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On This Month's Cover:



Alone with its burden of airborne cargo, this G-13 parachute is caught squarely in the center of Sfc. Joseph Wolfe's telescopic lens as it seems to express the wish to be left hovering there between the earth and the sky.

The G-13 'chute is 24 feet in diameter, measured from one side of its scalloped skirt to the other, but a full 32 feet when measured higher up through the bulge. This disparity in its planning permits it to "trap" the air, as it were, and descend slower and more evenly. Turn to pages 14 and 15 for more of Sergeant Wolfe's splendid USA photographs.



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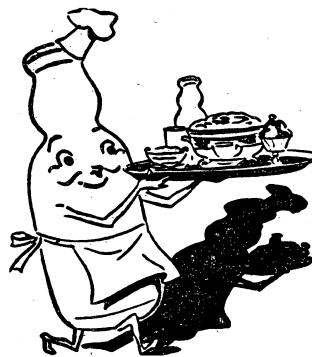
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OPERATIONS

Hub of The Infantry School

BY MAJOR JAMES H. TATE

To the newly arrived military student, the atmosphere of The Infantry School is akin to that of a hydroelectric plant. There is present the same cleanliness and orderliness—the same quiet but relentless efficiency.

The student seldom discovers that the generator of this world-famed military plant is located in Room 129 of its headquarters building—the Operations Section of The Infantry School.

But in Room 129 is generated the complex activity of providing or coordinating the classrooms, training terrain, visual and sound aids, student and instructor transportation, demonstration troops, instructional material, and weapons and ammunition, to teach 200 classes each year totaling 40,000 students.

And in addition to this responsibility, Operations has the jobs of budget planning and management improvement for TIS.

Scope of Mission is Amazing

Running any school is complex and difficult. Civilian colleges and universities have an easy time, however, compared to TIS. For instance, they do not have to consider such factors as impact areas, inclement weather, widely scattered areas of instruction, or whether the noise of firing will drown the public address system. These problems not only must be considered by Operation, they must be solved. And Operations solves them.

The scope of the section's mission is best explained by a quote from the briefing to the school's instructors:

"When schedules have been set up properly, classrooms, ranges, training fields, and problem areas reserved, ammunition, weapons, bleachers, and required visual and sound aids provided, and student and instructor personnel delivered—then we think we can say we are doing our job."

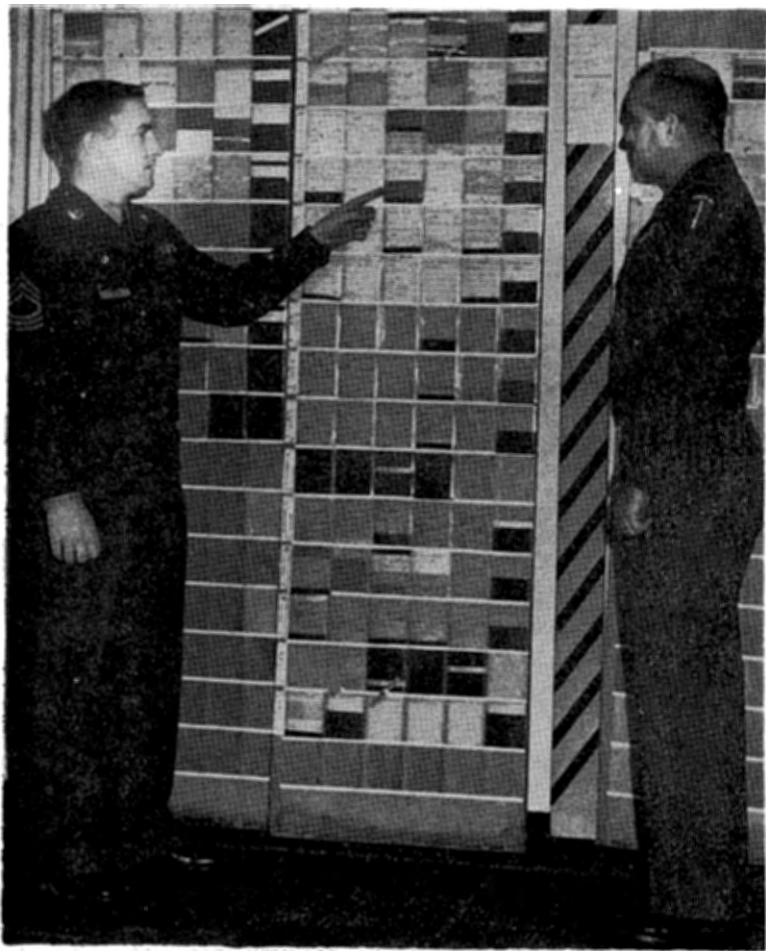
The work that must be done to accomplish this job begins when the director of instruction sends the section a program of instruction for a course. This program (or POI) lists the subjects to be taught, the number of hours to be devoted to each subject, the text references and other such items. From this POI the assigned instructors then have compiled the types of services and facilities they will require to teach their hours.

Covers Every Hour of Every Day

This material is furnished the Schedule Planning and Terrain Division of Operations, which begins work on a comprehensive schedule of the course that will cover every hour of every day. Such a schedule, known as a master board, is required for each course given. There are now 20 separate courses.

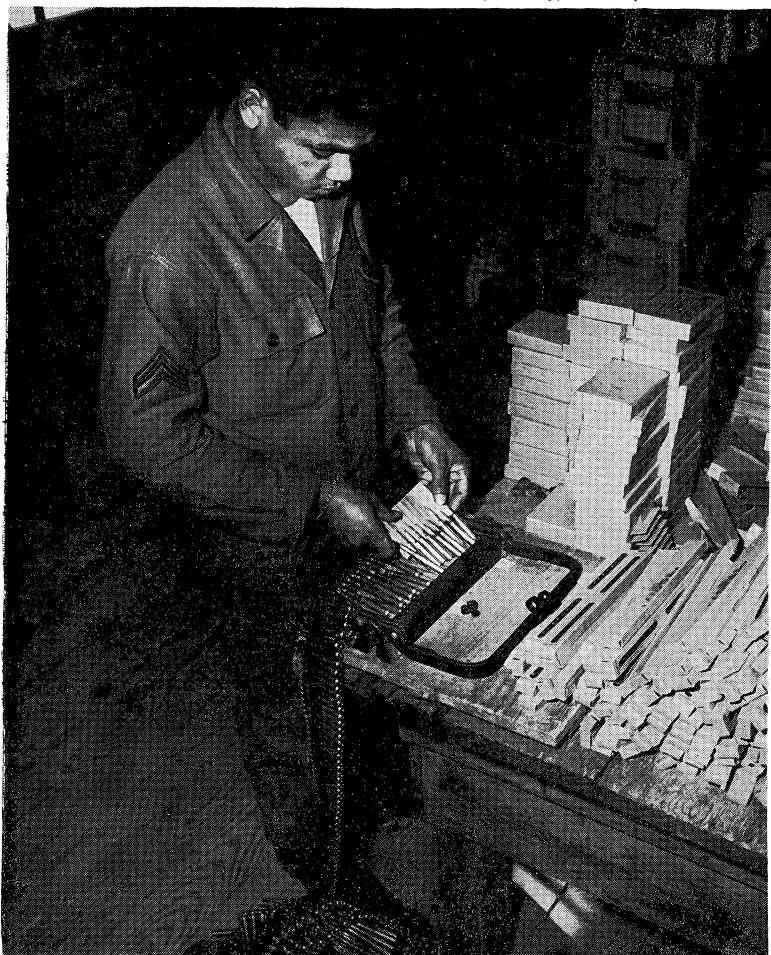
The first step in preparing the master board is to arrange all the hours of instruction in logical sequences. Thus such subjects as map reading, leadership, and weapons training are taught in the opening weeks. Then the students progress into small tactical unit problems and on to large combined arms problems.

Each hour in the program of instruction is represented on the

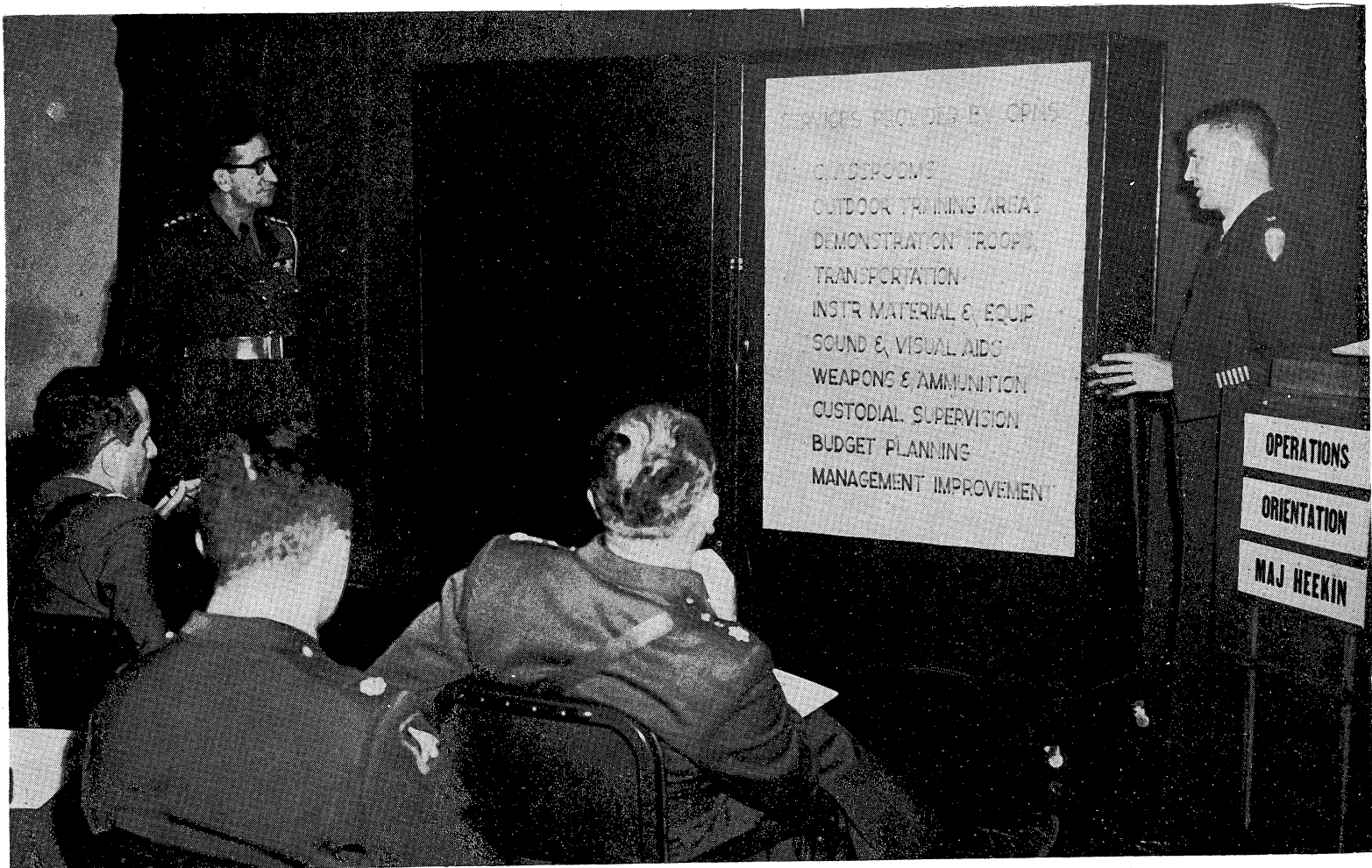


M-SGT. FREDERICK DAVIES AND COL. ROBERT C. SHERRARD AT THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE BOARDS

USA Photos by Hardy, O'Hare, and Joiner



CPL. C. E. MALONE LINKS TRACER AMMO FOR TIS INSTRUCTION.



VIP'S BEING BRIEFED BY MAJ. DAVID P. HEEKIN. AT LEFT IS COL. GEORGE DIAMONTOPOLOS OF THE GREEK ATTACHE OFFICE, WASH., D. C.

master board by a strip of colored cardboard, the color representing the general subject matter. The strip also carries an identifying problem number. Eight strips represent each day of instruction. By such use of colors and numbers, Schedule Planning is able to tell easily whether the schedule is logical and if it has maximum variety as to material and presentation technique.

When the master board is completed for a course, it is checked by the instructors and department directors, and then by the director of instruction and the assistant commandant. Upon final approval, it is frozen and becomes the official guide for all classes to be taught in that course for the year.

An Actual Case is Illustrated

From the master boards of all courses to be taught, Schedule Planning makes the weekly schedule board. This consists of the week's schedule for all classes for any particular calendar week. The information for the weekly board is taken from the appropriate week of the master board.

To illustrate with an actual case, take the week of next April 6-11. The school will have 41 classes in session at that time. Two of them will be taking the same course—officers' associate advanced. One will be in its fourth week and the other in its thirteenth. Therefore, the fourth and thirteenth weeks of the master board of the officers' associate advance class will be placed on the weekly schedule board for the week of April 6-11. (Determining which week of the master board a class will be taking during any calendar week is simple. All classes are planned a year in advance and projected from known starting dates.)

The appropriate week for each of the 41 classes is taken from the master board and placed in a column, with the days of the week aligned. Every hour of instruction for every class being taught on Monday, April 6, is then in one line, every eight strips of cardboard representing a different class. The identification of each class is carried on the left margin of the schedule.

Thus it is easy to detect the inevitable conflicts of instruction.

The initial set-up of the weekly board may show officer candidate class No. 52, advanced officer class No. 2, and associate advanced officer class No. 5 scheduled to receive map reading the same hours of the same day.

Obviously the teaching committees cannot maintain a staff large enough to conduct three classes simultaneously, so changes are made in the weekly board. These changes usually take one of two forms. If possible the classes are combined. If not, one class may be transferred to open time or exchanged for a later period of instruction.

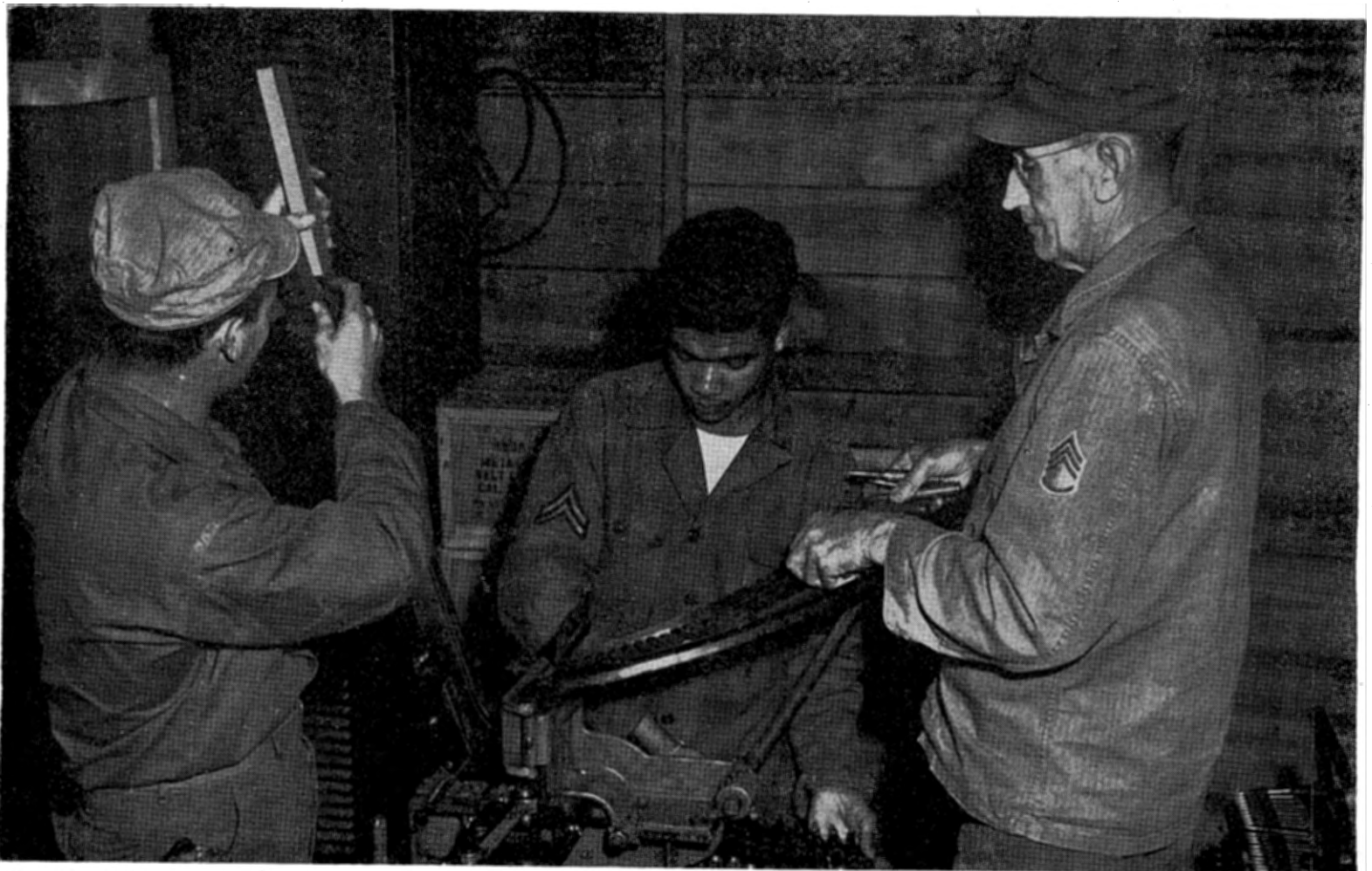
When both Operations and the director of instruction are satisfied with the changes, the weekly board is frozen. This is usually done 6 to 12 weeks in advance. Early in February the Schedule Planning Division was working on the weekly schedule for April.

Such preplanning allows Operations the time necessary for the printing and distribution of weekly schedules to all parties concerned and to take necessary action to provide services and facilities for the instruction.

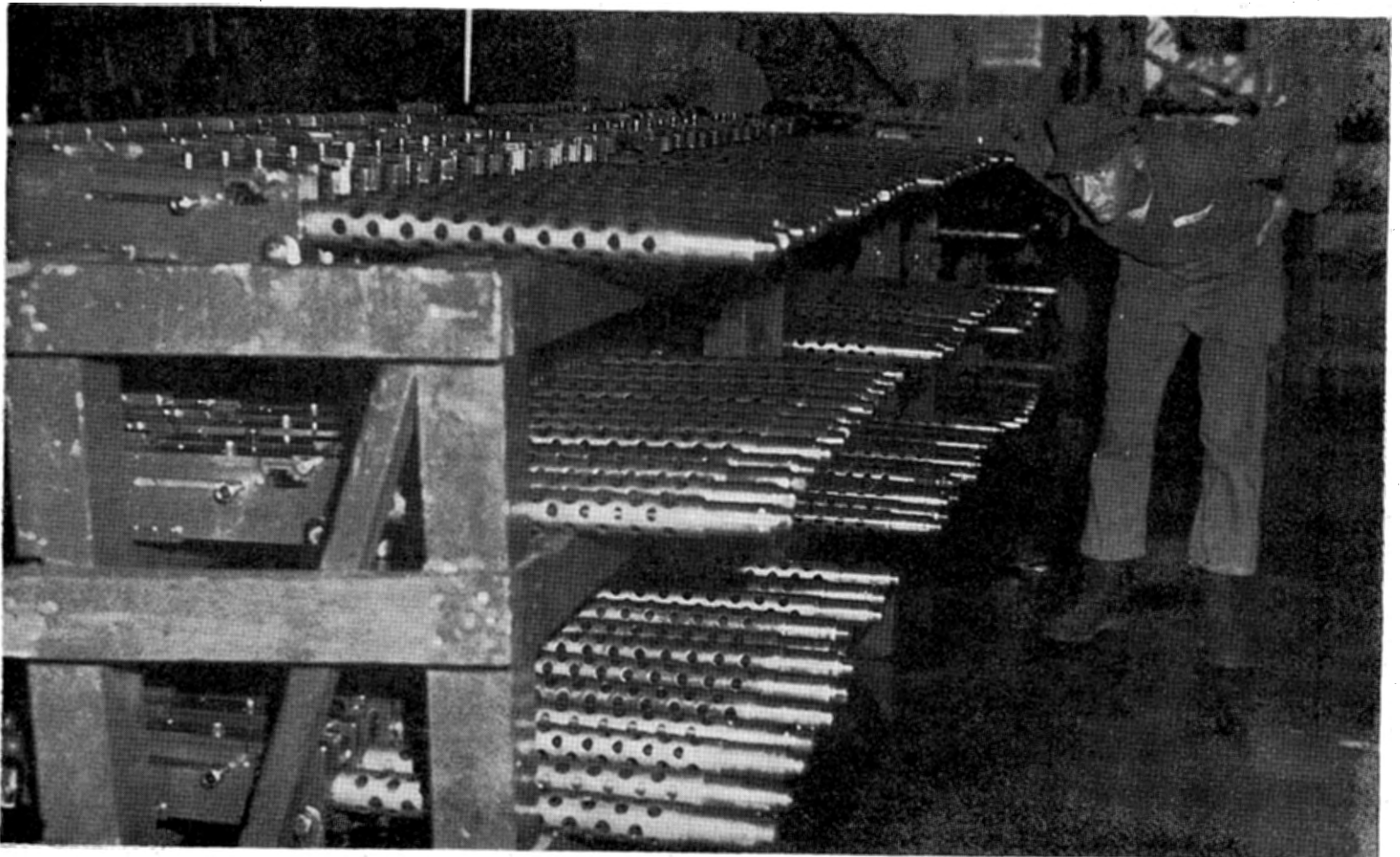
The responsibility for the major part of this action rests on the Publication and Facilities Division and the Services Division. This latter is further divided into custodial (Classrooms), Bleachers, and Weapons. Two other major requirements are the responsibilities of two officers who work in and, for all practical purposes, are a part of Operations—but actually belong to another section. The (demonstration) troop requirements are handled by a G3 officer, and the instructor and student transportation requirements by a G4 officer.

Requirements Given Final Check

As an example of how requirements are filled, take the Motor Transportation Division. TIS's requirements for transportation are submitted to the division by instructors via rehearsal sheets, class schedules, requirement cards, and personal and telephone conferences. This information is converted into daily transportation schedules that are published weekly. At the same time that the



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M-SGT. BILL S. VINSON INSPECTS LIGHT MACHINE GUN RACKS WHEN THE WEAPONS HAVE BEEN CLEANED AFTER INSTRUCTIONS

schedules are distributed to TIS they are distributed to the post agencies which will furnish transportation.

Each afternoon the requirements for the next day are given a final check, taking up all changes and corrections. The schedules are then firmed with the battalion and the motor pools.

The Troop Requirements Branch has the job of ordering (from the Combat Training Command) the proper number of troops to be at the proper place at the proper time with the proper equipment and in proper uniform.

Schedule Publication and Facilities publishes each week a schedule for each class in session—varying from 35 to 60—totaling 15,000 to 25,000 copies. Each schedule contains the time and place of instruction, the uniform and equipment, textbook references, type of instruction, and many other details. This information is gathered from the master and weekly schedule boards and the instructor requirement cards.

This division also assigns classrooms, arranges with Communications Department for needed sound and visual aids, provides bleachers for outdoor classes, and maintains an instructional file room which stores and issues such material as advance sheets, outlines of conferences, and special texts.

Nobody Works Crossword Puzzles

Each time there is a last-minute change in schedule every unit of Operations that is affected—and practically every unit is affected every time—must be notified so that it can take the proper corrective action. Schedules must publish and distribute a correction to the schedule. Facilities must substitute a classroom for a range.

Transportation must modify its requests. Troop requirements must cancel or change the order for troops.

Nobody in Operations works crossword puzzles for relaxation. It's too much like his work.

Operations encompasses several other activities that are not immediately related to supporting the instruction. These include briefing of VIP's, budget planning, and management improvement program.

Briefing is Presented Brilliantly

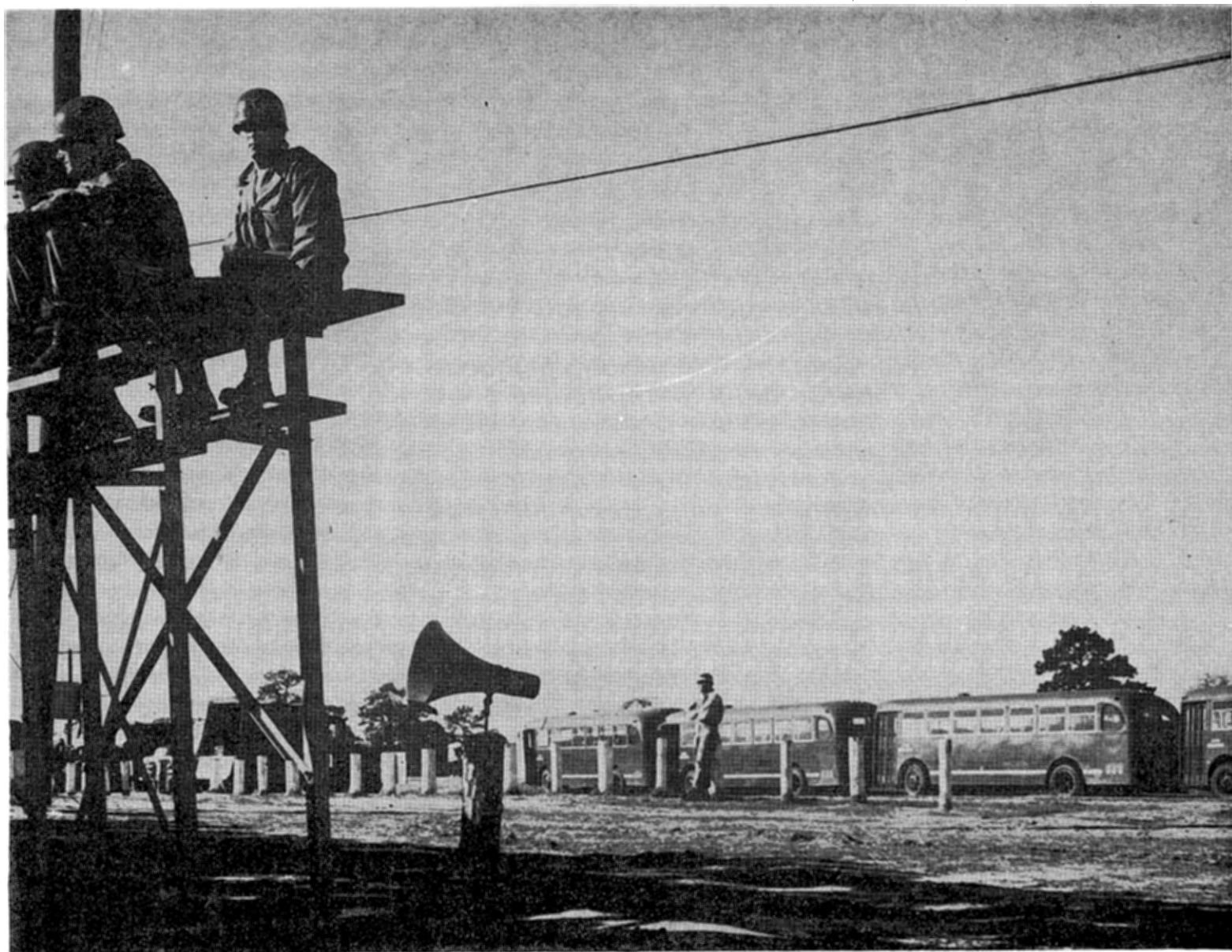
VIP briefing is accomplished in the office of the operations officer, Col. Robert G. Sherrard, and conducted usually by Lt. Col. Lawrence A. Laliberte, executive officer, Major David P. Heekin, chief of Publication and Facilities Division, or Capt. John D. Metz, ammunition officer.

The briefing is brilliantly presented with the aid of a series of maps six feet high, on which the activities of the section are indicated by an ingenious lighting system. With the room darkened, a colored light is flashed for each activity of the section as it is covered by the briefer.

Red lights are used to indicate administrative buildings, blue for classrooms, green for student billeting areas, and orange for close-in nontactical training fields.

The most striking part of the display is the range map. A unique feature of Benning's ranges—which makes them both economical and safe—is that all of the close-in ranges have a common

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OPERATIONS MARSHALS BLEACHERS, PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS, TRANSPORTATION, WEAPONS, NEEDED IN TIS INSTRUCTION.



River Crossing

BY LLOYD L. HEAD

Officers of the associate officers class 23 were given a boat ride on the Chattahoochee River recently when they crossed in 13 M-2 assault boats designed to give them training in crossings under tactical conditions.

Men from Company B, 78th Engineer Combat Battalion, the 406th Engineer Combat Company, and the 530th Artillery Searchlight Platoon, acted as demonstrators for the problem, designed to demonstrate a rifle company in attack of a river line.

The officers were briefed in stands along the river by Maj. J. T. Wren of The Infantry School's Tactical Department. As the briefing was in progress, demonstrators showed how the different types of river crossing crafts are used.

First was given a demonstration of a two-man recon boat crossing, followed by a five-man recon crossing. The officers then witnessed the crossing of an M-2 assault boat with a heavy weapons squad aboard.

The officers got a chuckle on the next demonstration. A storm boat carrying five

FIVE-MAN RECON BOAT, ABOVE, IS USED IN DEMONSTRATION OF INFANTRY ATTACK ON RIVER LINE, FERRYING RECONNAISSANCE TROOPS.

A CRASH BOAT, BELOW, ATTAINING SPEED OF 25 MILES AN HOUR, LEAVES WATER UNDER FULL DRAFT, DARTS 40 FEET UP THE BANK

USA Photos by Berg





PARTING THE WATERS ENGINEER STYLE. THIS FOOT BRIDGE CAN BE THROWN ACROSS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER IN SIX MINUTES

men came roaring down the river, attaining a speed of 18 to 23 miles an hour. Without cutting speed, the operator ran the boat out of the water some forty-odd feet up the bank, cutting the motor off just as the craft left the water.

After this the officers witnessed the erection of a foot bridge that was thrown across the river by some 30 Engineers. They have been known to build this type bridge across the Chattahoochee in six minutes. After this demonstration the officers negotiated the river, using the foot bridge to return to their "home" shore.

A utility boat was next demonstrated. It was explained that this boat is used as a safety precaution when men are in the river. It is also used to help put a heavy pontoon bridge together.

An Infantry support raft, which utilized three assault boats with two treads of three pieces each attached across them, was then set up. The raft is used to carry light vehicles across the river.

A new assault boat was introduced at the demonstration. Weighing only 282 pounds, it is made of fiberglass and is equipped with handles for carrying. It can be carried thus by four men.

M-2 ASSAULT BOAT, BELOW, WITH AN INFANTRY SQUAD ABOARD, SHOVS OFF HERE IN RIVER LINE ATTACK DEMONSTRATION





A FEW YARDS AND THESE RANGERS WILL HIT "AGGRESSOR" FLARES AND BARBED WIRE, BEGINNING TEST OF THEIR LEADERSHIP

AT EDGE OF STREAM AND SET FOR NIGHT SKIRMISH WITH RANGER STUDENTS ARE THESE "AGGRESSORS"—CPL. WM. MOORE, WHO AIMS RIFLE; CPL. CHANDLER DEYO, STEADYING MACHINE GUN; CPL. ARMANDO JUAREZ, AMMO PASSER, AND PFC. FRED PETRUSHKIN, DRAWING BEAD



AGGRESSORS

...Of the 508th ARCT

BY LT. JAMES R. MAILLER

Students at the Army's toughest school, the Rangers, are pitted against the Army's toughest aggressors—airborne troopers of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

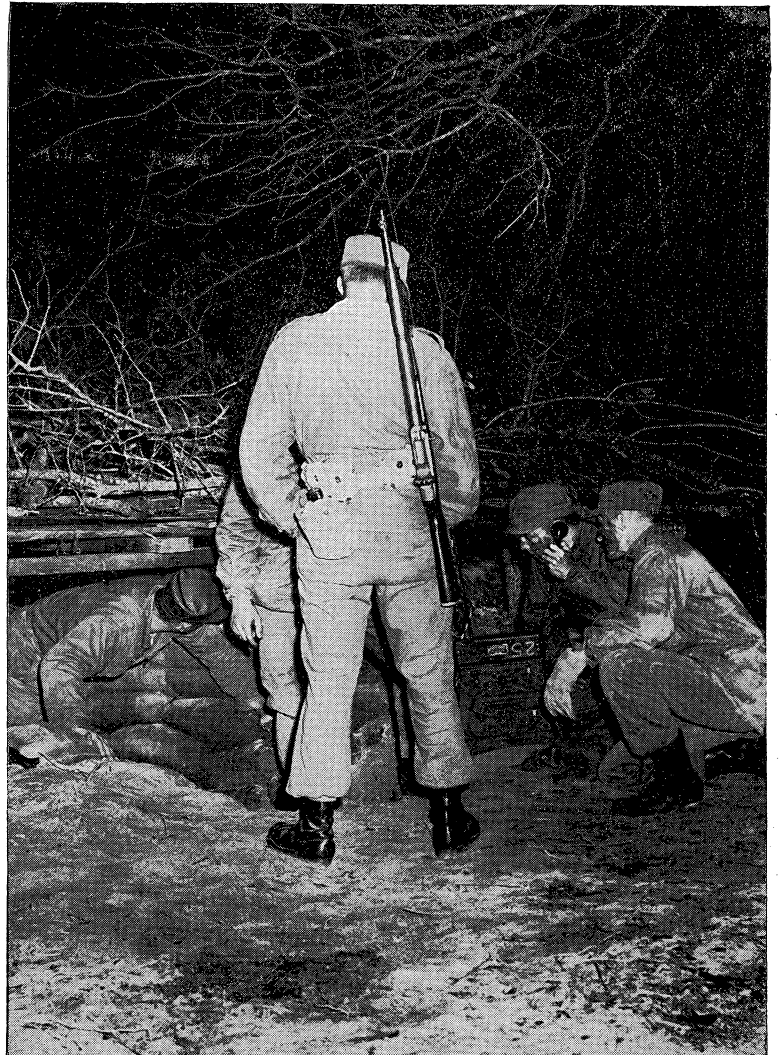
Realism in combat training demanded of Ranger students is matched by the platoon-size "aggressor" team of Red Devil paratroopers, who hike cross-country with full field packs, stay awake almost day and night on 72-hour field patrols, shiver in the cold, mud, and rain, and "attack" fortified positions manned by Ranger students. The novelty of a new problem soon becomes the monotony of a second and third problem, each one longer and more tiring—but as realistic—as the former.

The Ranger Department director points out that the true objective of the course is to test men, who are purposely fatigued, under combat conditions, so that a real test can be made of their ability to think in combat situations.

Realism in small unit tactics would be considerably hampered without the skillful maneuvering of the airborne aggressor platoon, and the troopers aim to keep the students interested.

Dress in Special Uniforms

One method of keeping up interest is by dressing the '08 force in special aggressor uniforms with crests on the helmet liners. Both students and troopers fire blank cartridges and hurl big "fire-cracker" hand grenades that explode with dangerous accuracy when the two forces make contact on night patrols. If the student patrols stray off the problem area in the dark, the troopers often send out small patrols to clash with them.



RANGERS HASTILY CALL BACK FOR SUPPORTING FIRE

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MIDNIGHT AT THE BUNKER COMMAND POST WHERE RANGER STUDENTS PLOT A NIGHT MARCH TO THEIR OBJECTIVE. AT RIGHT IS 508TH "AGGRESSOR" LEADER LT. JONATHAN HARRINGTON, WHO IS ALLOWED IN THE BUNKER FOR COORDINATION AT END OF CONFERENCE

USA Photos by Wolfe





"AGGRESSOR" FORCES COME OFF PRE-DAWN PATROL AFTER ALL-NIGHT SKIRMISH. KNEELING, PFC. ROBERT POWELL, PFC. THURMAN DOWNING, RANGER CPL. IRA STANLEY, PFC. JOHN CORREIA, PVT. LEE BOLT; STANDING, PFC. JOHN QUIRK, RANGER PFC. JAMES TRADO, CPL. WM. CRONIN, PFC. HERBERT FITCH, AND SFC. JOHN VARGAS

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The aggressors are keen on showmanship, because action may not come for eight to twelve hours, when the Rangers breach their lines. Tension breaks in the damp, dark air as the student patrol probes aggressor barbed wire and the troopers set about to trap the Ranger students.

Many a student patrol leader has learned his lesson the hard but sure way, thanks to the aggressive tactics and willingness of the 508th paratroopers to play the game over and over.

Some of these "lessons" find the paratroopers out in the field for an extended period of time. A 72-hour field exercise will see the platoon move into the brush ahead of the students in order to set up a defensive position. Weapons will be hand-carried onto the forward lines and emplacements properly dug. Hours later, in the dark, the student patrol will hit the barbed wire and a fight will begin in earnest.

Maneuvers Around "Aggressors"

In the problem the student patrol maneuvers around the aggressor strongpoint and the troopers quickly pack up their weapons and move several miles to establish a second defensive line. And since most Ranger training is staged after dark, the movement is all the more difficult. Similar maneuvering by each side continues throughout the three-day exercise.

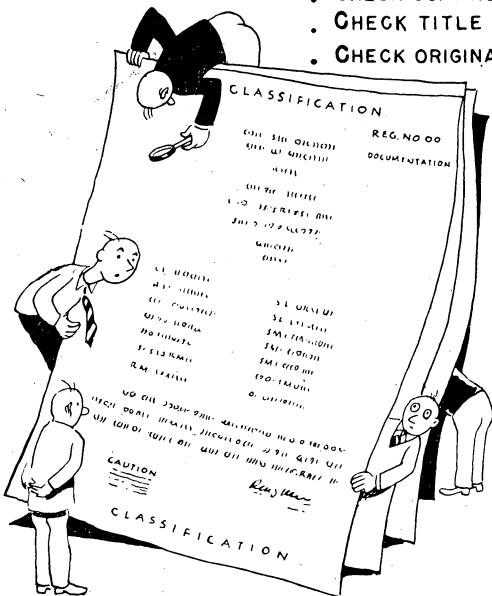
These exercises provide valuable training for the 46-man paratroop platoon. Corporal Dale E. Croning, a regular 90-mm artillery gunner of Support Company, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be an aggressor. "Working with artillery I don't get many chances to observe infantry problems," he said.

Pfc. Fred Petrushkin, an assistant machine gunner of Company K, added, "Being on the front line we can see the whole picture. I think we get tested as much as the students when they make contact."

A typical training statement was offered by automatic rifleman William E. Moore: "We learn most from observing the mistakes made by the students. Usually we can hear and stop them in front of our barbed wire. Then we open up fast with machine gun fire and grenades. At first that confuses the student patrol and they know they've made a mistake."

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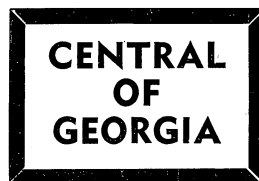
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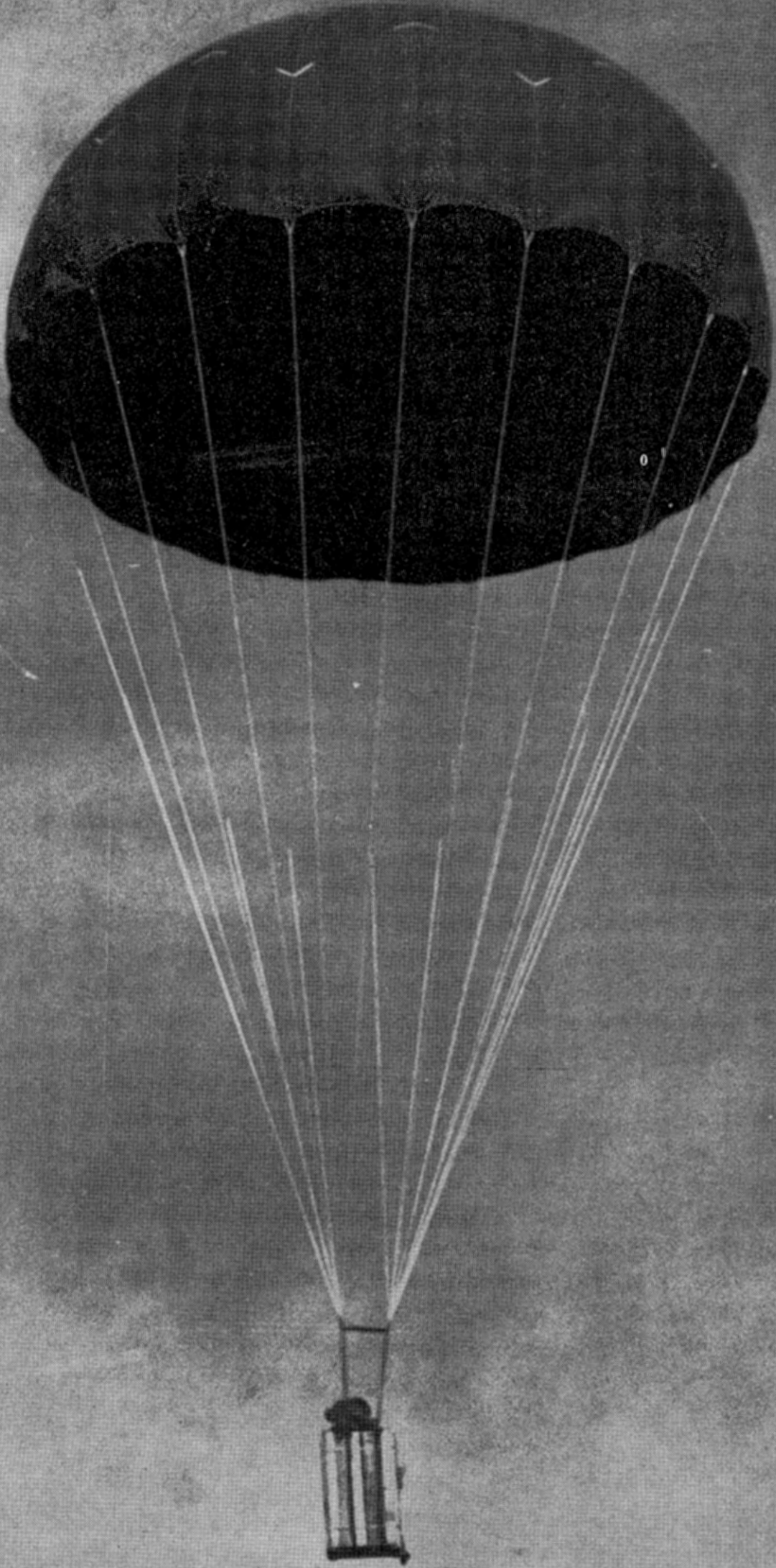
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MONORAIL

BY LT. JAMES A. BUCK

The labored groan of a monorail-equipped C-119 aircraft is heard aloft. You look skyward, then at your watch. It ticks off seven seconds, and you look up again.

Where only the aircraft was seen before, the sky now is dotted with parachutes. And from them dangle 10,000 pounds of airborne cargo. Ten thousand pounds in seven seconds, swinging in the sky!

That's what happens when the crew chief in the aircraft gets the green light from his pilot and presses the salvo button. Almost before you realize it, 20 500-lb. bundles of supplies go slithering along the monorail, plunging out, and then float earthward.

Workhorse of Army

Only three years from the drawing board, the monorail, according to members of the 19th Airborne Quartermaster Detachment of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, is fast becoming the air workhorse of the Army. It outmodes the old way of "kicking" bundles out the door of a plane, making several passes over your objective, and, in the process, losing some of your supplies to the enemy. With the monorail you are usually able to pinpoint your drop-load in a maximum distance of 500 yards—accomplishing your mission in one fell swoop.

In Korea, mountains preclude all but airborne supplies from reaching some of our front-line troops, and combat pilots tell of having dropped barbed wire, gasoline, ammunition, food, and medical supplies in spots to which only mules could move.

The monorail takes its name from the long I beam extending from the clamshell doors of the C-119 to the pilot's compartment. Twenty trolleys connected by a steel cable are spread along the length of the beam. From these trolleys bundles weighing up to 500 pounds are suspended. On top of each bundle is a parachute, attached to a 30-foot static line.

The bundles are evenly spaced from rear to front. When the plane approaches the drop zone the paratainer doors open. These doors resemble bombbay doors, just aft of the pilot's compartment. Through the paratainer well and doors pass the bundles when the salvo button is pressed. There are two ways to release the bundles—from the cockpit or from a post between the doors in the clamshell part of the rear of the plane. These doors may be removed to execute a heavy drop of equipment from the rear of the plane. By the latter method, jeeps, howitzers, and trucks can be dropped.

Minutes to Go

When the pilot gives the verbal order to open the paratainer doors, an amber light goes on. A red light will precede the drop by four minutes. On either a verbal "green light" or bell signal, the crew chief pushes the salvo button and an electrical wheel in the front of the aircraft draws the steel cable around it. Thus the bundles pass over the gaping paratainer well, where they are automatically released. In less than seven seconds the complete load of 10,000 lbs. can be dropped to troops.

Only the C-119 and its predecessor the C-82 are equipped with the monorail. The C-46 is still used to drop door bundles, but there is no better way in sight for dumping equipment than the monorail used by the men of the 508th.

← A G-13 AT WORK IN THE SKY

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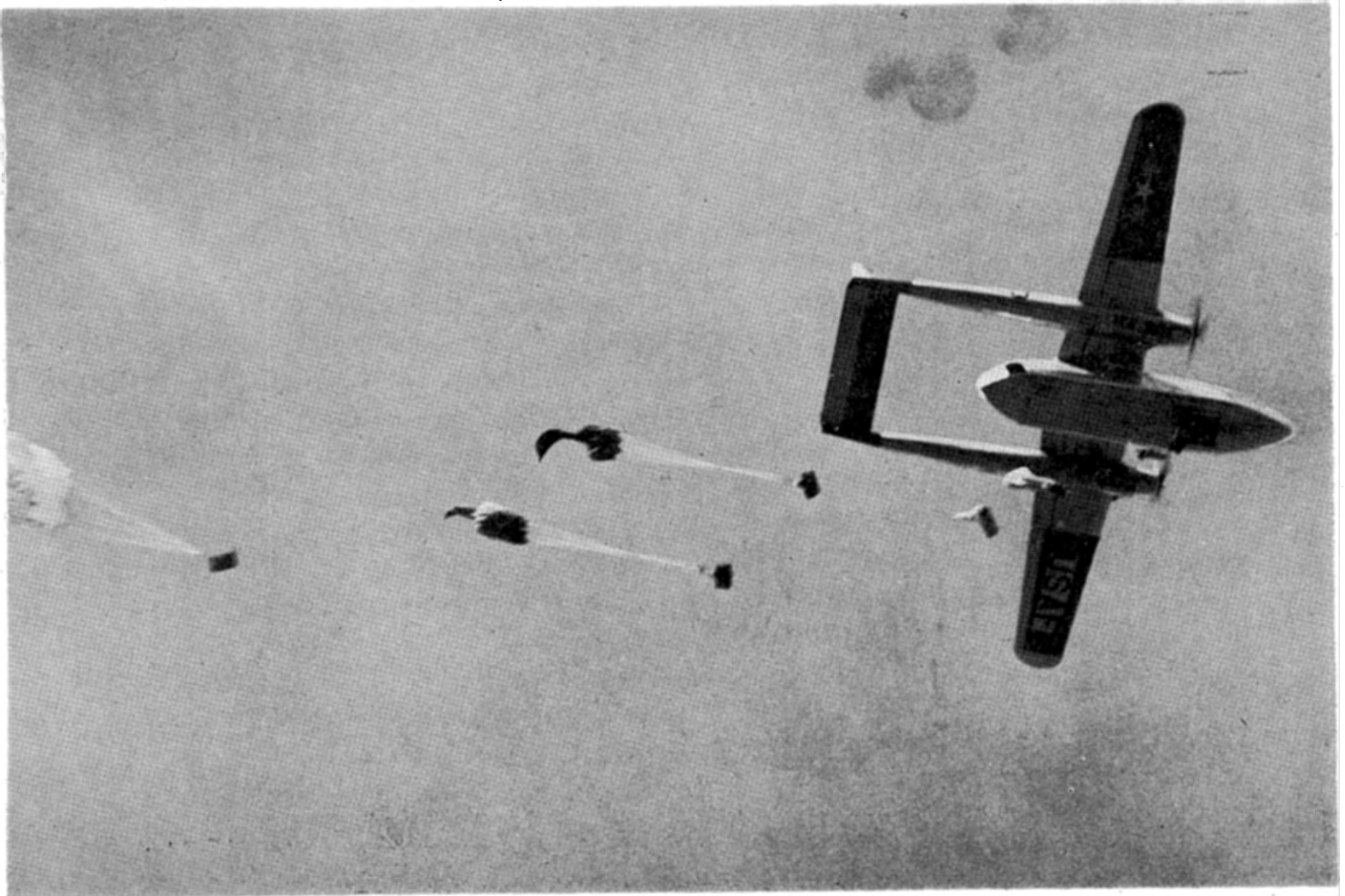
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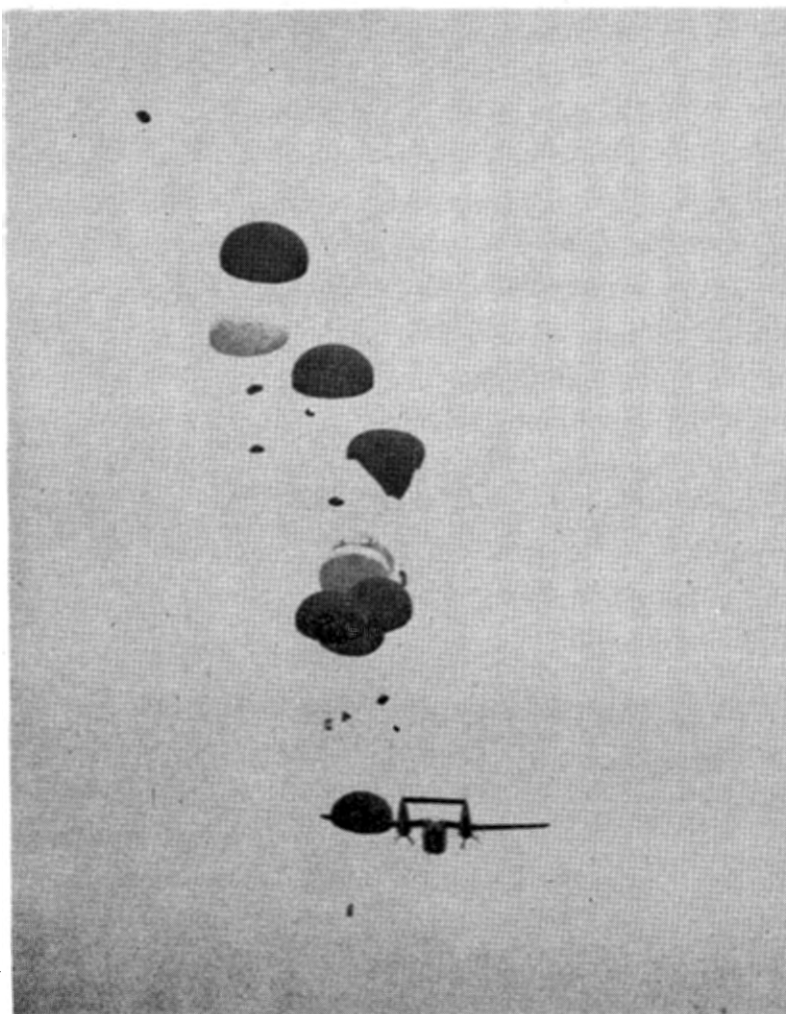
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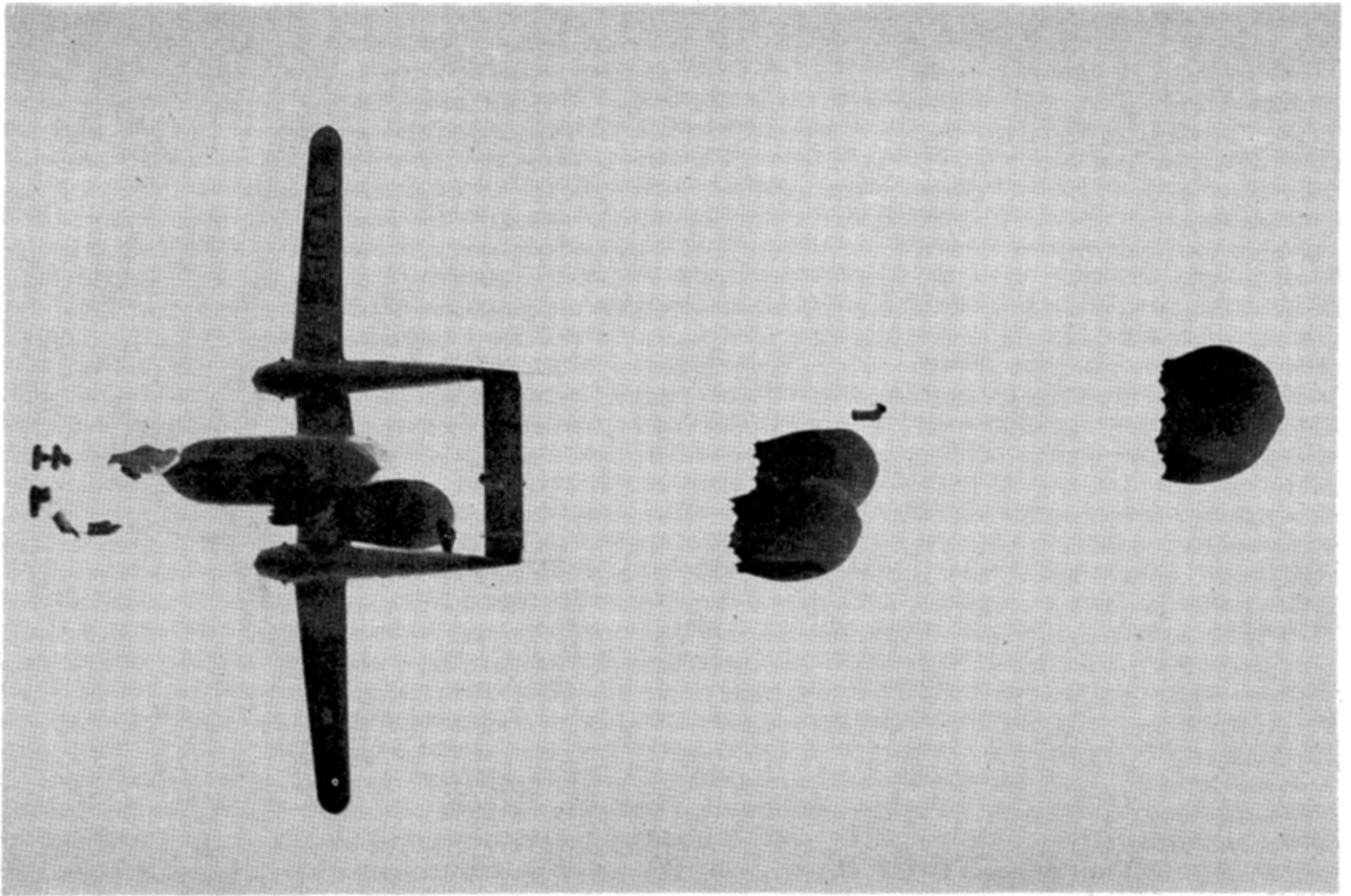
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This presentation is of particular importance to officers of Allied armies who are interested in the details of TIS operations with the view of using some of these methods in their own service schools.

Although Operations deals daily in solutions to tough problems, there is one continuing difficulty that hampers its work. It is the rapid turnover of personnel. This problem is, of course, army-wide, and not confined to Operations. But in Operations, however, on-the-job training is the only way to prepare for a replacement. And the complexity of the work makes the training period long and involved.

Maintains High Standard of Efficiency

"Preparation of the weekly training schedule is an example of a job that gives us personnel trouble," says Colonel Laliberte. "There are so many aspects to this work and so many hundreds of opportunities to make mistakes that it is essential it be done by a man thoroughly familiar with every phase of instructions in every course.

"Recently we were fortunate in obtaining a civilian who is a former reserve Infantry officer. He brings to the work both the military background and the job continuity that we need."

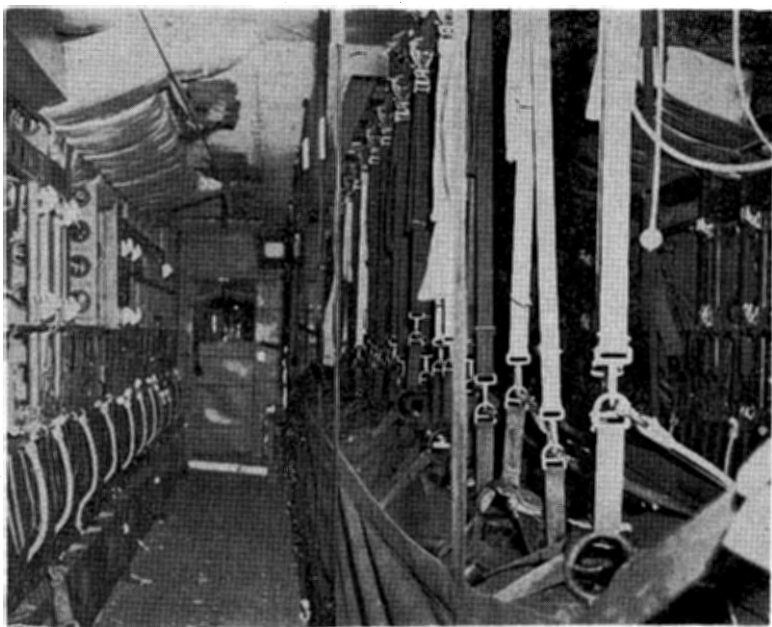
But in spite of this and many other obstacles, Operations maintains a standard of efficiency to which every student who has passed through TIS can attest. The completeness and promptness of all work done by the section has become so accepted that most students never notice it.

Nationally known magazines have noticed it, though, and termed it subject for mention. In an article on The Infantry School that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post in 1951 this was said:

"Civilians who stop by for a visit are likely to depart full of amazement at what they have seen."

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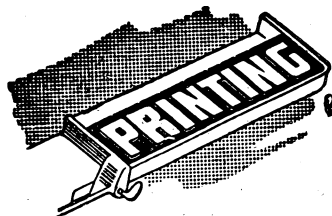
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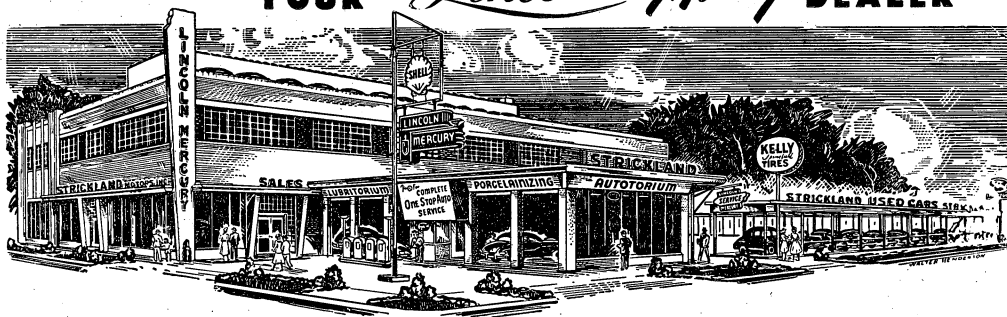
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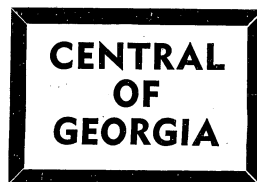
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On This Month's Cover:



Much water has passed over the dam since The Infantry School was organized at Benning in 1918 and many have been the changes that came with the passing years. Our cover shows the first site of the School on Macon road, three miles from downtown Columbus, as it looked in the dim past, together with an aerial view of the present post, "nestling in grandeur on the Chattahoochee." But even before 1918, the Infantryman needed, and got, training. Sometimes this training was sketchy, but even as far back as Washington's time Von Steuben barked the commands that told the Infantryman how to fight with the weapons at hand. But it was not until 46 years ago that the first real school, and forerunner of ours, was established in California.



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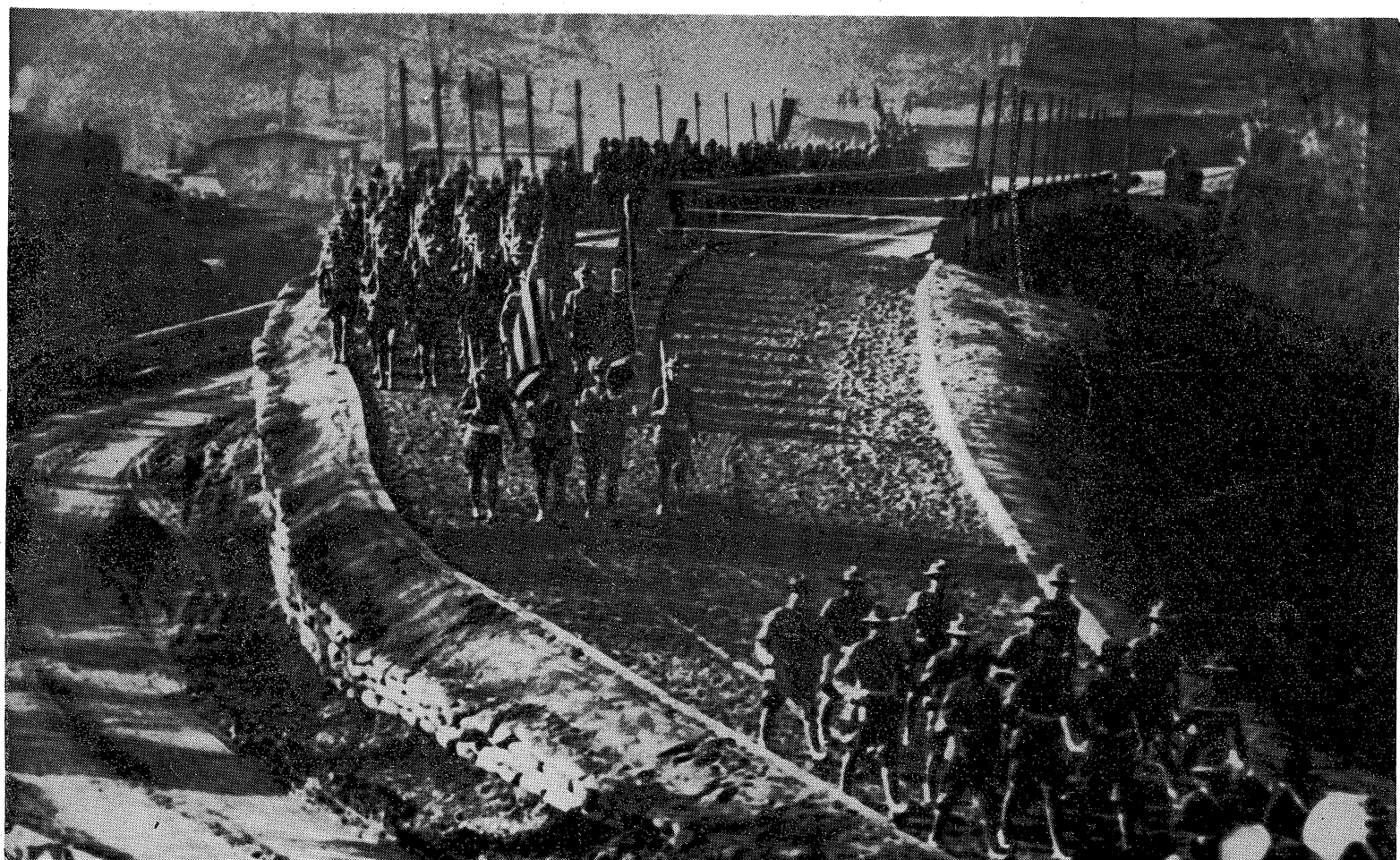
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46 Years Of Service

BY LT. WILLIAM G. NEWBOLD

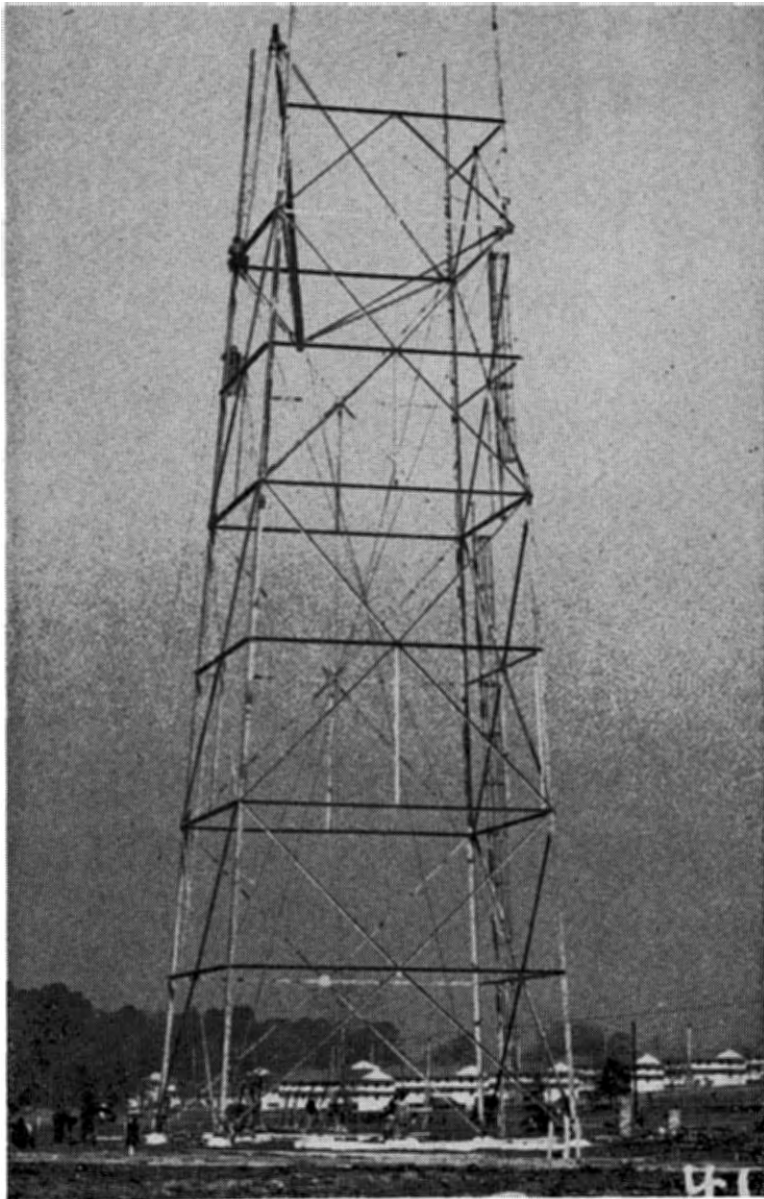
The Infantry's "College of Fighting Knowledge" will celebrate 46 years of service to America in general and the "Queen of Battle" specifically, on April 1.

Supposing, at one time, you were a student, a graduate, an instructor, or just a visitor. When was it? Possibly in 1907 during her infant years or between 1942 and 1945 during her war years when she resembled a gigantic production machine. Well, regardless of the time, or your job, here's a special invitation for you to attend The Infantry School's make believe birthday party. It won't be the kind of party you usually attend on a birthday, but there will be surprises as you note the many progressive changes that have taken place at and in your Alma Mater.

Looking at The Infantry School today, resplendent and grand, it's hard to believe that during these 46 years there were times that saw her near collapse. She survived many critical periods of adversity and handicaps. She weathered the attacks of hard-boiled critics, group hostilities, lack of money, and varying degrees of indifference. Her survival and will to live through these obstacles, and more, are truly an epic in the history of our American Army.

But having the spirit of the Infantry behind her endeavors, she did more than live through these roadblocks. With each year she improved, until today she stands a memorial and tribute to the stout-hearted Infantrymen who nurtured her.

You know, of course, that The Infantry School hasn't always



THE "TOWERS OF ABLE," A LATTER DAY "MILESTONE," FIRST THRUST THEIR STEEL FORMS INTO THE AIR IN 1941, AND AIRBORNE TRAINING GOT UNDER WAY IN EARNEST. SINCE, TWO OTHER 250-FT. FREE-JUMP TOWERS AND A CONTROLLED TOWER HAVE BEEN BUILT.



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TRAINING OF MEN FOR THE "QUEEN OF BATTLE" MOVED FORWARD INEXORABLY AS THE YEARS BROUGHT MORE AND MORE MEN, MORE INSTRUCTORS, AND MORE EQUIPMENT.



ON THE BACK OF THIS PICTURE WAS SCRAWLED, "DEAR MOM, HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME AND WISH YOU WERE HERE." THE GRIM FACE OF THE INFANTRYMAN WHO WROTE THE LINES SEEMS TO BELIE THE STATEMENT WHILE CONFIRMING THE WISH.



LONG IN DISUSE, THIS PONDEROUS MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION SAW ITS DAY AND PASSED.

nestled in the Chattahoochee Valley. Military history tells you that she had her beginning several thousand miles away on a strip of land in California.

Imagine yourself among the first group of students to attend that school. You'll know that her name was The School of Musketry and that she was located at the Presidio of Monterey. The school consisted of only a few wooden barracks and you thanked God that, especially during the Winter, you were in California.

Von Steuben Our First "Instructor"

We might well say the conception of The Infantry School took place in the days of our struggle for freedom from England. This thought comes to us when we remember that General Washington, who saw the necessity of proper training for his Continental army, accepted the assistance of the famous Prussian drillmaster, Baron Von Steuben, in teaching the principles of close-order drill, deployment, and discipline to his small and ragged force.

You read in history how Von Steuben organized and trained our first Infantrymen. Our present-day Infantry proves that he gave much thought to future days.

Most certainly you remember, during your student days, the trim, neat group of men who amazed you with their dexterity and ability in demonstrating various problems and maneuvers; or the assistant instructor who sat next to you at the .30 caliber water cooled machine gun, alertly ready to stop you when you made a mistake. Yes, you probably remember these very well, but have you ever stopped to think how this method of instruction got started?

It was Von Steuben who first suggested to General Washington the creation of a drill and demonstration team. Because of his known ability he was able to induce our first Infantry leader to make an order for additional troops to be added to the guard for the purpose of "forming a corps to be instructed in necessary maneuvers and tactics for use in Army training and to serve as a model for the execution of them."

Training Is Virtually Abandoned

As you sit back and dream of your days on the Upatoi, with voices of the demonstration squads running through your mind with such phrases as "blocks out—bolts forward, covers down," let your thoughts also drift back and try to hear the voice of Von Steuben, barking such commands to the men who originally formed the first demonstration corps. What a task it must have been to perfect them in the art their counterparts show today.

But the training that Von Steuben gave the troops of the Continental Army, excellent though it was, was short-lived. At the close of the Revolutionary war, and following the establishment of our country as a sovereign nation, the training of fighting forces was all but forgotten.

However, shortly before the War of 1812 our leaders were forced to increase the size of our "Army" to approximately 700 soldiers. This was later built up to form a Legionary Corps of nearly 2,000 men for frontier duty. From that time, and for the next 30 years, we find our Army alternately increasing and decreasing with the years.

First School Has Great Start

Check your history again and you'll find that things remained in that state until our forefathers became alarmed at the number of casualties that plagued our Infantrymen during the war of 1812 and the ensuing Indian Wars. Then, and only then was there any effort on the part of our leaders to form an institution at which officers and future Infantrymen of the Army could receive needed instruction.

Remember General Winfield Scott? Did you know that he served on the first board of officers appointed for the purpose of setting up an Infantry School of Instruction? The Board set up the school on a newly established Army post near St. Louis, Mo., and it started off in great style—but, another war, another casualty! The Indian uprisings brought about the death of our first Infantry School in short order.

With the exception of a small school at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., founded by Major General Edmund Gaines and which eventually faded out of existence, and an arms school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., training almost came to a halt.

Lt. Gen. Arthur MacArthur Revives Idea

For all practical purposes our Army went without a school as such for the next 75 years—until Lt. General Arthur MacArthur, father of the illustrious Douglas, revived the idea for the creation of an Infantry training organization. At that time the General was in command of the Pacific coast. From his idea the School of Musketry came into being, and although the old soldiers of that day didn't visualize it, that school on the coast of California was the beginning of the edifice that we salute today as The Infantry School.

And so it went. Classes were small and studies limited to a few weapons, but the new school progressed. In January 1913 we find our infant prodigy making its first step, a move of location from the Presidio to the more centrally located Fort Sill, Okla.

Came trouble and once again our newly organized college became a dormant institution. This time it was brought about by the Mexican Border crisis. Although she became dormant, her name remained on the War Department's list of recognized service schools. In July 1917 a letter from the Adjutant General ordered a reorganization and a change of name for our school. She was named The Infantry School of Arms.

World War I Speeds Training

The soldiers of the "wrap-leggins and campaign hat" days will remember only too well that the next event to affect The Infantry School was World War I. Instead of forgetting about the School, officials decided that here was a war that really required trained and competent leaders, so instead of becoming dormant, as had been the case in past times of adversity, it was decided that she should go into full training activities.

With the increase in the school's activity, it was further de-

cidated that the Oklahoma location was not large enough to accommodate the increasing numbers of student officers.

The choice of the site selection board stirred a beehive of activity in a quiet little Southern community. Folks in Columbus, Ga., had considered themselves and their city very much out of luck. Among Southern cities seeking Army camps, none had tried harder nor met with less success. It seemed that what is now called the "South's Most Progressive City" was doomed to get along without an Army installation.

Then the verdict of the board was announced. The new location of the School was to be Columbus, Georgia. If you were around on that eventful day, you will remember the excitement that gripped the city. Old folks, young folks, housewives, grocers, merchants—all were agog over the news. Questions were flying. "Where was the post to be located?" "How many soldiers would man it?" And so on. The answers were soon to be had.

Three Schools Are Consolidated

East of Columbus in the suburbs, on the Macon road, the temporary campsite was established, and at first occupied only a few hundred acres. Thus the beginning of Fort Benning, the future home of our Alma Mater, took place. But events were soon to materialize that would make necessary another location.

Columbus had her Army camp, small though it was, and the Army had the beginning of its Infantry School. Initial construction moved along at a slow pace. The first group of personnel arrived from the school at Fort Sill. Then the War Department announced the consolidation of the Infantry School of Small Arms from Ft. Sill, the Small Arms Firing School from Camp Perry, Ohio, and the Machine Gun School from Augusta, Ga., at the new post.

Old-timers around Columbus and students of military history know the story of how the new camp received its name. But just in case you weren't among the first students of the school, nor an old-timer of Columbus, perhaps you'll be interested in knowing too. Here's the story.

General Henry Lewis Benning of the Confederacy was recog-



IN 1928, A CENTURY AFTER BARON VON STUBEN BARKED COMMANDS TO WASHINGTON'S PROUD BUT RAGGED INFANTRYMEN, HIS WELL-FOUNDED METHODS WERE AGAIN EMPLOYED AT BENNING. ABOVE ARE SOME WEAPONS OF 1928 VINTAGE.

nized as the outstanding soldier to emerge in this vicinity during that war. A group of civic and military officials, getting their heads together, decided that, because of his outstanding record and in keeping with the spirit of complete union between North and South, it would be particularly fitting to name the new camp in his honor and memory. And so the proud offspring of Columbus became known as Camp Benning.

Col. Eames Orders Flag Raised

To make it official—but without Washington's knowledge or consent—the camp commander, Colonel Henry E. Eames, ordered a flag-raising ceremony and selected Miss Anna C. Benning, the General's daughter, to raise the first flag. Following the ceremony Colonel Eames took up the matter of the name with Washington and received unanimous approval. Thus it became official.

As most of us did in our early days, Camp Benning went through the "growing-pains" stage. And with each new pain it became more apparent that eventually the Camp would have to be enlarged or moved to another location that would afford "stretching room" for its ever-increasing strength.

Say you've never been a student at The Infantry School. Perhaps, then, you were among that group of instructors that came down from the Small Arms Firing School at Camp Perry and brought a head to those growing pains by complaining that firing facilities were not suitable. You went out and scoured the area around the camp, looking for ranges on which to train and instruct your students. Your net results were negative! Because of you, we might say, and those negative results, Colonel Eames caused a new board to be formed to look around for a suitable new location. The board looked and surveyed, then looked some more, but their results bore the same fruit as yours—none!

Great News Breaks Over Columbus

But in the cloud of negative results was one ray of hope. Members of the board, over-straying their boundaries, had looked over the land that the Bussey Plantation occupied, and reported that this site, nine miles south of Columbus, appeared to be an ideal location. Camp officials contacted Mr. Bussey and his initial reaction was favorable enough to warrant elementary proceedings. All of the initial planning had, of necessity, been kept on a relative secret basis.

The old saying, "nothing done in the dark fails to come to light," is brought out in the next few paragraphs.

One fine morning the big news broke. Beyond the Upatoi, Columbusites had noticed fugitive-like movements. There had been mysterious measurings, large-scale use of heavy equipment, and surveyors had been moving back and forth between the city and the Bussey land. Down the old sandy road that led across the creek, there were numerous military trackings, engineers and Army officials kept their heads together. And in the minds of the Columbus citizenry the impression grew that something tremendous was brewing across the creek. But, of course, none of them realized the real significance of it all until the day the story broke. Columbus was happy. Here was not a temporary affair, not just another Army camp, but a School—an institution that would be in service in peace as well as in war.

Mary Knew Who Owned What!

Mr. Bussey's asking price for his land was better than \$850,000, but Major John Paul Jones, representing the Government, offered a figure that just halved the asking price. After a few more days of conversation and haggling, Mr. Bussey graciously accepted the half and went fishing.

In connection with the price, this little story is told:

The teacher in a Columbus classroom asked who owned the Philippine Islands. A little girl held up her hand and said, "Mr. Arthur Bussey."

"Why, Mary," said the teacher, "what on earth ever gave you that idea?" Mary looked amazed, but said nothing more.

The next morning Mary's mother came with her to school. Taking the teacher aside she said, "Teacher, you told Mary wrong

about the Philippines, and I want to set you straight. The United States used to own the Islands but traded them to Mr. Bussey in part payment for his farm!"

So Camp Benning grew, and along with it The Infantry School grew. The move from the old to the new site ran smoothly. Buildings appeared almost overnight and plans for new and bigger ones were on the drawing boards. All through the construction Major Jones acted as the Constructing Quartermaster.

Everything was going along in good order until the war in Europe came to an end. Then just the opposite thing that had caused the near downfall of the School in past years brought new shadows to Benning. Instead of the beginning of a war, it was the end of a war, with resulting economy measures, that called for the immediate abandonment of the post and an order was received to salvage all buildings and equipment.

Only Camp Ever Saved By a Dictionary

Put yourself in the shoes of Major Jones when he received the "salvage" order. What would you have done? Here's what he did.

Consulting the dictionary, he came up with this definition: "to save!"

Armed with this interpretation he issued the order that all buildings would be painted with several coats of first-class paint to "save" them.

This action resulted in a tremendous dollar savings to the American taxpayer. Colonel Eames immediately went to Washington and had a meeting with members of the general staff. Plainly enough, as we can see today, he scored another victory and instead of abandoning Benning it was decided to set up a peacetime Infantry School occupying more than 100,000 acres of land and employing some 5,000 personnel.

Money was appropriated, boards began their work, and throughout the early part of 1919 the combined work of building the new camp and instructing students continued at a rapid pace.

Major General Charles S. Farnsworth assumed command of The Infantry School on June 22d, 1919, and in September the order was issued for the complete and final organization of The Infantry School as a permanent institution.

You, a student of one of the first classes in 1918, on your return visit to the School today would be amazed at the changes and improvements that have taken place on the post. The two wooden buildings that you were familiar with, one for housing troops and the other for academic work, are no longer standing. In their places you'll find new brick buildings of modern design. And you'll find many, many more than just two.

Grows to a Gigantic Institution

In fact, today you'll find that the temporary 97,000 acre establishment you attended in 1918 has grown to a gigantic institution covering 284 square miles and boasting over 5,000 buildings, more than 1,000 of which are of permanent construction. Here's a better picture for you. The facilities that you once knew as a small Army camp can now support a community of 50,000 persons. And it can be safely said that a student attending one of the approximately 20 courses at The Infantry School could well sustain themselves with most of the necessities of life without ever leaving the school bounds. A lot different, wouldn't you say?

But the difference doesn't stop at that. You'll find many other changes, too, in the number of courses offered, method of instruction and presentation (which is ever-changing to meet the trends of warfare), living conditions, recreational facilities, and ever so many more. Yes, without a guide the 1918, or, for that matter, the 1930 or 1940 student wouldn't be able to get around very good. You know that times have changed in almost every walk of life and it's the same story with The Infantry School.

You're familiar with the past, so let's talk a bit about the present, and while doing so we might just go back about ten years.

During the period between the two World Wars The Infantry School continued to give the benefit of its research and developments to the men of the Infantry, not only in tactics and maneuvers to be used in combat, but in allied subjects as well. These included

methods of communication, automotive training, the art of cooking and baking, chemical warfare and staff operations.

War Years Swirl With Activity

In addition to the benefits gained from the peacetime period, The Infantry School again proved its worth during the years just before and during World War II when Benning and the School became a virtual beehive of activity. Troops began to pour in almost before the echo of the first bomb at Pearl Harbor had died away. Additional inactive areas became active with the arrival of such distinguished units as the Fourth Infantry Division and the Second ("Hell on Wheels") Armored Division under command of the late General George Patton.

If you were a member of one of these battle-tested divisions, then such names as Harmony Church and Sand Hill will sound natural to you. When you first saw the area known as Sand Hill probably your first remark was something like this, "Oh no, this can't be the place we're going to stay!" But it was the place and you pitched in and developed it to the degree of perfection it is today. But still you envied the men of the 29th Infantry Regiment whose fortune it was to be located on the main post.

Regardless of your organization, you pitched in to help train and graduate the more than 100,000 students who went through the many courses offered during the war years. As early as 1939, when the war clouds were gathering over Europe, a mobilization order had included provisions for the training of these students, and the School began "full speed ahead" operations.

Young Men Flock Into Airborne

Then a new fad in warfare came into being. A call for volunteers to take paratrooper training went out. Young men, filled with the urge for "high" living and added thrill, volunteered by the thousands for this training. Thus the Airborne Department came into being. From that experimental platoon and the first students to undergo the strenuous training, this comparatively new branch

of the Army's combat forces has grown so that the School could rightfully claim all the great Airborne Divisions of the Army were conceived and had their birth at The Infantry School.

In September 1944 the School graduated and commissioned her 50,000th officer candidate. This milestone was celebrated with a ceremony presided over by Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, then commander of the Army Ground Forces. This climaxed almost three years of war activities during which more than 100,000 students had graduated from the School, not including a like number of airborne students.

The thing that had been our hopes since that December of 1941 finally came true in August 1944. First the Germans surrendered, then the downfall of the Japanese empire came about, and a world that had been fraught with fears, agonies, and pain, could again venture a smile and start to rebuild.

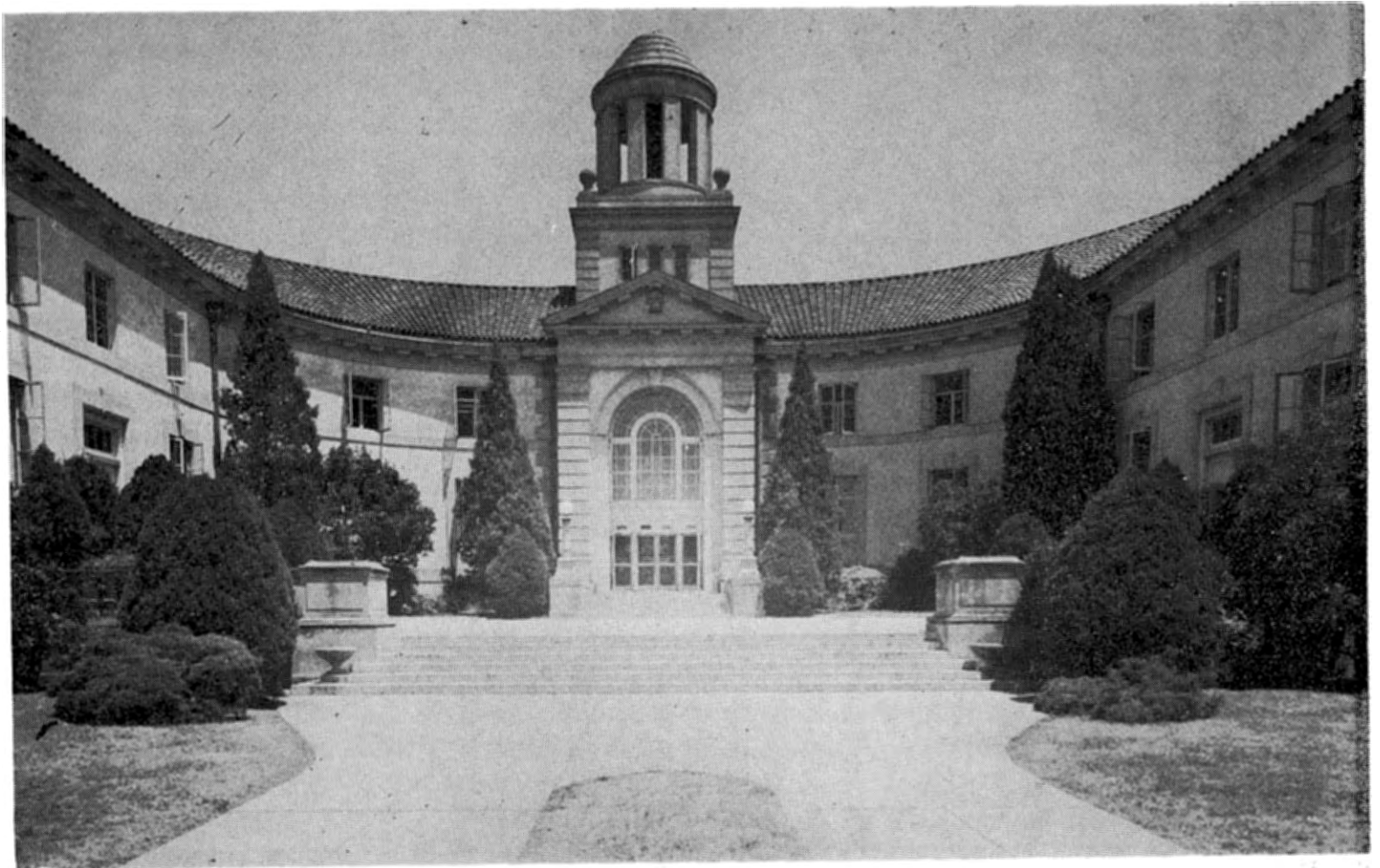
Lull Settles Over the Post

Now that it was over, personnel of The Infantry School could look with pride on their accomplishments of the hectic pre-war and war years, could look with pride at the excellent product that had emerged from her doors, could look at YOU, a graduate, who had fulfilled all of the expectations that had been placed in you when you graduated.

Then a lull fell over Benning and things at the School began to slow down. A gradual change to normal was noticed and by 1947 a certain degree of stability had returned to the area. Nearly all of the "orderly confusion" that had existed during the war years had ended. No longer could you find the great and crammed classes of officer candidates, for this course had declined considerably and had been moved to the Ground General Center in Kansas. In the place of the eager young OC students were the young officers of World War II, a large number of whom received their commissions on the battlefield.

If you were assigned to the School in those post-war years, it

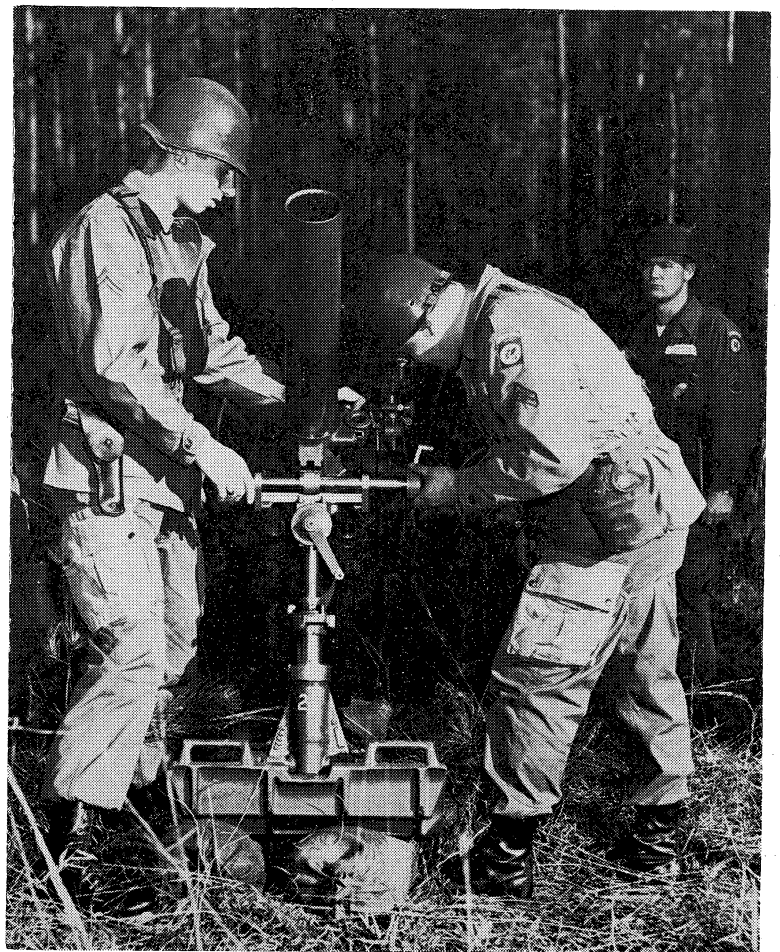
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AND THIS IS THE CLIMAX—THE BEAUTIFUL INFANTRY SCHOOL BUILDING, SEEN FROM THE REAR. IT WAS OCCUPIED IN 1935 AND HAS CONTINUED AS THE "HUB" OF THE POST.



A CALL IS RECEIVED BY CHIEF COMPUTER, SGT. CHARLES LEDDON, WHILE PFCs. HEROLD WESTFALL AND GEORGE ZELINA PLOT FIRE FOR 4.2 MORTARS.



CPLs. WILLIAM BARLOW AND WILLIAM McILRAITH TRAVERSE A 4.2 MORTAR TO "GET ON" TARGET. STANDING BY TO CHECK FIRE IS SGT. GERALD GRIMES.

THIS CAMOUFLAGED 90-MM ANTITANK GUN IS IN A DEFILADED FIRING POSITION AS SECTION LEADER LAWRENCE LEWALLEN WATCHES FOR HIS LAST ROUND'S RESULTS, AT RIGHT OF GUN



Support Co. of the 508th

By LT. JAMES A. BUCK

Support Company of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team is one of the unique companies stationed at Fort Benning and one of the few in the Army today getting its name from its job. There are only seven other similar companies in the Army.

The mission of this organization is to furnish close-in mortar support and antitank protection to elements of the Airborne Infantry Regiment. One might ask, "How can a company furnish both these things?"

Airborne Carries Own Artillery

Support Company answers many questions and needs of the Airborne, with its strange assortment of weapons. The primary weapons of the Sand Hill unit are the 4.2-inch mortar and the 90-mm antitank gun. There are two platoons of mortars and one platoon of "90's," besides a headquarters platoon.

When the Airborne Infantry Regiment "jumps in," it carries its own artillery right in with it. The 4.2 mortar has a range of over 6,000 yards. For a large-bore weapon it is tremendously effective and is able to give a volume of fire comparable to a 105-mm howitzer of the artillery. In each of the mortar platoons of Support Company, we find four gun squads with a mortar in each. There is also a platoon headquarters where the forward observer, platoon leader, and liaison agent are found.

A mortar squad is made up of a squad leader, a gunner, an assistant gunner, and four ammunition bearers. A truck driver is also assigned to each of these squads.

Responsibility for getting the fire on the target is the joint job of the fire direction center and the forward observer. The "FO" calls in his corrections as the rounds burst. In the FDC, the gunnery officer, chief computer, horizontal control officer, and two

additional computers, are busy sending additional changes to the mortar platoons.

Capt. K. D. Mertel reports in the Infantry School Quarterly, "In the space of 15 seconds, 20 rounds of high explosive mortar shells were on their way to burst on the enemy counterattack. To the airborne Infantrymen receiving their support, the thunder of exploding TNT-packed shells was a familiar and welcome sound." That is the praise given a platoon from Support Company by this Korean veteran.

But that isn't the whole story of Support Company; there is still an antitank role to play. That's where the 90-mm AT Gun comes in. There are six of these tank killers in the antitank platoon. They work in a section of two guns, where they can "gang-up" on a tank and hit him from two different directions, or alternate firing and loading for interlaced protection. The "90" is primarily a direct fire weapon. In the modern defense the tank is the antitank protection. Since the Airborne Infantry regiment has no tanks the Support Company is armed with the big tank's usual weapons, the big "90."

Knock Out Tanks at 700 Yards

Usually operating a hundred yards apart, the twins of the "90" section knock out heavily armored tanks over 700 yards away. One section of these guns will usually be assigned to each battalion of the Airborne Infantry Regiment while the 4.2-inch mortar can be called on by any of the battalions, in most cases.

Capt. Charles McCarty, Support Co., 508th Abn. RCT, admits that his unit is unusual. But he is quick to point out that necessity is the mother of invention, and that is why there is a support company in the Airborne today.

AT SWITCHBOARD, WHERE CALL FOR "FIRE" IS RELAYED TO FIRE DIRECTION CENTER, IS CPL. ARSENE KOTH. WITH SUBMACHINE GUN IS PFC. TOM ENKILTERRA. USING RADIO MIKE IS PFC. JOHN O'BRIEN, WHILE SGT. JOHN REHIG, WATCHING FOR SNIPERS, LISTENS IN.

"FDC—ONE ROUND—ON THE WAY," WILL BE THE REPORT OF THIS MORTAR SQUAD AS THE ROUND IS DROPPED IN THE 4.2 - INCH WEAPON OF SUPPORT COMPANY OF 508TH.





WHILE SECTION LEADER SGT. LAWRENCE LEWALLEN WATCHES THE BURST OF ANOTHER 90-MM ANTITANK GUN'S ROUND THIS WEAPON IS BEING RELOADED BY MEN OF THE 508TH.

LOADING A ROUND INTO A 90MM ANTI TANK GUN WHILE CPL. ARNOLD TAYLOR SIGHTS IT ARE CPL. JOE WILKERSON AND PFC. LIONEL GAUVIN.



Sixth Birthday

BY MARJORIE COBB

"Happy Birthday" will be the tune of the day for Fort Benning's dietitians and physical and occupational therapists come April 16, when they join the Women's Medical Specialist Corps in its sixth anniversary celebration.

These specialists within the past six years have become an integral component of the program to safeguard the physical welfare of the U. S. Army Hospital's patients. They feed them, provide exercises for weakened muscles, and encourage the use of injured limbs in crafts.

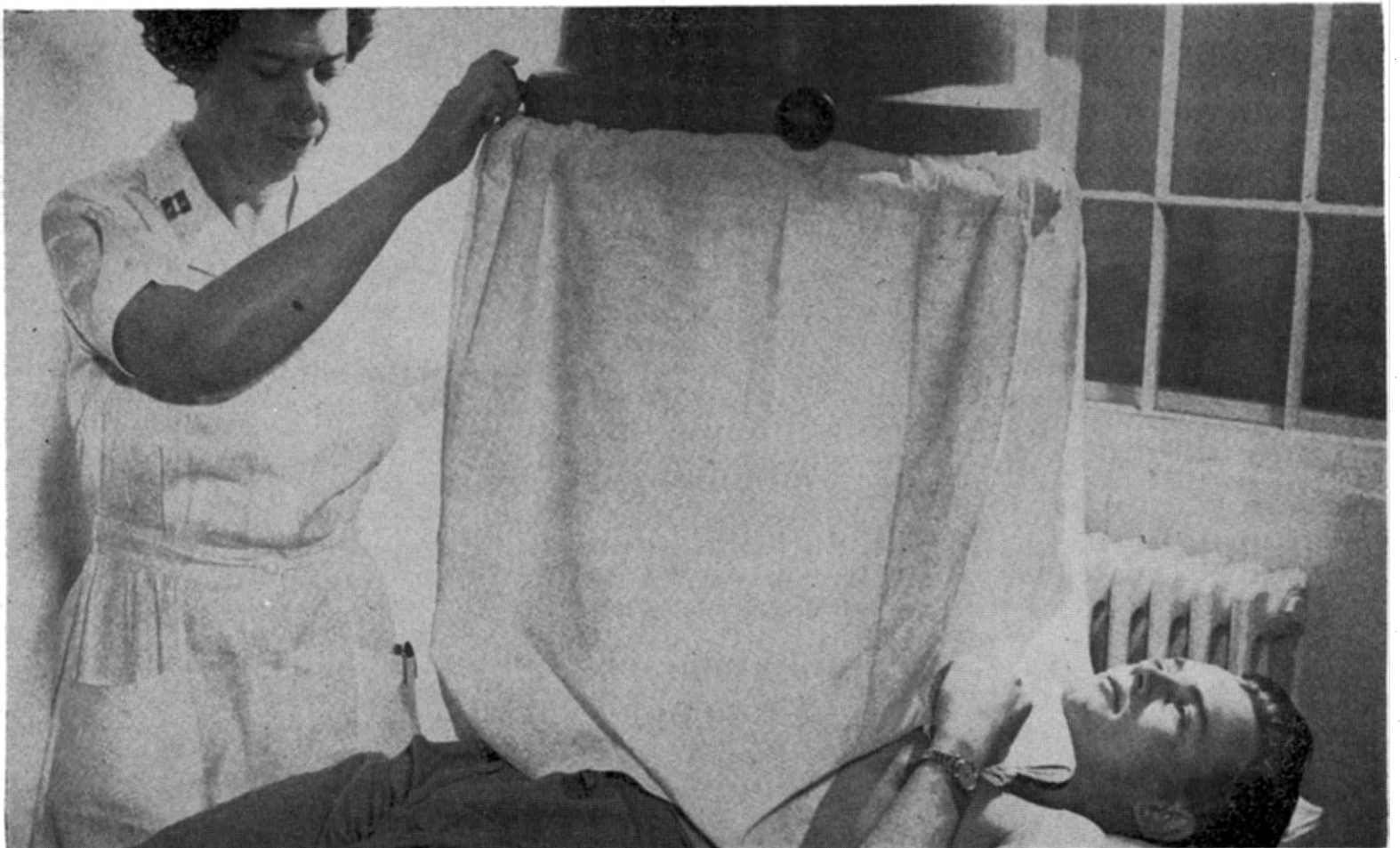
The Women's Medical Specialist Corps came into being with the Congressional approval of the Army-Navy Nurse Act of 1947, but the women were on the job even before that. Prior to 1941 they were serving under Civil Service with the Army, and later the physical therapists and the occupational therapists were two separate corps with the dietitians serving under the Medical Department. The three types of specialists were banded into one organization of the Regular Army under the 1947 Act.

The staff of three dietitians at the Army Hospital has the task of feeding patients and personnel at the hospital. They know how many calories and vitamins comprise a balanced diet and plan menus accordingly for two hospital mess halls. After making up the menus several weeks in advance from a master menu, the dietitians supervise the preparation and serving of all the food.

Major Erma G. Lord of Equinunk, Pa., chief of the food service division, and her two dietitians, 2nd Lt. Elizabeth L. Hall of St. Cloud, Minn., and Capt. Doris C. Hammond of Yorktown, Va.,



SECOND LT. ELIZABETH L. HALL SERVES A FOOD TRAY TO CPL. HENRY E. BARNHILL, A PATIENT IN THE U. S. ARMY HOSPITAL. LT. HALL IS A STAFF DIETITIAN.



WOMEN'S MEDICAL SPECIALISTS CORPS CAPT. BETTY J. SNYDER GIVES SGT. ROBERT L. WOLF TREATMENT WITH AN INFRA-RED HEAT LAMP IN THE PHYSICAL THERAPY WARD.



FIRST LT. BEVERLY H. TOUSLEY WATCHES CPL. KENNETH SHUMATE MAKE A PLASTIC LAMP.

also prepare and serve special diets ordered for the patients by physicians.

Approximately 175 patients a day receive specialized exercises in the physical therapy section, headed by Major Dorothy L. Brasil of 950 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. These patients are put through various forms of exercises that aid muscle control of the injured area, and such treatments as heat, whirlpool, diathermy (short-wave deep heat) and electrical.

The whirlpool treatment is the soaking of a patient's limbs in a tub-like device filled with water rushing around at a whirlpool pace.

The diathermy machine is a heat treatment that penetrates the skin to reach inner muscles, while the electricity treatment is used to exercise muscles that the patient cannot put into use.

Specialized exercises include the riding of a simulated bicycle, lifting weights, using hand pulleys, working foot pedals and walking up and down stair steps.

Conducting this phase of the patient's physical rehabilitation are Major Brasil, Capt. Betty J. Snyder of New Springfield, Ohio, and Capt. Myrna H. Kerce of Oakboro, N. C.

In the Occupational Therapy Section can be seen a display case which holds leather billfolds, ceramics, plastic bowls, silver bracelets, and necklaces—all products of patients' work.

Although numerous crafts are taught in the occupational therapy section, it is no hobby shop. It is a means of treatment, according to Capt. Doris C. Mowery of Mannington, W. Va., who is in charge of the section. Capt. Mowery's co-worker is 1st Lt. Beverly H. Tousley of 70 South LaVista Street, Battle Creek, Mich.

Yes, six years ago the Women's Medical Specialist Corps began its work as an organization and is daily making life worth while for hundreds of patients who have been injured here or in Korea.

Each woman in the corps is trained for her particular field and works hand in hand with physicians at the hospital. Just as a diet is a form of treatment so are the activities of the occupational therapy and physical therapy sections. They all carry on a sound program to make the Army patient a better individual.

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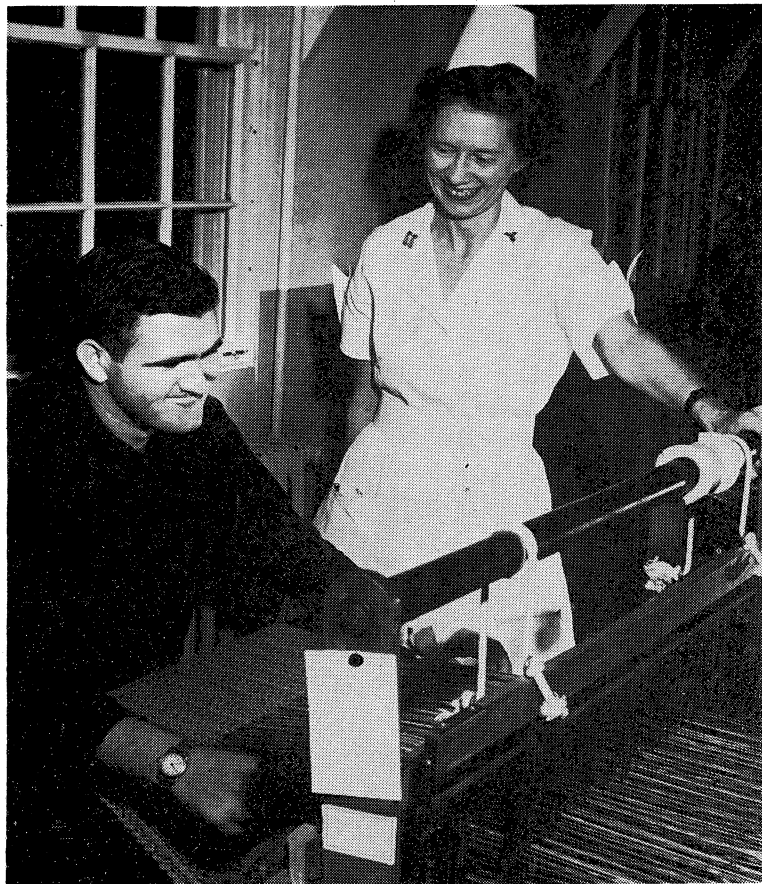
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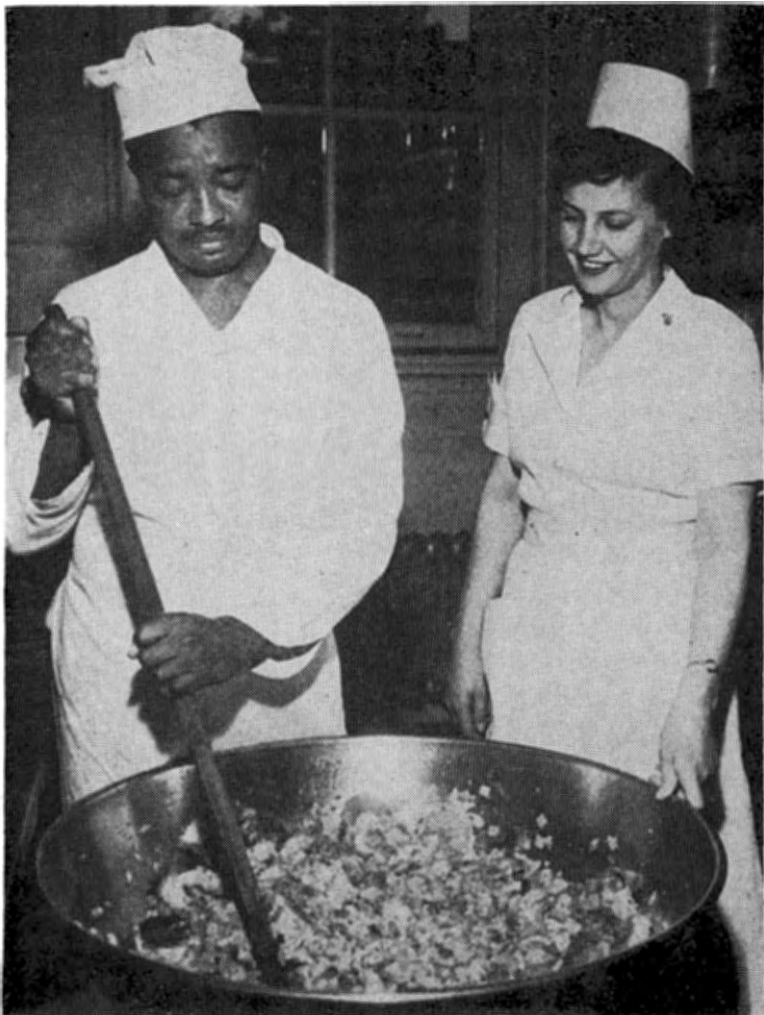
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TWO MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS DISCUSS A MENU WITH PATIENTS. MAJOR ERMA G. LORD, LEFT, AND 2ND LT. ELIZABETH L. HALL, RIGHT, WITH PFC. J. W. McFADDEN OF GASTONIA, N. C., AND PFC. D. J. PETROLLI OF CHICAGO, ILL. MAJOR LORD IS CHIEF OF THE FOOD SERVICE DIVISION.

