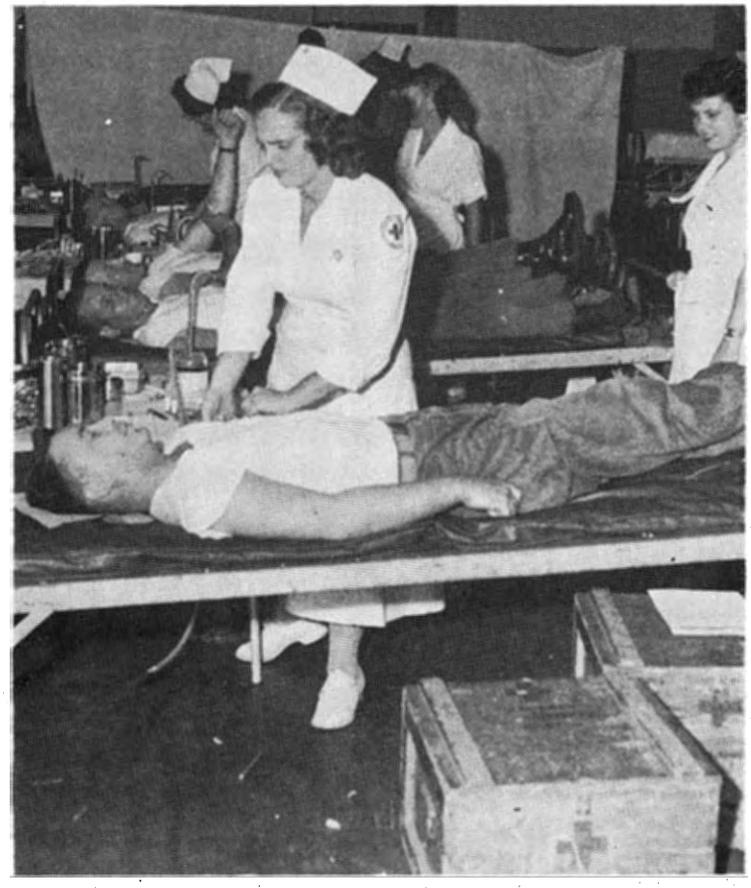

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MASS DONATION . . . Pfc. James Murphy smiles as Nurse Jane Hill drains a pint of his blood for use in helping wounded American soldiers. His comment, " There's lots more where that came from." In a mass donation at the Main Hospital last week, 260 officers and men of the 201st Armored Field Artillery battalion, Combat Training Command, volunteered their blood. Twenty-three were rejected. The quotas was 240 pints. Miss Clark, director of the Blood Bank project in this area, commented that the donation was "the best run" she had ever seen.

508th Commander Gets Senior Badge As Parachutist

Col. Joseph P. Cleland, regimental commander of the 508th Airborne Infantry regiment, was awarded senior parachutist wings by the 508th Senior Parachutist board recently.

Colonel Cleland qualified for the senior rating in less than one year from the date of graduation from the Basic Airborne course. He jumped from C-47, C-119 and C-82 types of aircraft during his 30 jumps. He favors right side landings on his parachute jumps.

In order to be eligible for a senior parachutist rating, an individual must participate in a minimum of 30 parachute jumps. At least five of these made with normal jumping equipment, including a weapon.

He must also make two jumps during the hours of darkness one of which must be as a jumpmaster of a stick. In addition he must have completed a jumpmaster school conducted by the Airborne school or by an airborne division, regiment or separate battalion; or have been a jumpmaster during a combat jump; or have made fifty per cent of his total number of jumps as a jumpmaster.

This award is not made automatically upon the completion of these requirements but must be applied for along with proof of the actual completion of the jumps. Applications are then processed and examined by members of a specially appointed Senior Parachutist board.

Once passed on by the board the awards are published in the unit's Special Orders at the earliest practicable date.

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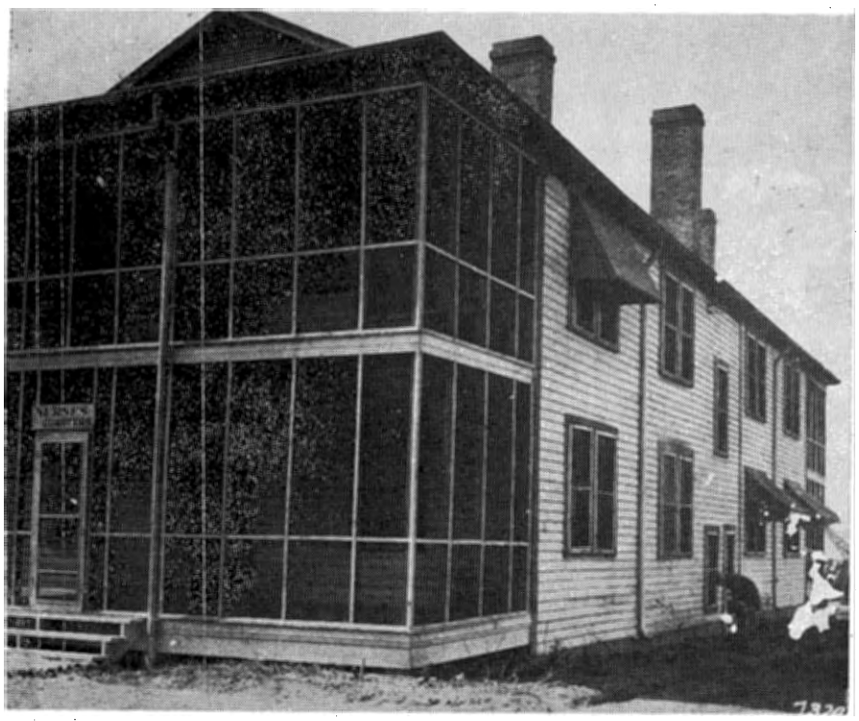


ABOUT THE ONLY SIMILARITY between the nurses' quarters at Fort Benning in the 1920's and the nurses' quarters here today is the fact that they both had awnings and they both housed nurses.

But there the resemblance ends.

The "ladies of the light" in 1925 were truly roughing it in a temporary type structure with beaverboard walls, small crowded rooms and little, or no, closet space. The permanent quarters located south of, and adjacent to, the Fort Benning Army hospital were built in 1929 and 1930. They are constructed of natural plaster with a red tile roof to match other permanent structures on the post.

Inside, in addition to the individual sleeping quarters, there is a large comfortable lounge, an all-purpose room with a library, a fully-equipped kitchen for snacks and a roomy basement with laundry facilities and space for trunks and storage. In back of the quarters there is garage space for 12 automobiles.

Recently, because of the increase in the number of troops at Fort Benning and the subsequent jump in business at the hospital more women officers have been assigned to work there. Additional housing facilities have been obtained throughout the post. Although these accommodations are in temporary buildings they are a far cry from the original nurses quarters at Fort Benning. Today's rooms are big and airy and the closet space is more than ample.

WORLD'S BEST PISTOL SHOT IS SERGEANT IN U. S. ARMY

M-SGT. BENNER CLEANS FAVORITE SERVICE PISTOL

M-Sgt. Huelet L. "Joe" Benner, the world's No. 1 pistol shooter and a holder of more awards than any other living gun ponter, is training at Fort Benning as a member of the United States Army pistol team.

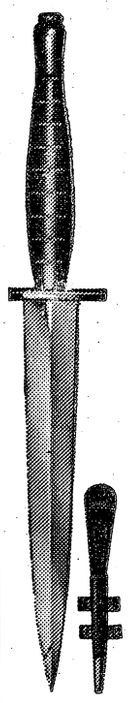
The team arrived on Aug. 1 to train for regional matches to be held Aug. 17-19 at Jacksonville, Fla. Benner will be the mainstay of the All-Army team, rated as having a good chance to finish near the top of the world's best shooters.

World's champion, Joe Benner won the title in Buenos Aires in 1949. A few of his other accomplishments are the winning of center fire slow fire outings at the Pan American Games in Buenos Aires last year on a 50 meter range. His record there still stands. He fired the Olympics at London, England in 1948 to win second spot. Benner was a member of the International pistol team of 1940.

In a dozen years of shooting fame, Benner has collected so many awards and trophies that it is necessary to reserve a whole room in his home to keep them. He has won over a thousand medals not to mention priceless trophies and other awards. The room contains three complete sets of silverware, three television sets, rare pieces of shooting equipment and numerous cameras.

Of all the invaluable hand-hammered trophies and punch bowls worth thousands of dollars, one of the most prized possessions is a gold typewriter. Only three of them exist in the world. One was made for Franklin D. Roosevelt, another for General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Benner won the other one in competition.

His plans for the future are to shoot the Olympics again and to win the world's title once more, a feat never accomplished by any other shooter.



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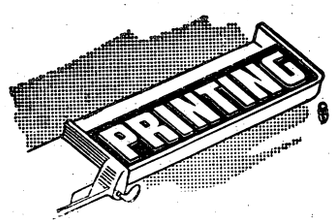

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IN THIS MONTH'S HERALD

They have taken no lessons in walking gracefully with books on their heads, or reciting poetry, or even kissing the heroine, but Fort Benning's most realistic actors are having a long run in their unusual show.

Troops of Combat Training Command are the cast of the Infantry School's six day a week production, "Modern War." Their audiences are student officers learning life-and-death lessons in preparation for leading American soldiers in combat.

The School Troops have no stars, but build their production around bit players, such as Pvt. Canute Jones (left) and Pfc. Oliver Sullivan (right), of Company K, Third Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, demonstrating tactics of the bazooka team (see cover).

Books and blackboards have their place at The Infantry School, but the backbone of the courses is demonstration. Students see how theory works in action as the latest weapons and equipment are used on infinite varieties of terrain in thousands of situations.

They see the real thing, not fantasy or romance, and are likely to take part in many battlefield encores after completing their courses. The playwrights are men who have seen war through the years, and revise the scripts with almost every report from the Korean front. The actors know their parts well, for many of them rehearsed at Inchon, the Bowling Alley, Hungnam and Taegu.

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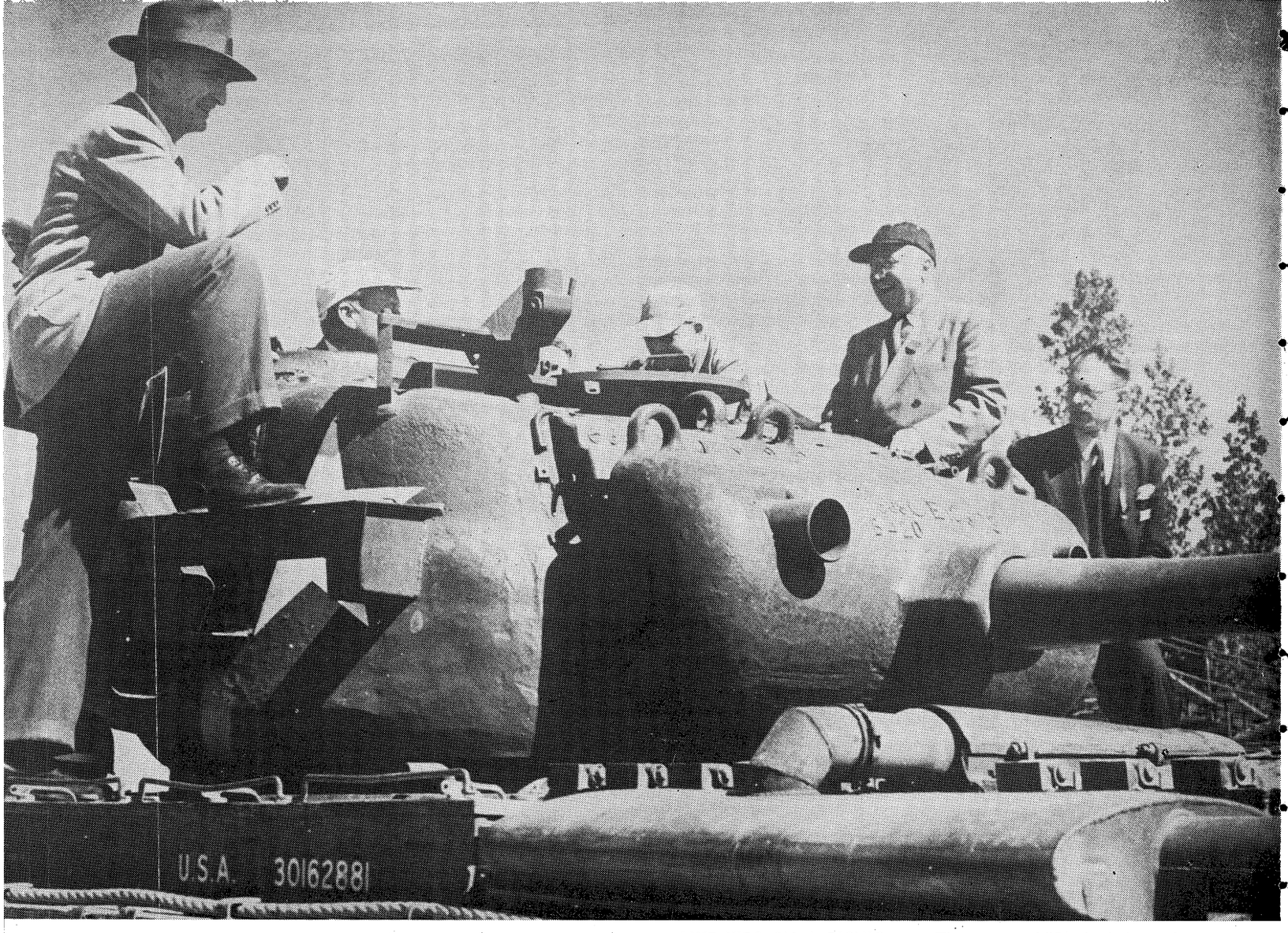


LIKE KIDS ON A PICNIC . . . The visiting VIP's had themselves a rare time playing at being soldiers for a day. They borrowed helmets and equipment (several wore items of clothing left over from the time when they were on active duty with the Armed Forces) and followed every demonstration with the keenest interest, not missing a trick. Here they swarm over a medium tank to see what "makes it tick".

TOP BRASS AT CIVILIAN ORIENTATION . . . While attending the Infantry weapons demonstration, Lt. Gen. Marcel Carpentier, left, French Army deputy chief of staff for logistics and administration, SHAPE Headquarters, and Gen. Mark Clark, Chief of Army Field Forces, get together to discuss "the mad minute" when all the weapons of an Infantry regiment are fired at the same time.

TENTH JCOC

Three or four times each year groups of leading civilian executives from all over the United States make orientation trips to military installations as guests of the Department of Defense. Fort Benning has been awarded the job of presenting the Army side of the training picture.

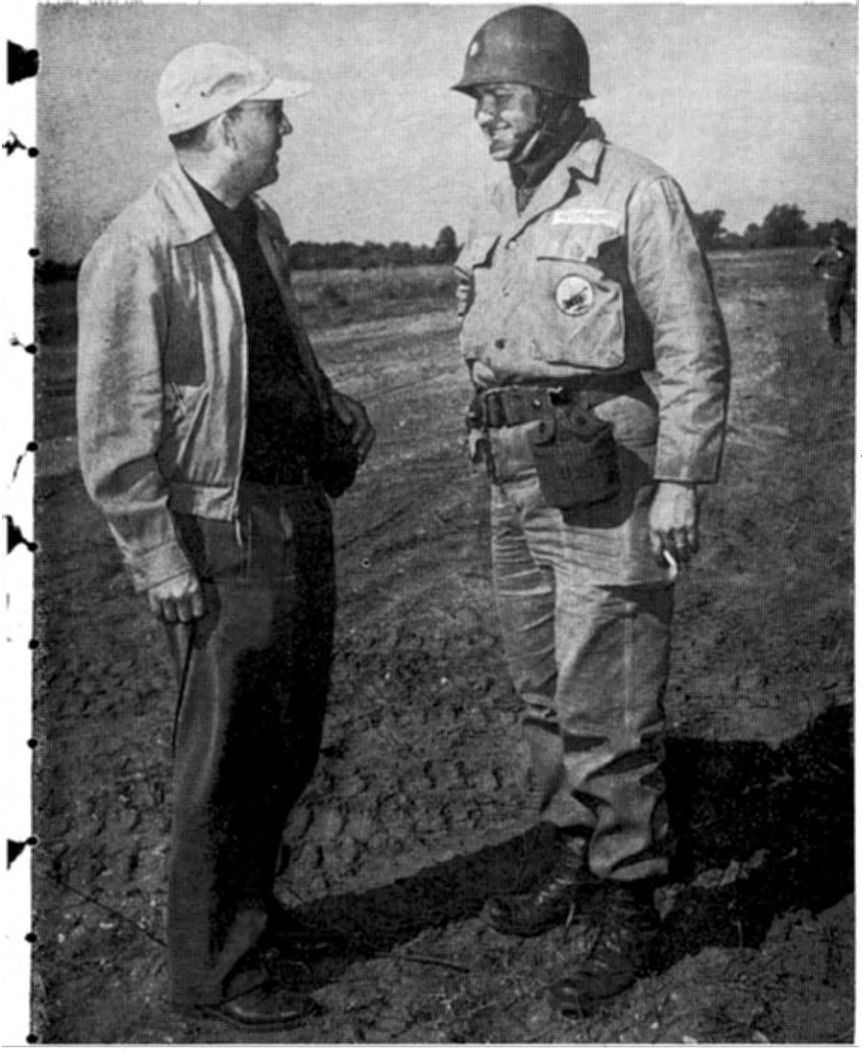
Typical of these trips was the recent Tenth Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, one of the largest since former Defense Secretary Louis Johnson originated the tours several years ago.

The conference began with an open house at the Mayflower hotel in Washington, D. C., to give the 75 leaders from the fields of industry, labor, radio, press and education the opportunity to become better acquainted.

Then followed two days of talks and conferences at The Pentagon, in which the men were told what they would see and what they should look for. Before visiting the Quantico and Norfolk Naval bases in Virginia they were briefed by Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett.

After visiting Washington and Virginia, the VIP's were loaded on six MATs airplanes to fly South to Fort Benning.

Next day at Hook Range they saw the first of a series of Infantry demonstration.



WHY, WE'RE PRACTICALLY RELATED! . . . VIP visitor Richard S. Bradley, vice president and technical and research director of A. P. Green Fire Brick Company, Mexico, Mo., finds an old friend in Lt. Col. Clyde Dillender, son-in-law of his next-door neighbor. Colonel Dillender had just finished leading troops from the 508th Airborne Infantry Regimental Combat Team in a demonstration mass parachute jump.

Plenty of the "top brass" was in evidence. Gen. Mark Clark, Chief of Army Field Forces, Lt. Gen. Marcel Carpentier, French Army deputy chief of staff for logistics and administration, SHAPE headquarters, Maj. Gen. R. W. Douglas, commander of the 18th Air Force, and Lt. Gen. A. D. Bruce, commandant of the Armed Forces Staff College, were a few of the military leaders who joined the civilian group.

Also witnessing the displays were a group of newspapermen from North Atlantic Treaty Nations who were making a comprehensive tour of the United States, 215 Armed Forces Staff College students and 110 Medical Field Service School students.

The demonstration at Hook Range was long and detailed, but the visitors' attention didn't waver a bit as they heard instructors from the Weapons Department describe individual Infantry weapons, from the .45 automatic through the M-1, BAR, mortar, rocket launcher to the flame thrower and recoilless weapons.

Following the lectures the civilians were given an ear-splitting treat when all the weapons of an Infantry regiment were fired at the same time during "the mad minute."

Then the tanks were brought around in front of the stands so that the visitors might inspect them at close range.

The show had special appeal for visitor Alfred G. Vanderbilt, publisher of Young American Magazines, New York, who had been a weapons instructor at The Infantry School during World War II.

The demonstration, which took place over a wide-spread area, illustrated the Infantry-Tank-Artillery Team, supported by low-flying fighter-bombers, in effective ground operations. Tactical

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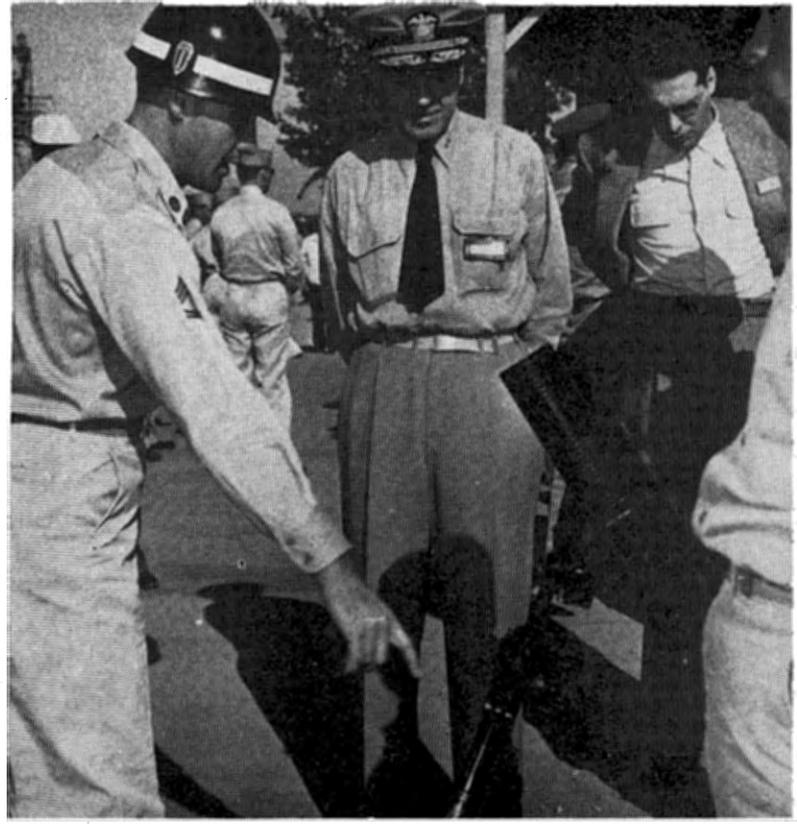

LETHAL WEAPON . . . Rear Admiral Ephraim R. McLean, Armed Forces Staff College, center, and Sfc. C. H. Williams, left, Weapons Department, discuss the relative merits of the 81 mm mortar

APPARENTLY THEY LIKE THE SHOW . . . The general concensus seems to be favorable, judging the expressions on the faces of Lt. Gen. Marcel Carpentier, SHAPE official, left, Maj. Gen. R. W. Douglas, center, commanding, 18th Air Force, and Lt. Gen. A. D. Bruce, commandant of the Armed Forces Staff College. The three generals got together for a "confab" during a joint Air Force-Airborne demonstration in the Alabama area. Highlight of the show was a 900-man mass parachute jump.

FISHY TALE

ICHTHYOLOGIST BARTLETT INSPECTS BROOD

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SIAMESE FIGHTER DRAWS ATTENTION OF YVONNE

This may sound like a fish story to some people, but to 1st Lt. Frank Bartlett, assistant troop information and education officer of the First Student brigade, it's just a hobby—and a well-paying one.

Lieutenant Bartlet is a part-time ichthyologist. According to the dictionary, an ichthyologist is one who studies and raises fish. Bartlet, however, doesn't confine his interests to fish alone. He also raises crickets, earthworms and snails.

The Bartletts' spare bedroom in their Battle Park Apartment houses between 400 and 1,000 miniature fish in seven five-, 10-, and 15-gallon tanks; a five-gallon can of earth worms; between 1,200 and 1,400 snails, and a large bucket of assorted crickets.

Also included in the household are a wife, Fay, a seven-year-old daughter, Yvonne, and the ichthyologist himself.

Some people think this a rather odd hobby for the six-foot, two-inch and 210-pound Bartlett, but he just points to his bills-of-sale from Columbus variety stores to silence scoffers.

Explaining his entry into the field of ichthyology, Bartlett says "When I was a youngster, my father gave me some guppies. They multiplied so fast that I soon had several hundred.

"I really didn't go into it as a business until about six months ago, but it's been my hobby for about two years," he continued.

"At first my wife was very enthusiastic—but not any more. The only time she comes into the "Fish Room" is when she wants to see her fish-happy husband," he joked.

Bartlett's pride and joy at the moment is a pair of mated angel fish. According to him, angel fish won't mate with just any old fish. They pick out one mate and expect him—or her—to last. Bartlett said the pair would sell for $35 to $45.

"They follow me around the tank when I feed them," he related, "but when someone else comes in to the room they change color and head for the other end of the tank."

The lieutenant described his Siamese fighting fish as the hardest to raise. These tiny cannibals die if there's a three-degree change in the temperature of their water. But since they mate every 14 days, Bartlett usually has a pretty good stock of the miniature fighters.

His smallest fish, says Bartlet, is a four-week-old Siamese fighter that looks like "a pin-head with eye balls." This youngster is kept in a tea cup.

At present, Lieutenant Bartlett has 11 varieties of fish, including red swordtails, betta cambodia, zebra fish, sphenox, black mollies, red platys, dwarf catfish, guppies, angel fish, Siamese fighting fish and a hybrid pair which is a cross between a black mollie and a red swordtail.

Mealtime for the group lasts about an hour and a half. It includes chopped-up earthworms for the angel and Siamese fish, brine-shrimp and enfousria for the little fellows, and chopped shrimp and regular fish food for the rest. The angel fish also rate baby crickets.

Although the Bartlett family isn't overly enthusiastic about fish for meals, as Lieutenant Bartlett says, they can "always have a filet a la black mollies, if things get that bad."

PRIZE PACKAGE . . . S. D. Pierce, director, Department of Defense Production for Canada, Washington, D. C., and Maj. E. L. M. Burns, deputy minister, Department of Veterans Affairs, Ottawa, Canada, inspect airborne equipment of Sfc. H. G. Miller, Pathfinder Committee.

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Air Command's Ninth Air Force, from Pope Air Force Base, N. C., provided 14 jet fighter-bomber aircraft for the demonstration of fire-power capability and air ground tactics.

Realism in training was impressed on the visitors when a hidden machine gun nest opened up fire directly in front of the grandstand and when, a little later, the whine of heavy Artillery shells could be heard as they came over the bleachers at the beginning of the "attack".

One of the biggest airborne shows in the history of Fort Benning took place next morning when the troops of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team turned out in full force to perform for the conference.

More than 800 troopers parachuted to earth to establish an air head. Following their landing there was a heavy equipment drop using jeeps and howitzers.

Approximately 71 planes from the 18th Tactical Air Force at Donaldson Base, S. C., were here for this part of the show. In addition to jets and liaison planes there were C-119 packets, C-46 Commandos, C-112 assault types and the first troop carrier version of the C-124 Globemaster, capable of carrying 200 fully equipped paratroopers.

During the final stages of this demonstration, troops were landed in the "glider-type" C-122's and the "wounded" were evacuated by helicopter.

At the conclusion of the Airborne demonstration the civilian leaders went to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., for a final series of aerial fire power demonstrations.

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MEXICAN OFFICERS ATTEND SCHOOL

MEXICAN OFFICER (R.) EXPLAINS COUNTRY'S FLAG

From the land of enchiladas and tamales has come Capt. de Estado Mayor Alfonso Perez Teran, along with three other Mexican officers, to attend The Infantry School.

The four Mexicans, students in Advance Class No. 2 here, are among 18 fellow officers now at various military installations and training schools in the United States.

Captain Perez says he is impressed by the "extensiveness of the whole installation", and the number of men at the disposal of The Infantry School for carrying out its training.

"My impression of Fort Benning," he said, "is that it is tremendous."

According to Captain Perez, the Mexican government is making every effort to eliminate illiteracy and raise the standard of living of people in his country.

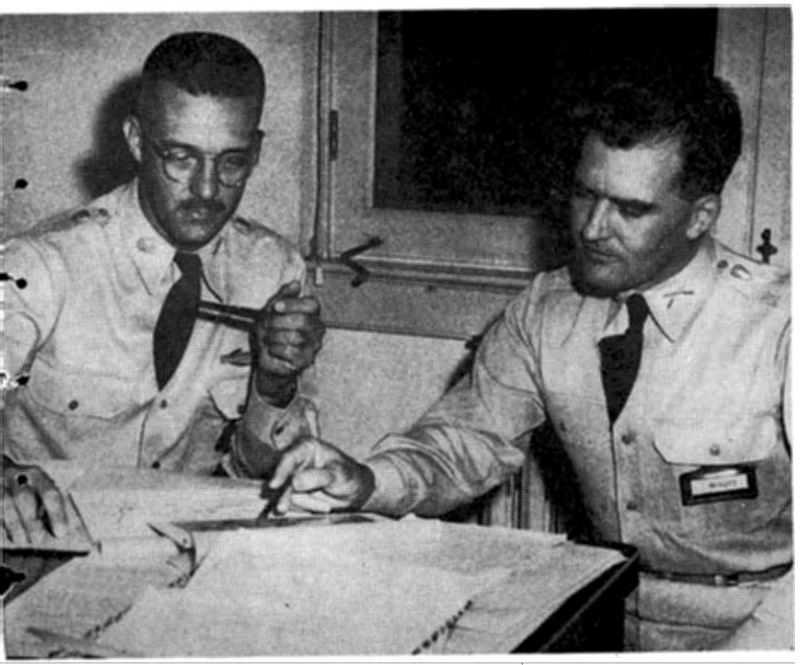
Twenty years ago, he says, people living in the rural areas were completely ignored. But, today, the government has opened all types of schools and has made great strides in raising the educational level of the people.

In line with this program, Mexico is taking advantage of every opportunity to send military and professional people to schools and universities in the U. S.

"Personally," said the captain, "I am very grateful to the United States for giving me this opportunity to increase my knowledge of modern warfare."

One of the Mexican Army's outstanding institutions, says Captain Perez, is the regular army medical school. Students are assigned to the 36-year-old institution in much the same fashion as cadets who enter a U. S. military school, he declared.

Infantrymen Can Voice Opinions in 'Quarterly'



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The Infantry School Quarterly, published under the supervision of the Training Publications Department of the Infantry School, is the only professional magazine of the American Infantry.

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Originally published in 1922 under the title of The Mailing List, it had a circulation of only several hundred. Writers for the magazine at that time were composed of Infantry School personnel. It suffered a lapse of publication from 1943 to 1946 due to shortage of qualified personnel and materials.

In January, 1947, the name was changed to The Infantry School Quarterly, and it was published as a training booklet for field troops. This mission diminished somewhat with the issuance of Infantry field manuals. But, today, The Infantry School Quarterly has a circulation of over 10,000.

Contributions pour in from all corners of the world to Maj. John W. Baumgartner of the Training Publications Department who edits the magazine.

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SHOWS OFF 'SOUVENIR JACKET'

Mrs. Beth Hoffman has finally settled down at Fort Benning after a series of travels that have taken her thousands of miles through 27 countries, via every type of transportation from motorcycle to airplane.

She is the wife of 1st Lt. John Hoffman of the First Student Regiment.

At an early age, Beth and a girl friend mounted a motorcycle and headed out from their home in Port Huron, Mich., and a bike trip that was to take them 10,000 miles in nine weeks.

The two, equipped with $160 and a yard long roster of relatives, friends and distant cousins, traveled west to Washington, south to Mexico, east to Florida and north back home.

Writing of her adventure in Motorcyclist magazine, Mrs. Hoffman described the trying trip through Chicago traffic, two weeks at Uncle Dan's ranch, a salty swim in the Great Salt Lake, a studio visit in Hollywood, visiting Grand Canyon ("It's the prettiest hole in the ground, ever."), escaping an angry camera-shy Mexican, stuffing herself with bananas, and a flip-flop spill just 200 miles from home.

From the two-wheeled ground pounder, the young dare devil turned her quick green eyes skyward. She soon learned to fly, and earned her private pilot's license.

Based on her experience and know-how as a pilot and two years of college engineering, she next went to work at the B-24 Bomber Plant at Willow Run, as an aeronautical engineer.

"About that time," Mrs. Hoffman, who talks slowly and usually until you think she'll burst from lack of breath, said, "I received a $20 check for my story in *Motorcyclist* and promptly started taking journalism at Columbia."

But the urge to move again struck, and Mrs. Hoffman decided to use her ability to move, on the ground and in the air, to go some place. She joined the Red Cross, and after a short training period, was sent to Europe.

In Europe, she served a clubmobile captain and club director in assignments in England, France, Germany and Austria. During her 18-month stay, the war ended in Europe, and she had an opportunity to visit many of the countries on the continent and in the British Isles.

Five months stateside as a civilian, and the restless young lady re-upped. During the civilian months, however, she developed the photo bug. Deciding there was money to be made in travelogues, she purchased some $2,000 worth of motion picture equipment, and set out again to see some more of the world.

A short hitch in Japan as a club director was followed by a year in Korea. When Mrs. Hoffman went to the then peaceful little country she switched and became an Army Hostess.

Leaving Korea in 1948, the female Marco Polo took a two-month trip through China, Siam and Hawaii and then back to the states and Fort Ord, Calif. At Ord, her problem of whether to go to Alaska or back to Hawaii was dissolved when she met Lt. Hoffman and was married.

Her husband, who had just returned from occupation duty in Korea, went back to that country with the Fifth Regimental Combat team when war broke out.

Returned to the States because of wounds, Lt. Hoffman, and Beth came to Fort Benning in March. He is a student in the Advance class No. 1, Second Company, First Student Regiment.

Content now to fight the battle of the commissary, Mrs. Hoffman confines her hostess and club activities to her Custer Terrace apartment. When you enter her apartment, however, in the magazines displayed on the book case you'll find a well-worn issue of *Motorcyclist*, a cigarette lighter engraved with the names of 27 different countries, and if you so much as mention movies, you'll find yourself taking a two hour film trip through the Orient.

PRODUCER HAL WALLIS TALKS TO GEN. CHURCH

Hollywood Story

Two top-ranking zanies of the night-club and spot-light world, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, arrive here the first week in December to see what they can do to humorize jump training.

The popular comedy pair are the stars of the forthcoming Paramount Pictures release, "Jumping Jacks", the story of a young entertainer who is turned into a "paratrooper" by accident. The majority of the airborne scenes are to be shot at Fort Benning.

A group of the leading picture officials, including Producer Hal Wallis, visited the post last month and discussed pertinent details with Maj. Gen. John H. Church, Infantry Center commander, Lt. Col. Richard J. Seitz, director of the Airborne department, Col. Joseph Lawrie, commander of the 508th Airborne Infantry Regimental Combat Team, and Lt. Col. Elmer R. Howard, commander of the Airborne battalion.

After the movie men returned to the West Coast, pictures were taken of all the places they had visited. From these "still" picture sets will be made scenes to be shot in Hollywood. These pictures will be double insurance that all details will be factually correct.

Project officer will be Lt. Col. Robert H. Whitus.

There will be no "40-hour weeks" for the picture people—they will work so long as the sun is up and the weather is pleasant. They can't take chances on a production schedule being held up by poor weather. Delays cost money.

Many of their scenes will be shot in conjunction with Airborne Department training schedules to get proper backgrounds and pictures of men actually in training.

The movie crew on locaiton at Fort Benning will consist of 69 executives and technicians, including the producer and his party, camera crews, electricians, make-up and costume men, soundmen, prop makers, property men and drivers.

Director Norman Taurog will be assisted by Oscar Rudolph.

Shooting schedule at Benning will be completed around Dec. 20, but the picture will not be completed until early next year.

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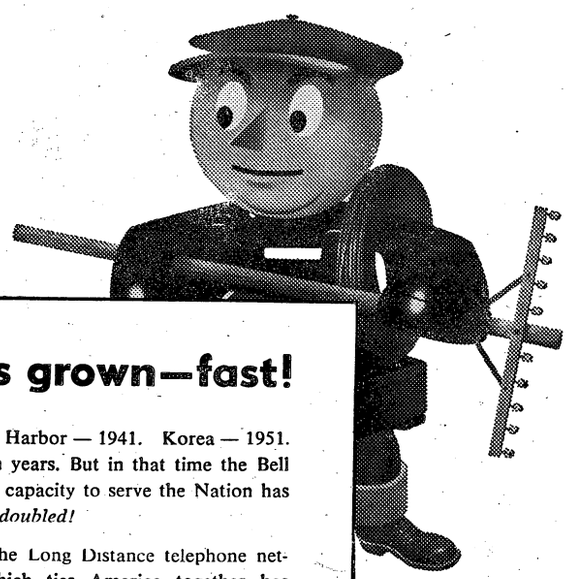

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After the position has been fixed, the information is relayed to a counterfire battery, which proceeds to knock the enemy weapon out.

The counterfire platoon of today was conceived during the last moments of World War II, and the idea was used experimentally against the Japanese on Okinawa. Battle reports convinced the Army that the idea was worthwhile.

As a result, the first counterfire specialists to be trained since 1945 have been graduating from The Infantry School since last March.

Men chosen for this training are hand-picked, from the platoon leader down to the last man. At the beginning of their training, they're formed into a platoon, and remain a platoon from then on, even on their next assignment.

In the five-week course, intelligence and versatility are stressed. A week of intense map reading is a requisite. Signal communication—telephone and radio—is covered steadily for another week.

Finally, three weeks are spent learning the theory and operation of sound-locating equipment. Every man must learn thoroughly the jobs of the other three men on his team.

Upon graduation, the platoons are assigned one to a regiment and attached to regimental headquarters, to be used by the commander to cover his regimental front.

When the platoon goes into action, the platoon leader and sergeant make up the counterfire information center. They are tied to each team by a communication net.

In each team is a squad leader who operates the highly technical recording machine. He also must survey his position on the map to insure that his azimuths are correct to the last degree.

Second man in the team is a computor, who pin-points the direction from his team to the enemy gun, using information relayed to him by the squad leader.

Third is a plotter, who computes the range and azimuth from the counterfire battery to the target.

A knowledge of geomery and physics and a working use of mathematics are all part of the job of the counterfire men. Their microphones are arranged in a strict geometric pattern that must be correct to the half-inch in order to get an accurate fix on their target.

The recorders can make distinctions of one ten-thousandth of a second in timing the sound of the gun. The entire system is based upon the split-second difference it will take the sound from a single gun to reach two different microphones.

The technical operation of the counterfire platoon is designed not to replace but to supplement the "sound-flash" and radar system of locating enemy weapons.

Blood Saves Lives

The daily quota of 120 pints of blood collected at the Fort Benning Blood Donor Center has added up to more than 4,000 pints which have been forwarded to the E. R. Squibb and Son Processing Center in New Hampshire, N. J.

Established at the Post to meet a daily quota of 120 pints of blood, the Center is carrying out Fort Benning's obligation in the nation-wide emergency program.

This program got under way simultaneously with selected posts in other parts of the United States. The American Red Cross, meanwhile, has initiated a similar drive to enlist blood donations of citizens in every American community.

TRANSFUSION TECHNIQUE

Blood is desperately needed to replenish the national stockpile of blood plasma. Battlefield casualties in Korea have used up so much blood plasma that the national reserve has become dangerously low.

Once the vital roles of whole blood and blood plasma are understood, it is not difficult to visualize the drama in which it plays the leading role. Blood gets top accomodations, top speed as it is transferred from Stateside to the front.

Few who donate blood at Fort Benning are aware of what actually happens to the life-saving fluid after it leaves their bodies.

Once the daily quota is reached, it is shipped to a centralized blood collecting processing center, arriving there within 30 hours. Blood packaged here is protected from spoilage for 48 hours.

In New Brunswick, most blood is processed in a series of operations requiring approximately three weeks. It is put into a whirling mechanism that separates plasma, or liquid, from the solid portion. Under rigidly sterile conditions, clear plasma is drawn off and pooled in smaller bottles. The idea is to mix blood of several donors since pooled plasma is safer for emergency transfusions than that from a single donor.

Plasma is next exposed to ultraviolet light which kills any infectious virus. It is then frozen, dried, packaged and boxed and samples are sent to the National Institute of Health.

The life span of whole blood is a remarkable new factor in saving lives, for in contrast to its perishable character during World War II, whole blood is now preserved through an English discovery, perfected by American scientists—the acid citrate solution. With the help of refrigeration, blood is preserved from 21 to 28 days.

Whole blood is handled differently.

Shipped by air it could be in Korea within three days after leaving the donor's arm. During the first two months of the Korean conflict, the armed forces supplied all the whole blood needed for UN troops. It was donated by UN servicemen and civilians in Japan and by Japanese civilians.

Now most of the whole blood used in Korea comes from the United States.

Whole blood is put into pint bottles and sealed. It never leaves these containers until it is transfused to the wounded.

The tests—for type, RH factor, Wasserman—are made from a "pilot" tube into which a sample of the blood is run at the time of

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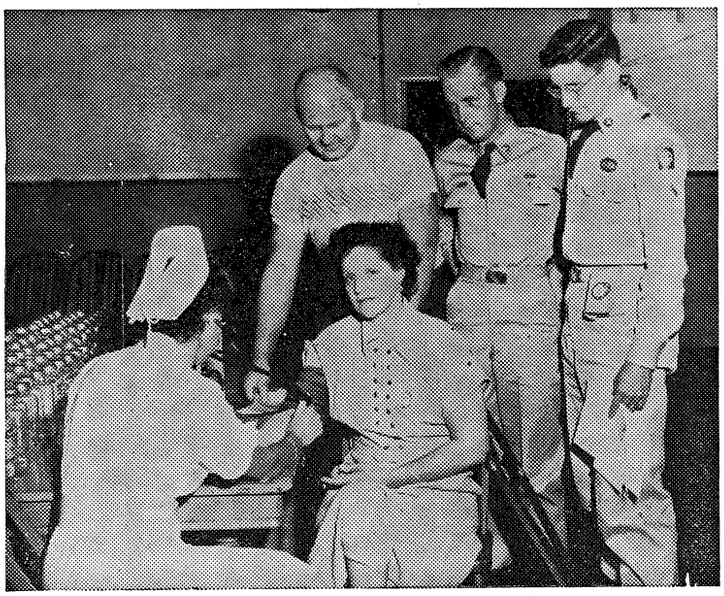

FAMILY DONATES BLOOD—When Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newhouse visited their son Donn at Fort Bragg, N. C., they found him on his way to donate blood. So the parents accompanied their son and each donated a pint. It was the 32nd pint Mrs. Newhouse has donated.

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drawing. The tube goes forward with the bottle, insuring against danger of contamination or mistake as to type, which must match the recipient's.

Each step of the flight is marked with a sense of urgency. From the moment the blood leaves by commercial plane, the emphasis is on speed and careful handling of a cargo of insulated boxes, each carrying 24 bottles of blood around an ice container.

In San Francisco the blood is retested and packed again in ice for the flight to Hawaii.

At Hawaii, a C-54 cargo plane, under contract to the Military Air Transport Command, takes on a new crew and the ice container is replenished; the same at Wake Island, 11 flight hours beyond; and at Tokyo, 12 hours later, the blood is rushed to "reefers" where it is kept until shipped to Korea.

From the 406th Medical General Laboratory in Tokyo, the blood is sped on, across to Pusan where the Sixth Army Medical Depot handles all distribution of blood for Korea. It is forwarded by hospital train, which brings back wounded from the front; by one motor L-17 to forward mobile hospitals behind the front lines where whole blood can first be administered to the wounded.

At this point, just under three days later, the lifeline that started with your wish touches the life of a soldier in Korea.

It is estimated that a casualty requiring blood usually must have two to four bottles in Korea ,and perhaps two to four bottles in Japan for recuperation.

Original estimates have had to be revised several times—climbing to more than 450 pints per day last October, and in early December to over 400 pints.

To make sure the 2,800,000 pints of blood for the fiscal year is obtained, the monhtly quota from now until July, 1952, has been raised from 270,000 pints to 300,000. The amount actually being collected at the latter part of October was slightly more than 40,000 pints.

Three hundred pints of blood will produce less than half that amount of plasma. It takes 2.4 pints of blood to make one unit of plasma.

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The School gets some of the answers from one of the newest and fanciest little gadgets yet to be invented for ascertaining the whereabouts of radioactivity. It is called the "Ion Chamber".

Still in a semi-experimental stage, this little "whatsit" does everything but talk about radioactivity.

Radioactivity, according to Webster, is "the emission of radiant energy; the property, possessed by certain elements (chiefly radium, uranium, thorium and their products), of spontaneously emitting alpha or beta rays and also gamma rays, by the disintegration of the nuclei of atoms."

Now, it is possible after an atomic explosion, to find several materials that become radioactive. Metals, particularly, are the chief hazard because of their lingering properties.

Radioactive materials emit alpha and beta particles and gamma rays.

Which are the more harmful?

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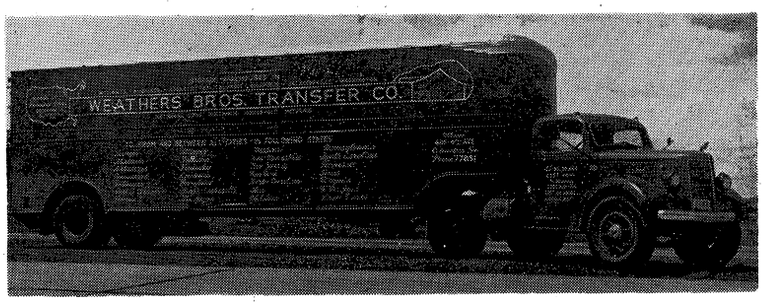

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Alpha and beta are harmful only if they are taken into the body through a cut or break in the skin, or in the respiratory system by breathing.

Gamma rays, however, have a different personality entirely. Not only are they not to be trusted, but it is advisable to avoid them. These are the characters that do the damage. They are also darned hard to elude.

The only protection against them is a dense substance, such as earth, concrete and the like. Even this doesn't stop them, only slows them down. If there is enough of the substance, eventually the persistent things are reduced in intensity to a state where they are no longer harmful.

This is what is called the "half thickness" fact. For instance, three inches of concrete will reduce the intensity of radioactivity to half its original potency. Six inches of concrete will reduce the remaining half to another half. And so on. The greater the thickness, the more the intensity is reduced in multiples.

Following the initial "poof" of an atomic explosion, with all the "cracking up" of the little atoms and the sudden burst of setting free radiant energy possessed by uranium, the area surrounding its point of embarkation is impregnated with radiactive rays.

Starting off on their journey and never deviating in the courses they establish, the rays continue on their way until they strike a substance that will receive and retain them.

Take iron, for example. Iron is very susceptible to radioactive rays and will give them a home for quite some time. Here the problem of "half life" enters the picture. Since the joining of forces between radioactivity and iron changes the iron from its natural state to a highly unnatural state, something's got to give. So, the iron begins to emote the radioactive rays.

After a period of time the radioactivity "decays". Its life begins to leave. It is cut to half and finally after multiple reduction, it becomes totally decayed and thus nonpotent.

Purpose of the Ion Chamber is to determine where these radioactive substances are and to measure the intensity of the radioactivity.

This comes in handy in combat to enable avoiding it, and when impossible to avoid it, to ascertain where it is and to speed passage through it.

The little Ion Chamber is a compact, lightweight neolite box, 10 by five by five inches and weighing approximately eight pounds. It has a convenient handle on the top, facing the instrument, which records the intensity of radioactivity.

Within the box are two wires which are the constant source of 135 volts of electricity supplied by a battery of dry cells within the chamber.

The chamber is filled with gas, which is not a conductor of electricity. With the entrance of incident radiation within the range of the instrument, the radioactivity enters the neolite case and "ionizes" the molecules of gas in the chamber.

Hence the name, the "Ion" Chamber.

Ionization is setting free the electrons located in the outer rings of an atom. These electrons are negatively charged, and are attracted to the "positive" wire, the anode. As the instant radioactivity continues through the chamber, these electrons will more or less establish a constant path between the two wires. The rate of travel between the wires increases or decreases, depending on the amount of radioactivity on the top of the chamber.

So there you have it. As long as we are faced with the possibility of someday having to face radioactivity in larger amounts than we are normally accustomed . . . those from the sun, for instance . . . we may as well know more about what we are up against.

NIMRODS FIND HUNTING IN KOREA FINE SPORT

HUNTING IS GOOD IN KOREA

While the chief duty of Infantrymen in the front lines in Korea is hunting Communists, their fellow soldiers a little further back spend much of their off-duty time hunting game.

But in the rear areas, Communists are a little scarce, so the nimble Nimrods go after game that generally doesn't shoot back. Pheasant is quite common in certain areas, and hunters find that they can usually knock over a few in a short time.

Most Special Services Sections in Korea have shotguns available for bird hunting, but for other types of game it has been found that the versatile carbine fills the bill.

Some strange and unusual game have been bagged in Korea, including some that appear to have come straight out of the stone ages. One of the oddest specimens was a sabre-tootched deer, which is, to say the least, uncommon in other parts of the world. A number of these animals have been killed, particularly in the hills around Osan, a small village some 50 miles north of Pusan on the east coast.

There are certain dangers involved in Korean hunting that make it a little more interesting than tramping the woods of Maine or Florida in search of game.

One of these is mines. While the Engineers clear every mine field they find, some of the fields are far off the beaten track and haven't been touched. However, most of the hunters are familiar with things like this and guard against them.

Then, too, there is sometimes the danger of being hunted yourself. In many of the Eighth Army's rapid advances, small bands of the enemy have been cut off but continue to operate as guerillas far behind our lines. Most of these bands have been wiped out, but from time to time there have been incidents when U. N. soldiers were fired upon as far behind the lines as Pusan.

However, all these little things don't discourage the real hunters. Disregarding such minor obstacles as mines and enemy bullets, they trek through mud, slush and snow, and usually return with an armful of pheasant or a small deer.

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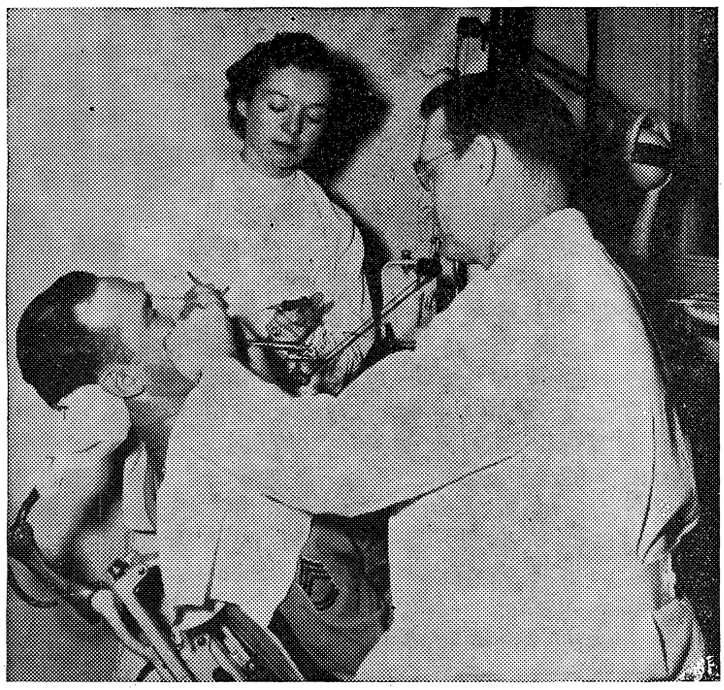

"SAY AHH, PLEASE"—The job of dental technician is just one of many jobs held down by servicewomen in the Women's Army Corps. This Wac at Fort Sheridan, Ill., is assisting a dentist in filling a patient's teeth.

GOOD JOBS FOR WOMEN

Since its organization, the Women's Army Corps has proven time and time again that it can perform a vital job in aiding national security.

At present, the Corps is engaged in a vast recruiting drive designed to attract 20,000 more eligible girls.

Why do we have WACs in the Army? What kind of jobs are they doing and what are the restrictions on their assignments? These are but a few of the questions asked when people discuss women in khaki.

Taken one by one these answers weave into a definite pattern that presents to the prospective Servicewoman a picture entirely different from that she may have at first supposed.

The average soldier, when asked, "why do we have WACs in the Army?", may look at his interrogator with a blank expression. The most important thing for men to remember about WACs is that they are in Service to work with them and for them for the Nation's security. They are soldiers, the same as men in uniform. In assigning WACs to jobs, the Army is simply making the best possible use of the manpower (and womenpower) available to it.

WACs help service troops do their job. Bn nature, women are skillful in many mechanical and administrative tasks. Many WACs also attend business and professional schools before enlisting, and the Army is now making good use of this training.

In helping service forces do their job, WACs naturally help combat forces, because the purpose of service troops is to support the men at the front. But as important as this contribution may be, WACs help combat troops even more in another way. Employment of WACs in many service-type jobs makes it possible for combat forces to get a bigger and better share of the Nation's fighting manpower. In effect, every time the Army enlists a thousand WACs, it releases about another battalion for combat.

For the most part, combat forces get this added help by way of the reception centers, where more new men who can meet the physical and mental requirements for combat arms are now going to combat training installations.

The demands of our enlarging Army, however, sometimes require that service soldiers at home be transferred to service jobs in the field, or if they can meet required standards, reassigned to a combat arm. When this situation arises, jobs that either a man or woman could perform are usually filled by women. Overseas, as the need for more service soldiers increases, men move out into the field and WACs follow behind to do as many jobs as they can in rear area installations.

WHO FIRED THAT SHOT?—Infantrymen in Korea hold their ears as a 57mm recoilless rifle blasts away at Chinese Reds among the hills of North Korea.

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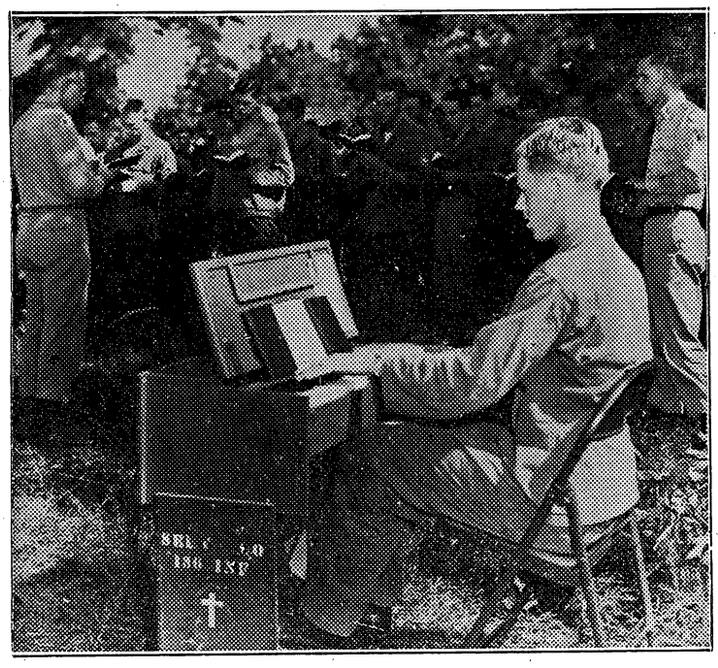


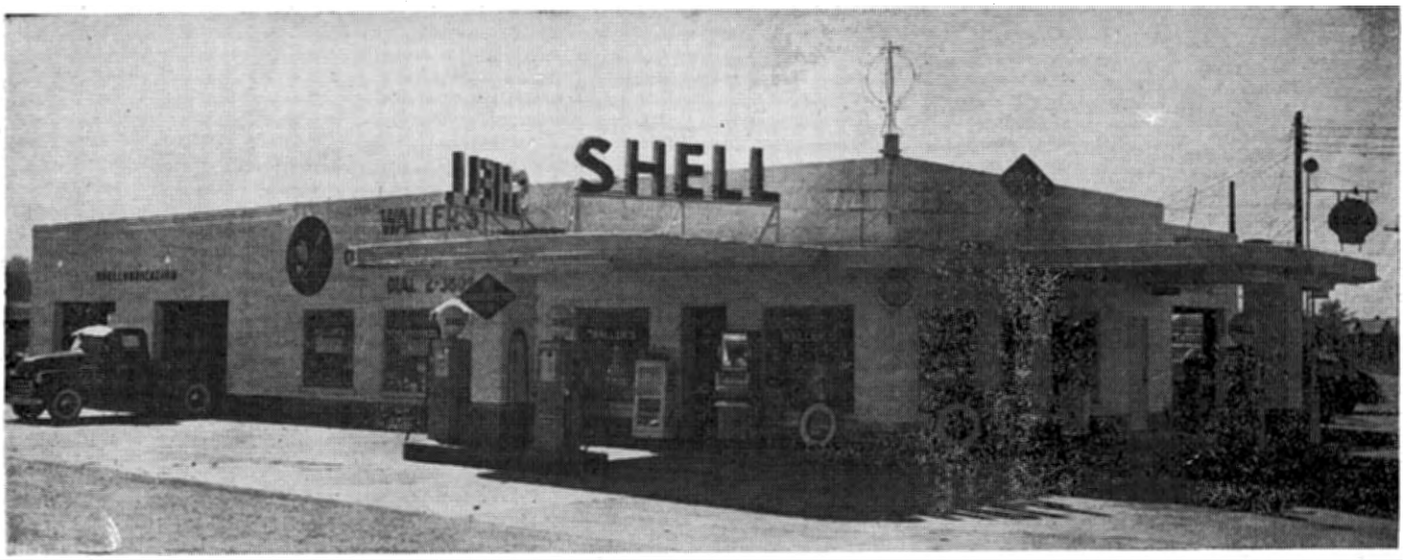
FIELD SERVICE—Chaplain (Capt.) Almer leads men of the 47th Infantry division in religious services held in the field while that unit was participating in regimental combat team exercises near Camp Rucker, Ala., their home base.

During World War II, more than 100,000 WACs were on duty at over 400 posts in the continental United States and in 14 foreign countries. They were then actively engaged in nearly 300 different jobs.

Recognizing a permanent need, a grateful Nation spelled that recognition into law in 1948, when the WAC was named an organic part of the Regular Army and Reserve. Today the WAC numbers over 11,000 officers and enlisted women on active duty . . . over 1,400 in the Far East Command.

WACs are now working in 18 of the Army's 31 career fields. Of the 491 job specialties listed by the Army, women are authorized employment in 146.

At present, WACs are normally assigned only to fixed type installations. In the field, WACs are not assigned to duties forward of Army headquarters.



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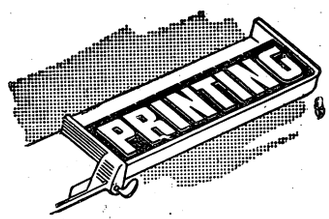

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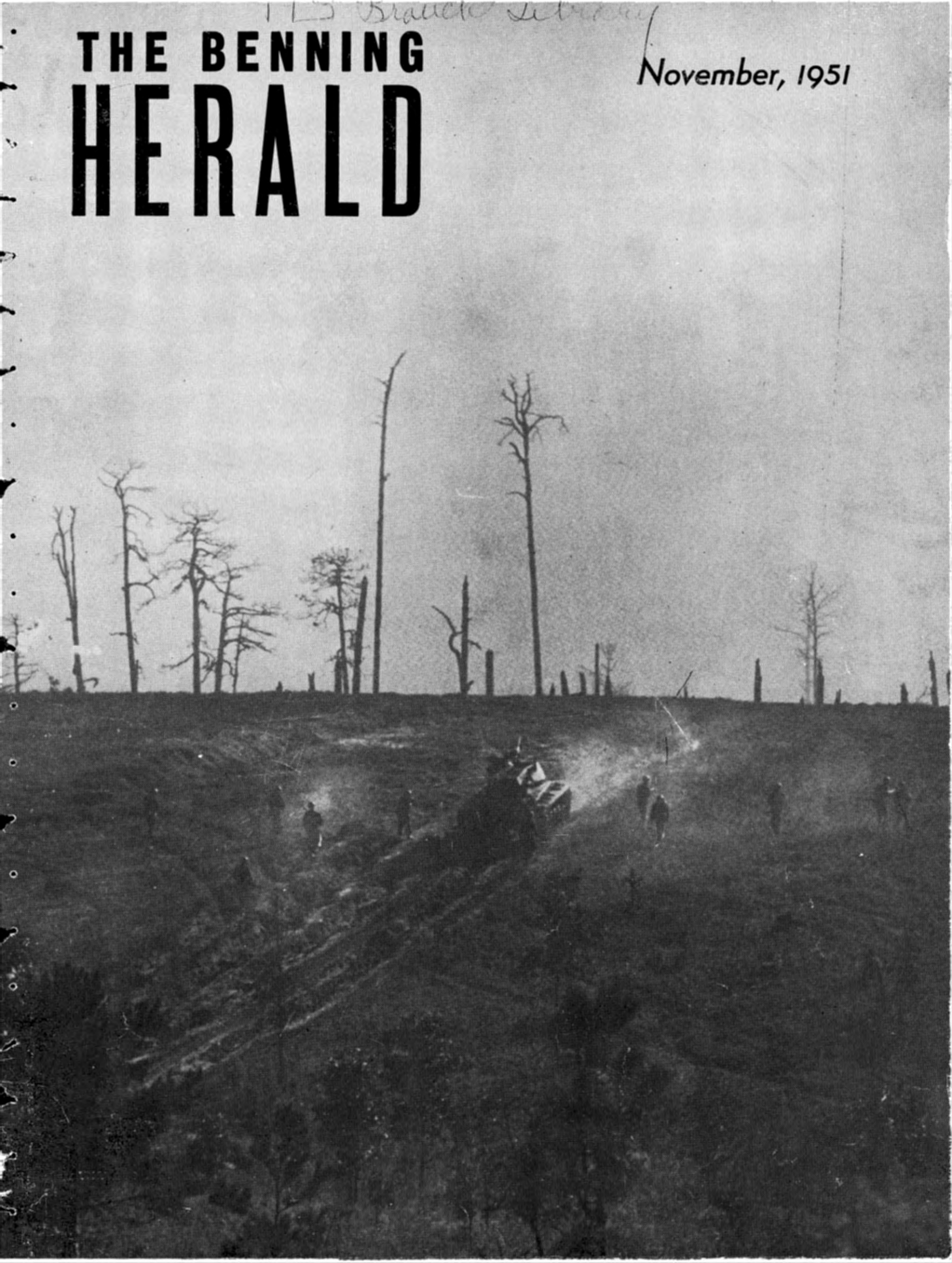

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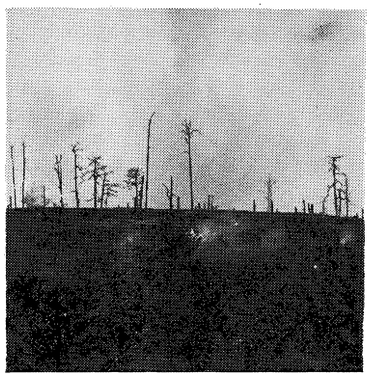
IN THIS MONTH'S HERALD

Teamwork has long been regarded as one of the chief essentials of a successful Army, and nowhere is this quality more necessary than in the close cooperation of the tank-Infantry team.

At The Infantry School, the tank-Infantry demonstration is one of the most striking problems presented.

Spectators have an eagle-eye view of the proceedings, which unfold in a small valley on the reservation (see cover).



The coordination and cooperation that is taught and shown in this problem pays tremendous dividends when put into practice on the battlefield. Despite the fact that the maneuverability of tanks is somewhat limited in Korea, these weapons have played an important role in acting as the Infantryman's traveling artillery.

Tankers and Infantrymen who can understand each other's problems and capabilities have succeeded in performing some outstanding battle feats.

General George S. Patton, in his lightning-like drive across Europe during World War II, captured the imagination of the world with his tank maneuvers, but what many people failed to realize is that he was supported closely by Infantry. Without the Doughboy he would not have been able to perform so well.

The basic tenets of cooperation which Americans learn from their earliest days is proving itself every day in the close coordination between two of our Army's most potent striking forces—tanks and Infantry.

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Sand Tables Prove Worth in Training

Instructors at the Infantry School are making mole hills out of mountains and playing in sand piles besides, but all for a useful purpose.

The mole hills are accurate scale-model mountains built in sand tables for convenience in instruction.

Some of the relief models are constructed on table-top sand tables and others are built on the ground, but their accuracy to detail is undisputed.

Sand of different hues is used in the construction, giving the toy-sized battlefields a technicolor effect unparalleled for vivid presentation of the terrain of an area.

Soldiers build the models except the more intricate layouts which are constructed by specialists from the Third Army Training Aids section.

Three of Benning's six sand tables are used by the Tactical department and one each is in the possession of the Staff, Automotive and Airborne departments.

Before each problem a student sees a miniature layout of the problem area, including an accurate reproduction of valleys, rivers and other natural terrain characteristics—all in sand.

In conjunction with the full relief model, the student compares the map of the area, which aids him to get a mental picture of the unseen area.

One of the greatest values of sand tables is their use in connection with airborne operations. Jumpers who land in unfamiliar areas have the problem of regrouping before they can become an effective fighting force. Relief maps of an area are important to paratroopers since their lives may depend on how quickly they can determine their position.

By knowing the lay of the land prior to jumping, each trooper can make every movement count, eliminating the possibility that he will be unable to join his unit during those first crucial moments after he hits the ground.

The sand tables, which on first appearance look like toys, are grim tools that may mean life or death to men on deadly missions.

Army Makes Films On Fort Marches

Two new training films designed to fill gaps in the Army's series on troop movement are being filmed here.

The two films, "Foot Marches" and "Troop Movement By Motor" employ soldiers stationed here as the cast, as well as 11 professional civilian actors.

At present, the Army has no film on the technique of motor marches by tactical units, and the only film covering foot marches was made early in World War II.

Twenty-seven film crewmen came to Fort Benning from the Signal Corps Photographic Center, Long Island, N. Y., to shoot location shots of "Foot Marches" ahis month. They will finish the shooting at Long Island.

Tentative plan is to complete work on "Foot Marches", then shoot the studio scenes for "Troop Movement By Motor" before returning to Fort Benning to finish location shots for the latter movie.

In the film on foot marches, two platoons are being used as the cast. Korean veterans make up a high percentage of each platoon.

Technical advisor for the two movies is Maj. John R. Boatwright, a member of the Infantry School's Staff Department. Major Boatwright recently returned to the States from Korea, where he served with the First Cavalry division.

The foot-marching film will show exactly what a soldier needs to know in order to finish a march in shape to fight. The duties of unit leaders and individuals, pace-setting, posting of guards and guides, care of the feet, march discipline, air defense measures and control of straggling will be illustrated in the movie.

"Troop Movement By Motor" will emphasize prior planning necessary for a successful motor march. Previous computations, coordinatiion and reconaissance are all explained in detail in the movie. The scenario calls for the final portion of the film to show how prior planning pays off during the actual march.

Maj. Warren E. Nossaman, coordinator between the Signal Corps movie-men and the technical advisor, said that the tentative schedule called for the films to be ready for release in the spring. The films will be of 20 to 30 minutes duration.

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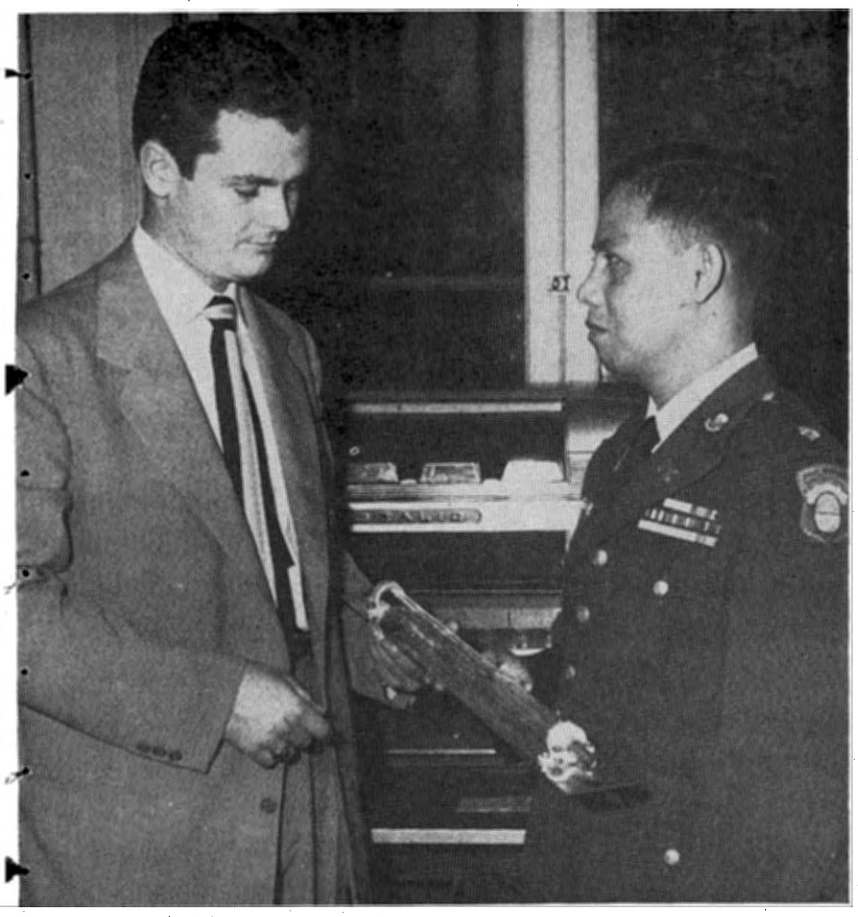
SYMBOL OF INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP—Brig. Gen. Pietro Riccardi, left, deputy chief of the Italian Army General Staff, examines a statuette of an Italian soldier presented to The Infantry School Library by Italian students last year. Maj. K. B. Blaney, TIS Library, is at right. The general was a December guest at Fort Benning.

GENERAL GETS INTO HARNESS—Following safety regulations Gen. Leonidas Pineda Maldonado, left, acting Minister of War for Honduras, dons a parachute before boarding an airplane to watch basic Airborne students at The Infantry School make a training jump. Maj. James W. Lane of the Airborne department helps the general with his straps. Gen. Maldonado visited Fort Benning in November.



SURVEYS U. S. MILITARY TRAINING—Lt. Col. Jacinto T. Gavino, right, commandant of the Philippine Army School Center, visiting service schools throughout the country, stops at Fort Benning to learn of Infantry training techniques and methods. Here he inspects a new machine used to make copies of printed material. Roy Chrone, left, of Atlanta explains how it works.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR—Lt. Gen. Theodore Gregoropoulos, left, chief of National Defense, General Staff of Greece, listens as Lt. Gen. John Hidge, right, Third Army commander, gives him pointers on an Infantry demonstration. The two generals visited Fort Benning during November.

Movie Making is Interesting to Colonel

PARAMOUNT PRODUCER Hal Wallis, left, and Lt. Col. Robert H. Whitus, discuss a problem on the set of "Jumping Jacks", a comedy starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. As project officer and coordinator for the movie, Col. Whitus has been working with the production crew on location here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Whitus of Route 1, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

THE PARAMOUNT PRODUCTION "Jumping Jacks", currently being filmed here, draws spectators from all parts of the post. Left to right are Maj. Gen. John H. Church, Infantry Center commander, and Director Norman Taurog.

A former combat operations officer has discovered that the operations of a big-time movie production are greatly different from war or peace-time operations in the Army.

The officer is Lt. Col. Robert H. Whitus, who is presently acting as coordinator and project officer for Paramount's Hal Wallis production, "Jumping Jacks". The movie stars Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis as paratroopers, and all location shots are being filmed here at the Infantry Center.

Colonel Whitus is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Whitus, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Route 1. During World War II, he served as plans and operations officer of the 398th Infantry Regiment, 100th division.

Colonel Whitus reported that he has been able to cope with most problems, but weather is one he can't do a thing about. "The shooting schedule depends a great deal on the weather," he said, "and we've been having some that isn't suitable for location shots.

"However, when it's too misty or murky for outdoor filming, the crew moves into a mess hall or day room and goes right on working."

Colonel Whitus said he has been called upon to produce everything from a web belt to a helicopter.

While the helicopter will not appear in the movie, Mr. Wallis wanted one so he could follow a parachute drop from the plane to the ground with his camera. A helicopter was found.

"It's amazing how much goes into the making of a movie," the colonel said. "This is the first time I've had anything to do with making one, and I'll have to admit I didn't know how hard a job it was. I'll never again complain about any movie."

Martin and Lewis, principals in the film, said of Colonel Whitus: "We love him. There's nothing we've asked for that he hasn't produced—and if he can't find it, he makes it!"

The Army appointed Colonel Whitus to act as coordinator for the film, but from the way he's treated, it would appear as though the movie men had hand-picked him. "Normally, we try to give a week's notice when we're going to need something," Mr. Wallis said. "But with the weather like it is, we sometimes give the colonel as much as a half-hour notice. But he's always right there with whatever we want."

Colonel Whitus is still a little fascinated by the order that comes out of seeming chaos. "When we first started work," he said, "I had no idea what was going on. But after a while, I began to see purpose in a lot of things that at first glance appeared aimless.

"They'll do anything to get a scene just right, nothing is too much trouble. They take just as many pains over little things as they do over major scenes.

"The actors put their whole heart and soul into every scene, too," he continued. "As an example, Don Defore, one of the movie actors, was jumping from an airplane mock-up in one scene, and he jumped so hard he hit the top of the doorway. Knocked him a little silly for a while, but he was ready to do it again."

The crew has used equipment from practically every unit on the post, including airplanes, pontoon bridges, tanks, artillery and kitchen utensils.

Colonel Whitus claims he is thoroughly enjoying his job. "It's fascinating to watch these people work. Sometimes they'll shoot the same scene over dozens of times before they get it just right, but you never hear anyone complaining about it. This has been one of the most interesting jobs of my Army career."

BENNING BIRTHDAY

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—Mrs. Edwin Koons made sure her husband, 2nd Lt. Koons, seated left, had a happy birthday even though he wasn't at his home in Lansing, Mich. She sent money to the Columbus Chamber of Commerce requesting it be used to buy a birthday cake. Result: John R. Boyd, standing left, president of the Chamber's Booster Club, presented the cake to Lt. Koons, while Mrs. Boyd, seated right, led his fellow officers in singing 'Happy Birthday.' Capt. Andrew F. Harvey, standing right, made the necessary preparations for a proper celebration in the mess hall. He commands 102nd Company, Second Student Regiment, First Student Brigade, to which Lt. Koons is assigned as a student.

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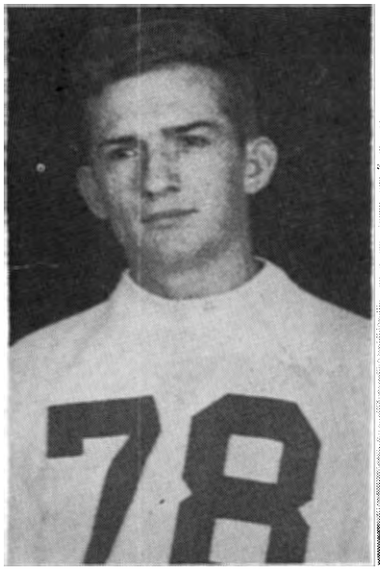

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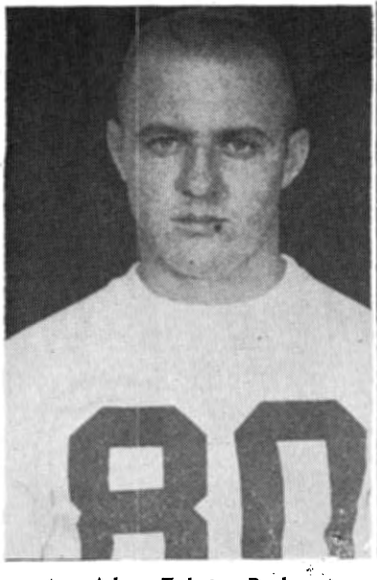

Adam Zubaty, Back
Combat Training Command

Bill Dietz, Back
508th Airborne

They picked the 1951 All-Post eleven from the six-team Fort Benning Football League last week and it read almost like a who's who of college and professional football.

Unanimously named to the squad and voted the loop's Most Valuable Player award was Pfc. Frank Spaniel, 23-year-old halfback who finished out four years at Norte Dame as a backfield star in 1949 and then became a regular with the 1950 Washington Redskins.

Spaniel played with second place Combat Training Command in the Benning league and gained 599 yards rushing and 639 yards with his bullet passing. The Vandergrift, Pa., (Franklin 148), youth picks Pittsburgh as his post-service home and would like a try with the Steelers.

Four players were named to the team from the championship Special Troops Rams team which was unbeaten in eight games.

They were Lt. Herb Lindsay, former Presbyterian end who is a professional basketball player, Lt. Tom Coleman, captain and tackle with Georgia Tech's 1949 squad, Pvt. Fred Felbaum, who was a guard on Penn State's unbeaten 1947 eleven, and Capt. Clyde Ehrhardt, All-America honorable mention center at Georgia in 1940 and pivotman for the Washington Redskins for three seasons through 1949.

Lindsay, of 36 Tindal Ave., Greenville, S. C., lettered in basketball, track and football at Greenville high before serving four seasons as a Presbyterian end. He is on duty with the Ranger Department here.

Coleman, a native of Savannah, Ga., where he made all-state as a Benedictine Military prep gridder, was coaching football and boxing at Rossville, Ga., High school when called to active duty. In his four seasons with Tech, he played in the Orange and Oil bowls and in the North-South Shrine game in Miami, Fla., in 1949.

Felbaum, of 508 Main St., Youngstown, Pa., was a standout for Penn State for three seasons after making all-state two seasons at Latrobe High school. He is with the Infantry School Detachment here.

Ehrhardt, a native of Murfreesboro, Tenn., led the nation in pass interceptions at Georgia in 1940. After compiling a brilliant war record, he joined the Redskins in 1946. He plans to coach following his current tour of duty.

Sgt. Billy Gilmer, who quarterbacked fourth place Lawson Field, was named to the All-Post squad and voted the loop's Most Improved Player. A native of Birmingham, Ala., (774 So. 18th St.), he is a younger brother of Alabama's famed Harry Gilmer, and had toiled on the Tide freshman squad before entering the Air Force.

Sgt. Ralph Mims, of Talladega, Ala., who played end for Provisional Medical Group, was named to the All-Post team and voted the loop's Best Sportsmanship award. He is also a kid brother of a noted Alabama gridder, Paul Mims, who starred with the Tide line in the early forties.

Others named to the team were Pfc. Adam Zubaty, halfback, and Pvt. Eddie Washington ,tackle, both from Combat Training Command, Sgt. Raymond Box, guard from Lawson Field, and Pvt. Bill Dietz, fullback for 508th Airborne Infantry.

Box, of 809—4th Ct., W., Birmingham, Ala., was a four-letter athlete at Phillips High, Birmingham. Zubaty, of Box 143, Claridge, Pa., made all-state at Penntownship High school and is a no-hit pitcher with the Benning baseball team. Washington, of St. Washington St., Marshall, Tex., lettered two years at tackle with Bishop, Tex., College.

Dietz, hailing from Johnstown, Pa., is a fine college prospect. He was unanimously elected to the All-Post team although having no previous experience.

Selection of the dream squad was made by head coaches in the league under direction of The Bayonet, Fort Benning's weekly newspaper. Coaches who voted and their former schools are:

Maj. Jack Faubion, on leave from Groesbeck, Tex., High, Maj. Harold Kopp, on leave as head coach at Rhode Island University, Lt. Col. Tom Mesereau, Army guard of 1942 and later assistant coach to Earl Blaik, Capt. George Bokinsky, quarterback of Duke's 1942 Rose Bowl team, Lt. Jim Petit, left halfback of Georgia Tech's 1949 team, and Lt. Claude Howe, former center for Presbyterian College.

FROM PLANTATION MANOR TO GENERAL'S QUARTERS

Southern Landmark

A 124-year-old white pillared manor house, originally the home of a prosperous plantation owner, is today the quarters of the commanding general of the world's most complete Army post.

The land on which the house was built and acres of surrounding countryside were purchased in the land lottery of 1827 by John Woolfolk. Slaves cleared the land, and his river plantation became famous.

The Woolfolks spent their winter at Cusseta, as the estate was then called, and moved to Columbus in the summer. The plantation was complete with a small school for the children and a race track.

After the Civil War, with the great plantation system almost gone, Cusseta was broken up and sold.

In 1883, Benjamin Hatcher, a Columbus citizen, purchased 1,782 acres in the Benning area, including the plantation house. Operating the estate under a resident manager, Mr. Hatcher continued to live in Columbus.

The "big house" of the plantation was ideal for entertaining and in the best custom of the day, Mr. Hatcher's daughters would bring a group of their friends to spend the day at the river house. It was not unusual to see a string of buggies and surreys traveling over the covered bridge thaat spanned Bull Creek on the Old Glade road, on their way to the plantation.

In 1908 the river plantation changed hands again. Arthur Bussey purchased the land and gave it the name of Riverside Plantation. Although Mr. Bussey was in business in Columbus, farming was his real love. Following his acquisition of the land, he sold his business and devoted full time to making a model of his estate.

Under his supervision, the plantation once again became as effective as it was picturesque. During his ownership the present house was built, and again the plantation hummed with the activities which were the life of an ante-bellum estate.

At a cost of many thousands of dollars, Mr. Bussey purchased a fine herd of cows and his dairy was a model of neatness. Many products were grown on the rich land, including maple sugar.

During the troubled years of World War I, the War Department decided to establish cantonments in the South for the training of men to join the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. A group of hard working Columbus men devoted their time and energy toward securing the permanent location of the largest training school for Infantry in the world, and some of the Bussey plantation was in the desired section.

In 1919, Mr. Bussey sold Riverside and his vast land holdings to the United States government. From that time until the present, the old plantation house has been home to the commanding general of Fort Benning.

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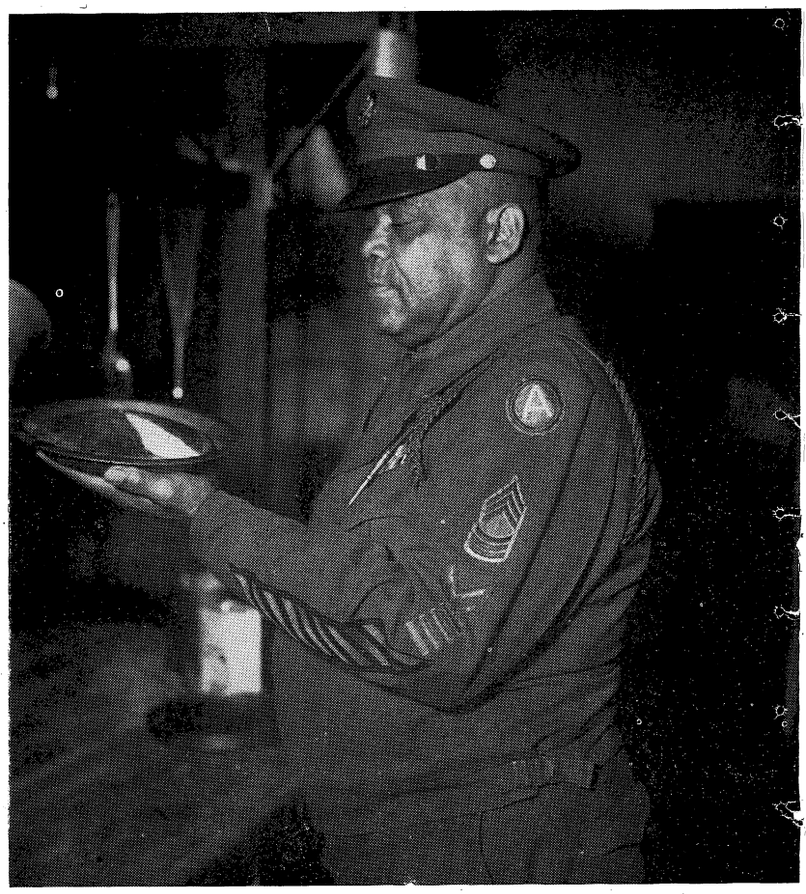

M-SGT. MARCH WORSHAM, who already claims 33 years Army service has reenlisted here for another three-year hitch. A mess steward for 25 years, he casts a practiced eye over a pie at the Shady Hunt Officers' Mess, where he supervises food preparation.

Veteran Soldier Reenlists

A Georgian with more than 33 years Army service, including 26 years at Fort Benning, has reenlisted for another three-year hitch.

He is M-Sgt. March Worsham, 59, a native of Roberta whose sister, Mrs. Jeannie Wristis, still lives there. Sgt. Worsham and his wife, Annie Louise, live in Columbus.

Worsham recalls that from childhood his heart was set on an Army career. "If I were a young man," he said, "I'd do it all over again."

He enlisted in the Army when he was 18 years old and was assigned to Camp Taylor, Ky., for basic training. "We were confined to camp for three months," he related, "and things were a lot different then from the way they are now."

He was first assigned to Benning in 1922, following World War I service and action on the Mexican border against Pancho Villa. When he arrived at Benning, there were only two brick buildings on the post and most of the operations were carried on in tents.

Sergeant Worsham served here for the next 20 years.

During World War II, he saw action in the Pacific with the 24th Infantry regiment of the 25th division and in Europe with the 92nd Infantry division.

He returned to the U. S. in 1945 and has been at Benning ever since.

Worsham served with one unit—the 24th Infantry regiment—for 26 of his 33 years service and for 25 of those years has been a mess steward. He is now mess steward at the Shady Hunt Officers Mess.

His decorations include the Bronze Star medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct medal, American Defense medal, Pacific and European theater medals and the Mexican campaign medal.

Airborne Maneuvers

The Camp Rucker maneuvers, pitting the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team against the 47th Infantry Division, brought on a rash of interregimental competition in the Airborne unit.

Normally, battalions in a regiment are numbered one, two and three. But if you listen to the battalion commanders in the 508th, it's not at all like that.

Lt. Col. Clyde M. Dillender says "I have the Fighting First Battalion. We're neat and clean, but we concentrate on being top-notch soldiers with the maximum of comfort without impairing efficiency."

This is a subtle barb at the Second Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Herbert V. Mansfield. His unit is known as the "Llightning Second", and uses two white streaks of lightning as its insignia. It has come to be known as the "Light Second", because the troopers go into "battle" with nothing but weapons, a canteen cup, canteen, spoon and poncho.

"We don't need blankets or sleeping bags to keep us warm," says Col. Mansfield. "We strike like lightning, and that keeps us warm."

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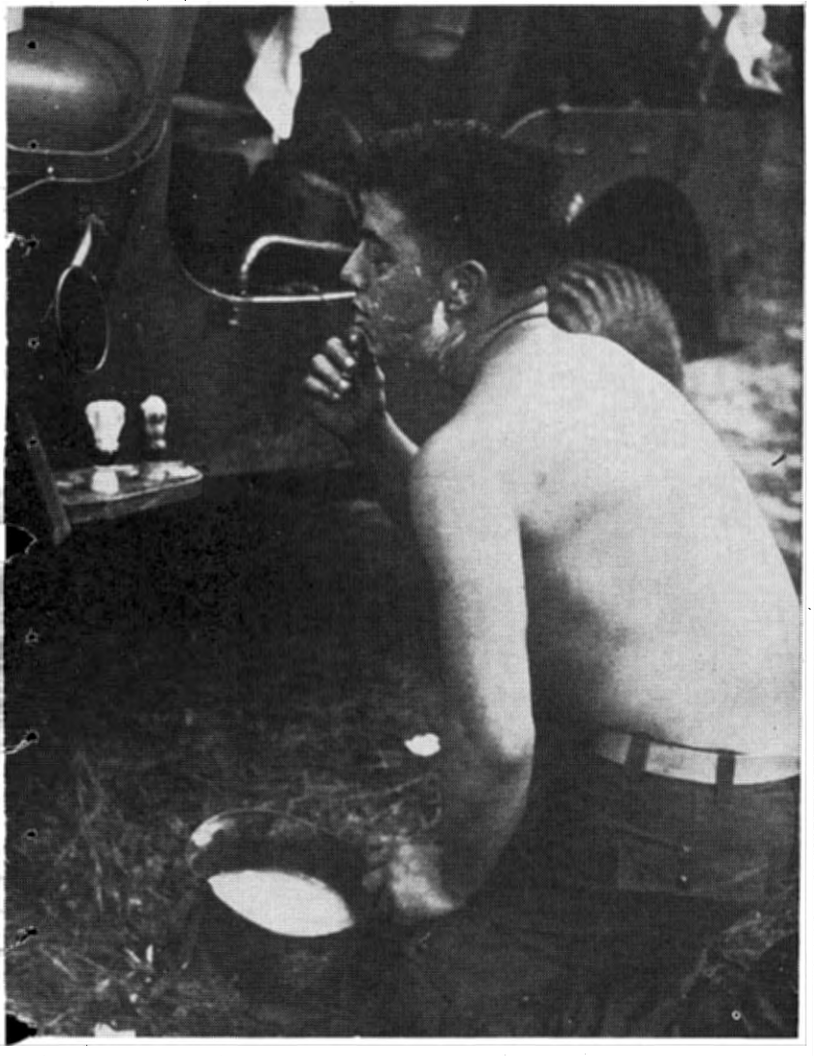

SHAVING IN THE FIELD—Pfc. Frank Mello Jr. finds that life in the field isn't exactly a bed of roses as he uses his helmet as a make-shift washbowl. Mello is a member of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat team, on maneuvers against the 47th Infantry Division at Camp Rucker, Ala.

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Airborne Maneuvers (Continued)

The Third Battalion, whose motto is "Free, Bold and Rapid," is commanded by Lt. Col. John M. Wright, Jr. The unit is commonly known as the "Sparkle Plenty" battalion, because it mixes spit-and-polish with soldierly aplomb.

The 508th has several outstanding characters. One of these is Pfc. Helmut S. Ullman, who at the age of 15 was a tank driver in the German Army.

Ullman came to the United States in 1950 and was drafted. He applied for paratrooper training, and upon completing the course was assigned to the 508th. He says he had good reason for volunteering for Airborne duty.

"When I was a gunner and driver in a Royal Tiger tank, I learned to fear American paratroopers. They did so many unexpected things in combat, like climbing up on our tanks while they were moving."

Now, Ullman lifts his head with pride and says "I'm an American paratrooper!"

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EX-GERMAN SOLDIER—Pfc. Helmutt S. Ullman began his military career when he was 15 years old as a tank driver and gunner in the German army. After having been captured during World War II by the 82nd Airborne Division, he grew to admire paratroopers, and is now a member of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat team.

EX-BRITISH PARATROOPER—M Sgt. Hugh McWhinnie, a former British paratrooper and member of the famed Scottish Black Watch Highland Regiment, feels right at home in the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. McWhinnie was on maneuvers with the team in Alabama when this picture was taken.

Airborne Maneuvers (Continued)

Another contender for outstanding character in the outfit is M-Sgt. Hugh McWhinnie, former Scotchman who recently became a citizen of the United States and Georgia, at Macon.

McWhinnie was a British paratrooper during World War II, and made his early jumps from balloons and converted Whitley bombers. For a while, he was a member of the kilted Black Watch Scottish Highlanders, and still retains a flourish from his Black Watch days. He pounds hob nails into his jump boots, and sometimes wears a British bush jacket.

Many of the Red Devils of the 508th are well-decorated. Maj. Wesley D. Harris, S-3 of the First Battalion, holds the Distinguished Service Cross as well as the Silver Star. Maj. George P. McLendon, S-3 of the Second Battalion, has three Silver Stars, and Capt. Thomas D. Pollard, M Company commander, holds the DSC and two Silver Stars.

While the 508th was on maneuvers in Alabama, they were visited daily in the field by mobile post exchange units, and their buying habits astounded civilian clerks in the rolling stores.

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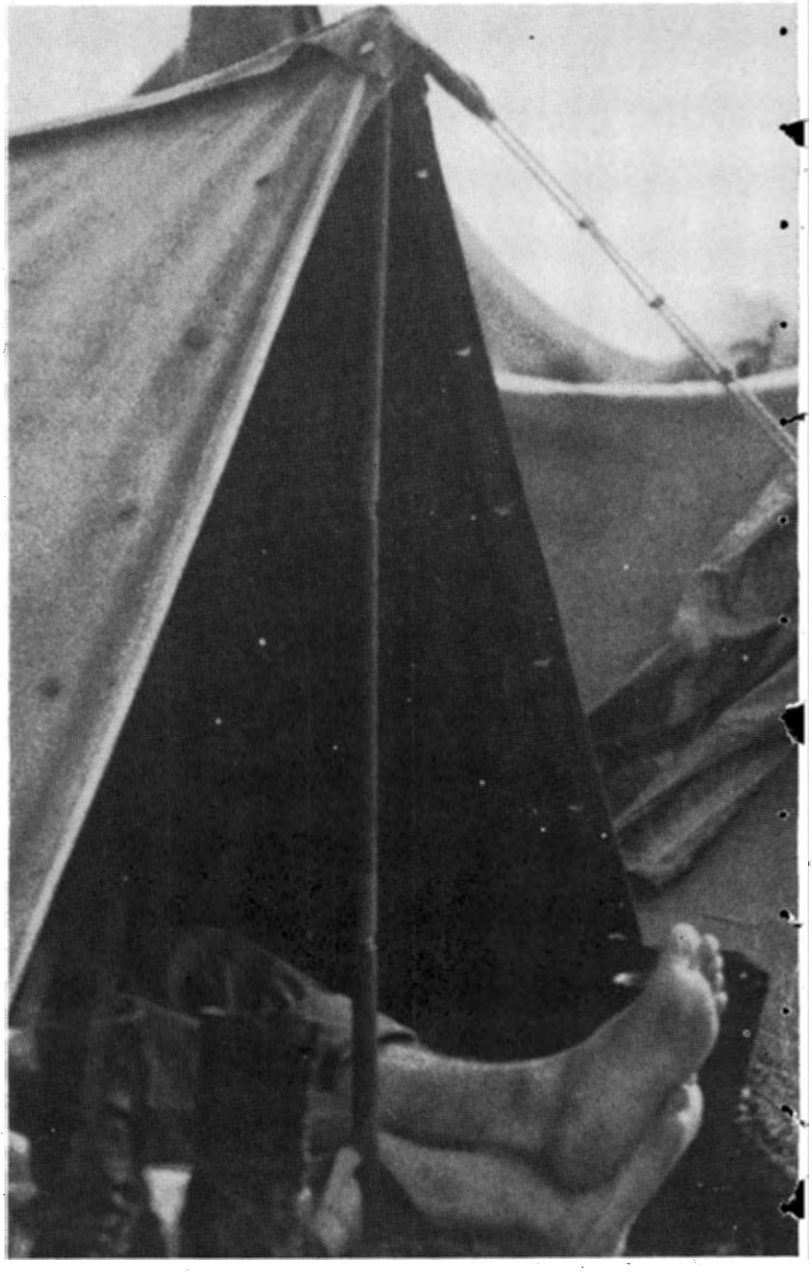

HOME SWEET HOME—The latest thing in housing accommodations for "aggressors" is depicted above as men of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat team take time out from their role as "enemies' of the 47th Division. The tired feet in the picture belong to Pfc. George T. Gaddis, a member of Company F.

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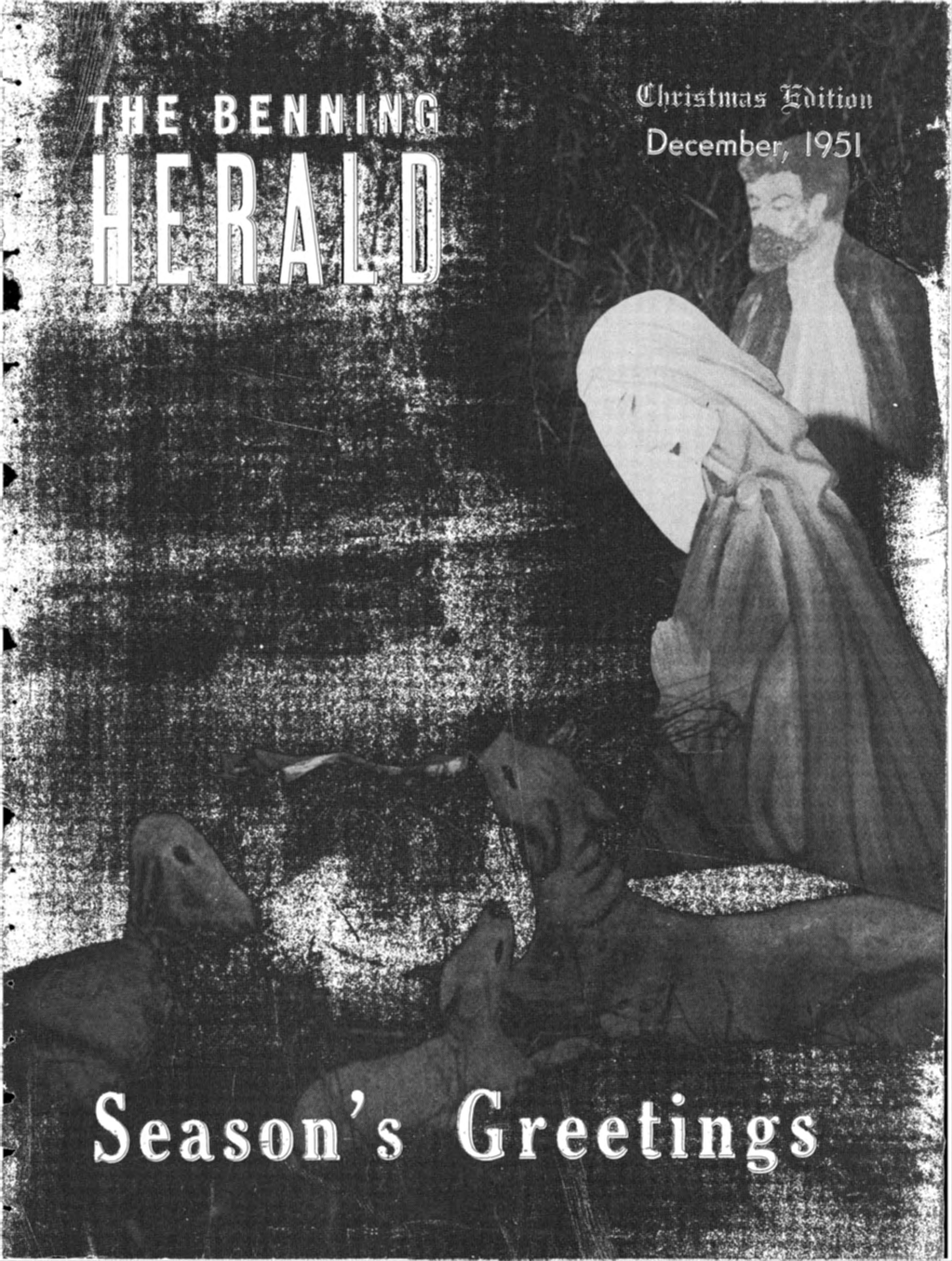

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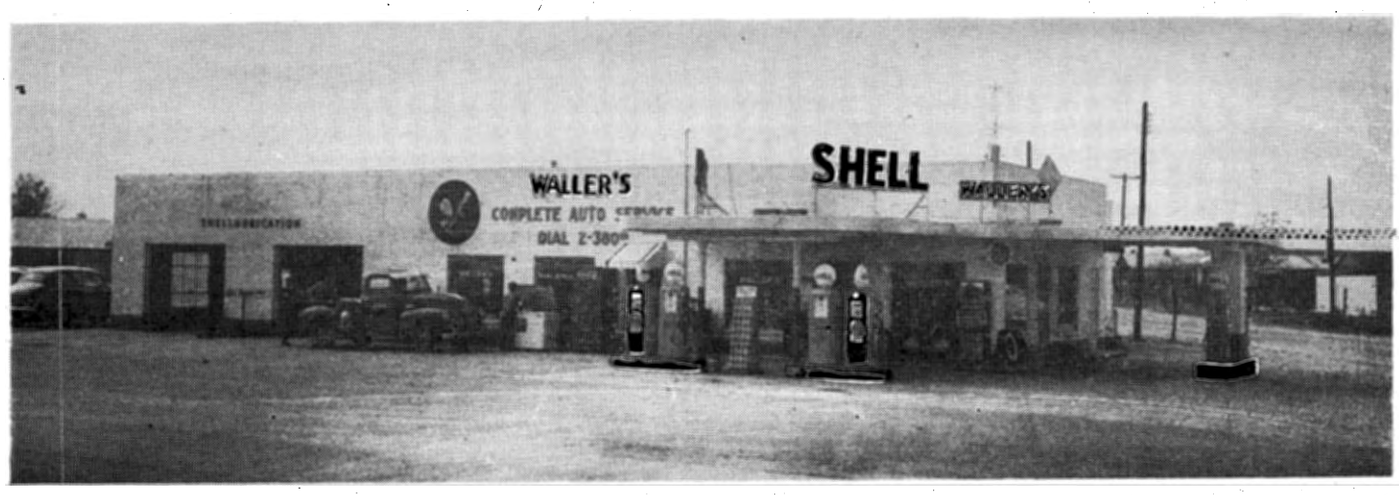

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ON THIS MONTH'S COVER

Our cover this month typifies what is perhaps one of the most widely-depicted scenes from Biblical lore—the manger in which Christ was born, with Mary, Joseph and the sheep standing quietly by.

This particular nativity scene is in front of the Fort Benning Army Hospital, and was completely built by members of the hospital staff. The medics chopped down and trimmed trees, cut out and painted the plywood figures, and arranged the scene.

Christmas is one time of the year when most people forget their troubles and enjoy life for a change.

But this Christmas, as during too many Christmases in the past, there are many people who will not have time to join in the spirit of the Yuletide season.

At this very minute American soldiers in Korea are fighting, that we here in the United States may continue to observe Christmas in the same way we always have. These men may not be able to stop and observe the birth of Christ in the conventional fashion, but we're sure that in the heart of each one of them there will be the realization that this is Christmas, despite the fact they're in a strange land, engaged in something against their nature and desires.

But that is an American trait: the ability to carry on and do the job regardless of conditions. Our observance of Christmas is indelibly imbued with ideas of home and family, of love and faith and hope.

The staff of the Herald would like to take this opportunity to extend to all Fort Benning personnel, and to all people everywhere, our best wishes for the Holiday Season, and to hope that the coming year may find the world at peace once again.

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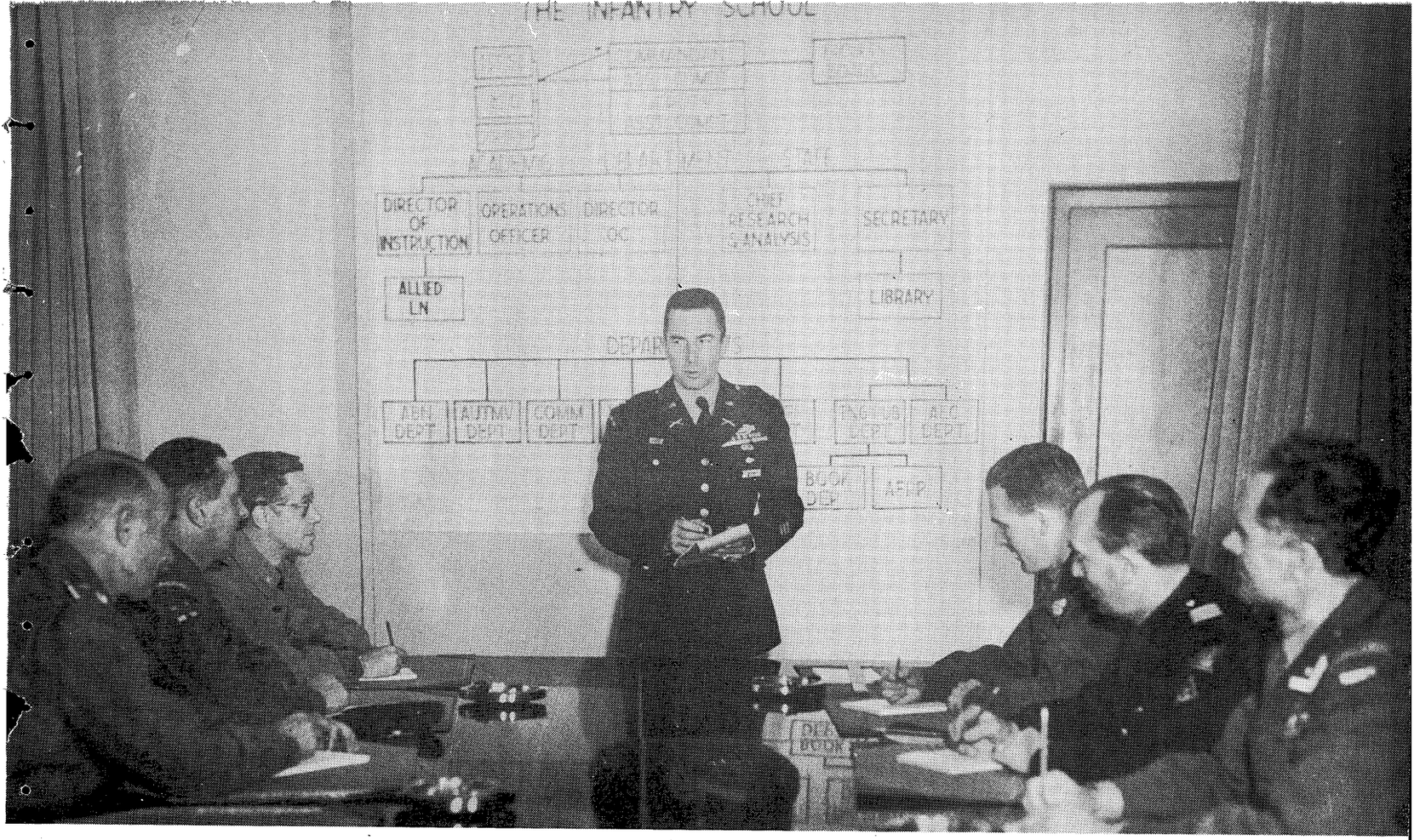
ALLIED STUDENTS arriving at The Infantry Center are greeted by 1st Lt. Creighton Allison, an Allied liaison officer. Lt Allison is shaking hands with Major Emilo Santos, Portugal, who is attending the Infantry officers advanced course.



SHORTLY AFTER THEIR arrival Allied officers are briefed on The Infantry School organization by Lt. Col. Stephen J. Meade, chief of the Allied Liaison Section. Following the briefing the new arrivals are taken on a tour of the post.

ALS Administers to Foreign Students

Cross roads of the world might well be another name for the U. S. Army Infantry Center here.

As the Army showplace, Fort Benning plays host to military and civilian dignitaries from all over the world who come here to see the American Infantryman in training.

At the hub of every visit by a foreign dignitary is a small group of officers who make up the Allied Liaison section of The Infantry School. Five officers act as a combine dinformation bureau, travel agency, personal counselor service, interpreter and adviser service.

One of their chief jobs, in addition to arranging the visits of foreign VIPs, is taking parctically complete charge of all foreign students attending The Infantry School. These ,in addition to the dignitaries, run the total number of visitors cared for by the section to an average of 300 monthly.

Visits of very important people have included presidents, princes, prime ministers, diplomats, politicians, industrialists and 50 other professional and business categories from nearly every country in the world.

Whether it is a short inspection trip, a courtesy call or a three-day tour, the arrival of a foreign VIP sets into motion the wheels that grind out one of The Infantry Center's main attractions—demonstrations.

The power and capability of the United States Infantry is spread out before the visitor in one of several demonstrations ranging from a tank-Infantry-artillery-air problem to the famed mad minute, in which an entire Infantry battalion looses its combined firepower at once.

The job of the Allied Liaison section consists of planning every minute of a visitor's stay here—and includes such things as planning menus so that the tastes and customs of the visitor's country will be observed.

When it comes to foreign students, the section coordinates the billeting and messing of each individual; gives them advice on what to see and how to see it on their off-duty time; and in general acts as a link between the student's native land and his new surroundings.

The reason so much emphasis is placed upon entertaining and escorting foreign officers and diplomats is that the Infantry Center is one of the most important agencies in the implementation of the Military Defense Assistance Program by its training of Allied officers.

Through observation and actual participation at the center of U. S. Infantry training, Defense Department officials hope that the combat potential of our Allies will be raised by convincing them of the sincerity as well as the combat power of U. S. support.

(Photos Continued on Page 4)

FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING and tour Allied officers are taken to their assigned company where they draw field equipment and instructional material. They are then assigned quarters along with American student officers assigned to the same company.

MAJOR KERMIT BLANEY, right officer in charge of The Infantry School Library, assists Major Mario Moffa of Italy to overcome a language difficulty while he and other Allied students study reference books and material.

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IN AN IMPROMPTU gathering at the Officers Mess, Major Mario Moffa, Italy, entertains a group of Allied officers with some of his native folk songs. Others in the group are, (left to right,) Major Andres Von Buchwald, Denmark; Major Philip Clarke, England; Maj. Jens Poulssen, Norway; Capt. Jean Fichoux, France and Maj. Emilo Santos, Spain.

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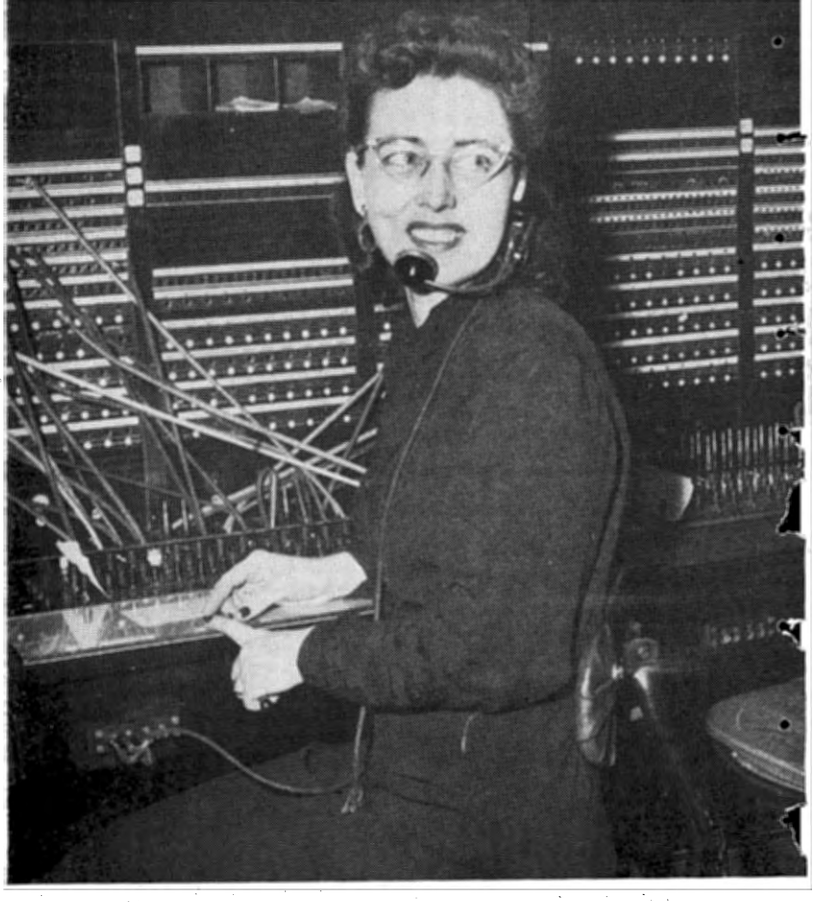


CHIEF OPERATOR TAKES EARNED BREATHER

They Ring All Day

The Fort Benning telephone exchange is one of the most vital operations at Fort Benning.

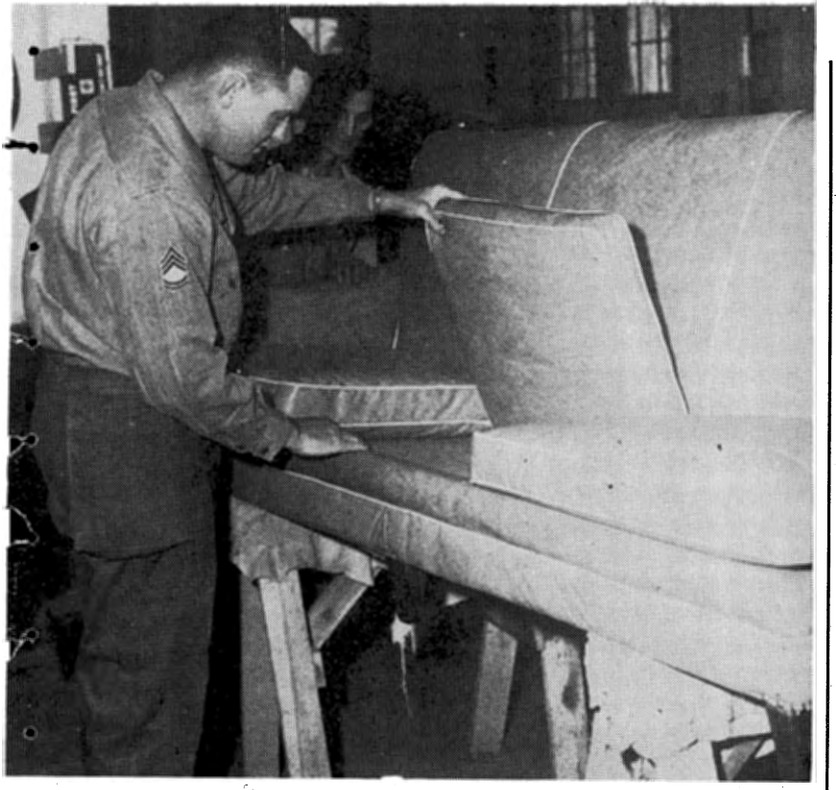
Among the 20,000 to 30,000 calls handled every day by the exchange, it's a pretty safe bet that almost every country in the world will be heard from, says Mrs. Odelle C. Adams, chief operator.

"In addition to this", she said, "we take care of an average of 2,500 daily information calls and complete between 200 to 300 long distance calls originating here."

A staff of 21 comely girls takes charge of nearly all Fort Benning's communication to the outside world. An average of seven girls takes care of an eight-hour shift and centralizes all post calls from Harmony Church and Sand Hill exchanges to the Main Post office. In turn, those calls placed for some point outside the installation must go through the Columbus Bell Telephone system via a trunk line from Fort Benning. All incoming calls also are handled by the small staff.

The most unusual call ever received at the exchange within the past few months was one from Moscow, Russia. According to the chief operator, every operator was in a dither of excitement. An unidentified woman was trying to locate a paratrooper friend of hers stationed here. However, the operators were unable to locate the paratrooper.

Mrs. Adams stressed the fact that persons using the telephone need never fear that the operator is listening in on the conversation. Further, they don't have the time even if they wanted to. The operator is only permitted to listen long enough to satisfy herself that the party is still talking or that the connection is good.



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Sfc. Roy Kaydenhead and J. A. Grace Inspect a Sofa

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The Fort Benning Central Post Fund is one activity that saves the government money—at the rate of $30,000 every six months.

The warehouse and maintenance shop, which is one of the chief functions of the fund, repaired more than 2,000 pieces of furniture and other office and household furnishings in the past six months. This resulted in a savings of approximately $30,000 to the government—the sum it would have taken to replace the furniture.

The fund supplies and maintains all interior furnishings of service clubs, libraries, athletic facilities, chapels, unit day rooms, reading and writing rooms and other agencies contributing to the pleasure and comfort of Post personnel.

The fund was established in 1948 by a grant from Third Army Headquarters, and since that time has kept its charged property in a state of repair over and above that required by The Infantry Center and higher headquarters.

Besides maintenance work on furniture, the fund finances all Post athletic programs, maintains the Sand Hill enlisted men's golf course, the Post Hobby Shop and many other activities.

Most items the shop repairs are returned within one week, although some take a little longer.

Fund officials figure that every item processed through the maintenance shop for repair or rebuilding costs approximately $9. At the same time, it is estimated that the processing saves the taxpayer $13, or the cost of replacing the item.

Through the operation of this shop, the purchase of new equipment has been held to a minimum—resulting in a saving for the taxpayer.

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JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS — Although he doesn't carry bells around with him, Cpl. Merry L. Christmas, right, exudes the holiday spirit every day of the year. He was on hand to greet jovial St. Nick when he put in an appearance here. Under those whiskers resides Sgt. Joe Robertson, who has been playing Santa at Benning for years.

CPL. PASQUALE R. SOCCI, left, is the 1,500th Korean veteran to join the ranks of the 30th Infantry Regiment. Col. Ralph N. Woods, commander of Combat Training Command, greeted the corporal as he joined the unit. Corporal Socci is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Socci, 102-32 48th Avenue, Corona, Long Island, N. Y.

CARILLION CONCERT—Cpl. Norman Yance, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Yance of Ashford, Ala., plays the $35,000 Liberty carillions in the Main Post chapel. The chimes, a gift of Harvey Firestone, Jr., are dedicated to the memory of World War II dead.

Daily Concerts

Fort Benning soldiers are treated to a 30-minute concert every day from 5-5:30 p. m. when an electrical impulse turns on the carillions in the Main Chapel.

The gift of Harvey Firestone, Jr., the $35,000 chimes are becoming a familiar sound to Benning troops, and citizens from Columbus often visit the post on weekends to hear the music.

An electrical control eliminates the necessity for manual operation, and they are set to play hymns automatically every afternoon.

Dedicated to the memory of World War II dead, and known here as the Liberty carillions, the chimes produce the realities of bell tones without the use of bells. This is accomplished by the vibration of a piano-like clavier against metal.

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TACTICAL FIELD COOKING—The 3440th Area Service Unit Provisional Group is conducting classes in field cooking to give cooks and other mess personnel experience in tactical cooking. Under the direction of senior instructor M-Sgt. J. B. Givens, right students learn how to prepare food under all types of conditions ranging from desert to snow-bound areas. Special emphasis is given to the care and operation of the field range, which can be dangerous if improperly used.

Learn Battle Technique

Fort Benning cooks trained in the art of tactical field cooking were few and far between at the outbreak of the Korean war, but thanks to a program set up by 1st Lt. George M. Clark this situation has been alleviated.

Many American units in Korea during the early days of the war were forced to subsist almost entirely on K and C rations, due largely to the shortage of men trained in field cooking. Most of the cooks at that time were accustomed to cooking in permanent kitchens complete with every modern facility.

Lieutenant Clark, food supervisor of the 3440th Area Service Unit Provisional Group, decided that a course in field cooking would be beneficial, not only for cooks but for the men who had to eat their food.

Clark and M-Sgt. J. B. Givens, senior instructor, set up a program to cover all phases of field cooking and food preparation.

The instructors are all specialists in field cooking, such as meat cutting, baking and frying. Set-ups similar to conditions in jungles, deserts and snow-bound areas are use dso that students may get used to cooking under all conditions.

Operation and maintenance of the M-1937 field range is stressed because the range can cause a great deal of damage if improperly operated.

Storage and ration breakdown also are taught. Each student prepares food under field conditions, and his mistakes are pointed out by the instructors.

Lieutenant Clark is confident that graduates of his course can go into any field kitchen, under any conditions, and turn out a well-cooked, tasty meal.

NEW JOB COVERS LARGE AREA—Col. Richard F. Ebbs, left, who will succeed Col. Robert Kinzie McDonough, right, as Post Engineer, gets a preview of the job ahead of him as Colonel McDonough tells him of propects already started and those scheduled to begin next year. Colonel Ebbs comes to Fort Benning from Sixth Army Headquarters, Presidio of San Francisco. Colonel McDonough will be assigned to the South Atlantic division, Corps of Engineers, in Atlanta.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY—The Columbus Chamber of Commerce also helped Candidate Peter O'Boyle celebrate his birthday. O'Boyle's mother, Mrs. H. B. O'Boyle of Rockville Center, N. Y., sent the Chamber money to buy her son a birthday cake. Jim Hoover, left, also of the Boosters Club, made the presentation.

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FOUR MEMBERS of Fort Benning-trained 3rd Division's 3rd Signal Co. in Korea comb through the ruins of a bomb-blasted North Korean village to check for broken lines and cut out wires no longer needed. On this wire patrol are (left to right) Cpl. Harmon Rushing, 3400 Ninth Avenue Columbus, the patrol's team chief; Pfc. Richard D. Mero of San Mateo, Calif.; Pvt. Jack Duffy of 427 E. Webster street, Fernsdale, Mich., and Pvt. Keith Hunnel, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hunnel of 1911 Harriman lane, Redondo Beach, Calif., and husband of Mrs. Georgia Ann Hunnel of 413 S. Juanita ave., Redondo Beach. Wire patrols such as this follow the Third Division into battle to maintain the complex communications network vital to modern warfare.

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LEARNING BY DOING—There are plenty of technical careers in the Army as Pvt. Harry Cooperman of Philadelphia, center, attests as he points out the intricacies of a fire control director to fellow students at The Ordnance School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Before joining the Army, Cooperman was a mechanical engineer. The sergeant-instructor, upper right makes sure that all his students know the gadget inside out.

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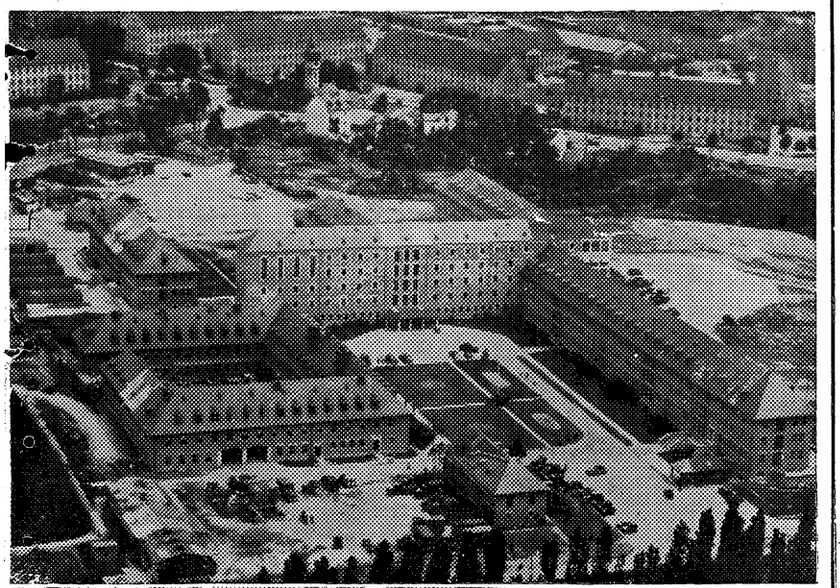

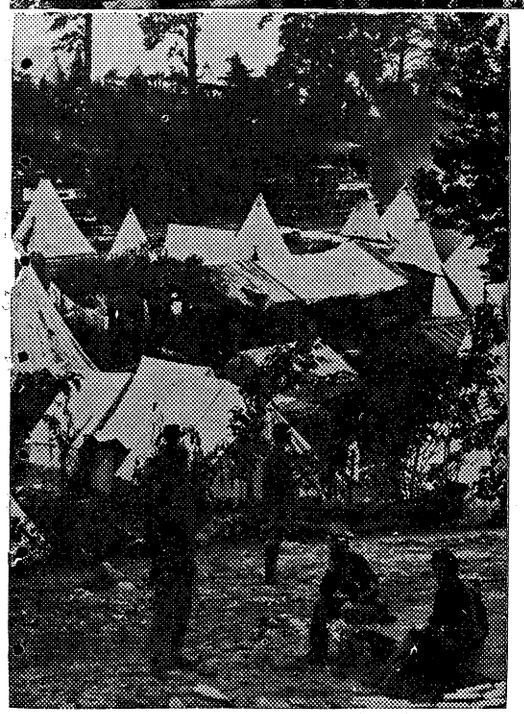

THE OLD AND THE NEW— During Civil War days, hospitalization was a hit-or-miss affair for soldiers on both sides with few of the modern facilities that we have come to realize are so important today. The old photograph at left shows a Civil War field hospital behind Union lines near Petersburg, Va. The sheds and tents provided scant comfort for wounded men. Above, the modern 97th General Hospital at Frankfort, Germany, has the most modern equipment available. Doctors and nurses are thoroughly trained in the latest techniques of caring for sick, wounded and injured men. Even in the field today, wounded men are sure of getting prompt, efficient treatment.

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MAJ. VON ERLACH, AND LT. COL. S. J. MEADE

Swiss Student Likes Georgia

For a Swiss officer stationed in the United States Georgia seems just a trifle flat.

So Maj. Hans Ulrich von Erlach, a student in Advance Class No. 2, packs his wife Rosemarie and sons Franz, 13, and Georg, 9, in the family car each Sunday and heads for the hills.

The von Erlach family was at Fort Benning less than a week before they discovered Pine Mountain looming on the horizon, and though it "can't compare with the Alps" for size they have nothing but praise for the Georgia lakes and woods.

Like most visitors the von Erlachs have already seen more of the United States than many natives. After landing in New York Aug. 20 they made a quick tour of the "largest city." Then they went to Washington and took in all the sights—the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington monument, Arlington cemetery and Monticello.

Not wanting to miss anything they bought a car and drove to Fort Benning. "It was a wonderful trip," Mrs. von Erlach exclaimed, and she added that they were especially impressed by the state of Virginia.

The boys, Franz and Georg, are facing the same problems that confront U. S. Army children abroad. They are attending American schools with the other children living in Camellia apartments and had a little difficulty getting adjusted to the instructional methods at first. Mrs. von Erlach, who speaks English fluently, gave them a helping hand and they were soon giving the leading students a run for their money.

For Major von Erlach one of the most interesting experiences of his tour of duty in the United States has been reading about the current controversy on Universal Military Training. It is a subject he knows well.

UMT has been in effect in Switzerland for the past 700 years, since 1291. Under the present system all physically fit Swiss men between the ages of 20 and 60 receive military training.

The training is divided into three phases, the elite for those between 20 and 36, the landwehr between 36 and the middle 40s and the landstrum until the retirement age of 60.

Training is administered during short periods similar to summer camps, in order that trainees may continue their civilian professions as well as their military.

Major von Erlach, who graduated from the University of Bern with a law degree in 1935, comes by his military interests naturally. All the men in his family have been officers and his grandfather on his mother's side was commander-in-chief of the Swish Army during World War I.

He has been connected with the Swiss Army since 1929 and has worked wit hthe mountain troops since 1938. An expert mountain climber and skier, the major says it takes plenty of training to live in the mountains and that simply moving around is no small matter.

Major von Erlach has not been informed what his job will be after he returns to Switzerland next May.

THAILAND CAPTAIN WITH INSTRUCTOR

Thailand Officer at TIS

A Thailand army officer whose company escaped without a scratch after bing "blown up" by land mines in Korea now is learning why American Infantrymen is the world's best fighter.

Enrolled in The Infantry School's associate company officers' course, Capt. Tongchai Nipitsukhakarn was commanding a company of 200 Thais, when one of his men tripped a mine trap.

As the mines were detonated, the entire area around the unit was enveloped in the blast. But when the smoke cleared, Capt. Nipitsukhakarn says, to his amazement the company was intact. Miraculously, the men had huddled in an unmined spot and escaped unharmed.

Capt. Nipitsukhakarn is studying at The Infantry School under provisions of the Mutual Defense Assistance Pact, designed to familiarize troops of Allied armies with U. S. weapons, tactics and technique.

Thailand troops in Korea already are using American weapons, according to Capt. Nipitsukhakarn, and Thailand is sending as many officers as possible to U. S. military schools to prepare them for jobs as instructors.

Upon completion of his course, Capt. Nipitsukhakarn will return to Thailand as an Infantry instructor.

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All this and dust storms too. Their solutions worked beautifully until they started to work in the plowed-up area around the 250-foot towers and then the wind started blowing. It was dusty. It was dirty. It was impossible to work. So once again they had to move to another area.

This time it was the harness shed where fledgling paratroopers hang in harnesses from rings and learn how to slip. Jerry Lewis took one look and jumped off the low platform, receiving a sharp jerk from his harness. He climbed back up, thinking out loud.

The students training in the background, members of Class 22, laughed and offered to give him a T. S. slip.

They then explained to him about having his ticket punched. Jerry was the only one who wasn't laughing. He was too busy rubbing his bruises.

Dean Martin, the straight man on the team, spent most of the time standing by quietly while his sidekick clowned both in front of and away from the cameras. When Dean was dressed up in his uniform with the helmet and the chin-strap the only way he could be distinguished from the rest of the soldier by-standers was by the golf-club that he carried with him everywhere.

Jerry was never quiet. He always had some scheme, like hawking tray racks for beach chairs, directing traffic with a borrowed M. P. whistle or weaving baskets out of parachute suspension lines.

Both of the boys acquired many friends at Benning by their friendliness and willingness to cooperate, signing hundreds of autographs and posing for snapshots between takes.

Climax of their stint at the Infantry Center came the morning before their departure when Col. Charles H. Karlstand, chief of Staff, visited them on the set at the Snack Shop and presented them with cards making them honorary Doughboys.

Jerry cracked, "Gee—I'm in the Army! Does this make me eligible to tell officers what to do?" Then Dean announced he planned to have his card blown up to a size suitable for framing.

About this time Jerry decided things were too peaceful and pranced out into the center of the street, leaping from side to side

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(U. S. Army Photo)

PARAMOUNT'S LARRY TEEL, right gets his brigadier general's star from a real general, Maj. Gen. John H. Church, Infantry Center commander. General Church pinned the star on Mr. Teel's shoulder during the filming here of the Martin-Lewis comedy, "Jumping Jacks", in which the Hollywood actor plays the role of a brigadier general.

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and trying to get himself annihilated, much to the consternation of the drivers.

Having snarled up traffic in front of the Main Theater completely, he borrowed an M. P. cap and a whistle and, waving his arms in wide circles, unraveled it again. Most of the drivers were too entranced by the variety of facial expressions to pay any attention to the hand signals.

In a final gesture Jerry hopped on the back of a truck and took off down the block with the hatless M. P. chasing after him.

Benning personnel had fun too. Lt. Col. Robert Whitus, project officer, was beseiged with requests for advice on everything from where to obtain a Lewis-proof jeep to where to buy gasoline for a displaced helicopter.

Capt. William T. Call Jr., Airborne department, was literally kept jumping by the movie crew. First they took pictures OF him jumping, then he took pictures FOR them, also jumping, with a camera strapped to his chest.

The captain has been selected technical advisor for the remainder of the film which will be shot in Hollywood . He will be in California for a month with all expenses paid by the production company.

Everywhere the production group went they had a caravan which included a camera crew, a light crew, a sound crew, make-up men, property men, the producers, actors, directors a half dozen equipment trucks, and a full-fledged audience.

Every sequence was shot three or four times, from different angles, with both full length and close-up views. When the picture is finally put together the two weeks of work here will finally net around 40 minutes show time. It will be released early next year.

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Royalty at Benning

One of the outstanding personalities to visit Fort Benning in November was Prince Mishaal Bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabian defense minister.

The prince and his entourage spent 24 hours at The Infantry Center, and during that time witnessed several Infantry School demonstrations. They also saw various phases of Infantry training being conducted here.

Prince Mishaal said he was most impressed by the extensiveness of Fort Benning and the number of troops available for demonstrations and training.

Brig. Gen. Edwin M. Day, commander of Dhahran Air Field in Saudi Arabia, was official escort officer for the prince during his tour of the U. S. He said that the Prince was "most desirous" of building up a modern army, navy and air force in his country.

Neither the prince nor anyone in his party spoke English, but interpreters made it clear that the Prince had enjoyed his stay at Fort Benning very much.

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NUMBER 2,000—Cpl. Robert L. Tanner, right, was the 2,000th man to be processed by the Separation Detachment, 3440th Area Service unit, since it was inaugurated six months ago. Sfc. Ross H. Lilly, left, was more than happy to accept his signature for another hitch.

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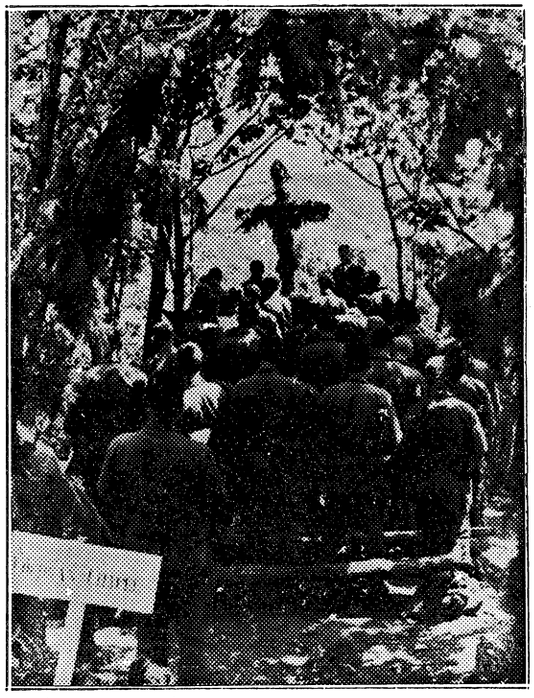
Chapel in the Field

High on a mountain in Korea, within 50 yards of front-line bunkers defended by the 7th Division, Baker Company of the 31st Infantry Regiment has constructed a beautiful out-door chapel. The benches consist of logs laid on top of sand bags, the altar is made of discarded ration boxes covered with a blanket, and instead of a stained glass window there is erected behind the altar a huge wooden cross reminiscent of the one upon which Christ was crucified. The soldiers enter the chapel through an arch of pine limbs.

The chapel is named in honor of Pvt. Jack D. Cochran of Alakoma City, Ala., who was a member of Baker Company and was killed in action during a recent United Nations attack. Pvt. Cochran was faithful in his attendance at religious services and in other ways typified those principles for which the chapel stands. The chapel is dedicated not only to Pvt. Cochran, but to the hundreds



IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND

of other soldiers who like him have belonged to this company and who have fought and died that truth and freedom might be preserved. Baker Company participated in the Inchom Landing and fought a courageous rear guard action near the Choshin Reservoir when the First Marine Division was fighting its way out of an encirclement in that region. Two days after they dedicated Cochran Chapel the company withstood an intensive banzai attack by the Chinese.

The accompanying photograph was taken on the day that Cochran Chapel was dedicated. Chaplain Samuel R. Neel, Jr., Protestant minister from Tallahassee, Fla., conducted the dedication service. Each week Chaplain Kenny Lynch of Cincinnati, O., holds Catholic mass and Chaplain Neel conducts Protestant worship in the chapel. Frequently during the week, individuals will be seen threading their way down to the sanctuary for private meditation and worship.

INFANTRY SCHOOL MAKES MOVIE MEN "DOUGHBOYS"—Chief of Staff Col. C. H. Karlstad, center, gives Doughboy Cards to, L to R. Assistant Director Oscar Rudolph, Director Norman Taurog, Martin, Lewis, Producer Hal Wallis, Actor Daniel Arnold.

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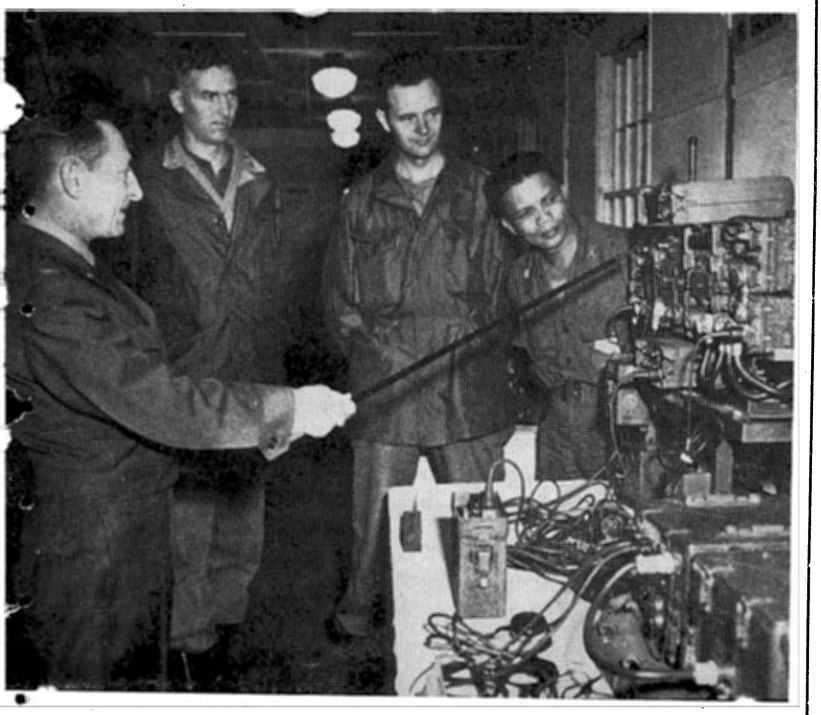

WALCOTT DUDLEY, left, director of the Communication Department, briefs three allied students on new equipment used at The Infantry School. They are, (left to right), Major Anders Von Buchwald, Denmark; Major Jens Poulssen, Norway, and Lt. Col. Rustico Muego, Philippine Islands.

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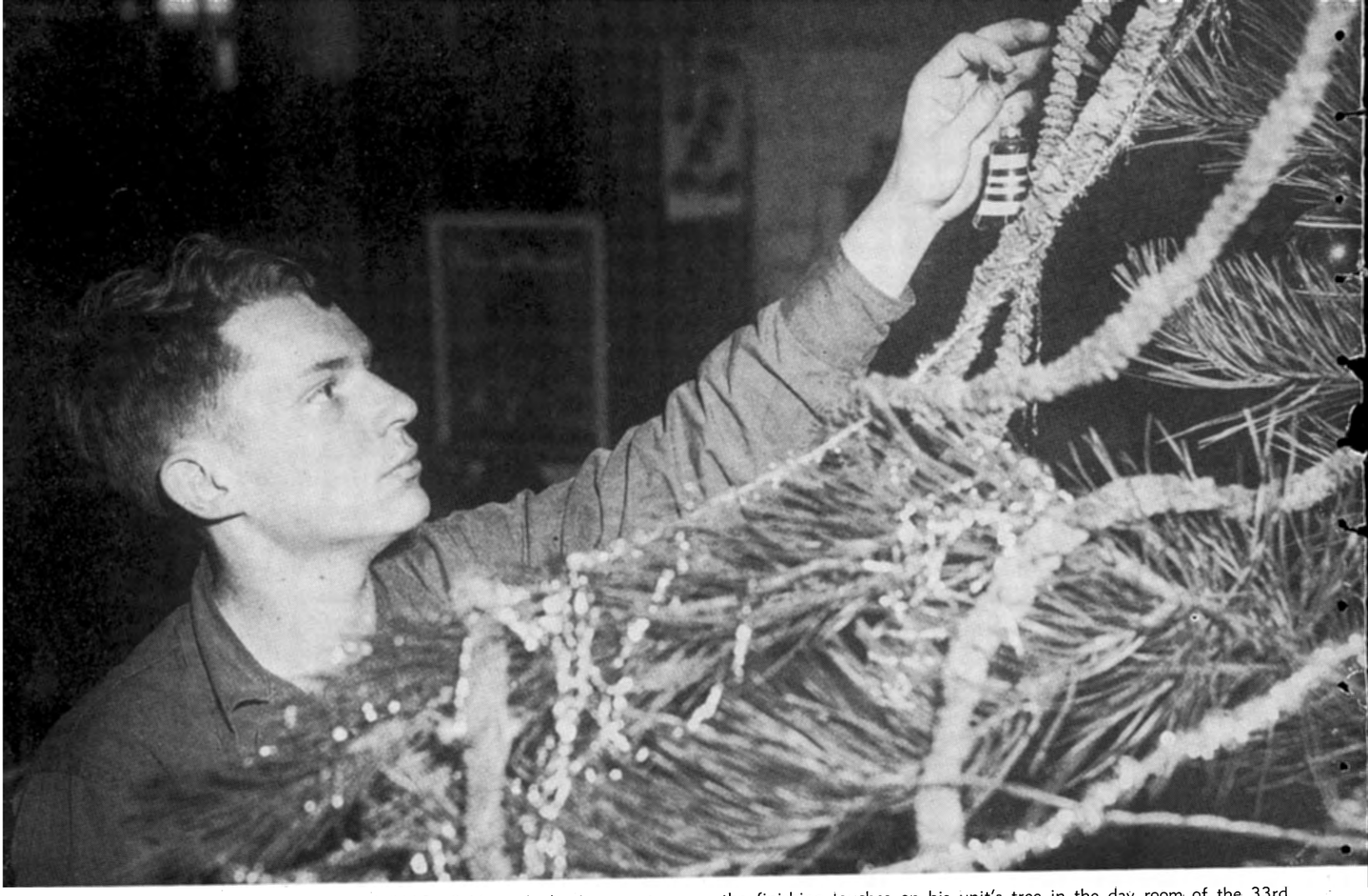

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS—Soldiers don't always get home for Christmas, but those who remain on the Post celebrate the Yuletide anyway. Cpl. Arthur A. Kaiser of Woodhaven, N. Y. puts the finishing touches on his unit's tree in the day room of the 33rd Transportation Truck Company.

BOWL CHAMPS— Col. Sevier S. Tupper, third from left, commanding officer of First Student Brigade, admires some of the silverware won by his Special Troops football team this season. At left is Lt. Tom Coleman, with trophy as best offensive lineman in 1951 Geechee Bowl game. Second from left is Maj. Jack Faubion, playing-coach of the post champion Rams, and Capt. Frank Teague, right, assistant coach. Large trophy is for Rams 10-0 win over Stewart Air Force Base in Geechee Bowl at Savannah, Ga.

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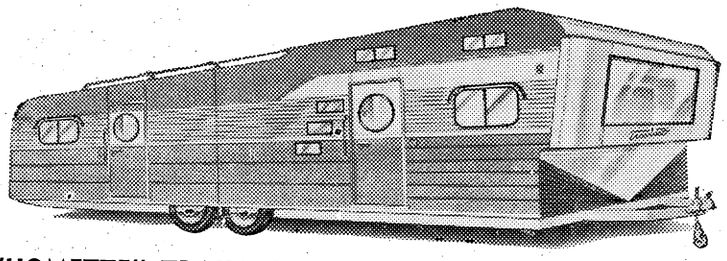

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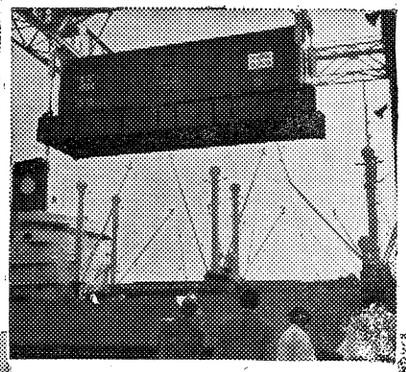

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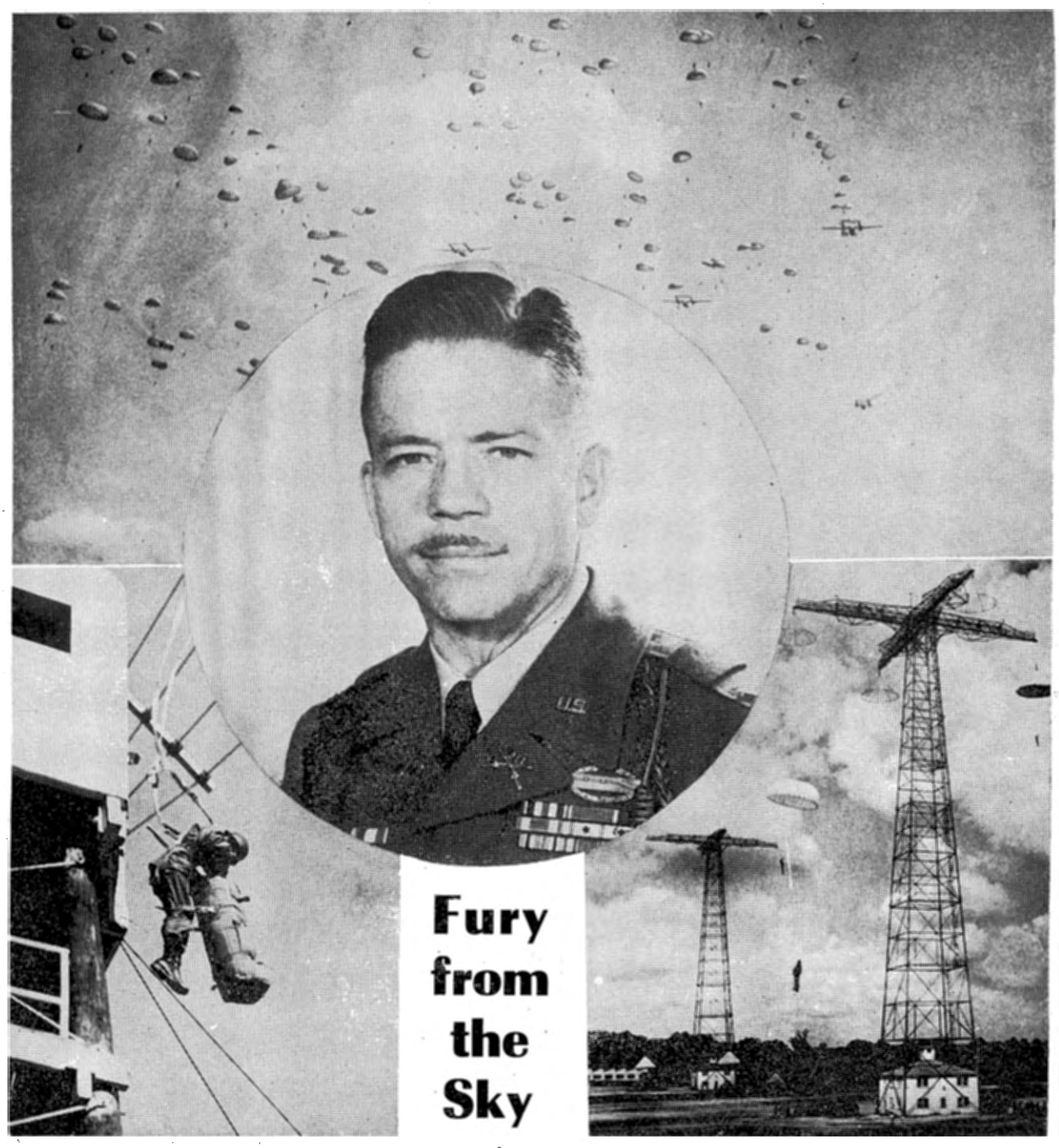

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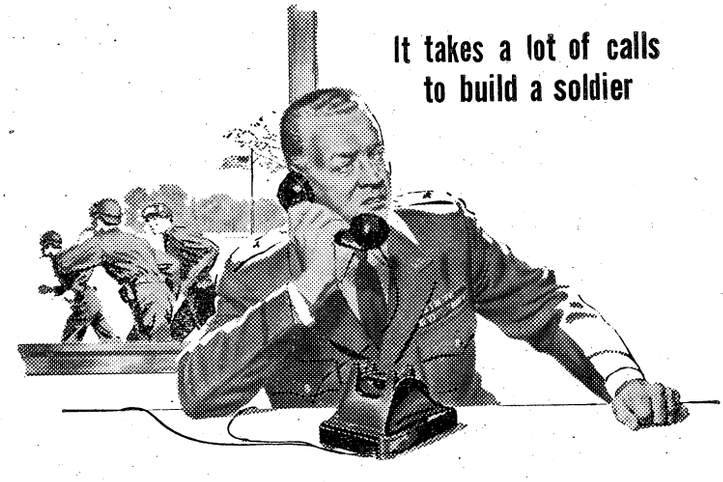

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COL. JOE S. LAWRIE

The man in the center-piece is Col. Joe S. Lawrie, 37-year-old commanding officer of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. The top of the cover shows paratroopers of the 508th in a mass jump from C-119's over Lawson Field at Fort Benning. Pvt. James S. Hough, Company K, leaps from the 34-foot tower, carrying a G.P. (General Purpose) bag in the lower left corner. Lower right are the 250-foot towers, from which all paratroopers make their first free fall in a parachute.

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FURY FROM THE SKY

By Lt. Robert Feeney, PIO—508th Abn. RCT

When jolly Lt. Col. Clyde M. Dillender Jr. dreamed up the motto "Fury From The Sky" last August for the new 508th Airborne Infantry Regiment, he really got one that suited the Red Devils to a T.

For the 508th, one of the most decorated outfits of World War II, today is one of the most talked-about outfits in the Army. Rumors ran rampant to a lofty destiny for the 508th even before the famed Red Devil regiment was reactivated on May 5, 1951 at Fort Bragg, N. C.

Now, more than six months later, along with its supporting arms of the 320th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion and the 598th Airborne Engineer Company, the regiment has expanded to the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. A team that truly is "Fury From The Sky" and minute by minute adding to the glorious history put forth by the fallen heroes of the old 508th at Normandy, Ardennes, Central Europe and the Rhineland.

Midst the buzz of such spectulation as "choice assignment . . . hand-picked officers and NCO's . . . to be Gen. Eisenhower's Honor Guard in Europe as it was in 1945 . . ." the 1951 edition of Red Devils started anew as a regiment at Bragg under Col. Joseph P. Cleland.

With his snow-white hair and flowing, snow-white mustache, the 50-years-young Col. Cleland injected a tremendous enthusiasm into his new command. Gradually, after the officers and cadre moved to Fort Benning's Sand Hill Area in mid-May, Col. Cleland's oft-repeated phrase of "we're a 'tops' outfit" began to take hold. Especially when the new jumpers, who had taken basic training at Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Division, began to arrive June 2.

In no time at all, the 18, 19 and 20-year-old troopers, gathered together from all over the U. S., began trying to live up to the hallowed traditions of the 508th Red Devil troopers of World War II. Over the mess-hall tables, they began to hear of men like Leonard A. Funk, the little fellow from Wilkensburg, Pa., who earned every combat medal the Army had to offer.

Funk, as 1st sergeant of Company C of the 508th, was the first and only living member of the 82nd Airborne Division to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor, the country's highest award. Now a 1st lieutenant elsewhere in the Army, Sgt. Funk also earned the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.

Enough of the old Red Devils still are in the new 508th to echo the glorious history of troopers like the fabulous Funk. Men like 1st Lt. Aldo Bettelli, once 1st sergeant of old Headquarters Company, First Battalion, Capt. Homer H. Jones of old Company B., Sfc. Arthur T. Wahner, who not only had been an original 508-er, but had since fought in Korea.

Yes, many a young Red Devil in the 508th today recalls stories at the mess-hall table of "how it used to be." And many can remember the Old Soldier (Col. Cleland) with the flowing white mustache who jumped in "his stick" when the young trooper was struggling through Airborne training at Benning in that scorching June of '51.

The Great White Father vowed, that breezy May-day at Bragg when he accepted the colors of the old 508th from the war-time commander, Col. Roy E. Lindquist, that the new 508th would be "a tops outfit. The best, hiking, shootinig, jumping, fighting outfit in the Army!"

Before he regained his brigadier general's star in September, Col. Cleland had a big, white sign erected to proclaim this proud boast. It still stands today as the Gateway to the 508th.

On September 28, 1951, Gen. Cleland sadly turned his Red Devils over to Col. Joe S. Lawrie, an old airborne soldier who was in the fifth jump class at Benning in the Fall of 1951.

Old in airborne experience but 37 years young, Col. Lawrie immediately began permeating the 508th Red Devils with his youthful drive, the benefits of his ariborne background and his quiet, efficient planning. And like Gen. Cleland, Col. Lawrie also was proud of his full, brown mustache, brown like his hair. The former Louisiana State University football star had earned his colonelcy on June 29, 1951.

The trend turned to more and more field training. Endless hours were spent in the field and jumping. Much of it at night. The battalions strived to outdo one another.

The First Battalion became known as the "Fighting First" with a big pitch-fork as its helmet-liner insignia. Happiest soldier of all in the Fighting First was Col. Dillender, who had started out as regimental executive officer

under Col. Cleland but moved down to fill in for Lt. Col. Thomas A. Mesereau, the 1942 West Point football star who coached and—like Col. Lawrie—played for the 508th gridders.

The Second Battalion, moulded into a hard, striking force by the sheer dominance of Lt. Col. Herbert V. Mansfield. Eating out of canteen cups with spoons and using only ponchos in the field, it soon became known as the "Lightning Second" and adopted two jagged streaks of white lightning as its insignia.

The Third Battalion, under that former Japanese POW war hero and author, Lt. Col. John M. Wright Jr., reached back into the shadows of the old 508th's war-time Third for its motto of "Free, Bold and Rapid." Like the old Third that stormed down upon the hedge-rows of Normandy, Col. Wright's men kept the white winged foot as their symbol.

All this friendly rivalry burst into its full magnificence in Dec. 4-14 of 1951 when the 508th Airborne Infantry, plus the 598th Airborne Engineers and a company of tanks from the 773rd Tank Battalion at Benning, played the role of the Aggressor Training Aid against the 47th Viking Infantry Division in Camp Rucker, Ala., maneuvers.

Top Army officials witnessed the brief maneuver, among them Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, Third Army commander, and Lt. Gen. Frank W. Milburn. Lt. Gen. Milburn, in a post-maneuver critique, was profuse in his praise of the paratroopers, saying that "they were cocky . . . they stole through the woods like cats . . ."

So now the 508th heard from its doughty little commander, Col. Lawrie. A wartime commander of a battalion in the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment of Southwest Pacific fame and a graduate of the Army's General Staff College, Col. Lawrie said of his dynamic troopers on maneuvers:

"Though gratified with the results of the leadership in our 508th ARCT, we feel that we, too, learned as much as the 47th Vikings did. The 47th liaison pilots told us our ground camouflage was well-nigh perfect. It was a real privilege to have taken part in these maneuvers."

Col. Lawrie was proud and happy. But he also was cautious. Holiday leaves came and went. So did hour-long talks on leadership to his officers. Now, the 508th is on the verge of airborne battallion tests. Already, the new 508th has nearly equalled the old 508th's mark of 19 regimental jumps during its World War II history.

The new 508-ers have proved themselves to be fine jumpers. And here's what else the yhave to live up to as they turn the clock back.

Back to October 20, 1942 when the old 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment was activated at Camp Blanding, Fla. Like the new 508th of '51, the old 508th of '42 moved to Benning to qualify its new jumpers.

Lt. Col. Roy E. Lindquist was the first 508th commander. As the last jumper finished jump school on March 12, 1943, Lt. Col. Lindquist became Col. Lindquist and the 508th Regiment adopted Diablo as its battle-cry. This This was later translated and expanded into Red Devil and a red-circular patch adopted showing a Red Devil dropping by parachute (the new 508-ers wear this on the left breast of their fatigue uniforms).

Intensive training followed at Camp Mackall, N. C., with a night jump at Gallatin, Tenn. On December 19, 1943, the original 508th moved to Camp Shanks, N. Y., and was alerted on Christmas Day of '43. The Red Devil Regiment embarked aboard the U. S. S. James Parker and debarked at Belfast, North Ireland, on January 8, 1944.

Soon, the 508th was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division which already had written a glorious record in Africa, Sicily and Italy. It was from Nottingham, England, that the 508th, as part of the 82nd and along with the 101st Airborne Division, took to the sky on June 6, 1944 to parachute down upon Normandy, France.

It was the 508th's first combat jump and the Red Devil's job was to prevent the Germans from re-inforcing their beach defenses. In spite of heavy flak and intense ground fire, the 508th accomplished its mission and later awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for heroism and gallantry during its first two days of action.

PAST MEETS PRESENT—Former M/Sgt. Leonard A. Funk, only member of the World War II 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor, meets the old and new commanders. Left is Col. Roy E. Linquist, war-time commander of the 508th. Right is Brig. Gen. Joseph P. Cleland, who activated the new 508th as a colonel.

On September 17, 1944, the 508th, as part of the 82nd, jumped south of Nijmagen, Holland, for another furious fire fight. On October 6, 1944, the 508th was attached to the 50th British Division for action on the Arnheim-Jijmagen Island. Here they remained on the defense until November 11, 1944.

The tired 508th Red Devils, what was left of them, were forced by lack of transportation to hike 22 miles to Oss, Holland, then to Sissone, France. Only 918 Red Devils of the original 2056 who jumped on Normandy in June had survived. Holland proved even rougher than Normandy for only 696 survived of the more-than 2000 who sailed down on Nijmagen, as compared to 918 survivors out of the 2056 who jumped on France in June.

At Sissone, the 508th began training replacements. The Red Devils were ready as Germany's Field Marshall von Runstedt began his last tremendous drive. On December 23, 1944, the 508th distinguished itself in the Battle of the Ardennes. An alert for a possible jump to liberate prisoners of war was called off April 3, 1945 and the 508th celebrated VE Day on June 10, '45 near Chartres, France.

After that, the 508th was assigned to Gen. Eisenhower's Honor Guards at Frankfurt-on-the-Main. Here, with many of the original 508-ers gone home and hundreds of stayers-on from the 82nd and the 101st, the 508th further distinguished itself as one of the finest Honor Guards ever, what with white silk scarves and white nylon boot laces.

The 508th began deactivation in October 1946 and completed this at Camp Kilmer, N. J., on November 25, 1946.

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The 1000 artillerymen who form the 320th Battalion in the 508th ARCT, also have a proud heritage. The 320th first was activated as the 302th Field Artillery Regiment, assigned to the 82nd Division, at Camp Gordon, Ga., on August 29, 1917. It was demobilized on May 12, 1919 at Camp Dix, N. J. It was again organized in December 1921 at Columbia, S. C., the reorganized and redesignated the 320th Field Artillery Battalion January 30, 1942, then ordered into active service at Camp Clairborne, La., on March 25, 1942.

It was again reorganized and redesignated the 320th Glider Field Artillery Battalion and soon, as back in 1917, its destiny merged with the 82nd Division, which had been converted to airborne.

Carrying campaign streamers of World War I vintage for St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Lorraine, the new 320th Glidermen wrote even greater glory in World War II at Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, Rhineland, Adrennes-Alsace and Central Europe.

The 320th Glider was deactivated at Fort Bragg, N. C., on December 15, 1948, after having been designated a Regular Army Unit on November 15, 1948.

The 598th Airborne Engineer Company also was reactivated on August 1, 1951 at Fort Benning under the command of Capt. Allen P. Liberty.

RED DEVILS SFC. HUGH J. McDONALD AND PFC. DONALD H. BERWAGER, COMPANY A, SHOW THEY CAN SHOOT AS WELL AS JUMP

ASU HAS MANY TYPES

The Area Service Unit claims to have a good proportion of all the various Somatotypes within its command.

Somatotypes, for those unfamiliar with the term, are the various types of body builds that make up the cross section of our population.

There are three main categories of somatotypes; (1) Endomorphic, (2) Ectomorphic, and (3) Mesomorphic.

In the endomorph class (the happy, humorous ,fun-loving type) there are 285 pounders, like Sgt. William Lanford of the MP Detachment; and Sfc. Ralph Ludlow, Food Service School, with Pvt. Clarence Camper, Co. D, First Transportation battalion, a close third at 280 pounds. These men fit into the gourmet category—connosseurs of fine foods.

The ectomorph category holds six-foot-seven inch Pfc. Horace McCloud, 33rd Transportation Truck Company, and Pfc. Clifford Nelson, MP Detachment, at six-feet-six inches are Pfc. James C. Hester, Co. C, First Transportation Battalion, and Pfc. Leonard C. Wells, 3440th.

These ectomorphs' are the athletic type—usually basketball players. They generally don't like candy or cake but are good eaters and on them it doesn't show. They also like reading and are generally good conversationalists.

On the other extreme there is the slightly-built ectomorph—the converse of his big brother—generally found in the five foot division. In that category there is 109-pound Harvey Steward, 33rd Transportation Truck Company.

The third category (mesomorphic) is the usual body type—average height, and weight.

All body types fall into one of the three categories but all are not similar in body construction.

Pvt. Ken Ryan, 33rd Transportation Truck Company, six-feet-four inches, weighs 230 and wears a size 15 shoe. Sfc. Franklin Butler, 15th Finance Disbursing detachment wears a size five-and-one-half shoe while M-Sgt. Stanley Sharp, Food Service School, wears a size four on one foot and a size five on the other.

All types combined form the somatotype which comprise the normal body builds that are found clinging to the humans of this present age. With each body type, there comes a special personality—the humorist, the mediator or 'the world is mine to do with as I wish' type. Some overlap, some collide, yet each accompanies its specific type.

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Tactical Department Trains for Combat

A group of officers on duty with the Tactical Department of The Infantry School here is charged with one of the most important responsibilities in the Army today.

This small force of officers has the assignment of teaching students at The Infantry School tactics of the Infantry and the supporting arms—artillery, engineers and armor.

Upwards to 25,000 student officers and enlisted men this fiscal year will be given instruction and practical application from the department.

Subjects ranging from the tactics of an individual soldier on patrol to the operation of a Regimental Combat Team are taught by the three groups that form the Tactical Department. One group teaches attack tactics, another defense and the third, tabbed Associate Arms group—officers from other services—teaches the part the artillery, engineers, armor and chemical corps play in teaming with Infantrymen to win battles.

BUT GOOD UNIT TACTICS ARE THE RESULT OF GOOD SOLDIER TACTICS

Also assigned to the Tactical Department is a U. S. Air Force Advisory Committee, sent here to tutor Infantrymen in the close tactical air support.

Tactics as taught here embraces a multitude of subjects strange to the average civilian mind. It is the study of maneuvering men and their equipment and use of the firepower of their weapons. To draw concrete tactical conclusions a military leader must combine tactical know-how with a thorough knowledge of his men, their equipment, terrain over which an engagement is to be fought, weather, and the capabilities of the enemy.

Prior to studying tactical subjects at The Infantry School students have been grounded thoroughly in Infantry weapons. Then the Tactical Department takes over. Its job is to give students tactical knowledge commensurate with command jobs they may be called upon to fill in a combat unit.

The department has prepared and has instructors to present some 150 different periods of instruction. These are known as "problems." For it is by the problem method that the School presents its instruction.

Problems fall into a number of categories. Some are classroom conferences; however, as many as possible are conducted on the varied terrain of the Fort Benning reservation covering some 180,000 acres. During outdoor phases of each course heavy emphasis is placed on the students' "playing the part" and learning by doing.

Many demonstrations manned by troops of the 30th Infantry Regiment precede the practical work phases so that the military sequence of "Tell him how to do a job, show him how, let him do it, and test him to see if he has learned," is followed.

Let's say for instance the students are studying platoon offensive tactics. After several lecture-type instructional periods they are given field problems, involving practical application on the ground of what they learned in the classroom. Command of full-sized platoons of other students is rotated throughout the members of the class but the exercises are designed to give students valuable experience whether they are commanding or serving as riflemen in the platoon.

The platoon then receives from an instructor the "situation" which consists of a briefing on what supporting weapons it may use, approximate size of enemy forces opposing it, the platoon's mission and other background information.

However, the platoon is not oriented completely on what is to happen to it since the School is interested in seeing the reaction of students when the unexpected crops up during an exercise.

For these problems the "enemy" may be simulated; it may consist of an aggressor detail consisting of School personnel or it may be composed of other students.

Many times live ammunition is used in the problems. Care is taken to insure that neither students nor the "enemy" is injured.

Then under the watchful guidance of instructor personnel the platoon launches its attack. There is no cut-and-dried method of conducting most problems except that certain broad principles must be adhered to.

Upon termination of the problem instructors meet with the platoon and discuss the results of the exercise, pointing up both good and bad aspects of its actions. Many times the instructor presenting a certain problem has been faced with a similar situation in combat.

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WOMEN

Fort Benning is home to many talented and interesting people. One of the most talented newcomers to call Benning home is Moria Sheen, wife of Chaplain (Maj.) Lewis Sheen. Moria is an actress and director and will handle the directorial duties of the first production of the newly formed Fort Benning Little Theater.

MORIA SHEEN

All through her career she has had a time making up her mind just what line she wants to follow. Right now, it seems to be a toss up between acting and directing.

Moria, who was born in Ireland and raised in England, is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dramatic art in London. She was a student actress with the Old Vic company, and at one time was the youngest actress with the Abby Theater in Dublin.

During the war she was very active in Red Cross entertainment and it was while she was doing this work that she met her husband.

While she was with her husband in Honolulu, she organized a group known as the Cathedral Players. She says that the coming play will be the 18th she has directed.

Since she has been in the United States, she has done some television shows and worked in summer stock in New Hampshire. She feels that the new group is bound to be a success for there is great enthusiasm and talent in all who have contacted her.

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Another talented Benning wife, an artist with her hands, is Mrs. Charles Dalton, whose husband is a master sergeant.

Juanita makes oriental desks, figurines and paints. She was born in the Philippine Islands, while her father, an army man was stationed there. Most of her early childhood was spent in the Orient .

In 1946, she went with her husband to Japan and it was while she was there that she became interested in oriental art. When the Dalton family left Japan, she brought with her many items of unusual beauty.

After she was settled here, Juanita decided the time had come to try her hand. She took an old box and with much laboring and working turned it into a satiny red desk with gold carving, all done by hand and with makeshift instruments.

Pleased with the result of her effort, she next turned to figurines. She cast the mold and made the figures, finishing them by painting in the best oriental manner. Since she loves to paint, she has painted many pictures for gifts to her friends and also for her own home.

At present her nimble brain and hands are casting about for something more difficult to work with. She claims that she has many things she wants to create and right now, it is difficult to decide just which she wants to do next.

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One of the many thousands of displaced persons in Europe has been afforded a chance to enjoy the American way of life through the untiring efforts of a Fort Benning officer and his wife.

Under the sponsorship of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Eliot J. Bocchino, Mrs. Wilhelmina Puchalskiene arrived in Columbus last June. Mrs. Puchalskiene was once employed as governess to the Italian born Mrs. Bocchino in Rome.

The 63-year-old native of Latvia remained as governess in Mrs. Bocchino's family until shortly after World War II.

The Bochinos first attempted to get Mrs. Puchalskiene to America in 1948 when they made application with the United Service Committee of Boston and New York.

In accordance with Public Law 555 passed by Congress after V-E Day, the sponsors must fully provide for the displaced persons for a period of at least five years. Displaced persons may apply for citizenship anytime after their arrival but the usual waiting period is five years before the rights are granted.

MRS. CHARLES DALTON AND THE ORIENTAL DESK SHE CONSTRUCTED AND PAINTED IN HER SPARE TIME

Although she now resides at 11A Victory Apartments, she will return to Europe in February with her sponsors when Col. Bocchino is transferred there.

Mrs. Puchalskiene has been noticeably impressed by the abundance of everything in America but remarks that "the cost of food is high."

STRANGE UNIFORMS

Allied student population at The Infantry School here includes nearly 389 men—but 99 of these aren't really foreigners, they're Marines. Soldiers here who are used to seeing nearly every type of uniform conceivable, are doing second takes when they see the lads in Marine green strolling by.

The real Allied students total 290, an all-time high.

More than 25 countries are represented by these students, including such far-away places as Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Greece and Parris Island, S. C.

The 99 Marines are here to attend a 10-weeks unit automotive maintenance course, and will be followed by other Marines who will take paratrooper training and attend the Third Army Area Food Service School in addition to the automotive course.

To put a new switch on an old saying, soon after the Marines landed the Army had the situation well in hand. They were met by M-Sgt. Patrick Pettingill, a veteran paratrooper now in the First Student regiment.

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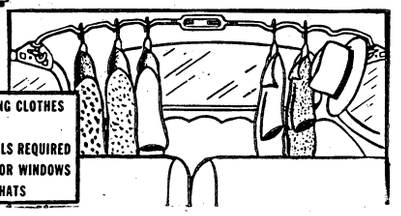

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SOLDIER ARTIST

A cash prize for his illustration depicting the temple destruction from the Movie "Samson and Delilah" has been awarded to Cpl. Bob Redman, a draftsman in the Army Field Printing Plant at Fort Benning.

Redman entered his illustration in a contest handled through the Institute of Commercial Art, Inc., a Westport, Conn. firm. The prize he won was actually a scholarship to the Institute, but since he was already enrolled, he was presented with a cash substitute.

Corporal Redman has been interested in art since he was a child. Prior to entering the Institute of Commercial Art, he studied through Art Instruction, Inc., and also studied at an art school in Birmingham.

He is specializing in editorial illustration, since he feels there is a great field open to an artist in this type work. Though he claims that as his favorite, he has studied and worked on other types of illustration.

Versatile Redman is not only a talented artist, but also an accomplished musician. He played trumpet with the 72nd Army Band for two years and with the Fourth Division Band for about three months.

He is a native of Gadsden, Ala., and hopes to finish his art study in California when he is discharged from the Army.

PRIZE WINNER CPL. BOB REDMAN AT HIS BOARD

—TACTICAL DEPARTMENT

One colorful display staged for the benefit of students is "Company in Night Defense". For this night-time display, students are seated several hundred yards back of the demonstration troops who are deployed similar to a combat formation. After the spectators have been briefed on the situation, the company of Infantrymen, reinforced by supporting elements, using tracer ammunition and night illuminating devices, carries out its mission of defending a position against a simulated enemy.

Each of these demonstrations is designed to impart valuable training to students; training which may save their lives and those of their men in combat. And since the cost does run quite high for some of the demonstrations, as many students as can be handled at one time witness each show so as to reduce the number of demonstrations that must be given each year.

Courses at The Infantry School range in length from four to 32 weeks. Roughly 40 per cent of each course is taught by Tactical Department personnel. This is not sufficient time to cover all the instruction that could well be given on such a broad subject.

Certainly the department doesn't expect to make global strategists out of students in the short time they are here.

However, by applying broad principles learned at The Infantry School, combat leaders have in World War II and in Korea distinguished themselves as able tacticians.

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TRAFFIC LESSENED

Fort Benning has improved a major traffic problem by a simple means—organized hitchhiking.

Car pools were established at Benning after a check conducted by the Provost Marshal, ten months ago, showed that more than 80 per cent of the cars that passed through Outpost No. 1 carried only the driver.

Today, approximately 2,000 cars, carrying two or more people, enter the post in the same length of time. In its ten months operation, the control program has been able to hold the total of cars entering the post to that low number even though there are approximately 26,000 vehicles registered.

If this car pool program had not been initiated at Benning, it is estimated by the Provost Marshal's office that, with the increased number of registrations, the number of cars passing through the Outpost would have jumped to approximately 3,800. Consequently it would require close to two hours to run the rush hour traffic into the post.

Since the main entrance to the post proper is by the two-lane bridge over Upatoi creek, all traffic from Victory Drive and Lumpkin Road enters over this route.

In order to alleviate the congestion, Lawson Air Force base staggered its working hours, and the traffic control program went into effect. A re-adjustment of the plan set up a schedule for two-lane traffic.

During certain hours in the morning, outbound vehicles are halted for a specified length of time at Outpost No. 1. In the afternoon, all incoming traffic is stopped for a certain period, allowing the two-lane flow from the post. All solo drivers, entering or leaving the post, are routed through Outpost No. 2.

The rush hour traffic is closely timed and must be kept moving as fast as safety permits. If the general flow of vehicles is halted for as much as a minute, it means the tie-up of cars, and a complete disruption of the schedule.

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Two way traffic	1650-1700
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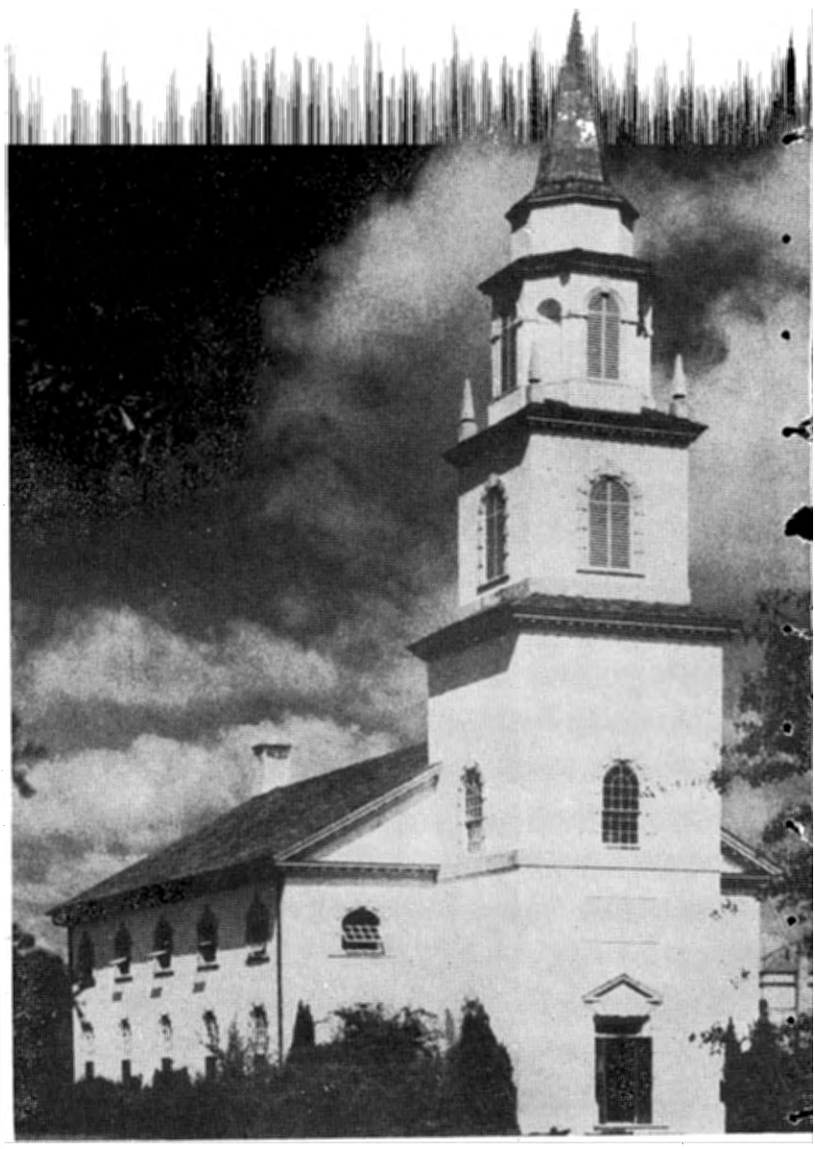

THE INFANTRY CENTER "THREE FAITHS" CHAPEL

RELIGION

The tall white spire of The Infantry Center Chapel here is a constant reminder to Fort Benning personnel that religion is an important part of anyone's life.

The chapel was designed originally for use by the three major faiths, and at that time was the only such building in the world. For a number of years, the chapel was used by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.

Patterned after early colonial churches, the chapel still is used by Catholics and Jews, but primarily is the seat of Protestant worship here.

Robert Ripley, famed collector of odd bits on information, once featured the chapel in his "Believe It Or Not" column.

The chapel was dedicated in 1935 as The Three Faiths Building, a name that is still used by many in referring to it.

A $35,000 set of carillions, donated by Harvey Firestone, Jr., adds to the dignity of the chapel. Each evening at sunset, the carillions chime forth in a concert heard over most of the Main Post.

Average monthly attendance at the chapel hovers around the 2,000 mark, according to Infantry Center Chaplain (Col.) Joel M. Wareing.

"It's also a favorite spot for weddings," Chaplain Wareing said. "Some Saturday afternoons one wedding follows another all afternoon long."

The average is around 10-15 weddings a month, he said. In addition military funerals and baptisms average three a month.

At present, the only regularly scheduled services held in the chapel are Protestant, includinig three on Sunday and one on Wednesday night.

ENTERTAINMENT

It's high noon—and time for the "Fort Benning Feature Page"—each week spotlighting interesting activities, units, and personalities. It's "Benning In Review" time—with music, news and talent. "The Benning News Parade"—with on the spot recordings of the people, who made the news, this week at the Infantry Center . . . . And with these familiar words, the story of Fort Benning is brought into the homes of the radio audience of Columbus and Phenix City.

The Radio Branch of the Post Public Information Office is currently producing three, fifteen minute radio programs; and six, five minute newscasts weekly. Designed to tell civilians all about the home of the U. S. Infantry, the Infantry School, and the latest developments and techniques in the Army.

The informative programs are varied in format, for example, here are a few of the topics covered in recent broadcasts.

DID YOU KNOW that a complete bridge was dropped from an airplane into Korea? A Captain, who was a member of the Quaretrmaster Airborne Supply and Packing Company, told about this unusual feat on the "Benning News Parade" (Saturday, 5:30 p. m., WDAK).

A JUMP FROM PRIVATE TO MASTER SERGEANT IN SIX MONTHS! And the capturing of 35 North Koreans single-handed, was told by M/Sgt. Wayne Wiley, on the "Benning News Parade."

SHE HELPED ORGANIZE THE BRAZIL NURSE CORPS! Captain Joella Wallace's interesting life-story was told on the "Benning In Review" show (Saturday, 6:15 p. m. WRBL). The U. S. Army Nurse is now stationed at Benning's U. S. Army hospital.

TRAINING AT THE INFANTRY SCHOOL. Thousands and thousands of officers and enlisted men are trained here annually, and the story of *why* and *how* they're trained, was told on the "Benning In Review" show.

MUSIC! yes, it's featured on the "Benning In Review" show, with the fine Dave Johnson combo, and the excellent vocal stylings of Private Larry Gordon.

WHY PARATROOPERS ARE PARATROOPERS?? The answer to this question, and the actual re-enactment of a parachute jump by the 508th Airborne Infantry was dramatically presented on the "Fort Benning Feature Page" (Sunday, noon, WGBA).

One of the most listened to programs that is produced by the Radio Branch is "Beaming for Benning", on WRBL every morning at 6:55 a. m., except Sundays. The five minute newscast contains the latest news of Fort Benning and its members.

Other activities of the Radio Branch of the Public Information Office are producing five minute radio scripts weekly for all the recruiting stations in Georgia, sending five minute radio interviews of Chaplains and soldiers to their hometowns, and preparing five minute newscasts for WFBS, Benning's Army hospital radio station.

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Put down that Mint Julep, wake up the Colonel, and get Melissa Ann off the streets, the South is being invaded again!

But this is an invasion that should be a little more pleasant than the original scrap; it is in a musical sense only, and in the person of a blond-haired six-footer from "up North," named Thomas Ruggles. OC Thomas Ruggles that is, for he is now attending the Fort Benning OCS in the Ninth Officer Candidate company.

OC Ruggles is a musician—and being from "up North" what else would you expect him to play but "Dixieland Jazz."

It all started with OC Ruggles when attending Dartmouth University. There was a cafe just off the campus, and OC Ruggles used to drop around quite a bit to hear an excellent brand of Dixie music featured there.

OC Ruggles liked what he heard so much that he organized his own band—Dixie that is. The Yankee rascals imitated Dixie musicians so well, that in just a short time they were on their way to fame and fortune.

First the outfit played for fraternity parties and local campus functions, but later they booked into Jimmy Ryan's place on 52nd Street in New York City, and, as any musician can tell you—that is "big-time."

But while Dixieland Jazz fascinated OC Ruggles, the United States Army looked like even a better deal. The young musician is now working hard to earn the gold bars of a second lieutenant. And while he is going through the Fort Benning OCS, his wife lives in the Harmony Church Trailer camp.

But all is not lost to the musical world:

OC Thomas Ruggles still plays Dixieland Jazz as a hobby. So if the inhabitants around the Harmony Church Trailer camp hears wild wails from a trumpet, accompanied by the steady beat of a "gut-bucket" set of drums, they will know that those "yankee rascals" are at it again!

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SPORTS

By Cpl. Charles Johnson

People who go around figuring out things like that, tell us that everything runs in cycles. To coin a clumsy phrase, Fort Benning apparently is enjoying one of its on-the-beam cycles in sports.

To my knowledge, the post currently has a crew of sports champions which may be unparalleled even by the early and mid-forties, when our war-swelled population gave us scores of notables from many fields.

(In sports, Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Bob Waterfield, Ewell Blackwell, Beau Jack, Bob Ramizotti, Billy Johnson, Clem Labine, Tarzan White, George Poschner, Mika Raffa, Goose Tatum, Hank Gowdy, Bill Hillenbrand, Pug Lund and Bob Ward, to name the more memorable.)

Of course, the gimmick there is that not all of them were here at once and some of them never had a chance to perform, war-time training being as it was.

This is not the case now. This year we are seeing some of the best in competition which, I suspect, rings of the do-or-die flavor the more because of their presence which is a stimulant to the lesser lights.

By way of introducing them, and in an effort to avoid discrimination by saying who's the greater of the greats, let's start with basketball only because it is in season.

You will see no better basketball performer this season than Bill (Bucky) Hatchett, who at Rutgers in 1948 was voted All-America on one independent selection and accorded A-A honorable mention in the balloting by Associated Press sports writers.

The easy-going, 24-year old Verona, N. J., star, weaves about the court with amazing agility for his six-foot, four-inch height. There may be better teams at Benning than his Second Student Regiment, but Hatchett alone bears the mark of a champion in all that he does.

Truth of the latter statement is well illustrated in that he was selected to the All-East football team on two occasions, being second in the nation in touchdowns scored in 1947 and playing with the squad which scored the most points in a season and biggest single game score in all Rutgers grid history.

He also was varsity in track and, in service, coached and starred for the Fort Dix, N. J., team which last season won the First Army track and field title. If FECOM orders don't beat spring in arriving at Benning, he will be a welcome entry in post hurdles, high jump and shot put events.

Speaking of track, however, Benning has a sports personality who is unique in American competition. He is Lionel Pinn, of Combat Training Command, one of the better of the very small crop of distance runners which this country has turned out. Maybe you can explain it by his ancestry.

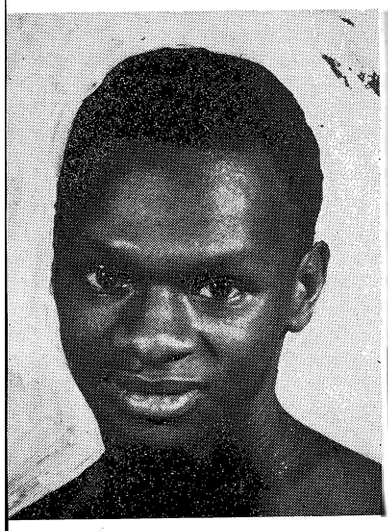
Pinn's more mature accomplishments include finishing third in the 48-mile Washington Centennial marathon in 1948, finishing 13th and 26th in two runnings of the Boston AA 29-mile Marathon, and beating Yon Buk Soo in a 19-mile challenge race last year at Taegu, Korea. Yon Buk Soo, you may recall, set a record of two hours and 29:32 minutes in the 1947 Boston Marathon.

The artistry of Frank Spaniel with a football last fall marks him as one to be included in any all-time rating of sports stars at Benning. Fabulous Frank, who at 23 still has much time left in sports, gained over 1,000 yards from scrimmage with his running and passing and provided the personal and professional touch that made the Combat Training Command Squad the team it was.

We've seen other top men in football recently, like Jack Faubion, All-America honorable mention fullback at Oklahoma A. & M., who coached and played for the championship Special Troops Rams, Tom Mesereau, great Army guard of 1941 who later coached at West Point and this past season mentored 508th Airborne, and Harold Kopp, veteran of 16 years coaching in Ivy League territory.

Then there's Col. Perry D. Swindler, who holds the Army's highest awards in rifle and pistol marksmanship. He coached the crack Army pistol team in the recent national championships. Also at Benning is Maj. Warren P. Davis, coach of the winning Army team in the national rifle championships last September.

Soon to be seen in action will be George Allen, defending Third Army featherweight champion, from Area Service Unit Provisional Group, Bob Dews, outstanding veteran of 17 years minor league baseball playing experience, and Jack Blubaugh, coach of the national champion University of Oklahoma 1951 wrestling team.



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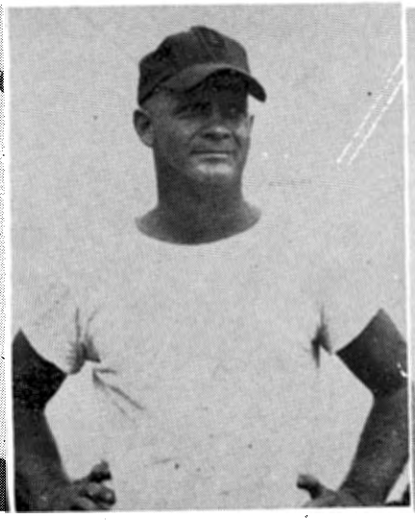

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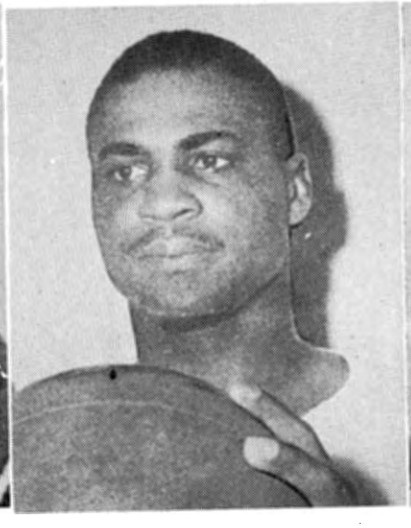

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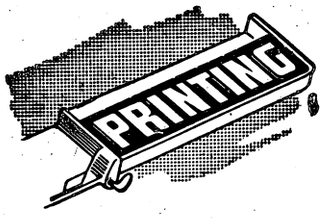

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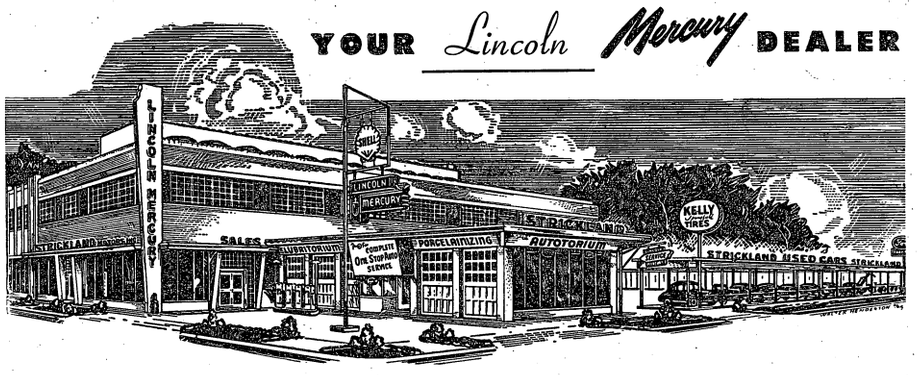

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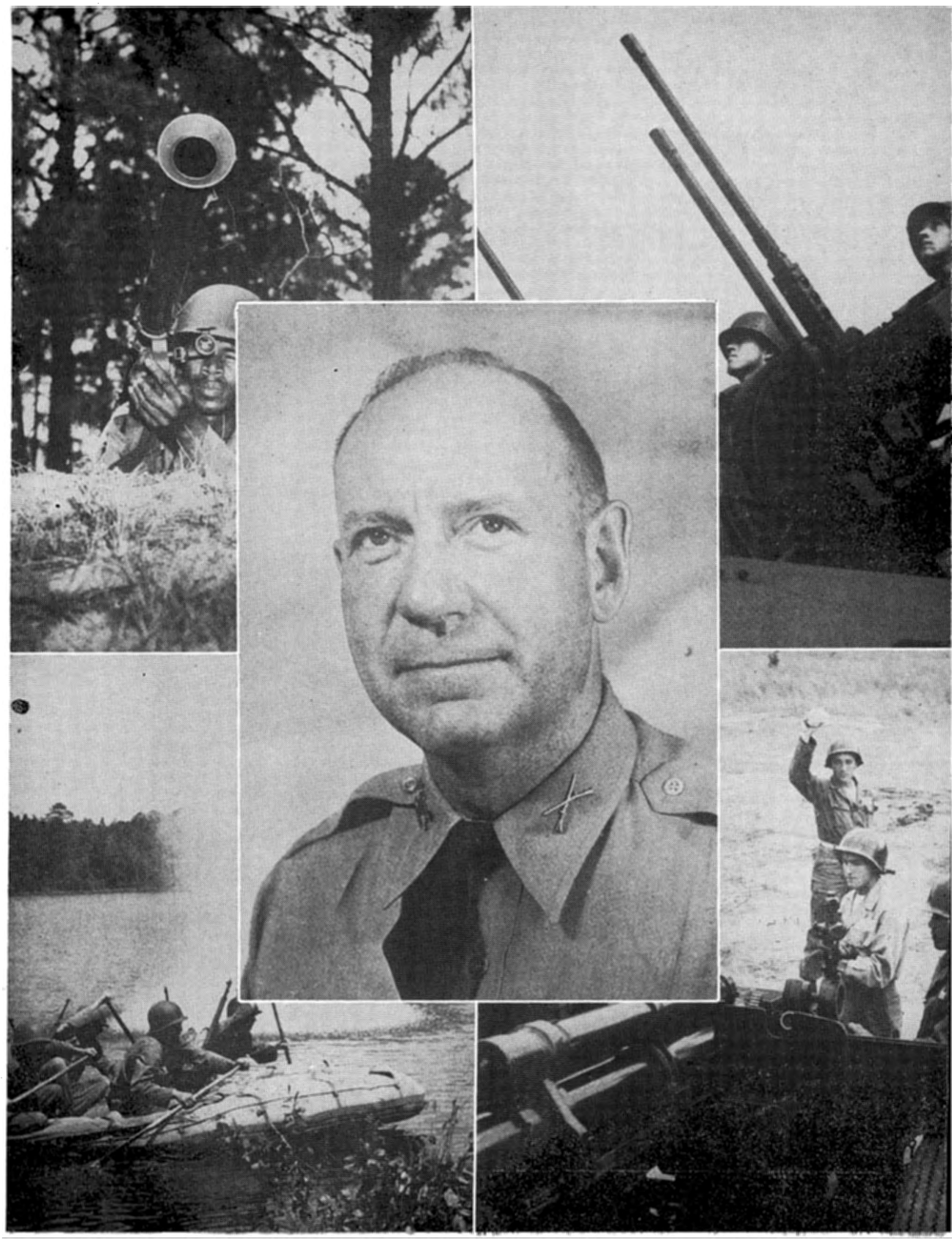

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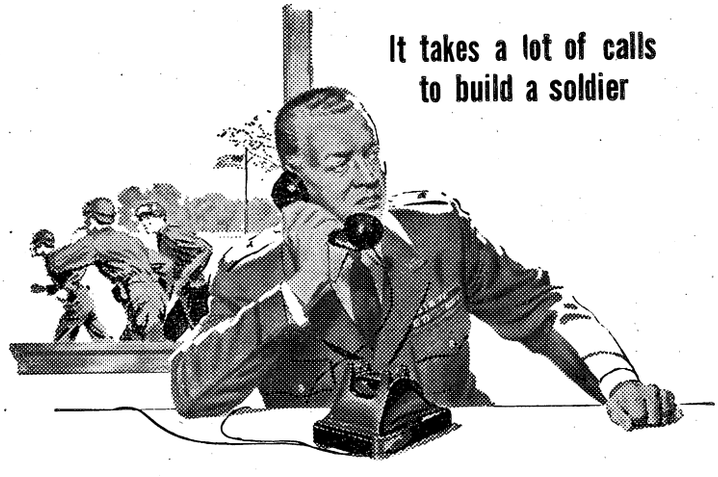

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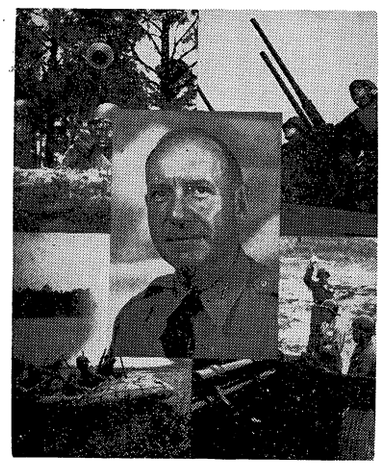
On This Month's Cover:

The man in the center-piece is Col. R. N. Wood, commanding officer of The Infantry School's demonstration troops—the Combat Training Command. The top left of the cover shows a bazooka team and its weapon "on target". The top right depicts two men manning a multiple .50 caliber anti-aircraft gun. Practical work in the Infantry School problem, Attack Of A River Line, is shown in the boatload of CTC demonstration troops, and the bottom right picture shows a 105 millimeter crew in firing positions.



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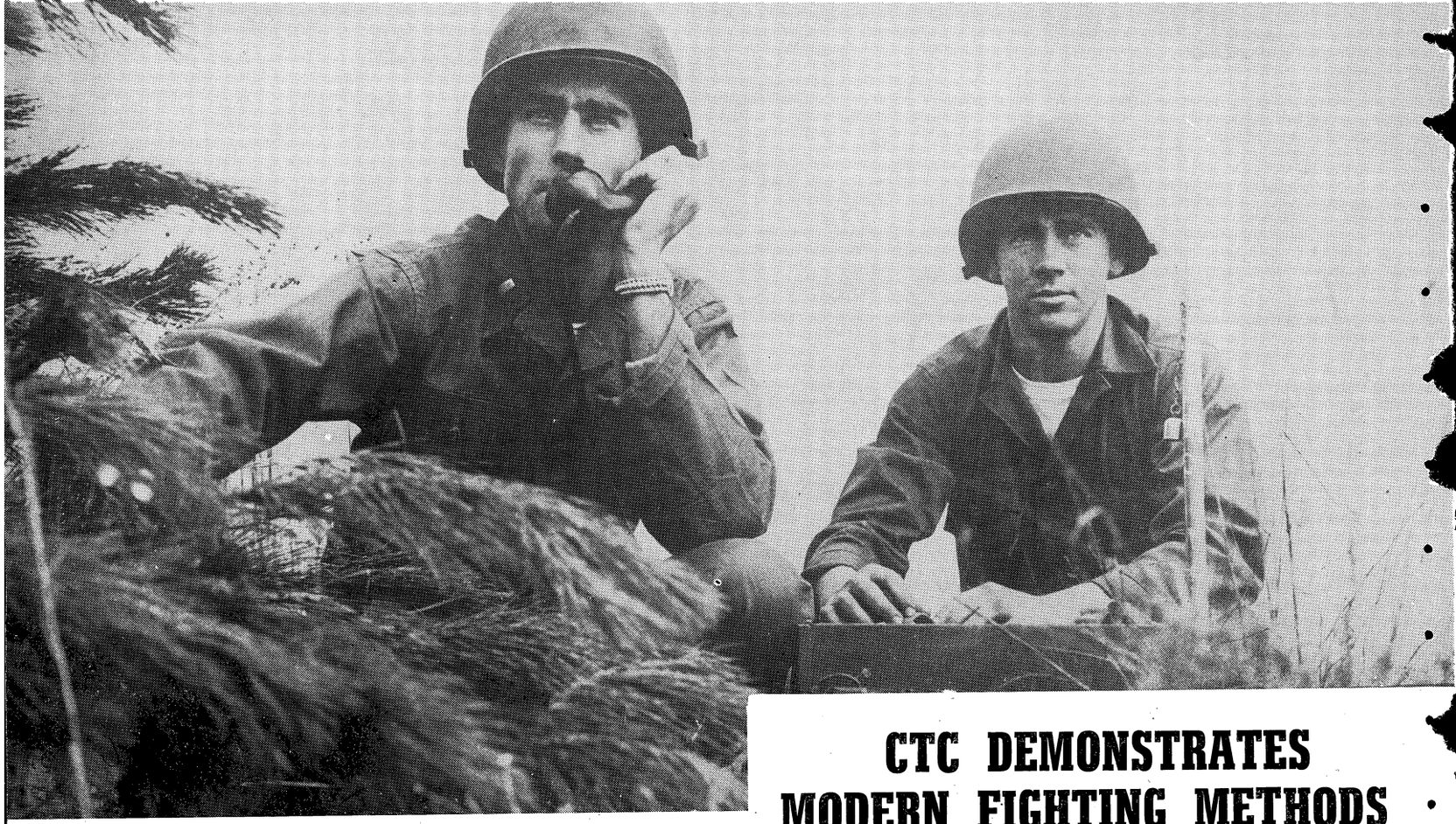

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Doughboys of the Thirtieth Infantry Regiment, and of the

THE TANKS DO THEIR STUFF TOO.

supporting units which make up the Combat Training Command, are typical of the Infantry in every last tradition. And like typical doughboys, they mask tremendous pride in their unit under an attitude of brisk, workmanlike objectivity.

But Col. Ralph N. Woods, their commanding officer, doesn't mask his pride in his men. Colonel Woods is CO of the Thirtieth Infantry, and also of the larger Combat Training Command.

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"My men learned how to fight the enemy by fighting the enemy. That goes for most of the men of the Combat Training Command.

Precious Knowledge

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"The men we teach today will go back to their own units and teach thousands of other men how to conduct themselves in combat. They'll carry away the 'tricks of the trade' that we teach them, and pass them on to their own men. Some day that information will save lives. It will help Americans and soldiers of the United Nations kill more of the enemy. Lessons learned here are bearing just such fruit now in Korea."

Lessons in battle taught by the platoons and companies and battalions of the Combat Training Command are received with rapt attention by Infantry School classes, Colonel Woods points out; the lessons are well learned.

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The biggest unit in the Combat Training Command is the Thirtieth Infantry Regiment—

This regiment's history goes back 139 years into the making of America. It saw its first combat action in the War of 1812—the last time a foreign power dared invade the United States.

In World War II the Thirtieth fought as part of the Third Infantry Division. Its soldiers wore the slanting blue-and-white striped shoulder patch of the Third Division through North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France and Germany.

But neither Colonel Woods, the Thirtieth's commander, nor any other key man in the Combat Training Command would stop with the Thirtieth.

The regiment's supporting units include the 41st Field Artillery Battalion, 27th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battery, (Self-Propelled), the 550th Tank Company and the 509th Engineer Combat Company.

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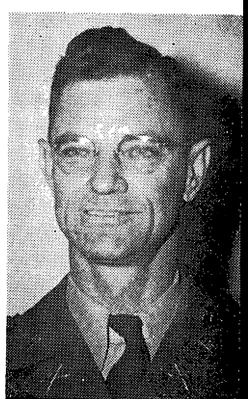

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BY LT. JOE WINDSOR

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Major Nossaman was quick to pay tribute to the civilian employes in his section. He pointed to the dire shortage of artists and draftsmen among Army personnel and said much of the work turned out by his section could not have been accomplished without trained civilians.

Major Task

Training films always pose a major task because of their many complexities.

Major Nossaman explained that each year various departments of The Infantry School recommend that certain training films be produced. These recommendations are transmitted to Army Field Forces headquarters in Fort Monroe, Va. This headquarters confers with the Signal Corps and a decision based on budgetary limitations is made on what films can be produced.

Once the green light is received, an officer is named technical advisor to insure accuracy in the film's tactical and technical aspects.

Script Prepared

A script then is prepared based on instructional points to be brought out in the film.

While the story is being written and the Signal Corps is moving its personnel to Benning, the Visual Aids Group is engaged in securing the necessary troops, ammunition, transportation and equipment and selecting the area in which the project is to be filmed.

Most of the scenes are "shot" here. Others are taken in the Signal Corps studios in Long Island, N. Y. When the film is completed, a print is sent to Fort Benning where Infantry experts review it. Following final approval, the film is made available to Infantry units for use in their training programs.

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Of the 21,689 cases handled last year, there were 4,992 health and welfare cases in addition to the 4,081 cases of a miscellaneous nature. One of the most outstanding and interesting cases to come under the welfare category was the story of Sgt. William C. Foil and his sister, Janice Anne.

The case history of each person is confidential, but Mr. David J. Cooper, Assistant Field Director, Sand Hill area, who handled the case of Sergeant Foil, knows the story in its entirety.

This case was one of those handled by the Red Cross in which every means and facility at its command was utilized. According to Mr. Cooper, Sergeant Foil came to see him for the first time in May 1951, to enlist Red Cross aid in securing a release of his sister from a children's home in Oregon.

Begun During War

The story had its beginning back in the days of World War II, when Sergeant Foil, one of Merrill's Marauders, was engaged in the battle of Buna. It was during this time that he received word that his grandmother had died, leaving his six-year-old sister alone. She was placed in a children's home in Corvalis, Ore.

From that day until the present, the one motivating force in Sergeant Foil's life has been to secure her release.

When the sergeant first contacted Mr. Cooper, he had already tried for seven years to find the means to obtain her release, and he had also contacted other Red Cross offices including one in Australia and one in California, but they had not been able to help him.

Enlisting the aid of the Muscogee County Department of Public Welfare to work hand in hand with the Benning Red Cross, Mr. Cooper went to work. He investigated, wrote letters and sent wires using every means to help. One of the difficulties encountered was having to prove that Sergeant Foil was Janice's brother. This was done by obtaining a photostatic copy of the birth certificates of the two.

Also the children's home had to be fully convinced that Sergeant and Mrs. Foil were fully capable of taking care of Janice, and that they would see to her education as well as her religious life.

Nearly a Year

Stretching into almost a year of investigation, checking, writing and wiring, it seemed that all effort was doomed.

But just a few weeks ago, the Red Cross was notified to send the money for Janice's transportation to Columbus. Mr. Cooper said "When I got the message, I felt that the Red Cross had really accomplished something. One of the nicest things I ever had to do was notify the sergeant that his little sister would soon be on her way".

It was a happy reunion when the girl's plane arrived in Columbus, for in addition to her brother and his wife, a representative of the Muscogee County Department of Public Welfare and the Red Cross met the plane.

Mr. Cooper explained "Janice Anne is one of the prettiest, most charming young girls I have met. In addition, she has a great deal of poise and manners for one who has not had much opportunity to associate with older people."

In addition, the director said that Janice Anne had entered Baker Village high school and was intensely interested in volley ball. She has made many friends in her few weeks there. He said that she loved to sing and had a lovely voice.

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MP's ARE ON DUTY DAY AND NIGHT

BY MAY PIGOTT

A Morning's Tour In A Safety Patrol Car Reveals Many Of The Problems The Military Policemen Must Solve Every Day.

Fort Benning's Military Policemen are a hearty lot where heartiness counts the most—in dealing with individuals. Soldiers, traffic, security, and children are their foremost chores which they manage with finesse and dispatch but also with curt military efficiency.

They have the gentleness that only strong men have, but their gentleness is genuine and their strength real.

A tour of the post in the gleaming white Safety Patrol car is revealing into the nature of their problems—which are many—and their satisfactions, which are also many. Cpl. Joseph C. Brown and William Hatfield were on duty.

One of the more pleasant duties is performed four times daily at the children's schools where boys and girls must cross the street safely but without regimentation.

Corporal Brown is the father of three and Corporal Hatfield has one child. They have a special interest in this task. Several of the kids wave as the vehicle stops in front of the school.

"We have to watch 'em closely", Corporal Brown siad. "They can get out in the street before you know it".

The corporal returned a greeting as a pair of book-satcheled little girls passed at the Custer Terrace school, "Helo, Joe", the first one said.

"Hello, honey", he said back and they giggled.

But school takes in on time, and it was time to move on to other things.

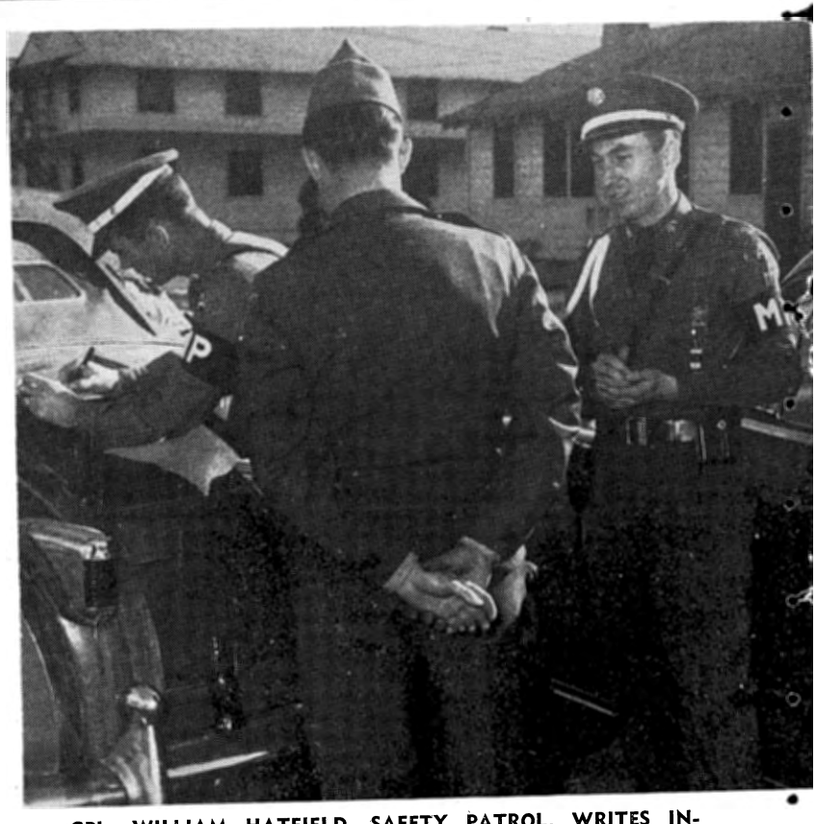
Special Duties

Cpl. William Hatfield, who was driving, swung the car out towards the Harmony Church area. The Safety Patrol car, unlike the other three patrol cars and motorcycles, is not restricted to any particular area of the military reservation. Its beat is from Sand Hill and Harmony Church, to Columbus, Cussetta, and the main part of the post. Three men are assigned to this patrol. Two men are always on duty while one is off duty. When on duty, one man drives while the other handles the two-way radio.

The corporals warmed to the subject as the morning progressed.

"The toughest thing we have to do is to keep after the reckless drivers and those who drive while under the influence of intoxicants", Corporal Brown said.

"People mean well and generally will cooperate, but its only a few who make real trouble. We can get tough when the occasion



CPL. WILLIAM HATFIELD, SAFETY PATROL, WRITES INFORMATION WHILE CPL. JOSEPH BROWN, SAFETY PATROL, QUESTIONS A SOLDIER INVOLVED IN A MINOR WRECK.

demands", he pointed out. "But that is seldom. The unthinking motorists are probably the biggest hazard. They just don't seem to realize the chances they take are dangerous, really dangerous, not only to themselves, but to others as well".

The car stopped suddenly. A stalled automobile had pulled over to the side of the road and the soldier driver sheepishly grinned, "Out of gas".

"Well, we'll see if we can get you some", Corporal Hatfield said, and we drove away.

Some Help

"Now, that's the sort of driver that wins our admiration", Corporal Hatfield said. "He had enough sense to get off the road even though he was in trouble".

They stopped the car at the Post Filling station and sent the stranded soldier the needed gas.

Back onto the road, we went and out into the Custer Terrace area. "This is a dangerous area for motorists because so many of the children wander in the streets", said Corporal Brown. He nodded to Corporal Hatfield, who stopped the car, and Corporal Brown got out, picked up a little tyke busily dragging a red wagon across the street, and got back into the car.

The radio squaked constantly as we rode along. They ex-

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Army Field Forces Board Plays Important Role

BY SGT. JOE SIMMONS

The Board's Chief Function Is To Test Man-Transportable Weapons 4.5 Inches And Below, Ammunition, Food Packets, Field Messing Facilities, And Many Other Devices.

Army Field Forces Board No. 3 at Fort Benning plays an important role in making the American soldier the best equipped fighting man in the world.

The board as it is today came into being on Oct. 1, 1945. Actually, the beginnings of the board extend back to 1903, when the War Department ordered the establishment of an Infantry Board at the General Service and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

Composition of the original board was ordered as "three field officers of Infantry and two senior captains." In 1919 the board was ordered to be permanently stationed at Fort Benning. Since that time the board has been expanded to include operations in Alaska, Colorado and Arizona.

THE 105MM RECOILESS RIFLE—KOREAN HAVOC RAISER TESTED HERE BY BOARD NO. 3

The Arctic Test Branch is in Big Delta, Alaska, the Animal Equipment Department in Camp Carson, Colo., and a special detachment is sent each year to Yuma, Ariz., to conduct tests.

Board's Mission

Mission of the board today is "to evaluate recommendations for development, prepare military characteristics, perform user tests, and make recommendations as to modification, classification, basis of issue, maintenance procedure, replacement parts and accessories for equipment used by individuals and units of a Type Field Army."

Items with which the board are primarily concerned include "man-transportable weapons 4.5 inches and below; ammunition and fire control equipment for these weapons; clothing, equipment and protective devices for the individual; small detachment and individual rations; food packets; field messing facilities; animal equipment; maintenance equipment for these items, and such training aids and devices as may be required for them."

Many suggestions that the board investigates come from indivdiuals who think of a new item or a modification of an item that may prove useful to the Army. Anyone may forward an idea to the board.

The board then studies the suggestion. If it appears to possess merit, it is forwarded to the proper technical service for development. When the item is prepared, it is returned to the board for testing.

While a majority of the initial tests are carried out at Fort Benning, in many instances an item must be sent for further testing to the arctic, the desert or even the tropics.

None Too Small

No item is too small or seemingly insignificant for the board to test, especially if it gives promise of increasing the combat effectiveness of a soldier.

A belt-buckle or a snap on a combat pack, a new weapon sling, new clothing, anything that may have a direct bearing on the job a soldier performs in combat is tested and retested by the board.

Maj. John O. Shoemaker, secretary of the board, explained that it does not conduct tests to see that the article is technically serviceable. The technical service concerned with an item conducts these tests, in most cases before the item is sent to Board 3 here for its testing. This consists mainly of user-tests—in other words, tests as to how suitable the item will be under the conditions it will encounter once it has been issued to troop units.

"Many of our items must be sent to Alaska and to Yuma, Ariz.," Major Shoemaker said. "In a lot of cases there is overlapping. Naturally, we wouldn't send a snowshoe to Arizona in the middle of the summer for testing, nor would we send tropical clothing to Alaska.

Articles Travel

"But in many instances an article gets a lot of travelling before we're finished with it."

As an example, one type of item that went through the board's mills are the 57 and 75 mm recoilless rifles. After the weapons were tested and approved by the responsible technical branch, the board tested them at Fort Benning for combat use. After the initial tests proved satisfactory, the weapons were tested at the Alaska branch to see how they would stand up under arctic conditions. They then were tested in Arizona for extreme heat conditions.

It is difficult to say that "a weapon" is tested, according to Major Shoemaker. "There are many models of each weapon, and many types of ammunition. Each model and each different type of ammunition must be tested before any accurate results can be obtained," he pointed out.

In some cases, test items lap over into the jurisdiction of one of the other three boards. These are Board No. 1, which deals with airborne, Army aviation, communications, electronics and field artillery; Board No. 2, vehicles and medical equipment, and Board No. 4, antiaircraft artillery and guided missiles.

All the boards maintain close contact with each other. Items of interest to one board that are being tested by another are commented on, although the board may have no actual jurisdiction over the item.

Many of today's top-ranking officers served on the board here at one time or another. Among these are Gen. George C. Marshall and Gen. Omar N. Bradley. President of Board 3 today is Col. Henry E. Kelly, an Infantry officer.

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ENTERTAINMENT

BY M-SGT. BOB GROOVER

Fort Benning soldiers saw quite a bit of good entertainment on the post during the month of February.

Highlight of this entertainment undoubtedly was the Fort Benning Little Theater production of Ruth Gordon's smash Broadway hit, "Over 21." The play was under sponsorship of the Fort Benning Women's Club, and was presented on the nights of Feb. 21 and Feb. 22 at the Main Theater. A sizeable audience saw and applauded this first effort of a rejuvenated Little Theater group, the first at Fort Benning since 1947.

Around the Fort Benning reservation, branches of the Central Non-Commissioned Officers Mess presented a variety of entertainment for their members.

Name Band

Louis Prima and his orchestra appeared at the Main Theater Feb. 4 for an hour-and-a-half of entertainment, then moved to the Pine Lodge Mess for a dancing date the same evening.

The Louis Prima appearance at the Pine Lodge was one of the last entertainment activities at that Mess before it closed Feb. 11 for alterations. The Mess reopened Feb. 29 with a dance, and its members saw and approved the many changes that had been made in the Mess during the time it was closed for alterations—a ceiling had been built in the main ballroom, and fresh coats of paint made the building look like new.

Out in the Harmony Church Non-Commissioned Officers Mess, regular Sunday night dances were held in February, with Merle Garrett and her Georgians providing the music. According to the Central Non-Commissioned Officers Mess, these Sunday night dances would continue in March.

The Benjamin O. Davis Non-Commissioned Officers Mess on the main post started booking in an orchestra each Saturday night during February, and from the attendance records, it can easily be said that its members approve of the new policy.

Just before the month of February began, a troupe from the Grand Old Orpy appeared at the Main Theater, and played to a packed house. Despite rumors to the contrary, it seems as if the Fort Benning soldier definitely prefers hill-billy music.

The Central Non-Commissioned Officers Mess figured even more in the entertainment news this week. Officials of the Central Mess announced that tentative plans had been made to construct a patio at the Benjamin O. Davis NCO Mess, and to enlarge the patio at the Pine Lodge NCO Mess, before summer.

Old Hand

An old hand at entertainment is now in charge of the 78th Engineers Enlisted Men's Mess, in the Harmony Church area. He is M-Sgt. William Bertram, formerly with TIC Special Services. The sergeant took over the Mess shortly after its grand opening around the first of February.

Of course, the libraries and theaters around the Fort Benning reservation did a steady business during the month of February. The Main Library continued its practice of having classical music concerts each week, and the concerts held there in February were well attended.

As the month of February ended, even more entertainment was being planned for the Fort Benning soldiers.

The first soldier-show to be offered by TIC Special Services, entitled "Vagabond Varieties of 1952" is scheduled to debut Mar. 15, and a touring, musical variety show, "Dolls On Parade," was booked into the Main Theater Mar. 6 with an orchestra, Master of Ceremonies, and 15 talented, and beautiful girls.

Television came into its own at Fort Benning as the month of February came to an end, with several organizations around the post installing TV sets in their day-rooms. Only Channel 2, WSB-TV, Atlanta, Georgia, can be received with any degree of clarity at the present time.

MP's are on Duty Day and Night

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plained that the patrol car was in contact at all times with the desk sergeant. The car has a number and a prearranged list of signals is posted in each car. Over the speaker came our call number and a signal for an accident in the Sand Hill area. Corporal Hatfield said, "We never use the siren unless it is an emergency, because a sudden blast behind a driver scares him and he's liable to do most anything".

On The Scene

Arriving at the scene of the accident, Corporal Brown and Corporal Hatfield took charge of the situation. Brown immediately examined the leg of the soldier sitting on the bent motorcycle, and found that the leg was badly cut. He immediately contacted the desk sergeant on the radio and called for an ambulance and a wrecker. As we were waiting, Corporal Brown got the necessary information from the driver of the jeep and the motorcyclist, while Corporal Hatfield smoothed out the snarled traffic resulting from the accident. Both the corporals took a safety course as well as a First Aid course prior to taking over duties on the Safety Patrol.

Once again on our way, Corporal Hatfield said, "Accidents cause many wrecks because people are curious enough to want to know what is going on. They stop or pull over and never signal the fellow behind, and sometimes the cars pile up".

Corporal Brown added, "Yes, you never know what's going to happen next. Traveling about 175 miles a day, five and one-half days a week may sound monotonous, but it's not.

As we rode along, the talk ranged from the miles they patrolled to the probable 125 traffic tickets they gave a month. Corporal Hatfield said, "The funny thing about the Safety Patrol is that we have to stay within the speed limit and observe all traffic rules even though we are trying to catch a car".

Except In Emergencies

Corporal Brown broke in, "That is except in the case of extreme emergency. Coming down the middle of the road with traffic on both sides and a car or ambulance behind you is not a comfortable feeling. And Corporal Hatfield can tell you about that, for last summer he figured in an incident like that".

"One day last summer", Corporal Hatfield said "I was at the intersection of Custer Road and Benning Boulevard when this car comes speeding along. When I stopped the lieutenant, I saw the child the woman was holding was almost blue in the face, so I told him I'd take him to the hospital. I never went so fast in all my life, but we got there in time, and the child recovered".

Quick Action

Lt. Robert J. Spence, who was stationed with 112th Tactical Reconnaissance squadron at Lawson at that time, was called on to take a neighbor's child to the hospital. Bronchial pneumonia had almost stopped the child's breathing. The quick action of Corporal Hatfield helped in saving the child's life. In gratitude, Lieutenant Spence called the Provost Marshal and commended the corporal. Lieutenant Spence said that Corporal Hatfield's ability to recognize the emergency, his excellent manner of performance of duty in expediting the safe entry into the post and escort of the vehicle to the hospital, contributed greatly in saving the child's life.

Proud Incident

Col. Richard S. McConnell, Benning Provost Marshal said, "It is action like that incident that makes me proud of my men. Whether they are in the patrol cars or the motorcycle squad, they are a well trained group. It makes no difference if it is routine or an emergency, the good job well done is what counts".

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CTC Demonstrates Modern Fighting Methods

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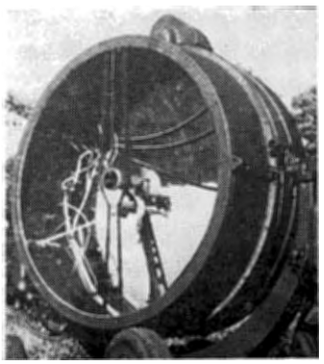
Engineers are the only men the Infantry accepts as equals in the sense of readiness to fight hard, to live under the Infantry's rugged conditions and to take the hardest Army missions and carry them all the way through.

Soldiers of the Combat Training Command don't "blow" about the way they do things. Rather, they make a habit of doing things well and waste no time talking.



One of the "stoppers" in the command post of the Combat Training Command is the big multi-colored operations board in the Troop Requirements subsection of S-3, the regimental plans, training and operations office.

The board reaches from floor to ceiling. It is covered at all times with red, blue, green and yellow cards. Each card indicates a troop unit. The position of the unit's card tells at first glance when that unit is scheduled to take part in a combat-type problem.

Requisitions for transportation, ammunition and equipment, like orders for units of men, must be handled with precision. This assures that the tools will be there when the spectators are seated in field stands and the troops of the Combat Training Command begin a training demonstration.

Troop Requirements is a buzzing hive of training business all day every day. Maj. Laurence M. Corcoran, WOJG Marshall H. Chapmion and Capt. Richard E. Cochran, the officers in charge, have learned to shuffle cards like Mississippi River gamblers; but when they shuffle their vari-colored cards, men are on the move.