Correction . . .

In its story, "Operations, Hub of the Infantry School," printed last month, *The Herald* published the picture immediately below with the wrong caption. The picture is therefore reprinted with the correct caption, and below it appears the picture that should have accompanied the caption.



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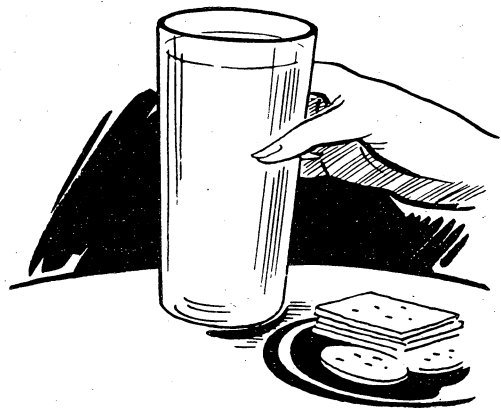
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might have looked to you something on the order of a United Nations gathering. Visitors and students from nearly every country came to have a look at the School. Numbered among these were the great war leaders of the nations who had learned to admire the American Infantryman and the way he acted as a fighting man, or as a diplomat. They also came to see the techniques that enabled this country to produce such outstanding officers and non-coms in so short a time. They came, they saw, and they left—well pleased.

What we might term the "third phase" of extended operations began with the arrival of the Third Infantry Division in January 1939. Headed by Major General P. W. Clarkson, the mission of the "Rock of the Marne" was not only to train men to take their places in America's striking force, but also to serve The Infantry School as demonstration troops.

The Infantry School and Fort Benning were quietly active again. Peace was still our prayer, in spite of the fringe of dark clouds that were gathering in the Far East.

But our prayers went unanswered and with the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, coupled with the committing of our Infantry to help stave off the Communist threat, The Infantry School once again took on the old familiar buzz and whirl of a war-time camp.

Courses were speeded up and expanded to meet the demand of the call for qualified Infantry leaders. The Officer Candidate School returned to Benning and soon the reflection of 1941-44 was a reality again.

Officers who had graduated from the School back in World War II were recalled and given refresher courses, then put on a boat or plane headed for the "Land of the Morning Calm." Organizations were trundled off on short notice. Once again the Queen of Battle was in the forefront of activities and once again The Infantry School was being taxed almost to its limit. OC courses were put on a two-a-month basis, associate and advance courses were increased, and still men were graduated to take their places at the head of the Infantry and her efforts in Korea.

Today, as their School, under the guidance of Major General Guy S. Meloy Jr., continues to produce Infantry leaders, these past grads of the courses are returning to their homes. Those who are continuing in the Army are usually assigned to The Infantry School. Here they serve on various teams and committees, passing on to new students the important points of their hard-won knowledge, gained on Korea's fighting front.

New students, whose names may some day be ranked with those of Dwight Eisenhower, Omar Bradley, Mark Clark, Lawton Collins, Matthew Ridgway, James Van Fleet, John R. Hodge, William Dean, and YOU, and all graduates of The Infantry School agree to a man that "There could be no better or truer motto for The Infantry School than the one emblazoned on their blue shield, "FOLLOW ME."

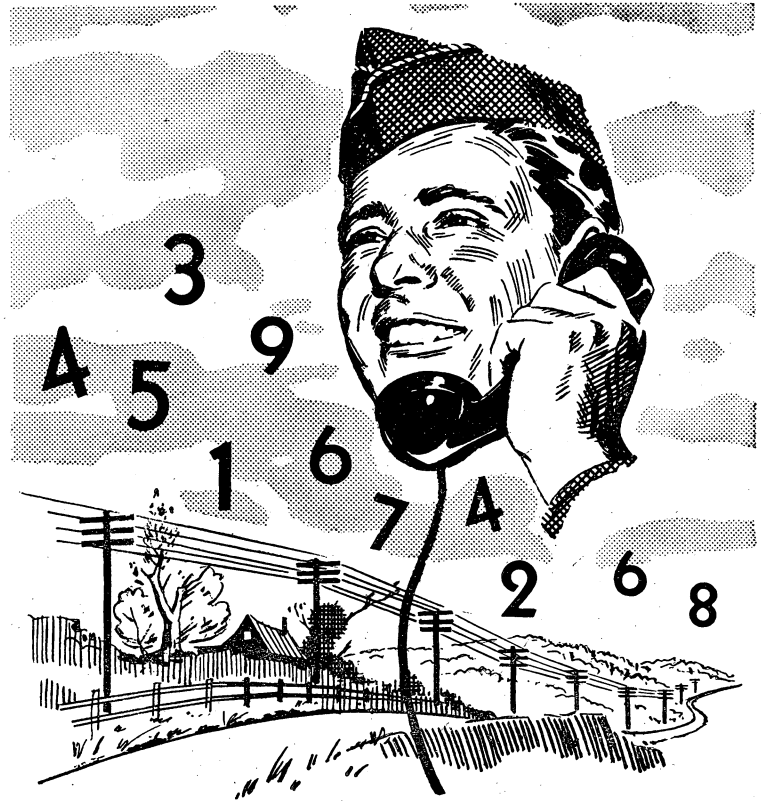
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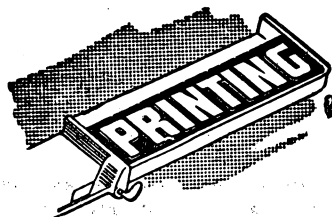
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Ever since 1942, when the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps was established, women of the Army have participated in Armed Forces parades and formations. Our April cover shows that the Women's Army Corps of 1953 is carrying on the tradition established by those "Auxiliaries," as members of the Fort Benning Wac Detachment prepare to parade with other units of Special Troops Command. Six members of the Fort Benning Detachment served with the original WAAC. They serve with women who have been graduated from high school recently and have joined the Women's Army Corps.



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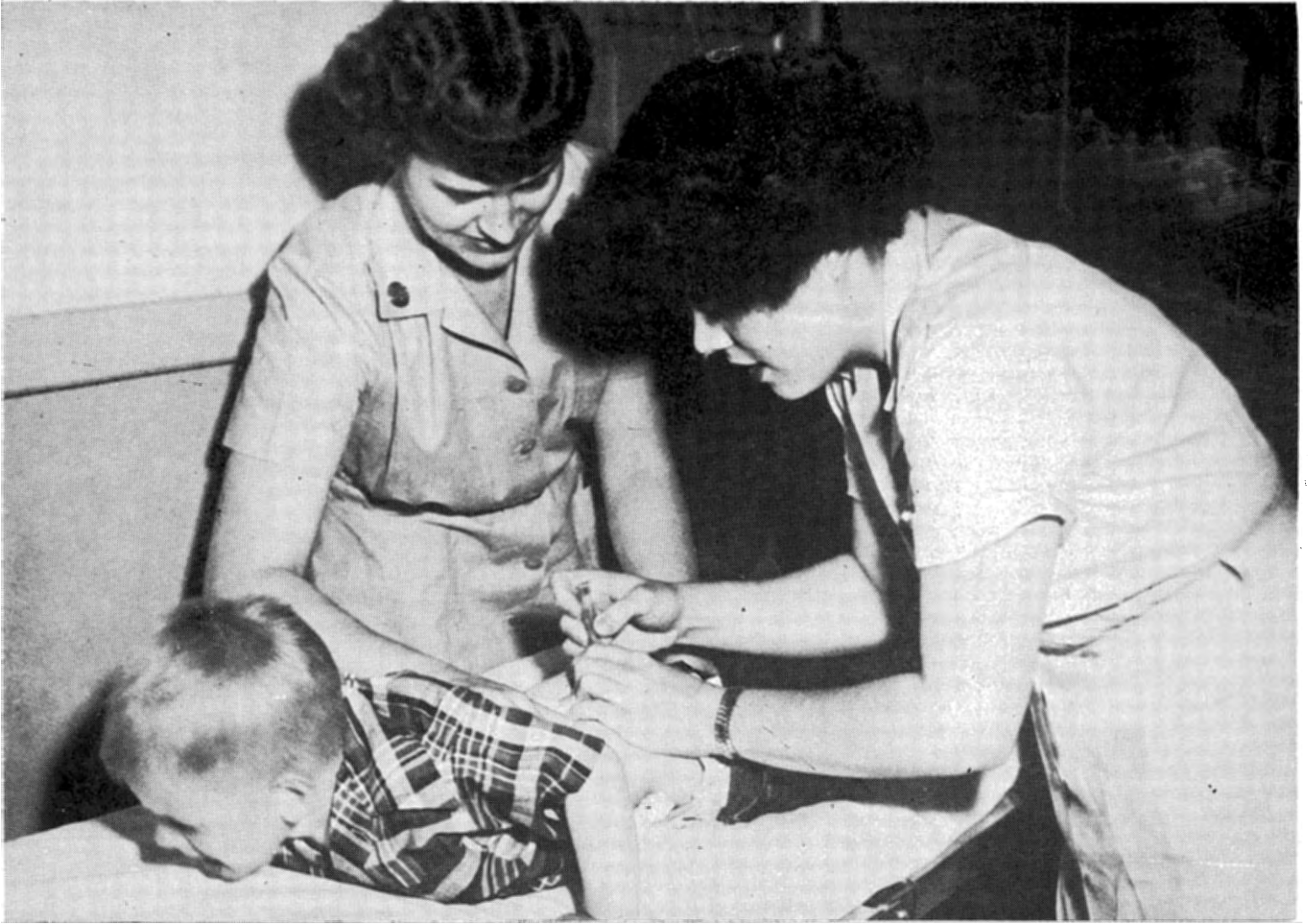
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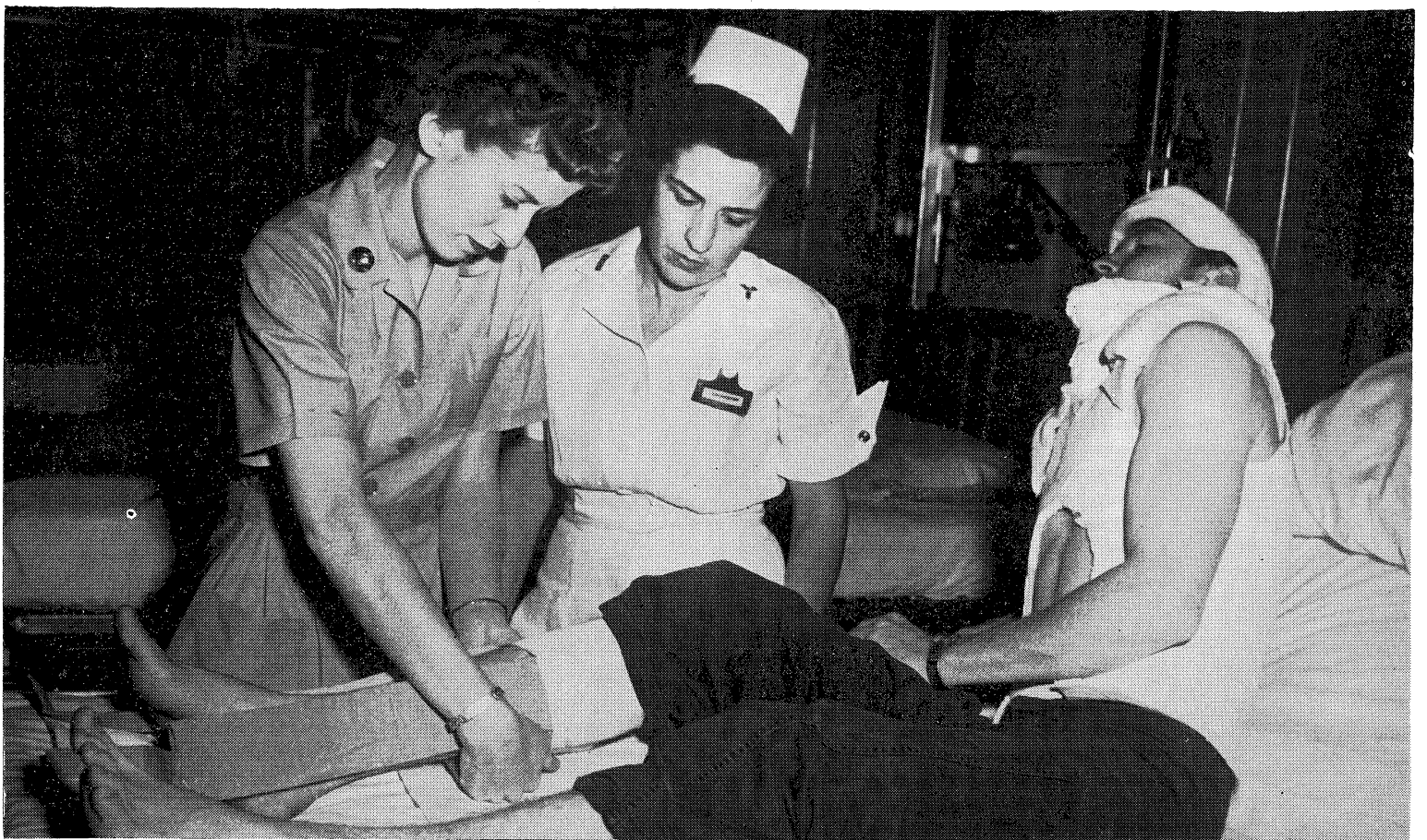
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Ouch! There's no faking here as Benny, son of Cpl. and Mrs. B. D. Blackwell, Columbus, Georgia, gets the works from (l-r) Pvt. Helen Stout and Pfc. Ada Venier, medical technicians at the USA Hospital's General Dispensary.



Wacs are employed in many medical and surgical activities at the Army Hospital. Here (l-r), Pfc. Phyllis Hearn, Moline, Ill., assisted by Lt. Helen Livingstone, Algood, Tenn., dresses the leg of Pfc. Duell Romine, Summerville, Ga., a recent Korean returnee.

The Wacs Are Eleven!

BY LT. WILLIAM G. NEWBOLD

Fort Benning's 100 Wacs will join thousands of their sister-soldiers all over the world May 14 in celebration of the Women's Army Corps' 11th anniversary.

Women came into the Army May 14, 1942, when Congress authorized their voluntary enlistment. Originally known as the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), the organization was headed by Col. Oveta Culp Hobby.

The first WAAC training center was established at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, and two more were added later at Daytona Beach, Fla., and Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. A WAAC Officer Candidate School also was organized and placed under the direction of Col. Don C. Faith, a former instructor at The Infantry School at Fort Benning. Wacs were first assigned to foreign duty in Algiers in January, 1943, and the following July the word Auxiliary was dropped from Women's Army Corps.

Army women piled up enviable records wherever they served. From top commanders in Europe, England, Africa, China, India and New Guinea came requests for more Wacs. As a result, enlistment efforts were accelerated until, at the peak of the war, more than 100,000 women were in the Army.

Fort Benning Wacs Maintain High Standards

Today, Fort Benning Wacs are continuing to maintain the high standards of efficiency set by their predecessors, Infantry Center officials say. They serve in personnel and administrative posts, medical services, communications, supply, food service, finance, and ordnance.

Commanded by 1st Lt. Jewel H. Wales of Yuba City, Calif., the 100-woman detachment has received the praise of Col. Irene O. Galloway, WAC director, who told Lt. Wales that "your detachment is one you can be proud to command."

Lt. Wales' duties are manifold. Although similar to those of any other company commander, she sometimes finds herself confronted with a few unique problems that would be novel and slightly confusing to her male counterparts. In addition to her duties as commander of the detachment, which also includes duties as executive, supply, mess, training, sanitation, athletic and recreation and voting officer, she also has these responsibilities.

Checking to see if hose seams are straight, that fingernail polish is not too bright, and that no women have "Veronica Lake" hairdos. She also must operate the detachment dining hall to give her Wacs 2400 calories daily. (Men get 3600).

Before entering the WAC, Lt. Wales was a co-ed at the University of California. She received a direct commission, followed by advance training at Fort Lee, Va.

Six Women Enlisted in WAAC

Practically every section and department of The Infantry Center and Infantry School employ Wacs.

Six of the women now on duty with the detachment at Fort Benning enlisted in the original WAAC. Four served in active combat theaters during World War II, and 16 have served overseas during their Army career. Women ranging in age from 18



Major General Guy S. Meloy Jr., CG TIC, and Colonel Irene O. Galloway, WAC Director, are shown at the Benning WAC Detachment during Col. Galloway's recent visit and inspection of the Detachment.



Another sister team in the local Detachment is the Riel girls. Above (r-l) Pfc. Dorothy and Pfc. Marion read a recent letter from home. Both girls are assigned to the Finance Section at Fort Benning.

to 52 compose the Fort Benning detachment, which has been awarded a Presidential Unit Citation as well as many local honors, including the Special Troops Command plaque for health and conduct during 1952. She has almost no disciplinary problems, says Lt. Wales.

Occupying a small cluster of buildings which include living quarters, dining hall, day room and orderly room, Fort Benning Wacs live in an area convenient to most recreation and social activities in the post. Their living quarters are divided into single-and-double-room cubicles.

Sgt. Twyle M. Kloos of Iowa City, Iowa, detachment clerk, speaks for all Fort Benning Wacs when she says that one of the "best things about the quarters is the leeway we are allowed in decorating them to our individual tastes. We're allowed to decorate our rooms the way we want them, within the limits of fire and safety regulations," she remarked.

Other conveniences are provided for Fort Benning Wacs. Their laundry room is equipped with electric washing machines, ironing boards, refrigerators and women's other necessities. Their day room is well-stocked with magazines, books, a ping-pong table, indoor games, equipment, and a radio. A date room also is provided for escorts.

The Wac Detachment dining hall is headed by Sgt. Lucy Bates of Martha, Tenn., mess steward.

Preparation of the meals is the responsibility of Cpl. Glenna K. Boyer of Tampa, Fla., Cpl. Helen M. Salmay of Parsons, Pa., PFC Alta P. Lott of Cameron, W. Va., PFC Edna E. Wallace of Prescott, Kans., and Pvt. Elsie M. Hagan of Sioux Falls, N. D.

Half-Century of Combined Service

Many unique combinations are found in the Fort Benning Wac Detachment. There are a "mother-daughter" couple, two sister teams, and a combo with more than 50 years combined service. Two of the Wacs are married to men stationed at Fort Benning.

There is no blood relation, however, between the "mother and daughter" of the detachment. It's a title given to SFC Carrie K. Rude of Gressona, Pa., and Pvt. Maxine E. McCartney of Charleston, W. Va., who represent the opposite ages in the unit. Sgt. Rude is 52 and enlisted in the original WAAC. Pvt. McCartney, 18, came into the WAC immediately after graduating from high school. After basic training at Fort Lee, she came to Fort Benning and is now assigned to the Provost Marshal's Office.

How the career vs. marriage question works out among Army people is well demonstrated by the two married women in the detachment. Their husbands also are at Fort Benning. One of the couples is all-Army, and the other is an Army-civilian duo.

Wives usually follow their husbands from place to place, but the Army-civilian couple reversed the procedure. PFC Lott's civilian husband followed her to Fort Benning and is now employed on the post.

The other Wac who has proved that a career and marriage can be mixed successfully is PFC Alice W. Chandler of Adel, Ga., who works in the U. S. Army Hospital.

The combined total of service in the WAC for the five women who make up the "old-timer" group represents almost a half century of service. M-Sgt. Virginia L. Cooksey of Glendale, Calif., detachment first sergeant, has the edge over all. She enlisted in July, 1942. She plans to retire after 30 years service.

Other "old-timers" in the detachment include M-Sgt. Margaret L. Farrell of San Antonio, Texas, a clerk in the Adjutant General Miscellaneous Section; M-Sgt. Eleanor M. Pratt of Mobile, Ala.; Sgt. Martha K. Caldwell of Caledonia, Miss., and SFC Rude, all of whom work in the hospital and whose WAC service averages nine years and seven months each.

WAC Recruiting Is Selective

What's behind this fifty years of service? It's understandable why a man would devote the best years of his life to the Army, but what's in it for a woman? Sgt. Pratt speaks for the old-timers.

"All of us enlisted during the war, so you might say our initial

reason was patriotism. After a few months service, however, we learned that woman-soldiering was interesting. We found that jobs in the WAC are never boring, chances for advancement are excellent and the retirement plan can't be matched."

"You've got to be good to get in the WAC," commented Sgt. Farrell. "The Army considers the WAC so important these days that the old recruiting program has been superceded by a selection program. Recruiters now are stressing 70 per cent quality and 30 per cent quantity. A girl has to make as high a grade on her mental test as an applicant does for admission to OCS. She must secure letters of recommendation from three leading citizens of her community, and she must be a high school graduate or be able to pass an equivalent test."

Pvts. Dorothy E. and Marian Riel of Missoula, Mont., and Pvts. Clarice J. and Doris C. Trussel of Cedar Grove, Me., make up the two sister teams of the detachment.

The Riels entered the service together.

Dorothy, a high school student at the time, was the first to mention the WAC. They talked it over and then discussed their plans with a Wac recruiting sergeant. Dorothy graduated, Marian gave up her job as a hospital receptionist and they enlisted.

Now both of them work in the Finance Office; Dorothy as an allotment clerk and Marian in the travel pay section.

Both Trussell girls are teletype operators in the Signal Communications Center. Clarice and Doris have been together all their lives: in school, during basic training and in their duty assignments.

"We both discussed the WAC several times before we visited the Recruiting Station," Doris said. We were finally sold on the travel and adventure offered by the WAC," chimed in Clarice. "It's a wonderful life and we love it."

A semi-international flavor was added to the Fort Benning detachment with the assignment of two full-blooded Hawaiians. PFC Gladys S. Tseu of Honolulu, and PFC Mercedes Daano of Nanakuli, Oahu, became interested in the WAC while in their native land.

Both were processed in Hawaii, but Daano went to San Francisco for her enlistment. Speaking for both, Daano claims that it was the opportunity for travel, adventure and schooling offered by the WAC that made up their minds.

Tseu is a signal communications specialist and Daano works in the Military Personnel Division of the School Brigade.

Hospital Officials Appreciative of Work of Wacs

Most girls learn the fundamentals of cooking in high school. Usually that's it until wedding bells ring. This was not so for PFC Betty L. Schwarz of Chicago, Ill., and Pvt. Zoe LeMar of Holdrege, Nebr., students at The Third Army Food Service School.

"There's a lot of difference between Army and civilian cooking," remarked Pvt. LeMar. "The big difference is the amount cooked. At home you'd cook for two or three, while in the Army you usually cook for two or three hundred," she added. PFC Schwarz said what she is learning at the school would be useful to her in her homelife.

Although Wacs are used in almost every activity on the post, the U. S. Army Hospital utilizes the majority, where 26 are employed. Thirteen of these are on ward duty, supervised by Army Nurse Capt. Alpharetta Slaats of East Dubuque, Ill., who has this to say about Wacs:

"The work of these ward girls is terribly important. Many times they constitute the only link between doctor and patient. One slip on their part could very well mean the difference between life and death. Their attention to patients in a post-operative status is just one example of our trust in them."

Lt. Col. G. Smith, chief nurse, paid Fort Benning Wacs another compliment when she said:

"We're proud of having these young ladies assigned to the hospital. Judging by their past and present degree of efficiency, we could very well use 50 instead of the 26 we now have."

Wacs enjoy working at the hospital, too. PFC Phyllis J. Hearn of Moline, Ill., is assigned to the orthopedic ward and says she's

amazed to see the various types of tractions, splints, treatments and dressings she encounters in her work.

"I'm learning a lot," she said. The doctors and nurses are very cooperative and painstaking in helping me to learn this important work."

Satisfaction in Hospital Work

PFC. Ruby N. Stutts of Ovet, Miss., puts in eight hours a day in the recovery section and is responsible for patients in their immediate post-operative condition. She knows the after effect of anesthesia on her patient and also knows what to do if he doesn't react normally.

She had this to say about her work:

"My constant attendance with patients in this dazed condition has given me added satisfaction and a greater sense of responsibility in my job."

Some of the girls are assigned to the female medical and surgical wards. They find that a definite job assignment such as they have proves beneficial. Through constant work and close supervision by professional personnel, they learn much concerning the symptoms, causes and treatments of many different diseases. Two such girls are Pvts. Hattie M. Mims of Green Pond, S. C., and Elizabeth A. Rice of Madison, N. J.

Pvt. Viola M. Winkle of Springfield, Ohio, says that the experience she's gaining by working in the maternity ward is giving her a good background in practical nursing.

"Being with mothers and babies provides a happy environment for working," she said.

Other ward specialists include PFC Lavonne J. Dotson of Sturgis, S. D., PFC Emma D. LaBee of Murfreesburg, Tenn.; PFC Gloria Morgan of St. Louis, Ill.; PFC Bessie M. Phillips of Sumerall, Miss.; PFC Bertha B. Scheiss of Sun Prairie, Wisc.; Pvt. Inez N. Martin of Des Moines, Iowa; Pvt. Elsie E. McQuillian of Wilmington, N. C., and Pvt. Lucille M. Smolenski of Oxford, Mass.

"These Girls Rate Pretty High"

Col. Smith's remarks apply equally to the other Wacs whose duty-day is spent at the hospital. This praise is backed up by Major Mildred Turner of Brundidge, Ala., supervisor of the Wacs working in the general dispensary. She says, "These girls rate pretty high in my book, too. I have five of them working for me, and they're the cream of the crop. They are an efficient, hard working lot and a definite asset to our organization."

Pvt. Eva L. Johnson of Elk City, Okla., speaking for this select group, which includes PFC Ada M. Venier of South Rockford, Ill., Pvt. Anna F. Shuford of Portland, Ore., Pvt. Helen E. Stout of Shell Creek, Tenn., and Pvt. Marlene D. Wright of Jacksonville, Fla., said:

"We are thrilled with this opportunity to give aid and comfort to the dependents of military personnel. In addition to helping them, we're also benefiting ourselves in many ways. The medical personnel who supervise us are tops."

She went on to explain that their duties consist of administering immunizations, giving penicillin therapy, accompanying ambulances on calls that concern female patients and service as receptionists.

The job of Pvt. Geraldine Koliss of Whitinsville, Mass., who works in the X-Ray Clinic, is educational and interesting, she says.

Pvt. Elaine B. Base of Osburn, Idaho, lends her talent to patients in the Orthopedic Clinic.

In the Operating Room, PFC Viola M. Pecsénye of Fairfield, Conn., carries on a busy schedule assisting doctors and nurses.

Peering through a microscope almost daily in the laboratory are PFC Peggy A. Speith of Waukegan, Ill., and PFC Margaret E. Flanders, St. Petersburg, Fla.

PFC Virginia M. Sanchez of Trinidad, Colo., works in medical supply.

The Signal Section has 10 Wacs employed. These women are signal specialists in many jobs, ranging from photographer to switchboard operator. PFC Sarah J. Kirkland of Maynardville,



A lot of recruiters dread coming face-to-face with their "victims." However, Sgt. Mae J. Valentine (2nd from l.) enjoys sitting at the same table and having coffee with three of the girls she actually put in the WAC. All stationed together at Fort Benning, they are (l-r) Pvt. Lucretia Brown, Sgt. Valentine, Pfc. Ruby Stutts, and Pfc. Bessie Phillips.



So that her girls can watch their waistlines, Lt. Wales had this scale installed in the dining hall of the Detachment. Sgt. Shirley M. ("Stretch") Minnick steps on the scales to check her weight. Wacs are allowed only 2400 calories, as compared to 3600 for soldiers.

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Sending and receiving via teletype is a daily routine for the Trussell sisters. Having been together all their lives, it's not strange to find them working together in the Fort Benning Communication Center. Pfc. Clarice is on the left and Pfc. Doris at right.

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Paramedics of the 508th ARCT

BY LT. JAMES R. MAILLER

Chinese communist "human waves" which have hurled themselves with such abandon against United Nations forces in Korea have focused world attention on military medical support.

Having witnessed the communists' apparent disregard for humane medical care, U. S. public attention is immediately directed to inquire into our own military medical care.

Fortunately, the U. S. concept of humane medical care differs from Red Chinese ideas.

In a U. S. fighting unit, medical personnel comprise about six per cent of the total. In Korea, medical coverage has been good enough to have restored 87 per cent of wounded soldiers to duty up to November 1952. Only 2.4 per cent died. The total number restored was 62,400, or about two-thirds of the divisional personnel on the Korean battlefield last winter. The majority of the credit for this record goes to the fighting medic, each of whom has paid for himself by restoring almost 10 fighting men to duty.

The story of American military field-medicine can be told by focusing the spotlight on a unique segment of military mercy, the Medical Company of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team at Fort Benning, whose paramedics are assigned to one of only two Airborne RCTs in the U. S. Army. The company is commanded by Capt. Weston Fairbanks.

Four Aidmen to Each Company

The Medical Company of the 508th provides medical support for the entire combat team. In combat the mission of this company, with a strength of 179 enlisted men and eleven officers, is to provide immediate first aid and evacuation to the three battalions of the 508th as well as to the 320th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion and to the 598th Airborne Engineer Company.

In combat, each rifle company of the 508th is provided with four company aidmen, one for each platoon. Three aidmen are provided for the heavy weapons companies and one for each of the separate companies, while the airborne artillery batteries have one each. Two company aidmen supply the needs of the airborne engineer company. These highly trained aidmen are the backbone of the medical system, since it is often the quick, initial treatment which determines if a soldier is to live or die.

In peacetime, the company operates a regimental dispensary which provides medical care for the combat team, and provides medical coverage for the various ranges and drop zones which the combat team uses in the course of its training. Other medical services include caring for minor ills and injuries, and advising platoon leaders and company commanders on their drinking water and sanitation problems.

Another peacetime mission of the Medical Company is conducting an extensive training program in anatomy and physiology, drugs and dosages, medical aspects of atomic energy, emergency medical treatment, and types of litter carriers. This is in addition to normal airborne training, familiarization of small weapons firing, and providing support for The Infantry School in many of its problems.

Paramedic Is a Specialist

Just as the paratrooper is an Infantryman plus, so is the paramedic a medical technician plus. Recent advances in range, carrying load and speed of aircraft have tagged the paramedic for potential operations great distances from friendly lines, and likely to be isolated from resupply for long hours at a time.

The paramedic is rightly a specialist in the field of military medicine. Jumping into an attack with only enough supplies for

a 24 hour period qualifies the paramedic as having special merit, qualifications and training. His own life and the life of the combat team will depend upon the extra training and physical stamina demanded of those who must survive apart from normal medical services which accompany a ground Army supported by an extended rear echelon.

First among his qualifications is that he has endured the same training hardships as his para-infantry brother-at-arms by volunteering for and graduating from the Airborne School after five qualifying jumps. The confidence felt by the para-infantryman in his medical support is a strong esprit de corps factor in the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team. This identification is most important in the field, where a single paramedic may support a platoon of 40 troopers.

Paramedics Go Through Screening

Physically, the paramedic must qualify with his peers. He jumps with the Infantry forces and is expected to keep pace with their advances to carry out his support mission. Unpredictable military actions prevent definite assurance of medical resupply or motor transportation. Paramedics staffing medical installations in airheads far behind enemy lines must be physically and professionally qualified to render maximum assistance for days before outside aid or evacuation becomes a reality. Airborne screening tests to eliminate the physically unfit pay life-saving dividends in enemy rear areas, where normal loss of stamina and sleep must not drain usefulness from the airborne medical arm.

The paramedic is assigned a duty post similar to that of an Infantry medic. The 508th ARCT Medical Company table of organization is not a radical departure from a normal company. It consists of a company headquarters, a collecting platoon, three battalion medical platoons, a collecting station and a litter bearer and ambulance section.

But in these platoon-size units the paramedic's equipment, although basically unchanged, has demanded wide modifications to meet the peculiar and fast-breaking demands of airborne warfare.

The 508th Medical Company is worth just about what each paramedic can carry out of the plane. This is because medical company personnel are tactically split among several planes flying an airborne operation, so as not to paralyze the medical service. Hazards of flight and enemy fire force the ARCT to carry its eggs in many baskets.

Aidmen Jump With Their Platoons

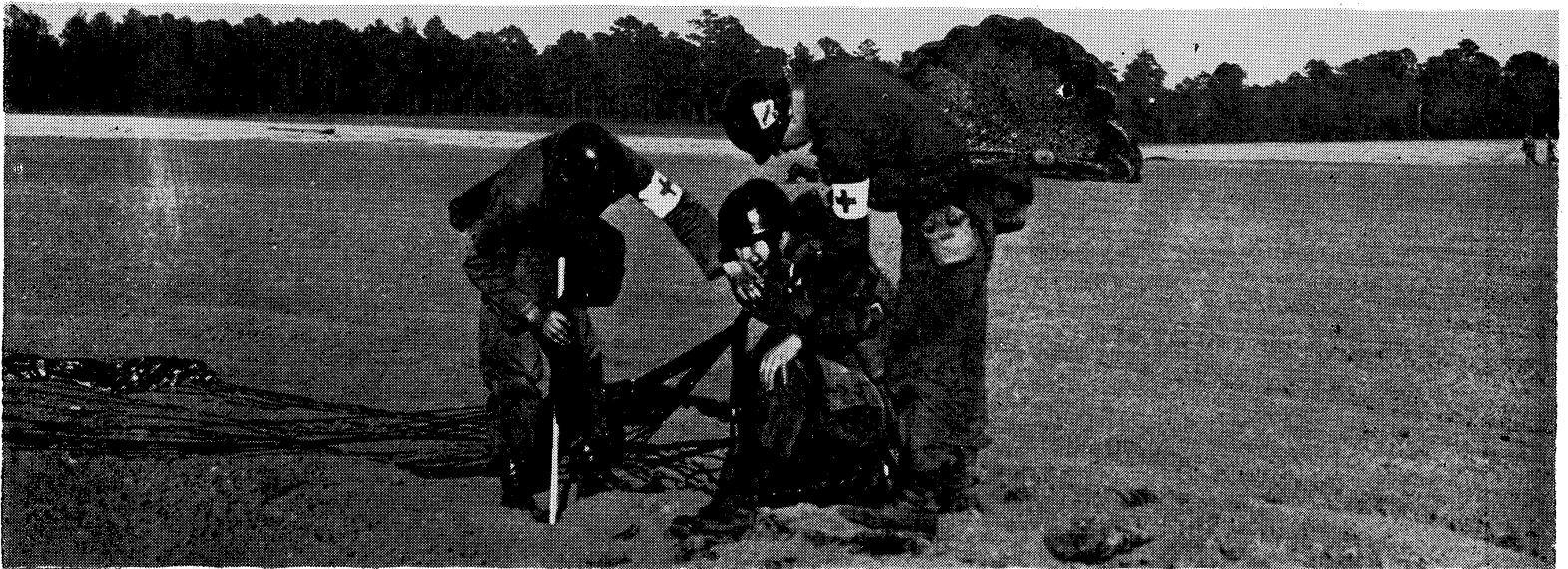
Only those supplies which are absolutely necessary to the conduct of the medical service are taken in by the first echelon medical troops. Additional supplies and equipment are parachuted to the ground at the time of the jump in aerial delivery containers. Normally an excess of authorized allowances will be delivered this way, since losses among the bundles may be high. But extras made available are dependent on aircraft space, weight and on the number of planes that get through.

Company aidmen are loaded in the planes with platoons to which they are attached, and jump with their platoons. Once on the ground the entire airborne force is scattered over a wide drop area and the aidmen, instead of trying to assemble as a unit, are of more value to the platoon with which they jumped.

Every aidman carries splints, dressings, plasma and morphine—the medicants most called for. These are the only supplies the combat team commander is sure will be on hand when needed, because



Ambulance support for 508th troopers stands by at drop zone of Lee Field. 508th medics cover all ARCT jumps.



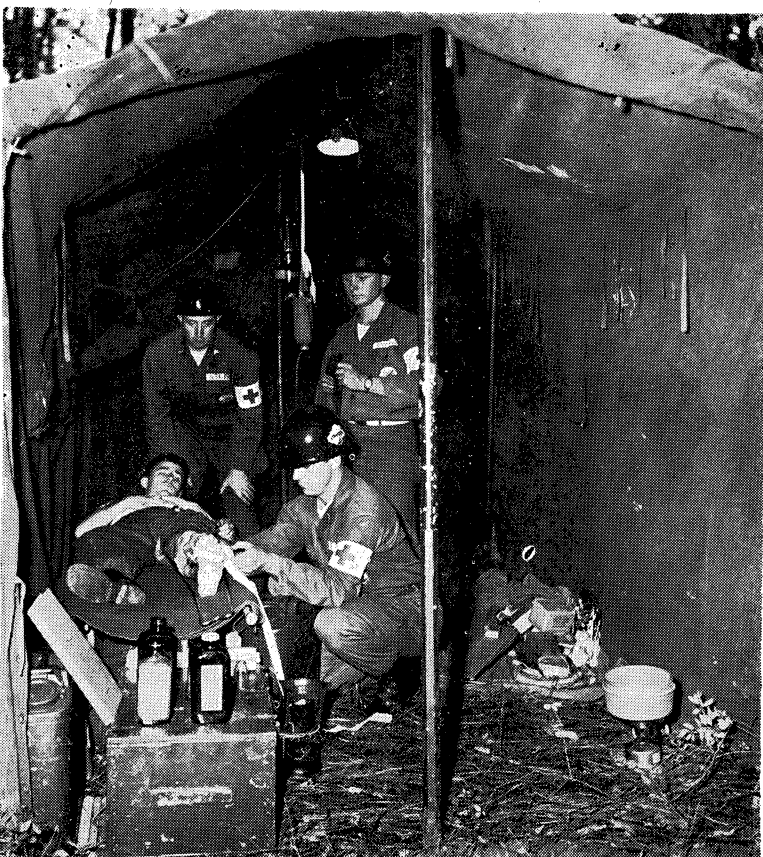
Aidmen Sgt. Paul Kite and Pvt. John Moore are Johnny-on-the-spot when 508th trooper hits the dirt during First Battalion jump on Lee Field. Red flag is 508th call sign for ambulance on the drop zone.



Prompt first aid measures are given Cpl. Charles Melnick, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, who had wind knocked out of him on Lee Field drop zone. Aidmen photographed on the scene are Sgt. Paul Kite and Pvt. John Moore. Medics of the 508th are stationed on the field at every jump.



A casualty awaits treatment at the Second Battalion aid station. At front, left, is Cpl. Jerry Barnes. Pfc. Robert Comaduran lies on litter and Sfc. A. W. Kent holds patient's leg. In tent, Pfc. Billy Campbell (on stretcher) gets help from Cpl. Edwin Grimsley who is putting on an Army leg splint. Observing in rear are Lt. Dale Stein and Sgt. Charles Williams.



In the Second Battalion aid station Cpl. Edwin Grimsley applies an Army leg splint to Pfc. Billy Campbell while Lt. Dale Stein observes and Sgt. Charles Williams holds dressing.

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they are jumped in by the aidman. Other essential equipment needed quickly is whole blood, tentage, operating equipment and emergency rations, including hot drinks. These items will be dropped in by parachute or by a bundle attached by a cord to the aidman and jumped with him.

Additional standard medical equipment has been modified for droppage. The stretcher has been designed and lightened so that it can be jumped. Splints and braces are also standard jump equipment. Other essential equipment can be loaded in the transportation of the medical company and arrive later by plane.

Once on the ground, the airborne medical forces function as nearly akin to an Infantry medical combat team as the fortunes of the drop allow. Of particular interest to medical planners is the airhead, which is the area held by friendly forces after the airborne drop. This airhead is roughly circular, enabling service units to concentrate in the center for expeditious and safe conduct of affairs. What this means to paramedics is that evacuation lines are normally short and less transportation for the carrying of patients is required.

Company Aidmen Is Human Aid Station

During this initial phase of the attack the medical service must be fluid, while the military situation is somewhat confused. In addition to the possible casualties resulting from ground action, there will be some jump injuries to be treated on the drop zone. Unlike training jumps, drop zones will have been selected for their tactical importance. Observance of the niceties and safety precautions of training drop zones may not be possible behind enemy lines.

But completely normal medical operations will not be possible until after link-up has been made between elements of the airborne combat team and troops making the main ground effort. Likewise, the airborne medical service will not become completely normal until a link-up by air allows the evacuation and resupply of troops from the airhead.

Airborne medical equipment development is a subject so fast-moving that tomorrow's airplane, helicopter or glider will make today's equipment obsolete.

Today, the 508th jumping medics rehearse loading plans with supplies as small as a hypodermic needle and as large as a 2½-ton truck. But standardizing an operating procedure for an airborne regimental combat team is close to impossible; first, the constant immediacy of obsolescence; second, airborne commanders are seldom certain what model plane and how many planes will be available for an air strike.

However, if we hold tomorrow until the end of the story, our regimental combat team in flight would be supported by the following medical supplies, flying in an armada of C-46 and C-119 silverbirds: once again we start with the company aidman, who is carrying a medical kit containing various dressings, splints, morphine, a surgical operating set, tourniquets and lesser items necessary for field first aid. He also carries two or more units of blood plasma. This human aid station jumps, carrying a portion of his medicants in the big pockets of the combat uniform. He may also carry his own resupply items in sufficient quantity for 24 to 48 hour service.

Progressing to the battalion aid station, we find it in one large bundle, packed with two parachute packs which will open as two 100-foot cushions, when pushed out of the C-119. Heavy drop platforms hold the aid station bundle and can easily be rolled out.

The organic transportation of this unit consists of one ¾-ton truck, and one jeep ambulance with quarter-ton trailer. The two vehicles are loaded, each on its own skid, while the trailer and the bulk of the heavy equipment, which is made up largely of blankets, additional litters, empty chests, command post tent with poles and water cans, is loaded on a 6000 pound load bearing platform.

The contents of the flight service chest and the other medical chests may be packed in specially-designed containers and jumped in by battalion aid station personnel or be dropped in paracontain-



Personnel of the medical collecting platoon and their equipment are here displayed. Included are the full platoons plus three litter ambulances, Two 2½-ton cargo trucks, trailer, a 400-gallon water container and ¾-ton weapons carriers. Captain Weston Fairbanks, company commander, stands in front.

ers. Today, all the equipment of the ARCT battalion aid station may be in use on the drop zone immediately after the mass jump of the assault troops.

Heavy Equipment in Collecting Platoon

A more challenging problem is offered by the collecting platoon, company headquarters and ambulance section. For in these segments is the bulk of the vehicles and heavier medical supplies. In the headquarters section there are two jeeps and two quarter-ton trailers, two $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton weapons carriers and two $2\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks; and the collecting platoon employs a weapons carrier and quarter-ton trailer, two $2\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks, two squad tents, blanket sets, litters, splint sets, three types of medical chests, a 1350-pound generator to furnish light for the collecting station, and dual purpose gas casualty sets for treating patients and decontamination of equipment.

This entire load can be dropped by using individual 300 or 500-pound skids for the vehicles and the 6000-pound load bearing platforms for the supplies.

Should not enough C-110's be available, the load could be broken down and jumped on the paramedic or packed in special containers and parachuted. And the vehicles and heavier supplies could be enplaned and landed on the airhead at a later time. Airplanes or helicopters might handle this excess. Considering this latitude of planning, the motto of all airborne operations personnel might well be to "stay loose."

History Began at Fort Benning

The history of the preceding airborne technics began at Fort Benning in the spring of 1941, a date that is close to the big spurt in American military parachuting. The present Airborne School was then known as the Provisional Parachute Group. The group surgeon that spring was directed to organize a medical detachment for a parachute battalion. This surgical pioneer formed a detachment of thirteen enlisted men and two medical officers.

Units of detachment size were trained and assigned to the original parachute battalions—the 501st, organized in October of 1940, and the 502nd, 503rd and 504th, which were formed in 1941. The following year the first parachute regiment was formed and the medical personnel rose to a detachment of 60 men and eight officers. Later in 1942 with the activation of the first airborne division, the 82nd, the first divisional medical company was born. Supplementing the regimental medical units, the divisional company was the nucleus of the present divisional medical battalion.

During these pioneer days, with medical packaging in its infancy, only one bundle, the A5, which was nothing more than canvas rolled and strapped, was the workhorse. The A5 employed a standard-size rayon equipment parachute. Standard medical equipment was fast being modified to fit jump needs and today the folding litter, telescopic splint and combat medical packs are but a few outstanding examples. Captain Weston Fairbanks, commander of the 508th Medical Company, who is himself a pioneer—vintage of 1941—in the airborne medical field, says there are still many changes that could and likely will be made to reduce the size and weight of medical equipment, making it more adaptable for airborne or air-transported units.

The captain recalled his first combat jump of the late Pacific war where the jump was made without collapsible-type litters. The collapsible litter was unavailable. So he and his medics jumped with the canvas covers onto the airhead. Necessity was, again, the mother of invention. Whenever a litter was required, several sharp blows with a machete produced two lean, strong bamboo poles which were inserted into the loops of the canvas covers and a fine litter was ready. The plane space saved allowed additional quantities of plasma and similar emergency supplies to be dropped in.

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Tenn., PFC Clarinda J. Archibald of Freensburg, Pa., and M-Sgt. Elizabeth C. Thomason of Dadeville, Ala., work in the Photo Lab. PFC Kirkland issues supplies; PFC Archibald takes photographs and Sgt. Thomason processes and prints the negatives.

Wacs Work in Many Jobs

If Pfc. Cleo N. Collette of Orchards, Wash., ever talked in her sleep, she would probably mutter, "Number, please." This would be the result of hour after hour on the job as an operator on Fort Benning's PABX switchboard.

Cpls. Elizabeth L. Gunter of Talladega, Ala., and Rose Pavelka of Detroit, Mich., wind up the Wac roster in the Signal Center, where they both operate teletype machines.

Five Wacs work at the Separation Center. They are Cpl. Juanita D. Evans of Daphne, Ala., Pvt. Anna M. Thrower of Charleston, S. C., Pvt. Rose L. Skipper, Crestview, Fla., Pvt. Lois E. Mealy of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Sgt. Mae J. Valentine of Meridian, Miss.

There are seven Fort Benning Wacs who work in the Finance Section. These "financial experts" are:

SFC Marian F. Calvert of Memphis, Tenn., Cpls. Betty L. Lezer of South Rapids, Minn., Deloris B. Offerman of Minneapolis, Minn., and Betty L. Ramsey of Brunswick, Ga., and Pvts. Margaret E. Audet of Silverwood, Mich., Betty A. Hereim of Harlowton, Mont., and Mattie L. Wade of South Miami, Fla.

In a headquarters as big and complex as The Infantry Center, there are many headaches connected with records and administration. In The Infantry Center's Adjutant General Section, eight girls make up one of the "aspirin teams."

M-Sgt. Laureta S. Heppard of Malvern, Pa., Sgt. Patricia E. Leedham, Portland, Ore., and Pvt. Velma R. Nolen of Fillmore, Calif., are employed in the Adjutant General Miscellaneous Division.

The Military Personnel Division has four Wacs who help iron out personnel problems. They include Cpl. Leona J. Ehly of N. Hollywood, Calif., PFC. Anna L. Butler of Savannah, Ga., Pvt. Marjorie E. DeLong of Hubert, Mich., and Pvt. Barbara J. Bandy of Humble, Texas.

Completing the list of Adjutant General Wacs is Pvt. LuCretia Brown of Hattiesburg, Miss., who is a clerk in the Personnel Services Division.

Sgt. Edith B. Barr of Pittsburgh, Pa., has an important job in the Academic Department of The Infantry School. She's the security clerk and has control of all classified material up to secret.

Also working in the Academic Department are PFC Joanne T. Asaro of Pittsburgh, Pa., Cpl. Frances S. Ganusko of Millis, Mass., and PFC Irene A. Harsmanka of Clairton, Pa.

In the Provost Marshal's Section are PFC Eleanor A. Healey of N. Scituate, R. I., who works in the AWOL and Apprehension Division; PFC Betty J. Lindsay of Salisbury, N. C., who lends the feminine touch to the operations division, and Pvt. Mary T. DeFreese of Reeves, Ga., who is in charge of records and filing.

Sgt. Leila B. Browning of Jacksonville, Fla., is an Information and Education specialist with the Information School Detachment.

Pvt. Virginia E. Crowley of Ellenburg Depot, N. Y., Sgt. Shirley M. Minick of Cicero, Ill., and Cpl. Mary E. Walton of Laurel, Miss., are personnel clerks with The Infantry School Detachment. Their counterparts in the Special Troops Command are Sgt. Marilyn F. Hawkins of Asheville, N. C., and PFC Louella F. Strain of Millsap, Texas.

Sgt. Florence P. Boudreau of Cochouate, Mass., a draftsman in the Second Student Regiment, Cpl. Dorothy K. Duhaime of Los Angeles, Calif., dispatcher at the post motor pool, and PFC. Leola J. Robinson of East Liverpool, Ohio, a newly arrived Wac who has not yet been assigned duties, complete the roster of Wacs at Fort Benning.

In addition to their regular duties, these 100 Fort Benning Wacs are making preparations for their big corps' birthday party. The celebration will consist of a private party with a birthday cake and other activities that help observe an anniversary.

Army Aviation

...In Support of Infantry

Army aviation has become the eyes of tactical training problems at Fort Benning.

A comparatively new unit, Army aviation has already proved itself a necessary addition to the units which support the Infantry soldier in combat.

During training problems at Fort Benning, light aircraft work closely with The Infantry School to demonstrate how the Army's proficiency as a fighting organization can be increased with the cooperation of an Army Aviation Section.

The birth of Army aviation coincided with World War II, with cub-type aircraft being used to direct artillery fire. Today, Army aviation is a section of every combat arm and of several service organizations authorized organic aviation. Not only does it direct fire for the artillery, but it has become of paramount value to the Infantry.

Fort Benning's Army Aviation Section, headed by Capt. George E. Bean of Birmingham, Ala., is composed of L-19's, L-20's and the H-23 Hiller helicopter. Capt. Bean says his section also plans in the near future to add the L-23, a twin engine Beech-Craft.

Another light aviation unit at Fort Benning is the 506th Transportation Helicopter Company, commanded by Capt. L. C. Robertson of Salem, Ill., which is not connected with The Infantry School.



U. S. Army Photo

An H-19 Sikorsky helicopter of the 506th Transportation Helicopter Company at Fort Benning lowers a cargo of C-rations during a supply drop demonstration. This is one of 14 Sikorskys in the Fort Benning helicopter company, whose main mission is combat resupply and troop movement.



U. S. Army Photo

Demonstration troops jump from the door of an H-19 Sikorsky helicopter at Fort Benning to show one the uses the Army makes of this type aircraft. Designed to carry 10 combat-equipped troops, this H-19 belongs to the 506th Transportation Helicopter Company at Fort Benning. Jumping from the door are: left to right, Pfc. Dana Seymour of New York City and Pfc. Robert Wawryzeniak of Glassport, Pa. The pilot is WOJG Travis D. Rhodes, of Marshall, Texas.



U. S. Army Photo

Capt. W. M. Mahone, left, of Williamsburg, Va., executive officer of Fort Benning's Army Aviation Section, is issued a parachute before a scheduled flight in an L-20, a six-place Beaver light aircraft. Issuing the parachute is Sgt. Ralph C. Kelly of Chatsworth, Ga.

The main mission of the 506th, which is composed of 14 H-19 Sikorsky helicopters, is to resupply men in isolated fields and transport troops. A secondary mission is air rescue. At present it is training at Fort Benning.

The light aircraft of Capt. Bean's Army Aviation Section are mainly operated in support of The Infantry School, performing aerial problems and demonstrating the numerous jobs Army aviation can do. The section's aircraft are used primarily for liaison, reconnaissance and observation flights, with helicopters serving principally in a courier and evacuation capacity.

The L-19, a two-place Cessna, spends its air time making demonstration flights for The Infantry School, dropping and picking up messages and performing observation, reconnaissance and photographic work.

Administrative flights to Third Army headquarters and other military installations is the job of the L-20, a six-place Beaver, which also can carry up to 2,00 pounds of light cargo.

The Hiller helicopter, or H-23, also performs administrative flights and demonstrations to exhibit the capabilities of the helicopters.

The twin engine L-23 will be used as a courier and administrative aircraft when it is added to the light aircraft already used by Fort Benning's Army Aviation Section, according to Capt. Bean.

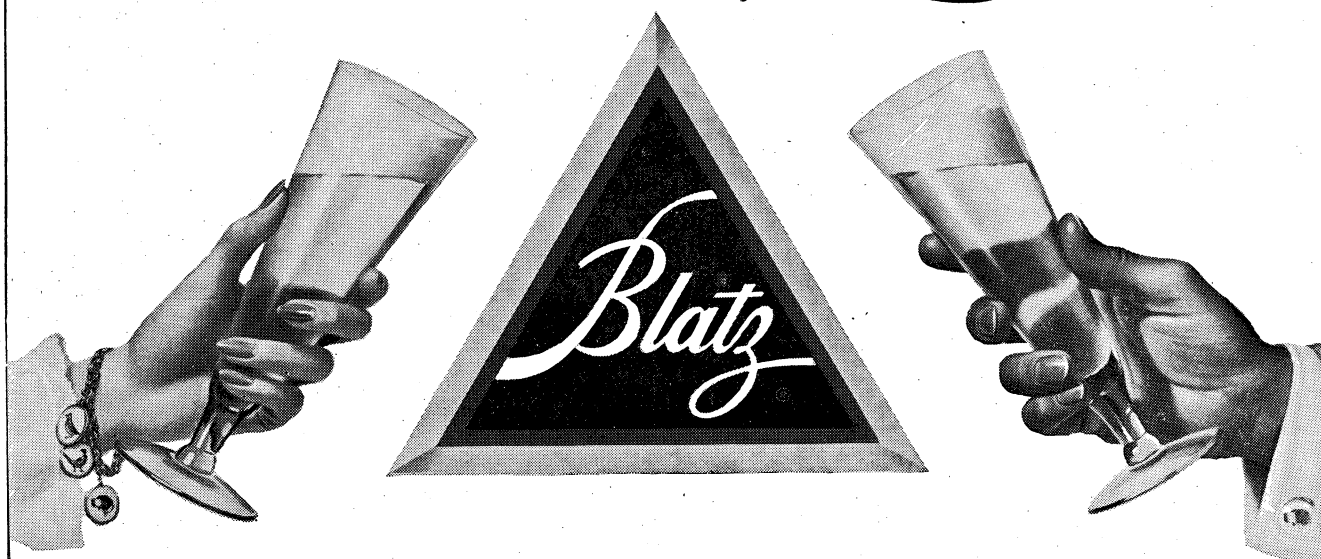
Army aviation is a valuable addition to fighting units in mountainous country such as is found in Korea, combat veterans report. Because of hilly terrain, light aircraft are needed to observe and direct artillery fire and are used for photographic, course and reconnaissance flights.

"Army aviation is directing at least 90 per cent of the artillery firing in Korea. It has reached the point where the Army can't do without light aircraft," Capt. Bean said.

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ing supplies to isolated troops at the front in Korea. It probably has saved thousands of lives by its quick evacuation of wounded from battle areas to hospitals in the rear, Capt. Bean claims.

The helicopter also saves time for commanders who must visit front line companies. To make the trip by vehicle would take a day or a day and a half, depending on the location of the units, while a helicopter takes only a half day.

To become an Army aviator of light airplanes it is necessary to be a commissioned officer in a branch of service which is authorized aviation or a detached unit authorized such operations. An application must be submitted to the Army adjutant general in Washington, and final selection is made by the Department of Army. A prospective pilot must pass a flight physical. Although no previous flying time is necessary, it is said to be helpful.

The requirements are slightly different for helicopter training. Enlisted personnel may submit applications for training in the Transportation Corps, but must have previous flight time.

Following his training, the pilot is given a warrant officer's rating and serves in the Transportation Corps flying cargo helicopters.

The Medical Corps also is sending commissioned officers through helicopter training to perform ambulance and evacuation services in combat zones.

Pilot Candidates Undergo Training

Pilot candidates for Army aviation undergo a basic training course of about six months, conducted by the Air Force at San Marcos Air Force Base, Texas.

They then receive their three-month tactical training at the Army Aviation Center at Fort Sill, Okla., after which they are ready for specialized courses such as helicopter, instrument and multi-engine transition training.

Basic training includes 150 hours of flight time composed of basic flight maneuvers, preliminary short field techniques, night transitions, operating from road strips, day and night cross-country trips, 10 hours of Link training time and five hours of instrument flying.

Also in basic is the ground school. Here the prospective pilot receives 100 hours of maintenance instruction, 40 hours of meteorology, 50 hours of navigation, 20 hours of civil air regulations and 30 hours of general subjects.

At Fort Sill the tactical training includes artillery observation and firing, operation from short fields and road strips, instruction in the duties of Army Aviation sections, operation of air strips, reconnaissance, photography and aerial resupply.

Helicopter Training Given at Schools

A helicopter speciality requires a five-week basic instruction course in helicopter maintenance at the ground school at San Marcos, followed by five weeks of tactical schooling at Fort Sill. Tactical training teaches the pilot how to operate from restricted areas and mountainous countries, evacuation and flying with loads.

Specialized training in instrument flying requires 25 hours of Link plane training and 40 hours of instrument flight time at the ground school, including 10 hours of civil flight regulations, 20 hours of navigation and 20 hours of meteorology. Instrument schools are conducted by the Army Contact School, which operates one school in each Army area. The Third Army's School is conducted by Southern Airways of Atlanta and is a six-week course.

Multi-engine instruction familiarizes the pilots with this type of aircraft.

Fort Benning's Army Aviation Section also provides planes for Infantry School students who must remain proficient in flying. There are currently 25 pilots attending the school, according to Capt. Bean.

Capt. Bean, Army aviation officer, is aided in his job by Capt. W. M. Mahone of Williamsburg, Va., executive officer; Lt. J. R. Knighton of Columbus, Ga., supply officer, and Lt. Carlos E. Urrutia-Colon of Puerto Rico, flying safety, assistant operations and assistant engineering officer.



U. S. Army Photo

Pfc. Robert L. Suhre of Fort Gage, Ill., refuels an L-19 light aircraft assigned to the Army Aviation Section at Fort Benning. This section furnishes air support for tactical problems in which Infantry School students participate. It also flies various demonstrations to exhibit to the students the many jobs Army aviation can do.



U. S. Army Photo

Lt. J. R. Knighton, right, of Columbus, Ga., and Sgt. Ralph C. Kelly of Chatsworth, Ga., assistant line chief in Fort Benning's Army Aviation Section, chart their course before taking to the airplanes on a cross-country flight. Army aviation has proved its worth to the Infantry in combat by rescues and supply flight, in addition to numerous other jobs.

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Paramedics of the 508th ARCT

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wartime operations occurred one year ago this month when the 508th ARCT participated in the great Army-Air Force maneuver in Texas, "Operation Longhorn." Planning by the 508th ARCT surgeon and the medical company began almost four months prior to "Longhorn's" D-day.

The 508th surgeon, Captain Thomas Nelson, and the medical company executive officer, Captain Fairbanks, first studied Texas maps looking at proposed drop zones and selected a tentative location for the regimental collecting station.

Areas and geographical hazards liable to cause drop injuries were pinpointed. Although the type and number of aircraft available were unknown, the medical officers planned alternate loading schedules. This planning included the men who would jump, those who would come in by plane, and personnel to remain at the base.

Following review and approval of medical plans by the regimental S-3, a plan for treatment and evacuation of drop casualties was compiled. In the actual jump two drop zones were used, "Able" and "Baker," with one battalion combat team landing on "Able," while the regimental combat team minus, hit "Baker." C-119's droned over the areas shortly after with the heavy drop equipment and minutes later grounded paramedics were untying the big medical bundles and erecting their field hospital. Large-scale testing of the helicopters was afforded when these aircraft were given the mission of removing the casualties of all degrees from the drop zone.

At "Longhorn" airborne medical science was the willing student of the operations of the past war. Today, only a year later, advances in aeronautical engineering and surgical knowledge have proved to the 508th ARCT Medical Company that success on their "mission of mercy" means careful, continual study of changes in the airborne structure. To do less would mean being as out of date as yesterday's wonder drug.



U. S. Army Photo

A mock rescue by an H-19 Sikorsky helicopter at Fort Benning demonstrates the technique which has saved many lives in combat. The helicopter is assigned to the 506th Transportation Helicopter Company. Rescue work is one of the secondary missions of the company, whose main missions are resupply and troop movement. It is presently undergoing training at Fort Benning.



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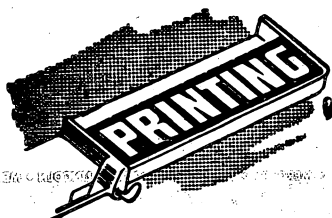
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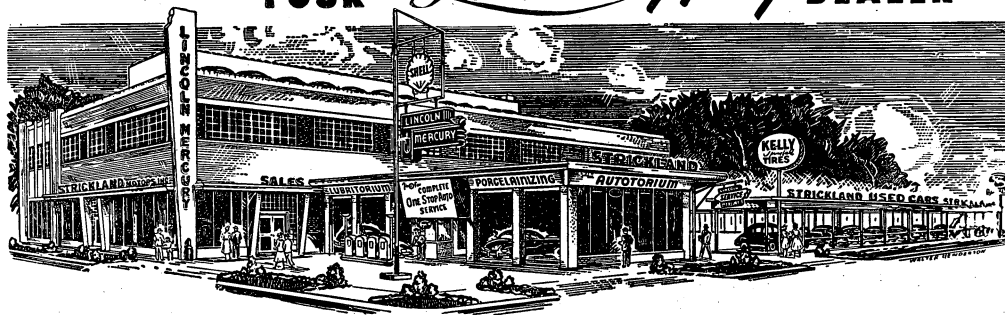
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Our cover this month honors the Infantryman in his best-known role as one who fights his way over Mother Earth on battlegrounds the world over. The Infantryman is taught the methods he must employ and knows what is expected of him whenever aggression makes it necessary for his country to send him against a foreign foe. It is a well known and readily conceded fact that the best trained men, and the best fed, make the best soldiers. Fort Benning, the Infantry Center, teaches Infantrymen the most advanced means of defending their country.



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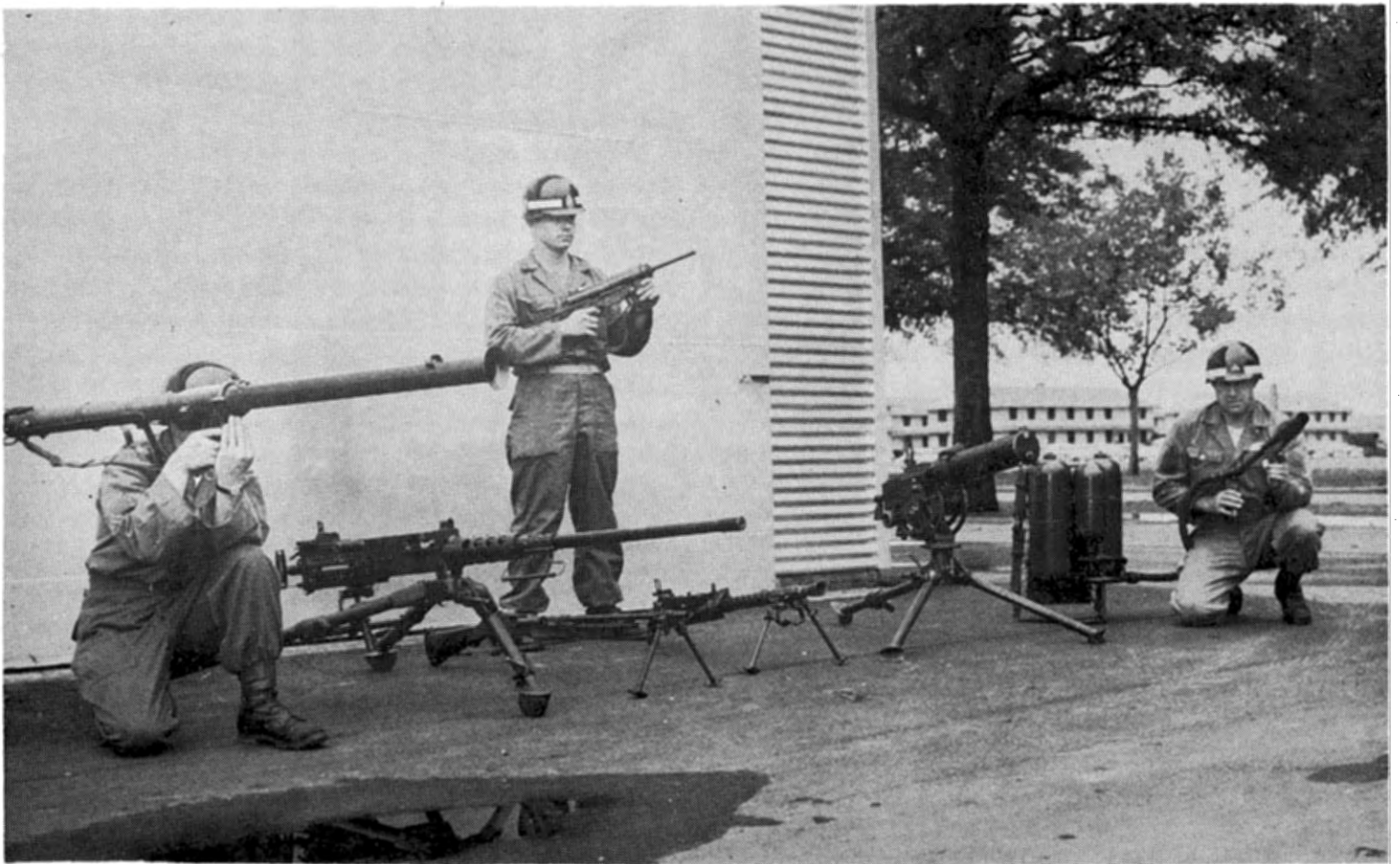
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The heavy-weights of the Infantry firepower, officially referred to as crew-seven weapons, are, left to right, the 60 mm mortar, the 81 mm mortar, the 4.2 mortar, the 75 mm recoilless rifle, the 57 mm rifle and the 3.5 rocket launcher. SFC Wallace W. Fleming of Hattiesburg, Miss., holds the 60 mm mortar with hand firing attachment.

The "Queen Of Battle"

BY LT. WILLIAM G. NEWBOLD

The United States, Infantry, rightfully called the "Queen of Battle," will celebrate its 178th anniversary on June 14th.

In the military annals of this nation, the Infantry has supplied glorious chapters of battles fought, campaigns endured, and victories won. But history records the prosaic as well as the spectacular, and the history of the American Infantry includes the story of developments in the tools of warfare as well as the chronicle of dramatic engagements in which those tools were employed.

The story of the evolution of the tools and instruments of war forms an essential part of the record of achievement compiled by the Infantry in the years since its original formation.

The story began in the days of America's struggle for independence from England. Infantrymen of that day were, for the most part, a motley ill-equipped group of individuals. Besides being unpaid, they had to furnish their own arms, powder, bullets and uniforms. When the call to arms was sounded they came as they were. In fact, they came and went pretty much as they wished. But if one of the Infantryman's cardinal virtues, discipline, was seriously lacking, this dearth was compensated by an abundance of another virtue—the willingness to continue to serve when service was needed.

George Washington's ill-clad and poorly-equipped Infantrymen were pitted against a vastly superior British army. It was Baron Von Steuben who finally brought fighting unity and discipline to Washington's tiny force. The former Prussian drillmaster, who volunteered his services to Washington, shaped the anything but formidable group of militia into an organized fighting force. It may be said that Von Steuben was our first Infantry instructor. At least one of the ideas he introduced is still in use at The Infantry School today—the technique of teaching by means of demonstration teams.

Steuben's pupils, a group of tattered farmers, parsons, artisans and business men, made up our first Infantry organization. And so it can rightfully be said that the Infantry sparked and won America's first bid for freedom.

Washington assumed his duties as Commander-in-Chief on June 21st, 1775. Never was a commander faced with such a heterogeneous throng of troopers. They dressed much as they pleased. Some were in blue coats faced with buff, others in black coats faced with red. Still others wore fringed hunting shirts of brown, trimmed with streamers and scarlet needlework. There were long trousers, overalls and breeches. Hats were decorated with makeshift insignia of various sizes and shapes. Even the officers had do distinctive uniform or insignia.

Equipment, arms and ammunition were in no better shape than the uniforms. Powder and lead were scarce. It was estimated that at the beginning of hostilities there was not as much as 100 pounds of powder in all the Colonies. For lead and shot, a state of George III of England was melted down and measured out to each Infantryman, who, in turn, "manufactured" his own bullets.

Each recruit in the Revolutionary Army was directed to furnish a good firearm, blanket and knapsack. If he was not fortunate enough to own a rifle, he could substitute a good cutting sword, cutlass, or tomahawk. Later the list of acceptable substitutes was



The basic weapons of the individual Infantryman are held here by PFC Bryan C. Jhone of Ozark, Ala., left, with the Garand (M-1) rifle and bayonet, and SFC James Conner of Ailey, Ga., with the carbine, .30 caliber, which can fire either semi or full automatic.



These mannequins are wearing the latest thing in Infantry cold weather clothing. From left to right are the standard dry-cold suit, the new Cold-bar suit and the standard wet-cold suit.



The flame-thrower pictured above is a close-in weapon of death and destruction. It is a natural part of the Infantryman's arsenal. The Infantryman above is Cpl. Cecil Ivey of Spantanburg, S. C. and the 30th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning.



Three of the Infantryman's main stand-bys are shown above. PFC Donald A. Wunderly of Detroit, Mich., aims the M-1 (Garand) rifle and bayonet; PFC Terry Wilson, Camden, S. C., aims and fires the .30 caliber, heavy machine gun, while PFC Russell E. Andrews, Plaquine, feeds ammunition, and PFC William A. Wierck, Fairbanks, Iowa, gets a steady grip on the Browning Automatic Rifle.

increased to include a shovel, spade, pickax, or a scythe straightened and tied to a pole. Then as now, however, the basic weapon was a rifle or musket in the hands of the Infantryman. The standard weapon of the Revolution was the single shot, muzzle loading, flintlock.

Living conditions were apt to be crude in that day. The Infantryman of the Boston Siege lived in the open or in a shack of his own making. There were structures of linen, sailcloth, boards, stones, brush and turf, and all possible combinations of these. There were booths and huts of varying shapes and sizes. These shacks were grouped together in the areas to be defended.

Cooking and eating were individual tasks undertaken at such hours as the stomach dictated. So long as duties were attended to, it mattered little how or when food was prepared or eaten.

Everything about that first group of Infantrymen bespoke irregularity, for they had no Ordnance, Quartermaster, or Engineer services to take care of their needs in weapons, clothing, or housing.

In 1779 General Washington took a step in the direction of uniformity by prescribing dark blue as the color for the Infantry dress. The several States were authorized to supplement the blue hue with facings of different colors as marks of identification. But even as it was announced this initial move toward standardization was retarded by the scarcity of the dark blue material. As a result, many other colors were worn. Allen's Green Mountain Boys adopted a green garb to match their name. Different states authorized other colors. One Maryland outfit went so far as to wear coats of scarlet.

It is almost a maxim of U. S. history that this nation always waits for a war to start before preparing for it. When the colonies made their bid for independence in 1775 the supply of shoulder arms was almost non-existent. Most rifles and substitute arms were furnished by individuals. Small trickles from the French, Dutch and Spahnsi bolstered the continental arsenal.

During the course of the war, many Infantrymen favored the smoothbore musket over the long rifle. The rifle was more accurate, but it was more difficult to load and could not be fitted with a bayonet. In varying proportions, these were the primary arms of the men who won our nation's first battles. Those hardy fighters were obviously not capable of delivering any great volume of accurate fire. Firepower, in the modern sense, was woefully weak and ineffective.

Under the guiding hand of von Steuben, Washington's Infantrymen made considerable progress in all phases of military life—despite the lack of arms, ammunition, equipment and clothes. Shortly before the end of the war, visiting French officers expressed surprise at the good appearance and efficiency of the American Infantryman.

The cessation of hostilities in April, 1783, brought about the first phase-out of military men in America. In the following months the Army dwindled so rapidly that Congress ordered its disbandment in November of that year.

This state of affairs continued until law-makers saw the need to rebuild the Infantry because of Indian uprisings. Accordingly, a mixed regiment, consisting of eight Infantry and two Artillery companies, was formed. Again in 1790 the strength of the Infantry was raised, and this time Congress authorized a top figure of 1,200 men.

In addition to the creation of additional Infantry units, Congress went further and authorized an official uniform to fit the organization of our force. General officers donned blue coats with lining, cape and cuffs of buff, with no lapels, and with embroidered caps, pockets and cuffs. At this time the shoulder strap made its initial appearance. Insignia of rank became standard. Generals wore stars, colonels two silver epaulettes, majors one epaulette on the right shoulder and a strap on the left. Captains wore one epaulette on the right shoulder, lieutenants one on the left.

Non-commissioned officers wore red worsted epaulettes; sergeants-major one on each shoulder; line sergeants, one on the right shoulder; and corporals one on the left shoulder. All Infantrymen wore blue coats with red facing and cocked hats with black cockades. A white sash diagonally across each breast completed the upper half of the uniform. Blue breeches, with red center stripes, tapered down in a puttee effect across the upper half of the shoe.

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Production of arms of any description was practically at a standstill between 1778 and 1795. The first standard Army shoulder arm got into the production stage in 1795 at the Springfield Armory. In the first few months nearly 250 muskets, patterned after the French Model 1763, were issued to the Infantry. Weighing approximately nine pounds, this arm was 59½ inches long, smooth-bore, and used a caliber .69 bullet. As is the case with present day rifles, this musket underwent numerous changes and modifications. Models 1808, 1812, 1816, and 1835 were all improvements over their predecessors, but were basically the same. Although standard, they did not attain the present day degree of interchangeability of component parts. At the same time the caliber .69 went into production, work began on the model 1800, caliber .62 rifle. It was so well liked that some officers discarded their swords in its favor.

There was one major uniform change for the Infantryman of 1810. In that year the Continental uniform gave way to the single breasted swallow-tail coat and long trousers. These uniforms were grey or blue according to rank and had high collars that reached the lower tip of the ear. However, this uniform was short-lived.

The second war with the British found the supply departments of the American Army in a chaotic condition. It was impossible to uniform and arm the new units which were hastily formed to meet this new threat. Shortly before hostilities began, a shortage of grey and blue material forced the Purveyor of Public Supply (Quartermaster) to switch to substitute materials and uniforms of varied



Infantrymen of the Revolutionary War day looked something akin to the two shown above. When the war started Washington's men were dressed in a uniform much to their own choosing. After the war had dragged along for several months, Washington adopted the hunting frock as shown on the left above. In 1779, blue was adopted as the national color and the uniform became somewhat standard, as shown by the Infantryman at the right.



In the War of 1812, the Infantry's uniform was distinctive. The plumed hat, grey, single-breasted coat and white facings identifies the soldier at the right as a doughboy.

sorts. Clothes of grey, blue, brown, and drab mixtures were hastily manufactured and issued. Facings were either omitted or simplified. During this period, the only effort toward uniformity was an attempt to send the same color and type of makeshifts to a single Infantry unit.

Units could be identified by the color type of uniform worn by the soldier. For example, a sergeant of the 32nd Infantry Regiment would be dressed in a grey "round-about" jacket and trousers, with red sash and white epaulettes. In contrast, a private of the 6th Infantry Regiment wore a coat of blue with fatigue trousers or brown linen. Both wore the same type of headgear.

Toward the close of the war in 1814, some degree of order had returned to the agencies of supply. As a result, the uniform of the Infantry regained a fair amount of its material appearance.

Although the uniforms were partially standardized during the latter part of the War of 1812, no great forward steps were made in the development of weapons. However, one important improvement was made in the ammunition of that day. The invention of the percussion cap made use of the "percussion powder" that exploded when crushed. This cap, which resembles the present-day primer, made possible the first successful breech-loader in 1838 and the self-contained bullet in 1846.

For the most part the Infantryman of 1812-1814 was little better off than his counterpart in the first war with England. Although, theoretically, there was a standard uniform, the suddenness with which we were thrust into the war prevented its general adop-

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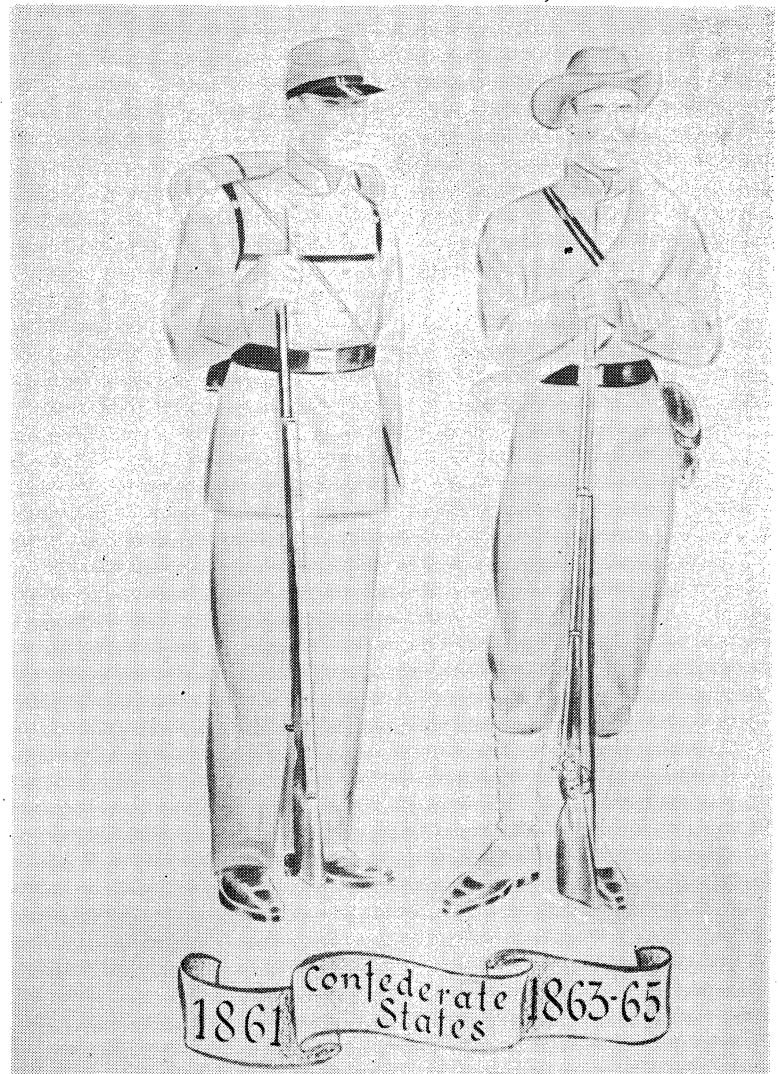
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Dressed in the "Rebel" grey of the Confederate Infantry forces, the soldiers above represent the South's Infantry of the Civil War.

tion and resulted in the "duke's mixture." Little, if any, change was made in the basic weapon of the Infantryman. He still carried the old long rifle, or the musket, with few modifications. One small addition was the more extensive use of the bayonet, which was little better than a good bowie knife.

In the years following the war, much thought was devoted to the Infantry. Revolutionary changes were forthcoming in its basic arm. Weapons of greater range and accuracy were issued to the Infantryman. The smoothbore was beginning to disappear, and a newer rifle was given to the foot soldier. This came in the form of the Rifle, Model 1841, which had a percussion lock and required a smaller powder charge. Besides keeping the motions of loading a muzzle-loader to a minimum, it modified the kick. The Model 1841 proved to be the most accurate and dependable spherical bullet rifle ever made, and it marked the end of production of the old flintlock.

The first drastic uniform change of the post-war period came in 1821 when President Jackson, through Congress, again authorized dark bleu as the national color. Trousers of white were worn in summer. In the winter dark blue was worn by Infantry staff and a sky-blue mixture of white and blue by Infantry troops.

In 1832 the spread eagle insignie was adopted for the colonel. This was followed later by leaves for the lieutenant colonel and major, and bars for the captain and lieutenant. Chevrons for noncommissioned officers also came into use at this time.

In 1845 war clouds began gathering in the South, and soon the American Infantryman found himself marching against the Mexicans. He was attired in a service uniform consisting of a sky-blue short shell coat with high collar, straps on the shoulders, and white facings. His trousers were of the same sky-blue mixture as the

coat, and he sported a bell crowned cap similar to the one worn today.

Although the percussion system had been adopted officially by the Infantry, the old-style flintlock was issued in quantity to Infantrymen. However, the Model 1841 percussion rifle received its baptism of fire against the Mexicans. Colonel Jefferson Davis, a West Pointer, had organized a group of volunteers called the Mississippi Rifles and had persuaded the Army to issue the M-1841 to his men instead of the flintlocks.

Repeating rifles entered the field two years after the close of the Mexican War. In 1849, a .44 caliber, 15 shot, lever action rifle was produced by Jennings and Hunt. In 1850 a French Army captain solved the problem of reduced range and accuracy resulting from the prevailing loose fit of bullet to bore. The solution was an elongated pointed bullet with a hollow cone in the base. An iron plug was fitted into the hollow. Detonation drove the plug into the cone, forcing the softer lead to expand against the rifling. The adoption of this method was approved by Jefferson Davis, then Secretary of War. This gave the Infantryman the combined benefits of percussion ignition, rifled barrel and elongated bullet. At that time the old ball ammunition passed out of existence except as an item of inept nomenclature still used today to describe projectiles which have no resemblance to spherical balls.

Another successful repeating rifle was invented in 1860 by Christopher Spencer, a former Infantry officer. This seven shot, lever action, .56 caliber weapon was probably the first rifle to be loaded through a port in the butt. Range tests showed that one Infantryman armed with Spencer's rifle was equal to eight men armed with the musket. The rifles invented by Spencer and by Jennings and Hunt were the only two repeating rifles used during the Civil War.

The American Infantry teams facing each other in the Civil



The Union foot-soldier of the Civil war dressed in his uniform of blue is portrayed by the Infantryman on the left.

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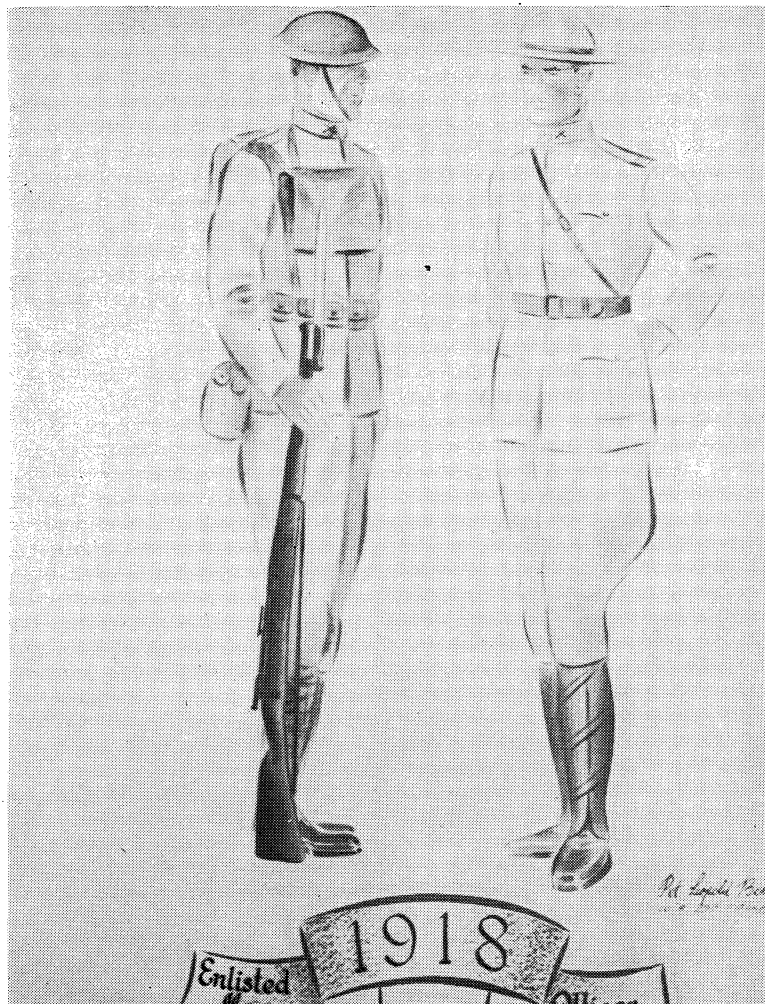


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The khaki uniform was adopted for our Infantry forces about the time that the U. S. marched South against the Mexicans. Summer khaki on the right, Winter wools on the left.

In World War I, the U. S. Infantry had adopted olive drab as its official winter uniform and khaki during the summer. The campaign hat and steel helmet were also used in this war. The enlisted and commissioned Infantrymen shown above are dressed in World I style.



War created a two-uniform affair, the blue of the Union and the grey of the Confederacy.

Both sides received a mixed assortment of rifles. Besides the two repeating rifles, there were the models 1863 and 1863 M-2, strange pieces, that loaded two charges, one on top of the other, then fired them singly, and a scattering of single shot muskets and rifles. In addition to these, Infantrymen of both sides used the bayonet, revolver or pistol, and a new weapon, the hand grenade, then called the "hand bomb."

Greater firepower came to the Civil War Infantryman, however, during the latter stages of the war. It is recorded that in the battle of Charleston, S. C., the machine gun made its first appearance. A crude forerunner of our present-day gun, it was called the Billinghamst Requa Battery Gun. It consisted of 24 barrels, set in a single row and mounted between wide-set wheels. The greatest objection to this first quick-firing weapon was its prohibitive weight.

The first all-American machine gun had been invented in 1862 by Dr. Richard Gatling. However, it saw little if any action during the Civil War. The Gatling Gun, as it was called, was far superior to the Requa in many ways. Initially using steel chargers fired by percussion caps, and later (1866) adapted for rim or center fire cartridges, it had ten barrels mounted in a circle within a frame. Each barrel had its own lock. The frame was revolved by a hand crank. Cartridges were fed by gravity from a hopper mounted on top of the frame. The Gatling boasted a rate of fire of up to 800 rounds per minute, depending on the ammunition supply and the ability of the gunner to turn the crank. It was mounted on two wheels.

The Gatling was looked on with great disfavor by the Infantry, probably because of its weight, and even though Mr. Gatling took his weapon on the field of battle for demonstrations, it was not until 1867 that the government finally purchased one-hundred Gatlings.

After the close of the Civil War, the Infantry was subjected to a uniform order that remained in force for several years. The stiff-necked coat again became the dress for the foot soldier. Officers wore a double-breasted coat, while enlisted men were issued a single-breasted version, with light blue facings. Trousers were still light blue, with a lighter blue stripe. Later, the white facings were returned to the coats of the Infantry.

In the years following the Civil War, several other machine guns were introduced. In 1883, Hiram Maxim invented the first "real machine gun." It had a single barrel and fired automatically with one continuous pull of the trigger. The Maxim was followed in 1895 by the Colt-Browning machine gun, and in 1909 by the Benet-Mercie.

With the passage of the years, the Infantry's weapons and fire power also progressed and increased. In the war with Spain our Infantrymen were mostly armed with the Krag-Jorgenson repeating rifle. The magazine of the K-J held five rounds. In addition to the K-J some of the foot soldiers carried the single shot carbine, the single shot Springfield Rifle, and the pistol. All riflemen carried the bayonet and some were armed with the western six-shooter. Most rifle companies were issued the new Colt-Browning machine gun, although some had to get along with Maxim and Gatling guns. Grenades had improved since the days of the Civil War "hand-bombs" and were put to good use in the Spanish-American War.

An item that might be viewed as a reversion to medieval nations of martial garb came into wide use during this war. Because of the effectiveness of high-fragmentation artillery and the mortar, much thought and study had been given to protective headgear for the Infantry. Out of this study came the old "washbasin" type steel helmet. Although it was heavy and hard to get accustomed to, this head-piece did furnish some degree of protection.

World War I also brought about full-scale use of automatic weapons. Two such weapons, both patented by Browning, were the heavy .30 caliber machine gun and the Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR). The machine gun, similar to the one in use today, mul-

tiplied the Infantry's firepower tremendously. However, something was needed to fill the gap between the rifle and the machine gun. The BAR supplied the answer.

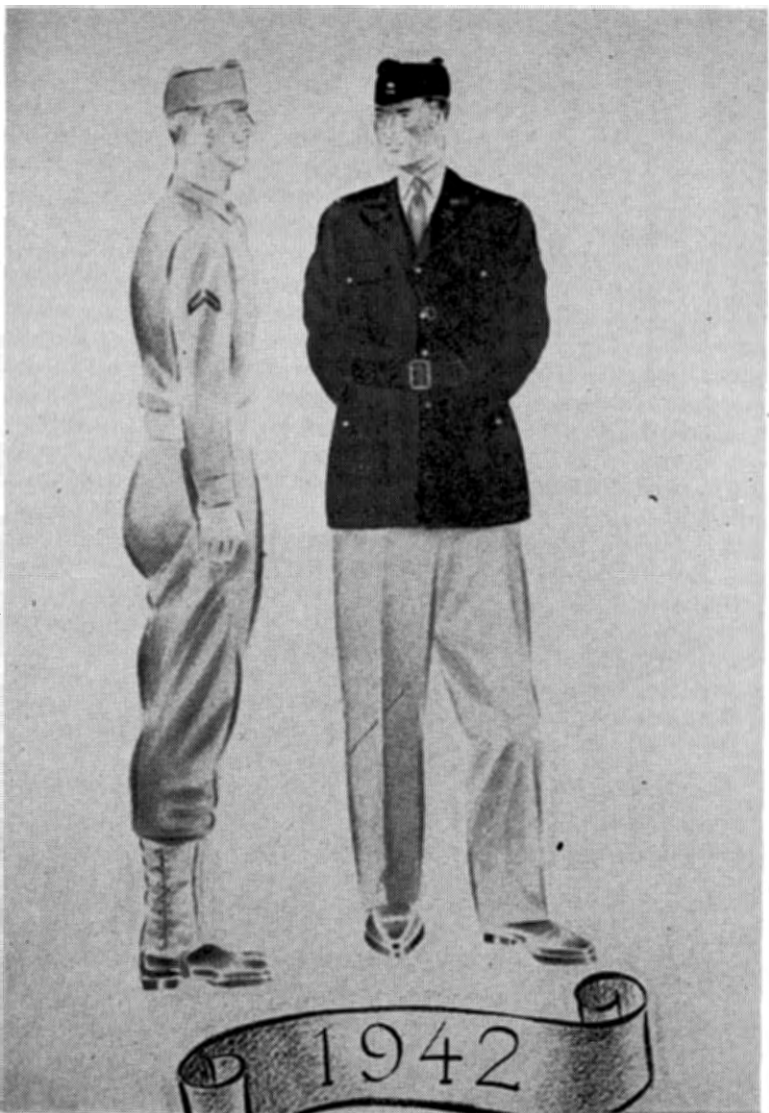
There were several developments of World War One that influenced future Infantry conduct. The mortar made the Infantryman think of over-head cover. Extensive use of automatic fire brought about changes in attack and defense tactics. The Infantry-tank team taught one method of advancing Infantry with a minimum of losses. The airplane gave promise of unprecedented fire support and a new dimension of transportation. Chemical warfare agents added to the Infantryman's burden of worry. The industrial age brought tremendous changes in the armament and techniques available to the man at arms.

Military evolution continued to unfold in the period between the two World Wars. The old square division was found to be unwieldy, and the triangular division took its place. The Infantry adopted a semi-automatic rifle which increased fire power three-fold. Infantry mortars were improved. The tank was further developed as a weapon of close cooperation with the Infantry.

In the face of all of these improvements, however, there was talk about the Infantry being obsolete. One new school of thought held that a small, elite mechanical army would quickly defeat and destroy the slow-plodding Infantryman. World War II quickly disproved this theory, despite the initial success of the proponents of Blitzkrieg.

The Infantry of World War II became a complex, highly trained

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World War II brought about greater comfort and better looks in the uniform of the Infantryman. Wrap leggings went out of style, the campaign hat was discarded and the stiff neck blouse and coat became history. Shown above are an enlisted man and an officer in the uniform of World War II.

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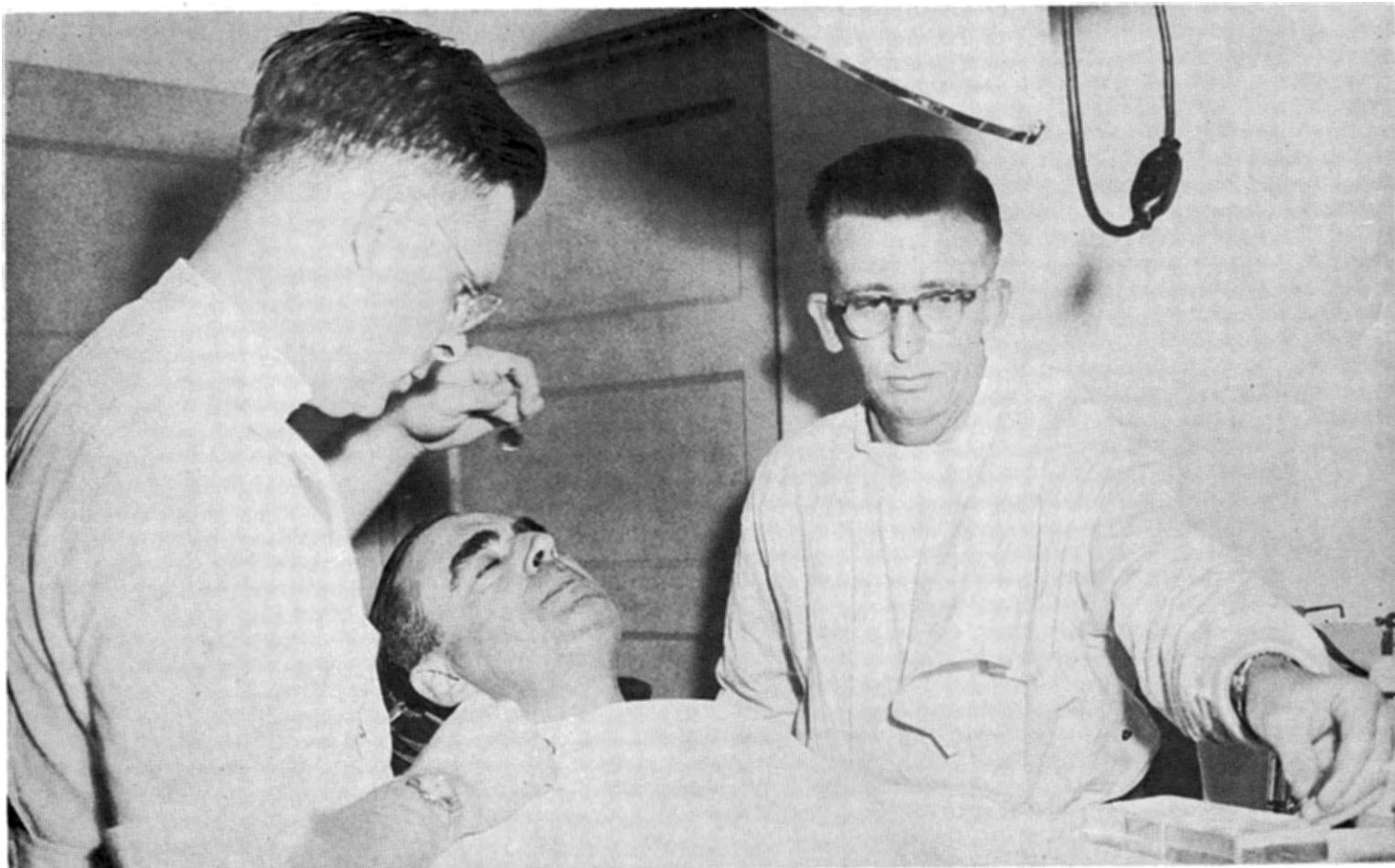
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Major Fulgencio Coll of Spain has his teeth examined by Captain John J. Hamrick, dental surgeon, at the post hospital. The dental inspection is part of the medical treatment afforded all Allied students.



Thailand Army Major Naronkrit Maharakkhaka, right, receives instruction in the operation of the 60-mm mortar from U. S. Army 1st Lt. Joseph A. Fabinanich.

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Standardization of military forces to allow direct liaison and integrated operations at all levels of command is a goal to which military energy has been directed in increasing degree by many of the free nations of the world.

The approach towards standardization, begun in the years immediately following World War II, has recently assumed a high level of importance in both the national and international defense pictures.

The trend was given a considerable impetus by the North Atlantic Treaty and by the act of the United States Congress which in 1949 established the Mutual Defense Assistance Program.

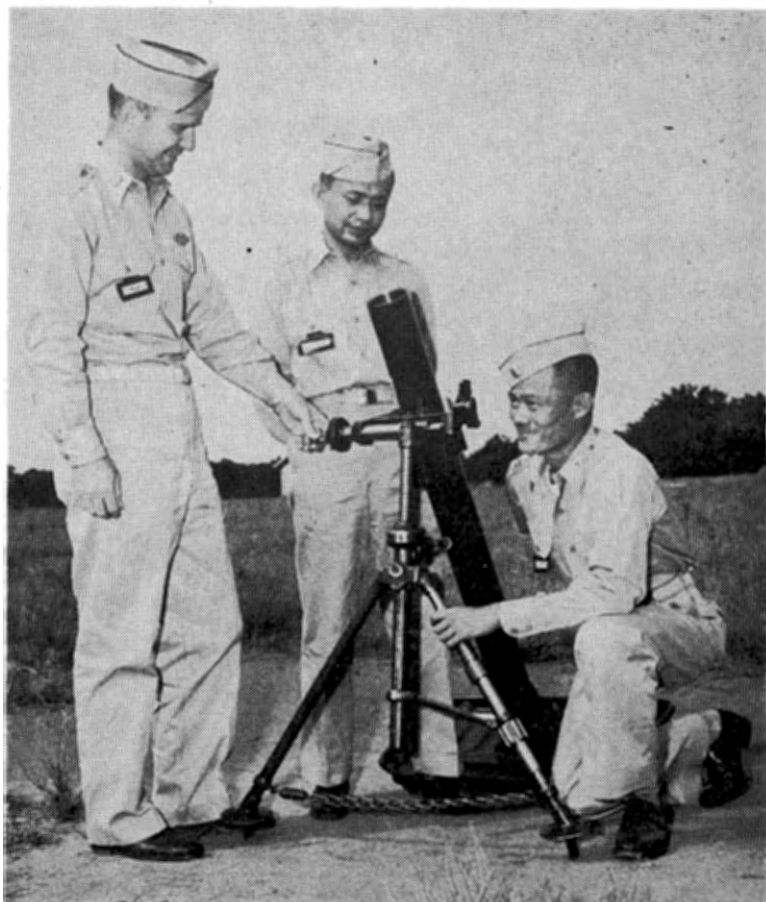
One of the principal objectives of the MDA Program is to bring about improvements and standardization in the fields of military organization, weapons, equipment, doctrine, and training methods. The achievement of these objectives will unify and tighten the entire Allied defense effort. In addition, it is hoped that the program will raise the morale and increase the combat potential of the participating nations and convince them of the sincerity of U. S. policies and the availability of U. S. support.

The program has expanded to the point where it now includes 18 nations in addition to our western hemisphere allies. Nations outside the western hemisphere include: The United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Norway, Denmark, Iran, Formosa, South Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, Indo-China and Thailand.

Since the Infantry makes up the bulk of all ground troops it is not unnatural that The Infantry School at Fort Benning should have an exceptionally vital role in this international training effort.

Currently there are 337 Allied officers from 29 nations attending The Infantry School at Fort Benning. Of this number 163 are South Korean officers who are attending a special 20-week class designed to meet the new military training requirements of their country. 15 South Korean interpreters are also at Fort Benning.

Students from other countries attending The Infantry School are as follows: One each from Canada, El Salvador, Columbia, Chile, Cuba, Venezuela, Paraguay, Norway and France. Two each from Brazil, Belgium, Portugal, Arabia, Ethiopia and Indonesia.



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First Lt. Donald M. Mills, left, points out mechanical features of the 8-mm mortar to Major Amnard Rajatanavin, kneeling, and Capt. Aroon Chabschamsri, Thai Army officers.



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Features of the U. S. Army's 3.5 rocket launcher are pointed out to Indonesian national police officers. Left to right are 1st Class Commissioner Prawira Asara Ating, 2nd Class Police Commissioner Radan Soeparto, and M-Sgt. Simeon L. Glaze of the post Weapons Pool.

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It is perhaps difficult to understand how instruction given to a relatively few Allied officers can have much effect on the training of foreign armies. It is not expected that these Allied officers themselves will be able to teach all of the principles learned here to all of their contemporaries at home.

However, when the students complete their training at The Infantry School and return to their native lands they normally become instructors at similar schools. Thus in a relatively short time, the nucleus of an instructor corps is formed in each Allied country. This nucleus, as it expands, will insure uniformity of Infantry training throughout the participating nations.

The mutual training program is already bearing fruit. This can be seen in the results achieved by the Atlantic Pact Army and on the Korean front.

Allied officers attend U. S. military service schools at the request of their countries through the Military Assistance Advisory Group or Military Attache. Upon receipt of the requested quota space allocation, the country concerned nominates a student to fill the space. If the officer meets the requirements for attendance he is approved by the military advisor or attache and sent to the United States. The main requirements are sufficient military background to absorb the intensified training he will receive and a working knowledge of the English language. It has been found that the majority of those selected have an inherent admiration for the military, scientific and humanitarian accomplishments of the United States.

Upon arrival at Fort Benning, Allied students are thoroughly oriented on the course of instruction and are told what is expected of all students. Included in the orientation is a tour of the "world's most complete Army post" with an explanation of its facilities and capabilities. This tour and orientation are part of a program designed to make the new arrival "feel at home."

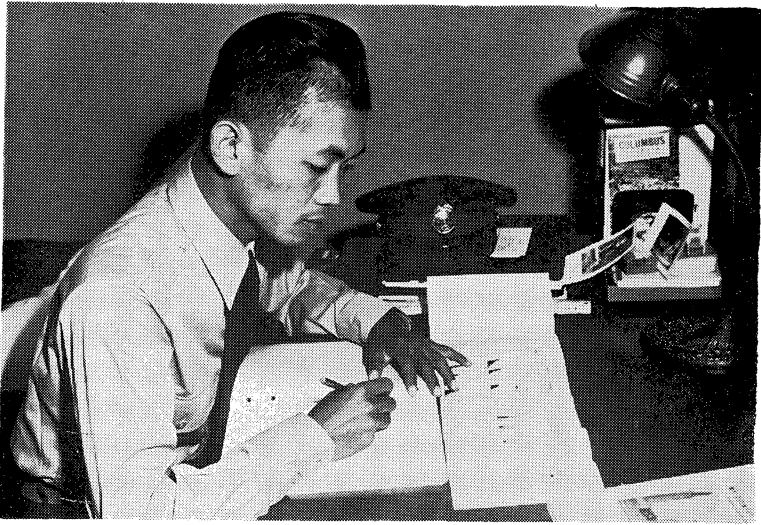
Those students with dependents accompanying them are assisted in locating quarters outside the military reservation. No student, Allied or American, who has his dependents with him is assigned quarters on the post. This is because there is insufficient housing to accommodate students. Unaccompanied students occupy bachelor quarters on the post.

Each Allied student is billeted, eats and performs classroom work with either an American or another Allied officer from a different country. This segregation of Allied students helps to bridge the gap between nationalities and cement relationships between men of many nations facing common problems today.

The students are issued field equipment and instructional material required for the initial phase of training. Additional instructional material is distributed as the class progresses to higher phases of military tactics and technique.

After these days filled with administrative details, the students are ready to settle down to the routine of schooling in a land and Army vastly different and distant from those to which they are accustomed.