Maintenance of the great board itself is handled by M-Sgt. Edward J. Browne, PFCs. Lawrence Long and Richard E. Rock, operational draftsmen, prepare the cards, put them up and take 'em down.

Deck of Cards

Problems within the CTC's "deck of cards" range from night training for the individual riflemen to mass offensive on the regimental scale. Nothing is too big or too small for Combat Training Command.

After observing demonstration troops of the CTC in action, students at Then Infantry School complete the educational cycle. Theirs is no training to be "armchair generals." They study theory in classrooms and watch demonstrations from the bleachers. Then they practice their lessons in the field while CTC men serve as assistant instructors.

A typical day's work for various units of the CTC runs from early morning until late into the night. Indeed, some night problems may resolve themselves into all-night jobs, with sequences of action early the next dawning.

Big Show

Six thousand soldiers and officers witnessed one of the "big shows" staged by the CTC last month. The problem was brought to as many men as possible in order to conserve expenditures, in keeping with The Infantry Center's cost-consciousness program.

The show was a demonstration of the "Reinforced Rifle Company in Defense."

A theoretical attack was launched, but only after each weapon in the reinforced defense company was fired individually. As the "attack" began, the combined fire power of the defenders was brought to bear.

Weapons in use at the same time included the Browning automatic rifle, ("the BAR is the doughboys' sweetheart," only they don't pet it they shoot it, says Colonel Woods,) the basic M-1 rifle, machine guns, tank guns, recoilless rifles, rocket launchers, rifle grenades, mortars and 105-millimeter howitzers.

While bullets and shells blazed, the black night was penetrated

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WOMEN

How do the women of the post help in the Benning community? Although Fort Benning is essentially military, there are numerous activities that require the helping hand of the women of the post.

There are two organizations whose sole purpose is to guide the children of the post into the path of strong character. In connection with the teachers in the Benning schools, the mother (and fathers, too) have formed a very progressive P-TA. Through the combined efforts of the school board and the P-TA, new schools have been added to the Benning school system, the main post school has been renovated, the library has been enlarged and a constructive program set up for the monthly meetings. All is not work with this group, however, for one of the most tremendous undertakings is the annual Hallowe'en party for the Benning children. This party has grown until the whole post is involved in giving the children a good, clean time.

The other group is the Scouts. The Girl Scout Little House is one of the busiest places and the women have pitched in and made the organization one of the most successful on the post. The program of activities for this group is well-planned and thought out with the idea in mind of developing the character, the will-power and team-work of the girls. There is not much the women can do for the Boy Scouts, but the Cubs come in for their share of help from the ladies. The women who are chosen Den Mothers find this an interesting and time consuming job.

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by bright flares, beautiful to behold but splashing fearsome illumination on the "attacking force."

Communications were maintained apace. While thousands listened, the defense company commander, Capt. Victor spoke to his subordinates in outposts, directing tactics with up-to-the-minute developments in mind.

This was an almost-real battle these students saw. Thanks to the

organization of the Combat Training Command, the confusion that often reigns on the battlefield was eliminated. Students saw what was done and understood *why*, as bullets and shells burst over peaceful Georgia.

Because Captain Nadura's men staged their battle well, students learned that the actual facts support classroom theories. They were convinced that "the man with the rifle is the decisive element in battle."

Not all demonstrations are accompanied by bullets and flame, but some are awesome anyway.

The combat engineers, for instance are in the habit of crossing streams without getting their feet wet. They toss up bridges with the nonchalance of a doughboy pitching a pup tent.

Not long ago the 78th Engineers threw a bridge across the Chattahoochee River, near Lawson Air Force Base. It could support a full division. Before starting work on the bridge the battalion constructed roads from nearby highways to the heretofore inaccessable bank of the Chattahoochee.

Loudest demonstrations, in the largest areas, are those by the "redlegs," the CTC's dead-eye artillerymen. In their display of "Types of Artillery Fire," the gun crews control explosions of shells from miles away.

Some bursts go off at tree-top height, showering destruction and death over a wide radius. Others, with adjusted fuzes, explode deep in the earth and still others burst at contact with the ground.

The Combat Training Command has proved it has much to cheer about.

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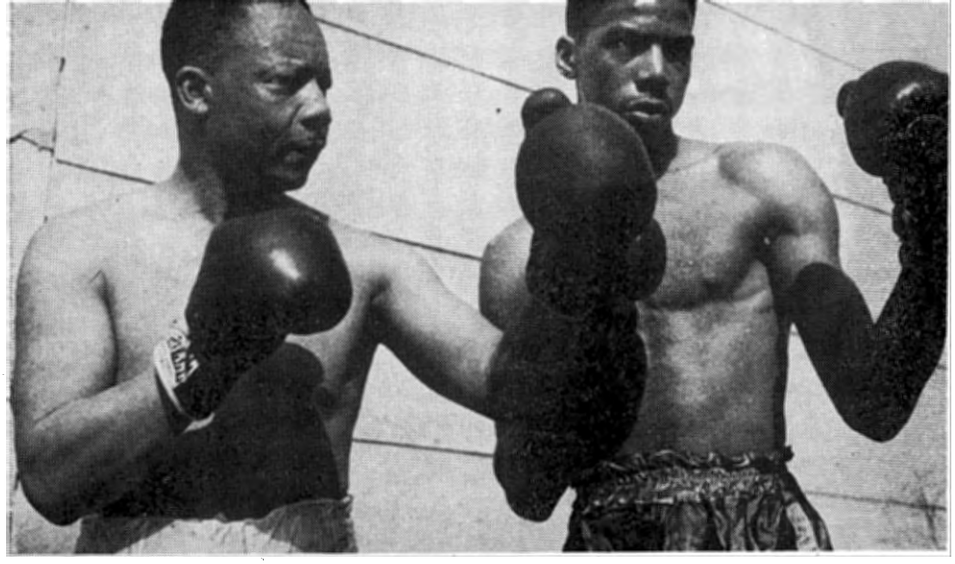

CHAPLAIN LEWIS EYES THE FORM OF LEON HALL, IN BOXING LESSON

IF IT'S ODD and in the line of sports, you name it—we've got it at Fort Benning.

How about a fighting chaplain who has coached several championship ring teams, a hunter who tells about nude alligators escaping or a basketball coach who lines his hoopmen up in grid formations?

We've also got a top race horse jockey, Billy Gilbert, now racing motors with the 148th Transportation Company, a good sports officer, Capt. William Fannin, who got his commercial start as a circus barker, and a basketball player, Bob Rauen, of First Student Regiment, who sunk two points for the rival team in the biggest game of the year.

It's a bit unusual, too, it seems, that Dick Bartell, Jr., of Lawson Air Force Base and son of one of baseball's most prominent coaches, centers his main interest in sports in automobile racing.

Our fighting chaplain is Capt. Alexander Lewis, of Combat Training Command. He coached the mitt squad which won the 1949 championship on Guam, and when transferred to Okinawa, he produced the team that won that island title in 1950.

Chaplain Lewis was next moved to Korea and when the troops there organized a peninsula ring tourney at Pusan guess who's team came out on top. As athletic and recreation officer for the 93rd Engineer Construction Battalion, he led unit teams to titles in boxing, basketball, baseball, softball, football and track among others, such as horse shoes, pool and table tennis.

Chaplain Lewis' seemingly split personality—between sports and the church—began in North Carolina in the early thirties. His main occupation was studying at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, but in his off hours he found time to work his way to the finals of the state AAU ring tourney as a welterweight. He was a four-letter college athlete.

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A BASKETBALL coach who lines his hoopmen up in grid formations? Meet Maj. Harold Kopp, best remembered for his hotshot single wing Combat Training Command football team at Doughboy Stadium last fall.

The good major starred as a fullback for Western Maryland and since then has spent 16 years coaching the pigskin sport at such institutions as Rhode Island State, Harvard, Yale and Connecticut. He takes his other sports in stride, as long as you don't keep the subject away from football for, say, more than 18 seconds.

Which explains why the CTC basketball team, which he also mentors, frequently lines up on the maple at Harmony Church gym to check the timing on a new grid formation which has just been awarded birth by Major Kopp.

This may be giving away trade secrets, but CTC's rivals this fall at Doughboy Stadium had better be prepared to pass a literacy test. Maj. Kopp's single wing—I mean fast-break—basketeers report that they have been tried out in a different formation for every letter of the alphabet. This includes a split-T which probably will prove ever so baffling because most football players can't tell the difference between it and a split infinitive.

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OKAY, here's the one about the nude alligator, and you asked for it by reading this far, bub. The hunter is Officer Candidate John Murphy, of Third Student Regiment.

He went after the 'gators by way of a profitable diversion while working with a siesmograph crew in the Louisiana swamps. On this particular occasion, Montgomery had boated a big 'un and had skinned it clean for the hide, leaving the carcas for dead.

Instead, says Montgomery with a straight face, the nude 'gator still had a kick and promptly swam off into deep water. So how come he doesn't have a picture at least? Why, kiddies, because the other fishes quickly devoured the now defenseless reptile!

BOOK REVIEW

BY LT. JOE WINDSOR

RED CHINA'S FIGHTING HORDES
By Lt. Col. Robert B. Rigg, Armor

Here, by an experienced American Army officer, Lt. Col. Robert B. Rigg, Armor, is the first full-length marshalling of the facts about the Chinese Communist Army.

The book is the product of six unique years of service in Asia, spanning the critical period of World War II, the transitional time thereafter, and the brief lull that preceded the Korean War. During this time Colonel Rigg observed the Soviet occupation of Manchuria. He marched with both sides during the battles of the China Civil War, and was present at the spawning and development of the attered horde that transformed itself into the huge, rough-and-tough People's Liberation Army that beat China, then surged into Korea to do battle with the UN.

In studying the forces of an enemy, the competent officer wants to know not only such practical matters as organization, training, tactics, logistics and housekeeping but also the inner urge that makes an army tick. This book deals fully and ably with the "practical," enlivens it with a dash of salty humor and then goes on with understanding and discernment to a survey of the Red "imponderables"—the brutal attitudes in dealing with morale and propaganda that are the trademarks of all Communist indoctrination methods. The book gives a realtistic picture of the Chinese army, from the simple peasant trudging in massed ranks, to the calculating leaders of the top brass.

In spite of the limitless masses of manpower and in spite of the high command's willingness to check off staggering combat losses as expendable, Colonel Rigg thinks this army can be defeated—and he suggests how.

In RED CHINA'S FIGHTING HORDES the military student will gain a clear picture of the Chinese Communist Army, through the eyes of a soldier-writer who has seen much of this army—as attache, observer, and even as prisoner—and who knows how to evaluate what he sees. Colonel Rigg is a sound military analyst who has performed a real service in writing this factual yet fascinating book.

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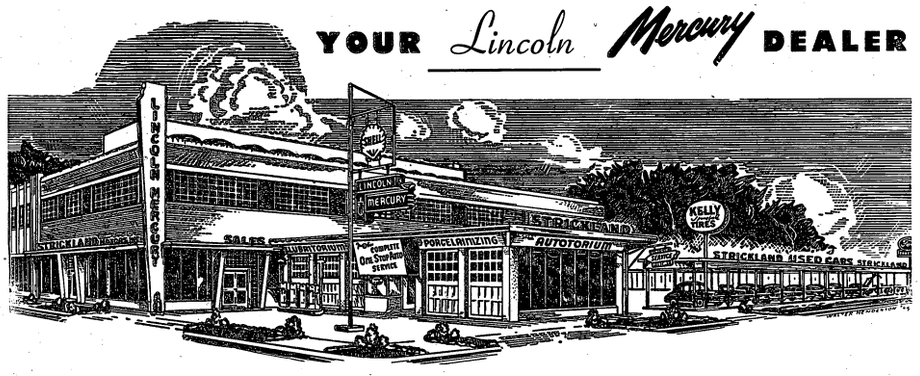

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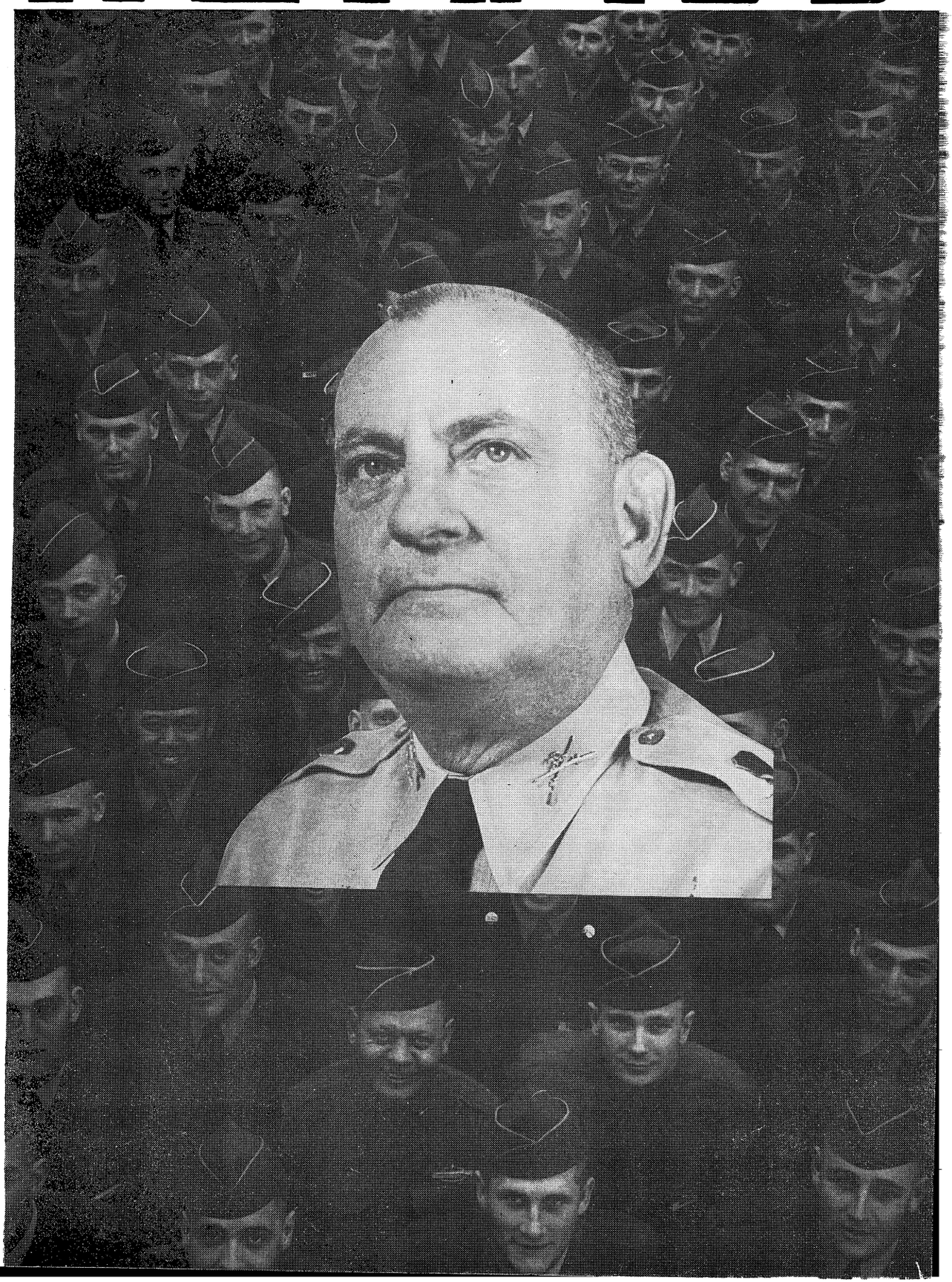

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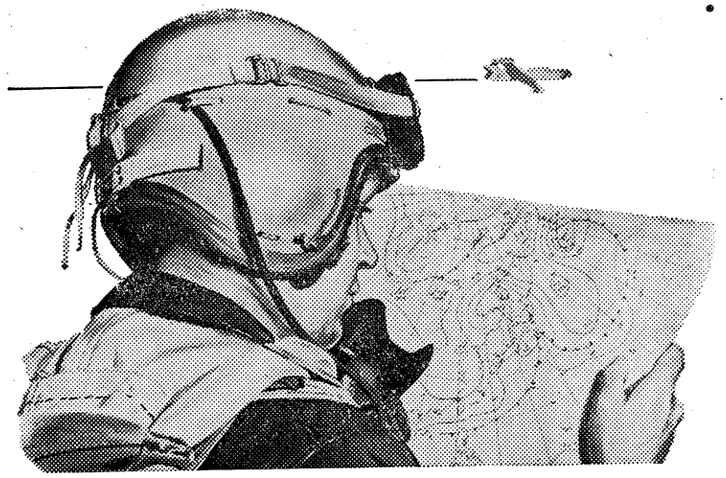

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On This Month's Cover:

Centered in a sea of faces is Col. Sevier R. Tupper, commander of the First Student Brigade, whose command encompasses approximately one-third of the total Fort Benning strength. The faces belong to students and cadremen of the Brigade. All Infantry School students here are dependent upon the First Student Brigade for their housing, feeding, and administration. Many of the Brigade cadremen are Korean veterans whose combat know-how enables them to understand problems students often encounter.

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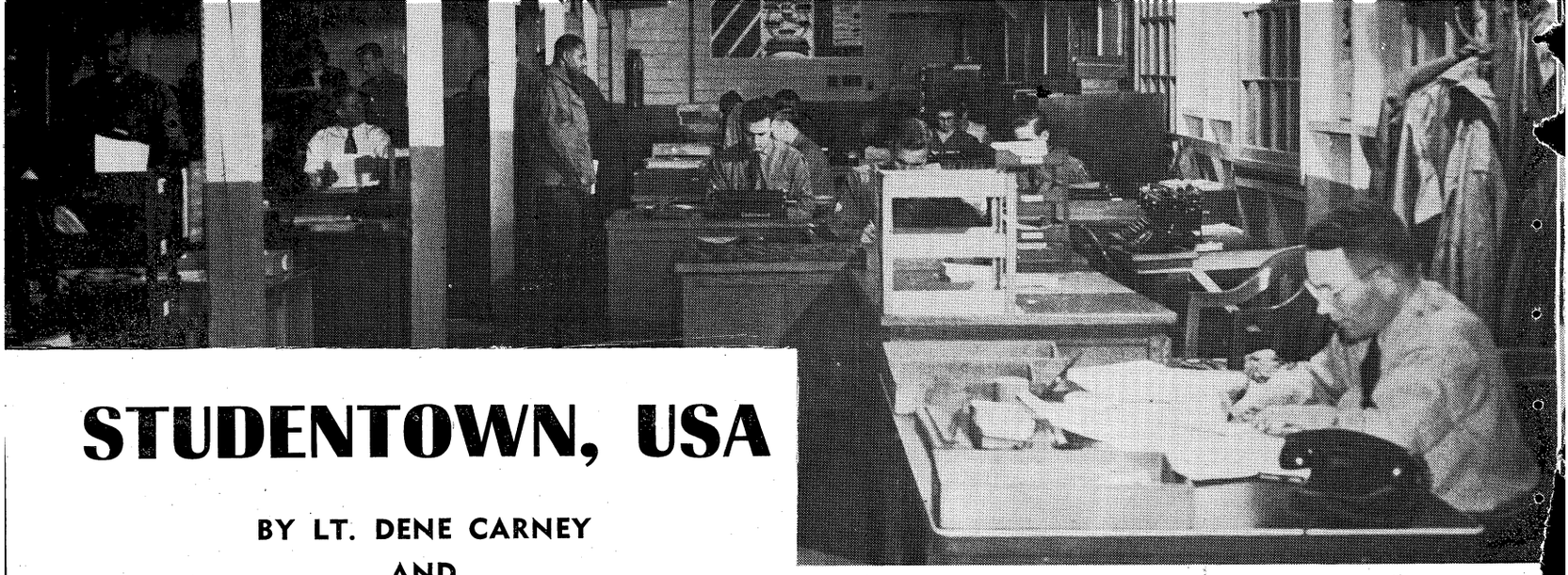


STUDENTOWN, USA

BY LT. DENE CARNEY AND SFC. PAT MURPHY

First Student Brigade Houses, Feeds, And Administers To Thousands Of American And Allied Infantry School Students While They Learn What Makes The American Fighting Infantryman The World's Best.

Any number of Fort Benning units—large and small—can boast sports records and dayroom novelties, but only one outfit here can claim 37 per cent of The Infantry Center's total population.

The unit's official designation is, simply enough, the First Student Brigade, but harried administrators sometimes prefer the off-handed sobriquet, "Studentown, USA. They say that governing the post's largest citizenry equals the perplexity of keeping thousands of collegians out of scholastic trouble.

Right now, the brigade is guardian to 14,190 Infantry School students, some sort of record for schools not boasting big-time football teams and frolicking social fraternities.

Beyond these distinctions, the brigade reaches for fame by housing students of 25 nationalities, each group speaking a different language, preferring separate diets (although they usually eat standard Army food) and trying to maintain native living habits.

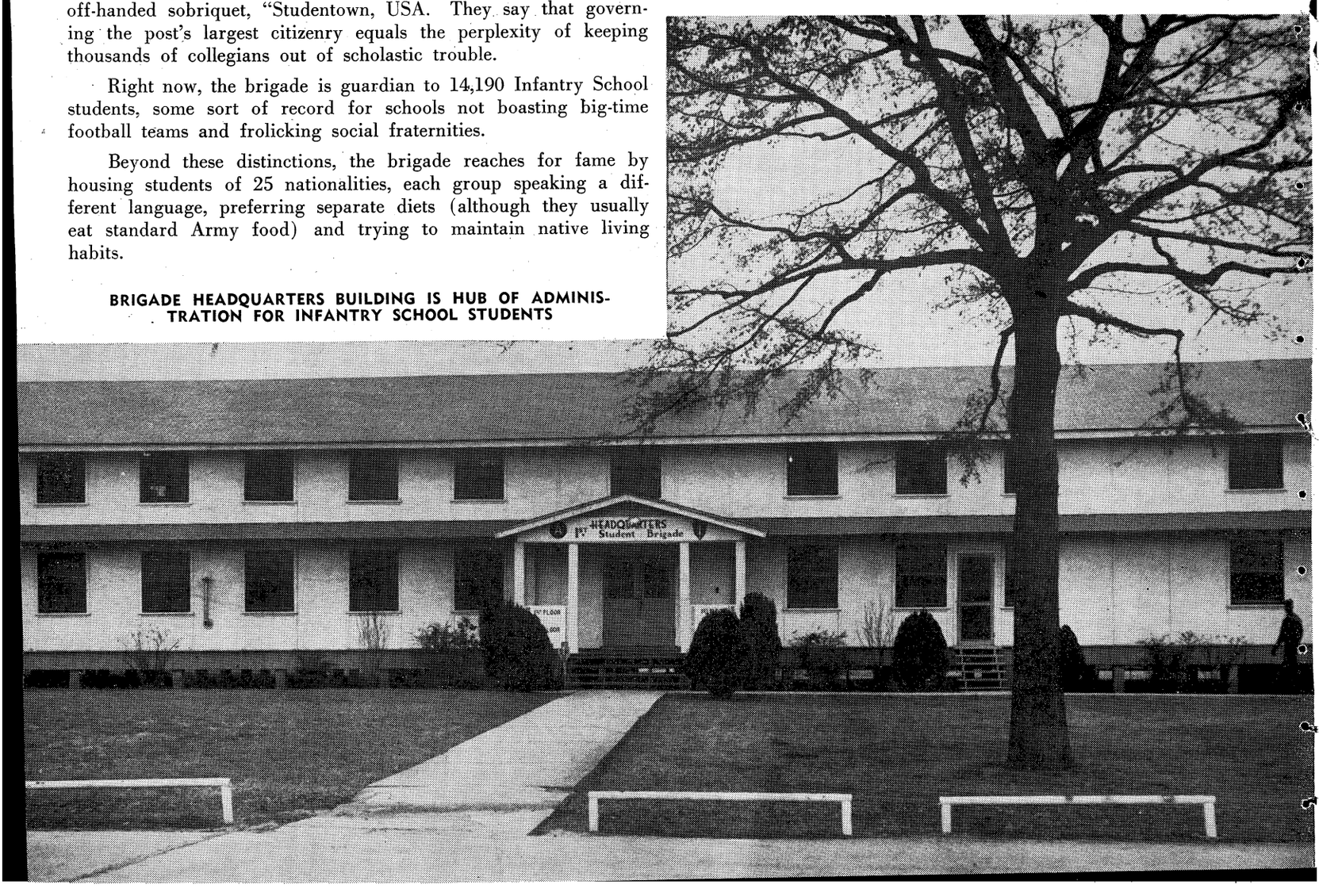
ADMINISTERING TO STUDENTS IS SOMETIMES 24-HOUR A DAY JOB FOR BRIGADE PERSONNEL SECTIONS

The brigade has the irrevocably unglamourous job of caring for its charges. "Housekeeper" is a word used unfairly by outsiders; graduates will testify the brigade's administering tasks actually make or break the residence of a student.

Unit's Mission

For a clear idea of the unit's mission, think in terms of a small community in which the citizens look to the township government for sustenance, counsel and comfort.

Brigade cooks feed all the "city's" people. An average noontime meal, whether served in 22 regular messhalls or on a far-flung Infantry School demonstration range, is likely to consist of three tons of meat, 1,500 loaves of bread, 5,200 pounds of potatoes and



BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING IS HUB OF ADMINISTRATION FOR INFANTRY SCHOOL STUDENTS

This sign may be Greek to M-Sgt. Lee Howard, first sergeant of Sixth Company, First Student Regiment, but it's as plain as day to Korean student-officers who depend upon the personnel of the Sixth Company to fee, house and administer to them while here. In Korean, the sign reads, "Orderly Room, Sixth Company, First Student Regiment."

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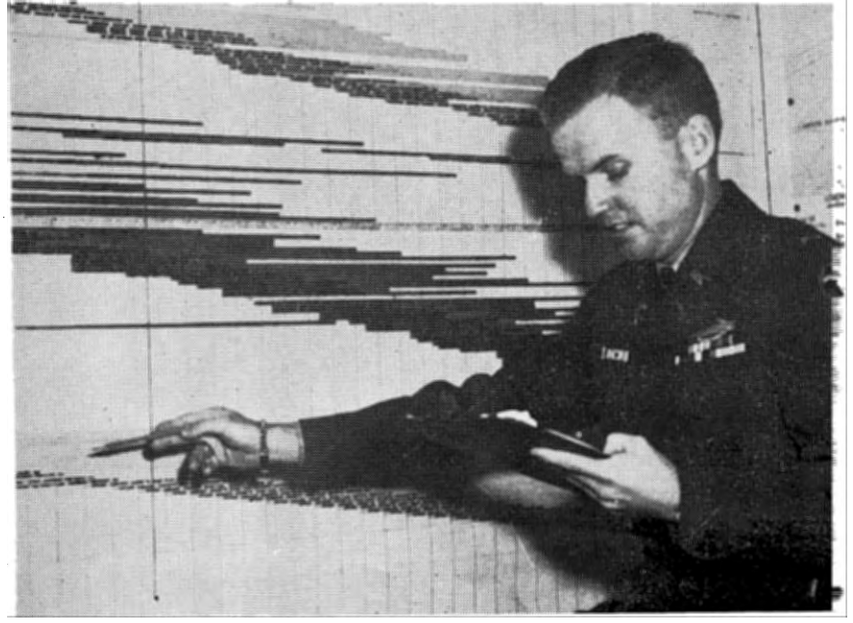

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enough coffee to float a small landing craft during an assault landing.

Brigade finance offices disburse at least $1 million monthly, a payroll far beyond a medium-sized industry's.

If native monies of the allied students were disbursed instead of American currency The Infantry Center would have a veritable mint of everything from pesos to pounds.

Supply clerks exchange and issue each week about 20,000 bed sheets.

But, this is not the story of the First Student Brigade. These are the exterior phases of its mission.

Beneath workaday labors is the evolution of this unit which has had more direct personal responsibility toward Infantry School students than any other Fort Benning activity.

A brigade of some sort was born in 1940. It was then planned to expand some of Fort Benning's instructional activities, and a student regiment was formed to house, pay, feed and counsel a "limited" number of students.

Scope Skyrockets

The United States' entry into World War II automatically skyrocketed the student regiment's scope. By 1942, thousands of officer candidates flooded training facilities here—and filled the crammed barracks of the student regiment.

First and present mayor of "Studentown" is gusty, enterprising Col. Sevier R. Tupper, an organizing old-timer plucked for the job of putting a foundation on the city-to-be.

Colonel Tupper's early student unit was merely three battalions, enough to make a regiment, but hardly comparable to today's massive city of Army students. Each battalion, old records show, had about 800 members.

Like a dry well hit suddenly by a gully-washer rainstorm, "Studentown" seemed to overflow in a near-overnight conversion from peacetime to wartime. Between the first day's operation in 1940 and its historic peak in 1943, four regiments had been formed and thousands of student officers, enlisted men and officer candidates had been graduated. The heartening commentary is that each of these graduates was continuously under the student brigade's administrative control, a feat that might have taxed even larger staffs.

At one time during peak operation, at least 200 officer candidates arrived each day—and they were only part of the various daily arrivals.

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M-SGT. CLAUDE BETTERTON, LEFT, AND SGT. JESSE G. SPRINGER WIRE TNT TO A DUD FOR DETONATION

Dud Disposal Unit Has Tricky, Dangerous Job

BY MAY PIGOTT

Five-Man Crew Is Allowed Only One Mistake In Painstaking Job Of Removing Duds—It's Usually Their Last.

If risking your neck 53,000 times in a year-and-a-half can be considered routine, then the five-man Fort Benning Explosive Ordnance Disposal team has a routine job.

But the routine is the careful attitude they assume when detonating dud explosives on Fort Benning's ranges. The men cover more than 100 miles a day on the reservation getting rid of the accidental booby traps.

The range office acts as a clearing house for dud reports and in turn notifies the disposal team of the duds' whereabouts. Capt. Joseph Pollock, under the supervision of the Ordnance Officer, Col. Thomas Kane, directs the work of the volunteer team, which has only recently begun receiving extra hazard pay.

Primary duties of the team are the identification and disposal of explosive ordnance articles which fail to function in the normal or intended manner. The solution—more explosives but in the hands of experts.

Before qualifying for the team, the men must first complete a 17-week course in which they learn the most up to date methods of getting rid of the unexploded pieces of ammunition.

M-Sgt. Claude Betterton, who has worked with a team in Germany, has been in the business for 10 years. He's a careful man.

M-Sgt. Cecil R. Greer has also been in the work a number of years. Sfc. William Q. Kirkland and Sgt. Jesse G. Springer were with the 14th Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit in Korea. Pvt. James P. Higgins has worked with the group only 18 months.

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ENTERTAINMENT

BY M-SGT. BOB GROOVER

"Beware the Ides Of March," was the advice given in Roman mythology, but Fort Benning personnel had nothing to fear along the line, because the month of March, 1952, brought them some top entertainment, ranging from famous orchestras down to a soldier singing contest.

To start the month, Sammy Kaye brought his famous band, the Kaydets and the Kaye Choir to Fort Benning March 3, for two performances at the Main Theater. Both performances were enthusiastically received by a packed house.

Tony Pastor brought his orchestra to Fort Benning March 26, and played one performance at the Main Theater. Again, the response was great; a capacity crowd attended the performance given by the versatile Pastor aggregation.

Unique Entertainment

Probably the most unique entertainment at Fort Benning during March was the Soldier Singing Contest, held at Service Club No. 1 March 23. More than 20 Fort Benning soldiers took part in the contest, in single vocals and vocal groups. Winners were recorded and sent to Third Army headquarters, Fort McPherson, Ga., to select the best singing talent in the Third Army Area. Later, the Army Area winners will be sent to Washington, D. C., where the best in the United States Army will be chosen.

At least two NCO Messes inaugurated the showing of movies during March. The Benjamin O. Davis NCO Mess now shows movies each Wednesday night, and the 78th Engineers NCO Mess also shows movies on Wednesday nights.

Soldier Show

Theater No. 11 was the scene of a big all-soldier show March 30. Talent for the show came from the Third Student Regiment. Proceeds from the performance went to the 1952 Fort Benning American Red Cross Drive. Another performance by the group has been scheduled for April 6 at the Main Theater, and again the proceeds will go to the Red Cross Drive.

One of the most popular gathering spots for non-commissioned officers, their families and guests during March was the Harmony Church NCO Mess. Under the management of the Fort Benning Central NCO Mess, patrons of the Harmony Church club enjoyed Sunday night dances to the music of Merle Garrett and her Georgians. and saw free movies each Wednesday night.

Coming up in April, 1952, are Easter Sunrise Services at Fort Benning's Gowdy Field. The services this year, as in years past, will be broadcast by WRBL, Columbus, direct from Gowdy Field.

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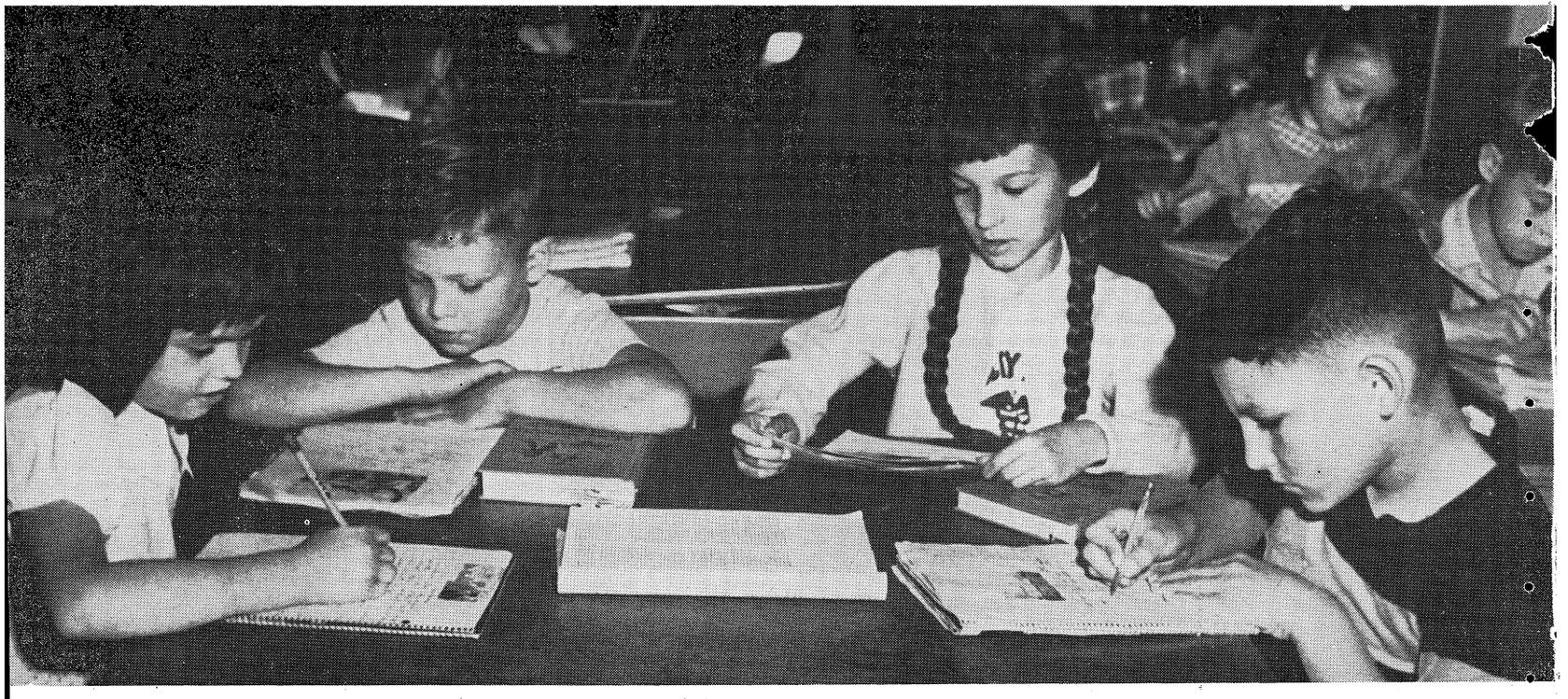

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POST CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS

BY MAY PIGOTT

Sometimes It's Tough To Teach Geography To Army Children Who Have Visited Far-Away Places In Person But Fort Benning Teachers Manage To Make Headway Despite Unusual Problems.

The 34 teachers in Fort Benning's grade school system sometimes wonder who's teaching whom in the class room.

Time was, the teacher's word was law, but how are you going to argue with kids who have been in more foreign countries than you have states, they smilingly ask themselves?

It's not actually as bad as that, Mrs. Hazel Scudder, principal, says, "but the school officers, principal and teachers have to be on their toes in dealing with the pupils of today."

The Children's School system here has kept pace with the changing times. Today, the course of study offered here is designed to meet the needs of the individual student rather than the group.

Big Turnover

One of the greatest problems confronting teachers here is the tremendous turnover in students.

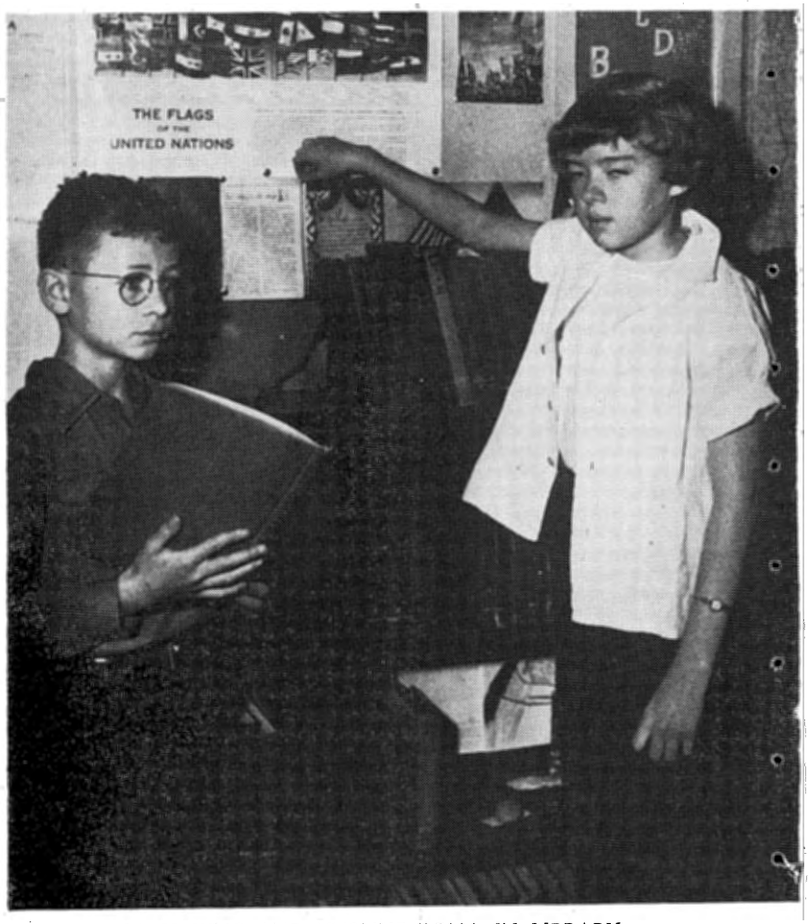
"Their routine is broken so often we sometimes wonder how we manage to teach them anything. Then on the other hand, they learn to adapt themselves so easily it might be a good thing," she adds.

At the Main Post school, recently, 66 new students arrived in a week's time while 59 others left.

This particular situation causes not only an interruption in the routine trend of the old students, but also the necessity of finding a level in the class into which the new pupil can be fitted. Some seventh grade students here have already attended eight different schools.

Different Standards

Mrs. Scudder says that since each state has different educational



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standards, the problem of placing the newcomer is a never-ending task.

Fort Benning teachers have to combat the underlying strain of nervous tension caused by the uncertainty of a father's being transferred at any time. This strain has a noticeable effect on class work, and the teacher must give the child a sense of permanency and make the classroom a place of security for him.

Another problem peculiar to Army grade schools concerns the parent's leave time.

Most military families take their children along when the father goes on leave. The child, of course, finds himself behind in his studies when he returns. Consequently, the child and teacher

must work diligently to bring the pupil up to the standards of the rest of the class.

Poised Group

Benning teachers all agree on one point, however. Children attending post schools are a very creative and poised group.

Teachers who have taught in regular civilian schools admit the military child has a great deal more self-confidence and is not afraid to face the group.

Geography, history and reading are the subjects local children have most interest in, Benning teachers agree. Foreign countries are as well known to them as the ordinary kid's home town. The children are always anxious to tell the rest of the class about the places they have been.

This interest in geography and history is put to use by some of the teachers who have pupils prepare travelogues for presentation before the classes.

Discipline, too, is less a problem in the Benning schools, teachers say. The children know what discipline means, and they respect authority to a greater degree than youngsters in civilian schools, the teachers add.

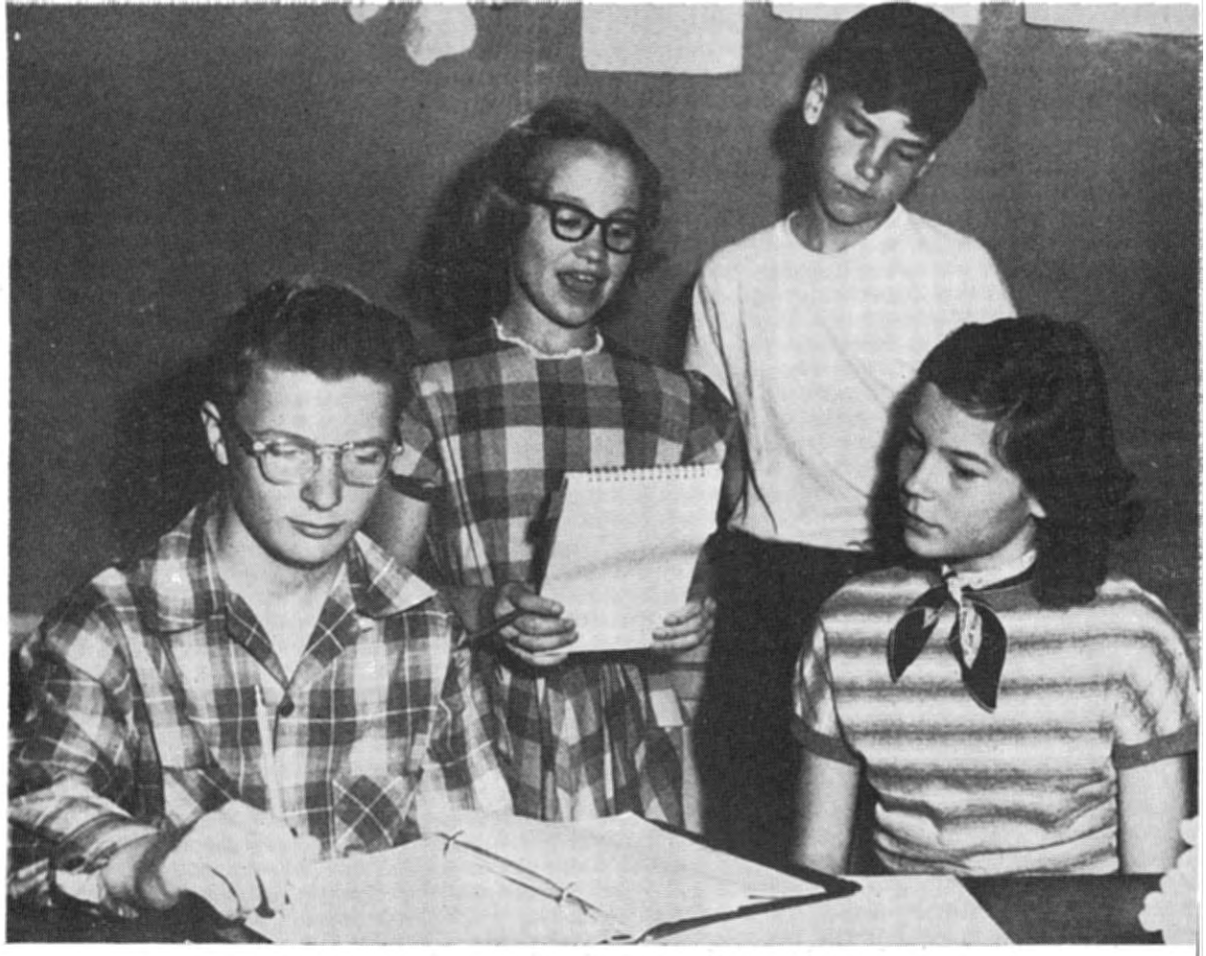
Study Gauged

The effectiveness of a school's course of study cannot be gauged until it is compared with others, according to Mrs. Scudder. Benning schools give the Stanford achievement tests to pupils twice a year. This standardized test is given to school children throughout the nation. By comparing the Benning children's scores with others, a fuller school plan can be devised and weaknesses, when they develop, can be remedied, she pointed out.

Lt. Col. Lewis T. Martin, Infantry Center school officer, says of the schools:

"We feel that today, more than ever, children have a right to the mastery of subjects that will help them in future life to make decisions and solve problems. We have tried to meet progressive needs and have set up a program that will help the children, physically, mentally, socially and emotionally."

All teachers in the Benning School system are members of the Georgia Education and the National Education Associations.



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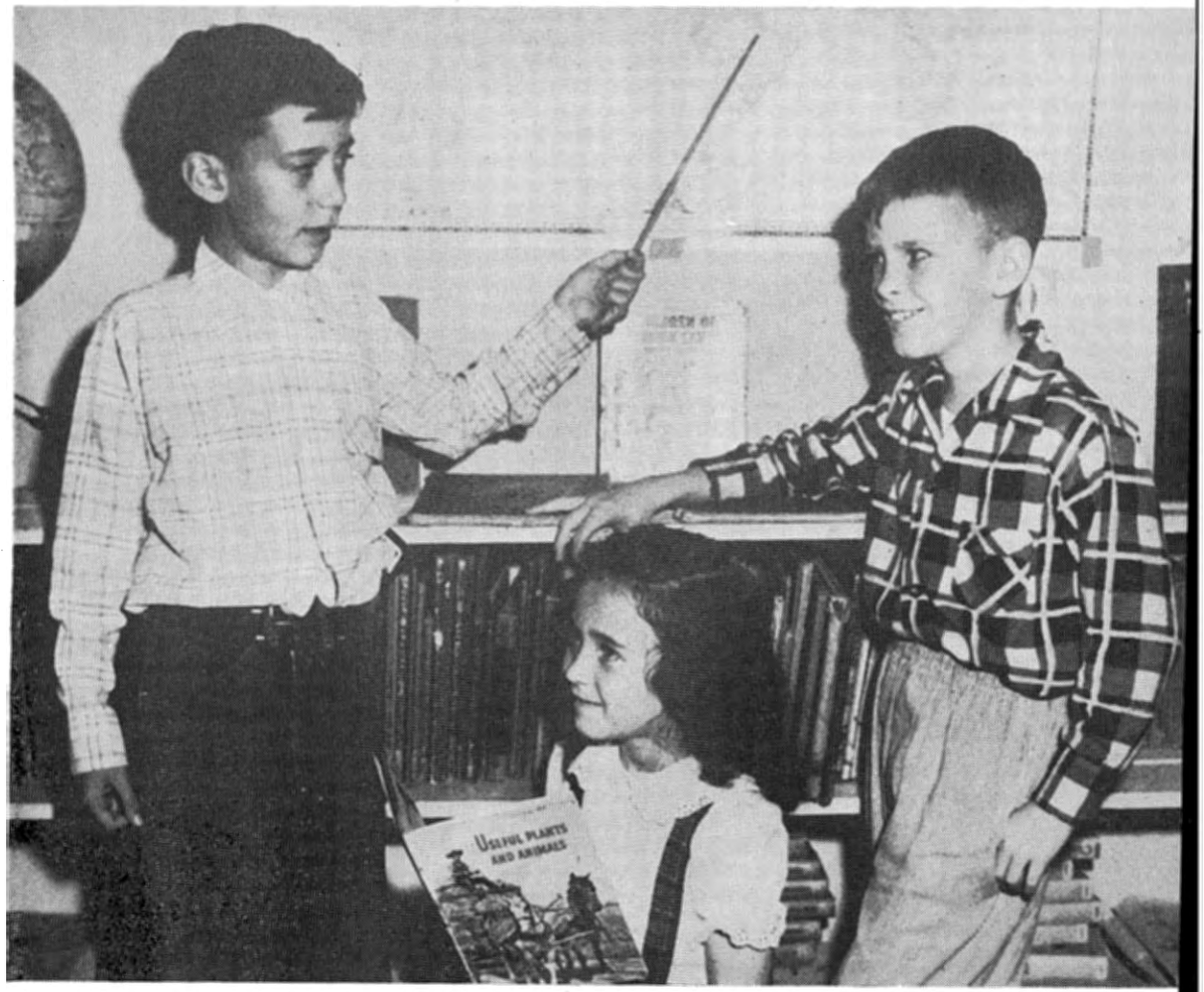

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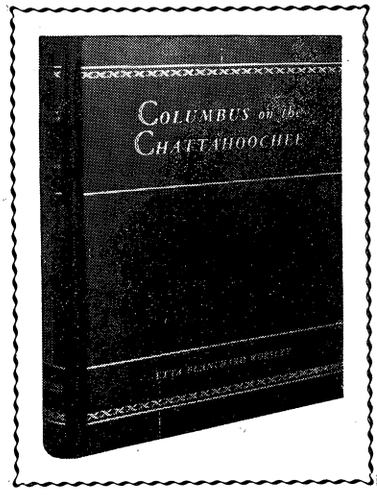

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ARMY WIVES CLUB MEMBERS MRS. OTHAR SCOTT, MRS. FLOYD FRANCISCO, MRS. PETE VENTURELLO

BY MAY PIGOTT

Army Wives Club Promotes Friendliness And Fellowship, Helps New Wives Become Adjusted To Army Life, And Offers Classes In Varied Hobbies And Crafts.

The Army Wives Club has moved into its fifth year of service to the wives of Fort Benning personnel and its activities are still expanding.

Mrs. Floyd Francisco, wife of the executive director of the Armed Services YMCA on 11th Street, was the guiding light of the organization when it was begun in January, 1947.

After the club was organized and working smoothly, Mrs. Francisco turned the managing duties over to the club officers. She now acts in an advisory capacity only.

Mrs. Francisco, explaining the purpose of the club, said "It is designed to promote friendliness and fellowship, to give the wives an opportunity to form new friendships and to establish a place in the community. We also cooperate with the Armed Services YMCA in its work with the men and women of the Armed Forces."

Welcome Hand

Today the club is the welcome hand extended to the many Army wives who make Columbus their home. Patterned along the lines of friendliness and fellowship, the club officers and advisors have set up a program with the idea behind it of making new members feel at home.

During the past year, members have been offered classes in dressmaking, knitting, crocheting, shellcraft, aluminum work, leather work and belting. They also have had teas, luncheons, picnics and special holiday parties. Some of the teas have been given in the homes of Columbus residents to promote friendship between residents and newcomers.

A non-political, non-sectarian group, Army Wives Club membership is open to any woman whose husband, father or son is a member of the Armed Forces. A weekly meeting is held, either in the home of one of the members or at the YMCA.

Officers

Current officers are Mrs. James C. Wright, president; Mrs. Herbert Davis, vice-president; Mrs. Robert F. Orr, secretary; Mrs. Othar Scott, treasurer, and Mrs. R. W. Bost, publicity chairman.

The advisory committee is composed of Mrs. James T. Nuckolls, Mrs. C. F. Fourmy, Mrs. Frank Gaines, Mrs. Kenneth C. Groom, Miss Mary Tignor and Mrs. Ralph Richards.

STUDENTOWN, USA

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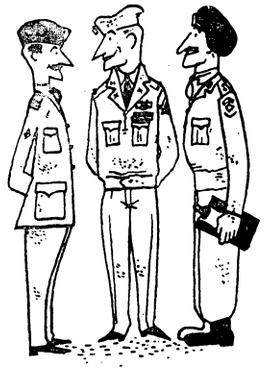
Today's student brigade is one of the Army's important units. It's infinitely larger than 1940's newborn student unit, although Colonel Tupper is chieftain again after interval assignments throughout the world.

Diplomacy and discipline seem to be the extremes of its mission.

Allied Students

Its foreign language students, unaccustomed to the new life they encounter when arriving here, create the largest, most difficult problem for brigade administrators.

For example, most Fort Benning ranges and roads are sprinkled with signs lettered in a variety of foreign languages. Special multi-lingual liaison officers are always available to

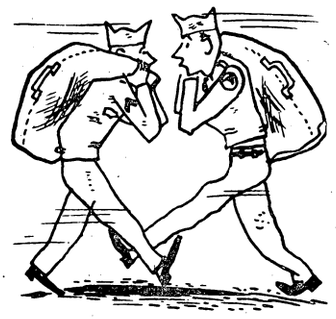


counsel allied students in American customs and standards to which the foreign officers must conform. These two aids are the mainstay of diplomatic projects in the brigade.

Students are scattered throughout 80 companies. They live and work in some 760 buildings, which must be maintained and constantly prepared by brigademen for new students arriving almost daily. Often, an outgoing class will vacate buildings only hours before a new class arrives.

If all incoming students reported to but one course, brigade's registering and liaison with Infantry School training departments would be simple routine. But, as it is, the thousands of students reporting here are to fill quotas in at least a dozen courses.

An impressively large number report each week for airborne

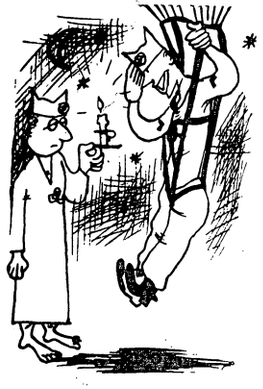


training, while smaller numbers arrive periodically for enrollment in Officers Candidate School, advance and company officers courses, light and heavy weapons non-commissioned officers courses, automotive maintenance, communications and others.

Overlapping, often entangling Infantry School training schedules heap additional problems on brigade administrators. Within the brigade, officials make arrangements to see that students are promptly delivered to scheduled classes, and also assure, in many ways, that students fulfill academic and military requirements of scholarship and citizenship.

Personal Problems

In an Infantry School classroom, a student can solve almost any academic problem. However, First Student Brigade officers or staff sections are the sole mediators and counselors when a student faces personal



problems. Hundreds of students shower brigade officials each week with requests and queries about problems and situations ranging in personal importance from furloughs to finance, and

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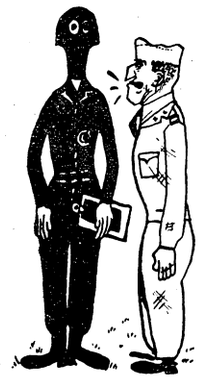
the brigade must find solutions for these problems.

Perhaps the most consistent counseling is administered to foreign language students who attend classes taught in English. Not only must literal translation of the language be made in many cases, but also an interpretation. Often, an English translation is somewhat differently interpreted in a foreign language, and officers of the brigade's foreign liaison section are constantly at ends solving many of these ephemeral problems. Certainly, if brigade officials failed to correctly interpret, academic standings of the foreign language students would drop.



Yet, the myriad of administrative details and thousands of student demands hasn't interrupted the 12-year growth of "Studentown," an unusually successful home for students.

DUD DISPOSAL

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Job Hazardous

The job, assuredly, is dangerous, but carelessness is a bigger danger than duds themselves. All the men know this and they act accordingly. At Benning, the job has relative simplicity since only a few types of ammunition are used in the training work. The business is far more complicated on battlefields where enemy duds must be detonated too. But the sense of danger is constantly in the air and the men act accordingly, by being cautious.

When they arrive on the scene of action, the first thing they do, they all say, is to look the situation over carefully. The lay of the land, the position of the dud, its type, how long it has been there, and hundreds of other things that only the expert sees, play an important part in rendering the dud harmless.

The Benning unit's problem isn't to make duds harmless by any purely mechanical means. They simply blow them up.

TNT is the stock in trade of the team. They wire a small charge of the explosive around the dud, take cover as best they can, and then fire away.

After the dust has cleared, they examine the remains again, gather pieces of metal for the scrap pile, and that particular job is finished.

Detonate Duds On Spot

If at all possible, they detonate duds on the spot. If the area is too near the main post, the duds, with extreme precaution, are moved to a safer place and detonated there.

It's a tricky business, anyway you look at it. The group is little known throughout the post, but its work is highly important. Benning's ranges are constantly in use and therefore, duds are numerous. A training area is useless unless it is safe for troops.

Duds are always dangerous, Colonel Kane says. They look harmless but they can be killers. He cautions everyone of their danger and urges a prompt report to the range office when one is discovered. "Everyone can help in this matter, he says, if they will notify us of the duds' whereabouts."

But don't, he insists, pick one up, touch one, or even stand near one. "They are dangerous," he points out.

"The bomb disposal unit is specially trained to handle the situation, so let them do it," Colonel Kane insists.

"My men are the most safety conscious group anywhere," he adds. "They know how dangerous duds are. They are brave men, and smart men, but they don't take chances.

"They are allowed only one mistake—one's usually enough."

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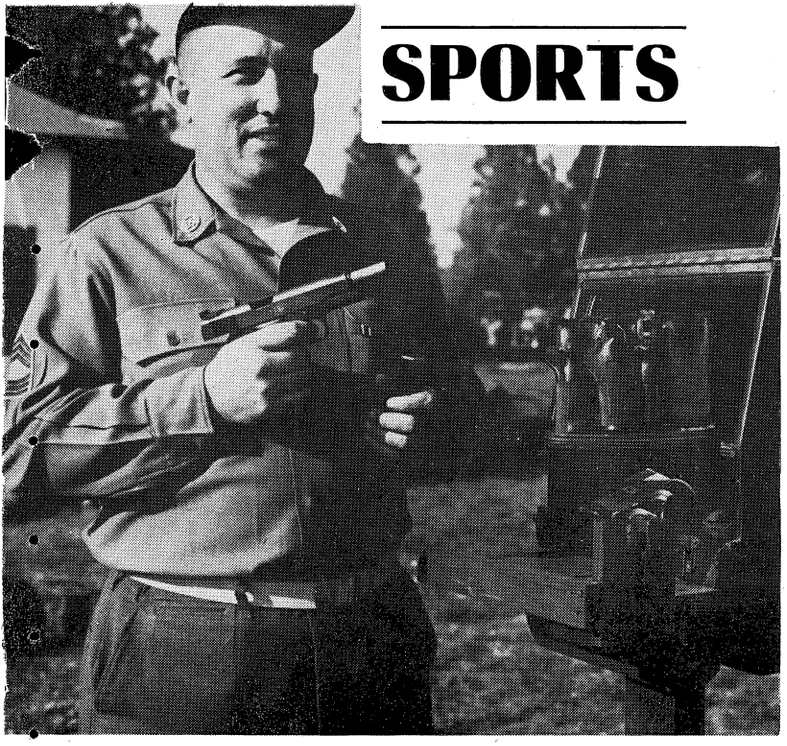

M-SGT. JOE BENNER

BY CPL. CHARLES JOHNSON

You're thinking about getting into target shooting, but you aren't certain which weapon to use. Well here's a plug for hand guns from M-Sgt. Joe Benner, the world champion pistol shot.

The Arkansas-born master sergeant now from Fort Kobbe, Canal Zone, was a rifle enthusiast when he first entered into competitive shooting back in 1938.

But he switched over to pistols because of "the personal angle and less chance of luck being a factor."

"Take a group of five expert riflemen and match them at 200 and 300 yards for five days in a row and you're likely to have five different winners for each day's competition," said Sergeant Benner, explaining, "too many little things which you can't control make the winner a matter of luck after you reach a certain class of competition.

Long Practice Needed

"With hand guns it's different. There are no form reversals in pistol shooting; no overnight sensations. A guy gets to the top because of long and tedious practice. You may see him showing steady improvement and coming up, but he won't jump out of nowhere to win a big title. Hand guns are a real test of marksmanship."

Sergeant Benner should know. He has been a member of the United States International team since 1939. He won the world's title in Buenos Aires three years ago. He placed second in rapid fire in the 1948 Olympics in London, using a borrowed and unfamiliar weapon when his was disqualified on a technicality.

If you know anything about champion shooters that last cited is quite an accomplishment. These fellows would rather lose an arm than part with their personal weapons.

Wins Despite Late Entry

In fact, Sergeant Benner crammed all of his qualifying for the 1952 U. S. Army Pistol Team here last month into four days because of that. When the tryouts began Joe had just been assigned to Fort Kobbe, and his household goods—including his guns—were being shipped by sea.

The shipment was delayed and the sergeant refused to leave the Canal Zone until he had them. He got here late, but he promptly took over the tryouts to qualify as No. One man on this year's Army team.

Temperamental? Perhaps, but effective. Ask a .300 hitter in baseball who is forced to use another player's bat. Same thing.

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Gigantic Supply Problem Means Steady Inventory

BY LES ODELL

Nearly 30,000 Different Items Stocked By Engineer Section Must Be Available At All Times To Keep The Wheels Of Fort Benning Turning.

The Infantry Center engineer has disclosed how a perpetual inventory system keeps tab of items that range from huge cranes to small wire nails.

It's no small job to keep track of some 30,000 different items that are stocked by the Engineer Section at Fort Benning. But, such a close check is kept on the items that it is nearly impossible for any unauthorized person to get his hands on one of them.

This was revealed by Col. Richard E. Ebbs, The Infantry Center engineer, who heads this gigantic supply operation.

The colonel explained that it is necessary to carry on a perpetual inventory to keep a record of the vast store of supplies. Each item is listed on a bin in the warehouse and on a record card in the main Engineer Office.

Super Landlord

Buying the stock is almost as big a job as passing the items out. Like a super-landlord the Fort Benning engineer oversees the repair and upkeep of 5,500 buildings, checking on carpentry, heating, plumbing, electricity, masonry, refrigeration, painting and even sheet metal work. He also supplies fire prevention and protection.

Keeping more than 5,000 buildings in floors and window panes is no easy job, according to Colonel Ebbs.

For example, an exuberant floor-washer puts a little extra swoosh in his swash and jams the mop handle through a window. To replace the broken window, a work order is submitted to the Engineer Repair Shop. The shop superintendent assigns the job to a carpenter who must have a work order to draw suppies for the job.

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The warehouse clerk lists the work order number and other details on the bin card and makes out a requisition with two carbon copies. The original copy goes to the Engineer Cost Accounting Branch, the second to the Stock Record Accounts Unit of the Property Section and the third to the carpenter who attaches it to the work order.

A notation of all repair work also is made on the individual building record.

Good Guesser

The purchasing and contracting officer has to be a good guesser to act as buyer for this "store." If it's to be an unusually hot summer he must get in an extra large stock of fans. During a freezing winter, he has to estimate how many heaters will be needed and how many will burn out or will need repairs.

A close check is kept on all items issued. If on inventory any discrepancy turns up—"it's rough!" says Colonel Ebbs.

Records are checked with a fine tooth comb to make sure the missing article is not the result of a slip of the pencil.

If an error is not detected and the property cannot be accounted for by reasonable means—that is, wear, tear or depreciation—then a report of survey may be requested.

Sworn statements are taken from all persons connected in any manner with the article in question. Who saw the article last? Have any such items been signed out recently? Were proper safeguards used to prevent the article's being stolen?

In a majority of cases the missing property is tracked down in this manner.

Few Exceptions

In the few exceptions, the findings and a recommendation for action are presented to the commanding general, who may approve or disapprove the report or refer it to the chief of finance.

Another important branch of the Engineers is the Field Equipment Maintenance Shop and Warehouse, where 18,000 different items are kept on hand to keep large equipment in working order.

Ewell W. Mills, shop superintendent, oversees the repair and painting of a myriad array of unusual vehicles—shiny red fire engines, olive drab cranes and bright yellow bull dozers, scrapers and tractors for road repairing.

Like City

Responsibilities of the engineer are equal to those of several utilities departments in the average city. The section repairs and maintains 1,100,000 lineal feet of water distribution mains and 1,500,000 feet of electrical distribution wires. It cares for 15,000,000 square feet of floor space in 1,000 permanent and 4,500 mobilization type buildings, handles refuse collection for a military population of 40,000 men and their dependents, and maintains roads, trails, grounds and forests throughout the 132,000 acres of the reservation.

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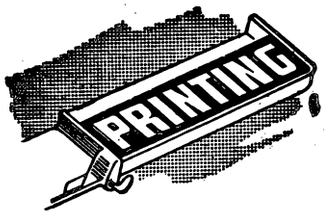

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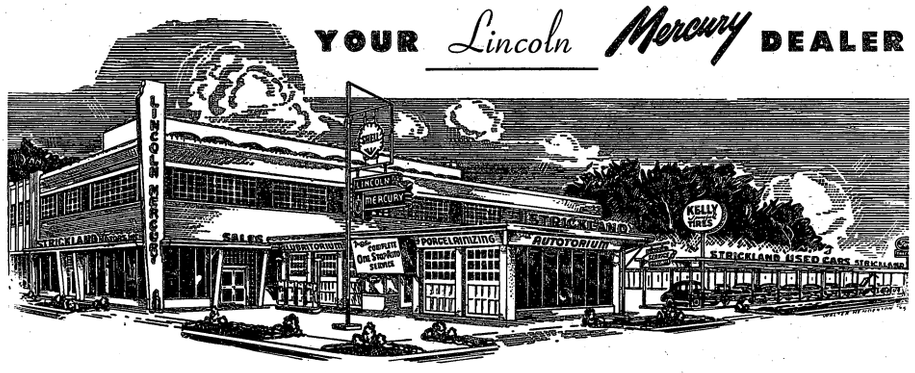

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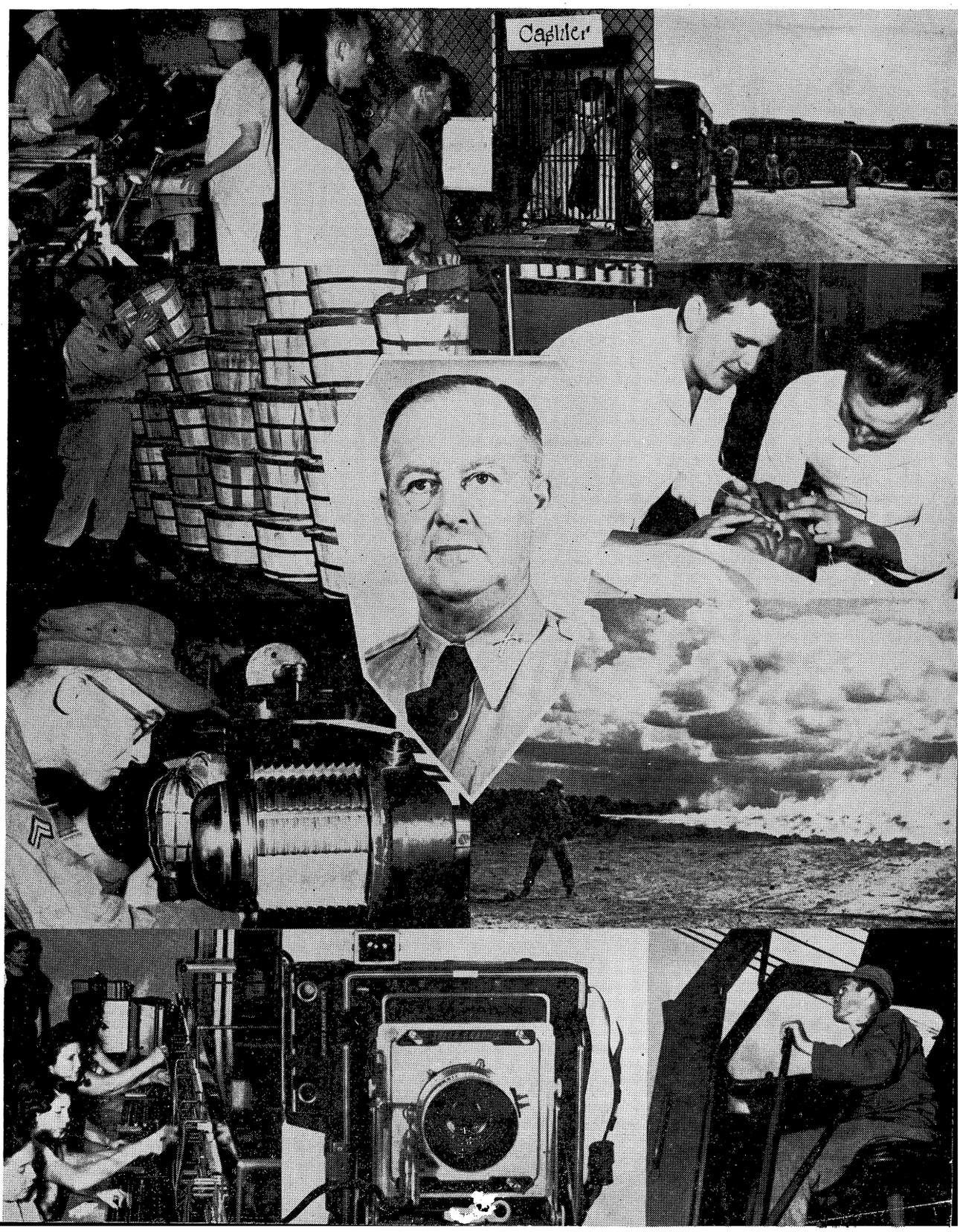

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On This Month's Cover:

This month's photo-montage cover shows but a few of the many jobs performed by personnel of the Area Service Unit Provisional Group. In the center is Col. Cortlandt K. Krams, commander of the group. From the upper right hand corner, reading clockwise, the activities pictured are transportation, medical, training, engineer, signal, ordnance, quartermaster, Food Service School, and finance. Without the men of the Provisional Group, Fort Benning function. (Layout by Sgt. Ben Westendorm).

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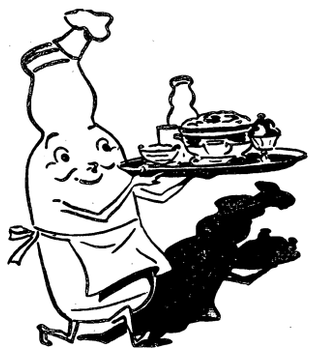

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Although no record of achievement as a unit has been written directly on a field of battle about units and individual soldiers trained by the Area Service Unit Provisional Group, they are nevertheless playing a vital role in supporting military operations throughout the world and in helping The Infantry Center at Fort Benning prove claim to the title of "The World's Most Complete Army Post". In the opinion of Colonel Cortlandt K. Krams, commanding officer, "In or out of combat, the front-line soldier could not survive without the service units".

The Group was activated on February 1, 1949 to supervise, administer, coordinate and train service units for their primary mission and to act as a centralized coordinating and control agency for the service units supporting The Infantry Center. In addition, it is called upon to assist in the training and administration of those service-type reserve units in the Third Army which are placed on active duty for two weeks training each year.

The Group also trains and administers all enlisted personnel on duty with numerous special staff sections of Headquarters, The Infantry Center.

Performance by the Group of a host of administrative, disciplinary, and control matters relieves The Infantry Center and higher headquarters of many time-consuming administrative functions.

The Area Service Unit Provisional Group also plays host to transient enlisted personnel.

ASU Group Units

Units under the jurisdiction of the Area Service Unit Provisional Group include the 27th Transportation Car Company, 148th Transportation Truck Company, 33rd Transportation Truck Company, 666th Transportation Truck Company, First Transportation Battalion, 497th Army Postal Unit, 536th Ordnance Tire Repair Detachment, 122nd Army Band, 300th Criminal Investigation Detachment, 15th Finance Disbursing Detachment, 534th Signal Construction Company, 605th, Quartermaster Laundry Company, 623rd Quartermaster Air Equipment Repair Company, 571st and 572nd Quartermaster Machine Repair Detachments, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachments Sections I and II, 3440 Area Service Unit, 3440th Area Service Unit Separation Detachment, Military Police Detachments Sections I and II 3440th Area Service Unit, the WAC Detachment Section I, 3440th Area Service Unit, and the Third Army Area Food Service School.

The Third Army Area Food Service School trains approximately 3600 students each year who graduate into the family of cooks, bakers, meat cutters and mess stewards found in the Armed Forces.

Food Service School

The faculty of the school is composed of 59 men from the Army, 25 from the Air Force and 11 from the Marines. Lt. Colonel John S. Andersen, commandant, was formerly with the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

Commanded by CWO William R. Trembath, the 122nd Army Band, a National Guard Unit, was called to active duty October 21, 1950, and assigned to the Area Service Unit Provisional Group as the Post Band for The Infantry Center.

Music for guards of honor, ceremonies and reviews, for all major commands of The Infantry Center and graduation exercises for The Infantry School is provided by the 122nd Army Band.

Military Police

The primary function of the Military Police Detachments Sections I and II, commanded by Major Frank Palmer, includes preservation of good order and military discipline, protection of government property, enforcement of military laws and regulations, operation of the guard house, stockades and other confinement facilities, apprehension of absentees, control of stragglers, investigation of crime, prevention of pilferage and looting and, most important of all, protection of the welfare of all soldiers in the vicinity of Fort Benning, Georgia.

The Military Police Detachment is composed of departments, each charged with a specific function. Its administrative section works directly with the Provost Marshal, Colonel Richard S. McConnell, in processing and filing delinquency reports and registering fire-arms and automobiles. The Police and Prison Division operates The Infantry Center Detention Barracks for the confinement and rehabilitation of garrison prisoners.

Investigation of crime is performed by the Criminal Investigative Division, assisted by the 300th Criminal Investigation Detachment, a reserve unit on active duty. This section is active in Provost Marshal investigations and also participates in the AWOL apprehension program.

All Military Police functions at Fort Benning are coordinated under the Operation Section, Military Police Detachments Sections I and II, which includes the traffic and Range Guard sections. The Traffic Section maintains traffic control at busy intersections, provides escorts for distinguishing visitors and convoys and enforces traffic regulations.

A two-fold job is done by the Range Guard Section which, in addition to protecitng government property, supervises the fish and game conservation program and the forest fire prevention program.

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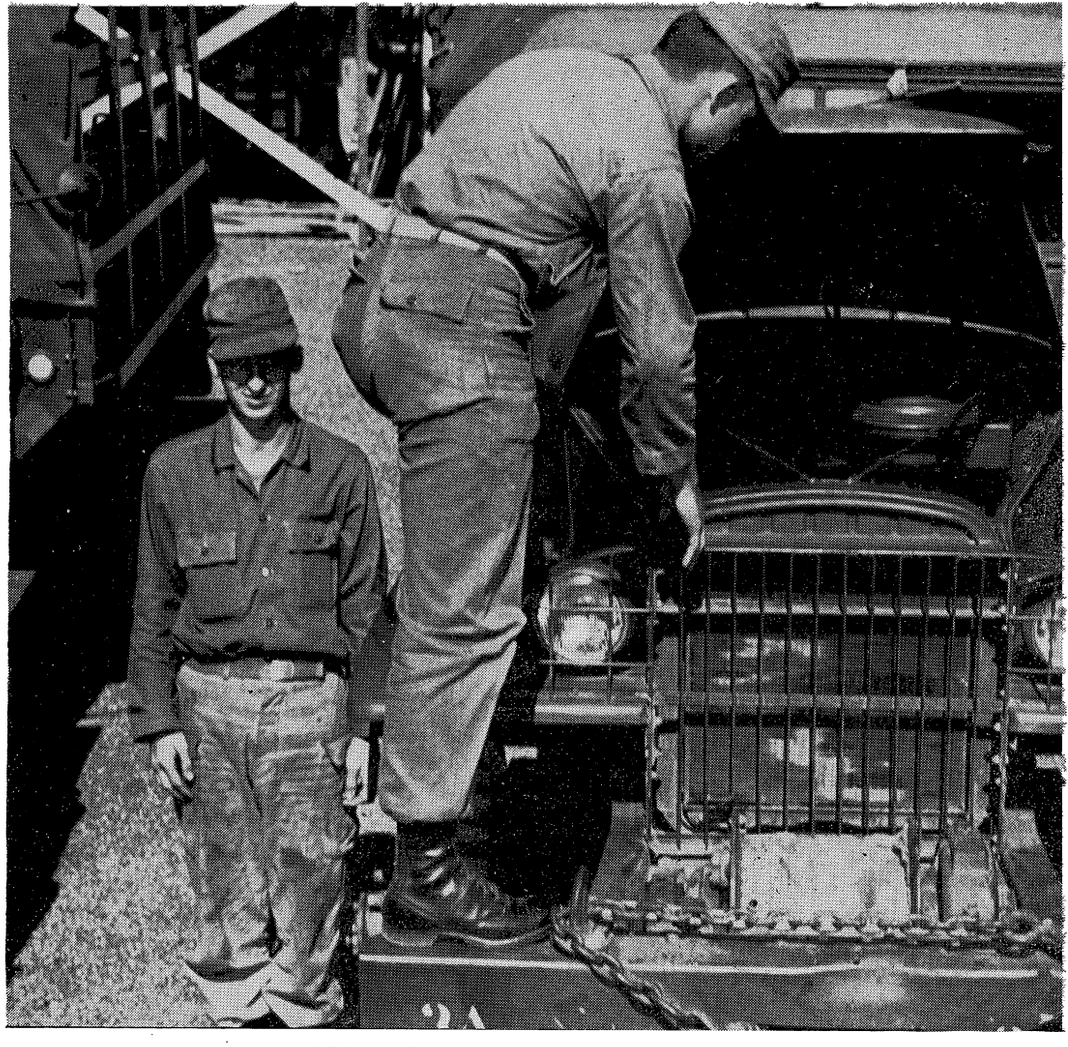

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PVT. PAUL SMITH, STANDING, WHEELS BUDDY PFC. LAWRENCE RENCH AROUND HOSPITAL GROUNDS

SIMILAR WOUNDS MAKE THREE PALS

BY LT. JIM MINTER

Veterans Of Korean Fighting With Almost Identical Thigh Wounds Help Each Other Along The Path To Recovery In Hospital

Nature's slow and painful process of mending shattered bones can be more easily endured when there is someone around who knows exactly how you feel.

At least that is what Pfc. Lawrence Rench of Gore, Ga., will tell you. And his two buddies occupying adjoining beds in Fort Benning's Army hospital will agree.

All three received almost identical wounds while fighting with the First Cavalry Division in Korea last fall. Pvt. Paul Smith of Scottsdale, Ga., caught seven rounds from a Commie burp gun and suffered a smashed thigh. Cpl. Jesse Nabel of Orlando, Fla., stopped a slug in the same place five days later, and Rench suffered the same fate the next day, except for him the Communists threw in a few mortar fragments to boot.

Meet Again

How did they wind up three abreast in the hospital ward here? Smith tells it this way:

"Nabel and I met in a hospital in Japan and then they flew us out to Hawaii. There we said goodbye and never expected to see each other again. But when I got to Benning early last November they rolled me into the ward, and there was Nabel who had arrived four days earlier. Rench was already here."

Although they had never met in Korea, identical wounds and the huge yellow and black shoulder patch of the famed First Cavalry were bonds enough to keep them together while Army doctors and nurses helped nature reknit broken bones and heal flesh wounds.

Twenty-one-year-old Lawrence got married after finishing basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. Then he was sent to Korea. "I left Seattle July 24 and got back to the States Oct. 24," he recalls. "I was in Korea two months—59 days to be more exact."

WOMEN

BY MAY PIGOTT

Meet The Director Of "The Women" And An Outstanding, Musically Inclined Newcomer

Fort Benning women are a busy lot. They run their homes, they are active in clubs and still have time to pursue hobbies and talents.

Mrs. A. M. Leavitt, wife of Captain Leavitt, made her debut here as a director with the presentation of "The Women" on April 17 and 18. This presentation was the second given by the newly formed Little Theater.

MRS. A. M. LEAVITT

Mrs. Leavitt became interested in dramatic work when she was a student at Anderson Junior College Preparatory Department, Anderson, S. C. She majored in Speech and Dramatics at the University of Maryland, and is a member of Delta Psi Omega, honorary national dramatic sorority.

While she was attending the University of Maryland, she won the "best actress" award for 1949 with her portrayal of Kate in "The Taming Of The Shrew".

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Leavitt worked with the Columbus Recreational department where she directed, managed, and trained children in plays presented as a part of the recreational program.

She is an active member of the Benning Woman's Club and is secretary for the Army Daughters.

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A newcomer to Benning, Mrs. C. B. Shugart, wife of Lt. Shugart, is making a name for herself in Columbus and Benning musical circles.

Mrs. Shugart, a native of Birmingham, Ala., started her piano career at the age of three as one of a group of five children selected for an experiment at the Birmingham Conservatory of Music.

She graduated from the Conservatory and did graduate work at the University of Alabama under Dr. Dorsey Whittington.

Representing the state of Alabama, she won first place in an audition sponsored by the National Federation of Music clubs. She was a member of the faculty of the Birmingham Conservatory.

Mrs. Shugart gave her first concert in Columbus in late March. She was guest artist at the 20th anniversary celebration of the Columbus Branch of the American Association of University women.

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Benning Major Draws for Fun

BY DAVE BOWEN

Maj. Kenneth G. Groom "Fathered" Pfc. Sandy Hill, Popular Cartoon Appearing Weekly In The Bayonet

A 31-year-old Army officer here spends his spare time thinking up new ways to make soldiers laugh at themselves.

Major Kenneth G. Groom, a six-foot, five-inch Infantryman, is the author of a one panel cartoon, called Pfc. Sandy Hill, which has steadily gained favor among Fort Benning soldiers until it now ranks as the No. 1 favorite here. It appears weekly in The Bayonet, this Infantry post's unofficial newspaper.

But Major Groom is quick to point out that cartooning is "just a part-time pastime. My primary hobby is being a soldier," he says.

Infantry Center soldiers, however, are glad that he spends some of his spare time over his drawing board. His cartoon character is the bright spot every Thursday when The Bayonet is delivered.

Pfc. Sandy Hill got his name from Fort Benning's Sand Hill area, and unlike many comic characters, isn't always getting himself in trouble. Fact is, he seems to be a remarkably good soldier. He has a lot of fun just being himself.

Guffaws

His antics, although at times farfetched, bring guffaws of laughter from his fans. For example, one of the series shows an airborne soldier plummetting to earth head-first, minus a parachute. As he passes a startled trooper who is jumping in the prescribed manner, he shouts "Sissy!"

Another panel shows a meat-cleaver-waving mess steward who is saying to Sandy, mopping the kitchen floor, "We like it nice and clean, don't we?" The mess steward's bared and pointed teeth are reminiscent of the World War II cartoon called Sad Sack. But there the resemblance stops. For Sandy simply tries to make soldiers laugh at every day duties which are as much a part of Army life as the Saturday morning inspection.

Major Groom uses his cartoon character to good-naturely satirize everything from Infantry training to the tough Army sergeant. He even lets Sandy play around with the Army's current cost consciousness and supply economy programs.

In one panel, Sandy is looking unhappily at his mess tray which contains a piece of hamburger about the size of half-dollar, while a sneering cook canctimoniously explains: "Supply Economy."

Recruiting also gets a slight ribbing in one of Groom's panels which shows a half-opened door over which are the words U. S. Army Recruiting Station. Inside the door is a bear trap set to catch the first man who enters.

Naturally, The Infantry School's motto, Follow Me, doesn't escape the cartoonist's wit. Pfc. Sandy Hill, astride a hill in Korea, is sweating out the overhead fire after having been named platoon sergeant. Looking around at his platoon, he nervously asks: "Follow . . . . ME?"

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"SISSY!!"

"WE LIKE IT NICE AND CLEAN, DON'T WE?"

ARMY OFFERS EDUCATION

BY SGT. TIM WARREN

An education program here is offering an almost unlimited selection of subjects for soldier-students who want to continue their schooling.

The Army Education Center here offers courses ranging from fifth grade level to college subjects. Theoretically, it is possible for a man who has not gone beyond the fourth grade to graduate from high school and earn college credits just by using the facilities offered at the education center.

Soldiers with less than a fourth grade education are required to complete a thorough course of instruction in basic subjects and take a battery of tests designed to determine their ability to grasp knowledge.

They are then eligible to continue their studies.

In conjunction with the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, Madison, Wisc., the education center here offers correspondence courses through the second year of college. Enrollment in any of the courses offered through USAFI costs the individual $2.

Included among the 363 courses are six modern foreign languages and a vast coverage of technical and vocational fields. Students are limited to two courses at any one time, but in most cases progress is based on the individual student's ability.

High School Diplomas

Many soldiers who did not complete high school have won diplomas through the program offered at the center. Education counselors first interview a man who wants his diploma. If they consider him qualified he takes a high school level General Educational Development test.

The Army recognizes a man who passes this test as a high school graduate. Most states also grant diplomas to those who pass the tests.

The high school test is broken down into five major parts—English grammar, social studies, natural science, literature and mathematics. Any applicant who fails in one or more of these parts gets additional instruction. When the education counselor feels he is ready, he is given another opportunity to take the test.

College Credits

From the high school level, the student may progress to the college level. Here another test, also USAFI sanctioned, is available.

Recognized by the Army as equivalent to one year of college, the test is broken down into the same five categories of the high school test, with the mathematics portion optional.

This college test is recognized by most colleges for either whole or partial credit.

An even higher level test, for Army purposes only, is the Educational Qualification Test which the Army recognizes as the equivalent of two years of college.

USAFI also has a working program with 49 cooperating colleges and universities. Military personnel may take correspondence courses from any of these institutions at a minimum cost. The government, through its cooperative agreement with these colleges, bears most of the cost. The student pays only for books and instructional material. After a student enrolls, he carries on all correspondence directly with the college.

Off-Campus Center

Fort Benning scholars have an added advantage not enjoyed at many Army posts—an off-campus center in nearby Columbus, Ga., operated by the University of Georgia. Forty students from The Infantry Center are currently enrolled.

The government bears a majority of the cost, paying as much as 75 per cent of the tuition.

No course offered at the University Center costs a soldier-student more than $5 in addition to normal charges for books and additional material.

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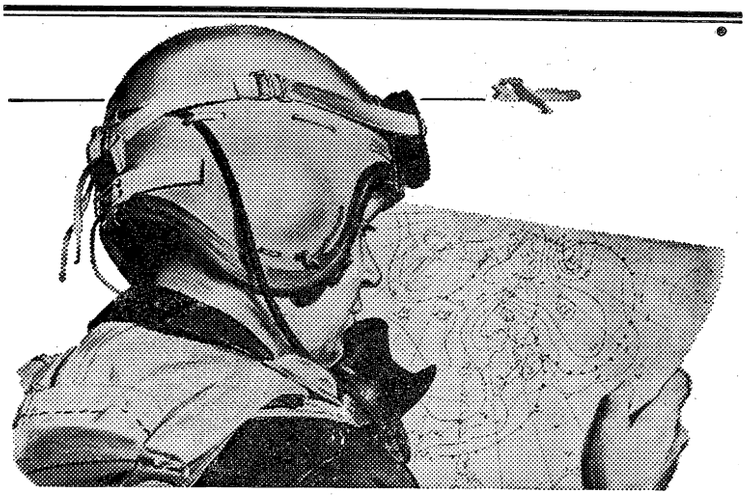

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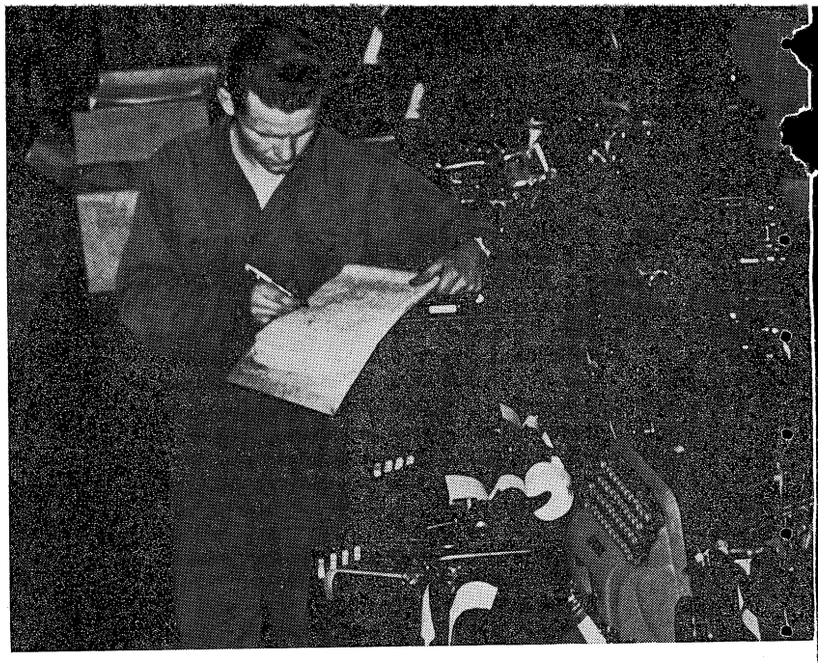

REPAIRMEN KEEP OFFICE MACHINES IN TOP-NOTCH SHAPE

ASU SERVES

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Activated at Fort Benning in October of 1950 and commanded by Captain Henry D. Fitzpatrick Jr., the 15th Finance Disbursing Section was given the mission of operating as a Class "B" Agent Finance Office in the Harmony Church area. Its mission at the present time is providing finance services for First Student Regiment and Infantry School Detachment troops. The unit is located in the First Student Regiment area.

The 3440th Area Service Unit Separation Detachment was activated in July 1951, for the purpose of processing and discharging Army reservists released from active duty. Captain William H. Donly, commanding officer, says, "Approximately seven days are required for a reservist to be separated from the service". Upon arrival at the detachment, the enlisted dischargee is interviewed and given an opportunity to re-enlist in the Regular Army.

Processing includes clearing the post, checking of records and preparation of discharge certificates and final papers.

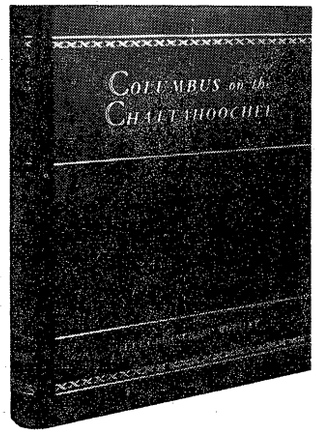
Lt. Colonel William M. Molloy's First Transportation Battalion takes care of transporting daily about 8500 students with accompanying supplies for The Infantry School. The 536th Ordnance Tire Repair Detachment and 571st and 572nd Quartermaster Office Machine Repair Detachments maintain the tires and tubes and office machines for all organizations at Fort Benning.

The WAC Detachment and Headquarters and Headquarters Detachments, Sections I and II furnish personnel who perform duty with the Special Staff sections of The Infantry Center.

FOOD SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN MEAT-CUTTING TECHNIQUES

BOOK REVIEW

BY BOYD HINTON



COLUMBUS ON THE CHATTAHOOCHEE by Etta Blanchard Worsley, Published by The Columbus Office Supply Company, $10.

Fort Benning will find Mrs. Worsley's chapter entitled MIGHTY FORT BENNING the most interesting part of her 513 page history of COLUMBUS ON THE CHATTAHOOCHEE, but the rest of the volume will be interesting, too, because the history of Columbus and Benning run hand in hand.

According to Mrs. Worsley, a military installation on Benning's site is nothing new. In 1689 Spain, under the direction of Primo de Rivera, constructed the first fortification. Captain Fabian de Angulo was put in command of a troop of 20 Spanish soldiers and 20 Apalache Indians who were rangers three centuries ago.

Captain Fabian's outpost "had a stockade, parapet, ditch and four bastions, and took two months to complete. The plans can still be seen in the Archives of Seville in Spain.

This spot on the Chattahoochee has been a favorite junction of civilization for centuries. Located just below the fall line, the river offered the easiest outlet to the sea.

Spain flew her flag over the original fort for two years but then the garrison was withdrawn when the troops were needed in San Augustin. Before they left, however, they razed the fort and no Spanish landmark exists here today.

The student of history as well as the casual reader will find the book a gold mine of information about this area that is fascinating reading. The author begins with the earliest known records about the area that is now Columbus and Fort Benning.

The book delves deeply into the Indian lore that is so abundant in this area. It tells the story of Chief William McIntosh, the half-breed chief of the Lower Creeks, who signed the treaty that would clear all the area east of the Chattahoochee for white settlers. For his action, he was murdered by other Indians who opposed the treaty.

The area below Coweta Falls played an important part in the development of the South in the early days. Indians roamed the countryside—some of them peaceful—and others war-like, but they lived here and loved the country long before white men brought in their civilization.

The well-rounded volume takes the reader through Columbus' growing pains as well as the accomplishments that were registered over the years.

But not only a history of people, the work is a history of the geography and economics of the area and gives a cross section of the development of the United States—then the Confederacy—and then the reconstruction period.

But the section on Fort Benning will be the most interesting for personnel on the post. Columbus and Benning have a rich heritage, that is revealed accurately in Mrs. Worsley's COLUMBUS ON THE CHATTAHOOCHEE.

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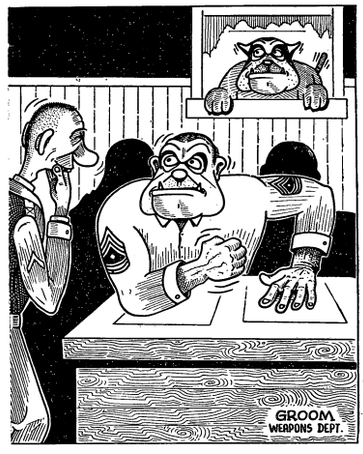
Major Groom, now a small arms instructor in the Weapons Department of The Infantry School here, has had little formal training as a cartoonist. The son of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Groom of Jamaica, L. I., N. Y., he attended high school in Brooklyn and studied two years at the Hasting School of Animation.

When he enlisted in the Army in February, 1942, at Camp Upton, N. Y., his civilian career went home with his civilian clothes. He was too busy learning how to be a good soldier, then a good officer, to bother much with his civilian occupation, Major Groom says now.

After basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and 13 months as an enlisted man, he went to



"WHAT'S THE GAG, DOG-FACE?"

the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School at Camp Hood, Texas.

Major Groom was commissioned in March, 1943, and went to North Africa in June. As a platoon leader, executive officer and later commander of Company A of the 36th Infantry Division's Tank Destroyer Battalion, he took part in the Salerno, Anzio and Southern France landings.

The ruddy-faced officer reverted to inactive status in September, 1945, as a captain of Field Artillery. But the call of the uniform was louder than the call of civilian life, and young Groom returned to the Army in April, 1947, and was integrated into the Regular Army.

His first assignment was with the 83rd Field Artillery Battalion.

"HE CAN'T EVEN INHALE"

Artillery School

After graduation from The Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla., he went to Japan in May, 1948, where he was selected to command Gen. Douglas MacArthur's honor guard company in Tokyo.

Members of this group had to be at least five feet, 10 inches tall. They were responsible for the safety of Gen. MacArthur and his family.

Major Groom remained in Japan until June, 1950, just before the outbreak of the Korean War when he was ordered to Fort Benning to attend The Infantry School's advanced course.

Of his now-famous character, Pfc. Sandy Hill, Major Groom says:

"He's not really firmed up in my mind as yet. I've noted a gradual change, just as most cartoon characters change in their early years. Hill is still in the throes of adolescence, you might say."

But everybody at The Infantry Center hopes he never grows up. They like Sandy just as he is now.

"TO HECK WITH LEE—
I SURRENDER"

ENTERTAINMENT

BY SGT. TIM WARREN

Fort Benning will have three entries in the Third Army Soldier Singing Contest. At eliminations held in Service Club No. 1 one soloist and two groups were acclaimed post champions.

Private First Class Louis C. P. Geisler of ASU Provisional Group won the solo event. His selections were *Prisoner Of Love* and *I Only Have Eyes For You.*

First place in the Open Ensemble was won by a group of candidates from the First Officer Candidate Regiment. The candidates included William Martin, Charles Thomas, Herbert Bevington, Wadman Daly and Robert Reins. Their selections were *Sin* and *I Want A Girl.*

The spiritual ensemble was won by three members of the 30th and one from Company D, First Transportation Battalion. Singing *The Lord's Prayer* and *Jesus Gave Me Water*, the group consisted of Pfcs. John Berry, J. T. Hanes, Roscoe Robinson and Cpl. P. L. Shelton.

Winning selections have been taped, entered in the Third Army contest, and if judged winners there, they will be entered in the All-Army contest, dates of which will be announced.

WFBS OPENS PATIO

WFBS, hospital radio station, officially opened its listening patio April 17. The novel idea allows patients to sit under the trees and enjoy their favorite programs with a minimum of effort. The activity is under the supervision of Sfc. Murray Pendleton, station manager of WFBS.

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Followers of the Area Service Unit's Esquire Band may have noticed the boost that has been given to the reed section. That is the talent of 23-year-old Ervin Kerton coming to the surface.

Kerton entered the professional music-making ranks at the age of 18 and when drafted was in the midst of a potentially profitable future with Jimmy Lunceford's aggregation. Following discharge Ervin plans to return to Lunceford's crew for a while before setting out with an orchestra of his own.

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U. S. ARMY FIELD BAND

The United States Army Field Band, under the direction of Major C. E. Whiting appeared at Briant Wells Field House on April 5 before approximately 2,000 Fort Benning music-lovers.

One of the particularly bright spots in the appearance of the band was the fact that most of its selections were either popular, novelty, old favorites or light classics, without all the "brassiness" that is usually accredited to bands.

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The octet that sang in the First Student Regiment's musical show, Once In A Lifetime, came from the Fifth Officer Candidate Company.

Organized on their own with practice on a catch-as-catch-can basis, the group was the idea of OC Dave Lee. The group includes John Althouse, Walter McElwain, Jack Meton, Jim McGuire, John Swaim, Fred Kitch and Vern Wilson.

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The month of May will see the Soldier Show *Let Yourself Go* make three appearances at Fort Benning. On the 14th it will be in Sand Hill, the 17th on the Main Post and the 21st in the Harmony Church Area.

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SPORTS

BY PFC. ED JESINSKY

There is hardly a sport played at Fort Benning that hasn't some member or members of the Area Service Unit Provisional Group as active participants.

Football, baseball, basketball or whatever sport may be in operation at the time, you will more than likely find an ASU representative there—and why?—because sports have been a major activity ever since the Group was first activated some four years ago.

In the field of boxing, the 1951 ASU team, coached by M-Sgt. John Wilson, present Athletic and Recreation non-commissioned officer, was runner up in the All-Third-Army-Boxing tournament. Boxers of the group have been post boxing champions for the past two years.

Individual champions aren't lacking either. Sgt. Larry Jones, 1952 boxing mentor, holds the All-Army Middleweight title for 1950 and 1952, has been Third Army middleweight champion since 1947 and Fort Benning middleweight champion since 1946.

Boxing Wins

The conclusion of the 1951 boxing season showed ASU claiming the following post titles: George Allen, bantamweight—Third Army champion and Fort Benning champion; Oran Garretson, featherweight, Fort Benning champion and runner-up in Third Army; Clifford Maddox, lightweight, Fort Benning champion; Norman Clark, welterweight, Third Army champion and Fort Benning champion; James Boyd, light heavyweight, Fort Benning champion, Buck DeCordova, heavyweight, Third Army Runner-up, Fort Benning champion.

Of those mentioned, the only one to return to the ASU Team this year is George Allen. Garretson was sent to EUCOM, James Boyd is with First Student Regiment, and Buck De Cordova was assigned to FECOM where he fought exhibition bouts with ex-champion Joe Louis at Japan's Korackhuen Stadium in Tokyo.

The newcomers to the boxing activity have undergone screenings, eliminations, two weeks of intensive body building, and coaching in the art of self-defense before being chosen to participate on the team. An estimated 200 men received the benefits of expert training in this sport, though not all have participated in ring bouts.

Some 62 bouts were fought by ASU men in the present ring tournament. This figure was 15 fights above the leading First Student Regiment's number of contestants, 47.

When the basketball season rolled around, double round-robins were scheduled between companies, with games played during off-duty hours. From the results of the games a group team was formed. One of the stellar performers, Pfc. Bill Hann, was named on The Bayonet's 1952 All-Post Basketball Team, having scored 328 points in 17 games.

A survey conducted by the Athletic and Recreation Office showed that coaches of unit teams had used an average of 50 men to complete the basketball season, which in Army circles indicates maximum participation.

Minor Sports

Bowling has been one of the recreation projects that ASU has been cultivating long before the bowling league was established. Eliminations were held prior to the TIC tournament during off-duty hours. Two teams were created and are now participating in the present tournament.

With bowling a woman's sport too, the WAC Detachment, representing the feminine element of Fort Benning are members of the Industrial League of Columbus, Women's Division, and are bowling each Monday night at the City Bowling Alley in Columbus until the second half of their tournament ends in June.

In volleyball, the ASU team came in second, defeated by the First Student Regiment. In the playoffs, many an opponent has fallen due to the skill of the ASU players.

Other sports such as fishing, golf, hunting, boating, have also seen many ASU faces present at the events.

In the words of Col. Cortlandt K. Krams, commander of the Group, "A sound mind as well as a sound body is necessary if we are to be good soldiers, and sports help develop both qualities in individuals."

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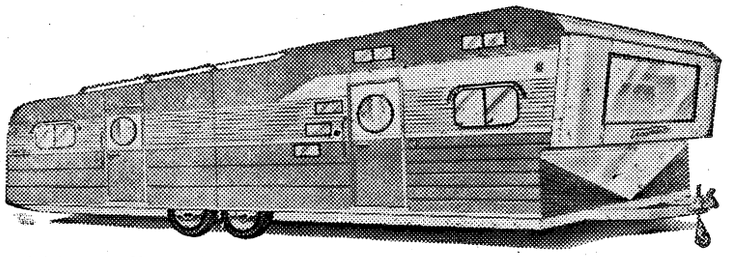

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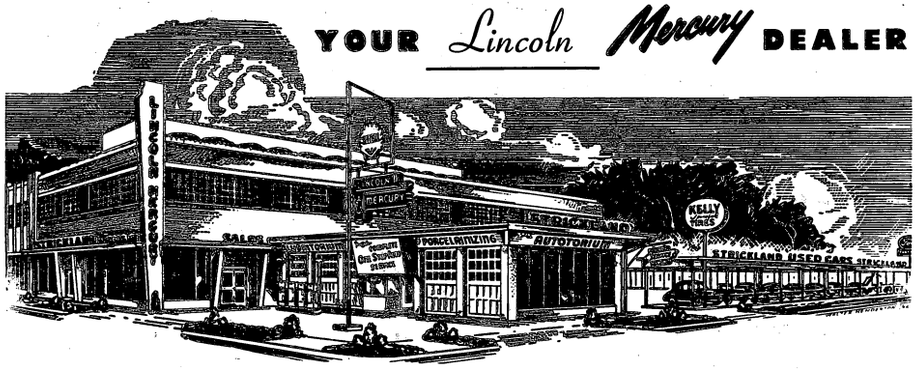

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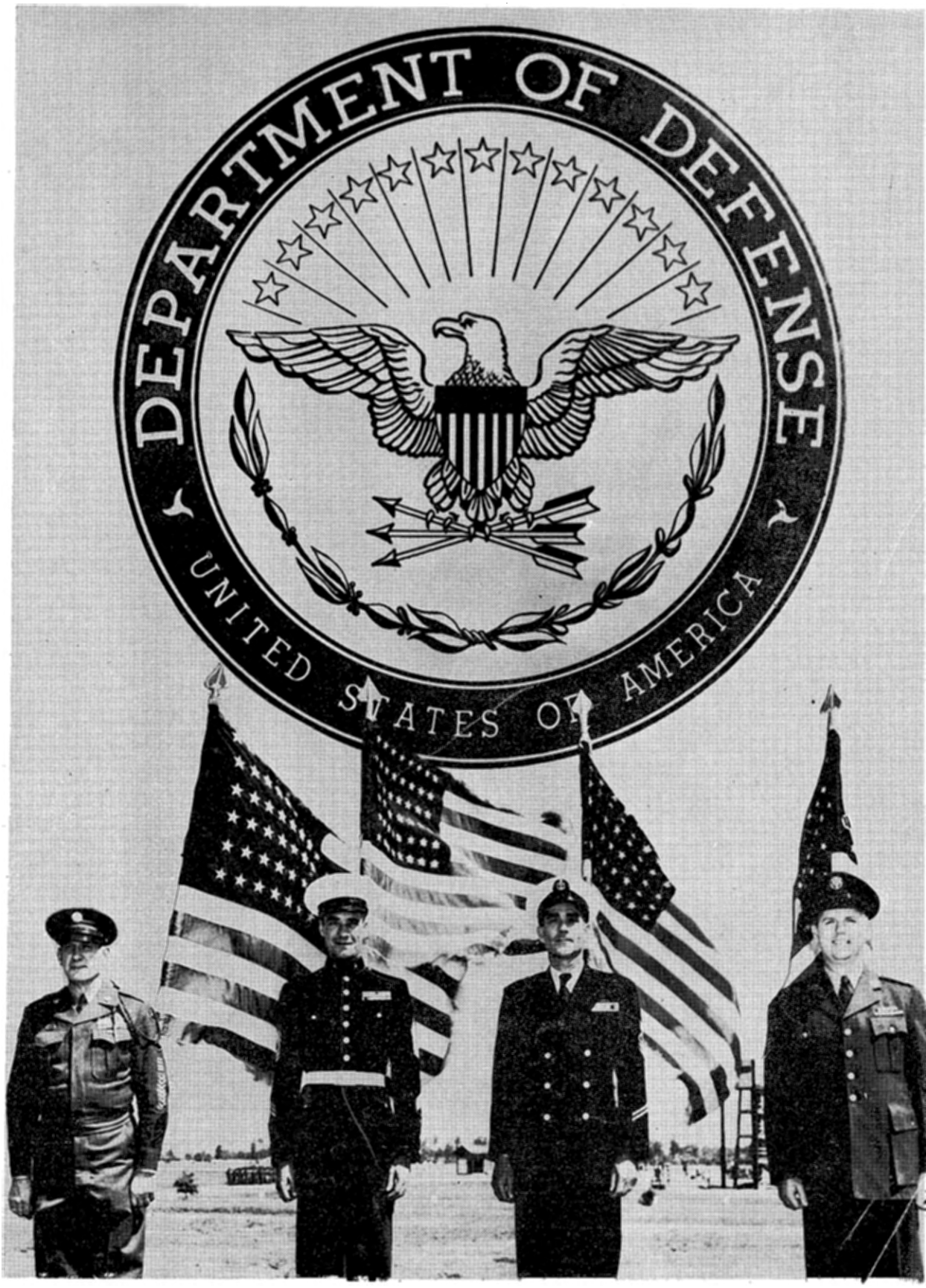

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On This Month's Cover:

The third Saturday in May each year is Armed Forces Day. The designation of a single day for a joint report to the people of the state of the Nation's defenses was established by Presidential proclamation in 1950. Armed Forces Day takes the place of anniversary dates which had been celebrated by the individual services. This year, the observance is keyed to the theme "Unity, Strength, Freedom." The Secretary of Defense refers to it as "a timely opportunity to demonstrate the close working relationship of the Armed Forces."

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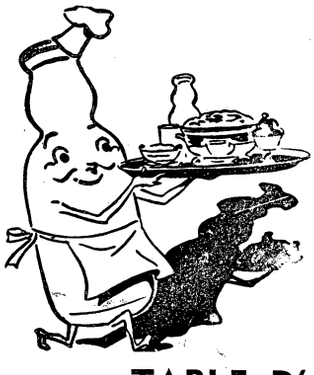

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ARMED FORCES DAY, 1952

BY SFC. PAT MURPHY

The 1952 Armed Forces Day Observance Is Keyed To The Theme "Unity – Strength – Freedom." The Secretary Of Defense Refers To It As "A Timely Opportunity To Demonstrate The Close Work-in Relationship Of The Armed Forces."

One week each year, millions of uniformed shoulder-to-shoulder Americans around the world go on display, and during the week's last day this huge force joins hands to salute its own unity, strength and freedom.

Unity, Strength and Freedom, in fact, is the slogan for 1952's Armed Forces Week, the seven-day period apportioned to recognize United States military greatness.

In this great chain of unity and strength, Fort Benning will open its portals and go on display for civilians of the Columbus area.

At least 3,000 soldiers from Infantry Center units will parade down Columbus streets on May 17, highlight day of Armed Forces Week. Involved in this tremendous marching display will be weapons and equipment used by united military forces to fight for freedom.

Fort Benning's khakied marchers will be joined by the blue of Navy and Air Force and the blue and red of Marines. Sister services—the women's branches—will also march in the display.

Color Bearers

A representative marine, airman, soldier and sailor will carry national and service colors in the Saturday parade, and young bandsmen from Columbus high schools will be part of the parade's civilian recognition of military services.

The Infantry Center's varied activities and woodland training areas will be open

for civilian perusal throughout Armed Forces Week. Civilian families are expected to flow through the post's gates to see the whats, whys and hows of the Army.