The first month is perhaps the most difficult for the students. It is then that they are attempting to improve their knowledge of



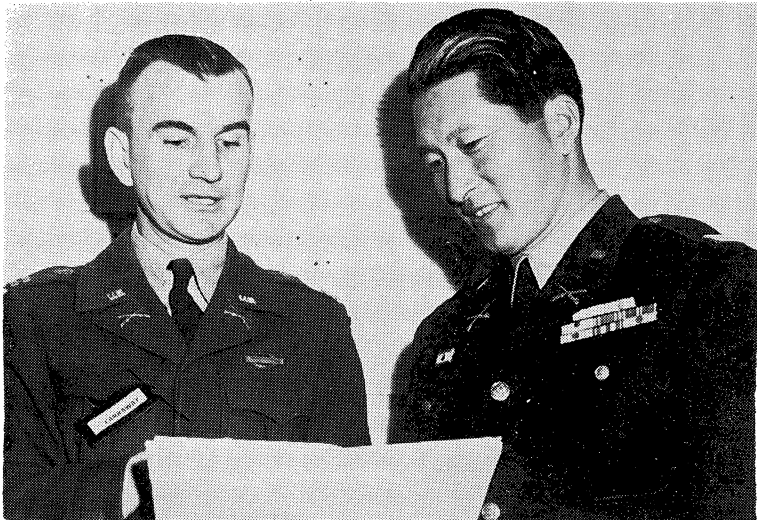
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Thailand Army Major Maronkrit Maharakkhaka, a member of the Infantry Inspector's Department, prepares a lesson assigned to him as a student in the advanced officers course.



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Major Celestino S. Monroy, left, and Lt. Col. Justo A. Rozales, of the army of the Philippines, examine the new 3.5 rocket launcher.



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ROK Army Brig. Choi Suk, right, is oriented by Capt. William R. Carraway of Schenectady, N. Y. The Republic of Korea officer attended the Infantry School's associate advanced officer's course No. 3.

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the English language, learn the American military instructional methods and acclimatize themselves to their new surroundings.

Their customs are in many cases vastly different from American ones, and although they usually possess a working knowledge of the English language, they are frequently confronted with the language barrier. This barrier and the strangeness of new surroundings sometimes handicaps the foreign students. The visitors, however, are subject to the same regulations as American students. They take the same examinations and must meet the same minimum requirements. Those who successfully pass the course receive diplomas; the others, if any, get only certificates of attendance.

Despite the obstacles, Allied officers have several times won distinction as honor graduates.

There is no special diet for Allied students at The Infantry School. They eat the same food as American students. They adapt themselves to the new food and are often seen going back for second helping along with their American contemporaries.

In order to centralize the handling of the large number of Allied students, an Allied Liaison Section was formed in the latter part of 1949. The mission of this section is to assist the students from far-away places. This assistance includes furnishing interpreters for classroom work, arranging additional instruction for those who need it, and handling personal problems of the students.

Although their training is both intensive and extensive, the students find time to visit many places of interest near Fort Benning. Short tours are arranged for weekends. These include visits to the Little White House at Warm Springs, Ga., the Lockheed Aircraft Plant at Marietta, Ga., and the famed Cyclorama in Atlanta, Ga.

One of the chief contributions to the establishment and maintenance of exceptionally friendly relations between Allied and American students is the voluntary "sponsor" system. This is a plan, initiated by the American officers themselves, whereby an American

officer becomes what might be called the guardian angel of an Allied officer.

The sponsor system comes into play the first few weeks of training. When the officers get to know each other and friendships begin to flower, an American officer decides he would like to sponsor a certain Allied officer during his stay. He informs the Allied Liaison Section of his intent. The chief of the Allied Liaison Section gives his approval after checking to see if the American officer is academically qualified to spare the added time. This completed, the sponsor takes over and helps the Allied officer with his various problems. Added help to the Allied officer includes assistance in classroom procedure and other phases of training and help with the technical problems which crop up in studying subjects such as map reading, weapons and fire control.

In addition, the sponsor frequently takes the Allied officer into his home for a first-hand view of off-duty life. The sponsor also acts as host at informal dinners, and invites the Allied officer to accompany him on weekend and holiday trips. In several instances, the sponsor has taken his charge to his home for periods of leave when the academic year ends.

Proof of the friendships that sprang up at The Infantry School is found in letters and reports of meetings and reunions in such distant places as Oslo, Norway, Paris, France, and Ankara, Turkey.

Training of Allied officers is a continuing and expanding project at The Infantry School. During the school year 1951-52 approximately 600 Allied officers from about 27 countries graduated.

The policy of training Allied military students has evolved from a friendly-neighbor gesture into an objective and professional training program, with assurance that a full understanding of the American way of life is afforded each student.

The Allied training program has already proven its worth to all participating governments. It will continue to contribute in great measure to our long-range defense policy.



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Maj. Mario Moffa, foreground, of Rome, Italy, operates a field switchboard, while Capt. Jean Fichoux, left, of Paris, France, looks on. Instructing is Col. Wolcott Dudley, Communications Department Director.



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Getting a good position prior to firing the 57-mm recoilless rifle is 1st Lt. John Tsaggos, right, of the Greek Army. Second Lt. Edgar Bass of Corpus Christi, Texas, assists the Greek officer during the rifle company attack problem.

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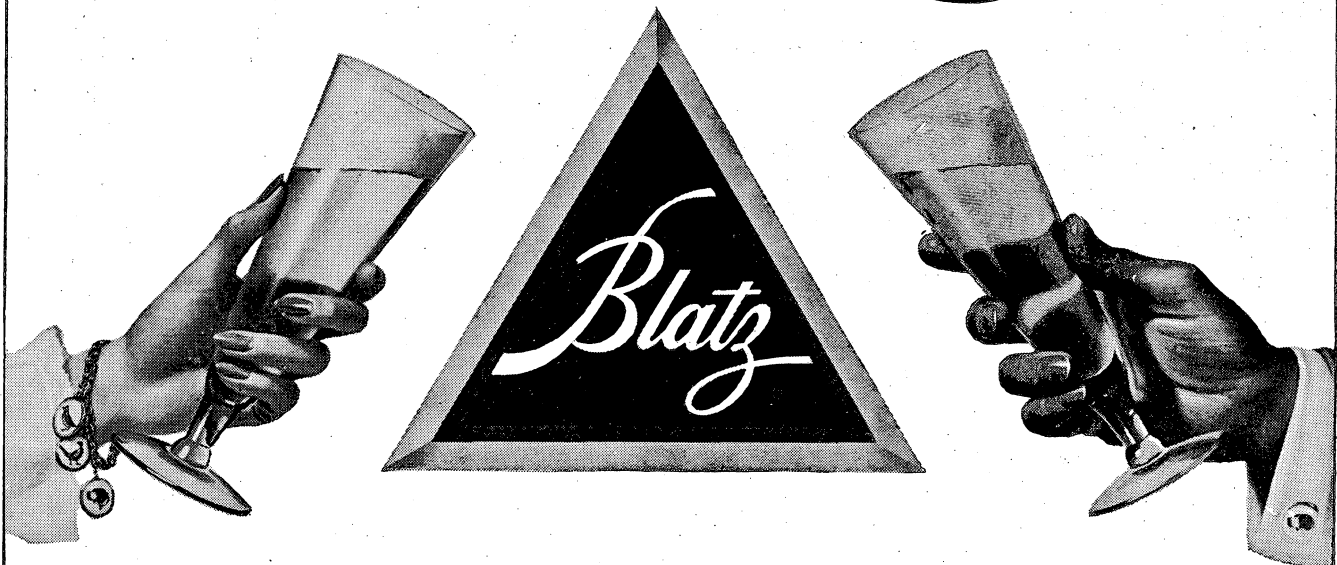
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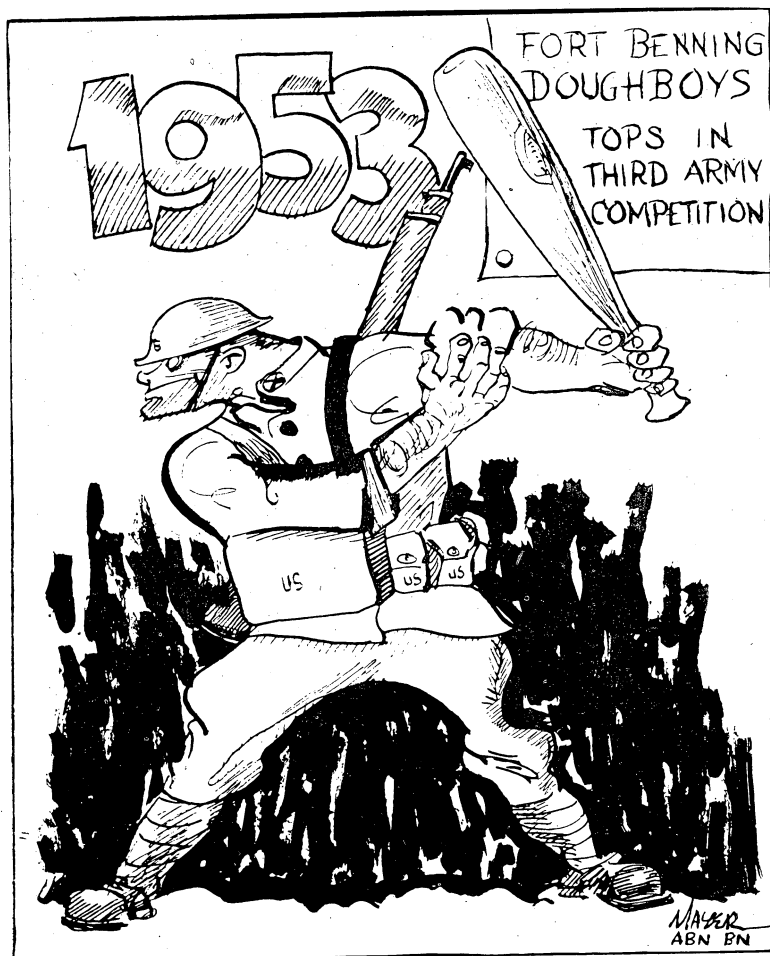
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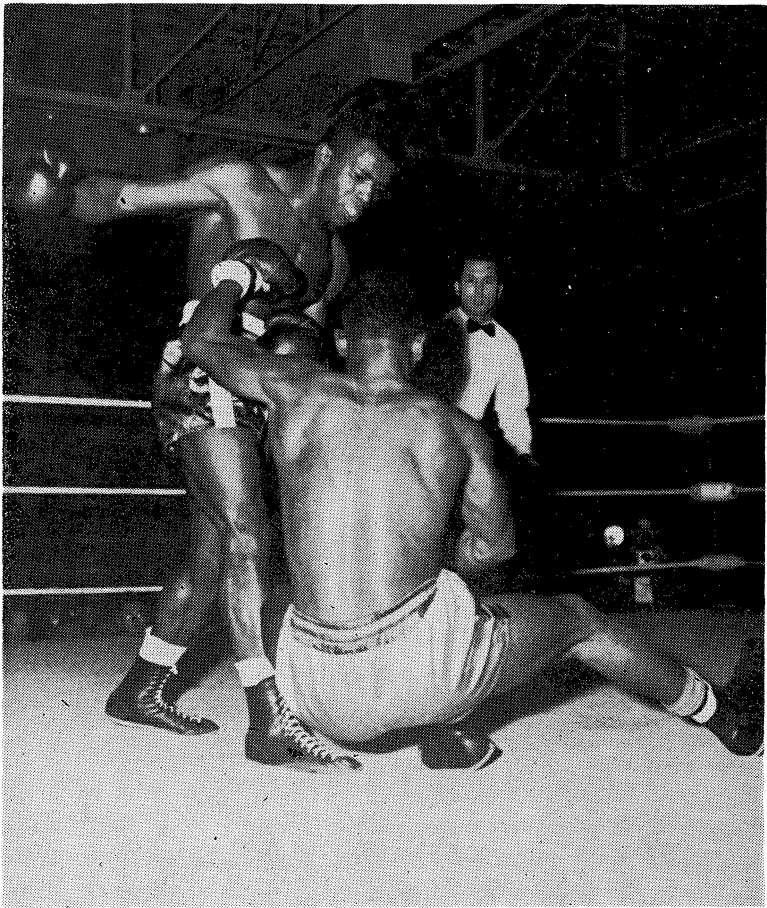
Just in case you did not know it, and it doesn't cost me anything to tell you Infantry Center soldiers and Wacs, Fort Benning is a haven for athletes and sports fans.

Under the direction of Special Services Officer Lt. Col. Kenneth Grimes and his able sports staff, Capt. Howard McCormack and the now departed Major Gene Myers, more well-balanced, sincerely contested sports events have taken place here than on most college campuses. And in many instances, the individual performances of Benning athletes would have won cheers from the most case-hardened fans in any league.

To any GI on his off-duty time, there are numerous activities and athletics for him or her to partake of, depending upon the season. Boxing, basketball, baseball, track, softball, volleyball, football, and many others—right down to mumbly peg.

At present the number one sport for participation and spectators is baseball with TIC Baseball League games taking place every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at Gowdy Field on Main Post and Bullet Field in Sand Hill. Also on many an empty training field, a diamond has been scraped out and as soon as 5 p. m. rolls around, there is somebody out there heaving the stitched horsehide or softball around.

In the Fort Benning Baseball League there are six teams battling it out for the 1953 flag. Last year's champions were the Infantry School Detachment Professors who won the post title be-



BOXING . . . Fort Benning's top-flight attraction. Here Ben Robinson of Special Troops connects, sending Frank Love of CTC down to the canvas. Robinson is the post's light heavyweight champion.

hind the pitching of garbage man Joe Feinstein, who had an amazing number of varied junk pitches.

Besides the Professors in the TIC circuit this year, are the School Brigade Rams, Combat Training Command, 508th Airborne, Special Troops Command, and Lawson Field.

This past month at Fort Benning, it looked like the No. One V.V.D. factory went out of business for more men were cavorting around the post in shorts than anything else. For, it was track time and most of the major units on post held intra-battalion meets which finally led up to the Infantry Center Track and Field Meet at Doughboy Stadium and Gowdy Field.

After two days of gathering blisters and bunions, the 508th Airborne Red Devils were acclaimed the 1953 Track and Field champions by beating out last year's team champions, CTC. The 508th troopers placed men in every event in the 18 that were run off.

But, a wiry, small Danish lieutenant who is taking the Associate Advanced Course in the First Student Regiment stole the show on the final day with his graceful and effortless running in the one mile and three mile events. Hans Egander, who is learning the American way of life, Southern style, reaped the laurels and the hearts on the crowd.

Fort Benning is sometimes referred to as the "Cradle of Army Boxing" and it was proven so by the 1953 Doughboy team that went to the Third Army Boxing Tournament. Three titles were taken back to Georgia plus the 3-A team championship. Ray Kiley won the featherweight championship but was eliminated after one fight in the All-Army show. Jack King chalked up the light heavyweight crown and rose to the All-Army finals before he was stopped by a busted nose.

But the fighter that brought most of the fame to The Infantry Center was First SR's Gordon Van Loo, a light middleweight who was a so-so boxer on post but a devil at Third Army and All Army. Van Loo, a Grand Rapids, Mich., youth, won the AA 156-pound title easily. He went on to the National AAU Championships and

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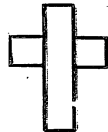
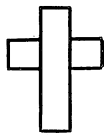
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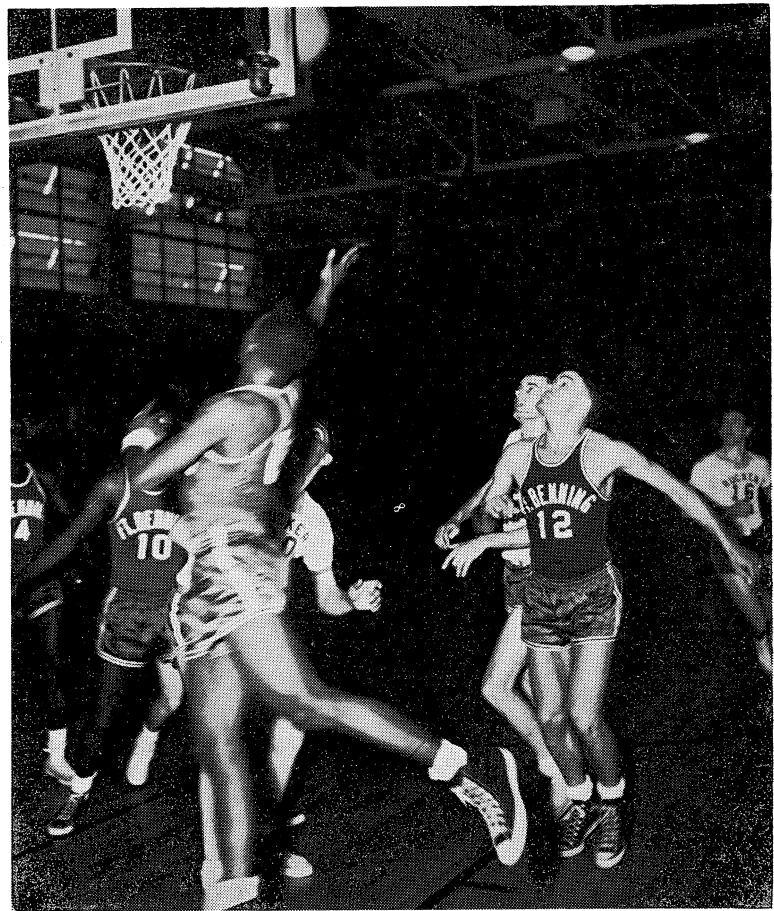
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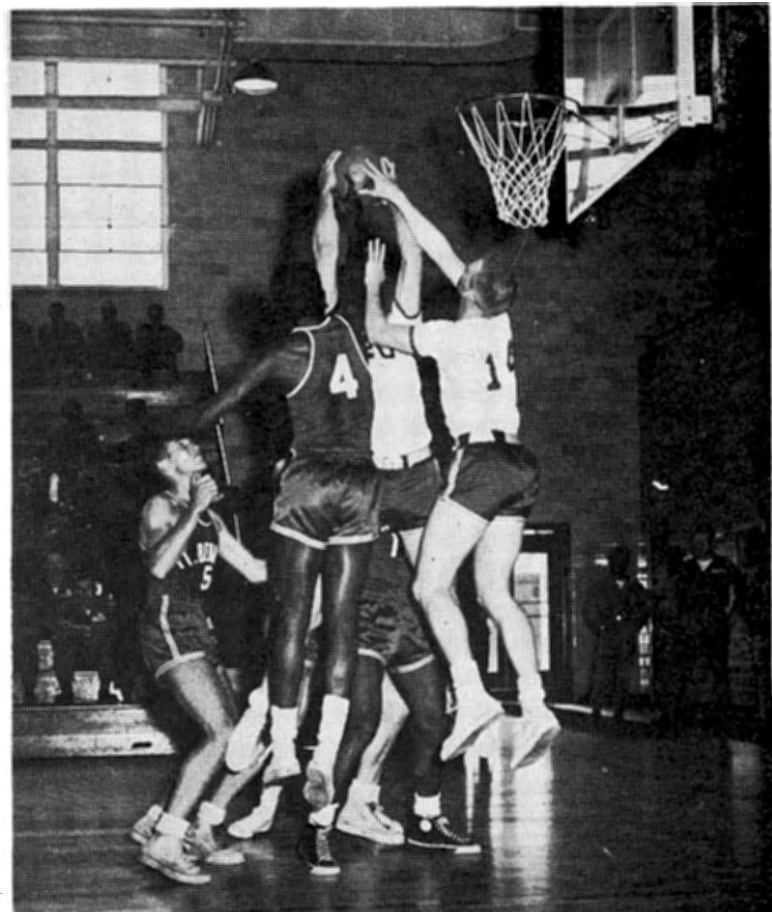
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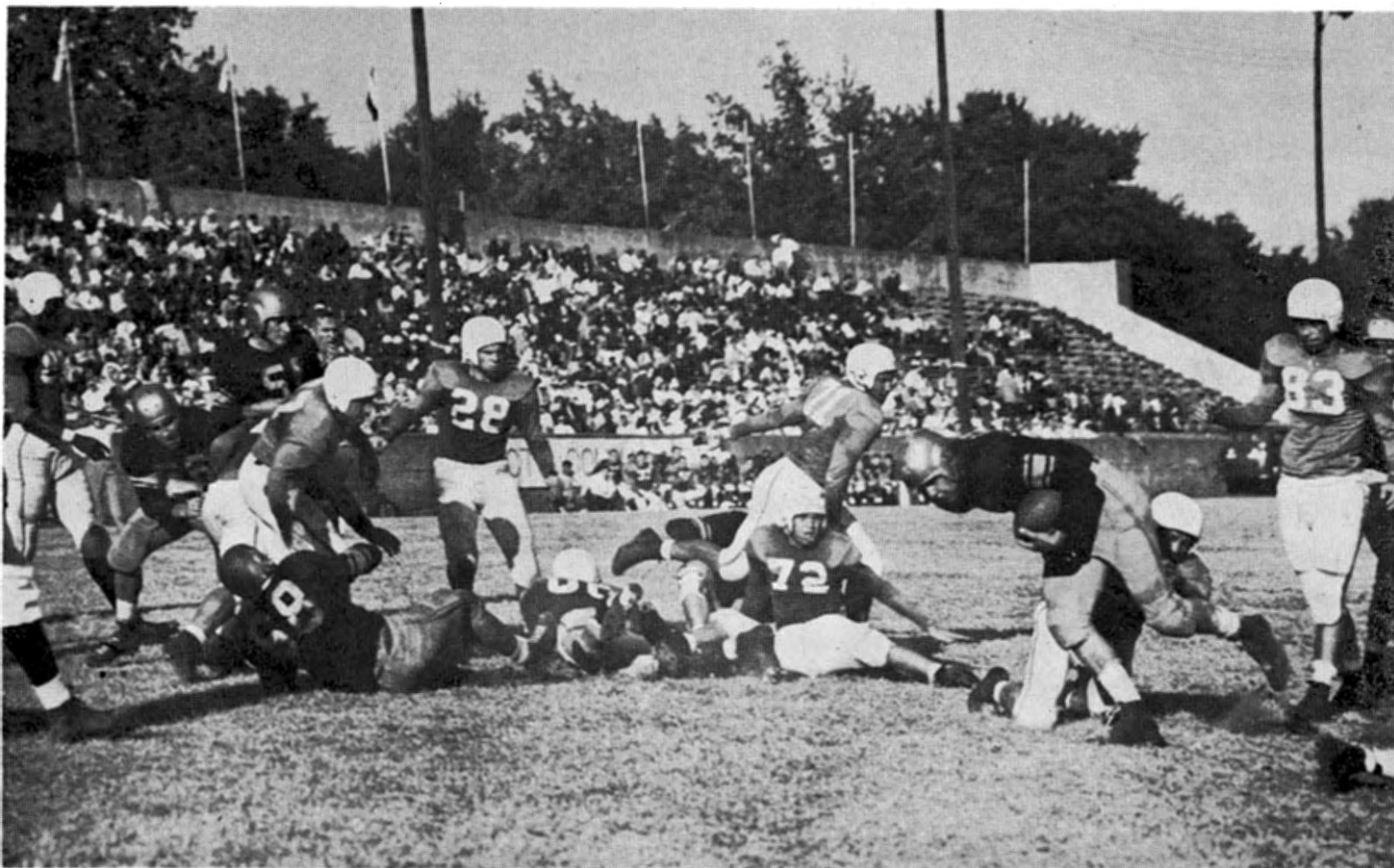
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BASKETBALL . . . The big tournament that brought out the fans was the Third Army Basketball Tourney at Briant Wells Field House. CTC's Roy Young attempts a basket with Dick Thompson (12) looking on.



BASKETBALL . . . Fort Benning's Roy Young (4) goes up attempting to block a basket during the Third Army Basketball game in which CTC tangled with Camp Rucker.



FOOTBALL . . . Special Troops Rams halfback Bob Morstad bucks over the line for a short gain in a game against the CTC Commanders.



FOOTBALL . . . Harry Mantzouranis of ISD-ASU Green Waves forced out of bounds during game with the 508th Airborne last fall.

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the Inter-Service Boxing Tournament, but too much work and little rest caught up with him.

The biggest and best sports show that Fort Benning had during 1953 was the Third Army Basketball Tournament which played to a full house for almost a week. Benning representative, Combat Training Command, went through the double elimination tournament undefeated until they ran into Fort Jackson's Golden Arrows.

Then, dropped into the losers bracket, the Doughboys tangled with the Camp Rucker five in the semi-finals and lost out.

CTC gained the right to represent the post in that competition by knocking off the First SR Blackshirts, winners of the regular season play. The Commanders, under Jim Guthrie, beat the Blackshirts in the post tournament. Then in a playoff for the Benning championship, CTC defeated First SR in two straight games and were acclaimed the 1953 champions.

During last autumn, and for a period of eight or nine weeks, most everyone flocked to Doughboy Stadium to see the TIC Football League in action. Many great players trod the green turf of that gridiron and after the season, the combination First Student Brigade-Provisional Medical Group Special Troops Rams were hailed as the champions with an undefeated but tied record.

But, looking for additional fields to conquer, the Rams journeyed to Florida for a post season contest with the Parris Island Marines who showed them how football should be played. We lost, 49-0.

Under the intramural system of play that prevails throughout the Army, not everyone could get a chance to get into a game so many of our people get together for a game of softball, or touch football. Any sport that they like.

Recently, a group of Japanese National Police arrived here for study and it is not unusual to see them bat the ball around in front of their company. They too are great athletes.

And then there is the man who just would like to just loll about with a fishing pole stuck between his toes. Well, there are over 25 well-stocked lakes and ponds on the military reservation and boats are available to all. All you've got to do is call the Fort



SHOOTING . . . The Dean of American Pistol Shooters, Col. Perry D. Swindler, left, discusses pistols with Major Ellis Lea, 1953 Army Pistol Team captain.



YOUTH SPORTS . . . Fort Benning's Dads Club has a well-organized athletic program for youngsters. Here some of the kids are engaged in a basketball game.

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How about shooting? Well the post has one of the finest shooting clubs in the world right off Dixie Road. The Fort Benning Rifle and Pistol Club is well known and recently the Benning Pistol Team won the Georgia State Pistol Matches, held at Fort McPherson.

Every year the U. S. Army Rifle and Pistol teams journey down this-a-way and practice, practice, and practice. Then they head into the wide blue yonder and return laden down with trophies and medals. The Rifle team did just that in September of 1952 by winning the National Rifle Championship Matches which were held at our own McAndrew Range under the National Rifle Association sponsorship. Our pistol team journeyed down to Tampa, Fla., and came back with the Mid-Winter Pistol trophy.

Benning has contributed much towards giving every soldier a wider and more thorough knowledge of shooting. Much of the thanks goes to Col. Perry D. Swinder, the dean of American shooters, who is now a director of the NRA. Other marksmen who should get Pats on the Back are Major Ellis Lea, M/Sgt Joe Benner, CWO Robert E. Knight, Capt. Ralph Anthony and loads more.

Golf is another game at Fort Benning that is widely played at two fine golf courses. The Main Post course at the Fort Benning Country Club is a 27-hole layout which is run by golf pro Charlie Harper and his able assistant, Paul Buman. The man who keeps the greens and fairways in tip-top playing shape is Lester Lawrence.

Out in Sand Hill, behind the 508th Airborne area, the Enlisted Men's Golf Course is located. The nine-hole layout is run by Jim Guthrie and an able crew.

Tennis, volleyball and softball are also great participation sports here at The Infantry Center. But the sport that is more or less taken for granted is swimming. There are two pools at the Officers Club. There is an Olympic size pool at Briant Wells Field House. Outdoor pools are located in Sand Hill and there are two in Main Post (Russ and Young Pools).

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The WAC Detachment, assigned to Special Troops Command, also has a sports program that is tops. The girls have formed basketball teams that played other third Army posts. The same prevails now in softball. Every evening you can see the WAC softballers working out on the diamond behind the barracks.

Special Services has allocated every Monday evening as Women's Night at Briant Wells Field House and since the program has been in effect, the gals have been turning out to use the Field House's facilities.

Sports here at Fort Benning have been tops and the Army recognizes the need for it. That is why every GI, civilian, or military dependent has a multitude of diverse athletics at his fingertips.

The "Queen of Battle"

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and adaptable fighting arm. No longer was the foot-soldier content with rifle and bayonet. He had to be familiar with and use such weapons as the semi-automatic M-1 (Garand) rifle, the semi-automatic and automatic carbine, recoilless rifles, "bazookas," flame-throwers, automatic rifles, light and heavy machine guns, light and heavy mortars, light artillery (37 mm and 57 mm), numerous types of hand and rifle grenades, and pistols. He mastered these new instruments, and adapted them to tactical forms imposed by deserts and jungles, mountains and plains, hedgerows and islands.

And yet, despite the almost fantastic complexities introduced into warfare by exploitation of mechanical and electronic resources, the mission of the Infantry is much the same today as it was in the beginning. The combat Infantryman is the one who must see the whites of enemy eyes. Numb with cold or fatigued with heat, weak from hunger and tired to the point of exhaustion, he must take still another step, fire yet another shot. It is the Infantryman who must close with the foe, destroy him, and take possession of contested ground. That was his job in 1776. That is his job today.

There is as yet no indication that the Infantryman's grim role has been substantially altered by even the most incredible of modern developments, the atomic weapons. Immediately following a recent test of an atomic device in the United States, the following item appeared in a news-story: "The 280 mm (Atomic) cannon was theoretically fired at an enemy position that our Infantrymen then had to occupy for the final mop-up."

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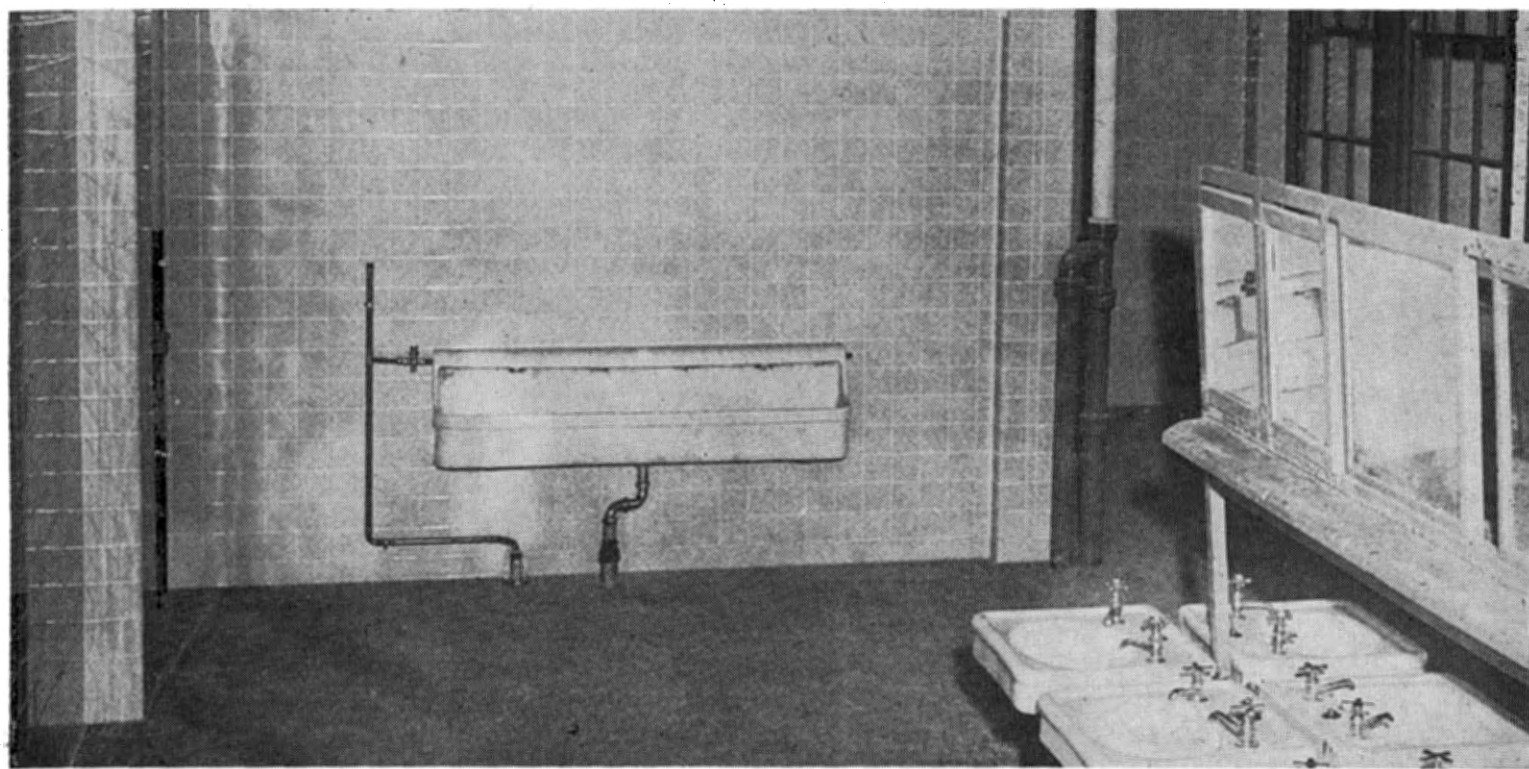
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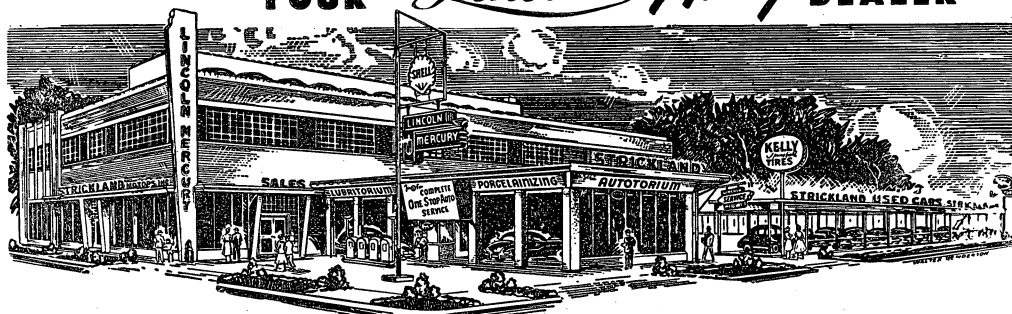
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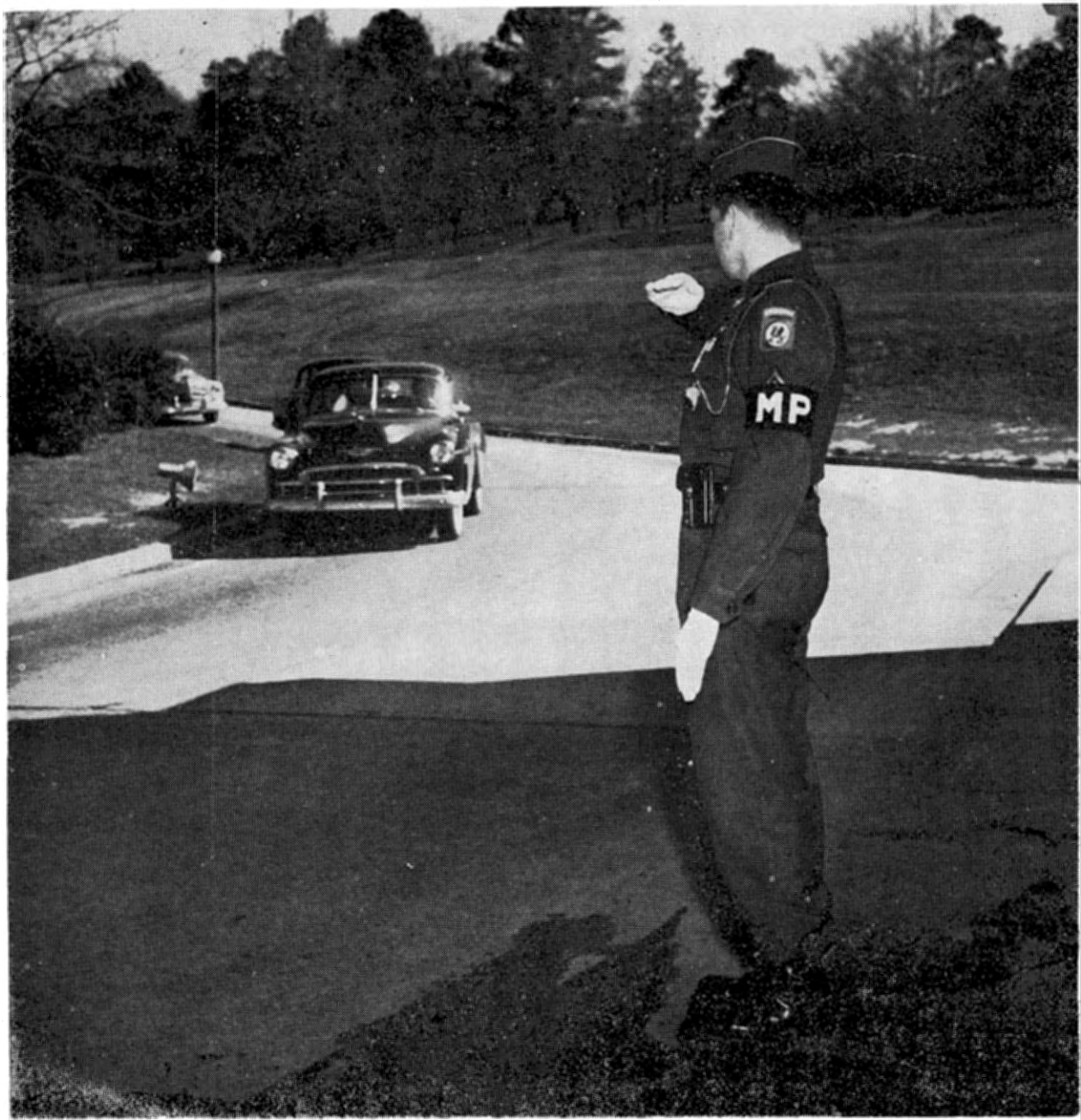
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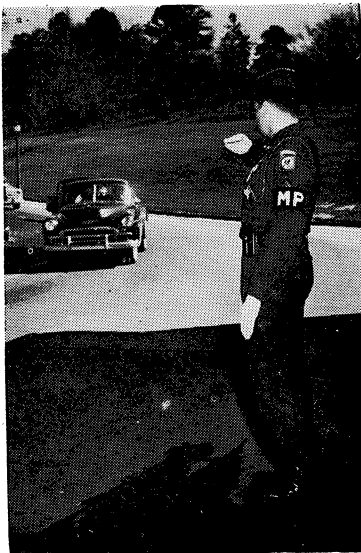
On This Month's Cover:



On our cover this month we see an MP in perhaps his most familiar role—that of directing traffic. But this is only one phase of the MP's busy, and sometimes, exciting life.

The enlisted man on the cover is Cpl. James W. Edgell, of the 508th Airborne Regimental Team, one of about 40 men who have been loaned to the Post Provost Marshal by the commanding officer of the Red Devil outfit.

The story about the MPs, how they work and operate, is a thrilling one, and is presented as the lead story in this issue of the Benning Herald.



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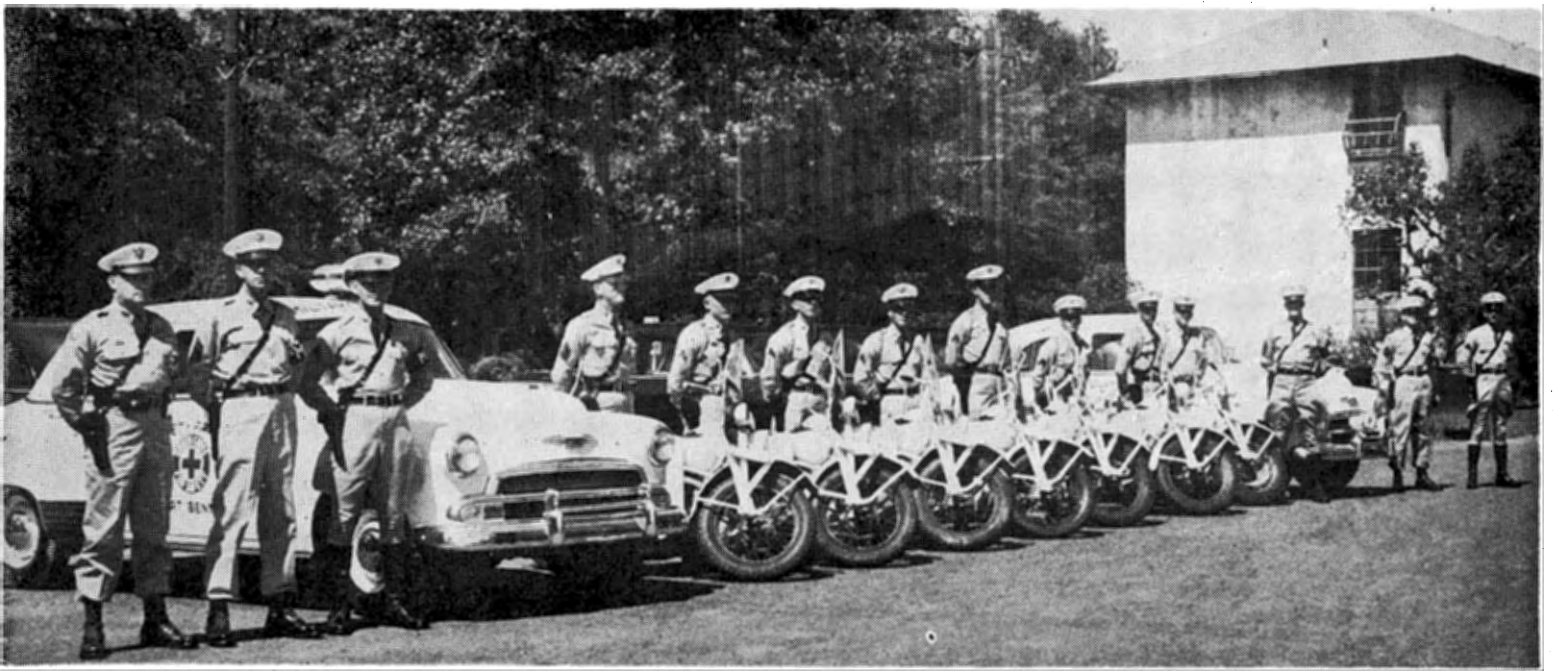
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The modern American counterpart of King Charles' provost marshal here at Fort Benning is Lt. Colonel Alonzo E. Wood, but Colonel Wood's duties are far more inclusive. The modern-day provost, as head of the military police, must also assist and protect the soldiers as well as the general public.

Although the job of the military policeman is as old as the oldest army, the Military Police Corps of the United States Army is comparatively young, having been established as a corps in July, 1941, when the Office of the Provost Marshal General was also established. Since that time the corps has grown into the present close-knit structure of men trained and equipped to take care of a great variety of military problems.

The office of the Provost Marshal at The Infantry Center is divided into several different sections, but the one probably the most frequently in the public eye is the traffic section. Several times each day men from the traffic section direct some 20,000 cars going to and from work. In charge of the traffic section is Master Sergeant Charles W. Hibler.

In addition to their duties as traffic directors, the men of the traffic section are, in a sense, traffic accident experts. Like their civilian counterparts, they must be on the job to aid victims of accidents and to prevent those accidents' happening, if possible. As a part of the accident-prevention program, traffic patrols tour the post constantly to assure that traffic rules and regulations are not violated. Traffic patrols also aid drivers whose cars have developed trouble, partly from a desire to do good and partly to keep traffic moving.

The traffic section also has a big job in providing escorts for the many VIP's who come as guests at Fort Benning. Escorting members of the Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences to the various demonstration areas has been one of their big jobs.

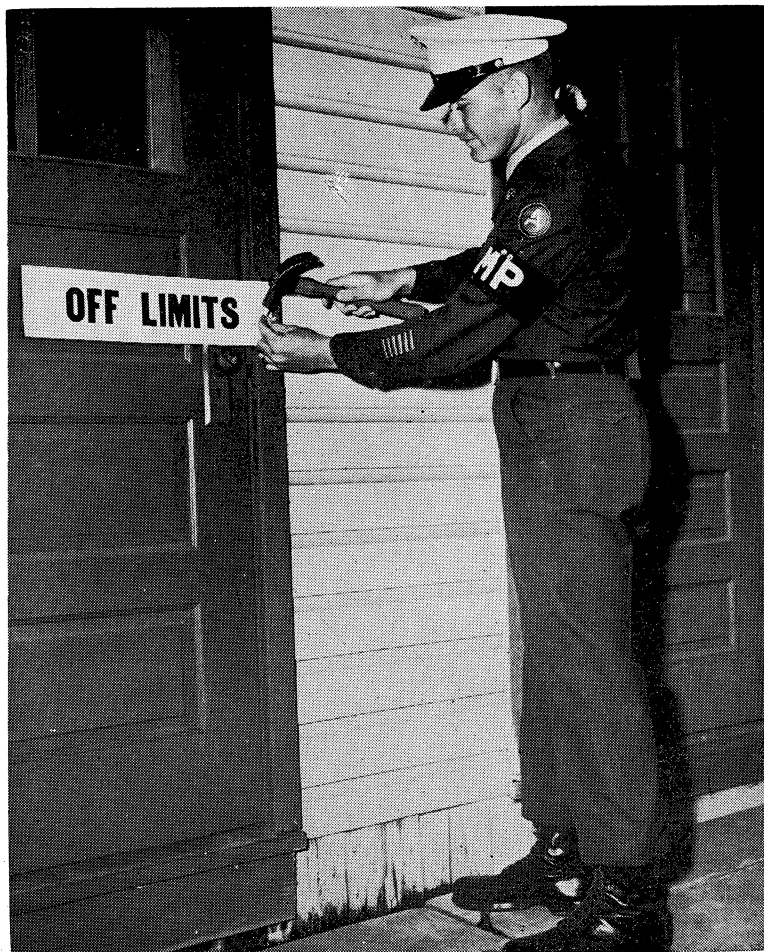
Besides the men wearing the familiar white cap of the Military Police corps, Fort Benning drivers frequently see Airborne soldiers directing traffic at the important intersections. These men are from the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team who have been called in to assist the TIC Military Police since there is a shortage of trained Military Police. Approximately forty men from the 508th are now helping direct Fort Benning traffic. They were given a short training period in traffic operations and are doing a fine job in assisting the regular Military Police.

The Operations section of the provost marshal's office is the hub of military police activity. Divided into such subsections as vehicle registration, weapons registration, and two control desks, the entire section is supervised by Major Serre D. de Loach, assisted by Captain Louis H. Trim and Captain John A. Smith.

The two control desks are the key points of the operations



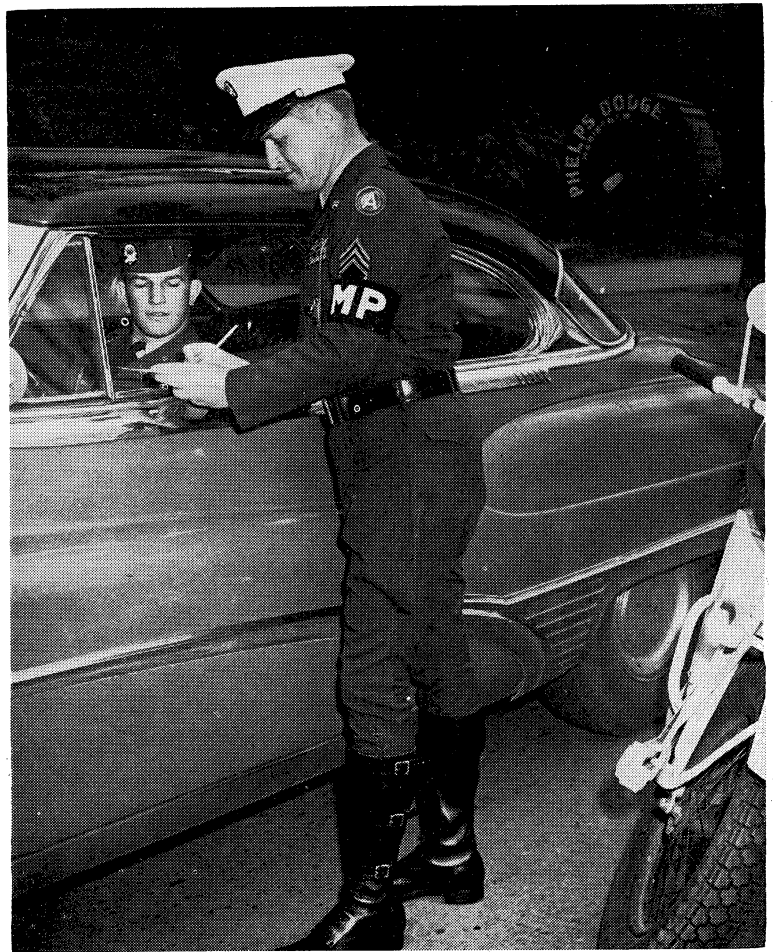
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CPL. ROBERT L. TANNER OF JACKSONVILLE, FLA., NAILS OFF LIMITS SIGN ON BARRACKS.



SFC. BRUCE M. HERBERTSON WRITES REPORT OF ACCIDENT OF PFC. BOBBY J. RUSHING AND 1ST LT. WM. G. NEWBOLD.



2ND LT. PAUL A. BALCAVAGE HAS TRAFFIC VIOLATION TICKET WRITTEN FOR HIM BY SFC. BRUCE M. HERBERTSON



CPL. WILEY B. CHANDLER AND CPL. JOHN T. BRYANT AT MP'S OPERATION DESK, PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE.

section. The desk in the provost marshal's office is similar to the desk in a civilian police headquarters with the desk sergeant taking care of a strange variety of events. Desk sergeants are apparently expected to have all sorts of information on file in their heads, and because of the unexpected and unusual questions they have answered in the past they are frequently thought of as walking encyclopedias.

Besides answering the questions of the general public, the desk sergeant sees that the radio-equipped patrol cars are properly dispatched. His job is to see that patrol cars proceed to any disturbance, disaster, or accident with the least possible delay.

A few people meet the desk sergeant in a less happy situation, when they stand before the high desk in the office to be processed after being apprehended by the military police; but even they respect his stern but fair treatment.

Frequently the business of being a desk sergeant is varied with that of being a baby-sitter. Fort Benning children, like all others, have a habit of toddling away. They are frequently brought to the military police desk until their "lost" parents can be found. The desk notifies various other law enforcement agencies, the public information office, and radio stations, until the parents show up. In the meantime, they entertain the children as best they can.

The Provost Marshal has a branch headquarters in Columbus which operates twenty-four hours daily.

The military police have not been baby-sitters for too many years, but since armies were first organized one of their primary duties has been the apprehension of AWOLs and deserters. The investigation section is given the apprehension of AWOLs as a primary duty. Investigators assigned to this section work in teams, and at least one team of two investigators is on temporary duty with the sheriffs of sixty-six counties surrounding Fort Benning. The investigators, five enlisted men and one Wac, continually check business establishments in the area to see whether the businesses are operating so that military personnel may safely patronize them. This primarily involves places of entertainment. The provost marshal reports the results of their investigations to existing boards, which determine the proper status of the establishment.

The provost marshal has a military equivalent to the Detective

division of a city police department—the Criminal Investigation Division, more familiarly known as the CID. 1st Lt. Jerome R. Robertson heads the Fort Benning CID, whose responsibility it is to report to the provost marshal facts concerning any incidents of a criminal nature involving military personnel.



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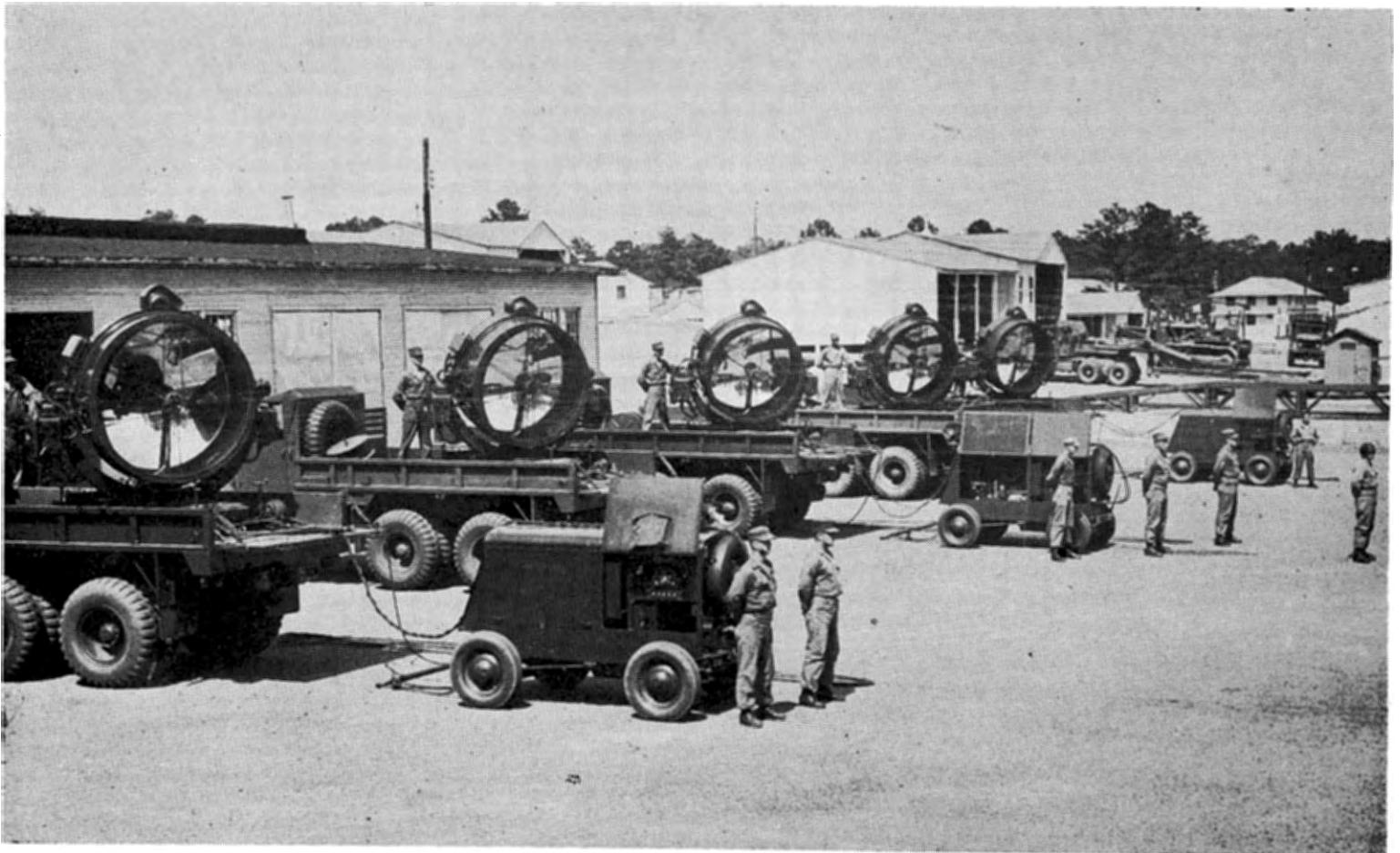
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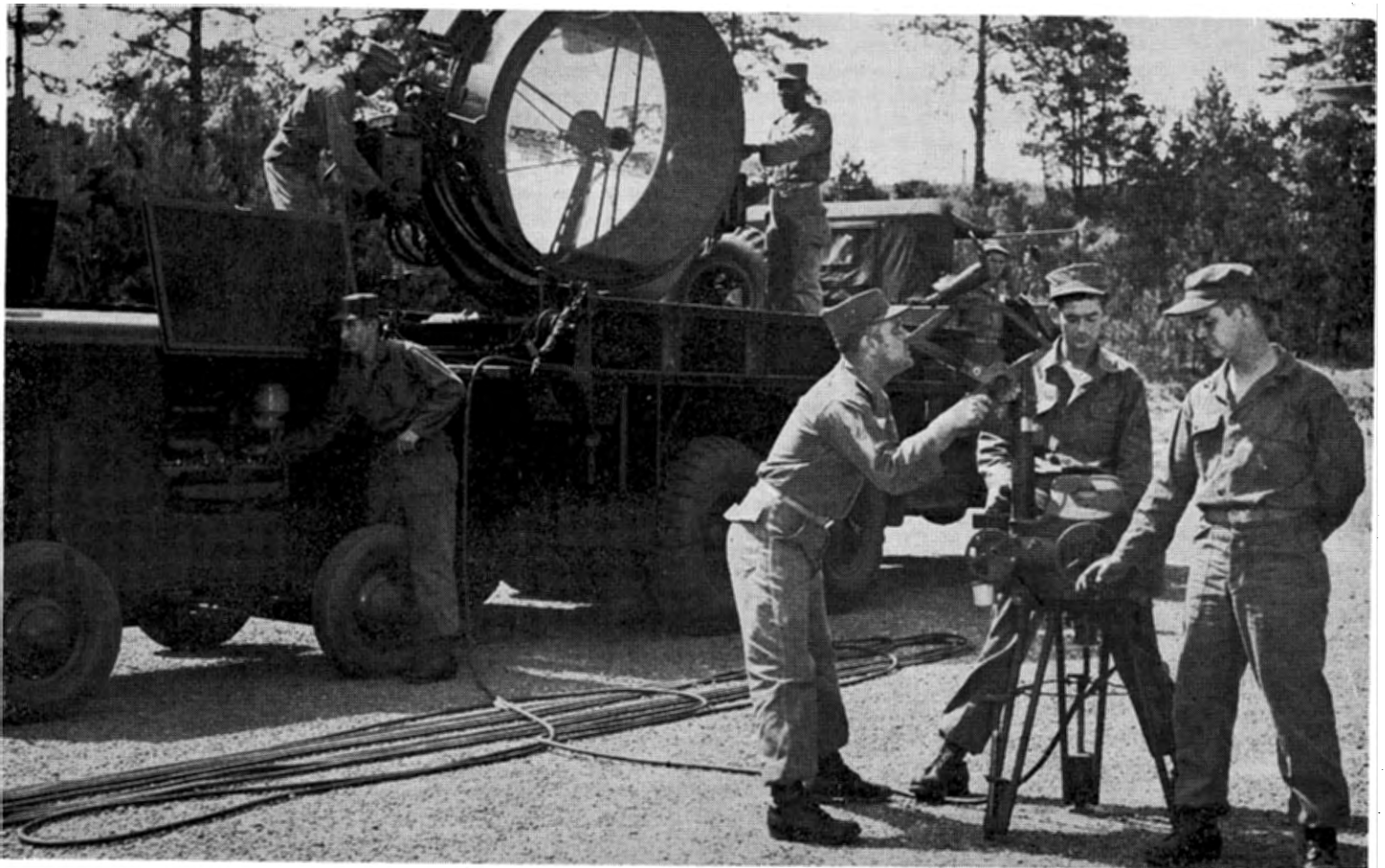
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A SEARCHLIGHT UNIT IS COMPOSED OF THREE SEPARATE ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT. IN THE FOREGROUND IS THE CONTROL STATION WHERE CPL. GEORGE CRAVER, LEFT, IS SIGHTING THROUGH BINOCULARS, ASSISTED BY PVT. LEO F. TUCK, CENTER, AND PVT. MARTIN E. TRAINER. AT FAR LEFT PFC. PETE Z. LAWSON RUNS THE 16-KILOWATT POWER PLANT, WHILE ON THE TRUCKS, CPL. ROBERT L. LYONS AND PFC. FLOYD GAINER OPERATE THE POWERFUL SEARCHLIGHT. CABLES FROM CONTROL STATION TO THE SEARCHLIGHT ARE SHOWN ON THE GROUND.

ARTIFICIAL MOONLIGHT AT BENNING

Artificial moonlight is being made at Fort Benning by members of the 530th Searchlight Platoon of Combat Training Command. This unusual platoon, commanded by 1st Lt. T. H. Parry, has the mission of making night into day for various problems of The Infantry School.

The 530th is attached to the 78th Engineer Battalion and the problems the men work on are all held at night. One problem is furnishing light for an assimilated attack and is labeled "A Tactical Application of Battlefield Illumination." This problem involves all of their six searchlights, and observers can readily see just how effective an attack can be when accomplished through the medium of 60-inch searchlights.

These searchlights employ a 16-kilowatt power plant for source of energy. The intensity of the light itself is measured in a unit called "candle power." One searchlight is able to produce a beam of light equal to eight hundred million candle power. A newspaper can be read at a distance of twenty-five miles from the light itself—and that is a lot of light.

Searchlights are used in three different ways. The light beam can shine directly on an objective. The light's ability as an illumination weapon is usually seen at its fullest in this manner. A second method of lighting an area is that of diffusion, or diffused light. This method uses only a portion of the light's beam and gives the effect of quarter-moonlight on an area.

The third method of illumination is achieved when the searchlight is elevated into the sky. The beam of the light will strike low hanging clouds and reflect itself down on the target. This type of light is labeled reflected light and is used quite extensively in Korea. The sight of reflected light along the battlefield creates an eerie sight and gives a haunted effect.

The 530th participates in various civic activities in Columbus and neighboring towns. Their searchlights have been used for circuses, July 4th celebrations, and recently illuminated the sky during Armed Forces Week.

The platoon is comprised mostly of Korean veterans. Ninety per cent of the present personnel have been members of searchlight units and have served with them in Korea. With such experience as this behind them, these men add reality to any problem they participate in.



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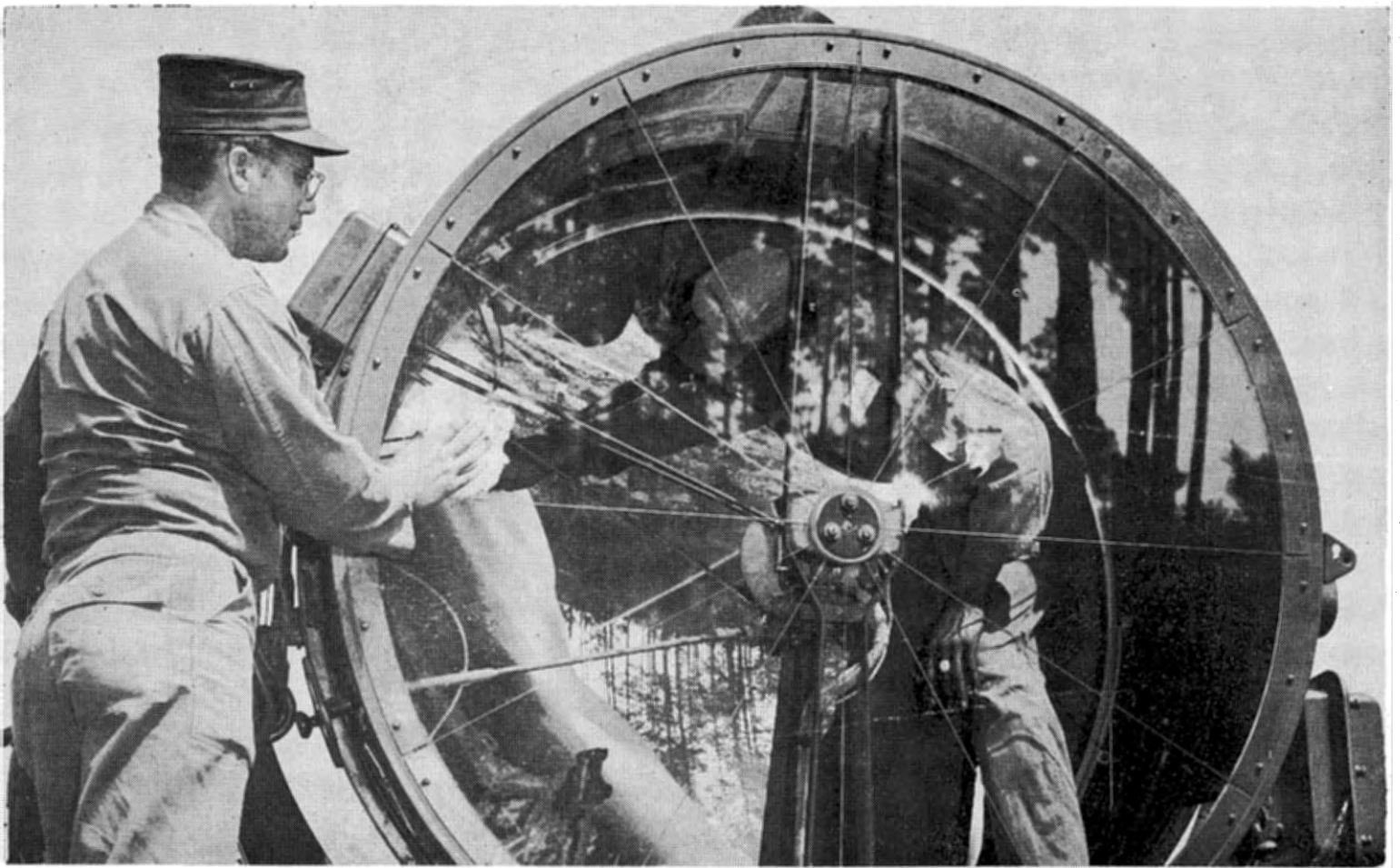


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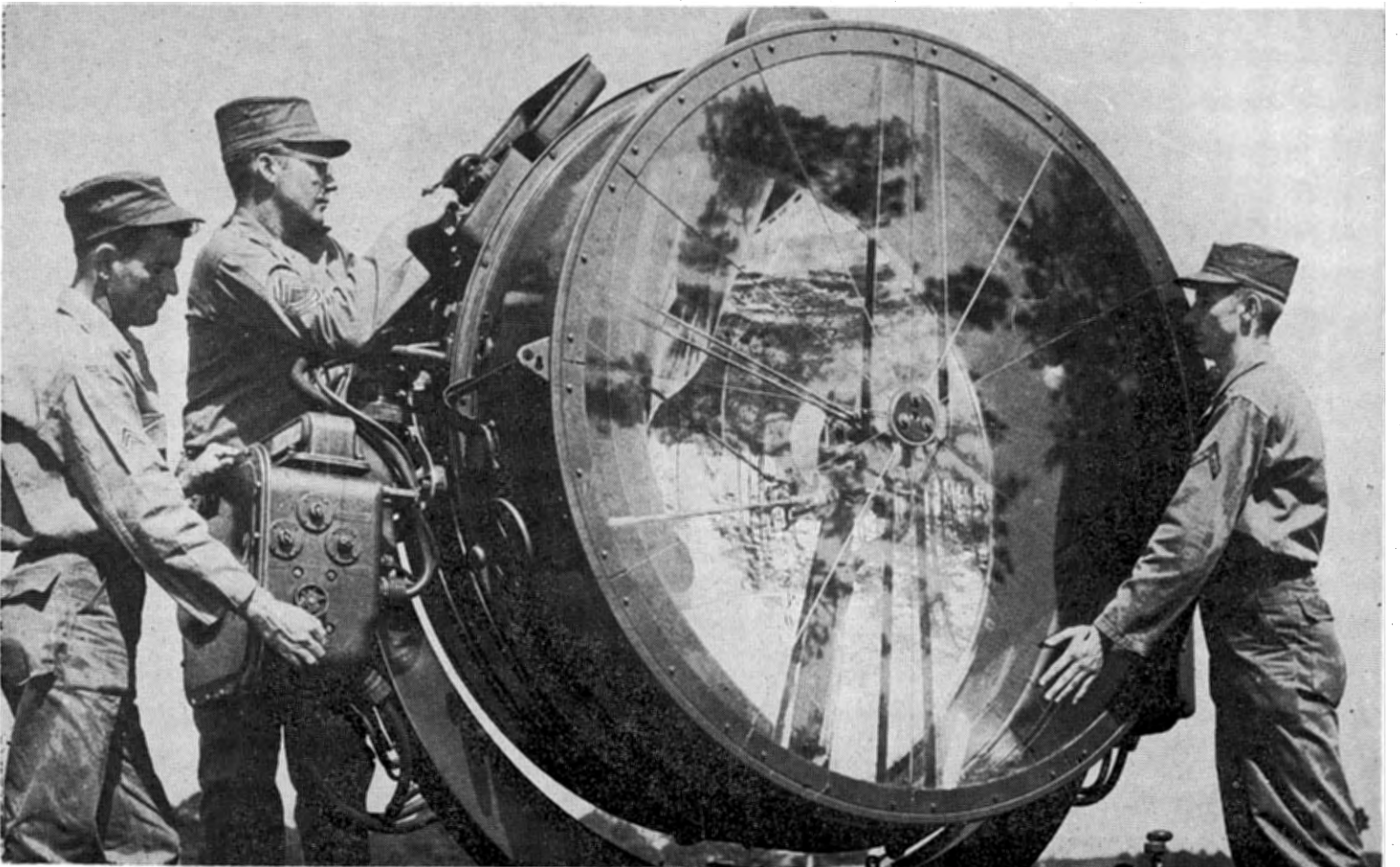
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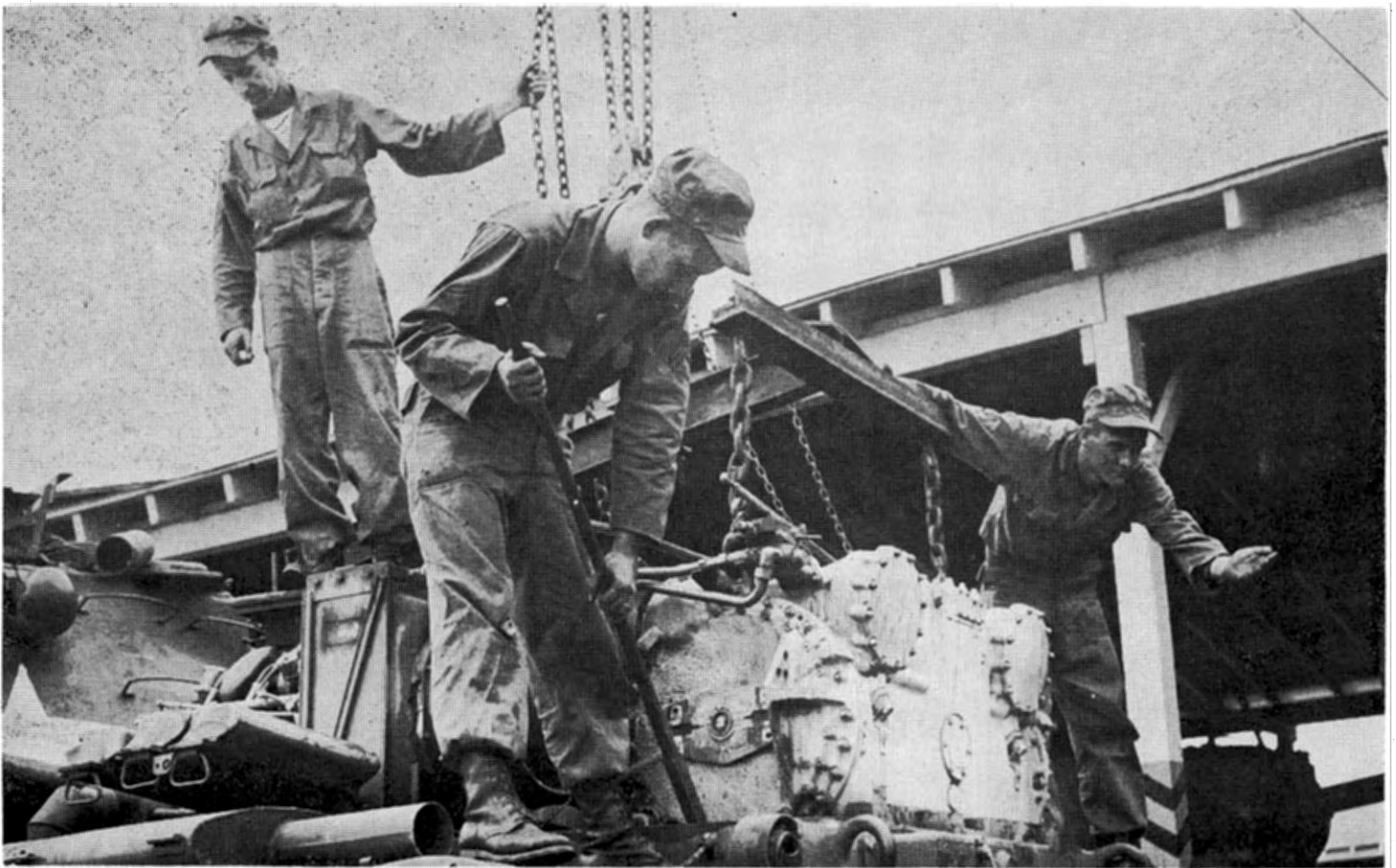
AS M/SGT. THERON C. BRAILSFORD CLEANS THE OUTSIDE PORTION OF A SEARCHLIGHT, CPL. ROBERT L. LYONS CLIMBS INSIDE AND APPLIES A COATING OF METAL POLISH TO THE REFLECTOR. THE ARMY HAS PREPARED A SPECIAL COMPOUND TO BE USED ON THE METAL SURFACES.



M/SGT. THERON C. BRAILSFORD EXAMINES THE SEARCHLIGHT CONTROL BOX WHILE CPL. NELSON DANNER AND PFC. PETE Z. LAWSON ASSIST IN HANDLING THE INSTRUMENT. NOTICE THE SIZE OF THE CABLES THAT CARRY ELECTRIC CURRENT INTO THE LIGHT.



SEARCHLIGHT UNITS EMPLOY A DEVICE KNOWN AS A CONTROL STATION, WHICH AUTOMATICALLY MOVES THESE POWERFUL LIGHTS IN SECONDS. IN THIS PICTURE M/SGT. REX RHODES SIGHTS A PROBABLE TARGET FOR ILLUMINATION. HE IS ASSISTED BY SFC. ARCHIE L. MCKEE AND PVT. JOSEPH VELOZ.



BATTALION MAINTENANCE "OPERATING ROOM" IN ACTION. CPL. CECIL BRAGG, SGT. WILLIAM WILSON, AND PFC. WILLIAM JOSEY PERFORM MAJOR SURGERY IN REMOVING THE 7000 POUND M-47 TANK ENGINE.



GOING PLACES ARMOR STYLE. SFC. JOSEPH TKACZYK, TANK COMMANDER, AND PFC. ROBERT GOODEN, DRIVER, DEMONSTRATE HILL CLIMBING CAPABILITIES OF AN M-47 TANK.

773rd TANK BATTALION

BY LT. R. W. CASHIN

As the old ballad says, "We wear shiny boots and yellow scarves . . . and ride around in armored cars . . . We're Armor's pride and joy."

A true spirit of the traditions of the old cavalry days and more recently of the "armored car" era can be found firmly embedded in the 773rd Tank Battalion (120mm Gun), the armored heart of The Infantry Center. The trooper of yesterday had a special spot in his heart for "Old Nell." His successor of today feels much the same way. Although the four-legged "vehicle" has been replaced by one of 50 tons of steel and machinery, the traditions still remain. Evidence of this are the names such as "Amorous Ann" and "Another 8 Ball," affectionately given the vehicles by their crews. Gas and oil, motor sheds, and tarps have replaced the oats, stalls and blankets of a bygone era, but the facts are the same. "Amorous Ann" goes to bed well cared for before the trooper thinks of himself. The slap on the flank and the "good night old gal" spirit are still very much with us in armor.

This same spirit and tradition has been with the 773rd for 12 years. Born in July 1941 as the 73rd Anti Tank Battalion it later evolved into the 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion and still later the 773rd Tank Battalion. During its existence its activities have been as many and varied as the numerous posts at which it has been stationed. Camp Shelby, Camp Claiborne, Fort Hood, the Desert Training Center at Indio, Calif., Camp Atterbury and Camp Polk—all were homes at one time or another for the 773rd. Finally in August 1951 Fort Benning became the newest addition to the "homes" of the 773rd Tank Battalion.

With many months of intensive training to its credit the bat-



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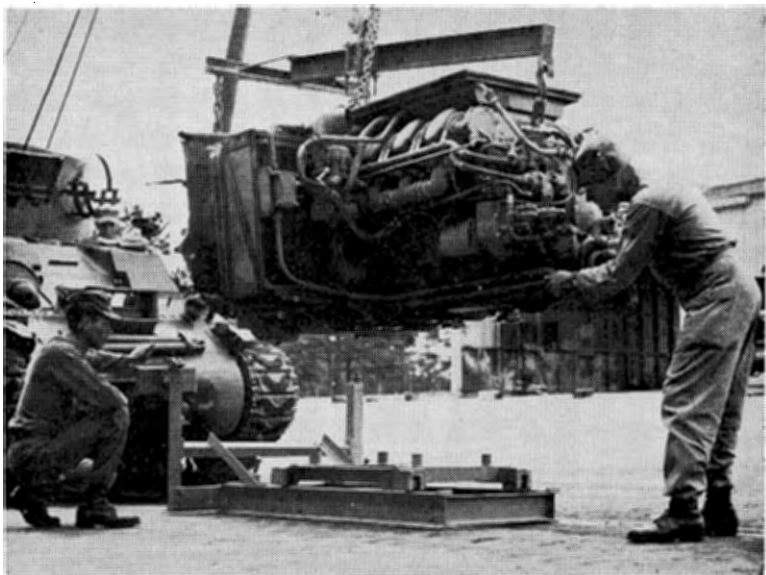
TANKS IN THE ATTACK PHASE ON PROBLEM 2601.



SGT. ROBERT SMITH DIRECTS A T-41 TANK ONTO BATTALION MAINTENANCE'S TANK TRANSPORTER (LOW BOY). THIS MULTI-WHEELED VEHICLE IS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TANK RECOVERY VEHICLE TO EVACUATE TANKS KNOCKED OUT IN BATTLE.



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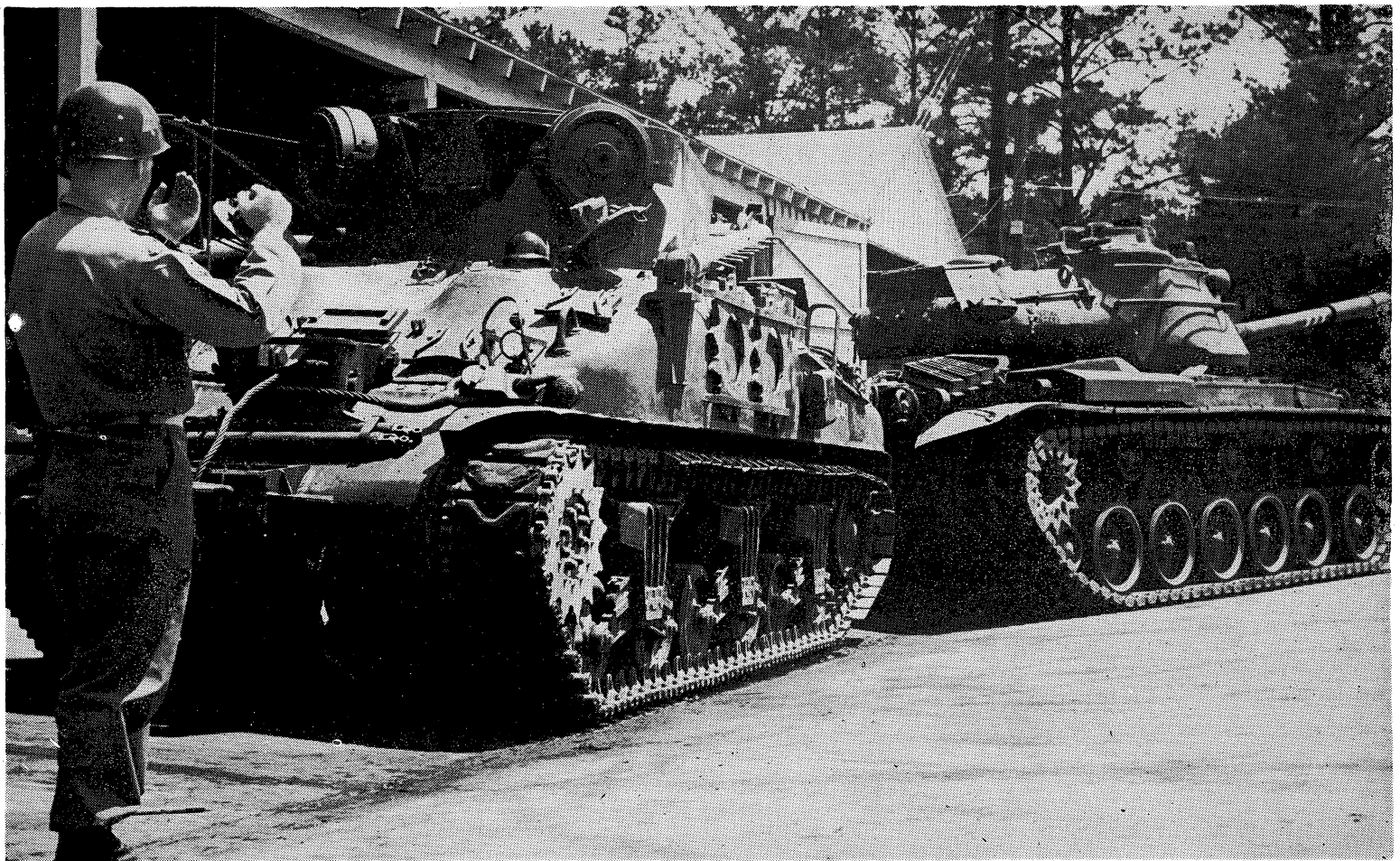
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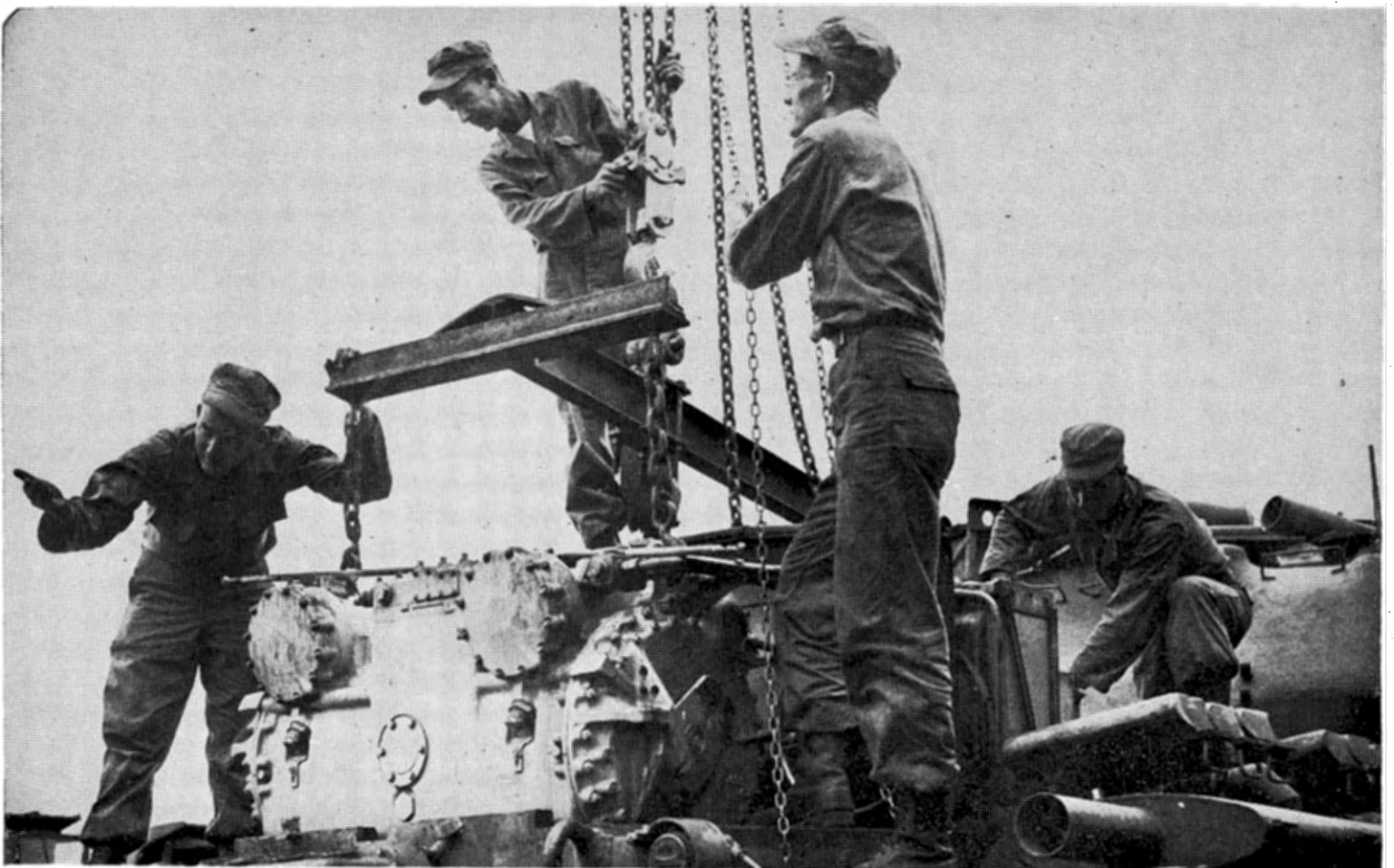
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continent of Europe after landing on Omaha Beach just one month after D-Day. For its part in the European action the battalion holds campaign streamers for action in Northern France, Ardennes-Alsace, the Rhineland, and Central Europe. In addition the unit was decorated with the Distinguished Unit Streamer embroidered (Argentan-Falaise), and the Streamer in the colors of the French Croix de Guerre with Palm embroidered (Moselie and Sarre Rivers). As a result of the courageous determination and conspicuous heroism in the Argentan-Falaise campaign the 773rd was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. The battalion has also been awarded the French Croix de Guerre. When the conflict in Europe ended on May 9, 1945, a final count showed the results of 254 days spent in combat:

Enemy tanks knocked out	113
Enemy SP guns knocked out	25
Enemy pill boxes knocked out	105
Destroyer rounds fired (direct fire)	8219
PWs taken	1970
Battle casualties	301

The battalion was originally designated a National Guard Unit and allotted jointly to the states of Louisiana and Pennsylvania in 1942. Deactivated in 1945 it became a part of the Louisiana National Guard and was federally recognized in 1949.

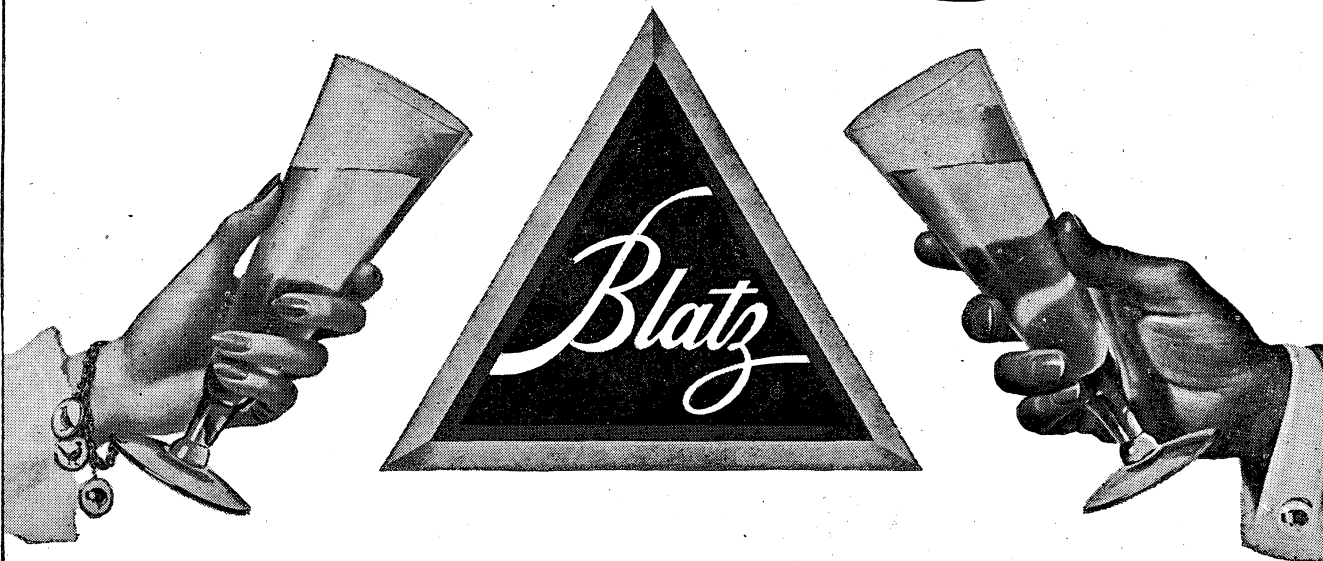
With the advent of Korean the 773rd was ordered into active service in October 1950 at Camp Polk, La., and from there to The Infantry Center to continue training as a general reserve unit. Upon arrival at Fort Benning the battalion was further assigned to the Combat Training Command.

Until the Fall of 1952 the unit progressed in its mission of reserve training. After intensive training the line companies went to the field for a month at a time to perfect platoon and company tactics in actual operations. Training was climaxed by company, and later, battalion proficiency training. During this period occasional support was rendered The Infantry School. Since the Fall of 1952 the 773rd Tank Battalion with the 550th Tank Company



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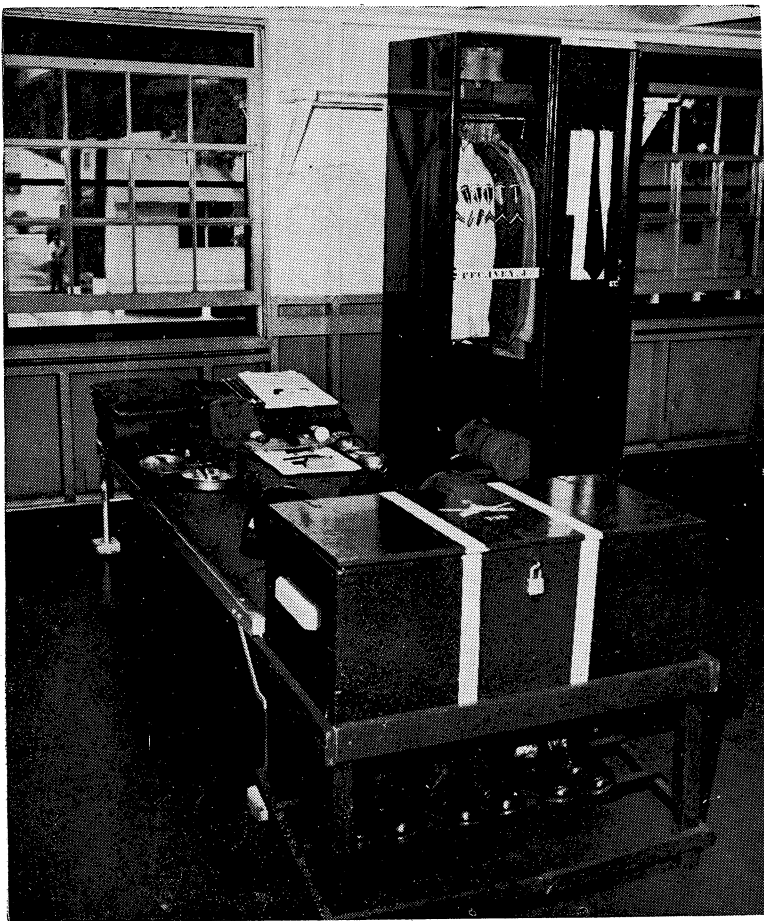


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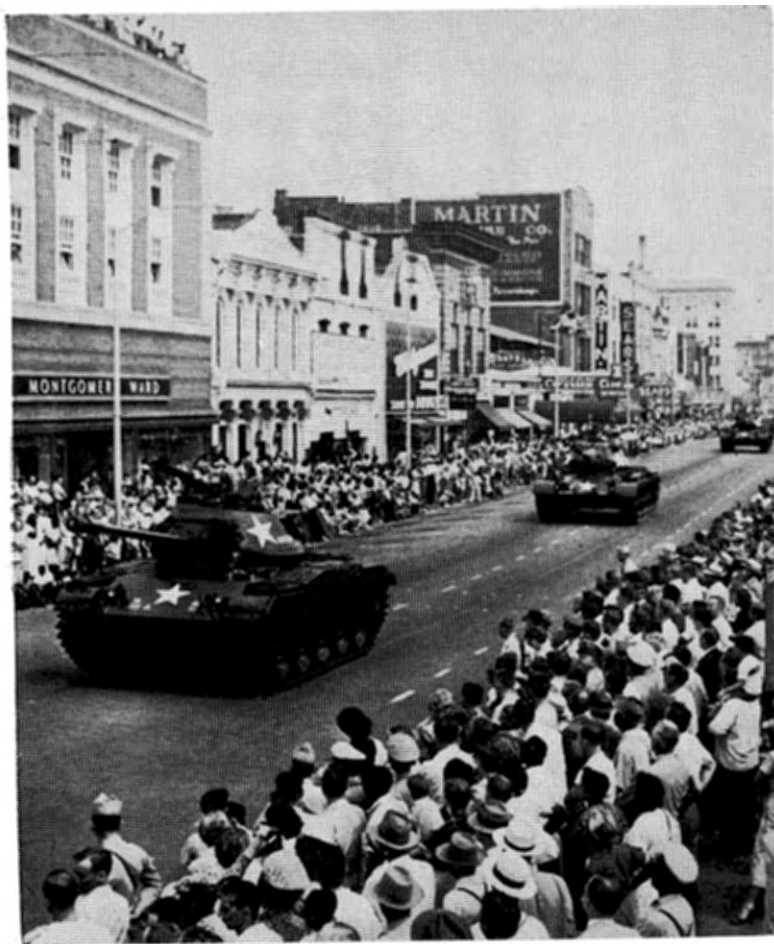
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and 30th Tank Company attached has been committed to 100 per cent support of The Infantry School. Under its present commander, Lieutenant Colonel John O. Woods, the battalion and its attached units play an important part in preparing the students of today to be competent officers and soldiers of tomorrow the world over. The employment of Armor in conjunction with the Infantry and Artillery, stressing Armor's inherent characteristics of speed, fire power, mobility, flexibility, and shock action are demonstrated daily at The Infantry Center.

Operations of the battalion are indicative of the part Armor plays in support of The Infantry School. During the period January 5 to 10, 1953, inclusive, a total of 286 track vehicles of all types were put into the field. The peak day for this period or any recent period came on January 8 when 63 tanks participated in problem commitments. On this particular day a total capability of fire power in excess of three field artillery battalions left the battalion motor pool.

The battalion at present participates in Infantry School Problems too numerous to mention. Perhaps the most realistic and interesting is problem 2851—Rifle Company Field Exercise—run in support of the Officer Candidate Course. For 36 hours friendly and aggressor tanks supporting respective forces maneuver in the area of Bush Hill. Candidate company commanders are free to use their own judgment on the employment of armor and are strongly encouraged to do so. School troops offer only technical advice and work directly with the OCs. Maneuver and night attack and the use of blank ammunition both add realistic training to students and demonstration troops alike. Problem 2660, the big show for JCOC, adds up to the Tank-Infantry-Artillery team. In this situation M-47 tanks roll forward towards and onto the objective under a curtain of overhead artillery fire. Completely "buttoned-up," drivers and tank crewmen get a taste of the "real thing" as well as ably demonstrating the tank's capability under live fire. In this same "under fire" respect the crews of the 550th Tank Company target tanks experience much the same thing. Old model M-4 tanks, stripped and armor-plated in vulnerable spots, undergo direct machine gun and launcher fire at the various ranges on Fort Benning.

Considering this and the number of problems pulled, the casual observer would be inclined to take lightly the actual training accomplished by the 773rd in view of its mission. However, school troop support allows for much realistic training in conjunction with the various exercises run for the purpose of teaching and instructing others. Not only do the men actively engaged in the problem learn through doing but so also those whose job calls for support of those in the field.

As was mentioned earlier, one of the most important tasks of the tanker comes after the dust and smoke and din of "battle" have passed. After the problem is over and the students are well on their way a very vital job begins. The preparation for the march back to the area . . . checking oil and gas levels . . . the necessary maintenance so important to keep 'em rolling . . . then on the way home. Once in the motor pool . . . again checking . . . washing . . . to get "home" is not enough! A tank needs plenty of care and that is just what it gets.

The 773rd Tank Battalion and its attached units have a particular equipment problem. The equipment of most units is standard to a degree in quantity and type. However, the battalion operates with five different types of tanks in addition to the new M-75 personnel carrier, tank recovery vehicles, and standard wheel vehicles. Tanks M-47, M-46, M-24, T-41, and M-4 are all present in the battalion or attached units. A conservative estimate places the replacement value of these track vehicles at well over \$15,000,000.

Considering the past accomplishments and achievements of the battalion, its present activities in support of The Infantry School, and future plans of the battalion in regard to training and support, the battalion motto holds true. "Fit Via Vi"—Forward with Force. As an armor song so aptly puts it, "Hit the leather and ride, take it all in your stride . . . and . . . they'll have to eat armored dust to find us!"



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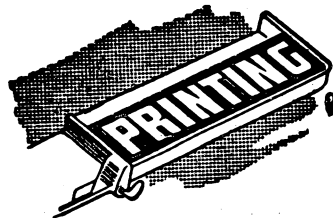
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On This Month's Cover:



Our cover this month depicts the 508th Regimental Combat Team, which celebrates its second anniversary this month, in one of its biggest jumps during "Operation Longhorn" in Texas. Superimposed on the descending parachutes is the picture of the 508th's commander, Colonel George O. Pearson, a veteran of the airborne war in the South Pacific.



A story of the 508th, recounting its jumps into Normandy during World War I, is amply given in this issue by Lt. Jim Mailler, PIO of the 508th. The accompanying pictures are by Sfc. Joe Wolfe, who also did the cover.



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FORT BENNING, GA.—IDENTICAL TWINS JOSE, CENTER, AND GABRIEL MORALES OF 116 ARZUAGA STREET, RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO, RECEIVE DRILL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR PLATOON SERGEANT M-SGT. FELIX G. NIEVES, LEFT, OF BAYAMON, PUERTO RICO, DURING TRAINING AT THE 1953 INFANTRY ROTC SUMMER CAMP AT FORT BENNING. THEY ARE AMONG SOME 200 ROTC CADETS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO AT THE POST TO TAKE PART IN THE SIX WEEK SUMMER ENCAMPMENT WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 2,000 ADVANCED CADETS FROM 75 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. THE TRAINING PERIOD BEGAN JUNE 22.

INFANTRY ROTC

Training manuals and M-1 rifles have replaced textbooks and lecture notes for the 2,187 advanced Infantry ROTC cadets at Fort Benning for their annual six-week summer encampment.

The youthful cadets, from 71 colleges and universities in the U. S. and Puerto Rico, are learning the practical application of military science and tactics theories which they studied in their classrooms during the academic year.

Their course of summer training, with emphasis on leadership, is preparing the cadets for future roles as Infantry platoon leaders.

Major Gen. G. S. Meloy, Jr., Infantry Center commander and ROTC camp commandant, outlined the purpose of the summer training period with these words which he used in a welcoming address to the future Infantry officers:

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And during their six weeks at Fort Benning that is exactly what the cadets are doing.

During a typical day of work the ROTC cadets may participate in as many as 10 distinct types of training. One group trains on the infiltration course, another fires the .30 caliber machine gun, and others receive preliminary instruction in the use of the M-1 rifle, the basic arm of the Infantryman, .45 caliber pistol, Browning Automatic Rifle and 81 mm mortar. Students also study dismounted drill and leadership every day.

Instruction in Infantry weapons and tactics will occupy almost one-half of the 288 hours of instruction planned for the cadets. Ninety-six hours will be devoted to the study of Infantry weapons, while another 40 hours are allotted to Infantry tactics.

Weapons the future Infantry leaders will study include the Garand M-1 rifle, .30 and .50 caliber machine guns, rocket launchers, 60 and 81 mm and 4.2" mortars and the 57 and 75 mm recoilless rifles.

Offensive and defensive tactics, ranging from the rifle squad to the Infantry battalion, will cover 40 hours of instruction, includ-



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FORT BENNING, GA.—TWO GEORGIA MILITARY ACADEMY CADETS STUDY A MAP DURING A READING CLASS AT FORT BENNING'S INFANTRY SCHOOL WHERE THE 1953 ROTC ENCAMPMENT IS BEING HELD. THEY ARE JEAN Y. ELLIOTT, LEFT, SON OF MR. AND MRS. C. B. ELLIOTT, (218 NORTH MADISON STREET) ATLANTA, AND LAWRENCE F. KING OF (884 WESTMONT ROAD) ATLANTA.



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FORT BENNING, GA.—PRACTICING CREW DRILL ON THE 81 MM MORTAR ARE THREE ADVANCED INFANTRY ROTC CADETS ATTENDING THE 1953 SUMMER CAMP AT FORT BENNING. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE JAMES BIRCH, SON OF MR. AND MRS. HENRY J. BIRCH OF 5735 NORTH MARKHAM AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILL.; HENRY GEDWILL, JR., SON OF MR. AND MRS. HENRY GEDWILL OF 7801 SOUTH MAY STREET, CHICAGO, AND JOHN McKENNA, SON OF MR. AND MRS. J. J. McKENNA OF 3688 MADISON STREET, GARY, IND.



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FORT BENNING, GA.—WALTER R. McBRIDE, RIGHT, OF PACOLET, S. C., FIRES THE .30 CALIBER HEAVY MACHINE GUN AT FORT BENNING, WHILE NEIL UPCHURCH OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, SERVES AS ASSISTANT GUNNER. THEY ARE AMONG THE 2,187 ADVANCED INFANTRY ROTC CADETS ATTENDING THE 1953 ROTC SUMMER CAMP AT FORT BENNING. McBRIDE IS THE SON OF J. B. McBRIDE OF PACOLET, AND UPCHURCH IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. JOE J. UPCHURCH OF 3412 GEORGETOWN STREET, HOUSTON.

ing demonstrations by Infantry School troops and practical application by the cadets themselves.

Leadership training will take 30 hours of instruction this year. Subjects will include traits of a leader, indications of leadership and role of a leader as administrator and councillor. This instruction will be climaxed by a leader's reaction test which gives each cadet four practical situations under field conditions to demonstrate his reactions as a leader.

For the first time the cadets will be required to rate the other men in their platoons on such qualities as cooperation, initiative, appearance and military bearing. These rating reports will be similar to the "buddy reports" which are required of officer candidates. In making their reports the cadets will be encouraged to consider what they believe would be the student's conduct under combat conditions.

General subjects, such as physical training, dismounted drill, parades and ceremonies, mine warfare and chemical, biological and radiological warfare have been allotted 89 hours of the class schedule.

Athletics also are scheduled to play an important part in the training of the cadets during their six-week stay at The Infantry Center. Intramural leagues are planned for softball, volleyball, horseshoes, basketball and golf.

Biggest event on the athletic schedule will be the military field day scheduled for July 27. Competition by schools is planned, and contests will be based on both the individual and team level in dismounted drill, manual of arms, tug of war and dismantling and assembling weapons blindfolded and against time. Individual gun crews also will race against time in putting into action weapons such as the mortar and machine gun.

Medals will be awarded to the individuals, and trophies will

be given to the schools represented by winning teams. Competition in the events is keen with men from various parts of the country striving to uphold the honor of their sections and their schools.

Since the training with its many night problems occupies much of the cadets' time during the week, social activities are limited to the week ends. Two dances at Service Club No. 3, located near the ROTC camp in the Harmony Church area, have been scheduled during the six-week session. Recreational facilities at the service club and at Theater No. 5 close by also are open to the cadets.

The training and administrative force for the camp consists of 322 officers and enlisted men. For the most part they are members of the staffs and faculties of ROTC units at the 71 colleges and universities represented in the encampment.