At Fort Benning, as at other military bastions throughout the world, it will be the armed forces' boss—John Q. Public—who'll make these look-see trips through Army, Navy and Air Force facilities. These hordes of civilians will see—and some of them for the first time—what training functions actually go on from day to day.

Armed Forces Week, then, is one of the few times each year when Fort Benning's strength can be opened wide for inspection.

Joint celebration on a single day by all military services is but three years old. Until 1950, Army, Navy and Air Force celebrated their "days" at various spots in the year. Armed Forces Day was born amid severe economy drives in the military family, and the establishment of the day is sometimes attributed to the cost-consciousness aims.

However, down-the-line military unification had been executed only a year before and Armed Forces Week was merely another emphatic means of uniting and strengthening joint military operations.

First Unity Week

The first Armed Forces Week in 1950 was executed in gigantic proportions. The week's slogan, "Teamed For Defense," symbolized the new coordinated, jointly-operated military establishment. Throughout the nation, in those pre-Korea days when war-clouds rumbled at closer ranges, the trio of uniformed services proudly locked arms and marched before the public with unified spirit.

The Infantry Center, only one military link in the unified chain, dispatched in spirited small bands Infantrymen to 13 southeastern cities to parade and demonstrate their might and esprit.

In Columbus alone, several thousand Fort Benning soldiers and equipment were on marching display on Armed Forces Day, 1950. Merchants, educators and professional men eulogized the new defense team, and set the pitch for civilian support of the shoulder-to-shoulder idea.

In 1951, when 11 months of Korean war already had been recorded in history books, the services chose a more somber, more purposeful slogan for the second Armed Forces Day, "Defenders of Freedom." Those three words set the tenor of military cooperation for 1951 and the trying years lying ahead.

Now, in 1952, when another war is but a month from being two years old, the armed forces are striving for the solidity, purpose and success for which they've been chosen to accomplish for the sake of American freedom.

President's Proclamation

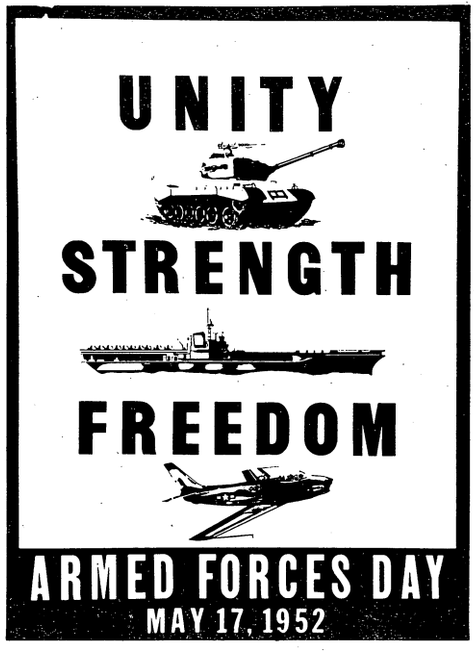
To the American people, President Harry Truman has addressed this 1952 Armed Forces Day proclamation:

"Whereas the armed forces of the United States serve this Nation with unselfish devotion not only in time of war, but also in time of peace;

"And, whereas our fighting forces, welded into a unified team that symbolizes our strength as a unified people, have been waging the battle of freedom in Korea and are guarding the vital interests of peace in other lands across the sea;

"And, whereas it is fitting that we devote one day each year to paying special tribute to these defenders of our liberty:

"Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Truman, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 17, 1952, as Armed Forces Day; and I direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force to arrange for the military observannce of that day and to cooperate with civil authorities in suitable commemorative ceremonies.



"I also invite the Governors of the States, Territories and possessions of the United States to arrange for celebrations designed to honor the members of the armed forces on the designated day; and I request all of our citizens to display the flag of the United States on that day as a token of our gratitude to the men and women of the military services."

Solves Problems

Marine, Navy and Air Force helicopters have swooped into Communist areas to snatch up downed fliers of all three flying services. And, the Army's helicopters have dropped down on the same type missions.

The unification of military service "days" is symbolic of the united strengths of naval, air and ground forces. The fusing of forces under unification has, from the beginning, solved problems created by independent military operations.

Frontline infantry units, critically short of doctors during first phases of the Korean War, called for assistance, and it was the system of unified cooperation which prevented medical inadequacies from crippling foxhole operations. Scores of Navy doctors were assigned to frontline infantry units to patch Army wounds. Navy and Air Force dentists, too, worked alongside Army medical officers who were trying to outspeed war's rapid attrition.

Since the war first started, Navy warships have been hurling inestimable loads of heavy explosives at enemy shore installations and inland targets. This joint Army-Navy assault on Communists—from the ground and from the sea—is unalterable testimony for the case of down-the-line unification.

Perhaps Fort Benning's Infantry School—to use a single example—is shining personification of unification in action and not simply theory.

Hundreds of Air Force, Navy and Marine officers and enlisted men have been schooled here by Army instructors. Not only have Infantry doctrines been taught to these intra-service exchange students, but also techniques of automotive maintenance, cooking, paratrooping, radio operation and operation of light and heavy weapons.

And, officers and enlisted men from Fort Benning have ben sent to special Navy and Air Force schools to absorb techniques of operation taught there. Officers from here have regularly attended special courses at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., Naval War College, Newport, R. I. and Marine indoctrination courses at Quantico, Va.

Situation In Hand

The situation was definitely well in hand when a small band of Marine amphibious instructors came to Fort Benning in 1949 to teach Third Infantry Division infantrymen the techniques of handling landing craft. The Third Division was preparing to participate in Portrex, an amphibious maneuver held in the Caribbean in early 1950.

Unified efforts are again evidenced here when large firepower or tactical demonstrations are staged. Planes from Air Force bases in South Georgia cooperate with Infantry School tacticans in staging support-from-the-air phases of the show. Fleet-winged jet fighters have swooped scores of times across Fort Benning woodlands dropping bombs, hurling rockets and spitting machinegun fire in support of mythical Infantry troops attacking an enemy objective.

Those examples are Unification. Multiply those cooperative projects a hundredfold and Armed Forces Day's slogan—"Unity, Strength, Freedom"—becomes a sturdy symbol of shoulder-to-shoulder American fighting forces.

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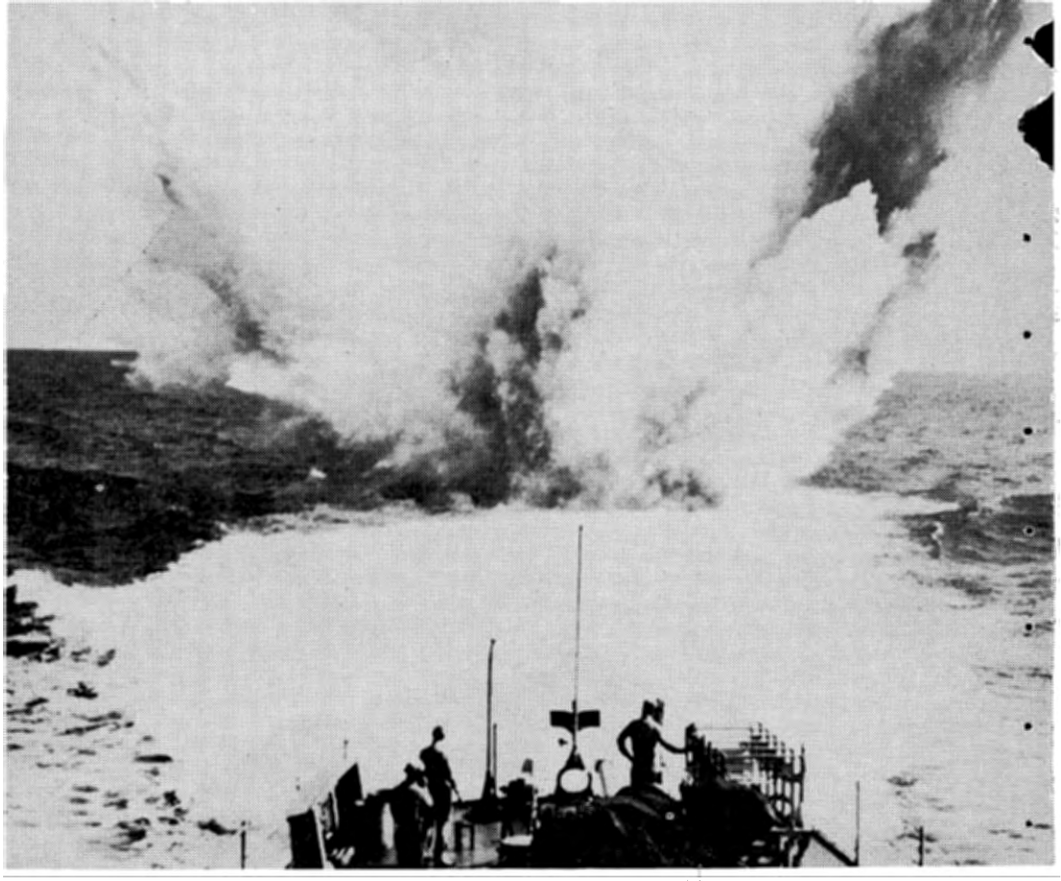

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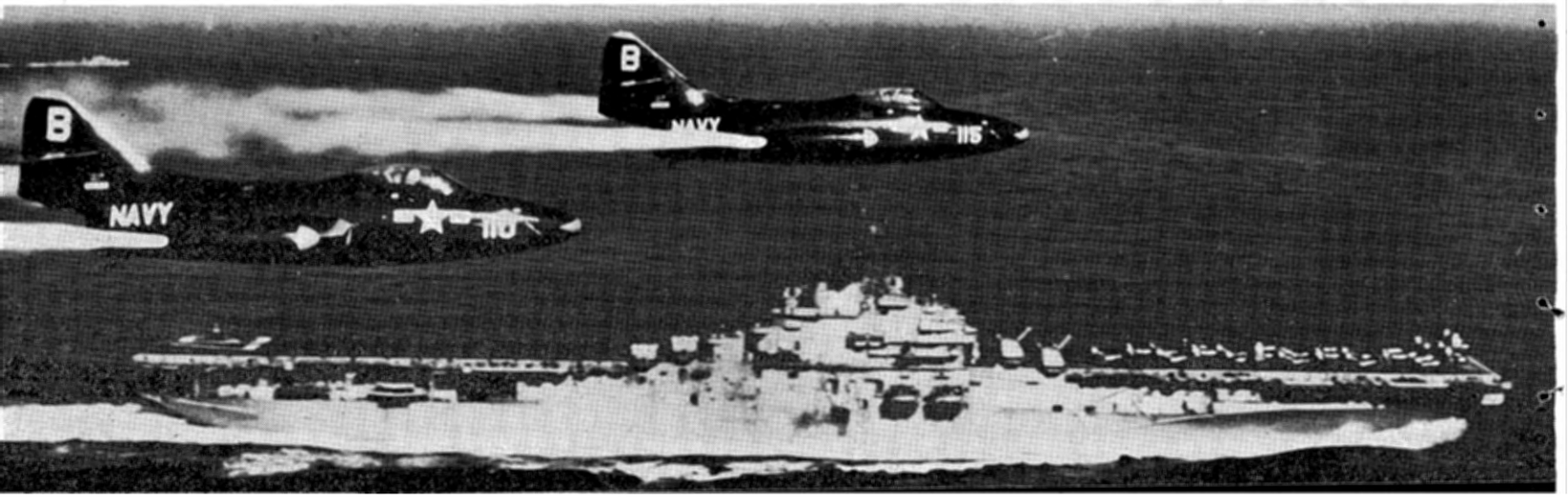

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Marine Headquarters

Atlanta is headquarters for the Marine Corps Southeastern Recruiting Area. Colonel John B. Hill, a native of Columbus, Georgia, is the officer in charge of the seven southeastern states. The area's prime purpose is recruitment.

The Southeastern Area is broken down into stations with Marine Officers in charge of each. Major John C. Landrum, Mercer University graduate, is the officer in charge for Georgia. Because of its geographical location, Macon was designated state headquarters.

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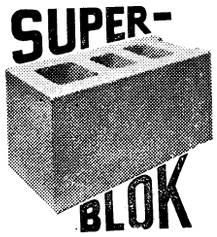

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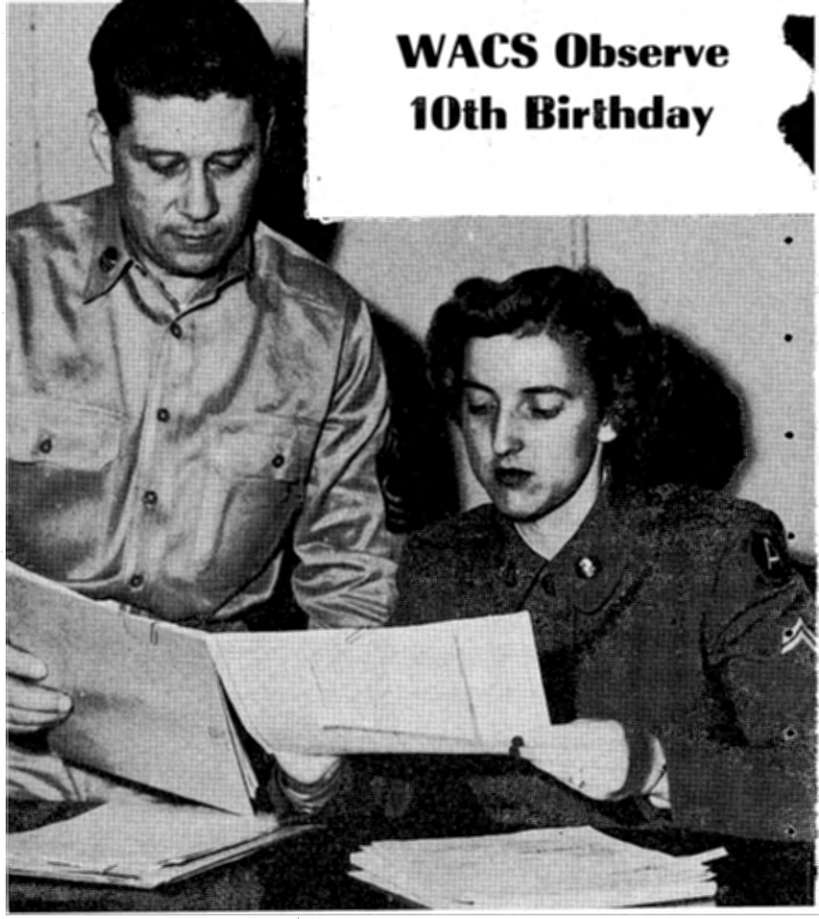


WACS Observe 10th Birthday

WAC CPL. JOHNNIE WINEBERRY AT WORK . . .

BY MAY PIGOTT

Women's Army Corps Has Come A Long Way In Its First Ten Years Of Activity

One of the youngest components of the Armed Forces, the Women's Army Corps celebrated its tenth anniversary on May 14.

In observance of the anniversary, the Benning Women's Army Corps held open house to which the public was invited.

Since the day in February, 1943, when the first group, 150 strong, arrived at Fort Benning, the WACs have set about making themselves a useful part of the Armed Forces here.

One Of First

Fort Benning was one of the first Army posts to have a company of the newly organized auxiliaries. Their coming, settling, and orientating into a strange new way of living was watched with a "tongue-in-cheek attitude" by the military personnel.

The women, with great vim and vigor, settled into the barracks way of life and the duties assigned to them in the various offices on the post. The hard part of their job was convincing the soldiers they could and would perform the duties assigned to them.

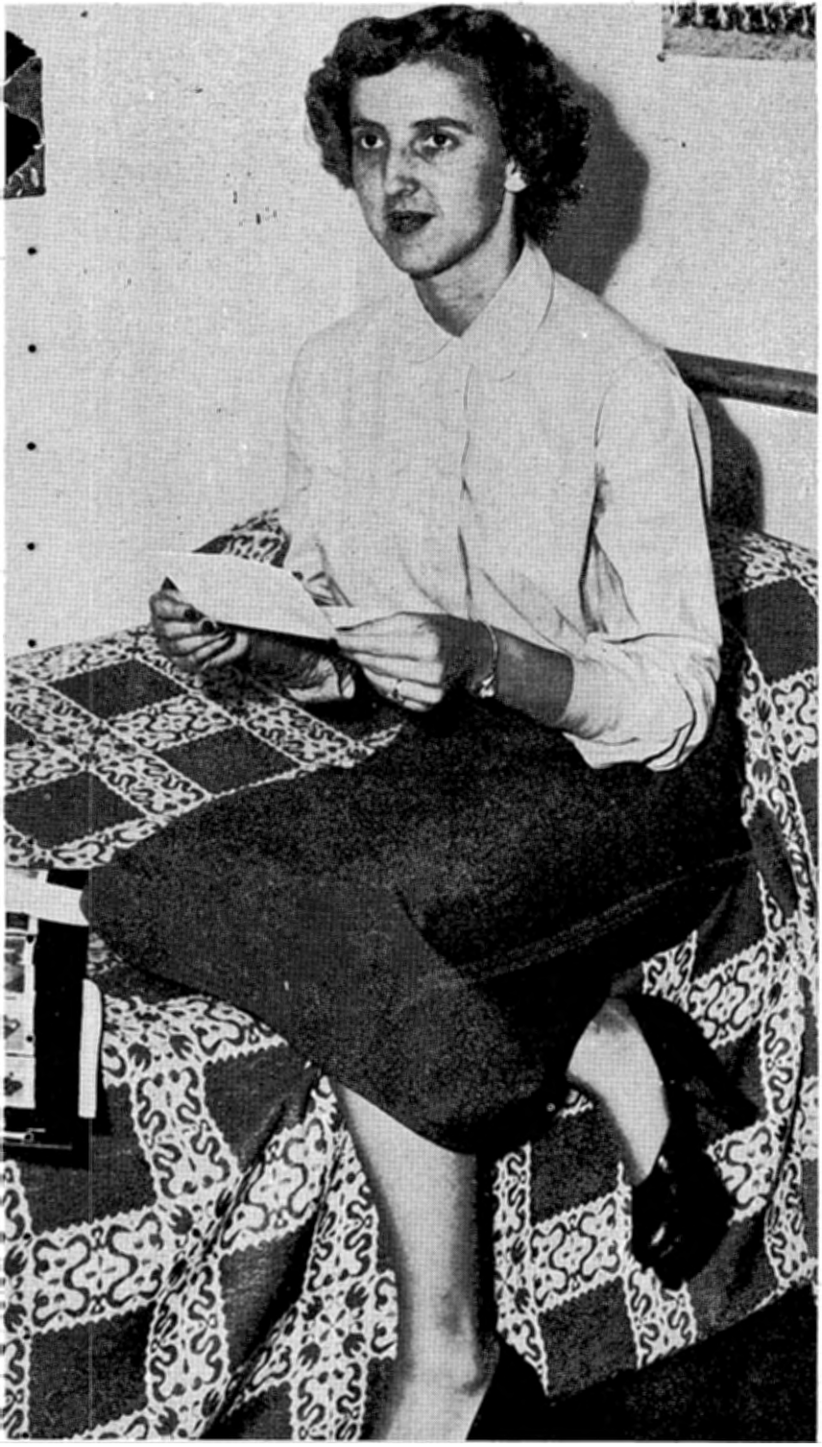
In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill giving the Women's Corps military status, and equal rights and benefits with the men. The name was changed from the WAACs to WACs.

War Years

During the war years, the local detachment was whole heartedly behind the Bond Drives, the scrap drives, blood donor campaigns, the Red Cross and the Community Chest.

Following the war, the Benning WACs settled down to peacetime army status.

Today, the local detachment consists of 100 women. The detachment has a representative in almost every office on the post, and their jobs range from the routine typist duties to the more specialized type of work such as hospital technicians, dental technicians, and photographers.



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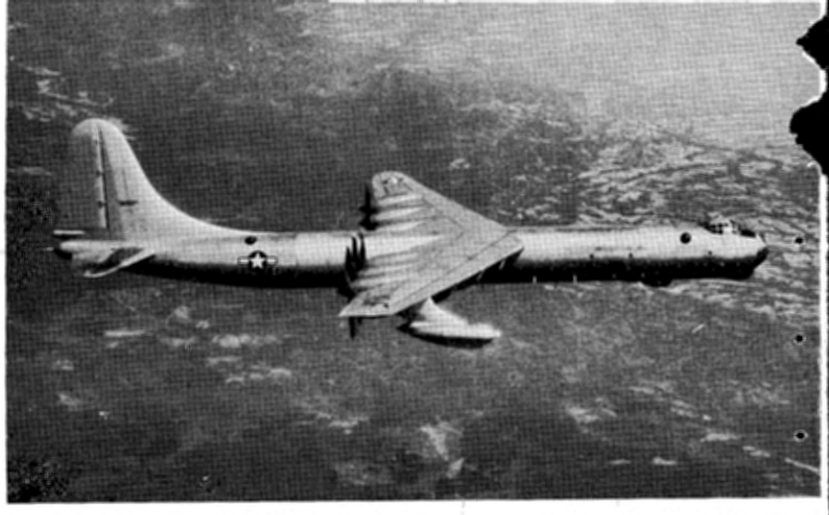

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"...INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER,"

A shining example of near-perfect unification at its best is exhibited between Fort Benning and its Air Force neighbor, Lawson Air Force Base. The two posts, entirely separate in command and function, work smoothly as a team in the fight to build up the defenses of our country.

Lawson, with its 434the Troop Carrier Wing commanded by Brig. Gen. Lacey Murrow, is a vital cog in the wheels of The Infantry Center. One of the primary missions of the Wing is providing direct support of Airborne training conducted by The Infantry School. As the Lawson command book so deftly puts it, "The mission of this wing is to administer, equip, train and prepare for combat units, crews, and individuals in performing the following tasks:

"Offensive missions against the enemy by carrying personnel to and into combat zones; initial supply and re-supply of troops in combat; and air movement of troops and equipment and evacuation of wounded."

Dual Role

In Korea today, troop carrier units are performing the dual role of transporting supplies and equipment to our front-line fighting men and carrying these same fighting men wherever they're needed. When the 1887th Airborne Regimental Combat Team made its two historic behind-the-lines drops into enemy territory, men and planes of troop carrier units performed the mission of getting the troopers there.

When not engaged in carrying paratroopers, troop carrier units are not idle; they carry supplies and equipment, and in Korea even serve as a scheduled airline. One of their jobs in Korea is transporting men to and from Japan for five days of rest and recuperation—an important morale factor that has done much to keep our combat men fresh and alert.

"Here at Lawson," said Col. Troy W. Crawford, 434th wing executive, "we keep busy transporting priority materials in addition to transporting the paratroopers in their jumps."

Colonel Crawford said that in his opinion, the cooperation between Lawson and Fort Benning is excellent, providing a close-knit, smooth-working organization with few, if any flaws.

"At the operational level," he said, "whenever the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team or some other unit has a mass drop scheduled, it just amounts to a couple of phone calls to get the flights set up. We've never had any major friction at all between our people and Benning personnel."

Cooperation Excellent

The 434th was stationed in Indiana before coming to Lawson last January, and while there supported the 11th Airborne Division, about 200 miles away in Kentucky. "We got along fine with them," related Chaplain (Maj.) Chester G. Minton, "but due to the distance involved, never got to know them as well as we know Benning people. It makes things work a little more smoothly having direct personal contacts."

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AIRBORNE DEPARTMENT TURNS OUT 'TROOPERS'

First Parachute Training Here Had Men Clad In Blue Jeans And Tennis Shoes, Dropping On Unprepared Strips As Test Platoon

BY BUNNY BENNETT

Get ready, stand up, hook up, check equipment, sound off, stand in the door, GO!

Paratroopers leap into space, canopies open, and the sky resembles a gigantic mushroom bed as a regiment of jumpers drift earthward with their 'chutes.

Benjamin Franklin's meditations during Revolutionary War days on the possibility of vertical envelopment of the enemy have finally come into being.

Twelve years of experiments and wartime experience has created The Infantry School's Airborne Department from the tiny group of 48 enlisted men and two officers of the original First Test Platoon organized in 1940—volunteers from the 29th Infantry Regiment who jumped on unprepared strips, clad in blue jeans and tennis shoes—a far cry from the well-equipped jumps of today.

Public Demonstrations

The Department celebrated the 12 years' growth and the fourth anniversary of its own founding with a series of public demonstrations on May 15 in the department area.

Approximately 600 civilian and military visitors rode the "buddy seat" at the 250-foot practice Tower in the tower area. They watched a jump master jump and heavy equipment drop at Lawson Air Force Base's Runway No. 2, and looked at displays of aircraft used in airborne maneuvers—all designed to show the growth of Airborne from its blue jeans and tennis shoe days into the efficient, modern, well-equipped outfit it is today.

On hand to compare notes with the "old days" and the modern Airborne Department were three members of the First Test Platoon who are now on duty with the Department. The three pioneer jumpers count 36 years jumping experience among them.

Three Pioneers

CWO Loyd McCullough, assistant parachute maintenance officer, has two hundred jumps to his credit, one of them a combat jump in World War II. Two combat jumps in World War II and two combat jumps in Korea are among the 262 jumps on the record of M-Sgt. William N. King, of the supply section. M-Sgt. Louie D. Davis, chief clerk of the Tower Training Group, has 200 jumps credited to him.

The Airborne Department, headed by Lt. Col. Richard J. Seitz, boasts a staff of 399 enlisted men, 48 officers, and five civilians.

More than 155,565 qualified parachutists have passed through the rough-and-tumble airborne course which stresses survival of the fittest, physical fitness, and an esprit de corps that is hard to equal.

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1,000 a Month

The Airborne Department of today is a well-knit, smooth running organization that turns out 1,000 qualified jumpers each month. In addition to the basic airborne course, the Department also gives the Air Transportability Course and the Pathfinder Course—post graduate work in jumping. Department instructors give 264 hours of lectures on airborne tactics and technique to students in Infantry School classes.

January of 1946 saw the Parachute School become the Airborne School, and glider training was included in its courses. On November 1 of that year, the School was once more redesignated the Airborne Section and made a part of The Infantry School's Academic Department.

The jumping group was renamed again on March 1, 1949, as the Airborne Department, the name and official status it holds today.

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BENNING GIRL SCOUTS

BY MAY PIGOTT

The Fort Benning Unit Helps Girls Build Healthy Bodies, Alert Minds, And A Spirit Of Friendly Cooperation.

EVELYN MARTIN, NANCY BROOKS AND ANN WILLIAMS PRACTICE FIRE BUILDING

Organization with a purpose is another name for the Fort Benning Girl Scouts.

For 19 years the leaders of the Benning Girl Scout troop have taught and impressed on the mind of its members, the aims of the group—healthy bodies, alert minds, and a spirit of friendly cooperation.

Today the program is still designed to better fit them for their jobs as future homemakers of the world. At the same time, the scouts have added another phase to their program and are stressing International Friendship.

By this program they hope to show the future citizens of other countries of the world how a free and democratic world lives, works, and plays.

Mrs. Charles Mudgett, newly appointed District Chairman, said, "Girl Scouting is one of the most important aids toward teaching the girls of today a sense of responsibility, cooperation, and friendly relations. It also teaches them to do things for themselves".

Since the first Girl Scout council was established at Benning in 1933, the scouting movement has grown until it includes 209 Girl Scouts and Brownies.

During the first years of its existence, the troop met in any space available. In 1938, Brig. Gen. Asa L. Singleton, commanding general, presented and dedicated the Girl Scout Little House.

Through the years, the local troop has worked closely with charity work on the post, and following the war, they were constant contributors of clothes to the American Friendship Service Committee in Philadelphia.

Post Beautification

In 1941 the troop was 100 per cent behind the campaign to beautify the post and in cooperation with the Boy Scout troop planted long-leaf pines along the main entrance to Fort Benning.

One of the girl's favorite pastimes is making of decorations for the wards at the hospital to be used at Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Christmas time the scouts go carrolling to the hospital.

One of the most recent projects of the Girl Scouts was known as Church Sunday. The girls were asked to attend the church of their choice. If one or more attended the same church, they were asked to attend in a body. These groups were accompanied by one of the troop leaders or advisors.

Mrs. Mudgett said, "It was an inspiring and wonderful sight to see the groups of young girls attending the services in a body".

Friendliness

The friendliness of the Girl Scouts is a connecting link when the children are transferred from one post to another. The first time a girl goes to a new scout troop meeting she has as many friends as there are members of the troop.

Mrs. Herbert Mansfield, leader in charge of the Brownies, feels strongly on this point and she said, "It is amazing to see the shy little girls come to their first meeting on the post. Before greetings have been exchanged, the newcomer senses she is among friends and from then on all is clear sailing".

A step forward in promoting a better scouting program on the post was made in February. At that time, the Benning Girl Scouts became part of the Cherokee Council in Columbus. Since that time they have been known as Cherokee Council, Fort Benning District No. 1.

By this affiliation with the Columbus Council, the Benning Troop will be able to obtain the services of a part time professional Girl Scout worker. As a result of the service ,a better and more accelerated program can be planned.

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TRAINING AIDS in COLOR

BY SGT. JOE SIMMONS

The Most Ancient Color Process Is Put On A Mass Production Basis Here Before World-Wide Distribution.

Soldiers every day, in all parts of the world, see posters and charts produced in a small shop here by a handful of expert artists and technicians. They work in the silk screen and art department of the Third Army Training Aids section.

This small shop employes 11 civilians and five soldiers. Sfc. William O. Carlisle, shop "straw boss," was supervisor of the shop when it was at Fort Jackson, S. C., and moved to Benning with it in May 1950.

The shop daily produces posters, cartoons, and charts for installations all over the U. S. and for some 25-26 overseas establishments. A simple though sometimes tedious process, the silk scrceen method of reproduction can produce colored posters and charts more cheaply than standard color printing processes, which is one reason the Army utilizes it.

First Step

First step in producing a finished poster is making a sketch of the proposed idea. When the sketch is finished, colors are filled in. Next, a stencil must be cut—one for each color.

The stencils used in the silk screen process consist of a non-permeable material backed by a thin material used to hold the stencil together until it is placed in the slik screen itself.

The design is cut from the top layer, the stencil adhered to the screen, and the backing sheet pulled free. Then the screen is lowered over a sheet of poster board or paper, color poured into the top of the screen, a squeegee pulled across it, and the color goes through the screen and onto the poster.

This process is repeated as many times as there are colors in the finished poster. For instance, a four-color poster has four stencils, and each poster must be run through a screen four times, drying completely between each run.

A long conveyor belt carries each poster under a bank of drying lamps that cuts drying time considerably. Before the conveyor belt and dryer were installed each poster had to be placed on a rack and let stand for hours.

Shop personnel can turn out 1,000 single color posters a day. However, few of the posters they're called upon to produce have only one color. Most call for at least four, and some run as high as nine.

Posters which have more than one color are all but unrecognizable until the final color has been applied.

One At A Time

One of the most important jobs in producing posters by this method is cutting the stencils. Since the colors are applied one at a time, stencils must be cut exactly so there will be no overlapping of colors. To produce a line, no matter how fine, four cuts must be made in a stencil so that a strip can be removed.

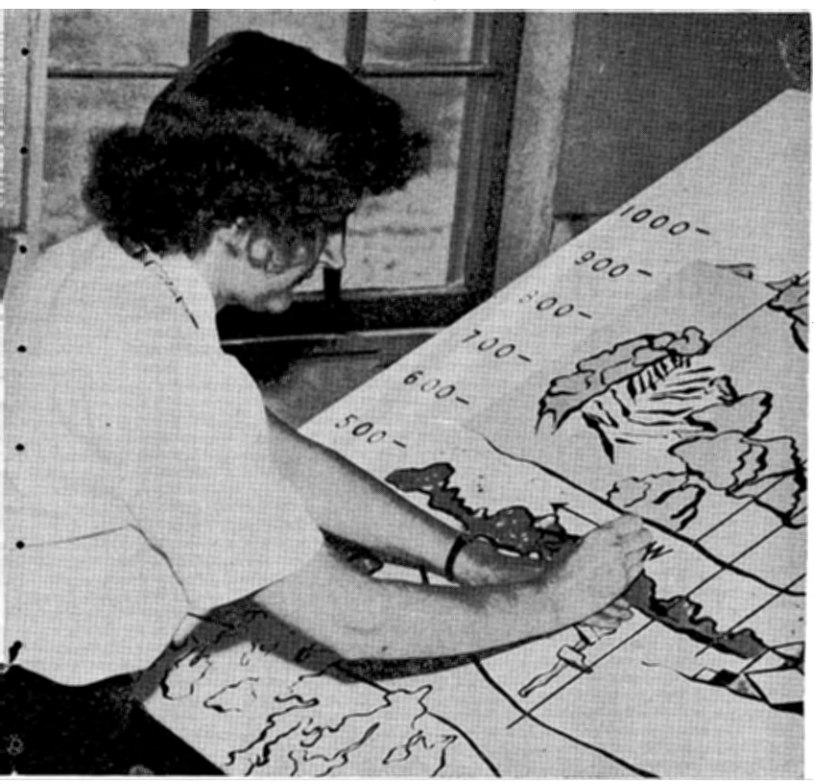
Again, because the colors go on the poster separately, an off-key color can ruin the whole effect of a poster. And once the color is applied, there's no backing up or coloring over. It's there to stay.

Unlike the artist who paints the original poster, the silk screen operator has to be right the first time. The artist can paint over, add, subtract, or do anything else he wishes to the details or the color of his work. Once the poster is finished, exactness is the rule and mistakes are almost non-existant.

If the stencil cutter—usually one of the artist does this vital job—makes a mistake, it can mean starting over with a brand new stencil, discarding one he may have worked on for hours.

The shop here, one of the most completely equipped anywhere in the U. S., has two conveyor belt-dryer systems, and eight silk screen presses. The silk screens in themselves are simple pieces of

LIANA FLEMING CUTS A STENCIL



MARY KEATLEY PAINTS A POSTER

equipment ;a flat table, and a wooden frame hinged on one side with the silk stretched tightly across it.

The history of the silk screen process stretches back thousands of years, and is believed to have been first used by aboriginal natives. The natives took leaves and stripped away the pulp, leaving only the stem and frames in varied designs. The Japanese are credited with making the first successful use of the method and perfecting it. However, it was not until American initiative and know-how was brought to bear on the subject that it became the exact, scientific process it is today.

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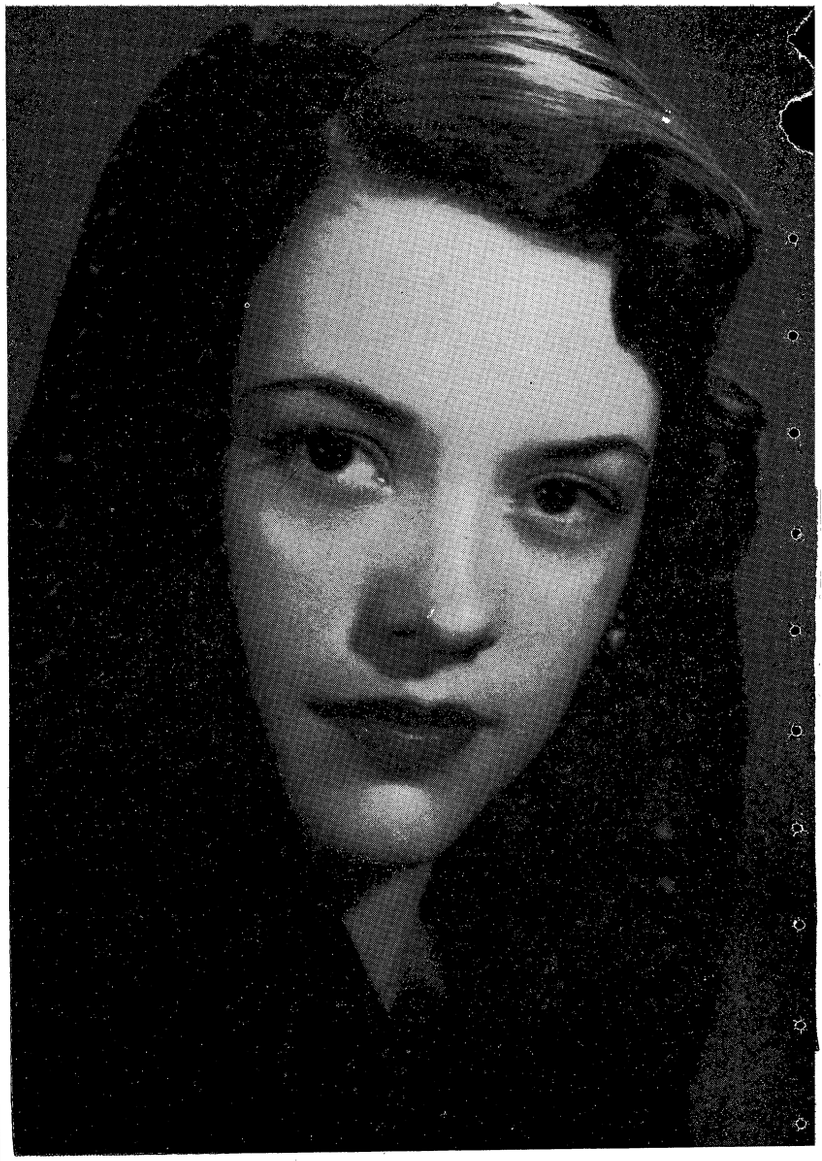

WOMEN

BY MAY PIGOTT

Fort Benning can take its place with any community of its size in talented people that live within its confines. A ballet dancer and model, 21 year old Ruth Webb Porcher, wife of Lt. Arthur Porcher, is one of the most talented.

Brown eyed, brown haired Ruth, a native of Mobile, Ala., has been at Benning since her husband was assigned as an instructor in the Weapons Department about eleven months ago.

Her interest in dancing came from her mother who was a former Ruth St. Dennis dancer. She started her study of the dance at the age of three.

Mrs. Porcher grinned and said, "I made my professional debut when I was a year old. I gave an unusual portrayal of the New Year babe in one of my mother's programs".

Beginning her professional career, Ruth enrolled at Javob's Pillow, Shawn University of the Dance, after her graduation from high school in 1948. Her teachers were the leading dancers of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. While a student, she played the lead in "Minuet For Drums", a Shawn ballet.

Finishing the course there, she registered at the American School of Ballet, and danced with the New York City Ballet company.

While she was a student at the Ballet school she became interested in modern dancing and took a course of study under Martha

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THE NAVY STANDS READY—

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Administration of the naval reserve program, except aviation, is decentralized. The commandant of each Naval district is the local head of the reserve and is responsible for the reserve program within the district. The air program, however, is administered on a functional basis transcending district boundaries by the Chief of Naval Air Station, Glenview, Ill.

From Glenview the 27 Air Reserve Training units are administered in accordance with the same principle of integration.

The organized reserve is composed of officers and enlisted personnel who are required to perform regularly scheduled training drills and two weeks' training duty each year.

Basic Unit

The Organized Surface program was reactivated in 1946 in a radically different form from the prewar reserve. Formerly, the basic training unit was a balanced ship's company of 60 men organized to bring up to complement a small combatant ship, generally a destroyer. On mobilization for World War II, it was found not feasible to order reserve divisions to active duty as a unit to man a particular ship. The present surface divisions consist of 200 enlisted men, in four to eight rating groups, and 15 officers.

The primary mission of the surface division is the training of enlisted personnel in specialists ratings. Members of the organized surface divisions will, in effect, provide a pool of trained ratings available for mobilization rather than operational units. The 107 organized surface divisions meet at 316 naval reserve training centers located in major cities throughout the continental United States and Honolulu, T. H. These training centers resemble a vocational school equipped with ships, classroom, mock-ups, cutaway models, and other training equipment used in instructing. Attack teachers, CIC installations, and like synthetic training devices are installed.

TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI—

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During the present economy program employed by the Armed Forces, Marines as well as other servicemen have attended service schools at Fort Benning and Camp Gordon. With unification, many schools within each service have been abolished in an effort to prevent duplication.

The exchange program eliminates the necessity of each service providing, for example a cooks and bakers course. Top level planning has allotted services' schools with the Marine Corps holding a place of prominence in the development of amphibious tactics. It is not unusual at the present time to enter one of these classrooms and find not only all branches of our armed forces represented but also those of our allies.

Reserve District

Atlanta is also the home of the Sixth Marine Corps Reserve District. Although a separate command from the regular establishment in Georgia, they are represented by air and ground units in Atlanta, Rome, Augusta, and Savannah.

All of these units played an important part in the formation of the First Marine Division in Korea. Approximately 44 per cent of the division was members of the Marine Corps Reserve.

Savannah's "D" Company, 10th Infantry Battalion, activated in September 1950, was with the vanguard of the 1st Division at Seoul.

Marine Air Reservists from the Atlanta Naval Air Station may well be remembered for their participation in the helicopter air lift of a battalion of battle-equipped Marines to the fighting front in six hours.

A trio of Georgians' responsible for the success of the operation was Lt. Col. George W. Herring, commanding officer, Rockmart; Major William P. Mitchell, executive officer, Macon; and James R. Dyer, Atlanta, operations officer.

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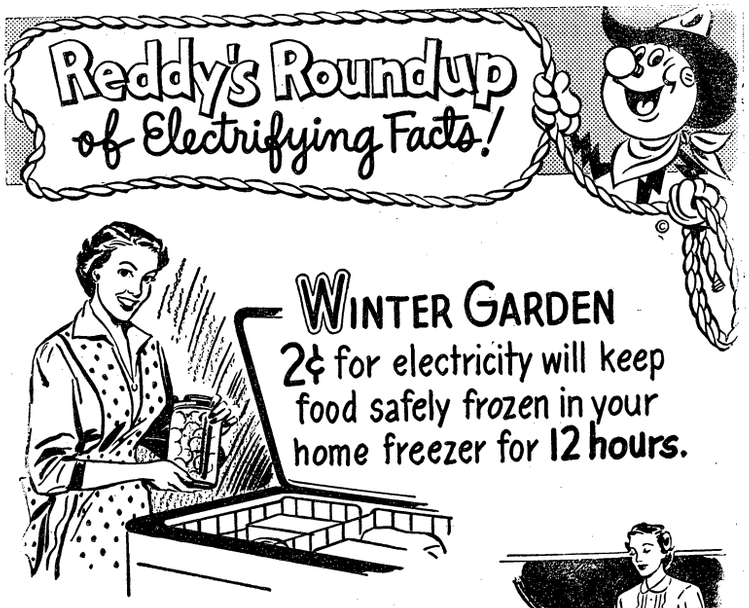

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ENTERTAINMENT

BY SGT. TIM WARREN

Two name bands will make their appearance at Fort Benning during May and June as a result of bookings made by Special Services, The Infantry Center.

Art Mooney and his orchestra will appear at the main post theater on May 22 from 7:00 to 8:00 p. m. Admission is set at 40 cents. On June 25 Buddy Rich and his aggregation will play at the man post theater from 7 to 8. Admission will be the same as for Art Mooney.

In the line of variety Ernest Tubb and his Grand Ol' Oprey will return to the post on June 2. They appeared here last Jan. 29. Admission for the one hour show beginning at 7:00 will be 75 cents.

One of the more up and coming musical outfits on the post these days is the Starlighters. Currently playing at the Lawson Air Force Base Officers Club and looking for bookings, the band features Al Palmero on the accordion.

In addition to Al, there is Walt Berry on the drums, Curtis Austin, piano, Dick Fisher on the base and xylophone and Lou Geisler, vocalist.

The Soldier Show section of Special Services will present an hour and 15 minute, three act musical variety show at the Main Post Theater on May 17—Armed Forces Day, and also on the 18th.

Additional performances will be given at the various theaters on post at regular intervals thereafter.

There will be no admission for any of the performances and the main post theater showings will begin at 6:45. The acts have partially been listed as tap dancing, hillbilly and vocals.

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BENNING WOODLANDS CRAWL with 'CRITTERS'

BY SFC. PAT MURPHY

Cnemidophorous Sixlineatus, Eunmeces Agregius, And Crotalus Horridus Atricaudatus—And Their Families

Fort Benning's woodlands are crawling with Cnemidophorous sixlineatus, Eunmeces egregius and Crotalus horridus atricaudatus.

And all of them have families, too.

Yet, there's nothing really alarming about these slithering hordes of animal life.

The names above are simply zoological monnickers for ordinary lizards and snakes.

These names, however, mean a lifetime of study for Infantry Center ammunition supply officer Capt. Joseph A. Pollack of Millerton, N. Y.

Captain Pollack is an amateur (and here's a couple more names to stumble on) herpetologist and ichthyologist, expert on reptiles and fish.

Surveys Community

Since Pollack arrived here in 1949, he has been surveying The Infantry Center's lizard and snake community, and he has reported that more of the wriggling animals live on each acre here than any other area he's surveyed in six years.

Right now, Captain Pollack is researcher on a monumental academic project to determine the varied habits of snakes and lizards.

Dr. William J. Hamilton, Jr., professor of zoology at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., contracted Captain Pollack in 1947 to assist in a nation-wide survey which, when completed, will outline all living, breeding and eating habits of most United States lizards and snakes.

Captain Pollack and Dr. Hamilton are coordinating their survey mostly through letters. Pollack does the field work—he catches live and dead specimen, anlyzes the animals and sends them to Hamilton in buckets—and Dr. Hamilton compiles extensive technical data at Cornell laboratories.

Net goal for the survey is a series of technical articles to be written for the American Society of Herpetologists and Ichthyologists.

Pollack is in a natural position to survey snake-and-lizard life. His workaday chores are executed nearly ten miles into Fort Benning woods far from heavily-populated areas.

In and around the ammunition stores, which are located in a 90-acre area, Pollack has found and studied for the survey more than 875 snakes and 1,200 lizards. He discovered hundreds of other reptiles, but discarded them because of their commonness.

The reptile community scooting around this single area, Captain Pollack said, includes about 48 species of snakes and lizards.

"In other words," Pollack said, "Fort Benning is practically a laboratory for studying snakes and lizards."

In the course of three years here, Pollack has caught everything ranging from a five-foot Canebreak rattler to a three-inch red-tailed skink.

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RELIGION

BY SGT. TIM WARREN

Providing religious activities for more than 38,000 military personnel of almost every conceivable faith is a 24-hour a day job for the 14 Army chaplains assigned here.

They operate 18 chapels where 45 services for all religious faiths are conducted each Sunday. Three Sunday School classes boast a total attendance in excess of 400.

In addition the 14 chaplains daily handle approximately 50 letters from people requesting almost every imaginable type of assistance. They also give invocations and benedictions at all Infantry School graduations, speak at troop information and education sessions and outside gatherings and attend meetings of community and national welfare and charitable organizations.

The 14 chaplains at Fort Benning include 11 Protestant and three Catholic. A replacement is due soon to fill the vacancy left by 1st Lt. David Raab, former Infantry Center Jewish chaplain, who has gone overseas.

The Infantry Center chaplains Section is headed by Col. Lexington O. Sheffield of Dover, Fla., who reported here April 20.

Chaplain Sheffield was director of the Extension Department at the Chaplain's School, Fort Slocum, N. Y., before coming to The Infantry Center. He is Protestant.

Preference

Religious preference at Fort Benning include approximately 28,500 Protestants, 7,500 Catholics and 400 Jews. A survey is now being conducted to determine the number of Latter-Day Saints stationed here.

Protestant worshippers have a choice of 20 Sunday services, three Wednesday evening services and three Sunday schools.

Catholic Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stephen Kane and his two assistants provide post Catholics with 16 Sunday services in eight chapels in addition to three week-day masses.

Chaplain Kane points out that the administration of the Sacrament of Pennance engages a considerable share of the religious program and that the large number of personnel receiving Holy Communion at Sunday masses is regarded as the spiritual barometer of Catholic practice on the post.

Religious instruction for children is conducted on Tuesdays and Fridays by three Sisters from Columbus. Infant baptisms average four each Sunday.

Average attendance for the six Sunday masses at the Main Post Chapel is 1,500.

Religious Center

Unofficial center of the post's religious activities is The Infantry Center Chapel. Recognized by many as the most beautiful military chapel in the world, it has gained further recognition as Believe It Or Not Robert Ripley's Church Of Three Faiths.

Designed originally for use by the three major faiths, The Infantry Center Chapel evoked such interest that when opened for worship Mr. Ripley used it as the subject for one of his regular features. At that time, it was the only building in the world intended for the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religions.

Patterned after early colonial churches in the Georgia style architecture, the chapel is still used on occasion by Catholics and Jews, but primarily is the seat of Protestant worship on the Main Post.

Adding to the simple dignity of the chapel is a set of carrillions valued at $35,000 and donated to Fort Benning by Harvey Firestone, Jr.

There are from 10 to 15 weddings a month performed in the chapel on an average, and military funerals and baptisms average three a month.

WOMEN—

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Graham. During her study, she gave three modern dance concerts.

Stage Ambition

When she went to New York to study dancing she had hoped to be in a stage show during her years there. As a result of her study at the Graham school, she tried out for and won a role as featured dancer in "Inside U. S. A."

"Alive and Kicking" was a new show opening on Broadway and Ruth wanted very much to dance in it because Jack Cole was doing the choreography for the show. She tried out for a role. Her contract was bought by the new show and she went into rehersals.

Not content with her shows and studying, she wanted something to fill her morning hours. She registered with the Huntington Hartford Modeling and started her second career of modeling.

In the modeling line she confined herself to photographic modeling and television.

When the talented youngster had finished the two shows, she devoted her time to TV. Just as she was getting started in this line of entertaining, she went home for a vacation.

And that, she claims, was the end of her career. While she was enjoying herself in Mobile, Lt. Arthur Porcher returned from Korea and in a short time Ruth Webb was Ruth Porcher.

Mrs. Porcher said, "I had known for some time that we would be married when he came back from overseas, and we didn't see any sense of waiting longer". As for giving up my career—well, I had rather be Mrs. Porcher".

She feels that a career at the most is fleeting, and when it is over, there's nothing left but memories. Her four years in New York were more or less getting the idea of a career out of her system before she settled down as a housewife.

"I would like very much to start some sort of dancing classes here if I could get a suitable place," she said, "I have done very little ballet but practice since I've been here."

The Porchers live in Custer Terrace.

BENNING WOODLANDS—

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Reptile Records

When a reptile is caught, Pollack kills it and records a complete record of length, weight, coloration and where the animal was found.

"There have been a number of surveys made on these reptiles, but nothing thorough, complete. Dr. Hamilton and I are trying to assemble what'll be, perhaps, the most complete record ever made of these species," Captain Pollack said.

Dr. Hamilton and Pollack began their mammoth project in 1947 when the latter was stationed at Wingate Ordnance depot in New Mexico. The next year Pollack was assigned to Black Hills Ordnance depot in South Dakota, and in 1949 went to an Ordnance depot at Charleston, S. C. Throughout these assignments, Capt. Pollack searched for reptile species for study.

Any number of strange findings have resulted from the lengthy search for information.

One rattlesnake, found dead and later disected for study, was found to have eaten a red-headed woodpecker, which usually nests high in trees.

Captain Pollack's most unusual discovery was the United States' only breed of limbless lizard which he found in a Phenix City, Ala., backyard.

And, on the Fort Benning reservation, Captain Pollack has found only four species of poisonous snakes: water moccasin, pygmy and Canebreak rattlers and copperhead.

"I've heard a lot of people here say they've seen at least a dozen types of poisonous snakes on the post, but I've only found these four in three years," Captain Pollack said.

"I guess we could say Fort Benning's snakes are pretty friendly fellows."

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Maj. Emmett M. Logan, chief of the Motor Pool, said, "We estimate that the vehicles average close to 900 miles a month. Since they are in constant use, it has been difficult to keep a check for small defects, however, we now have a new system."

The new method of checking the vehicles that has been set up is known as the "after operation check line", and is based on production line ideas.

Eight Stations

A total of eight stations has been set up. All personnel using motor pool vehicles must come through the check line prior to putting their vehicle on the ready line at the end of the day.

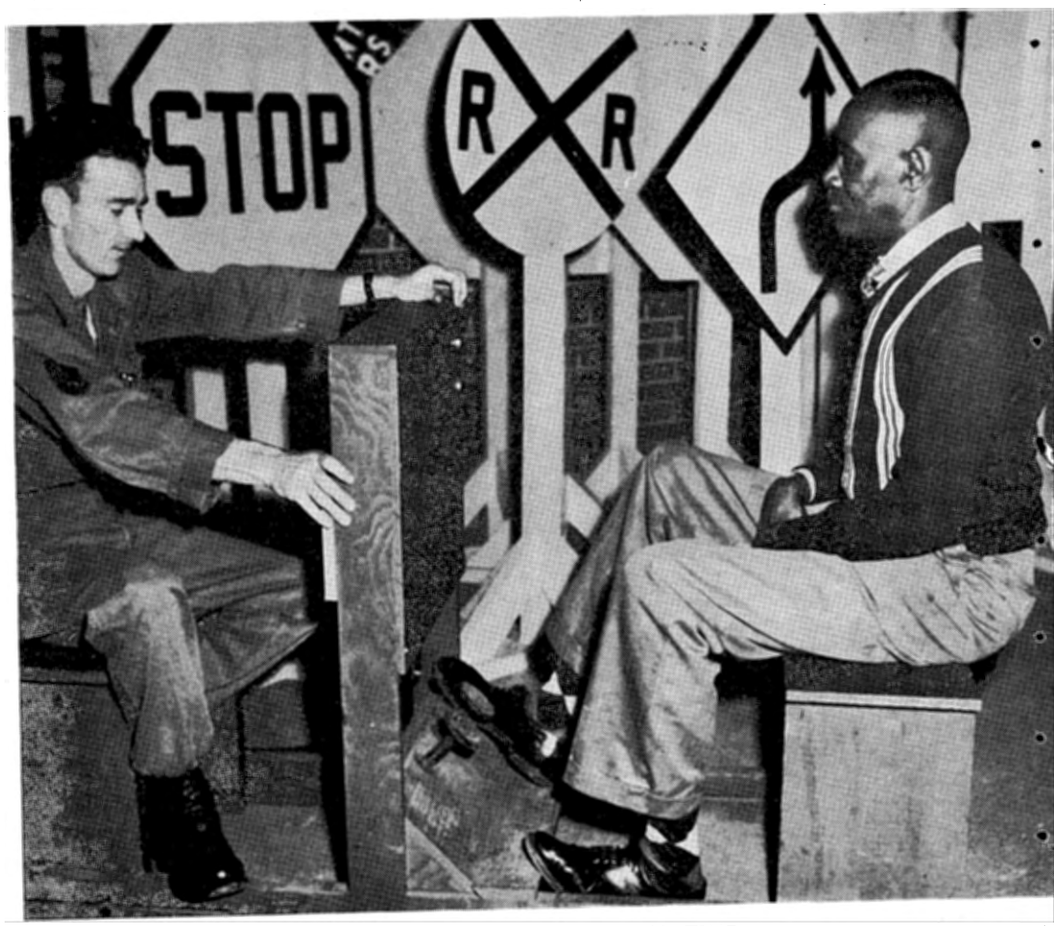
The stations check the vehicles for first echelon maintenance deficiencies and note these on a form provided at Station No. 1. If deficiencies are noted, the vehicle is sent to the shop and corrective maintenance is performed on it before midnight. This maintenance enables the Motor Pool to keep a maximum number of vehicles ready for dispatching the following day.

Cost Conscious

Major Logan explained, "The after operation check line is a big help in the cost consciousness program. By catching minor faults that eventually cause a complete breakdown, we can save money in repairs and parts, and prolong the life of the vehicle."

Along the preventive maintenance lines are the files kept in the filing section. Each vehicle has a complete case history, and second echelon maintenance checks are scheduled before the vehicle requires repairs.

AFTER-OPERATION CHECK POINTS FIND FAULTS



SIMULATED VEHICLE TESTS REACTION TIME

FORMER DRIVER TELLS OF MacARTHUR

Warrant Officer Tells Inside
Tales Of His Assignment As Driver
For One Of Top Men Of Our Time

BY LT. JIM MINTER

Warrant Officer Otis Edwards of Columbus, Ga., is one man who refuses to go along with the school of thought that brands Gen. Douglas MacArthur as the aloof, sometimes overbearing individual many of his critics claim he is.

"I think General MacArthur is one of the fairest and most human men I have ever known," insists the Fort Benning officer. "He seems to have a deep personal interest in every man who serves under him."

Edwards bases this opinion of the famous general on two years contact with him while serving as his personal driver in Tokyo. Those two years he considers the highlight of better than 20 years of Army service.

A master sergeant in 1946, Edwards was ready to retire when he got the chance to go to Japan as the general's driver and to take command of 10 other Army drivers charged with the responsibility of transporting visiting VIP's when they called on the American commander.

Old Friend

Col. Herbert Wheeler, senior aide to MacArthur and an old friend of Warrant Officer Edwards, recommended the Fort Benning sergeant to MacArthur for the job. Edwards withdrew his retirement papers and left for Tokyo.

During the next two years he got to know his famous commander pretty well. He wishes MacArthur's critics could have had the same experience.

Edwards had the chance to observe him as he supervised the occupation—and saw him in more relaxed moments as he played with his son Arthur.

Edwards well remembers the icy afternoon in Tokyo when he was certain he had lost his job.

During the first months of American occupation Tokyo wasn't bothered by snowstorms, so the general's car was not equipped with chains. Then one wintry afternoon as Edwards waited in front of the Dai Ichi building to drive MacArthur back to his home in the American Embassy, the skies began to darken and soon snow flurrys covered the streets.

Icy Streets

Edwards knew he'd never make the return trip through the icy streets, and of course he had no snow plow to call to the rescue. So he called for a two-ton truck to go ahead and cut a route back to the Embassy.

He nursed the general's car along in the path of the giant Army vehicle and all went well until they rounded a corner and saw a street blocked with stalled Japanese vehicles.

He had to change routes, and halfway up a hill on the new course, the Cadillac stalled. They were still a long city block from the Embassy.

"I'm sorry General," said a more than slightly nervous Edwards, "we can't make it—you'll have to walk the rest of the way." The general wasn't convinced and insisted that his driver try again to make the top.

Edwards was firm. He knew the heavy automobile would never climb the icy incline so he insisted that Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of American occupation forces, get out in the snow and walk. The general did.

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SPORTS

BY CPL. CHARLES JOHNSON

Benning and baseball go together like hog jowl and hominy. The annual diamond doings always command a large share of the interest in The Infantry Center sports calendar.

There are a halfdozen good fields scattered around the post, but the official action takes place at Gowdy Field, a streamlined plant well lighted by minor league standards and seating 3,500 fans.

It's named after Hank Gowdy, the colorful New York Giants' catcher of old who served here in World War II.

Some genuine diamond notables have performed on its soft green covering including Jackie Robinson, Ewell Blackwell, Larry Doby, Bob Ramizotti, Clem Labine and Billy Johnson, who were stationed here at one time or another, and the likes of Gil Hodges, Sid Gordon, Whitey Ford, Gene Woodling, Cal Abrams, Chuck Stobbs and Ralph Houck who have been seen in barnstorming action.

Less famed, but no less mighty in their own orbit have trampled the Gowdy green, too. Benning teams have always been prominent in service competition and the last three post teams won Third Army pennants from 1948 through 1950.

The 1950 squad included Bob Kinard, Terry Scott, Joe Smith, Bill Brooks, Jim Shirley and Paul Bonair who right now are battling for another championship.

There have been no Doughboy nines, since, but the 1948 squad stock up laurels aplenty as they went on to win the Georgia, Alabama and southeastern semi-pro titles which sent them to the nationals in Wichita, Kans., where they reached the quarterfinals before losing to the ultimate winners.

Special Services figured out a way to utilize most of the diamond talent on post this year in conducting an intramural league with teams representing the seven major units stationed here. Few towns and hamlets in the lower minor leagues could match the top two or three Benning League entries, but to have seven such squads in action provides a rare treat for the post's rabid diamond rooters.

MAJOR HARRY GOWDY

The squads competing for the current pennant are ASU Provisional Group, First Student Regiment, Combat Training Command, Second Student Regiment, Provisional Medical Group, Infantry School Detachment and Lawson Air Force Base.

Former minor league players abound, too many, in fact, to detail here. However, Bobby Dews, of ASU's Raiders, strikes me as typical, or a composite of many of them.

Although only 36 now, Dews had just wound up 17 years of playing in 1949 and was planning on a managerial career when recalled to active duty. In that time he ran the full gamut from class D to triple-A and missed his chance at the majors when he got a draft call before he could report to the Brooklyn Dodgers for spring training in 1945.

Bobby was first string catcher for Kansas City when Yogi Berra was sweating it out on the Blues' bench as the reserve backstop. That was before Bill Dickey explained to the hulking St. Louis youth how to keep from getting killed behind the plate.

Dews owns a .310 lifetime batting average, a fact which is evident in his slugging for ASU this summer. It is not uncommon to see him catch the full nine innings without bothering to don a chest protector.

"You just can't beat baseball," he says. "The game has a hold on the American people like no other sport. It's fundamentally honest and brings out everything good in a man. It requires him to use speed, courage, cunning, physical condition, vision, strength, instant thinking and accuracy—which is just about what a man needs to make a success of anything he does in life."

In short, it's like I was saying. Baseball and Benning go together like —.

FORMER DRIVER—

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But you can be sure that the next time snow fell in Tokyo, Edwards made certain that any automobile with five stars on the front bumper was equipped with chains.

"That's the kind of thing that makes you fond of the general," muses Edwards. "Why I remember one time when he hitched a ride home rather than embarrass a green driver. This was a day when one of my new boys was driving the general for the first time. The car had a hydramatic gear shift and unless the car was in neutral, it wouldn't start. The excited rookie left the car in gear and when the general climbed in he couldn't budge it.

The Car's Brake

"I'm sorry sir," he gasped, "the car's broke." MacArthur, who without a doubt, knew exactly what the trouble was, told the flustered GI to forget it and he'd get a ride home with Gen. Whitney.

MacArthur's former driver recalls that the general always wanted to comply with traffic regulations as nearly as possible and consistently refused motorcycle escorts. He frowned on screaming sirens that often herald the approach of an important personality.

"He didn't want the Japanese to think he was afraid of them," Edwards explains. "He felt that if they did his efforts as occupation commander would be ruined."

No Special Favors

Both Gen. and Mrs. MacArthur were vitally interested in people around them, although he would never grant special favors to his staff. He would quickly refuse to rush a staff member's family over from the States even though he always thought to ask an enlisted man about his wife and children.

"He was never too tired or too busy to say hello and goodbye," says Edwards. "But he wasn't a great talker—he seemed always to be thinking. Still, when he had time he would talk about the American League pennant race, or which university had a good football team. He really kept up with things back home."

Mrs. Edwards had been in Japan less than three weeks when Mrs. MacArthur asked her to the Embassy for tea. All enlisted men's wives on the general's staff received this courtesy.

Mrs. MacArthur

Mrs. MacArthur shared her husband's unusual interest in the men of his command. "Our mess hall in the Embassy was near the general's," explains Edwards. "Mrs. MacArthur would come in and see to it that we were getting good food and often helped decorate the place for us.

"Once when I was driving her to a Navy Day ceremony, she stopped at a Yokohama hotel for refreshments and insisted that I go in and have a Coke with her. She was that way with all her drivers. They were never left to sit waiting in the car for long hours.

"She always went to church and she'd try to choose a driver who really wanted to go to church rather than take someone along who didn't care for the trip."

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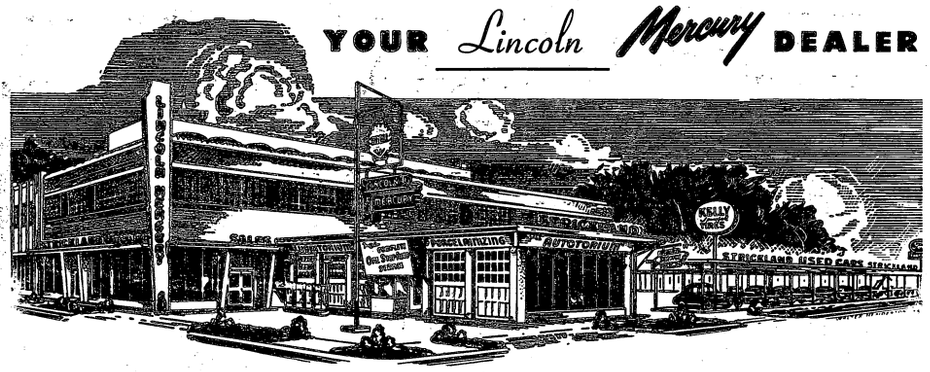

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On This Month's Cover:

Major General Robert N. Young, who recently assumed command of The Infantry Center, is featured on this month's cover of the Herald. General Young has served two previous tours of duty at Fort Benning in the 1930s, first as a student of The Infantry School in September, 1932, and later as an instructor in 1934. His last assignment before coming to Fort Benning was as commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division. General Young is a graduate of the University of Maryland, class of '22. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in 1922 and received his Regular Army commission in 1923.

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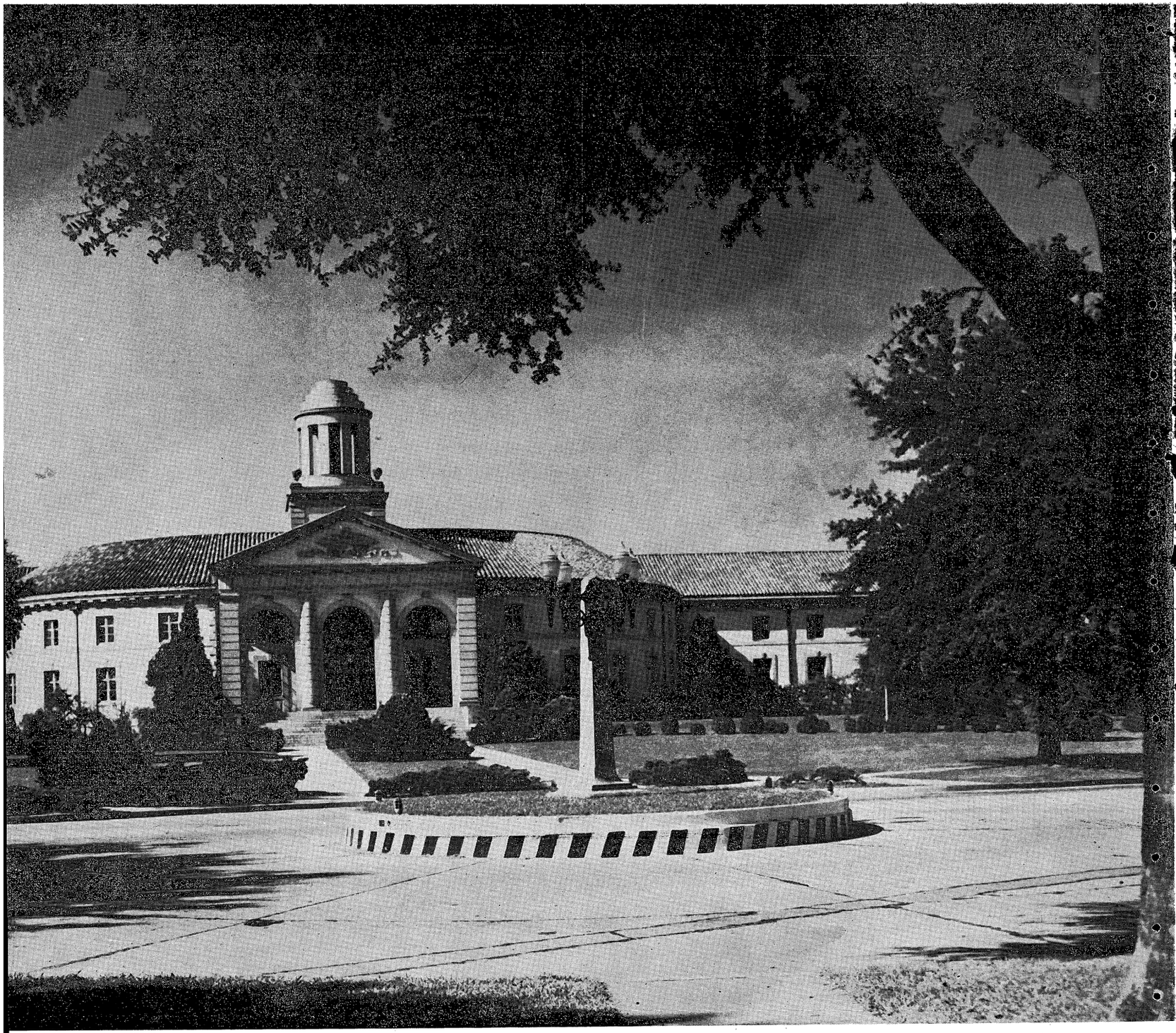

THE INFANTRY SCHOOL

The Infantry School Is The Alma Mater To Millions Of American Soldiers The World Over. June 14, The Army Celebrated Its 177th Birthday And The Infantry, Like At First, Is Still The Backbone Of Any Army. Infantrymen Have Always Carried The Fight To The Enemy And Fort Benning Sees To It They Do It In The Most Efficient Way Possible.

BY 1ST LIEUTENANT JOSEPH V. WINDSOR

The Infantry School is the alma mater of millions.

This university will have the largest enrollment of any school in the world this year. Its alumni already number over a million. Its campus covers 182,000 acres spilling over into Alabama.

Although not listed among the recognized colleges and universities, The Infantry School, 34 years old, lists among its graduates many of the world's foremost military leaders, distinguished for their application of subjects learned at Fort Benning. Among the School's alumni are Generals George C. Marshall, Omar N. Bradley, Mark W. Clark, Matthew B. Ridgeway, James A. Van Fleet, Walton H. Walker, William F. Dean and scores of others.

Except that the all-male student body is composed only of military personnel studying military subjects, The Infantry School easily could be compared to any other major university.

Its campus, faculty, president, dean, placement bureau, requirements for entrance, organization, history and other aspects closely parallel those of state universities.

But where at civilian institutions instructors are called professors, they go under the title of sergeant, lieutenant, captain, major and colonel at The Infantry School.

While The Infantry School has been in its present location for just over three decades, its roots go back to 1826 when an Infantry School of Instruction was founded at Jefferson Barracks, near St. Louis, Mo., to "improve the efficiency of the Infantry."

Indian uprisings caused troops to be pulled away from Jefferson Barracks and after two years of operation the school was disbanded.

When automatic weapons were becoming common in the U. S. Army in 1907, another attempt was made to give the Infantry a school of its own. This was done by Lt. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, father of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. The elder MacArthur, commander of the Pacific Division of the Army, established the School of Musketry at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

Ahead of his time, General MacArthur believed not only that the Infantryman should know his weapons, but also how to use them under all conditions. The curriculum included marksmanship, studies of all infantry weapons, ballistics and their relations to tactics, fire control, supply of ammunition in battle and a limited study of small arms of foreign nations.

A cable on Oct. 21, 1917, from General John J. Pershing in France may have swung the balance in favor of a permanent Infantry school. In this dispatch he said:

"Recommend that instruction . . . be conducted with a view of developing the soldiers physically and in knowledge of sanitation, inculcating high standards of discipline, producing superior marksmanship both on the range and in field firing exercises in large bodies. Close adherence is urged to the central idea that the essential principles of war have not changed, that the rifle and the bayonet are still the supreme weapons of the Infantry soldier, and that the ultimate success of the Army

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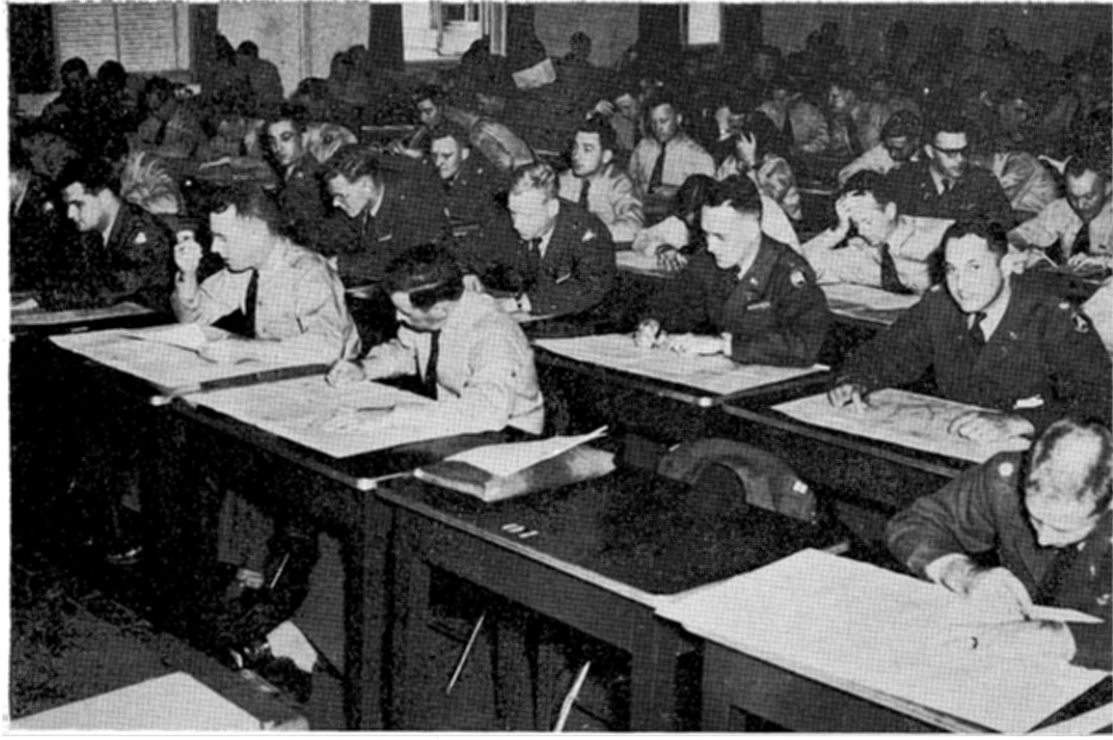

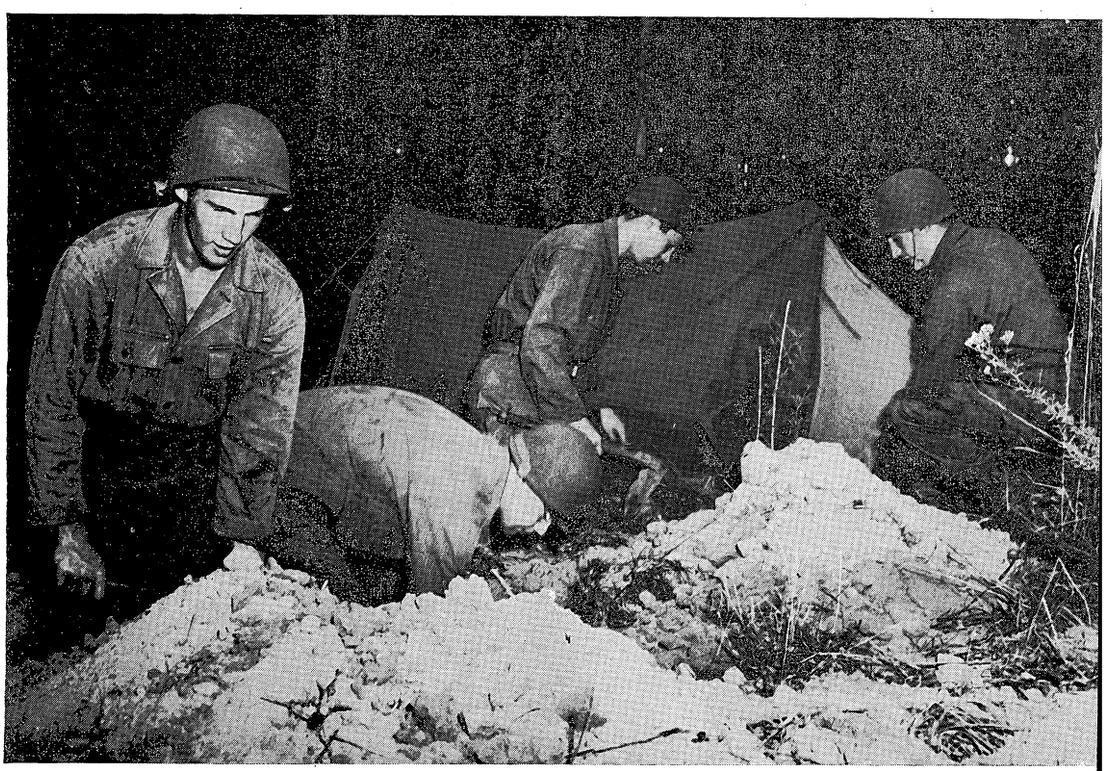

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Near Columbus

On Sept. 12, 1918, the decision was made to locate the camp three miles east of Columbus; officials came down from Washington to get things under way. They had their site in mind but they did not know what they were going to build or exactly where to put it. On Sept. 20 the construction division in Washington was notified that the nucleus of a staff for what was to become The Infantry School was leaving Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in about 12 days.

This was short notice for Maj. J. Paul Jones, construction quartermaster for the project. Jones was in Washington when notified that troops were enroute to Columbus and, although no money had been allotted and the project had not formally been approved by the Secretary of War, shelter and facilities were mandatory for the troops.

Caring for a number of troops without proper authority to spend money was a matter of considerable concern as it was estimated that it would take $100,000 to build the mess halls, tent frames, latrines and other needed installations for the expected 1,200 men. However, a civilian construction company offered to undertake this task and wait for payment until proper authorization had been obtained. The offer was accepted and Major Jones left Washington on the 21st, wiring helter-skelter to Atlanta plumbing and electric contractors and Columbus lumber dealers to meet him immediately. When he arrived in Atlanta on the 23rd he didn't know whether the pipe was the right size or the materials suitable. He just needed everything he could lay hands on.

After persuading the local dealers to lower their prices on a million feet of lumber, Colonel Eames and Major Jones gave the green light for construction to begin.

Shortages

Labor and materials were short but the civilians pitched in, loaned trucks, and on the first Sunday alone moved 400,000 feet of lumber to the camp site. On Monday 600 men reported for work and the job was as far advanced by then as if it had been organized 30 or 40 days. It took seven days to build the first Camp Benning. On Oct. 4 the first detachments arrived and were quartered easily in the new area.

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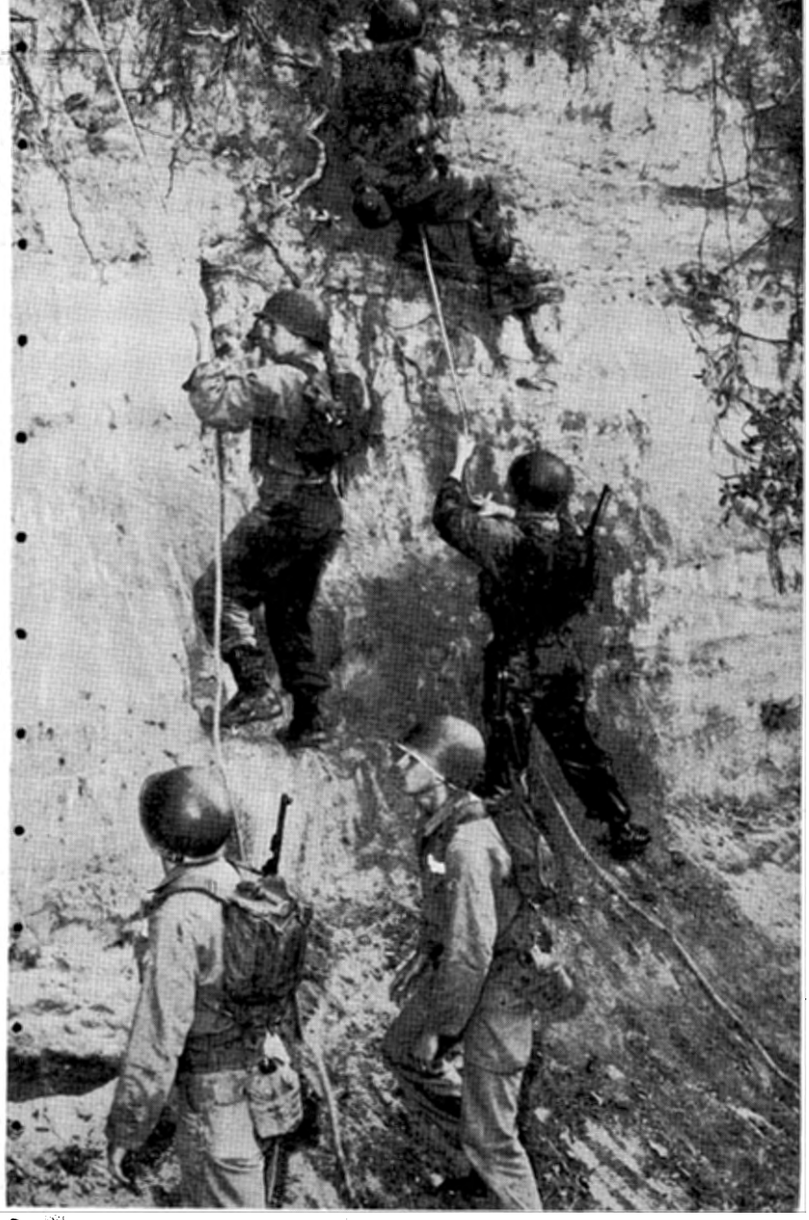

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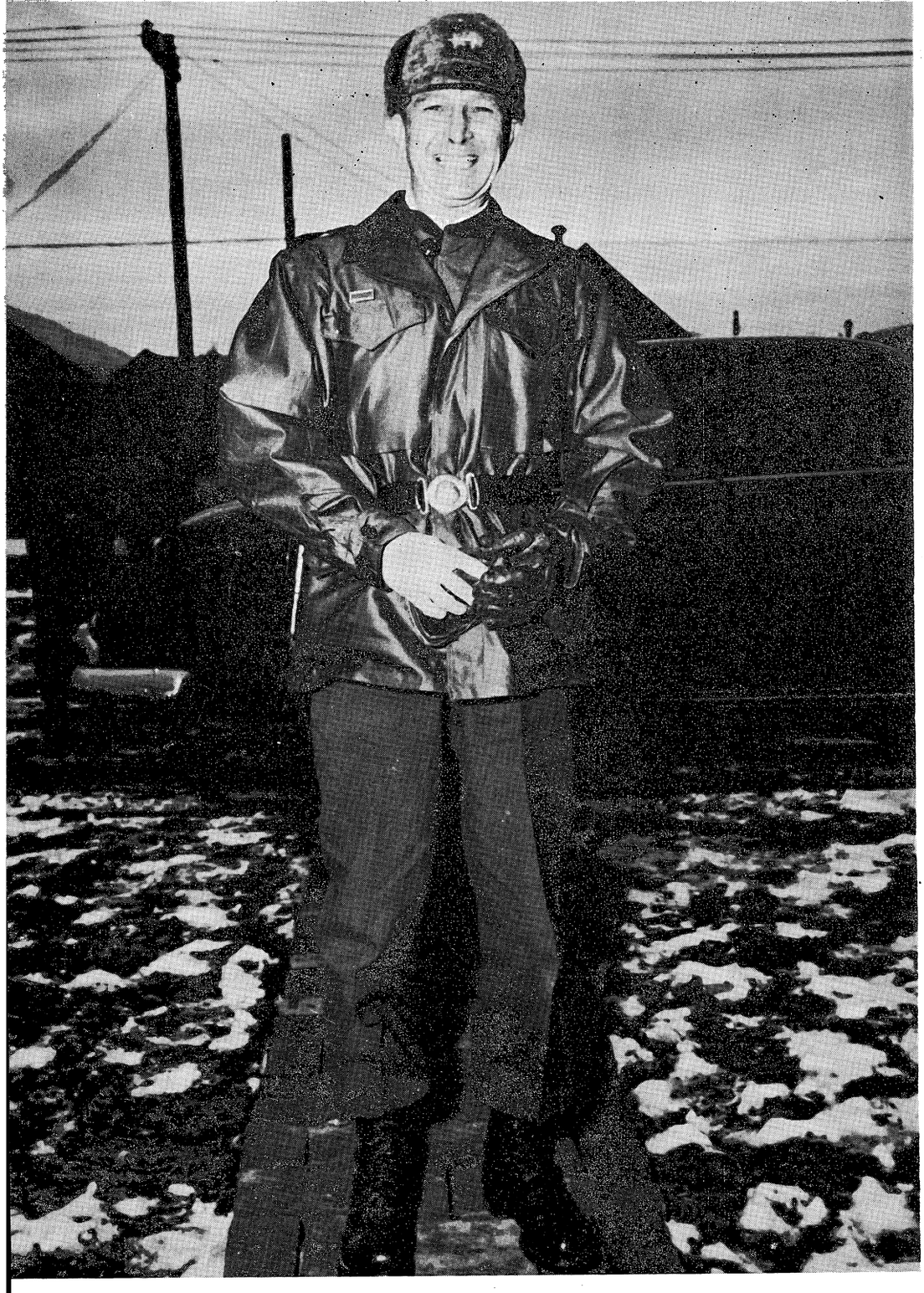

Gen. Young Becomes TIC Chief

A Tall Angular Infantryman Who Commanded The Fighting Second Infantry Division Only Weeks Ago In Korea Has Taken Over The Reins At The Infantry Center. This Is His Third Tour Of Duty At Fort Benning.

BY SFC. PAT MURPHY

One of the youthful officers who reported here in 1932 for an Infantry School company officers' course was a light-hearted, practical-joking easterner who rolled his own cigarets and gave advice to older officers.

Twenty years later, Robert N. (for Nicholas) Young returns to Fort Benning as the post's No. 1 citizen, the gangling product evolved from "just an average young officer."

The Infantry Center's 52-year old new commander arrived here from Korea where only weeks ago he was two-star leader of the fighting Second Infantry (Indianhead) Division on the central battlefront.

His new command here also includes the sprawling, multi-purpose Infantry School which, undoubtedly, will soon feel the effects of General Young's hard-hitting, energetic ideas on modern warfare and elite soldiering.

His tour in Korea, which lasted eight valor-studded months, didn't begin until the war was 14 months old, but the war's most thoroughly publicized, most bitterly fought campaign—"Heartbreak Ridge"—was General Young's daily tactical diet.

The tall, angular officer Second Division troops saw tramping up and down Korean hills almost missed becoming a top Army man. Like many another of today's high-level commanders, a military career happened as a matter of spontaneous decision rather than long planning.

Born in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 14, 1900, Young lived close to home most of his boyhood days. He attended and graduated from the University of Maryland.

At the University of Maryland, Young was a member of an ROTC unit. One of his professors of military science and tactics was a young officer named Alvan C. Gillem, Jr.

Gillem the instructor and Young the student became friends across map tables and field manuals and before long Young was at least interested in the military way of life.

Young soon became investigative, and it is said that Gillem convinced the wiry ROTC student that the Army was as satisfying a life as anthropology or economics. In 1922, Young was appointed a reserve Infantry second lieutenant.

This story, of course, is a handed-down version, but it at least sounds typical of a man whose opportunities and accomplishments have sometimes come as strokes of fate rather than products of multiplied strivings.

The youthful officer who helped lead Young into the Army later became Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., a top World War II commander in Europe and, later, Third Army commander, Fort McPherson, Ga.

Thus embarked on his new life, Young went through early Army years like most novice leaders. He served in varied capacities at several eastern Army stations, including Camp Meade, Md., in 1922 and Fort Eustis, Va.

In 1925, as a first lieutenant, Young was sent to the Post of San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he was assigned to the 65th Infantry Regiment.

The Puerto Rico assignment, which continued three years, was Young's initiation into the role of scholarly, practical commander of troops.

When he returned to the United States in 1928 for another assignment, he was sent to his alma mater—University of Maryland—as a professor of military science and tactics. Young the instructor undoubtedly persuaded some ROTC student into full-time military living.

From Maryland campuses, Young came to Fort Benning in 1932 for a nine-month

company officers' course where he set his mark as a man and a leader.

Down to Earth

Several Infantry School officers now assigned to Fort Benning remember Young as a down-to-earth, completely candid person without the slightest personal inhibition. Once, while attending the 1932 company officers' course, Young met two Chinese students who, he thought, were being avoided and left out of general social activities among students. Without the slightest hesitation, Young gallantly invited the two foreign officers to his home for lunch and, accordingly, escorted them before his unprepared wife.

His fellow student officers recall the cigaret-rolling habit which, as Young explained it, was simply one method of stretching his meager pay.

When he completed schooling here in May, 1933, Young went to Fort Monmouth, N. J. for a course in communications and, in 1934, returned to The Infantry School as an instructor in the Communications Department.

He remained in communications instruction work until February 1937 when he was appointed assistant secretary of The Infantry School. However, the same year he was accepted as a student at the Army's Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., from which he graduated in 1938.

From the C&GSC, Young went to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he was first assigned as assistant to the assistant chief of staff of plans and operations. He later joined the 27th Infantry Regiment.

GENERAL YOUNG pins a patch on Vice President Alben W. Barkley making him an honorary member of the Second U. S. Infantry Division. In background (l to r) General James A. Van Fleet, General Matthew B. Ridgway, Lt. Gen. William Hoge, and Maj. Gen. Clovis E. Byers look on.

In 1940, he returned to Stateside duty as aide-de-camp to commander of the First Army Corps in Columbia, S. C. The following year, 1941, he was called to Washington for duty with the assistant chief of staff, G-4.

Later in Washington, Young was ordered to duty in the Office of the Chief of Staff as assistant secretary, War Department General Staff. He became full-fledged secretary of the General Staff in Sept. 1942, and remained there until March 1943.

Almost immediately, he was sent to Fort Lewis, Wash., as assistant commander of the 70th Infantry Division and two months later was promoted to brigadier general.

In October, 1944, he was assigned to the Mediterranean Theater of Operation and in 1945 became assistant division commander of the Third Infantry Division.

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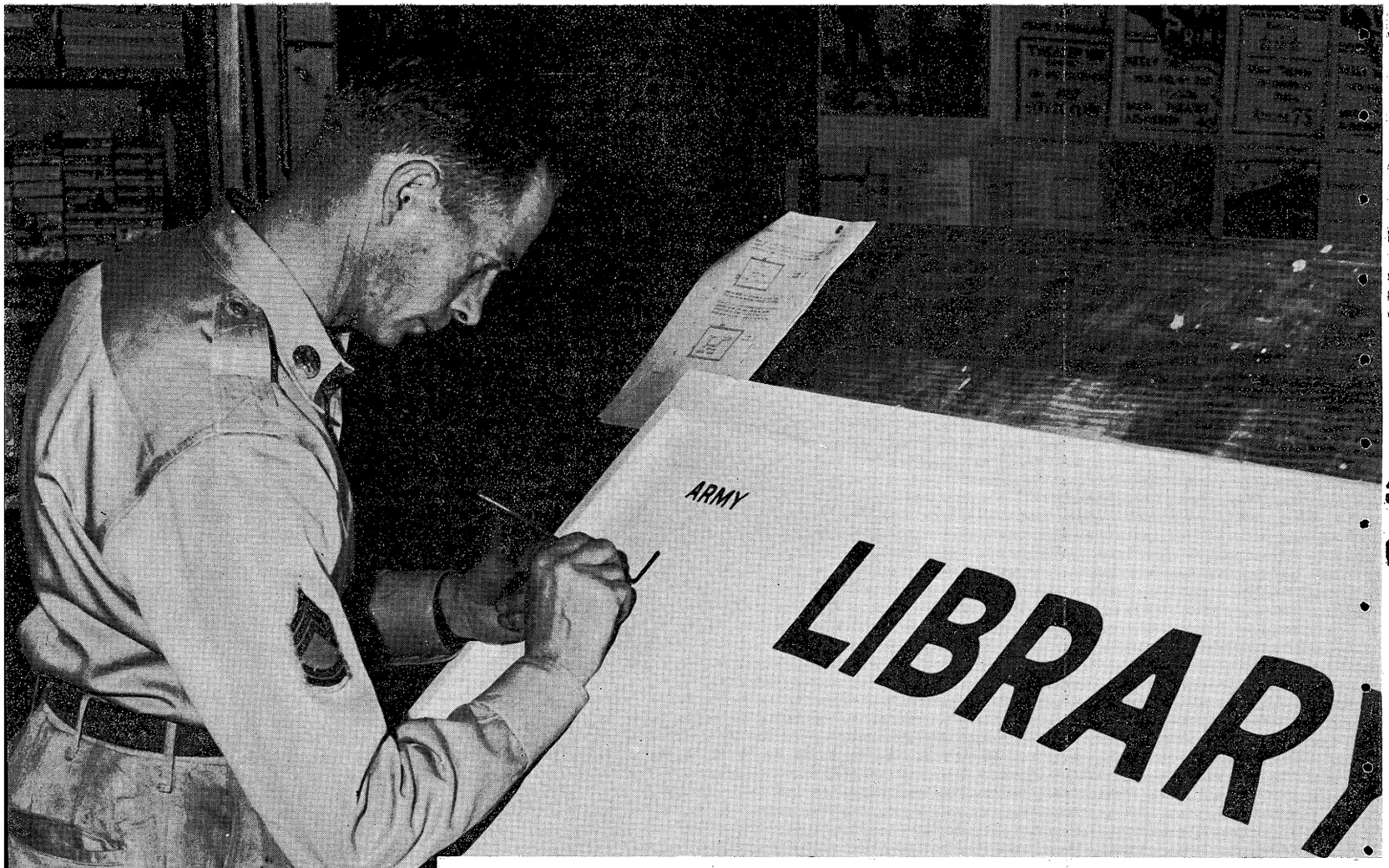


SFC. ARTHUR WHITTLETON PAINTS IN A SIGN FOR BENNING'S NEW LIBRARY. SERGEANT WHITTLETON IS HEAD-MAN OF THIS TWO-MAN ORGANIZATION

Special Services Sign Shop

BY MAY PIGOTT

"You name it, we'll paint it", is the motto of the Special Services Sign Shop.

This two man organization is a beehive of activity from early morning until night, for it is responsible for all the posters and advertising of the various Special Services functions on the post.

Head man of the shop is Sfc. Arthur Whittleton and his assistant is Pvt. Jack E. Yount. Both men are old hands at the sign business. Sergeant Whittleton started his sign career about 20 years ago while Private Yount started his work eight years ago.

All of the advertising for the athletic and recreational activities, library and service clubs programs coming under the jurisdiction of Special Services are handled by this section.

Most of the time the shop is notified of the coming event to be publicized and the staff takes over from there. Following their own idea, the design and lay-out are decided upon. Then a sketch is made of the proposed poster or sign.

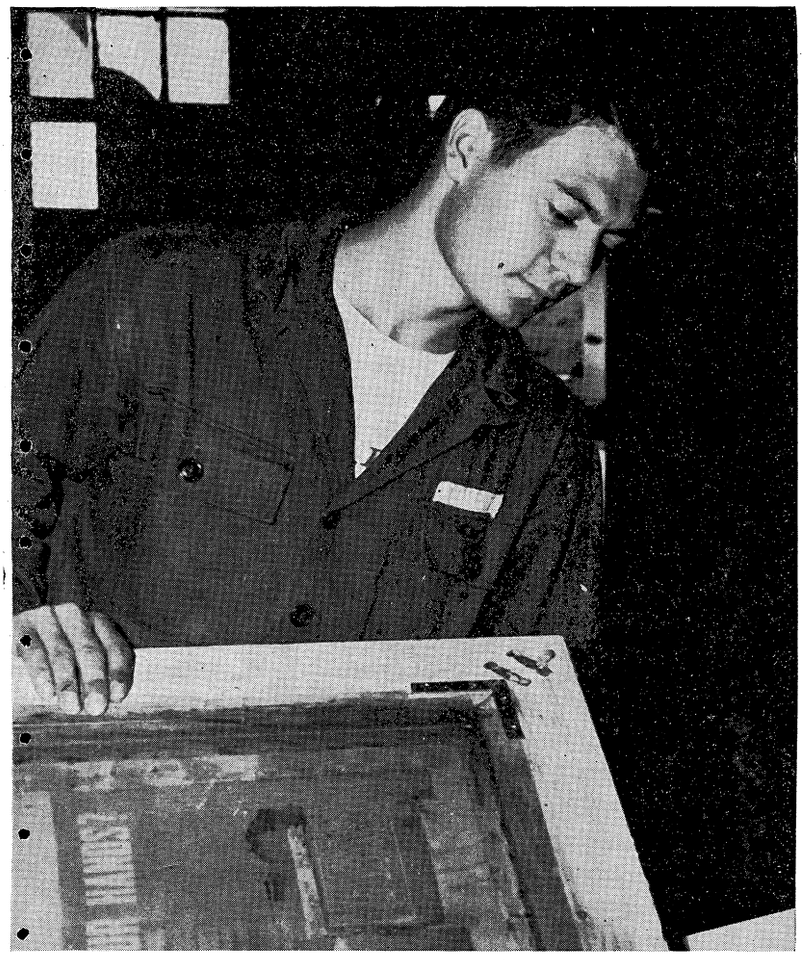
Most of the posters are either hand painted or done by the silk screen process, while the big permanent signs are painted.

The silk sccreen is a printing process in which different colors and designs are put on one poster. A lacquer profilm stencil is cut—one for each color, then the stencil is adhered to the screen, and the backing is pulled off. The screen is lowered over the poster, the color poured on, and a squeegee pulled across it. This process is repeated as many times as there are different colors used.

Sergeant Whittleton estimates that they have enough information on coming attractions to keep them busy for at least a month. Although both men have been called upon to design hundreds and hundreds of posters, they have never run out of ideas yet.

The Sergeant who graduated from the Washington School of Art, Washington, D. C., and studied at Meyer Booth, Chicago, had his own sign shop prior to coming into the Army 13 years ago.

Private Yount, who studied Commercial Art at Chicago School of Design, was lay-out man with the Master Craft Decal Co., Chicago before coming into the Army in 1951.



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ABOVE, TENNIS CHAMP LT. LONNIE JORDAN (LEFT) AND MAJ. LEROY STANLEY

SPORTS

BY CPL. CHARLES JOHNSON

Each new spring and summer bring out the birds, bees and beauty queens, and, at Fort Benning, large orders of sweaty young men who are champions in their respective lines of athletic endeavor.

Junior can have the birds and bees, and you take the beauty queens, lucky fellow, because I'm obliged to make a sports story of this.

Champions? They're crowning them everywhere while it's warm, but before the dog days really set in. Let's thumb through the catalogue if you have a minute.

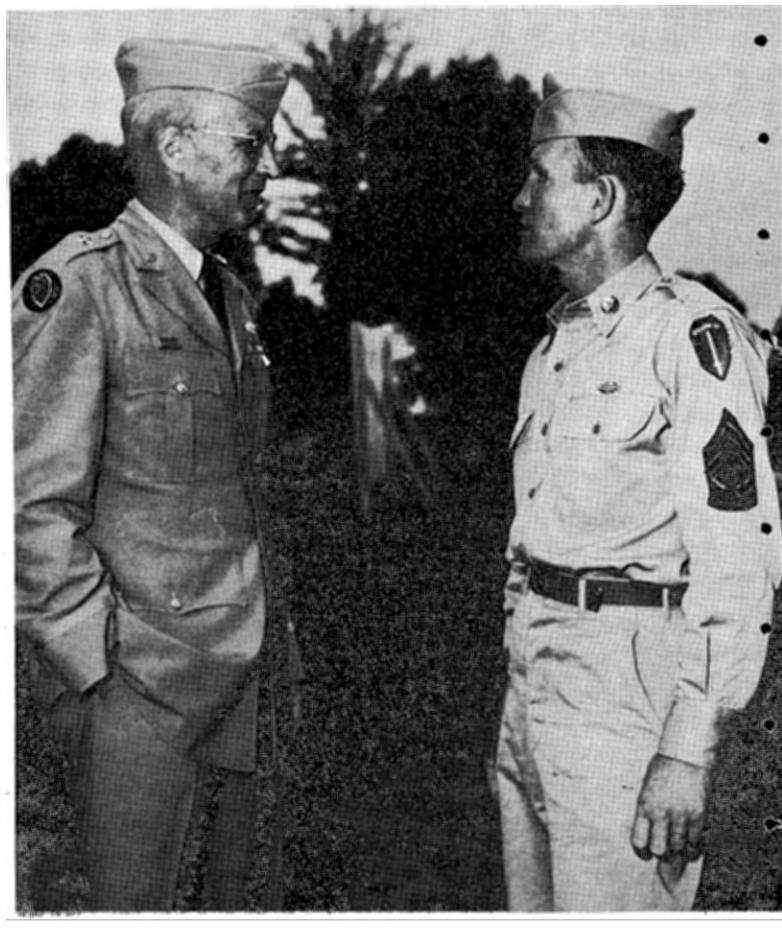
Youth was almost served, to coin a clumsy phrase, when 16-year old Bill Duncan, a Columbus high school student and son of Col. William A. Duncan, went to the finals of the 1952 Officers Mess Championship golf tournament at the Fort Benning Country Club.

Normalcy returned finally when Lt. Matt Tatum, a not-so-greying 24, beat Duncan 7-and-5 in the title round. Tatum supplied the spring touch, however, by admitting he has been playing only three years and picked up the game quite accidentally when induced by a couple of University of Florida cronies to visit a roadside driving range.

The girls, too, were having a go at it, as the British say, and Mrs. Irene Curtiss won her third Fort Benning women's golf crown by beating Joyce Marley, 2 up.

In tennis, it's reached the point where rivals are accusing Lt.

BELOW, BRIG. GEN. GUY S. MELOY, JR., ASSISTANT INFANTRY SCHOOL COMMANDANT, AND BOXING CHAMP LEW JENKINS



Lonnie Jordan of making a racket of winning the Officers' Mess racquet championship. I'll go to the foot of the class for making that pun after telling you that Jordan won his third consecutive crown by beating Maj. Leroy Stanley, 6-1, 6-0.

The women's tennis crown went to Peggy Kampe when she defeated Sue Leonard by the same scores, while Jordan teamed with Maj. Don Yoder for the doubles title.

Track and field generated its greatest amount of derring-do yet at Benning. Not the least of the accomplishments was rendered by Lt. Lawrence A. Williams, a modest Texan, if you please, who took a rough assortment of 15 post thinclads and moulded them into 1952 Third Army champions.

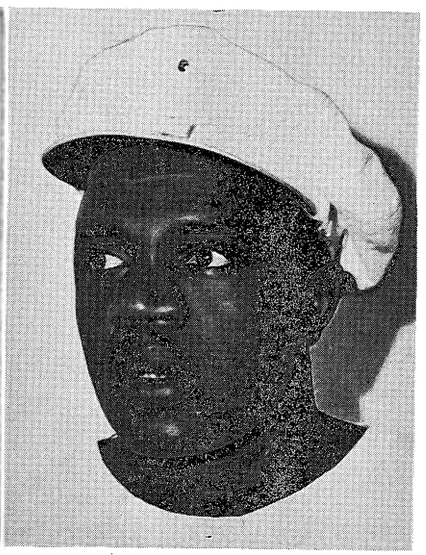
Benning champions who were selected to take part in the All-Army Meet were Pfc. George Bell, Combat Training Command, Pvt. Wilfred Bivens, M-Sgt. Dick Ellis, of First Student Regiment, Pfc. Joe Campbell, Pvt. Larry Goins, Cpl. Truman Medders, Cpl. S. L. Webster, of Infantry School Detachment.

Benning sent three boxers and the coach to the All-Army boxing tournament at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Against 92 of the toughest mittmen from ten commands scattered over the globe, flyweight George Allen of A.S.U. Provisional Group, went to the semi-finals, and welterweight Ernest Hall and lightweight Len James, both of First Student Regiment, got the quarterfinals in their weights.

Although Benning didn't win the 3-A ring crown, our coach, WOJG Jerry Perlman, a pretty good welter in his day, was the unanimous choice for the A-A mentoring assignment.

Speaking of champs and boxing, Lew Jenkins, the little guy with the great big heart and a zest for living which won him the lightweight championship of the world in 1940, showed up here for duty. He's back from Korea and the toughest fight of his career, and it's not hard to understand that he won that "title," too—in the form of the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Heartbreak Ridge.

WOJG JERRY PERLMAN



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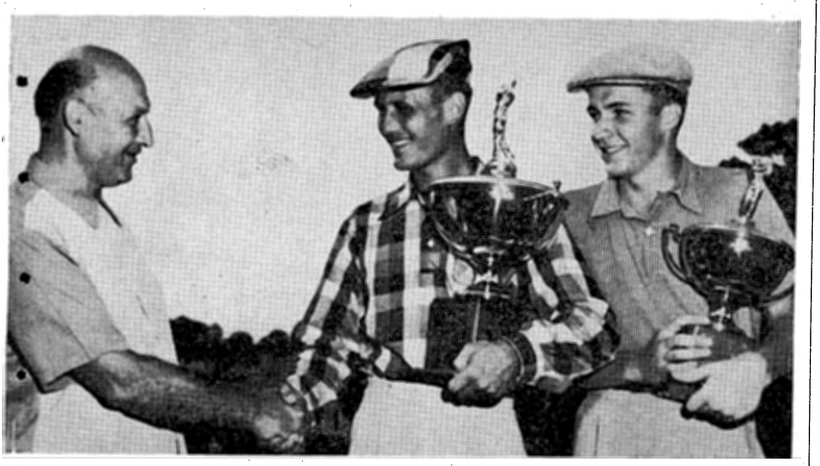

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THE INFANTRY SCHOOL

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Named Camp Benning in honor of General Henry L. Benning of the Confederate forces in the Civil War, the post later was moved to a location nine miles south of Columbus.

Shortly thereafter The Infantry School was organized much along the lines it is today. The principal mission of the School was to "develop and standardize the instruction and training of officers in the techniques and tactics" of Infantry.

The organization of The Infantry School today parallels that of a major university. Maj. Gen. Robert N. Young presides over its operations. General Young commanded the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

"Dean" of the School is Brig. Gen. Guy S. Meloy, Jr., who was wounded in Korea and wears the DSC. Officially, General Meloy is titled Assistant Commandant.

In lieu of the various colleges or schools usually found in major universities such as Medicine, Law, Journalism, Arts and Science and Agriculture, The Infantry School has departments such as Weapons, Tactical, Staff, Communication, Airborne, Ranger, Automotive, and the Officer Candidate School.

In addition, the School boasts its own teachers' college. This innovation is designed to train officers to be instructors in The Infantry School. All personnel must pass this course before they are allowed to instruct.

For the benefit of all officers and enlisted men both on active duty and on reserve status, the School has an extension course department. Thousands of military men in many countries unable to attend courses here stay abreast of current developments in Infantry subjects through these courses.

Here at The Infantry School, too, is found much the same campus atmosphere characteristic of civilian universities.

Students rush to and from class with books and stacks of papers under their arms. Competition for top marks is keen. Groups of officers often congregate for study sessions. Between classes there are "breaks" for refreshments. On the day of an important examination can be seen a scattering of bleary-eyed students suffering from burning too much midnight oil.

But not all instruction at The Infantry School is conducted in classrooms. In fact, only a small amount of the students' time is spent indoors, for at Benning the emphasis is on practical work in the field.

Field Work Too

Courses here follow the military sequence of "Tell him how to do a job, show him how, let him do it, and test him to see if he has learned."

In order that this sequence is carried out, School instruction usually conducts only the "tell him how" in a classroom.

The student receives the remainder on a portion of the 182,000 acres that comprise the Fort Benning military reservation.

On this vast expanse up to 65,000 officers and enlisted men will receive instruction from The Infantry School this year. In addition, some 12,000 military personnel will enroll in the School via correspondence courses. This ups the School enrollment to approximately 77,000.

Included are 450 officer-students from 25 Allied countries. In the past three years 900 students from 28 countries have studied at Fort Benning.

The student can enroll in a multitude of courses, four to 31 weeks in length.

The airborne course, for officers and enlisted men, turns out qualified paratroopers in three weeks. This course graduates more students than any other.

Communication and automotive courses are given both to officers and enlisted men.

Other courses for enlisted men include light and heavy weapons, parachute rigging and repair, intelligence and reconnaissance and operations, and sound ranging. The latter is a recent innovation here. It trains Infantrymen to locate enemy guns by using scientific devices which trace their sounds.

The Ranger Department of The Infantry School recently revamped its program and now is turning out trained officers and enlisted men in an effort to extend Ranger training and prac-

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ENTERTAINMENT

BY SGT. TIM WARREN

Operating the theaters at Fort Benning is definitely big business to the little-known people "behind the scenes" who provide off duty recreation for more than 100,000 persons each month.

Operating the eight movie houses on the reservation is the job of 60 paid personnel, one bookkeeper, and one WAC administrator—all under the supervision of 2nd Lt. Rudy Jorgensen, post theater officer.

And if you don't think that a second lieutenant has his hands full as theater officer of a post like Fort Benning remember that General Eisenhower once had the job of Fort Benning Theater Officer.