Heading the camp staff this year is Col. Forrest E. Cookson, professor of military science and tactics at Clemson Agricultural

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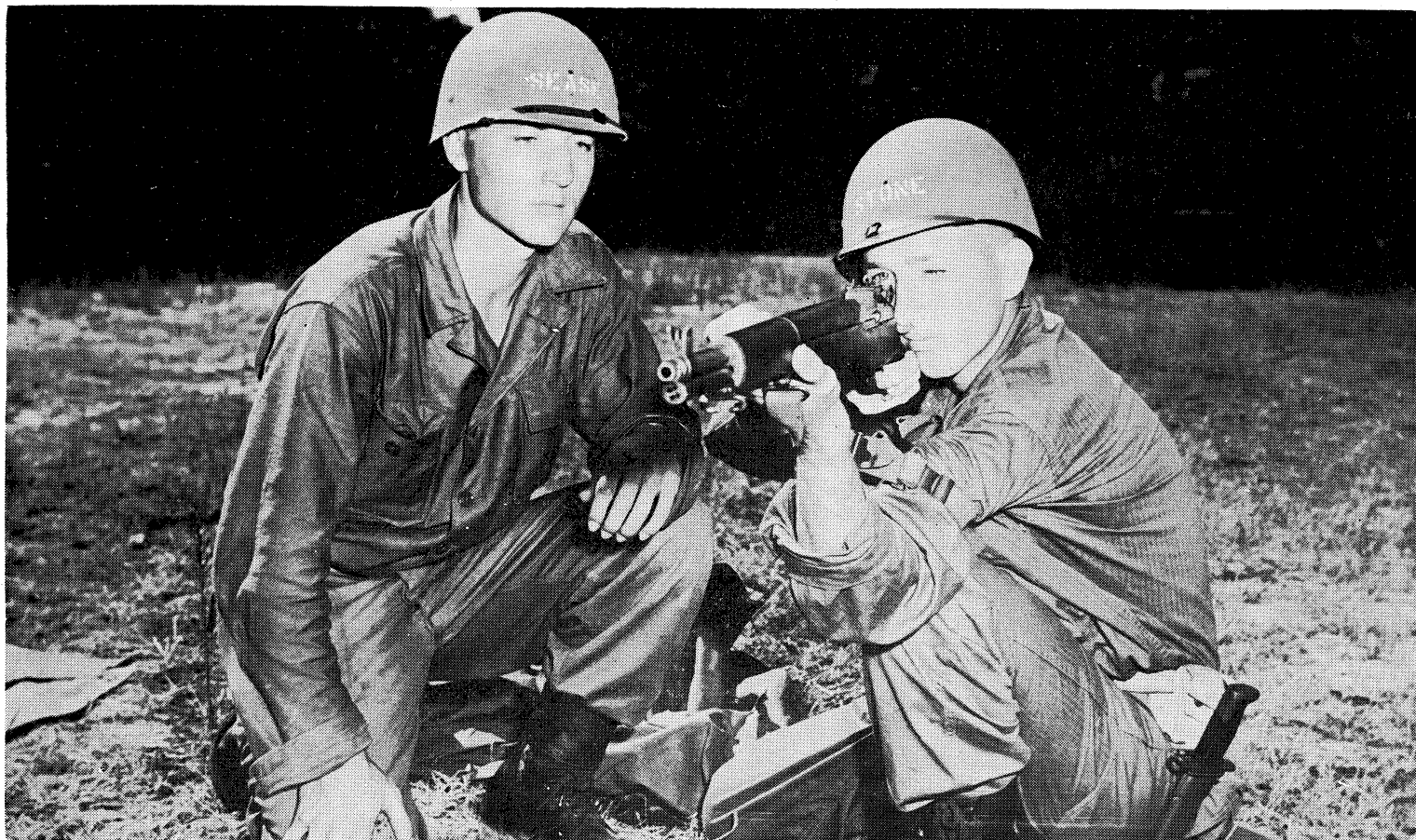
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FORT BENNING, GA.—DAVID C. JOHNSON, RIGHT, OF FLORENCE, S. C., PRACTICES SIGHTING EXERCISES WITH THE M-1 RIFLE DURING PRELIMINARY RIFLE INSTRUCTION AT FORT BENNING, WHILE CADET EDWARD CANN, JR., OF FREDERICKSBURG, VA., ACTS AS HIS COACH. THE TWO CADETS ARE AMONG THE 2,187 ATTENDING THE SIX-WEEK SUMMER CAMP AT FORT BENNING. JOHNSON IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. L. H. JOHNSON OF 912 JACKSON AVENUE, FLORENCE, AND CANN IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. E. H. CANN OF 902 MARGE STREET, FREDERICKSBURG. THE CADETS REPRESENT 71 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FROM THE SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND PART OF THE FIFTH ARMY AREA AND PUERTO RICO.



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FORT BENNING, GA.—JACK SEASE, LEFT, OF EHRHARDT, S. C., ACTS AS COACH, WHILE L. HAYNES STONE, JR., OF FITZGERALD, GA., PRACTICES ASSUMING THE FIRING POSITION WITH THE M-1 RIFLE DURING PRELIMINARY RIFLE INSTRUCTION FOR THE 2,187 ADVANCED INFANTRY ROTC CADETS ATTENDING A SIX-WEEK SUMMER CAMP AT FORT BENNING. SEASE IS THE SON OF D. A. SEASE OF EHRHARDT, AND STONE IS THE SON OF MR. AND MRS. LEON H. STONE OF 507 NORTH MAIN STREET, FITZGERALD.

College, who is deputy camp commander, a post he also held in 1950 and 1951.

His executive officer is Col. Richard R. Middlebrook, professor of military science and tactics at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College at Raleigh.

Other staff officers include Col. Marvin J. Coyle, professor of military science and tactics at Indiana University at Bloomington, deputy for administration, and Col. William J. McConnell, of Fort Benning, deputy for training.

Other Fort Benning officers serving with the ROTC camp include six from the 30th Infantry Regiment and the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team.

The 508th officers are Major Richard W. Davis, Jr., camp S-3, Capt. Elmor G. Sprague, camp S-1, Capt. Harry P. Ball, assistant S-4, and 2nd Lt. William A. Myers, platoon leader for support troops from the 508th.

Two officers from the 30th Infantry, 1st Lt. William C. Zimmerman and 2nd Lt. Douglas M. Holmes, serve as motor transport and assistant motor transport officers.

Seventy-five enlisted men from the 508th perform duties as support troops in supply, ration breakdown, ammunition, utilities and training aids sections and in weapons pools and the fire department.



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FORT BENNING, GA.—LT. COL. R. MONTILLA, RIGHT, COMMANDER OF SOME 200 ROTC CADETS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO WHO ARE AT FORT BENNING ATTENDING THE 1953 INFANTRY ROTC SUMMER CAMP DISCUSSES TRAINING WITH JOSE, LEFT, AND GABRIEL MORALES, IDENTICAL TWINS OF 116 ARZUAGA STREET, RIO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO. MORE THAN 2,000 ROTC CADETS FROM 73 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND PART OF THE FIFTH ARMY AREAS AND THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO WILL TAKE SUMMER TRAINING WHICH BEGAN OFFICIALLY JUNE 22 AND ENDS JULY 31.

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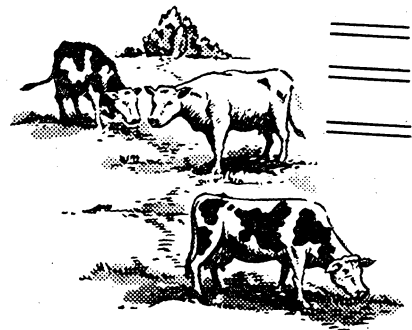
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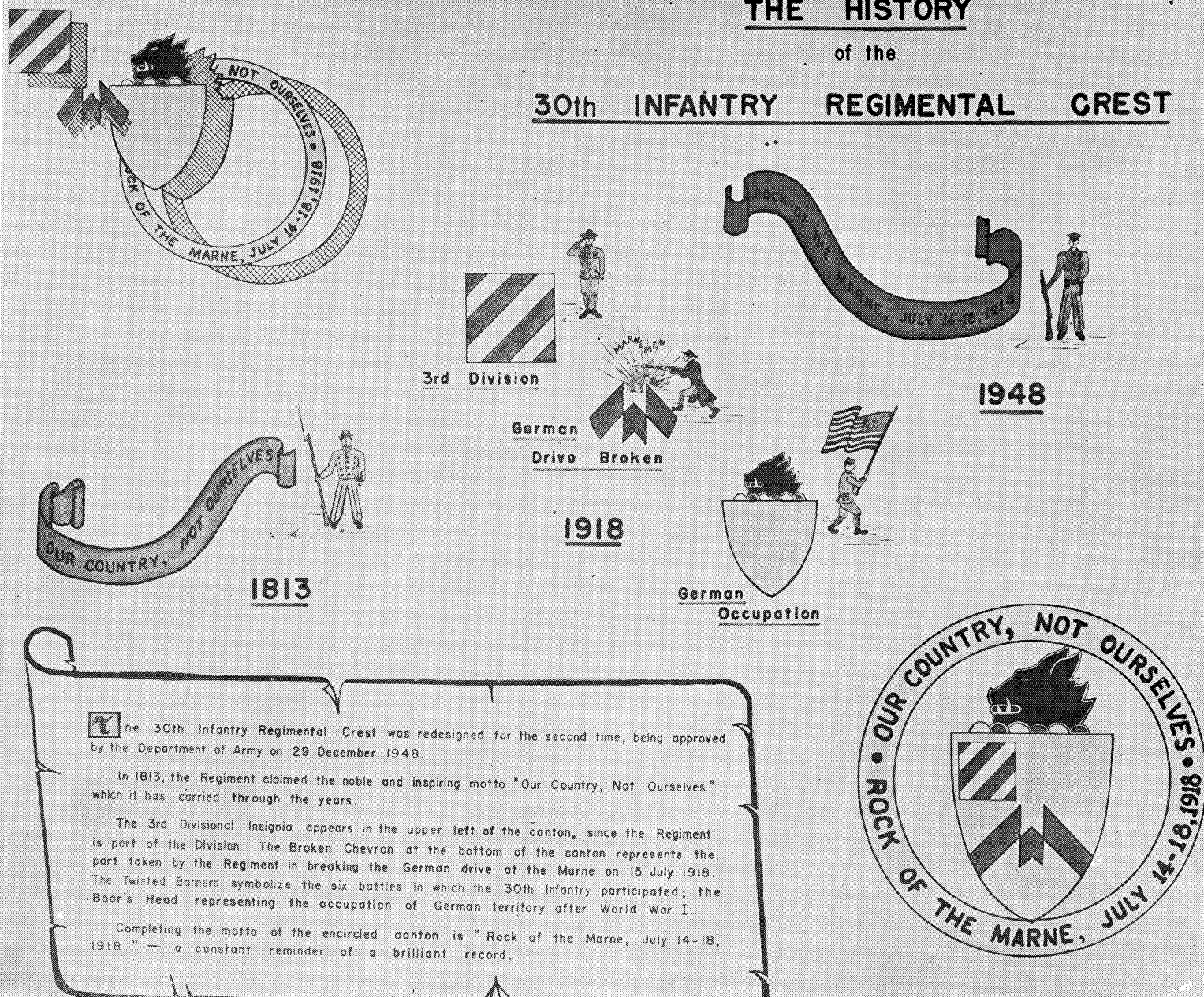
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30th INFANTRY REGIMENT

BY CAPT. E. M. LEONARD

The history of the 30th Infantry Regiment during the period 1901 to 1903 is being compiled by the CTC Public Information Office at Fort Benning with the aid and assistance of John N. Morton, 1110 West Florida Street, Springfield, Mo.

Mr. Morton, who was a member of Company F during the Aguinaldo Insurrection, contacted the CTC PIO after reading the article on the 140th anniversary of the regiment that was carried recently in the Benning Herald. By keeping in contact with Mr. Morton, the PIO has been able to obtain a copy of the history of the unit during the hectic days of the regiment in the Philippines from 1901 to 1903.

The regiment, thanks to Mr. Morton, now has a complete history for that period, as compiled and kept by its first adjutant, Captain Frank A. Wilcox, who later became a colonel in the Army.

The 30th U. S. Infantry came into existence by an Act of Congress dated 2 February, 1901, though it was several weeks before any troops were assigned to the unit.

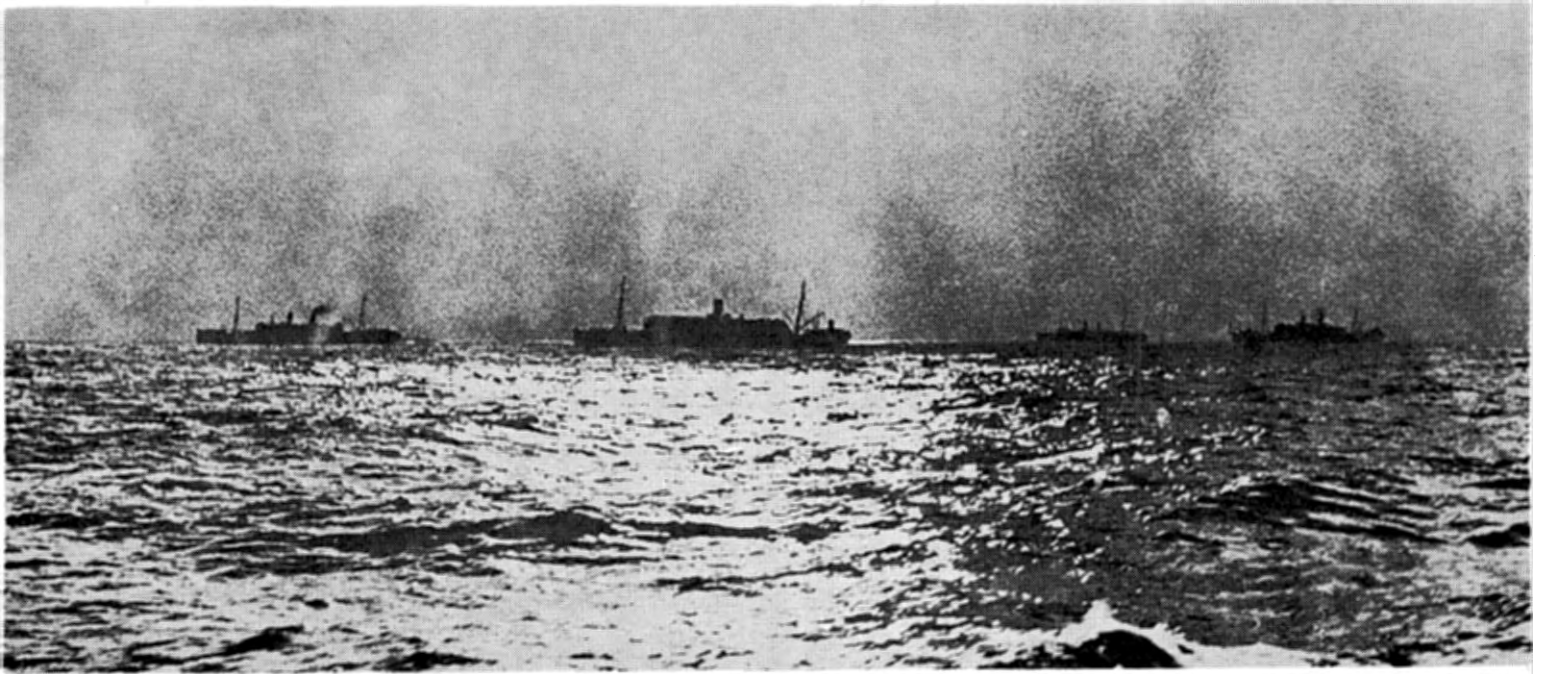
The first regimental commander of the present 30th was Colonel Charles A. Dempsey. He retired from the service while serving

in the Philippines after completing 40 years of active military service.

To provide troops for the regiment, recruits were concentrated at a recruiting camp at the Presidio of San Francisco in California. As soon as practicable the recruits were organized into provisional battalions of about 600 men each. One of these battalions was designated 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry.

Having no noncommissioned officers when the companies were formed, men with prior service were selected as noncommissioned officers. Of the commissioned officers only one had previous experience with enlisted men. However, the training given by the officers and noncommissioned officers must have been thorough and painstaking, for the department inspector, inspecting them just prior to departing for the Philippines, stated that "the battalion presented the most creditable appearance of any of the new battalions thus far formed."

This battalion sailed for the Philippines on April 16, 1901, one month after organization, on the USAT Ohio. The trip to Manila took one month and at that time was a record from San Francisco.

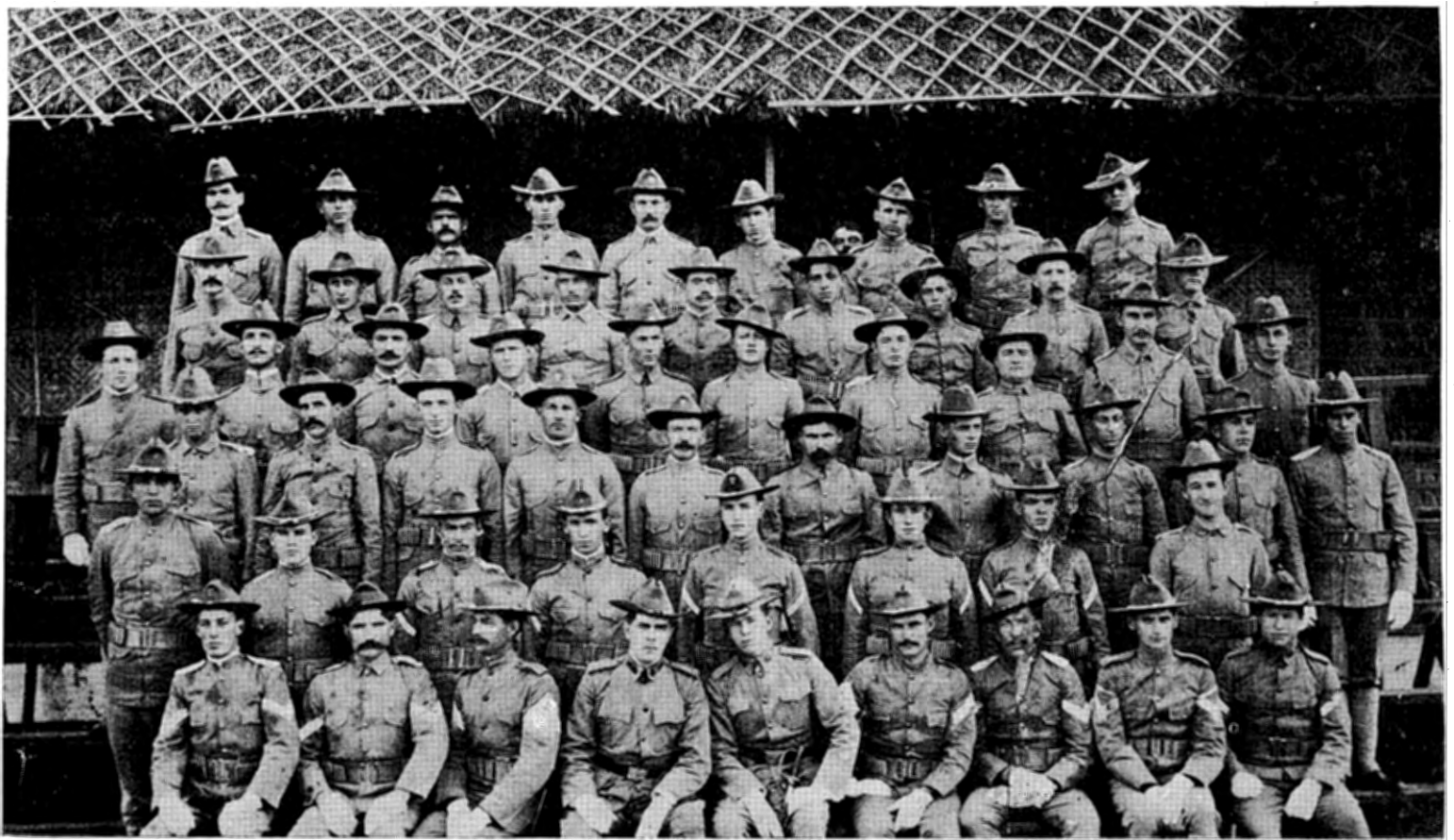


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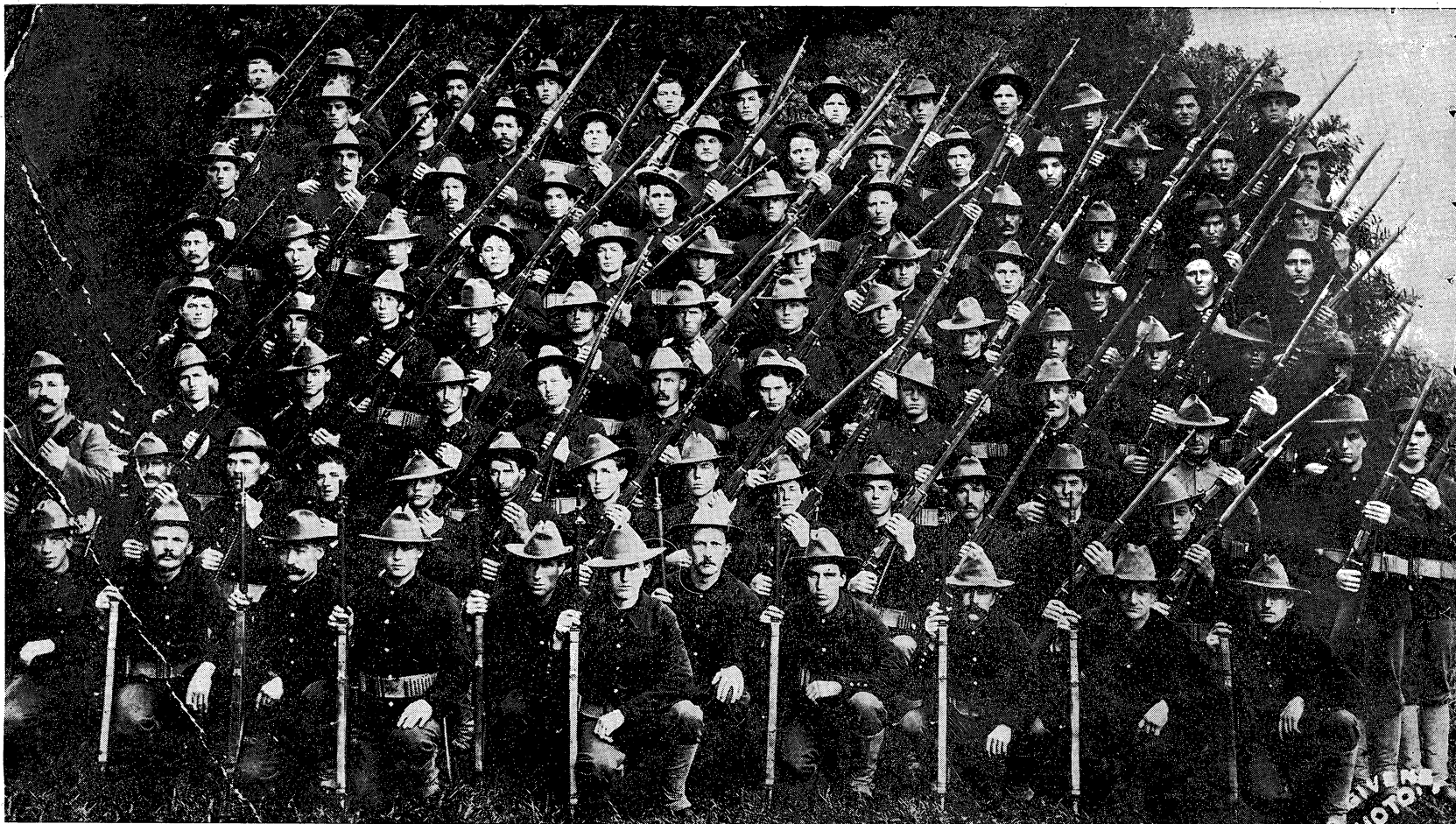


Interior of church at Vaux, France. of the 317th and 319th Ambulance Company. of the 105th Sanitary Train staging. November 8, 1918. This is General Pershing's favorite picture. The declares represents "THE SPIRIT OF THE ARMY."

THIS PICTURE WAS TOO GOOD TO MISS. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THESE TROOPS WERE ATTACHED TO THE 30TH DURING WORLD WAR I OR NOT, BUT WAS UNCOVERED WITH A LOT OF TROPHIES BELONGING TO THE 30th FROM WORLD WAR I.



COMPANY G, 30TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, IN THE PHILIPPINES 1902. THE FIFTH MAN FROM THE LEFT IN THE FRONT ROW IS 2ND LT. GEORGE C. MARSHALL WHO LATER BECAME CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY.



THIS FINE LOOKING BUNCH OF RECRUITS WAS COMPANY F, 30TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, TAKEN IN SAN FRANCISCO JUST BEFORE THE COMPANY SAILED FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN 1901.

The 2d Battalion of the 30th was originally sent to the Philippines as the 1st Battalion of the 28th Infantry. This unit departed from San Francisco on March 15, 1901.

The officers of the regiment worked hard in the task of training their men for the Philippine tour and the type of officer material available is reflected in the fact that nineteen of the officers who served with the 30th in the Philippines became generals, the most famous of them being General George C. Marshall, who became Chief of Staff of the Army, and General Walter B. Krueger, who commanded the sixth Army in the Pacific during World War II.

The campaigns of the regiment during the Insurrection were mostly skirmishes with the Insurgents on the southern islands of the Philippines.

Regimental headquarters was on the island of Marinduque, where the first telephone was installed. The natives, after talking over it to their friends in the neighboring towns, were convinced that the Americans who could make machines in the United States that could talk Tagalo in the Philippines were certainly the most wonderful people in the world.

Most of the islands were patrolled at one time or another by the 30th. The island of Mindoro was heavily patrolled and several actions with the Insurgents were fought at various times. The Insurgents were not the only enemy the men had to fight, however. The Spring of 1902 brought the dreaded Asiatic Cholera that killed the natives like flies. It was several months after the disease hit that a member of the regiment died from it. Companies G and M were the first to have men die from this plague.

The regiment served in the Philippines until November, 1903, at which time the entire complement, consisting of 32 officers and 588 enlisted men, after being thoroughly disinfected, boarded the USAT Sherman of 12 November, 1903, and sailed for the United States.

The long voyage home was broken by a visit to Nagasaki, Japan, for two days, and a 30-hour stay in Honolulu, finally ending in San Francisco on December 12, 1903.

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COLONEL CHARLES A. DEMPSEY, THE FIRST REGIMENTAL COMMANDER OF THE PRESENT 30TH INFANTRY REGIMENT. COLONEL DEMPSEY RETIRED FROM THE ARMY WHILE STILL THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER OF THE 30TH. HE HAD COMPLETED OVER 40 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE.



COMPANY D, 30TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, TAKEN IN THE PHILIPPINES IN 1902.



HONOR GUARDS FOR VISITING DIGNITARIES ARE ALWAYS 508TH TROOPERS. LT. COL. MURRAY HARVEY, 1ST BATTALION COMMANDER, TROOPS LINE WITH DEPUTY NATO CHIEF GENERAL SIR BERNARD MONTGOMERY ON A RECENT INSPECTION.

508th ANNIVERSARY

BY LT. JAMES R. MAILLER

The spirit of the service is found in the regiment. The soldier works with his squad, cooperates in his platoon, stands up for his company, argues for his battalion, and fights for his regiment.

When this stamp of allegiance is affixed to the fraternity of the airborne and heralded by the polished boots and starched khakis of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, that "team" spirit of infantry, artillery, riggers, and engineers is the essence of "Diablo," "Geronimo," "Airborne," "Follow Me," and all other mottos ever devised to explain the phenomenon of unit pride.

The "Red Devil" combat team, which is one of only two airborne regimental combat teams in the Army, celebrates its second anniversary this month, although its component units can boast 11 years service under the sign of the silk, led by the 508th Airborne

Infantry Regiment, activated in the fall of 1942 at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Curiously enough, the combat team has no motto of its own while each of its team members bears its own heraldic war cry. But this void may one day be filled during service on a foreign field. The motto of the 508th Infantry is "Fury From The Sky"; that of the 320th Airborne Field Artillery is "Volens Et Potens" ("Willing and Able"). "Devil's Doers" are the 598th Airborne Engineer Company, and "Be Sure Always" is the vaunt of the 19th Airborne Quartermaster Detachment.

But today the combat team troopers are the "Red Devils" and the name has been a part of the Infantry for years. The Chief Red Devil is the tall colonel from Sheridan, Wyo., George O. Pearson,



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JUST OFF THE TRAIN AT THE SAND HILL STATION ARE THE ORIGINAL CADRE FORMED FOR THE 508TH ARCT. CADRE WERE ALL FROM FORT BRAGG.

who looks bigger than the planes he jumps from. A combat veteran of the airborne Pacific war, Colonel Pearson formerly commanded the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, now in Korea, making him the only officer to command both. Former Red Devil commanders were Colonel Joe S. Lawrie and Major General Joseph P. Cleland. Brigadier General Roy Lindquist bossed the 508th Airborne Infantry during World War II.

Each of the battalions of the 508th have their own peculiarities. The First Battalion, run by Lt. Colonel Murray Harvey, of Loveland, Texas, is known as the "Fighting First" and has a big pitchfork as its helmet-liner insignia. The Second Battalion, bossed by Lt. Colonel Fred Keller of Akron, Ohio, has two white lightning streaks as its symbol and is known as the "Lightning Second." The Third Battalion kept the wartime Third's motto of "Free, Bold, And Rapid," and, like the storming Third that raced through Normandy's hedgerows, kept the white winged foot as their emblem. The Special Units Battalion, composed of the Engineers, Headquarters and Headquarters, Medical, Quartermaster companies and two unusual companies, the Support and Service, are administratively controlled by Lt. Colonel Willis F. Lowrey, of Helena, Arkansas, ARCT executive officer. Boss-man of the Red Devil sledgehammer, the 320th Airborne Field Artillery Battalion, is the very Irish Lt. Colonel Edward Bourke, of Fayetteville, N. C. First Lieutenant John Munnely, of Chicago, Illinois, heads the 598th Airborne Engineers and Chief Rigger of the 19th Airborne Quartermaster Detachment is First Lieutenant Landrum Landreth, from Greenville, S. C., whose outfit makes sure the parachutes open, if always with that explosive jerk.

First combat jump of the 508th Infantry was into Normandy, France, June 6, 1944. Airborne actions during the first three days of the Normandy invasion decisively influenced the success of that campaign and won for the 508th the Presidential Unit Citation for heroism and gallantry. On September 17, 1944, the 508th jumped south of Nijmegen, Holland, into the finest of the German army,

and later, following the von Rundstedt counter-push into the Bulge, distinguished itself by relief action. In all, of the original 2056 who leaped into Normandy, only a third remained. For their actions in Europe, the 508th was designated Honor Guard for General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower at Frankfurt-on-the-Main.

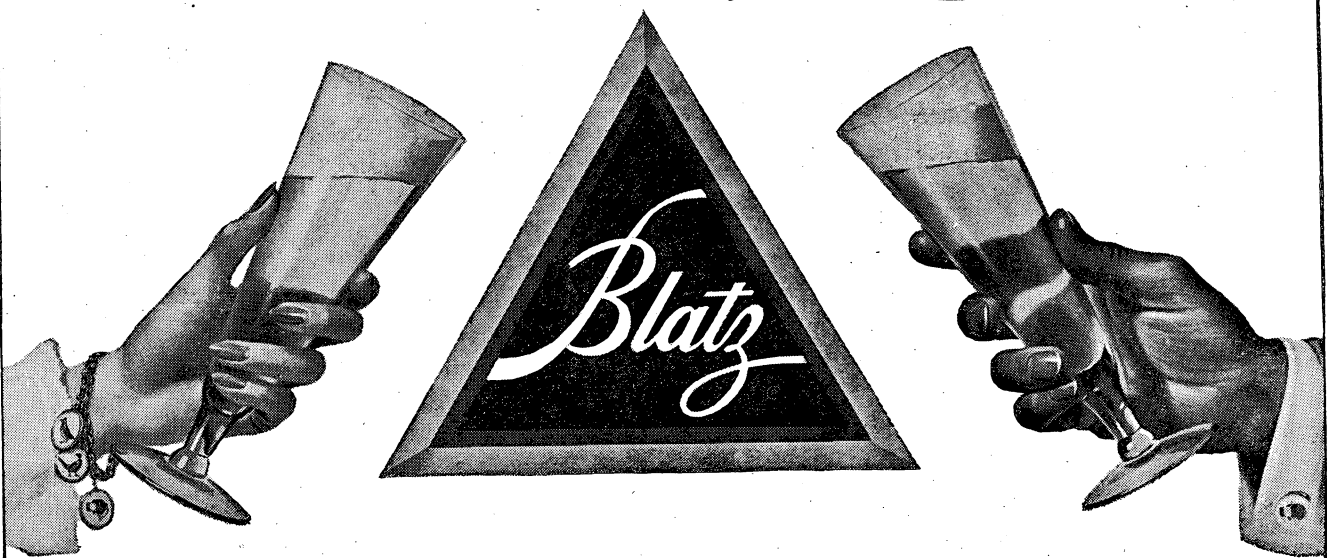
Redlegs of the 320th Airborne Artillery boast a heritage dating back to August 1917, when, in that year and the one to follow, the cannoneers won campaign streamers at St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and Lorraine. The 320th was reactivated as a Glider Artillery battalion supporting the 82nd Airborne Division and won additional campaign streamers for actions at Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, the Rhineland, Adrennes-Alsace and Central Europe—gliding over the same Continental territory they shelled in the first of our great Twentieth Century campaigns against the Kaiser.

The insignia and special means the airborne soldier has to identify himself become important to him as surely as every Infantryman is proud of his crossed rifles. In the 508th, the Presidential Unit Citation and the French Fourreguerre are worn with pride. So are the polished paratroop boots, which, until recent years, were sufficient to start a riot if spotted shoring up a straightleg.

The Red Devil patch worn on his fatigue breast pocket and the wryvyn griffin shoulder patch and crests belong entirely to the '08'er and the parachute wings pinned high on his olive fatigue cap set him apart. In a few weeks, the 508th trooper will be wearing his new Red Devil necktie, designed exclusively for members of the combat team, and he will be in the only American regiment possessing its own distinctive hallmark in civilian dress.

On this second anniversary of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team the Red Devils at Sand Hill can feel the greatest pride in their mission of cooperation. In the years to come the cooperative and competitive force of this American team will show historians that the soldiers of democracy all possessed the spirit of the Red Devil.

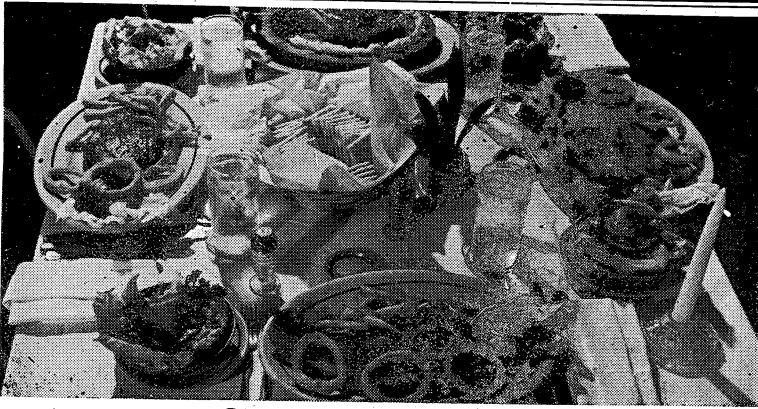
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Prior to World War I the 30th Infantry saw another tour of duty in the Philippines, a tour of duty in Alaska, and also participated in the fight against Pancho Villa on the Mexican border with General John J. Pershing.

As part of the 3d Infantry Division, the 30th Infantry Regiment participated in six major campaigns during World War I and had an enviable record. The regiment received the Croix de Guerre with Palm from the French government for action on the Marne July 14th to 18th 1918, where the regiment broke the German drive. For this action an addition was added to the regimental motto. "Rock of the Marne" was included with the first motto, "Our Country, Not Ourselves."

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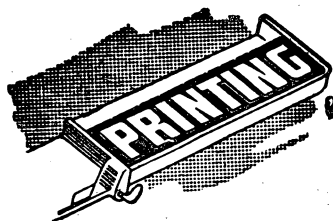
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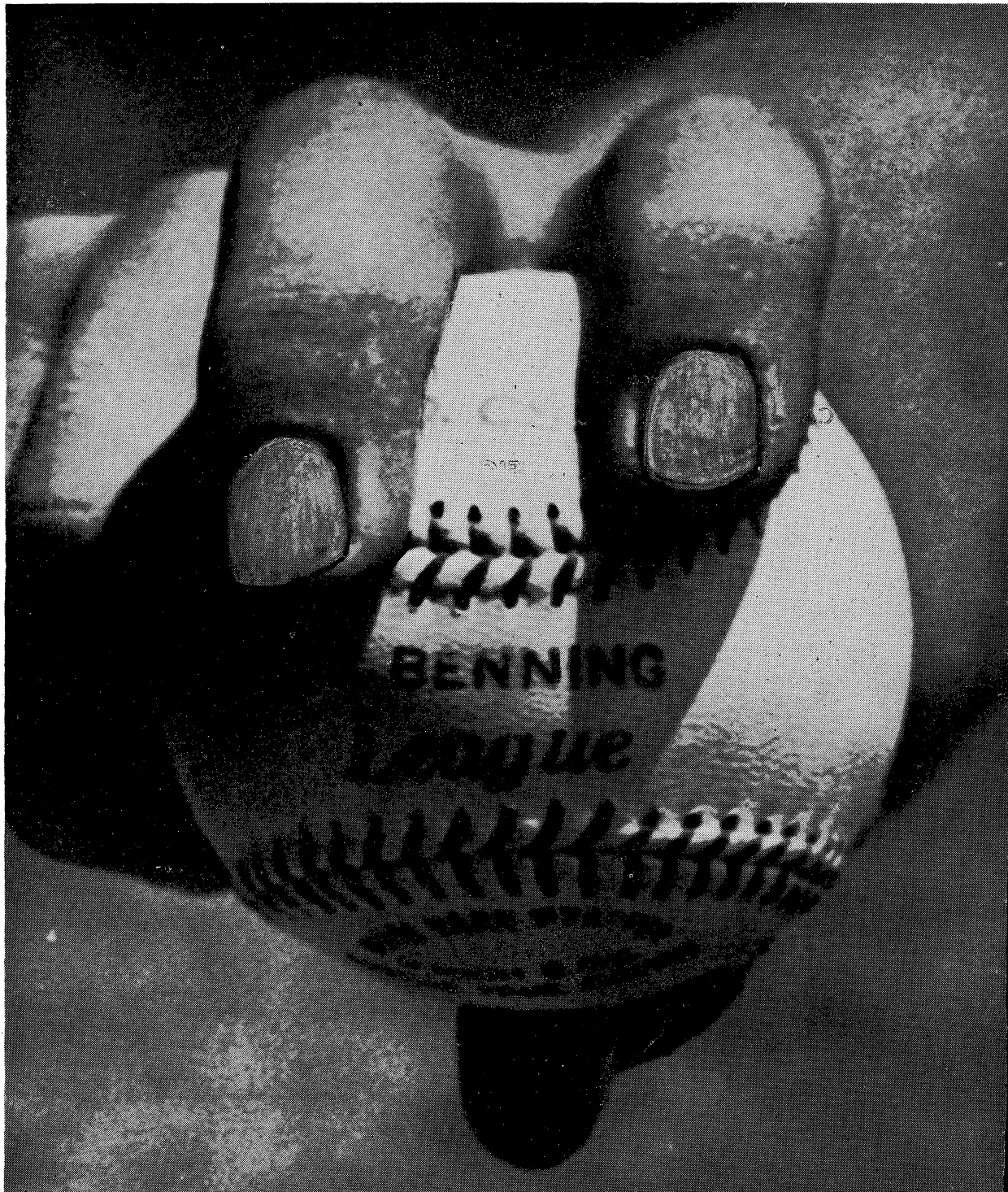
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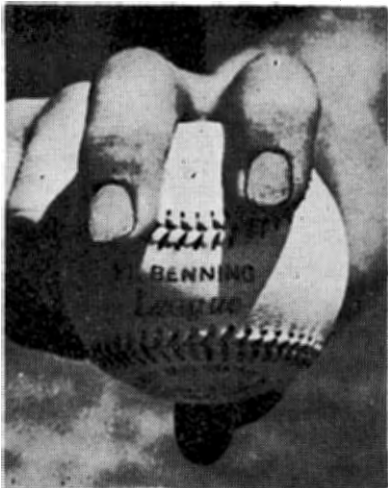
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Our cover this month honors Fort Benning Baseball and the 1953 All-Post baseball team which was formed at the conclusion of The Infantry Center Shaughnessey Play-offs. The Doughboys are representing Fort Benning in the Third Army Baseball Tournament being held at Camp Rucker, Ala., August 17-22.



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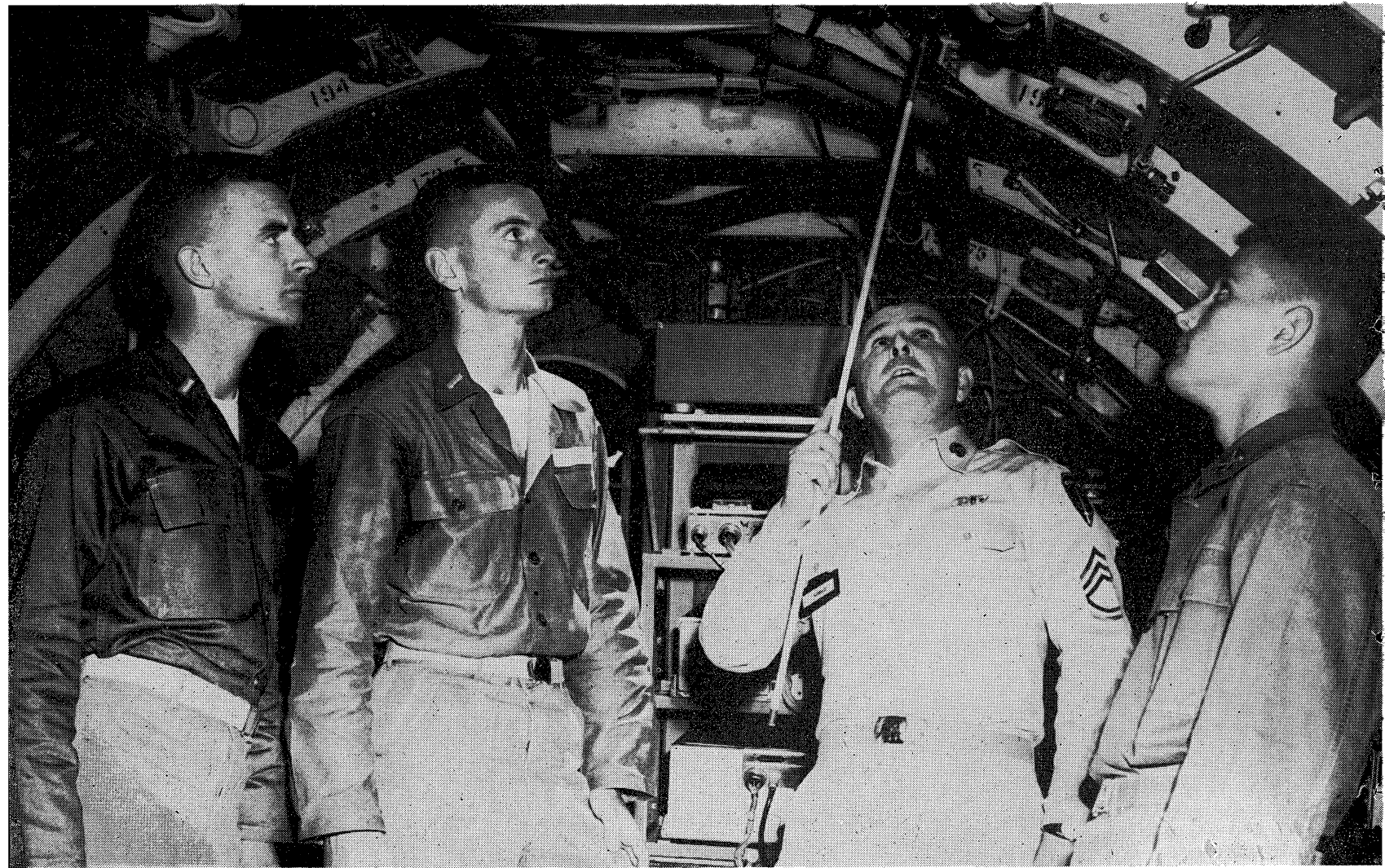
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THE GREATEST JUMPMASTER

BY VIC JOWERS

Who is the greatest jumpmaster of them all?

There have been so many unrecorded feats of heroism by jumpmasters that perhaps nobody really knows who *is* the greatest.

According to several veteran paratroopers of the Airborne Battalion and the Airborne Department the jumpmaster who has done as much as any other for students taking the Airborne course is Sfc. Peter C. Stephen, now overseas, who jumped an estimated 10,000 students while with the department.

The jumpmaster, responsible for the safety and preservation of paratrooper lives during combat missions and during routine jumps, is taught his trade by the Advanced Parachute Training Committee of the Airborne Department.

The course, offered weekly to all officers and top three graders who have qualified as parachutists, is administered by Major Rubin F. Hightower.

In impressing the students with the importance of the jumpmaster's duties during his orientation lecture, Major Hightower expounds upon the different phases of the course and the part that each phase plays in combat.

Greatest emphasis in the course is placed upon teaching the students inspection of personnel and their equipment and inspection of the aircraft, in addition to the normal leadership responsibility of keeping the morale of the men at a high level before and during the mission.

Under actual combat conditions the responsibilities of the jumpmaster begin when orders come down from higher headquar-

ters that a jump will be made, and they end when the troops are assembled after the drop and under the command of the tactical unit commander.

The jumpmaster, on receiving orders for the jump, contacts the men that will be under his command during the flight. He then informs them of the basic mission and details their specific part for them with the use of training aids, maps, and, if possible, with a bas-relief.

As the jumpmaster receives further orders from higher headquarters he keeps his men informed of any changes that might occur in the basic plan. His next step is to make sure that his men's equipment is in good repair and that they are issued parachutes that are adjusted properly. He reviews parachute techniques with each of his men, including the correct body position to assume on leaving the plane and the correct form for a parachute landing fall.

The jumpmaster's next step is to supervise the loading of aerial delivery containers, which the men push before them on a combat jump, and an inspection of the aircraft.

Inspection of the aircraft includes testing the strength of the anchor line cable, to which the static line, responsible for opening the parachute, is attached; checking to insure that there are sufficient first aid kits in case of accident inside the aircraft; and an inspection of the outside of the aircraft to make sure there are no projecting pieces of metal that could cause a malfunction of the parachutes.

After loading the men into the plane the jumpmaster is then

responsible for the morale of the men of his command during the flight and before reaching the drop zone.

Twenty minutes from the DZ the jumpmaster makes the last check of the men's equipment and gets ready to jump.

At the four minute warning from the pilot, the blinking of signal lights by the door, the jumpmaster sounds off with the seven jump commands:

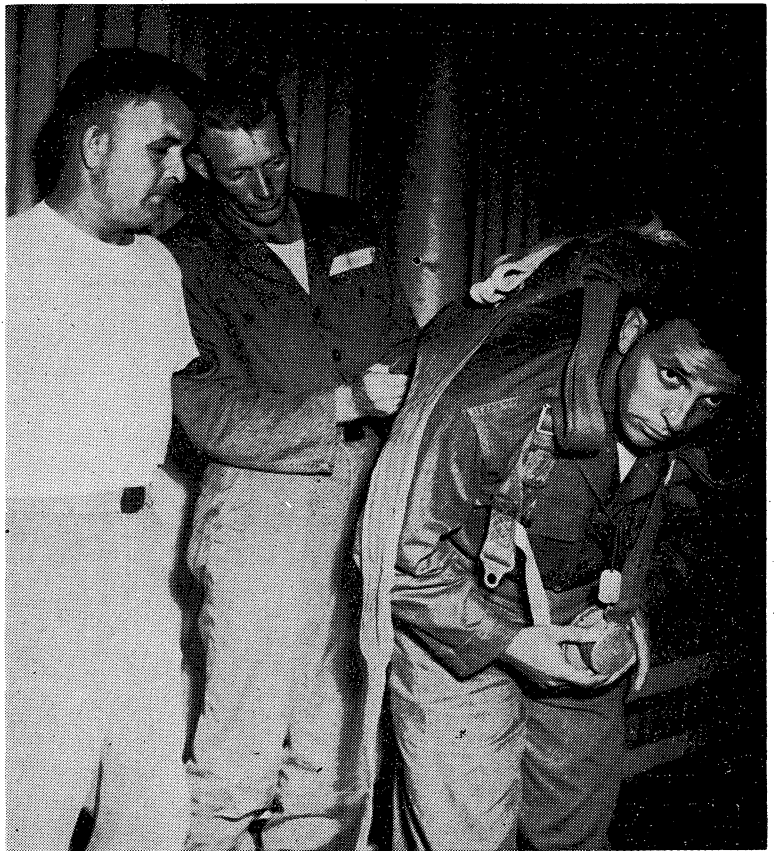
- "Get ready."
- "Stand up."
- "Hook up."
- "Check your equipment."
- "Sound off for equipment check."
- "Stand in the door."
- "Go."

On the command "Go," the jumpmaster leaves the plane and is followed by his men.

Once on the DZ the jumpmaster, if it is a night jump, using his metascope—a filter used for detecting infra-red rays—searches for the assembly point which is indicated by an airborne beacon of infra-red light.

Playing a large part in the all-important task of teaching the students to be capable leaders, are the personnel of the Advanced Parachute Training Committee. Key instructors in the course are Sfc. Andrew J. Simko, chief NCO teaching aircraft inspection; Sfc. Frederick J. Carden, who handles the "in-flight" responsibility section of the course and instructs in the techniques of inspection of personnel and their equipment.

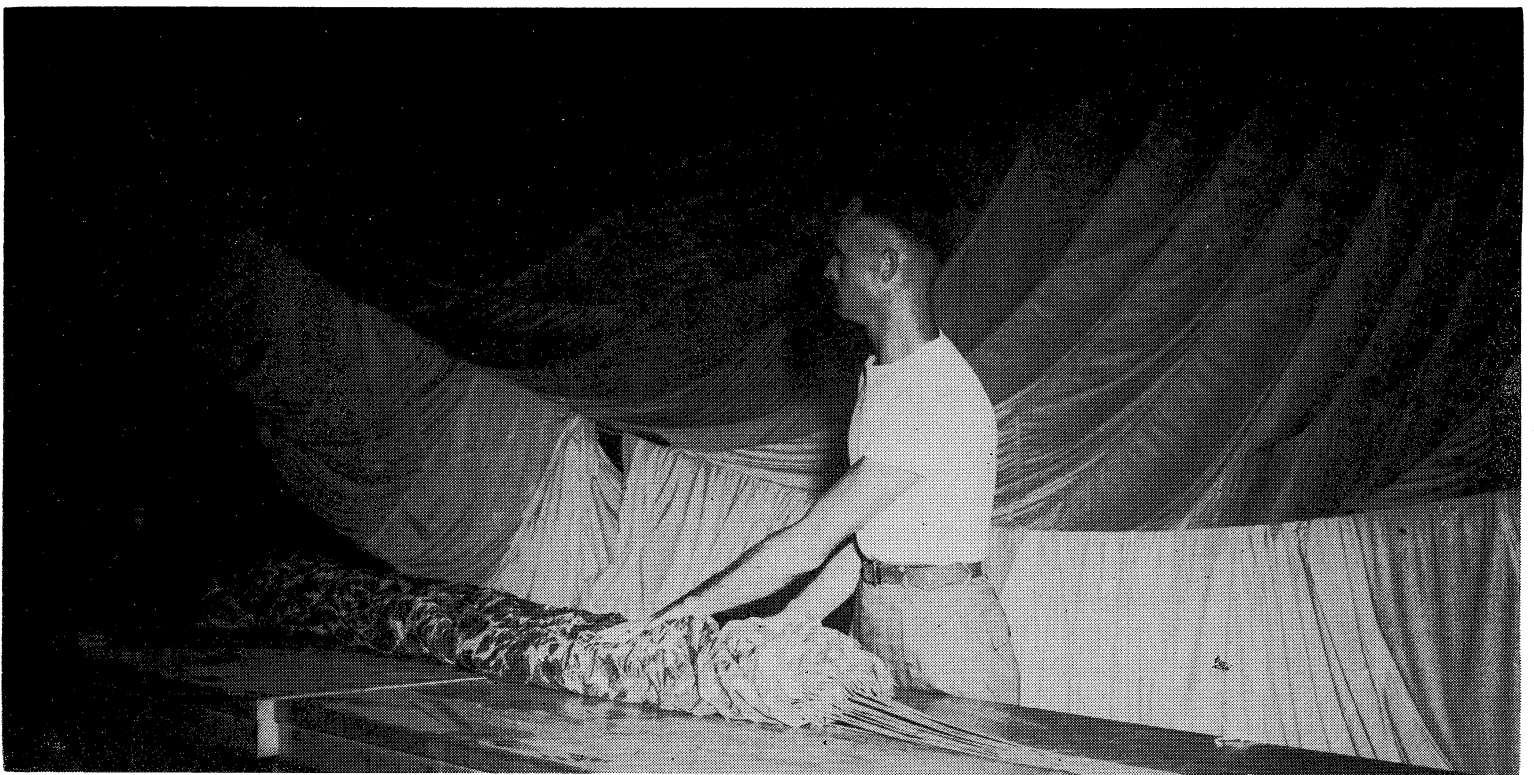
Officer instructors, besides Major Hightower, are Captain John O. Ensor, section chief of the Jumpmaster Section, and 1st Lieuts. William O. Reilly and William J. Schoof, who instruct in the "duties and responsibilities of the jumpmaster" and the "basic principle of aerial navigation, for orientation during flight."



SFC. ANDREW J. SIMKO CHECKS JUMPMASTER TECHNIQUE OF STUDENT, SGT. JAMES D. NORMAN, AS HE ADJUSTS A PARACHUTE ON FELLOW STUDENT MAJOR WILLIAM O. MARKS.



STUDENTS IN THE AIRBORNE DEPARTMENT'S JUMP MASTER COURSE PRACTICE INSTRUCTION. HERE, STUDENT POINTS OUT THE CORRECT POSITIONING OF THE HANDS OF THE PARATROOPER AS HE LEAVES THE PLANE.



CPL. ANDREW H. SHEFFIELD DEMONSTRATES OPENING OF THE NEW T-10 TYPE PARACHUTE AS IT WOULD OCCUR IN AN ACTUAL JUMP.



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SFC. FRED J. CARDEN, INSTRUCTOR FOR THE AIRBORNE DEPARTMENT'S ADVANCED TRAINING GROUP, LECTURES ON PROPER HARNESS ADJUSTMENT OF PARACHUTE WORN BY STUDENT SGT. JAMES R. GIGSON.



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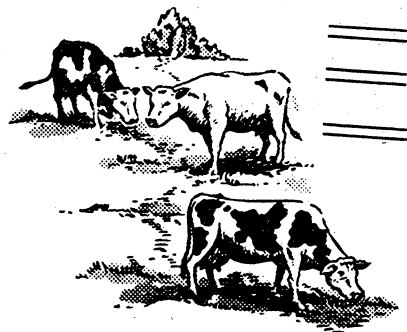
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PARTICIPATING IN BAYONET DRILL WHILE PFC. JOHN F. FLANIGAN OF SOUTH BELOIT, ILL., AN INSTRUCTOR, WATCHES THEIR MOVEMENTS, ARE, LEFT TO RIGHT, INSPECTOR FIRST CLASS HIROYASU MIKAMI OF HIROSHIMA, AND SUPERINTENDENT MINORU KOMATSU, AND INSPECTOR SECOND CLASS TATSUMI KATO, BOTH OF TOKYO.

JAPANESE POLICE STUDY HERE TO PROTECT HOMELAND

Among the Allied students training at The Infantry School are 54 members of the Japanese National Safety Forces, whose studies here are expected to lead to a more proficient protection by her own people of strategically located Japan.

The Japanese police officials, part of the 125 who began training in the U. S. in May, are enrolled in the associate Infantry company course for Allied officers, class No. 5, and are receiving instruction in weapons, tactics and staff methods used by the U. S. Infantry.

These men, who range from first lieutenant to major in U. S. rank, will return to Japan following their 20 weeks of training, and the majority will serve as instructors in National Safety Forces camps in their country.

The Japanese National Safety Forces bear a marked resemblance to the U. S. National Guard, which stands as a Reserve power ready for use in an emergency.

The 1947 Japanese constitution "renounced forever" the right to wage war or maintain armed land, sea, or air forces; so, unlike

the National Guard, there can be no organic weapons but only basic weapons. (Organic weapons include those as large as the 155-mm howitzer.)

Today there are approximately 110,000 members of the Japanese NSF.

Upon the request of the Japanese government, the U. S. agreed to help train the NSF as part of the general program this nation provides for Allied officers. The training is being conducted at the expense of the Japanese government.

The program of instruction for the Japanese, as is all other instruction at The Infantry School, is personally approved by Major Gen. G. S. Meloy, Jr., Infantry School commandant, and Brig. Gen. Carl F. Fritzsche, assistant commandant.

Under their supervision the Japanese police officials will have received 380 hours of instruction and training conducted by the Weapons, Tactical, Communications, Automotive, and Staff departments upon completion of the course in October.

Although all the Japanese officers can speak at least broken

English, there are six interpreters with the class. They arrived several weeks ahead of the main group and translated the lessons from Korean to Japanese or from English to Japanese.

(The course taken by the NSF is similar to the one in which Republic of Korea Army officers are enrolled here. For this group instructional material had previously been translated into Korean).

The training schedule consists of 308 hours of instruction in weapons, including small arms, grenades, flam throwers, rocket launchers, technique of rifle fire and night vision, machine guns, mortars, and recoilless weapons.

Offensive and defensive tactics, armored unit employment, field engineering, artillery, chemical defense, and tactical air study for joint air-ground operations compose the 294 hours training in the Tactical Department.

The NSF students also are spending 44 hours in signal communication study and 28 hours in automotive maintenance and driver training.

The 161 hours devoted to the Staff Department include personnel management, leadership, physical training, bayonet practice, hand-to-hand combat, combat intelligence, map and aerial photograph reading, operations and training, logistics, and medical subjects.

Forty-five hours during the course are reserved for use at the discretion of the school's commandant.

With the Japanese class is Major Gerald Cook of Sheffield, Ala., who is serving as escort officer. He accompanied the NSF officers on their trip from Japan to the U. S. and the cross country bus journey from San Francisco to The Infantry School.

Major Cook, a graduate of American University in Washington, D. C., was an adviser to a NSF camp before being assigned as escort officer. He has spent eight months in Japan and 10 months in Korea, serving as an adviser to the Sixth ROK Division's 19th Infantry Regiment.

Major Cook is attempting to route the Japanese through Washington, New York, and Chicago on their return to the West Coast. The students have unanimously voiced their approval even though it would mean about \$30 over and above the expenses allotted by their government.

"The National Safety Forces, organized in 1950 and originally known as the National Police Reserve, is strictly a volunteer group," according to Major Cook. "The members may be separated from the force's services at any time, but they usually serve at least two or three years."

He also pointed out that they serve purely on a patriotic basis and not a monetary one.

"A superintendent third class, equivalent to the U. S. Army rank of major, receives pay of \$30 a month, while a patrolman first class or private receives about \$5," he said. (Members at The Infantry School are allotted a special expense fund.)

Major Cook said that the grades of the Japanese students are averaging very high. The majority of them are college graduates, he said.

On their off-hours the Japanese, who are given all privileges granted U. S. officers on the post, go to the movies, play softball, swim, and take trips. They have been to Warm Springs, Ga., Atlanta, and several cities in Alabama, and think the U. S. is a "great, big wonderful place." Like any other visitors they are armed with a camera and buy souvenirs to send back home.

The students, the majority of whom are married and are Christians, have received a number of religious and recreational invitations from the officers at Fort Benning and civilians in the Columbus area.

Although they are in the U. S., the students have brought a little of Japan with them. On a visit to the 24th Company, First Student Regiment, where they are housed, there can be seen Oriental kimonos donned by the men and combat boots exchanged for Japanese shoes.

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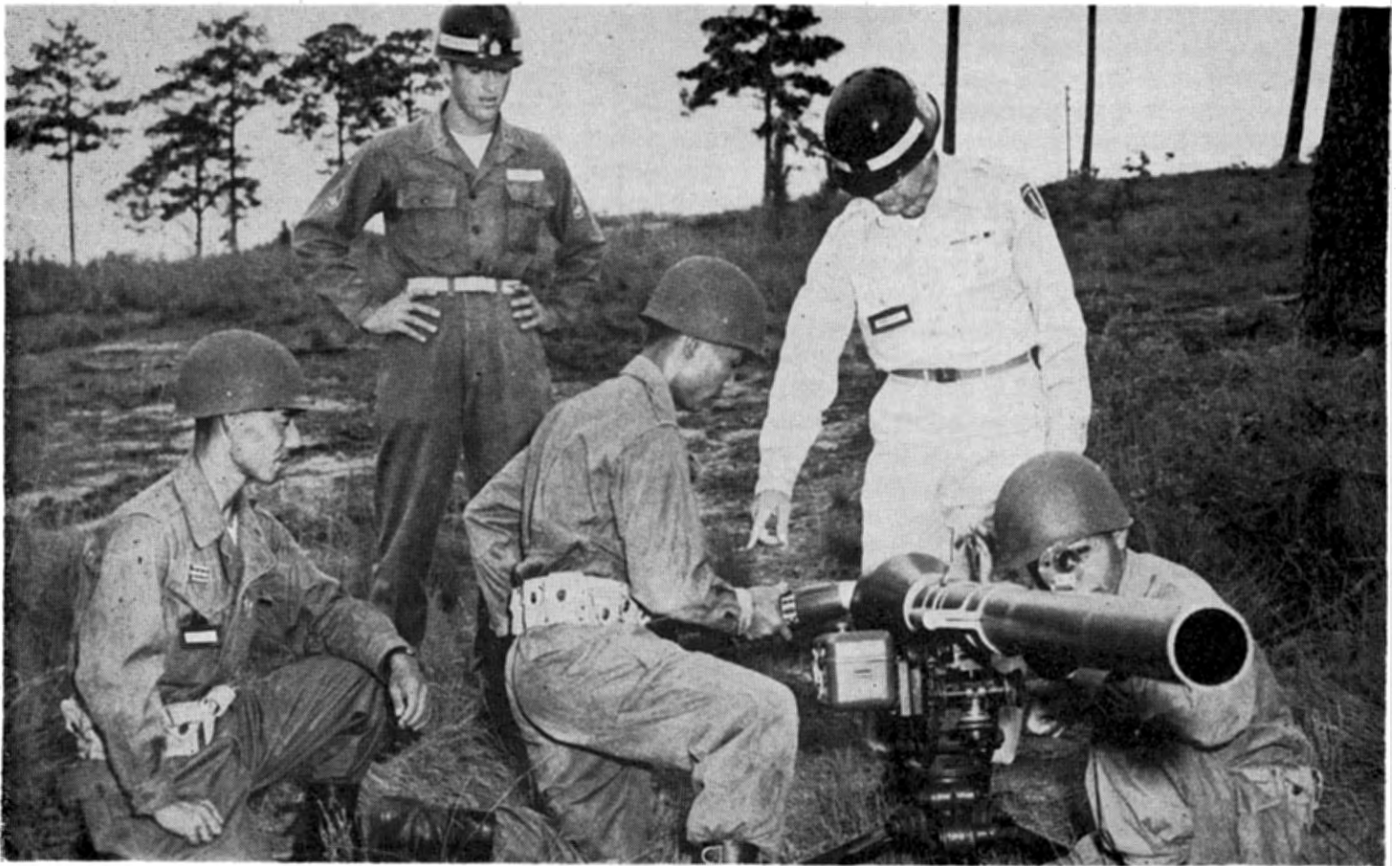
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SFC. JAMES H. REJSA, LEFT, AND PFC. JOHN FLANAGAN, RIGHT, ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS, DEMONSTRATE BAYONET TACTICS.



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OFFICERS RECEIVE PLENTY OF TRAINING AND FIRING WITH THE M-1 RIFLE. EMPLOYING THE COACHING METHOD ONE MAN LAYS BESIDE THE MARKSMAN CHECKING ANY DEFECTS WHILE HE FIRES THE RIFLE. THE CLASS OF 54 JAPANESE OFFICERS IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN THE U. S.



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PRACTICE WITH THE M-1 RIFLE ON THE RANGE. LEFT TO RIGHT ARE SUPERINTENDENT THIRD CLASS MINORU KOMATSU AND SUPERINTENDENT THIRD CLASS HIDEO MIYOSHI, BOTH OF TOKYO.



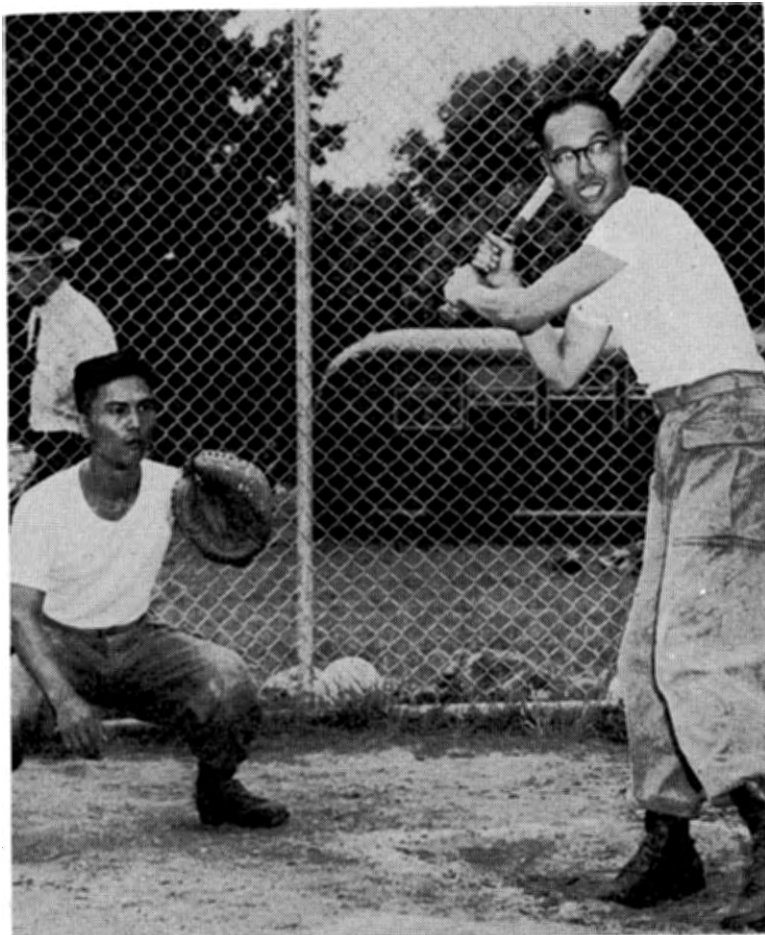
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INSTRUCTION IN THE LOADING OF THE 4.2-INCH MORTAR IS GIVEN TO, LEFT TO RIGHT, SUPERINTENDENT THIRD CLASS SHIGEHICO SO, OF TOKYO; CPL. FRANK J. HALROYD, OF PRINCETON, W. VA.; PFC. DENIS WILKE OF MILWAUKEE, WISC.; INSPECTOR THIRD CLASS GENRYO TAKAHASKI OF TOKYO, AND INSPECTOR THIRD CLASS MASAO HASHIMOTO OF FUKUOKA.



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RECEIVING INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF THE 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHER ARE, LEFT TO RIGHT, SUPERINTENDENT THIRD CLASS HIROSHI OTSU OF IBARAKI; INSPECTOR FIRST CLASS MASAYOSHI SASSA OF KUMAMOTO; 1ST LT. WILLIAM H. SALLEY, AN INSTRUCTOR, OF SPRINGFIELD, S. C., AND INSPECTOR SECOND CLASS TORASABURO HAYASHI OF YAMAGUCHI.



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WHEN RECREATION TIME ARRIVES MANY OF THE JAPANESE PREFER BASEBALL. STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE IS SUPERINTENDENT THIRD CLASS SUGITARO MURAKI OF TOKYO, AND CATCHING IS INSPECTOR FIRST CLASS SHIGERU IYAMA OF FUKUOKA.

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776th TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON

The "school days, rule days" of old are a far cry from the Combat Crew Training School conducted by the 776th Troop Carrier Squadron, 464th Troop Carrier Group, at Lawson Air Force Base.

There are no tots or beginners here. The students are all aircraft crew members, and the old 3Rs have been replaced by highly specialized and technical subjects. The instructors, for the most part, are combat veterans of the Korean war.

The Combat Crew Training School was set up to teach already trained crew members the ins and outs peculiar to combat flying in C-46 type aircraft. Based on the theory that each type of aircraft requires a specific type of know-how, the course was planned to give the crews as much practical information as possible about Troop Carrier flying.

An intensive 60-days training program, the course is divided

into two parts. The first teaches all phases of ground school and the second deals with flying.

The ground school specializes in training on aircraft engines, aircraft systems, emergency procedures, operational orders, flying safety, Airborne tactics and techniques, survival equipment, and many other related subjects.

The flying training includes instrument flying, transition, loading and lashing, first aid, air evacuation and litter, formations both day and night, equipment and troop drop, and navigation.

Most of the instructors are returnees from C-46 Wings in Japan. The ground school instructors are specialists in their fields from various squadrons in the 464th Troop Carrier Group; while the flying instructors are all members of the 776th Troop Carrier Squadron. One crew is assigned to each instructor and that instructor stays with the group for the duration of the particular training.

In addition to the Air Force manuals and regulations, the instructors make use of as many visual aids as possible including mockups, training aids, and films. They also pass on the valuable first hand information they gained from flying troop carrier planes for the Far Eastern Air Force.

Capt. Charles C. Read, project officer, said, "In this school we endeavor to give the crew members not only specialized and technical information but also as much first-hand information as possible about everything they will need to know to fly troop carrier planes."

Captain Read said the first plans for the school called for the training to be conducted in rotation by the 776th, 777th and 778th Troop Carrier Squadrons of the 464th Troop Carrier Group. However, on April 1, 1953, the 776th was assigned to take over the entire combat crew training program.

Since the first class reported in October, 1952, the crews have included ranks from noncommissioned officers to colonels. The pilots attending in the various classes have had a very high experience level ranging from 700 to 5000 hours of flying time. The different groups of pilots have included B-29 pilots, B-36, C-47, and several jet pilots.

Students of the Combat Crew Training school have been pilots from the various commands within the Air Force, co-pilots direct from cadet training, and radio operators and engineers from the different units of Tactical Air Command.

Capt. George Allen, Operations Officer, said, "This training school has been good for our personnel because it has kept them on their toes. They have all done an excellent job on the training program."

The 776th Troop Carrier Squadron is commanded by Maj. Roland Benson. The Combat Crew Training School instructors are Lt. William Darr, Lt. Lawrence Fulker, Lt. Carl Marshall, Lt. James Hartline, Lt. Burton Halbert, Capt. Mark Mann, Lt. Kendall Nold, Lt. Joseph Bevel, Capt. Sylvester Belbot, and Capt. George Allen.



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INSTRUCTOR LT. CARL W. MARSHALL, CENTER, EXPLAINS THE PROCEDURE OF PLANNING A CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT TO LEFT, LT. ROBERT E. NEWBAUER, AND LT. WILLIAM L. CHILDERS, WITH MAP.

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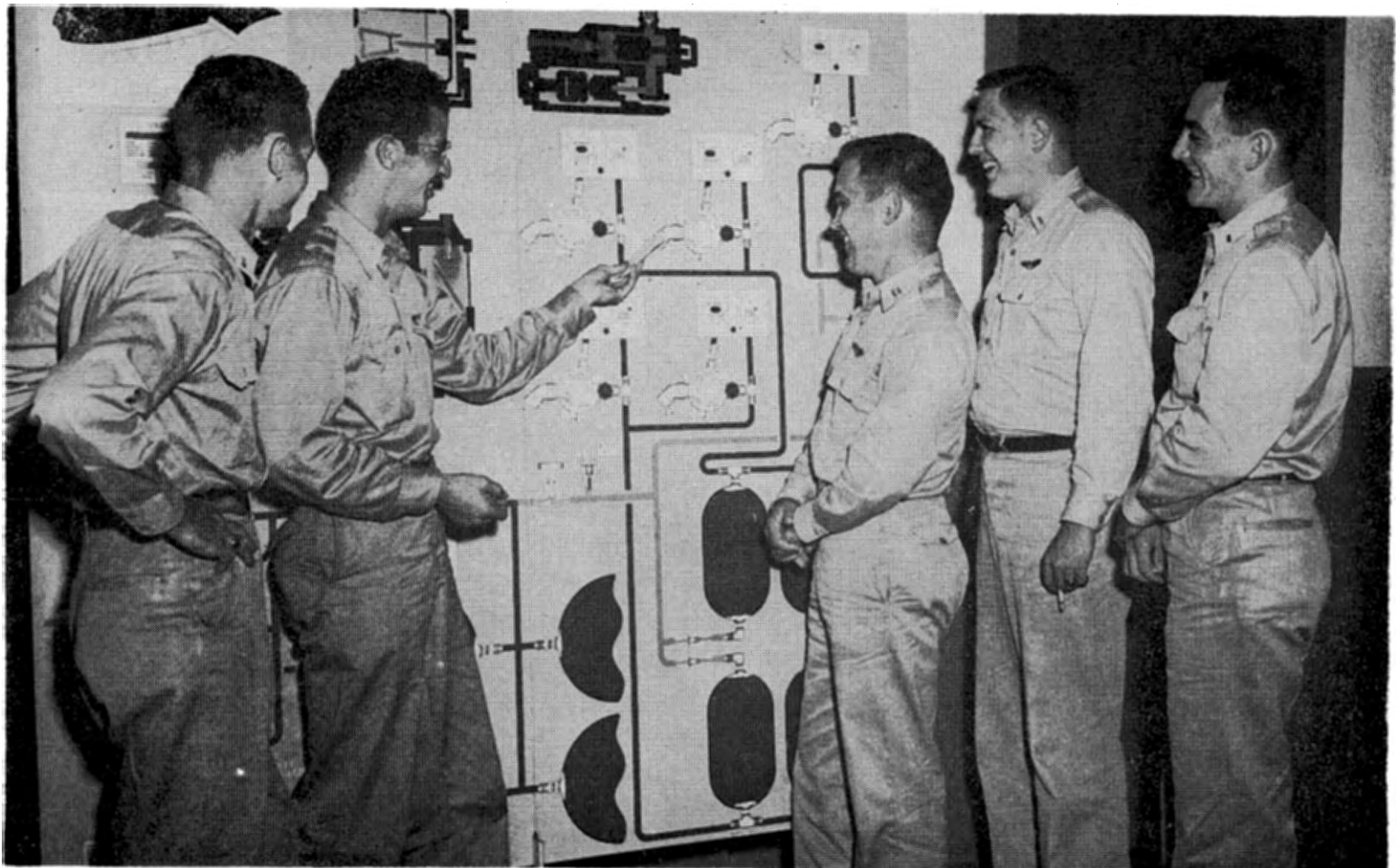
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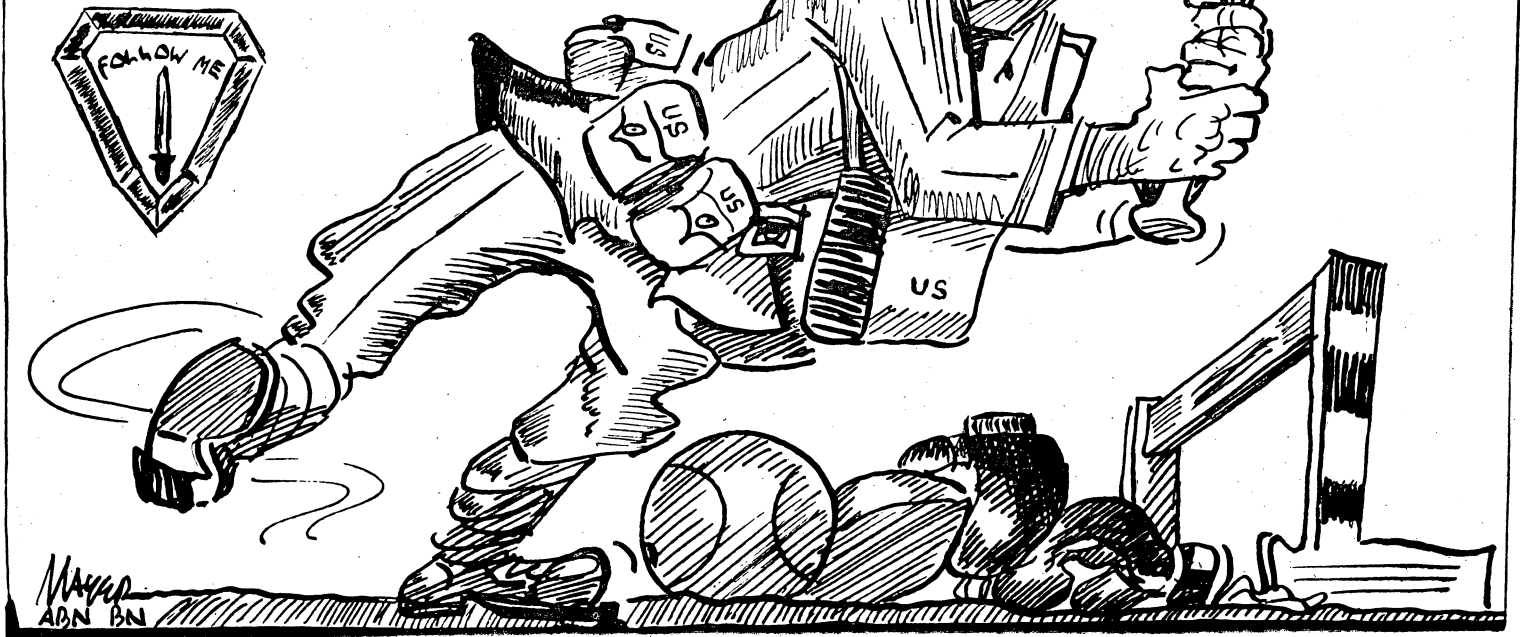
INSTRUCTOR LT. LAWRENCE FULKER EXPLAINS THE INSPECTION OF THE COWL FLAP TO, CENTER, LT. JAMES FOSTER, CO-PILOT, AND CAPT. TOM J. BROWN, PILOT, PRIOR TO TAKE OFF.



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A PRE-CLASS BRIEFING ON THE MOCK-UP OF AN OXYGEN SYSTEM IS GIVEN STUDENTS. LEFT TO RIGHT, LT. J. H. FIELDS, LT. F. J. RAEL, 776TH TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, CAPT H. J. EBERLE, JET PILOT, LT. CHARLES BOWCOCK, JET PILOT, AND LT. DONALD R. THORPE.

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ALL-POST TEAM MAKES THE GRADE

BY LESTER DINOFF

Fort Benning sports activities got a shot in the arm recently when Special Services sports officials and the six TIC baseball coaches sat down and selected an All-Post team at the conclusion of The Infantry Center Baseball Tournament.

This All-Star squad, composed of 18 players including a coach and manager, is the first All-Post team selected for competition since 1949, the final year of Doughboy competition. The 1953 Doughboys have scheduled games with other military installations and will represent Fort Benning in the Third Army Baseball Tournament at Camp Rucker, Ala., Aug. 17-22.

In 1950 there wasn't any regular sports competition and in 1951 an intramural policy was inaugurated that did away with the one team per post. With more TIC soldiers and WACs participating actively in all sports, attendance and interest declined.

Now that this All-Post baseball team has been announced and in actual participation, sports fans hope that from each intramural league an All-Post team is selection for active competition, not just in name only.

Heading the Doughboy baseballers is Sfc. Robert (Bobby) Dews of Special Troops Command. Selected as coach of the squad, Dews is one of the best-known sports figures at Fort Benning. Bobby started his diamond career in 1929 when he attended Albany, Ga., high school and since then has played professional and service baseball. The highest he rose in the Minors was in 1944, when he was with Montreal of the Triple A International League.

Dews received notice that he was going up to the parent Brooklyn Dodgers the following season, but a letter which began with "Greetings" interrupted his baseball career.

During this past season, Dews coached the Raiders and ended the season in fifth place. He inserted himself into the lineup fre-

quently and the 38-year-old player ended the season with a .423 average, highest in the Fort Benning Intramural Baseball League.

Managing the Doughboys will be Lt. Emory Albritton, coach of the 508th Airborne squad which tied for fourth place in the TIC circuit. Calling Bowling Green, Fla., his home, Albritton played in only one contest this year.

Selected for the Doughboy infield was ISD first baseman, Herb Lauve, School Brigade Rams second baseman George Matile, ISD shortstop Kitch Josey, and School Brigade Rams third sacker Horace Consolo.

The outfielders that were honored were ISD's Ken Harris, 508th Airborne's Boody Grimsley, the Benning loop's home run king, and Big Bill Brooks of the Rams. Harris was named for left field, Grimsley will patrol center, and Brooks right field.

Behind the plate will be John Strong of the 508th and player-coach Barney Haynes of Brigade. On the pitching mound will be Jim Lewey of ISD, the loop's top hurler now that Lloyd Brill of Brigade is discharged, Dick Kinney of ISD, Clyde Britton of Special Troops Command, Charlie Stewart of the 508th, and left hander Dick Myers of the Rams.

Lewey has a season record of 7-0. His one loss came in the league's play-offs when he was bested by Brill. But a protest was upheld by the Special Services Council and that game washed out of the books. Kinney has a 2-1 record for the season, and he has won one play-off game. Britton finished the year with a 4-3 pitching record and Stewart ended up with a 4-2 mark, not including two victories in the Shaughnessey Play-offs. Lefty Myers had a season record of 1-4 and a 1-2 mark in the play-offs.

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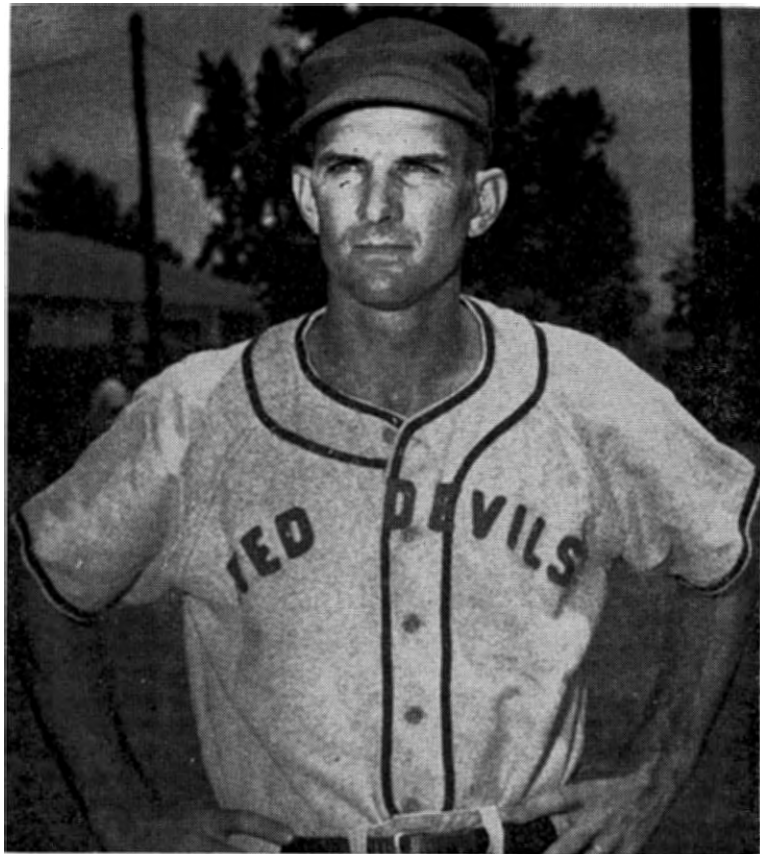
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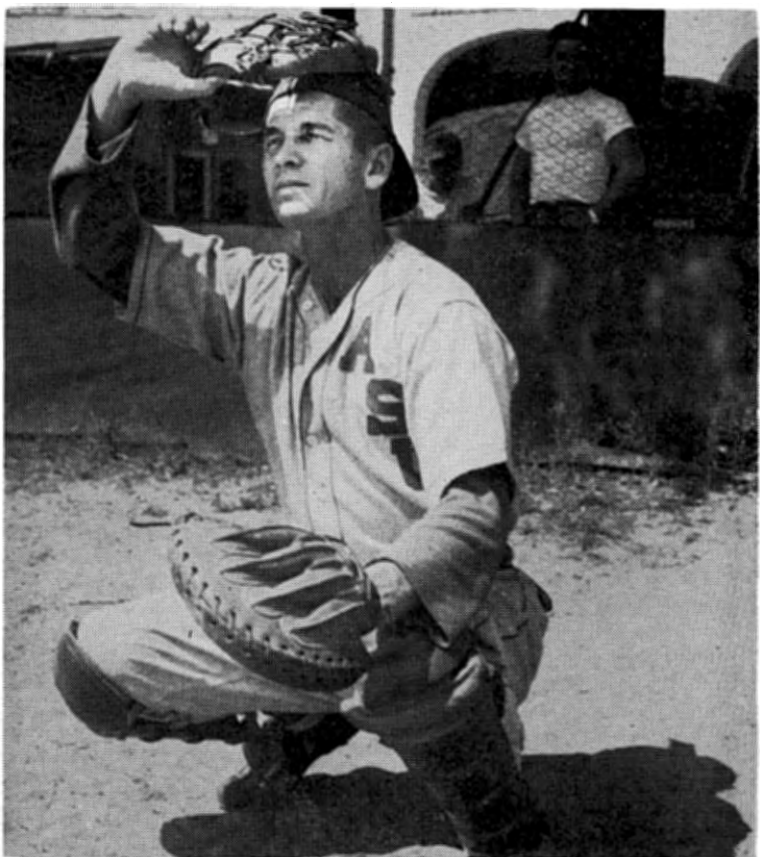
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player-coach of Infantry School Detachment and Fred Aug, second baseman for the Professors. Burt is an old-timer in baseball here, having played some seven seasons at Fort Benning. He was named to the Doughboys on four other occasions—1946, 47, 48, 49. Brooks is another figure that played on a previous Doughboy team. He was with the 1948 squad.

Three alternates that were selected in case of some unforeseen occurrence should arise and prohibits a regular from playing are Ken Watts, CTC player-coach, Phil Phillip, shortstop of the Rams, and CTC hurler, Gene Mitchell.



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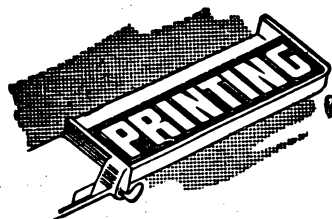
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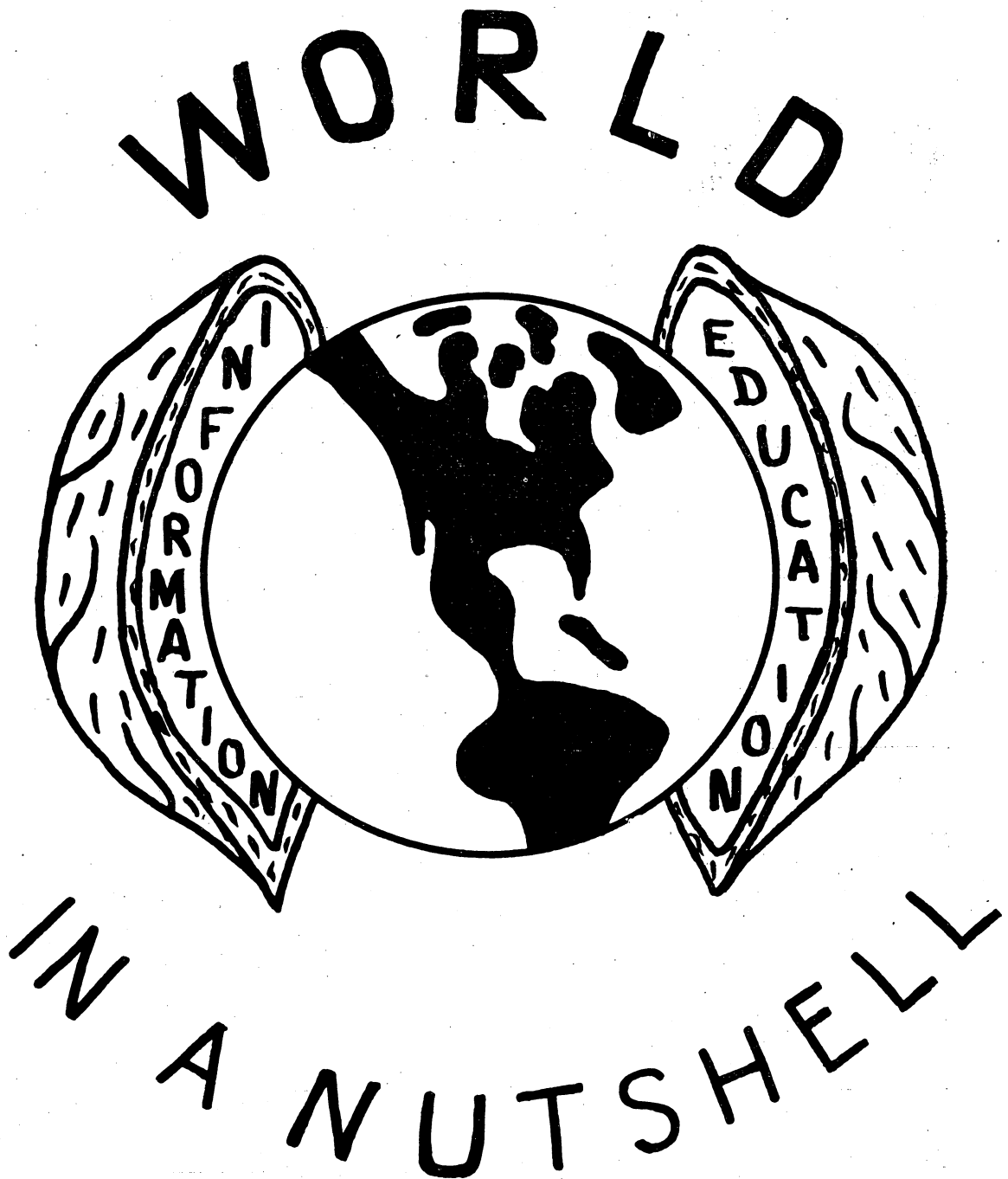
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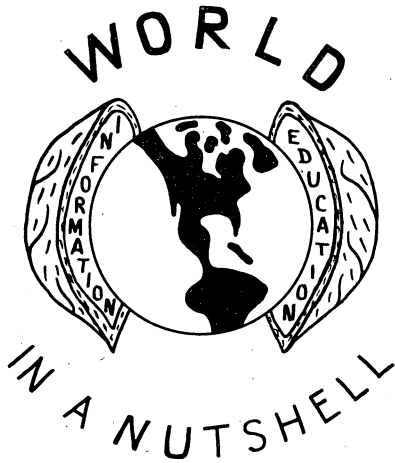
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The "World In a Nutshell" cover on this month's Benning Herald highlights a story on the operations of the Fort Benning Troop Information and Education Section. With an overall mission of keeping the soldier well-informed and raising his educational level, the TI&E section is performing a function that is a major part of the American way of life.



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TI & E SECTION

Its Business is to 'Sell' Education, Information

BY LT. EDWARD B. KENNEY

Selling information and education is the business of The Infantry Center Troop Information and Education section, and like everywhere else in the country . . . business is good.

Operating with an overall mission of keeping military personnel well informed and raising their educational levels, the TI&E program is receiving an unusual amount of response on the post.

For instance, the present enrollment in group study for college courses at Fort Benning is the highest in the Third Army, and USAFI courses are being issued at an all-time high.

In addition to the interest in educational achievement, soldiers are becoming more receptive to group discussions on national and world problems, and Troop Information Centers are proving to be the main attraction in unit dayrooms.

The TI&E section is divided into two divisions, an education and an information division. These, working under the supervision of the post TI&E officer and his assistant, administer the program.

First, let's take a look at the education division. Its mission is to raise the educational level of the individual soldier so that he may better absorb military training and be a more proficient soldier.

The program strives to provide basic education for all military personnel who have not attained the fourth grade. Any soldier may accomplish this by going to school on duty time. Classes are conducted in reading, writing, and arithmetic, and extend over a ten-week period. Three classes are presently in progress.

After completing a course, students take a written test and if they pass are considered to have the equivalent of a fourth grade education.

If a soldier has passed the fourth grade, then the education division can assist him in moving up the ladder as far as the second year of college.

Following the basic course is the intermediate education course, which covers grades five through eight. At this level the student must take his training on off-duty time or through a self-teaching course.

If he chooses he may attend a ten-week study session, with two hours instruction a night, twice a week. At the end of this he is eligible to take the exam. If it is not possible for the soldier to attend the classes he may register for United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) courses on a self-teaching plan to prepare himself for the examination.

Attainment of a high school education is also possible for any soldier on the post. Study through USAFI courses and special classes help prepare him for the General Education Development test. Any high school course, if there is enough demand for it, is taught on off-duty time.

If the student passes the high school GED test the Army recognizes him as having the equivalent of a high school education. In some states the high school of the student's choice will issue a

diploma on the strength of the GED test, and in all states a certificate will be issued the student.

On college level the TIC education division has an on-the-post extension program with the University of Georgia which offers full-credit courses to military personnel. College credits through the sophomore year may be acquired in this manner.

USAFI courses are available from the first grade up to two years in college. The soldier may enroll in the USAFI program for two dollars and this qualifies him to take an unlimited number of courses, as long as he completes each course.

All educational records on the soldier are classified as confidential information and failures are not reflected on any records. Only successfully completed courses are reported to personnel officers.

The education division also operates a speed reading laboratory which is open daily during duty hours and from 1830 to 2030 on Mondays and Thursdays. During these hours a trained speed reading expert is on hand to assist the individual in increasing his reading speed.

Lab work consists of a practical work course which develops the student's reading speed and comprehension. The average person reads approximately 250 words a minute with 70% comprehension. After completion of the 20-hour course the average graduate has more than doubled his reading speed and raised his comprehension to 75 or 80 per cent.

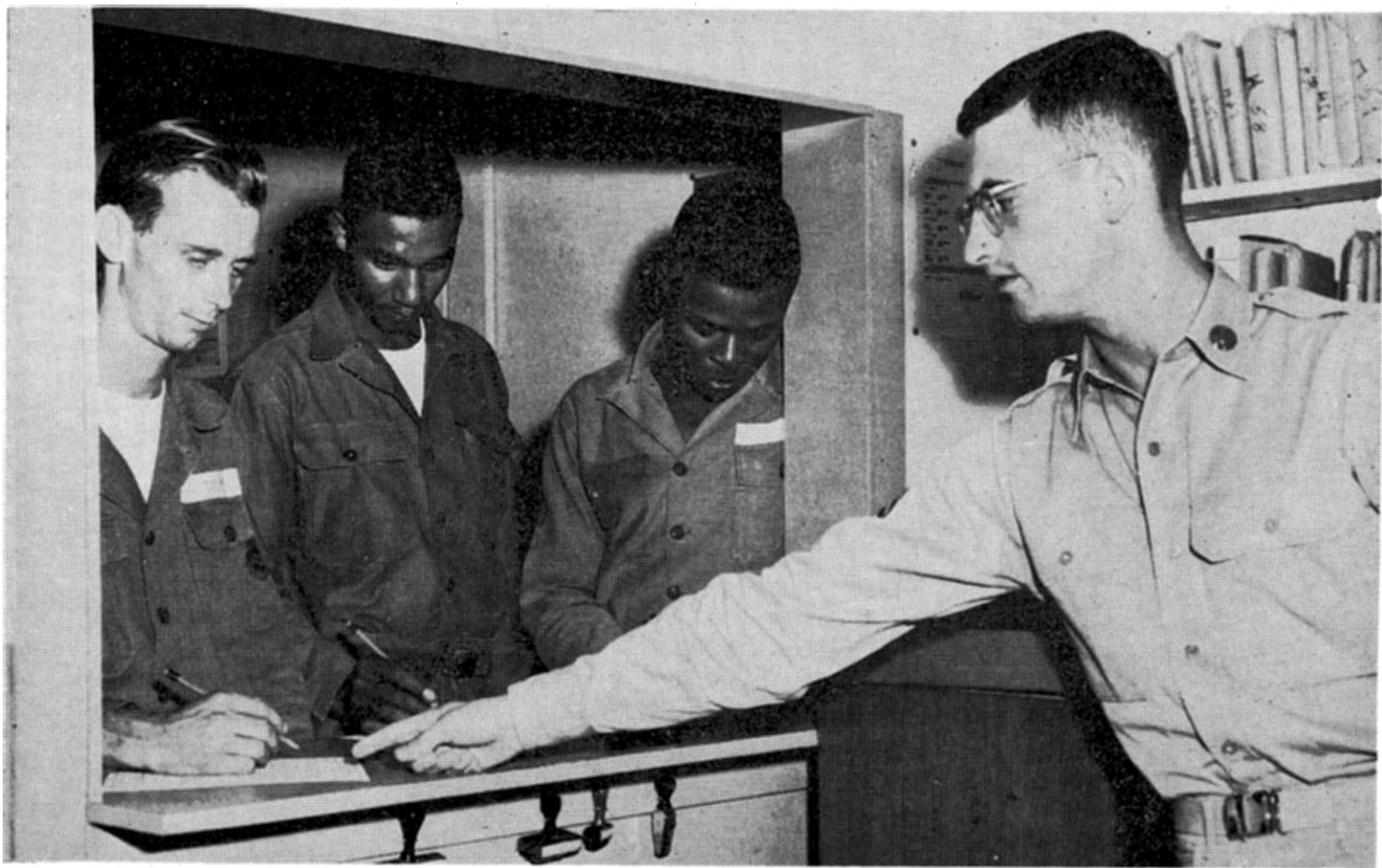
The lab course includes work with a machine called the "tachistoscope." A small slide projector with a shutter attachment, the tachistoscope develops the student's span of recognition. Reading boxes are also available to help boost reading speed.

Another feature of the education division is a trained civilian counselor who advises and assists military personnel in pursuing their educational goals. Soldiers may make an appointment with the education counselor by contacting the registration section of the education division.

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CPL. JAMES O'NEILL, TI & E REGISTRAR, ASSISTS THREE SOLDIERS WHO ARE MAKING OUT REGISTRATION FORMS TO TAKE USAFI COURSES. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE SGT. JAMES D. COLVIN, MED. CO., 30TH INF.; PFC. THEODORE L. HICKMAN, SV. CO., 773RD TANK BN., AND CPL. WALTER C. BRYANT, 406TH ENGR. COMBAT CO. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR MORE THAN 1,000 SOLDIERS HAVE REGISTERED FOR USAFI COURSES AT THE FORT BENNING CENTER.



THE TROOP INFORMATION CENTER IN CO. C OF THE INFANTRY SCHOOL DETACHMENT. STANDING AT THE BOARD LOOKING AT NEWS AND OTHER FEATURES ARE SFC. ANDREW SABO, LEFT, AND CPL. RONALD G. SHORT. SITTING AT THE DESK IS PVT. JAMES R. HICKMAN, AND LEARNING TO TYPE ON A SELF-TEACHING USAFI COURSE IS PVT. SAMUEL CASSON. ALL THE MEN ARE MEMBERS OF CO. C.



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The Command Conference is an hour-long period held weekly by each company-size unit. The information division provides subjects for this period.

The Army provides a number of sources for the subject material for the Command Conferences. Among these are the Armed Forces Talks magazine, Department of Army pamphlets (Troop Topics), Department of Defense Fact Sheets, and Third Army Discussion Topics.

The information division also prepares special subjects for the Command Conferences. Among the more recent special subjects published by the Fort Benning center are the Community Relations program, Red Cross Facts for 1953, Your Quartermaster Laundry, The Soldier and His Money, and Public Information and You.

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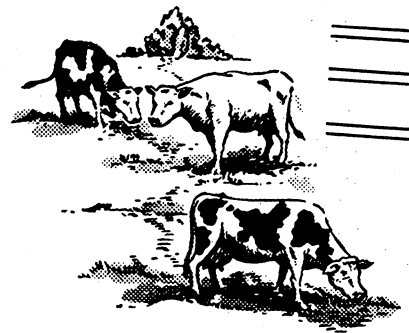
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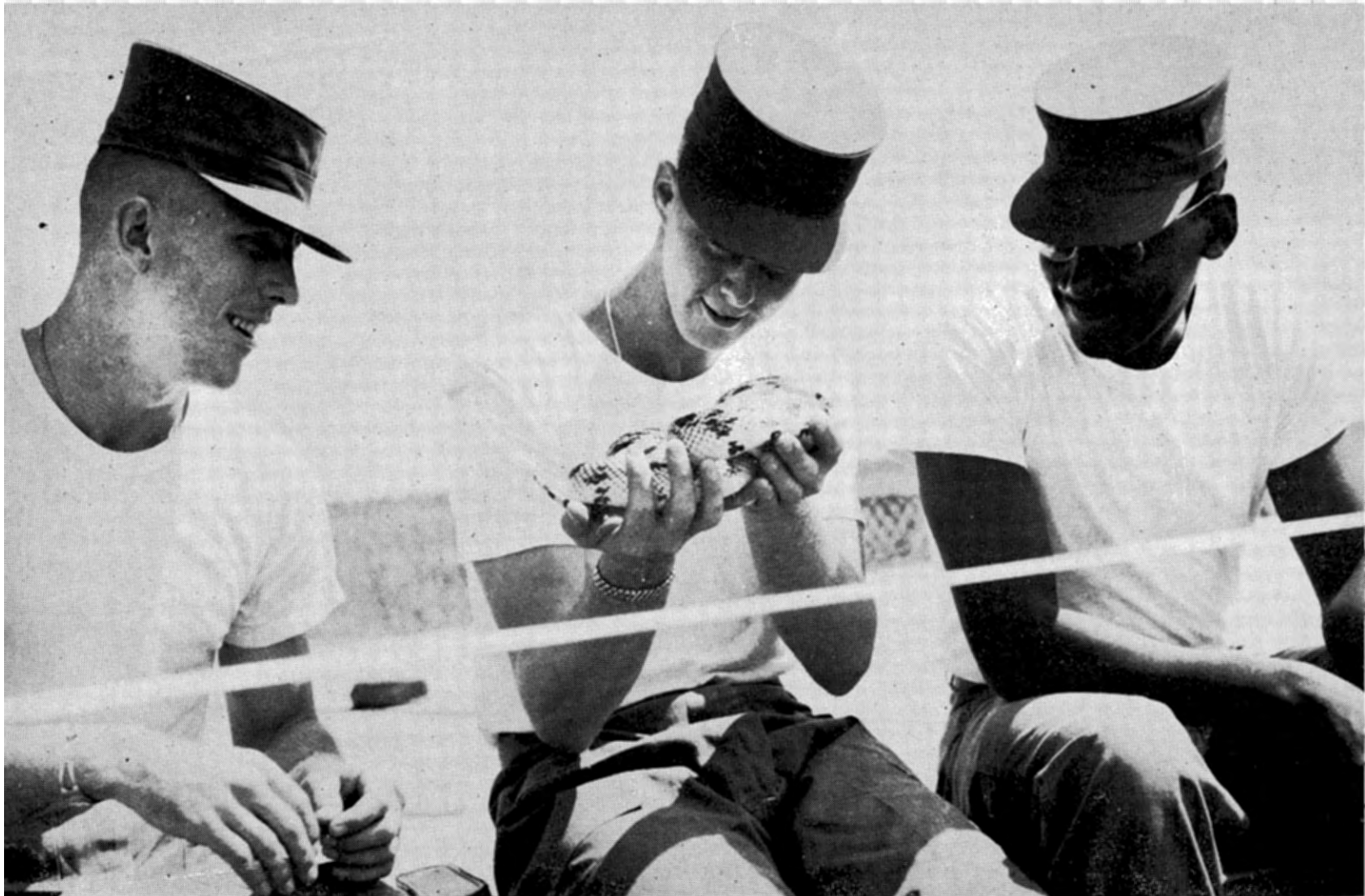


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RANGERS ARE LEADERS

BY CAPT. EMERSON BIERE

The Rangers of today are not the same as those of World War II days and the early times in Korea. According to The Infantry School, the Rangers today stress individual leadership instead of the highly specialized commando-type training that in by-gone years marked the Rangers.

To go without sleep for one or two nights is not too great a feat in itself, but when a person is called upon to go without any appreciable amount of rest over a period of four weeks, that is Ranger training at the Field Camps.

After only four days of training, the strain begins to tell. In the opinion of men that have graduated, it is a course that you can get more tired in than actual combat. Combat veterans, of both World War II, and the Korean conflict, aver that they were never as tired in combat at any time as they were after the four weeks of field exercises that each Ranger candidate must complete.

The Ranger Training Course is eight weeks in length and is open to both officer personnel and enlisted personnel of the top grades. Actually the word Ranger is to some extents a misnomer. For when the student graduates, he doesn't go to an organization made up of rangers only, but most likely back to his parent organization. The course is designed primarily to give the student a college education in leadership. The training is of necessity very

rugged, but any person that completes the course can feel proud of himself and any unit he goes to will be better for the training that he has received.

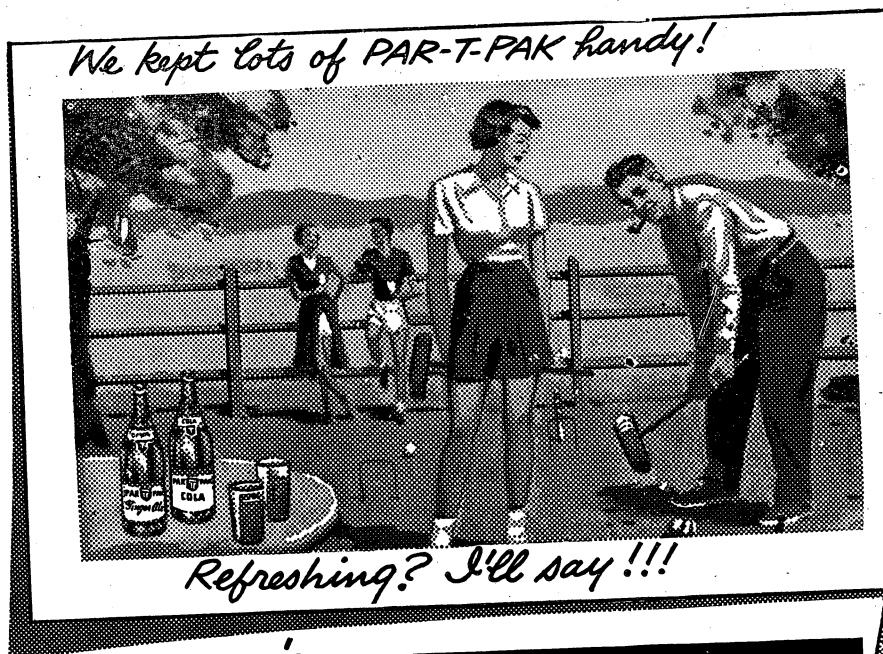
The first three weeks of the course are spent with the Ranger Department of The Infantry School at Fort Benning. Here he receives his initial indoctrination to Ranger training, and an immense amount of physical conditioning is crammed into those three weeks, along with advanced studies in Map and Aerial Photograph reading, Hand to Hand combat, Bayonet training, and the not so difficult, but extremely important training in preparing and issuing a field order. All problems conducted in the Fort Benning phase of the training are only preliminary and lay a very sound foundation for the training problems to come at the two Ranger field training camps.