During May a total of 117,028 persons attended movies at theaters on the reservation. The eight theaters have a seating capacity of 7,552 and show a total of 216 movies a month. To save the mathematicians a lot of work we have found out that for a one month period (not the one stated above) the total gross receipts were $24,248.34 for all eight theaters.

Largest Theater

The largest theater on the reservation is the Main Post Theater with a seating capacity of 1,504 closely followed by Harmony Church Theater number 4 which seats 1,050. Another Harmony Church area theater (No. 11) seats 1,038.

Theater number five, also in Harmony Church, has a capacity of 970 and the two Sand Hill theaters, numbers six and seven, seat 878 and 886 respectively. Lawson Field Theater number three seats 858 and number two theater on the main post has a capacity of 398.

Attendance at the Main Post Theater during May totaled 52,404. This figure is exclusive of the more than 1,000 children who monthly attend the Saturday morning sessions of Kiddie Karnival.

Out of the afore mentioned gross receipts partial expenditures ran like this:

Salaries for employees, $3,195.35; film rentals, $10,000; total advertising, $500; and depreciation of equipment, $750. Although this is not a complete breakdown of expenses it gives even the unpracticed eye an idea of the tremendous bookkeeping and administrative work that must be done.

The average net receipts of some $5,000 per month, is forwarded to post and base trust funds where it is distributed to units on a prorated basis which is comparable to the system used in returning post exchange profits to the servicemen.

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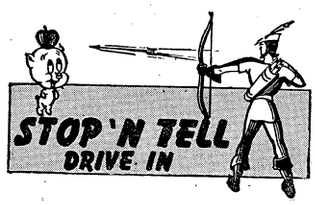

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BY SGT. TIM WARREN

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Handling this tremendous operation is the responsibility of a staff of 11 enlisted personnel and nine civilians, supervised by 1st Lt. John W. Dennis, a veteran of 10 years with Army postal units.

THE INFANTRY SCHOOL

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tices into all combat elements of the Infantry.

Hand-Picked

These hand-picked individuals undergo a rugged eight-weeks course and then return to their units to pass along their training to all soldiers in their organizations. During their course they are taken to Florida to learn jungle operations, including how to handle snakes. Their course also covers a visit to the steep mountains of north Georgia where mountain operations are studied.

The longest course given here is the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, 31 weeks long. Most of the students are captains or higher. They study all phases of the operation of Infantry units up to the regimental combat team.

Two groups receiving much attention at present are the Officer Candidate School and the Rangers.

Officer Candidate School reopened here in early 1950 after an acute shortage of second lieutenants developed. Lasting 22 weeks, OCS presently is taking a new class each week. Enrollments average about 200 candidates per class of which some 37 per cent will be dropped.

During World War II the Officer Candidate School commissioned nearly 67,000 Infantry officers.

One general worry among seniors of civilian universities is, "Where can I get a job when I finish school?"

This worry is not prevalent among Infantry School graduates for they are trained to do the most exacting of all jobs: lead fighting Infantrymen in destroying the enemy, to conserve American lives and preserve American freedom. Their battle cry is The Infantry School's motto, "Follow Me."

WOMEN

BY MAY PIGOTT

The Fort Benning Woman's club is one of the most active and progressive as well as one of the oldest clubs on the post.

Growing from 12 members to the present enrollment of close to 700, the club is a tribute to the officers and members who have worked hard to improve the organization.

The newly installed 29th president, Mrs. Daniel H. Hundley, wife of Colonel Hundley, is a club woman of long standing, and she is looking forward with great hopes to the coming year.

Mrs. Hundley, a native of St. Louis, Mo., is a graduate of Washington University of that city, and has been interested in all types of club work since her college days, when she was a three time president of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

In 1946-47 when Colonel Hundley was stationed at Fort Leavenworth, as president of the Woman's club, she reorganized the club, which had died out during war years.

When she was living in Tokyo, she was chairman of the finance board of the woman's club.

Last March, she was elected and installed as president of the Far East Command group. She is also a member of the Pan Hellenics.

With all her club work, she finds time to keep house for her husband and their son, Douglas. She is especially proud of Douglas, who has just started painting and won first honorable mention in the six to nine age group in the All-Post Art Contest.

Speaking of the plans of the club for the coming year, she said, "We are anxious to do a good job of meeting and welcoming the new arrivals on the post. We are going to strive to make a special project of this".

According to Mrs. Hundley, one of the first rules for success as head of any organization is not to take yourself too seriously and to ask other members of the organization to help.

She said, "I find that other people have just as good ideas as I have. If everybody feels they are having a part in reaching the goal for the club there'll be great cooperation."

A program designed to interest the greatest number of people, an opportunity to meet new people and form friendships, and the special project of extending a hand of welcome to all newcomers are among the coming plans of the club.

Mrs. Hundley considers club work one of the most interesting things she has ever done for it gives an opportunity to meet new people, to work on cultural and social projects, and to aid in the improvement of the community.

"Someday I am going back to St. Louis to live," she said, "so I have retained my membership in a bridge club, the St. Louis Woman's club, and the board in charge of memberships for St. Louis College Club there."

GENERAL YOUNG

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It was with the Third Division that General Young got his first taste of combat. He landed with the division during its invasion of Southern France. He remained with the division throughout its northward advance past the Colmar pocket, Nurenberg, Augsburg, Munich and finally Berchtesgaden, Adolph Hitler's famed mountaintop hiding hangout.

General Young's muddy combat clothes were adorned with a Silver Star, Purple Heart and Distinguished Service Medal for his gallantry during these combined operations. In one engagement, in which he sustained a painful head wound, Young personally supervised the building of a bridge while Nazi artillery and machinegun fire stitched his position.

In late 1945, he was returned to the United States to become commander of the Military District of Washington. In 1946, he was made commandant of the Combined Arms at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., and continued that assignment until he was sent to Hawaii in 1949 as chief of staff of the United States Army in the Pacific.

General Young came to Fort Benning in 1950, again as a student. He entered paratrooper training with scores of more youthful privates and corporals and competed with them in tests of physical endurance.

During his basic airborne training, General Young won the hearts of fellow students when he said "more of the so-called older officers should get out from behind their desks and take some exercise like this, and that includes jumping out of airplanes."

His enthusiasm and endorsement of airborne training and airborne warfare tactics sliced a path for him right into the chair of 82nd Airborne Division assistant commander at Fort Bragg, N. C.

In the fall of 1951, he was plucked from his airborne assignment and sent to Korea to lead embattled Second Infantry Division fighters in one of their gravest battlefield hours, the fight for "Heartbreak Ridge."

Squatting north and south inland from Korea's east coast is Heartbreak Ridge, a rock-ribbed, sheer-sided mass of stones and slimey mud which meant victory or defeat to UN forces fighting in that sector. General Young's scrappy division, an inspirited corps of veteran fighters, was ordered to wrest the jagged-peaked high ground from Chinese and North Korean Communist froces.

Inside the pointed-topped canvas tents at division headquarters, General Young and his staff began preparing on the night of Oct. 1, 1951, for sharppronged attacks against the brown-clothed Communists a few miles north. Across the large acetate-covered tactical maps, Young and his staff drew red and blue arrows and circles and innocuous, meaningless little numbers. This was the attack in planning.

Beneath generator-charged lights, a small clot of colonels and a tall major general—Young—outlined the attack of three regiments. The 9th, 23rd and 38th Infantry Regiments would attack three main hill positions on "Heartbreak Ridge" while two rumbling armored task forces smashed up valleys bordering the east and west side of the main mountain mass. The armored spearhead would crash through enemy lines, disrupt defense and supply acivities and, at the same time, draw some of the enemy's tactical effectiveness way from the attacking Indianhead infantrymen.

Throughout days before the gigantic, multi-pronged attack began, Young and his staff checked and re-checked assault units, and made certain the projected attack was firmly supported.

Then, on Oct. 5, "Operation Touchdown," the division's name for its push against enemy troops, was thrust into operation.

The 9th Regiment battled toward Hill 931, the center of three important peaks. The 23rd Regiment attacked the flanks of an entire hill mass to secure the division's left flank.

Roaring, wheezing tanks ground northward up the two valleys flanking Heartbreak. Their 76-mm guns blasted at Communists huddling in ridgeline foxholes.

Attacking Indianhead infan-

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MISCELLANY

COL. HUNDLEY AND SPELLER DAWN
. . . enthusiastic

"Enthusiastic" and "beneficial" are two lucky words for *Dawn Schermerhorn*, 12-year-old daughter of Col. and Mrs. John Schermerhorn.

The correct spelling of the two words in a spelling bee won for her a silver cup and a U. S. Savings Bond.

Dawn was vice president of the Student Council, a member of the staff of the school paper, vice president of the seventh grade, and a patrol girl.

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Three students of the Fort Benning Children's School won special mention at the presentation of Library awards at the closing exercises of the school.

Twelve-year-old *Jan Jastremski*, son of Col. and Mrs. Bruno Jastremski, topped the list by reading 94 books, 64 above the required amount. Jan favors the adventure story especially those about the jungle. Of the 94 books read, "In Brightest Africa", by Akeley, was his favorite.

Toni Lonning, 11-and-a-half year old daughter of Col. and Mrs. Stanley Lonning, read 77 books during the year.

And *Michael Jung*, son of Capt. and Mrs. Gordon C. Jung, the third member of the trio, read a total of 71 books. Michael is interested mainly in sports stories, and especially enjoyed the "Hardy Boy" series.

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Breaking boards with an axe is tough enough, but *Second Lt. Tae Hi Nam*, an ROK Army student here, does it with his bare hands. Lieutenant Tae is a former instructor of unarmed combat at the Korean Academy. He is now attending the Associate Company Officers Special Class, No. 2.

The lieutenant with the hardened right hand can snap a three-quarter-inch board at a single stroke. A former student at the Dong Gook University in Korea, however, he majored in a more gentle subject —American Literature.

LT. TAE HI NAM
. . . with bare hands

GEN. YOUNG

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trymen struggled up near-impossible slopes, grappling hand-over-hand to reach objectives. Enemy riflemen hurled hand grenades and spattered the assaulting Americans with murderous rifle and machinegun fire. The enemy began counterattacking, and only the spirit and ferocity of the Indianhead troops prevented the melee from turning against UN forces.

"Operation Touchdown" continued through days and nights of bloody, terrifying battle. By Oct. 10, General Young began reading intelligence reports that POWs had revealed the V North Korean Corps had been crushed and its units scattered by Second Division fighters.

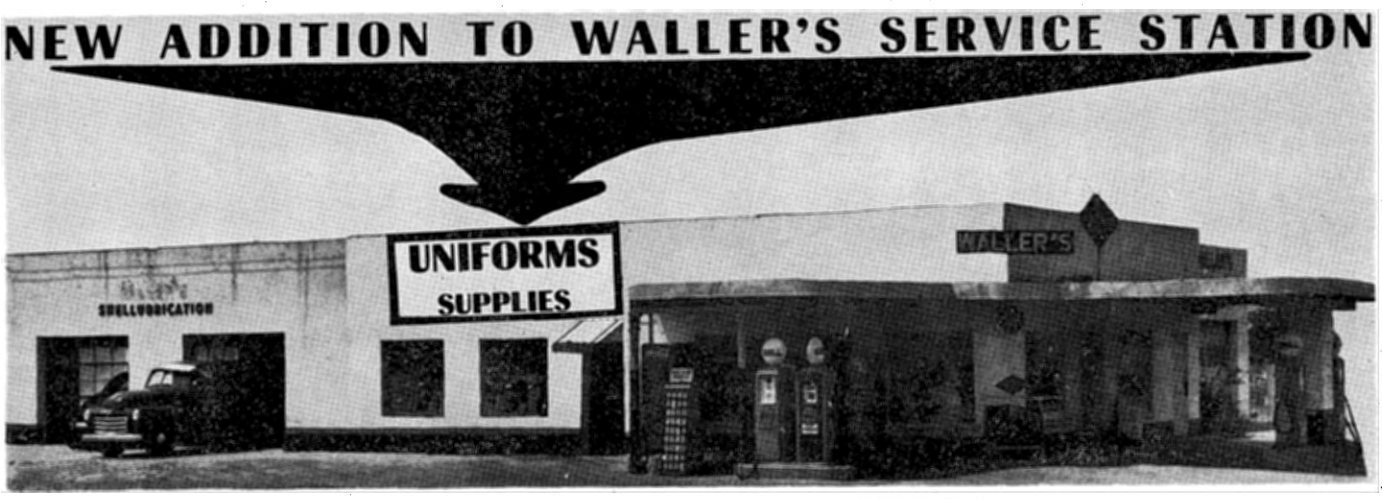
On the division's right flanks, another North Korean force continued fighting, blistering platoons and companies of the Second Division. On the left, a large Chinese force girded itself for counterattacks against American units.

Indianhead fighters leaped into attack again, and without appreciable pauses, the division continued fighting five days and nights, banging against enemy defenses until all defenses had been secured and the enemy routed, captured or killed.

End of the historic battle found General Young's men in possession of a critically important defense bastion which, for months thereafter, stood guard along a vital UN sector of defense.

Second Division courage and guns had all but destroyed the II and V North Korean Corps, and badly mauled their Chinese brothers.

It's clear General Young bases all his tactics on simple, basic ground warfare doctrine, and there's no doubt The Infantry School will reflect this principle as long as the tall, gangling officer holds the reins.



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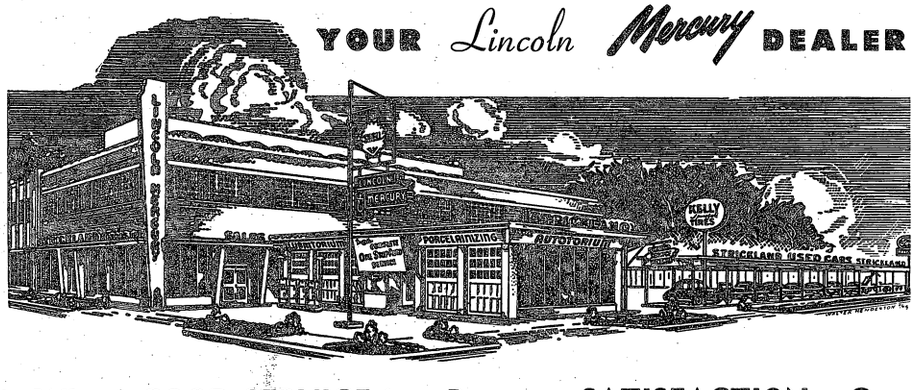

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On This Month's Cover:

Surrounding the patch of The Reserve Officers Training Corps are photos showing the various phases of training that the cadets are going through during the six week summer encampment that is taking place at Fort Benning. The layout is a representative photo of cadets from some of the 70 colleges and universities that sent students here from the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Army areas and Puerto Rico. The intensive instruction is preparing the cadets to assume their duties as Second Lieutenants of Infantry.

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ROTC CADETS TRAIN AT FORT BENNING

By PVT. ROSENSTONE

When the Army conducts a big operation it starts planning early, and the ground work for the 1952 ROTC Infantry summer-camp began last January.

Everyone at Fort Benning knew that this year's summer-camp would not only be a large operation, but the biggest camp of its kind in the country.

On June 23, some 2,351 college ROTC cadets arrived at The Infantry Center. The college men represent 70 colleges and universities in the United States and Puerto Rico, from the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Army areas.

Major Gen. Robert N. Young, Infantry Center commander an ROTC alumnus himself, is the camp commander. Col. William R. Blakely, Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Alabama, is the deputy camp commander in direct charge. Deputy commanders are Col. George E. Bender, of the University of Mississippi, in charge of training, and Col. Edgar S. McKee, director of administration.

Of the 2,351 cadets who are at Fort Benning this year the average age is about twenty years, and all of the men are in either their junior or senior year of college.

When the cadets arrived at the Sand Hill Area they began processing immediately. The processing started on Saturday morning June 21, and by Sunday afternoon all of the cadets had undergone a thorough physical examination, were issued uniforms, field equipment, and had been assigned to a company.

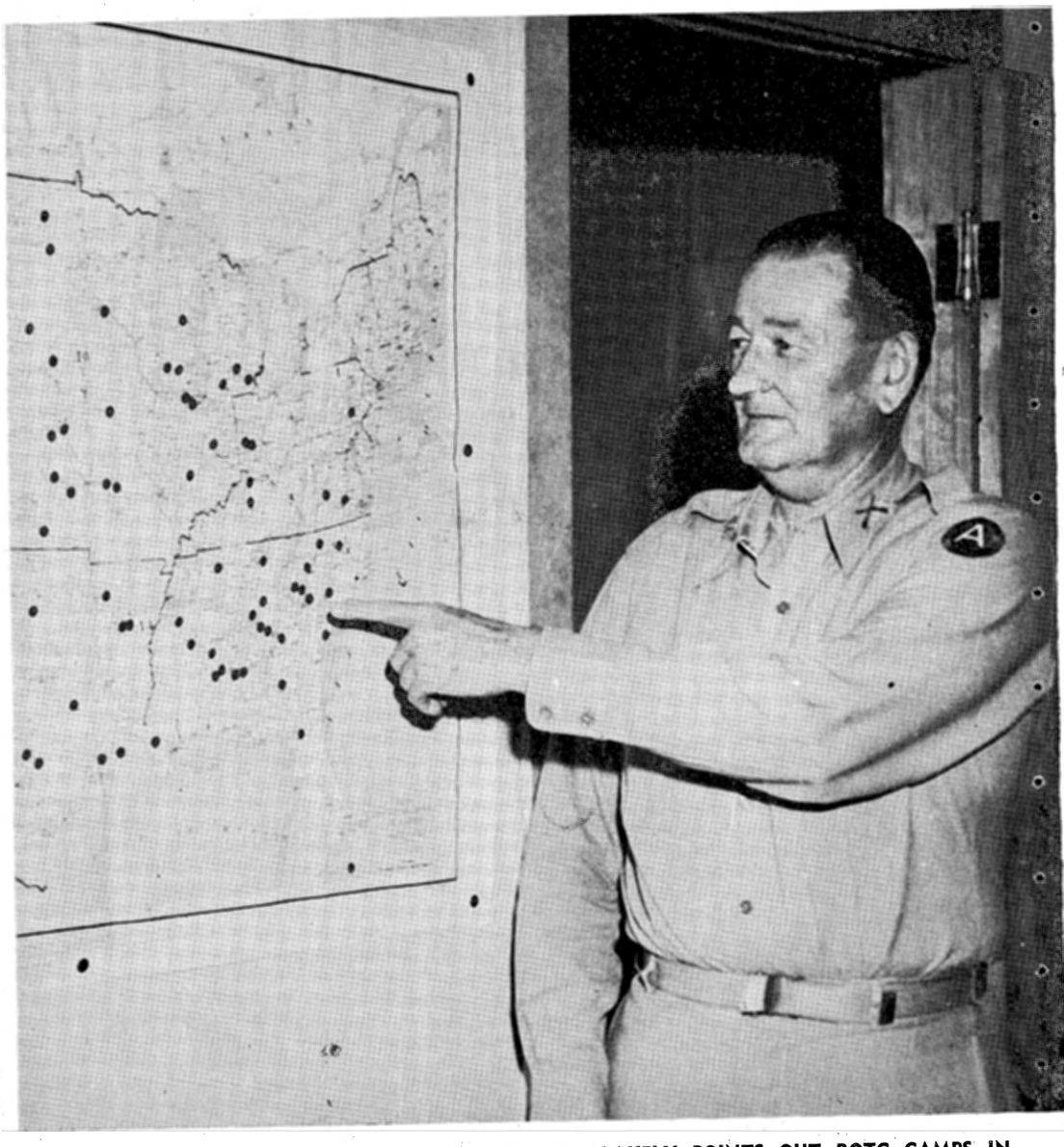
Once the preliminary administrative details were dispensed with, the training program swung into high gear. Despite the sweltering heat wave which had blanketed the country, the cadets moved into the field to explore some of the vast resources of The Infantry School.

The program is designed to give the men practical experience in connection with the theory and classroom work which they receive during the school year. To do this, special cadre committees were established to instruct classes and conduct field problems.

Each Infantry weapon and each field problem is being taught by a separate committee made up of officers and men whose assigned regular duty is with the colleges' ROTC programs throughout the country.

Arrived Early

These instructors arrived at Fort Benning two weeks before the opening of the camp, and received special instruction with the various committees at The Infantry School.



DEPUTY CAMP COMMANDER WILLIAM R. BLAKELY POINTS OUT ROTC CAMPS IN OPERATION THIS SUMMER.

Colonel Blakely, the deputy camp commander said:

"The training which the cadets are receiving is primarily Infantry basic, with plenty of emphasis on further developing the leadership abilities of the cadets. To accomplish this, each student takes his turn as a cadet officer. It's his job to maintain discipline, direct the men's response to training, and inspire confidence and enthusiasm in the men he leads."

During the training, weapons are getting the most attention, and other courses such as map reading, patroling, combat in towns, and platoon tactics, are also being covered.

In order to keep the spirit and enthusiasm of the cadets at a high level training has been put upon a competitive basis. Competitions are being held in close order drill, weapons drill, grenade tossing, and the athletic program.

Winners will be awarded medals, and cadet companies and schools having the first, second, or third place winners will receive points for the best company and best school in the 1952 ROTC camp. These

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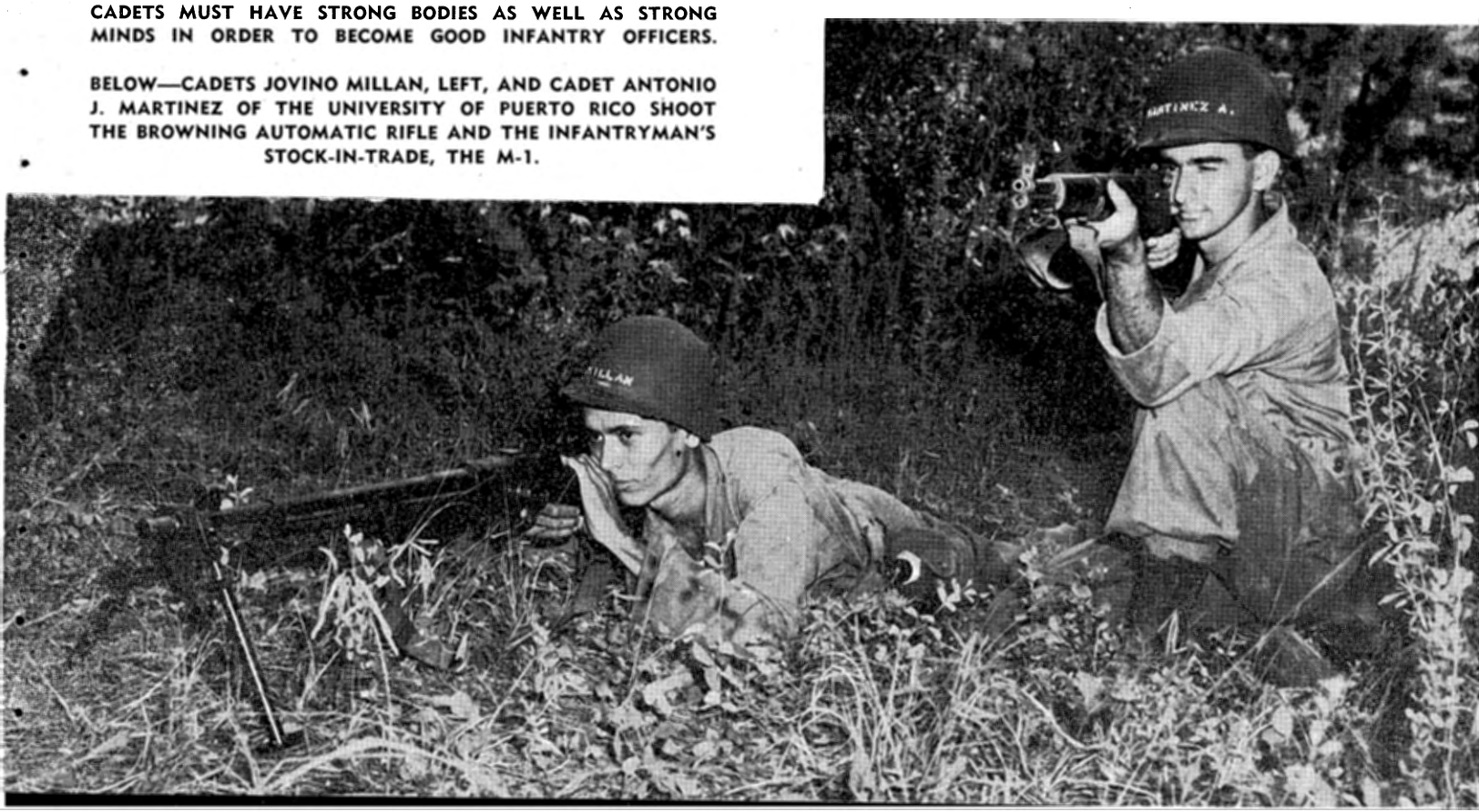
ABOVE—THE CADETS FOUND THAT SUMMER CAMP ISN'T ALL CLASSROOM WORK AND WEAPONS INSTRUCTION. ROTC CADETS MUST HAVE STRONG BODIES AS WELL AS STRONG MINDS IN ORDER TO BECOME GOOD INFANTRY OFFICERS.

BELOW—CADETS JOVINO MILLAN, LEFT, AND CADET ANTONIO J. MARTINEZ OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO SHOOT THE BROWNING AUTOMATIC RIFLE AND THE INFANTRYMAN'S STOCK-IN-TRADE, THE M-1.



ROTC CADETS

awards will be presented on the ROTC Field Day, July 26.

When training began some of the cadets found the going pretty rough because of the intense heat. Many of them who reside in the northern part of the country were not accustomed to the one hundred degrees plus, which greeted them upon their arrival at Fort Benning.

Cadet Merrill Woodward, of the University of Colorado, said that he wasn't accustomed to this hot humid weather. "That infiltration course was rough going, especially when we had to crawl under those barb-wire entanglements with that blazing sun burning you up."

Another cadet, Harold Witte from the University of Wisconsin, commented on the thoroughness of the training here.

"They really cover every point for you," he said. "Why we had one class the other morning during which the instructor didn't refer to his notes at all, and as far as I'm concerned it's a terrific course."

"They really give you a chance to find out just what makes these weapons tick," he exclaimed. Witte also commented on the fact that he had never seen such an array of equipment before he came to The Infantry Center.

Daily inspections play an important part in the daily life of the ROTC cadet here. These inspections are emphasized because it teaches the cadet to be thorough in everything he does. However, Cadet Rickard G. Gereau, of the University of

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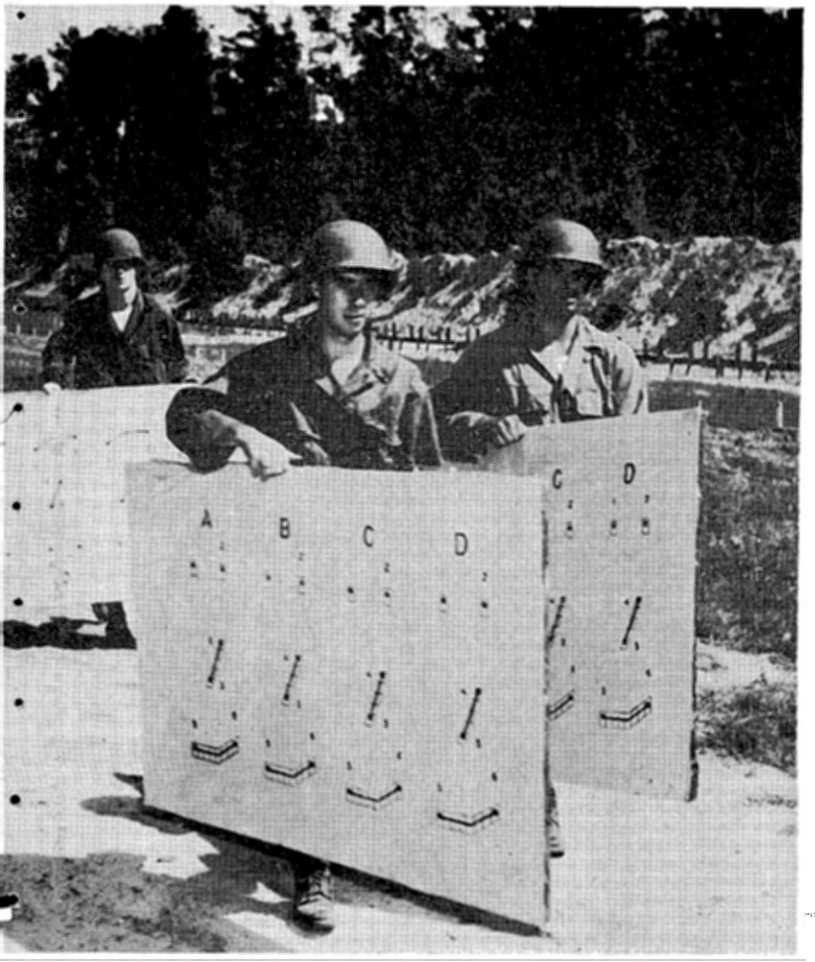
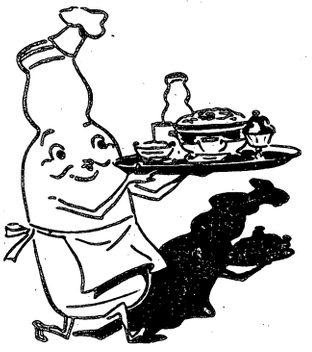
ABOVE—ROTC CADETS NEAL M. HUFFAKER AND JOHN M. MORGAN ARE SHOWN DURING "DRY FIRING" INSTRUCTION. AT LOWER RIGHT, CADET JOSE GARCIA, JR., SIGHTS THE 57MM RIFLE AS CADETS ANGEL L. FIFUEROA, JR., AND JOHNNY DUBLE LOOK ON. AT LOWER LEFT, CADETS POLICE UP EMPTY SHELL CASES AND BELT LINKS AFTER FIRING THE .30 CALIBRE MACHINE GUN.

ABOVE—CADET ALLAN J. FRANCISCO CHECKS HIS TARGET ON THE PISTOL RANGE. IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SCORE FROM HERE. BELOW—CADETS ALAN WALKER, J. THOMAS PEARLMAN, AND REGGIE MYLES, MOVE THEIR TARGETS WHILE ON THE 1,000 INCH MACHINE GUN RANGE.





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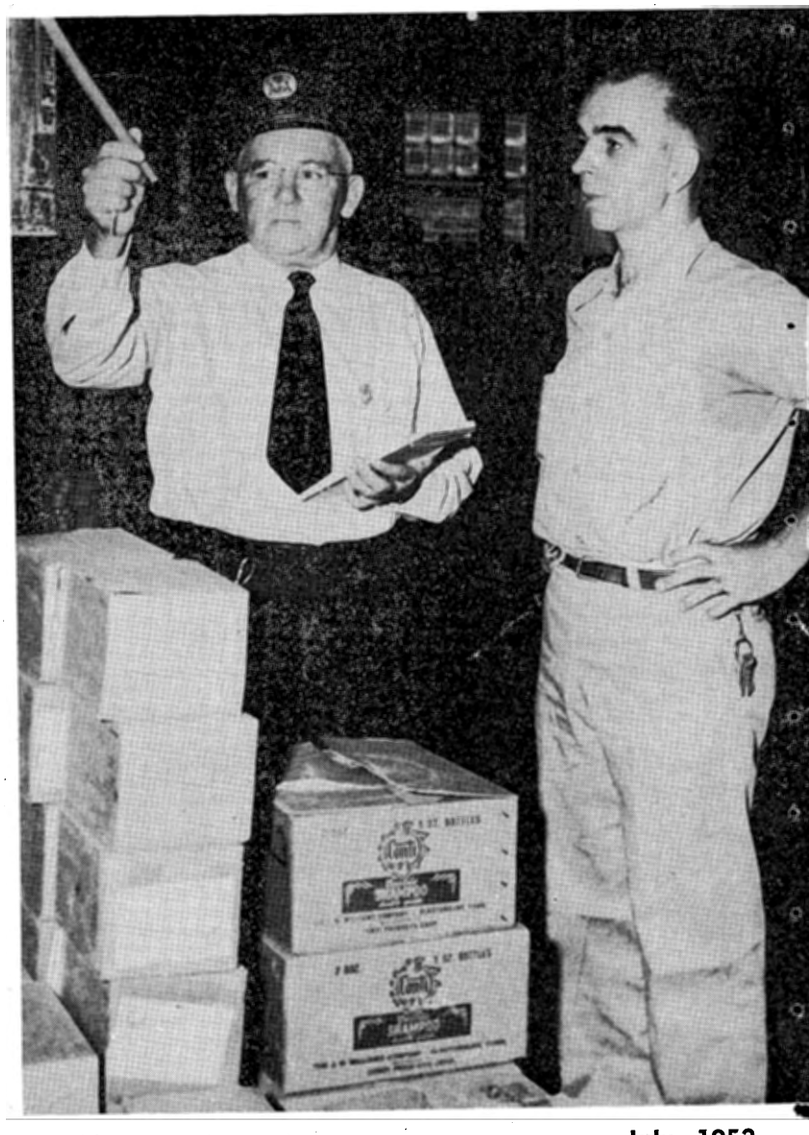

Benning's Fire Department Keeps Constant Vigil

By MAY PIGOTT

The Fort Benning Fire Department has ended the fiscal year 1951-1952 with the lowest fire loss recorded in the past four years.

The $25,000 total recorded is $26,-907.00 lower than the figure shown in the 1949-1950 year.

And Fire Chief Gilbert Ward claims that this low figure is due to the success of the continual fire prevention program at the post, and to the constant training the fire fighting personnel undergo.

"In view of the fact that we have 15 million square feet of floor space covering some 5,500 buildings", he said, "this is an unusually low figure for that length of time".

The six fire stations at Benning use eight fire companies composed of 89 civilians and 38 enlisted men. Three of the stations are located on the Main Post, two in Harmony Church, and one in Sand Hill. At each of these stations a full crew is on duty around the clock.

Believing fully in the old saying "practice makes perfect", four hours each day is spent in training at each of the stations. This time is divided into two hours in the morning and two in the afternoon.

"A man can be with the department for as little as two months or ten years", said Col. Richard E. Ebbs, Fire Marshal, "but he still takes that four hours training. There is always room for improvement, and the methods and technique of fire fighting change like everything else".

These periods include practice in the laying and carrying of the hose, the proper methods to employ in raising a ladder, and knot typing. The fireman also study all areas of the post to learn the exact location of all fire hydrants and fire reporting telephones.

In these training periods is included a study of all types of structures and storage buildings on the post, the location of scuttle holes, attic and cellar doors in each type of building, and a study of the current program of cleaning of water pipes.

In the study of this type of program the man must familiarize himself with the streets closed to traffic and what water mains are not in use and how long before they will be available.

The year round fire prevention program employes the service of four regular men in addition to the fire fighters who accompany them on inspection tours. This bureau takes care of the inspection of the automatic fire alarms, sprinkler system and the fire hydrants.

This team inspects all buildings for fire hazards and to acquaint themselves with the location of scuttle holes, attic and cellar doors, and the location of the sprinkler system and the fire extinguishers.

The fire sprinklers, hydrants, and alarms are tested monthly. A card is kept on each box and recording unit and the date of inspection and inspection by higher headquarters is recorded on the car.

The regular fire reporting telephones connected to the fire alarm switchboard is tested weekly.

The department has a radio system on the same frequency with the Provost Marshal. The fire chief's car and most of the pumpers are equipped with a two-way radio set. This radio is operated on remote control from a fixed Military Police set. In the future, the department hopes to have a fixed set installed in the Fire station.

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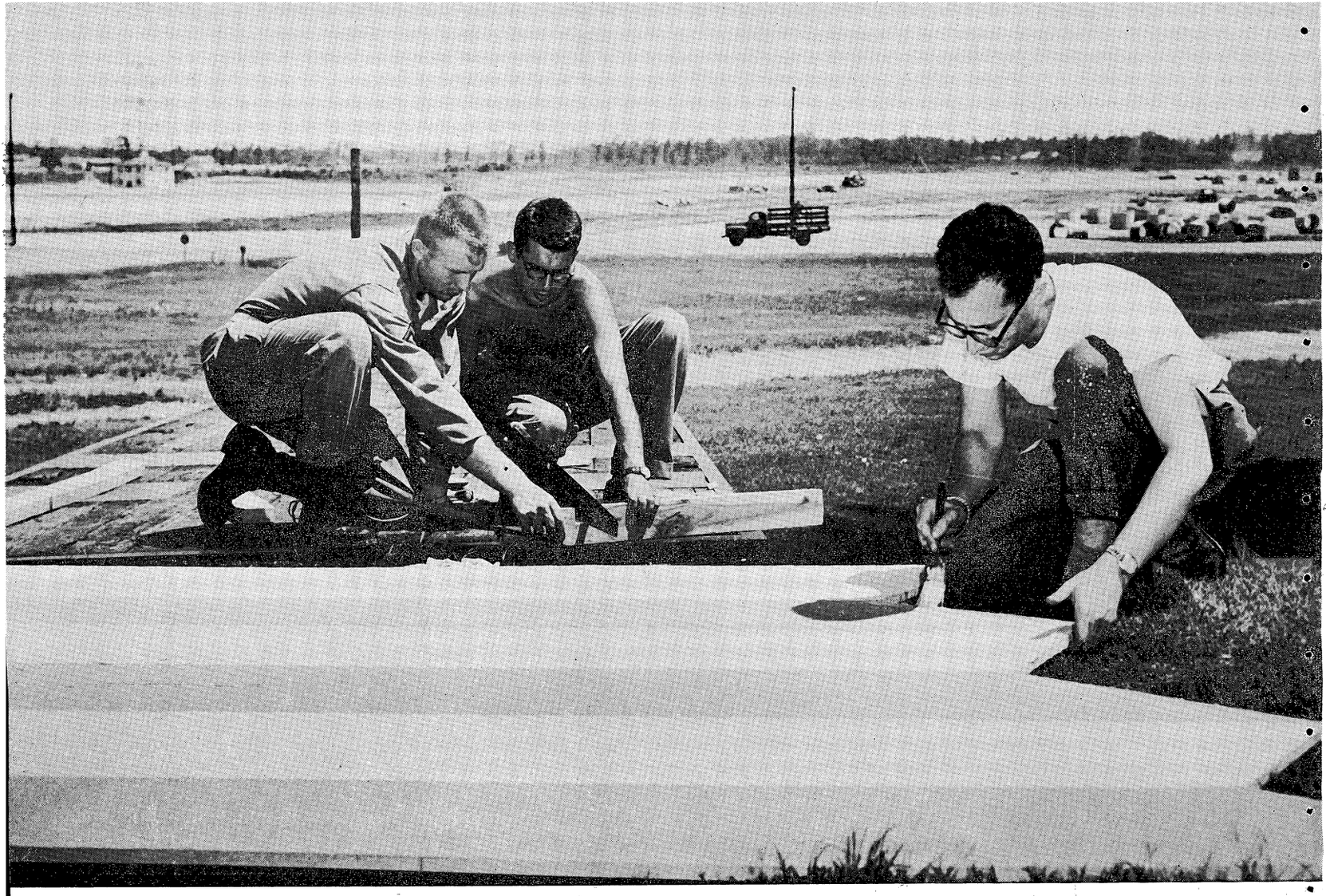


SCENERY CREW WORKS ON A BACKDROP. LEFT TO RIGHT ARE PFCS, NEIL WEBSTER AND JAY HERMAN WITH CORPORAL GREG KAYNE.

ENTERTAINMENT

By MAY PIGOTT

The Fort Benning Soldier Show shack was a beehive of activity again this month.

Day after day, night after night, the cast and scenery crew composed of military personnel and their dependents, worked to perfect their new show.

"Here We Go Again" was almost a command performance since direct orders were issued by Third Army for the section to prepare and take a show to Fort McClellan, Ala.

Presented at the amphitheater at McClellan on July 10 and 11 before capacity audiences, the work and effort paid off for the show was a huge success.

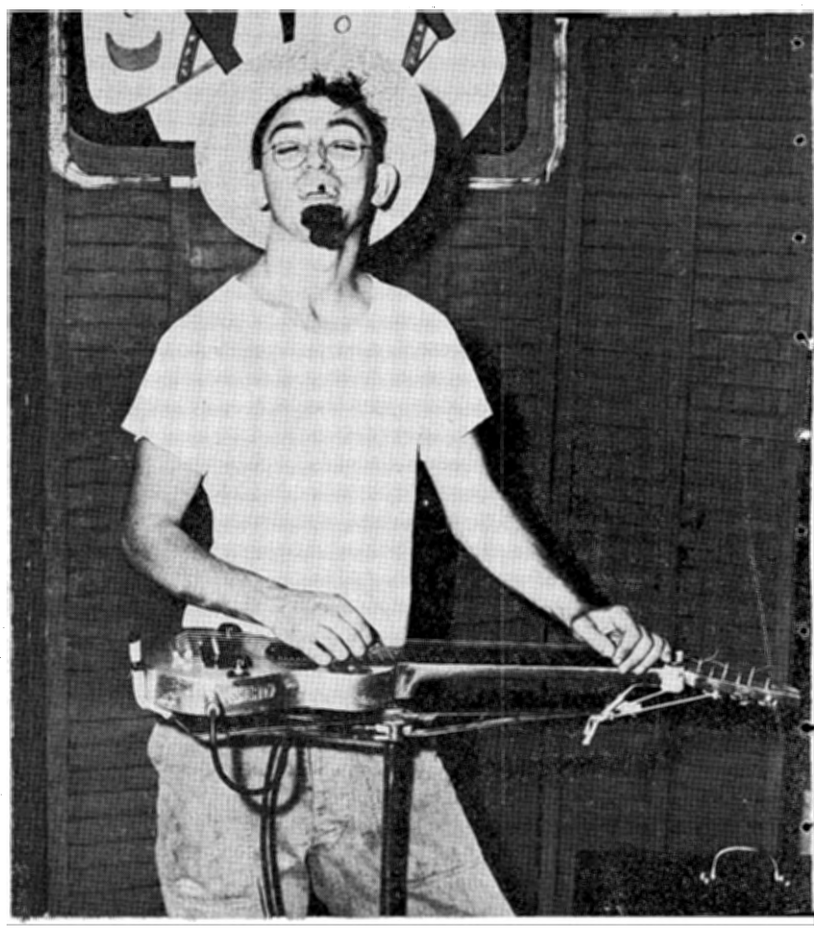
The steady, rhythmical tap of busy feet formed a background for musical instruments being tuned, pounding hammers as they fashioned the scenery, and the insistent instructions of the director.

Their last offering "Let Yourself Go" met with such success the cast and crew were more determined than ever to bring the very best entertainment to their audiences in the new show.

With this idea in mind, the staff carefully selected the numbers and the cast that made up the production. Some of the old cast of other shows appeared and several new faces made their debuts.

The program included the opening "Another Opening, Another Show", a record pantomime by Capt. Eric Picker, solo by Mrs. Betty Johnson, comedy by Pfc. Jerry Glassman, hillbilly music by the Wagonmasters featuring M-Sgt. Lew Jenkins, a comedy skit by the whole cast, an interpretative dance by Pfc. Leroy Howard, a duet by Mrs. Johnson and Lt. Rudy Jorgensen and the finale.

GUITARIST PFC. MILTON SACKS



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THE DIRT IS PICKED UP HERE

The Fill Begins For Post's New Bridge

By MAY PIGOTT

"Pick it up here" and "dump it there" is the song of the eight truck drivers working on the new bridge being constructed across Upatoi creek.

Theirs is the job of slowly whittling down a big clay hill behind Battle Park homes and transporting it to the sight of the new bridge. This dirt will help provide the 130,000,000 cubic yards of fill required to build up the bridge.

All drivers for the Wimpy Company, Dahlonega, Ga., run on a shuttle schedule to and from the borrow pit. Inch by inch the hill is changing location.

The greatest help in this job is the elevated loader which stays on the hill. Close cooperation between the truck driver and the operator enables the truck to be filled with eight yards of dirt in 45 seconds and be on its way back to the bridge sight without ever stopping.

The driver eases the truck under the loader and they both move slowly along as the machine digs the dirt and fills the truck by means of an elevated conveyor. A supervisor stands on front of the truck to signal if the truck needs to pull forward or backward to keep the load evenly distributed.

The truck arrives at the bridge sight, tilts the truck bed, dumps the dirt, and is on its way back to the borrow pit in a matter of seconds.

To facilitate the work of the fleet of trucks, a new haul road was built around the Battle Park homes so they would not have to haul through the heavily congested housing area.

Work on the bridge started April 14, 1952 and is expected to be completed March 24, 1953.

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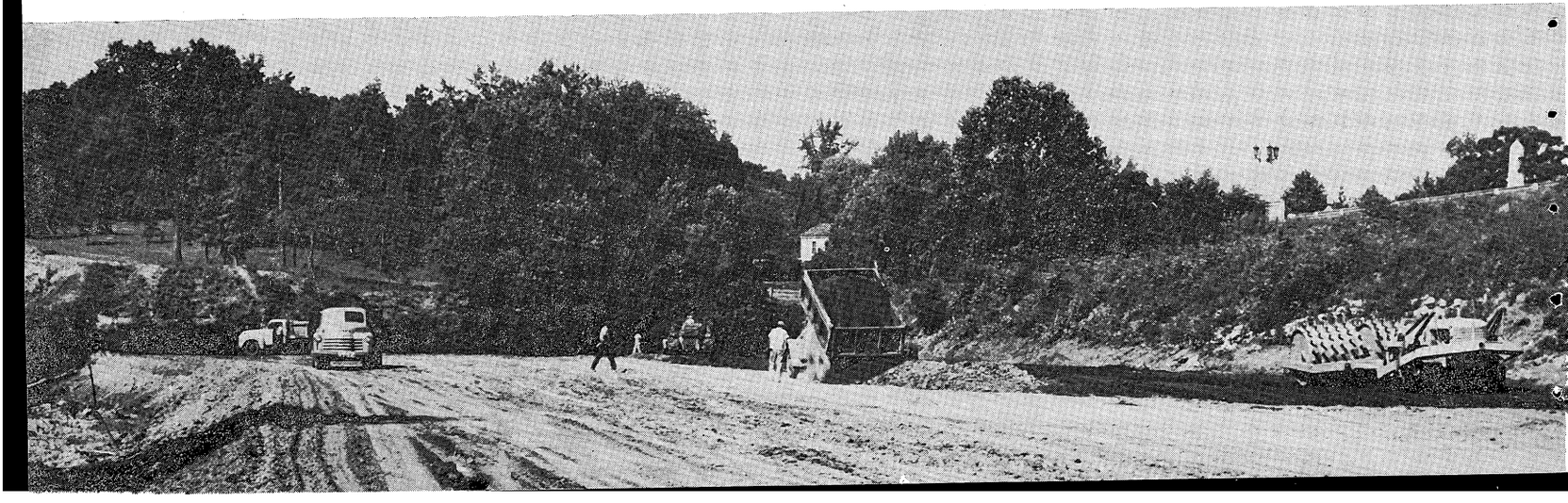

BOOK REVIEW

Caroline Ivey is the wife of Turner Ivey, who teaches history at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn, Ala. The Iveys make their home at Smith's, Ala., about seven miles from Phenix City on Highway 241 North.

THE FAMILY, by Caroline Ivey, William Sloan, Associates, New York, $3.50

BY BOYD HINTON

Caroline Ivey's first novel has been spoken of as "another Southern novel" but this comment only points out that she wrote about what she knew best, the modern South.

She used no literary device or gimmick to put over her book other than plain good writing and good story telling. For a novel, it is well written. For a first novel, it is superbly written, and her typewriter shows promise of even better things to come.

The Family is the story of the Olmstead family and more particularly of Shelby Olmstead and her Northern born husband, Stewart.

A brilliant scientist just out of the Army, Stewart has come home with Shelby to try to work out a pattern for his life, but patterns apparently are his greatest problem. His own life lacks a pattern, and he is unable to accept or understand the pattern of the Olmsteads' way of living.

Stewart tries to combat generations of family and their way of doing things with the cold logic of his own science. Of course he fails, and in failing he draws even further into his shell of indignation against that which he fails to understand.

No Different

Stewart, perhaps, is no different from anyone else who finds himself in an unfamiliar environment. He finds it difficult to adapt himself to new conditions, a characteristic strange for a scientist. But this contradiction is his weakness. He's a scientist who fancies himself as having a social consciousness.

Stewart chides Shelby for her prejudices, but can't see that his own prejudice is even greater. He hates ignorance but doesn't know what ignorance is. He is biased against people who have bias, and he will not attempt to understand anyone who doesn't have understanding.

Stewart thinks Shelby stupid because she doesn't think as he does. But Shelby tries.

She tries desperately to understand her husband. During the war when they moved from camp to camp, she blamed the difference in attitudes on the war and on the conditions, but during the time period of the book she has him in her own environment, and from that point, of course, she finally must judge her husband.

She realizes that he isn't like her brother Wyatt who will risk his life to save a cow. Shelby realizes Stewart isn't like her father Allen, who wishes only for a happy family. She realizes that he isn't like anyone she knows or has ever known.

Attempts

But she tries to break through to him. She attempts to meet him on his own ground—the intellect—but he only ridicules her. And when all else seems to fail, she tries to win to him physically with her body, but in this she is cheated too.

Perhaps she tried too hard and wants to win her husband all at once. But Shelby comes to realize that she can't judge Stewart by her own standards and they must create their own life as best they can.

The Family is a Southern novel and it shows understanding of the Southern personality. Caroline Ivey's people are real people like you have known all your life.

The Olmsteads, perhaps, aren't entirely typical of Southerners but their philosophy is the philisophy of Southern people of their own level. They are old stock who are not rich but can afford a culture and to follow a tradition. They are farmers and love the land and feel its need.

As farmers they are used to the change that Stewart finds so unfamiliar and confusing. Shelby doesn't have to question the things that Stewart does. She accepts what she has been taught to accept and expects that acceptance in others.

Caroline Ivey writes with understanding and knows her subject. She has written a good book and is capable of writing better books. A refreshing sign.

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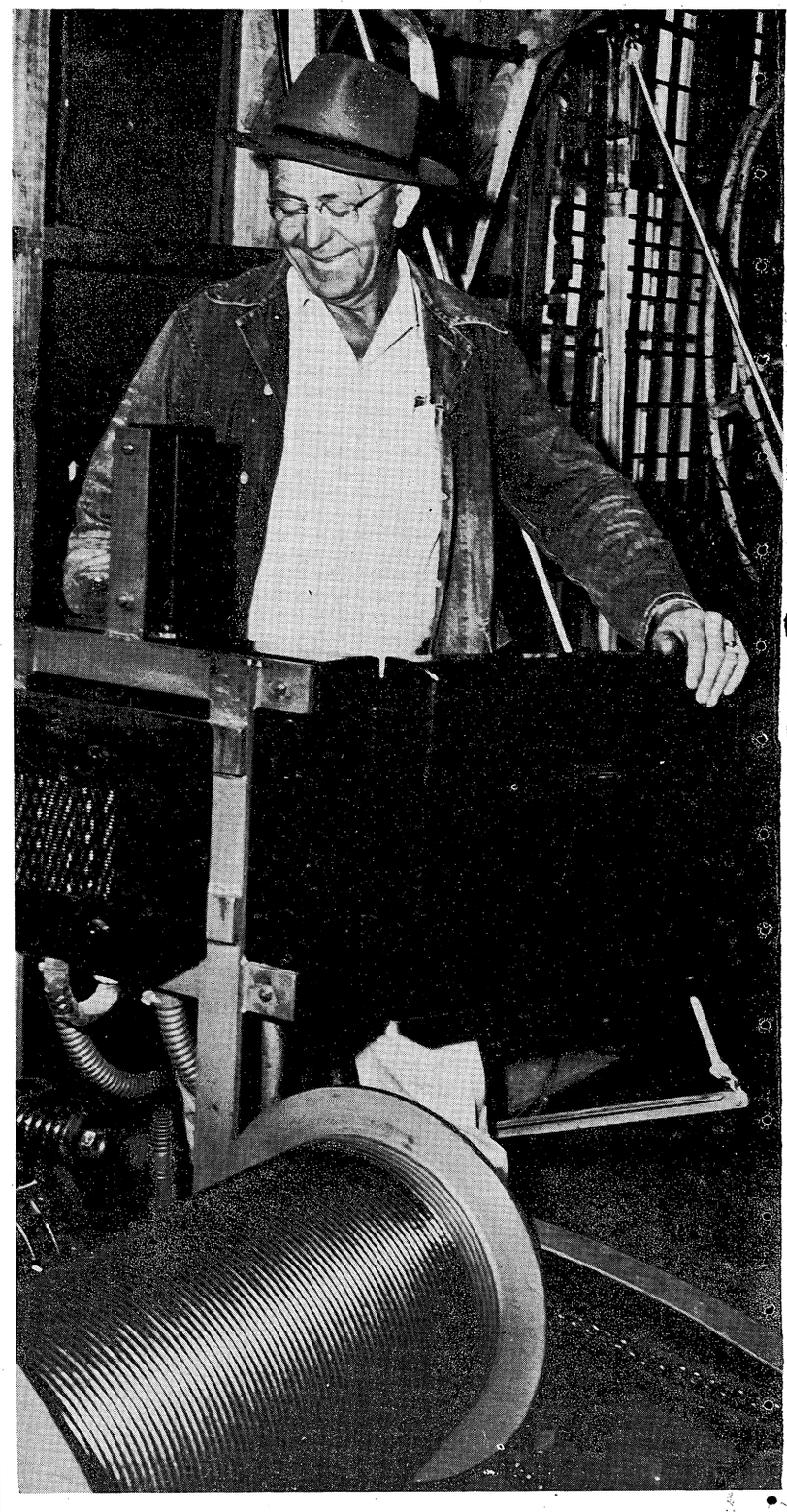

Jump Tower Upkeep

A Fort Benning Civil Service employee here literally laid the foundation for airborne training at The Infantry School.

Claude C. Glass of Columbus, Ga., helped build two of the 250-foot jump towers which the Airborne Department uses in training paratroopers and is now maintenance foreman for the department's Tower Training Committee.

The Airborne Department uses these jump towers to give paratrooper trainees the "feel" of a parachute. Each trainee puts on a parachute and is hoisted to the top of the 250-foot tower. He then is released for what is called a controlled fall. These falls also give

WOMEN

An oriental ring started a Fort Benning wife on a career of modeling.

Mrs. Hugh Hoffman, better known as "Smockie", wife of Capt. Hoffman, Tactical department, spent two and one-half interesting years modeling for Powers and in free lance work.

She was an art student at Traphagen College when the story book beginning happened. One day she and a girl friend went to the movies and on that particular day she was wearing an exotic oriental ring.

When they came from the theater, a gentleman approached her and commented on the ring, saying he was a collector of oriental rings. During their conversation, he told her he was Edward Jacobson, photographic illustrator.

Mr. Jacobson asked if she was a model. When he found out she was studying art, but had considered modeling, he gave her his card and told her to contact him if she ever decided to enter the modeling field.

Some time later, she went to see him. He was a personal friend of Powers and Conover, and told her he would take her to either. She chose Powers, where she was accepted.

For three months she did photographic modeling. However, the strong lights affected her eyes, which were weakened from salt water and disinfectants in the water where she had been swimming.

She decided then to go into fashion modeling. Mrs. Hoffman modeled as a free lance for wholesale fashions. To her, this was more interesting than straight photographic work. She loved the hustle and bustle when the big buyers came to won, and especially did she enjoy meeting new people.

She worked for some of the most famous fashion houses in America during her two years in this field.

However, in 1948, when her fiance graduated from West Point she gave up her career and married.

Since she became Mrs. Hoffman she has done little or no modeling. In fact, she claims that her young son and her housework takes up all of her time.

"It was interesting until the new wore off, then just like any other job it got monotonous. I wouldn't change places for anything in the world."

Jump Tower

trainees an opportunity to correct improper jumping methods before making an actual jump from aircraft.

Mr. Glass says that although he had done all kinds of construction work before tackling the tower building job, "this was the first time I ever attempted anything so complicated."

When the towers were ready for operation, Mr. Glass was asked to take the job as equipment maintenance foreman. He agreed to try it for one year.

"That was 11 years ago," he said, "and I hope I'll be here for many more years to come."

For one week before the towers were put into operation, the man who installed the machinery instructed the new foreman in maintenance procedures. That was the extent of his training for the job.

Mr. Glass admits that the tower training crew waited in almost breathless silence when the first paratrooper trainees rode up the tower in their parachutes.

Keeping 16 electric hoisting motors and accessories in safe working order is a full time job especially when it has to be done without interruption to the training schedule. When a tower is not in use, Mr. Glass inspects it and makes repairs.

He also is responsible for maintaining the sheaves, cables and lights on top of the towers.

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Range Operations

By PFC. MERWIN MELTZER

Fort Benning's Range Office is one of the most complex yet smoothly functioning units at the Infantry Center. At the present time there are 238 ranges and problem areas that come under the capable direction of Col. Harry D. Swindler and his staff.

Every type range or problem area that can be useful in the training of the infantryman can be found on the post, from known distance rifle ranges to battalion in the attack or defense problem areas.

The Fort Benning Range Office, which is located on First Division Road, is the focal point for all these operations. At the office is planned what ranges are to be used, when they are to be used, proper maintenance of all the areas and operation of the ranges themselves.

To the layman the problem of firing a range appears to be quite simply one of a unit appearing at a desired location and commencing to fire. However the converse would more accurately describe the situation. Many long hours of planning are involved before the first shot is fired.

As an example let us say that a company wants to fire a particular type of prbolem. The first thing the unit commander does is to submit a requisition to the range office stating when, and for what purpose the area is desired.

The request is forwarded to Major Arthur E. Sykes, who is in charge of allocation of ranges.

The Major would then plot the request on the large range map that is kept in his office, working out the safety angles and impact zones that will be involved in the use of the area.

Should these zones prove safe in regards to other firing areas being used at the same time, the zone is then plotted on a master chart of Infantry Center ranges and the firing is approved. If on the other hand the particular range requested is not available a substitute will be authorized the requesting unit.

The complexity of the problem for planning is more readily seen when it is noted that there are a total of 238 ranges and problem areas on the post that are scheduled through the Range Office.

The man responsible for the actual operation of these areas is Capt. William T. Lyons, who like the majority of military personnel in the Range Office, is a veteran of Korea. The Captain and the 83 enlisted men under him see to it that the ranges are always in working order and ready for use. Second echelon maintenance and repair is not done by military personnel, but rather comes under the sphere of operation of the civilian personnel assigned to the office by the Post Engineer.

Of extreme importance is the safety campaign being waged by the Range Office. Lt. Col. Gordon B. Hammond, Executive Officer of the Range Office has said that it is the useless external hazards that the office is trying to eliminate. The actual safety in operation is the responsibility of the Principle Instructor, however, the office is working at all times to eliminate those things that do not interfere with the realism that the problems attempt to convey.

Prime mission of the office is "to support the purposes of The Infantry School in its training of Infantry leaders."

At present there are 14 new ranges under construction, all expected to be ready for use at the end of July. Of special interest to all Army personnel is the new electronically operated transition range, Simpson Range. The range which is now in operation will speed the training of Army marksmen and make the range detail a much easier task.

MISCELLANY

Cpl. Daniel M. McPike may be seven generations away from mastering the bagpipes but according to him there has to be a starting place somewhere.

A member of Headquarters and Headquarters company, 30th Infantry Regiment, Combat Training Command, Corporal McPike, who says he has a dash of heather in his blood, has been interested in the pipes since he was 15. But it was only last Christmas that he owned his first set. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McPike of Tulsa, Okla., gave them to him.

The old Scottish legend has it that it takes seven years and seven generaitons to master the instrument, and Corporal McPike is having his troubles. He gets so much complaint from his efforts, he has to go off alone in the woods to practice.

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For the first time in the 31 years of the Fort Benning Children's school's history, there were no seventh grade graduating class members this year. The reason—next year, an eighth grade will be inaugurated here.

ROTC CADETS

South Dakota said that the inspectors can always seem to find room for improvement.

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Gereau said: "I never thought that they would bother to look on the inside of my belt buckle, or on the soles of my shoes, but that's just how thorough they are here, not only in inspections but in every bit of training that we've had."

Of the 2,351 cadets attending the ROTC camp 537 of them are Distinguished Military students. These are men who have the most promise in their military classes.

These cadets will get additional scrutiny by their officer instructors and will be rated more sharply. Those who come through will get the opportunity to apply for a Regular Army commissions, and their performance in the ROTC summer-camp goes a long way toward earning that goal. All of these men are above the average in scholastic standing and rank very high in leadership ability.

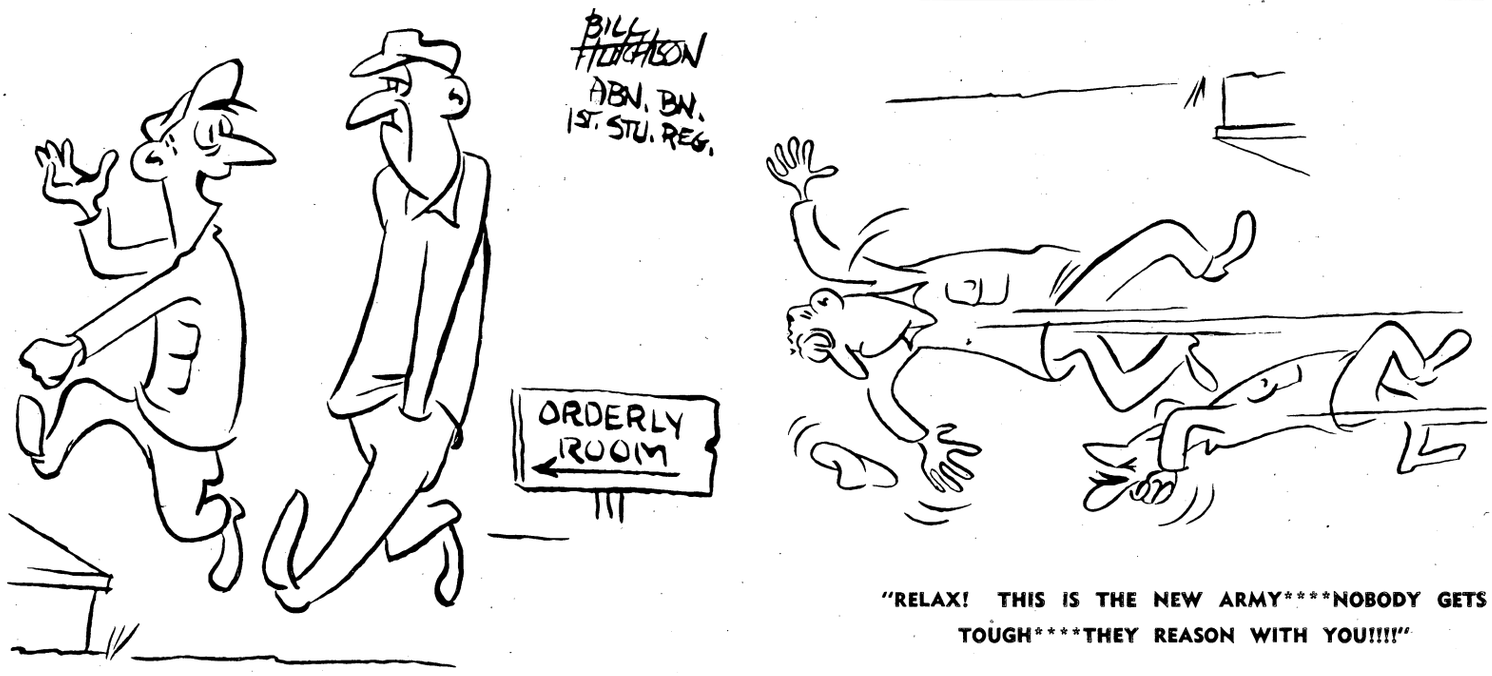
There is one cadet who is attending the summer-camp who is to be presented the outstanding cadet medal of the 1952 ROTC summer-camp program. This award will be presented at the end of the camp at the ROTC graduation ceremonies, August 1. This will be the cadet who has received the highest rating in all phases of the summer-camp program.

This cadet must not only be good as far as scholastic achievement and training is concerned, but he must have that extra something which makes a leader stand out from the rest of the class. Just who that man will be is the sixty-four dollar question as far as the cadets are concerned.

The camp has been organized into a Camp Headquarters and Headquarters Company and three battalions, each consisting of a small battalion headquarters and six cadet companies of an average strength of 135 cadets.

The support troops who provide transportation, guard, and other services for the camp are the Third battalion, 508th ARCT and a Provisional Transportation Truck Battalion consisting of the 33rd, 148th, and 666th Transportation Truck Companies.

The closing, as well as the opening, of such a large operation as the ROTC camp is a big job. Lt. Col. William J. McConnell, executive officer of the camp, has said that plans are already being made as to the disposition of equipment and the handling of other details when the college men leave.



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A Sergeant Returns

By PFC. MERWIN MELTZER

It isn't often that an Army man is on active duty at a post he helped get started over 33 years before. However such a man is to be found here at The Infantry Center. He is August Matthiesen, Master Sergeant, United States Army.

Sergeant Matthiesen whose service has not been continuous first entered the Army in 1914 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was soon assigned to The School of Musketry at that installation and was with the unit when it was transferred to Columbus, Georgia in 1918.

"In those days," the sergeant recalls, "the school was located in Wynnton, west of Columbus. The post itself was nothing more than a tent city. Our commanding officer in those days was a Lt. Col. Ames."

With the transfer of the school to its present site, where Fort Benning is now located, he was made senior sergeant instructor in bayonet and physical training. This took place in the Spring of 1919. A year later he requested and received his discharge.

COMMISSION

In the depression year of 1929, he received a commission in the Organized Reserve Corps.

For a period of ten years, during the thirties, Matthiesen was commanding officer of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the state of Oklahoma, a job in which his military background proved invaluable.

Soon after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor he transferred from the ORC to the Army of the United States and served with the Ordinance Training Center.

With the capture of Saipan he was transferred to that island base as part of the 55th Medium Port. He returned to the United States in 1946 and was separated from the Army as a lieutenant colonel in the Transportation Corps.

Sergeant Matthiesen soon re-enlisted as a masted sergeant and was sento Germany in 1946 as a member of the occupation forces.

In May of this year he returned to the states and was assigned to The Infantry Center in July.

Asked to compare the present installation with the small post that he left 32 years ago, Sergeant Matthiesen said that the only things that he can recognize are the commanding general's residence and the site of Rush Pool. But even the latter has changed. In 1920 it was only a lake.

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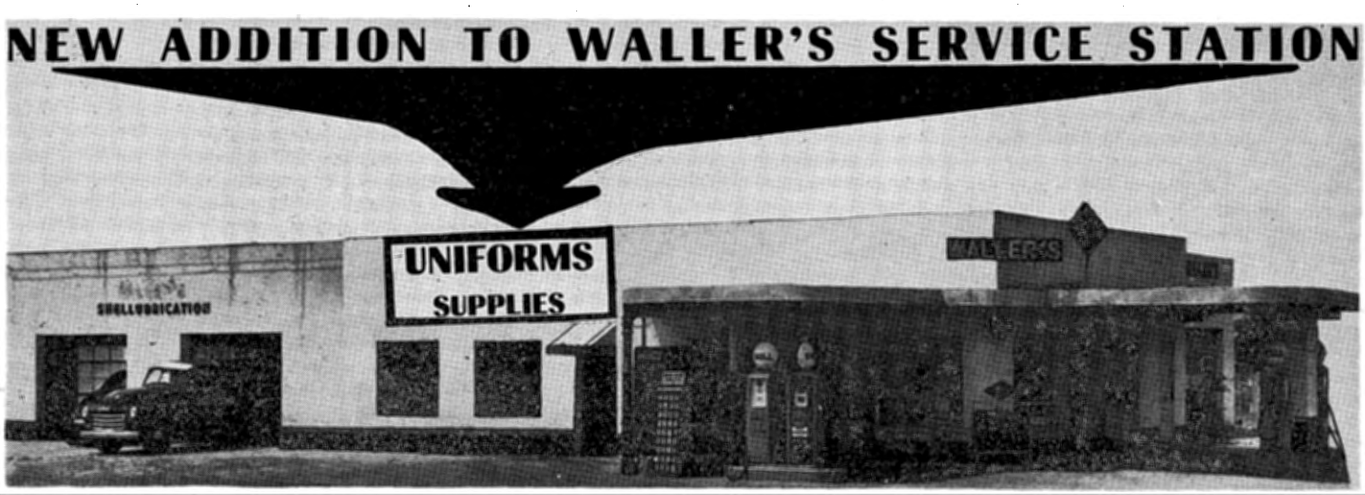

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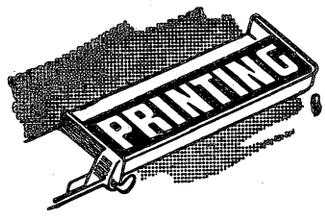

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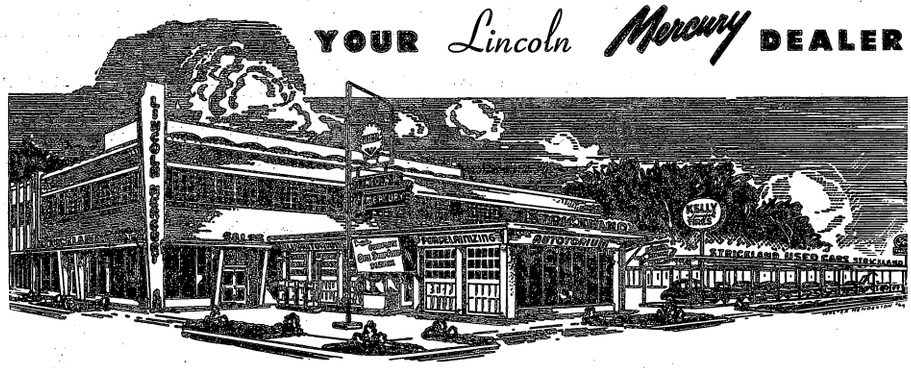

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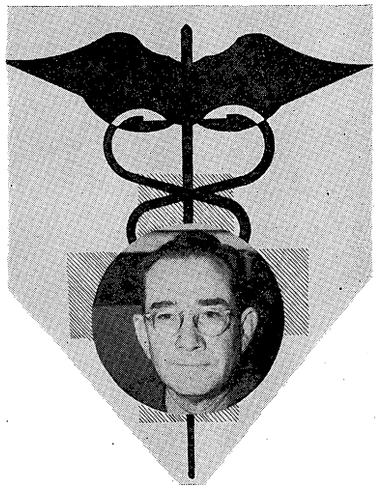
Col. Mack M. Green, commanding officer of the U. S. Army Hospital here, is centered against a caduceus, ages-old symbol of medical men and healing. The HERALD this month is dedicated to the hospital here, and to Army hospitals throughout the world. The Fort Benning hospital, now 28 years old, will soon be augmented by a new multi-story hospital capable of housing 500 patients. Although its exact location has not yet been determined, it is expected to be close enough to the present hospital so that the two may be used in conjunction. The new hospital building will be built on a chassis that can be expanded to 1,000 beds if the need arises.



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BENNING'S U. S. ARMY HOSPITAL

Some 24,000 Patients Ranging From Korean Battle Casualties To Military Dependents Are Treated By Benning's U. S. Army Hospital In One Year's Time.

BY CPL. CHUCK CALLAHAN

SKILLFUL FINGERS SAVE LIVES DAILY AT THE FORT BENNING U. S. ARMY HOSPITAL

The American Soldier today receives the best medical care in the world, in the opinion of Col. Mack M. Green, commanding officer of Fort Benning's U. S. Army Hospital. He likewise feels that "personalized, courteous care" should and can be given every hospital patient.

The Station Hospital, acclaimed by the Surgeon General's Office to be one of the most completely equipped medical centers within the armed services, proves these beliefs true in many ways.

The mission of the hospital is two-fold. First, to prevent disease to the fullest possible extent, and second to give immediate treatment of injury and disease.

Preventive medicine consists of all possible measures to check and limit the spreading of disease. Continuous sanitary inspections are made on and off the post, close liaison is maintained with the Post Engineer in insect and rodent control measures, and numerous other procedures are carried out such as testing all water supplies and supervising quarantines.

Medical statistics obtained through both military and civil health authorities are maintained. These statistics enable Infantry Center medical officers to evaluate and make necessary preparations for combating any disease which the statistics may indicate to be on the upgrade in this vicinity.

Vet Service

Benning's Veterinary Service works closely with the hospital in the prevention of disease by inspecting all foods used by personnel here. Each item may be inspected many times before it is finally issued to the mess halls. For example, food is inspected at its source, such as dairy farms, at packing houses, in storage, at distribution points, upon delivery to the Quartermaster, while in quartermaster storage, and just before it is issued to the troops, usually at ration breakdown points.

The Post Veterinary Section also performs other services such as working toward prevention of disease carried by animals.

The hospital furnishes two major types of treatment for personnel here, outpatient and inpatient treatment.

Outpatient treatment is available at nine dispensaries, two of which are for military dependents, located throughout the reservation. These dispensaries furnish medical care and treatment to all patients not requiring hospitalization. They also act as initial admitting agencies for patients who need hospital care.

The dispensaries are a common ground where the soldier and his dependants first meets the medical service of The Infantry Center. Realizing this, the hospital commander has taken particular pains in an effort to give the best possible service and make the patient feel that he is welcome.

In 1951 over 300,000 outpatients were

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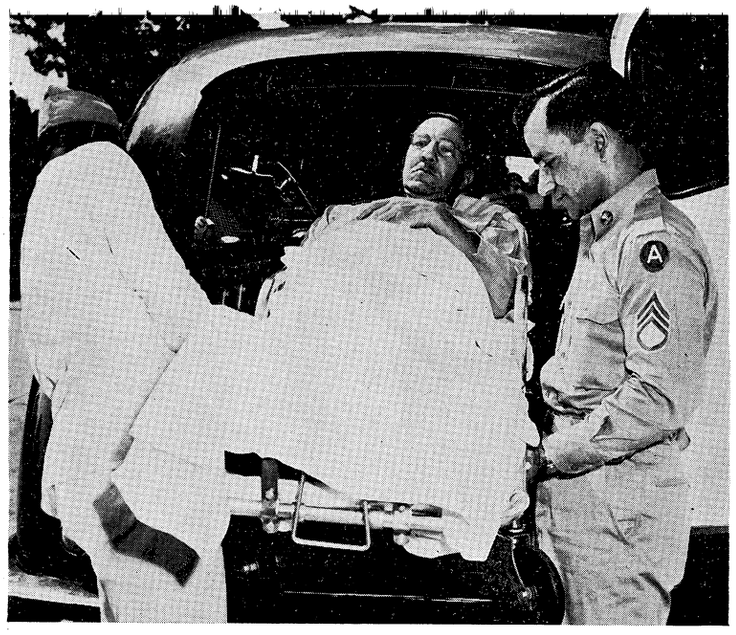

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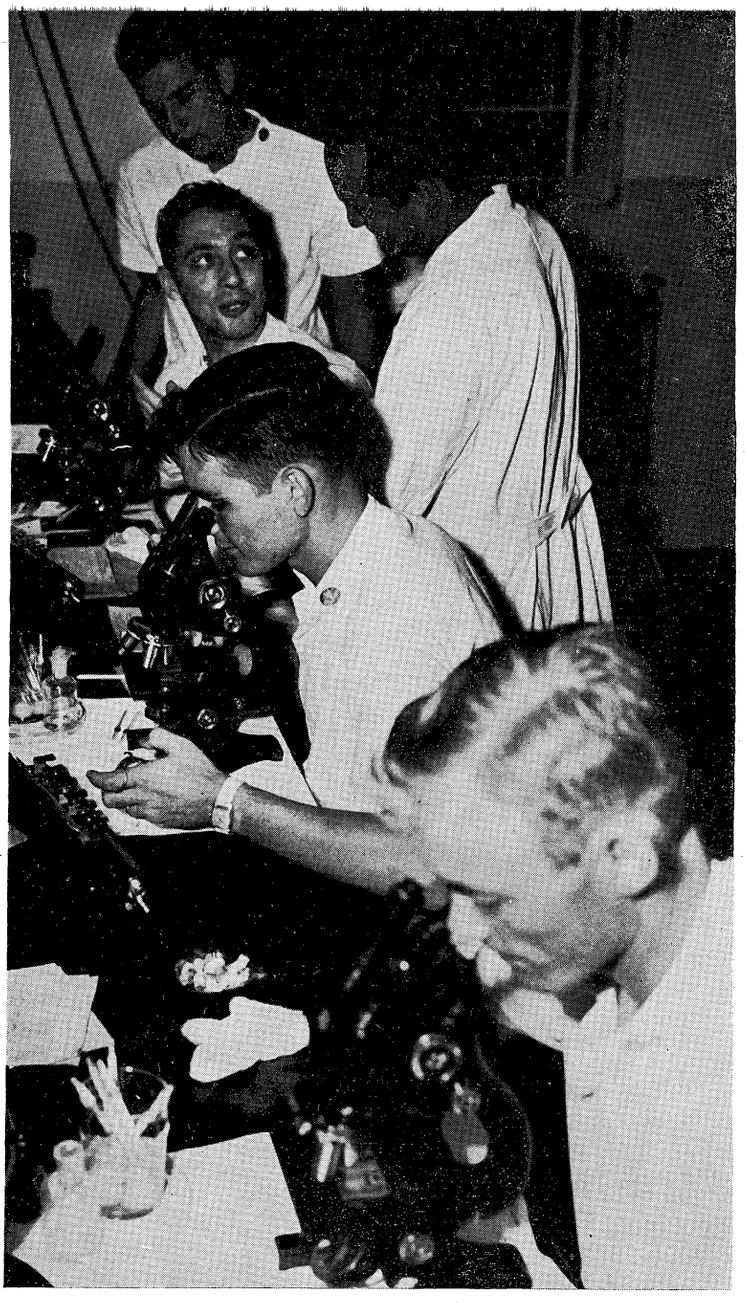

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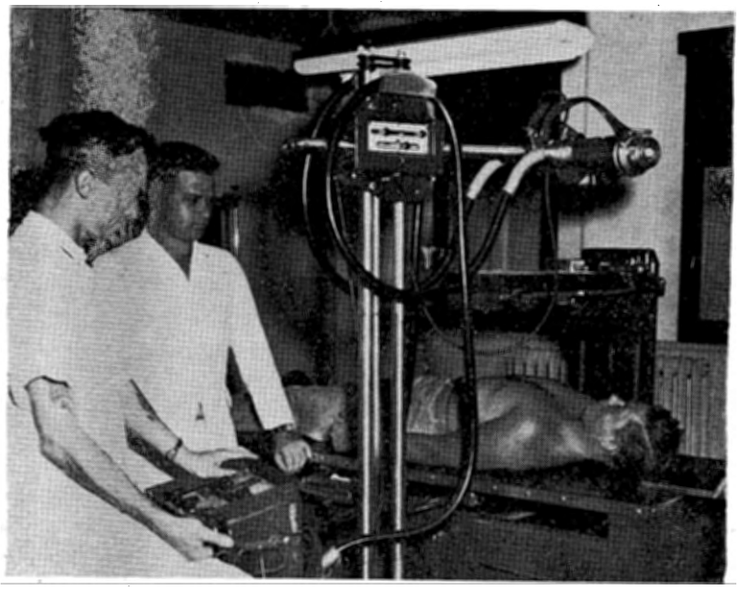

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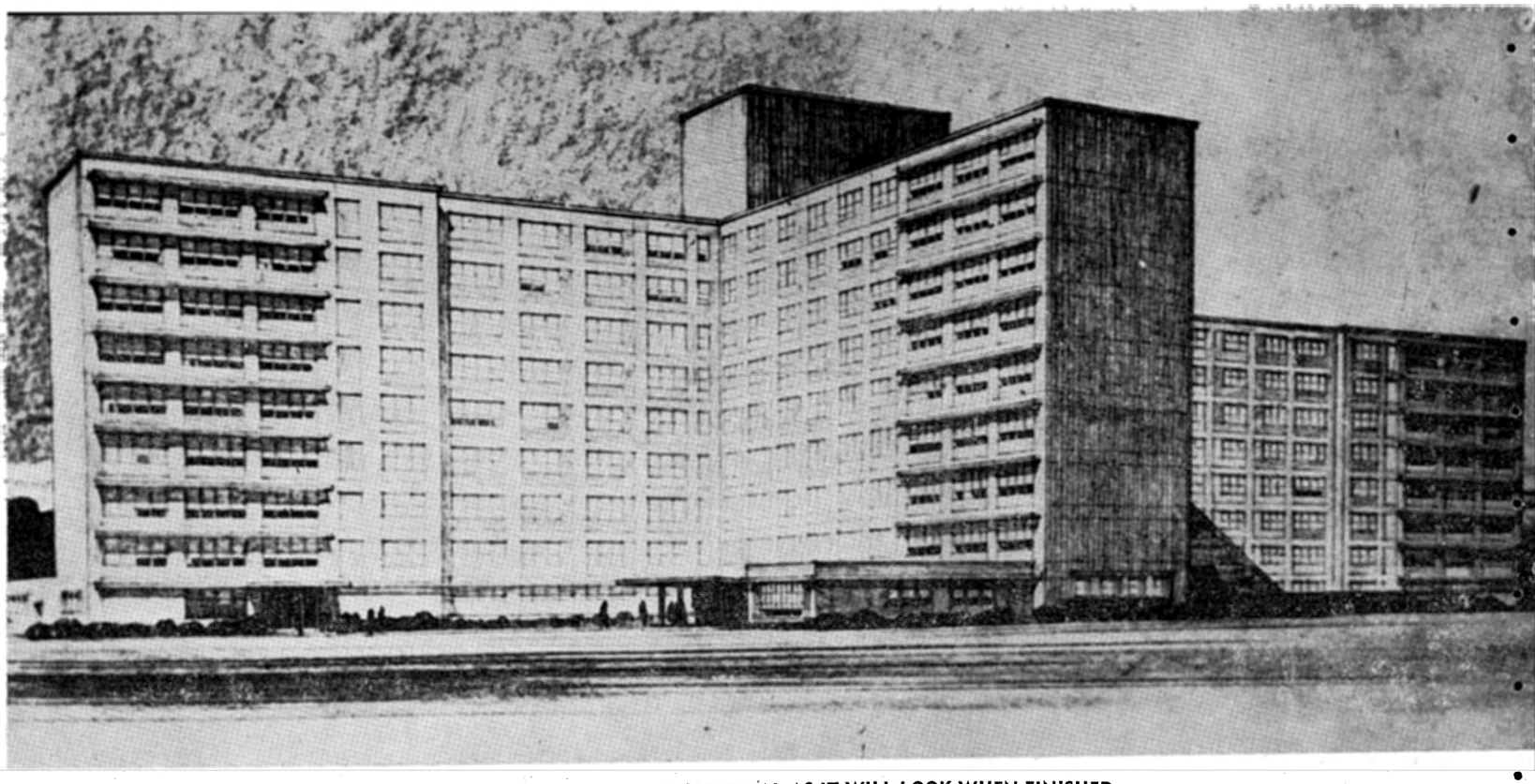

THE INFANTRY CENTER'S NEW HOSPITAL AS IT WILL LOOK WHEN FINISHED

BENNING'S U. S. ARMY HOSPITAL

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treated and a total of 306,157 immunizations were given.

Two pharmacies, one of which is open 24 hours a day, work closely with the dispensaries providing immediate and complete prescription service to the outpatients.

Inpatients are served by the hospital proper, a 1,000-bed-facility hospital which can be expanded to over 1,400 beds. The hospital, a general and specialized treatment center, is designated to handle orthopedic, surgical, and general medical cases.

Tops In Country

The Obstetrical Ward, recognized by the Surgeon General as one of the best militarily equipped in the country, delivered 1,672 babies during the year 1951, and 1952 promises to be an even bigger year in the Obstetrical Ward. During June alone, 224 babies were born at the hospital here.

Patients are transferred here from all over the world as well as from other stations in the Untied States. Since October 7, 1950, 682 patients were received at the hospital from overseas areas. Of this number 337 were classified as Korean battle casualties. Additional care is being provided for retired military personnel and their dependants.

The hospital food service plays an important part in the treatment received by the patients. It is prepared to serve practically any type of special diet that a doctor may prescribe for his patients. In order to give this service, three mess halls are operated and diet kitchens are available in almost every ward.

During the past year there were 24,410 admissions to the hospital. This means that an average of 67 patients were admitted every day. At present the average daily patient load is close to 1,000 patients.

The hospital is staffed with approximately 40 doctors, of which over 10 are available to administer surgical and medical care during off-duty hours when and where it is needed.

To assist the doctors with their mission the hospital has approximtaely 80 professionally trained nurses. In addition to their regular duties they constantly strive to do little things which might add to the comfort of the patients.

In July of 1951 the Fort Benning Hospital was named as one of two stations in the country to carry on research in prevention of malaria. The hospital here, along with the station hospital at Fort Knox, Ky., is testing a new drug, called "primaquine", which shows great promise as a cure for one of the most common types of malaria.

Benning's hospital today consists of four permanent type buildings and a group of annexes.

Main Building

The main building of the permanent hospital was constructed in 1923 and was first occupied in May of 1924. Then the hospital was set up to handle 100 beds. At later dates, until 1932, three more permanent type buildings with nine wards were added so that today the permanent hospital alone has more than 300 beds.

In addition there are over 1,100 bed spaces available in the cantonement annex to the hospital. Altogether 50 wards can be placed in service at any given time.

The architectural design of the permanent buildings is tropical and although they are now 28 years old they are quite usuable.

Construction is expected to begin early next year on a new hospital building. The exact location of the building has not definitely been established, but plans call for it to be built near enough to the present hospital so that both can be used as a unit.

The new hospital building will be a multi-story T-shaped structure, possibly nine stories high, capable of housing 500 patients. The structure will be built on a chassis which can be expanded to 1,000 beds if the need arises.

The work load of the Station Hospital has increased rapidly over the past 15 years. More X-ray films—over 10,000 per month—are made in the X-ray department in one month than were made for the total years of 1925, 26, and 27.

A physical medicine service consisting of a physical reconditioning program, physical therapy, and occupational therapy is available to give specialized therapy to patients.

Physical therapy treatment is administered to an average of 170 patients daily to help restore inert muscles caused by serious injury and disease. This treatment consists of whirlpool baths and numerous other treatments rendered by trained physiotherapists and technicians.

Physical reconditioning is a highly specialized type of physical training consisting of special exercises to help restore certain muscles and joints that have become inactive due to lack of exercise dur-

ing the recovery period of illness and injury.

Therapy

Occupational therapy simply consists of giving the patient some kind of creative work to do during his convalescence. The hospital has set up a hobby shop where a patient can make small items such as baskets and model airplanes to keep his mind off his injury.

The hospital operates a complete orthopedic service and a modern brace shop which handles many types of orthopedic appliances. The brace shop sets numerous fractures daily with plaster casts and an assortment of body braces.

Fort Benning's Blood Donor Center operated by the hospital has supplied over 1,000 pints of blood monthly to the fighting men in Korea since the program was begun in September of 1951.

The hospital furnishes not only medical care, but has facilities for recreation and counseling. It also gives patients assistance in personal and administrative problems.

The American Red Cross joins with the hospital in furnishing numerous recreation facilities for the patients. Daily shows are presented at the Red Cross Recreation Hall. For the patients who are unable to leave their beds, the Red Cross carries the shows to the wards.

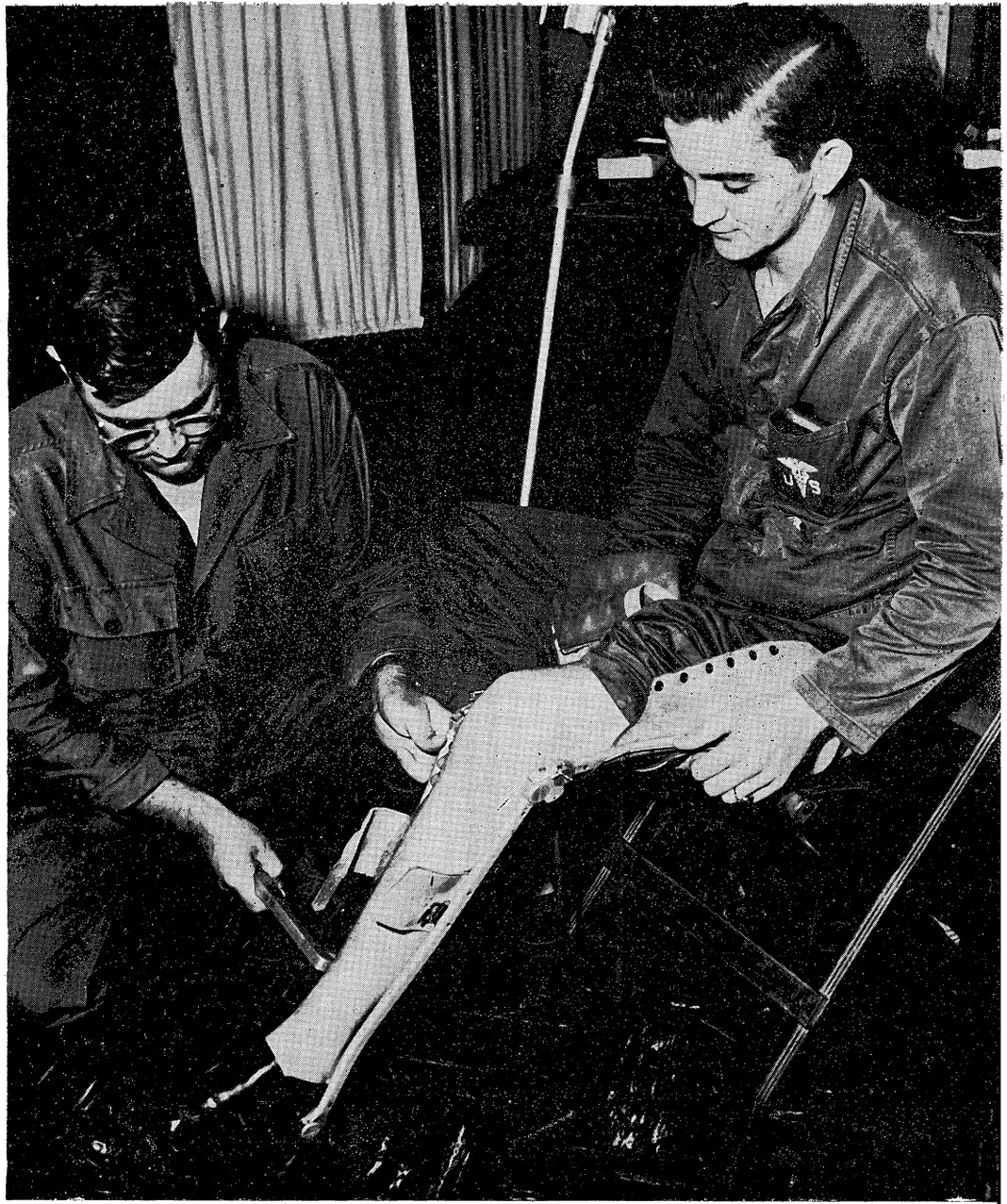
Armed Forces Radio Service operates Station WFBS for the hospital and offers 13 hours of radio entertainment every day.

The highlight of the station's many network programs is the broadcast of the baseball "game of the day" for the sports minded patients at the hospital.

When a soldier enters the hospital for treatment, he more or less enters a new company. For example, Pvt. John Doe has his appendix removed. Once the operation is completed and he receives the treatment necessary to put him on the road to recovery, the strictly medical aspect of his case is complete.

The administrative branch of the hospital then takes over to aid in his convalescence. He is given small jobs to do around his ward, he may visit the Red Cross Recreation Hall, see a movie, purchase from the PX, visit the library, or numerous other things he might ordinarily do were he not confined to the hospital for recovery.

The hospital does more than merely heal a man's physical wounds. It does far more. By careful convalescence, it refits him for duty physically and mentally. He is as well as before sustaining injury. This is thorough witness to Col. Green's creed—"Personalized, courteous care"—which the hospital carries out to the fullest.



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The Rangers STRIKE

ABOVE, A STUDENT RANGER BEGINS THE DESCENT OF A 90-FOOT CLIFF AS A PART OF HIS TRAINING. BELOW LEFT, THREE RANGERS PLOW THROUGH SNOW IN THE NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAINS MOVING CAUTIOUSLY INTO "ENEMY" TERRITORY. BELOW RIGHT, A TEMPORARY SHELTER IS ERECTED BY THE MEN TO WARD OFF THE BITTER WINDS ENCOUNTERED NEAR DAHLONEGA, GA., SITE OF THE RANGER MOUNTAIN TRAINING CAMP.

Learn To HARD

Early this year a band of some 50 heavily-armed men with malice in their minds slipped at night from a shrimp boat off the coast of Florida, boarded five-man canvas boats and fought their way through a stubborn surf to shore.

Carefully hiding their rafts, the invaders cunningly evaded detection along the beach although they landed near a resort-lined area. They worked their way inland unnoticed despite a moonlit night.

Through the night they stealthily crept towards their objectives—one group heading for an airfield on which were located several aircraft, and the other to a position where there were 12 artillery guns. Both objectives were some eight miles from the patrol's landing position.

At dawn they struck. At the airfield the planes were destroyed by TNT. The field's control tower was demolished and several guards were killed.

The second raiding party knocked out all artillery pieces at its objective and also killed a number of nearby personnel.

Then the marauders moved into a clandestine bivouac deep in the thick swamps where they remained all during the following day without being discovered.

While in the bivouac area that day they were able to evacuate their wounded by helicopter and scrounge food off the countryside.

The invaders' landing did not go undiscovered. Even before the raiding parties left their boats in the Gulf of Mexico near Pensacola, radar operators at nearby Eglin Air Force Base picked them up on their screens. A photo-reconnaissance plane was dispatched to take night photos of the group, and jet fighter-bombers were ordered out to the intruders. Despite accurate strafing runs, however, landing was accomplished.

North Georgia

The troublemakers next were active in north Georgia some two weeks later. There a night patrol of 24 TNT-laden men had made its way over 30 miles of the toughest mountain country in the state, and was hiding out on a peninsula jutting out into the Tennessee Valley Authority's *Blue Ridge Dam Reservoir*. There the interlopers secured five flat-bottomed boats from fishermen and paddled under cover of darkness two miles across the reservoir to the base of the dam. Scouts were dispatched to knock out any guards on duty. Then the remainder of the patrol worked its way into the vitals of the electricity-producing mechanisms and fastidiously placed the TNT loads where they would do the most damage.

Meanwhile other raiders were knocking out nearby transformers.

When the charges were set off and the leaders were satisfied that they had wrought much damage to the power-producing center, they ordered their men back across the lake. The patrol then returned to friendly areas by the most expedient route. This entailed rappelling down sheer 90-foot cliffs by a double-strand rope.

Were these foreign saboteurs at work in this country? If so why weren't these incidents reported in the nation's daily newspapers?

No Enemy

The answer is simple—these actions were not the result of enemy operations. These men were U. S. Army personnel undergoing Ranger training at The Infantry School.

In all instances Ranger training strives at stark realism. These two operations were dreamed up by Ranger instructors to make the training realistic.

In Florida the installations destroyed consisted merely of canvas and wood frames. At the dam, nothing was destroyed. The students did work their way into the innards of the plant to place dum-

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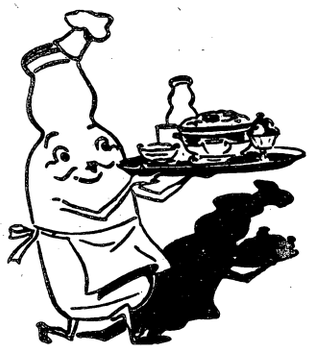

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RANGERS

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my explosives in vital spots, but the TNT which they carried was detonated in a pit at a considerable distance from the plant.

This first group of students to undergo Ranger training at The Infantry School was noncommissioned officers from the 47th and 31st Infantry Divisions, which are federalized National Guard divisions from Minnesota and Alabama respectively.

The 47 students were the remnants of a group of some 84 soldiers who started out to take the rugged eight-week's course, tabbed "fiendish but in a practical sense" by one observer.

Purpose

According to the Army the purpose of the Ranger course is to give selected rifle unit officers and noncommissioned officers intensive practical field training in scouting and patrolling and in small unit Ranger-type operations designed to improve the training capabilities and leadership standards within Infantry units.

The prerequisites for the course are high; the course itself rugged. The competition among the students is stiff.

The percentage of soldiers who flunk out is large. But you've never in your life seen a prouder group of individuals than the successful candidates who are given permission to sew on those Ranger patches at graduation.

Qualifications

First, each applicant must be a volunteer for the course. He must possess specific professional qualifications and his standards of physical fitness and character must be of the highest. He must in addition be a good swimmer.

The first four weeks of the grind are spent at Fort Benning. Here the candidates are brought up to standards of Expert Infantrymen. They are thoroughly grounded in knowledge of all Infantry weapons and in adjustment of artillery and mortar fire. They spend much time mastering map reading and the compass. They study leadership and handle demolitions of all types including mines and booby traps. They learn how to lead patrols. They study individual conduct and actions during both day and night patrols. And their physical fitness is not ignored. In addition to many hours of physical exercises and hand-to-hand combat, they hike long distances through swamp and mountain terrain.

The candidates also study tropical and mountain survival techniques. Finally they learn how to handle poisonous snakes.

Theory

Almost all the theory comes at Benning, for once the class moves into the swampy lands of Florida it begins to practice in the field what has been preached to it at The Infantry School.

Here the fun begins—if you like to wade through reptile-infested swamps (sometimes in 2 A. M. darkness), go without sleep for long periods, creep and crawl through virtually impassable thickets, fight heavy surf in light canvas rafts and survive on food you find growing wild.

Capping the Florida phase of training with the 48-hour water-borne problem, the would-be Rangers then move back to Benning before transferring their base of operations to a camp near Dahlonega, Ga., in the Great Smoky Mountains.

The terrain at Dahlonega offers the students an opportunity to study mountain operations. They are put through all sorts of courage tests. One day is given over to rope work and rappelling, the art of traversing mountainous areas via ropes. First the students witness instructor-personnel drop off 90-foot cliffs with a double-strand rope. Then they see these same instructors evacuate down the same cliff a "patient" strapped to a stretcher.

Finally it is up to the students to take their turn at descending the cliff. Despite the daringness of the feat, only two candidates out of the first class refused to take the risk.

The Ranger Department director, Col. H. G. Learnard, Jr., is quick to point out that his instructors do not attempt to produce polished mountain climbers out of the students during their stay in the mountains. Training of experts is left to the Mountain School at Camp Carson, Colo. The point in presenting this training to students here is to give them the principles so that they may apply them if ever the occasion arises.

The students also learn such things as how to build a two-rope bridge across roaring streams in order to transport valuable equipment.

Grand Finale

The grand finale of the eight-week's grind is a tortuous 72-hour problem in which the students apply most all they have learned during the course. The exercise—during which the dam is the objective—takes on all the aspects of a combat operation.

Twenty-five man combat patrols are sent out to their objective, some 35 miles away. To arrive at their destination the patrols must cross some of the most rugged mountains in the Smoky chain. They ford roaring rivers during darkness and must swim icy waters to build bridges for moving across their radios and other equipment which cannot be put into the river. The problem incorporates the use of "friendly" partisans, some of whom can be trusted and others who aim at waylaying and betraying the patrol. It is up to the patrol leaders to determine which of these partisans can be trusted.

One of the highlights of this final maneuver is rappelling down a 90-foot cliff at night.

"Aggressors"

Throughout these field exercises cadremen dressed in foreign-looking uniforms play the role of enemy personnel. They make their headquarters in buildings marked with strange looking signs and drive vehicles bearing similar insignia.

All problems are made realistic. No effort is spared to carry this realism along into all aspects of the maneuvers. For instance in one of the Florida problems a captured German V-1 rocket was transported from Eglin Field some 30 miles to an isolated swamp area and set up on a launching platform. This rocket was used as an objective in one of the problems.

Another is a radar installation made of

canvas and logs, but with the appearance of the real thing.

Civilian "Enemy"

In all problems the future Rangers look with apprehension upon all civilians approaching their areas. Several innocent-appearing persons have turned out to be "enemy" dressed in civilian clothing.

During one of the problems a patrol was on the defense. Out of the darkness suddenly appeared two men, one wearing a loud checkered shirt and overalls. The other was dressed in hunting clothing. The pair told the guards they were on their way "down to the river to set some fish traps."

The guards swallowed the story and even warned the strangers that they were entering a maneuver area and to "watch out."

However, an inner-perimeter guard exposed the attempt at treachery and foiled the pair's attempt to infiltrate the position.

For the waterborne problem the Rangers were taken to a spot along the Gulf of Mexico which simulated a marshalling area. There one of the Ranger instructors, Capt. Robert A. Smith of Atlanta, Ga., posed throughout the day as "Lt. J. P. Jones of the U. S. Navy." Complete with navy uniforms and insignia Captain Smith carried out his role throughout the day and even made the landing that night with the students.

Tactical officers accompany the patrols on all their marches. They serve as observers and graders. They are not allowed to give help or assistance at any time.

Patrol Leaders

During each problem different students act as patrol leaders. The trainees are solely responsible for all decisions made. They may not turn to the tactical officers for guidance. If, however, one of the patrol leaders makes such a gross error that it might effect the entire outcome of the operation, then the tactical officer will declare the patrol leader a casualty and replace him with the patrol's second in command.

The level of military experience among the students ranges all the way from novice to veteran. Some of the students never had any military service until their divisions were federalized last year. Others of them, however, are World War II veterans, and six members of the class saw combat in Korea.

Upon completion of the course the students will return to their units to be used as instructors. One opinion of just how good these men are was expressed by Capt. Alvin Futrell, a West Point—schooled Ranger instructor.

He put it this way: "Boy, how I'd love to have some of these lads in my company!"

Throughout the first century and a half of the Army's history it looked with pride upon its Ranger-type untis, whose ranks were filled with superb physical specimens and excellent marksmen who would tackle any mission put to them.

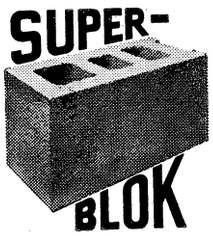
During World War II, Ranger Battalions rolled up enviable records by their daring exploits both in Europe and in the Pacific.

When the Korean war broke out Army Chief of Staff General J. Lawton Collins, decided it was high time to reinstate the Ranger idea. At Fort Benning a number of companies were formed and trained. Personnel for the training were required to be trained paratroopers.

The policy was to attach one Ranger company to each Infantry division for the accomplishment of hazardous missions behind enemy lines.

Last fall the Army decided to return Ranger-trained personnel to the Infantry rifle company, where the highest demands for our best leadership exist.

So the present program calls for training individuals in lieu of units, thereby raising the standards of the entire Infantry.



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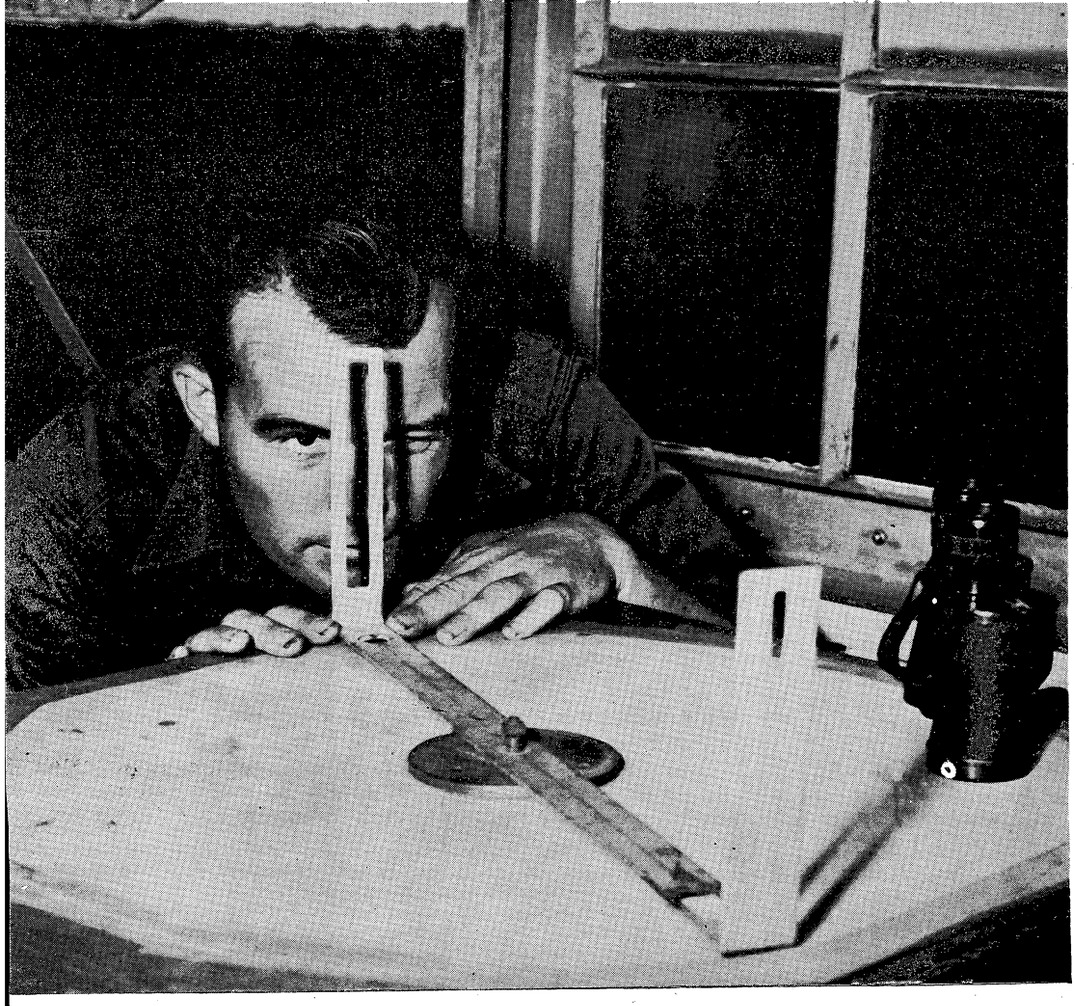

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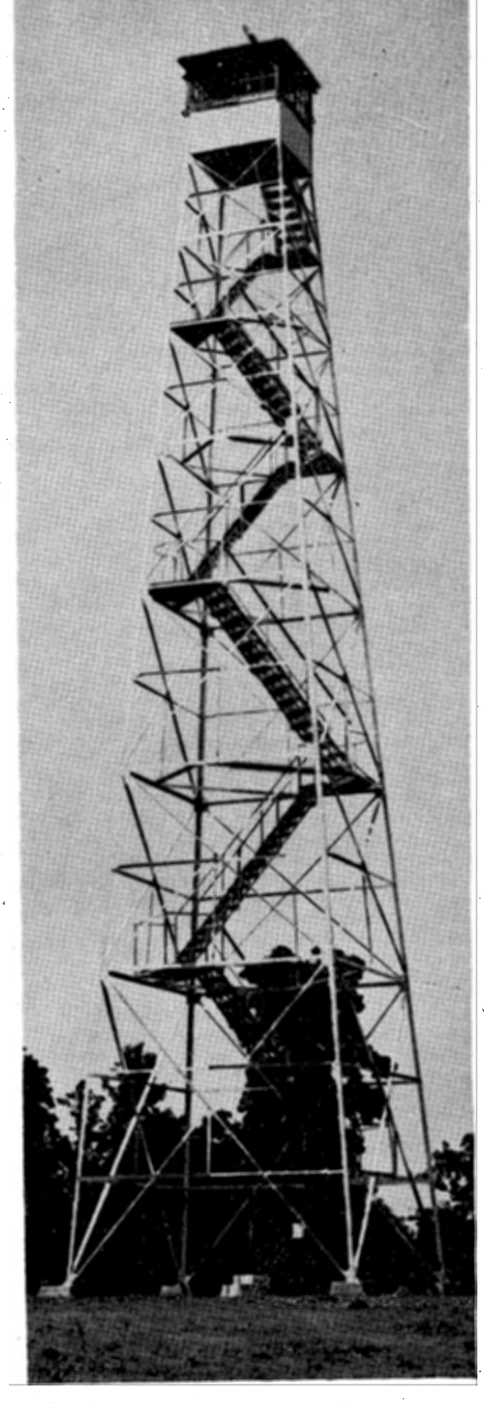

Foresters Keep Benning Green

"Fort Benning's 182,000 acres of growing timber will yield 10,000,000 board feet of lumber every year for an indefinite length of time if forest fires can be prevented and controlled," says Norman F. Force, Fort Benning Forester.

The Forestry Section, consisting of Mr. Force and an eleven-man crew, surveys and inventories the growing timber, inspects the yearly harvest and protects the uncut trees from their most dangerous enemy, fire.

Protection of the forest from fires is the most important function of the Forestry Section.