The board then will rule as to whether the student will be dropped from the training program, or be allowed to continue. Rarely is a Ranger student called to appear before a board during the phase of training at Fort Benning. The reason for this being, that the training is intended only as an indoctrination and conditioning phase, where the student has little or no chance to display any real leadership ability.

At the completion of the training phase at Fort Benning, the entire class along with the Tactical Officer is moved by motor convey to the Ranger Amphibious and Jungle Training Camp, located on the sprawling Eglin Air Force Military Reservation. The class is billeted in what once accommodated Air Force personnel at a remote auxiliary air field. This marks the beginning of the grueling field problems. The first day is spent in orientation. At this orientation, the student is told that he is a member of a specific mythical military unit, and all problems are conducted with this military organization as its basic component. For all practical intents and purposes, after the orientation is completed, the student is virtually on his own. A schedule of training is maintained, but it is not published so the student rarely knows when he will be routed from bed to start a problem. All problems are conducted in small groups, of six to ten men. This provides the ideal sized group for both control and observation by the group observer as



A RANGER STUDENT TAKES TIME OUT TO EAT A "C" RATION IN THE FIELD, PRIOR TO GOING ON A PATROL MISSION. NOTE THE DARKENED FACE AND HANDS, AND HOW WELL IT BREAKS UP THE NATURAL OUTLINES, MAKING THE STUDENT MORE DIFFICULT TO SEE.



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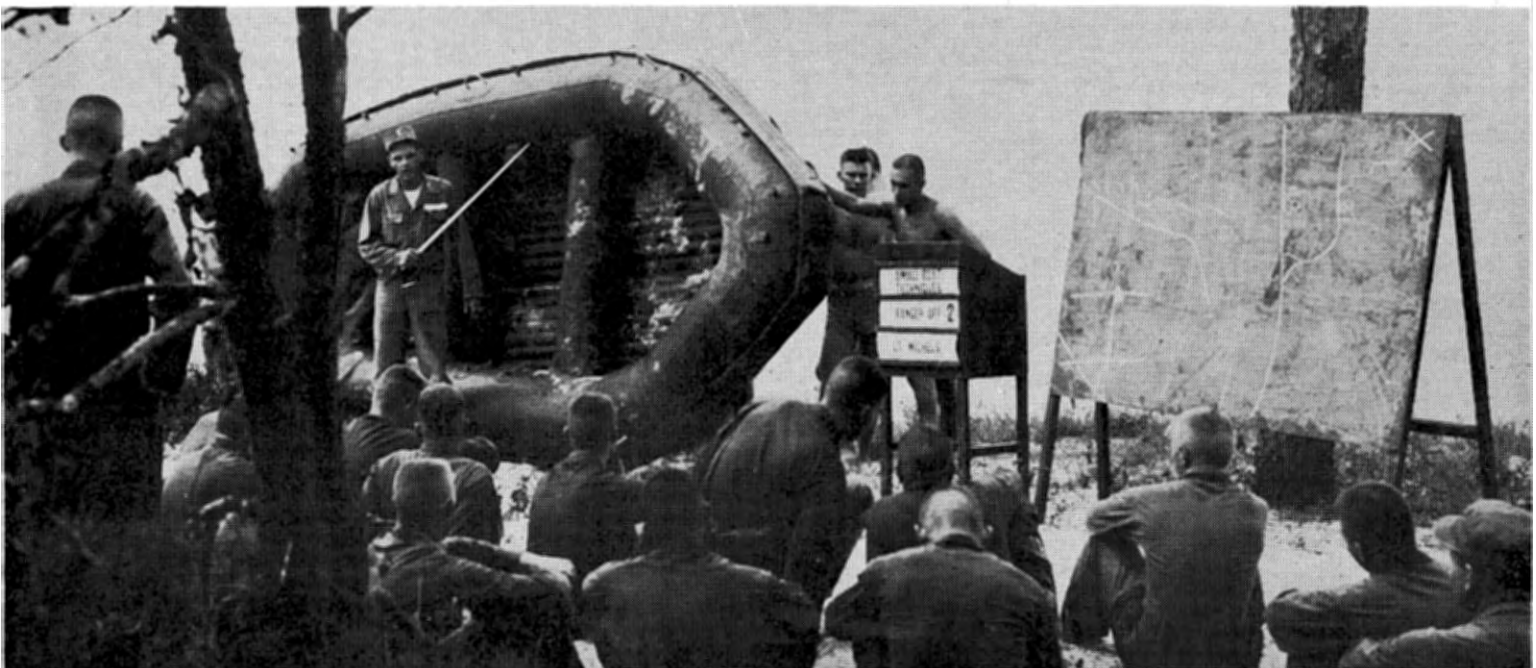
A STUDENT IN THE INFANTRY SCHOOL'S RANGER DEPARTMENT AT FORT BENNING, GA., SCOUTS THE AREA DURING A COMBAT PATROL PROBLEM AT THE SCHOOL'S FLORIDA CAMP.



A MEMBER OF THE AGGRESSOR FORCES CONTINUES TO FIRE HIS LIGHT MACHINE GUN IN AN ATTEMPT TO WARD OFF A RANGER PATROL, THAT VERY NEARLY CAPTURED THIS COMMAND POST. THE PATROL WAS NOT DETECTED UNTIL THE ENTIRE POSITION WAS SURROUNDED. THE GAME OF SIMULATED WARFARE, USING BLANK AMMUNITION, IS PLAYED VERY CLEANLY BY BOTH THE AGGRESSOR AND FRIENDLY FORCES. TRAINING OBTAINED HERE IS INVALUABLE UNDER ACTUAL COMBAT CONDITIONS.



EVEN THOUGH THE SURF WAS RUNNING LIGHT DURING THIS TRAINING PERIOD, IT PRESENTED PROBLEMS TO THE RANGER STUDENTS IN THE LAUNCHING AND BEACHING OF THEIR SMALL BOATS.



ALTHOUGH IT MAY LOOK LIKE A HOLIDAY, THESE RANGER STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING THEIR INITIAL ORIENTATION IN SMALL BOAT TECHNIQUE. TRAINING IS GIVEN ON THE GULF OF MEXCO.



INFANTRY SCHOOL RANGER STUDENTS ON A PATROL MOVE OUT AFTER LANDING IN AN ASSAULT BOAT DURING A RECONNAISSANCE PROBLEM AT THE AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING CAMP. LEFT TO RIGHT ARE CPL. T. L. TURPIN, PFC. H. L. GODSCHALK, PFC. W. L. WOODWORTH, PVT. G. P. GORR, AND CPL. D. V. LAURENCE. THEY ARE ENROLLED IN THE INFANTRY SCHOOL'S RANGER DEPARTMENT AT FORT BENNING, GA., BUT TAKE JUNGLE TRAINING IN FLORIDA AND MOUNTAIN TRAINING IN GEORGIA'S SMOKIES NEAR DAHLONEGA.



STUDENTS PLOT PATROL DUTIES DURING A PROBLEM AT THE MOUNTAIN TRAINING CAMP.



INSIDE A FRONT LINE BUNKER, THE PATROL LEADER, SECOND FROM THE LEFT, GETS AN ORIENTATION OF ENEMY POSITIONS FROM THE COMPANY COMMANDER IN THIS SECTOR. NOTE THE COILED ROPE, KNOWN AS "FISHLINE" WHICH IS A TRADEMARK WITH ALL RANGER STUDENTS.



STUDENTS IN THE INFANTRY SCHOOL'S RANGER DEPARTMENT COOK A CALF THEY CAUGHT DURING A 72-HOUR SURVIVAL TRAINING PROBLEM AT THE MOUNTAIN CAMP. THE MEAT WAS THE FIRST MEAL THE STUDENTS HAD IN THREE DAYS. THIS PHASE OF TRAINING TEACHES RANGER STUDENTS TO LIVE OFF THE LAND.

well. For you see, each group, when it goes on a problem, has a commissioned officer that accompanies the group as its observer.

This officer is a part of the cadre personnel at the field camp, and is well versed in all phases of small unit tactics. The observer plays no part in the planning of an operation, and for this reason is made to suffer many times. If the patrol becomes lost, the observer does not help to relocate the group, and certain groups have been known to return to camp or the assembly as much as a day late. This gives the observer an ideal opportunity to note the reactions of the patrol members and to grade them on their ability to overcome the hazards encountered. The strain is terrific on the patrol members for not only do they have to reach their objective and accomplish their assigned mission, they have the aggressor forces to contend with, and the aggressor loves to harrass the student as much as he possibly can. The observer frequently declares a patrol member, usually the leader a casualty, and then the second in command takes over. When this happens, the real test of leadership comes into play, for then will it become apparent if the patrol has been thoroughly prepared for the specified mission. To make doubly sure that no final instructions are given by the patrol leader that was declared a casualty, the observer will state that he was a casualty by virtue of having been wounded in the jaw, thereby assuring that no verbal instructions can be passed on to the second in command.

A typical problem would be a reconnaissance patrol. The entire class is assembled in the afternoon, and a conference is given by the primary instructor, outlining the objectives and the mission of each patrol. The conference in nearly all cases lasts less than one hour. Then the patrols are left to their planning phase. At this time the first patrol leader has not been appointed and it tends to make each student prepare for the mission as if he were the patrol leader. The leader will not be designated until late in the afternoon. Shortly before the evening meal, the assigned observer assembles the group, appoints the patrol leader and has the leader prepare and brief the entire patrol, giving them their formal patrol order. Desired equipment is requested, and the patrol departs for the starting point shortly before darkness. The patrol passes through the friendly outpost at nightfall and from this point on they are on their own. The overall distance to be covered may be only 5,000 yards, but the students know that soon they will pass through the

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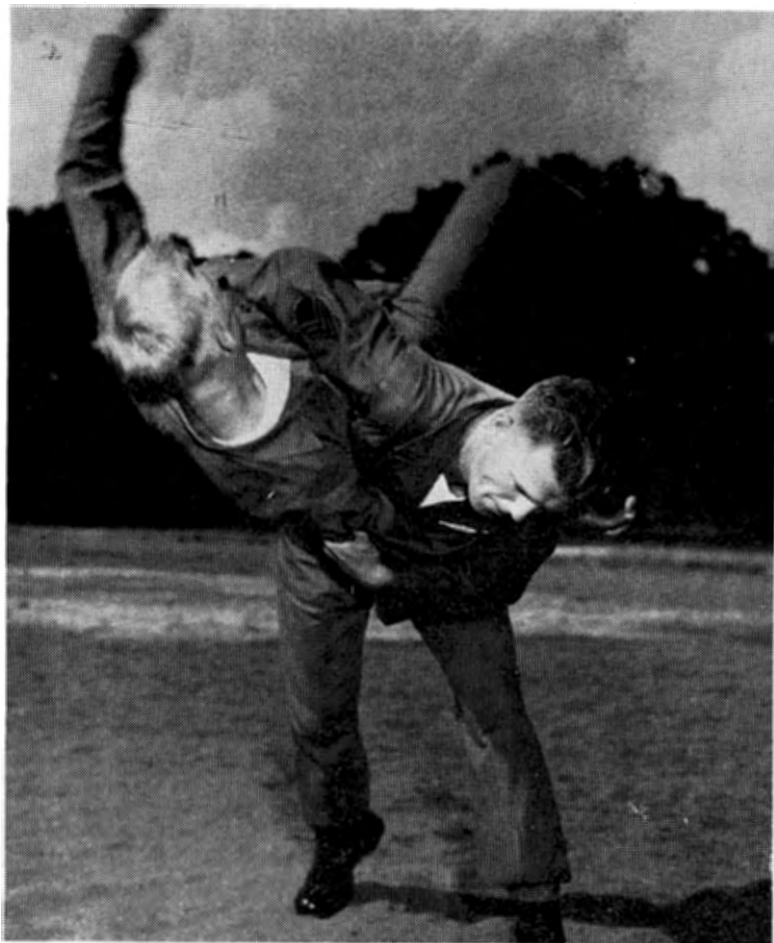
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STUDENTS IN THE INFANTRY SCHOOL'S RANGER DEPARTMENT, FORT BENNING, GA., CROSS A STREAM AT THE MOUNTAIN TRAINING CAMP, USING A TWO-ROPE NYLON BRIDGE ROPE. PFC. ROLAND W. HEMBREE, RIGHT, DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT, BUT PFC. REX L. VAN IS STILL TRYING.



THE ART OF HAND TO HAND COMBAT IS HERE DEMONSTRATED BY TWO ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS OF THE RANGER TRAINING COMMITTEE OF FORT BENNING. THIS TRAINING MAY BE WELL UTILIZED BY PATROL MEMBERS WHEN STEALTH AND SURPRISE ARE MANDATORY.

enemy's main line of resistance and that they may encounter an undetermined number of enemy at this point.

Their main purpose is to get through the MLR, go on to their objective, observe the activity, obtain the desired information, and return to their friendly lines without being detected. This sounds relatively easy, but when you realize that it is all accomplished at night and over strange terrain, it presents itself in a much more difficult light. This plus the fact that new patrol leaders are appointed by the observer from time to time, it can be realized that to have this patrol report back at daylight or after is not an uncommon occurrence.

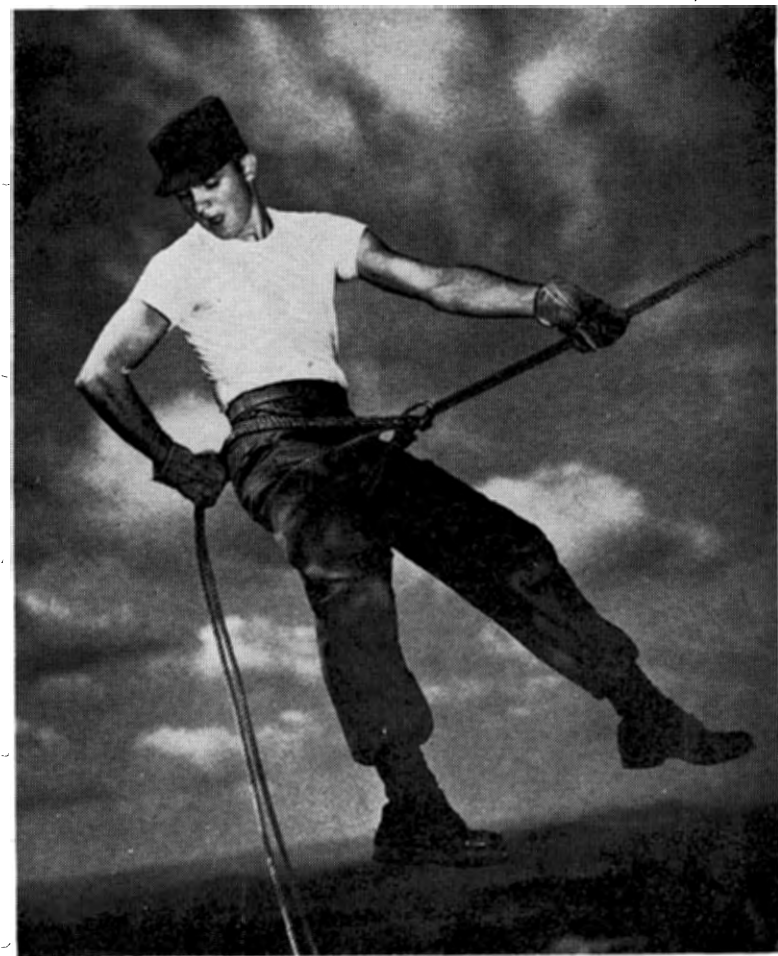
But wait, the problem is not yet finished, for the patrol will now receive a critique from the observer and an opportunity is given to ask any question that may bring up errors, and the questions do fall fast and thick, for it is a period when many doubts can be cleared up as pertains to future problems. The willingness to learn is ever apparent in any of the classes held, for it is here that future leaders of the battlefield get their basic polish in leadership.

Of course, not all the time is spent in developing leadership. The Ranger student is given an opportunity to become well rounded in other phases of becoming a well developed leader, capable under all conditions and surroundings. A class in survival is conducted at both the Florida camp and the North Georgia camp. Here are taught the principles of well-being and self preservation while in the field. Different types of shelters are described and the finished products are shown for informational purposes. Time does not allow the student to actually construct a shelter at this time, but on the final problem at each of the field camps, ample opportunity presents itself for the student to apply the knowledge gained in this conference. For you see, each of the final problems runs for a period of three days and nights. The problems are run in all types of weather and the terrain is rugged, thereby testing the ingenuity of each member of the patrol.

Every Ranger student has become acquainted with the weapons of his trade, and consequently respects them, for he knows only too well their capabilities. But when they are called upon to handle some strange weapon or thing, only then do they become squeemish and wish that further knowledge of the subject was at hand. At the Florida camp, a class is conducted on reptiles and it is stressed very strongly that a healthy respect must be shown the poisonous reptiles of the United States. The students are taught how to determine if the reptile is of the poisonous variety, and later in the class a non-poisonous Pine Snake is passed from hand to hand among the students to allay the fears of being near snakes. All of the poisonous snakes common to the United States are on display so that the students may become familiar with the appearance of each variety.

Even though the training is hard and vigorous, the student enters into the training program with remarkable zest. This can be attributed to the fine instruction given by personnel of the Ranger Department commanded by Colonel Gerald C. Kelleher. Every officer and enlisted man in the department is a graduate of the course, and is a firm believer in the value afforded a military man that completes the course. All students going through the Ranger Training Course are volunteers, and must meet certain other requirements. Only enlisted men in the grade of PFC or higher, or below the grade of Major as an officer may volunteer for the training. Each candidate must pass the Army physical fitness test with a score of 200 or higher, and be able to swim at least 50 feet. This narrows the field down to where only the most capable are allowed to enter the school and by the completion of the course, only the fittest have survived, and go on to graduate and be authorized to wear the Ranger tab. So, if you are interested in becoming a Ranger contact your 1st Sergeant, or your company commander.

General Mark W. Clark, in talking about the Rangers put it this way: "We are taking the best noncommissioned officers and young officers in the Army and are making valuable leaders out of them."—(U. S. Army photographs by Cpl. Carl Purcell and Signal Corps photographers.)



PFC. SID LOVING, A STUDENT IN THE INFANTRY SCHOOL'S RANGER DEPARTMENT RAPPELS A 90-FOOT CLIFF DURING THE MOUNTAIN PHASE OF THE COURSE.



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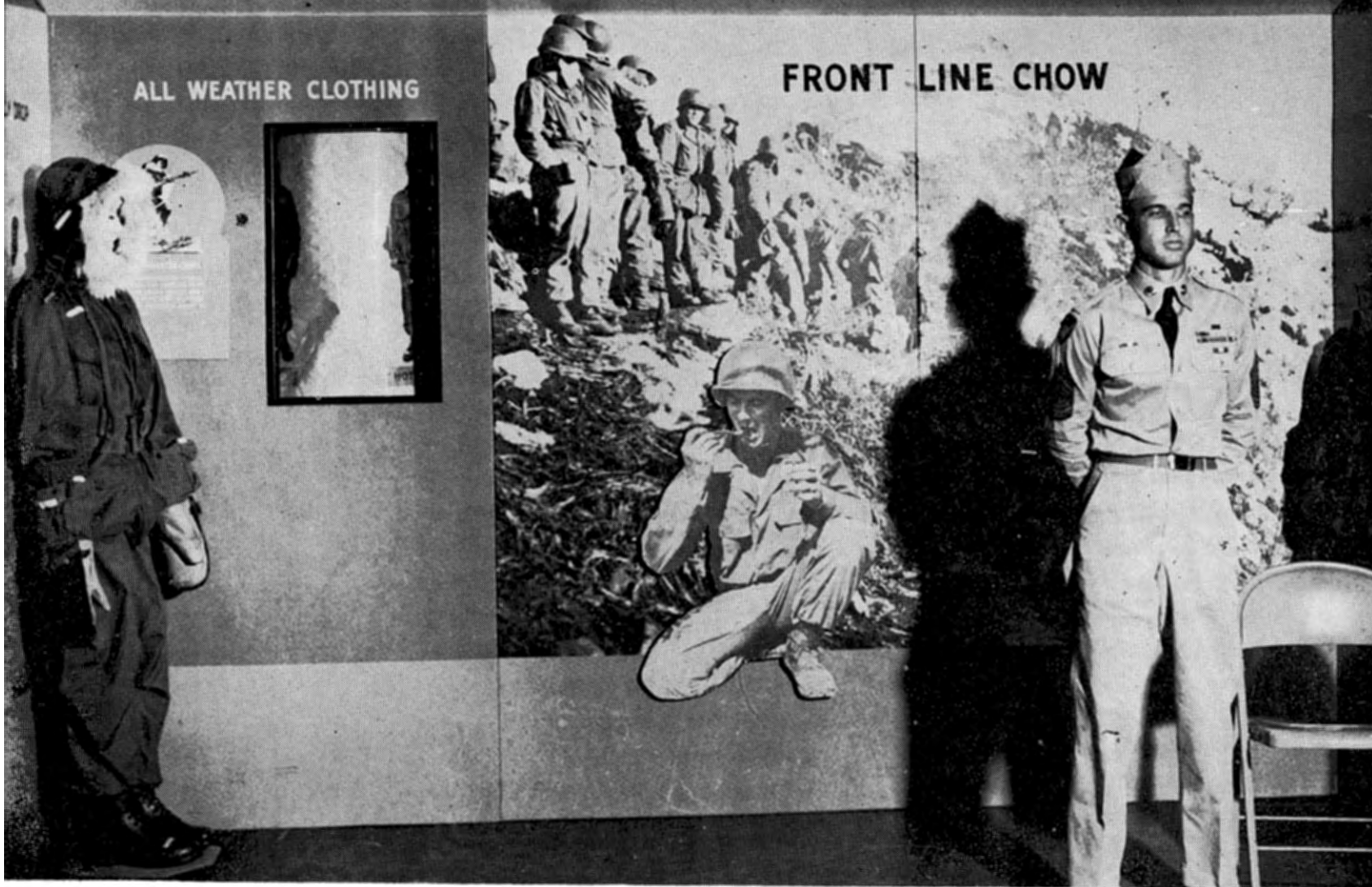
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THE INFANTRY'S SUPPORTING UNITS

Shown on these pages are four of the combat Infantryman's supporting units that are represented in the Atlanta exhibit described below. Not shown here, but included in the exhibit, are displays of the Medical Corps, AG, TI&E, MPs, Chaplains, Ordnance, Transportation, and Signal.

When it comes to all-out fighting on the ground, it's the Infantryman who carries the ball—but with the close support of all the team.

How every weapon and every service is coordinated to give the fighting Infantryman the close support and protection he needs in battle is graphically demonstrated in a comprehensive exhibit assembled by Third Army for showings throughout the Third Army Area.

The exhibit is having its premiere in Atlanta, where it has been set up at one of the city's largest department stores. Lt. Gen. A. R. Bolling, commanding the Third Army, cut the ribbon to formally open the exhibit.

With the Infantryman fighting in Korea as its central theme, the educational exhibit shows some of the many weapons that have been developed to blast the way for his advance and to protect his life. It shows how all other units are coordinated to help him achieve his mission.

Above all, the exhibit assures that the rifleman fighting out in front is not alone, that everything humanly possible is being done

to protect his life and to provide for his bodily comfort and spiritual welfare. Mothers with sons in the Army will find in it an assurance that their boys are getting the best to be had.

The exhibit consists of 10 panels, each devoted to one service and its contribution to the support of the rifleman and his mission.

Realistic blowups of battlefield pictures and actual equipment are effectively used to tell the story. How the Transportation Corps moves the doughboy into battle and back again; how the Signal Corps is his eyes and ears; how Ordnance provides him with the vital weapons he needs; how the Engineers build bridges for him to cross and clear his path of deadly land mines, are told in pictures and equipment.

Shown also are the protection against the rain and the cold provided by the Supply Services and the bullet-proof vest developed to protect his life. The Adjutant General's Corps maintains his records so that he can be paid and Special Services provide recreation and entertainment. Through the Information and Education Section he can continue his education while in combat, and the Chaplain is ever present, even in the front lines, to provide for his spiritual welfare.

Attracting much attention from civilians and military alike was a 105-mm recoilless howitzer mounted on the new type jeep; a machine that sends maps or pictures while spectators watch; a mine detector that permits them to listen as it ferrets out actual land mines, and the Army's new bullet proof vest of nylon.

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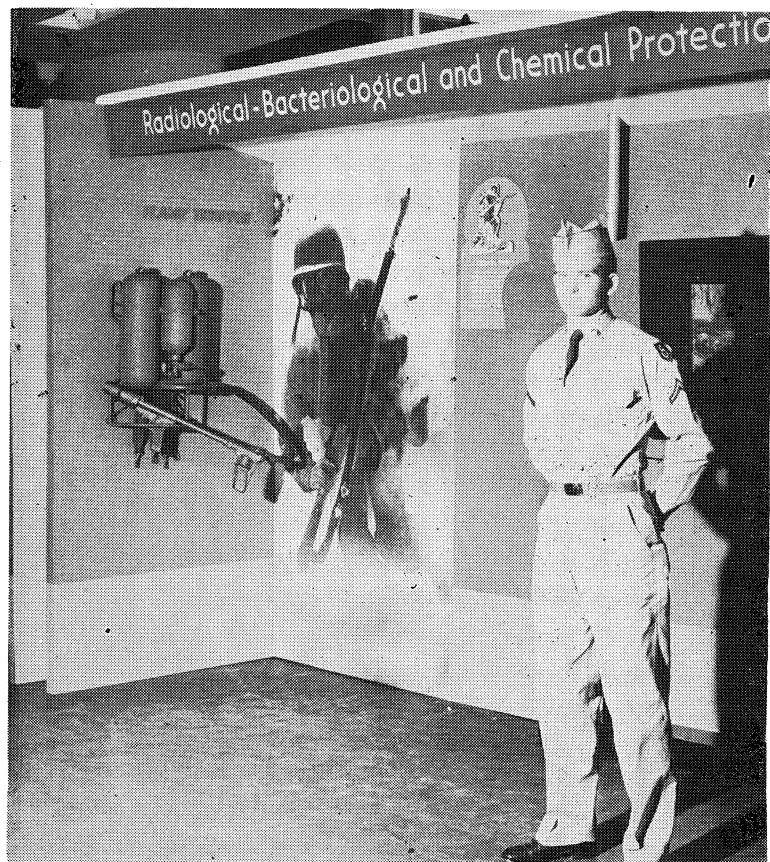
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the Army, and is assigned to the Military Personnel Procurement Division of Third Army, of which Colonel Grotenwrath is chief. Through its showings it is expected that many young men will be attracted to the service.

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also regulated by the information division. The program is designed to keep the officers informed on certain matters commensurate with their leadership responsibilities.

One of the most effective means by which the information division keeps military personnel well informed is through unit Troop Information Centers.

These centers, generally located in unit dayrooms, contain daily news articles, magazine feature picture-stories, posters, maps, education data, and a wealth of other features that keep the soldier abreast of what is going on in the world and the opportunities available to him.

Still another information medium is The Bayonet. A weekly newspaper published for the benefit of the officers and enlisted men on the post by the Ledger-Enquirer company of Columbus, Ga., it is supervised by the information division.

Falling into the same category, but published by the Columbus Office Supply Company, is The Benning Herald. This slick-paper magazine is a monthly publication. The information division is also responsible for the distribution of these publications.

Another important job of the information division is the conduct of the 40-hour discussion leaders' course. Offered semi-annually, it is designed to train personnel within the units so that they may conduct conferences and administer the TI&E program on a small-unit level.

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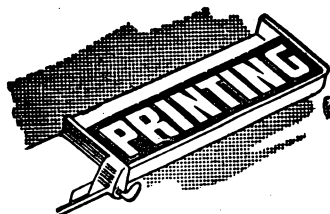
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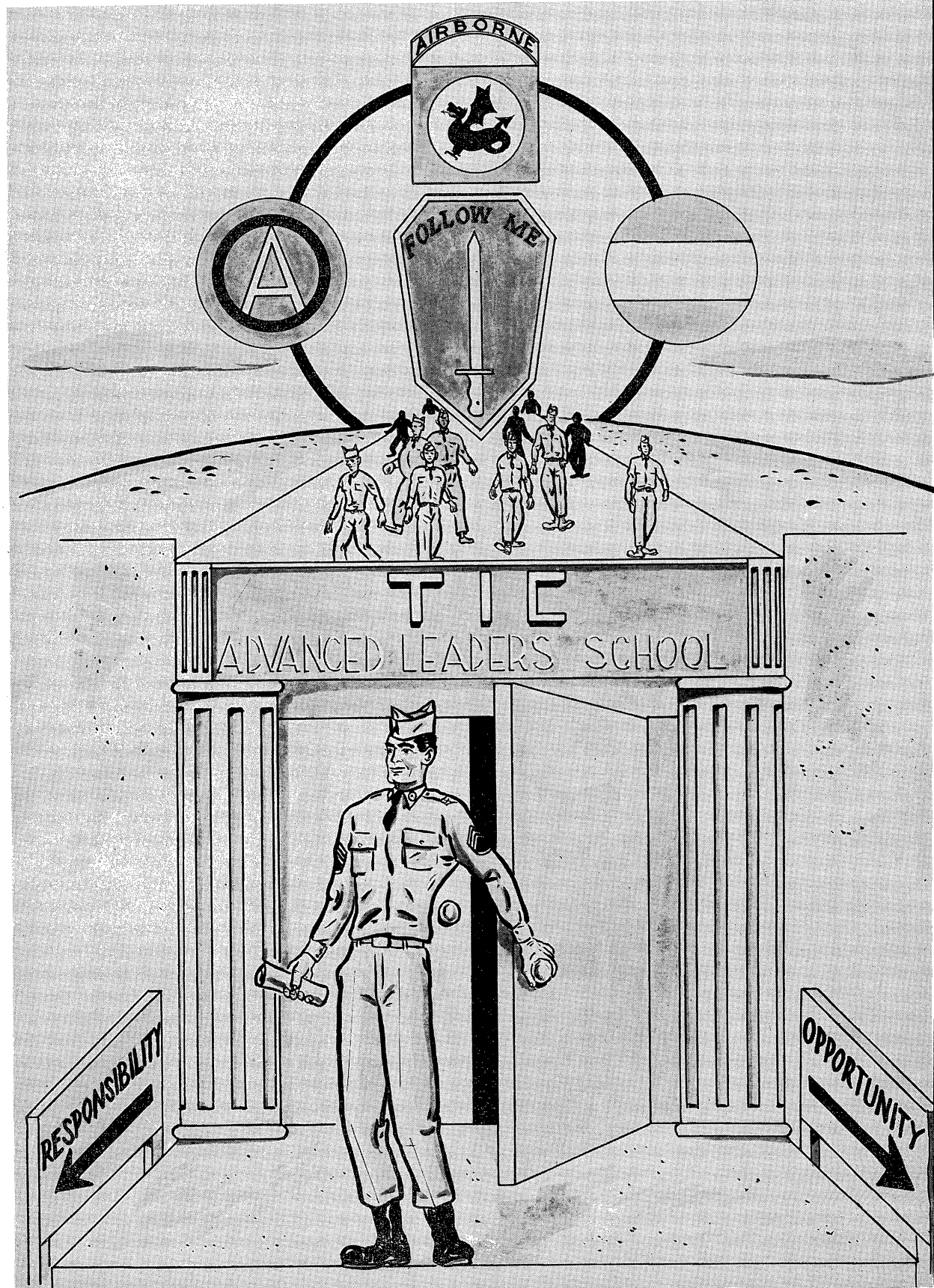
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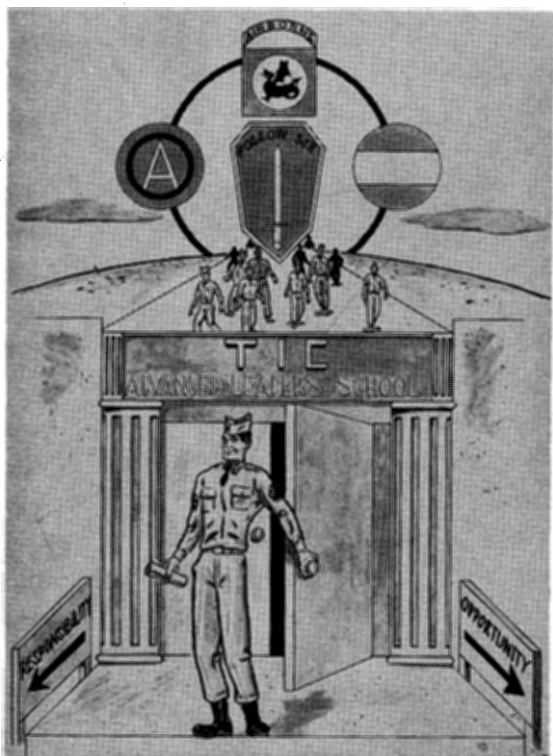
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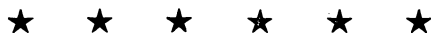
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On This Month's Cover:



Cpl. Francis J. Fogarty of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team is the creator of this month's cover, which points up the mission of the newly formed Advanced Leaders School for non-commissioned officers at Fort Benning. Operated by The Infantry Center under auspices of the 508th, the school graduates a class every four weeks. The drawing shows a proud graduate taking the road of greater responsibility as he closes the door behind him and as new students begin to converge upon the school in the upper background. The insignia are shoulder patches of the Third Army, the 508th, and Army Field Forces, with The Infantry School patch in the center of the circle.



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ACTING PLATOON LEADER, SGT. JAMES M. ROACH, INSPECTS PLATOON WITH LT. DANIEL MOORE. MAN BEING INSPECTED IS SGT. BARNEY BELL.

ADVANCED LEADERS SCHOOL

BY LT. JAMES R. MAILLER

In a sparsely-furnished office in the headquarters of The Infantry Center Advanced Leader's School a lean paratrooper examines the weekly progress reports of the five-score students entrusted to his care.

Next door in another barracks building, where a small classroom has been fitted together, a sergeant who made his stripes behind a machine gun in Korea stands before about 20 other non-commissioned officer students, leading a class on military map symbols.

In the front row a red-haired corporal raises his hand to challenge a statement made by the sergeant. An hour before, the corporal was the leader of his group's physical training period. A guard on an ammunition dump overseas, this was the corporal's first opportunity to lead men since the day two years before when he hup-two-three'd six other recruits in a basic training camp. And in the rear, a pink-cheeked intellectual fellow with a harmless air listened politely as the sergeant stumbled through his lesson. This soldier was a sergeant first class. He is a dental technician and has never been overseas. His leadership training consisted of leaving the privates at night to enter the NCO club.

Somehow, at the end of the three-week course (now advanced to four), the lean paratrooper at headquarters and the students next door must reach a firm understanding. The paratrooper is Major George P. McLendon of the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, the unit nominated by the Fort Benning commander to staff

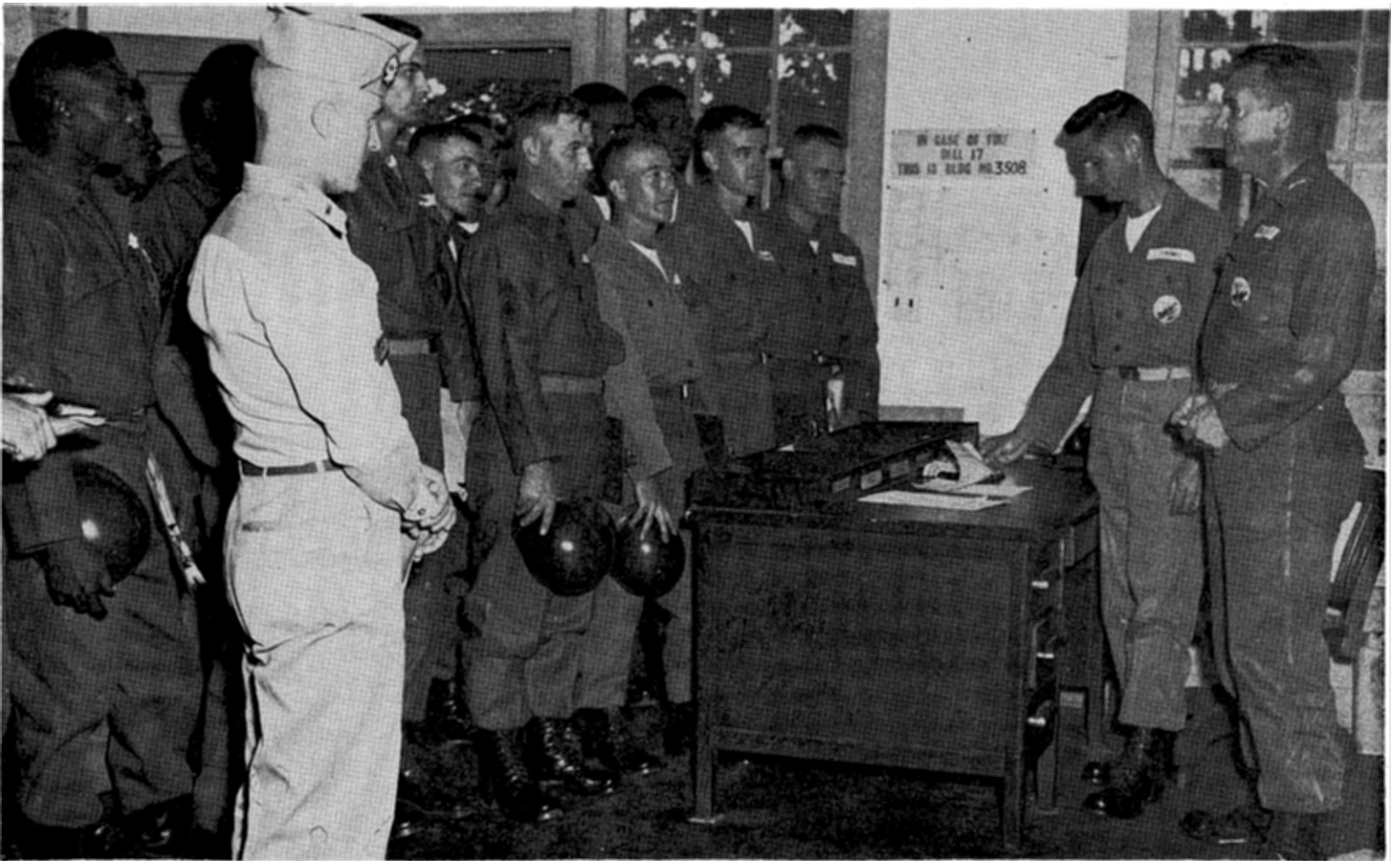
and operate the Leader's School. Major McLendon is the school commandant. He and his 508th paratroopers are thoroughly aware of their mission: to help Fort Benning's non-commissioned leaders earn their "master's degree" in leadership—men who are the best of their kind to begin with, but who have either missed, in the hurry of war, the opportunity for formal leadership training or the assignment where troop-leading ability alone determines if an NCO will hold or lose his stripes.

The Leader's course has three goals in its mission to develop the individual's capacity for leadership: To lead by example, by the ultimate in good instruction, and guidance and correction by the cadre.

The students are one section of a hundred classmen who are qualifying for this advanced training because the post commander, the school commandant, and the man's own commander consider his school appointment an honor, and the student himself superbly qualified to be a leader.

The students are being given the opportunity to acquire the "spit and polish," disciplinary and academic training necessary to supplement their present duties so that the U. S. Army will have a trained body fit and able to lead, even though the present assignment of these students may be far removed from the bark and bite of the drill field.

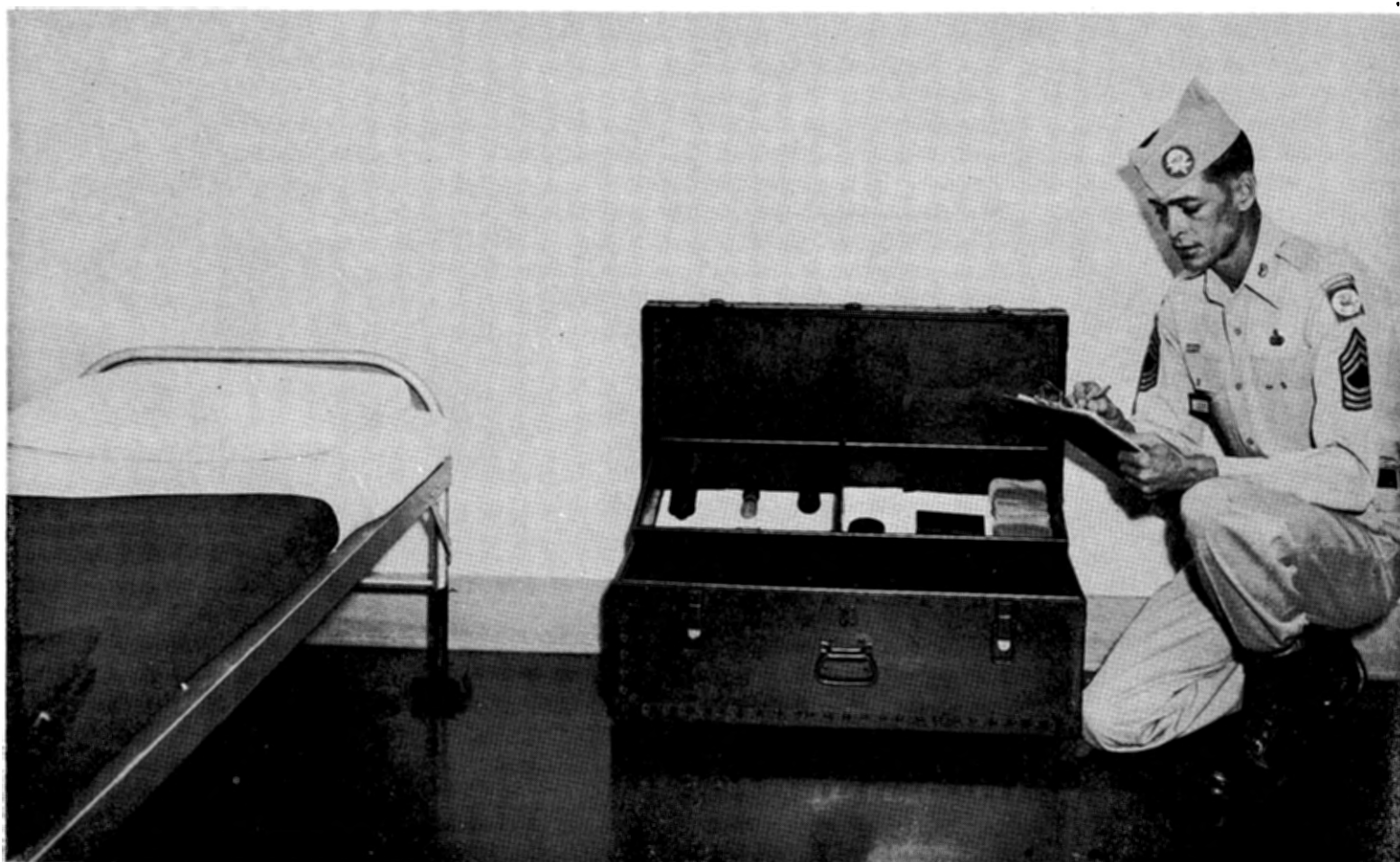
On graduation day, and for the months to follow, the dental



COLONEL FRED B. KELLER, THIRD BATTALION COMMANDER OF THE 508TH, GIVES ORIENTATION ON THE FUNCTIONING OF A BATTALION TO THE TROOPS OF THE NCO SCHOOL.



SGT. SHELTON O. HALLOWAY CORRECTS STUDENT



M/SGT. ELZIE GIBBS INSPECTS STUDENT'S ROOM.



STUDENTS DOING THE "BEAR WALK." THIS PHYSICAL TRAINING IS NOT TO CONDITION THE STUDENTS BUT TO TEACH THEM THE TECHNIQUES OF INSTRUCTING OTHERS.

technician and his schoolmates should firmly understand these reasons for their expensive "master's" training.

Focusing our attention on the sergeant who is leading the military symbols class, we can examine the scope of his training and background and look in on his progress. Except for his name, all facts are true.

Sergeant Bark (for a non de plume, good enough?) is a happy-go-lucky high school graduate of twenty-three. Single, of average height, somewhat stocky, he lived in a small North Carolina town until he was drafted 27 months ago. Bark processed and trained at Fort Jackson, receiving elementary weapons training, then moved successively through three camps where his most complicated job was to help out in a ration-breakdown office. After two months of counting potato sacks and distributing groceries, Bark was hauled off to Korea, to the 32nd Infantry of the 7th Division.

"I was given a machine gun the first day in Korea," said Bark, "and moved up on the line that night. I didn't know much about a machine gun but I learned and I stayed with that gun for eleven months. I had a few men under me and that's how I got my stripes.

"Now I'm assigned to the 30th Infantry as a squad leader, although there were many times when I couldn't do much leading because we were short-handed and had to split up."

Sergeant Bark found a rigid program outlined for him at school. Assigned a cadre non-commissioned officer, Sergeant First Class Raul Ramos, and a cadre officer, Lieutenant William H. Smith, he was put at ease and showed his training program. Scheduled were hours of leadership lectures by senior officers, on post, including the commanding general, Major Gen. G. S. Meloy, Jr., and by the cadre. Also physical training, administration aids, leader-subordinate relations, drill and command, counseling and public speaking. Of 1000 points he would need 700 to graduate, pro-rated according to efficiency, academics, and discipline.

Fourteen one-hour study periods with instruction on how to study were mandatory. Bark's footlocker and bunk were to be correct at all times. Closets, floors, and footwear were to sparkle. So rigid are these standards that objects more than one-eighth of an inch out of whack with a model room bring demerits.

Civilian clothing is not permitted and students are restricted at night to the area. Bark could look forward to being inspected five times daily, three times in ranks and twice for roomcheck, except on weekends.

Sergeant Bark joined one of four platoons. Opportunities to exercise leadership at drill and PT and in the classroom were opened. An informal atmosphere during discussion periods prevailed and within the first week Bark's problems were the contemplations of his classmates and instructors.

Although discipline was strict, his mind, and his attention to class problems soared, especially after a week, when the purpose of Advanced Leader training began to make sense to him.

Just as executives off by themselves let their hair down, so did Bark and his fellow non-coms relax and talk over their short-comings, confident in the knowledge that one and all they were princes among peers where all grievances would merit sincere attention.

If it accomplishes no other good, money outlaid for the Leader's School is well-spent when men who have come up in rank too fast or in specialist and technical fields can be brought together under sympathetic leadership and given the chance to find themselves. Prompt action by the Army in setting up the school should save many careers that would otherwise die on the promotion ladder or drift back to civilian jobs.

Today, by direction of Army Field Forces, units like the 508th Airborne are training advanced leaders in every major post and army area. The Army is taking stock after Korea. It's NCOs, the Army believes, form the backbone of success in battle. And the Advanced Leader's School is a brace which will steel up the backbone, giving extra strength to the hand that waves "Follow Me."

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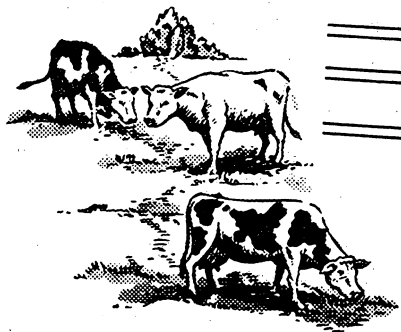
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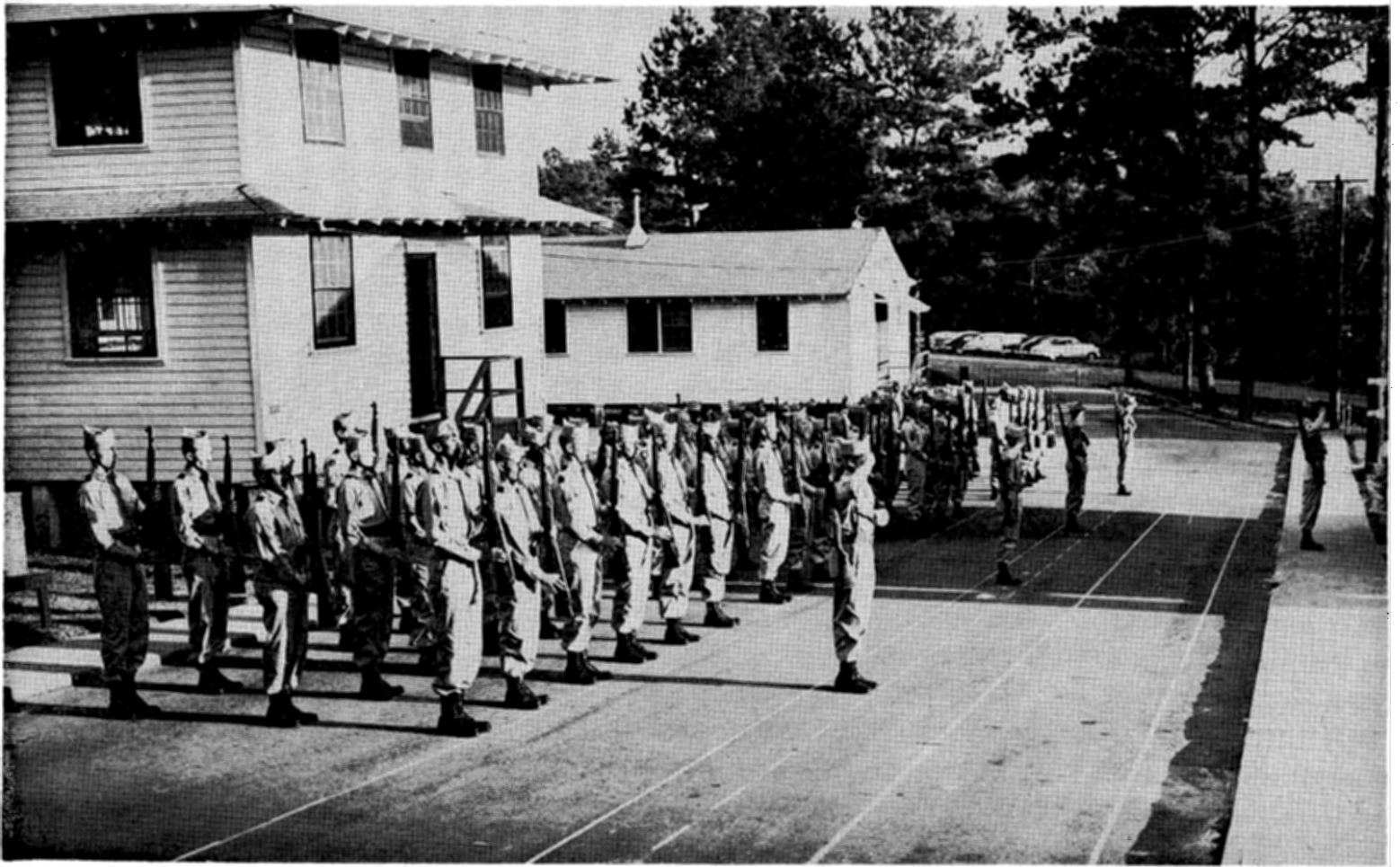


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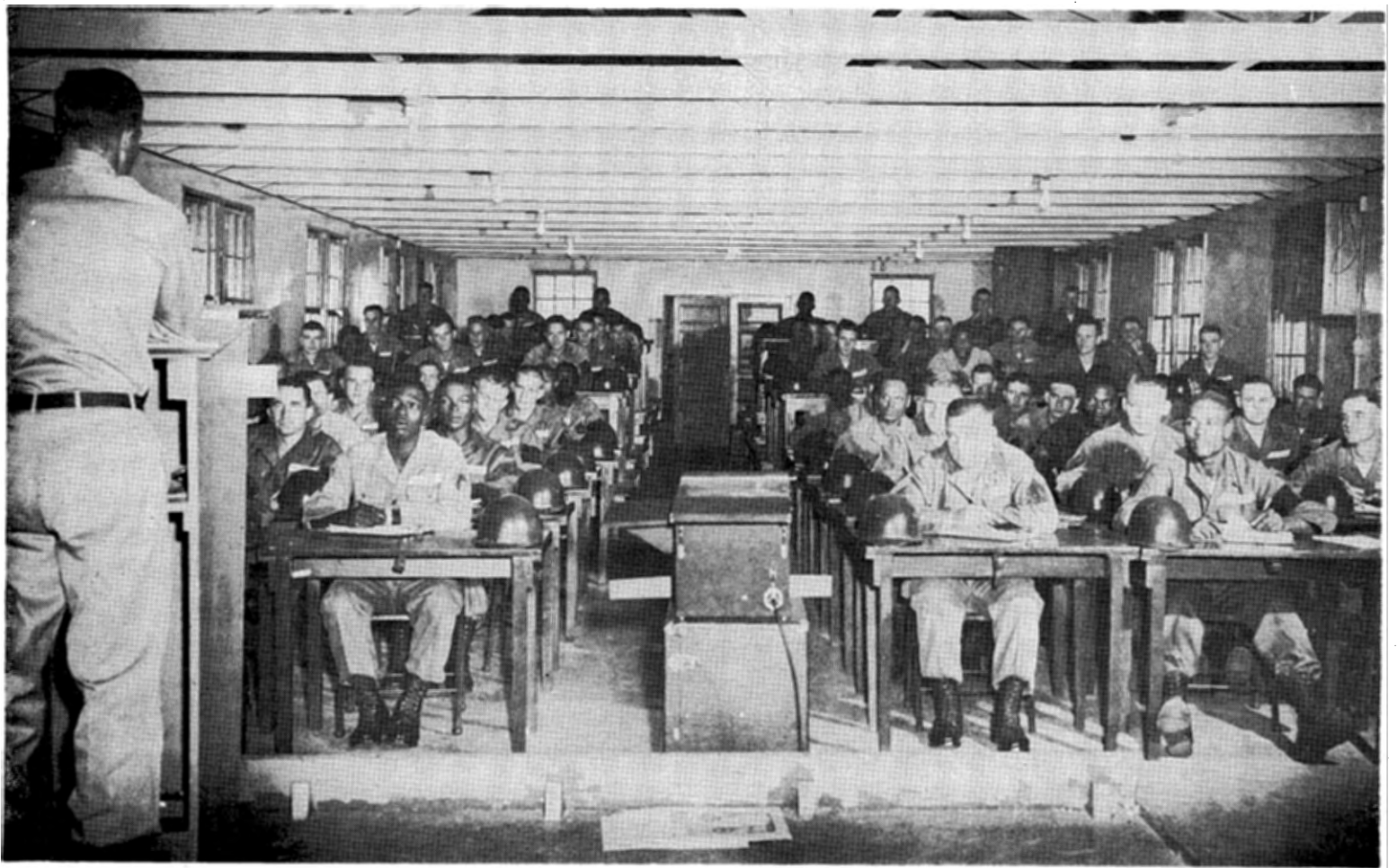
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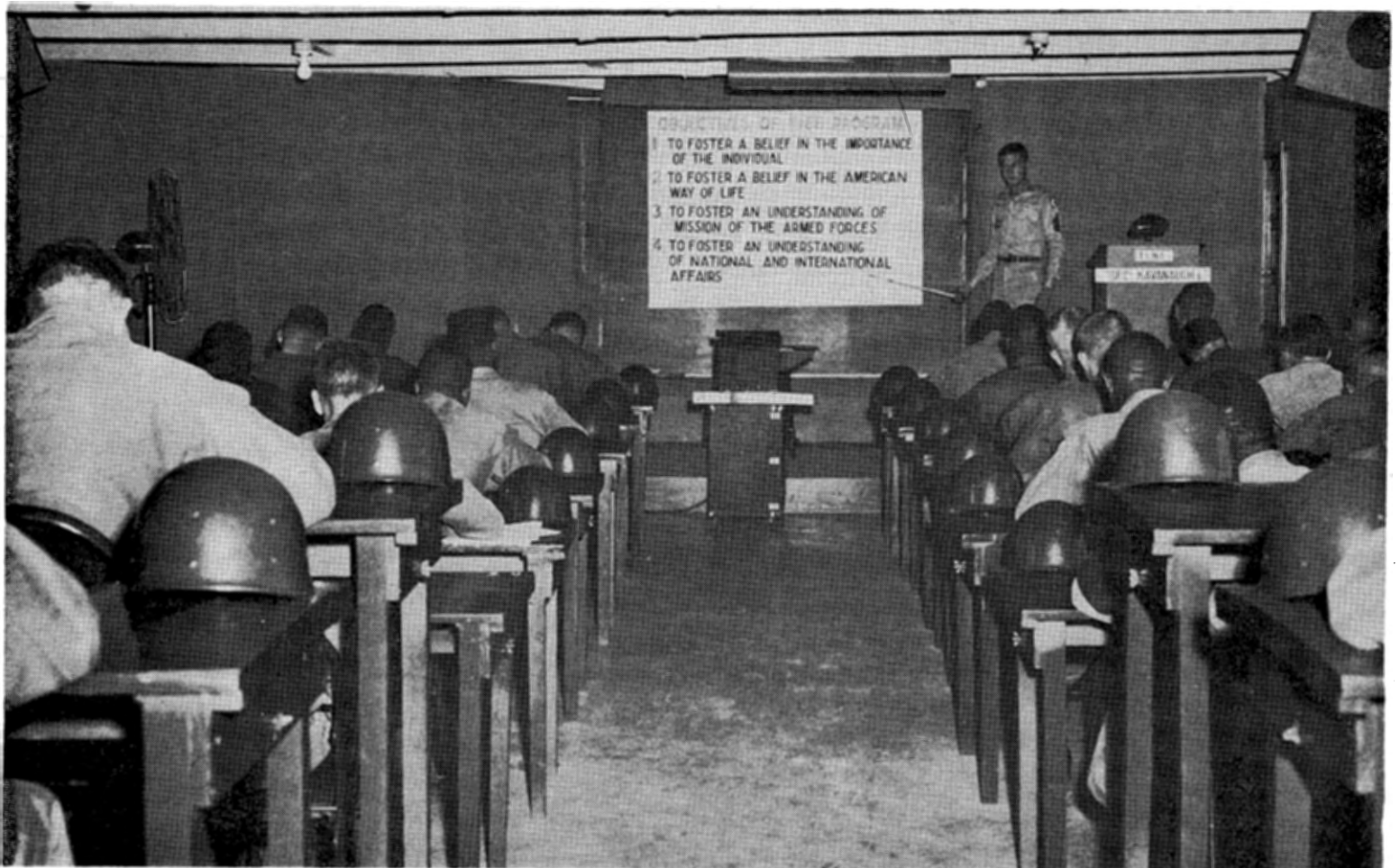
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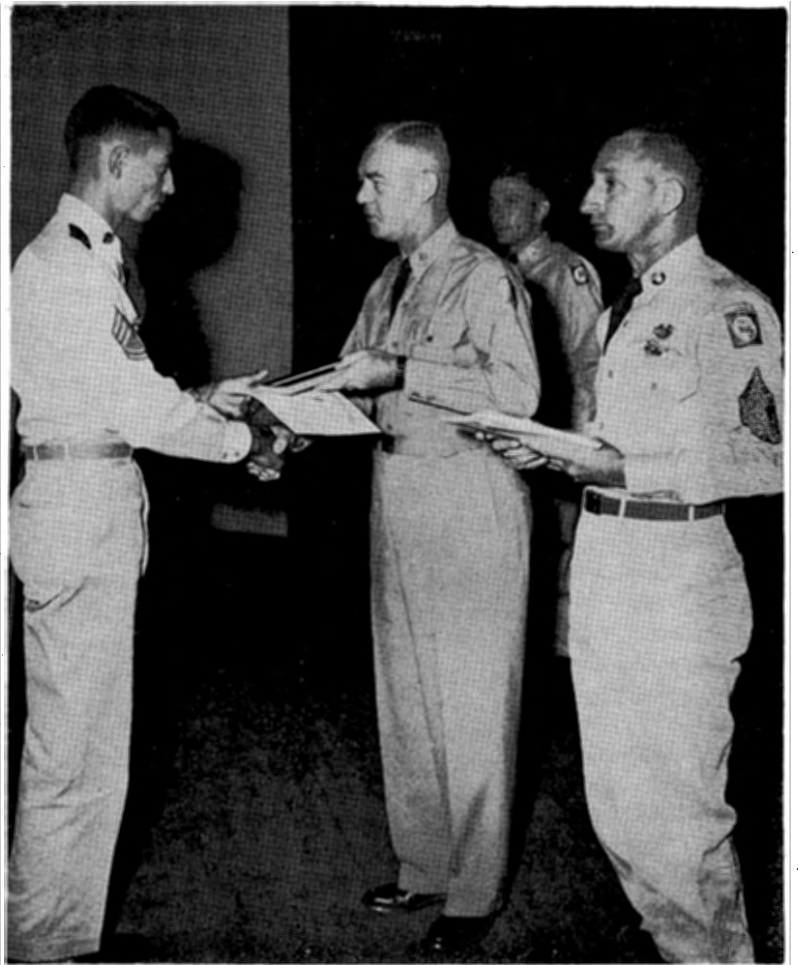
INSIDE MAIN CLASSROOM. INSTRUCTOR WITH BACK TO CAMERA IS SFC. ARTHUR HUBER, OPERATIONS SERGEANT.



SFC. MORTON J. KAVANAUGH GIVES LECTURE ON THE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM.



COFFEE CALL—SEEN HERE, LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE SGT. WILEY B. CHANDLER, SGT. WINFORD M. WINBORN, SFC. BENNIE C. ESTES, AND CPL. FREDERICK C. LARSON.



HONOR GRADUATE OF THE FIRST CLASS IS SFC. RAUL M. RAMOS OF CO. C, 508TH AIRBORNE REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM. HE IS BEING CONGRATULATED BY COLONEL NOBLE WILEY, CHIEF OF STAFF, TIC. IN BACKGROUND IS MAJOR GEORGE P. McCLENDON, COMMANDER OF THE SCHOOL. AT RIGHT IS SERGEANT MAJOR JOE C. STEDMAN OF THE SCHOOL



SUPPLY ROOM OF THE SCHOOL. SGT. JOHN F. QUINN, LEFT, DRAWS HIS INITIAL SUPPLY FROM SUPPLY SGT. CLIFTON P. RIDGWAY.



USA Photos by Pvs. Jerry Heaton

ON ANY SUNDAY AFTERNOON THIS IS WHAT ONE IS LIKELY TO SEE IN ANY OF THE CENTERS. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE MRS. LOIS NEWMAN AND MRS. EDWINA SYKES, WHO ARE PUTTING CALLS THROUGH. MISS EVELYN MORGAN IS WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO PLACE A CALL, WHILE MISS BONNIE SMITH, THE SERVICE ATTENDANT, AND MRS. JULLIET BELL, THE POST SUPERVISOR, LOOK ON.

THE GIRLS WITH THE SMILE

BY PVT. CHARLES COUTU

"It's a pity that most of them are married."

That just about sums up the feelings of most of the fellows who have had any contact with the various Telephone Centers located on the post.

When one is feeling low and down in the dumps, there is nothing that helps perk a fellow up more than the smile of a pretty girl and a pleasant word from her—even though it is only, "May I place your call?" And if there's a Southern drawl in the voice, so much the better.

It seems that the smallest girls have the more musical southern "brogue." If you listen to "Pee Wee" you will quickly recognize that fact to be true. There is something about a smile that cannot be thoroughly explained, but these girls seem to know its hidden power, because they use it to its fullest advantage.

Very often we have heard of Georgia "peaches", but some of us say we have never seen one. To get a good view of these "peaches" just meander to one of the Phone Centers and, lo and behold, there stands a "peach."

You need not know their names to have them treat you as a friend; all you need is to go to the counter for a bit of information. (Dates are out!) You will find that the answer you get will be very courteous. And one thing is certain: You will not be turned harshly away. Of course, if you interfere with their work they will ask you to leave. You can ask for anything from a phone to music, and they will give you what they possibly can.

The girls succeed in keeping a very pleasant atmosphere in the Center at the time they are present. Seldom if ever, will you go in to find that there is no music coming over the P. A. system. And no matter what kind of musical entertainment you might want, they have it. If you prefer jazz, popular, semi-classical, classical or even an operetta, they have a little of everything for the tastes of all. Although the Center is not a place to go to relax (officially), on some Sunday afternoon or some evening after a hard day in the field, go to see the operators and ask them to put on your favorite piece of music. If they have it, they will gladly play it for you. Then you will see that relaxation is not unknown in the Phone

Center although, at times, it will remind you of Grand Central Station with all the people there.

Then, if you want to see how quiet a place can be, although many be present, some time or other go to the Officer Candidate Center and you will see, many a time, that there will be candidates sitting at tables writing letters. Or yet, you can sit there yourself to write home. You need not worry about a pen nor stationery; it is all there for you.

To write seriously, you must be quiet and at the same time somewhat relaxed. The general concensus seems to be that the Center is one of the few places on post where you may work seriously and undisturbed. To borrow an often-used phrase, the silence at the Center sometimes speaks.

It seems that when you enter, automatically you are conscious of the fact that silence is more musical than song. The men really appreciate the quiet of the Center and many have told us that it is an excellent place to relax.

Many comments such as these may be found by paging through the log-book kept on a table in each of the Centers. That is where you may find many favorable comments of men who were here and also of men who are away.

Although their job seems easy, with very little to do, the operators actually work as hard as anyone else. All you need do is to go to sit in the Center on a Sunday afternoon and study the different people who go to place calls. At times you will wonder how these young ladies put up with some of the characters without losing their temper. But they do it. They have to put up with a lot because it is a part of their job.

One tells of the time when a customer came in to place a call



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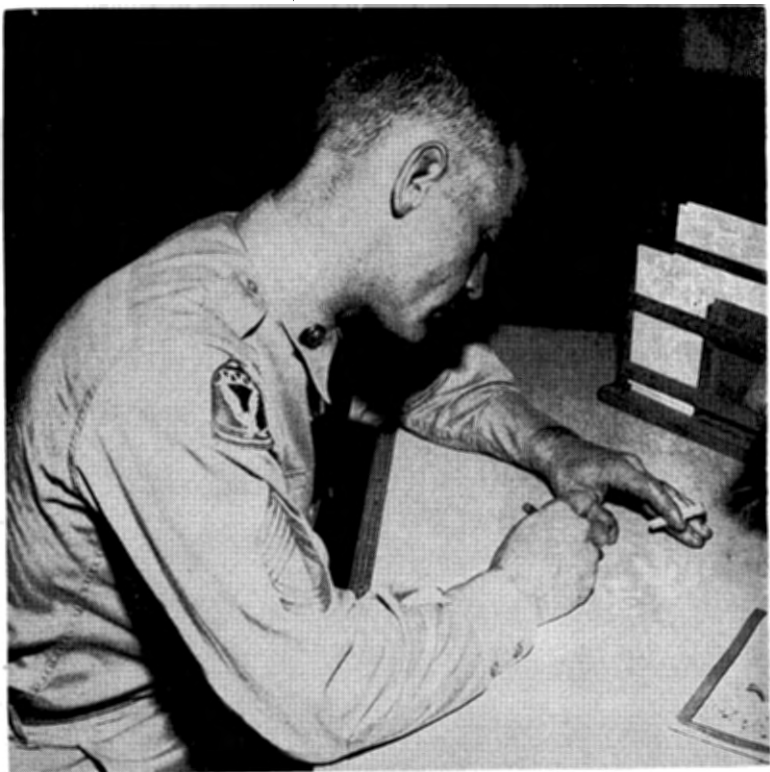
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A TYPICAL SCENE IN ONE OF THE CENTERS. A GROUP OF MEN, WAITING FOR THEIR CALLS TO COME THROUGH, RELAX WITH "POP" AND MAGAZINES.



IN THE QUIET OF THE CENTER, SFC. ELMER VAN VOORST WRITES A LETTER HOME.

and he wanted to know what the cost would be for 10 minutes. He was told what it would be but his pocketbook could not afford such expense. He kept asking, diminishing the time minute by minute. Finally he reached four minutes. After the young lady informed him of the price, he answered, "I'll take four minutes worth." The operators say they like these comical little incidents and the fact that most men act like gentlemen in placing their calls.

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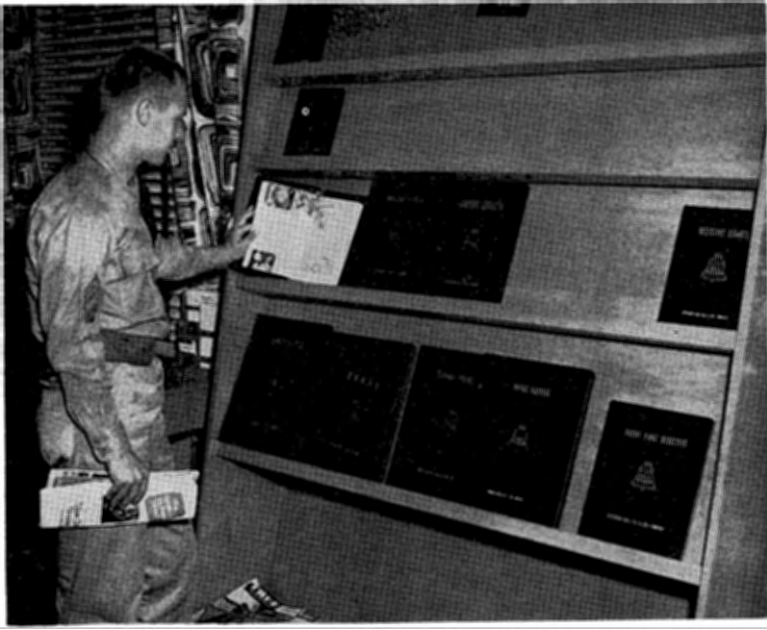
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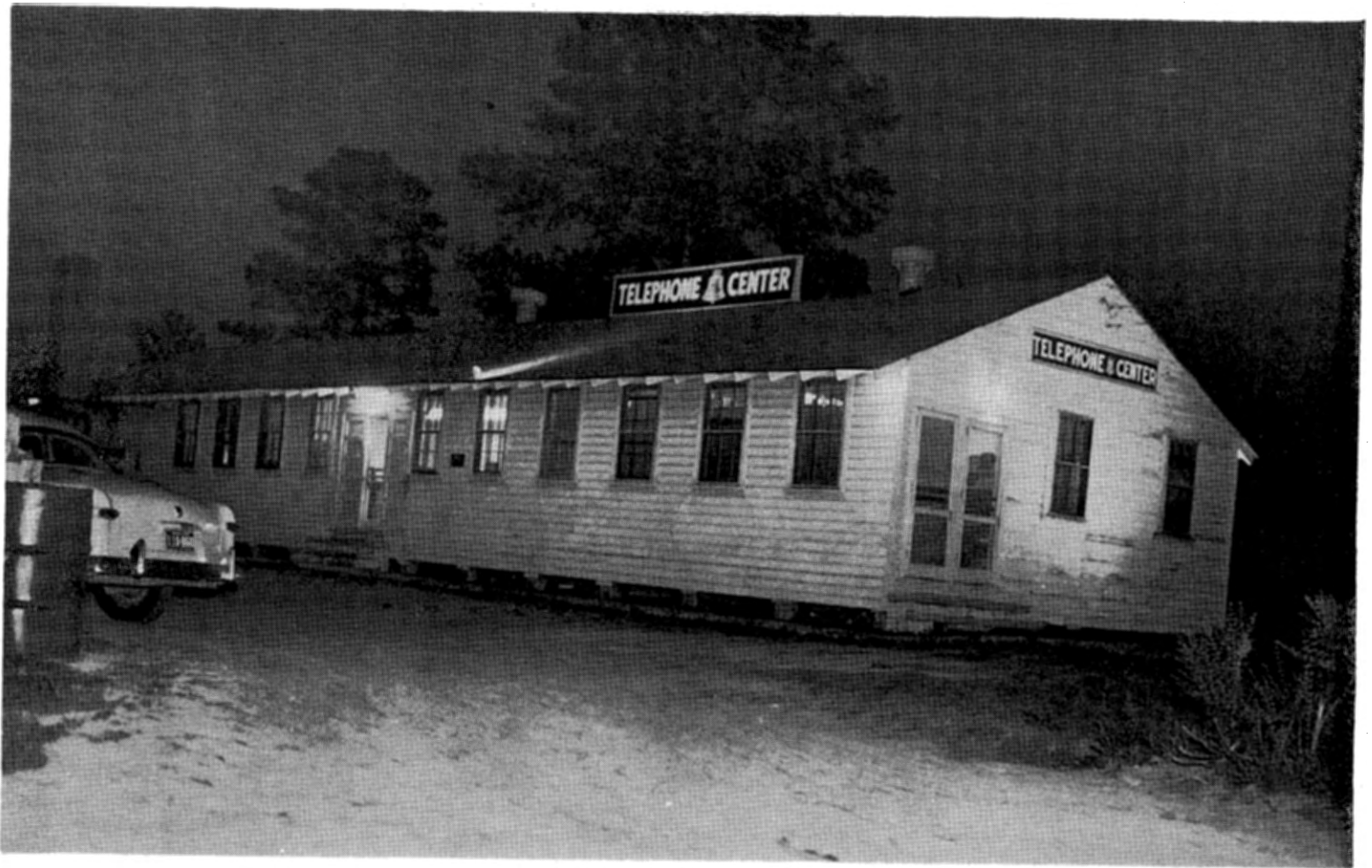


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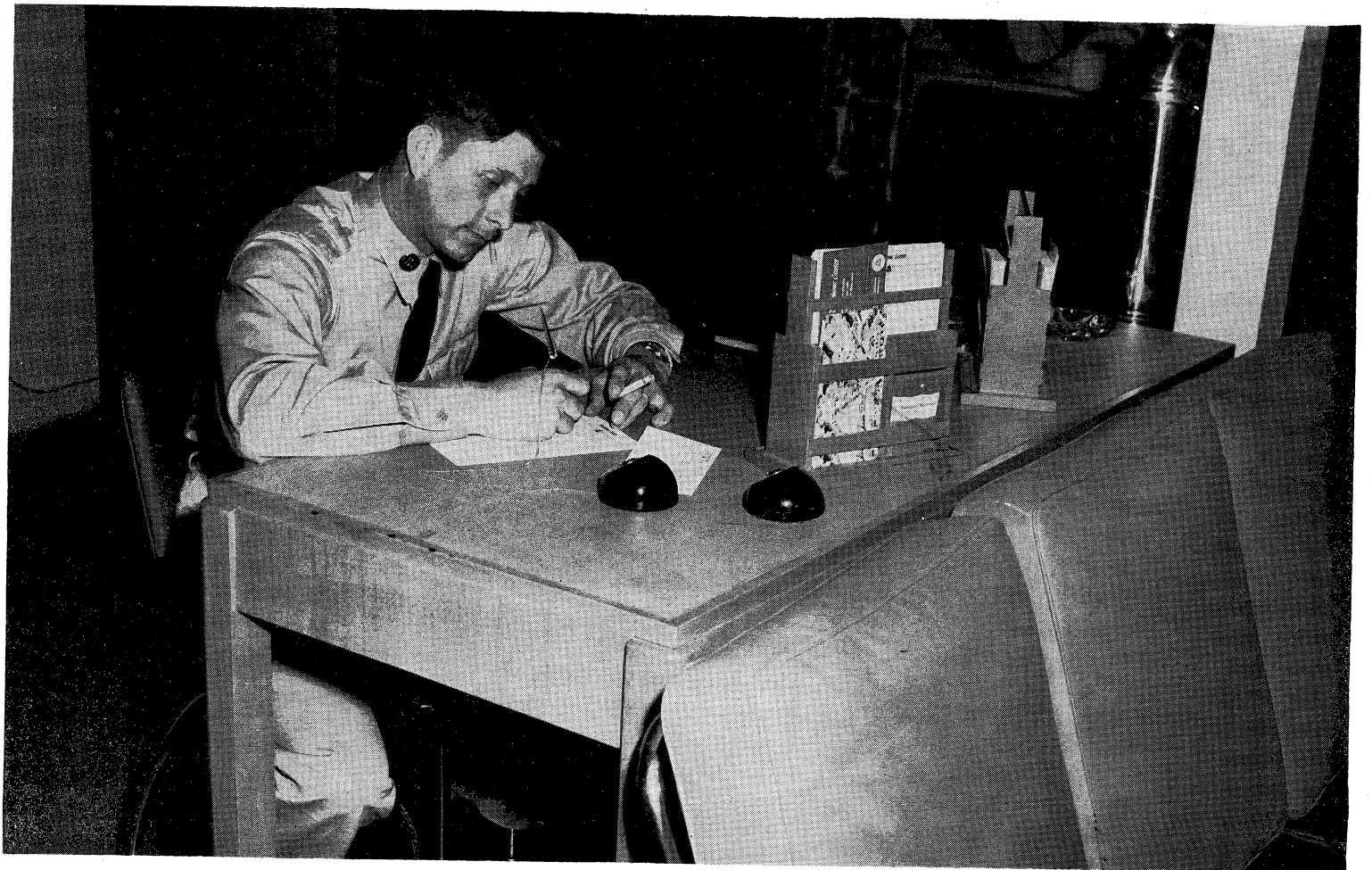
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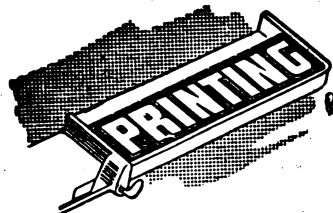
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When the youngster on our cover gets to be old enough to go to college, the United States Saving Bonds that his father is buying now under the payroll-savings plan will guarantee that his education will be completed. This is one means of observing the Christmas season every month, the little fellow seems to be saying as he peers at the world from his frosted window.



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COMMAND PERFORMANCE PROBLEM

BY FRANK G. SULLIVAN

Problem 2660—that is the official designation of the biggest artillery show in the Third Army Area. This problem, entitled “Types of Artillery Fire,” is presented by the Infantry School.

Staged for the JCOC as well as student visitors, it is indeed an awesome spectacle. From the stands for spectators one gets a panoramic view of the three pock-marked hills that are the distant targets.

The Combat Training Command, work-horse of this problem, has four units including AAA, Field Artillery, and Tanks, which put forth their best efforts to make the problem a success. Other units, however, from the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team and the Air Force share the limelight in this big show.

On line in front of the stands are track vehicles representing a platoon. There are three M-16s mounting quadruple 50-caliber machine guns and three new M-42s mounting twin 40-mm cannons.

The crews, men from the 27th AAA AW Btry., wait quietly around the six vehicles. One man listens intently over the phone. In an instant the simple command, “Mount,” is given. There is

orderly haste as the men scramble into positions. The gunner sights on his target and the cannoneers grab ammunition. The squad leader stands behind the guns to direct operation.

On the command, “Commence Fire,” the 50s open up on a prearranged target, and next the 40s begin on another target. Then, quite suddenly, there is a duet of the quick thumping of the 50s and the heavy pounding of the 40s as their fire is combined to pulverize a third target. As one watches the flaming path of the tracers and the grey-black smoke of the bursting shells, one cannot help but think, “God help any enemy out there.”

To demonstrate trajectory, four aerial bursts of white phosphorus shells are fired from the larger guns. The white smoke-puffs, outlined against the sky and similar to the shape of an atom bomb smoke cloud, clearly denote the arc that the projectile follows.

After this grandiose opening there is a demonstration of the various types of fuses and shells that the artillery uses. Positioned far to the rear of the stands, batteries of the 41st Field Artillery Battalion have been preparing their 105-mm howitzers to fire.

From the computer's table, range and deflection commands come as the gun crews sight on their aiming stakes. Cannoneers in bustling activity ready ammunition for fire.

Still farther back, men from the 198th Field Artillery Battalion have been preparing their 155-mm howitzers in much the same manner. This unit also has an added attraction to show the visitors—an eight-inch howitzer—the mighty giant of the artillery.

To aid in this fire the 320th Airborne Field Artillery Bn. is set with other 105s ready to go.

In this display of the types of shell, a demonstration of white, red, yellow, and green smoke-shells add color to the scene. A shell is fired from the eight-inch howitzer, which raises a voluminous cloud of smoke and dust.

A coordinated ground and air attack featuring F-86 Sabre-jets of the 366th Fighter-Bomber Wing from Alexandria Air Force Base, Alexandria, La., is also staged. Four F-86s make dives over the target to drop high explosive bombs. Then other dives are made to strafe with 50-caliber machine guns and to fire rockets into the target area. The last run over the target is made at tree-top level. Roaring in at a terrific speed, the planes loose a red and black inferno of napalm bombs and go into a steep climb which takes them out of sight in a matter of seconds. But below on the ground remains a burning ball of hell to obliterate anything that might be left living there.

Only seconds after the last plane is out of sight, shells from the 105s begin pouring in on the same area. This type fire is designed to finish off any enemy personnel who might be left after the aerial bombardment.

After a short intermission, the crowds return to the stands to see the newest means of transporting artillery. The pack 75-mm howitzer, once carried by the Army mule, comes on the scene. From over the tops of the trees on the left, four helicopters from the 506th Transportation (Hcptr) Company, magically appear. They

land in a cleared spot to the right of the stands, pause momentarily to disgorge the gun crews and supplies for a battery, then sweep away into the sky. Immediately behind them come four more helicopters swinging 75s under their bellies from cables. Just as the howitzers' wheels touch the ground, the hooks are released with hardly a pause by the flying windmills.

The amazing speed with which this operation is performed is a wonder to all who are watching. The gun crews, members of the 320th Airborne F.A.Bn., are on the ground, setting up their guns for a fire mission before the 'copters are out of view. Spontaneously the commands come from the forward observer and the guns begin firing on a target on one of the hills.

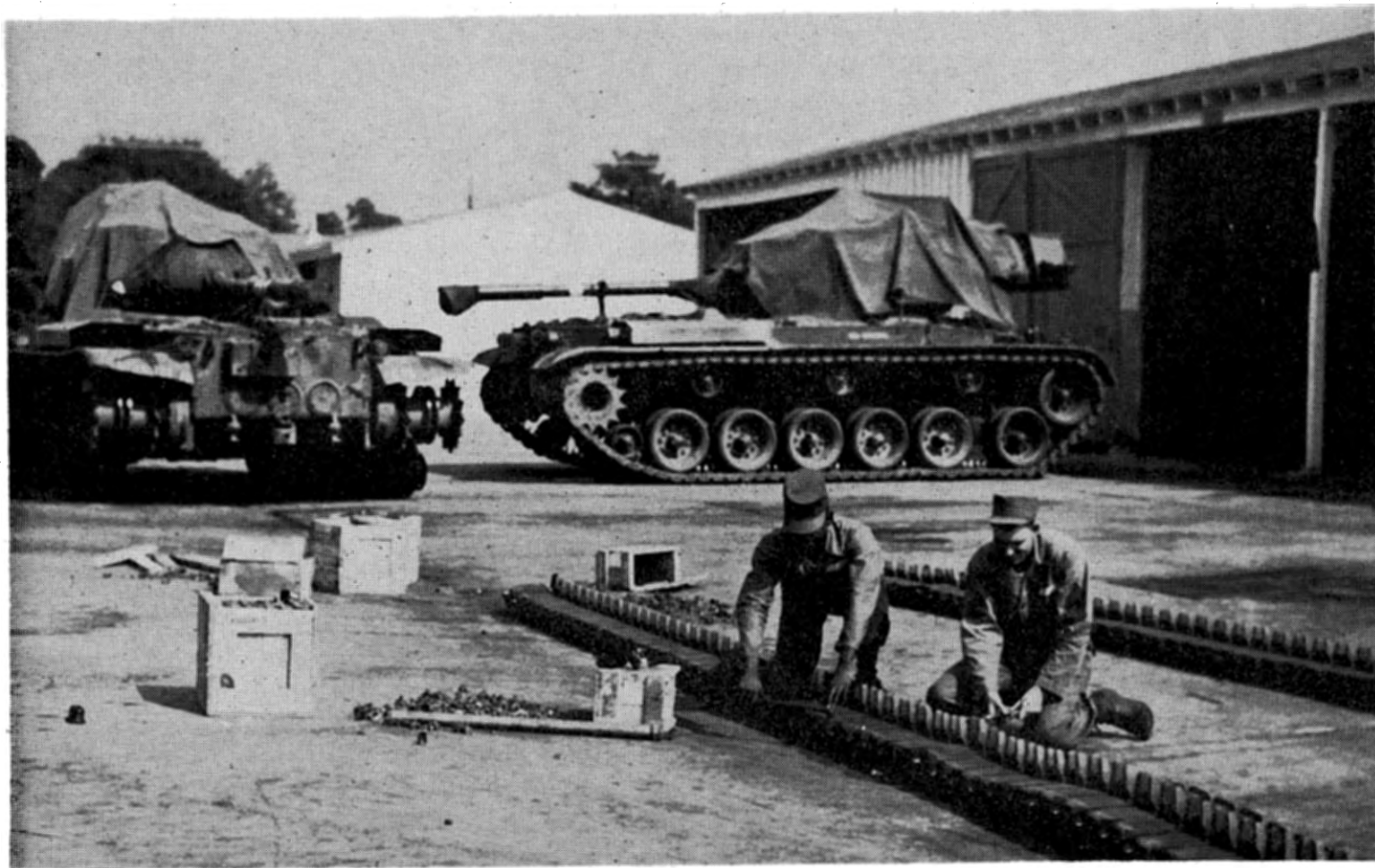
Firepower at its best is shown next as the bigger guns fire as a battery, as a battalion and as several battalions. The target hills are literally torn to bits as shell after shell rips into hillsides. Along with this comes a visual explanation of interdiction and "road running," with the shells cutting the supposed enemy to shreds with traversing fire.

As a grand finale, members of the 773d Tank Battalion move into the impact area from the woods on the far right. Ten M-47 tanks, (two platoons), dressed with orange and red panels in order to be visible to those in the stands, move on one of the hills with 90-mm cannon and machine guns blazing. "Time over tanks" is illustrated as the M-47s button up. Moving at a speed of 20 to 30 mph, the 773d boys have shells rained over their heads to land just barely in front of the tanks. This emphatically points out the close coordination which can be had with the artillery affording the tanks protection from the enemy. Thus, perhaps the most interesting event of the day has been chosen to end the show with a bang.

As one leaves, profoundly impressed with what has been seen, the words of Kipling which are painted on a large sign at the 2660 area are brought vividly to mind: "... You can't get away from the guns."

A BATTERY OF 105-MM HOWITZERS FROM THE 41ST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION HAS JUST FIRED BATTERY FIRE ON ONE OF THE TARGET HILLS IN THE 2660 AREA.





PVT. ROBERT WILLIAM (LEFT) AND M-SGT. PHILIP MILLER TIGHTEN THE WEDGE NUTS ON THE TRACKS FOR THE TANK SEEN IN THE BACKGROUND. BOTH ARE FROM C. CO, 773RD TANK BN.



A HUGE M-47 TANK TRANSMISSION GETS A BATH IN STEAM BY TWO MEN FROM HQ. AND SVC. CO. 773D TANK BN, SGT. JOSEPH DALE AND CPL. CECIL JONES.



AN M-42 WHICH MOUNTS TWIN 40-MM CANNONS IS MANNED BY MEMBERS OF THE 27TH AAA AW BTRY AS IT MOVES OFF THE LINE IN FRONT OF THE STANDS.



THESE MEN FROM THE 27TH AAA AW BTRY. STAND READY TO FIRE THEIR QUADRUPLE 50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN MOUNTED ON AN M-16. STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE PFC. PAUL JOURDAN, CANNONEER; SFC. LEON BASSETT, SQUAD LEADER, AND PVT. SIMON TORREZ, CANNONEER. IN THE GUNNER'S SEAT IS CPL. FRANKLIN HUDSON.

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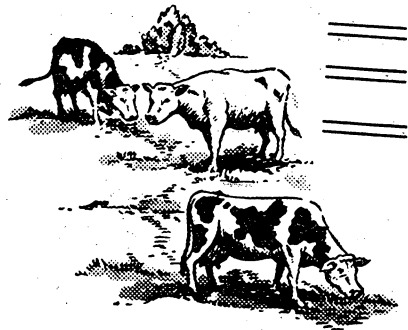
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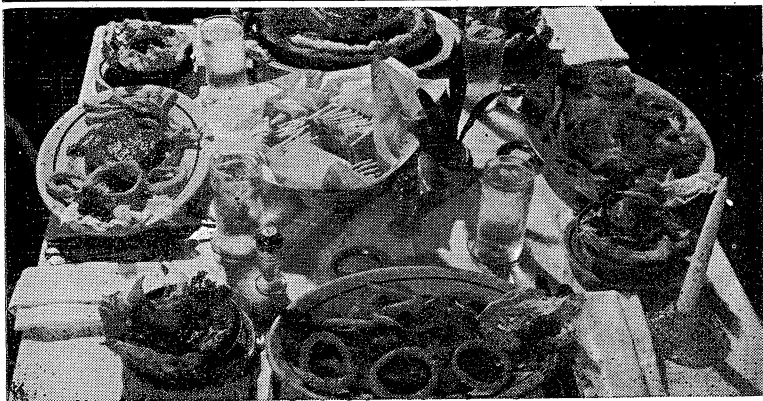


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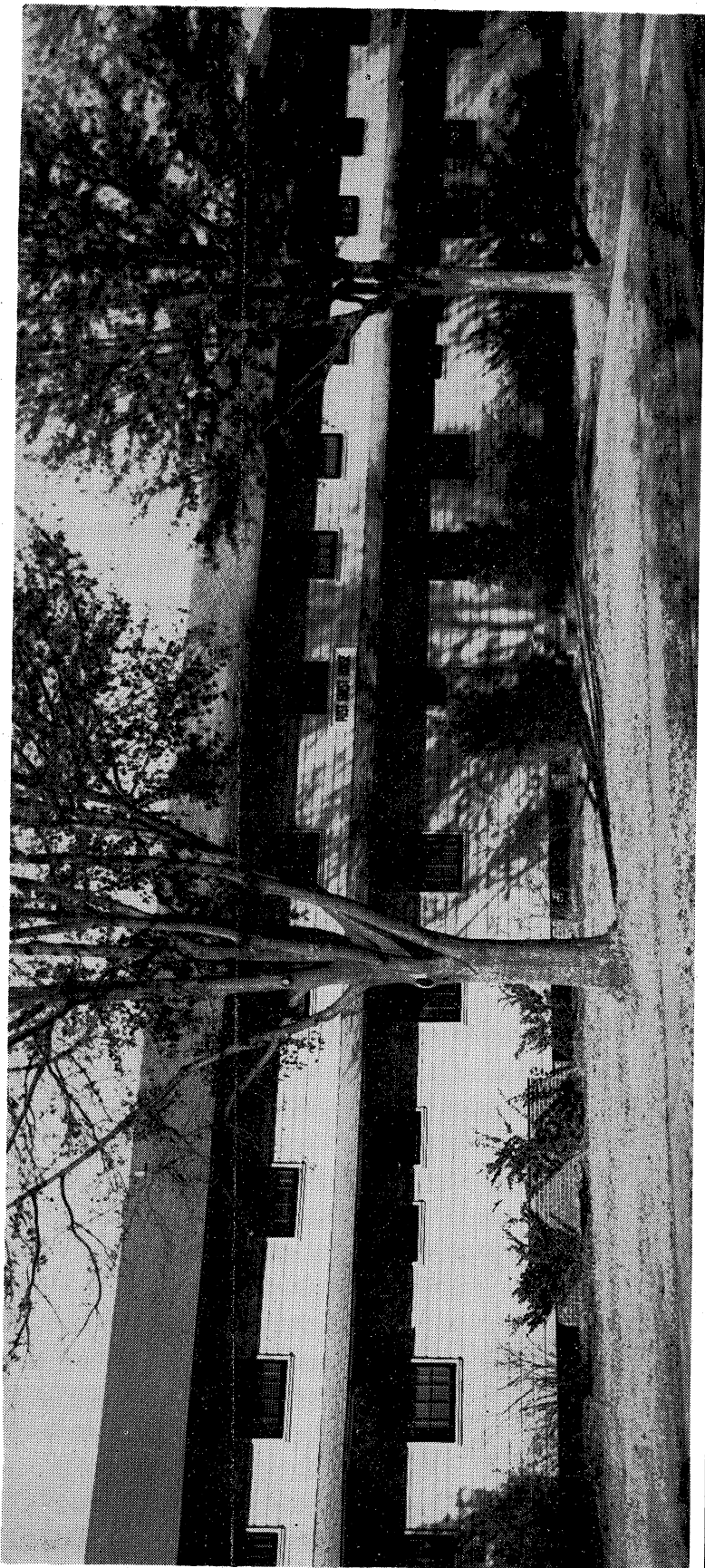
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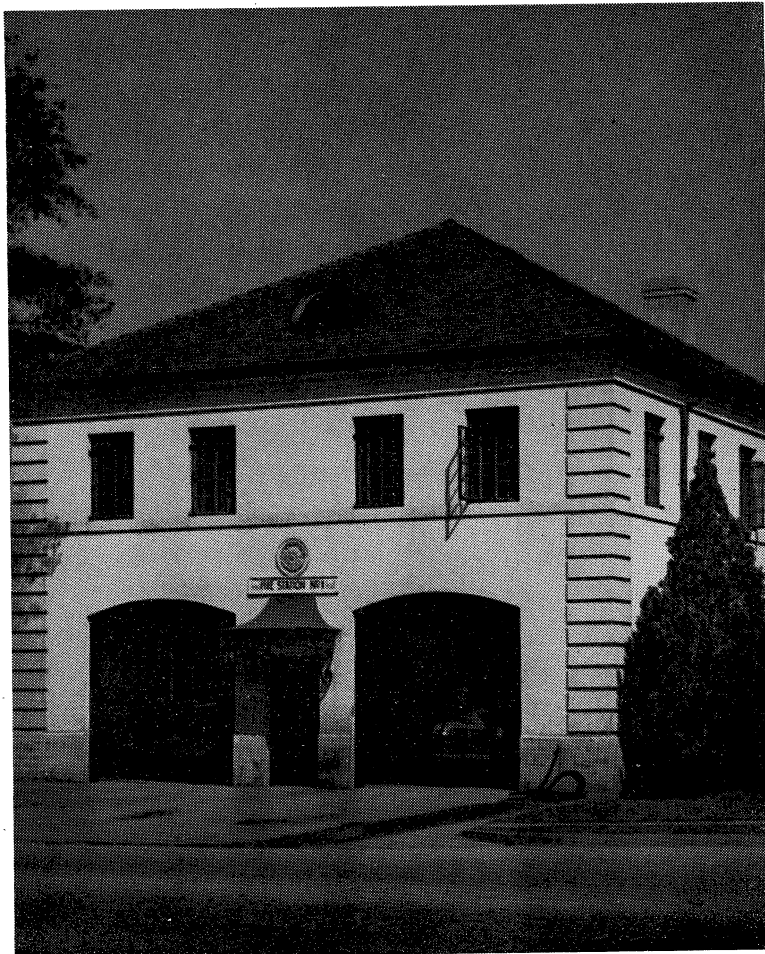
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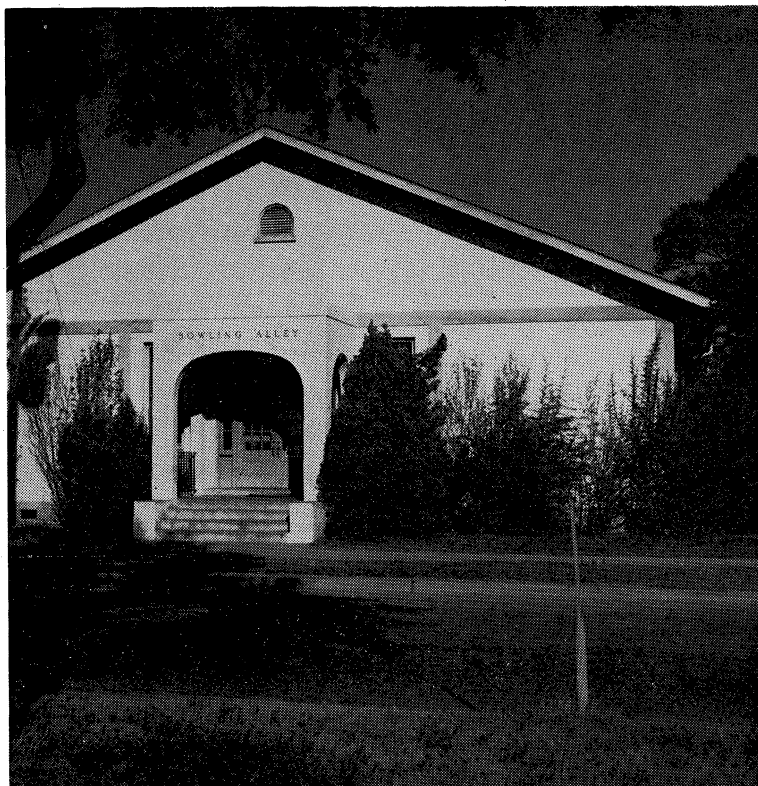
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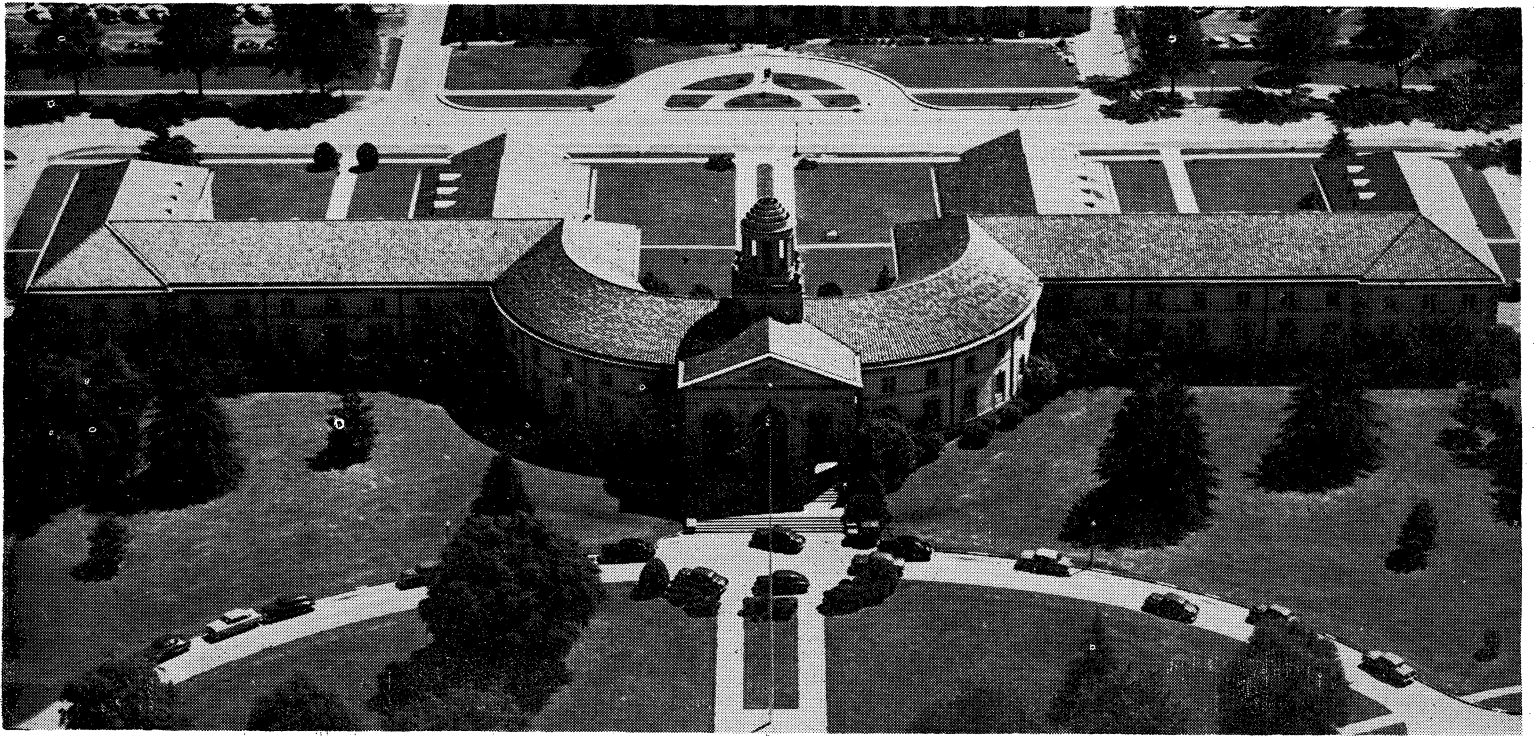
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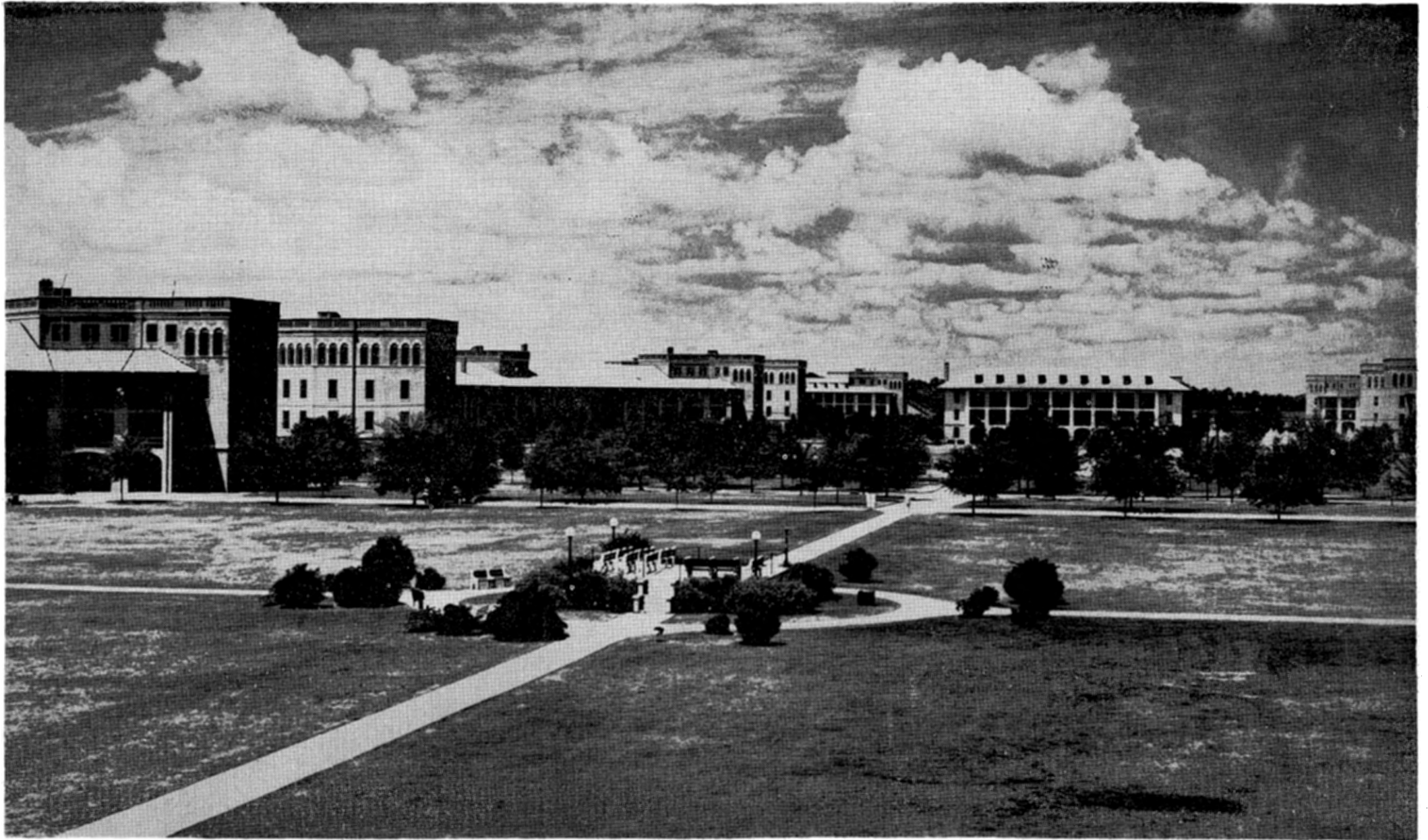
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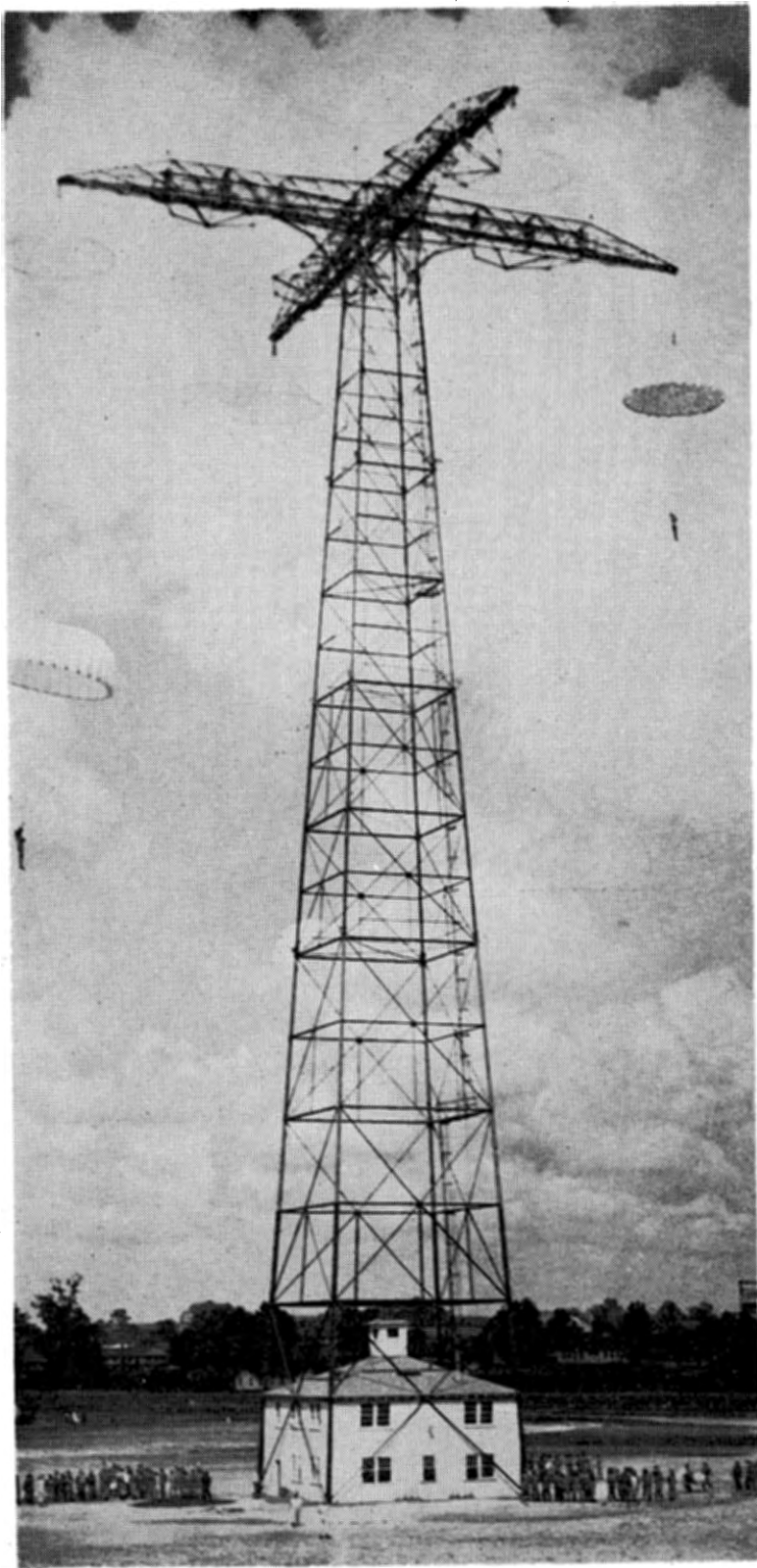
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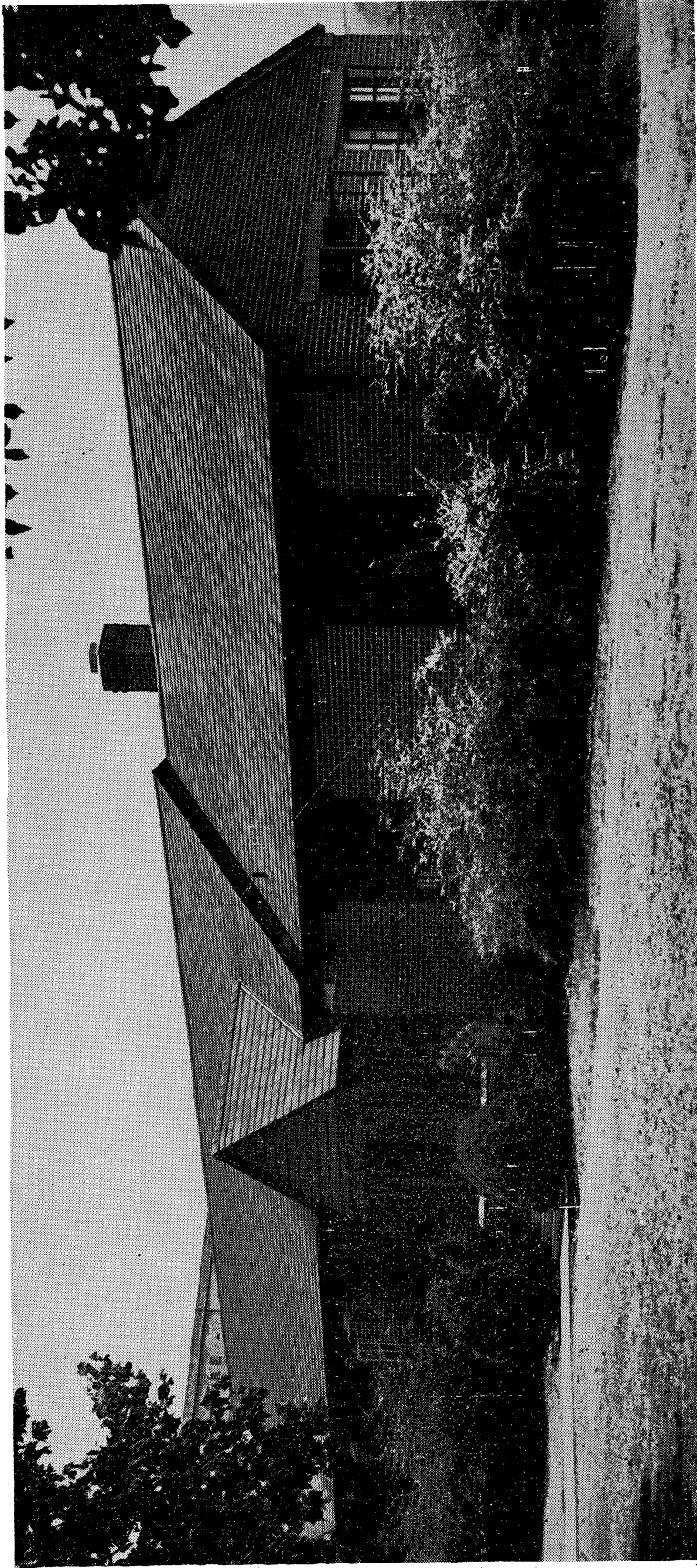