To carry out this operation the foresters have erected three 100-foot lookout towers on the reservation.

Tower No. 1 is located at the section's base of operation at the old fire station in the Harmony Church hospital area. This was the first of the three towers to be constructed, and all of the erection work was done by Mr. Force's crew. The only source of power available for driving power-operated machinery was provided by a lone Army jeep. Tower No. 2, the only wooden structure of the three, is situated on a hilltop just south of the Muscogee County poor farm on Schatulga Road. Tower No. 3 is located just off Buena Vista Road in the east central part of the reservation.

Spotters in each of the three lookout towers can scan areas reaching nine miles in all directions. If a fire breaks out at any point on the reservation, they immediately sight on the fire with Osborne Fire-Finders and take compass readings to the point of the fire from their locations. The spotters then phone the readings to the forester's headquarters, nerve center of the entire operation.

Dispatcher

The dispatcher at headquarters plots a line along the magnetic directions given him by the spotters. The point at which lines from two or more of the towers cross is the location of the fire.

Once the fire is pin-pointed a fire-fighting crew equipped with shovels, plows, water pumps, and other fire-fighting apparatus can be dispatched and reach the blaze within 20 minutes.

When the crewmen reach the fire they first attempt to locate the "point" or "head" of the blaze—the hottest part of the fire. They turn the point of the blaze by putting in a fire break approximately 30 to 50 yards in front of the fire.

A fire break is made with a tractor-drawn plow that clears a three-yard furrow down to mineral earth.

The fire fighters then "fight fire with fire." They do this by back-firing from the fire break. When this break is complete the blaze will burn itself out, and the danger is over.

Once the crew turns the point of the fire the job is half finished, since the point is usually moving faster than any other part of the blaze.

Past Year

During the past year alone, the foresters have reduced burnt timber acreage by 20 per cent.

The section added more mobile patrols and extended its working day to help safeguard the 130,000,000 board feet of commercial timber growing on the reservation.

FIRE IS PIN-POINTED ON MAP, ABOVE, BY DRAWING TWO LINES FROM DIFFERENT TOWERS. BELOW, PLOW-TIPPED TRACTOR CUTS A FIRE-BREAK THROUGH WOODS.

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Military Scene

The clear crisp strains of the bugle are rapidly fading from the military scene. Whereas at one time in the not too distant past the bugle was the basic means of communication between the commander and his men in the midst of battle, today it has been relegated to an almost non-existant status.

The demise is further emphasized by the fact that even when the occasion for use of the bugle does arise a trumpet rather than the bugle itself is used.

In the days before the radio and the telephone, the Army bugle's blare controlled all movements of infantry, artillery and cavalry in combat. Vestiges of those days may be found in the Army's manual of bugle calls that still lists calls for every conceivable occasion from reveille to taps or from charge to retreat.

Even in this modern scientific age the strain of the bugle's blare still stirs the hearts of men. The sound of "charge" which has been made universally known by the movie makers of Hollywood and their sagas of the American West, did in actuality herald the start of many of the greatest battles in the nation's early history.

Perhaps the most beautiful and yet saddest bugle call of all is the haunting "Taps". The lilting tune signifying the end of another day or played in tribute to a departed brother-in-arms can still bring tears to the eyes of strong men.

Today the bugler himself, once a focal point of attention in military encounters, is rarely heard. In days gone by his instrument could call men to arms, could start or end battles. However, with the modern era his importance faded.

Even at those installations where the bugle call still summons men to and from duty, the bugler, the man playing the calls, is no longer a factor. Even this last retreat has been overshadowed by man's electronic advancement and all calls still heard are recordings played over loudspeakers.

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ENTERTAINMENT

COL. IVAN W. PARR, JR.

The Fort Benning Little Theatre, one of the newest and most enterprising associations on the Post, is fast gaining in experience and accomplishments.

At its business meeting held July 22, Colonel Ivan W. Parr, Jr., General Chairman, announced that its next production would be Agatha Christie's murder mystery comedy, "Ten Little Indians." It is tentatively scheduled for presentation on October 9th and 10th at the Main Post Theatre.

Originally organized in December of 1951, the Little Theatre nucleus was composed of Lt. Col. A. L. Leonard, Mrs. Stanley Lonning, Mrs. A. M. Leavitt, Mrs. Allen L. Peck, Mrs. George Daoust and Mrs. Lewis B. Bulwinkle.

The present Governing Board is made up of Colonel Ivan W. Parr, Jr., General Chairman; Mrs. Charles E. Thomann, Secretary; 1st Lt. Charles E. Thomann, Treasurer; Mrs. Allen L. Peck, Member-at-Large; Mrs. Charles R. Fernandez, Publicity Chairman; and Mrs. Joe B. Lamb, Make-up Chairman.

General Chairman

Colonel Parr, present general chairman, has been active in dramatic productions since he was in high school at York, Pennsylvania, where he appeared in a number of plays sponsored by the DeMolay.

During a previous tour at Fort Benning, in 1937 and 1938, he was a member of the Fort Benning Dramatic Club, which presented four shows yearly. He appeared as Frankie in "Three Men on a Horse," and was stage manager in numerous subsequent productions.

During World War II, Colonel Parr served in the European Theatre, returning to the States in 1947. His assignment to Fort Benning in early 1951 afforded his first opportunity to resume Little Theatre activities, and he has been one of the most energetic supporters of the Little Theatre since its inception.

Sponsor

At present, the Little Theatre is under the sponsorship of the Woman's Club; however, it is anticipated that in the near future a request will be made for a charter, and that the Little Theatre will be set up as a separate and independent unit.

The first production attempted by the Fort Benning group was "Over 21," which was presented in the Main Post Theatre on February 21st and 22nd of this year. Since then, "The Women," and more recently "Petticoat Fever," have been successfully produced, and it is expected that the forthcoming "Ten Little Indians" will achieve an even greater measure of renown for the Little Theatre.

Casting for "Ten Little Indians," was held August 6, and rehearsals were underway almost immediately with 1st Lt. Charles T. Thomann as director. Thomann will be remembered by theatregoers for his excellent performance as Dascom Dinsmore in "Petticoat Fever."

Make-up

Mrs. Joe B. Lamb, make-up chairman, contemplates conducting a series of theatrical make-up classes, commencing Sept. 15 for those who are interested in being on the make-up committee. Personnel with previous make-up experience are especially invited to enroll for these classes. Mrs. Lamb may be contacted by telephone at Columbus 3-8976.

Membership in the Little Theatre is open to all personnel stationed at Fort Benning, not only for those interested in acting, but for those who have a desire to participate in any of the technical phases of theatre productions. Interested persons may contact any member of the Governing Committee for further information.

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WOMEN

BY MAY PIGOTT

Mrs. Robert N. Young, wife of Maj. Gen. Young, began her third Benning "tour" June 8 when the General assumed command of the post.

Although she has spent most of the last month getting settled in her quarters she has still found time to renew old friendships and make new friends.

Mrs. Young, a small, blue eyed-woman, is no new-comer to Benning. She was here with her husband on two prior assignments. The first tour was in 1932 when the general attended the company officers' course, and the second was in 1934 when General Young was an instructor in the Communications department.

Hobby is Flowers

In addition to getting settled in her home, the new first lady has been working at her hobby of flower gardening. According to Mrs. Young, this is one time she and the general won't have to draw straws to see who gets the extra space for their garden.

Another member of the family who enjoys the wide, shady lawn is Judy, 12 year old cocker spaniel who has gone around the world with them. According to Mrs. Young, Judy is spoiled, but they love her anyhow.

"She is an excellent playmate for our three and a half year old grandson when he comes to visit", she says.

Grandson

The grandson is the child of her daughter and son-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. George Hoidra.

A confirmed homemaker, Mrs. Young is more interested in gardening than in playing golf or tennis, and she prefers bridge to canasta.

She is also interested in Grey Lady work and plans to offer her services when she is completely settled. While she was at Fort Bragg, she was chairman of the Grey Lady Dependent's Out-Patient Clinic.

Mrs. Young, who is the former Cameron Davis, was born and has lived most of her life in Washington, D. C. It was there she met and married the then 2nd Lt. Robert N. Young.

"Story Book"

In Mrs. Young's words, "The meeting was really a story book one". She was a bridesmaid at a friend's wedding, and Lieutenant Young was an usher. In the round of wedding festivities they became acquainted. It wasn't long until she became Mrs. Young and started for her first Army post, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Young, a veteran of many moves, smiles when she remembers that first move. "I've moved so many times since then," she said, "I almost fall into a set pattern when it comes to packing and unpacking".

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The school has four basic instruments which its students learn to use. These instruments are the Geiger Counter, the Ion Chamber, the Pocket Dosimeter, and the film badge. The first two instruments measure the strength or intensity of the radiation being emitted by a substance. The Pocket Dosimeter and the film badge measure the amount of radiation a person's body has absorbed. The CBR term for this is "dosage".

The Geiger Counter is a fairly delicate instrument. Rough handling in the field can destroy its accuracy in measuring radioactivity. However, it is well adapted for use at monitor or decontamination stations.

These stations are similar to the delousing stations presently used overseas. The difference is that these atomic decontamination stations check the GI's clothes and bodies for radiation. If the clothes are found to be radioactive, they are either laundered or destroyed. Their disposition depends upon the amount of radiation which they contain. The soldiers themselves take showers since soap and water remove most surface radiation.

Compared to the Geiger Counter, the Ion Chamber is a rugged instrument that can give a good account of itself in field work. It is a small instrument 10 inches long, five inches deep, and five inches wide. It weighs only eight pounds. Crews using this instrument move through an area and measure the amount of radioactivity present to determine if it is safe for troops to move through the area.

The Pocket Dosimeter and the film badge both serve the same purpose—recording the dosage or amount of radioactivity which a person has absorbed. To insure accuracy, both devices are carried by all of the men.

The Pocket Dosimeter, which is about the size of a fountain pen, has a small scale which records the amount of radiation dosage. For example, after one hour of working in an area which is contaminated with radioactivity, the scale of the Dosimeter may have a reading of 250. After four hours in the area, the reading may have moved up to 600. This means that the soldier has accumulated 600 units of radioactivity during his four hours in the area.

GEIGER COUNTER USED TO CHECK RADIATION FOR SOLDIER'S PROTECTION

When the reading nears the danger point, the man will then withdraw from the area or else run the risk of hospitalization for radiation sickness.

The pocket Dosimeter has a weakness in that it is too delicate. Rough handling can cause it to give inaccurate readings. This is where the film badge comes in.

The film badge, about the size of a silver dollar, has two sections—a lightproof container and a piece of film which is placed in the container. The film is the type which a dentist uses when he X-rays teeth. Radiation exposes this film the same way light exposes ordinary camera film. After the film has been developed, it is placed in a machine which measures the density of the exposure.

A light gray smudge means the film has received only a small amount of radiation; a dark gray one means the film has received a large amount of radiation. This machine, by passing a light through the film, can determine the exact amount of radiation received by the film. Thus the film can acccurately record the amount of radiation its wearer has absorbed. The one bad feature is that the wearer of the film badge has no idea how much radiation he has absorbed until the film is developed.

None of the instruments described in this article are the final answer. The Army is constantly working to perfect smaller and cheaper instruments which can stand up under the rigors of field work. The progress towards these goals is unknown, but there have been reports that a lighter, more compact Ion Chamber is being tested.

Better Cooks Learn Here

Better-trained cooks at less cost are being graduated from the Third Army Area Food Service School here.

Much of the credit for this goes to the school's new "Fanny Farmer" kitchen which began operation a few months ago. The kitchen, used for small quantity cooking, enables the student cooks to get practice in preparing many Army dishes before assignment to a regular mess hall.

No New Idea

The idea of giving practice cooking classes to student cooks isn't new to the Army. In 1950 a small quantities cooking kitchen was established at Fort Benning. But because of the equipment available it wasn't really small quantity cooking. Most of the recipes were for servings of 25 or more. The drawbacks were many.

The cost of the utilities and of the foods used was high. It was difficult for the instructors to work with the individual students and only a few foods could be prepared by each student.

All of this was changed in February of this year. Under the new set-up the student cooks now prepare recipes which call for one to five servings. Ten small, apartment size stoves have replaced the much larger Army stoves, formerly used.

Costs Lowered

Costs of operations have been lowered considerably. Lt. Col. John S. Anderson, school commandant, states that hundreds of dollars are saved monthly on the cost of utilities and rations alone. He also believes that the cooks now being graduated are more experienced since they have received more training in preparing many foods under the supervision of competent instructors.

Classroom work in the theory of cooking occupies the first two weeks of the school's schedule. During this period the operation and purpose of the kitchen are explained. Actual work in the kitchen begins the third week.

The class, ranging in size from 16 to 32 students, works in the kitchen one week. The student cooks learn to prepare 59 different recipes which they will later use in their normal duties as Army cooks. Six instructors work with the students at all times.

Products Tested

After everyone has prepared a certain food, their products are placed on a table and the instructors and students critique the food for taste, appearance, and aroma.

The week's schedule is broken down as follows: On Monday breakfast foods are prepared. In this category are eggs, bacon, oatmeal, farina, and quick breads. The preparation of soups, sauces, and gravies is taught Tuesday. Wednesday is meat day and Thursday is devoted to making sea foods and cooked fruits like stewed prunes. Vegetables, salads, and salad dressings wind up the week of kitchen work on Friday.

The recipes used by the student cooks are for servings of one to five people. They were compiled into book form by M/Sgt. Paul E. Reilly of the school. Each student cook is given a copy his first day in the kitchen.

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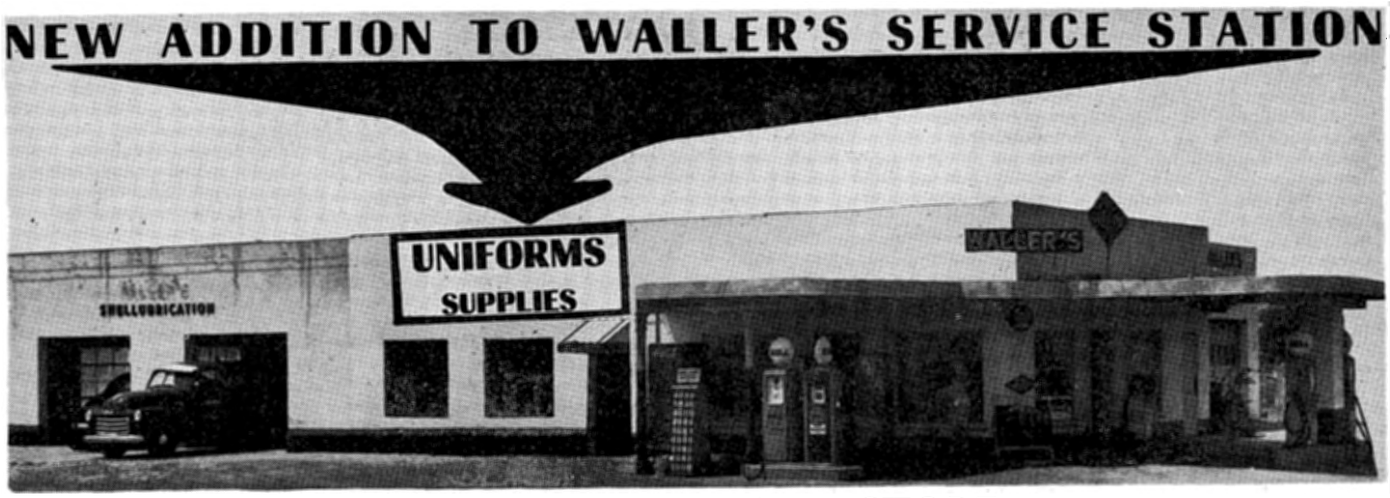

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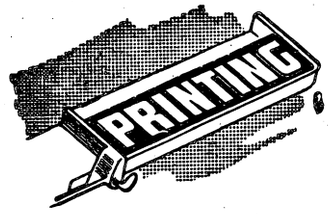

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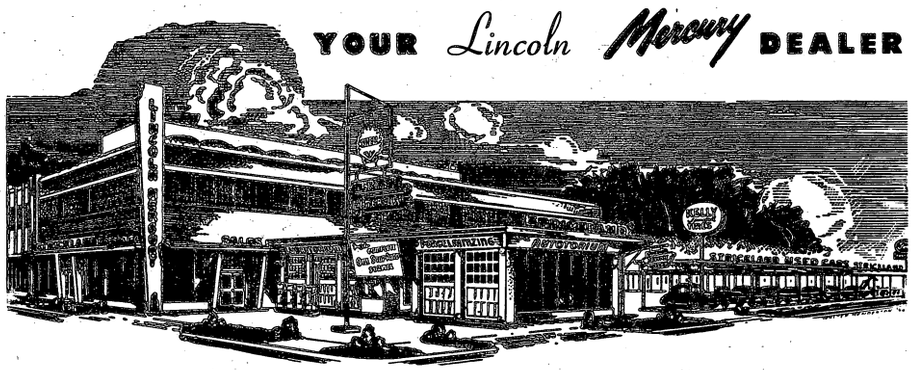

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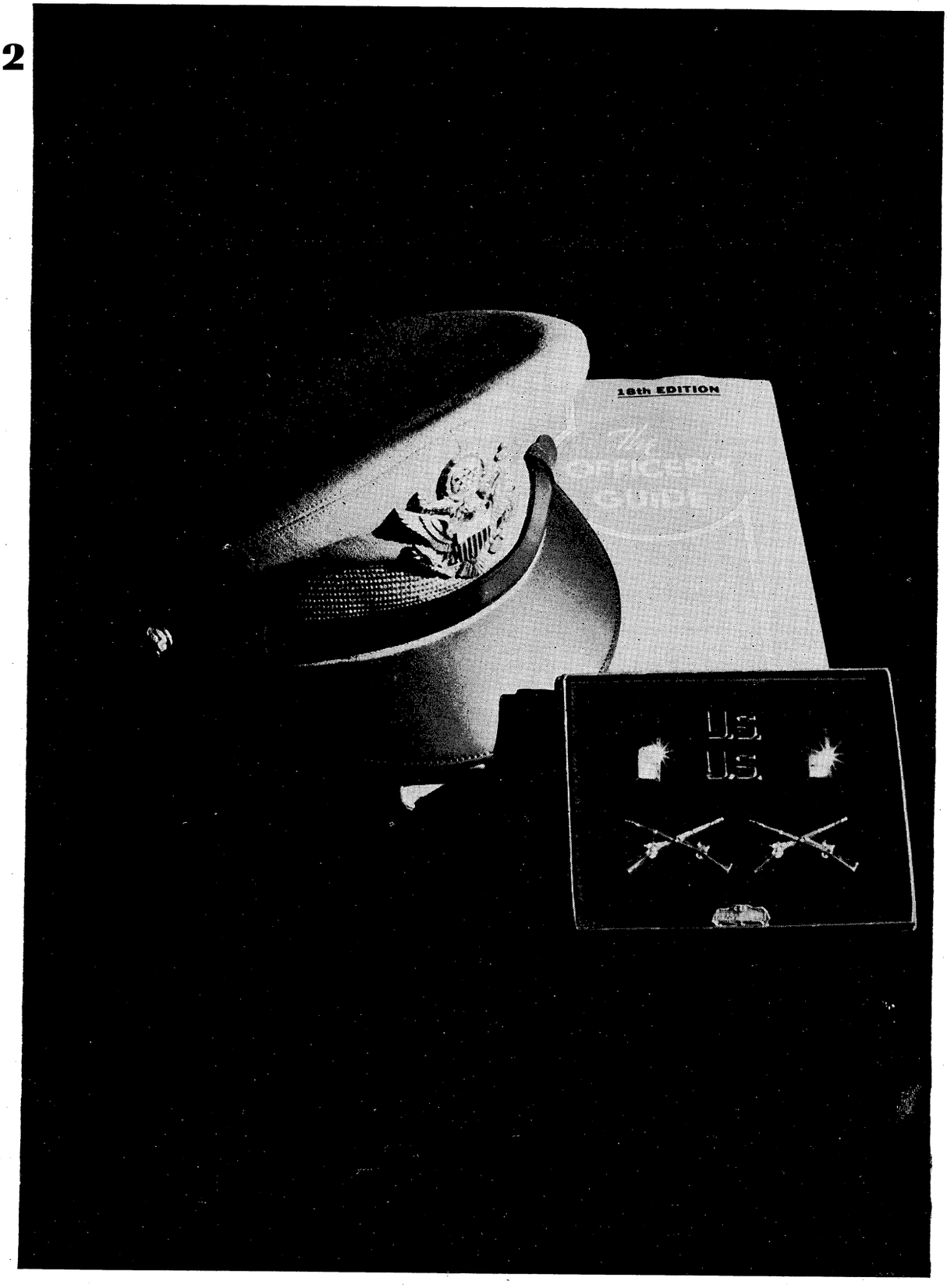

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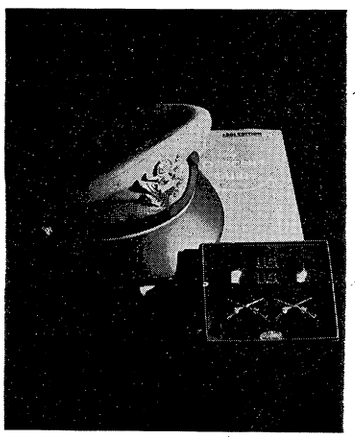
On This Month's Cover:

Our cover this month typifies the things that are behind the entrance of every man into Officer Candidate School. The cap, bars, and crossed rifles are symbolic of the position of leadership these men hope to attain by becoming second lieutenants through Officer Candidate School. However, these things are merely the outward symbols of an inner satisfaction. They stand at the end of a 22-week grind of study, training, work and play. They stand as constant reminders of the responsibilities that go along with them. But every candidate, upon attaining his goal—a commission—is imbued with a spirit of confidence, brought about through the rigorous training that at times has seemed to him heartless. But inside he knows he is a better man for having stood the test of Officer Candidate School.



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BY LT. P. A. PRICE

Young Americans are being forged into the hard steel of Infantry combat leaders here at Officer Candidate School.

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Since the Officer Candidate School began here in July, 1941, over 69,500 young men have donned the gold bars of Infantry second lieutenants after completing the prescribed course.

The Officer Candidate idea was first conceived in the late 1930's when it became apparent to Army planners that officer procurement was an immediate and vital necessity. The present-day mission of instructing, training and testing selected enlisted men for the purpose of qualifying those suitable for commissions in the Infantry is a result of that idea conceived some 14 years ago.

Initial Plan

The initial plan for expansion of the officer procurement program was submitted to the Chief of Infantry on June 14, 1938. However, no local action was taken until two years later.

Brigadier General Courtney H. Hodges, now retired as a four-star general, assistant commandant of The Infantry School in 1940, submitted a revised training program for Officer Candidates, Infantry (less tanks), to the Infantry Board on August 23, 1940. His program was based on the assumption that the bulk of personnel attending the initial courses would have little or no military training, but would possess a college education or its equivalent.

General Hodges' program was to be a 13-week school to graduate candidates as second lieutenants qualified to command Infantry platoons and to train the members thereof for combat.

School Established

On July 1, 1941, the Secretary of War established the Officer Candidate School at The Infantry School. Procurement was accomplished under the supervision of The Adjutant General by Army, Department and Corps Area Commanders.

Sources for procuring officer candidates were limited to warrant officers and enlisted men of the Army under 37 years of age who had served at least six months in active federal service prior to submitting applications and who had at least three months to serve on opening date of the course. Candidates were not limited to the arm or service in which they were then serving, but were required to indicate a

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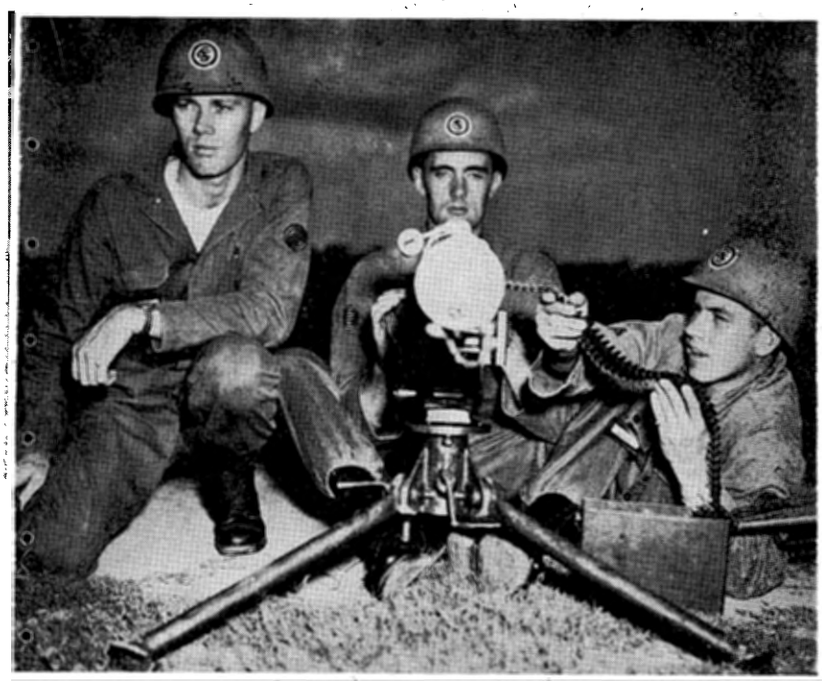

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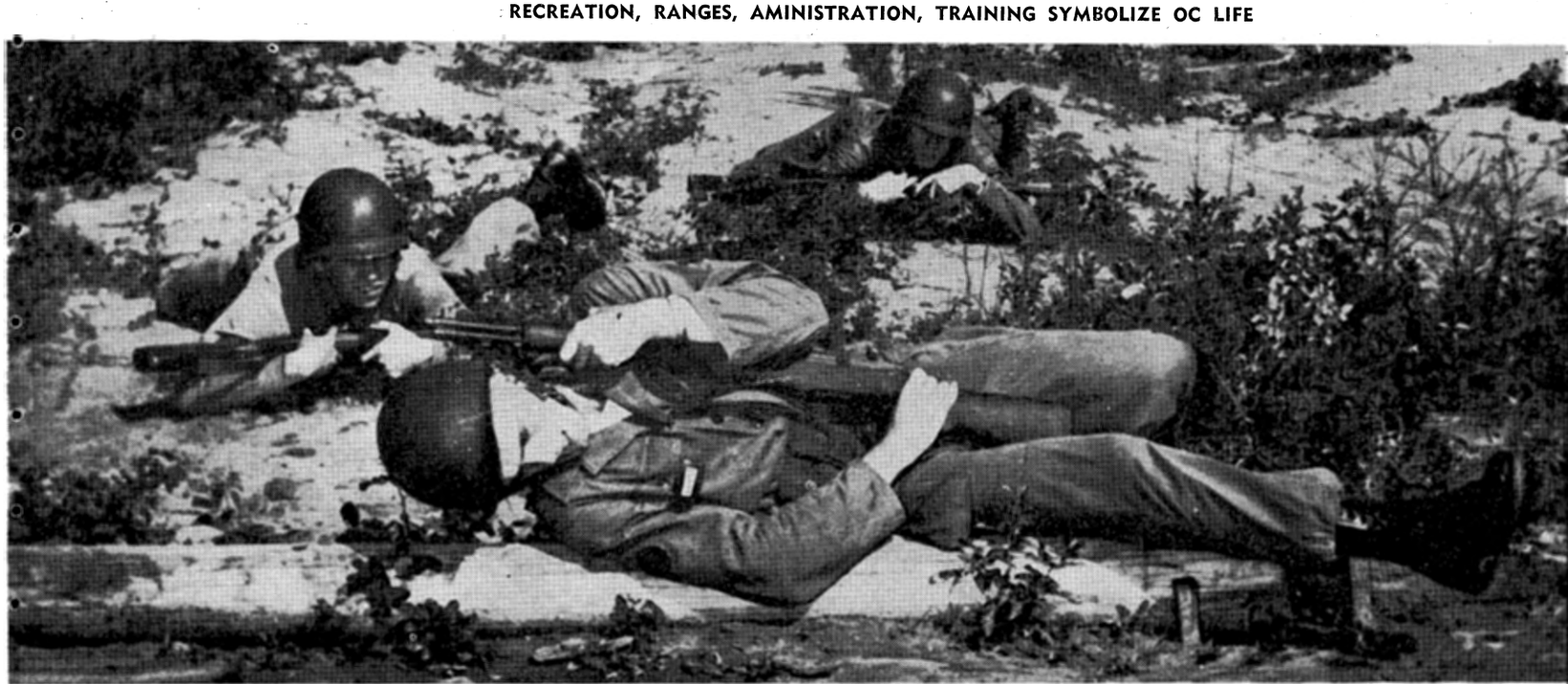

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willingness to serve one year following commission.

Recommendations

Brigadier General Omar N. Bradley, now chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a General of the Army, as commandant of The Infantry School in 1941, recommended that Officer Candidate classes:

Be organized and equipped as rifle companies; have tactical officers to administer, supervise, observe and assist in instruction; be provided an honor system, have an exact grading system and a merit system; be stiff enough that refresher courses would be unnecessary in the near future for OCS graduates.

His recommendations were followed.

In notes made during the formation of the Officer Candidate School, General Bradley wrote:

"Early in the course, the fact must be brought out that these candidates should stop thinking as enlisted men and think as officers. As enlisted men someone else worries about plans and about looking after the men; as officers, they must plan and think of their responsibilities.

Discipline

"Candidates must change their minds toward discipline. The discipline of . . . (a) . . . candidate company must be of a very much higher type than that of an enlisted company. The fact that we expect to accomplish this through our organization and use of tactical officers should be shown . . . in the program.

"The fact that we expect to develop leadership and sufficient confidence . . . within the candidate company . . . should be stated."

The first OCS class began at Fort Benning on July 9, 1941, with an initial enrollment of 205 candidates. The unit was organized as a rifle company and was designated Company A, Officer Candidate Battalion.

This first class received their commissions as Infantry lieutenants on September 27, 1941. General George C. Marshall, then Army Chief of Staff, made the graduation address.

Peak load for Infantry OCS came in late September, 1942, when 14,309 candidates were enrolled. Of the enrollees, 12,569 had received commissions as Infantry second lieutenants by December 27, 1942.

Infantry replacement training centers supplied nearly two-thirds of all candidates enrolled in the Officer Candidate School. During the war years very few of the candidates enrolled in OCS had prior foreign or combat service.

Principal Objective

One of the principle objectives of the initial screening of candidates was (and is) to test them for proficiency in basic subjects, particularly arithmetic. Also very early in the program, it became evident that each candidate's AGCT (Army General Classification Test) score determined his mathematical chances for success.

An interesting commentary on the weight of AGCT scores as they effect the prospects for commission of candidates is recorded over the signature of an OCS battalion commander in a report dated June 15, 1943; it reads:

". . . A man's IQ is not the only, nor necessarily the best, measure of his intrinsic value as officer material; but from . . . close observance of, and passing judgment on several thousand candidates during the last ten months, the conclusion has become inescapable that there is so close a relationship between the two that measures to raise the intellectual requirements are highly desirable."

This battalion commander concluded his report with a chart of 908 candidates who had recently been in his unit. The chart showed that candidates with AGCT scores of 120 or less had an OCS failure rate of 52.3 percent, while fellow candidates with scores of 121 or more had a failure rate of only 15.8 percent.

The Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning was discocntinued in May, 1947, when the Army was slimming down to a token force. During its war years of activity, OCS had 102,751 candidates enrolled; of these, 67,056 left the course as second lieutenants.

Fort Riley

From 1947 to February, 1951, candidates were sent to the Officer Candidate School (Branch Immaterial) at Fort Riley, Kansas, where a general course for future officers was conducted. Upon successful completion of the course the men were sent to their basic branch schools (Infantry, Armored, Transportation, etc.) for completion of their initial officer education.

The single Officer Candidate School at Fort Riley proved to be uneconomical after fighting began in Korea. The program in Kansas was turning out officers who had to be further trained in their branch specialty before they could be utilized in tactical organizations. It was advisable during peace-time to have a single OCS and then train officers for their careers, but the impetus of war demands that graduates be capable of taking command NOW! One of the answers to the problem of having fully trained officers at the time of their commission was re-opening Infantry OCS at Benning.

The first class, after Benning OCS was re-instituted, began in February, 1951, with an enrollment of 83 candidates. Of the original enrollment, 63 Infantry second lieutenants emerged.

For the first six months after the program was resumed at The Infantry School, an OCS class began each month. The tempo increased in September, 1951, when classes began reporting twice monthly. The following month the flow of Officer Candidates into the School had reached a weekly rate. The average size for the reporting classes since OCS re-activation has been 189 candidates.

Basically Same

Basically, the Officer Candidate program of today is the same as 11 years ago. Of course, methods of instruction have changed some and radically new weapons have been developed; but candidates learning to be Infantry leaders find that fire-and-maneuver is still the basic principle of their training.

The Officer Candidate is still guided through his training by his company commander, company executive officer and the tactical officer assigned to each platoon, just as his predecessors were during World War II. These all important officers direct, counsel and guide candidates through the formative weeks of leadership that are Officer Candidate School.

Colonel Harry M. Grizzard, commander of the Officer Candidate Regiment, states, "Tactical officers are the most important individuals in the officer candidate program . . . with the exception of the candidates themselves. The tactical officers are the men whose acts directly or indirectly determine whether a candidate stays in the course.

"Seventy percent of the tactical officers presently assigned in the organization are graduates of the School and they know what the candidates are thinking and going through."

Colonel Grizzard, a West Point graduate with 26 years experience in the Army, is directly responsible to The Infantry School assistant commandant for the conduct of OCS. During World War II he served with the 91st Infantry Division in North Africa and Italy.

Honor Code

One of the first things a candidate learns when he enters OCS is that the entire program is based on the Honor Code. Candidates learn that Honor is the backbone of an officer's integrity and they must learn this, above all things, during their time in OCS. "Cribbing" on tests, cheating in any form, small "white lies" to cover up a blunder, and covering up for a buddy who has wronged, are only a few of Honor Code "don'ts."

An Honor Committee, composed of two candidates from each candidate company, calls each violator of the Honor Code in to state his case. The Honor Committee passes its recommendations with all allied papers on to Colonel Grizzard, OC Regimental Commander, for action. There are very few violations of the Honor Code.

Leadership is stressed throughout the 22-week training period for officer candidates. They are taught to enhance their

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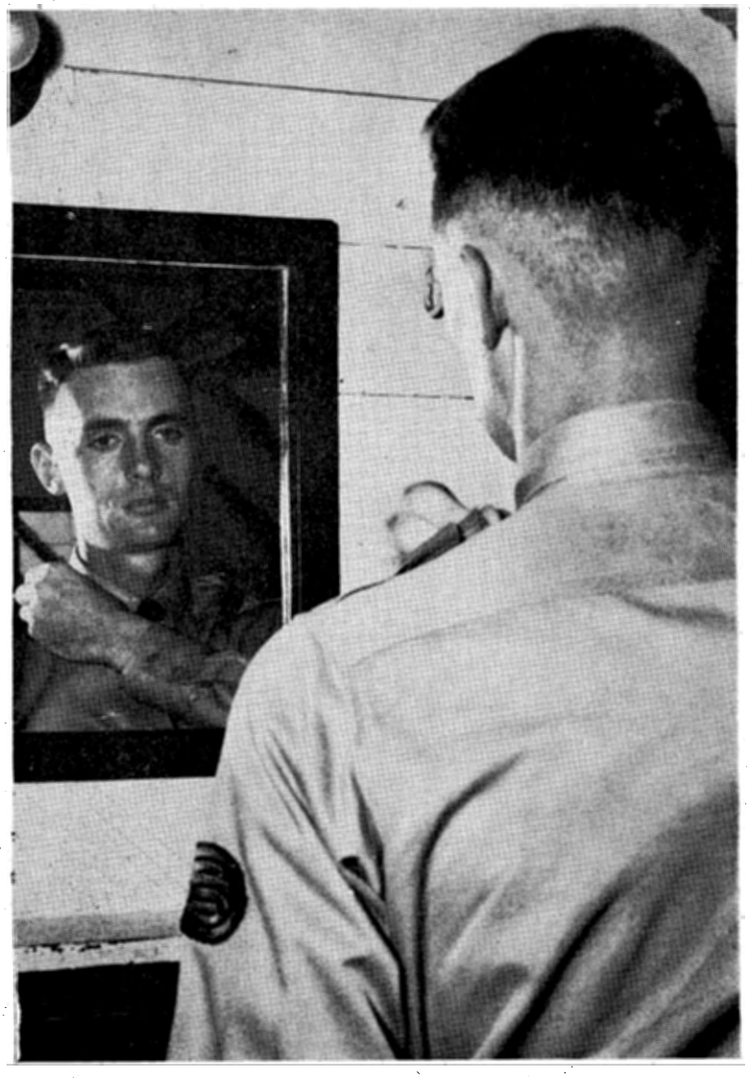

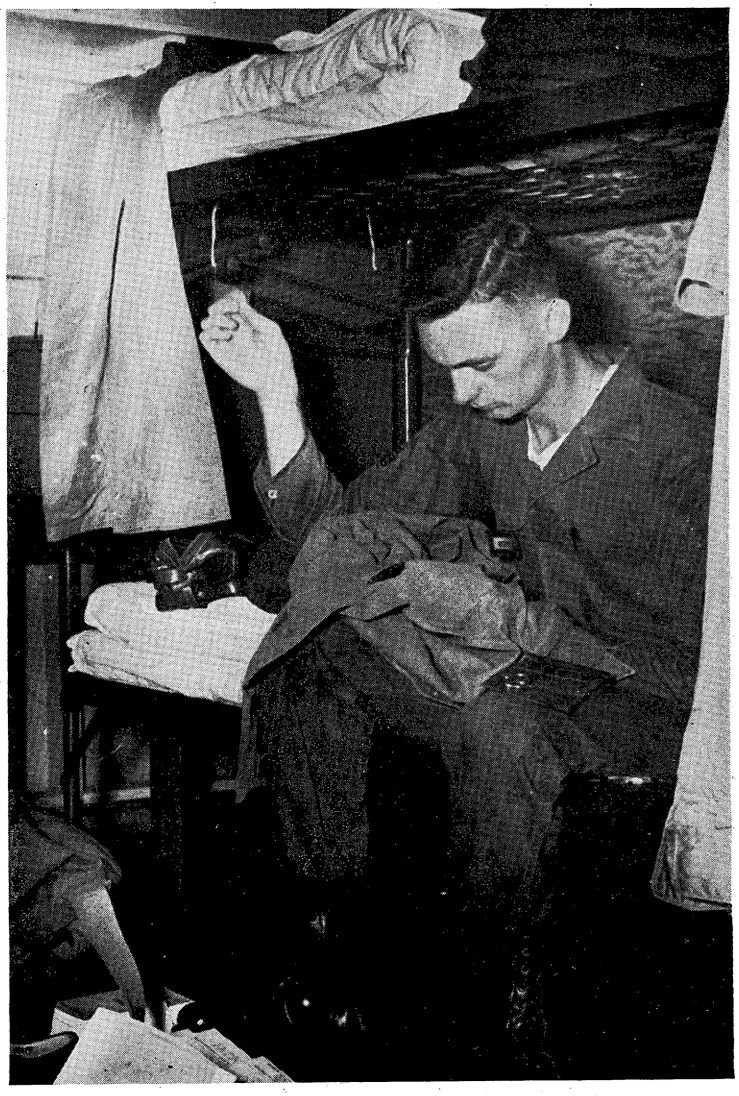

THESE FOUR SCENES SHOW TYPICAL BARRACKS LIFE OF OFFICER CANDIDATES

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inherent qualities of leadership by logical thinking and calm, rational analysis of problems placed before them.

Every man in an officer candidate company has his chance at being a leader during the training life. Command positions are rotated so that candidates get a chance at every job in the organization. The company commander of one day's training may find himself serving as a rifleman in the last rank the next day. In turn, a rifleman of the day before may be the company commander.

Unit Problems

Squad, platoon, company and battalion problems are presented to the candidates for solution. Their answers to intricate tactical problems are thoroughly discussed and analyzed by instructors and company tactical officers. The candidates are then presented the "school solution" which has been worked out by several high-ranking officers of much experience. Placing their solutions against the "school solution", errors of judgment by the candidates appear and the men can see the reason "why" for actions taken.

Occasionally, a candidate's solution to a school problem is used as the basis for tactical exercises because of its practical value.

The "school solution" is not considered to be the only possible solution to a problem. It is recognized that weather, terrain and the enemy situation may alter any course of action. A true test of the leadership qualifications of the candidates is found in their solutions to the galaxy of problems.

Leadership is a rather intangible trait. To look at a man and decide whether he will make a good military leader is impossible. By demonstration alone can the leaders be found.

Ample opportunity for demonstration of leadership abilities is provided the officer candidates.

Leadership

Most of the men who are relieved from Officer Candidate School are dropped because they fail to demonstrate the desired quality of leadership. During the war years, nearly all of the thirty-four thousand men dismissed from OCS failed because they didn't show the leadership "stuff". More than 90 percent of the men dropped from the School since the program was re-established here in February, 1951, washed-out because they didn't measure up to leadership requirements.

Public opinion of the Officer Candidate program seems to be warped by the word "school". Many civilians, and some candidates reporting for the course, think of OCS as a program that approximates high school or college—if you meet the academic requirements and attend, you will graduate. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Officer Candidate School has academic and attendance requirements—stiff ones—but much more is expected of a "student" at OCS than at a civilian school. Some civilian schools, miiltary schools and a few land-grant colleges, have requisites that demand more from a student than attending and making grades; but few demand as much as OCS.

Attendance at OCS is a day and night affair. Instruction starts early in the morning and lasts into the hours of twilight, with frequent night problems thrown in for good measure. After instruction is completed and the candidates return to their company area, their time is not their own. Tactical officers check them to be sure that they study, keep their area clean, clean their weapons, clean their clothes, study, study, study. Very few, if any, civilian schools keep an eye on their students all the time they are enrolled.

Such surveillance is necessary. Candidates cannot be judged solely by their reactions to situations in the field. Their basic habits of thinking and living must also be considered.

Close Observation

Close observation of candidates every

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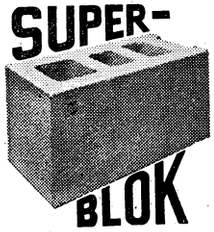

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minute of their lives in OCS is a tremendous pressure factor. Many men cannot stand the strain and are washed-out of the course because standing up under pressure is one of the gauges of a leader. It is felt in OCS circles that it is better for a man to fail under the strain of the School than it is for him to go on into the pressures of combat and then fall apart. No matter how strenuous the pressures of OCS, they can't equal those encountered when a platoon leader finds himself pinned down by enemy machine gun fire with his men dying around him.

Officer Candidates are not washed-out by their tactical officers. The tactical officers make observation reports on each candidate and if too many deficiencies begin to appear, he is brought before an evaluation panel of officers to consider his case.

The first panel is held at the end of the eighth training week. After that, evaluation panels meet at the end of the thirteenth, eighteenth and twenty-first weeks of training. Special panels may be convened at any time to consider disciplinary cases.

The evaluation panels may recommend that a candidate continue with his class, be turned back to a later class so that additional observation of his potential can be made, or be dismissed from OCS.

Evaluation

The Officer Candidate Regiment's executive for evaluation, Colonel John F. Reed, states, "The mission of the Officer Candidate program is to assist the candidate in every way possible to meet these standards in order that the maximum number out of every class may be qualified. However, we are not handing out commissions on silver platters; any candidate who expects an Infantry commission must work for it and demonstrate his ability to be a successful Infantry officer. The Officer Candidate program has never operated on the principle that any certain percentage of Officer Candidates should be eliminated. On the contrary, the Infantry School strives to develop every Officer Candidate to the point where he is qualified to successfully lead a platoon of Infantrymen under combat conditions and to confidently say to those men, 'Follow Me'."

During the 22-weeks that officer candidates spend in training, 317 hours of the first fourteen weeks are devoted primarily to instruction in weapons. The candidates learn the nomenclature, functioning, characteristics, and capabilities of Infantry weapons ranging from the pistol to the 90-millimeter tank gun. Between these extremes lie the carbine, rifle, machine gun, grenade and rocket launcher, recoilless rifle and mortar. The candidates must know each of these instruments as intimately as a carpenter knows his hammer and saw.

Administrative Procedure

Also during this period, candidates get a 287 hour introduction to the many administrative and logistical procedures with which an officer must be familiar. To the strain of taxed muscles is added the mental burden of mastering forms for reports, returns, and logistical compilations which, in a highly mechanized and organized Army, are as necessary as weapons and ammunition.

THE FINISHED PRODUCT

In the second phase of the course, the curriculum is confined largely to instruction in tactics (269 hours) and demonstration of tactical principles. The time spent earlier on weapons and logistics can now be made to pay dividends, as the candidates become aware of the effects that proper employment of weapons and sound logistical procedures have upon a tactical situation. After witnessing highly coordinated demonstrations of sound tactical doctrines, the class members are given an opportunity to participate in simulated combat situations.

Physical training is blended into all the training. Not only does the "Army dozen" strain the physical composition of the candidates, but they learn the rudiments of hand-to-hand combat, how to crawl through the infiltration course—and above all, they must double-time everywhere they go in training. All of this, plus the running movements during simulated combat conditions, adds up to well-developed, highly coordinated physical specimens. The candidates aren't (nor are they intended to be) bulging hunks of over-developed muscle, but they have the over-all physical stamina that can take it without let-up for days during the hectic time of combat.

Prestige and Relaxation

Prestige and some relaxation of the rigorous schedule for Officer Candidates come with the end of the eighteenth week of their training. At that time a special ceremony is held on Fort Benning's Main Post and the candidates receive recognition of "Senior Status." The officer candidate company is awarded an Infantry blue streamer for its company flag (guidon) and the candidates are awarded Infantry blue tabs to be worn on the epaulets of their uniforms.

In addition to the shoulder strap tabs, the candidates are issued blue helmet liners in lieu of the previous olive-drab headgear. These blue helmet liners are a distinctive mark in any group of candidates.

With senior status comes added responsibilities. A senior candidate conducts Saturday morning inspections, orients junior candidates, conducts close order drill and physical proficiency testing for junior candidates.

Added responsibilities and distinctive uniforms also rate a salute from junior candidates as the senior candidates make their transition into officer ranks. Senior candidates are accorded many of the rights and privileges of an officer.

Recreation

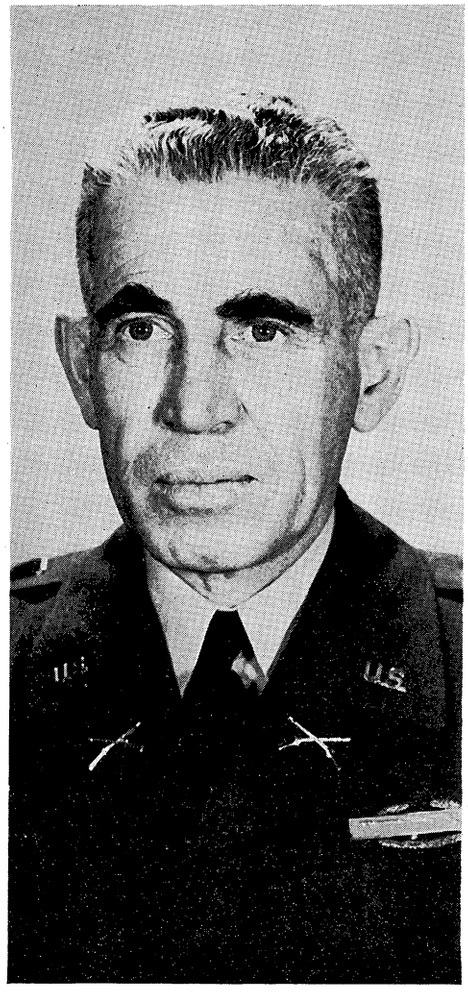
Officer Candidate School isn't a case of "all work and no play." The candidates are provided with company day-rooms where they may go to read, relax and meet friends or relatives during off-duty time. They have their own club nestled among the pines in the Harmony Church area where OCS is located. The club, Victory Lodge, is the scene of almost weekly parties where the candidates bring their wives and dates for an evening of relaxation and fun. Most parties are highlighted by a skit, produced by the candidates, that sati-

rizes instructors, tactical officers and the plight of the candidates themselves. Morale is generally very high.

Men are selected for Officer Candidate School on a basis of demonstrated leadership ability and physical, moral and mental fitness. To be eligible for the training, a man must be a citizen of the United States who is at least 18½ years old and must not have reached his twenty-eighth birthday at time of enrollment. He may be a warrant officer or enlisted man of any of the Armed Forces (providing he has prior approval from his particular Department) who possesses a high school diploma or its equivalent and has scored 110 or more on the Aptitude Area I test and a score of 115 or more on the Officer Candidate Test. The applicant must have completed either Army or Marine Corps basic training and be in excellent physical condition.

Outstanding Graduates

When an officer candidate class graduates, among the ranks that have diminished appreciably since the course began 22 weeks before are a few men who are very outstanding. The man with the most outstanding overall record is chosen as the Honor Graduate. He, along with other outstanding men in his class, may also be designated as Distinguished Graduates.



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These individuals may apply for Regular Army commissions.

Honor and Distinguished graduates of a class have proven themselves outstanding in all the various fields of instruction, have had outstanding ratings by their company officers and fellow candidates, and are believed to be more than fully qualified for their positions in the Army.

Graduating officer candidates are no longer quite the same individuals that reported into the Officer Candidate Regiment five and a half months earlier. The finished product of OCS is apt to appear taller; be noticeably thinner; look tanned and generally fit. Above all else, graduates seem to wear an air of confidence and pride. Well they might, because they are Infantry second lieutenants—at last. They feel that "we came, we saw, WE CONQUERED."

Follow-up reports submitted by unit commanders who have received second lieutenants graduated from Benning OCS state that the officer material produced here is rated among the highest of the young officers now serving in the Army.

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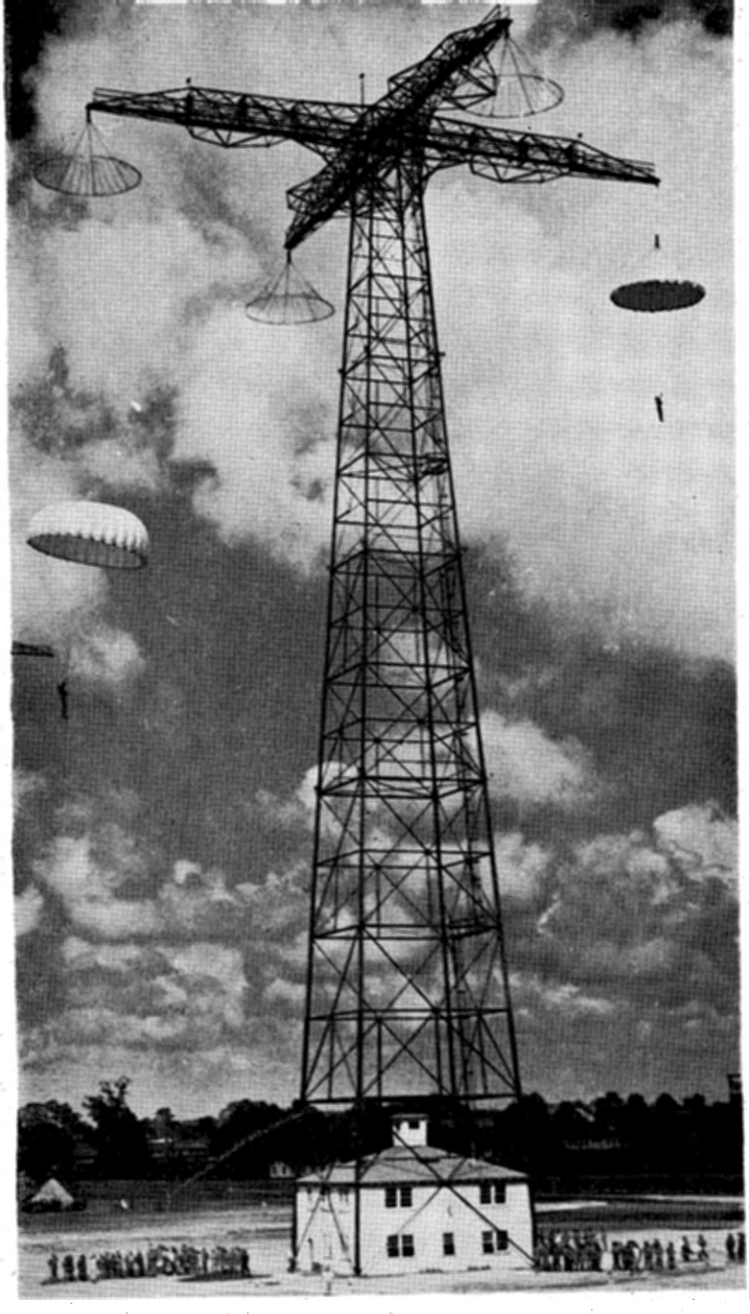


SERGEANT LUSE'S TOWERING DOMAIN

TOWER MAN

Photos and Text

BY PFC. A. P. KEELER

Sergeant John E. Luse of The Infantry School's Airborne Department has perhaps one of the most unusual assignments anywhere in the Airborne—and one of the most dangerous. He is the senior maintenance NCO in charge of Fort Benning's famous landmarks, the four 250-foot parachute training towers, visible for miles in all directions.

Though many thousands of students and visitors at Fort Benning have seen the towers, few have ever seen Sergeant Luse at work. He usually begins his work early in the morning before training in the Tower Week begins. In a small trapeze-like seat, Luse is hauled to the top of the tower he selects for inspection by one of the cables used to lift 'troopers for their jumps.

Steps Up

When he reaches the top, he steps up on the seat and pulls himself up into the girders projecting from the top of the tower. Scorning the use of a safety belt, he walks nonchalantly across the top of the tower with nothing to hold on to and nothing below him but 250 feet of thin air. The beams he walks on are a mere 3 or 4 inches wide but so accustomed is he to the height that he is equally at home high in the air or on the ground.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF HIS JOB ON VISITOR'S DAY

While aloft, he checks the pulleys and sheaves over which the lifting cables run, untangles the wind sock, and inspects the red aircraft warning lights. Sometimes he climbs down the ladder, checking the lights on the way, but usually he goes back out on one of the "arms" and steps over the edge and down onto the little seat again, which is then lowered on its cable to the ground.

An Old-Timer

Sergeant Luse is an old-time paratrooper, a veteran of Bastogne and the Bulge who served with the 101st Airborne Division through the Ardennes campaign, winning the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

While in Europe Sergeant Luse was on the Third Army team participating in the Army Olympics at Nurenburg in August of 1945. A track man, his specialties were the 100 yard dash, and the 220, 440 and 880 yard relays.

Brush With Death

Luse has had his share of excitement during his 10 years in the Army. In March, 1947, his main parachute failed to open and he plummeted 1,000 feet to the ground. His reserve 'chute partially opened just before he landed, which saved him from death although not from serious injury.

Again in May, 1950, Sergeant Luse found himself falling through space without the comforting support of a parachute. "I was working in one of the towers here at Fort Benning about 200 feet up when suddenly I lost my footing and began to fall. There was nothing I could hold on to or grab and I thought my time had come, but by twisting desperately I managed to grab a beam and catch myslef. I had fallen about 40 feet."

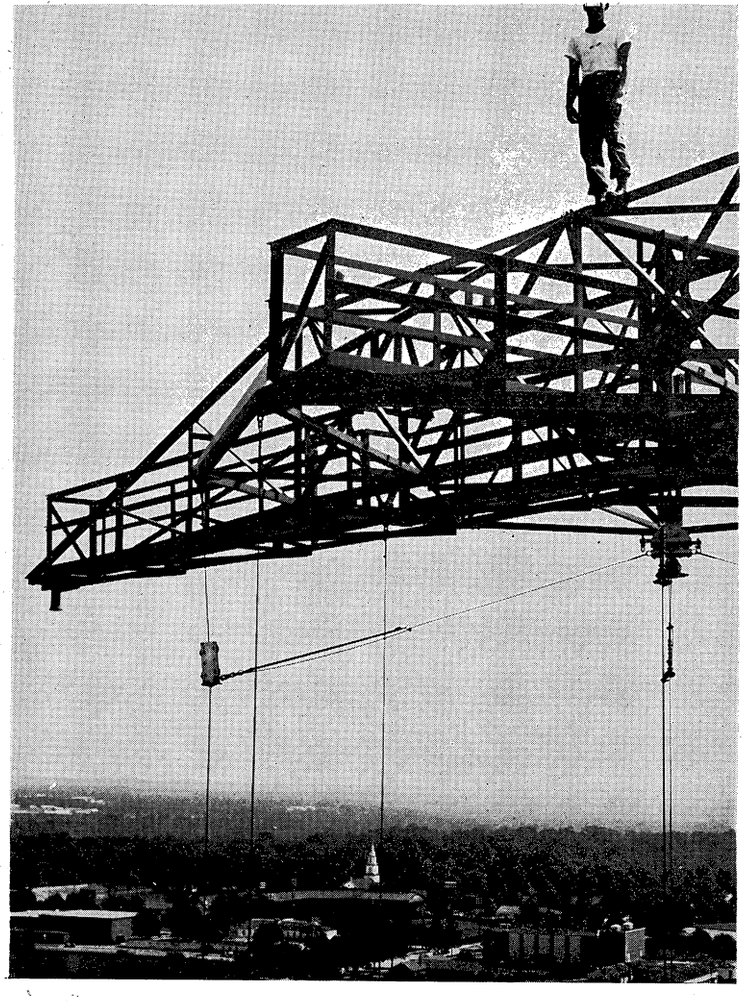
Still over 150 feet from the ground, Sergeant Luse recovered quickly and was able to resume his work.

Resccues

The sergeant with the charmed life is occasionally called upon to assist with the rescue of some hapless airbrone student who has drifted into one of the towers on a practice jump. His extensive experience in the towers usually contributes to the speedy release of the victim. His own brush with death in the "high steel" makes him an especially sympathetic rescuer on such occasions.

"Technical Advisor"

Luse was a "technical advisor" to Paramount Studios last winter when the script of "Jumping Jacks" starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis called for shots in and around the towers. He helped erect a platform for the cameras almost 100 feet in the air and won the respect and admiration of the movie people as he scrambled through the girders rigging lights, wires and equipment for them.



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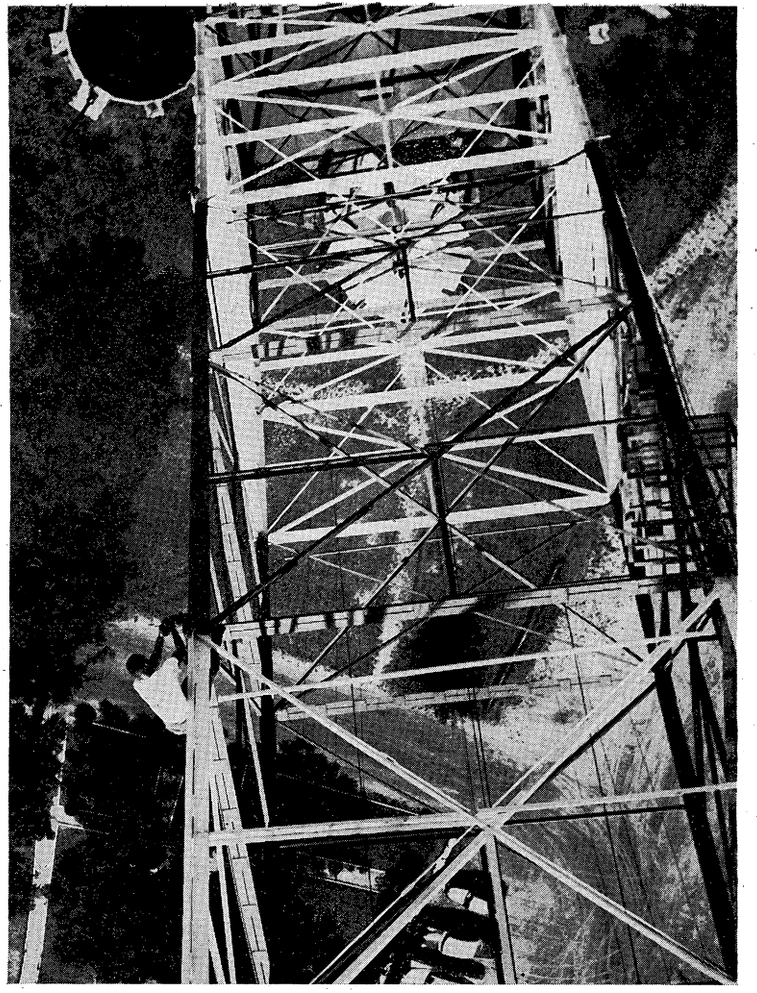

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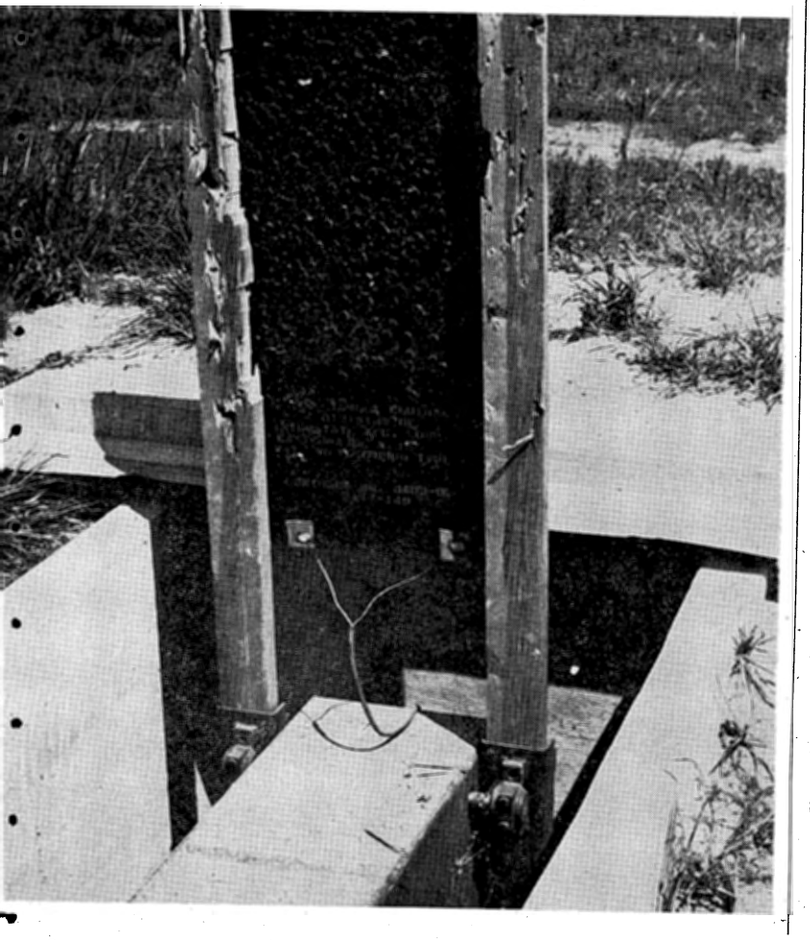

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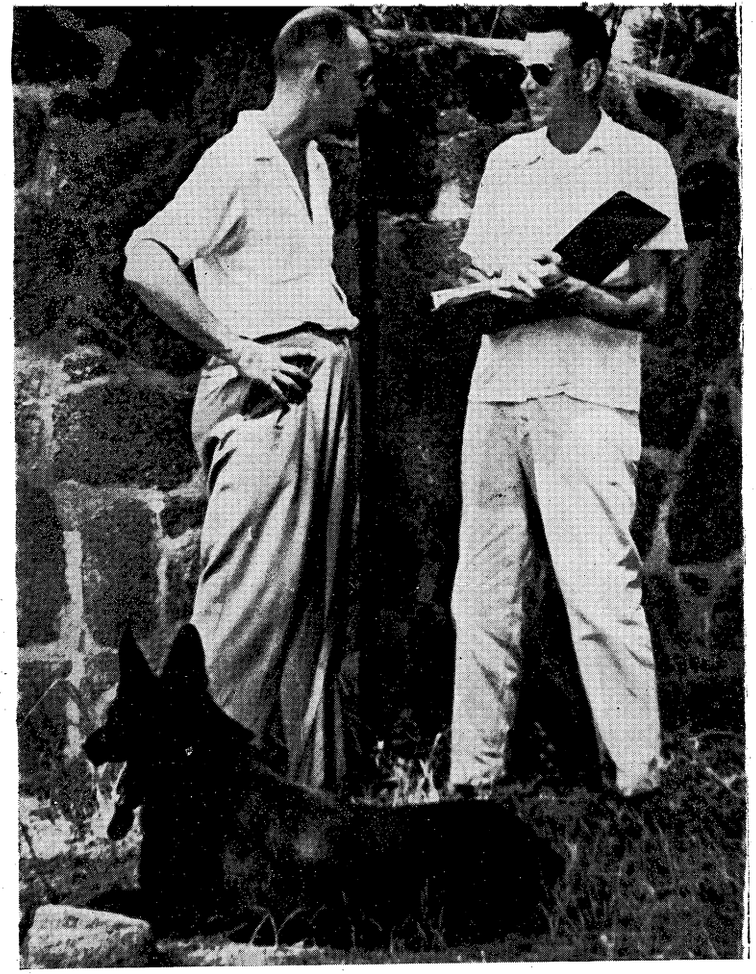

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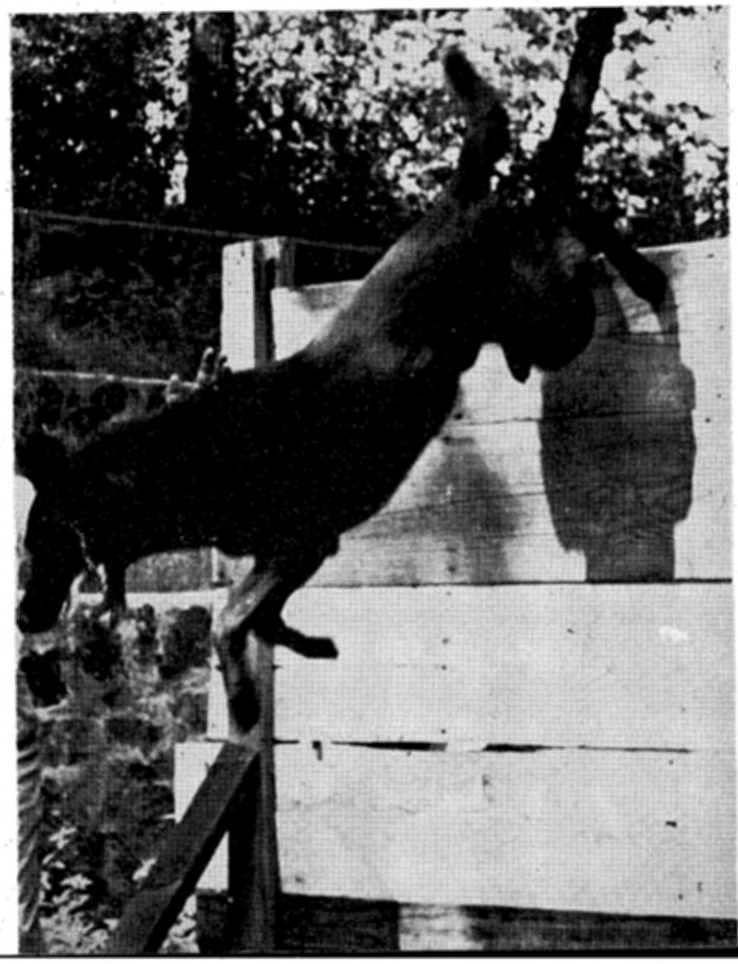
If he is, you can improve his whole outlook on life in general with the help of members of the Fort Benning K-9 club. A group of Fort Benning people interested in the care, breeding and training of dogs has banded together to provide capable training and advice for any dog-owner.

These pictures show a typical cycle in training a dog. The whole purpose of the training is designed to make a dog obedient, alert, and improve his disposition. In the upper left, a dog-owner registers his dog for obedience training. One of the features of the training conducted by the K-9 club is that every one concerned trains his own dog, under the supervision of an expert trainer. Left center, the first step is teaching the dog to "heel." Right center, progressing in his training, the dog hurdles a six and one-half foot jump. Below, center, he comes sailing down on the other side of the hurdle.

Lower left, the dog demonstrates his even and gentle disposition. When the kids get too rough, Rover will just walk away until their spirits subside a little. Above, right, the dog is also taught to broad-jump as part of his education. Lower right, the finished product—a proud, alert dog who has confidence in himself and his master.

In addition to the steps shown here, every dog is taught to guard any object his master may designate. When the dog finishes his training, the master could feel perfectly safe in letting his dog guard a $100 bill in the middle of Stillwell Field. While the dog wouldn't bother anyone passing by, he wouldn't think twice about attacking someone who attempted to lift the bill.



Officials of the K-9 club report that it takes but 20 minutes a day to make a better, more obedient pet of your dog. The club holds a training period every Thursday evening at 6:30 at the old Turkey Farm. To get to the training area, turn left off Rainbow Road on Stonewall Road, then go past the old filter plant and continue straight ahead through the intersection of Marne and Stonewall Roads.

ELECTRONIC RANGE

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increase range efficiency and put more realism in firing exercises."

Heretofore, at least $130,000 was spent yearly to manually operate the range. Infantry School troops, who formerly were used as manual operators for the targets, will now be able to use that time for training purposes.

Efficiency Increased

"Training efficiency is increased as much as 20 percent, and more students can be put through range firing in a fraction of the time formerly used," Colonel Williams declared.

The electronic range, named in honor of World War I Distinguished Service Cross winner Lt. Albert B. Simpson, saves in material as well as manpower. Self-sealing rubber surfaces on the targets allow a guaranteed life expectancy of at least 1,500 bullets for each target. Test firing has been conducted with up to 10,000 bullets through a target and the electronic system continued to work. One square inch of a target will withstand at least five hits with .50 caliber ammunition and 30 hits with .30 caliber ammunition before the electrical system becomes inoperative. Targets, which cost about $12 each, will be replaced only once every six months under comparatively normal firing conditions.

Simpson range is a transition type firing range whose 36 targets pop up at various distances to give riflemen practice in hitting quick-action human-like movements.

Four of the targets also move laterally to simulate a man's running motion.

10 Controllers

The new range uses only 10 controllers who flick switches to raise targets. Manually operated ranges are staffed by about 60 men who stand in pits and raise targets by hand and lower them when riflemen score hits.

On the new range, shooters have from 30 to 60 seconds to hit the targets before they drop automatically.

One highlight of the electronic range is the elimination of human error in recording firing scores. A counter, which gives the exact number of hits on the target as they are made, is included in the electronic equipment. The counter is capable of recording up to 1,000 hits per minute.

A selector switch on the panel board, which controls the rise and fall of targets, enables both rifles and automatic weapons to be fired on the range. When rifles are being fired, targets fall each time they are hit. During automatic weapons fire the targets remain upright for periods ranging from eight to 30 seconds and the counter records each hit.

No Pit Mounds

The noticeable lack of pit mounds is one distinguishing feature of the new electronic range. Manually operated transition ranges are studded with mounds of earth to protect the operators who raise and lower the targets. The new electronic range seems to be a bare field from the firing line, therefore, firing is more realistic. On a manually operated range trainees can sight on one of the mounds and wait for the target to appear, but on the electronic range targets seem to pop up almost anywhere.

Electrical connections and controls at the base of the targets are protected from being shot out by 18 inches of concrete. The concrete slab is so placed that it gives protection to the lower four inches of the target. Test firing along the base of the visible target shows that the slab and its accompanying cover of dirt is wholly adequate protection for the equipment.

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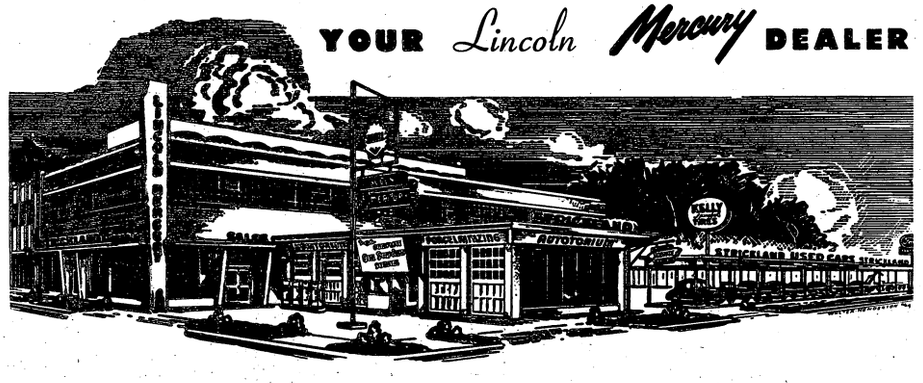

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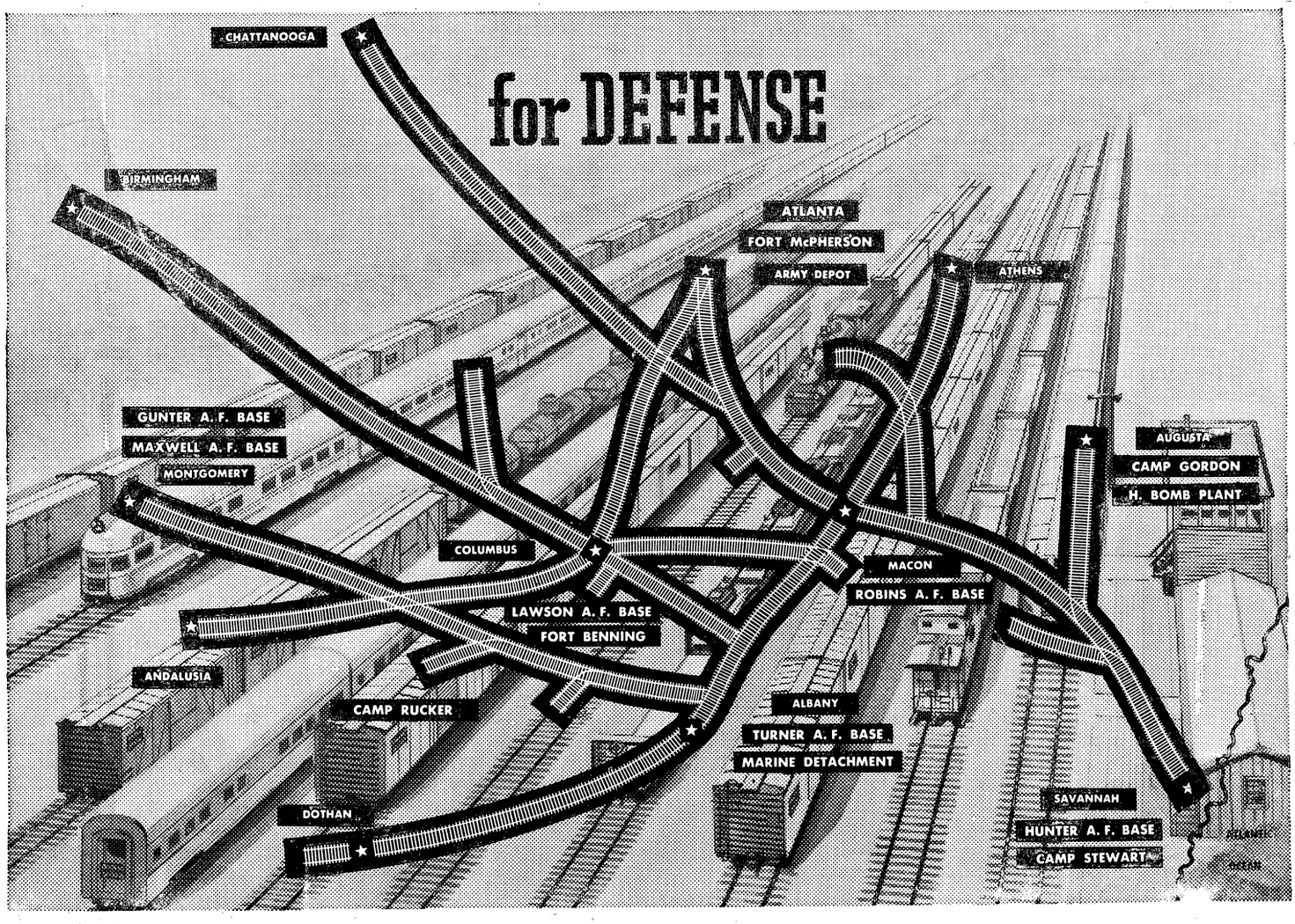

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On This Month's Cover:

Col. Henry E. Kelly, centered between four rifles being tested at Army Field Forces Board No. 3 on our cover, has been president of the board since June, 1951. A veteran of 25 years Army service, Colonel Kelly fought overseas in both World War I and II. A graduate of the Command and General Staff School, he has had wide and varied assignments as an Infantry officer, ranging from platoon leader through regimental commander to duty with the Mediterranean Theater G-1 section. In his position as president of what was formerly known as "The Infantry Board," Colonel Kelly's years of Infantry experience serve him well in making suggestions and recommendations concerning Infantry weapons. The four weapons are undergoing testing at the Board.

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Army Field Forces Board 3

BY LT. C. E. PAGANO
AND
JOE SIMMONS

The efforts of a small group of officers and men here reach out and come to rest on the shoulders of every U. S. Infantryman, making his job easier, his equipment better, and his life safer.

Although Army Field Forces Board No. 3 is a little-publicized unit, its job is of vital importance to the foot-soldier—the man who must close with and destroy the enemy.

The chief job of the board is to weigh recommendations for changes in existing weapons and equipment, such as modification of small arms, ammunition, clothing and rations. Its scope covers all man-transportable weapons, equipment, ammunition, protective devices and rations for the individual soldier.

Weapons Development

It also deals in the development of new weapons and equipment, like the vapor-barrier suit designed for cold-wet weather conditions. The Board's efforts to obtain the best possible equipment can only be realized if all avenues of research and development are fully explored.

The user tests conducted by the Board subject items to the same conditions they will encounter in field and combat use, hence the name "user test." These tests assure that, dollar for dollar, no better weapons and equipment can be procured.

Agency Opinions

All agencies that might be interested in any item being tested at the Board are invited to forward their opinion on the project. Various service schools, other Field Forces boards, troop units, the British and Canadian Armies, and the U. S. Marine Corps take an active part in many projects through coordinated comments. This process results in a final report that represents the views of the men on the battlefield and the agencies that will use the equipment.

Board Organization

Organization of the Board includes a Headquarters Group, an Administrative Group, five test departments and a research and analysis department. Four of the test departments are located here, while the fifth is at Camp Carson, Colo.

Col. Henry E. Kelly, Board president, is responsible for the technical functioning of the Board in all matters assigned him by the Chief of Army Field Forces. He is also responsible to The Infantry Center commander for all administrative matters not pertaining to research and development.

The Board's executive officer, Lt. Col. Herbert C. Hicks, Jr., directs all administrative matters of the Board and is responsible for the over-all supervision of research and development matters. Under his supervision come the Board administrative agencies—detachment headquarters, the personnel section, supply and maintenance section and the air liaison section.

The Board's detachment is comprised of approximately 231 enlisted men, all experts in their field. These are the only men here authorized to wear the "blue, white and red" shoulder patch of Army Field Forces.

Detachment Function

Commanded by 1st Lt. Clifford E. Pagano, the detachment furnishes training, administration, housing and command supervision of the enlisted men. The Board detachment tallied up several firsts recently when it led The Infantry Center in purchase of Defense Bonds and number of Soldier Deposits, was rated best mess

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MORTAR CREW OBSERVES BURST THROUGH B-C SCOPE

hall for July, and scored 100 per cent participation in blood donations.

The Board's personnel section has a burden most personnel sections don't have to contend with—that of publishing orders directing temporary duty travel to all corners of the United States. These trips are necessary to provide liaison between the Board and other activities and agencies interested and concerned with its mission.

The Supply and Maintenance section's job is to secure all the necessary materials used in conducting tests. Sometimes test officers call for unusual items not generally stocked in a supply room, but this section has yet to be stymied in producing anything asked for.

The section operates a climatic laboratory to test equipment for either extreme cold or hot climates. It also furnishes transportation and performs maintenance of vehicles used in conjunction with tests of various items.

Aviation Section

A trio consisting of an officer pilot and two mechanics makes up the aviation section of the Board. Flying their Cessne LC-126C, the small group is used in those tests calling for Army aviation. The plane is also used to transport personnel and equipment to and from test sites, and to advise the Board on Army aviation matters.

Administration of research and development, plus coordination with outside agencies is the responsibility of the Board secretary.

Research and Analysis

The Research and Analysis department might be termed the meat and marrow of the Board. It remains in continual contact with all projects in which the Board is involved, whether it be a test on footgear or high-explosive ammunition.

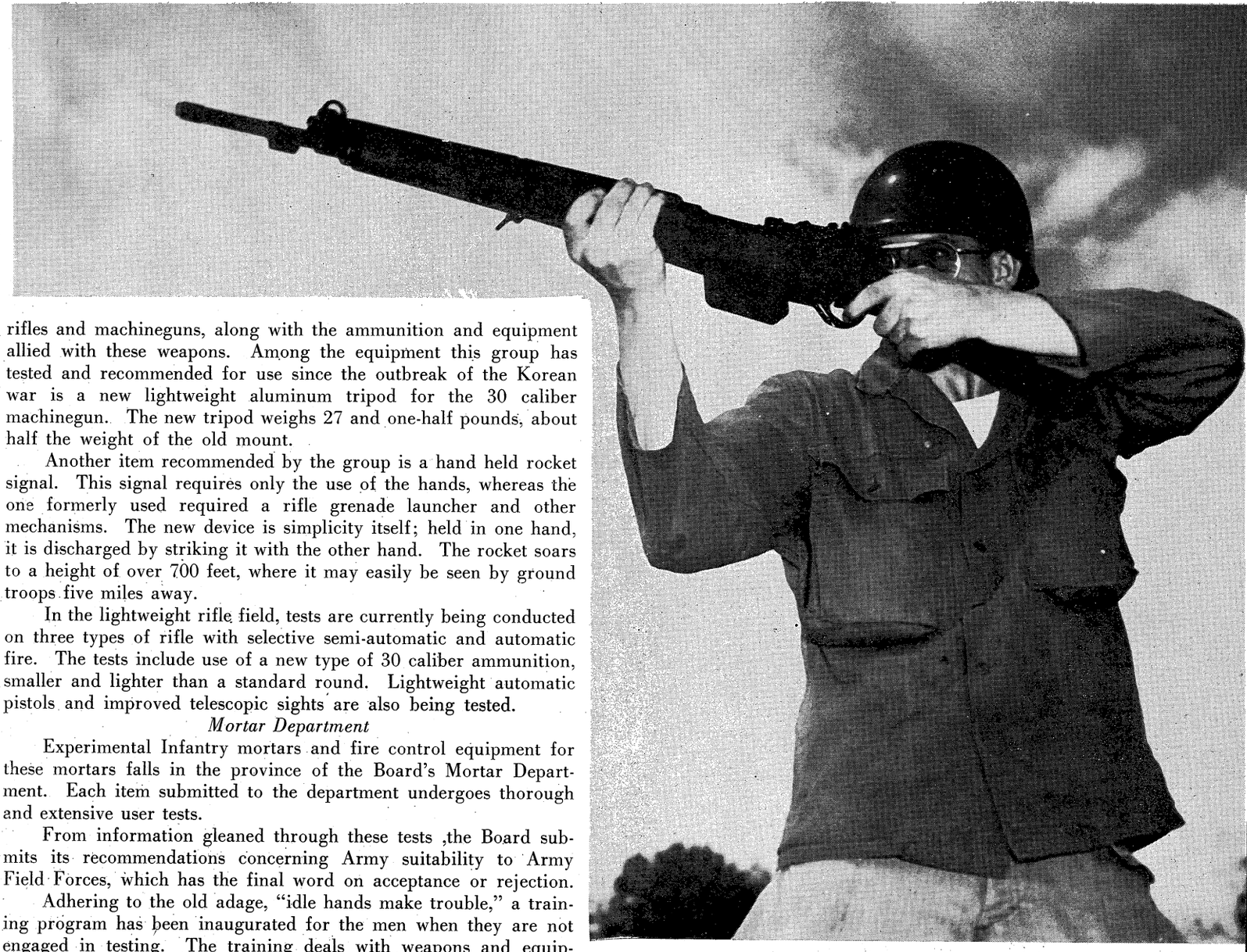
The research section of this group handles those projects concerning more than a single department and consolidates results in a single report. For example, suppose the Board is conducting tests on carrying racks for Infantry weapons. One group would report on mortars, another on rifles, and a third on rocket launchers. After each group made its individual report, the research section would then wrtie a combined, comprehensive report.

The review and analysis section critiques the plans, technical reports and directives of research matters so that they may be readily understood and grasped by Board members.

Small Arms Department

The Small Arms department conducts tests on grenades, pistols,

105 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE UNDERGOES TESTING



CPL. L. A. NICHOLS TEST FIRES BELGIAN ARMY RIFLE

rifles and machineguns, along with the ammunition and equipment allied with these weapons. Among the equipment this group has tested and recommended for use since the outbreak of the Korean war is a new lightweight aluminum tripod for the 30 caliber machinegun. The new tripod weighs 27 and one-half pounds, about half the weight of the old mount.

Another item recommended by the group is a hand held rocket signal. This signal requires only the use of the hands, whereas the one formerly used required a rifle grenade launcher and other mechanisms. The new device is simplicity itself; held in one hand, it is discharged by striking it with the other hand. The rocket soars to a height of over 700 feet, where it may easily be seen by ground troops five miles away.

In the lightweight rifle field, tests are currently being conducted on three types of rifle with selective semi-automatic and automatic fire. The tests include use of a new type of 30 caliber ammunition, smaller and lighter than a standard round. Lightweight automatic pistols and improved telescopic sights are also being tested.

Mortar Department

Experimental Infantry mortars and fire control equipment for these mortars falls in the province of the Board's Mortar Department. Each item submitted to the department undergoes thorough and extensive user tests.

From information gleaned through these tests ,the Board submits its recommendations concerning Army suitability to Army Field Forces, which has the final word on acceptance or rejection.

Adhering to the old adage, "idle hands make trouble," a training program has been inaugurated for the men when they are not engaged in testing. The training deals with weapons and equipment used by the department, and enables the men to keep abreast of the latest developments in their phase of testing. The Board has a display room containing both American and foreign weapons and accessories.

Rocket and Recoilless Department

The Rocket and Recolless department studies and tests Infantry anti-tank weapons—the weapons that make a single soldier the equal of a 45-ton metal monster. These weapons include anti-tank rifle grenades, rockets, rocket launchers, and recoilless rifles.

A weapon hailed for its performance in Korean fighting, the 3.5 inch "superbazooka" rocket launcher, is still being tested at the Board to make it an even more fearful weapon. Significant developments brought about through Board testing include adoption of a latch contractor that steps up the weapon's rate of fire from eight to 18 rounds a minute. Early models of the contractor were designed by a Board member.

Other important weapons recommended for development by the Board include the now-famous 57 and 75 mm recoilless rifles, and not quite so famous 105 mm recoilless rifle.

Quartermaster and Chemical Department

The Quartermaster and Chemical department's sphere of activity covers a multitude of items ranging from clothing through combat

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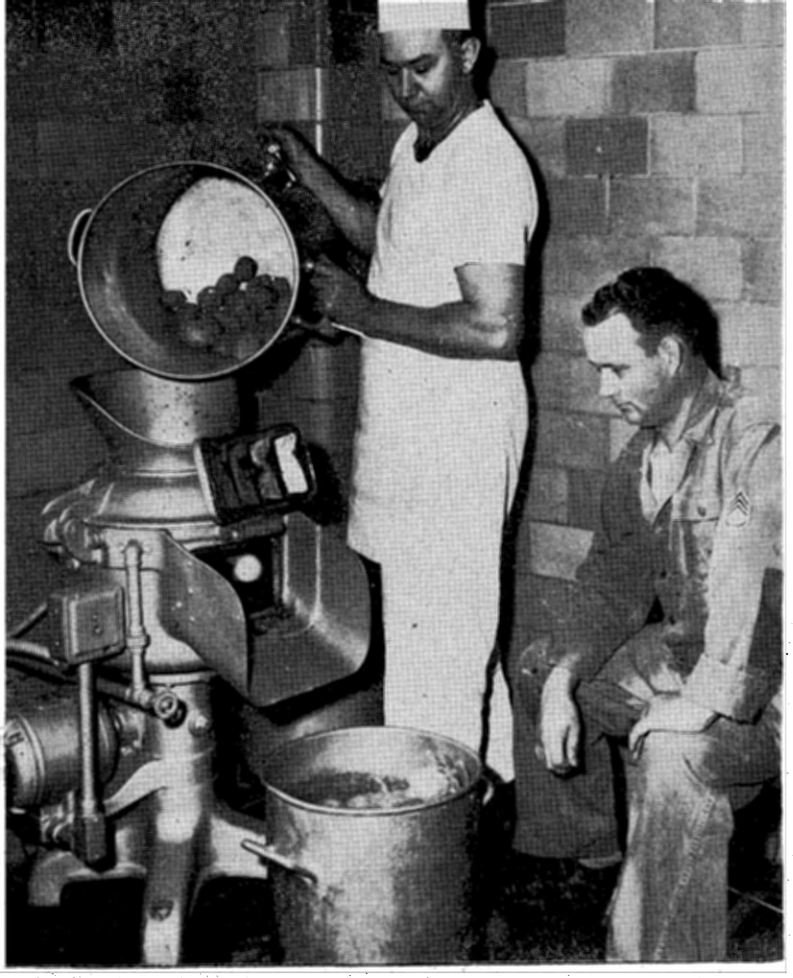

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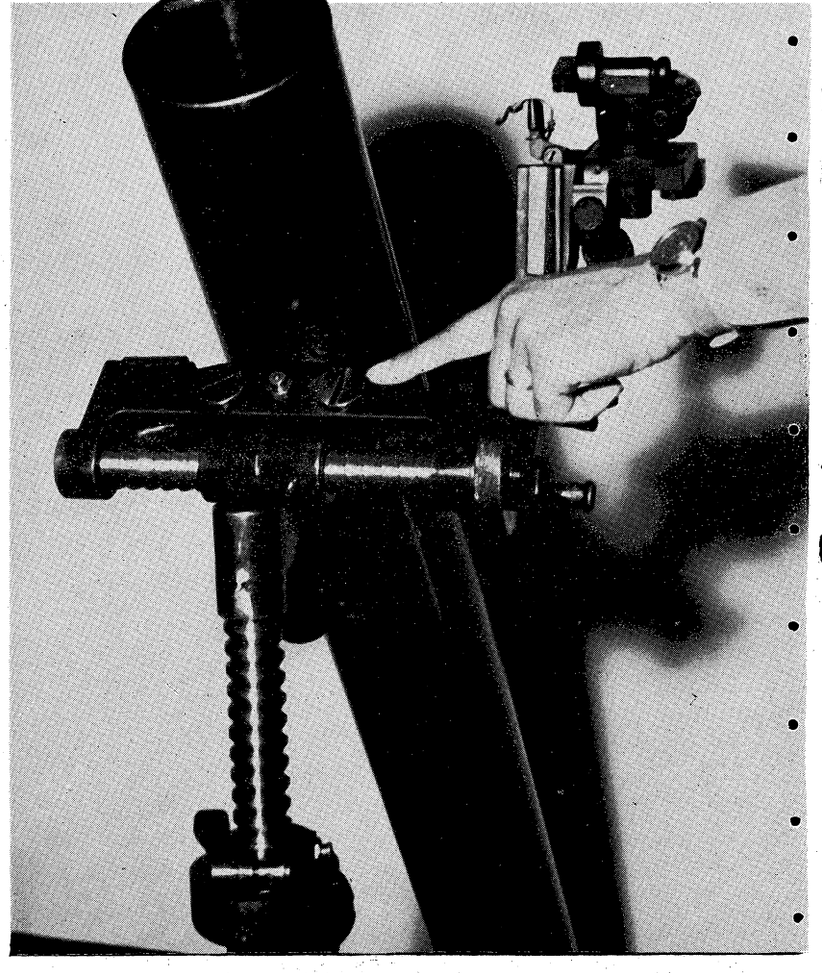

JAPANESE 90 MM MORTAR, SIMILAR TO U. S. 80 MM MORTAR

tools to cooking equipment. Officers in this department are not only test officers but also consultants and technical advisors.

To show the range of subjects that one department might be studying at the same time, one test officer in the chemical section is currently studying developments in flame warfare, while another officer in the Quartermaster section is writing plans for tests of the insulated boot under cold-dry conditions, climatic tests on arctic tests, and the mobility of a man-towed sled.

Army-wide attention is being beamed on two items the Quartermaster section is testing. These two items are body armor and the experimental nylon and aluminum helmet. The body armor is being tested to see how well it withstands fragmentation and pro-

M-SGT. W. B. HERRIN FIRES BRITISH EXPERIMENTAL RIFLE

BOARD 3'S CESSNE MULTIPASSENGER AIRPLANE

CPL. D. M. THOMAS, SFC. R. WILSON TEST-CARRY GEAR

longed wearing, and how much it impairs the agility of a soldier wearing it.

What promises to be one of the outstanding developments in cold weather clothing is the vapor-barrier suit being tested by the Quartermaster section. This vapor-barrier, or "coldbar" suit, is made of material similar to foam-rubber. It has cup-like protuberances on its inner surface which trap body heat, thus creating an insulation that retains warmth and excludes cold. The principle involved in this development may be the key to future cold-wet and cold-dry combat uniforms.

Animal Equipment Department

The Animal Equipment department at Camp Carson, Colo., is currently testing pack load accessories, envisioning the possible animal-packing of an entire Infantry regiment. The department has also studied animal-borne litters and other equipment calling for the utilization of animals.

To illustrate the far-reaching nerve-ends of the Army Field Forces testing groups, the Arctic Test Branch at Big Delta, Alaska conducts arctic environment tests on all types of cold weather equipment. Directives prepared and submitted by Board 3 to the Chief of Army Field Forces are forwarded to the Arctic Branch, where they are tested under the actual arctic conditions for which they are designed.

Historical Growth

The present Board is an outgrowth and successor to what was formerly known as "The Infantry Board and "Army Ground Forces Board No. 3."

Original composition of the Board called for "three field grade officers of Infantry and two senior captains," stationed at the General Service and Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Before establishment of this Board in 1903, equipment was either sent to a selected regiment for testing or turned over to a special board.

When the 13th Infantry Regiment left Fort Leavenworth for the Mexican Border campaign in 1911, the Board's activities ceased,

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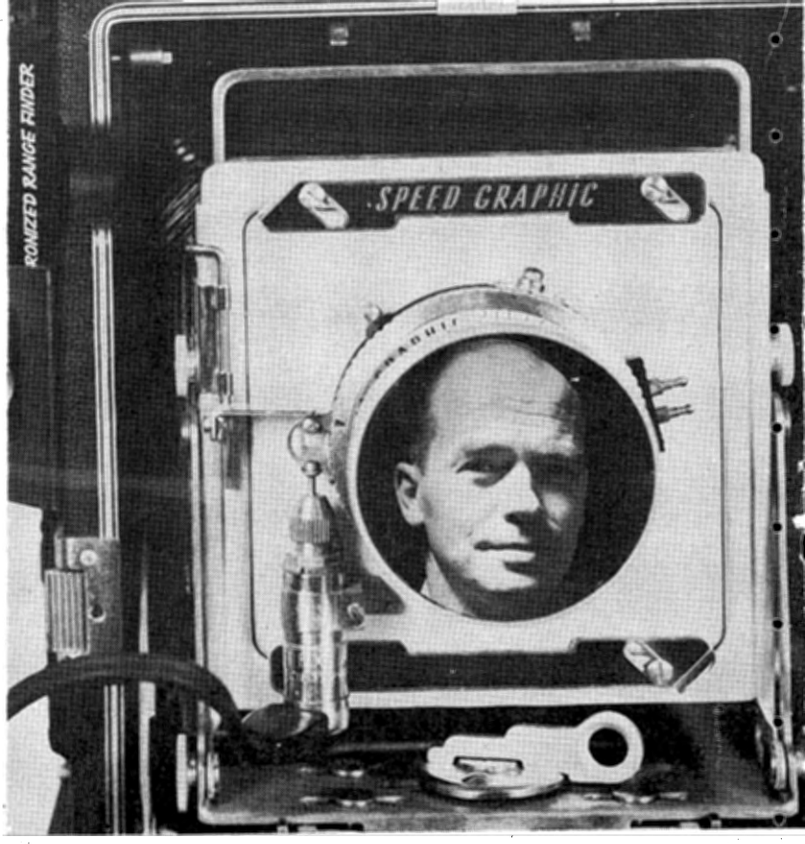

SFC. JAMES QUINN, PHOTO LAB "STRAW BOSS"

TIC Signal Photo Lab

BY PVT. JIM MORRISON

More than 17,000 photographs bearing the legend "credit U. S. Army Photo" are produced monthly at the Signal Corps Photographic Laboratory here, located in the Army Field Printing Plant across from the Main Post Theater.

The laboratory, staffed by four WACs, six enlisted men and eight civil service employes, is commanded by Major William A. Warlick. Skilled personnel include field and laboratory photographers, lab technicians and one clerk-typist.

Lab personnel handle all photographic assignments at Fort Benning with the exception of those for Lawson Air Force Base, the 78th Combat Engineers Battalion, the 300th Military Police Criminal Investigation Division Detachment and the 503rd Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment. All of these organizations have their own staffs to fill their photographic needs.

Lab Consolidation

The present photo lab is a consolidation of the old Signal Corps Photo Laboratory which was housed in the building next to the present Main Post telephone exchange and the Army Field Printing Plant Laboratory, which occupied what is now the site of the consolidated lab.

Early in 1950 it became necessary for the Signal Lab to move because the building which contained it was to be remodeled and used as the site for the new telephone exchange. Because no other building was available, and to promote economy of operations, the two labs were combined under the title of Signal Corps Photo Laboratory.

The arrangement was expected to last one year and then the consolidated lab was to be moved to the site of the present telephone exchange, according to Major Warlick. The Korean conflict, with the resulting shortage of materials, caused a revision of plans. Present arrangements call for the lab to move into its new location in April, 1953.

At the time of consolidation in 1950, the monthly production of the Signal Corps Photo Lab was approximately 700 prints and that of the Army Field Printing Plant lab nearly 8,000 prints. During the first quarter of 1952, production had risen to 52,000 prints. The marked increase of photographs required by Army Field Forces Board No. 3 and the general growth in all activities resulting from the Korean conflict are the major causes of the increased production, according to lab officials.

Roughly 85 percent of the laboratory's work is for AFF Board No. 3, which is engaged in research and development of weapons, vehicles and other items used by the Army.

PIO Work

The Infantry Center's Public Information Office is the lab's second largest customer, using more than 1,000 photographic prints per month. These are the pictures of Fort Benning activities printed in various newspapers and periodicals throughout the world.

The remainder of the lab's work is divided among the many units on post which may require photographic coverage for some particular activity or project. Many of the pictures used in Field Manuals and Training Manuals, prepared by The Infantry School, are products of the lab, which also makes prints of many of the charts used by the school as training aids. Then if any training aid is accidentally destroyed by fire or some other cause, the school can refer to its file of pictures and reproduce the item using the picture as a guide.

Unusual Assignments

Signal personnel have handled many interesting items. Colored motion pictures of delicate operations and new surgical methods developed at the U. S. Army Hospital here have been recorded on film to be used in the Medical Journal and as visual records.

The laboratory also helps save the taxpayer's money. If the Quartermaster section receives a freight car load of material which has been damaged in transit, the photographers are called in to take pictures of the car as proof that the articles were damaged on arrival. Along the same line the shutter-snappers are sent for if some equipment purchased by units on post is found to be defective. Recently they photographed a truck part which had snapped unexpectedly. The pictures, along with a report, were sent to the manufacturer through channels as proof that the article was poorly-manufactured and should be replaced at his expense.

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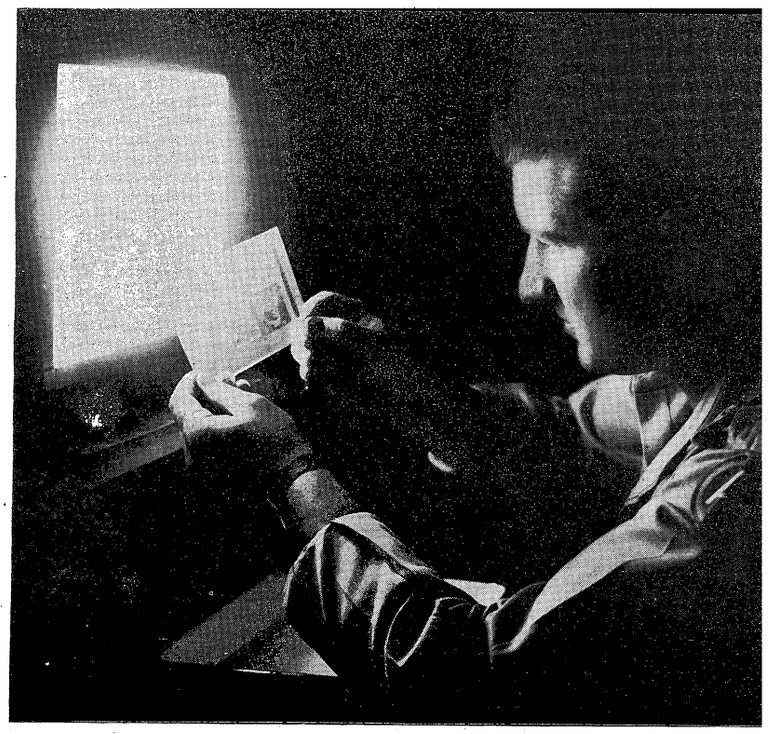

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In order to utilize the supply of material to best advantage, the lab maintains a running album of all prints which might be re-ordered. The negative and a print, four inches by five inches in size, is filed chronologically with a caption which identifies the people and the activity shown in the picture.

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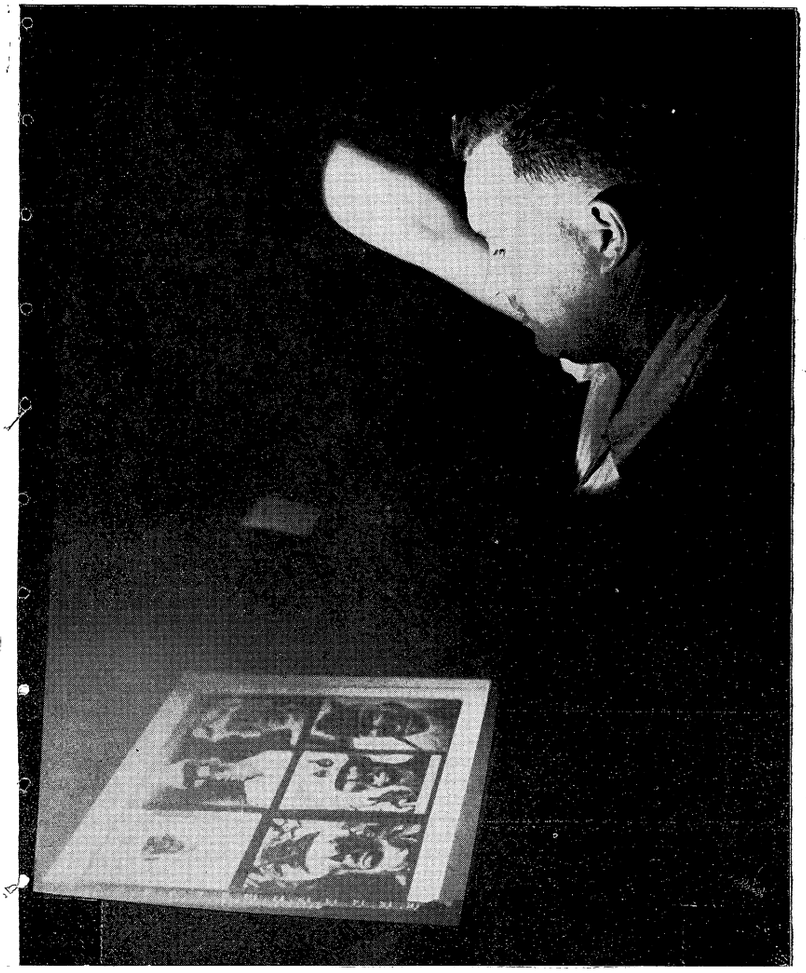

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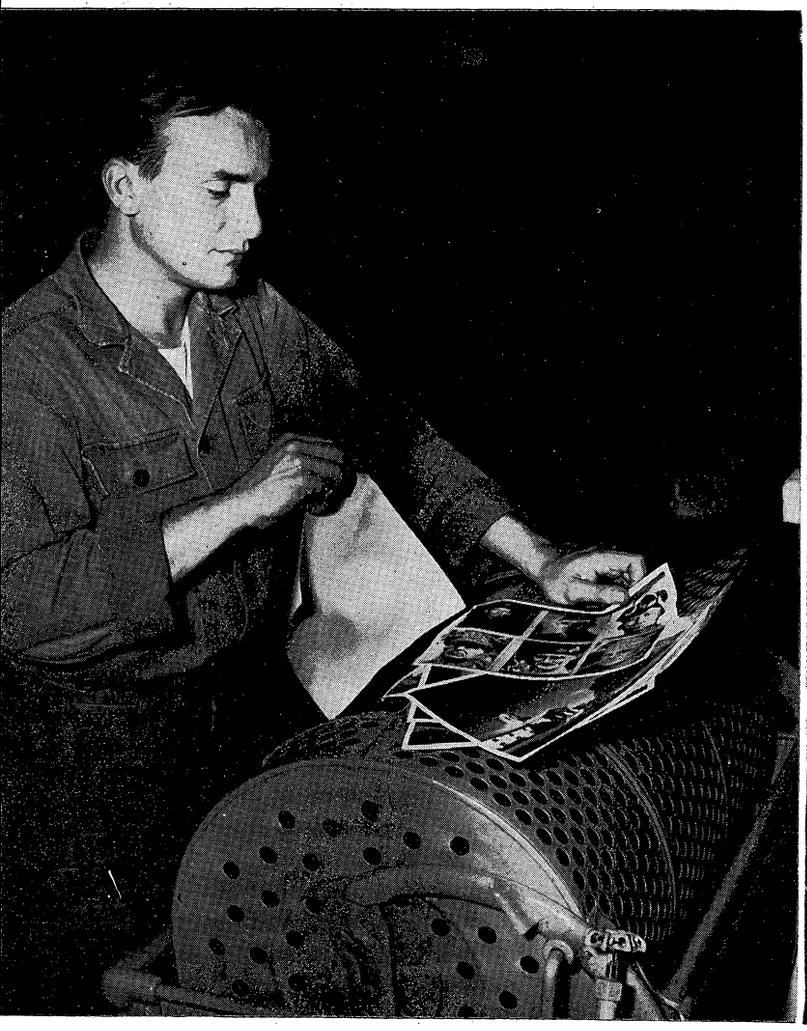

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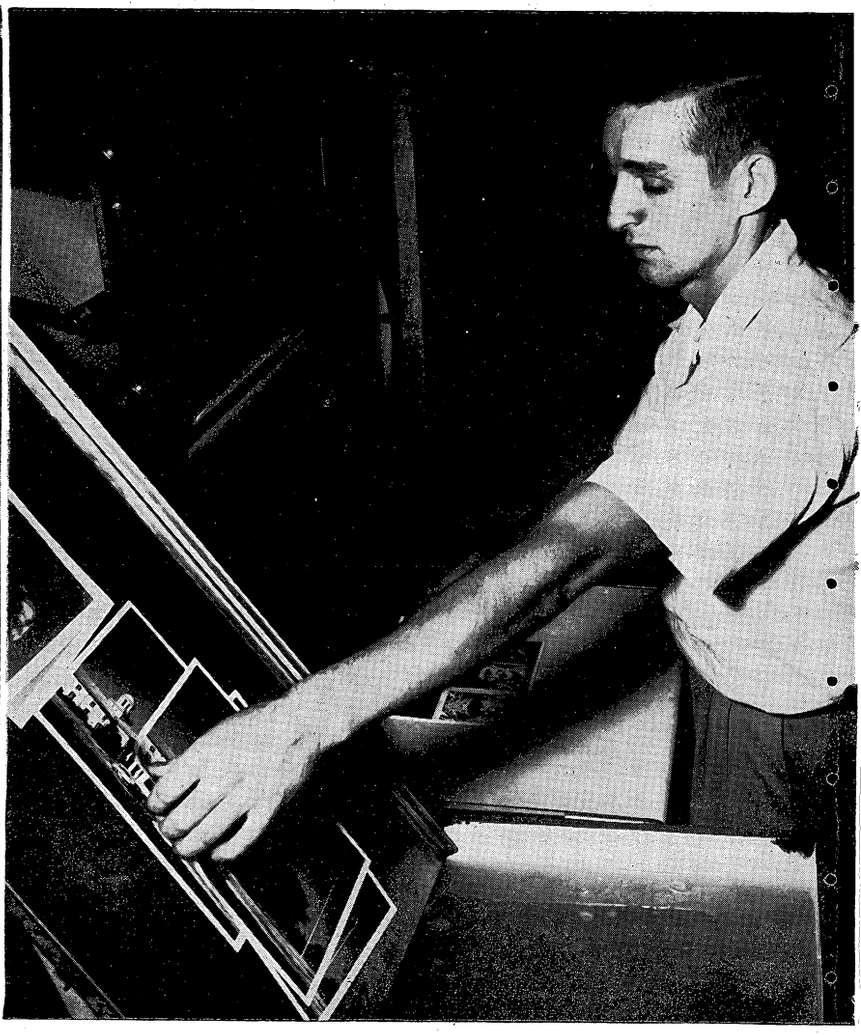

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The United States Army, during World War I experimented with six different helmet models from the British pan style, which was standard equipment for the men of the AEF, to a monstrosity that resembled the steel traps of the medieval knights complete to the face covering.