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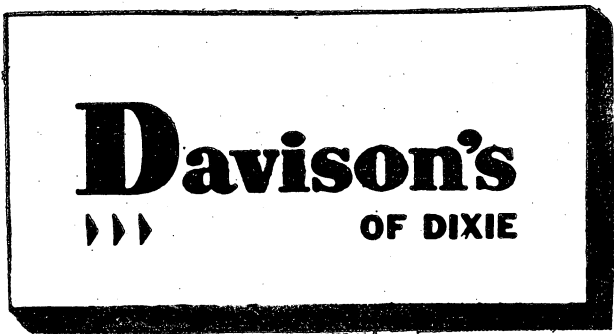
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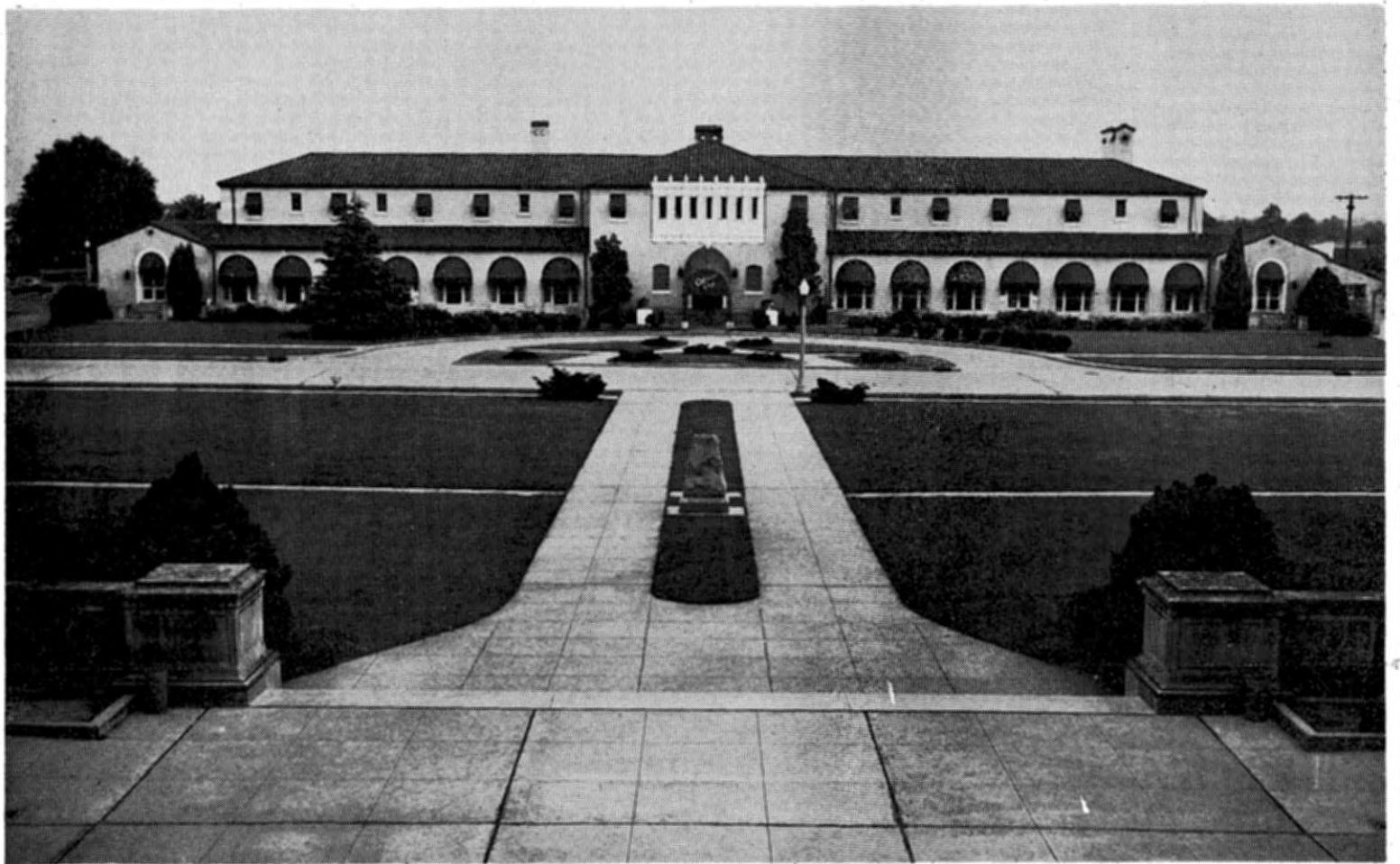
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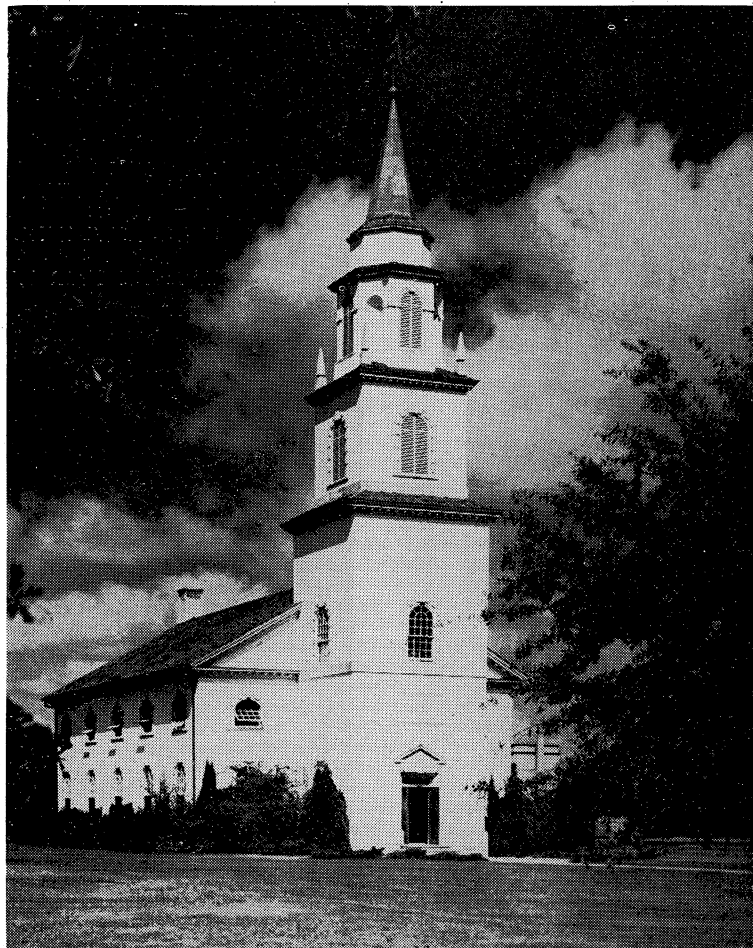
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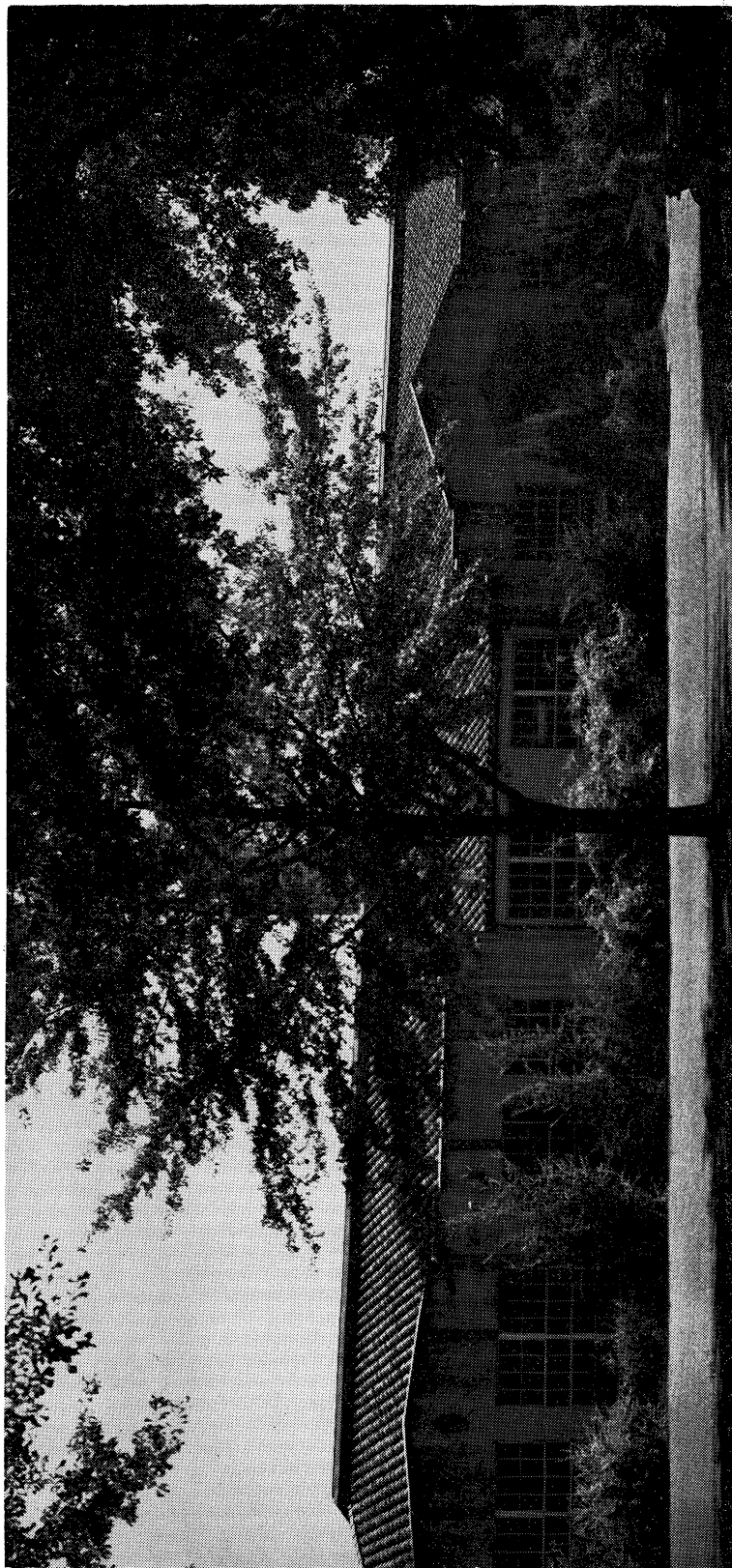
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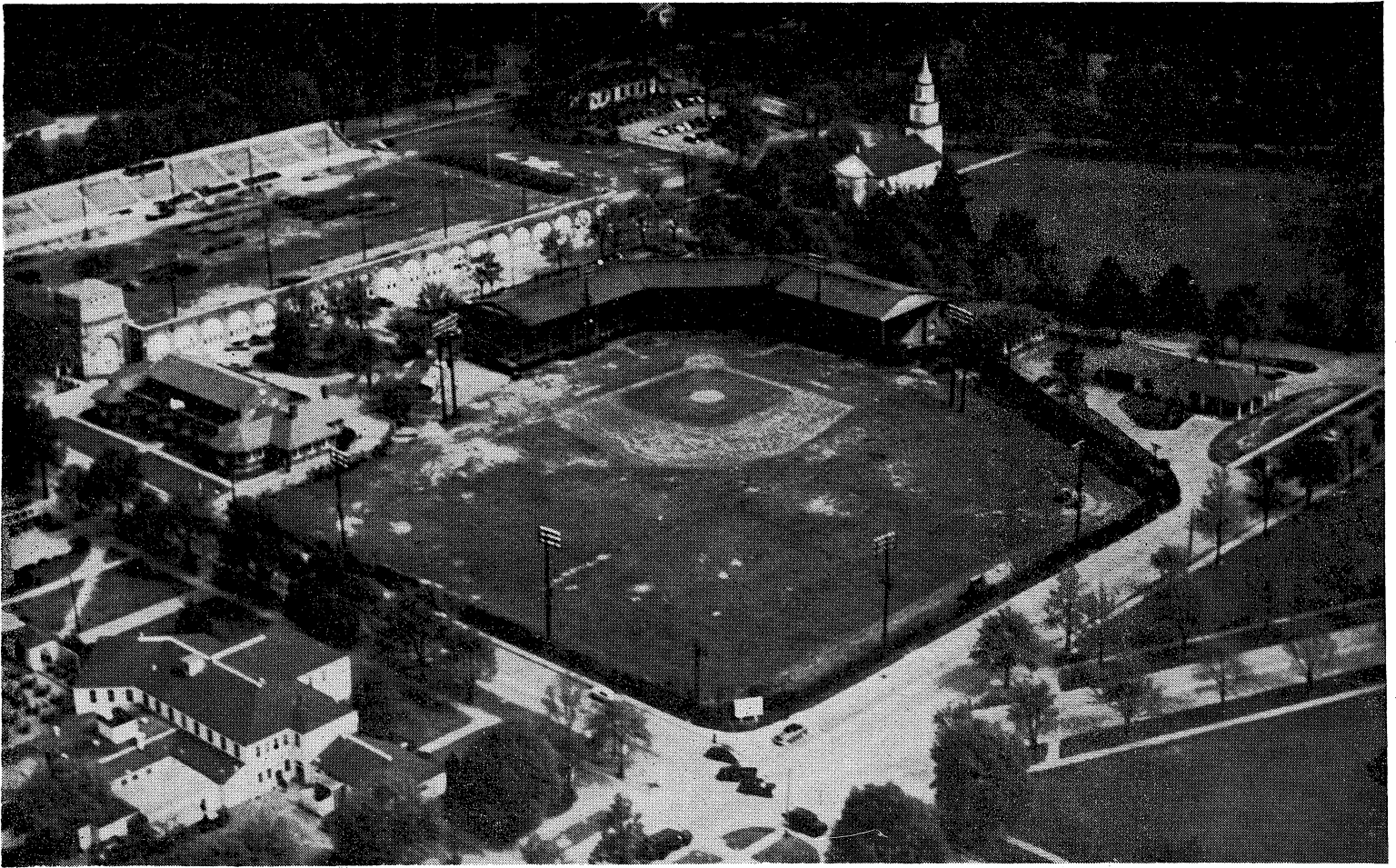
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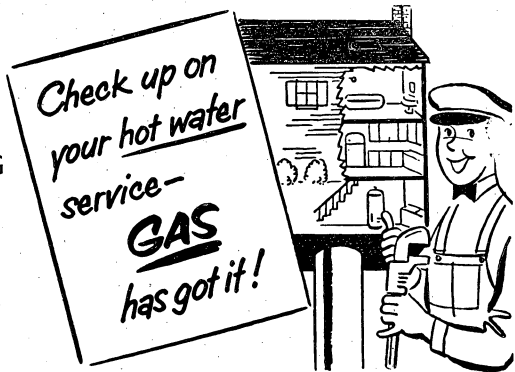
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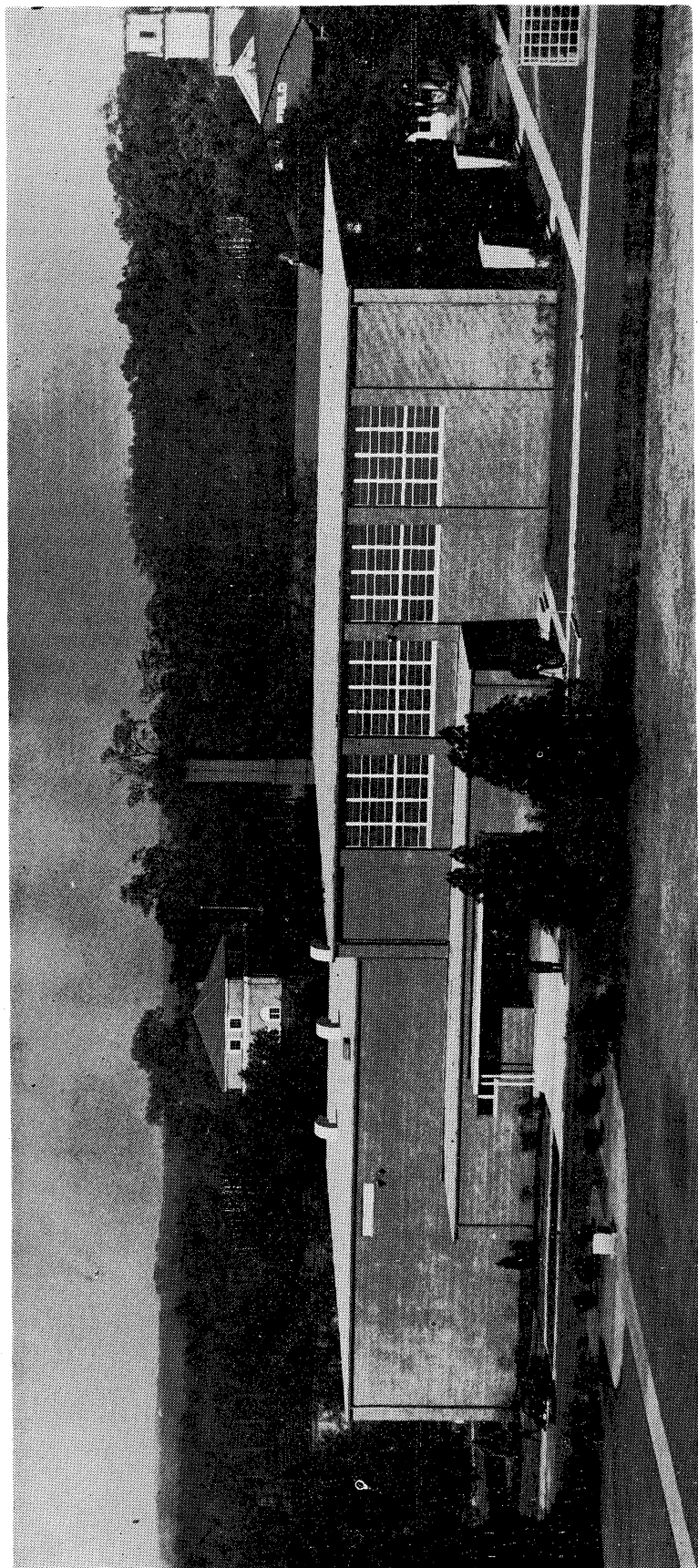
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COMMANDING GENERAL'S QUARTERS: THIS WAS ONCE THE PALATIAL COLONIAL HOME OF MR. ARTHUR BUSSEY, UPON WHOSE FORMER PLANTATION MOST OF FORT BENNING IS LOCATED. THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE HOUSE IS THE SAME TODAY AS WHEN IT WAS ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED. THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE BUILDING IS SAID TO COVER THE BURIAL PLACE OF COLONEL JOHN TATE, WHO DIED IN 1870 WHILE PREPARING TO LEAD 400 CREEK INDIAN WARRIORS TO THE BRITISH COLONIALS AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

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INFANTRY CENTER REST CAMP, DESTIN, FLORIDA

The Infantry Center Rest Camp is operated by Special Services, The Infantry Center, for the benefit of all military personnel and their dependents stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The Rest Center is located on the CHOCAWHATCHEE BAY along the Florida Gulf Coast at DESTIN, Florida, about midway between Panama City and Pensacola. The Rest Center operates the year around. The largest attendance is normally during the summer months, however, fishing, boating and other recreational facilities are available during the winter months. Fall and winter are ideal seasons for a quiet stay at the Rest Camp.

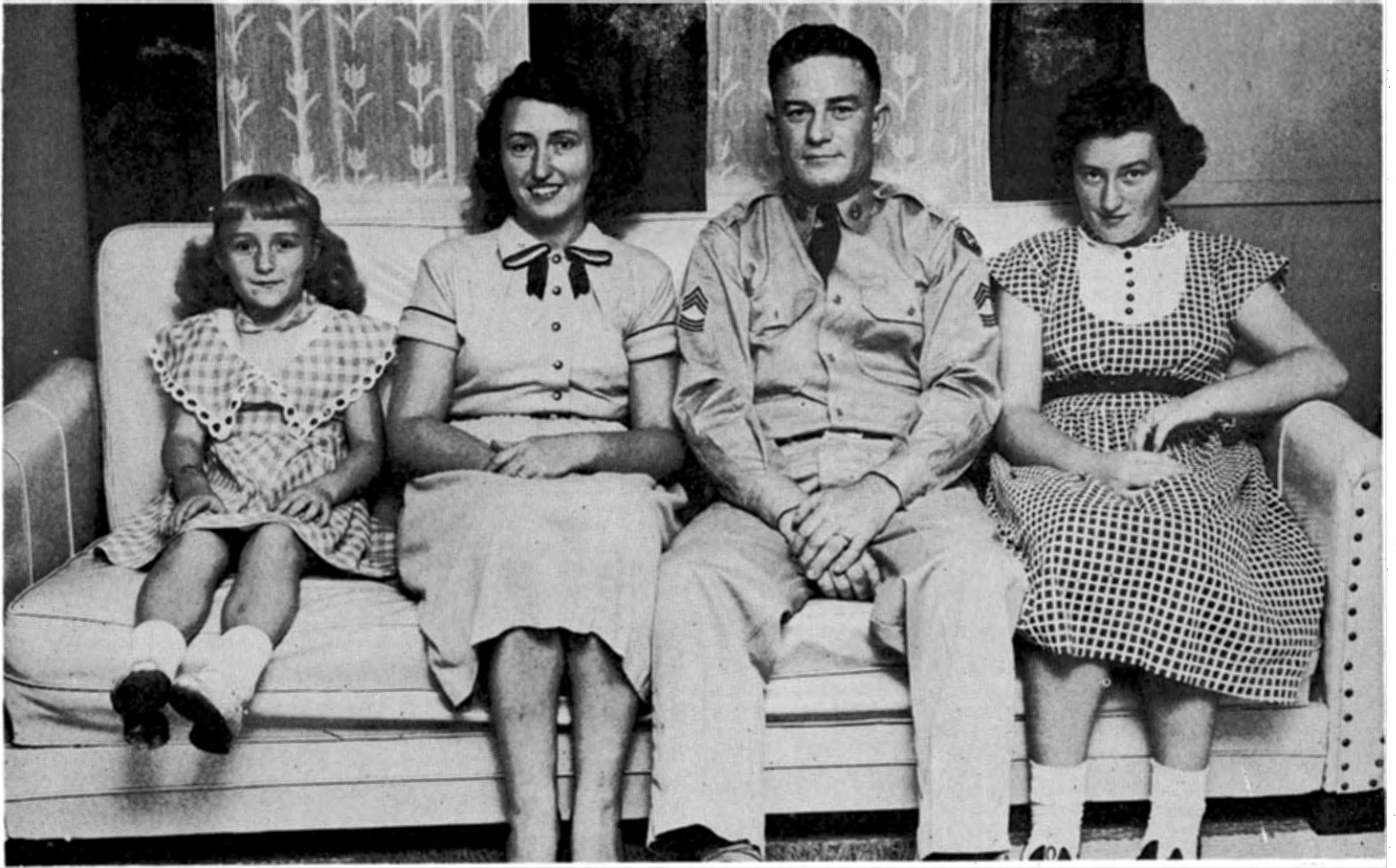
The camp consists of six (6) cabins and a caretakers cabin, and twelve (12) acres of land with a 1,000 foot frontage on the beach. The cabins are about fifty (50) yards from the beach. The beach slopes very gradually and is particularly safe for children

since there is little or no undertow.

Cabin Number 1 contains 2 bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and bath. Cabins 2 through 6 have one bedroom, kitchen and bath. The baths are all private and consist of shower, medicine cabinet with mirror, wash basin and commode. Hot water is provided for the bathrooms and kitchens by electric hot water tanks.

Each bedroom has 2 army style cots, leather arm chairs, a dresser with mirror, and a clothes rack. In the kitchens you will find 4-burner electric stoves, electric refrigerators with ice trays, and a large cabinet sink. A four place dinette set is also located in each kitchen.

Normally each bedroom will accommodate two people. The large screened in porch which is part of each cabin is capable of accommodating at least seven additional people. The caretaker will



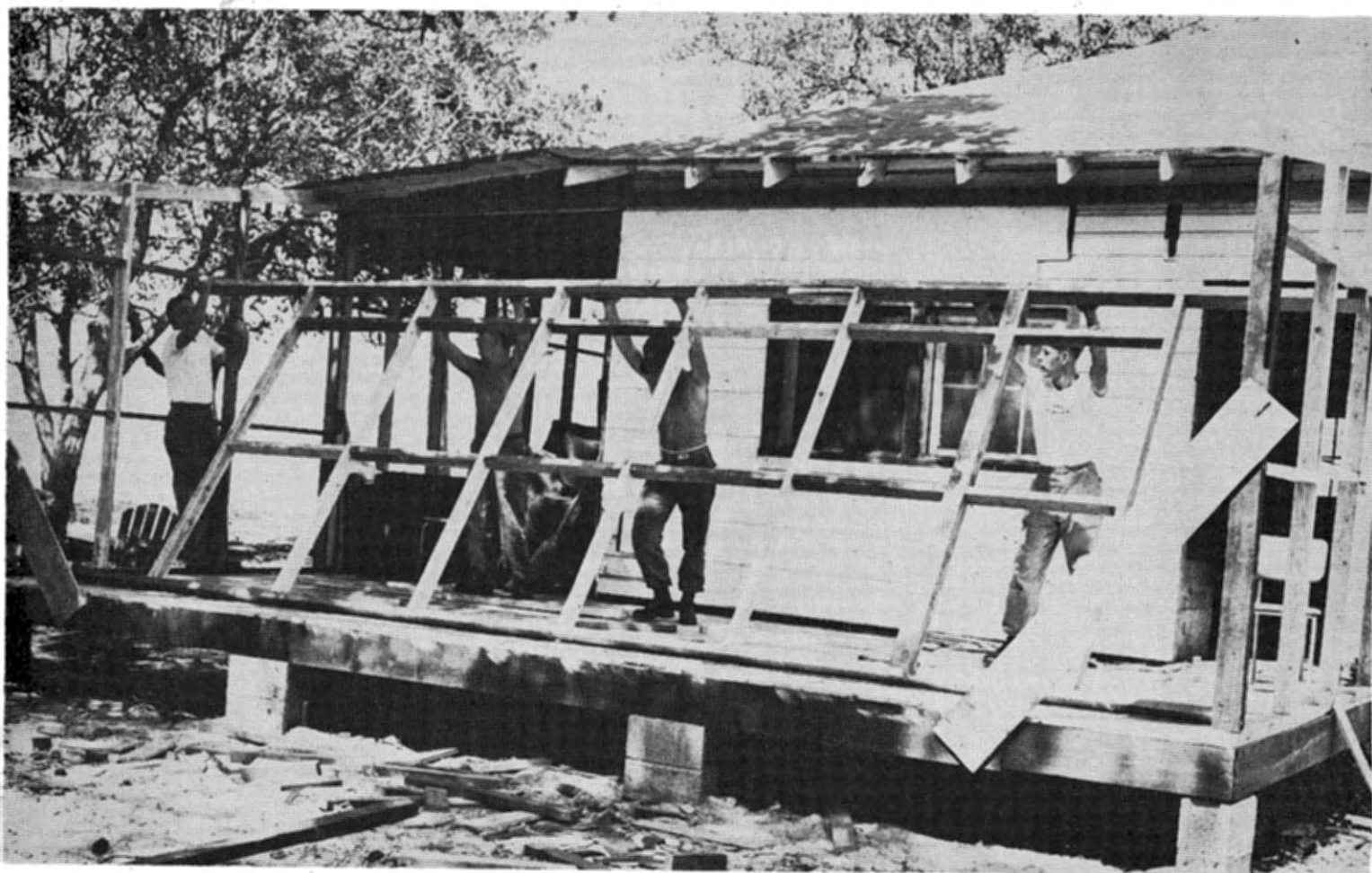
M. SGT. FRANK GIBBS AND HIS FAMILY LIVE AT CAMP DESTIN IN THE CARETAKER'S COTTAGE. SGT. GIBBS IS THE CARETAKER OF THE REST CAMP AND PERSONALLY SUPERVISED THE MAJOR RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE AREA.



THIS SHOWS ONE OF THE CABINS PRIOR TO THE MAJOR UPLIFTING IT RECEIVED. AS SHOWN HERE, A LARGE SCREEN PORCH IS STARTING TO GO UP



HARD AT WORK ARE THE 508TH ENGINEERS SHOWN HERE WORKING ON ONE OF THE PORCHES. DESPITE THE LACK OF T-SHIRTS NO SUNBURN WAS REPORTED.



GOING UP! THE OUTER FRAME OF THE OUTSIDE PORCH IS GOING UP.



SHOWN HERE IS THE RESIDENCE OF SGT. GIBBS AND HIS FAMILY. AS CARETAKER OF THE REST CAMP, SGT. GIBBS LIVES HERE THE YEAR AROUND. HE SAYS HE WOULDN'T TRADE HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT FOR ANY, PAST OR FUTURE.



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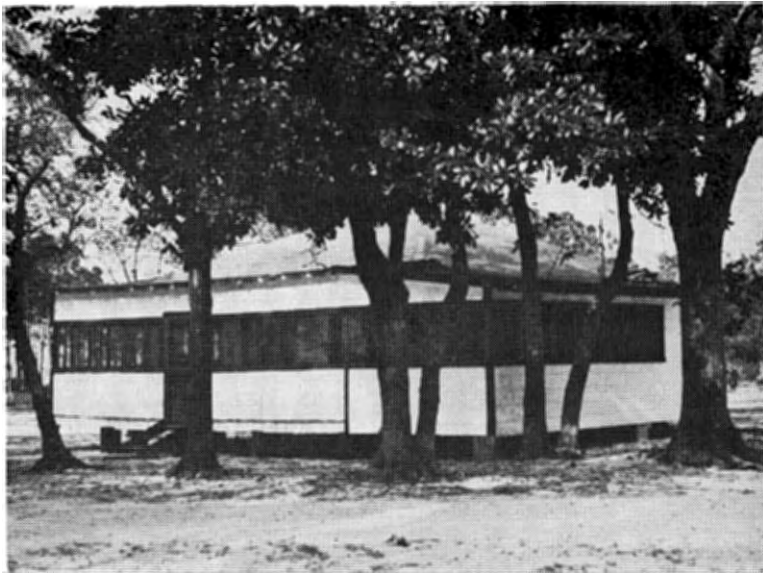
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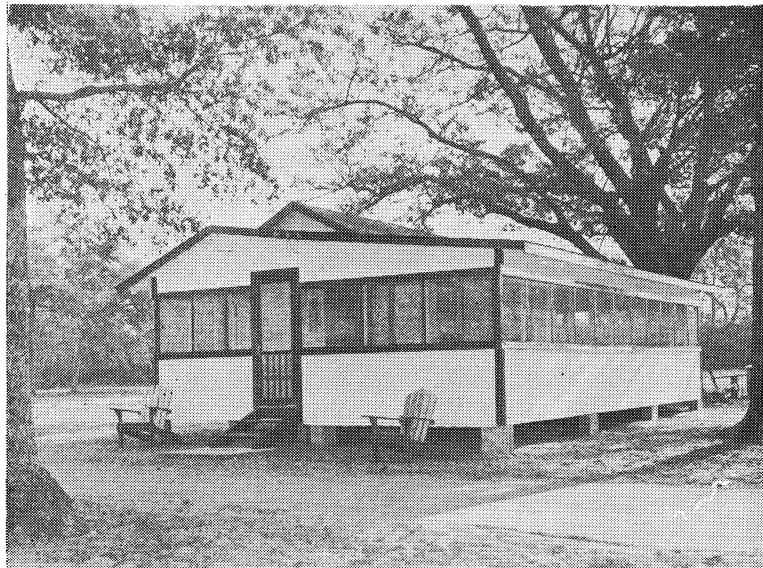
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DEPICTED HERE IS THE INSIDE OF A TYPICAL BEDROOM. THE PINE PANELING IS OF RECENT ADDITION AS ARE THE ASPHALT TILE FLOORS. ARM CHAIRS, END TABLES, ETC., ARE IN EACH ROOM.

provide the extra blankets, cots, etc. You will find that each cabin has electrical outlets, lights, venetian blinds, pine paneling and asphalt tile floors.

In each kitchen you will find cooking utensils that will normally be sufficient for four people. If you desire to bring additional items that is possible. The following list of cooking and eating utensils are available:

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| 1—Kitchen Knife | |
| 1—#6 Skillet | |
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| 1—#638 Tin Pan | |
| 1—8-cup Aluminum Percolator | |
| 1—5-in-1 Cooker | |
| 6—Ice Tea Glasses | |
| 1—3 Piece Mixing Bowl Set | |
| 6—Coffee cups and Saucers | |
| 1—Sugar Bowl | |

Dishes are not furnished. However, aluminum trays required are available. Silverware is provided normally for 12 people in each cabin.

These items must be left in clean, sanitary condition for the next incoming guests, and if any items are lost, damaged or destroyed, the departing guest must pay for that item prior to departure.

Army cots, mattresses, pillows and blankets are furnished. **GUEST MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN SHEETS, TOWELS, AND PILLOW CASES.**

For relaxation at the Rest Camp you will find an aluminum row boat, 12 feet long, adaptable to an outboard motor, assigned to each cabin. There is a playground for children that includes swings, a teeter-totter, slides, etc. For your own enjoyment you will find Bar-B-Q pits, a volleyball court, hammocks and a place to pitch hours shoes. If you desire to go deep sea fishing, the caretaker will recommend to you the better concerns which will take you deep sea fishing for a fee. He will supply you with full information.

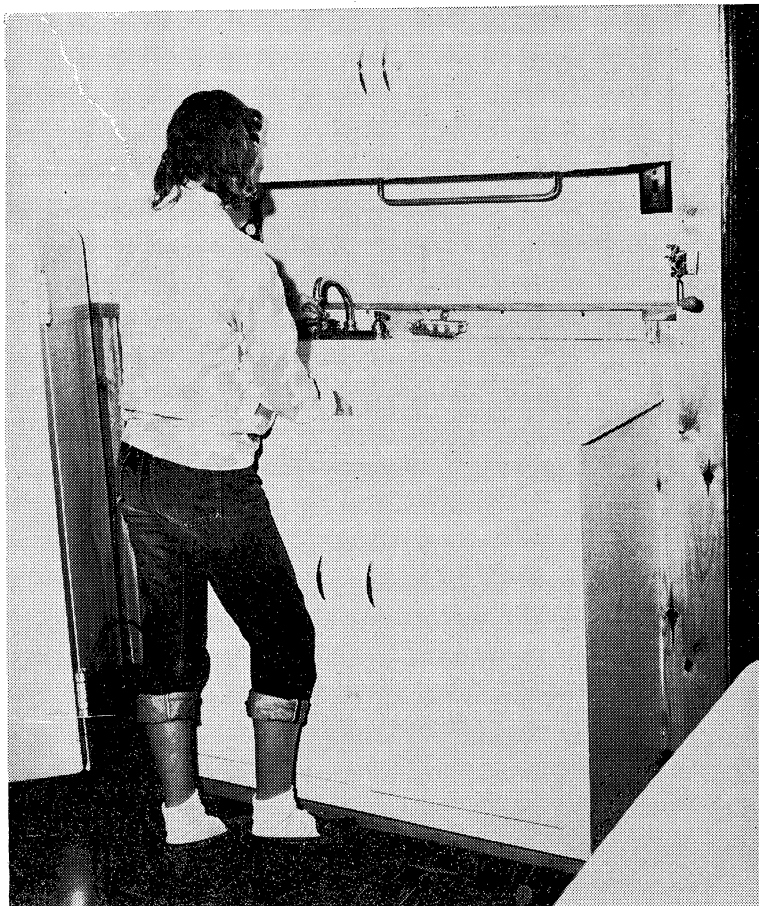
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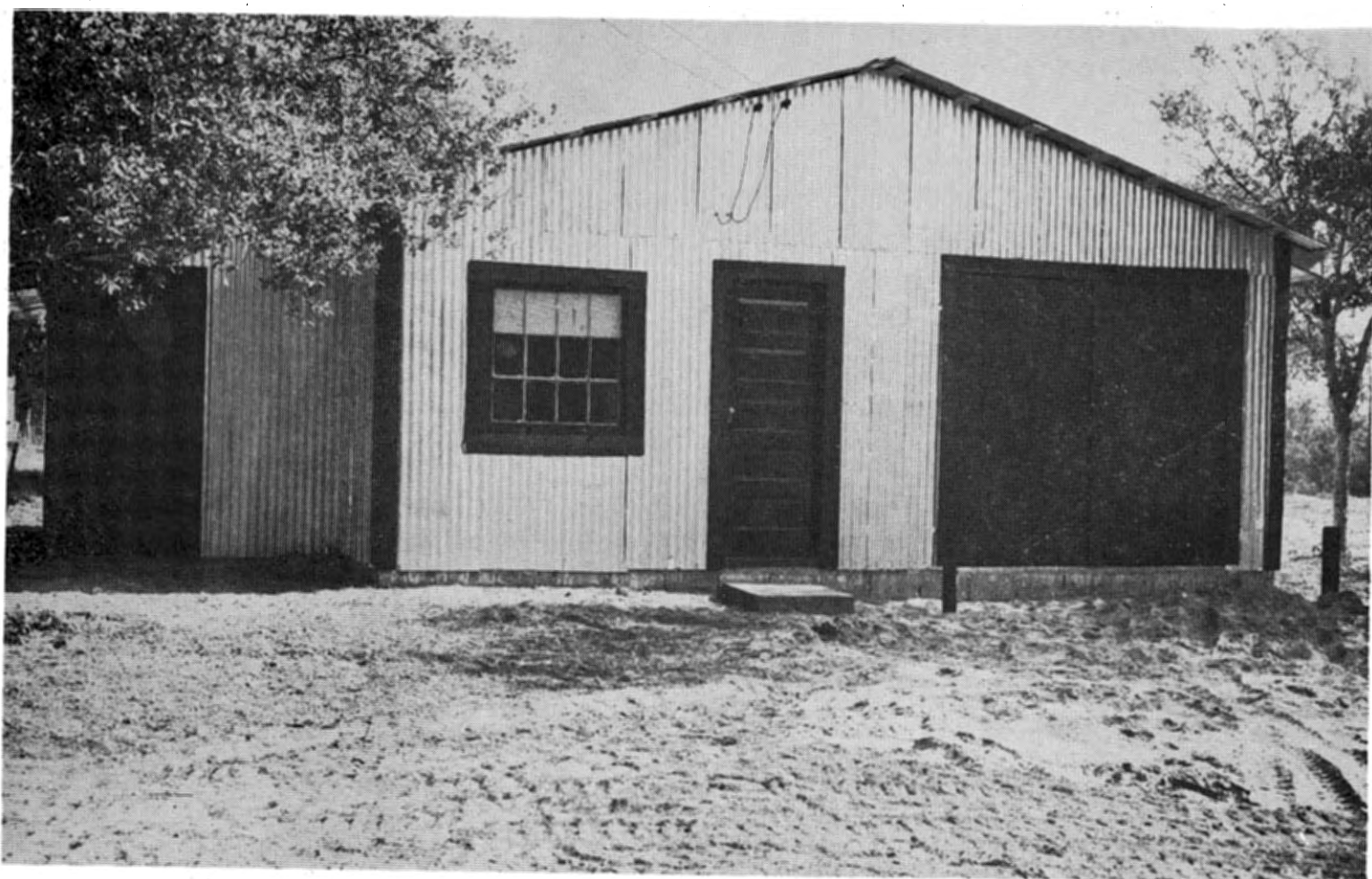
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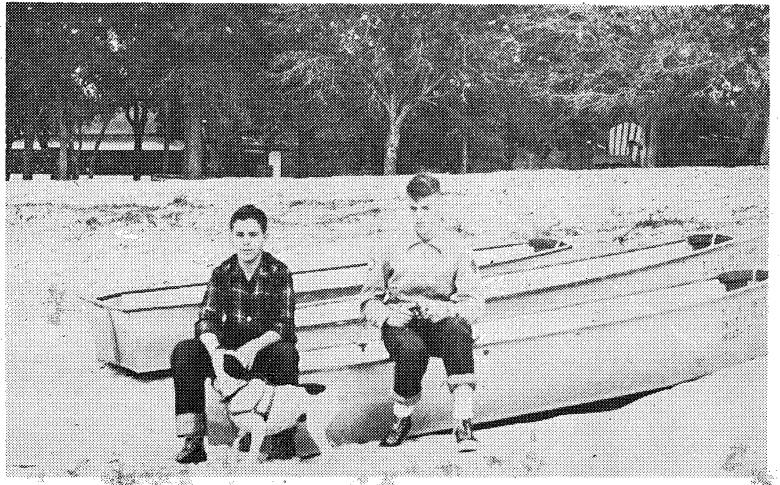
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BEPPU, JAPAN—Army 1st Lt. Edward L. Perrine, whose wife, Janice, lives at 98 Matheson rd., Columbus, Ga., recently graduated from the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team's jumpmaster and monorail course at Camp Kashii, Japan.

BEPPU, JAPAN—Army Sgt. Robert Gruttner, whose wife, Evelyn, lives at 222 Forty-sixth St., Columbus, Ga., recently graduated from the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team's jumpmaster and monorail course at Camp Kashii, Japan.

JAPAN—Army Sergeant First Class Clifford Rhoden Jr., whose wife, Ruby, lives at 207 Twenty-sixth St., Columbus, Ga., recently graduated from the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team's jumpmaster and monorail course at Camp Kashii, Japan.

STUTTGART, GERMANY—Gordon P. Snead, whose wife, Mary, and two children live at 2829 Lee St., Columbus, Ga., was recently promoted to chief warrant officer while serving in Stuttgart, Germany.

I CORPS, KOREA—Army Lt. Col. William W. Sellers, whose wife, Gertrude, lives at 2316 Seventh St., Columbus, Ga., recently joined I Corps in Korea.

IX CORPS, KOREA—Army Cpl. Buster Rozier Jr., 23, son of Mrs. Ophelia Rozier, Route 3, Columbus, Ga., recently helped build a 312-foot bridge in Korea in less than 24 hours.

Members of his unit, the 11th Engineer Combat Battalion's Company C, built the steel treadway bridge to aid Korean farmers returning to their old homes north of the 38th Parallel.

43D DIV., GERMANY—Sergeant First Class James F. Beard, whose wife, Effie, lives at 3237 Buena Vista rd., Columbus, Ga., recently joined the 43d Infantry Division in Germany.

The "Winged Victory" division is receiving intensive training in southern Germany as part of the U. S. Seventh Army.

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—M/Sgt. Roy Church, whose wife, Marlis, lives at 1228 Lockwood Ave., Columbus, Ga., is now at Fort Bragg, N. C., preparing for Exercise Flash Burn, large-scale training maneuver scheduled for April and May.

Church, first sergeant in the 113th Ordnance Direct Support Company, came with his unit from Camp Pickett, Va., to provide vehicle maintenance for some of the 135 military units taking part in the exercise.

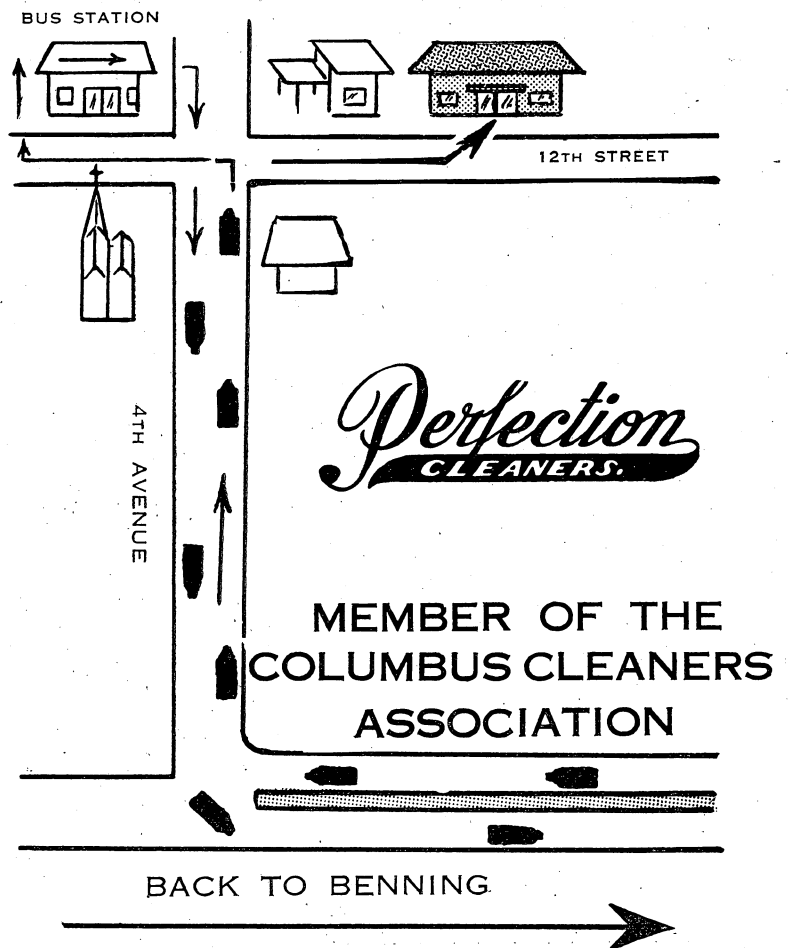
YONGDUNGPO, KOREA—Army 1st Lt. Robert L. Morton, whose wife, Mary Jo, lives at 364 Walton St., Columbus, Ga., is now serving with headquarters of the 2d Engineer Construction Group in Yongdungpo, Korea.

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TAEGU, KOREA—Army Maj. Tom Reid, son of Mrs. F. C. Reid, Battle Park, Columbus, Ga., is now serving with the Korean Military Advisory Group (XMAG).

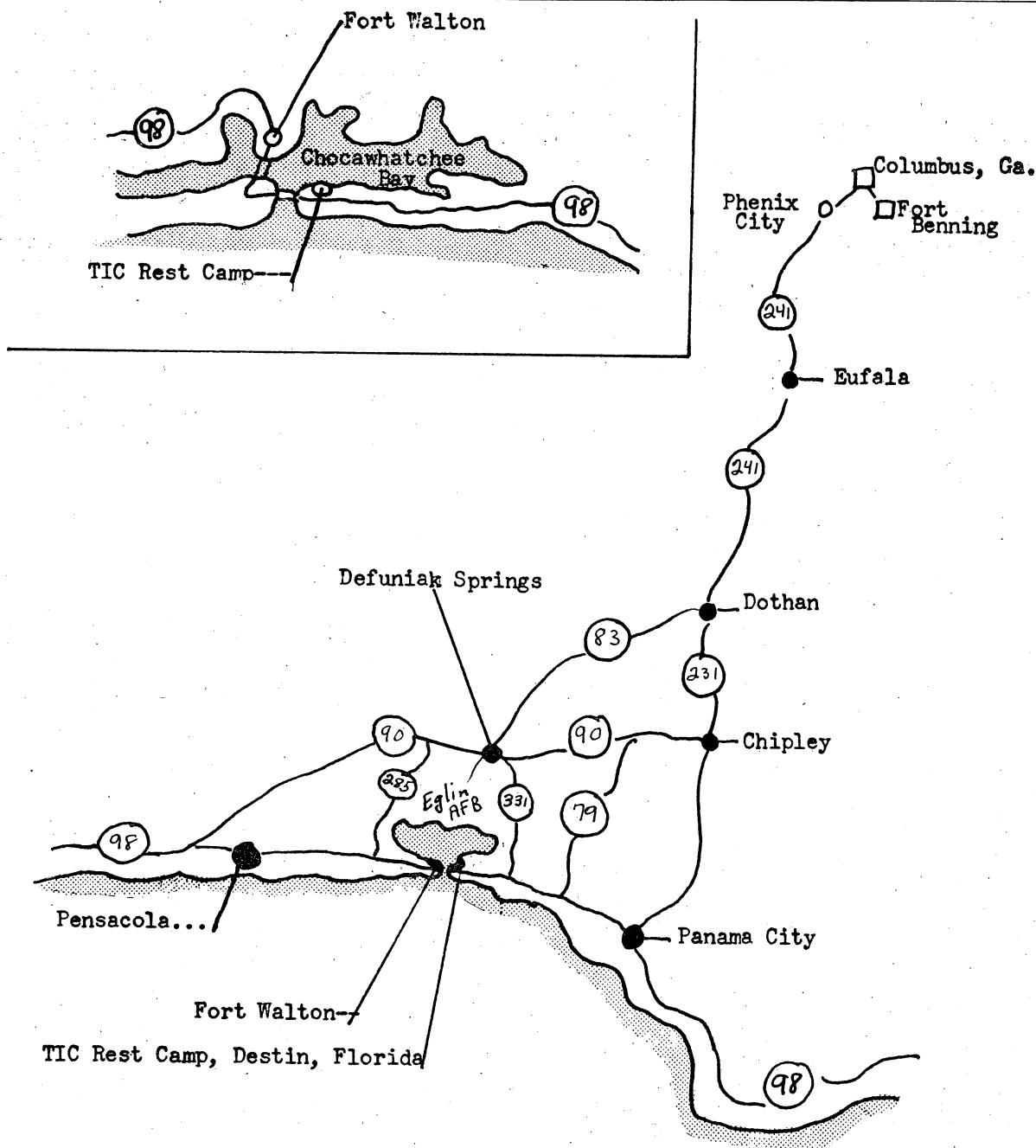
FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.—Sgt. Freddie James, 1, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Biglow, 1302 Twenty-eighth St., Columbus, Ga., recently returned with Company I of the 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment to Fort Campbell, Ky., after taking part in Canadian sub-arctic maneuvers.

CAMP POLK, La.—Sergeant First Class Harold A. Green, whose wife, Addie, lives at 758 Lawyer's Lane, Columbus, Ga., will move to the Fort Bragg, N. C., maneuver area with the 37th Infantry Division early in April for Exercise Flash Burn.

43D DIV., GERMANY—PFC Huber N. Perron, whose wife, Betty, lives at 3517 Wade St., Columbus, Ga., is now serving in Germany with the 43d Infantry Division.

43D DIV., GERMANY—Sergeant First Class Cecil R. Smith, whose wife, Wilma, lives at 1402 Twenty-first St., Columbus, Ga., is now serving with the 43d Infantry Division in Germany.

X CORPS, KOREA—Sergeant First Class Samuel G. McNair, 33, whose wife, Clara May, lives at 3203 Clay St., Columbus, Ga., recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 73d Engineer Combat Battalion.



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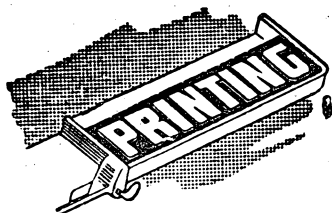
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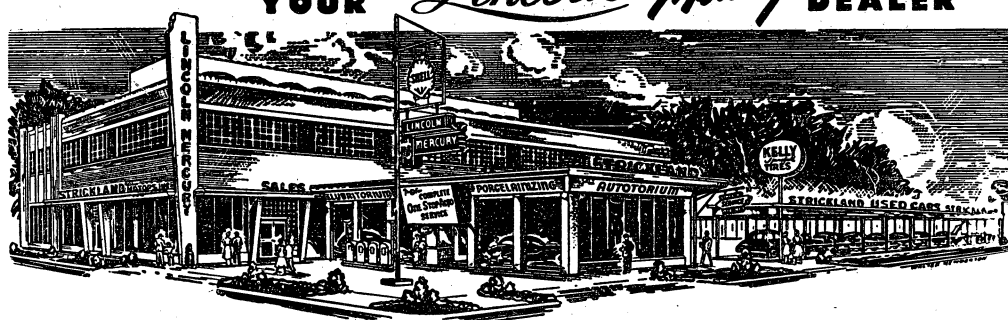
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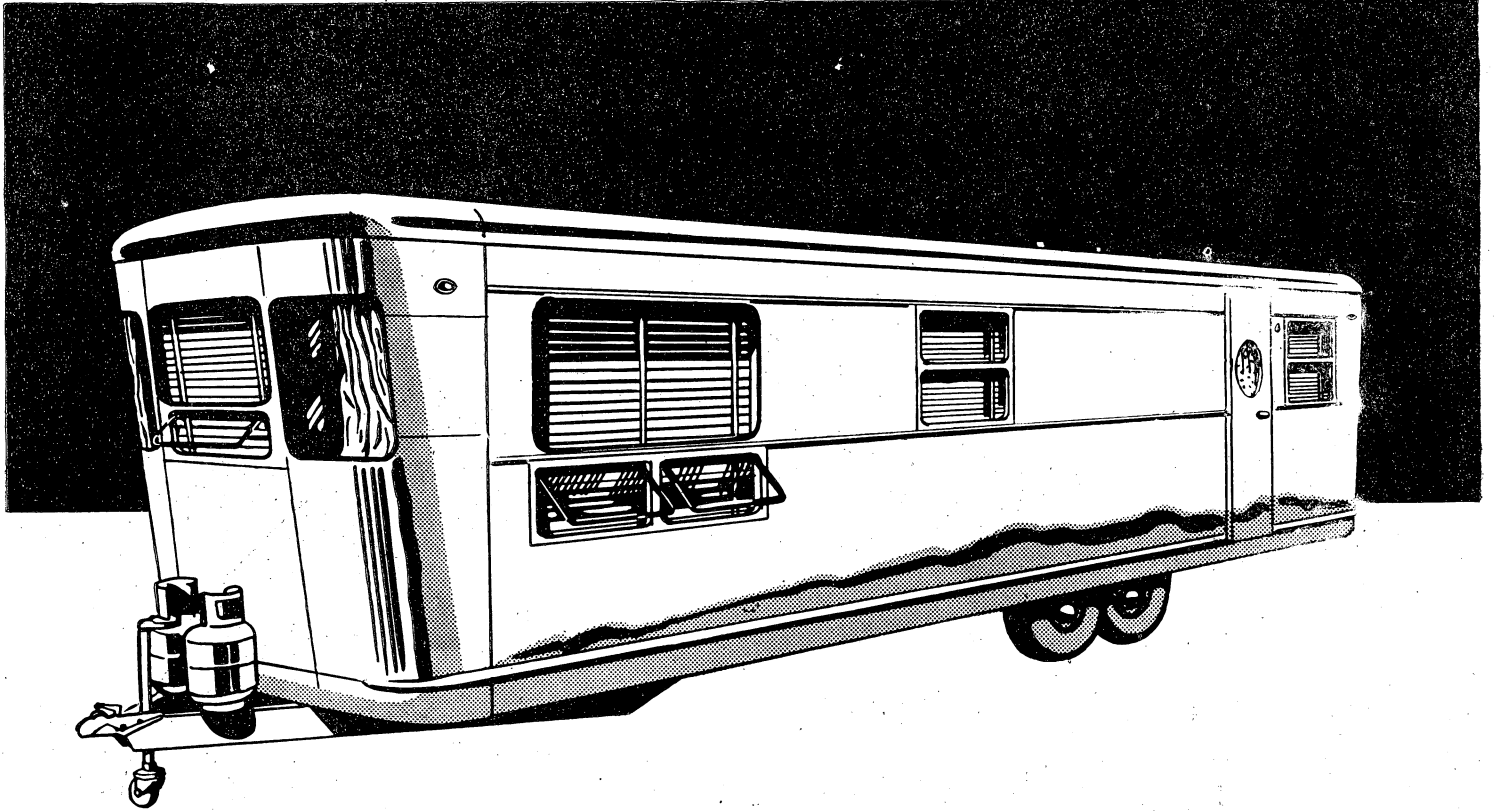
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On This Month's Cover:



The insignia shown on the cover of this issue of the *Benning Herald* is of the 47th Infantry Division. It depicts the Viking Headgear and contains the colors of red, white and blue. The 47th came from Camp Rucker, Ala., to Fort Benning, Ga., during the month of May.



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47th INFANTRY DIVISION HISTORY

A highly integrated force of fighting men—that's the 47th Infantry Division, recently moved into its new home in the Sand Hill and Harmony Church areas of Fort Benning.

Brand new, at least from a numerical standpoint, the 47th "Viking" Division was born shortly after World War II when allotted to Minnesota and North Dakota as a national guard unit. But what it lacks in combat experience as a division, it more than surpasses in the sparkling record of its units and prowess of its battle-tested personnel.

Colorful Patch

When the 47th was activated, it was decided that the identity should center around the Norsemen. This would be indicative of the Viking ancestry of the citizens of Minnesota and North Dakota and would at the same time refer to the early Vikings who penetrated the North American continent as far inland as Minnesota in about 1,000 A. D. Thus, the 47th soon became known as the "Viking" Division.

The shoulder insignia symbolizes the division's heritage. It consists of a white Viking helmet, the dominant feature, superimposed on a field of infantry blue. Encircling the blue is a narrow



MAJ. GEN. RICHARD W. STEPHENS
Commanding General
47th Infantry Division

band of white, which in turn is circled by a red border representing the colors of the artillery. This establishes the Viking motif while at the same time carrying out the patriotic theme of red, white and blue. The white helmet is reminiscent of the majestic Thor, God of strength in Norse mythology, helper in war and great defender.

Federalization

Composed of three infantry regiments, 47th Division Artillery and numerous other Special Troops units, the division was alerted by presidential proclamation Dec. 16, 1950. One month later the 47th, 9,000 men in 105 units from 79 Minnesota and North Dakota communities, began the long trek to Camp Rucker, Ala., for training.

Today the division is vastly different. Thousands of draftees, rotated Korean veterans and recalled reservists have replaced the National Guardsmen who have been separated from active service after their tours of duty.

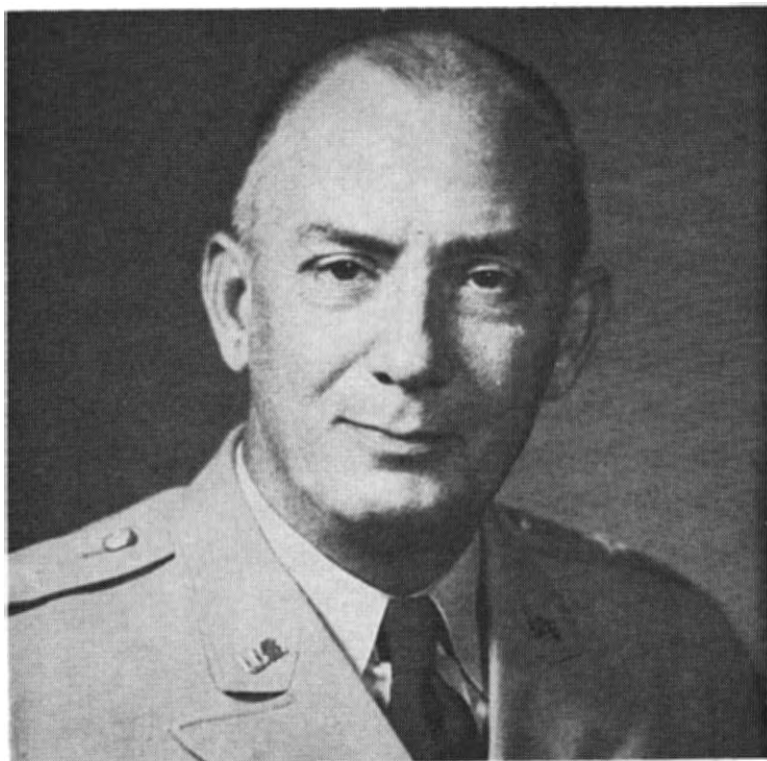
The 47th passed from a National Guard status to an Army of the United States division after Jan. 16, 1953, and is slated to remain in this status with a mission of general reserve.

In addition to its regular individual and unit training programs, the 47th Division recently supplied a large "umpire packet" group for "Exercise Flashburn," the huge maneuver at Fort Bragg, N. C., and a battalion of aggressors for "Exercise Spearhead," a gigantic war game at Fort Hood, Texas.

Although the 47th Division is the youngest division in Federal service, history of its units dates back to the 1856 "Pioneer Guards."

Training Problems, Developments and Field Exercises

The future of the 47th Division includes more advanced unit training and field problems to better prepare it for combat.



BRIG. GEN. JOHN A. ELMORE
Assistant Division Commander
47th Infantry Division

As its individual units proudly display their histories of achievement and great credit to their country in times of trouble and strife, so now does the 47th Infantry Division write its own history of honor and service to the United States.

Commanding the 47th Division is Maj. Gen. R. W. Stephens.



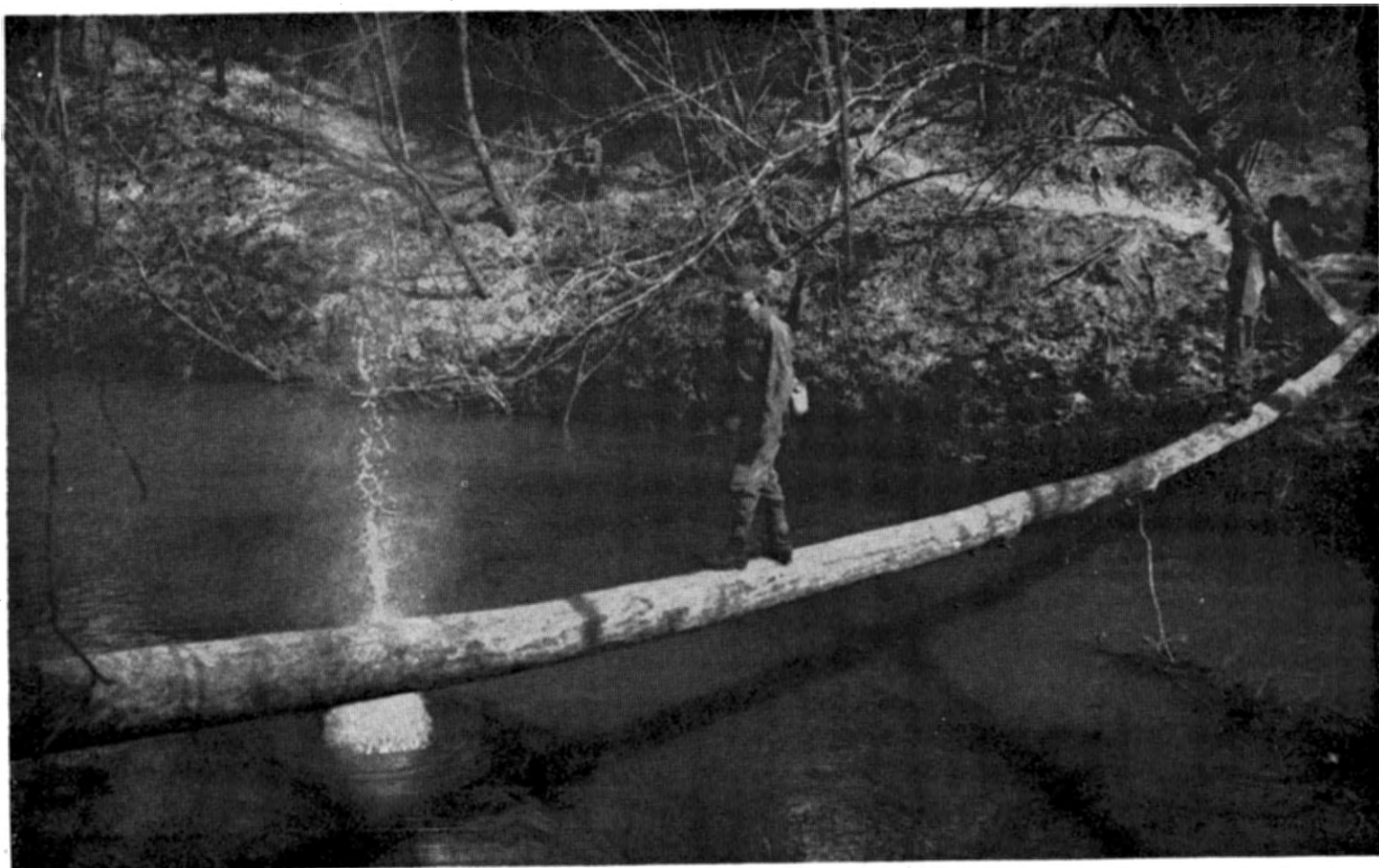
A SQUAD OF MEN PREPARE TO ADVANCE INTO THE WOODS AT THE REAR. SQUAD TACTICS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF TRAINING IN THE VIKING DIVISION.



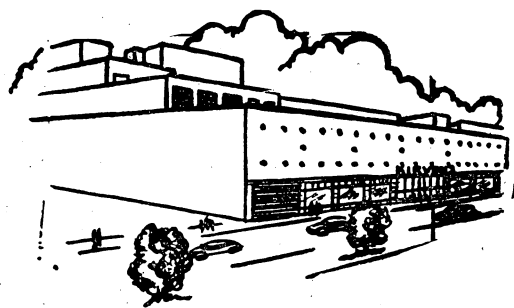
THE 47TH INFANTRY DIVISION BAND HAS BEEN ACCLAIMED ONE OF THE FINEST IN THE THIRD ARMY AREA BY LT. GEN A. R. BOLLING, THIRD ARMY COMMANDER. THE BAND IS LED BY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER LEWIS LASTORT.



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175th Field Artillery Battalion

In 1942 the newly formed 175th Field Artillery Battalion was chosen to represent the U. S. Army Field Artillery in a demonstration before the King and Queen of England.

Shortly after the performance in England, the first round of a history-making barrage was fired by the 175th when, as a part of the Eastern Assault Task Force in World War II, they met the Germans at Medjes El Bab. From the first round until the cease fire in 1943 the 175th was in the thick of the African campaign.

With little rest, the 175th plunged immediately into the invasion of Italy, where they saw gruelling action at Anzio, Rome-Arnes, North Appennines and the Po Valley.

188th Field Artillery Battalion

The 188th Field Artillery Battalion was organized as a National Guard unit in the state of North Dakota in 1940.

In December 1943 the unit sailed for England, where, after

BRIG. GEN. ERIC S. MOLITOR
 Commanding General
 47th Infantry Division Artillery

intensive training, they jumped off for Normandy in June 1944 to give frontline assistance to the invading forces.

After the St. Lo break-through, the battalion marched with the First Infantry Division in its drive across France, around and up to the Belgian border. The battle streamers for Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe were paid for in lives by the men of the 188th Field Artillery Battalion.

256th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion

As the Civil War raged, battery after battery of the First Battalion Heavy Artillery Minnesota Volunteers was baptized by fire as quickly as they could be organized. The First Battalion, Heavy Artillery, was the parent unit of the 256th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion.

As the First Field Artillery Regiment in 1916 the unit saw service on the Mexican Border. Released but for a short while, the unit again answered the call to duty in World War I, distinguishing itself in the hard-fought battles of Lorraine, Champagne, Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne.

After many reorganizations and redesignations the 256th Field Artillery Battalion was ordered to active service with the 47th Division in 1951.

151st Field Artillery Battalion

The last years of the Civil War saw the First Regiment Minnesota Heavy Artillery supporting Federal forces. This unit was the origin of the present day 151st Field Artillery Battalion.

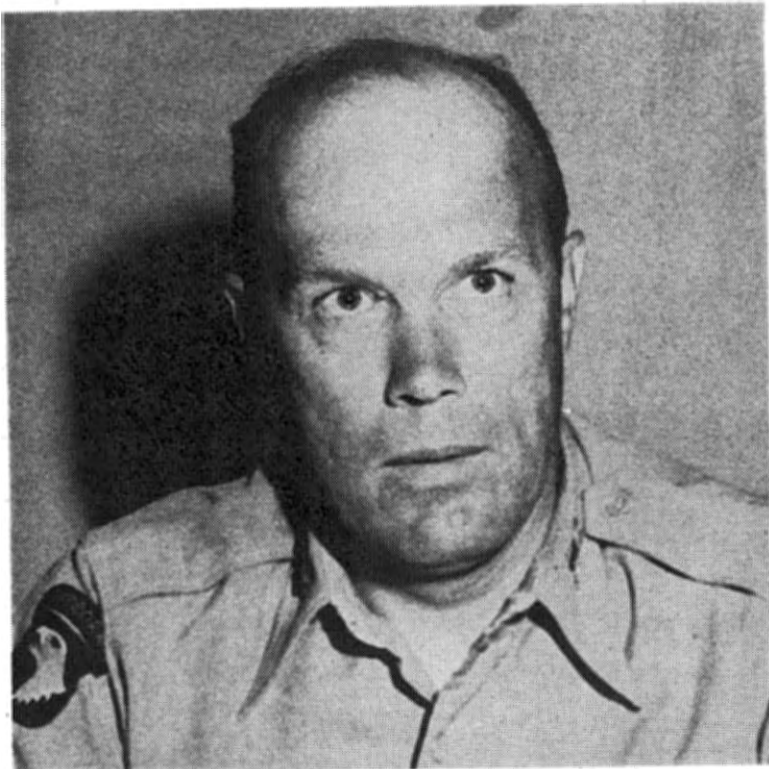
The crashing salvos of the 151st were heard in the battles of Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne in World War I.

In World War II, the 151st was the only unit of the 34th Division to hit the beaches of Salerno on D-Day. In that decisive landing, this unit was credited with playing an important part in saving the vital beachhead.

From the historic battle fields of Gettysburg to the Mexican border, and from Tunisia to Salerno, the 151st has proved its valor.

125th Field Artillery Battalion

When the Spanish American War broke out, the 14th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment found itself in the thick of fighting. In the Philippine Insurrection, the same regiment out of which developed the 125th Field Artillery Battalion repeated its previous record of distinguished battle service.



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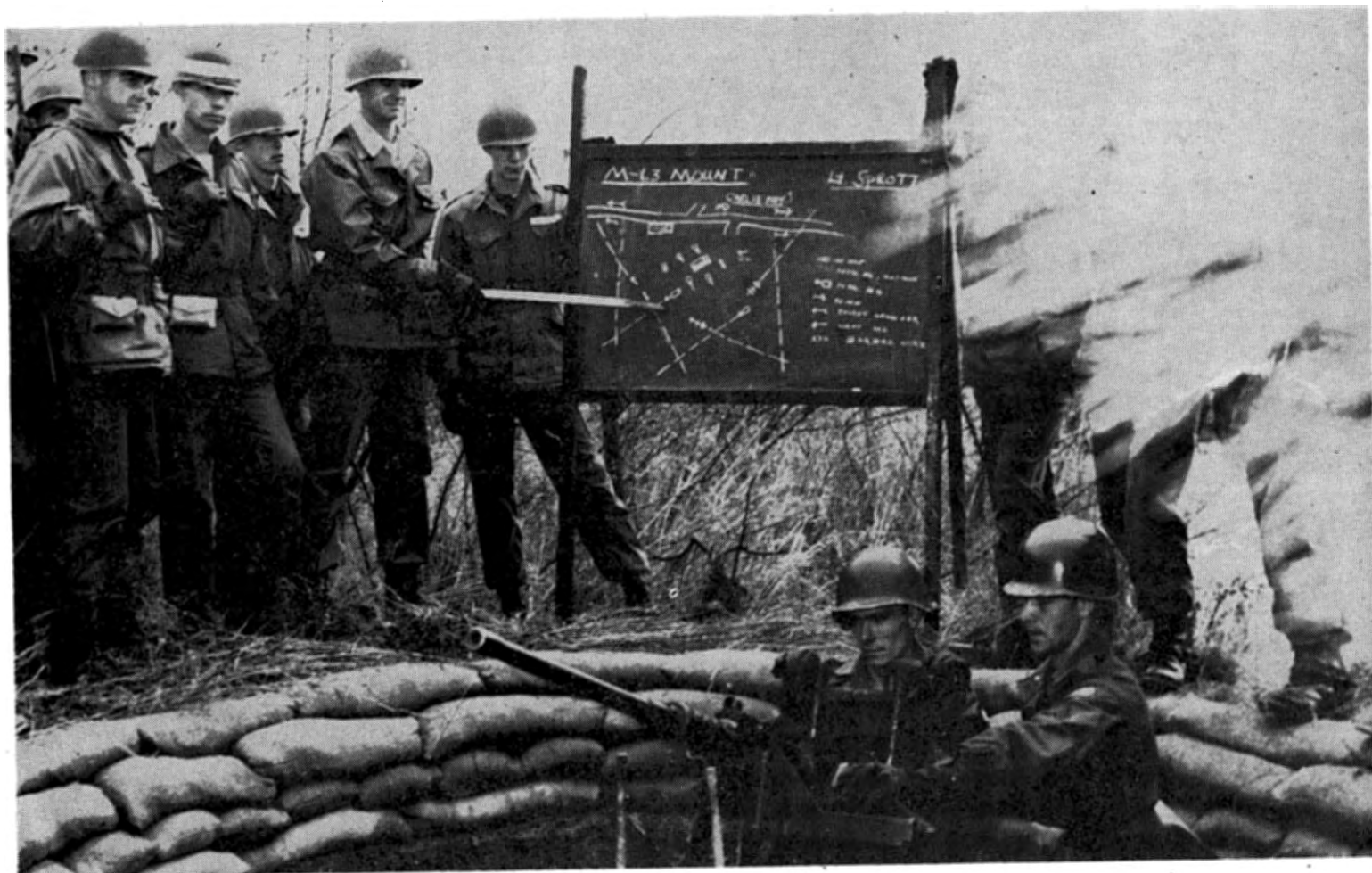
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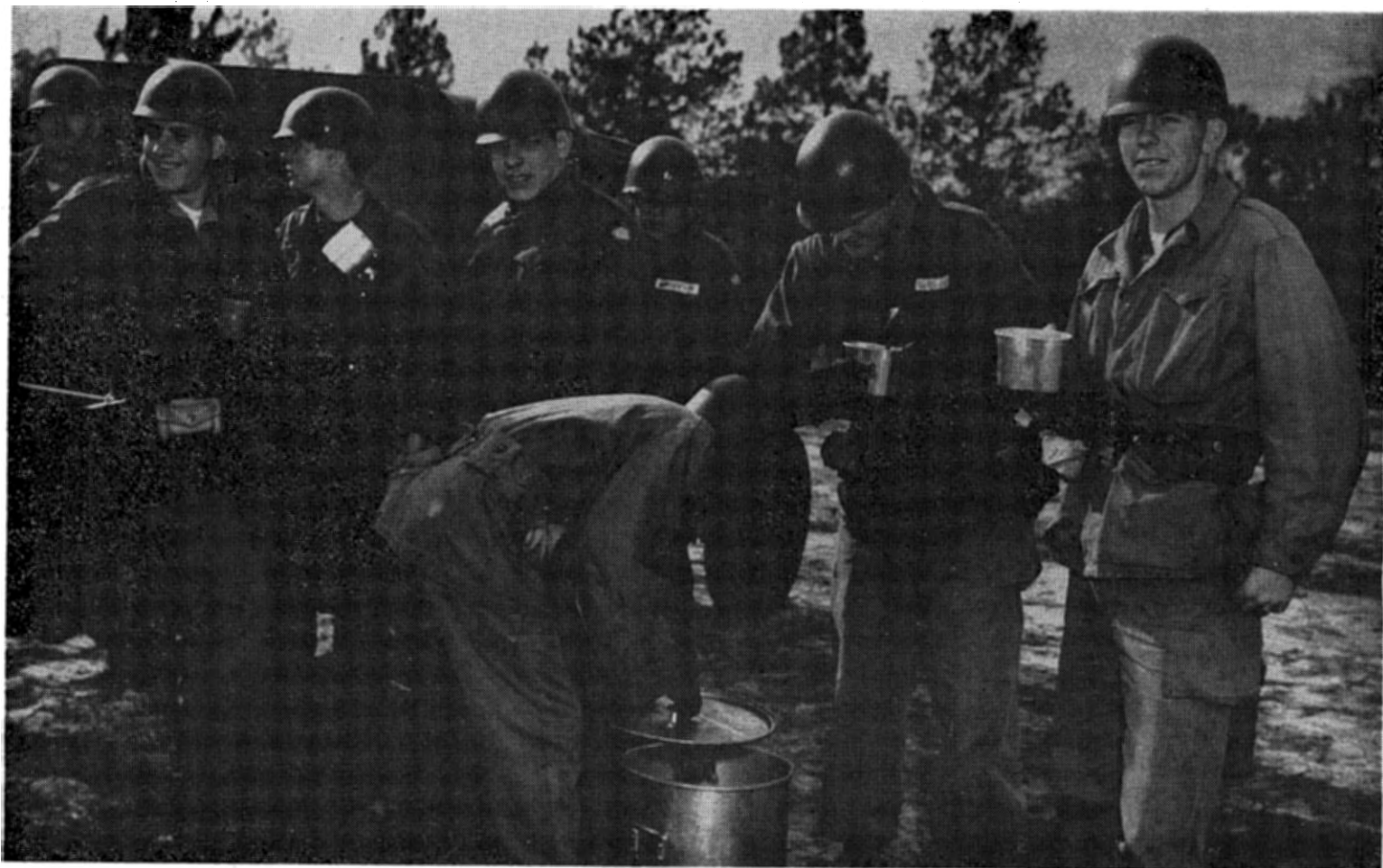
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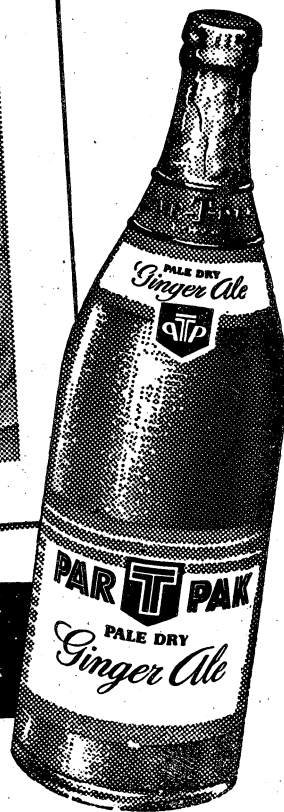
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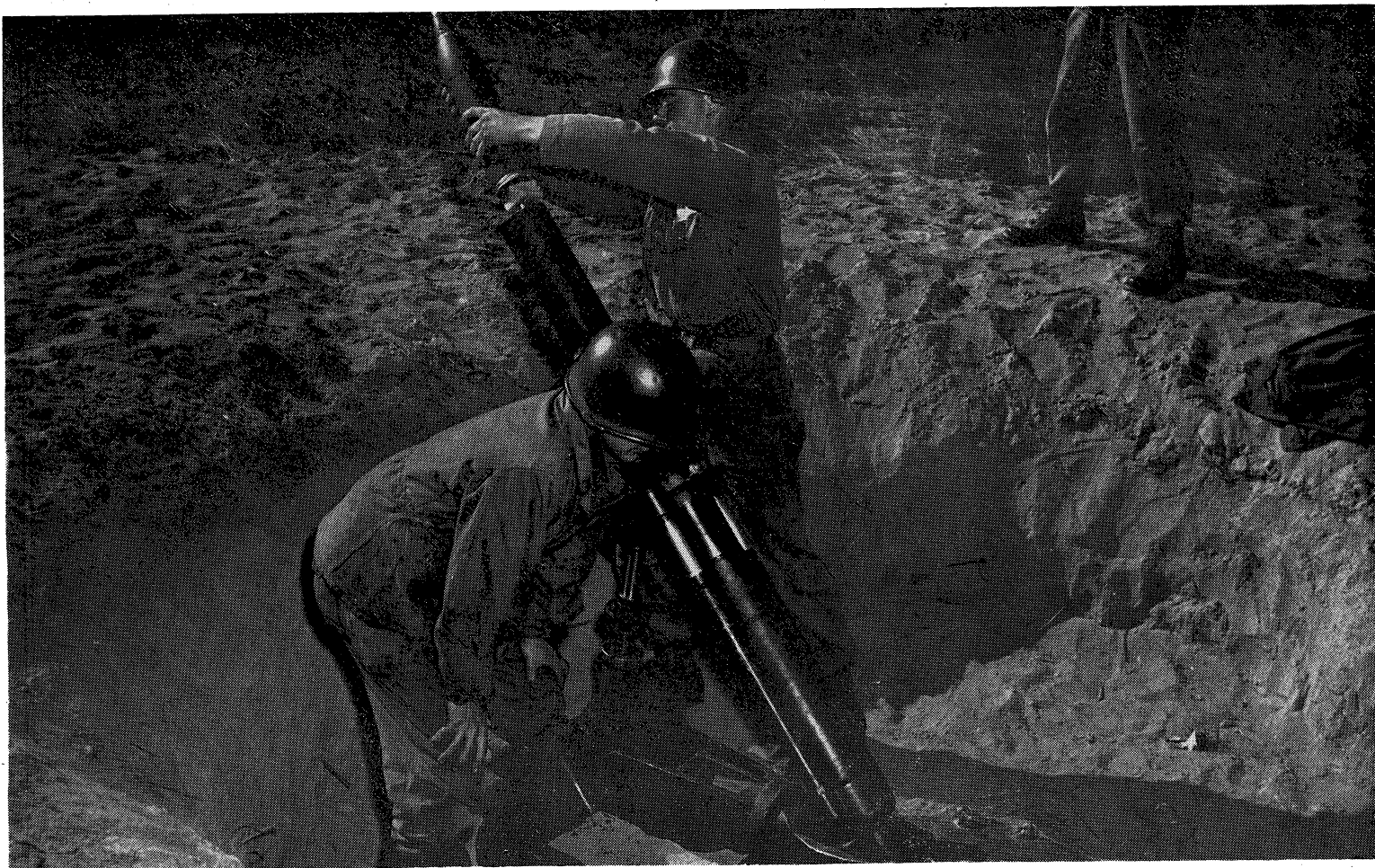


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From the Indian Wars to the bloody battles of Gettysburg and Antietam in the war between the states; from the Philippines to Kassarine Pass, the 135th Infantry Regiment has a history of action reading more like the works of Kipling than the history of the 47th Division's oldest regiment.

The regiment was born at Saint Paul, Minn. in April 1856 as an independent military company called the "Pioneer Guards" mainly as a defense against the increasing Indian raids on frontier settlements. With the establishment of the Minnesota militia, the "Guards" became the first unit of the "First Minnesota Volunteers."

In April 1861 Fort Sumter was fired upon by forces of the seceding southern states and the War Between the States was under way.

Answering the initial call for 75,000 volunteers for the Union Army, Governor Ramsey of Minnesota telegraphed his offer of the services of an infantry regiment.

Drawing men from all parts of the state, the First Minnesota Volunteers began a period of training in preparation for the long and bloody battles of the next four years. Heavy losses at Manassas and Gettysburg were suffered by the regiment.

Union commanders were generous in their praise of the men from "out West" in Minnesota.

Following their mustering out in April 1865, the men of the regiment returned to their homes in Minnesota.

Remember the Maine

With the beginning of the Spanish-American War in 1898, President McKinley issued a call for 135,000 volunteers. Again, the First Minnesota Volunteers was the first unit to answer the call.

The regiment participated in several battles in the Philippine campaign and helped put down the following insurrection of independence-minded Filipinos.

In October, 1899 the regiment was again mustered out of Federal service after 16 months active duty.

The War in France

The First Infantry, Minnesota National Guard, as the regiment was now titled, had just returned from Mexican border patrol duty when the United States entered the war against Germany in 1917.

Redesignated the 135th Infantry Regiment, the unit began training with the 34th "Red Bull" Division at Camp Cody, New

Mexico, in preparation for duty in France. When the 34th reached France, however, units of the division were distributed as fillers among the units already on line. In spite of not being able to fight as a unit, the men of the regiment distinguished themselves in the fighting that remained in World War I.

Following the Armistice, the 135th Regiment reverted to a National Guard unit and remained a part of the 34th Division.

The War Against the Axis

As war clouds gathered closer to American shores in early 1941, President Roosevelt called the 34th Division to active duty for a 12-month training period at Camp Claiborne, La., but the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor came in December, and the 34th began to train in earnest for the tough fight ahead.

In April 1942, the 135th was ordered to Europe and secret training was begun in preparation for the invasion of North Africa in November of that year. When the Afrika Korps was cornered at Kassarine Pass, the 135th was on hand to share in the defeat of Field Marshal Rommel's forces.

As the Nazis fled Africa, the invasion of Sicily became the next phase of defeating the enemy in south Europe.

Following the fall of Sicily, landings were made at Salerno and Anzio on the Italian mainland. The 135th Regiment participated in both landings. After breaking out of the Anzio beachhead, the 135th continued in the advance on Rome. It was the first infantry unit to enter the city on June 5, 1944.

The Nazis in Italy surrendered in the early part of May 1945. A week later, the European war was finished and again the 135th returned home to be mustered out in November, 1945.

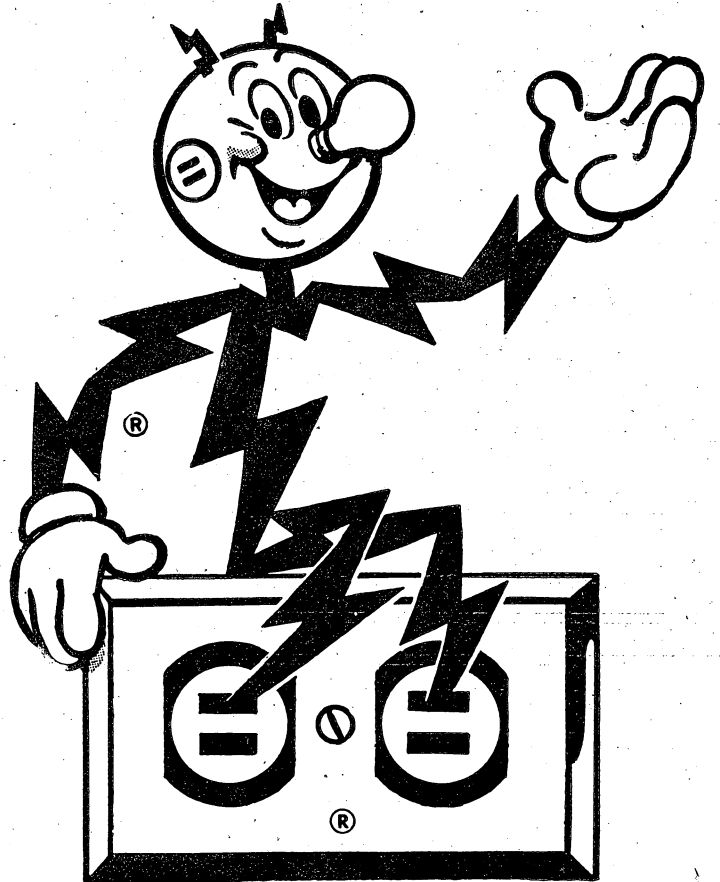
Assigned to the newly-formed 47th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard in 1946, the 135th Regiment was called to active duty at the outbreak of the Korean war in 1950.

The Regiment trained replacements and fillers for combat Divisions in Korea while it has been stationed at Camp Rucker, Ala. for the past three years. Col. John W. Williams commands the regiment.



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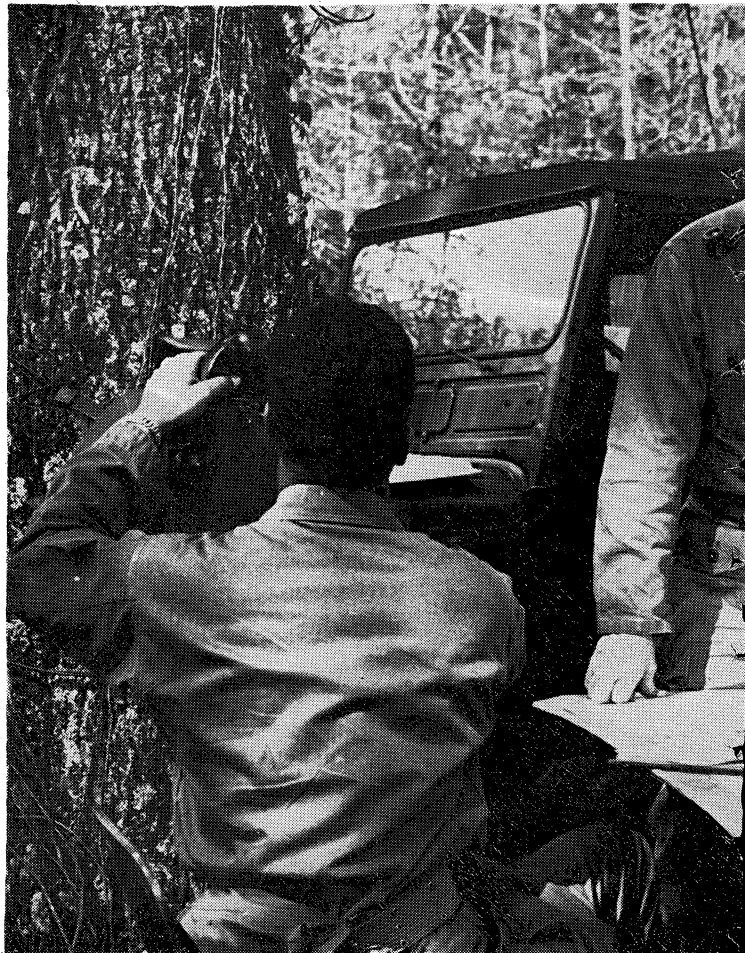
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It was in May 1861 that Governor Alexander Ramsey of Minnesota heard the need for more Union troops in the cause of the Civil War and pledged the First Minnesota Volunteer Regiment to President Lincoln. When the regiment left for the South, recruiting began for the Second Minnesota. Thus began what is now the 136th Infantry Regiment.

After a decisive victory over Southern forces near Somerset, Ky. the regiment engaged in minor skirmishes with the Confederate troops until the end of the war. The following year, when their

COL. LEROY STRONG
Executive Officer
136th Infantry Regiment, 47th Infantry Division

period of federal service came to an end, the entire regiment reenlisted.

The regiment served in a National Guard capacity from the end of the Civil War until 1916, when it was federalized and dispatched to the Mexican border. After the border incident, the Second Minnesota was returned to the state and one year later was inducted into the federal service as the 136th Infantry Regiment of the 34th Division.

With the entry of the United States into World War I, the regiment was sent to Europe. However, it did not fight as a unit, a sore disappointment to the men, but was broken up into replacement units for regiments already committed to battle in France. Elements of the regiment contributed greatly to the final success of the Allied drive.

From 1919 until the outbreak of World War II, the 136th served as a National Guard unit attached to the 92nd Infantry Brigade. The regiment was reactivated federally as the 136th, in March, 1952. It became a part of the 33rd Illinois National Guard Division, and began a basic training program at Camp Forrest, Tenn. After a basic training period, the regiment, now toughened and battle ready, was sent to the Desert Training Center in the Mojave Desert. On June 22, 1943, it sailed for the South Pacific.

On the small island of Morotai, the 136th routed the 211th Regiment of the Japanese army, killing 870 Japs, while losing only 46 men in action. In bloody fighting that dragged on for weeks, the regiment broke the back of the Japanese force on Morotai, completely demoralizing the enemy with their stubborn refusal to halt their advance, even feet at a time.

At 0100, April 10, a sudden roar of machine gun fire split the black night. It came from everywhere. Mortar shells began falling on Fox Company's positions. Hundreds of Jap troops were pouring lead into the startled men. Moments later, answering fire raked the Japs all around the company. Other companies joined in and returned fire on the Japanese troops.

Suddenly, the enemy charged. Bitter hand-to-hand fighting ensued as waves of Japs sought to drive the Americans from their positions. Rifle butts, knives, and a few grenades were used to hurl them back. The fighting raged until early morning. By the first faint rays of the sun, Company F could see more than 150 Japanese dead sprawled all around them. The company lost seven in the vicious fighting, with eight others wounded.

A nightmare was over, but the picture on the island was no longer in doubt. More troops were quickly brought up to the front. Companies E, C, and G developed new positions. A and B companies dug in. The stage was set for the big blow to drive the Japs off the island.

Using one squad of men to attack the enemy from the rear, the regiment attacked. The Japanese were completely taken by surprise, and in the resulting confusion, first Company A and then the rest of the regiment was able to advance upon the enemy positions. The Japanese were wiped out, almost to a man.

On August 6, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. Soon thereafter, the war was over. The 136th Infantry Regiment was returned to the United States, where it was officially inactivated on February 5, 1946. It was made a part of the 47th National Guard Division, with its home in Minnesota.

In January, 1951, the 47th Division was called into federal service by the President. The Division was sent to Camp Rucker, Alabama for training. In training at Camp Rucker, the 136th Infantry Regiment has become a hard-hitting, capable regiment with plenty of drive. It is a tough unit of well-trained men, ready to put their training into practice if they are needed by their country.

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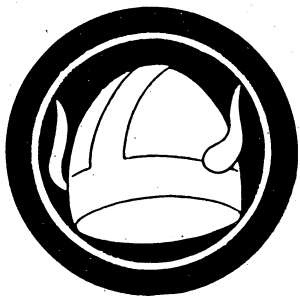
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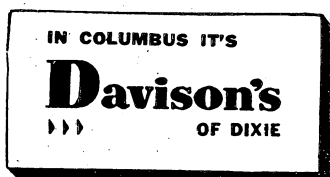
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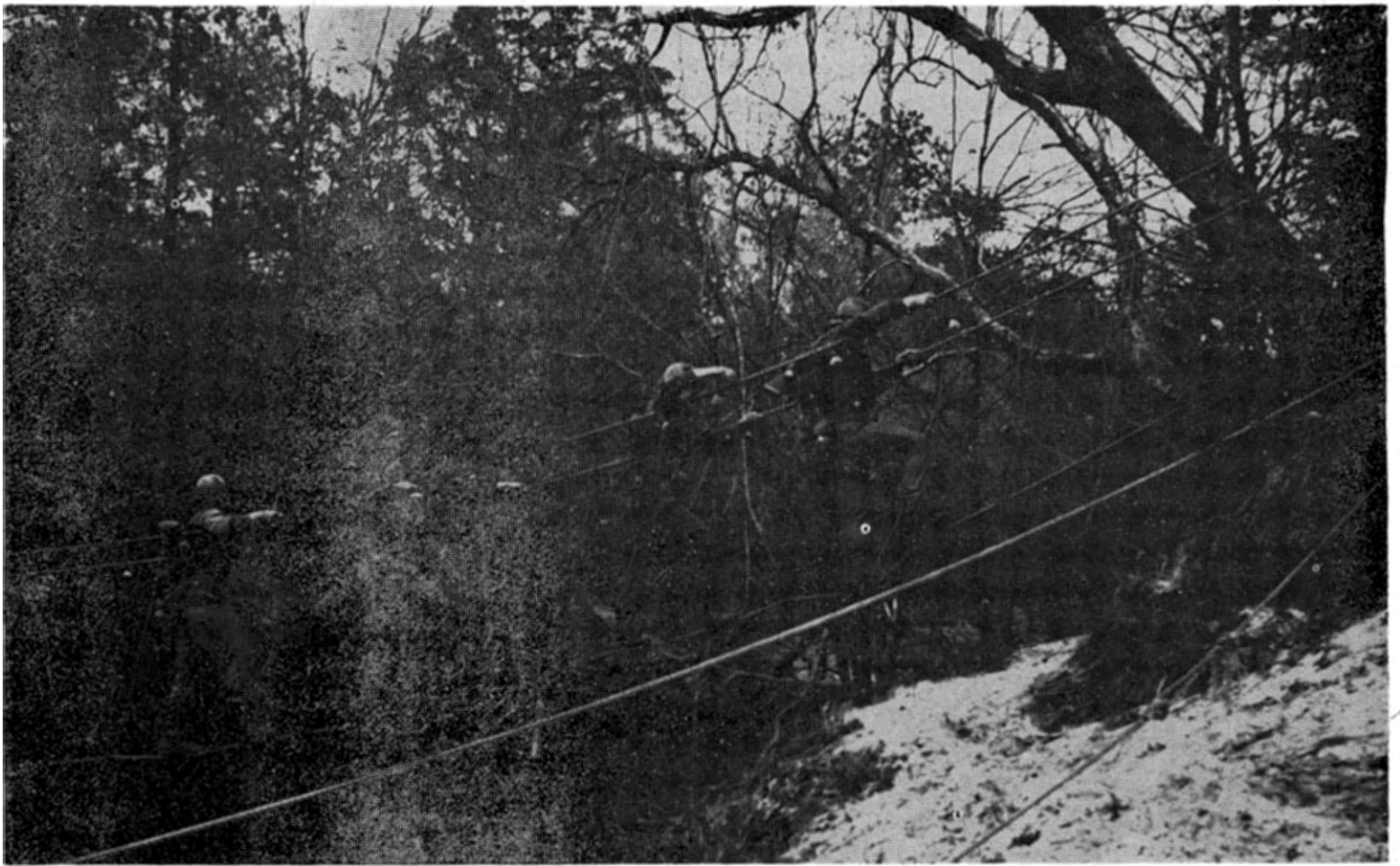
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164th INFANTRY REGIMENT

The 164th Infantry Regiment began to appear in the pages of United States Army history in 1917. The unit, a descendent of the 1862 First Dakota Militia, fought for its American heritage and as the 164th Infantry Regiment won its greatest battles.

These victories came during the regiment's island-hopping campaign against overwhelming Japanese forces. Recalled from inactive service, on which it was placed in 1920, the regiment went into strenuous training shortly before Pearl Harbor. With the Japanese Army steamrolling through the Pacific, the regiment was assigned to the American Division then stationed in Australia.

Its first offensive during the war started in October 1952 when the regiment joined the First Marine Division on Guadalcanal. With the Marines the 164th fought and chopped its way through jungles back and forth the length and breadth of that battle-scarred island to reverse the Japanese tide of victory. This was the beginning of its island-hopping campaign which eventually carried the 164th to the Japanese homeland through bitter fighting at Bougainville, the Solomons, Leyte and other Philippine Islands.

For the 164th Regiment's participation in the Solomons cam-

COL. ROLLINS S. EMMERICH
Commanding Officer
164th Infantry Regiment

paign, the unit received the Navy Presidential Unit Citation.

This was the high point of the regiment's history after 83 years training and fighting under other unit designations. The militia guarded the Dakota settlers from hostile Indians until the Dakota territory became a state, at which time the organization was renamed the First Dakota National Guard. As the First Dakota National Guard the unit sailed from San Francisco shortly after the battleship Maine was blown up and the Spanish-American War declared. Their equipment consisted of obsolete .45 caliber Springfield rifles, heavy blue woolen uniforms and ponchos for only half the men.

The regiment of 625 men packed aboard a ship built for 250, and arrived in the Philippines in time to take part in the capture of Manila after three weeks of short rations and very little water.

American troops held the city while the enemy controlled the rest of the island. The war settled down to guard duty. However, fighting once more broke out. The American forces won the encounter and peace was finally signed with Spain in February 1899. The Filipinos continued fighting, however, and the Americans found themselves in another kind of warfare.

During the Philippine Insurrection that followed, 16 members of the Dakota joined a band of 25 men in a scouting force which cleared the way for the main columns. The scouts carved themselves a distinguished record in the campaign with nine Medal of Honor winners.

In 1899 the unit returned to inactive service only to be recalled July 16, 1916, after Pancho Villa, the Mexican bandit, had raided Columbus, Mexico. The regiment, along with other national guard units, patrolled the border, drilled and engaged in field exercises. When the threat of more raids finally died, the unit once more returned to its home station until the World War I reactivation. It was during World War I that the unit was renamed the 164th Infantry Regiment.

The 164th Infantry Regiment, a part of the 47th Infantry Division, is currently engaged in training as a regiment. It was called to active duty in January 1951 with the 47th National Guard unit and engaged in training replacements for troops in Korea during the Korean conflict. Col. Rollins S. Emmerich commands the regiment.



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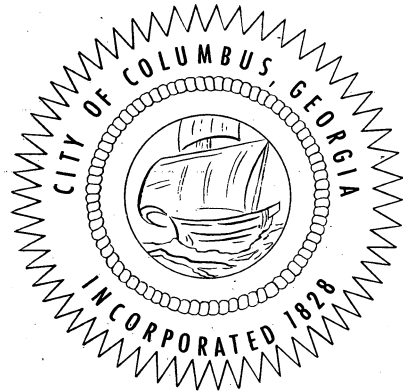
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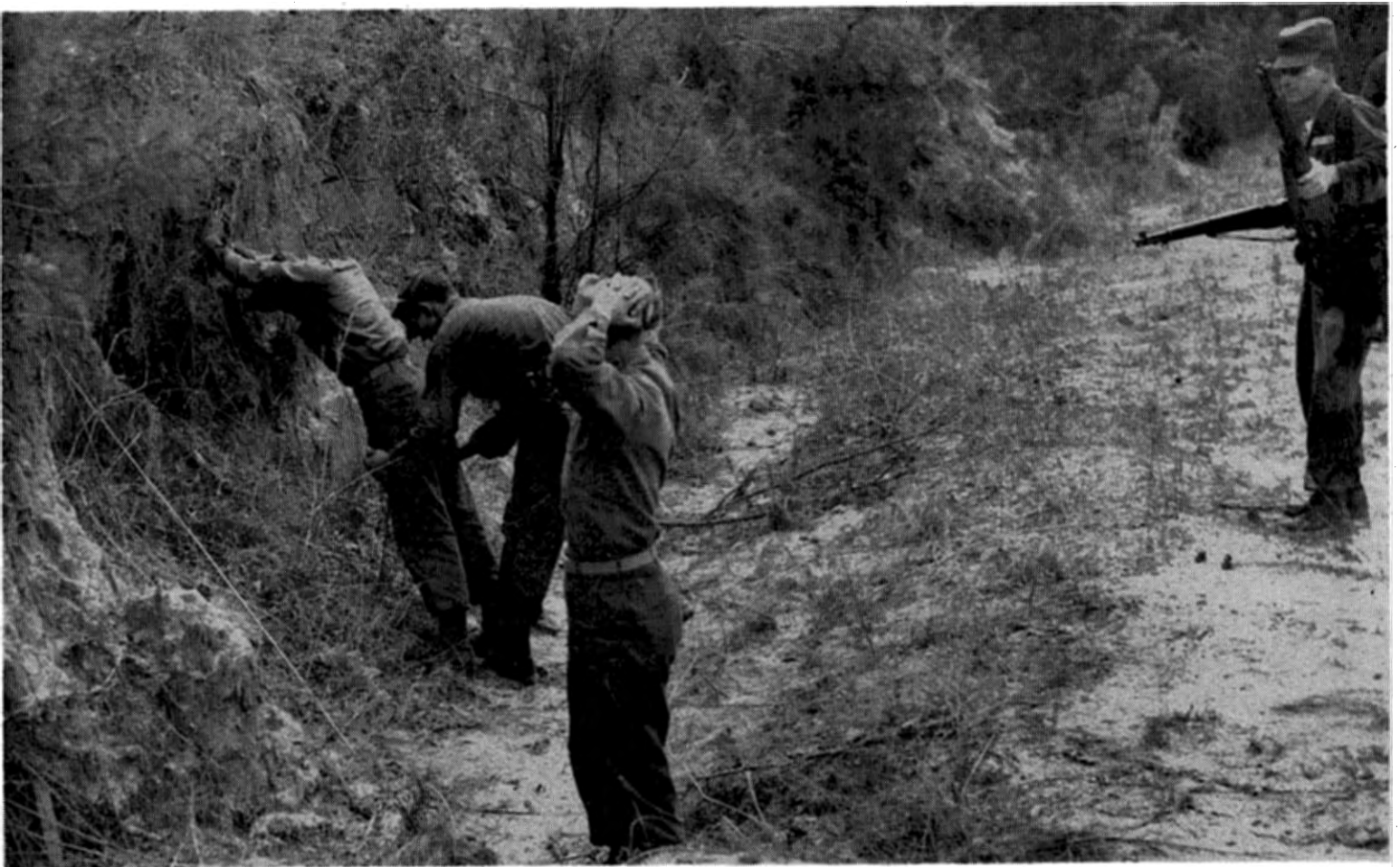


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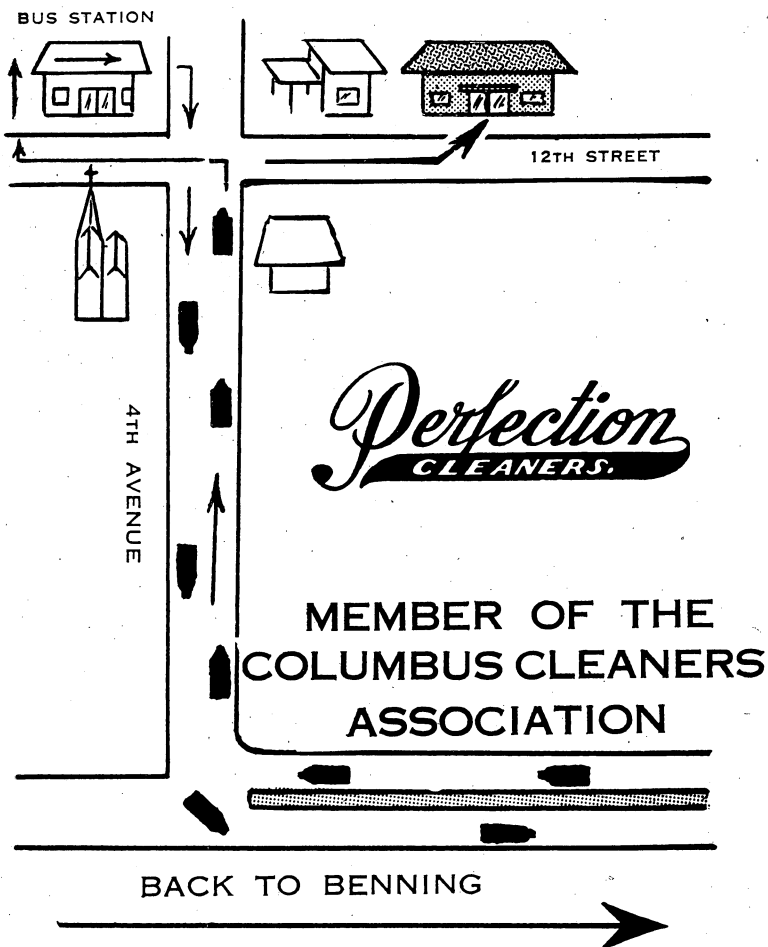
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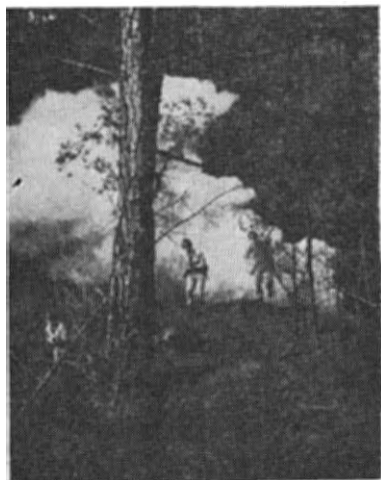
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On This Month's Cover:



The cover photo portrays demonstration troops engaged in a very realistic looking attack problem. The soldiers involved are members of the Thirtieth Infantry Regiment. This unit is called upon to perform many tasks, including the acting as aggressor forces.



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COLONEL FRANK L. ELDER . . . COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE COMBAT TRAINING COMMAND.

THE COMBAT TRAINING COMMAND

The Combat Training Command was organized on November 6, 1950 at Fort Benning. From the beginning its primary mission has been to furnish demonstration troops for problems conducted by The Infantry School.

In addition to staging demonstrations for problems, the Combat Training Command has become well recognized in other post activities. In sports activities Combat Training Command teams have been a power to reckon with.

Another concurrent mission of Combat Training Command is individual and advanced unit training, the furnishing of honor guards for visiting dignitaries, and the performance of major problems for these visitors.

The command was formed from a nucleus of 12 officers and 15 enlisted men. It has since grown into one of the largest training and demonstration units of its kind in the Army today.

In addition to a skeleton crew from Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company A, 30th Infantry Regiment, the Combat Training Command received elements of the Artillery, Armored, Engineers, Chemical and Ordnance Corps until it became representative of almost every branch of the Army. It soon was capable of meeting almost any demand of The Infantry School.

At the outset of 1951, the command, under the leadership of Lt. Col. Robert M. Booth, consisted of Headquarters Detachment; CTC, the 30th Infantry Regiment; 41st Field Artillery Battalion; 78th Engineer Combat Battalion; and the 201st Armored Field Artillery Battalion.

The 30th Infantry Regiment was strengthened by the incorporation of the 25th Infantry Battalion, (Separate), into the regiment as the Third Battalion, and the arrival of troops of the 14th Infantry Regiment from Camp Carson, Colorado.

During 1951 the return of Korean veterans and recalled reservists steadily swelled the ranks of the organization. The 201st Armored Field Artillery Battalion was lost by shipment to Germany, but this was offset by the arrival of the 773rd Tank Battalion at Fort Benning.

Colonel Ralph N. Woods assumed command of the Combat Training Command and the 30th Infantry on April 30, 1951.

The last unit to join the Combat Training Command in 1951 was the 530th Searchlight Platoon. It was added to the 78th Engineers on Christmas Eve.

The year 1952 saw the addition of the 198th Field Artillery Battalion from Camp Polk. This unit joined early in January. As

the year moved on, two separate companies were added to the Combat Training Command to make the organization complete. The 87th Chemical Company (Smoke Generator) and the 3657th Ordnance Company became part of the gigantic Command.

Colonel Frank L. Elder assumed command of the Combat Training Command and the 30th Infantry Regiment in August, 1952. Under his leadership the command has continued to grow and to demonstrate superior achievements in its performance of duties.

Units of the command often have been called upon to furnish troops for the production of training films at Fort Benning.

Construction work also is performed by the Combat Training Command. The 78th Engineer Battalion in particular, is constantly engaged in construction projects of permanent worth to Fort Benning. Roads, bridges and buildings are built by this unit.

Members of the command are active in civic organizations outside of military life. A number of personnel take part in Boy Scout, PTA and other worthy activities in their off-duty hours.

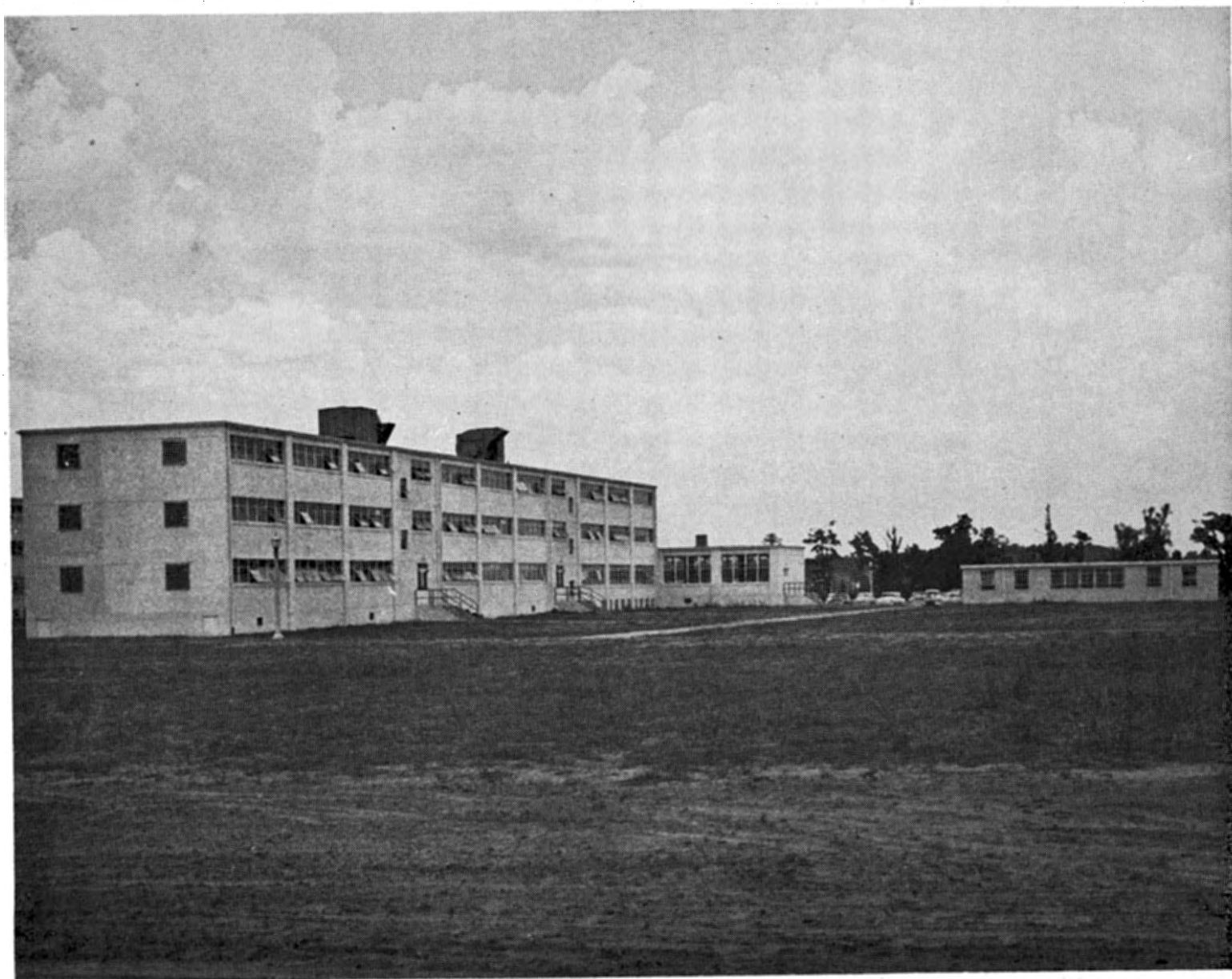
Recent loss to the Combat Training Command was the 3657th Ordnance Company. Following participation in Operation Flashburn of 1954, the unit was relieved from the Combat Training Command and attached to the Special Troops Command.

Originally quartered in the First Quartel on Main Post, the Combat Training Command gradually moved to the Sand Hill area, until all units were quartered there with the exception of the 78th Engineers which was located at Harmony Church.

With the arrival of the 47th Division at Fort Benning in 1954, the Combat Training Command again began moving. The 30th Infantry with the Command Headquarters moved into the new permanent type barracks in the south Fort Benning area, while the 41st Field Artillery moved into part of the Airborne area on Main Post. Meanwhile, the 773rd Tank Battalion and the 198th Field Artillery journeyed to take quarters in the Harmony Church area. The 78th Engineers remained in their location at Harmony Church.

July, 1954 will bring another change in command of the Combat Training Command. Colonel Elder leaves for duty in Alaska. He will be relieved by Colonel Earl Sutton who is expected to arrive in mid-July from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

On the following pages are listed the units which are presently a part of the Combat Training Command. Although each unit has a distinctive background of its own, they are all working together day by day for the efficient performance of the command's mission.

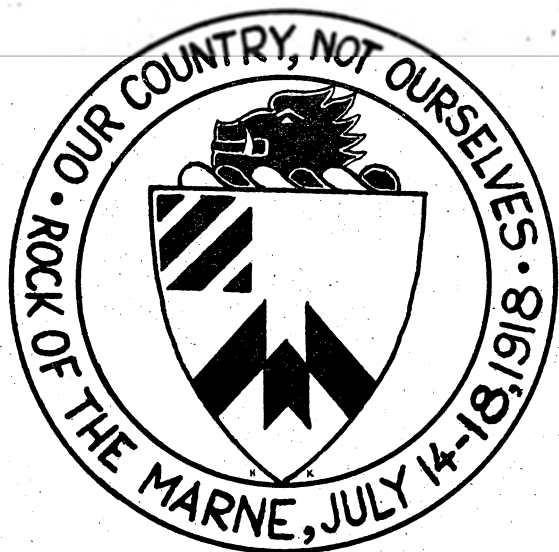


HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMBAT TRAINING COMMAND AND THE 30TH INFANTRY REGIMENT. THE SMALL BUILDING ON THE RIGHT HOUSES THE 30TH INFANTRY TROPHY ROOM.



A 4.2 INCH MORTAR CREW OF HEAVY MORTAR COMPANY, 30TH INFANTRY REGIMENT JUST BEFORE FIRING A ROUND. AMMO BEARER STANDS READY WITH ANOTHER ROUND.

The Thirtieth Infantry Regiment



30TH INF. CREST—3RD DIVISION PATCH IN UPPER LEFT OF SHIELD SIGNIFIES SVC. W/30 DIV. IN WWI. BROKEN CHEVRON DENOTES STOPPING OF GERMAN DRIVE AT MARNE RIVER. BOAR'S HEAD IS SYMBOLIC OF OCCUPATION OF GERMANY AFTER THE WAR. THE SIX ROLLED BANNERS UNDER THE BOAR'S HEAD REPRESENT SIX MAJOR BATTLES ENGAGED IN BY 30TH.

Boasting one of the finest military records ever achieved by an Infantry unit, the 30th Infantry Regiment continues to perform outstanding achievements as a part of the Combat Training Command.

Organized originally on January 29, 1813, the 30th Infantry has fought in nearly every major war or campaign since. It has participated in the War of 1812, Civil War, the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Border Campaign and both World Wars. Twenty battle streamers float from the regimental colors.

After earning for itself the motto, "Our Country, Not Ourselves," during the early years of activation, the 30th Infantry moved on to greater glories in later actions. The "Rock of the Marne" designation was won by the regiment's heroic defense of its sector in World War I. In this action the 30th stopped the German Army south of the Marne River, winning for itself the French Croix de Guerre award from Marshall Petain.

As part of the Third Division in World War II, the 30th Infantry fought through Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy,

France, Germany and Austria. It participated in some of the costliest engagements of the war, including the Anzio Beachhead, "Bloody Colmar," and the penetration of the Siegfried Line. Still, it never failed to take an objective during the conflict.

Seven Presidential Distinguished Unit Citations were presented to the 30th Infantry during World War II. In addition, as a part of the Third Division, the 30th received the French Fourragere. Personal heroism resulted in the awarding of 12 Congressional Medals of Honor, 58 Distinguished Service Crosses, 925 Silver Stars and 1,226 Bronze Stars, plus numerous minor medals and foreign decorations.

For a single Infantry regiment, the 30th suffered stupendous casualties. From November 8, 1942 to May 8, 1945, it had a total of 8,308 killed, missing and wounded.

Following two months of occupation duty in Salzburg, Austria area, the 30th returned to the United States and was assigned to Fort Campbell, Ky. In 1948 the regiment transferred with the Third Division to Fort Benning.

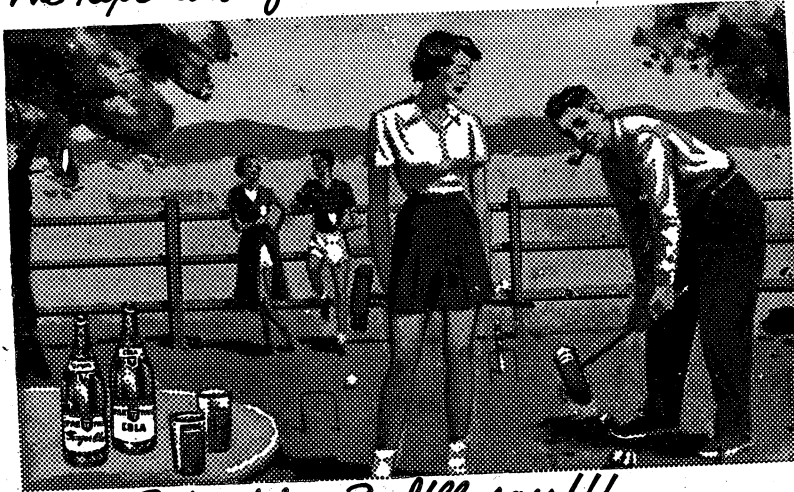
When the Third Division sailed for Korea in 1950, the 30th Infantry Regiment remained behind at Fort Benning to fill the need for demonstration troops at The Infantry School. It became one of the original units of the Combat Training Command when it was formed in November, 1950.

Today the 30th Infantry as in the past is putting duty before anything else in its daily tasks. For the month of May, 1954, the regiment had an average 7,250 men per week committed on problems for The Infantry School. The fine record of superior ratings given on these problems gives evidence of the excellent job which they are accomplishing.



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THE 78TH ENGINEER BATTALION WORKS ON MAJOR PROJECTS FOR THE POST. HERE THEY CONSTRUCT THE SWIMMING POOL AT HARMONY CHURCH.

THE 78th ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT)

In addition to providing demonstration troops, the 78th Engineer Battalion (Combat) engages in many projects of a permanent value to the Combat Training Command and to Fort Benning. These projects include the construction of field fortifications, buildings, roads and bridges on the reservation.

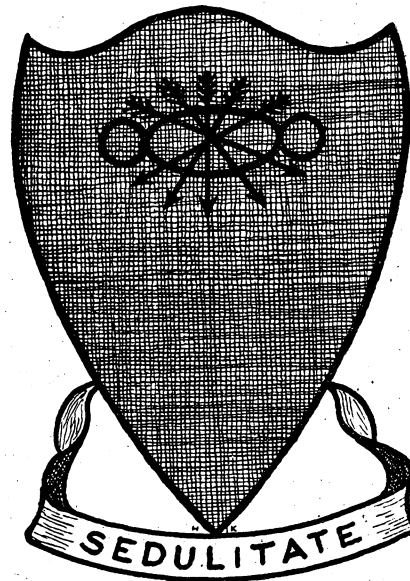
The specialty of the 78th Engineers has become the river operations on Upatoi Creek and the Chattahoochee River. These two bodies of water are utilized in the construction of various type bridges and demonstration of other Engineer activities.

The streams are spanned with foot bridges and larger types of pontoon bridges. Using assault boats and other river craft of the latest models, different methods of river crossings also are demonstrated.

Another important part of the battalion's work is done by the Rescue Squad of the 586th Engineer Company (Float Bridge). This unit is on continuous stand-by to aid in river rescues in the vicinity of Fort Benning. Many times in the past it has been called upon to assist in the recovery of drowned victims, both civilian and military, in this area.

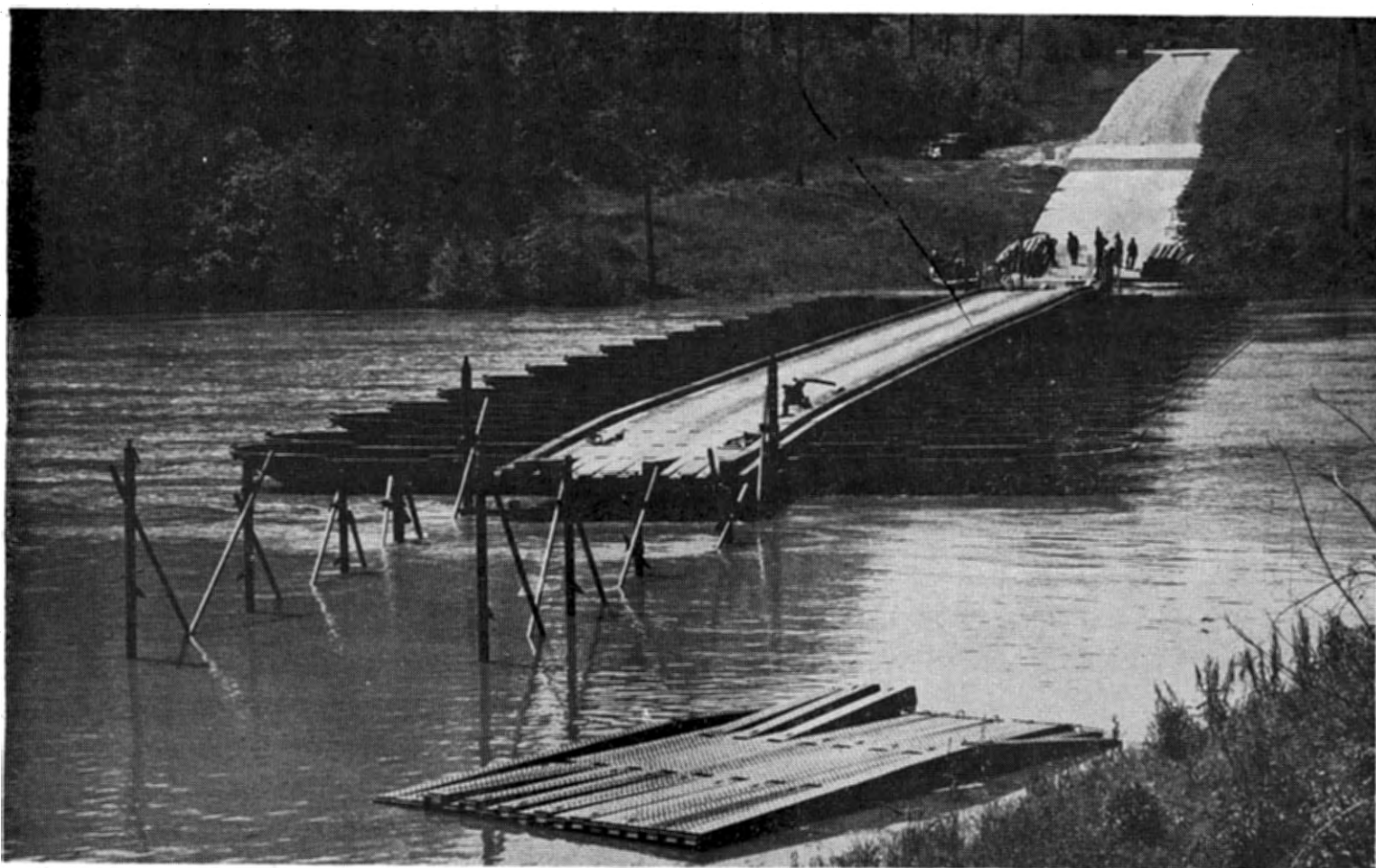
Marking its eleventh anniversary on June 10 of this year, the 78th Engineer Battalion was originated at Camp O'Reilly, Puerto Rico in 1943. It was activated by personnel of the First Battalion, 78th Engineer Regiment.

Soon after its formation, the battalion moved to Henry Barracks, Puerto Rico for further training. In July, 1944 the 78th moved to





FOOT BRIDGES ACROSS SWIFTLY FLOWING STREAMS ARE CONSTRUCTED BY THE 78TH ENGINEERS.



THE 78TH ENGINEER BATTALION CONSTRUCTS A FLOATING BRIDGE ACROSS THE CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER.

Camp Van Doren, Mississippi, and shortly thereafter to Camp San Luis Obispo, California. During its eleven months' stay at San Luis, the organization continued training in its specialties of road and bridge maintenance and amphibious training.

Departing for the Far East in July, 1945, the first station for the 78th was Manila. Here the unit performed general engineer duty throughout the Philippine Islands during the Luzon campaign.

In September, 1945, the 78th arrived in Yokahoma following the surrender of Japan. It served in the Yokahoma area as post engineers until deactivation in 1946.

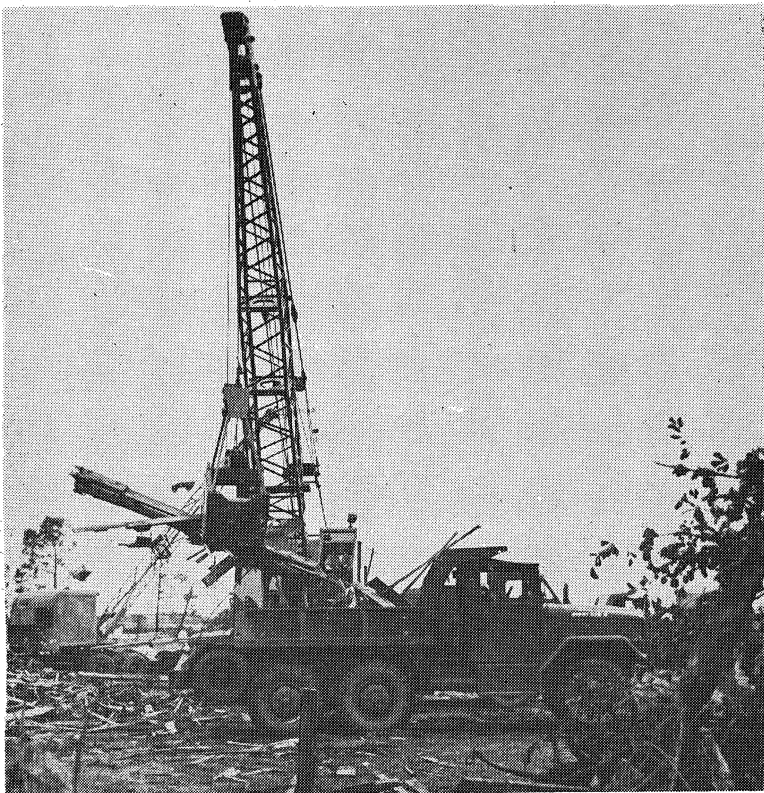
Reactivated in 1947, the battalion was attached to the Third Division at Fort Benning. It became one of the original units of the Combat Training Command when the Third Division moved out.

Three separate companies have been attached to the 78th Engineer Battalion, the 509th Engineer Company (Combat), the 406th Engineer Company (Combat) and the 586th Engineer Company (Float Bridge).

The 509th and the 506th Companies were activated at Fort Benning in April, 1951. The parent unit of the 406th was the 406th Engineer Combat Battalion which saw duty in Europe in World War II.

Activated in 1952 at Fort Belvoir, the 586th Company was assigned to Fort Benning in November, 1952.

The 78th Engineer Battalion is presently undertaking several worthy projects at Fort Benning. These include the construction of a swimming pool in the Harmony Church area and the enlargement of an area in the Alabama section of the reservation into a jump zone for airborne troops.



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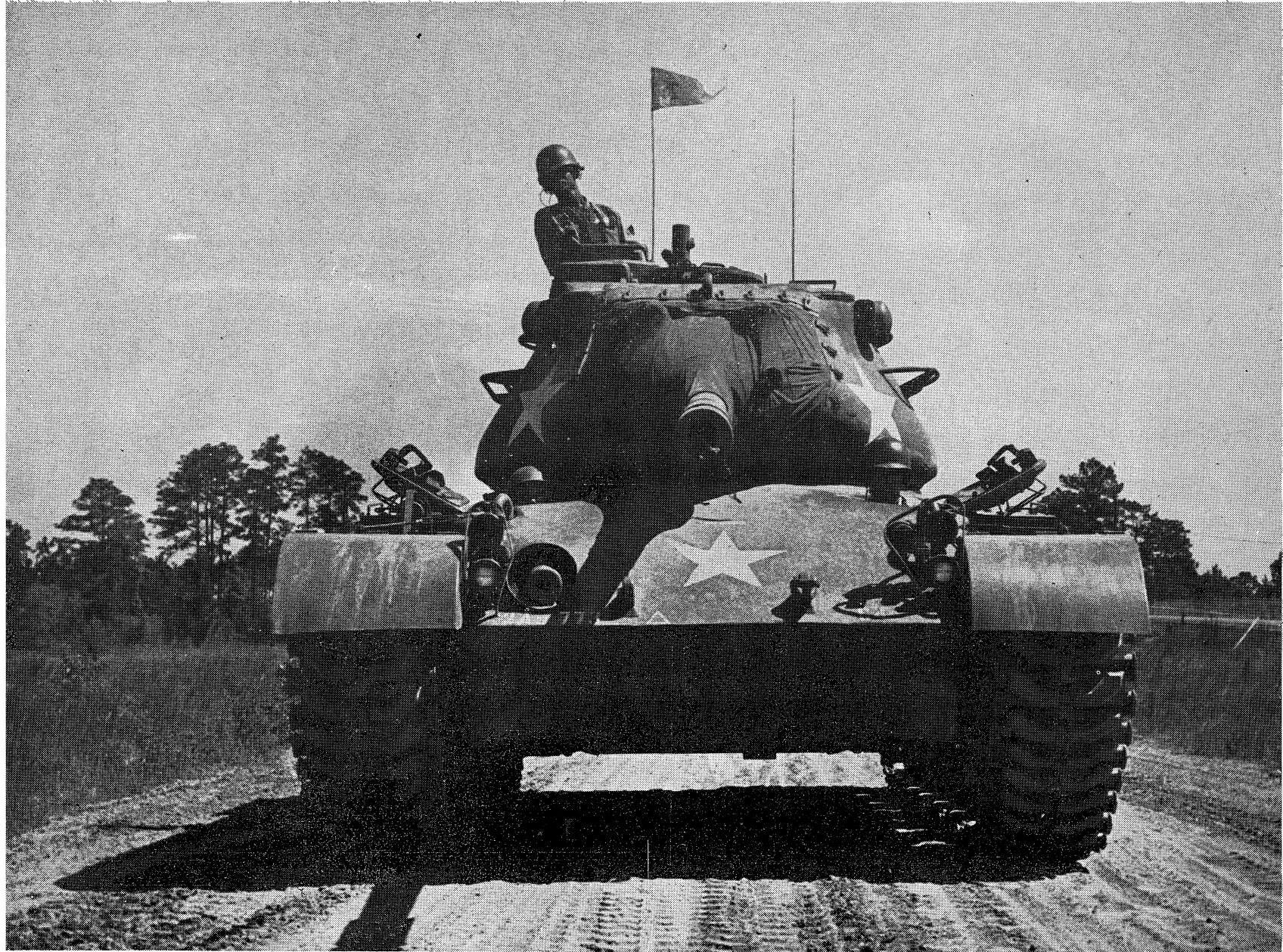
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THIS M-47 OF THE 773RD TANK BATTALION POKES ITS 90MM PROBOSCIS AT THE CAMERA AS THE TANK SITS FOR A FORMAL PORTRAIT.

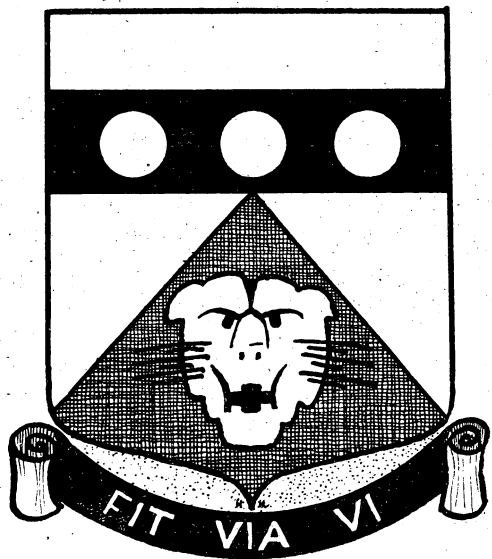
THE 773rd TANK BATTALION

The 773rd Tank Battalion fills armor requirements for the Combat Training Command. On problems involving armor, this organization furnishes expertly trained crews who operate M-47 and M-48 tanks and personnel carriers to demonstrate the armored might of our forces.

Known as the "Iron Horse" Battalion, the 773rd established a proud record in combat in World War II. Operating as a tank destroyer unit, it became the first one of its kind to destroy over 100 enemy tanks in the war. During the famous Battle of the Bulge, the 773rd aided substantially in checking the German Army. And in addition, this unit is credited with helping close the gap in the Argentan-Falaise Pocket.

First activated on December 15, 1941 at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, the unit was designaed as the 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion. It was formed by redesignation of elements of the 73rd Field Artillery Battalion.

After training in the United States and in England, the 773rd arrived in Europe a month after D-Day. In action in Europe, it



fought across France and Luxemburg into Germany and Czechoslovakia.

The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to the battalion for its heroic part in the action around the memorable Argentan-Falaise Pocket. Here approximately 100,000 German soldiers had been trapped by the American forces. The Germans made a futile attempt to escape south-west of the town of Chambois. In the ensuing action, the 773rd accounted for 41 tanks and 82 other vehicles destroyed and hundreds of enemy personnel killed.

Following cessation of hostilities in World War II, the battalion served as occupation troops and border guards in Bavaria in Germany. In 1945 the 773rd returned to the States and was deactivated. Allotted to the Louisiana National Guard, the unit was redesignated

as the 773rd Tank Battalion for the first time in 1946. In 1950 it was ordered into active military service and assigned to Camp Polk, La. The movement to Fort Benning and assignment to the Combat Training Command took place in August, 1951.

Since its arrival at Fort Benning, one company has been added to the original battalion. The 550th Tank Company, activated at Fort Benning in April, 1951 became a part of the 773rd Tank Battalion.

Today the 773rd plays a very active role in demonstrating armored and combined armored-infantry tactics on a number of problems for The Infantry School. Foremost of these problems is 2660, in which the tanks participate in a combined-arms firepower demonstration.



ALMOST 50 TONS OF HARD CHARGING STEEL IS PICTURED HERE AS THIS M-47 OF THE 773RD TANK BATTALION HURTLES OVER ROUGH TERRAIN.



A GUN CREW OF THE 41ST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION PREPARES TO FIRE THEIR 105 MM HOWITZER.

THE 41st FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

With crews firing a variety of cannons including the giant eight-inch howitzer, the 41st Field Artillery Battalion also supports The Infantry School artillery problems.

This unit, with history dating back to World War I, is forging a proud record for itself in its training and demonstration role of today. The shield of the 41st symbolizes its present performance of duties, with the arrow denoting celerity of movement and shock of impact and the well-earned motto: "Mission Accomplished."

The parent unit of the battalion was organized in August, 1918 and designated as the 41st Field Artillery Regiment. It did not get a chance to see action, however, and was demobilized at Camp Custer, Michigan in 1919.

In 1933, the 41st was reconstituted as an inactive Regular Army unit.

With the coming of World War II, the organization was activated and redesignated as the 41st Field Artillery Battalion. Personnel for the new battalion came from the former 10th Field Artillery Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington.

The 41st was assigned to the Third Division, and much of the remainder of the battalion's history parallels that of another unit of the Combat Training Command, the 30th Infantry Regiment.

The 41st took part in four amphibious invasions: North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Southern France. At the Anzio Beachhead, the 105's of the 41st were credited with helping save the Allied forces from being pushed back into the sea.

Again at "Bloody Colmar" following the landing in France, the battalion distinguished itself by its excellent support.

The 41st Field Artillery followed the Third Division in all its actions through France and into Germany. The end of the war found the Division at Salzburg, Austria, where it assumed occupation duties.

Returning to Fort Campbell with the Third Division, the 41st was deactivated in 1946.

In March, 1948, a cadre from the 546th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, proceeded to Fort Benning. Here they reactivated the 41st Field Artillery Battalion as part of the Third Division.

Participating in Operation Swarmer in 1950, the 41st traveled to Fort Bragg. As an aggressor unit, the battalion so completely concealed its positions by camouflage, the officers in charge of the operation had them move out in the open to enable Airborne troops to commit a counter-attack.

Remaining at Fort Benning when the Third Division shipped to Korea, the 41st Field Artillery Battalion became one of the original units of the Combat Training Command in support of The Infantry School.

Today the 41st goes about its task of demonstrating artillery fire. Its crews fire the 75mm pack howitzer and the 105mm, 155mm and 8-inch howitzers in displays of the artillery's strength.





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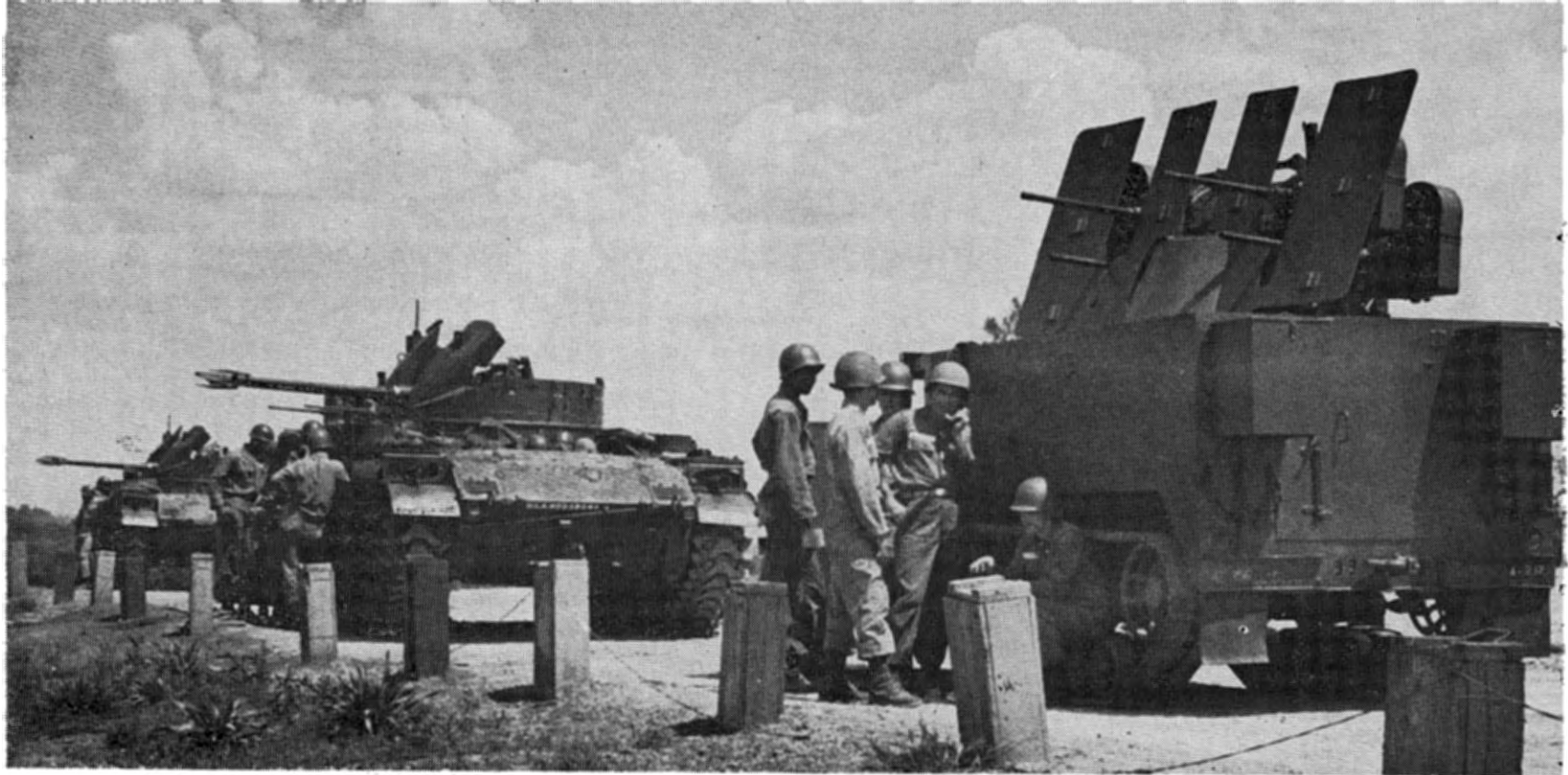
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THE 27TH AAA BATTERY OF THE 198TH FIELD ARTILLERY AWAITS THE ORDER TO MOUNT THE VEHICLES ON LINE AT PROBLEM 2660, A COMBINED-ARMS FIREPOWER DEMONSTRATION. TWIN-40'S AND QUAD-50'S OF THE BATTALION FURNISH "ORCHESTRATION" OF "THE MEATCHOPPER SUITE" OVERTURE TO THE SCENARIO.

THE 198th FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

The 198th Field Artillery Battalion is one of the two artillery units of the Combat Training Command, which operate the big guns for The Infantry School. This unit plays a starring role in many major artillery problems on post.

A colorful history backlights its fine performance of today. The parent unit was organized in 1839 at Louisville, Kentucky and designated as the Louisville Legion, Kentucky State Guard.

The Legion was mustered into service for the Mexican War in 1846 as the First Regiment of Foot, Kentucky Volunteers. Within a month the unit reported to General Zachary Taylor on the Mexican border. Its first battle streamer was won during the siege of Monterey, Mexico.

With the coming of the Civil War, the Legion was redesignated as the Louisville Battalion, First Infantry Regiment, Kentucky State Guard and called into active service as the Fifth Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. Confederate sympathizers were dropped from its rolls, and the unit served the Union cause during the great strug-

gle. It defended Louisville from invasion by Confederate General Buckner and later formed the nucleus of the Army of the Cumberland. Battle streamers for the Civil War include Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Atlanta.

During the Spanish-American War, the Blue Grass citizens again saw action as the First Kentucky Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, in Puerto Rico. The unit was mustered out of service in 1899.

In 1916, the regiment was once more federalized, and under General John "Black Jack" Pershing, chased the Mexican bandit, Pancho Villa, across the south-western desert wastes.

The next year, 1917, the unit was redesignated as the 138th Field Artillery Regiment. It was assigned to the 38th Division and sailed for France. The regiment arrived at the Argonne, but it was too late for combat during World War I.

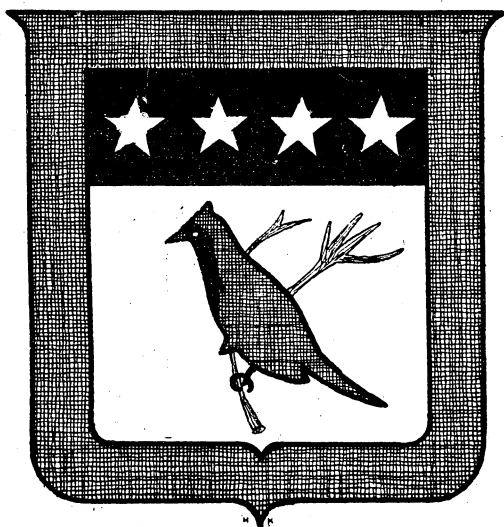
Called to serve once more in 1941, the 138th Field Artillery Regiment was broken up and its elements redesignated. The Second Battalion became the present 198th Field Artillery Battalion and served as a non-divisional unit.

The 198th sailed across the Pacific via Hawaii and participated in the assault landings on Leyte and Ryukus. They fought against stubborn Japanese resistance on these islands. On Leyte, the battalion remained in combat for 100 consecutive days.

Following the outbreak of the Korean action, the latest call to active duty came on May, 1951. The 198th went to Camp Polk, Louisiana for training, and reported to the Combat Training Command in January, 1952.

In addition to the normal batteries the 198th has attached to it the 27th AAA Battery, the 530th Searchlight Platoon and the 87th Chemical Company (Smoke Generator).

The 198th Field Artillery Battalion today carries on the traditions of the Legion. Its batteries man 75mm pack howitzers, 105mm and 155mm howitzers as well as a 4.5 inch multiple rocket launcher in demonstrating the might of our artillery.





FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION CAN BE AS SHARP AS ANY SOLDIERS. THESE MEN ARE PART OF THE 198TH HONOR GUARD.

Three Separate Units

Three units of other branches of the Army are attached to the 198th Field Artillery Battalion of the Combat Training Command with the mission of supplying demonstration troops for The Infantry School:

THE 87TH CHEMICAL COMPANY (SMOKE GENERATOR)

This unit joined the Combat Training Command in 1952 and remained a completely separate company until attached to the 198th this year. Its job is to support Armored, Infantry, Artillery or Engineer troops in demonstrations. The 87th lays expertly placed smoke screens and other types of smoke.

One of the newest units of the Combat Training Command, the 87th Chemical Company was organized on January 5, 1952 at the Army Chemical Center, Maryland. The company moved to Fort Benning and joined the Combat Training Command on June 5, 1952.

THE 27TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BATTERY

Firing quadruple 50 cal. machine guns and "double troubles", (twin 40mm cannons), the 27th AAA Battery points out to students of The Infantry School the methods of employing anti-aircraft artillery in support of ground troops. On problem 2660; the 27th amazes everyone with the impressive fire power which it possesses. Their weapons are self-propelled, and their mobility and speed of action are a source of wonder to the onlookers of the demonstration.

Organized at Fort Benning, the 27th AAA Battery was once attached to the Third Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment before becoming a part of the 198th Field Artillery.

THE 530TH SEARCHLIGHT PLATOON

With searchlights coming more and more into tactical use, the 530th Searchlight Platoon demonstrates the advantages of artificial illumination on the battlefield. The darkness of the night around Fort Benning is being broken by the probing fingers of light in the sky as the 530th performs its duties on night problems. The unit's motto is, "We Light the Way."

Formation of the 530th came about at Fort Benning in December, 1951. The burden of activation of this unit fell to the 78th Engineer Battalion, to which the platoon was attached. Designated the 530th Engineer Searchlight Platoon, the small organization remained with the Engineers until June, 1953. At that time, it became a part of the 198th Field Artillery and was officially designated as the 530th Field Artillery Searchlight Platoon.



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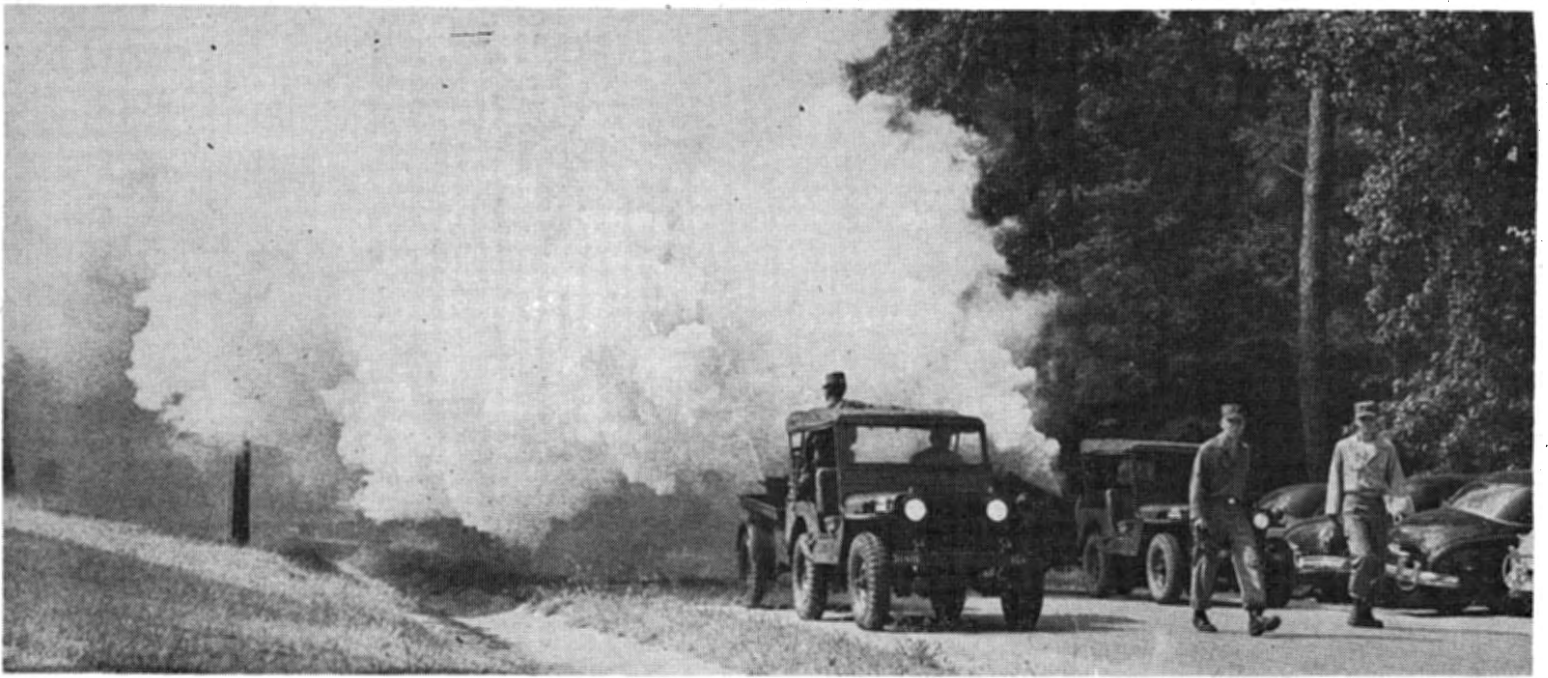
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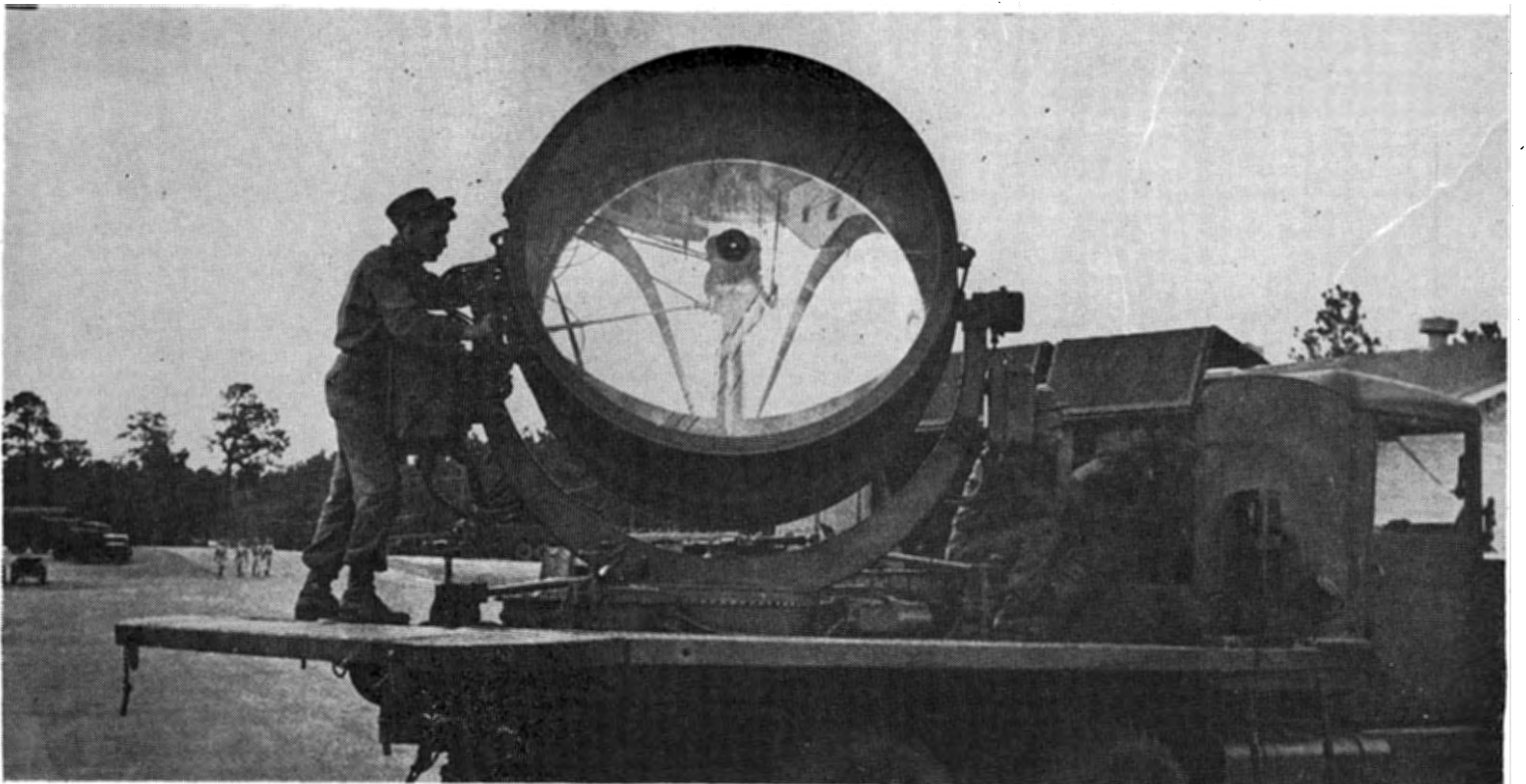
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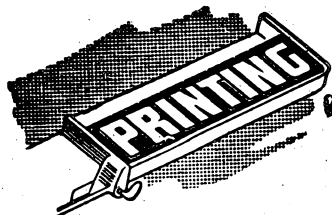
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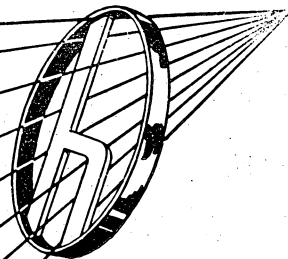
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The HERALD'S cover this month shows the 1954 GMS ROTC Cadet color bearers and guards shortly after the ROTC colors were taken out of retirement and presented to them by another color guard composed of cadre personnel. The occasion marked the official welcome to 1256 cadets from 38 senior educational institutions in the Third and Fourth Army areas. Honorary Cadet Regimental Commander Don C. Ellis (not shown) received the National and ROTC colors from Colonel Richard J. Werner, deputy camp commander and, in turn, presented them to the cadet group. The cadet color bearers and guards shown on the cover are (L-R) Cadets Leonard C. Sisk, Relps L. Thompson, Billy D. Perry, and Charles D. Cresap, all from the University of Oklahoma. All ROTC photographs in this issue of the HERALD were taken by M-Sgt. Robert W. Hughey, official camp photographer.



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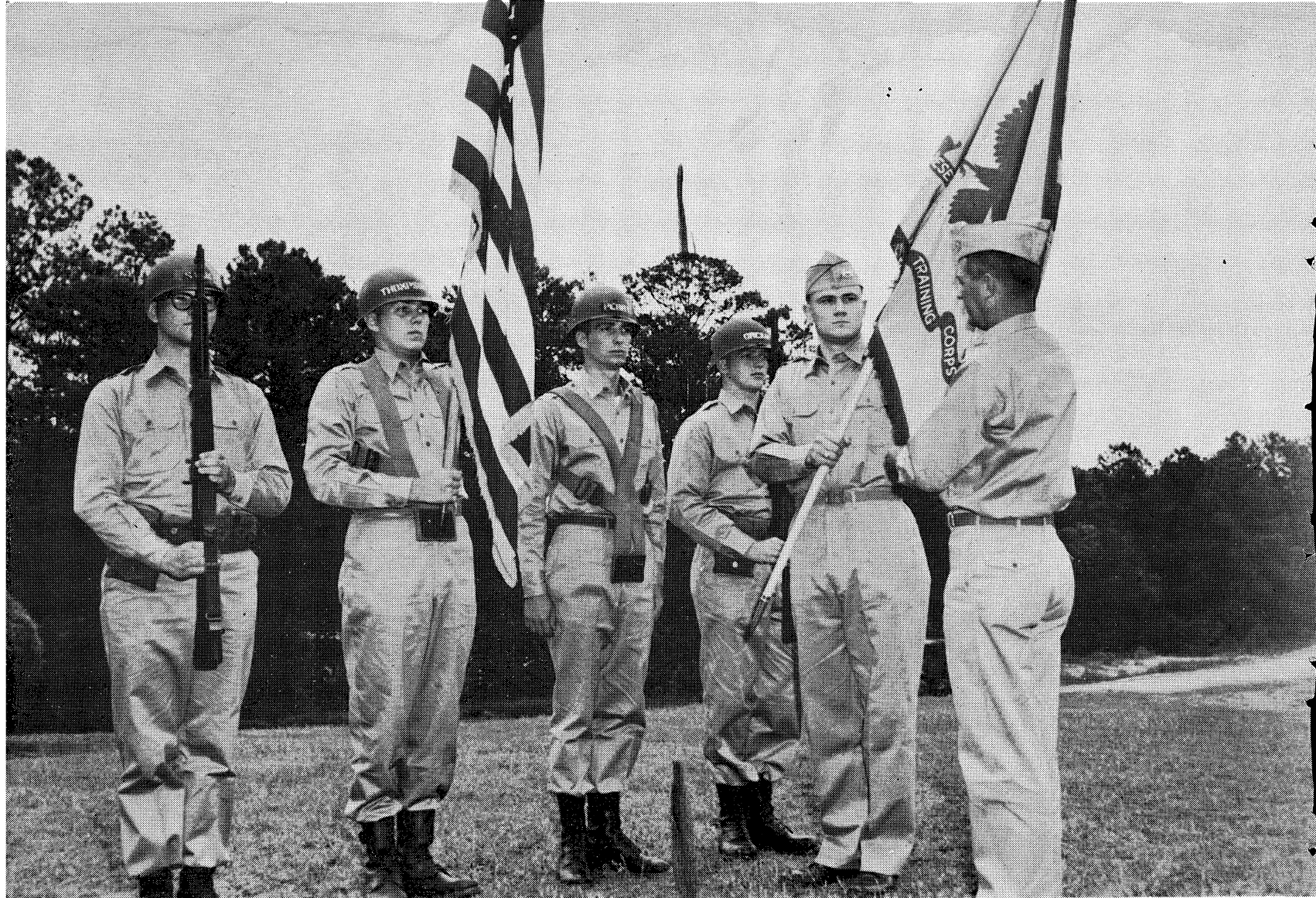
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CADET COLOR GUARD FOR THE FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE GENERAL MILITARY SCIENCE 1954 ROTC SUMMER CAMP AT FORT BENNING, MARKED THE OFFICIAL WELCOME TO 1299 CADETS FROM 38 UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. ACTING CADET REGIMENTAL COMMANDER DON C. ELLIS, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, RECEIVED THE NATIONAL AND ROTC COLORS FROM COLONEL RICHARD J. WERNER, DEPUTY CAMP COMMANDER.

R.O.T.C. SUMMER CAMP

BY WILLIAM G. NEWBOLD

Rough, Rugged, and Rewarding are the three R's that aptly sum up the 288 long hours of summer training now almost at the point of completion for the more than 1250 General Military Science Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets attending the 1954 Fort Benning summer camp.

Rough and rugged . . . because each of them will have sweated, strained, and studied through six weeks of arduous field and classroom training under a Georgia sun that reached the 100-degree mark and continued to climb. The cadets were advised at the beginning that an "inclement weather schedule" was practically non-existent . . . the weather would have to get much worse than "inclement" before training would be suspended.

Rewarding . . . because at the end of the training "rainbow" a few of the senior cadets who successfully completed their college courses and the summer camp would find their reward in the shape of two gold bars representative of a Second Lieutenant, USAR.

Coming from 38 senior educational institutions in the Third and Fourth Army areas, the cadets received their first sight of, and welcome to, the home of the United States Infantry and the world's most complete Army post on June 19. From that first day until July 30 their lot was to have a constant program of schedules, instruction, range firing, weapons demonstration, 3-o'clock awakenings, guard duty, parades, and kitchen police.

Designed to give the cadets the practical experience necessary to make them military leaders, the summer camp merged classroom training, which they received at their educational institutions, with the strenuous practical application of the theory phase of field service that a young military leader faces. In preceding years the camp taught Infantry exclusively, but this year it was changed to a GMS course. Even with the name change (and there were few who thought it would be easier) it was a rough, but valuable, going over.

All of the cadre instructors, as well as the cadets, came from junior and senior educational institutions throughout the two Army areas.

The 1954 Camp Commander, Major General Joseph H. Harper, is commanding general of The Infantry Center and Commandant of the Infantry School. General Harper is an ROTC graduate. Next to the top, Deputy Camp Commander Colonel Richard J. Werner, is Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Clemson College. Assisting Colonel Werner are two deputies, one for training and one for administration. Colonel Kelley B. Lemmon, PMS&T at the University of Alabama, heads the training staff while Colonel Henry B. Rogers, PMS&T at the University of Kentucky, manages the multitudes of administrative details relative to the camp. Assisting these leaders are 115 commissioned officers,



THREE TEXAS A&M COLLEGE STUDENTS STUDY A MACHINE GUN TARGET ON WHICH THEY HAVE JUST FIRED. ALL FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, THEY ARE, (L-R), CADETS STANLEY JOSEPHSON, ROBERT A. JONES, AND W. W. BRADSHAW, JR.



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USING THE "COACH AND PUPIL" METHOD, TWO UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CADETS ARE SHOWN ON THE CARBINE FAMILIARIZATION RANGE. IN THE FIRING POSITION IS CADET PAUL R. LUCAS, NEWNAN, GA., COACHED BY CADET GYNETH M. WALDRON, COLLEGE PARK, GA.

including 15 from TIC to handle major administration duties and who were on the original planning staff. There are 147 noncommissioned-officer instructors.

These experienced Army instructors, coupled with the facilities and equipment of the world-famed Infantry School and the sincerity and interest of the cadets themselves, have gone far toward making this year's camp the finest in history. The normal training day



ARKANSAS STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS, CADETS GEORGE E. BARKER, RECTOR, ARK., AND THOMAS L. DAVIS, JONESBORO, ARK., WATCH FOR THE RESULT OF SHOTS FIRED ON THE FAMILIARIZATION RANGE.

is a nine-hour affair, beginning at 7 a. m. and ending at 5 p. m., with one hour out for lunch. But just ask any cadet or instructor and he'll tell you in no uncertain terms that 0700 and 1700 are just hours posted on the schedules. The rule, rather than the exception, found the majority of the cadets hitting the deck closer to 0400 than 0700, then stumbling back to sack around 21 or 2200 hours. 'Twas the same for instructor personnel too.

During any one of the typical days worked, you could find the cadets undergoing instruction or participating in at least 10 separate phases of instruction. While one group trained in small unit tactics, another would be firing the Browning Automatic Rifle, and still others would be receiving preliminary instruction in the functions of the M-1 rifle. Still others would be firing the .30-caliber water-cooled machine gun, or the 60- or 81-mm mortar. There was no slack time . . . no wasted motion.

Cadets studied the art of leadership every day. Importance of leadership and responsibility were taught so thoroughly and completely that the cadets lived, ate, and slept this subject. Each was given the maximum opportunity to develop the traits of leadership and his capabilities to function effectively in the role of an infantryman in small unit combat operations, as could very possibly be required of any officer, notwithstanding his basic branch of arm or service. (It might be well to remember here that all potential officers with the exception of the Corps of Engineers and Field Artillery, are initially trained to be Infantry officers at the Infantry School, upon completion of which they then take training in the branch or service of their choice.)

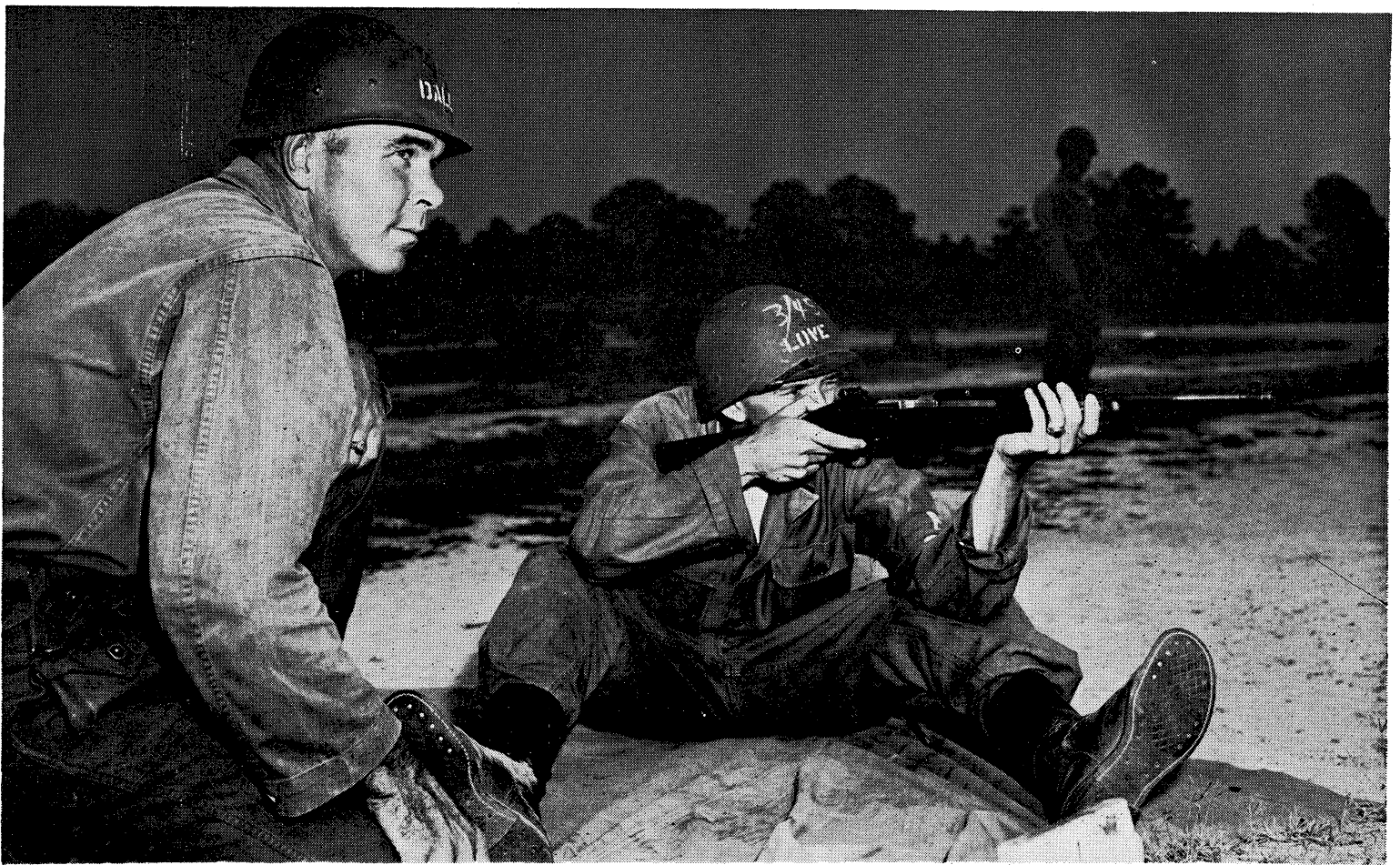
In addition to the theory of leadership training, each cadet has had or will receive before the camp is over, the opportunity to serve in a position of responsibility and command within the cadet company. One day Cadet "Joe Jones" may find himself the cadet company commander. As such he will be responsible for the company's action and showings, just as if he were wearing a set of "tracks." On successive days he will find himself in other positions, such as squad leader, platoon leader, platoon sergeant, guide, top-kick, et al. During each of these tours the cadet will be observed and graded by commissioned personnel who, for the better part, are experienced combat leaders themselves. The leadership instruction will be climaxed by a Leader's Reaction Test, with each cadet being faced with four practical situations under field conditions as close to the real thing as possible, where his reaction as a leader will be observed and graded.

Infantry weapons and tactics took a commanding lead over other subjects on the cadet's schedule. Nearly 100 hours were devoted to weapons while 48 hours were allotted to Infantry Tactics. During these 148 hours cadets become familiarized with the M-1 (Garand) rifle, .50- and .50-caliber machine guns, rocket launchers, 60- and 61-mm mortars, 4.2 inch mortar, 57- and 75-mm recoilless rifles, and bayonets and grenades, both rifle and hand. Tactics ranged from individual to battalion sized problems, both in offense and defense. The 48 hours of tactics were supplemented by several Infantry School demonstrations, followed in many cases by practical application on the part of the cadets.

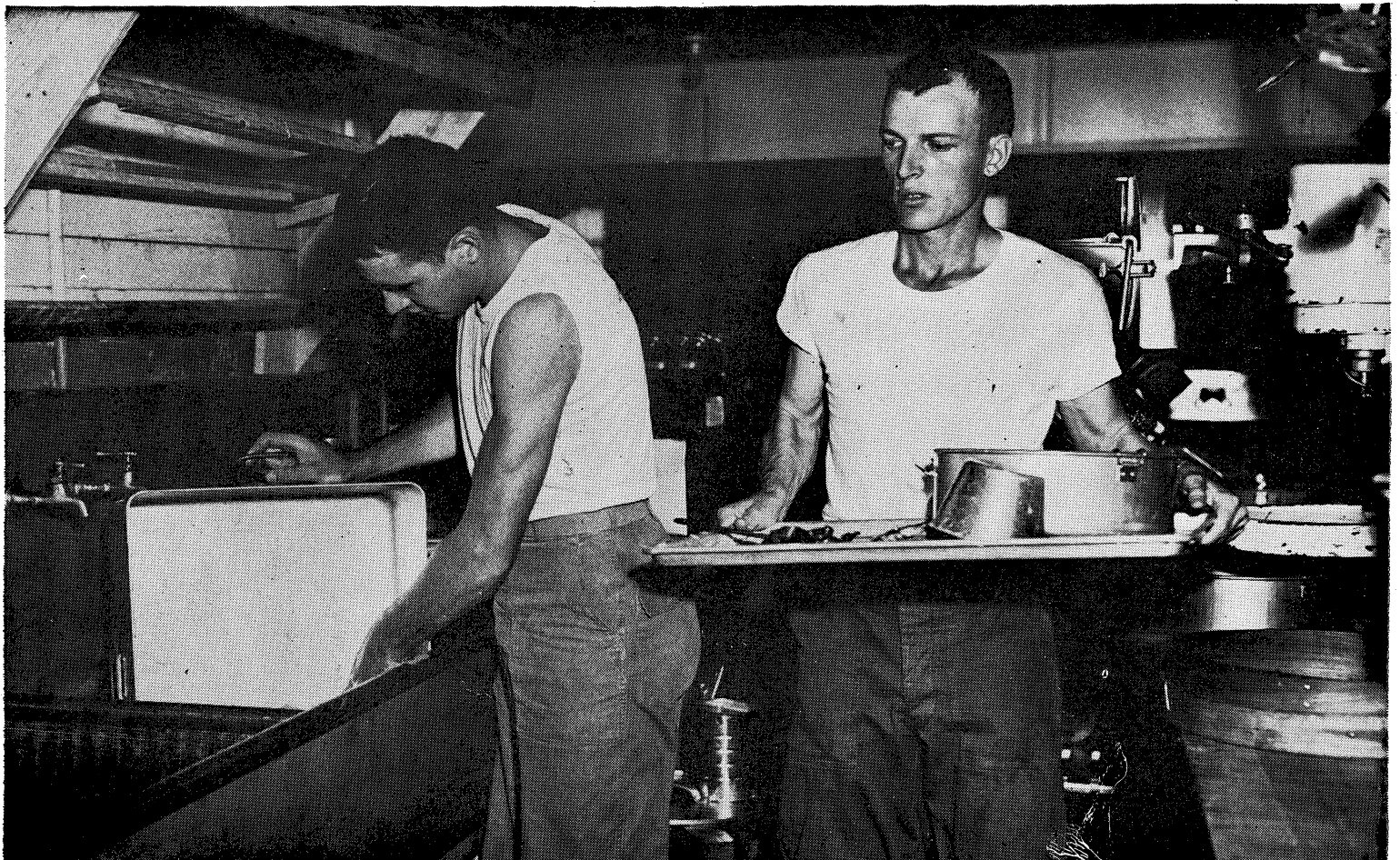
Each cadet will be required to rate the other men from his school on such necessary traits as initiative, cooperation, attitude, general appearance and military bearing. This method of rating fellow cadets, often referred to as the "Buddy System," was newly adopted at the 1954 summer camp and is similar to the individual rating system used by candidates attending The Infantry School's Officer Candidate courses.

General military Science subjects—including physical training, dismounted drill, parades, ceremonies, mine warfare, military courtesy, and chemical, biological, and radiological warfare—were given a total of 81 hours. Also included were several periods devoted to instruction and familiarization of the various arms and services represented at The Infantry Center. During these periods representatives of the arm or service concerned would attempt to "sell" the future Army leaders on their particular function by bringing to their attention the attractive features of their branch. To a small degree this phase of the GMS curricular could be termed a "recruitment" program.

With all of this grueling training, long hours, and constant



FAMILIARIZATION WITH MOST INFANTRY WEAPONS HOLDS A HIGH SPOT ON THE TRAINING SCHEDULE. SHOWN IN A FIRING POSITION ON THE CARBINE RANGE IS UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA STUDENT GEORGE R. LOYE, SAVANNAH, GA., AND MISSISSIPPI STATE STUDENT DANIEL G. DALEY, CARSON, MISS., TAKING THE PART OF THE COACH.



IN ADDITION TO TACTICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING, THE MAJORITY OF THE CADETS WILL PULL FATIGUE DETAILS SUCH AS KITCHEN POLICE. SEEN ABOVE ON THE "POT AND PAN" DETAIL ARE HENDERSON STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE STUDENTS (L-R), CADETS LYNN DAVIS, TEXARKANA, ARK., AND DALE ROBBINS, WILTON, ARK.



THREE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A BAYONET DRILL. THEY ARE (L-R) CADETS DONALD P. CREASON, LITTLE ROCK; RALPH E. BEACHAM JR., BENTON, ARK., AND DAVID SAIN, LITTLE ROCK.

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instruction, the cadets still found time for social and athletic activities although the majority of such activities, by necessity, were confined to after-duty hours and weekends. Keen competition was developed intra-company wise, with teams from each of the companies competing in softball, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, and other sports. Three cadet dances were held, with "fair lassies" from Columbus as hostesses. All of Benning's recreational facilities were placed at the disposal of the cadets during their stay at the home of the Infantry.

Highlight of the six-week encampment will be a Military Field Day to be held in the waning days of the camp. Intra-school competition—both individual and team—will be held in such military specialties as grenade throwing for distance and accuracy, weapon assembly and disassembly, tug of war, physical fitness, best drilled cadet, squad and platoon, and in several other events.

Camp headquarters is located in the southern part of the Harmony Church area and is organized along the line of any ordinary headquarters. In addition to the general and special staff, the camp is broken down into eight training companies with an average of 160 cadets each. Each company is shaped along regular lines, with a company commander, executive officer, supply officer, first sergeant, etc.

Each training company has from one to eight educational institutions represented. This number is based on the number of cadets each institution sends to camp. This year's "Mr. Big" is the University of Oklahoma, 175 strong, which makes up Able Company in its entirety. The school with the smallest representation is Spring Hill College of Alabama with one cadet, all of him in How Company. In addition to Oklahoma and Spring Hill, other institutions represented and the number of their cadets are:

COMPANY B: A&M College of Texas, 52; Florida A&M College, 40; Midwestern University, 2; Mississippi Southern College, 34; Hardin-Simmons University 8; Centenary College of Louisiana, 23.

COMPANY C: Prairie View A&M College, 54; Louisiana State University, 79; Tulane University, 3; University of Alabama, 25.

COMPANY D: University of Houston, 5; University of Georgia, 70; Georgia Military College, 12; Florida State University, 19; Mississippi State, 22; Marion Institute, 12; Gordon Military College, 11; Trinity University, 6.

COMPANY E: Allen Military Academy, 12; University of Florida, 81; Georgia Institute of Technology, 14; West Texas State College, 13; Ouachita College, 29; Sam Houston State College, 20.

COMPANY F: Oklahoma A&M College, 136, and Texas Technological College, 24.

COMPANY G: Henderson State Teachers College, 49; University of Arkansas, 42; University of Mississippi, 31; Stetson University, 24; Arkansas Polytechnic College, 21.

COMPANY H: North Georgia College, 34; Arkansas State College, 44; Tuskegee Institute 12; McNeese State College 26; University of Miami, 34.

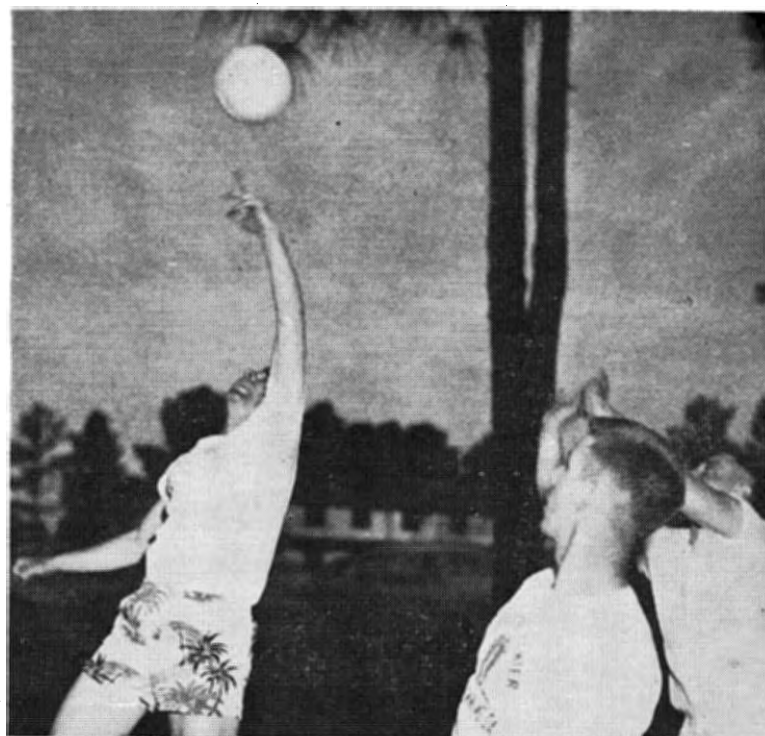
Much valuable support to the 1954 camp was rendered by The Infantry Center, The Infantry School, and the 47th (Viking) Infantry Division. TIC, in addition to the assistance afforded during the initial planning stage of the camp, furnished a detail of service personnel to make up a support company which handled many phases of the training and administration, in addition to staffing the 10 mess halls and the dispensary that serviced cadet and cadre alike.

TIS made it possible for the cadets to broaden their military education by witnessing several large scale demonstrations, including the gigantic "Artillery Support Fires," a four hour problem put on by Combat Training Command that is so tremendous in scope and size that it is only run three or four times a year, and then only to large combined classes such as the ROTC Cadets, West Point Cadets, and several OCS and student officer groups. A further insight into the size of the problem is given by the following figures: To put on TIS Problem 2660 CTC uses one battalion of 12 155-mm howitzers, one battalion of 105-mm howitzers, one platoon of automatic weapons consisting of four squad .50-caliber machine guns and four twin 40-mm cannon, all mounted;

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PORTRAYING MEMBERS OF A COMBAT PATROL WHO HAVE SIGHTED THE ENEMY, FLORIDA A&M STUDENTS MARION C. CABBERA (L), TAMPA, FLA., AND SAMUEL L. WILLIAMS, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., TAKE UP AN OFFENSIVE FIRING POSITION DURING TACTICAL TRAINING.



THE ROTC SPECIAL SERVICES SECTION SPARES NO EFFORT TO GIVE THE CADETS A WELL-ROUNDED SPORTS PROGRAM. SHOWN PARTICIPATING IN A VOLLEYBALL GAME ARE THREE ARKANSAS STATE COLLEGE STUDENTS. THEY ARE (L-R) CADETS ALBERT L. REYNOLDS, PARAGOULD, ARK.; THOMAS F. BROADWAY, NEWPORT, ARK.; AND RONNIE S. LISS, JONESBORO, ARK.



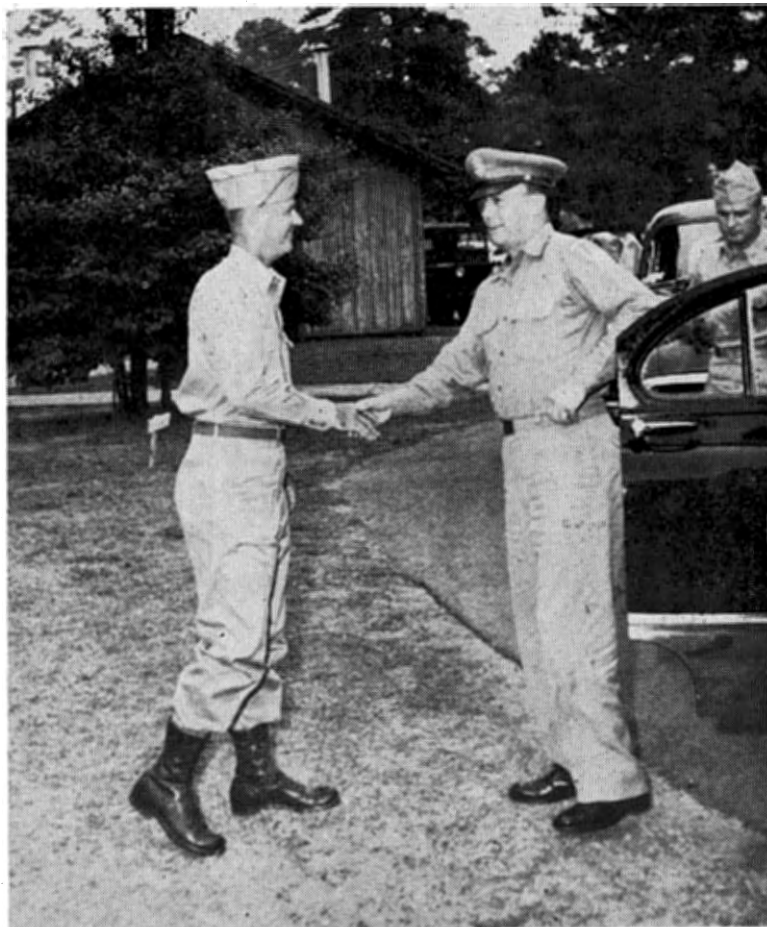
THIS HIGH EXPLOSIVE RIFLE GRENADE ATTACHED TO THE MUZZLE OF AN M-1 RIFLE CAN DEAL A "QUICK-DEATH" BLOW TO MOST ANY LIGHTLY ARMORED OR WHEELED VEHICLE. THREE OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS DISCUSS ITS POTENT ABILITIES, (L-R) CADETS CARL L. ALLISON, KREPS, OKLA.; WILLIAM B. JONES, McALESTER, OKLA., AND WILLIAM T. COLLIER, McALESTER, OKLA.



CADET FREDERICK FOX OF MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., FINDS THAT IT TAKES A BIG LOAD OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE SIX-WEEK ROTC STINT. FOX IS A STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.



A GOOD COMBAT SOLDIER MUST BE IN EXCELLENT PHYSICAL CONDITION. THREE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI STUDENTS ARE SHOWN HERE DURING PT EXERCISE. ON THE CHINNING BAR IS CADET JIM T. CANIFIELD JR., MEMPHIS, TENN., WHILE (L-R) CADETS LEONARD M. WHEELER JR., OLIVE BRANCH, MISS., AND ALLEN COX III, MEMPHIS, TENN., AWAIT THEIR TURN.



COLONEL RICHARD J. WERNER, LEFT, OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE ROTC SUMMER CAMP, IS GREETED BY MAJOR GENERAL H. M. HARPER, THE INFANTRY CENTER COMMANDER, AT THE OPENING OF CAMP. COLONEL WERNER IS PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND TACTICS AT CLEMSON COLLEGE.

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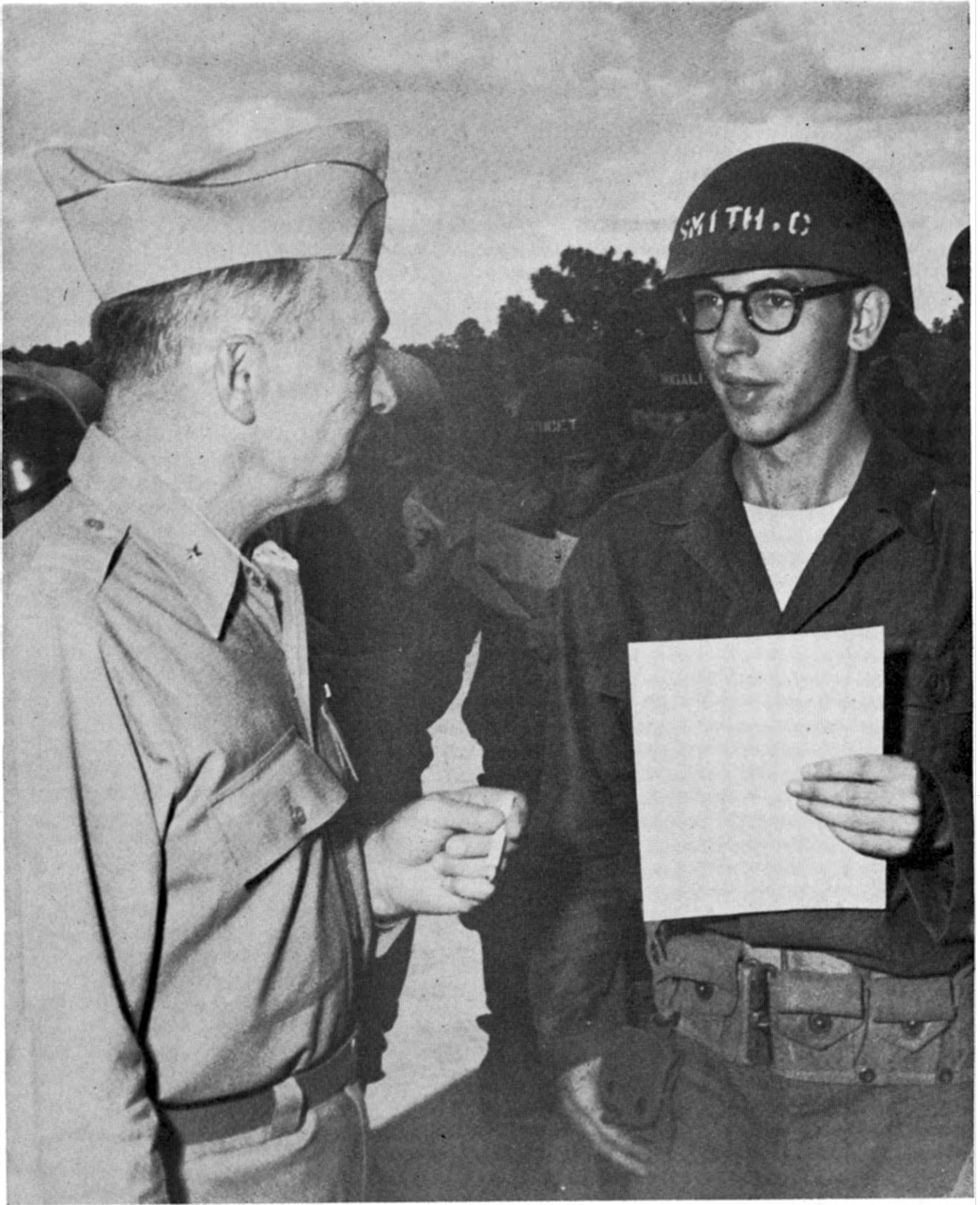
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"REPORTING FROM ARKANSAS TECH, SIR!" THESE CADETS FROM TECH ARE, LEFT TO RIGHT, WILLIAM TOLER, AUGUSTA, ARK.; TRAVIS M. ADAMS, WARREN, ARK.; DAVID CAMPFIELD, SILOAM SPRINGS, ARK.; BOBBY MOORE, RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.



**LIEUTENANT COLONEL WESLEY E. FARMER, ROTC PROVOST MARSHAL, AND PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE AND TACTICS AT STETSON UNIVERSITY, DELAND, FLA., INSPECTS THE AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION PAPERS OF CADET WILLIAM G. MITCHAM, THOMAS-
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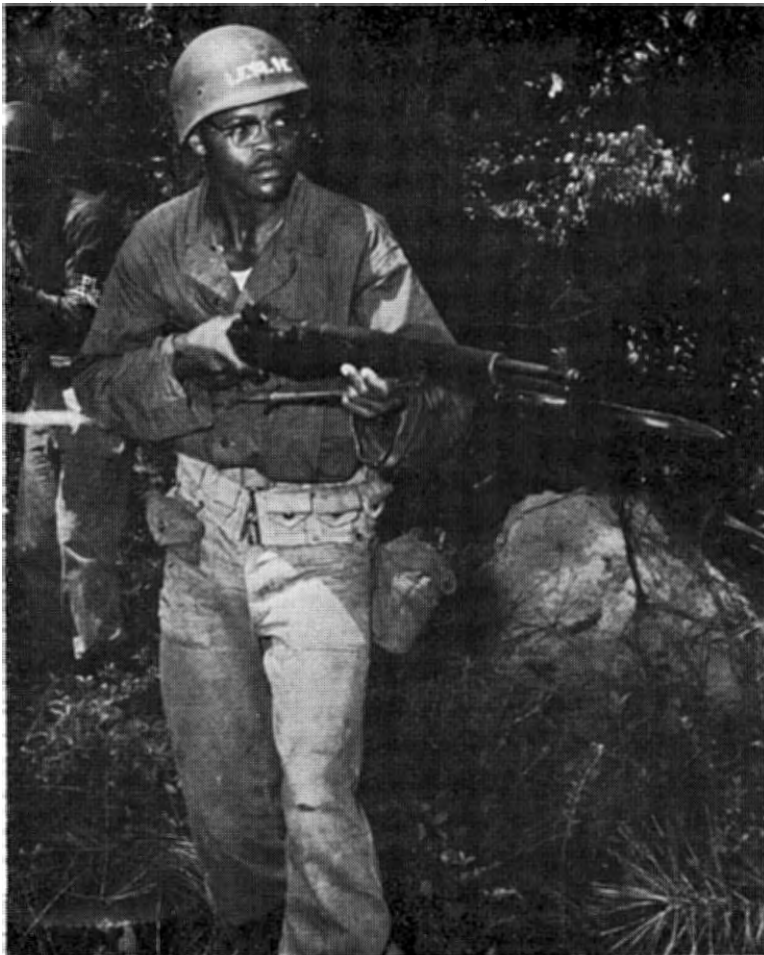
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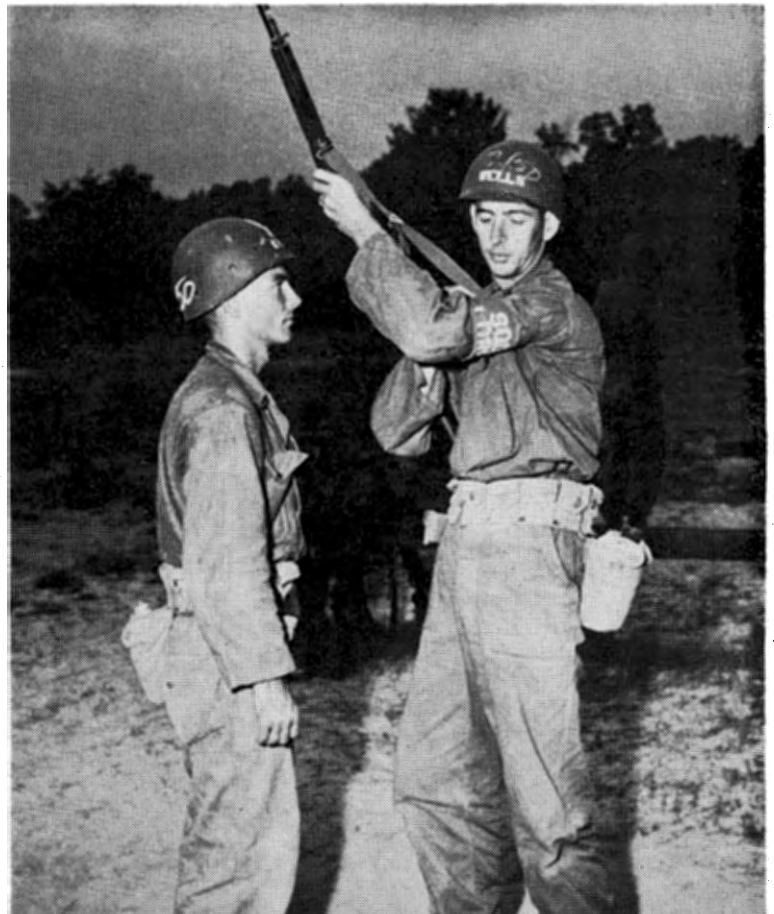
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TWO HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE SHOWN ON THE M-1 RIFLE RANGE, WHERE THE CADETS FIRED FOR RECORD. THEY ARE (L-R) CADET JAMES W. HANKS, ABILENE, TEXAS, AND CADET JOHNNYE P. ESTES, ABILENE, TEXAS.

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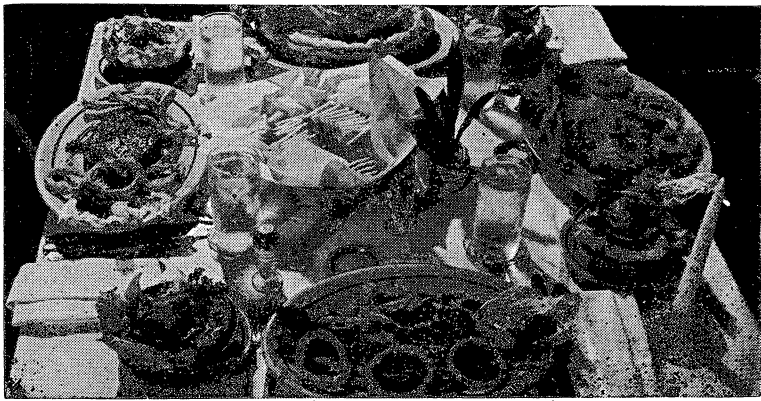
THIS PICTURE SHOWS "D" COMPANY GUIDON BEING DECORATED WITH THE "BEST COMPANY" AWARD. DOING HONORS IS COLONEL RICHARD J. WERNER (R), DEPUTY CAMP COMMANDER, WHILE "D" COMPANY LOOKS ON. OTHERS SHOWN ARE (L-R) MAJOR WALTER J. DAVIES, COMPANY COMMANDER; CADET JAMES H. SUTHERLAND, CALHOUN, GA., A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA; AND CADET DELBERT WYANT, AKRON, OHIO, A STUDENT AT GORDON MILITARY COLLEGE.



THIS PICTURE SHOWS "H" COMPANY BEING AWARDED THE "BEST MESS" PLAQUE BY LT. COL. FRANCIS J. GOATLEY (L), INSPECTING OFFICER. OTHERS IN THE PICTURE ARE (L-R) MAJOR JOHN T. SOUTHERLAND, COMPANY COMMANDER; CADET JACOB E. KING, AUGUSTA, ARK.; AND ASST. MESS STEWARD SFC. FELIPE MOJICA, HQ. AND HQ. CO., 1ST STUDENT REGT., FORT BENNING.



THIS PICTURE SHOWS "E" COMPANY RECEIVING THE "BEST AREA" AWARD FROM COLONEL HENRY H. ROGERS, DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR ADMINISTRATION (L). OTHERS IN THE PICTURE ARE (L-R) CADET ROSS W. WINNE JR., CROSEN, FLA., A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA; MAJOR ROGER Q. BENNETT, COMMANDER; AND CADET JOHN E. ALLABEN, JACKSONVILLE, FLA., A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.



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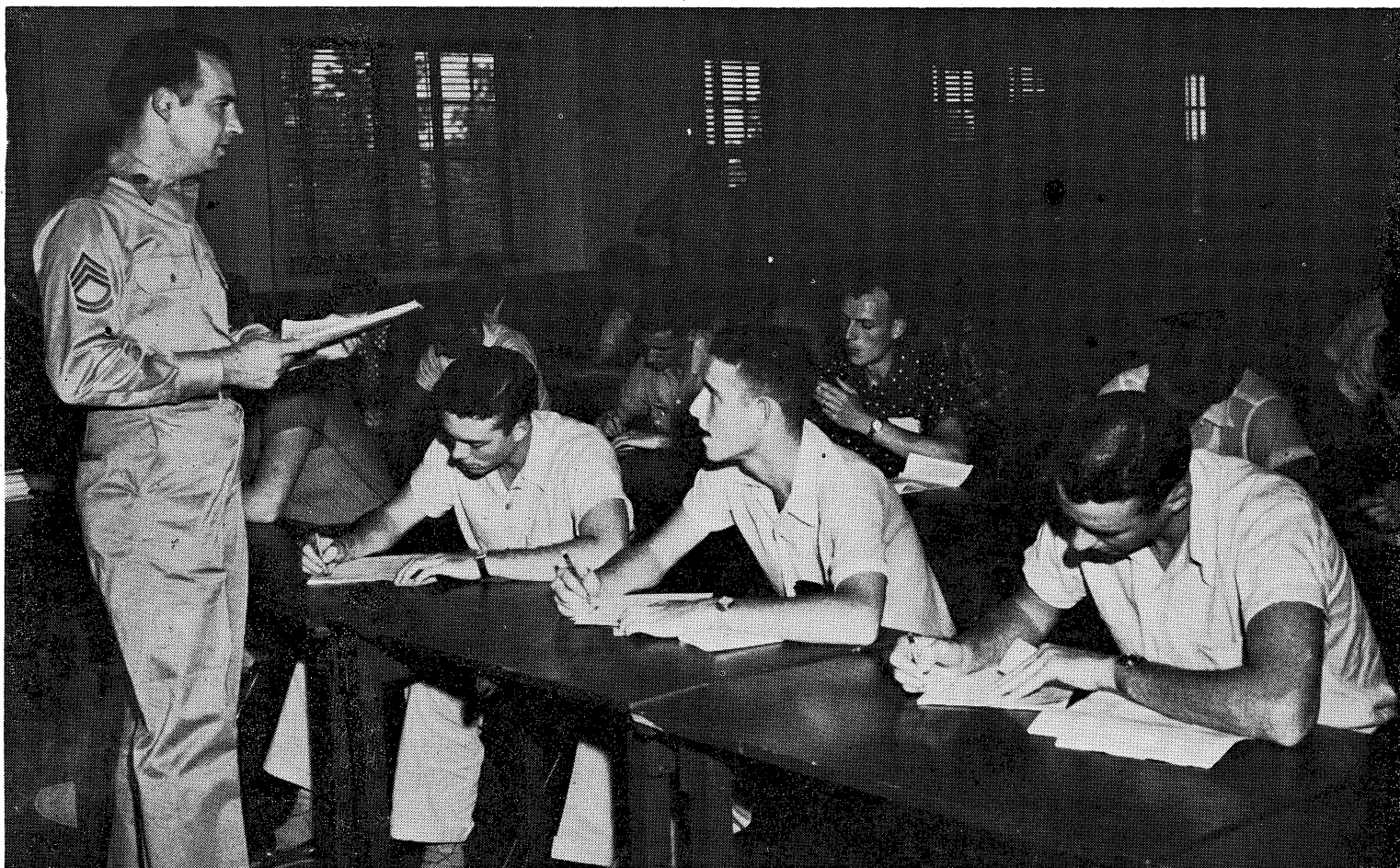
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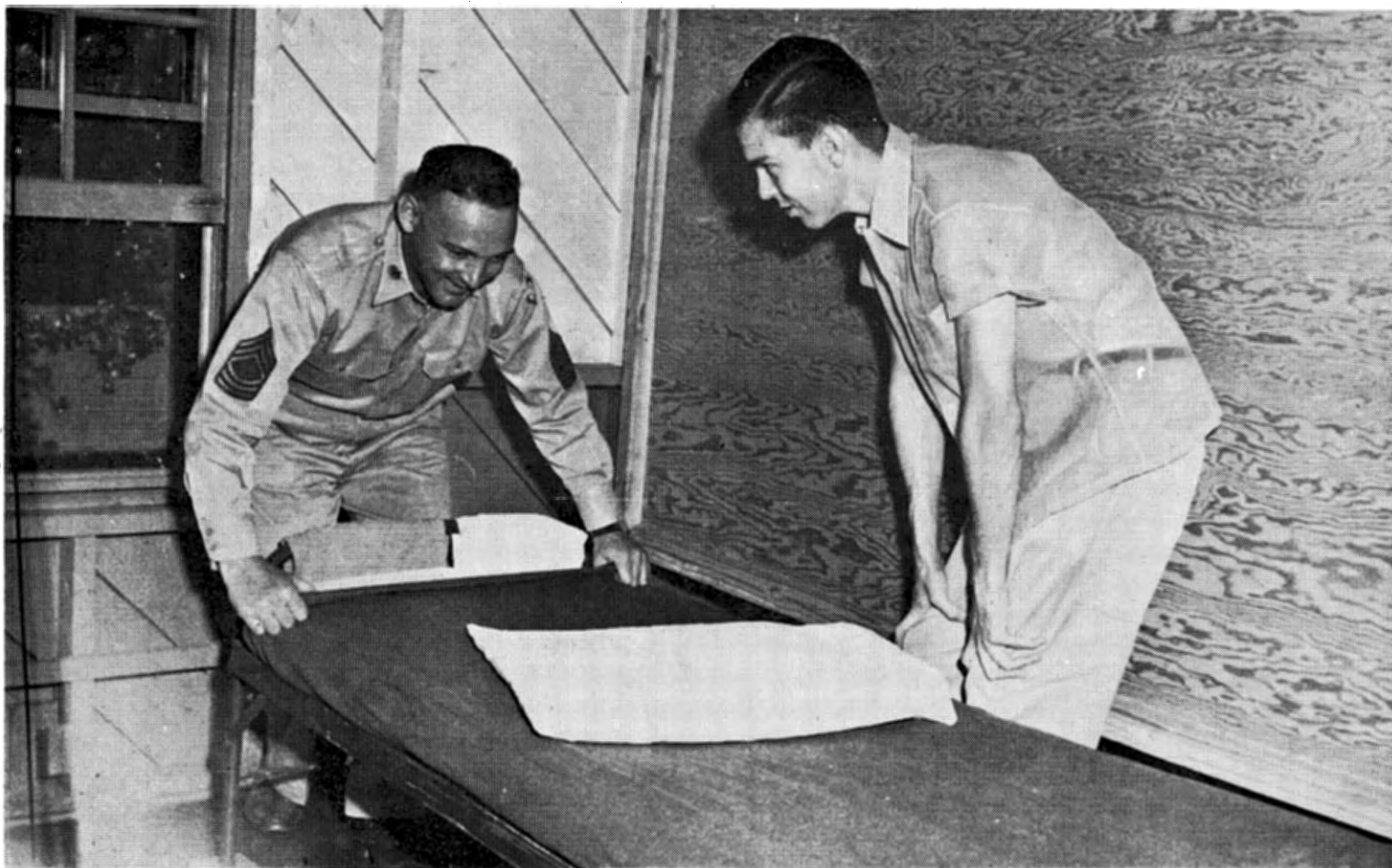
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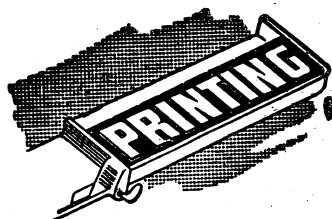
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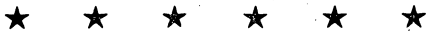
On This Month's Cover:



This month's cover depicts Sfc Arthur L. Walters, one of the outstanding non-commissioned officers at Fort Benning. Sfc Walters was the honor graduate of class No. 4, The Infantry Center Advanced Leaders' School, with a total of 978 points out of a possible 1000.