In 1942 the Army and Marine Corps adopted the bowl helmet which has since become the standard headpiece of not only America's Armed Forces, but, due to this nation's expansive "Lend-Lease" program during World War II and its military aid programs since, of many of the free world's fighting forces as well.

Korea brought out the need for some type of protection for the soldier to reduce the casualties from shrapnel and bullet richochets. The armor had to be neither too heavy nor too cumbersome to hinder his movements and at the same time would have to serve the purpose of protection for which it was designed.

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Army Aviation

BY PFC MERWIN MELTZER

The strange object that has been rising from Chapel Field is not a Fort Benning version of the flying saucer nor an optical illusion. It is simply an H-13-E helicopter, part of The Infantry Center aviation section's standard equipment.

In the past few weeks, it has been settling down on Chapel Field, just across the street from The Infantry School, to pick up Brig. Gen. Guy S. Meloy, Jr., assistant commandant of the School. General Meloy has been using the "whirlybird" as an observation platform from which he may better see the many varied training activities that go on in his domain.

The flying section of the Army is not, as many persons believe, an outgrowth of the pre-unification Army Air Force. Rather, it was developed from the liaison and observation flying done with light aircraft during the Second World War.

Army Air pilot-officers are primarily officers in a particular branch of service, such as Infantry, Artillery, or Armored and secondarily flyers. They fly only because they aid the branch to which they are attached by use of aircraft. In other words, the section is simply another advancement in the tactical use of light aircraft and rotary winged craft in ground-air liaison.

All personnel in the Section are Army men. The officer pilots are graduates of the Air Force's Liaison School which trains all Army flyers.

The Infantry Center's Aviation Section is one of the smallest groups at Fort Benning. Three officers, all pilots, and eleven enlisted men make up the entire compliment of the unit. Its present base of operations is located behind the Airborne Department's hangars at Lawson Air Force Base. The group currently shares quarters with the Airborne Department and the 508th Airborne RCT.

Maintenance of the unit's planes and its one Bell helicopter is carried on in the open. However, work is now in progress on the reconstruction of Butler Hangar, and when that project is completed—expected to be this month—the Aviation Section will have a new home all to itself, complete with offices and indoor maintenance facilities.

Observation, reconnaissance, courier duty, wire laying, artillery spotting and column control are the main jobs tackled by the section here. At various times it has been called upon to simulate enemy aircraft and make flour sack bomb runs.

The addition of the helicopter has opened up many new jobs for the group and will enable it to aid the overall Infantry Center training program to an even greater degree than it now does.

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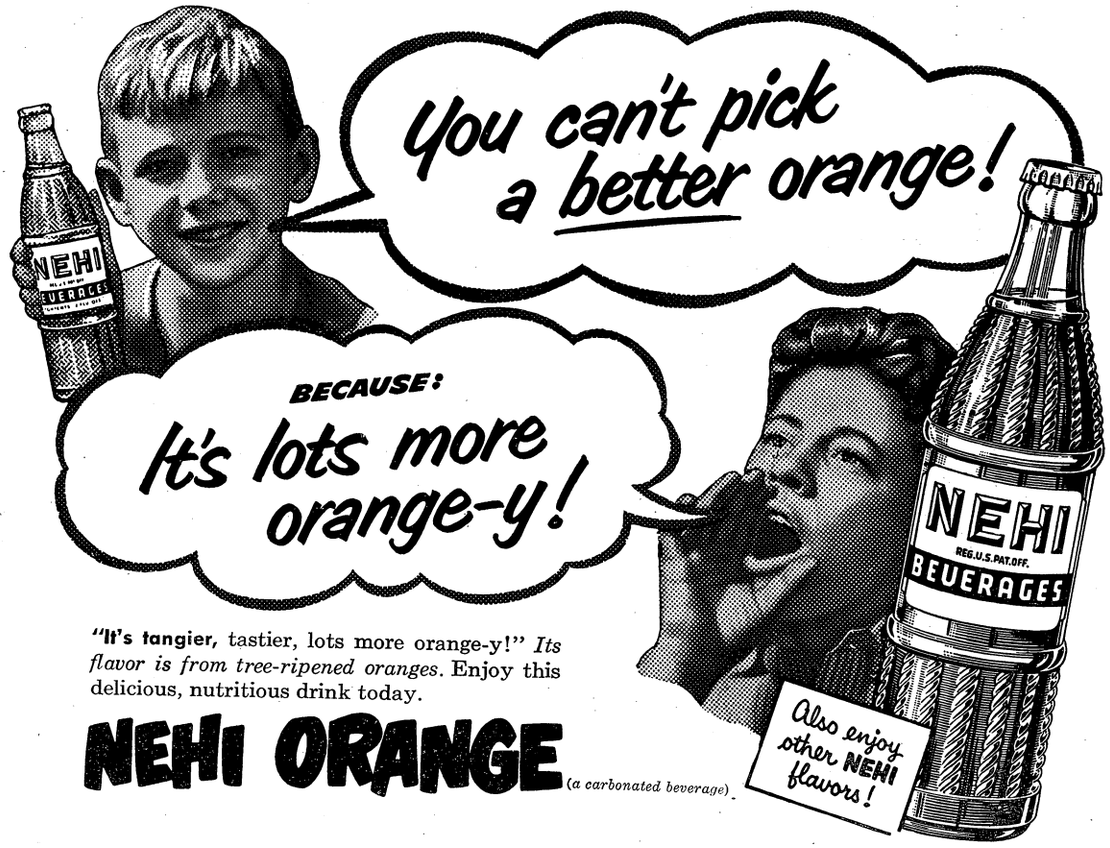

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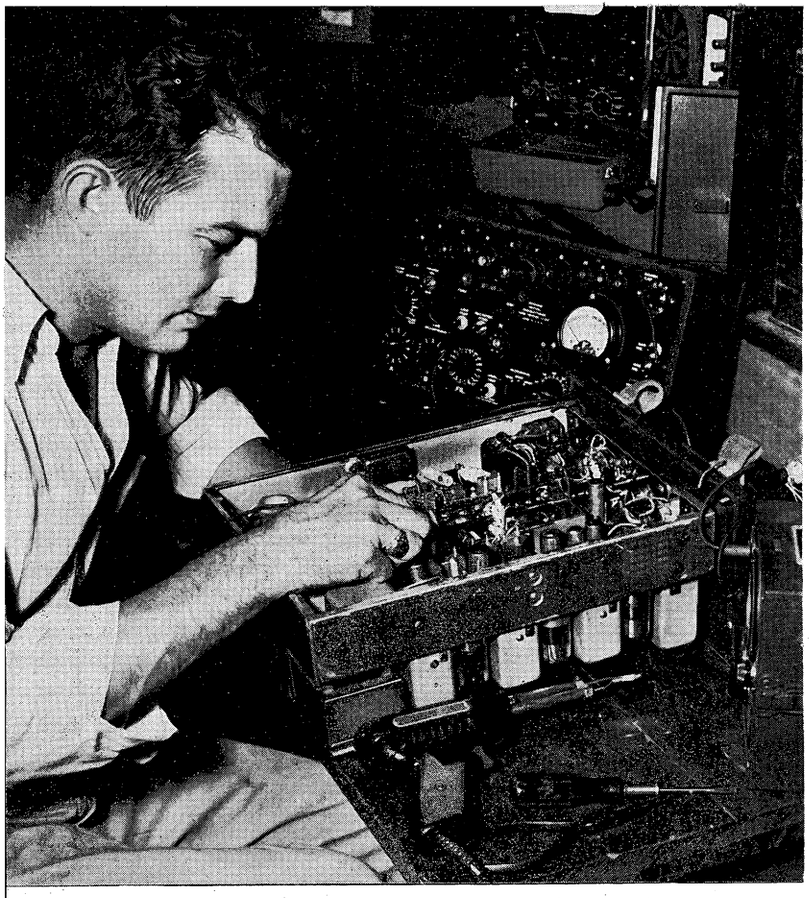

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Mobile Signal Shop

BY CPL. CHUCK CALLAHAN

Two mobile Signal maintenance shops, equipped and operated by personnel of the Signal Field Maintenance Shop, are busy serving units at The Infantry Center.

Designed to assist second echelon units in field communication repair, the trucks save the Army over $75,000 a year and 1,600 man-hours of labor a month.

On their arrival at Fort Benning last May, the vehicles were stripped down M-7 small arms repair trucks. The signal crew, under the direction of WOJG Young G. Jones, M-Sgt. Edward S. Raleigh and M-Sgt. Louis L. Veres, immediately began to equip the trucks for use as mobile Signal maintenance shops.

Many items of equipment had to be obtained before the shops

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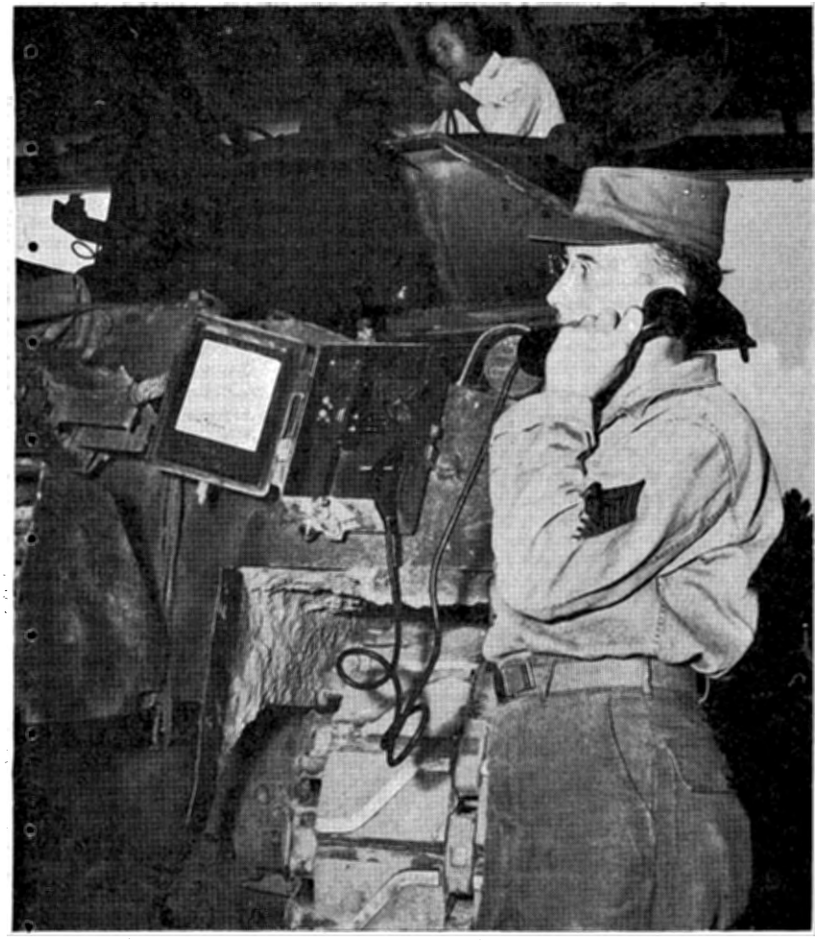

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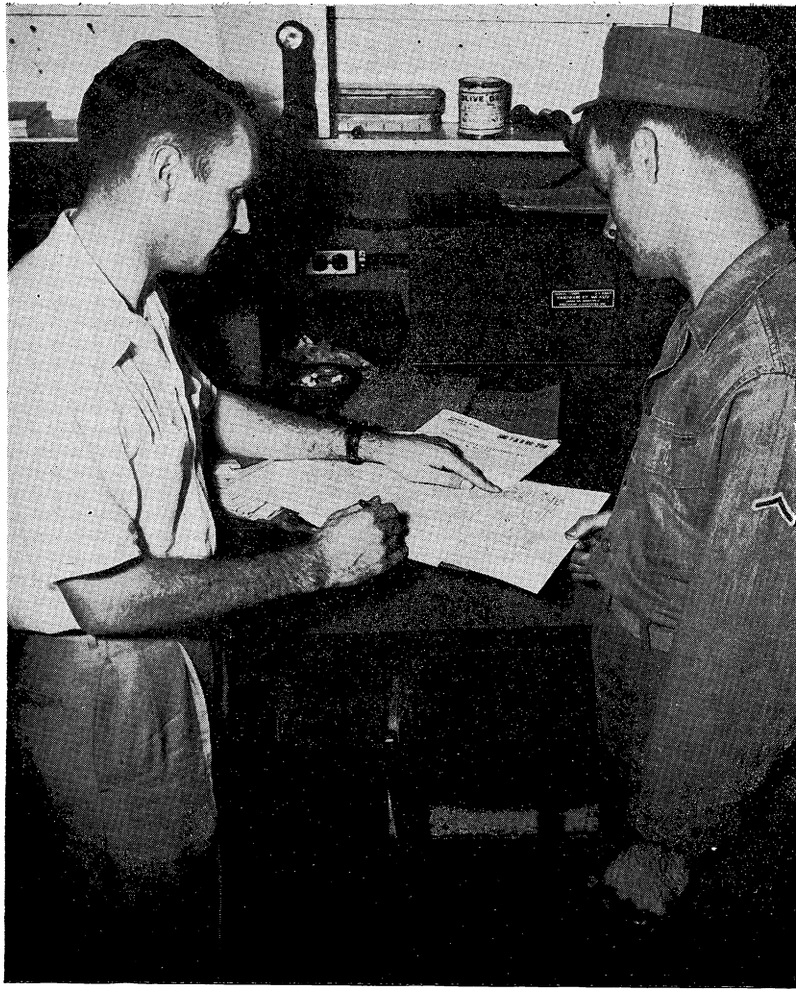

W. H. KIMBLE EXPLAINS DIAGRAM TO PFC. M. L. GALLAGHER

could be self-sufficient during field use. Much of the equipment was in critical supply at the time and the Infantry Center Ordnance Section was called upon to obtain the needed equipment and materials.

Prior to the completion of the mobile Signal shops, schedules were outlined for visits to the various units and organizations on the Post. On June 2 the vehicles were ready for their first scheduled technical inspection and maintenance tour.

Four-Man Crews

The trucks, operated by four-man crews, headed by Sgt. Raleigh and Sgt. Veres and including two radio repairmen and a Philco Technical Representative, completed their first cycle the middle of September. The two teams visited every organization at Benning, assisting the units with third echelon signal repair. They repaired and returned to field use over 60 pieces of signal equipment each week during the first full visit to the line units.

The mission of the teams is inspection and 3rd echelon repair of all signal equipment assigned to using organizations at Fort Benning. The schedules for the Mobile Shops are laid out into four cycles a year. The teams make two technical inspections of each unit during the year and return to the units for two annual repair visits.

The military repairmen, Sergeants Raleigh and Veres, in charge of the Mobile Shops, are well qualified for technical inspection of signal equipment. The two civilian repairmen on each truck assist the military men in doing on-the-spot repairs of a considerable volume of equipment.

The Philco Technical Representative's mission in connection with the shops is to help with technical knowledge, assist the repairmen, and observe first hand the state of maintenance of communication equipment wtihin the unit.

The mobile units, in order to provide serviceable communications equipment at all times, must take all possible steps to maintain equipment on hand in the best possible condition, due to a shortage of electronic equipment.

They do this by discussing the units' many maintenance difficulties and coming up with the answers to the units' many complex questions concerning signal equipment.

Although the mobile repair teams' missions are to maintain field signal equipment, they must have a supply of second echelon spare parts before they can hope to repair the various signal pieces at second echelon levels. For this reason the mobile teams directly assist the various communications officers and key radio personnel with their requirements for Signal 7 and 8 publications. Each piece of signal equipment has a 7 and 8 publication giving technical data and listing spare parts to each piece of equipment.

The teams further help the unit communication chiefs prepare preventative maintenance rosters, check lists, and publications.

The mobile teams do everything they can to impress using organizations of the importance of continually striving to do a better job of preventative maintenance of signal equipment and to maintain the equipment at highest possible standards.

The Signal Corps mobile field maintenance teams, faced with heavy communications requirements on the already short supply of signal equipment, are saving the Army time and money by keeping a tighter rein on maintenance with their quarterly visits to user organizations.

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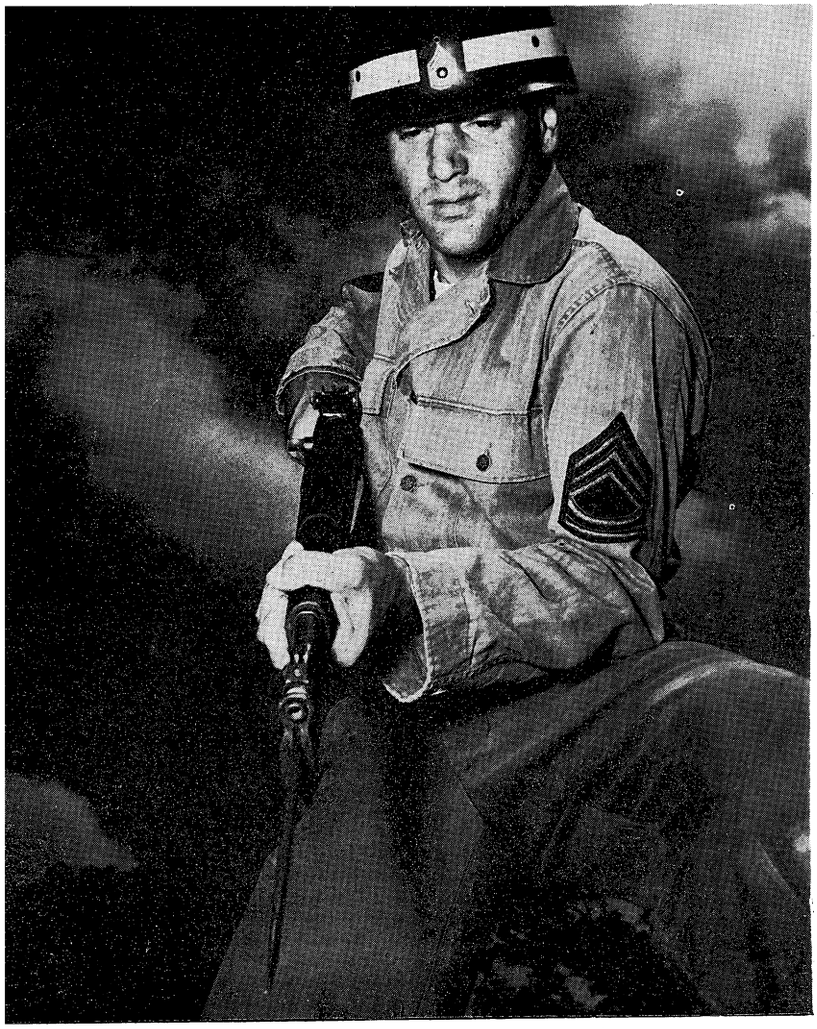
although no order can be found disbanding it.

On Dec. 15, 1919, the War Department issued orders constituting The Infantry Board, a development and testing laboratory, with permanent quarters at Fort Benning. Sole function of the Board was to consider the improvement on Infantry equipment. In 1931 the Tank Board, stationed at Fort Meade, Md., was absorbed by The Infantry Board, and remained a part of it until transferred to Fort Knox, Ky. in 1939.

The Infantry Board was redesignated "Army Ground Forces Board No. 3" in 1946, and in 1948 received its present title.

Thus, throughout the years a small group of relatively unknown officers and men has performed one of the Army's most vital tasks—making the American soldier the best fed, best clothed and best armed soldier in the world.



SFC. FRANK RUSSO

The Bayonet

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The order has been given and in a split second the Infantryman is prepared to engage the enemy in the most difficult of fighting, hand to hand combat.

Though some believed that the blitzkrieg type warfare, predominant in the Second World War, had outmoded the bayonet, the great amount of close-in fighting prevalent in Korea has given "cold steel" another lease on life.

Swords and other metal tipped weapons have been in use for hundreds of years but it wasn't until the middle of the seventeenth century that the bayonet, as we know it today, came on the scene. These earliest bayonets were of the plug type. That is, the handle of the weapon fitted right into the muzzle of the musket. The obvious disadvantages of this type of weapon plus the cumbersome weight of the early musket itself kept the use of the bayonet down to a minimum for almost a hundred years after its introduction.

However, the military changeover to the fusil, a much lighter firearm that looks somewhat similar to the musket, and the adoption of a two-ring type holder for the bayonet brought about the standardization of the bayonet as regular equipment in the armies of the world.

Surprisingly enough it was the Russo-Japanese War of 1905 that brought about the development of the type weapon used by the United States Army today. Military observers of that conflict noted that there were decided advantages in both the rapier bayonet employed by the Tsar's forces and the flat cutting blade used by the Japanese. By combining the best features of both, the knife blade of today was evolved. It is equally effective in cutting or thrusting.

Today, bayonet training is stressed in every Army unit. Many hours are devoted to its instruction and proper usage.

It appears qute evident that as long as wars are won primarily by closing with the enemy to destroy him, the bayonet will remain, with the rifle, as a part of every Infantryman's basic equipment.

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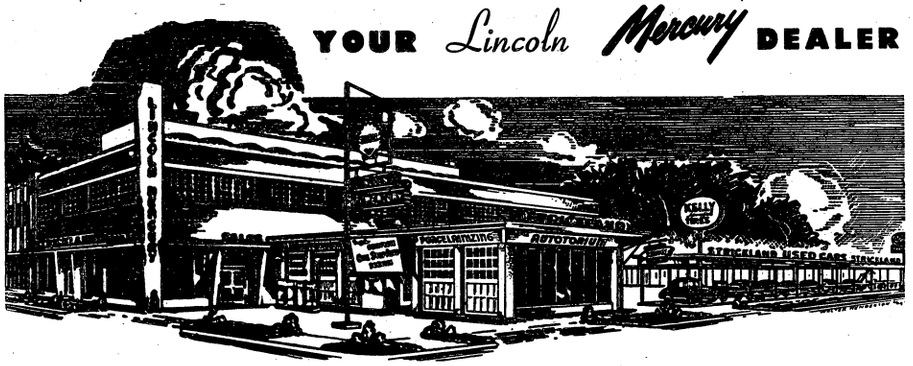

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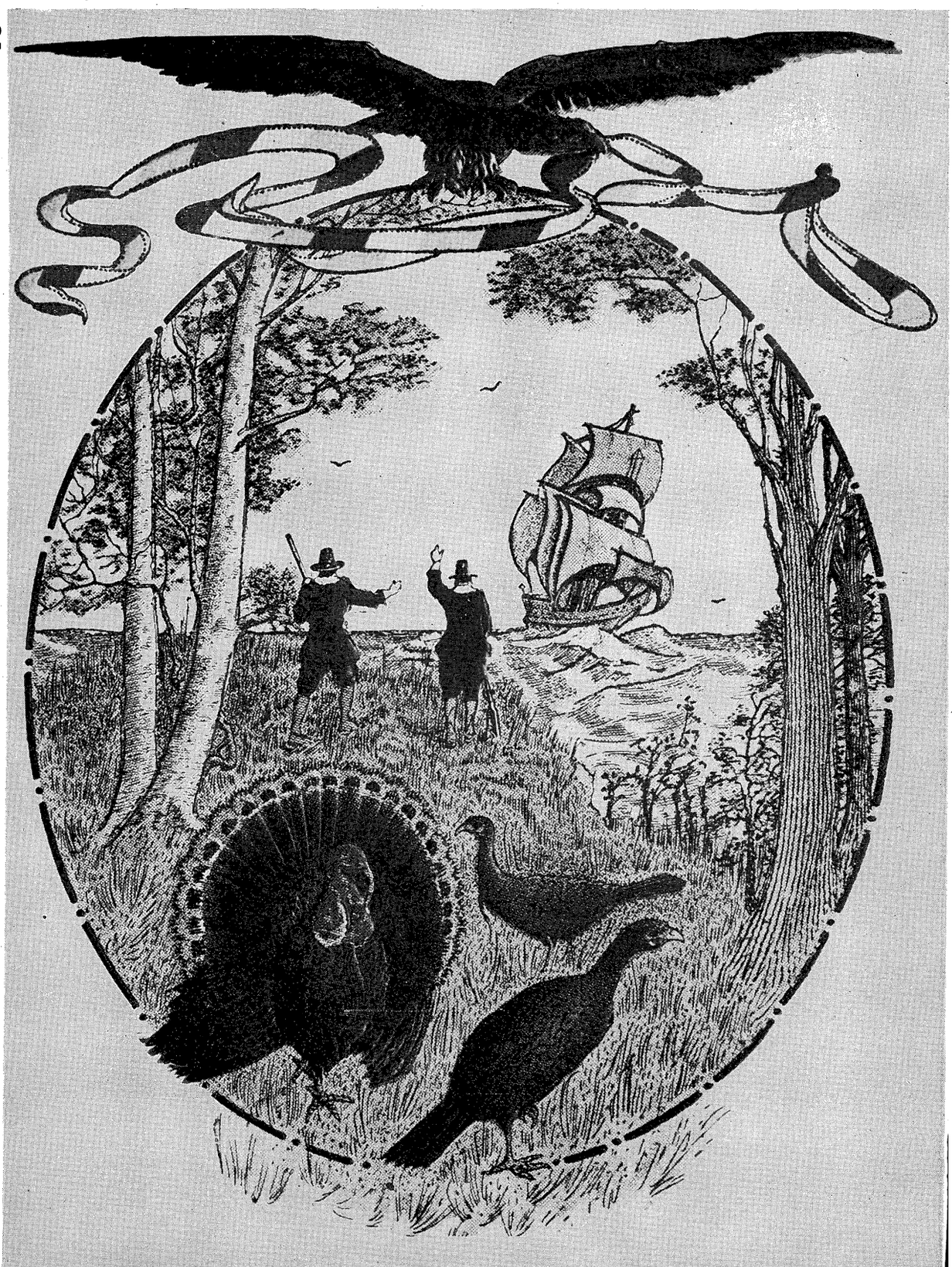

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Pilgrims standing on the shore and turkeys have come to mean but one thing to Americans. With the coming of November, Thanksgiving Day is once more upon us. The eagle, with its majestic wings spread wide, that stands guard over the scene symbolizes the fact that it is more than an annual feast and family get together that we celebrate. Through the years, Thanksgiving has come to be a reminder of the blessings that have been bestowed on the United States.

Cover picture by Sfc. James Quinn.

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Third Army Area Food Service School

BY PVT. JIM MORRISON

The old adage that an army travels on its stomach is one of the guiding principles of instructors at the Third Army Area Food Service School, which annually graduates nearly 2,000 men from its various courses.

In all the school's many courses, instructors emphasize the fact that the school's goal is to teach the men to prepare simple, wholesome food that looks, smells and tastes good.

The school does not claim that its graduates are masters of cuisine or worthy successors to Oscar of the Waldorf-Astoria.

"We don't even pretend that we're turning out accomplished chefs here," states Lt. Col. John S. Anderson, school commandant. "Instead, we give these men the background to become good Army cooks able to prepare the types of food that they will be called upon to serve daily once they're permanently assigned after leaving here."

"No Pheasant Under Glass"

Capt. Paul V. Gee, assistant commandant and director of training, put it another way. "Our courses are designed along practical lines. We could teach these men to serve pheasant under glass, but that's a little impractical for an Army mess hall."

The Food Service School here is one of two such schools in the Third Army Area. The school here also maintains a sub-school at Fort Jackson, S. C. Until Sept. 12, 1952 it also operated sub-schools at Camp Rucker, Ala. and Camp Gordon, Ga.

School Mission

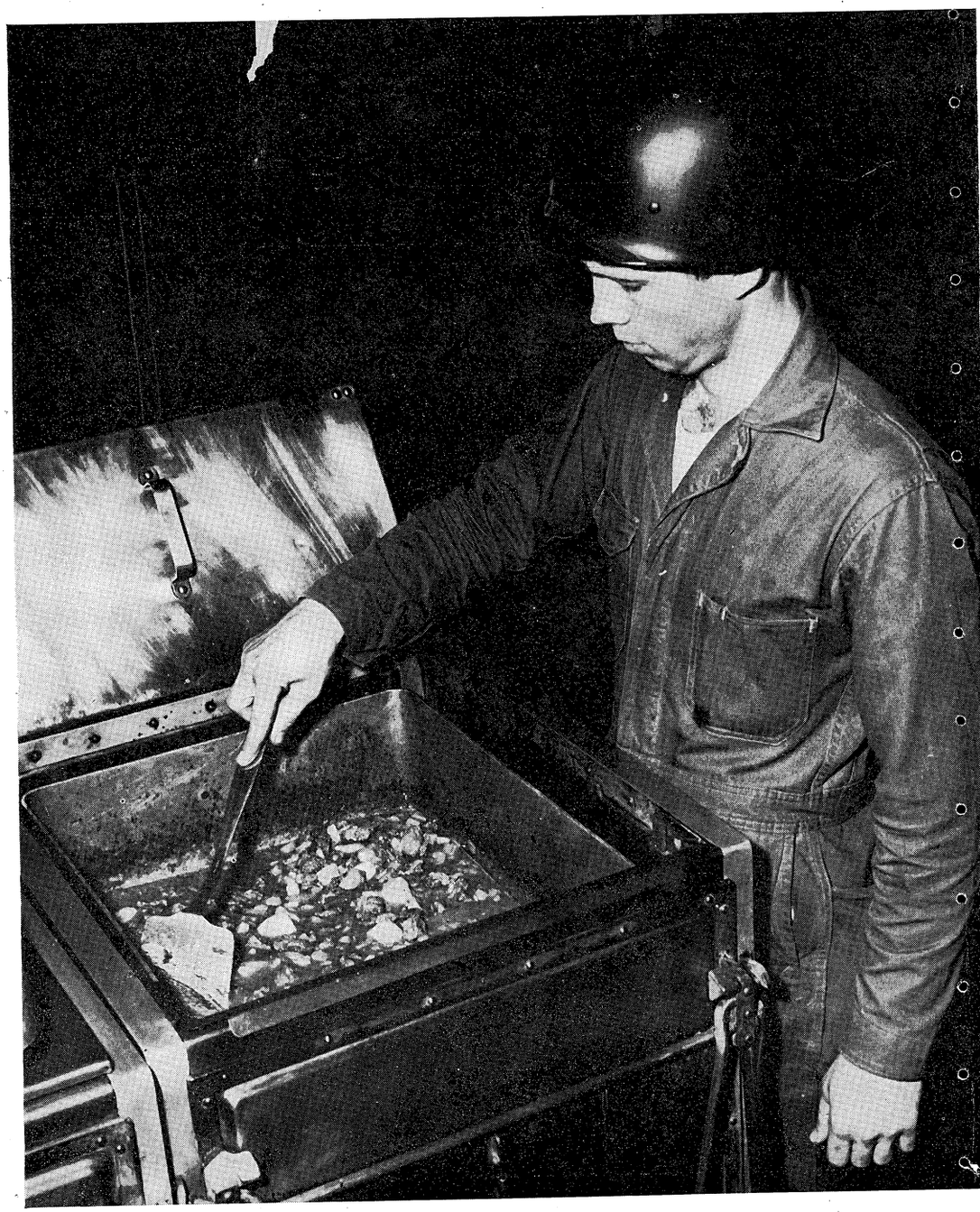
The mission of the school is to supply Third Army and its civilian components with the required number of trained food service personnel through appropriate courses of instruction.

To accomplish this mission, the school at present is teaching courses—six weeks or more in length—in cooking, baking and mess management. In addition, it also conducts classes in field messing for officer candidates and a 16-hour refresher course for Infantry Center company and field grade officers up to and including battalion commanders. Classes in field messing are also taught members of Third Army Organized Reserve Corps units.

"Troops Will Enjoy Eating"

In all of the courses the instructors emphasize the doctrine that the troops will enjoy eating if the cooks adhere to a program of providing food which is appealing to the eyes and pleasing to the palate.

The school, staffed by four officers, five warrant officers and 78 enlisted men, graduates about 150 officers and enlisted women and men a month. These graduating classes include two cooking, one baking and one mess stewards class. An officers mess management class is graduated every six weeks.



BEEF STEW, ONE OF THE MAINSTAYS OF THE ARMY IN THE FIELD, IS PREPARED BY PFC. HAROLD EVANS, STUDENT COOK AT THE THIRD ARMY AREA FOOD SCHOOL

An average graduating class of cooks contains between 30 and 40 men and a bakers class between 24 and 30. Mess stewards usually number approximately 24 graduates and officers classes about 16.

The school's teaching program is broken down into two categories—theory and practice. The curriculum followed in a basic cooks course is a good example.

During the first two weeks of the eight week course the theory of cooking is taught. Here the students learn food classification and calorie content and how to plan balanced menus. During the latter part of the second week, he is given an outline of the procedure and policies to be followed during the practical application exercises which comprise the other six weeks of training.

Classes Split

At the completion of the second week

the class is split into two sections. One group is sent to the small quantities cooking kitchen for one week where they learn to prepare 59 different recipes they will use during their careers as Army cooks. Small quantity cooking is exactly what the name implies.

The students prepare menus which call for one to four servings. After all the students have prepared a certain recipe, their results are placed before the class and the instructor in charge conducts a critique pointing out the good and bad features of each preparation. The foods are judged on the basis of appearance, aroma, taste and palatibility.

Field Training

During this time the other section of the class has moved to the food service field area located in the Sand Hill region for a week of training. There the group is divided into three segments. One group handles all of the cooking assignments for the day. The second section attends classes on kitchen field equipment including field ranges, immersion water heaters, small detachment and 20-man cooking sets.

The third group is introduced to the subject of field expedients. Work includes the preparation and maintenance of existing facilities as well as the building of new ones. At the end of each day, the duties of the groups are rotated so that all groups get experience in each classification. Following this week the field section moves into the small quantities kitchen while that group moves out to the field area.

Last Four Weeks

For the last four weeks of instruction, the student cooks are sent to the school detachment's two mess halls and to the Bachelor Officers' Mess. There they get supervised experience performing the duties of cooks.

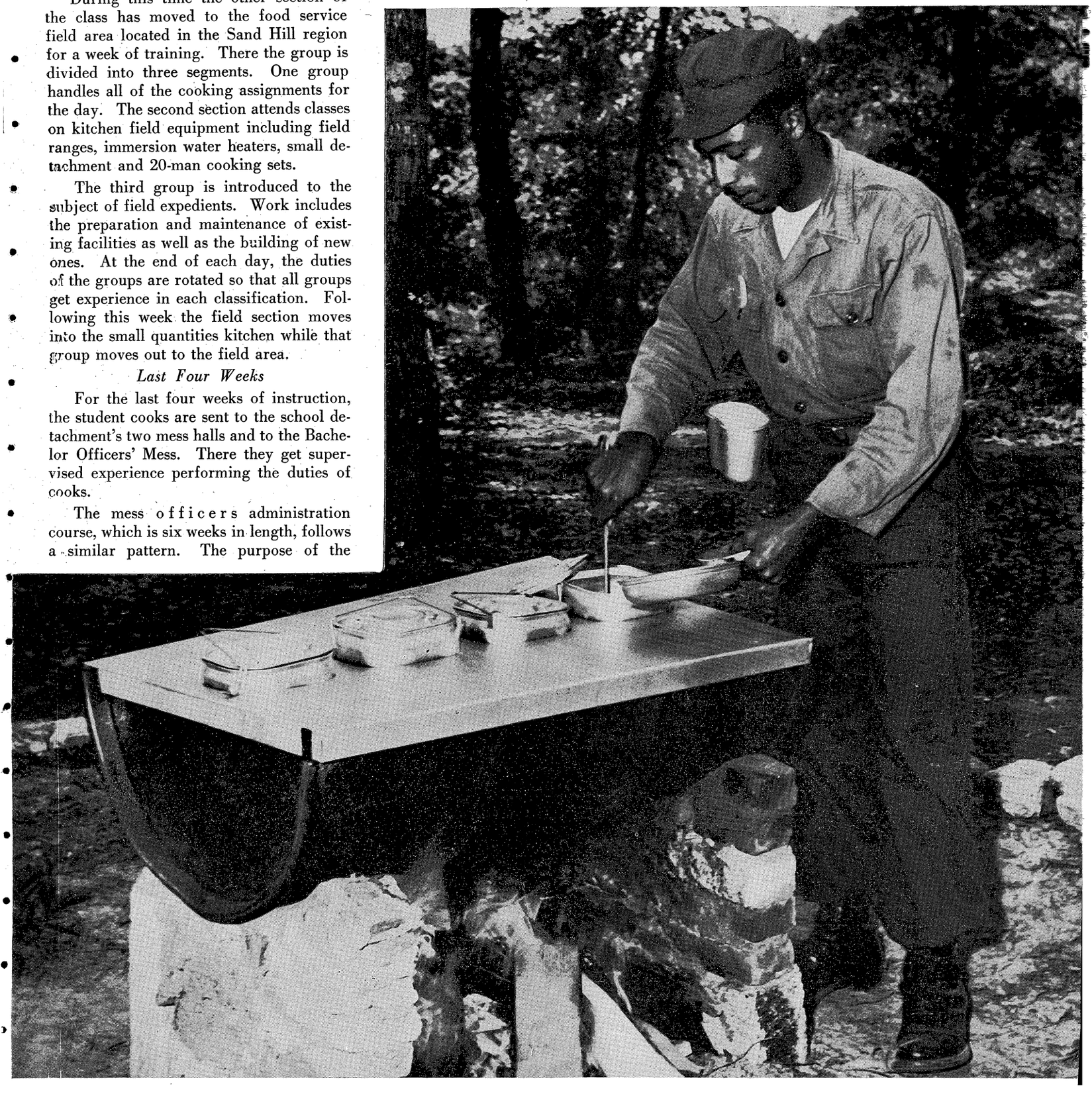
The mess officers administration course, which is six weeks in length, follows a similar pattern. The purpose of the course is to train company grade officers so that they are qualified to supervise unit messes, which may vary in size from company to consolidated messes which feed several thousand men per meal. In addition to learning how to prepare food, the officers are taught the administrative duties of mess officers.

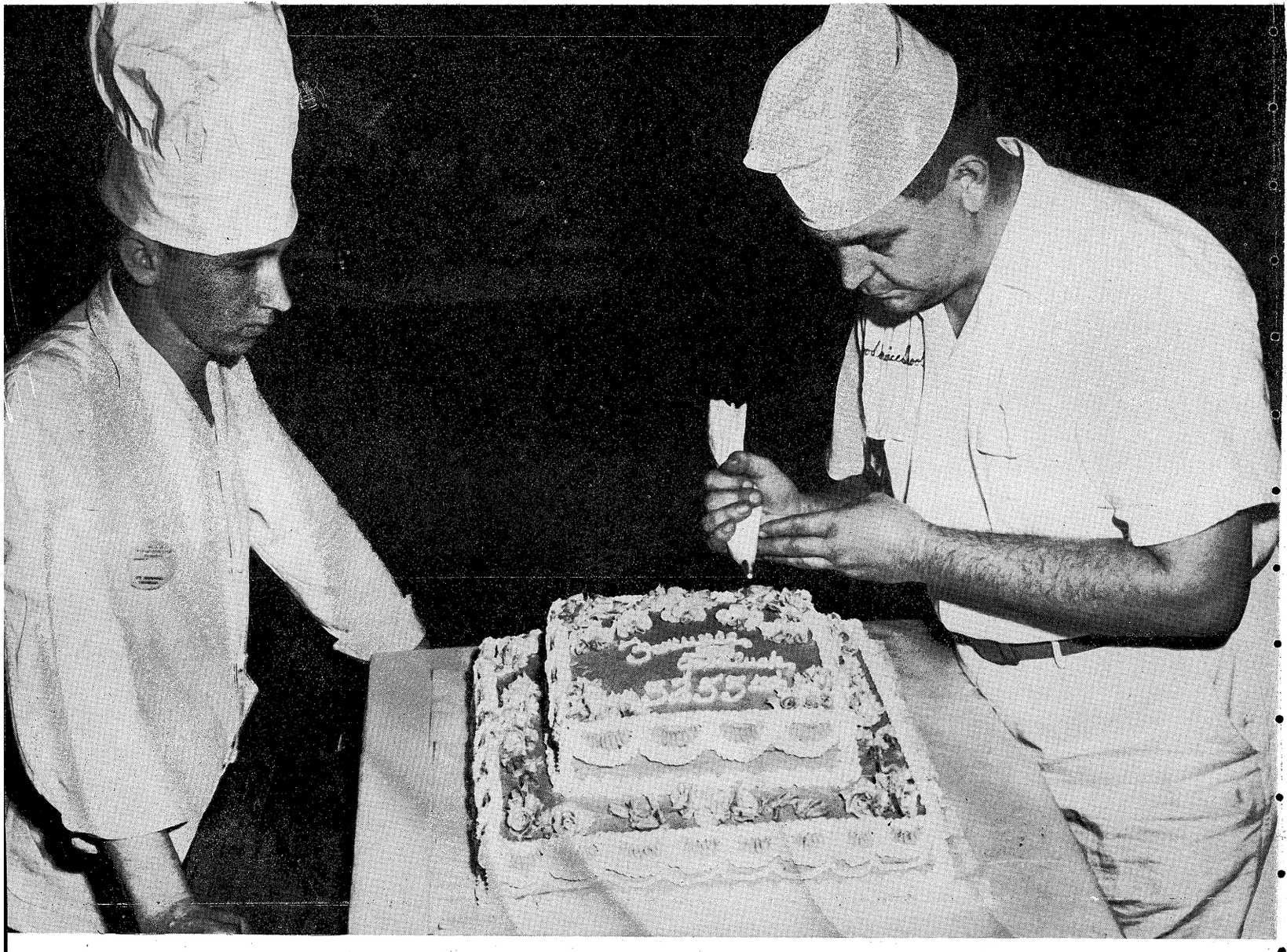
Mess Steward Course

The eight-weeks mess stewards course also utilizes the combination of theory and practice. The course is designed to prepare cooks to become mess stewards. It is also recommended schooling for those mess stewards who have never had the course. Special emphasis is placed on bookkeeping and mess administration.

The longest course taught at the school is the bakers course, which lasts 11 weeks. During this time students work in the pastry shop and in field and garrison bakeries. Their field training includes work on the M-42 semi-mobile and the M-45 mobile bakery units. These machines, which are patterned after the types used by the British in the European theater during the last war, are capable of producing vast quantities of bread daily. A platoon of men operating an M-45 unit can supply

CPL. EDMOND JOSEPH SERVES HIMSELF FROM HOME-MADE STEAM TABLE, DESIGNED BY MAJ. GEN. ROBERT N. YOUNG FOR USE IN THE FIELD





SGT. HENRY DUNCAN, RIGHT, AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE SCHOOL, SHOWS CPL. WILLIAM BROOK THE PROPER METHOD OF DECORATING A CAKE

Food School

enough bread in a 24 hour period to feed 32,000 troops.

Only Army Personnel

At present the school is limited to teaching Army personnel. In the past, Marine Corps and Air Force students were enrolled in courses at the school and instructors from those two organizations were on the school's staff. This was done, officials explain, because the school had the facilities available and the Marines and Air Force had more personnel to train than they could possibly handle in their schools.

The school handles a variety of other tasks in addition to teaching the do's and don't's of cooking and baking. Staff personnel are used to supervise the mess facilities of the Reserve Officers Training Corps during its summer encampment here. Personnel to operate the mess halls are obtained from a Third Army pool specifically set up for the purpose.

The school's faciilties are also used to test recipes sent to it by the Office of the Quartermaster General in Washington, D. C. Usually four variations of the same recipe are sent to one school, which tests all four and then submits reports noting the good and bad features of each and the school's recommendations.

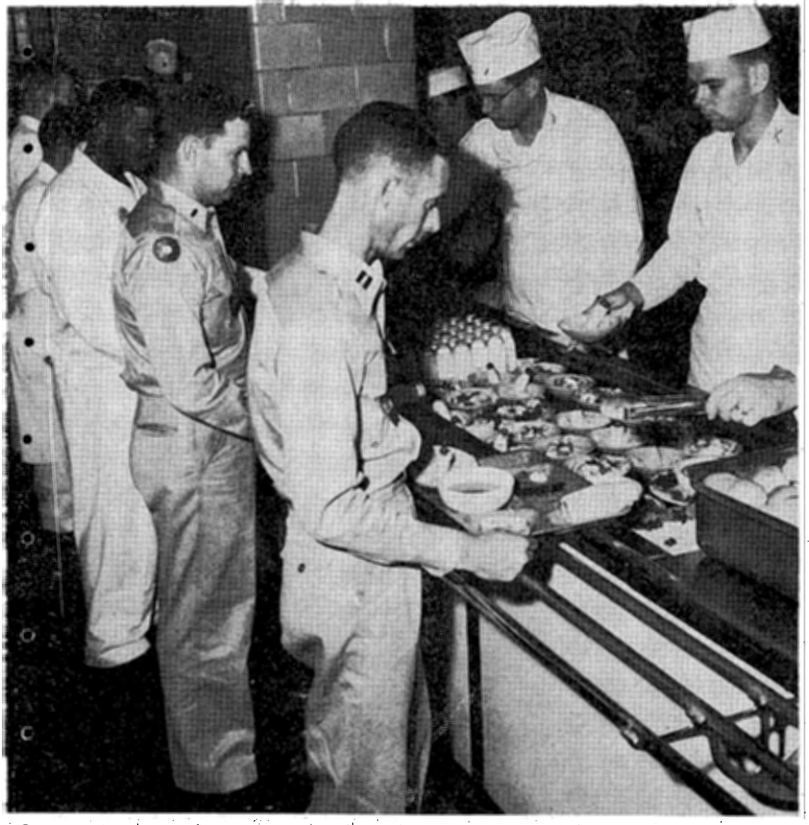
Periodic Inspections

In promoting its program of getting mess halls to furnish good, wholesome food, the school's staff conducts periodic inspections of mess halls operating at Fort Benning. Its inspection teams check the mess halls thoroughly for cleanliness and proper cooking and storage methods. The mess halls' records are also checked to make sure that the prescribed administrative procedures are being followed.

Billeting and housing for the enlisted men who are assigned to or are attending the school are provided by the school detachment, commanded by 1st Lt. Philip B. Davis. Exceptions to this are married men who have their families living in this area.

Student officers are housed in The Infantry Center Bachelor Officers Quarters and WAC students in the WAC Detachment.

Because of the concentrated courses of training at the school, certain measures have been instituted to promote study. Students living in the detachment barracks must be in by 11 p. m. Monday through Friday, and a supervised study period of two hours is conducted nightly during the week for those who need or desire additional study time. Married men must report in time to stand reveille each morning. To facilitate the schooling, passes and leaves are kept to a minimum and only those of an emergency nature are granted.



STUDENT OFFICERS SERVE CAPT. P. GEE AND WOJG D. COCKERHAM IN SCHOOL'S MESS HALL

Has Own Personnel Section

The school also maintains its own personnel section to handle service records of the enlisted men and women either attending the school or assigned to its staff or faculty. All of the paper work necessary to ensure the proper disposition of pay, travel and leave time, allotments and allowances such as separate rations are handled by this group.

Between 500 and 600 incoming and outgoing student records are handled every eight weeks by this department, according to CWO Kenneth L. Gibson, the school adjutant. Processing of the records includes their proper filing when they arrive at the school, the entering of all pertinent information while the person involved is at the school and the shipment of the records to the next station upon departure of the student.

What is the result of the training courses taught at the school? Officials believe that the caliber of Army cooks and Army cooking is constantly being improved through the application of new and better training techniques.

In all its actions—whether they be teaching men to cook or testing recipes—the school is guided by the principle that good food is vital to the development of efficient fighting forces.

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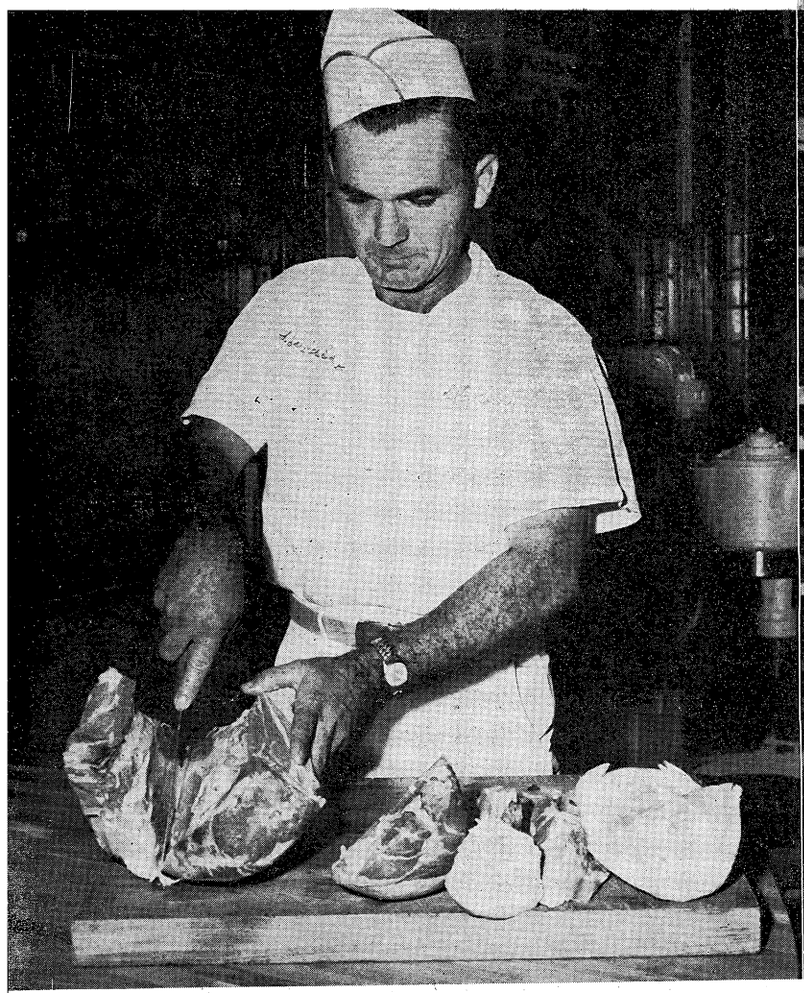
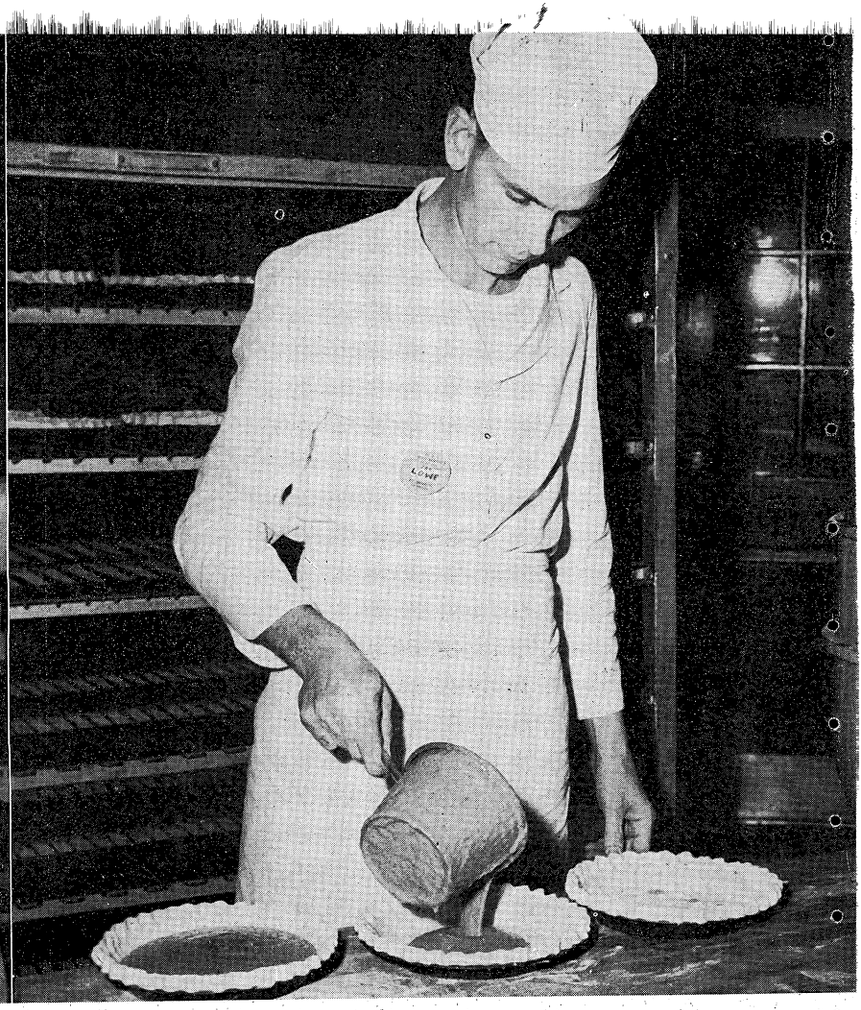


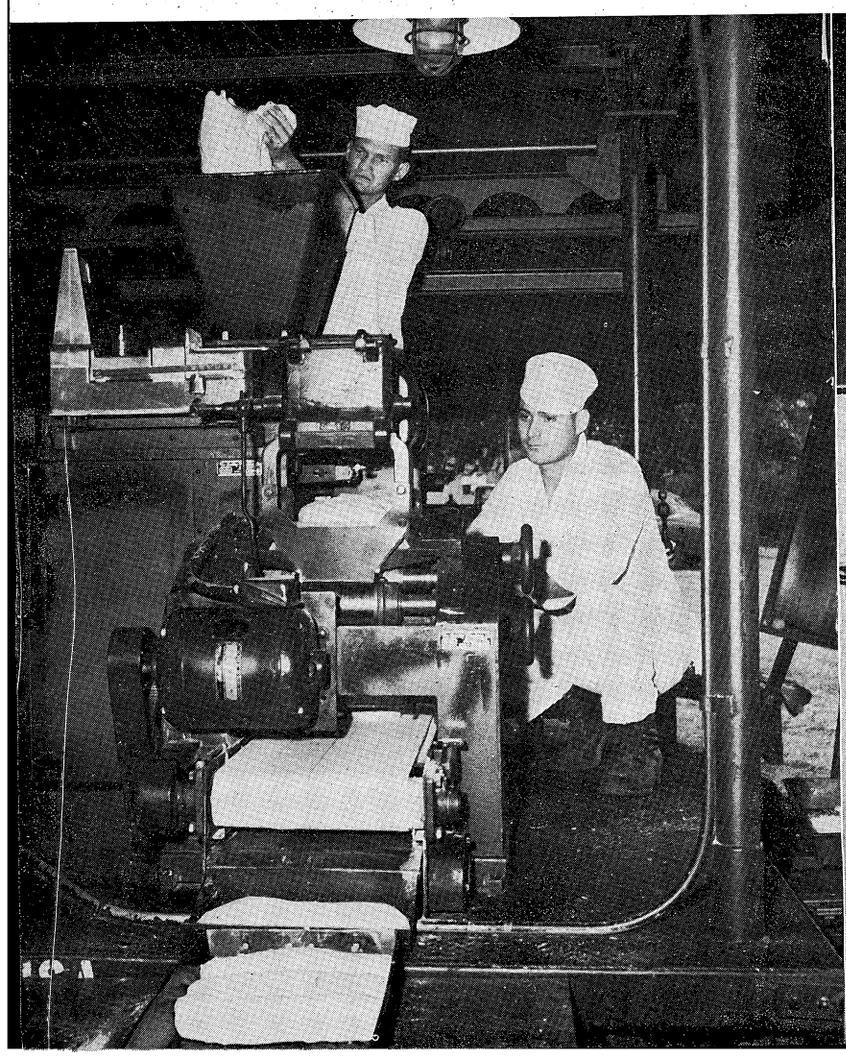


LEFT, M-SGT. JAMES HORN, AN INSTRUCTOR, CARVES A HAM

RIGHT. SGT. CARROLL LOWE, A STUDENT BAKER, FILLS PIES

LEFT, SGT. E. SMITH AND PFC. P. TATE OPERATE BAKERY

RIGHT, PFC. H. GASKINS AND SGT. B. WALKER ROAST CHICKENS



Thanksgiving Day

With the arrival of another Thanksgiving Day, we in the United States should take time out for inventory and count all the blessings which are ours. No other nation in the world has been granted so many of the good things in life.

From the time of the founding fathers to today, this country has been dedicated to the principles of freedom and liberty. In this respect we are like few other nations in history.

Freedom and Opportunity

When the Pilgrims came to these shores in 1620, they were seeking freedom and opportunity that was non-existant in the Europe of their day. They were hardy souls. They had to be, for the wilderness that was America placed every conceivable obstacle in their way. Nature and the hostile natives stood against them, but faith—plain everyday, ordinary faith in themselves and their ideals—carried them through.

It was a grateful little band that celebrated that first Thanksgiving feast over three hundred years ago. The settlers had been starved, frozen and attacked, but still they held on. Fighting for their homes in the new world they bent, but did not break, and finally overcame all the blocks in their path. At that first meal of thankfullness they extended their beliefs in brotherhood, and as our history books show, broke bread with their bronze-skinned brothers over the Thanksgiving table.

A Haven of Freedom

Since those earliest pioneers founded a haven of freedom in America, we have grown to be a mighty nation, one that has expanded from the tiny settlement in New England to span a continent. Our natural resources in this modern age are many. Coal, oil, iron, wood—these are but a few of the myriad of raw materials that are found in the nation's earth. We are world leaders in production. Our standard of living is the highest ever known in history. But still we may be proud of the fact that we have always been bound by the same basic principles and ideals—freedom and liberty.

Famous Battles

American men have shed their blood many times and in many different corners of the earth since Lexington and Concord to bring freedom to the land. The names of the famous battles in American history are not those of new lands conquered or of new empires established, but rather of such places as Trenton, Saratoga, New Orleans, San Juan Hill, Belleau Wood, the Argonne, Guadalcanal, Bastogne, Normandy, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Anzio and in more recent days, Inchon, Bunker Hill or Heartbreak Ridge. These names will be remembered in history because they symbolize places where the forces of the United States fought and died to retain liberty. They were held because the Americans who fell there believed in this great nation of ours, believed in the things for which it stands.

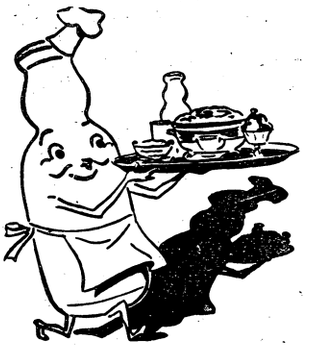
As another Thanksgiving Day dawns upon us, we should all take stock of the freedoms with which we in the United States have been gifted. The right to speak our minds; to assemble wherever and with whomever we please; the wonderful blessing of not having to quake with fear every time there is a knock at the door. These things are ours.

Blessings Taken for Granted

Too many times do we take these blessings for granted. Too many times, history tells us, peoples who have never known anything but freedom and liberty let them slip away through neglect.

On this Thanksgiving night, when we sit down with family and friends to the traditional turkey dinner, let us remember that no other people in history have ever had so grave a responsibility of maintaining freedom throughout the world as the United States has today.

Let us pray that we succeed in our mission and that one day in the not too distant future, people in every land on this earth can bask in the sunlight of liberty with us.



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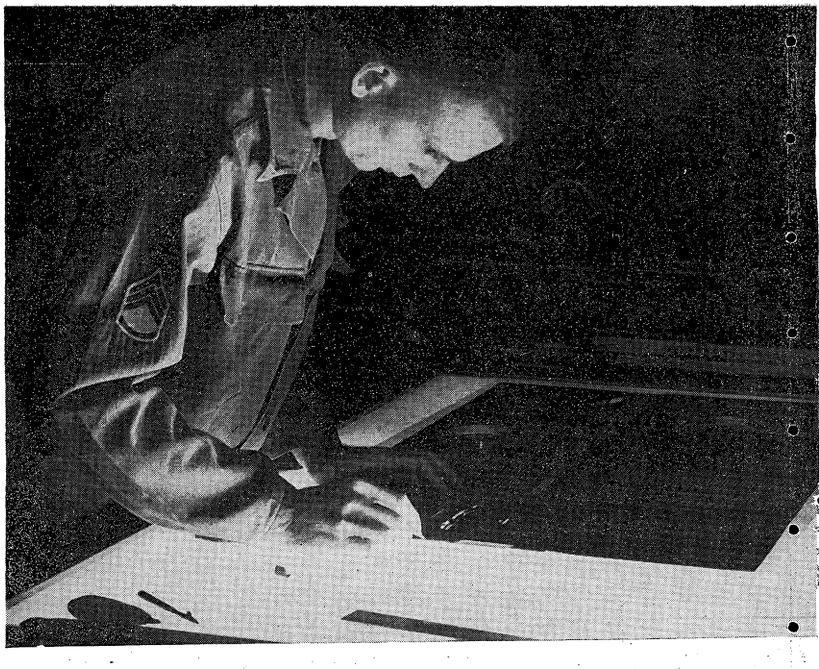

PFC. VINCENT GERMANN, JR., LEFT, SENSITIZES A ZINC PLATE WHILE SGT. BOBBY PRESTON, RIGHT, READIES A NEGATIVE USED TO TRANSFER SENSITIZED PLATE

Field Printing Plant

One Army activity actually gloats over the fact that it uses an average of three tons of paper every work day.

But this paper is not involved in a "red tape" process. It is used by the Army Field Printing Plant to supply the instructional needs of The Infantry School. And those requirements keep the printing plant's two officers, one warrant officer, 115 enlisted men and 28 civilians busy eight hours a day.

Yearly Work Volume

The Army Field Printing Plant produces a yearly work volume equivalent to 500,000 editions of a 300-page commercial best seller.

Although sometimes called upon to prepare printed material for other Third Army installations, such as the Provost Marshal School at Camp Gordon, Ga., or the Anniston, Ala., Ordnance Depot, the printing plant's work load comes primarily from The Infantry School. During the past year only 1.3 per cent of the total production was for activities other than those of The Infantry School.

The volume of work and the type of instructional material required makes it necessary for The Infantry School to have its own printing plant, according to Lt. Col. Schiller F. Shore of Lawrence, Kans., plant chief. Colonel Shore also said that rapid changes in military doctrine must be immediately incorporated in Infantry School instructional material. In addition, the authors of some of the material must work in close cooperation with the agency producing the work. This liaison would be impossible without the Army Field Printing Plant, he pointed out.

The printing plant, part of The Infantry School's Training Publications Department, can produce anything from a mimeographed sheet of instructions to a book complete with pictures, maps and drawings.

Divided Into Six Sections

It is divided into six sections—administration, drafting, printing, engraving, binding and shipping.

Nerve center of the plant is the Administration Section where work requests are received, workloads planned and supplies ordered.

The Drafting Section reproduces by hand the large instructional charts used by The Infantry School. This section's work also includes some illustrations, such as parts of equipment enlarged to many times their natural size, and charts of terrain features and military situations.

Lithograph Branch

The lithographic branch, which utilizes photo lithograph and

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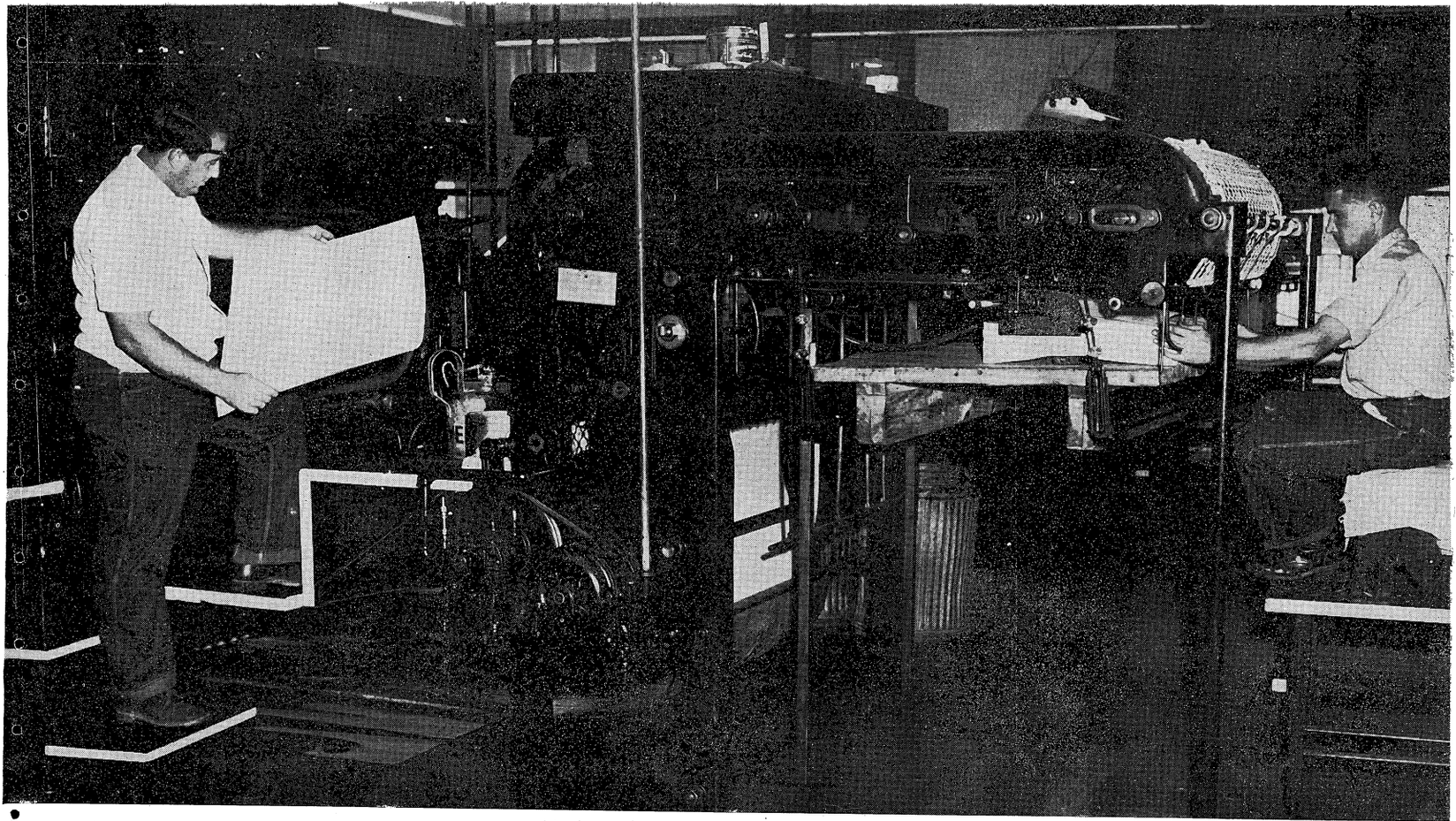


B. J. JONES, LEFT, PRESS OPERATOR, AND HIS HELPER, JAMES SELLERS, RUN ONE OF THE PLANT'S LITHOGRAPHIC PRESSES

offset press printing processes, produces over three-fourths of all the material printed at the plant. This branch has three one-color presses, one two-color press, a process camera and a whirler used to process litho plates. In order to fulfill all requests for printed material, this branch works two shifts.

The Photo Engraving Section produces all the zinc and copper half-tones and line cuts used by the printing plant for illustrations and pictures.

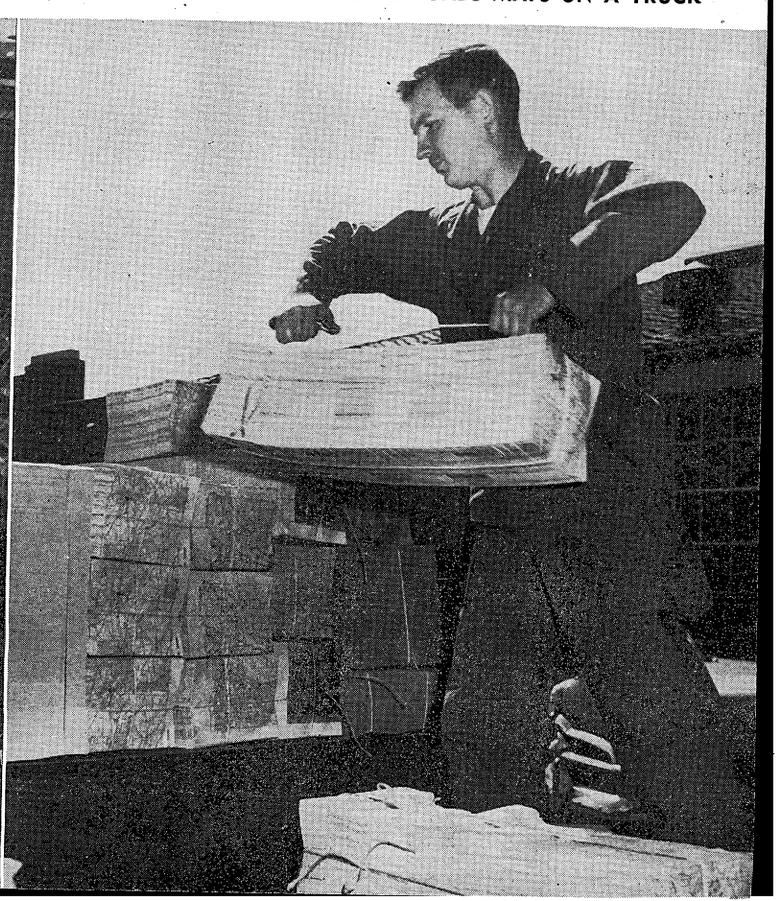
Printed material goes to the Binding Section after it has left the Printing Section for folding, punching, compiling into booklet form and stitching. This section also has a battery of mimeograph machines used to produce instructional forms which do not require complex processes such as lithography or letter.

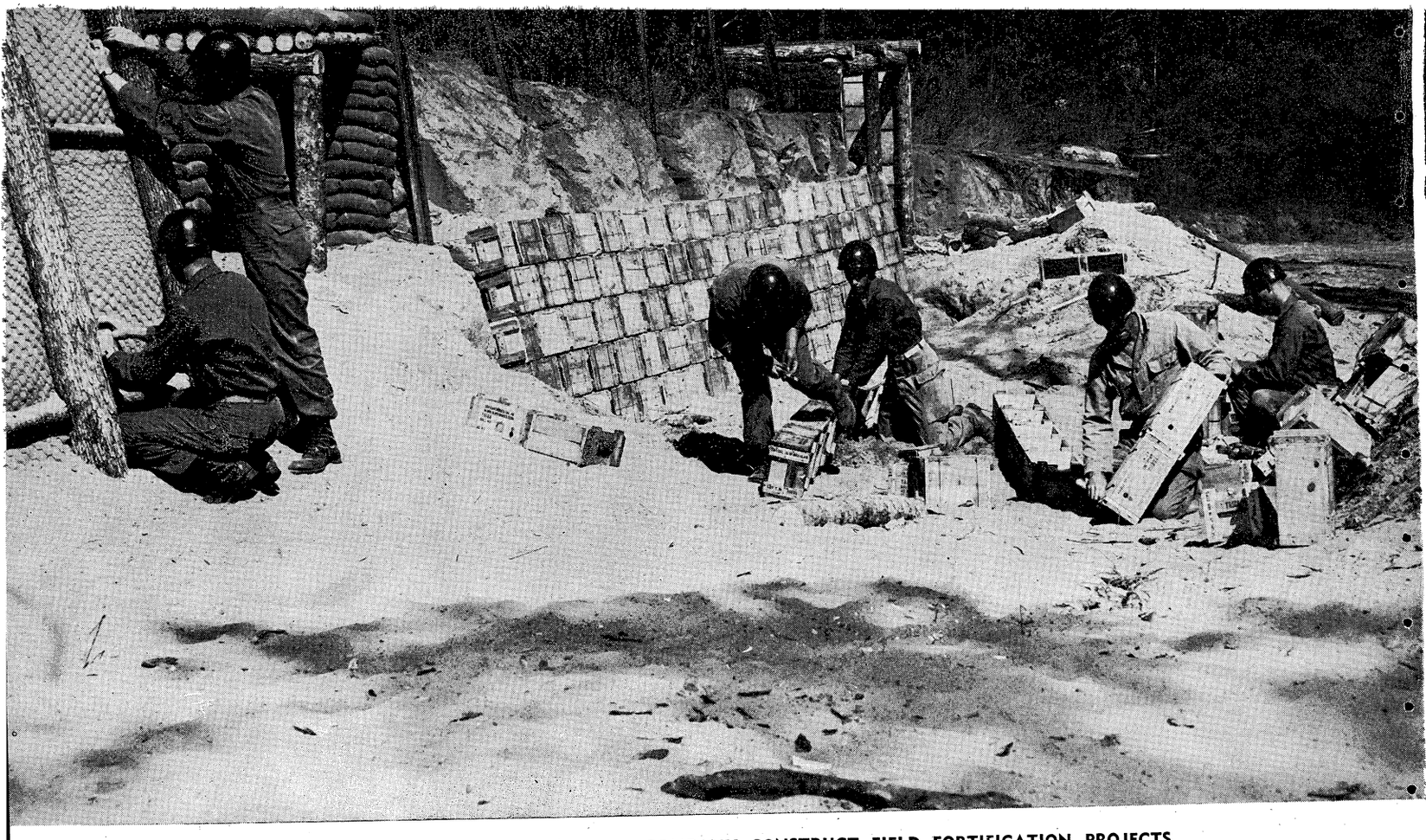
Shipping Section

The printing plant's Shipping Section is responsible for the traffic of inbound and outgoing material. This section also is responsible for the delivery of the finished product.

Capt. Norman C. Murray, assistant chief of the printing plant, operated his own print shop in Graham, N. C., before he was recalled to Army duty in 1951.

PVT. KENNETH ANDERSON, LEFT, OPERATES ONE OF THE LINOTYPES. AT RIGHT, SGT. MANFORD MOORE LOADS MAPS ON A TRUCK





MEN FROM THE 508TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER COMPANY CONSTRUCT FIELD FORTIFICATION PROJECTS

Foxholes--- With a View!

Foxholes with built-in bunks are the latest training aids being constructed for Infantry School students.

Viewed from one side, the foxholes appear exactly as they would to an approaching enemy—but from the opposite side, Infantry School students can see right into the fortifications.

Before these foxholes were constructed, students could only peer at holes or stakes driven into the ground to represent foxholes. But the new training aids, built into the side of a defile, give students a clear, unobstructed view right into the heart of the combat fortications.

The first group of foxholes to be completed were built by members of the 598th Airborne Engineer Company from scrap and salvaged materials.

Built under the direction of the Tactical Department's Engineer Committee and Defense Group, the training aids include regular two-man foxholes, rocket launcher positions, machinegun positions and bunkers.

The full-size fortifications were constructed to specifications contained in field manuals, with a few exceptions.

In the Davis Hill area, the Defense Group is completing a built-up defensive area for a platoon position. Actual construction work on the bunkers is being performed by men from Fort Benning's 78th Engineer Combat Battalion.

These fortifications are being constructed of logs, sandbags and

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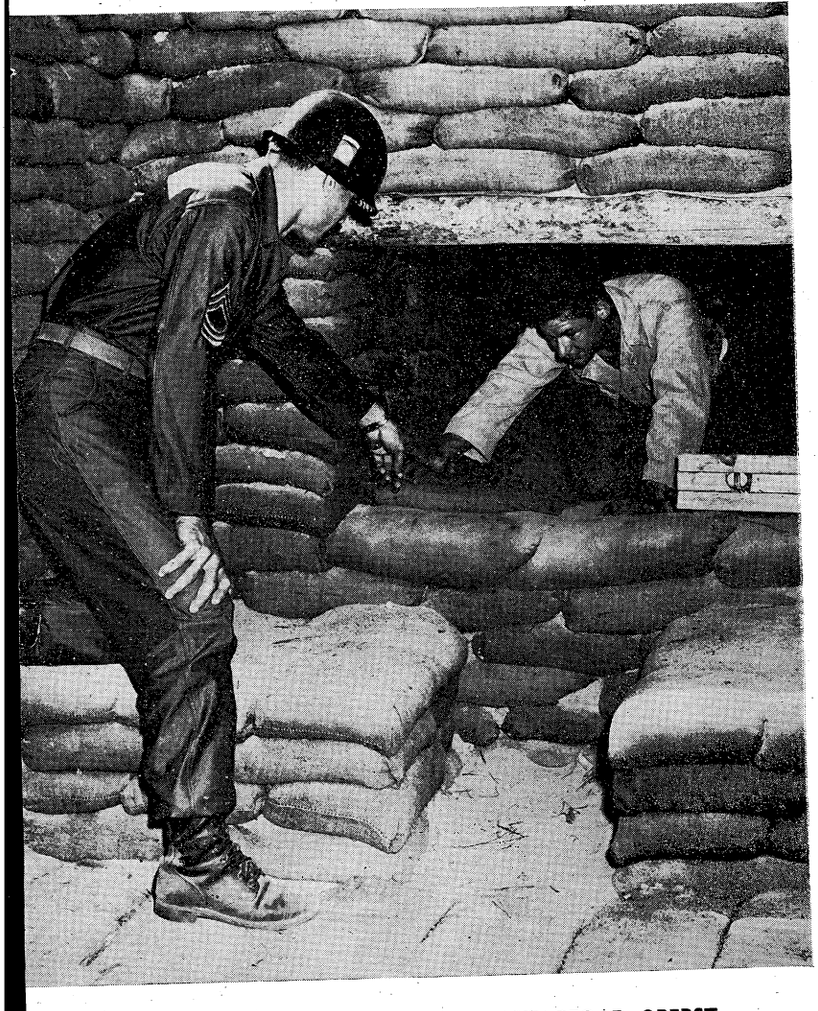
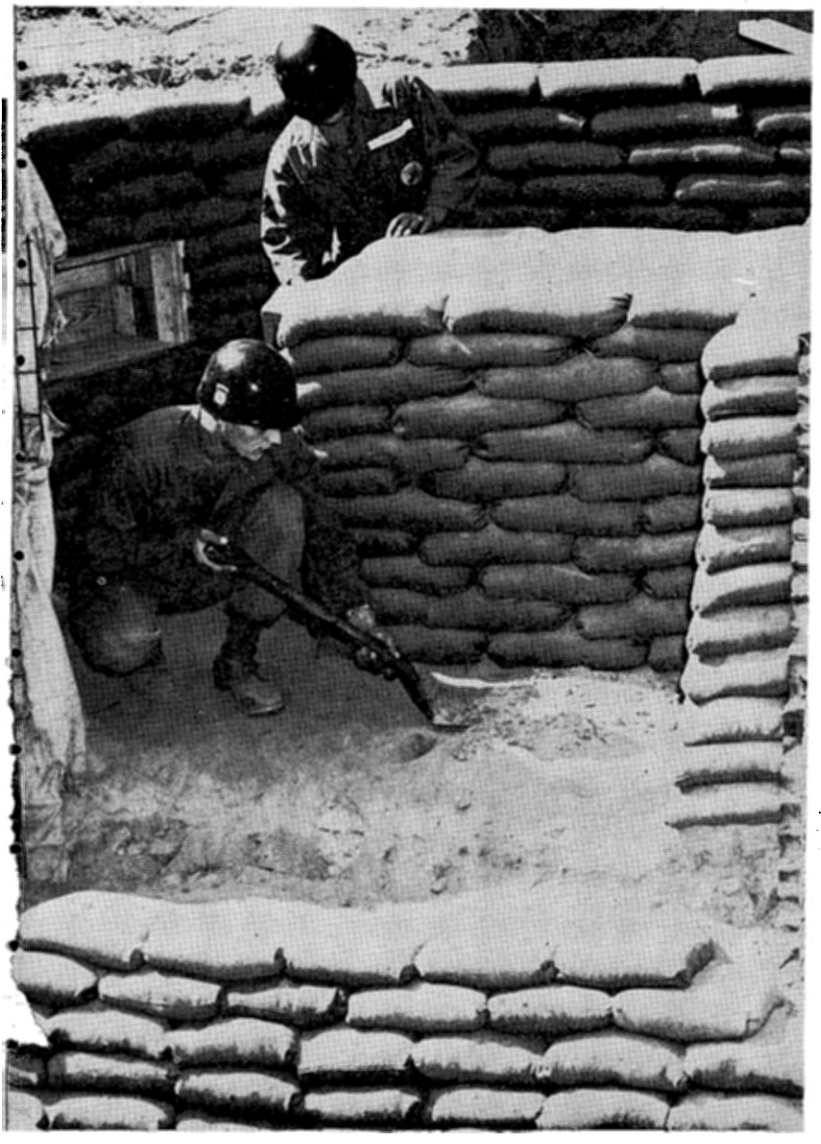


M-SGT. H. WEISBACK, LEFT, AND PFC. F. OBERST PREPARE SLEEPING QUARTERS IN A FOXHOLE

ABOVE, PVT. H. RAINES, INSIDE; PVT. E. DAUPHIN, LEFT, AND PFC. R. CRUM, RIGHT, READY OBSERVATION POST BELOW, PVT. V. FORR, FRONT, AND CPL. J. DOWD, REAR, WORK ON HORSESHOE MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT



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STUDENT PVT. AKIO KONO RETURNS RADIO TO RADIO-BANK, WHILE SFC. J. A. BERNARD REPAIRS NEW STYLE RADIO SET

Radio Mechanics Save Lives

BY JOE SIMMONS

Communications, the vital, far-reaching nerve-ends of the Army, are vitally important to all phases of the service, but perhaps more important to the individual Infantry soldier than he ever realizes.

For in many instances his life hangs by the thin, nebulous thread of radio contact with a neighbor unit.

The radios, in turn, are the backbone of the communications network. Radios depend upon efficient, periodic maintenance and repair. While it is a comparitively simple matter to train a radio operator, it's quite a different job to produce a skillful, well-trained radio machanic—a man as familiar with the inside of an Army radio as he is with his hometown streets.

Production Routine

Vital as this man is, it is a routine matter at The Infantry School to turn ordinary soldiers into efficient, highly-trained radio mechanics.

The Field Infantry Radio Maintenance Course, as it is officially termed at The Infantry School, annually turns out some 400 thoroughly trained radio mechanics, men who can use their technical knowledge and a few pieces of equipment to put any Army radio set into first-class operating condition.

Under the general supervision of Maj. Jack L. Smith, group chief, a 17-week course covering all phases of electrical and radio fundamentals is presented for the student.

Two-Phase Course

Divided into two phases, the first of seven weeks and the second of 10, the course is designed to give thorough understanding in the theory, construction, design and operation of all field type radio transmitters, receivers and several other pieces of electronic equipment used in an Infantry regiment.

Successful graduates have the mechanical skill and professional knowledge to install, repair and maintain all the complex Infantry communication so vital to modern warfare.

The first seven weeks of the course cover basic ideas. Under the direction of Capt. Edward S. Giles, 28 officers, warrant officers and enlisted instructors—each an expert in his field—teach the fundamentals of electrical and radio theory and application.

While theory, construction and design are the chief fundamentals covered in this phase of the course, students also begin constructing and testing simple, representative electronic training aids in this period. These training aids include a power supply, four-stage basic receivers, AM superheterodyne receivers and transmitters, and an FM superheterodyne receiver.

The final 10-week phase of the course, taught by 27 instructors under the guidance of Capt. W. H. Atkinson, stresses instruction on the actual electronic equipment used by the Infantry.

Students learn the operation of this equipment; study the specialized circuits; probe probable malfunctions; learn how to analyze faults, and see how to make on-the-spot repairs or communication gear.

New Radio Equipment

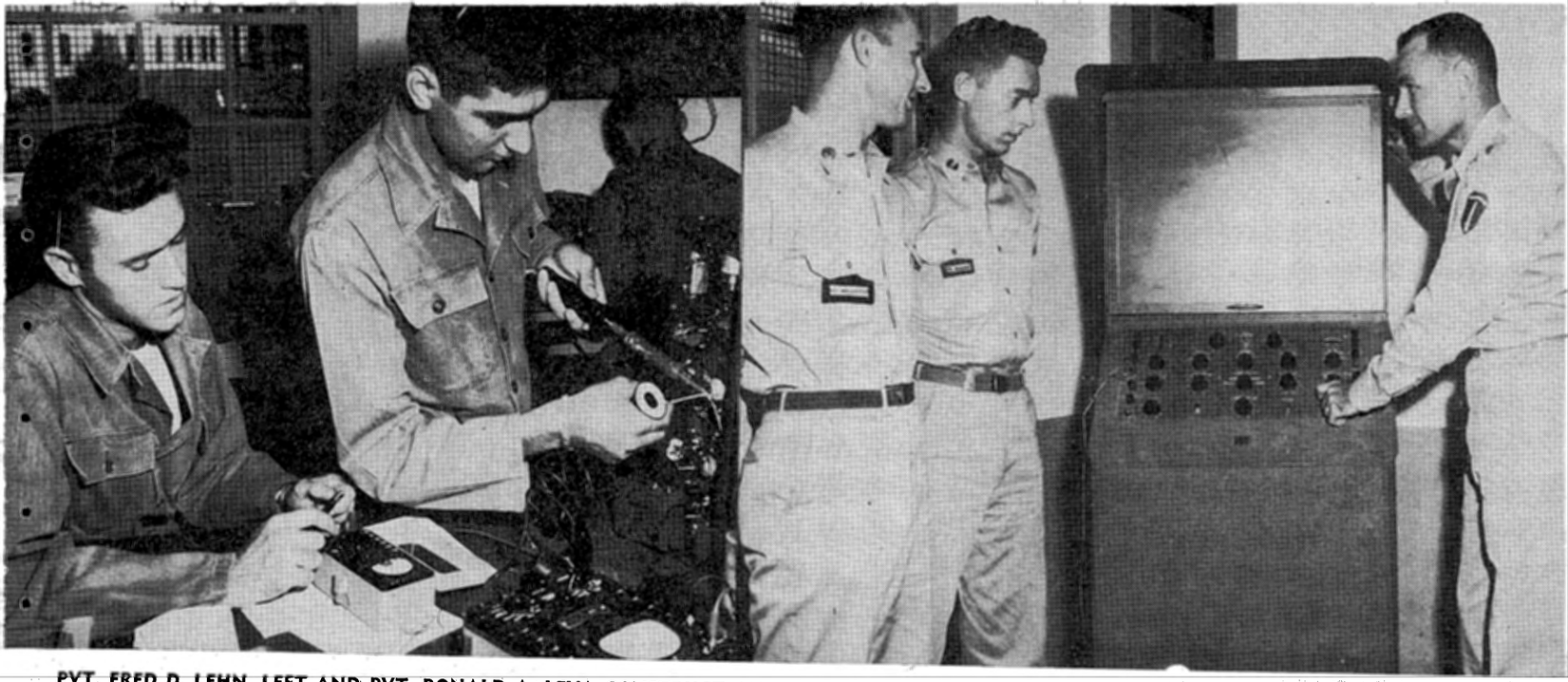
In addition to World War II types of radio equipment, the students also probe the intricacies of new standard frequency modulated radio sets, which are used to provide ground and vehicle communication for combat units in forward areas.

But the instruction is not limited to radio sets alone; it covers such diverse pieces of equipment as sound-ranging sets, which are used to locate enemy artillery pieces; sniperscopes that turn night into day for alert Infantrymen; mine detectors, life-savers that clear the path for Infantrymen; and power equipment and rocket launchers, the awesome weapons that launch tons of destruction upon enemy heads.

Mechanic Knows the "Why"

Often, the radio operator, thoroughly versed in the "how" of his set, is woefully lacking in the "why." When something goes wrong, he puts in a hurry-up call for the unit repairman, who can often fix an ailing set in a matter of minutes.

Modern combat depends completely upon an efficient, speedy communications network to perform its varied missions. Speed, the keynote of today's Army, is a watchword in communications.



PVT. FRED D. LEHN, LEFT AND PVT. RONALD A. LEVA CONSTRUCT AN "AM" TRANSMITTER AS PART OF THEIR TRAINING IN THE LEFT PICTURE ON THE RIGHT, STUDENTS PFC. C. E. WELLESTAT AND PFC. GORDON E. MURRAY EXAMINE OSCILLOSCOPE, AS CAPT. E. S. CULES EXPLAINS

A delay of minutes at a vital time might mean the destruction of a platoon, company or battalion.

That is the chief reason why expert radio mechanics are such a vital cog in the wheels of Infantry organizations.

To the layman, the inside of a radio set is a confusing tangle of wires, tubes and unidentifiable objects. But to the trained mechanic, each part is like an old familiar friend. Like a trained surgeon, he probes into an ailing set and brings order from chaos.

While many of the men selected for radio mechanic's training

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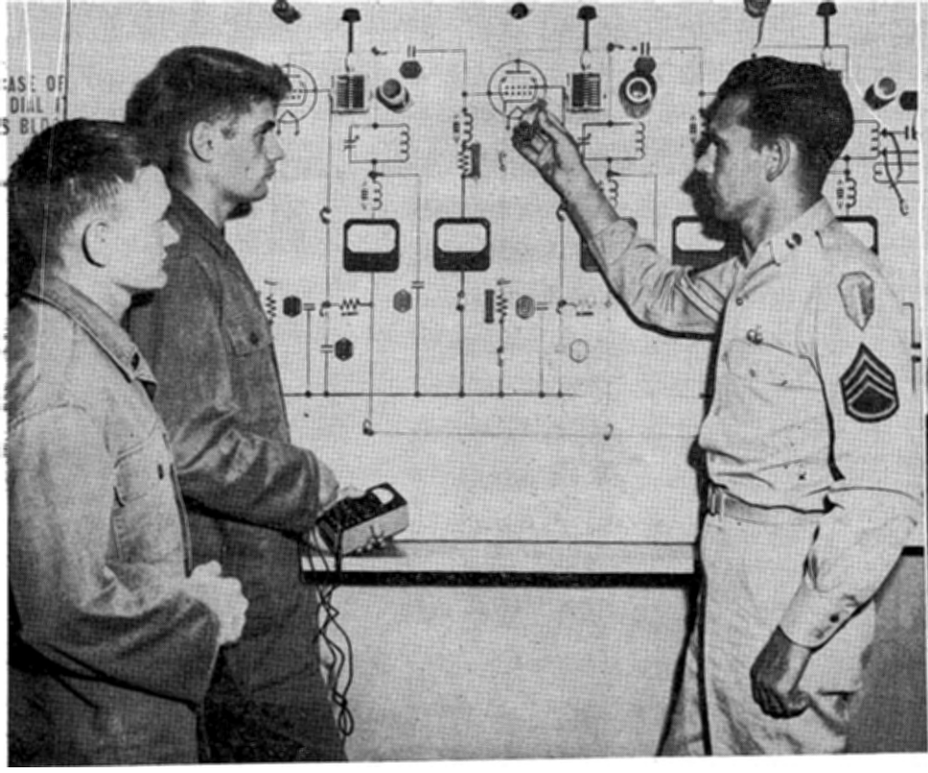
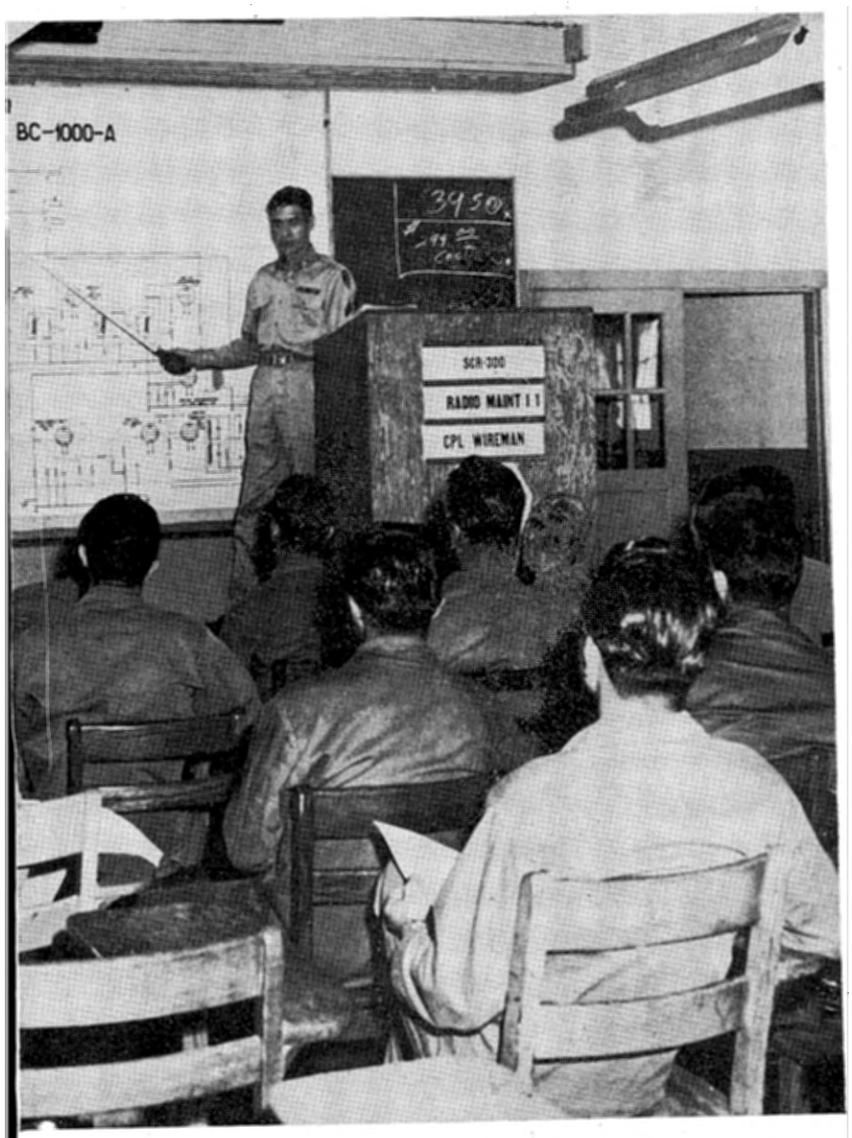


INSTRUCTOR SGT. CHARLES D. VOLZ EXPLAINS DIAGRAM TO STUDENTS PVT. R. E. BENNER AND PVT. RICHARD ANDERSON. RIGHT, PVT. ROY G. ASHBURY AND SGT. R. A. CHAPSTICK OF ANCHORAGE, ALASKA CHECK REPAIRS ON NEW MODEL OF WALKIE-TALKIE.



INSTRUCTOR CPL. C. S. WIREMAN EXPLAINS SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

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are already familiar with the basic aspects of radio theory, many others must learn a completely new vocabulary before they can hope to become skilled men in their field.

Such terms as oscillators, condensers, superheterodyne receivers, amplitude and frequency modulation become part of their daily lives. As their skill increases, they learn how all these terms apply to particular objects, and how each has its part to play in the complex article that is a radio.

Final Phase of Course

In the final period of the course, each student is issued a tool kit and radio set. With little ado, he plunges into a detailed study of the AN/PRC—6 better known among soldiers as the "handie-talkie" radio.

He studies a schematic diagram of the set—a large sheet of paper covered with a maze of colored lines, circles, dots, dashes, arrows and stars. This is to a radio set what a blueprint is to a building—a complete layout of each separate piece that goes into the whole.

"Bugged" Sets

Once the student becomes thoroughly familiar with the set, he turns it in and gets another, outwardly identical to the one he recently had. However, these new sets have been carefully "bugged" to make sure they don't work. "Bugs" are radio mechanic vernacular for any malfunction in a set.

The student must find the "bugs" that keep his set silent. Each time he finds one, he writes it down and takes the set to the shop, where that particular "bug" is removed. Each student has an allotted amount of time in which to completely "debug" his set and get it operating.

Grades Compiled

The worksheets they fill out, quiz scores and their "debugging" prowess all go into the student's grade.

The students follow a similar course of action through the range of Infantry radio sets, then study familarization, operation and maintenance of the special equipment.

The course winds up with a study of varied general subjects, such as vehicular installation, extreme weather and the repairman's job.

Through the years, the Infantry Radio Maintenance Course at The Infantry School has carried on a quiet, workmanlike course that helps to insure one thing—American soldiers will not die for lack of communication.

Armistice Day 1918 - 1952

On the morning of Nov. 11, 1918, military leaders of the Allied and Central Powers met in Field Marshal Ferdinand Foch's special train in the Compiegne Forest and agreed to a cessation of hostilities to become effective at 11 a. m. that day—the first Armistice Day.

In cities and towns throughout the United States people snake-danced in confetti-strewn streets and went swimming in pools in the city squares. In Paris a French pilot, delirious with joy, swept in low over the city and flew his fighter plane through the Arc de Triomphe.

In the midst of its mad rejoicing, a grateful world paused to give thanks to God and to pray that this time the peace too could be won.

During the years that followed, people's hopes of a lasting peace ran the gamut of hope and despair. The flame of hope that had burned so brightly on that November day 34 years ago slowly dwindled before the chill winds of reality.

At first only an anxious few noticed the events which were jeopardizing all chances of a lasting peace. A calm, complacent America joyously celebrated Armistice Day, 1923. The United States Army, powerful and well equipped at the end of the World War, had been drastically reduced in size by a nation which was determined that her sons would never go to war again.

Armistice Day ceremonies in 1928 were marked with new hope that lasting peace had been achieved. For earlier that year most of the nations had subscribed to the terms of the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact. Under its terms they pledged themselves not to wage aggressive war. People reasoned, therefore, there could be no war if nations would fight only if they were attacked.

By 1938 almost everyone could again discern the vicious pattern which events were tracing. A resurgent Germany under the dictatorship of Adoph Hitler had annexed Austria and forced Czechoslovakia to cede the Sudeten area to Germany. A worried England was slightly comforted by its Prime Minister who had returned from Munich and promised that we would have "peace in our time."

But many of the American people thought there would be another world war and their major concern was that the United States should stay out of it this time. This was the theme of many of the Armistice Day speeches that year.

Perhaps the wisest counsel was contained in a statement by General of the Armies John J. Pershing, who wrote, "We are confronted by the fact that the situation of the world today is as menacing as at any time in our critical history. I would like to see a complete and well balanced Army provided, adequate in size and fully equipped with modern arms and with industrial provision for its maintenance against loss or obsolescene. To meet all these requirements . . . is the most important duty that confronts the American people on the twentieth anniversary of the Armistice."

The 1939 celebration of Armistice Day was fraught with fear. Two months earlier the armored legions of Nazi Germany had marched on Poland and the countries of Great Britain and France had moved to aid her. Americans bitterly remembered the price that had been paid in the last war and prayed that there were still means by which the United States could avoid entanglements in the new conflict.

By 1941 almost all of the civilized world had been plunged into war. Hitler's legions had marched into Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium and then stormed into France. Only by a miracle had England plucked her army from the bloody beaches of Dunkirk, and then she had stood alone until Hitler had turned his attention to the east and attacked Russia in June, 1941.

The United States still precariously maintained its position of

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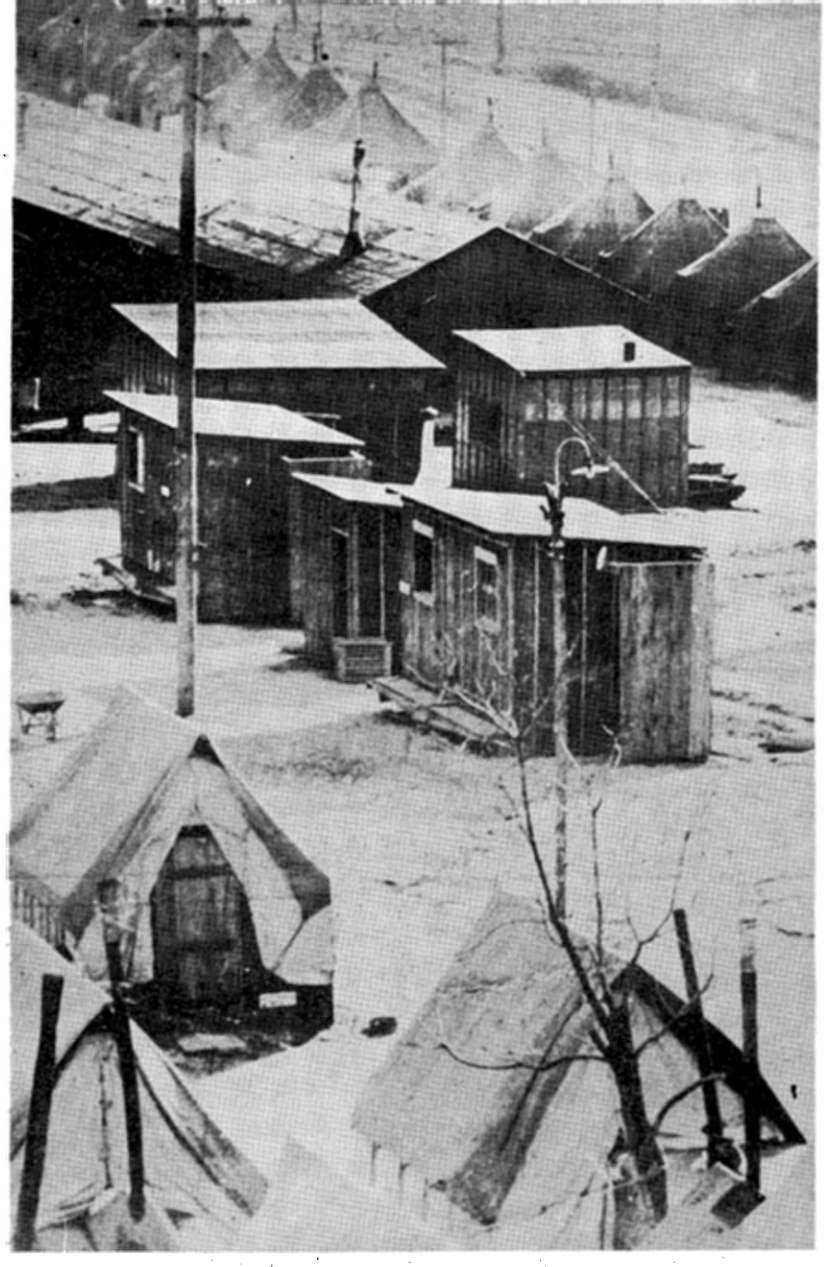

TROOPS WERE BILLETED IN TENT-LIKE STRUCTURES IN EARLY DAYS OF "MOST COMPLETE ARMY POST"

a non-combatant, but it seemed that it would only be a matter of time before American men went forth to fight again. Under the provisions of the first peace time draft passed in 1940, the United States had started to rebuild its Army which had become woefully weak. The question now was not so much would the United States go to war, but rather would we be able to prepare to defend ourselves in time. The Japanese provided that answer 26 days later in their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

There was real cause to celebrate Armistice Day, 1945. The war had ended in complete victory for the Allied forces. The anxious years of despair and desperate hope were over and the men had returned home to try to forget the nightmares of such places as Omaha Beach, Anzio, Iwo Jima and Guadacanal.

Hopes for a lasting peace led the United States to join the United Nations, an organization dedicated to the preservation of world peace. And the Army, which at the end of the war, had stood as the most powerful fighting force in the world, was again cut to but a shadow.

The 32nd anniversary of the Armistice again found American forces committed to battle—infar-off Korea.

The anniversary of the Armistice this year is viewed with mixed emotions. The desire for peace is still the guidiing principle of our actions, but peace is still the elusive dream that its always was. Armistice Day this year should be a day of dedication to the cause for which the men of this and other generations have died—peace.

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The Allen fence is built outside the personnel area of the defensive positions and is chiefly used in combat to detonate tank artillery fire before it reaches friendly positions.

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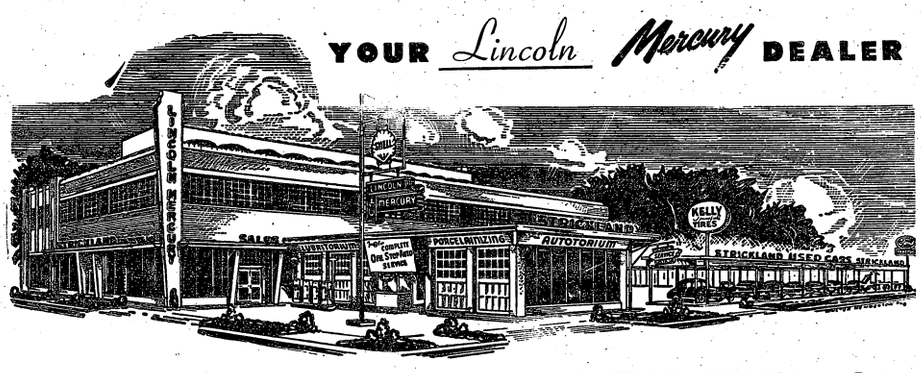

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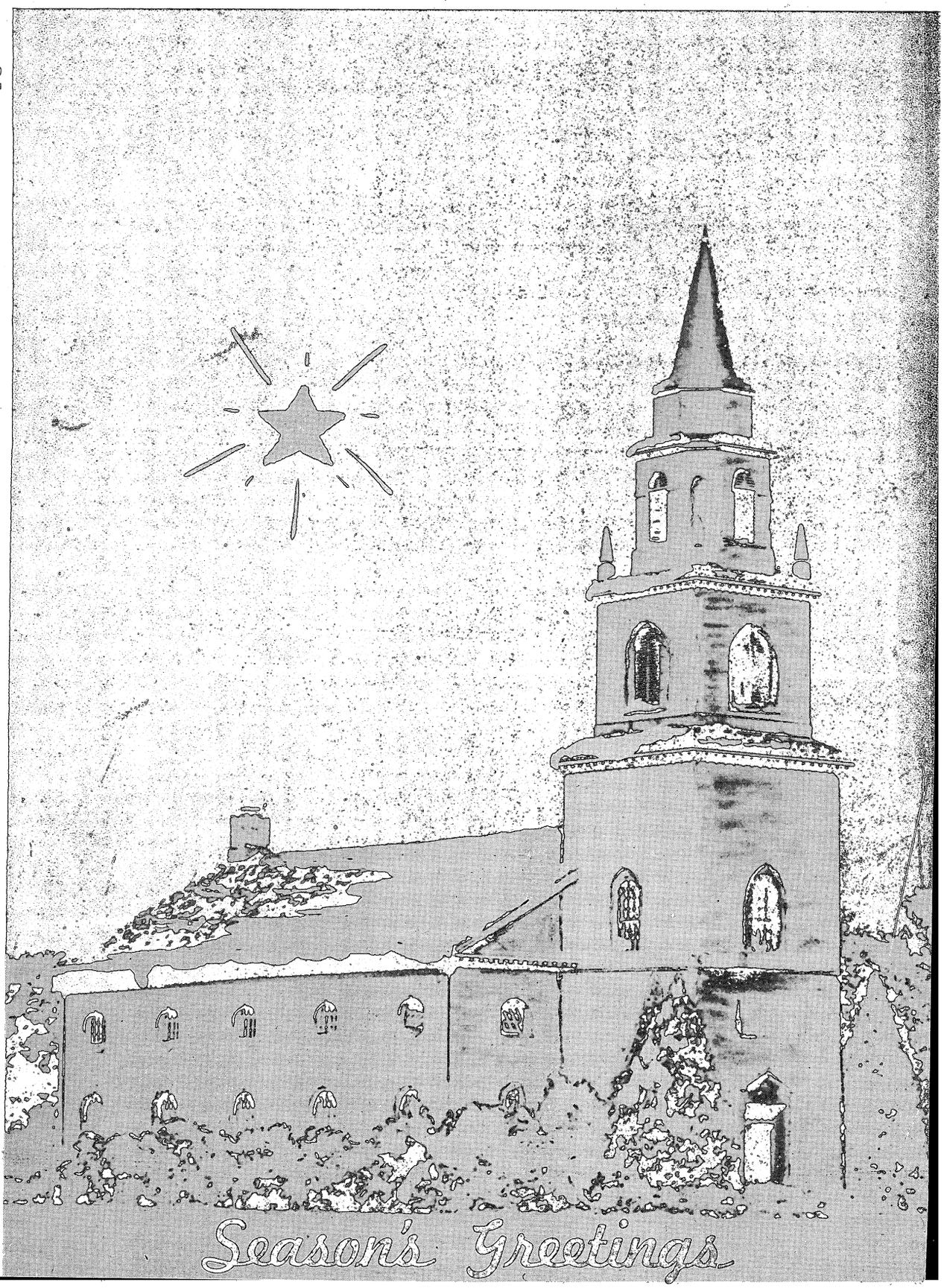

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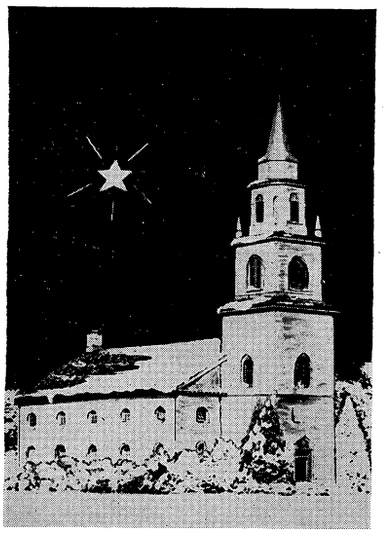
The Infantry Center Chapel has been featured in countless magazine and newspaper articles as the "Chapel of Three Faiths." Once Robert Ripley carried an article about the chapel in his syndicated column. Originally, the chapel was built for use by Protestants, Catholics and Jews alike. Today, while Catholics and Jews do use it for special occasions it is chiefly the seat of Protestant worship on the post. Few people have ever seen it quite as depicted here—for Georgia's sunny climate seldom lets fallen snow remain long enough for a photographer to take a picture such as this.



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FIELD HOSPITAL, COMPLETE WITH SURGERY WARD, IS SET UP BY PMG UNIT DURING OUTDOOR EXERCISE

This is the story of the Provisional Medical Group — the men who make it up, the training they take, and the spot they fill in the complex organization that is the Army. The Provisional Medical Group is directly responsible for the training of countless scores of medics who proudly wear the badge that sets them apart from other men — the Medical Badge, worn only by those who have proven themselves in action against an armed enemy.

Provisional Medical Group

BY PFC. JACK MUCHNIKOFF

Men in other branches of the Army may jokingly refer to the soldiers in the Army Medical Service as "pill pushers," but they would not seriously think of going anywhere, or doing anything without the "Medics" close by. The reason for this attitude is aptly expressed in a Medic motto: "Service before self."

There have been countless times when aidmen have disregarded their own safety to render aid to a wounded soldier, in response to the anguished cry of "Medic!"

"To Conserve The Fighting Strength"

The mission of all soldiers in combat is to destroy the enemy. The medical soldier not only has this mission to perform, but he has another of equal, if not greater, importance. That mission is "to conserve the fighting strength." On the battlefield as well as in the training camps, the Army Medical Corps does its utmost to prevent disease, to cure and return to duty all men who become ill, and to render aid and evacuation to those who are injured or wounded.

The excellent care and low mortality rate of our sick and wounded soldiers both here and in Korea give testimony to the fact that the "pill pushers" are doing a great job.

Here, the Provisional Medical Group is responsible for the command, administration, logistics and training of various separate medical units whose job it is to give aid, evacuation, and recuperative care to the injured or sick.

Supports School Problems

At every activity where an injury or illness might occur, an ambulance and aid man is stationed. In rendering medical support to The Infantry School, every problem used by the School in which there is the slightest possibility of an injury occurring, is covered by a trained aidman and an ambulance.

If the need arises, medical aid can and is speedily dispatched to any part of the post. Such special aid was rendered last July 19 by members and vehicles of the 551st Medical Ambulance Company. At that time, a truck returning from a field problem overturned about five miles from the Main Post. Upon receiving orders, ambulances and aidmen of the 551st rushed to the scene. They helped give first aid, stopping hemorrhages and preventing shock, and then evacuated the injured to the station hospital for more definitive treatment. There is no doubt that such prompt and expert care materially helped prevent further injury and made easier and faster the recovery of those hurt in the accident.

Training Goes On Constantly

The units and men of the Provisional Medical Group are constantly training to perfect their work and the mission they will have to perform if they are sent into a combat area. This training consists of, among other things, going out to the field and participating in a tactical situation for four days every month.

The units move in tactical motor convoys, set up their tents and equipment, prepare and receive simulated patients, tear down, move to a new area and set up again, often under complete blackout conditions. This operation is performed under realistic combat conditions which includes harassment by aggressor troops using tear gas and blank ammunition for small arms fire.

In addition, to familiarize the men with their field equipment, the field training emphasizes the use of fox holes, perimeter defense and guard duty for protection against infiltration.

On-The-Job Training

The remainder of each month is devoted to on the job training. Under this plan, men are sent to work in the station hospital to learn and perfect their various medical duties. Here technicians and medical aidmen are given the opportunity to develope their special skills. They work on the wards, caring for actual patients under the supervision of doctors and nurses, or in the many specialized departments, such as surgery, orthopedics, pharmacy, laboratory and X-ray.

Another aspect of practical training is employed when the Provisional Medical Group supports the activities of The Infantry School by sending aidmen and ambulances to cover all their training problems. To round out the medical training program, the men of PMG

go to periodic classes on chemical, biological and radiological warfare, first aid, evacuation, field sanitation, and a host of other topics the medical soldier is required to know. In addition, many men are sent to specialized technicians schools for further training.

Participate In Maneuvers

The units in PMG have each participated in at least one of the most valuable of training aids—maneuvers. The 932nd and 50th Medical Clearing Companies, the 913th Medical Ambulance Company, and the 24th Evacuation Hospital all participated in Exercise Southern Pine in August, 1951. The latter organization received a commendation from the Third Army Surgeon for the fine job it did. Early this year men of the 932nd went on another maneuver, this time to the snow and sub-zero weather of Northern New York for Exercise Snowfall.

They won the acclaim of the maneuver surgeon when he judged them the best field medical unit in the exercise. Last Spring the 24th Evacuation Hospital and the 50th Medical Clearing Company went to Texas and participated in the large scale maneuver called Exercise Longhorn. During the three months the 24th Evac was in Texas, it treated more than 1,500 sick and injured soldiers.

Surgical treatment administered included operations for appendectomies, hernias, ruptures, burns, punctures, all types of serious fractures caused mainly by the air drops, and a few wounds caused by blank cartridges. All the operations were performed in the field as were the 2,106 exposures taken by the X-Ray section.

"Equips For Combat Mission"

When 1st Lt. Alexander Penoff, of the 24th Evac, was asked his opinion of the effectiveness of this training, he replied, "the training the men have received and are receiving on the job and in the field each month certainly will equip them to successfully perform their mission in combat if the need arises."

M-Sgt. Thomas Mayberry of the 932nd Medical Clearing Company, expressed a similar sentiment when he said, "We should do an excellent job, with all this experience we're getting behind us." Still another Medic who has seen combat adds his thoughts on the subject.

"Actual training in the field is the best way to make the men combat ready, and the training we now get makes the men familiar

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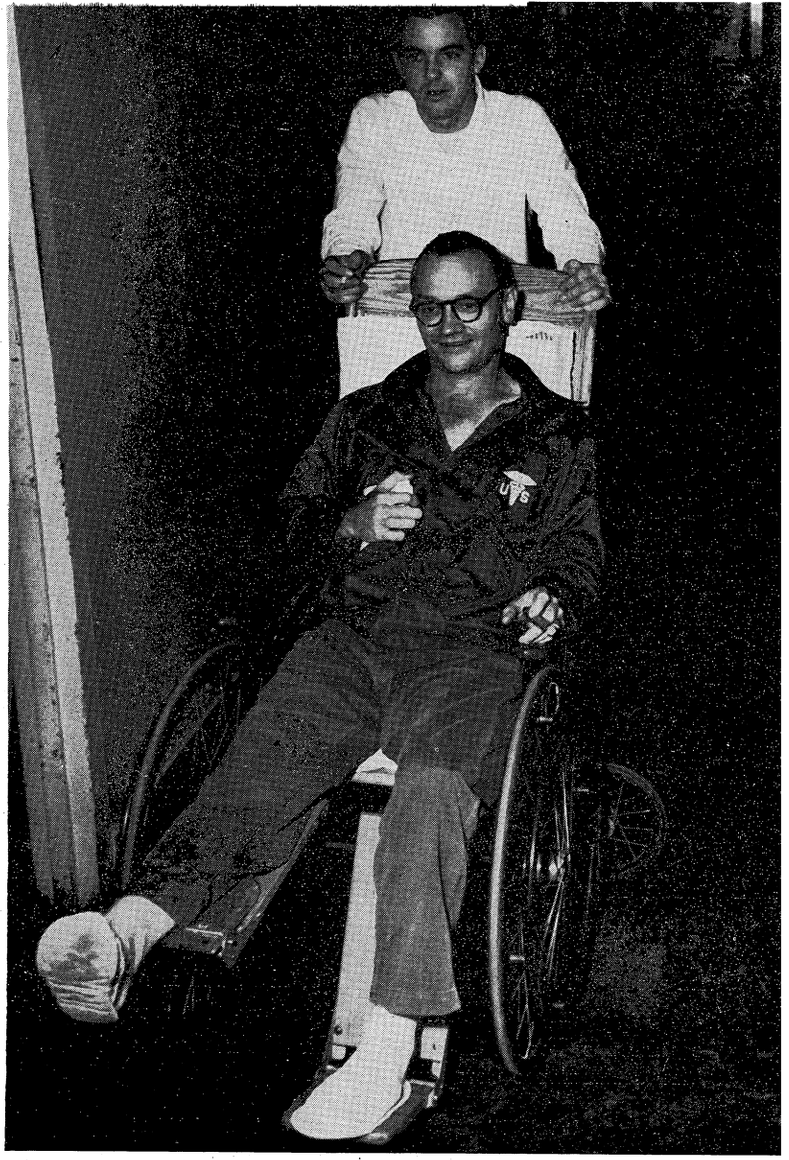
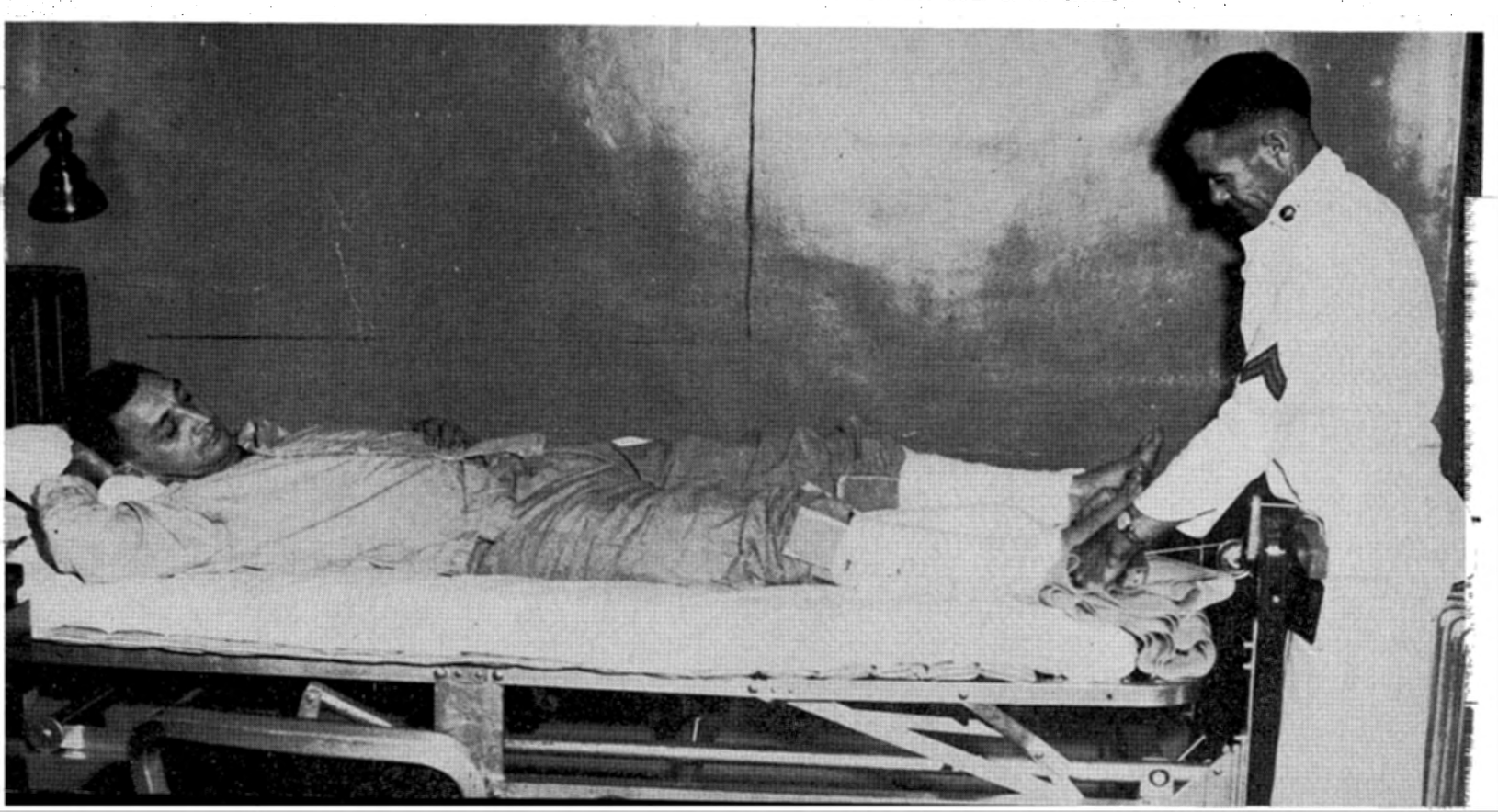


PFC. RAY A. WELLS PUSHES WHEEL CHAIR OCCUPIED BY LT. COL. NORRIS SHEALY

CPL. JOHN HENDERSON ADJUSTS TRACTION SPLINTS FOR LT. COL. C. H. CATES



LEFT, A PATIENT IS UNLOADED FROM A HELICOPTER DURING RECENT MANEUVERS. RIGHT, HE IS RUSHED TO WAITING AMBULANCE

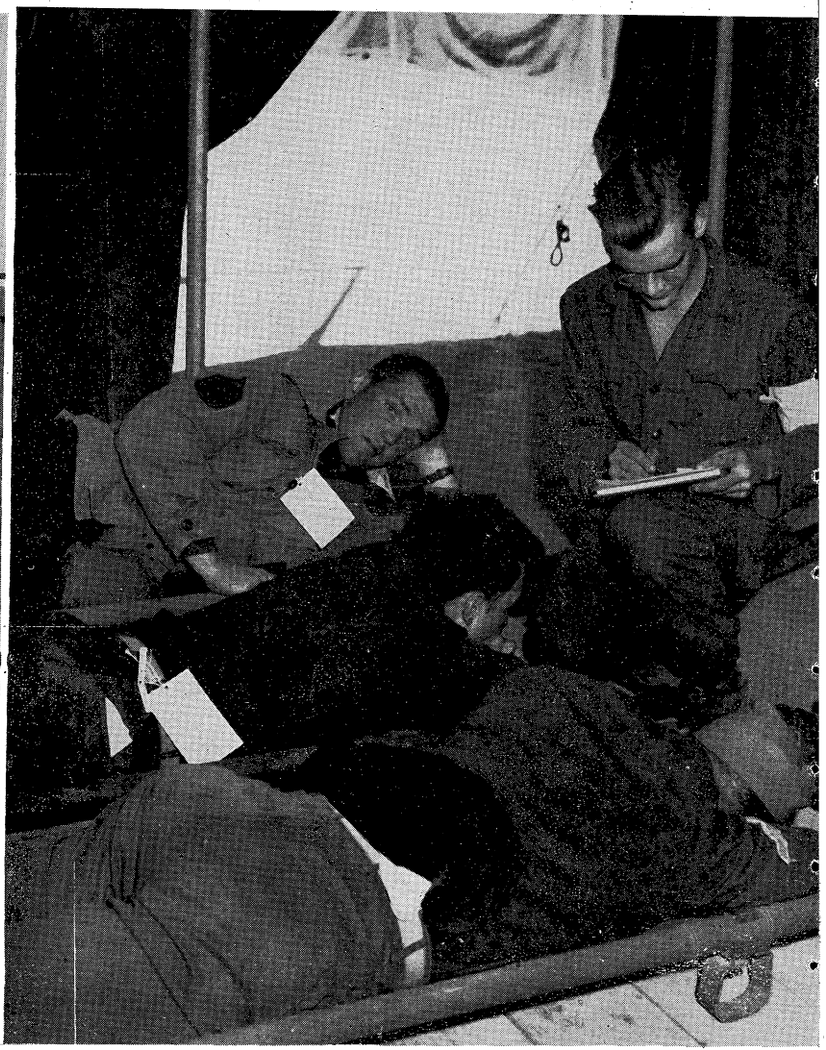
with the job they will have to do in combat, and is a good way of finding mistakes that could be ironed out so that they won't make the same mistakes in combat," says Sfc. David Walker of the 551st Medical Ambulance Company.

A Sports-Minded Group

The men of the Provisional Medical Group have always been keenly sports minded and the teams put on the playing field have shown their merit. In September, the PMG softball team went on

PATIENT IS HUSTLED INTO AMBULANCE

CPL. CURTIS MOORE INTERVIEWS PATIENTS



to win the Third Army Softball Championship. In football, the Provisional Medical Group combined with the First Student Brigade and other special troops to put one of the strongest teams in the league on the field. They finished the current season as the champions. The Medic basketball team is now engaged in energetic practice for the coming basketball season, and although it's hard to judge this early, the team is confident it will make a good showing. Intramural sports also have a big place in Medic interest. Volleyball, table tennis, bowling, touch football, basketball and softball games are avidly participated in by the Medics.

The Troop Information and Education program is conducted with vigor and interest in PMG. Many of the men have taken advantage of the educational courses offered the servicemen to obtain high school diplomas and even gain extra college credits. Up-to-date and interesting bulletin boards, magazines and newspapers, keep the men informed of vital and interesting events, as well as entertaining them.

With this in mind, the 24th Evacuation Hospital and the 932nd Medical Clearing Company each formerly published a mimeograph newspaper. The 932nd's "Hypodermic Times" won the Armed Forces Press Service Award for the best mimeographed service newspaper published in the United States during the month of June, 1952.

Cost And Conduct Consciousness

An energetic cost and conduct consciousness program is being maintained and it has already paid off in saving the taxpayer many dollars. The 913th Medical Ambulance Company, for example, has driven approximately 50,000 miles since their last accident, which was a minor one. A contest for cost consciousness ideas was held and the man with the best suggestion was awarded a three day pass. His idea and others were put into effect with good results.

Proper conduct and cost consciousness must be demonstrated by the men before they are eligible to be chosen as Soldier of the Week. Letters to the troops from the deputy commander of PMG, Lt. Col. Wade Heritage, stressing proper conduct and the reduction of offense reports has instilled the men with pride in their units, the Medics and the Army.

The 24th Evacuation Hospital (semi-mobile) would give direct support to a front line division if it were in combat. Its mission is to "provide hospitalization for all classes of patients within the combat zone." Thus, it will be located as near the front lines as practicable and provide facilities for the concentration of casualties for economic mass evacuation by motor convoy, train, ship, or air to general hospitals.

This organization"s equipment includes just about everything a station hospital has. Their equipment is designed to function as its counterpart does in a general hospital, even though it is small enough or compact enough to be transported on a truck and set up for use in the field. Doctors, nurses, administrative officers, trained medical aidmen, and skilled technicians make this semi-mobile field hospital, with a capacity of 400 beds, function.

Under Combat Conditions

Under combat conditions, the 551st and/or the 913th Medical Ambulance Company would provide the transportation necessary for evacuating patients from a forward medical installation such as the 50th and 932nd Medical Clearing Companies, to the 24th Evacuation Hospital.

Thus the Medical Ambulance Company performs the vital job of supplying transportation for the continuance of the chain of evacuation. The Ambulance Company has three identical platoons; each platoon generally has ten ambulances.

Each vehicle is assigned a driver and an aidman and they are responsible for the maintenance and operation, loading and unloading of their ambulance, and the care of the patients while in transit. Both the 551st and 913th Medical Ambulance Companies continuously teach and practice proper and safe driving techniques, maintenance of vehicles, map reading, camouflage, litter drill, ambulance loading and unloading; emergency medical treatment and nursing.

Both companies are given on the job training by covering all Infantry School problems, in addition to which the 913th supports all airborne problems night and day. Many a paratrooper is grateful

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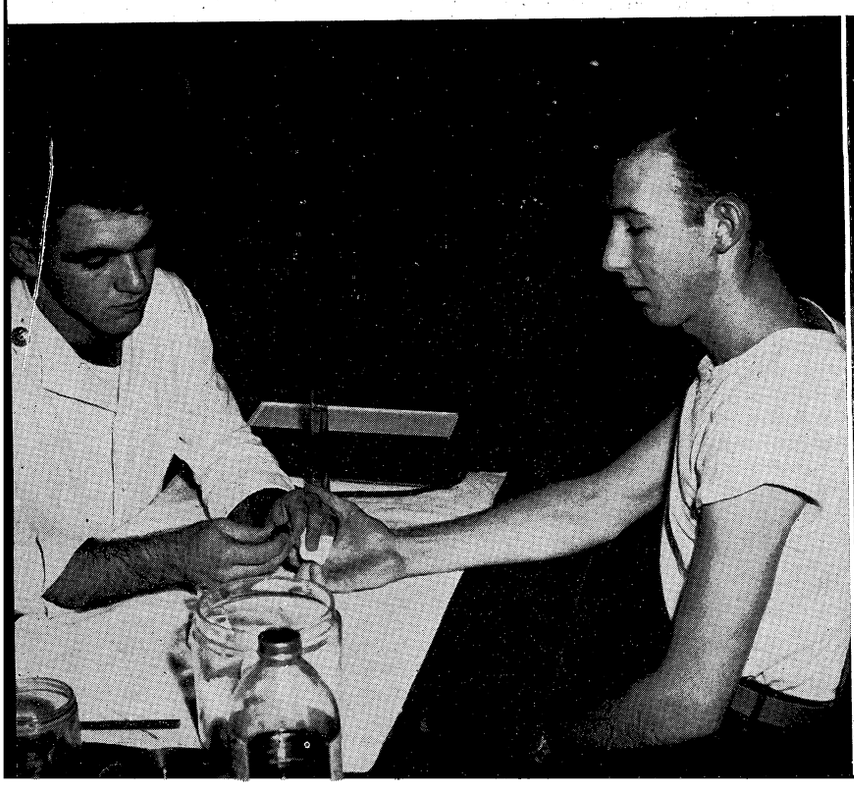

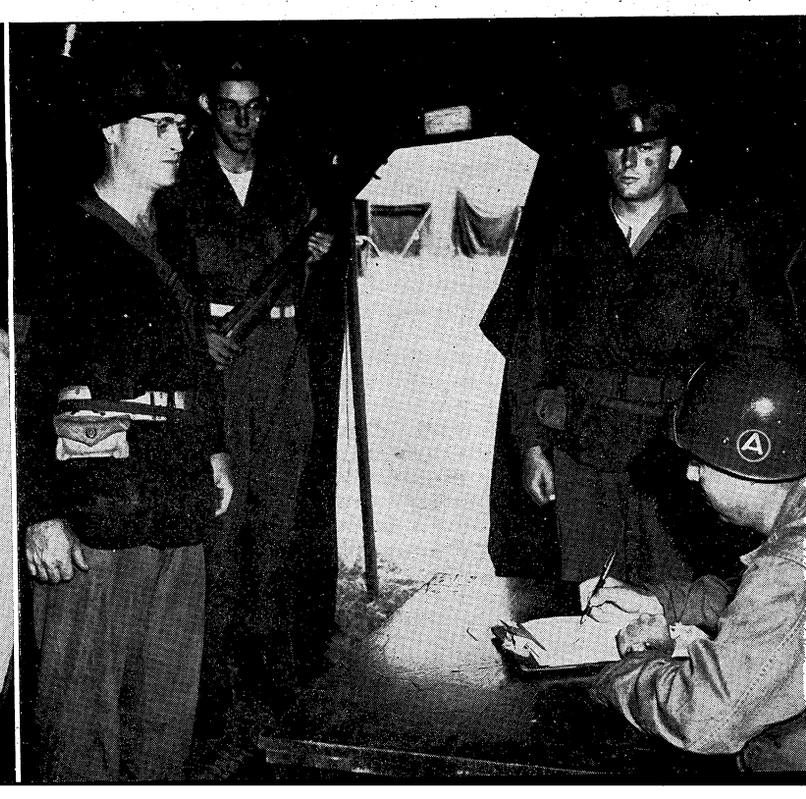

A Christmas Thought

Almost 2,000 years ago a child was born in the city of David. It is said that the angels sang in the heavens that night and that shepherds left their flocks to worship at the stable where He was born. And in a distant land three kings readied their gift-laden caraven to follow a star in their quest for the newborn king.

The birth of Christ was a fulfillment of the promise that a Saviour would be sent. It symbolized also the beginning of a philosophy based on love and humility — a philosophy which taught, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."

Today the world over peoples will pay special homage to Him on the day which commemorates His birth on that cold December night long ago. For Christians, Christmas is a day of great rejoicing. Churches everywhere will celebrate the event with special services that day.

So great has been the majesty of this day that armies have paused in battle to pay homage to Him. It is said that Allied and German troops met in no-man's land on Christmas during World War I. The war, for a moment, forgotten.

But we cannot expect a similar scene to be enacted this year, for Americans are fighting a foe whose very doctrine denies the existence of God and the brotherhood of man. The fighting men in Korea will have little time to think of Him, Who is called the Prince of Peace. The godless forces of Communism will try to make sure of that.

But what of us in America? Will we remember the deeper meaning of the day or will we, in the rush of the Christmas festivities, ignore that which is paramount? In the press of gift-giving and merriment will we forget?

We Americans are blessed with the greatest freedom known—the right to worship God according to the dictates of our conscience. This right, guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States, was one of the basic principles upon which our country was founded. Indeed, many of the first settlers left their homelands for the new country across the sea where they could attend the church of their choice.

But like many of our other blessings we often take our right to worship for granted and do not understand the full significance of that which is so precious. Our forefathers understood and were willing to risk all else in their efforts to attain the right to worship God.

They also understood the meaning of Christmas and paid homage to Him on the anniversary of His coming. The miracle of Bethlehem was reverently remembered each year.

So let it be with us this year. Let us each take a little time to count the blessings which we possess. We are a free people blessed with the bounty of a rich and fertile land. Untold natural resources such as coal, iron and oil lie beneath the surface of our lands. The richness of our farmlands are the envy of the world.

But our true blessings are not found in material things. The true blessings are our freedoms. Our waking hours are not haunted by the fear that we may do or say something which will bring the vengeance of a tyrannical government down upon us.

We need not fear for the safety of our loved ones for our government is dedicated to the dignity of man and his right to live in peace and security with his family.

We need not fear, for our government is dedicated to the principles which He taught when He walked the earth as a man. So let us this Christmas remember its meaning and join with the peoples of many countries as they humbly recall the birth of the Christ Child.

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In the not-too-distant past, helicopters were a much-dreamed of invention—but few people realized that some day they would become a vital piece of military equipment. Today, though, helicopters have become just that — instruments that many men owe their lives to.

For helicopters have come of age during the Korean fighting. After World War II ended, helicopters were seen infrequently in parts of the country. For instance, in Florida many towns and cities utilized them to spray swamp areas in an effort to keep down the hordes of mosquitoes.

Used To Spray Crops

In the west, farmers used them to spray crops — helicopters had all the advantages of regular airplanes in this pursuit, with none of the disadvantages.

But militarily speaking, helicopters got their biggest boost in Korea. For there, ferrying wounded men from the front lines to rear-area hospitals, rescuing airmen downed behind enemy lines, and performing countless other tasks that only a helicopter could accomplish, they proved their worth.

Not too long ago, helicopters in a trial run landed an entire company of Marines on a Korean hilltop, presaging what might someday be mass movement of troops by "rotary wing aircraft."

Recently, a helicopter company — the 506th Transportation Company (Helicopter) — was assigned to The Infantry Center. This is but another signal in the growing surge of helicopters into the military scene. Someday soon, they will probably become as familiar as fixed wing aircraft are today.

The 506's basic helicopter is the Sikorsky B-19 — a huge "whirlybird" that can transport 10 men fully equipped for combat.

Carries Six Wounded Men

Medical-wise, the H-19 can carry six wounded men on litters with plenty of room left over for an aidman to move around and administer to them.

Powered by a Pratt-Whitney engine, the Sikorsky has three 26-foot rotary-wing blades and a 111-inch tail rotor. Normal crew of one of the behemoths of the sky is a pilot and co-pilot.

Will Support TIS

Here at The Infantry Center, the 560th will act in direct support of The Infantry School, chiefly in flying support missions for Infantry problems just as it would do in combat.

Although the helicopter is a relatively new piece of military equipment, the Helicopter School at Fort Sill, Okla., is keeping up with the demand for qualified helicopter pilots.

However, the demand for mechanics is nearly exceeding the supply. One reason given for the difference in the supply of pilots and mechanics has been given as this:

Most men who can pilot any type of aircraft can learn to fly a helicopter without too much difficulty. But helicopter mechanics are a breed apart. Most of them in helicopter units today are former aircraft mechanics who have gravitated to the job.

Highly Complex Machinery

But since the helicopter is such a highly complex piece of machinery, the ordinary aircraft mechanic will encounter many problems beyond his scope. The Army operates a helicopter mechanic's school to train men, but since even civilian helicopter companies have difficulty in locating mechanics, it is easily understood that the Army, too, would experience difficulty.

However, the Army helicopter mechanic's school is fighting the problem, and officials expect that within a short time the inequality will be balanced.

Thus, in not too many years, we can expect to see helicopters flitting around the sky as frequently as we see fixed wing aircraft today. Who knows, maybe 10 years from now every family, along with the chicken in the pot, will have a helicopter in a hangar instead of a car in the garage.

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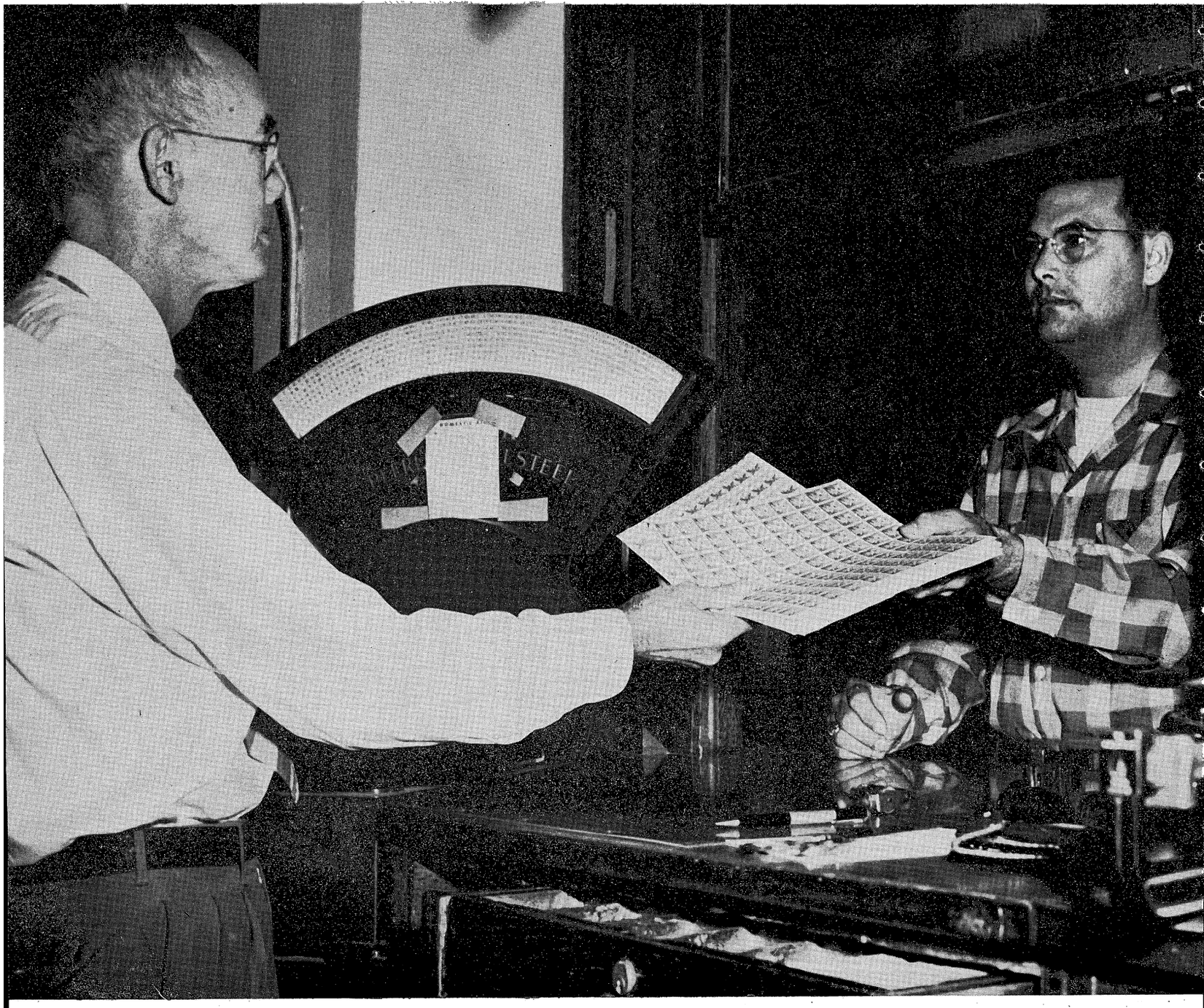


J. D. WILLIAMS, CLERK AT FORT BENNING POST OFFICE, SELLS STAMPS TO JULIUS CARTLEDGE

U. S. POST OFFICE

The steady stream of mail that flows in and out of The Infantry Center makes a 24-hour job for the men who man the Fort Benning Branch of the United States Post Office. The post office is probably one of the most important activities operated here, from a morale point of view. For "letters from home" are one of the chief morale boosters for men in the Army.

BY PVT. JIM MORRISON

Mail, the great morale builder of American soldiers everywhere, is delivered to service men and women stationed at The Infantry Center through the combined efforts of The Infantry Center Post Locator unit and the Fort Benning Branch of the United States Post Office.

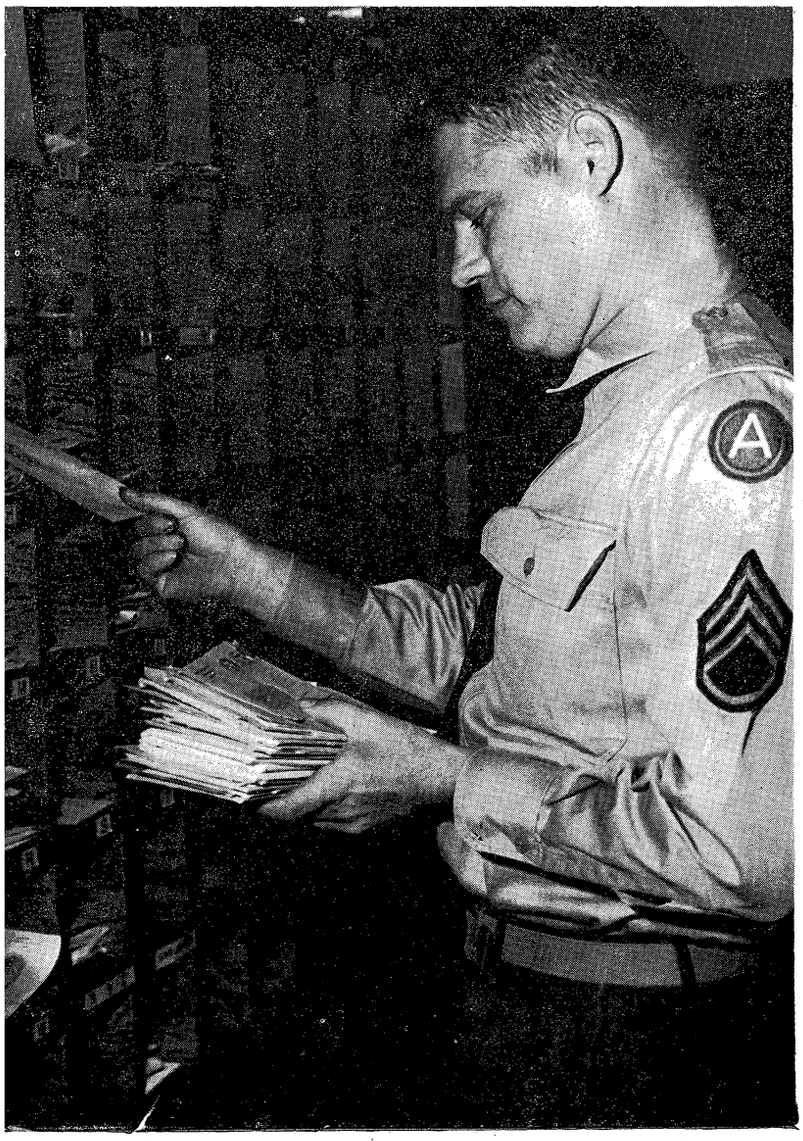
The work of these two groups is channeled into two distinct but complementary activities. The Post Locator unit, under the direction of 1st Lt. John W. Dennis, is responsible for knowing the wereabouts of all men stationed at The Infantry Center with the exception of those at Lawson Air Force Base, which has its own locator unit.

The other half of this team, the post office itself, operates under the supervision of R. P. Richardson, the superintendent. This group is responsible for the sorting and processing of mail, the sale of stamps, money orders and government bonds and other activities ordinarily associated with the normal operating procedures of a post office.

Follow Changing Population

To handle the difficult task of keeping track of the constantly changing population of The Infantry Center is the responsibility of the Post Locator, which is composed of one officer, eight enlisted men and 10 civilian employes.

To accomplish this job the locator maintains a card catalogue of approximately 75,000 entries. It has cards for all personnel pres-



SGT. KENNETH COE SORTS MAIL

ently assigned to Fort Benning and for those who have been here in the past six months. Each day more cards, about 150 to 200, containing information about persons newly-arrived at The Infantry Center are received from the reception center in TIC Annex.

To keep the cards up to date the locator gets copies of all special orders issued by The Infantry Center as well as orders from approximately 22 other headquarters. These orders are culled to find out which men are being sent to or from Fort Benning.

Here is how it works:

When an order is received which transfers a man from this station to another, one of the employees checks through the card catalogue, locates the man's card and then enters the change of address and also notes the date and number of the order authorizing the change.

Removed from Files

At the end of six months the card is removed from the file. Any mail which arrived for that man following his departure is marked with his new address. The date and number of the special order are also placed on the letter to facilitate the handling at the new station.

The card catalogue is also useful in the proper placement of incorrectly addressed mail. For example, many letters arrive with just the address: Fort Benning, Ga. In cases like this serial numbers are invaluable according to Lieutenant Dennis because many men have similar names and the only means of selecting the right one is the serial number.

Incorrectly addressed letters are checked against the card catalogue and the proper address placed on the envelope. If the card catalogue contains no entry for that man, the letter is kept by the

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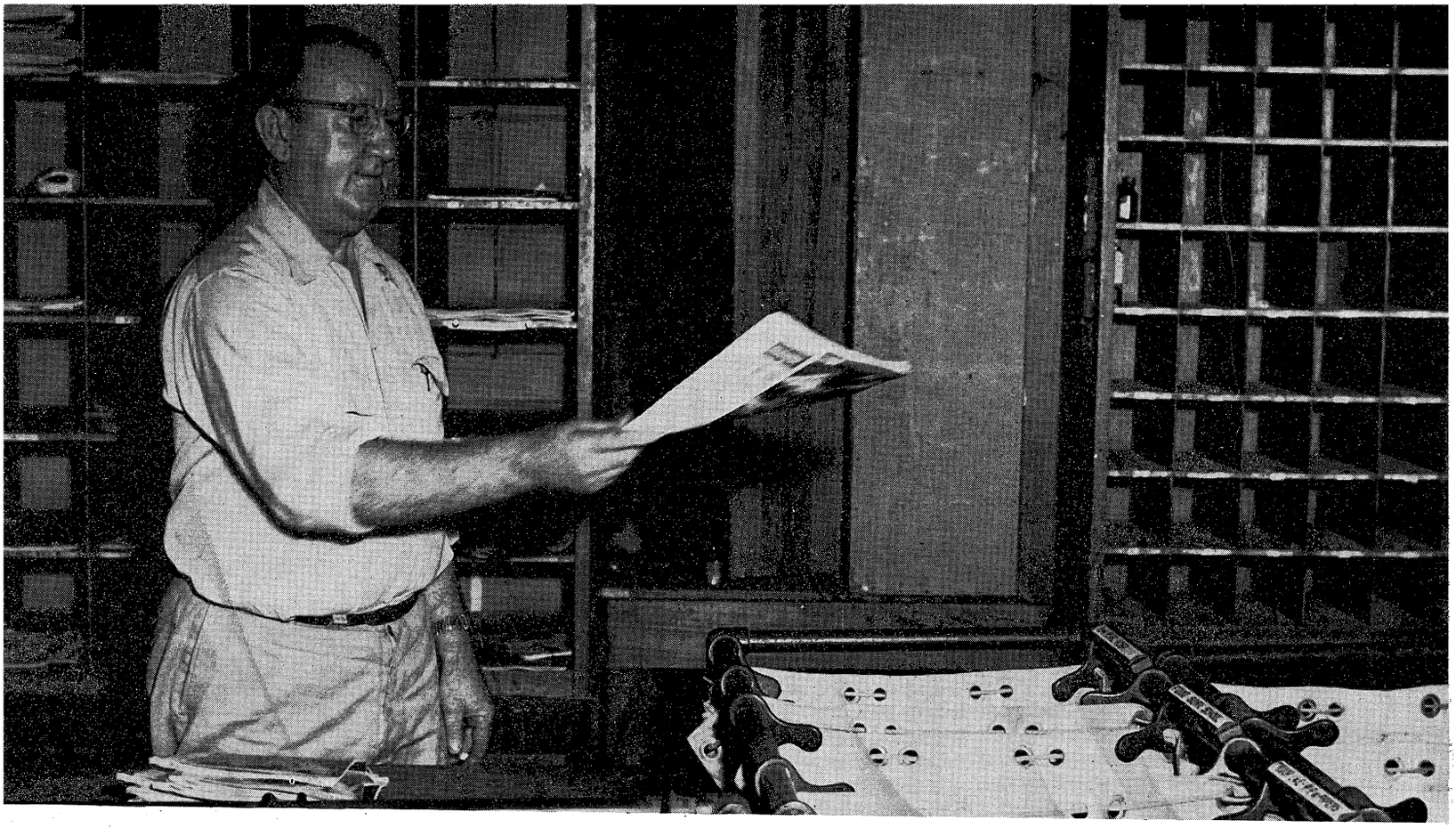

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locator and checked daily against new entries for the next 15 days. If the letter cannot be delivered or forwarded at the end of this period, it is returned to the sender.

In the event there is no return address listed, the letter is placed in the dead letter office. The directorizing or rerouting of incorrectly addressed letters is no small task. Lieutenant Dennis estimates that his staff has as many as 3,000 letters to process daily.

Normal Activities

Normal postal activities such as the sorting and processing of incoming and outgoing mail, the sale of stamps, money orders and government bonds and the weighing of packages and letters to determine the correct postage are handled by the 31-man staff of the Fort Benning post office.

Daily Mail Load

Between 35,000 and 40,000 pieces of mail are processed daily according to postal officials. This adds up to more than 1,000,000 pieces of incoming and outgoing mail each month. The volume of mail is expected to triple in size this month due to the Christmas season. However, this increase doesn't constitute a rush, according to Superintendent Richardson, and no plans have been made to add personnel during the Christmas season. Fort Benning is not swamped like most military installations, Richardson states, because many of the men live off-post with their families and receive their mail at that address. Another factor is that a large percentage of people stationed here manage to obtain Christmas furloughs.

Whether it's just a Christmas card or an important letter from home, the combined talents of the Post Locator and the Fort Benning post office are always ready to guarantee prompt delivery so that your letters are there when mail call is sounded.

Provisional Medical Group

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for the prompt and expert medical aid and evacuation he received from the 913th drivers and aidmen. When approximately 160 injured troopers were flown back here from Excercise Longhorn, they were met at Lawson Field by 27 ambulances of the 913th Medical Ambulance Company. All were in beds at the hospital within one hour after they landed.

Clearing Company Job

Operating on a division level and giving direct support to this front-line division is either the 50th or 932nd Medical Clearing Company. Like the Ambulance Company, the clearing company has three identical platoons, capable of operating individually or collectively. The clearing company's equipment is not nearly as extensive as an evacuation hospital equipment. However, it is capable of performing emergency surgery and rendering proper medical aid to a casualty until the patient can be sent to the rear for more complete treatment or returned to duty.

The personnel of a clearing company includes doctors, a chaplain ,administrative officers, aidmen and technicians, capable of rendering any medical aid their facilities provide for. A separate clearing company is usually assigned to a Corps, Army or Task Force, or it may be combined with other separate companies to form a separate medical battalion. Used where and when additional medical support is needed, the separate clearing company stands ready to perform its mission, however it may be used.

"Service Before Self"

"Service before self" and "To conserve the fighting strength" are fine mottos to live by, but it is up to the Provisional Medical Group to see to it that the men in its organization are able to perform their duty and mission. Through constant training and practice, in the field and in garrison, on the job and in classes, and by creating pride in their units, through their own efforts, the officers and men of the Provisional Medical Group are accomplishing their mission here with distinction.

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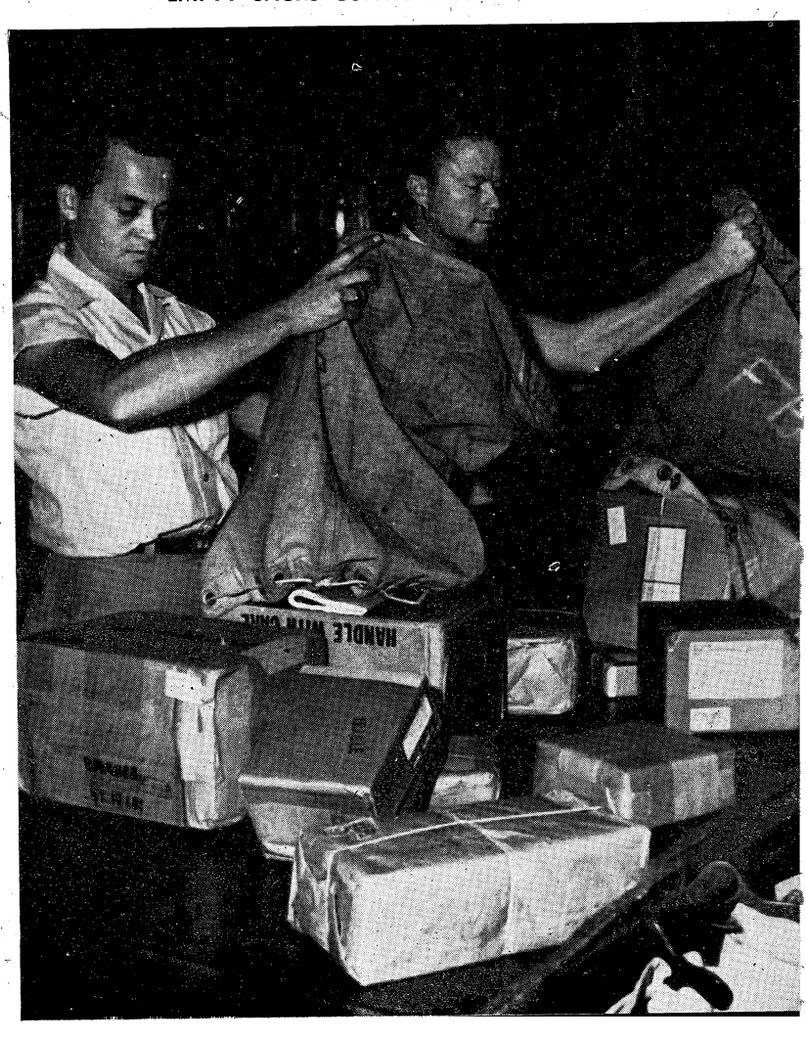

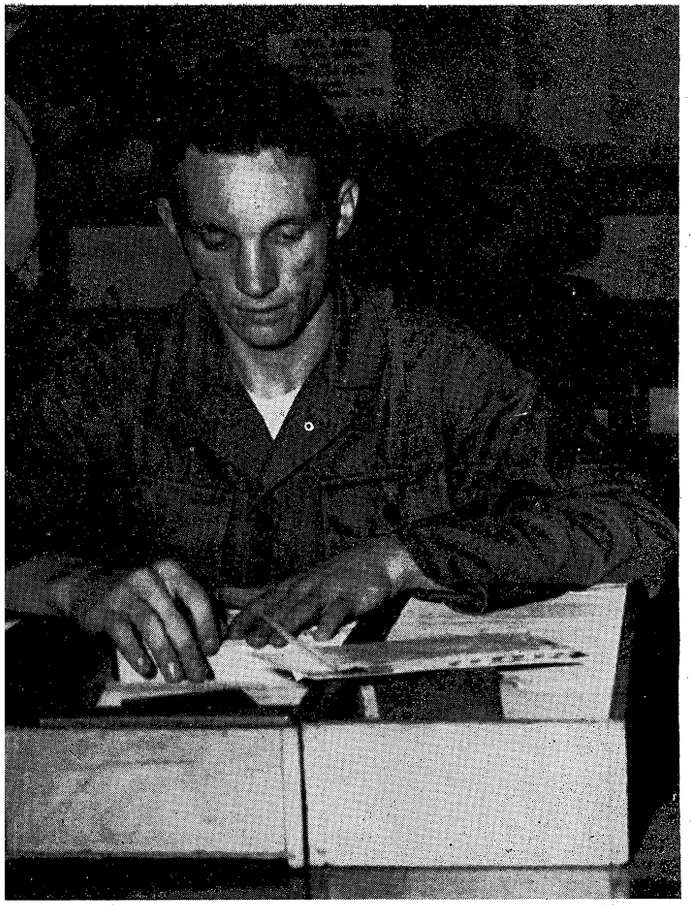

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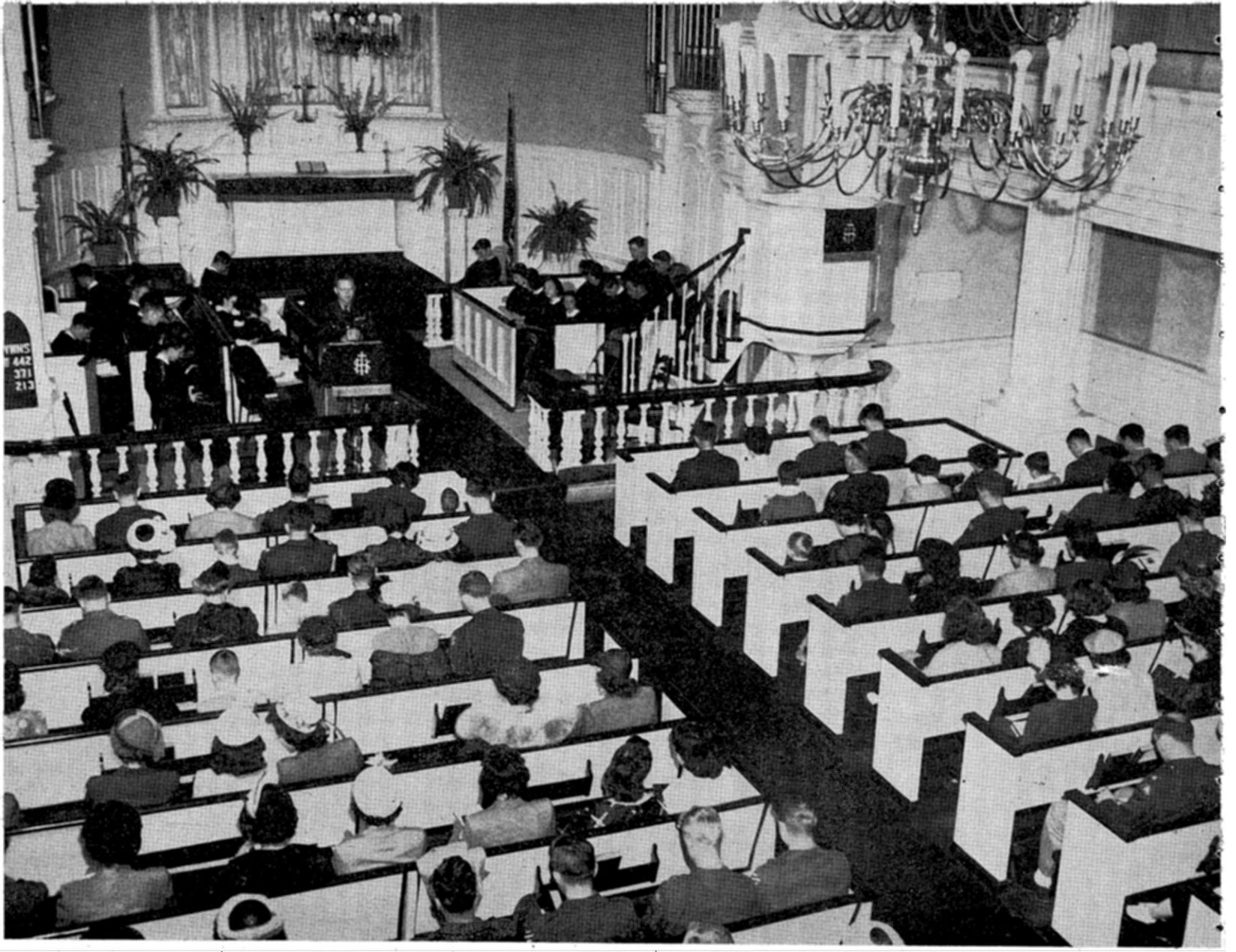

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THE ARMY CHAPLAIN

By CATHERINE MERRILL

To American soldiers, religious faith is an important part of a way of life.

To the American clergy, support and encouragement of that faith is an important obligation. The Army looks to the ministry for help in providing for its men and women the opportunity to worship God and 1,400 chaplains on active duty with the United States Army have accepted the challenging opportunity.

There are 17 chaplains here providing religious activities for more than 38,000 military personnel to help fulfill this need.

The Infantry Center's Post Chaplain (Col.) Lexington O. Sheffield, Protestant, formerly was director of the Extension Department at the Chaplain's School, Fort Slocum, N. Y., before coming to The Infantry Center last April. He is assisted by Catholic Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Stephen Kane and Protestant Chaplain (Major) Robert B. Herndon.

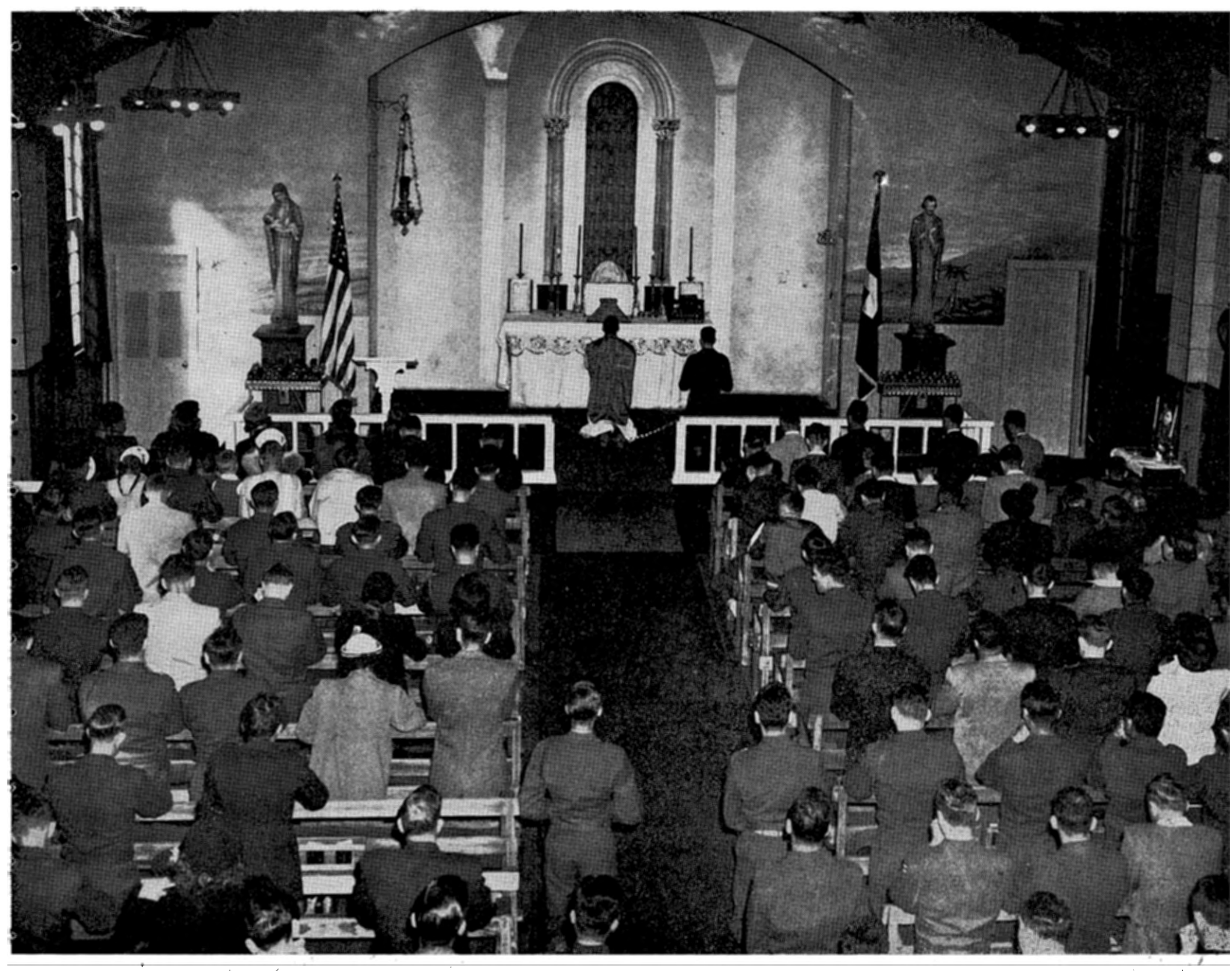
The 17 chaplains include 13 Protestants, three Catholic and one Jewish Chaplain, (1st Lt.) Bernard Mussman, who serve approximately 28,500 Protestants, 7,500 Catholics and 400 Jews at The Infantry Center.

Wide Choice of Services

Protestant worshippers have a choice of 20 Sunday services, three Wednesday evening services and three Sunday schools. The three Catholic Chaplains provide post Catholics with 16 Sunday services in eight chapels in addition to three week-day masses.

Unofficial center of the post's religious activities is The Infantry Center Chapel located in the Main Post area. Recognized by many as the most beautiful military chapel in the world, it was originally designed for use by the three major faiths. At the time it was built, it was the only building in the world intended for the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religions.

Patterned after early colonial churches in the Georgia style architecture, the chapel is still used on occasion by Catholics and Jews, but primarily is the seat of Protestant worship on the Main



SUNDAY MASS DRAWS CROWD OF WORSHIPPERS TO INFANTRY CENTER CATHOLIC CHAPEL

Post. On Nov. 30 three stained glass windows were dedicated in the chapel. They are the first to be installed in the building by means of funds from special gifts and offerings donated at Sunday services.

Chaplains Have 24-Hour Job

Religious activities at Fort Benning, however, do not end with Sunday services, for the chaplain's work is a 24-hour job. Besides operating 16 chapels where 45 services for all religious faiths are conducted, each Sunday, the 17 chaplains daily handle approximately 50 letters from people requesting various types of assistance or information. They also give invocations and benedictions at all Infantry School graduations, speak at troop information and education sessions and outside gatherings and attend meetings of community and national welfare and charitable gatherings.

They perform marriage, funeral and baptism services; work with the Army's Character Guidance Program by means of the chaplain's weekly hour talk and personal conferences; conduct services at the Post Stockade and talk individually with the delinquent men; assist with the Dad's' Club, Brat Barrack's and the Children's Nursery; and conduct services for hospitalized men at the Army Hospital.

American soldiers have always looked to their chaplains for religious guidance, both for themselves and their families. Today, the chaplain's historic role has been broadened to confer still greater responsibilities, and still wider opportunities for service.

Extend The Hand of Charity

In addition to Army personnel and their dependents, chaplains also help to provide for the religious needs of civil servants of American establishments overseas. They extend the helping hands of charity and friendship to men, women and children in areas that have been ravaged by war.

Fort Benning chaplains and personnel assist war victims as is shown by the many bundles of clothing that have been sent to Korean war victims and the Special Thanksgiving offering which has been taken the past two years in Thanksgiving Sunday services to join other offerings in the Third Army area to buy clothing for Korean orphans and orphanages. The special offering taken here last year amounted to $2,500.

And, more than ever before, chaplains are concerned with the problems of youth in our Army.

Today, not only young men, but young women as well, are assuming an increasingly important part in our nation's military establishment. Since it has become necessary for large numbers of American youth to enter the Army, it is imperative that they enjoy a healthy religious and moral environment during their period of service. To assure such an environment, the Army depends in large measure upon the spiritual leadership of its chaplaincy, which was created by act of the Continental Congress in 1775, after General George Washington had called upon clergymen for religious guidance for his army.

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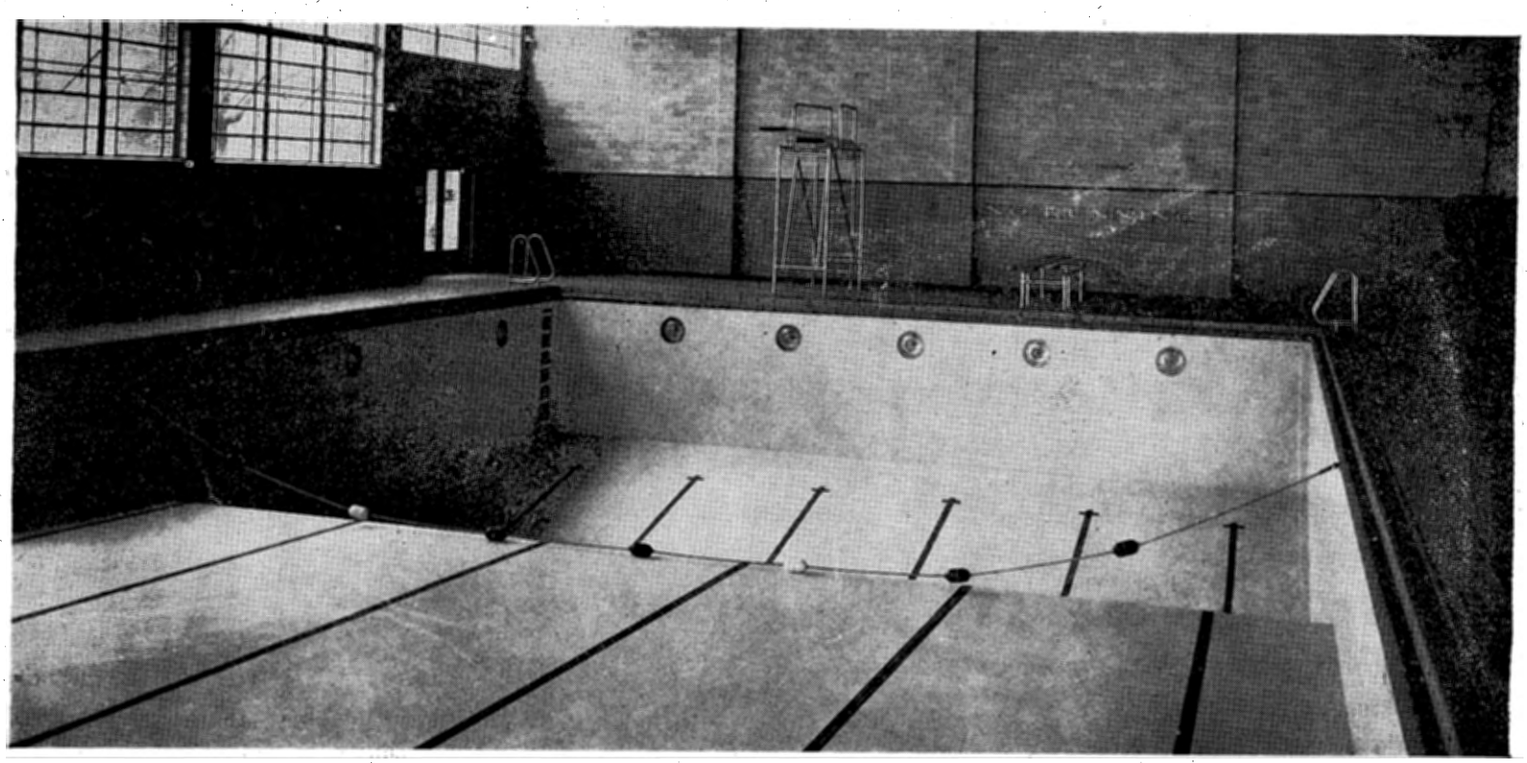

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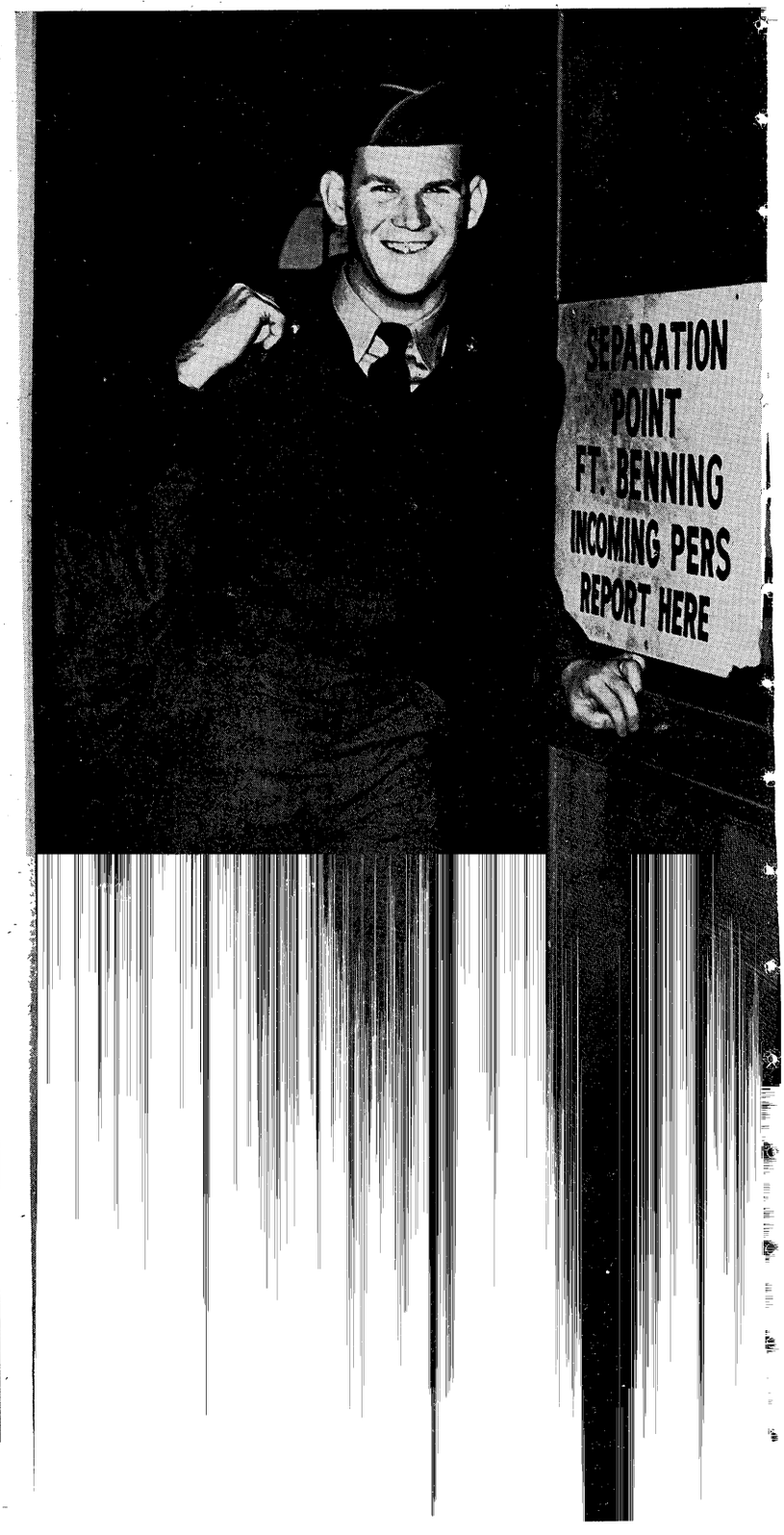
Located in the second cuartel on the Main Post, the Separation Point processes the discharges of all WACs, officers and enlisted men

CPL. E. BARITEAU LEAVES SEPARATION POINT



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at Fort Benning with the exception of those who receive medical discharges. The Point is staffed by five officers, one warrant officer, 66 enlisted men and 10 civilian clerks.

The commanding officer is Major E. H. Stuckey. The cadre of the organization are members of major command units on post who have been placed on detached service to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Special Troops Battalion, which in turn has placed these men on special duty with the Separtion Point.

Four Or Five Days Required

People are on the move constantly at the Separation Point. Four or five days are usually required to complete all of the steps necessary to separate a person from service. During this time pass privileges are granted only to those married personnel who have their families living in the vicinity of Fort Benning.

Enlisted men who do not qualify for passes are billeted in barracks at the Separation Point while the officers are housed at the Bachelor Officer Quarters and the WACs at the WAC detachment.

Major Stuckey stated that it is necessary to restrict the passes because the Separation Point often must operate at night and during the weekends to process all the people in time to meet their dates of discharge.

Procedure Almost The Same

In general the procedure followed by these three groups is almost the same, although some slight variations do exist. For example, the officers receive a special orientation which differs from the one presented to the enlisted men.

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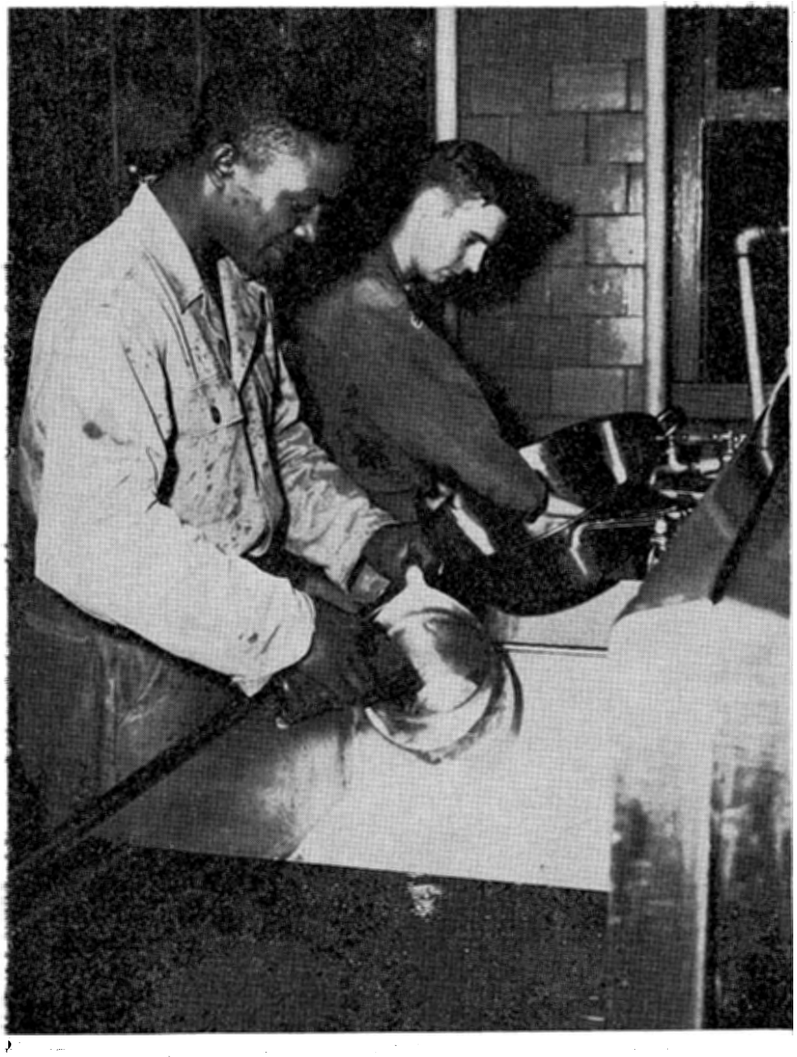

PFC. L. NEWMAN, LEFT, AND CPL. C. VANEPP PERFORM THEIR LAST SERVICE DETAIL

Separation Point

On the day an enlisted man arrives at the Separation Point he registers with the organization, receives a mess card, has his name placed on the morning report, and fills out a post locator card. He also fills out another card which contains his future civilian address. The purpose of this is to have a forwarding address for all mail received at Fort Benning after he is discharged. After that he draws his bedding from the supply sergeant if he is to sleep in the barracks and gets ready to stand a clothing inspection.

The actual processing begins with an orientation at which time the speaker, on behalf of the U. S. government, thanks the men for the services they have rendered as members of the armed services. Following this, the speaker outlines the procedures which will be followed while the men are at the Separation Point.

Final Physical Examination

That afternoon, buses transport the men to the U. S. Army Hospital where the men receive their final Army physical examination. There the men are examined thoroughly to ascertain any injuries or disabilities they have sustained during their military careers.

On the second day the men report to the processing section of the Separation Point. There all of their records, including their service and pay records, are checked and placed in order. At this time those with reserve obligations have their papers processed and are assigned to a reserve unit.

Hear VA Representative

The men are also addressed by a member of the Veterans Administration. He explains the rights and privileges which are theirs because of the time they have served in the armed services. He discusses in detail the many educational opportunities which are available and explains the employment rights they have. Since time does not allow him to answer all questions the men have about the many facets of the law, he asks them to contact the V. A. office nearest their homes for a complete explanation of the law.

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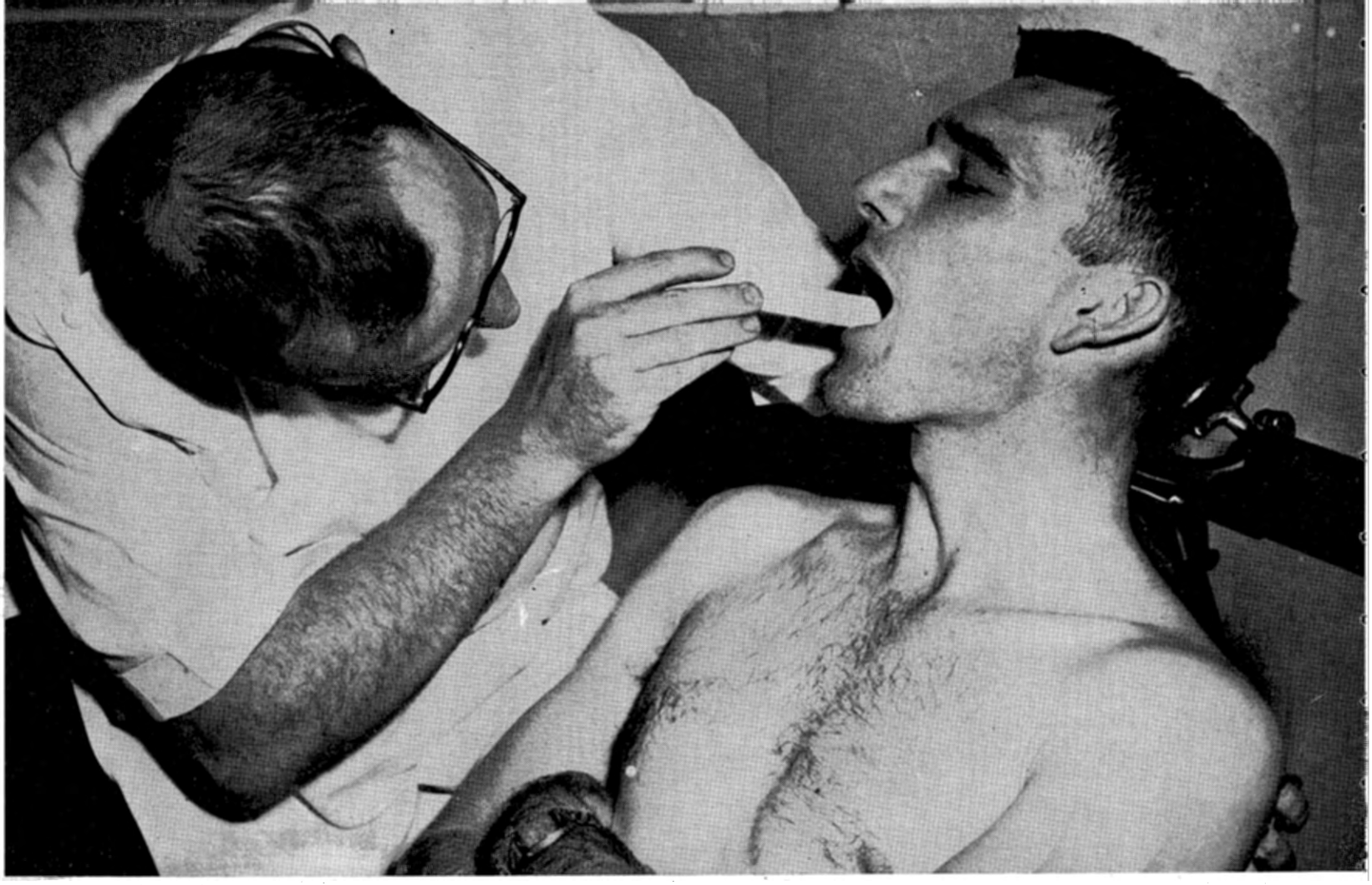

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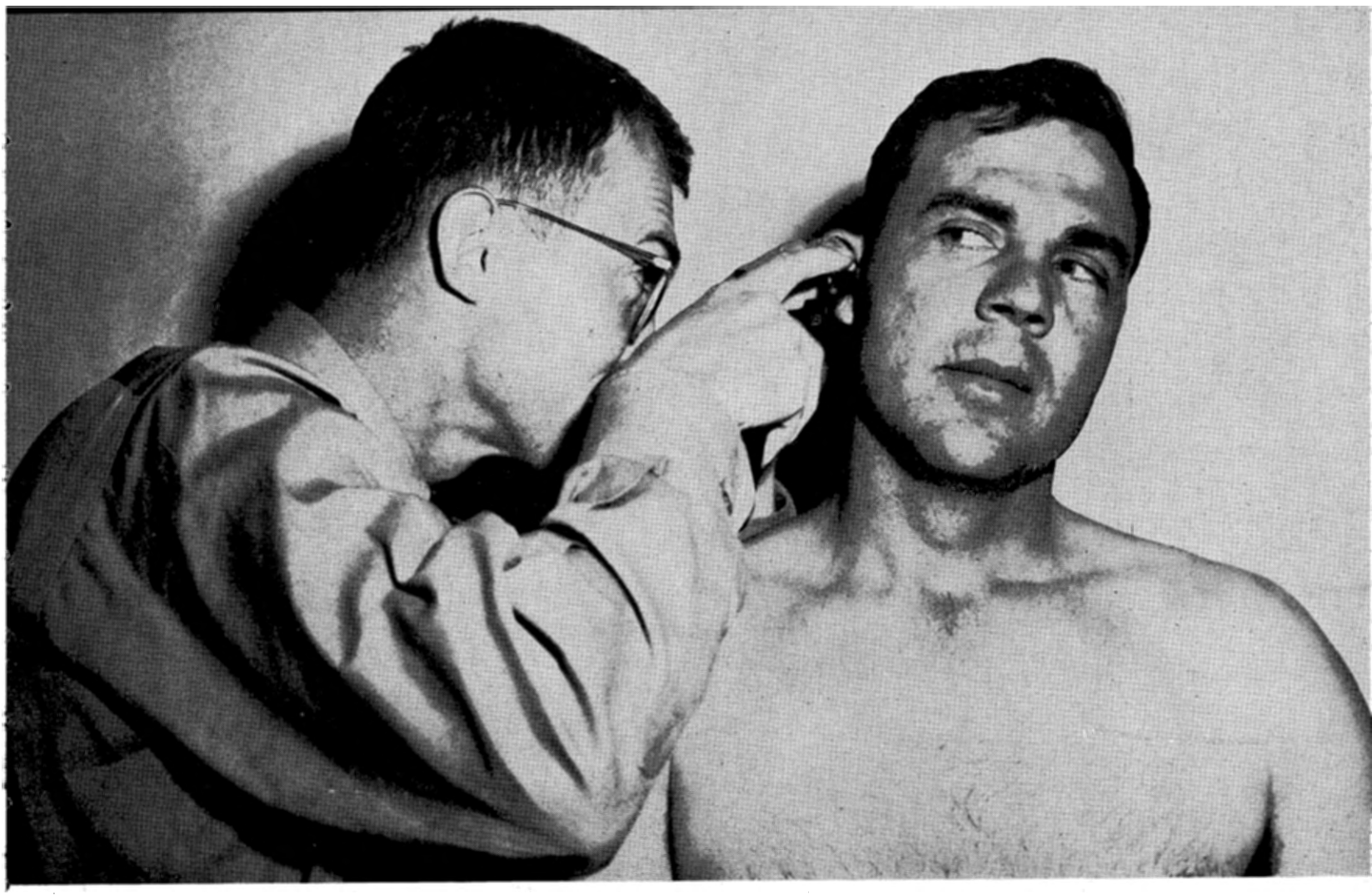

SFC. EDWARD M. DAVIS, RIGHT, HAS HIS EARS EXAMINED BY CAPT. S. W. HARVEY DURING DISCHARGE PHYSICAL

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Separation Point

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The third day is a day of waiting and checking. The finance office usually requires two days to close out a man's pay record and determine the final amount of pay he is to receive at the time he is discharged.

The men are also given a referral sheet which lists all of the steps that must be completed before they receive their discharges. If one or more of these were missed during the previous days of processing, that discrepancy is taken care of immediately.

The third day is also detail day for the men who have completed their processing and are awaiting for the finance office and the hospital to return their records. The details pulled are those normally associated with keeping the barracks and mess hall in the proper state of police.

Fourth Day — Discharges

Then on the fourth day, if all their records have been completed and returned to the Separation Point, the men receive their discharges. On Monday through Friday the ceremonies are held at 3 p. m. The Saturday ceremonies are at 11 a. m.

Dressed in Class A uniforms, the men fall in for their last formation and then move into the building to the strains of martial music. The ceremony opens with a short address by the chaplain. A senior field grade officer then speaks to the group. After the address the men move forward to receive their discharges. Then they receive their pay and are free to leave Fort Benning. Those who have their date of separation falling on a Sunday attend the Saturday ceremony and receive their discharges but are not paid until the next day. Incidentally, the daily payroll averages about $15,000.

Has Processed 5,000

Since its inception in June of this year, the Separation Point has processed the discharges of nearly 5,000 service personnel Prior to the start of the Separation Point, each major command handled the separation of the men in its command.

June, its first month, saw the smallest number of people separated. The monthly production figures have risen steadily from 677 in June to the October total of 1,357. November's total was approximately 1,300 and the December figures are expected to be slightly lower.

However, the number of people to be discharged during January and February is estimated to run between 2,700 and 3,000 for each month. Following these peak months the monthly output will be about 1,100 to 1,200 a month according to Major Stuckey. Reservists constitute about 75 per cent of the people now being separated, Major Stuckey said.

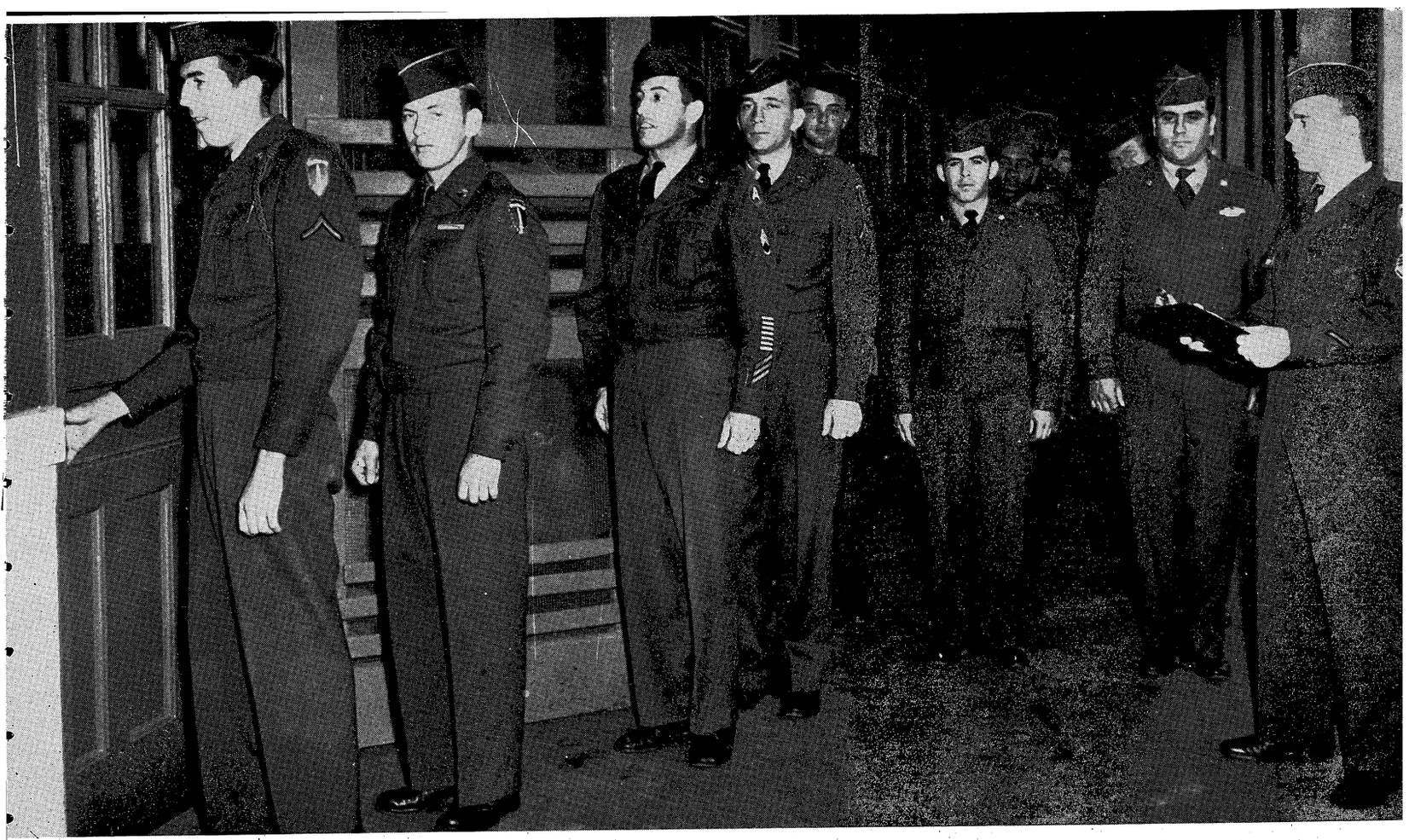
Main Group From TIC

In the main the people discharged at the Separation Point are members of the major commands on the post although a few men who have just returned from overseas are also discharged each month.

Starting with the first of the year and continuing through May, 1953, the Separation Point will also handle the separation of personnel from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. About 20 persons a month from the Caribbean command will also be discharged by the Point during the coming year.

Whether they are Air Force or Army, old soldiers with an impressive array of hash marks or two-year inductees, these people moving through the Separation Point have finished their periods of service with the armed forces and are looking forward to their return to civilian life.

To this end the Separation Point works strenuously to make separation as smooth as possible so that the last few days spent in the service will always be well remembered.



SGT. CARL MURRAY, JR., EXTREME RIGHT, MARCHES TROOPS INTO BUILDING FOR DISCHARGE CEREMONIES

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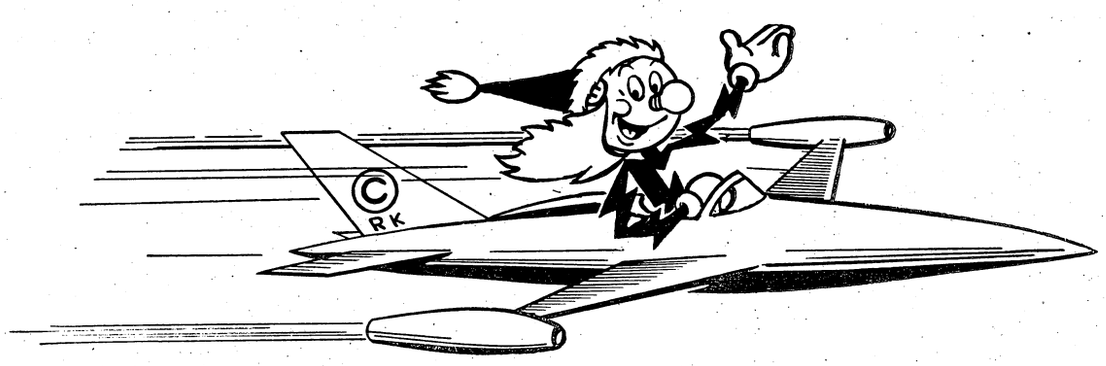

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MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

The Christmas pastime of fathers playing with their sons' toy trains is given a new twist by members of the Fort Benning Model Railroad Club. At least once a week, the small group of members gathers in an upstairs room of Service Club No. 3 in the Harmony Church Area for an evening of railroading in miniature.

The model trains that these men operate are a far cry from the toy trains found under the Christmas trees. The locomotives, powered by fractional horsepower electric motors have prototypes in diesel or steam engines that are hauling or have hauled passenger and freight trains on railroads in this country.

Scale Duplicate Engine

For example, the Alco G. E. engine, owned by A-2C Alfred Scherler of the 434th Supply Squadron, is a scale duplicate of the 1600 horsepower diesel used by the Union Pacific and several other railroads. The Union Pacific engine has been timed at approximately 100 miles per hour. Scherler's scale model has a top speed of about eight miles per hour.

Cpl. Robert McElwaine of the Post Ordnance Ammunition Disposal Unit, another member of the club, has a small Mantua Bee modeled after a steam locomotive once used by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

An idea of the scale used in making these trains can be gained from the fact that a miniature freight car 5⅞ inches long is a detailed scale model of a 40-foot freight car. The models are scaled so that 3:5 millimeters are equal to one foot.

You don't have to be rich to enjoy miniature railroading as a hobby, but it helps. Patience as well as a knack for detailed work are also assets. The locomotives which are made of zamac, a zinc and aluminum alloy, cost about $35 a kit. The price of some kits is as high as $60. Patience is a prerequisite since it takes about 125 man-hours to assemble all the parts.

Rolling Stock Kits

Other rolling stock such as the box, refrigerator, tank and flat cars as well as the caboosess can also be purchased in kits. Some railroaders free lance—that is they secure or draw up their own set of plans and carve their own stock using the plans as guides.

The railroading domain for these pint sized freighters is a large wooden table located in the service club. Approximately 150 feet of HO gauge track are mounted on the table. O gauge track is the standard size track used by model railroaders. The HO gauge means simply that the gauge or distance between the rails is half of the size of the O gauge. In HO gauge the distance between the rails is $\frac{11}{16}$ inches.

The table's panorama is not completed yet. At present it contains a series of overpasses, underpasses, tunnels, bridges and a freight yard. Future facilities will include a roundhouse and a turntable. The entire area will also be landscaped.

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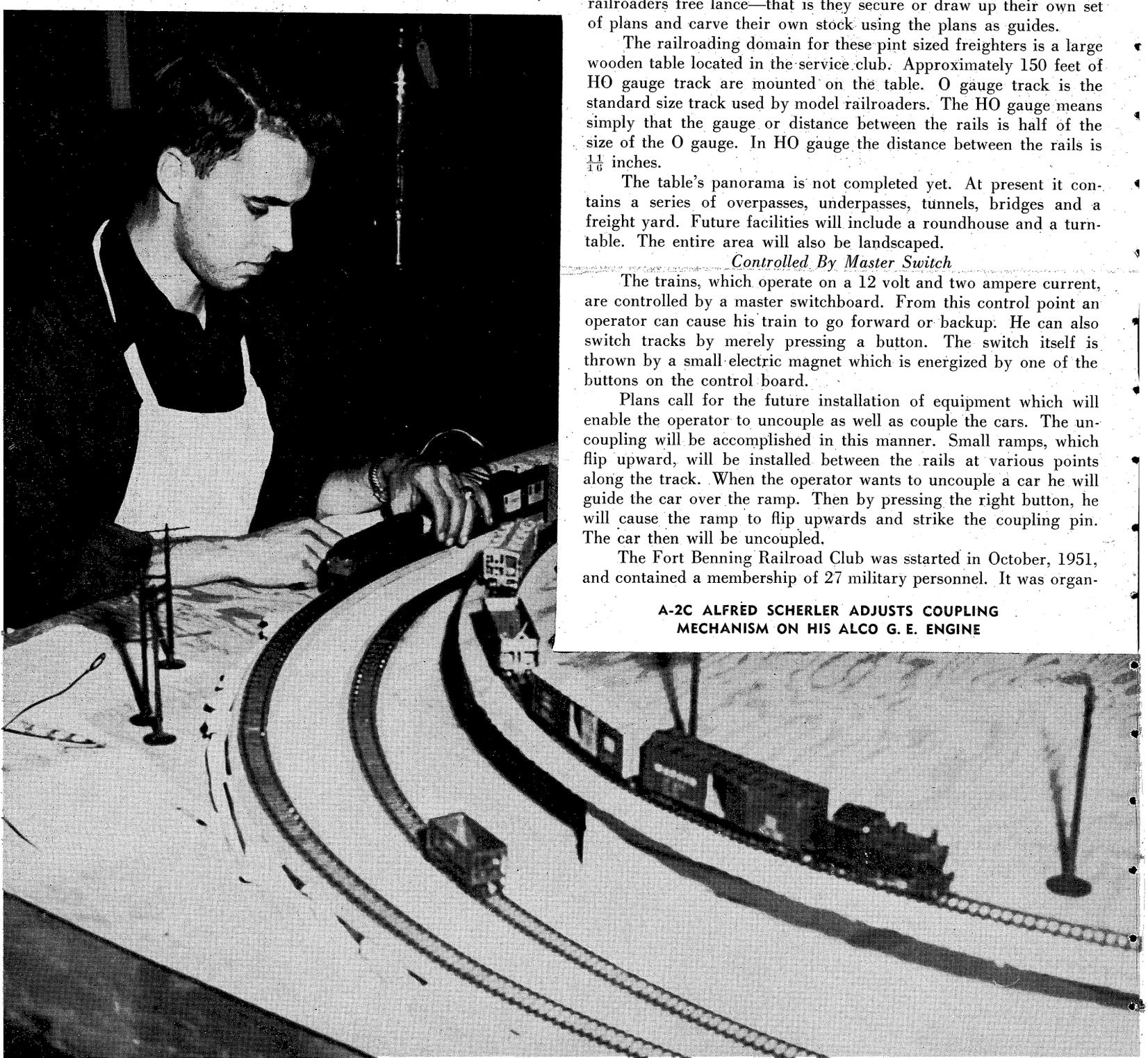
The trains, which operate on a 12 volt and two ampere current, are controlled by a master switchboard. From this control point an operator can cause his train to go forward or backup. He can also switch tracks by merely pressing a button. The switch itself is thrown by a small electric magnet which is energized by one of the buttons on the control board.

Plans call for the future installation of equipment which will enable the operator to uncouple as well as couple the cars. The uncoupling will be accomplished in this manner. Small ramps, which flip upward, will be installed between the rails at various points along the track. When the operator wants to uncouple a car he will guide the car over the ramp. Then by pressing the right button, he will cause the ramp to flip upwards and strike the coupling pin. The car then will be uncoupled.

The Fort Benning Railroad Club was sstarted in October, 1951, and contained a membership of 27 military personnel. It was organ-



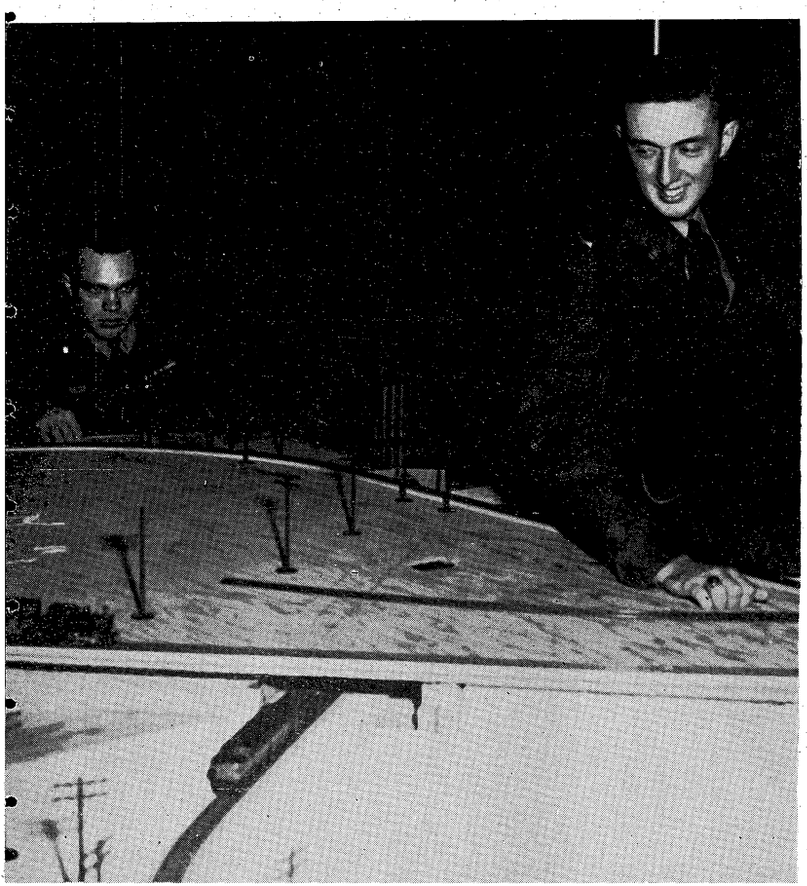
A-2C ALFRED SCHERLER ADJUSTS COUPLING MECHANISM ON HIS ALCO G. E. ENGINE

CPL. ROBERT McELWAINE CONSTRUCTS FREIGHT CAR FROM PARTS RECEIVED IN A KIT

ized under the supervision of Miss G. Annalee Wood, the Post Service Club Director, who had helped organize several model railroad clubs while she was in Japan. However, levies, transfers and discharges have recently hit the club hard and membership is down.

The club is open to all officers and enlisted men at Fort Benning. The roadbed and power source are furnished by the service club while the rolling stock is owned by the individual members. Miniature railroads who wish to join the club should contact Miss Wood at FB 42294 or attend the weekly meetings on Wednesday nights at 7:30 at Service Club No. 3.

SGT. WM. MOORE, LEFT, AND LT. RICHARD HERMANCE ARE INTERESTED OBSERVERS



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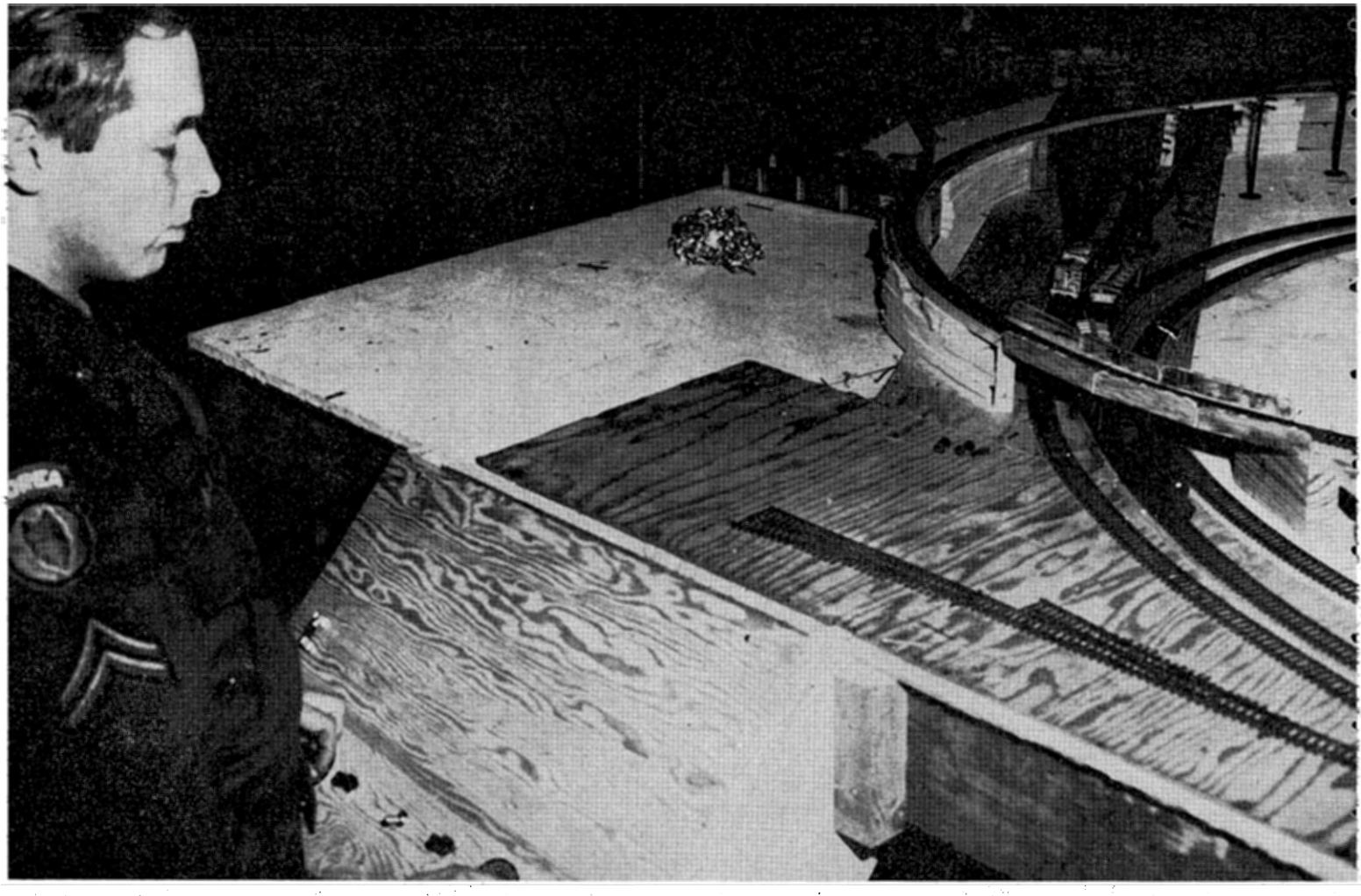

CPL. ROBERT McELWAINE GUIDES HIS MANTUA BEE FROM THE CONTROLS ON THE SWITCHBOARD

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BOOK REVIEW:
WINCHESTER
The Gun That Won the West

WINCHESTER—The Gun That Won the West, by Harold F. Williamson (Combat Forces Fress, 494 pages, $10)

The story of the famed Winchester, a name that has come to be practically synonymous with rifle in our age, is told in minute detail by Mr. Williamson. However, the name selected doesn't give a true idea of the wealth of information Mr. Williamson has included; it might better be titled "Winchester, The Gun That Won The West, And A Contemporary History of American Business Practices From 1850 To Date."

The "gun nut" seeking technical information about early rifles of almost any brand or type; the historical researcher delving into the corrupt factory practices of the turn of the century; the reader in search of relaxing adventure tales—all will find this book of gripping interest.

The most successrul rifle produced by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company in its early days was the Henry—perhaps the first truly successful repeating rifle.

During the Civl War, Winchester officials tried, for the most part in vain, to get Union forces to adopt their weapon. As has been true from time immemorial, there was much official distrust of the weapon at this time, since it was new and nearly a revolutionary idea. However, many far-sighted individuals purchased a Henry from their own funds to use in the fighting.

Despite the fact that most of the company's sales during the war were to non-governmental markets, the war was a shot in the arm to the company. Practically insolvent in 1860, six years later net worth amounted to approximately $354,000—no trifling sum in those days.

The Model 73, introduced in 1873, is the rifle generally credited with "winning the West." The ammunition brought out by the company to use in the model 73 was the famous "forty-four-forty cartridge," so named because of the .44-caliber bullet and the 40-grain powder charge.

Extensive quotes utilized by Mr. Williamson add immensely to the enjoyment of the book. For instance, Mr. Williamson quotes a letter from the famed Col. "Buffalo Bill" Cody in which he says "An Indian will give more for one of your guns than any other he can get." It is self-evident that ignorant Indians, knowing nothing about powder charges or bullet weights, would concern himself solely with a weapon that gave him better results than any other.

The history of the company has various ups and downs through the years, but by World War II, was a going concern. One of the chief reasons for this was the working partnership the Winchester company formed with the Browning brothers, a pair of the outstanding weapons designers in American history.

Throughout the history of the company, the Winchester family held tight rein on a controlling share in the company. But following World War I, the company's post war plans went awry, and it fell into receivership. The depression in 1929 sealed the doom of Winchester, and four years later it was sold through a referee to the Western Cartridge Company, which since its birth in 1892 had grown to be one of the leading concerns in the world.

Under the guidance of new management and new capital, the Winchester company once again climbed towards the top. In the late 1930's, the company won a contract to produce the famed Garand M-1 military rifle by submitting a bid that was approximately $100 a gun cheaper than the nearest competitor.

The company started delivery in 1940, well before Pearl Harbor, and was the only manufacturer outside the government arsenal at Springfield producing the weapon. In all, Winchester produced over half a million of these rifles.

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Thus Mr. Williamson traces the growth of the Winchester company from its first days as the Volcanic Repeating Arms Company in 1855 to its present status where it remains as one of the outstanding examples of American free enterprise, devoted to "the primary task of developing superior firearms and ever ready to assist the nation in times of military emergency."

He has woven an intricate tale of the company from technical information, letters of by-gone heroes, manufacturing charts, patent laws, and history. A professor of economics and a doctor of philosophy, Mr. Williamson is at the same time a man with the ability to take the history of a great industrial organization and turn it into a thoroughly readable yarn that will appeal to a wide audience.

Army Chaplain

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Dorchester Tragedy

Undoubtedly, many deeds of devotion and gallantry of Army chaplains have passed unrecorded, but others, like the self-sacrifice of four Army chaplains on the sinking transport *"Dorchester,"* have become classics in the folklore of America.

When the Dorchester went down in the North Atlantic, these four—two Protestants, a Catholic, and a Jew—gave their lives that others might live. An excerpt from their citation for the Distinguished Service Cross stated "With utter disregard of self, having given away their life jackets to four men without them, they stood hand in hand praying to the God they served for the safety of those men who were leaving the stricken ship . . . . their heroism will live for as long as men honor the memory of valor." '

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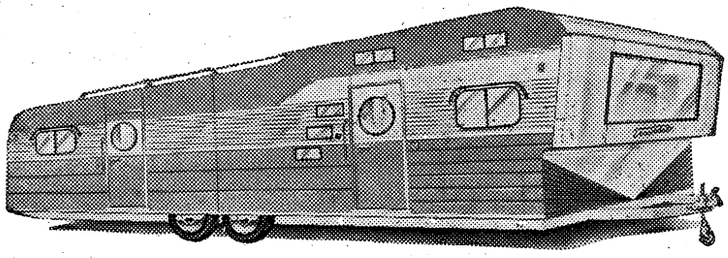

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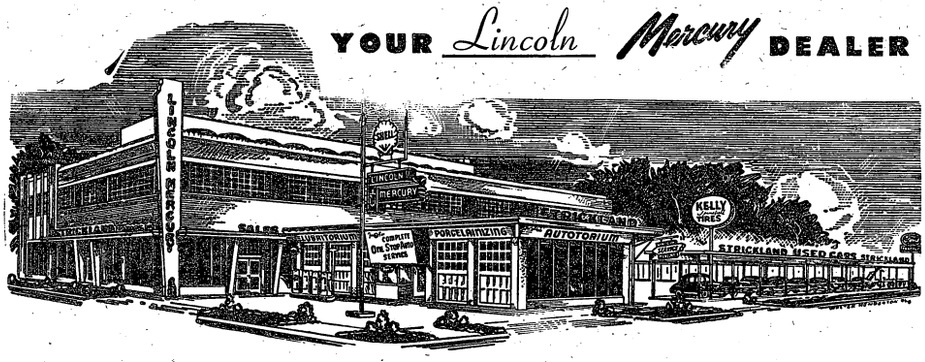

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