This is the highest total of points accumulated by any student in the school's history. Sfc Walters is operations sergeant, G-3, training division. The Army needs more leaders like Sfc Walters who can "set an example."



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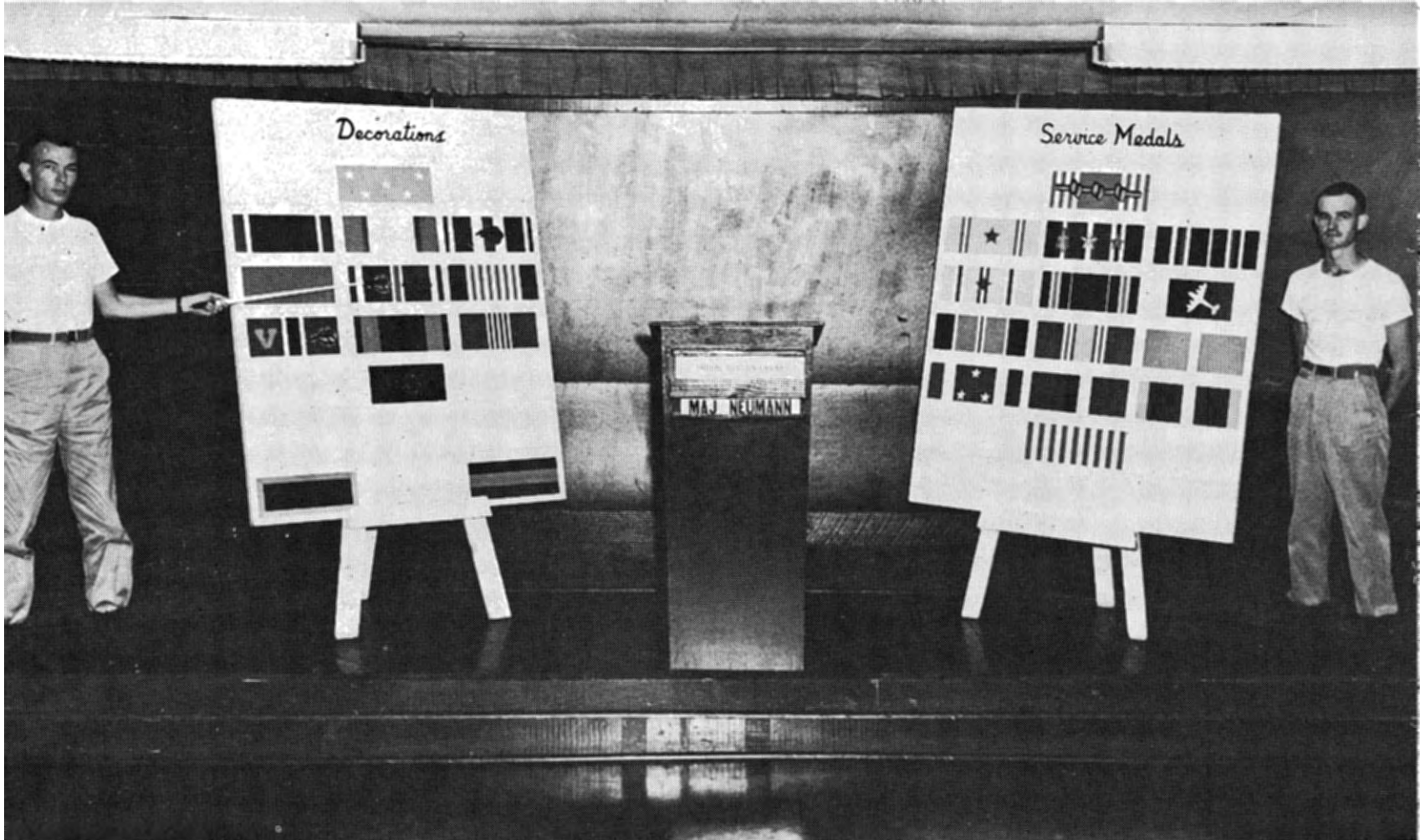
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BY SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN H. INGRAM

Many times during the comparatively short history of our Army it has proven itself to be the greatest in the world. What makes it great? Is it our esprit-de-corps, heritage, wealth, the quality of our leaders? Yes, these and many more are all good reasons why we have a great Army, but we think the best reason is the quality of our leaders.

General Pershing once said, "There are no bad troops, only bad leaders." Better leaders make better soldiers, and better soldiers make better armies.

When we refer to leaders we are referring not only to officers or higher commanders, but to our junior leaders, and our non-commissioned officers. They are the true leaders, the very backbone of our Army. God help the army that doesn't have good non-commissioned officers.

How are our non-commissioned officers developed into good leaders? Good army leaders aren't born, they must be made. They must be well trained, well disciplined, and possess a great amount of self-confidence. A "Non-Com" can gain these leadership characteristics in one of two ways. He can be taught these characteristics, or he can learn them through experience. The "hit-or-miss" technique of experience is sometimes too slow, and produces mistakes which can be very costly. That leaves only one alternative. We must teach our Non-commissioned officers the fundamentals of leadership. We can never over-emphasize the importance of developing competent leaders. This was the primary reason our Advanced Leaders' School was organized.

Advanced Leaders' Schools are not new in our Army. They have been tried and proven for a good many years, and their value to the Army is well realized. The Chief of Army Field Forces directed that each major unit and installation operate a school of this type for N.C.O.'s, and on 1 September, 1953 the Advanced Leaders' School, under the supervision of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, began operations at Fort Benning. During the eleven months period that has followed, the school has graduated nine cycles or classes, with a total of 740 students attending.

We stated that the purpose of our school was to teach the fundamentals of leadership, with emphasis on initiative, the importance of military discipline, and the development of confidence through practical training. We accomplish this through instruction, by example, and by guidance in the actual performance of duties which involves the training and management of troops. The school is striving to improve the standards of N.C.O.'s, thus providing a media to assist unit commanders in the training of their personnel. This is "The Why" of the School, now let's see how it is operated.

Reporting day arrives and we find our students being processed receiving assignments, and drawing equipment. Their clothing is then checked to insure that it is present and serviceable. This mandatory clothing is nothing more than a soldier's initial issue. It is almost impossible for a soldier to keep his clothing presentable and clean if he falls below this issue. The first day also includes an orientation by the school staff, and a general examination on military subjects. When the students complete that

first day, they realize that it has really been a full one, and that the pace set at the school is very fast.

On the second day the students receive their first inspection in ranks which is personally conducted by Major James D. Neumann, the School Commandant. This inspection, for many of them, is quite an experience, for standards at the school are very high. The list of discrepancies for this first inspection is usually long. Near the end of the third week you would never know that this was the same group of men who were present for that first inspection.

During the days and weeks that follow, our students receive the best training and instruction possible, and the school strives to obtain instructors who have maximum experience in their courses of instruction. The majority of the instruction is conducted by cadre members, but a few "outside" instructors are included in our schedule.

These include DUTIES OF THE STAFF N.C.O., by Lt. Fred Best of the G-3 section, and LEADERSHIP IN COMBAT, by Capt. Lloyd L. Burke of the Leadership Committee, and EXTENSION COURSES, by Capt. John Wahl, also of the leadership committee.

Instruction by cadre members includes ORGANIZATION AND MISSION OF THE INFANTRY CENTER, ORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY, DECORATIONS, SERVICE MEDALS AND INSIGNIA, PUBLIC SPEAKING, COMPANY ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION consumes thirty-two hours of the three weeks course. This includes ten hours of formal instruction and twenty-two hours of practical work. In this practical work the students conduct the classes and receive numerical grades on their work. This course gives the students methods and ideas which can be used to improve the training standards in their own organizations.

THE PRINCIPALS OF LEADERSHIP is perhaps one of the most important courses we teach. During this ten hours course the students receive instruction in THE BASIC CONCEPTS OF LEADERSHIP which includes classes in THE OBJECTIVES OF LEADERS, PROBLEMS OF ARMY LEADERS, LEADERSHIP IN TRAINING, LEADERSHIP IN COMBAT, and HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND ADJUSTMENT.

The three weeks schedule also includes MAP READING, COMPASS COURSES, HOW TO CONDUCT PHYSICAL TRAINING; AND PRACTICAL EXERCISES IN DRILL AND COMMAND.

Discipline, and housekeeping is rated just as important as instruction, and the standards of discipline and housekeeping are as high as those of personal appearance. It is possible for a student to accumulate 1000 points at the school, and 200 of these are disciplinary points, thus a student can fall below average in his academic work, but still graduate if he is a good soldier. The "spit and polish" at the school is equaled by few, but envied by many.

When graduation day arrives we find a much sharper and wiser group of men than they were three weeks previously. They have realized the purpose of advanced leaders' training, and they have learned something. They have "soldiered" for three weeks, perhaps like they never "soldiered" before. They receive their diploma with pride and confidence. They are proud that they have accomplished their goal and have gained knowledge vital to their future. They are confident of the fact that they can be better leaders, and can apply their knowledge to their own subordinates and other leaders in their various units. They have the capabilities of setting a superior example for others.

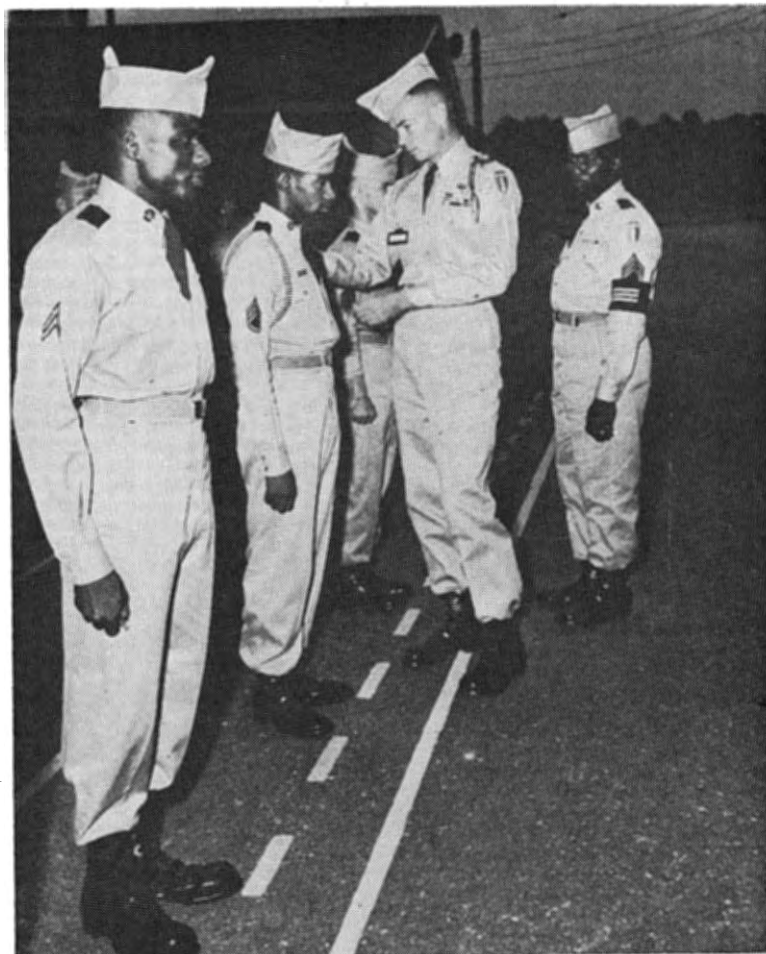
Many times we have been asked, "How can an 'old soldier' benefit from your course?" You can't find a soldier who does not benefit from the course, because the art of learning Leadership is a never-ending process, and a smart leader is always striving for improvement.

The importance of leadership training in our army is becoming more evident each day, and the "trial and error" method of leadership is "fading fast".

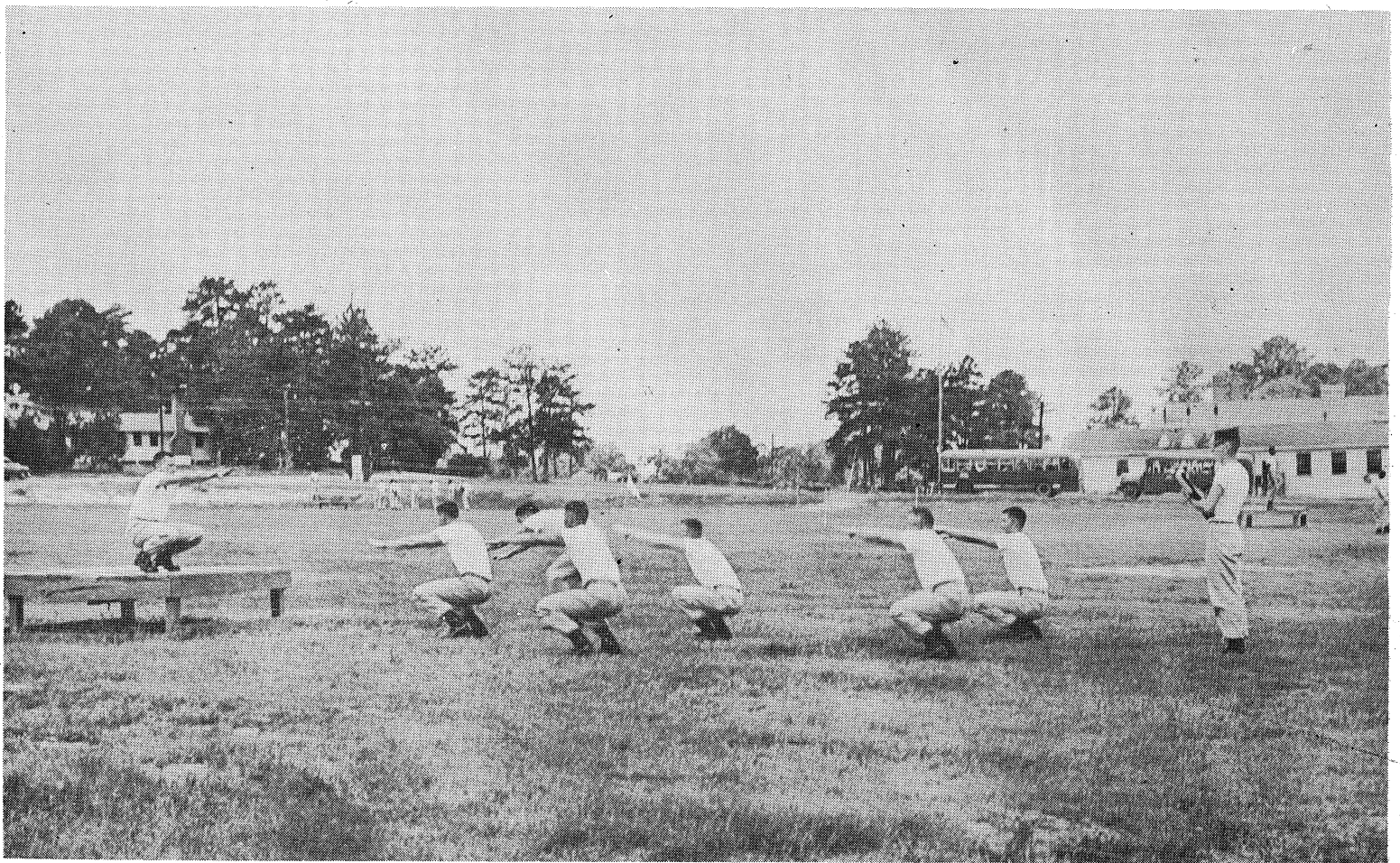
We must have good leaders if we are to survive. In times of peace the cost of learning by experience is not too costly. The leaders of poor units with low standards may receive a verbal lacing, or a poor efficiency rating, but on whose shoulders does the responsibility rest if that unit is defeated in combat?



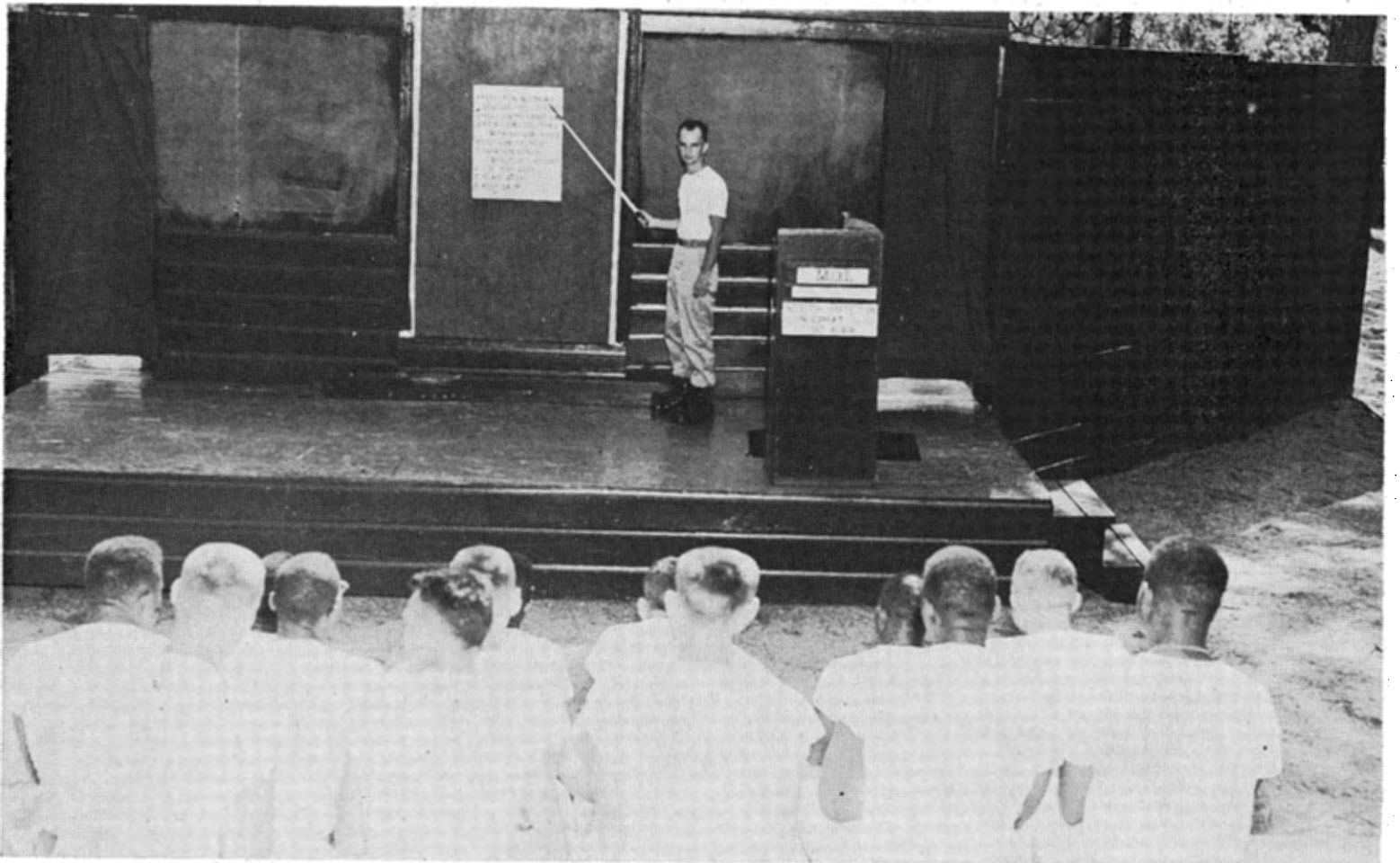
M/SGT. WILLIAM A. MITCHELL, TACTICAL NCO OF THE THIRD PLATOON INSPECTS THE CLOTHING DISPLAY OF SGT. FLOYD LAMBERT, HQ. AND HQ. BTRY., 125TH FA BN.



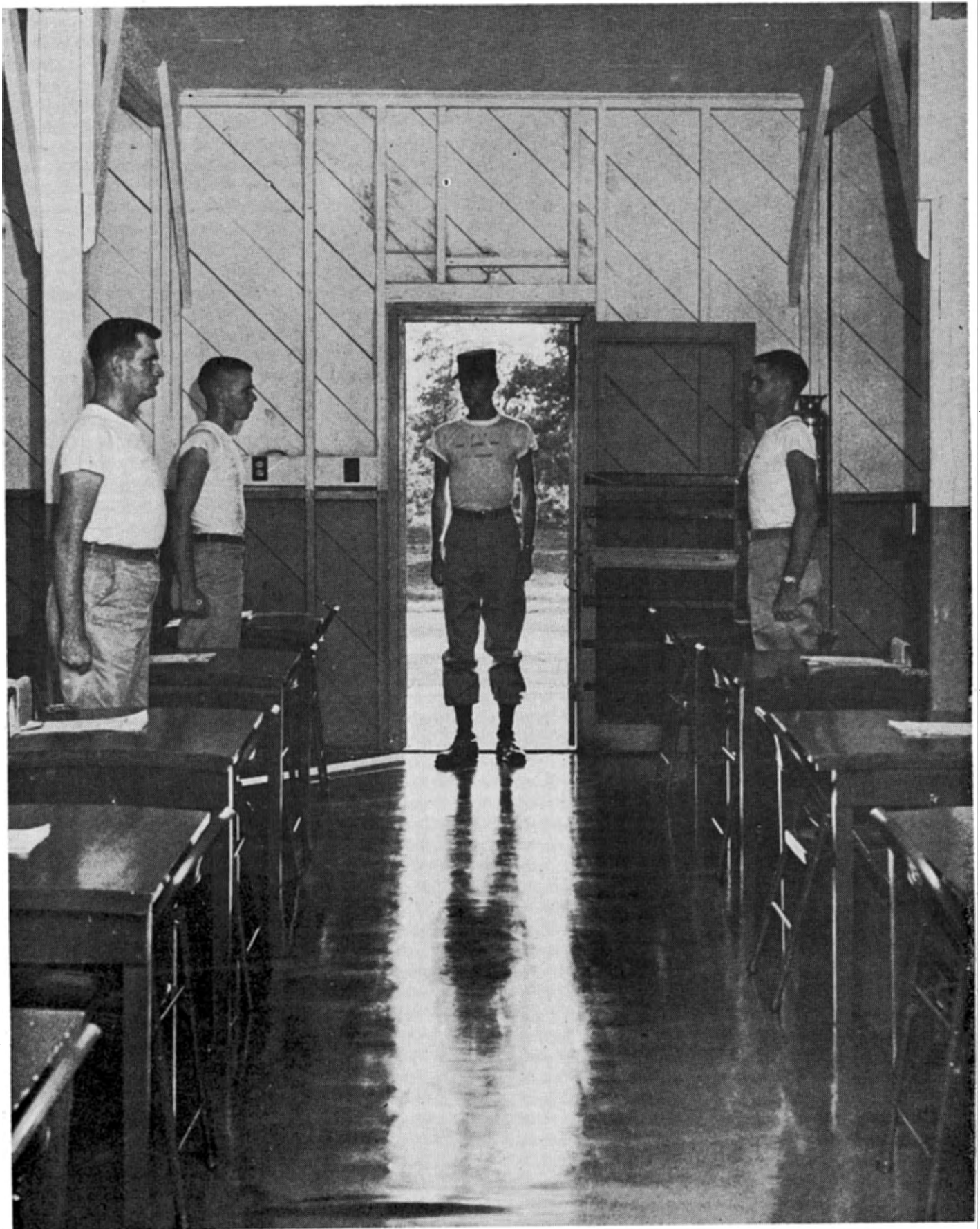
MAJOR JAMES D. NEUMANN CHECKS BRASS ALIGNMENT ON SGT. JOHN F. ALEXANDER, WIRE SECTION LEADER OF THE COMMUNICATIONS PLATOON, HQ. CO. 2ND BN., 30TH INF. REGT.



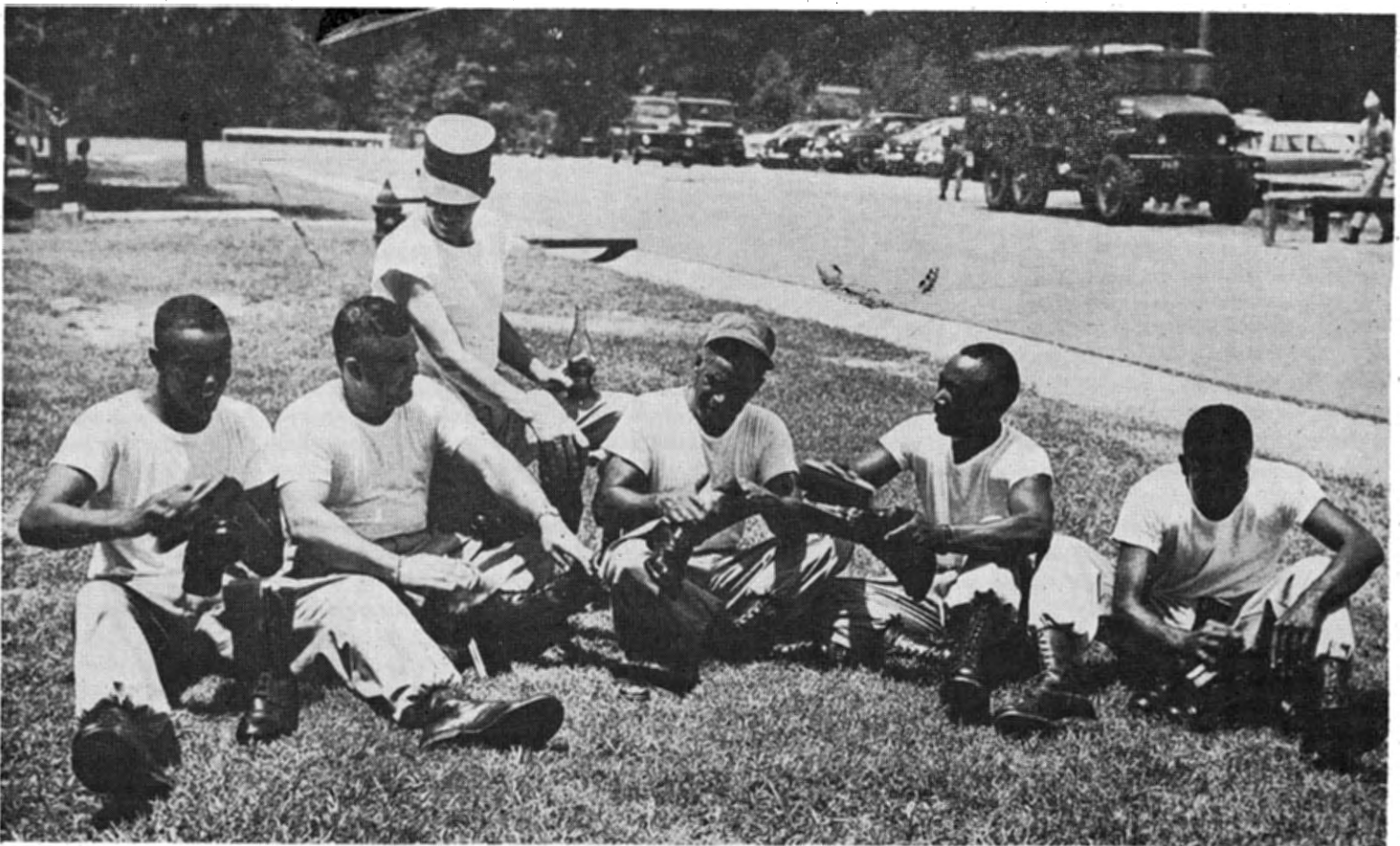
STUDENT SFC. HIRAM C. CARTEE, BTRY. B, 256TH AAA AW, IS CONDUCTING HIS CLASS IN PHYSICAL TRAINING. THE IDEA IS NOT TO CONDITION THE STUDENT PHYSICALLY BUT TO TEACH HIM THE CORRECT PROCEDURE IN CONDUCTING HIS TRAINING.



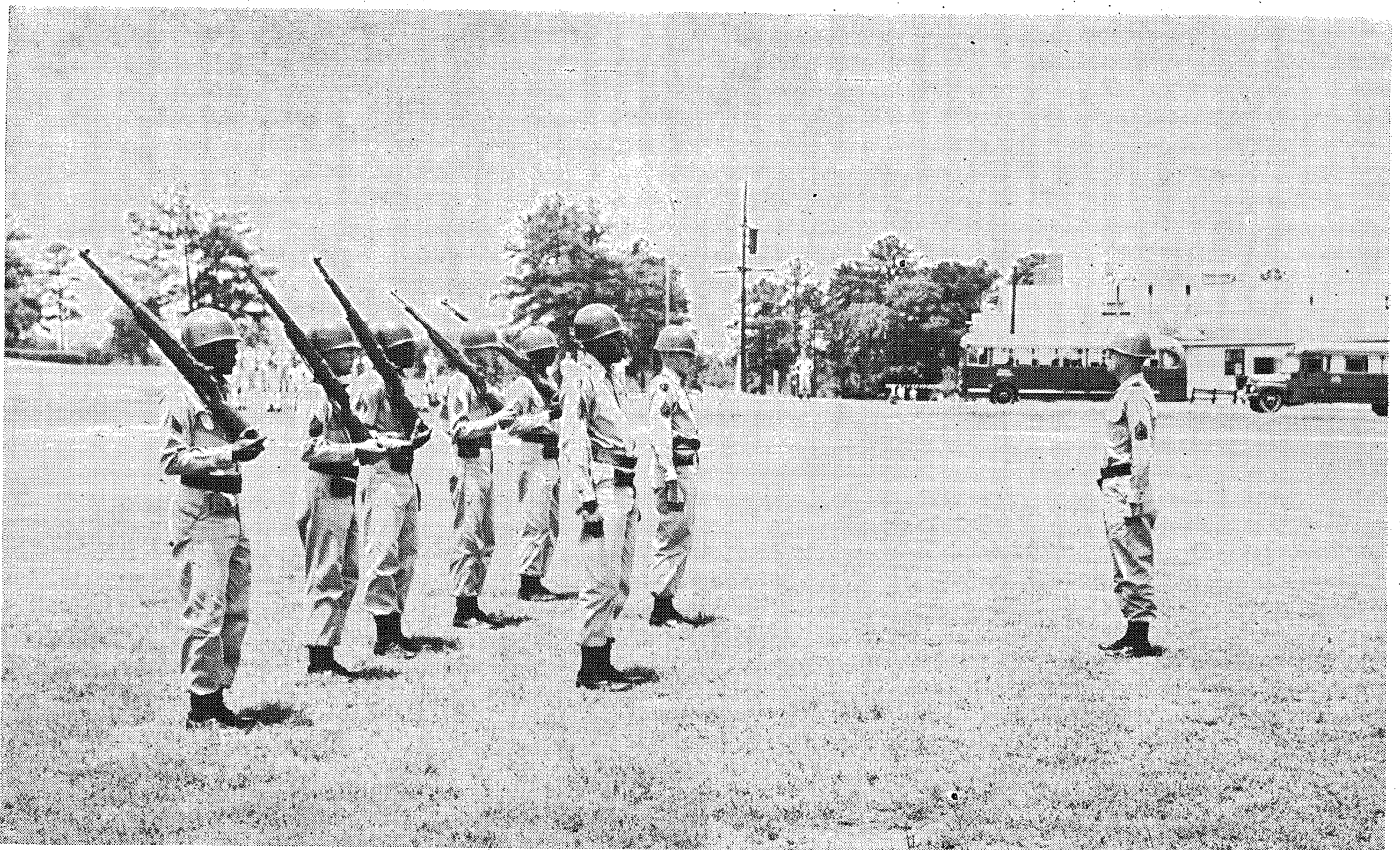
STUDENT SGT. REGIS E. BLAIR, CASUAL CO., 1ST STU. REGT., IS CONDUCTING HIS M. O. I. CLASS ON INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION IN COMBAT. SIXTEEN PER CENT OF A STUDENT'S FINAL GRADE IS THE GRADE HE RECEIVES ON THIS M. O. I. CLASS.



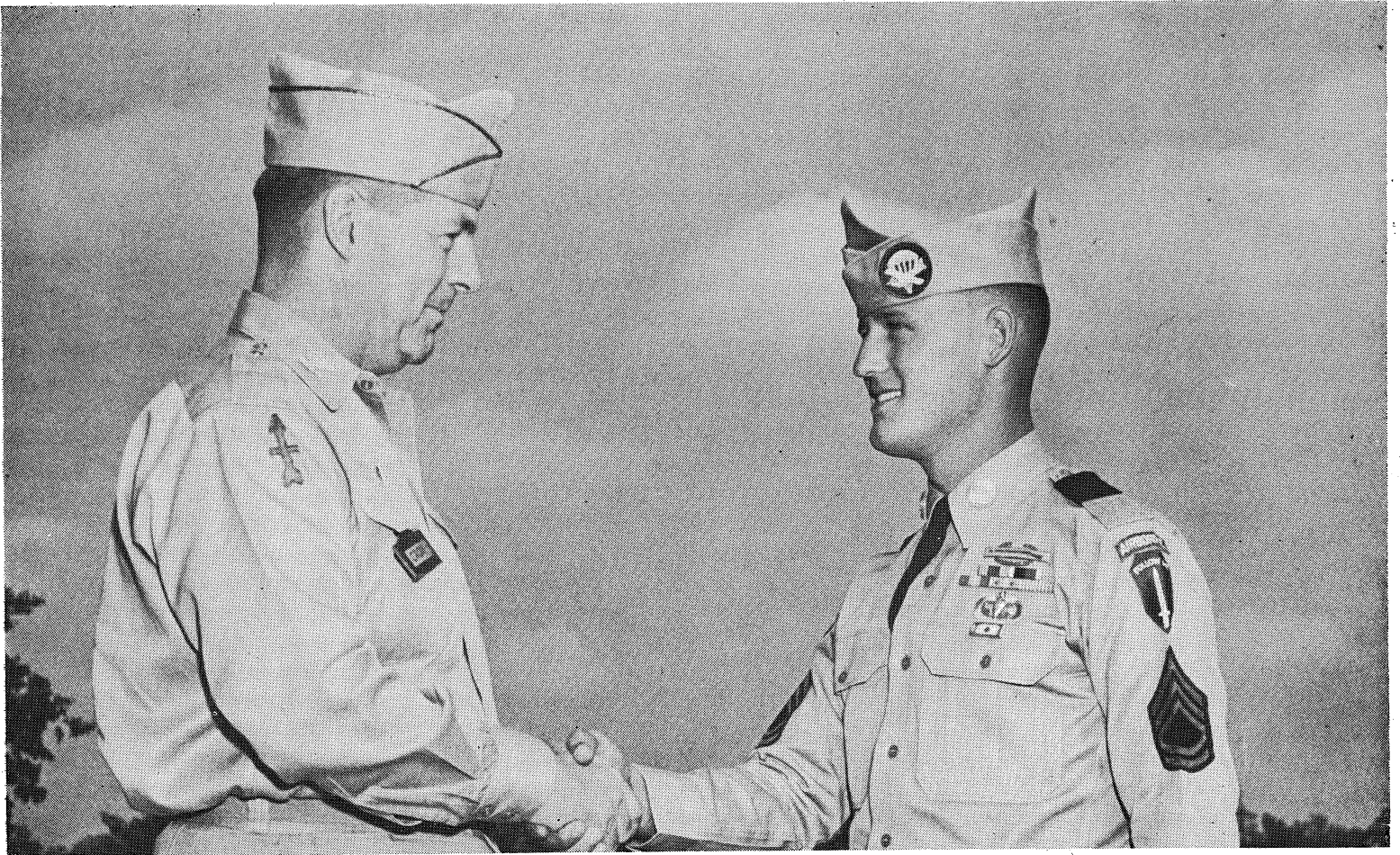
A DAILY INSPECTION OF THE SCHOOL AREA BY THE STAFF FINDS LT. JOHN H. INGRAM, THE SCHOOL ADJUTANT, INSPECTING THE PLATOON. THE CADRE TACTICAL NCO'S ARE SFC. JOSEPH SMITH, M/SGT. WILLIAM MITCHELL, AND SFC. CARL BUNN.



AFTER DUTY HOURS WE FIND M/SGT. EARNEST WALTON, SGT. JAMES TAYLOR, SGT. JOE SALABARRIA, SFC. JAMES THOMAS, SGT. CURTIS COURTNEY AND SGT. EDDIE McINTOSH INDULGING IN A LITTLE "BULL SESSION" AS THEY PREPARE FOR TOMORROW'S INSPECTION.



IT'S "OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, CENTER," AS STUDENT GROUP "A" HOLDS A FORMAL GUARD MOUNT. STUDENT GROUP "B" IS OBSERVING FROM THE BACKGROUND.



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MAJ. GEN. R. W. STEPHENS (RIGHT) CONGRATULATES MANAGER HASKELL SALTER OF THE 136TH INF. REGT. BASEBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE CAMP RUCKER BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP. TEAM CAPTAIN BOB DURNBAGH, CENTER, HOLDS THE TROPHY AWARDED THE TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SHOWING.

47th DIVISION SPORTS

BY HANK FISCHER

The United States is a sports-loving nation. In no other country are so many varied sports enjoyed by so many people. Whenever a person craves relaxation spiced with excitement, a sport will "fill the bill." Baseball, football, golf, tennis—it would be impractical to continue the list.

The Army recognizes the importance of sprinkling athletic recreation into the job of remodeling a peaceful civilian into a warrior. Thus, every division has a sports program designed to raise the troops' morale, provide them with a medium of entertainment, develop teamwork and, in general, improve the esprit de corps of the units.

The 47th Inf. Division is no exception. Indeed not—for under the auspices of Special Services and Regimental A & R Officers, the "Viking" Division's sports program has lived up to all of these objectives.

Baseball is perhaps the most popular 47th Division sport,

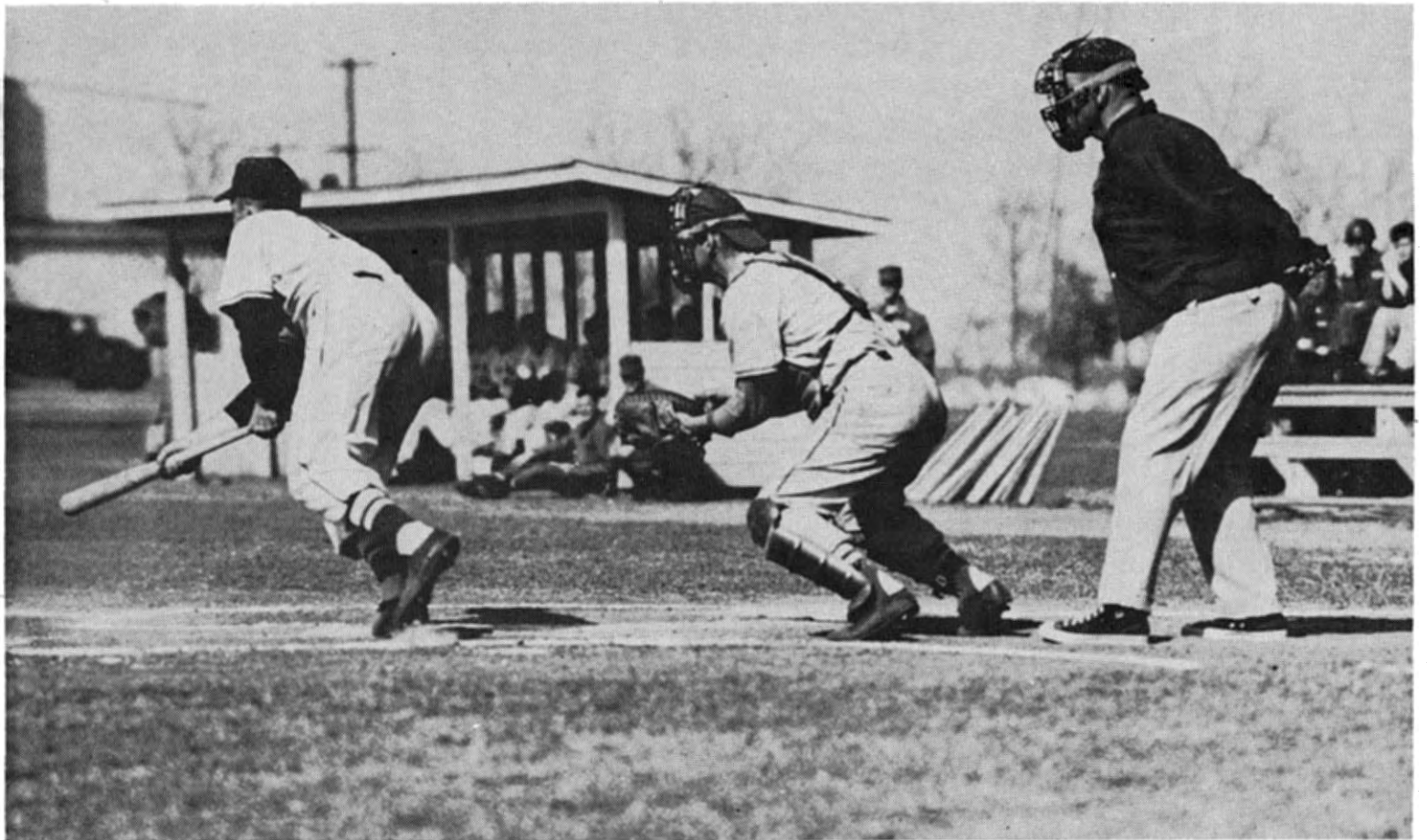
followed closely by football, basketball and boxing. Volleyball, golf and tennis are enjoyed by many soldiers, while others thrive on swimming, horseshoes and softball.

The various sports "seasons" begin with intra-regimental competition and by mid-season, a Division team is selected from the more outstanding players on each of the regimental teams. Of late, the Division team has been dispensed with, and an all-post team is selected in its stead.

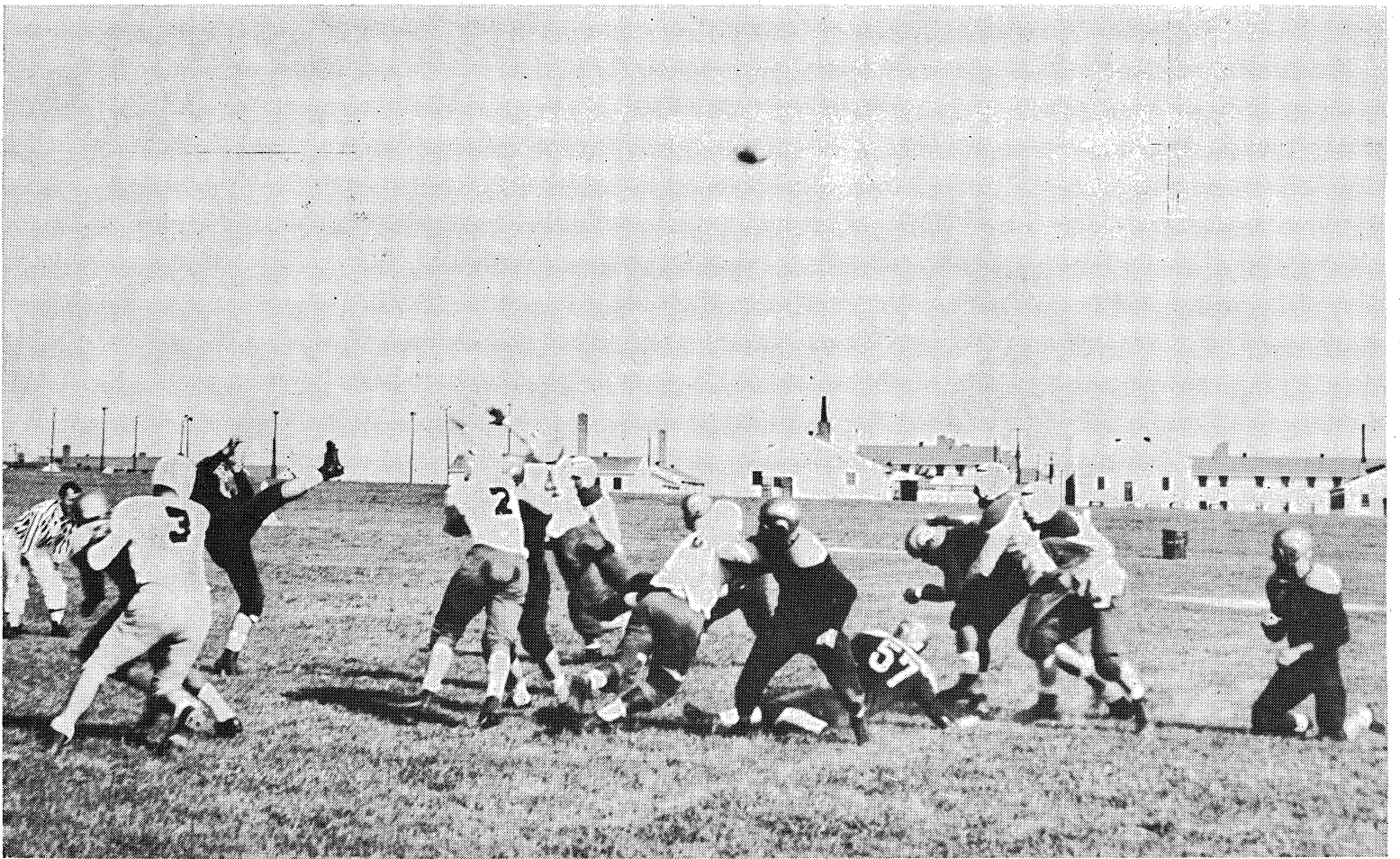
This post team practices by itself, or meets various other Third Army installations in what amounts to nothing more but exhibition games. At the completion of every sport "season," the Third Army holds a tournament at one of the army posts in the Third Army area. The Vikings, as a whole, have given a good account of themselves in these tournaments year after year. With a little luck, they might have been victorious in both the Third Army basketball and boxing tourneys last year. As it turned out, the 47th



ACTION AT THIRD BASE AT A RECENT TIC LEAGUE GAME AT BULLET FIELD. BASEBALL IS THE MOST HIGHLY ORGANIZED SPORT IN THE 47TH DIVISION WITH TWO GAMES A DAY SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.



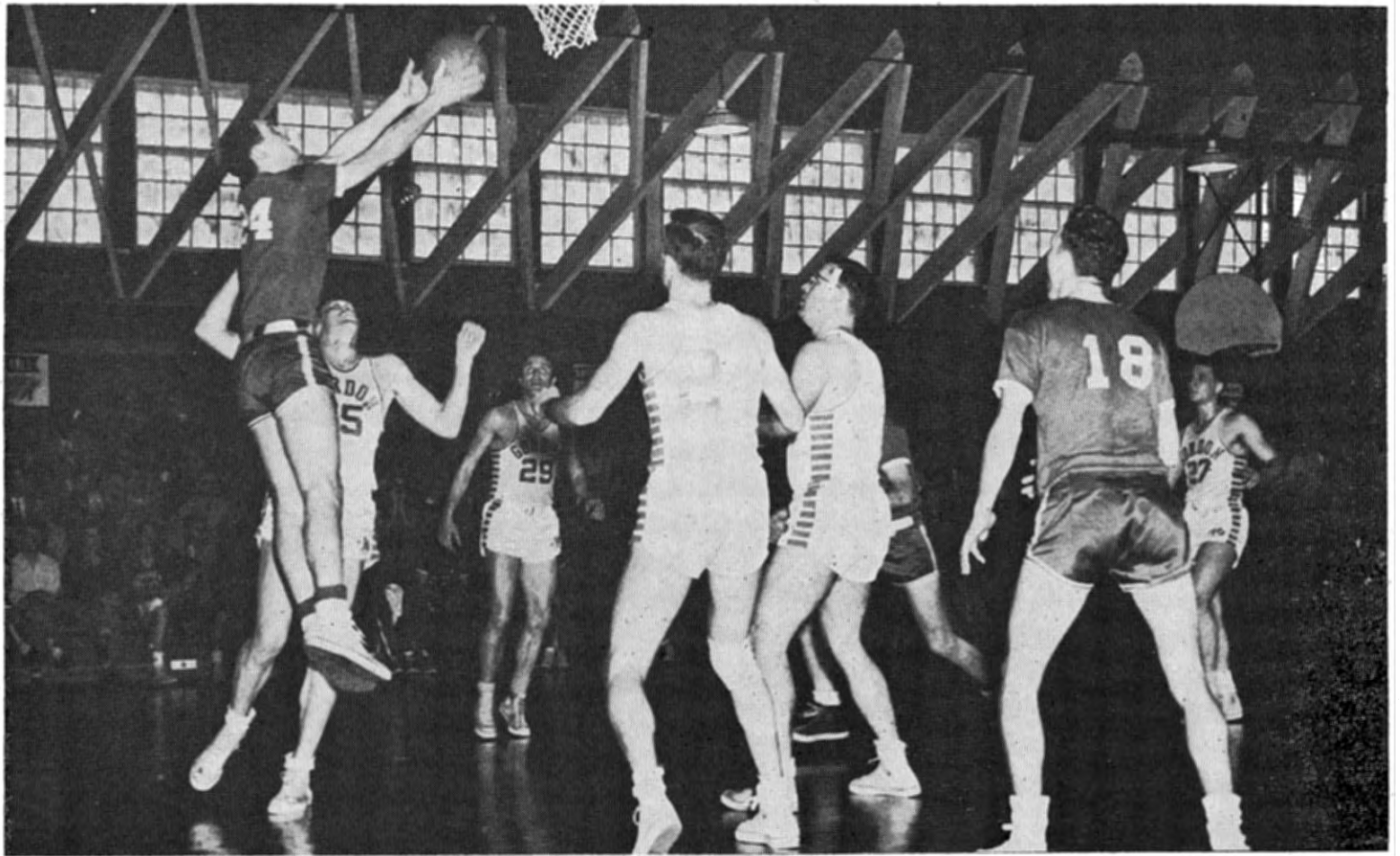
THE NATIONAL PASTIME IS JUST AS POPULAR AMONG SOLDIERS AS IT IS AMONG CIVILIANS. HERE, A PLAYER DROPS A NEAT BUNT IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET ON BASE.



A 136 PUNTER GETS OFF A BOOMING KICK DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF THE 135 FORWARD WALL. A LEAGUE GAME IS SCHEDULED EACH SATURDAY THROUGHOUT THE FOOTBALL SEASON.



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Viking Bill Reigel was voted the tourney's most outstanding player as he notched 49 of his 127 tournament points in the final contest. Another high scoring Viking, O'Neal Weaver, joined Reigel on the All-Tournament five as he garnered 106 points and grabbed more than his share of rebounds. Other Division hoopsters who shone brightly were Chuck Grigsby, Charles Stewart and Harold Smith.

After compiling a total of 314 victories in 354 bouts in pre-tournament play, the pugilists were upset by a strong, well-trained Fort Bragg aggregation in the Third Army Boxing finals. Heavyweight Warren Graham, with a pre-tourney record of 107-5, and lightweight Allie Harp, 84-12, found their Fort Bragg opponents a little too much for them. Other Viking pugilists who helped the team reach the finals before succumbing were flyweight Felix Quintero, bantamweight Oliver Reeder, welterweight Alfred Coleman, and light welterweight Leon Nelson.

After the 135th Inf. Regiment won the 47th Inf. Division football title with a 7-1 record, the Division chose a football team consisting of the best players the regiments had to offer. Such fine athletes as 135's Walt Harris, Dean Pour, and Brad Rowland; 164's Ralph Sita, James Burks, and Ernest Dews; 136's Norbert Miller and James Jones, and DivArty's Ed Kaiser, Clyde Pickard and Dale Bos were chosen to represent the Division in the Third Army Football Tournament. However, despite the individual stars on the team, the Vikings could not duplicate the athletic prowess of other post teams.

Track and field meets have always held their share of thrills for Viking troops. With such speedsters as Walt Harris, Edmund Lee, Clarence Shaw, Wilson Blackburn, Herb Blankenship, James

Barchoff, John Givens and countless others, the Vikings have always given a good account of themselves at track and field meets.

Although they did not win, the six-man Viking tennis team tried its best at the Third Army Tennis Tournament held at Redstone Arsenal last August. The team consisted of three officers—Lt. Col. L. R. Salisbury, 1st Lt. George A. Houghton, and 2nd Lt. Donald H. Treadwell, and three enlisted men—George Mann, Richard J. Vigil and Frank DeParsia. This season, after Chuck Stewart had won the 47th Inf. Division's singles title and DeParsia and Vigil had successfully defended their doubles crown, the Vikings vied against netmen from the main post. They did not do well, and, as a result, only one Viking, Lt. James Whitmoyer was chosen to the six-man Fort Benning team. Whitmoyer proved a wise choice, for although the lieutenant succumbed in the quarter-finals of the singles, he and his partner won the Third Army doubles crown.

Cpl. Sammy J. Reynolds, 136th Inf. Division athlete, not only won the TIC golf tournament by a wide margin, he duplicated his TIC victory with a sensational, par-shattering 279 to win the Third Army Golf Tournament. With Reynolds at the All-Army tournament, Al Gaither edged Capt. John Ufner to capture the 47th Inf. Division's golf tourney. Walt Anderson led a strong 164 team to victory as he took third place.

The 164th Inf. Regiment captured both the Division and TIC swim meets by overwhelming scores. Masayoshi Ohama and Richard Fisher led the Flicks to their victories. However, as the natators finished third to Fort Bragg and Camp Campbell in the Third Army swim meet, three other Vikings shown brightly. Gene Cotter won the diving title with a sensational exhibition. Gordon Watson and Mike Burns also helped the mermen to gain third place.

Although the Division's baseball team fared poorly in the Third Army Baseball Tournament last year, hopes are riding high this season. Thirteen of the twenty-one players on the Fort Benning Doughboy baseball team are Vikings. The eight non-Vikings are fine ballplayers in their own right, and the Doughboys will act the

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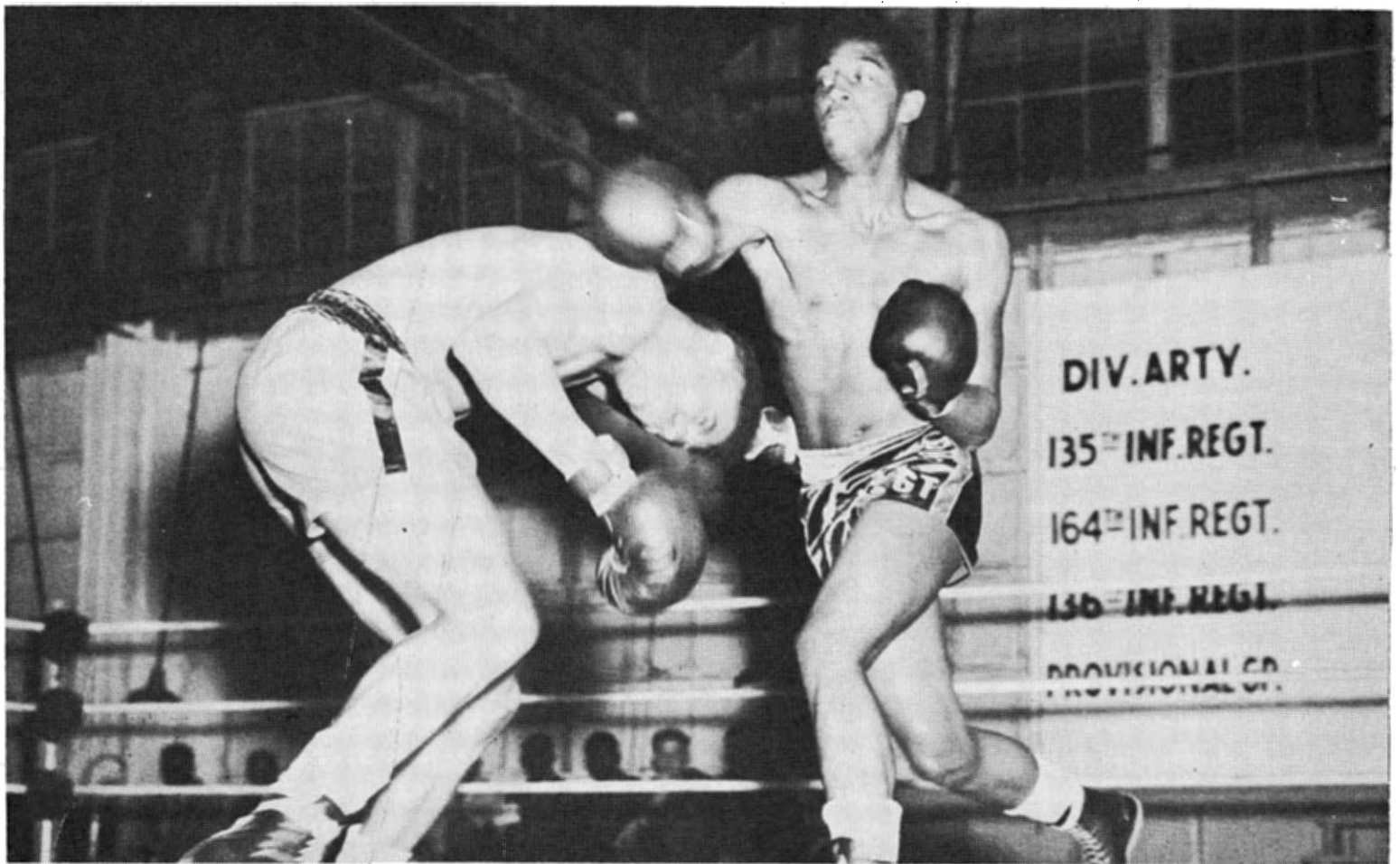
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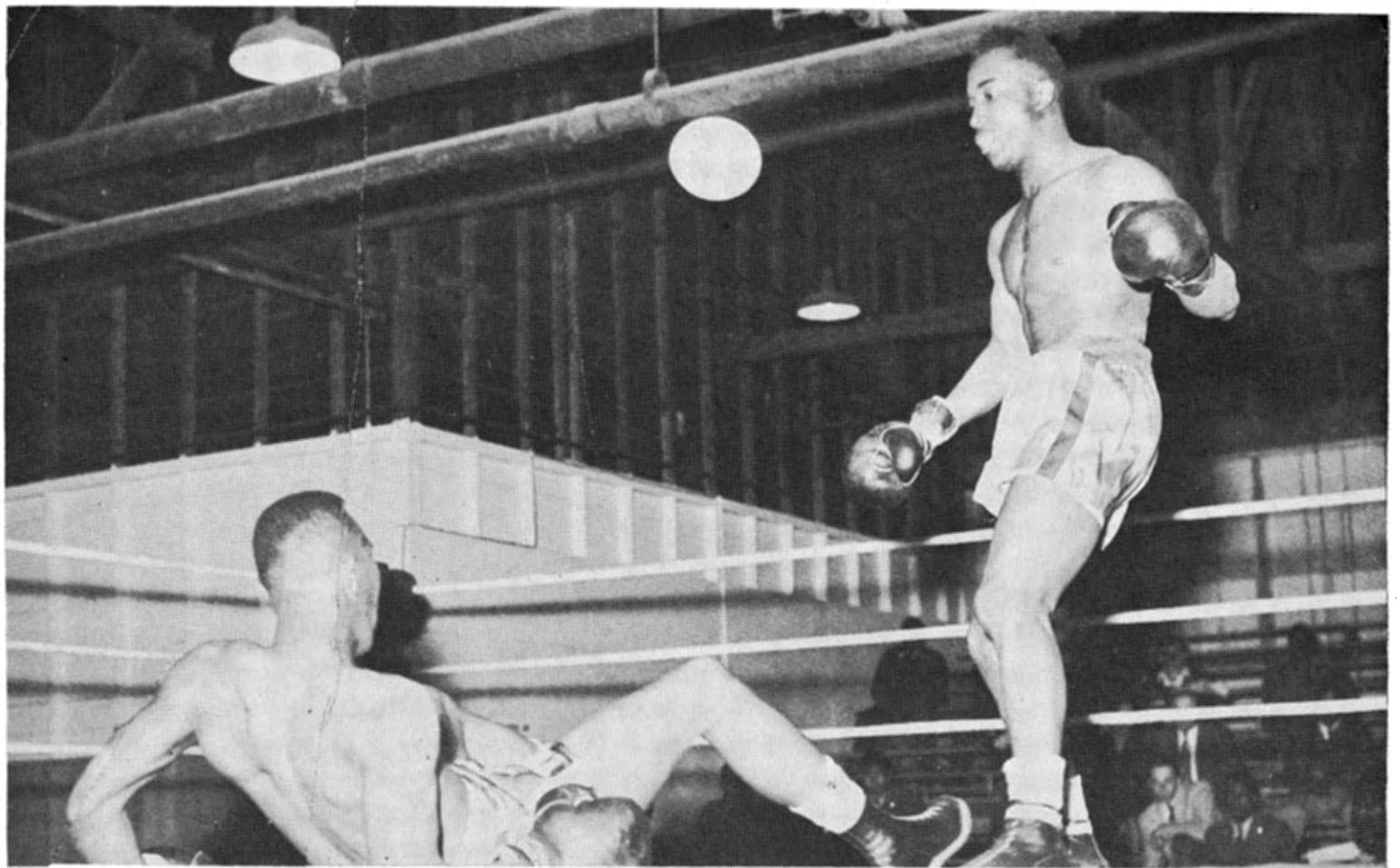
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role of the dark horse in the Third Army Baseball Tournament at Fort Jackson this September.

The main reason for their optimism is a tall, slender Kansan named Fred Kipp. The sensational southpaw pitcher won 14 and lost only 1 in leading the 136 Bearcats to the intra-regimental championship this spring. Against Third Army competition, so far this season, Kipp has won four straight including a one-hit 1-0 victory over powerful Fort McPherson.

Other reliable Viking hurlers include DivArty's George Miles and 135's John Boyd and John Gebhardt. Doyle Pair, 164's fine righthander, had to be cut because of the abundance of pitching talent on the Fort Benning nine.

Three of the four infield regulars are Vikings as are the two utility infielders. John Francona, who batted over .400 for DivArty,

leads the team in Runs Batted In. Two former 135 infielders are presently hitting in the .450s. Shortstop Al Grandcolas leads the team in home runs; while Russ Davis, third baseman, is pacing the batters in the percentage column. Another former Red Bull, Bob Mathews, and the 136 sparkplug, Bob Durnbaugh are the two sub infielders.

Bearcat catcher Randy Dale alternates with non-Viking Carl Bentz as first string catcher. Hank Heffner and Al Conway are presently playing fine ball in the Doughboy outfield.

It is hoped that this team will bring the coveted Third Army Baseball crown back to Benning. However, even if they fail to do this, they have achieved the purpose of the 47th Division sports program—to help bolster the morale, to develop teamwork and sportsmanship, and to improve the esprit de corps of the Viking troops.



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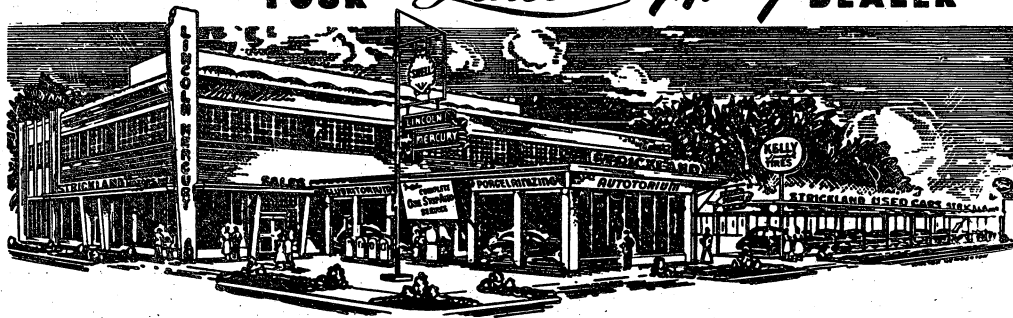
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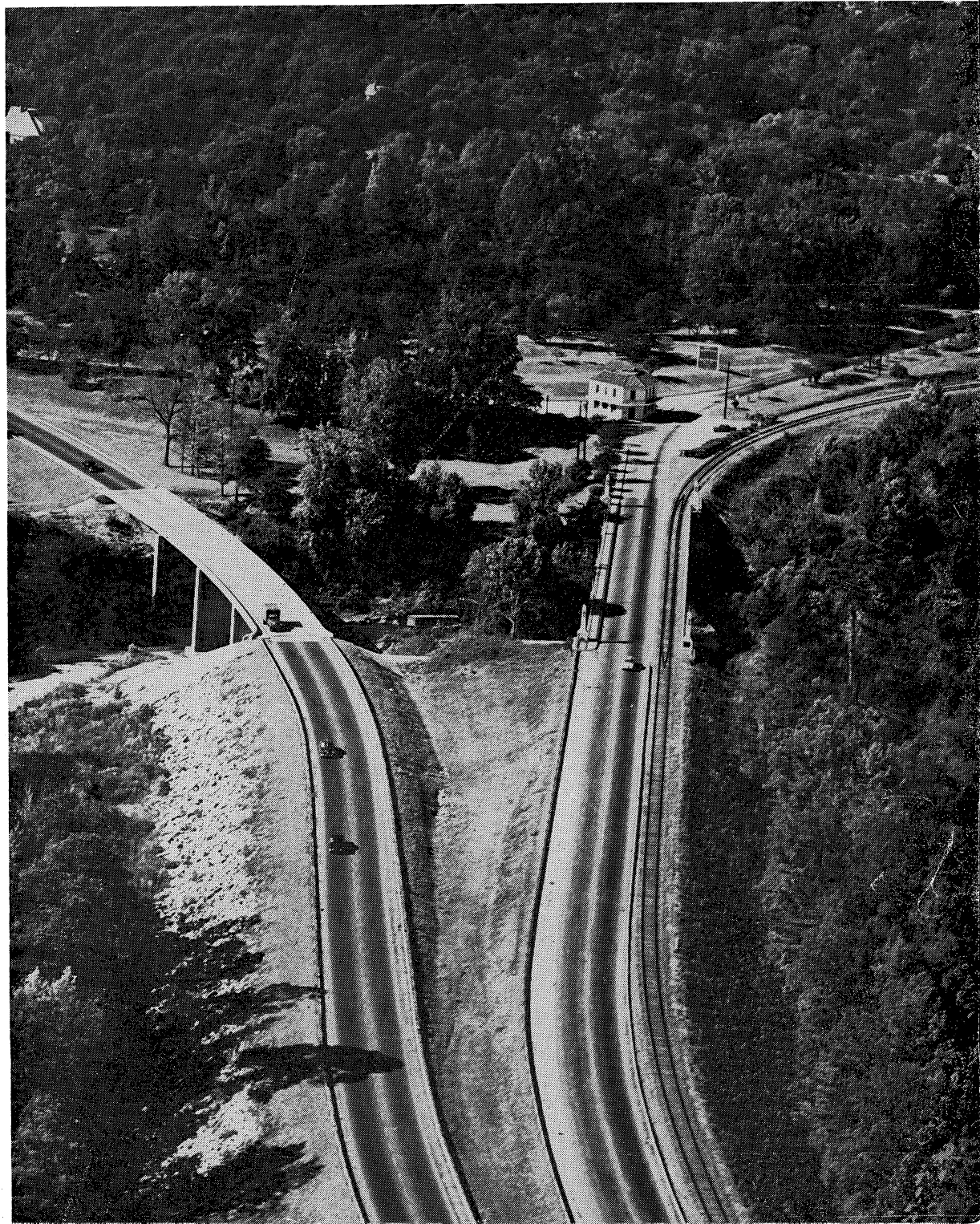
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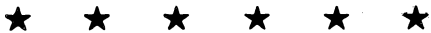
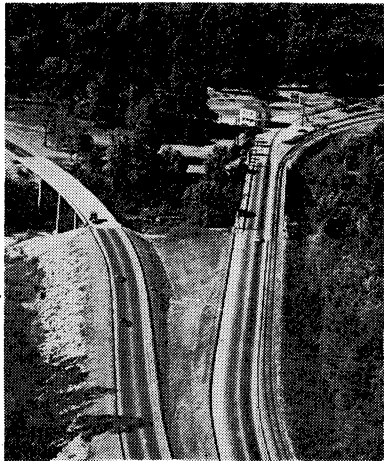
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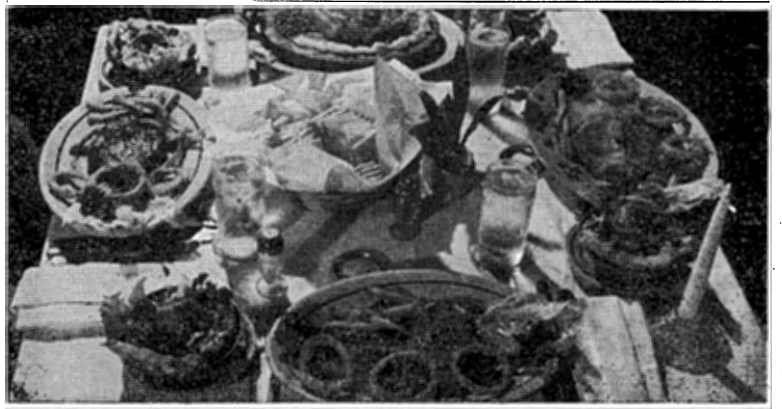
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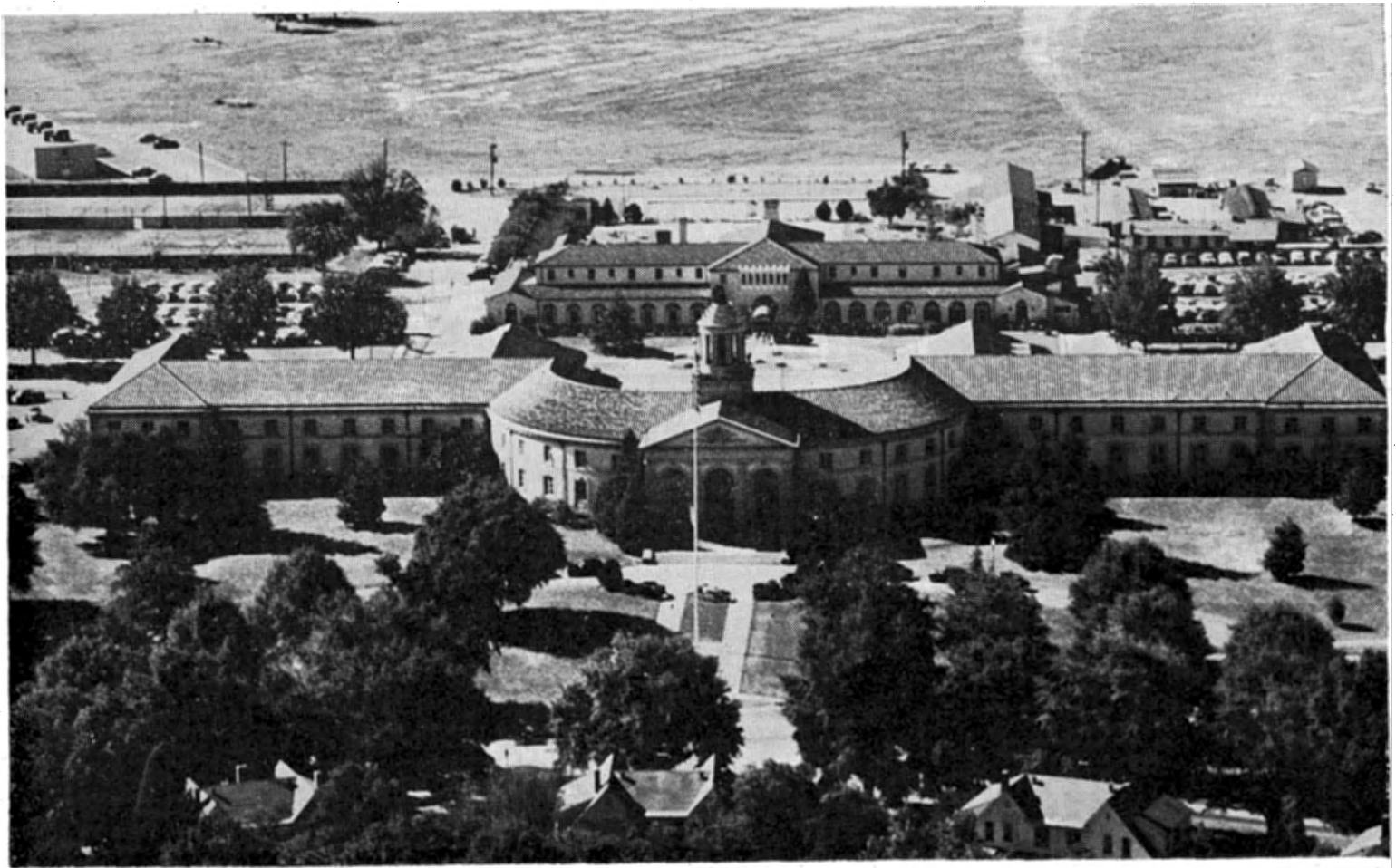
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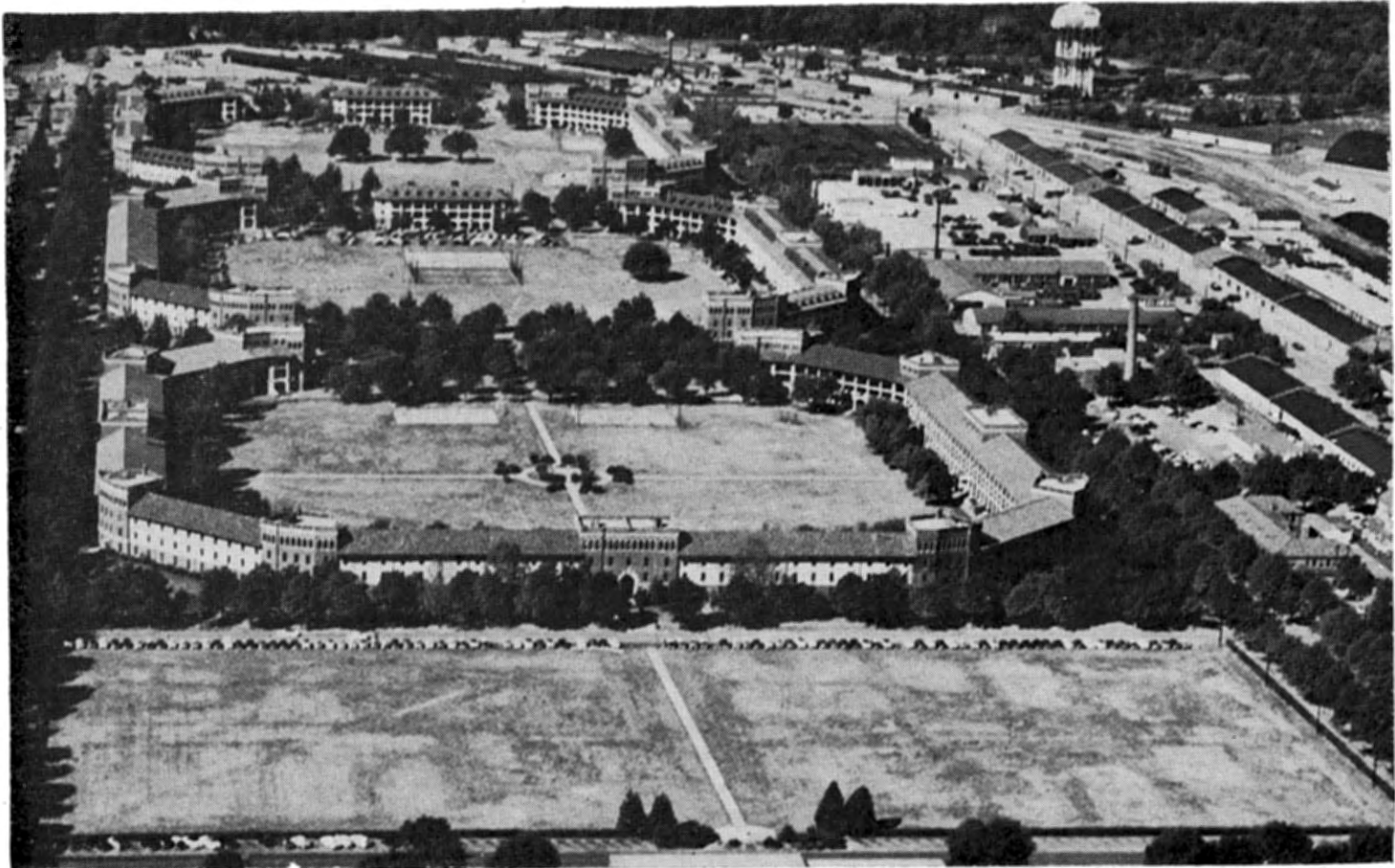
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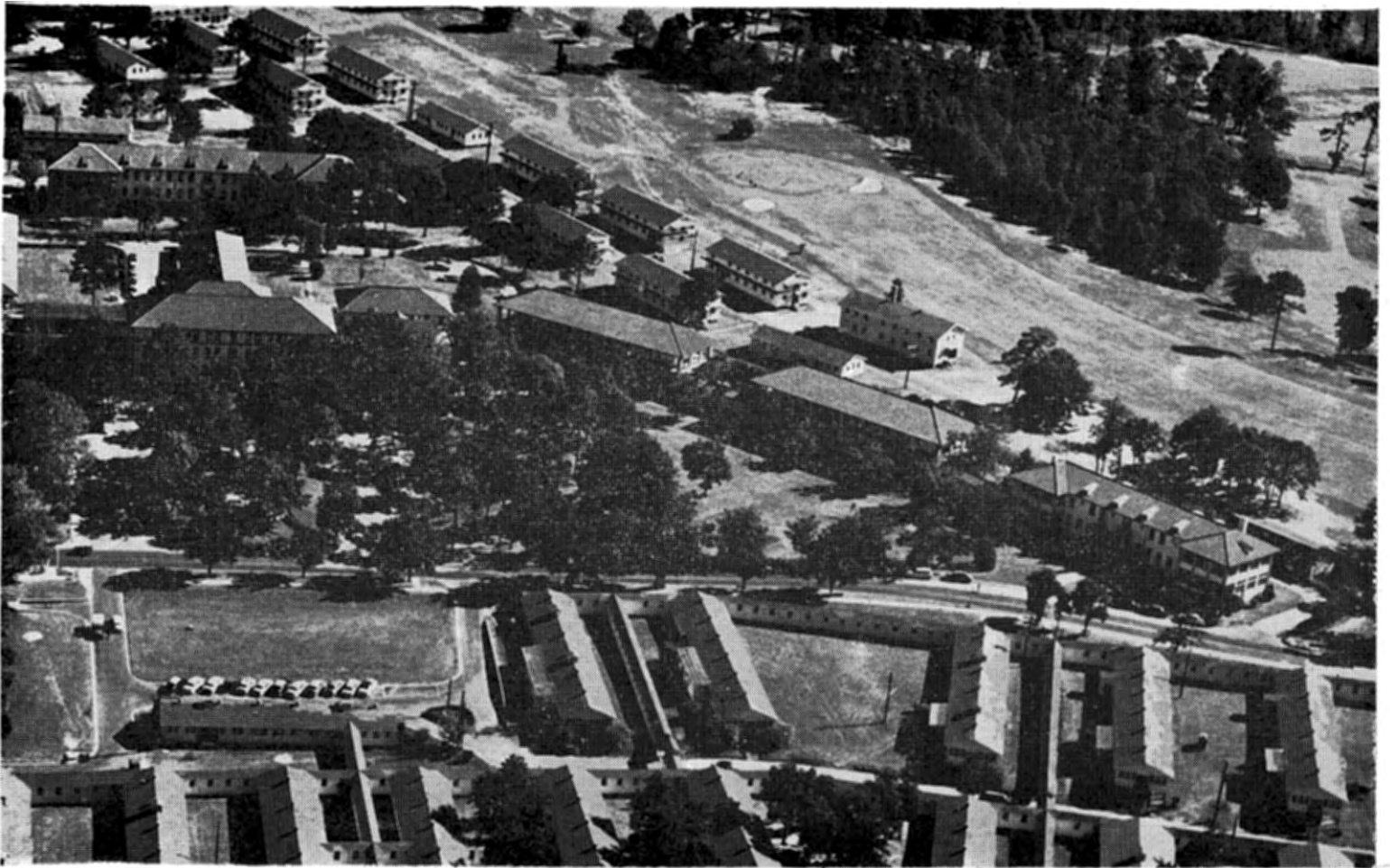
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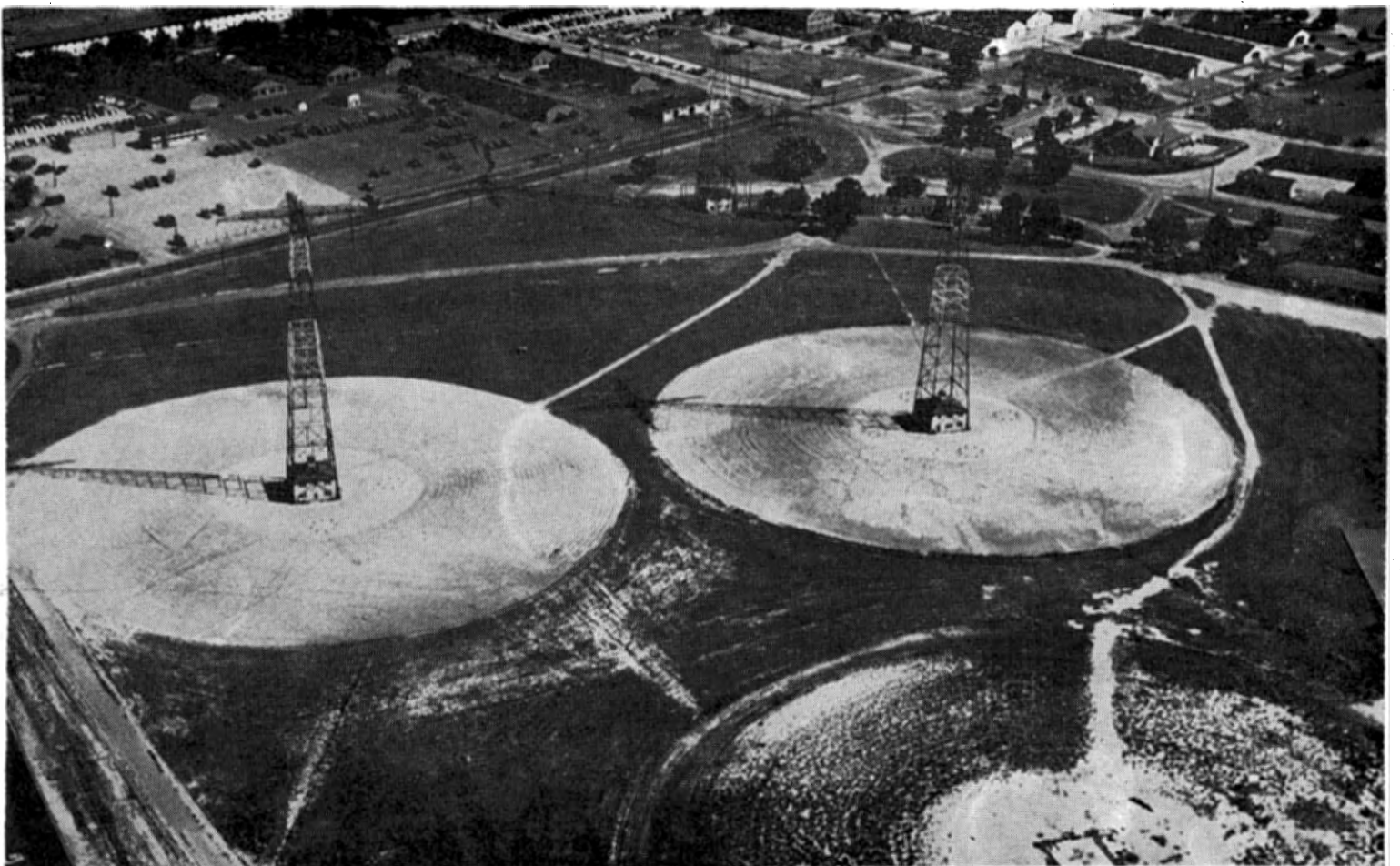
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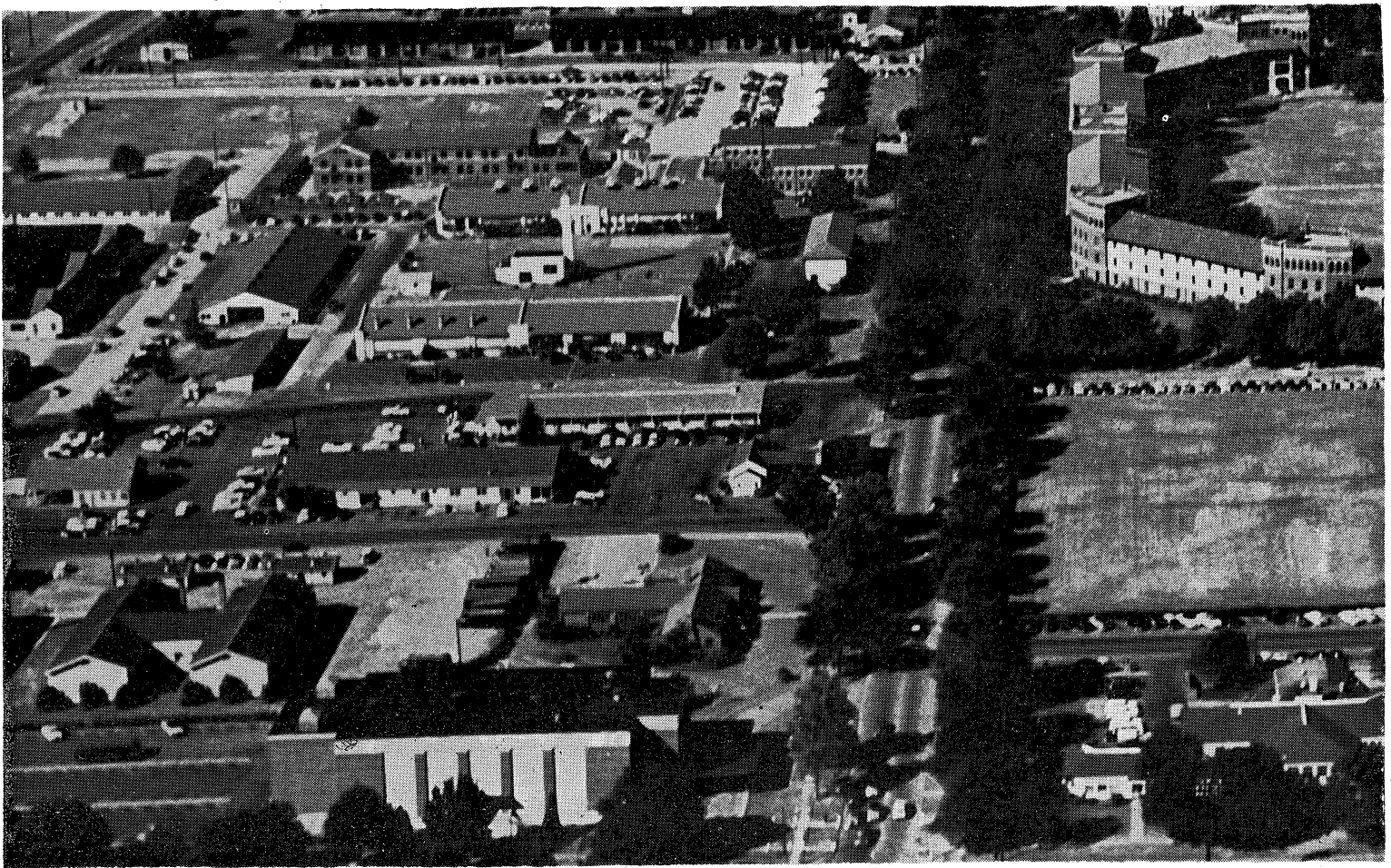
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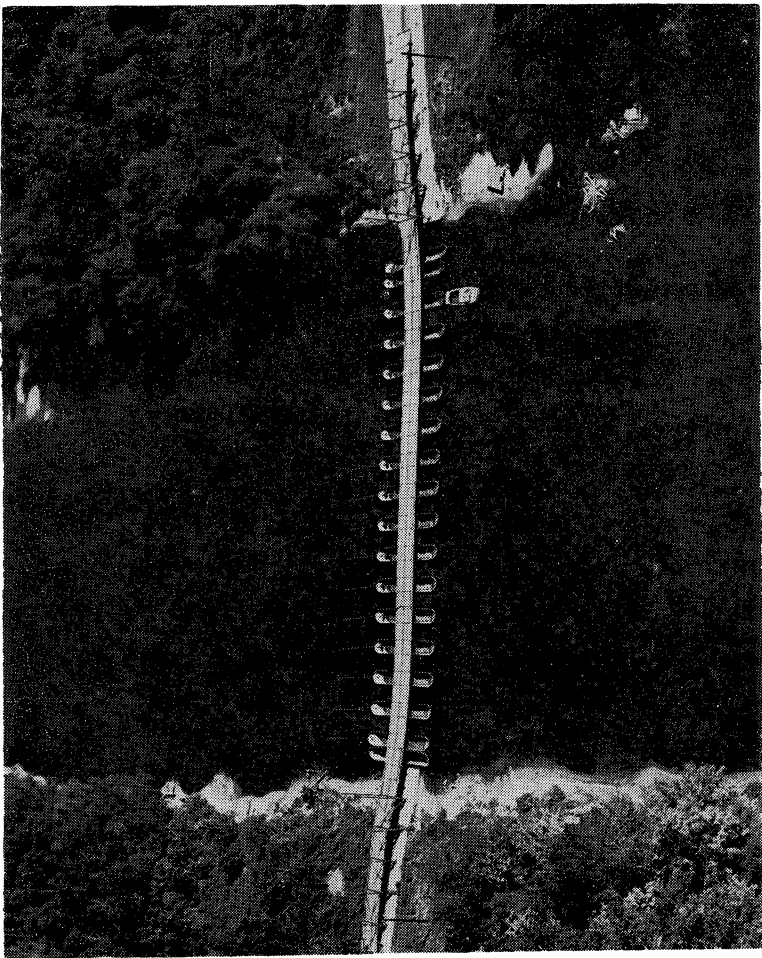


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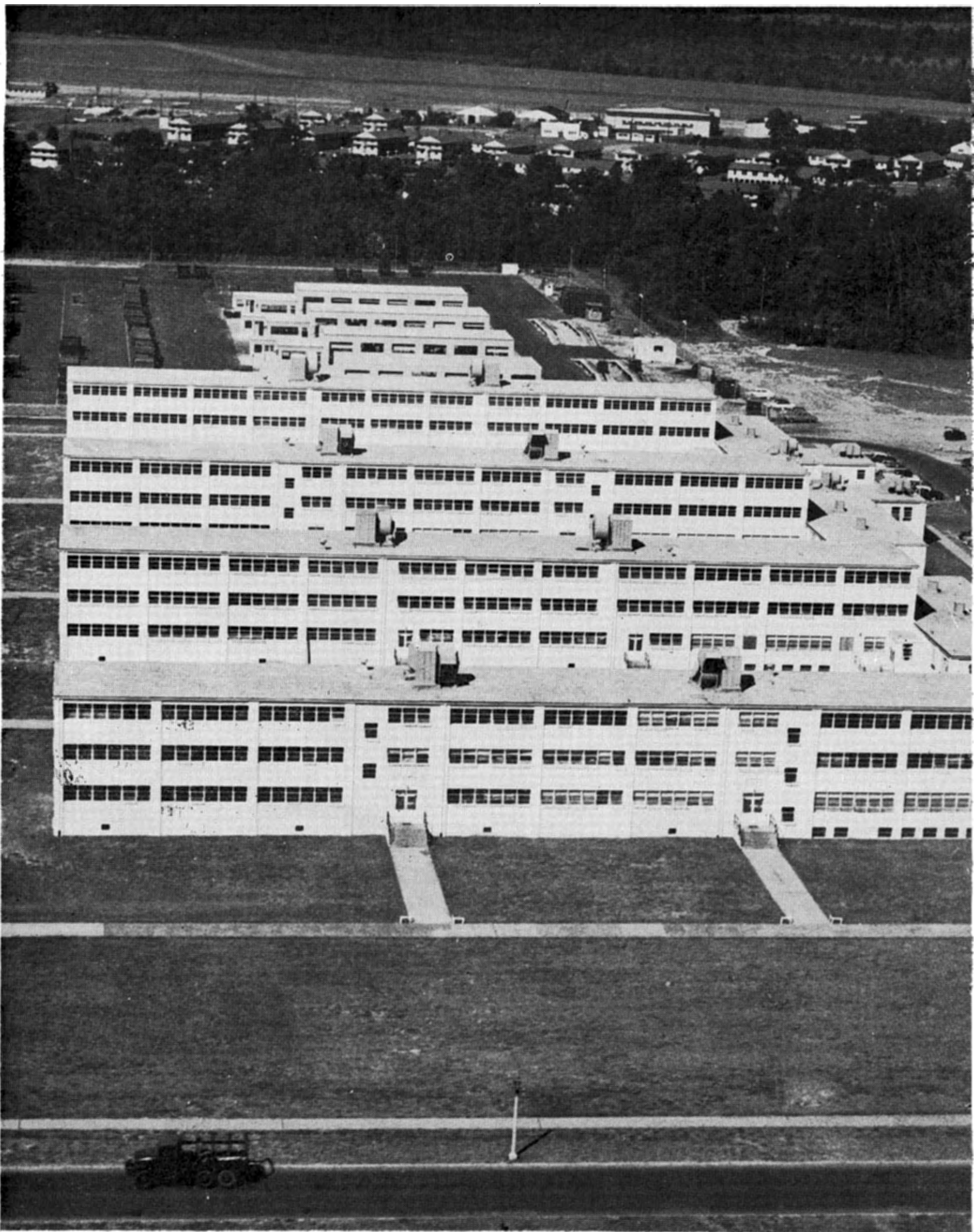


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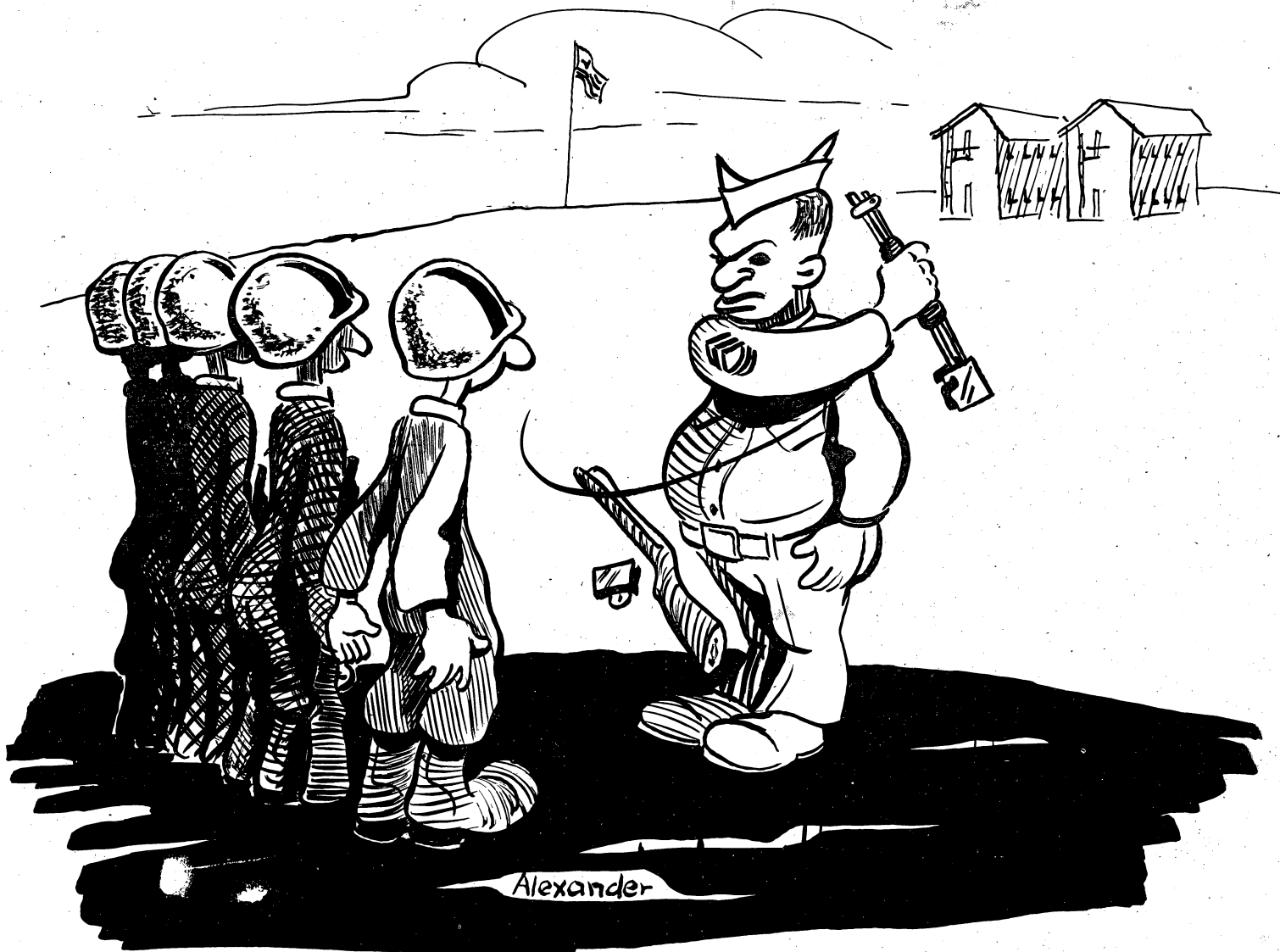
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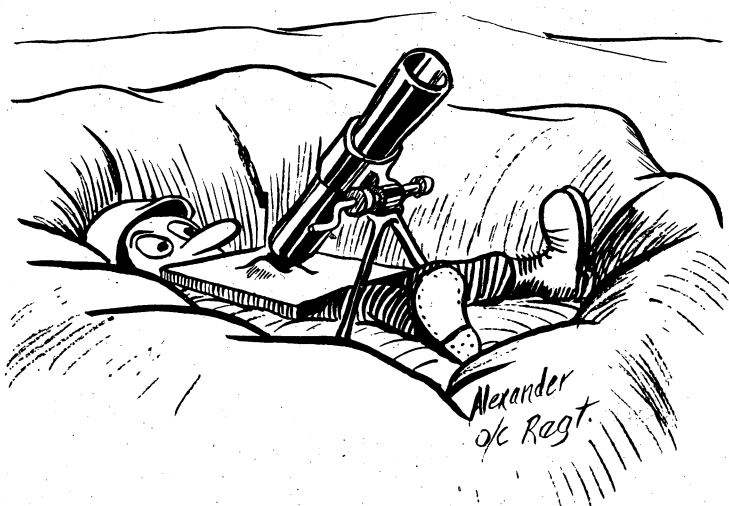


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BY LIEUTENANT CHARLES R. ALEXANDER

When I was offered the opportunity to have some of my cartoons with my own comments published in *The Benning Herald*, I naturally jumped at the chance. The cartoons presented no problem, but the 30 to 60 word chat I was to have written about each one knocked me for a loop. I decided I would either have to explain why I thought each one was funny or tell what situation or observation brought the thing into my mind in the first place.

I discarded the first plan of action since, if the things must be explained further than the drawing and caption, they should be stopped before they hit the presses. The fact that I would be



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unable to pinpoint the origin of all of the cartoons partly eliminated the second plan of procedure; however, I will try to show what some of my main sources of inspiration have been.

Many of my cartoons are obviously not derived from first hand observation. Generally, I take an occurrence which may be rather insignificant to begin with and attempt to blow it up into a more laughable situation. The safety hazards inherent in the handling of certain weapons such as the hand grenade, mortar, and "bazooka" are endless sources of Army cartoon situations.

During my tour of duty at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., I served as a training officer for a basic training company. To a basic trainee, the things that are second nature to the "old soldier" often present frustrating problems. The trials and tribulations of these trainees have provided inspiration for a great many drawings.

Another of my pet cartoon subjects has been my commanding

officer. So far, I have been fortunate in having those who were broadminded enough not to take offense at the fun poked at them.

Once people become aware of the fact that you draw cartoons, you are generally kept well supplied with their personal views on what was wrong with last week's joke and what would be good for next week. I owe a lot to the friends who give me ideas and offer helpful criticism.

Not everyone will laugh at every cartoon I put out, and some won't laugh at any. The people who strive to find something profound in everything they read, probably won't be among my more ardent fans.

If the moral happens to be there, fine, but it probably will be unintentional on my part. I like to laugh, and I like to hear others laugh; so my cartoons will be, to the best of my ability, "strictly for laughs."

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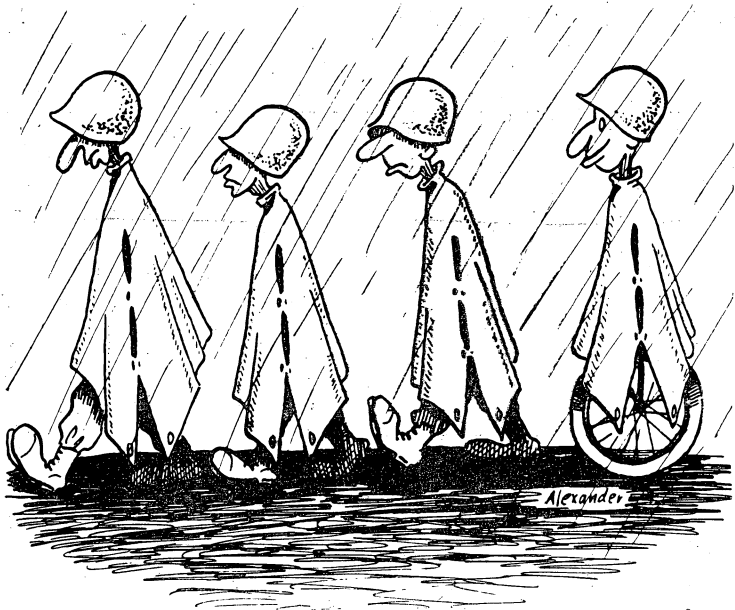
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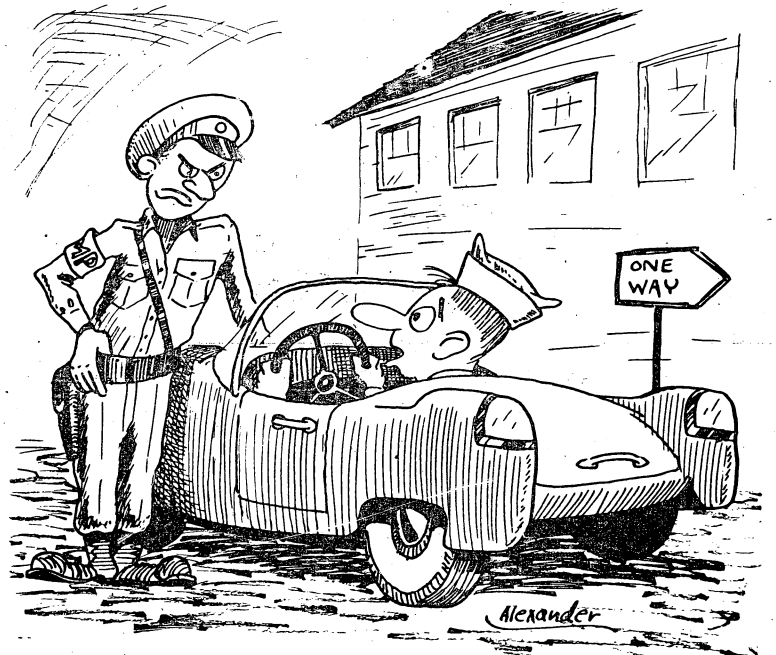
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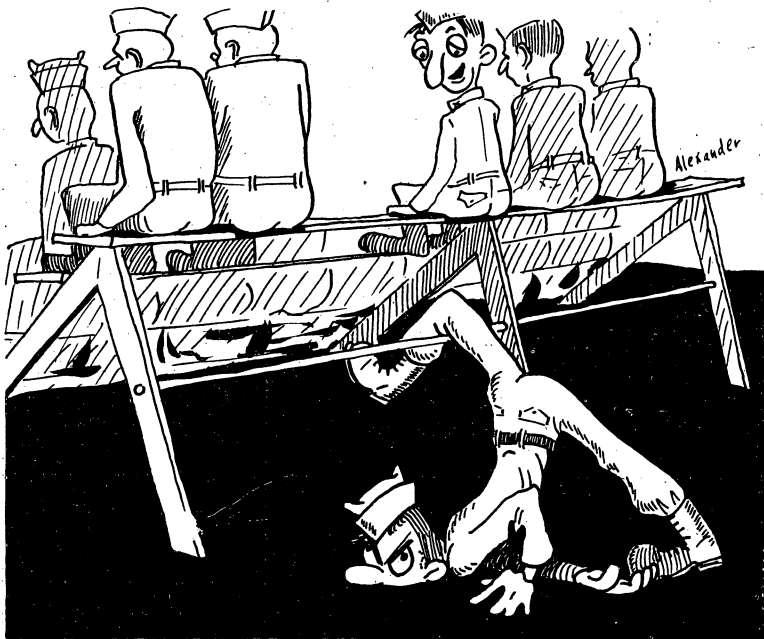
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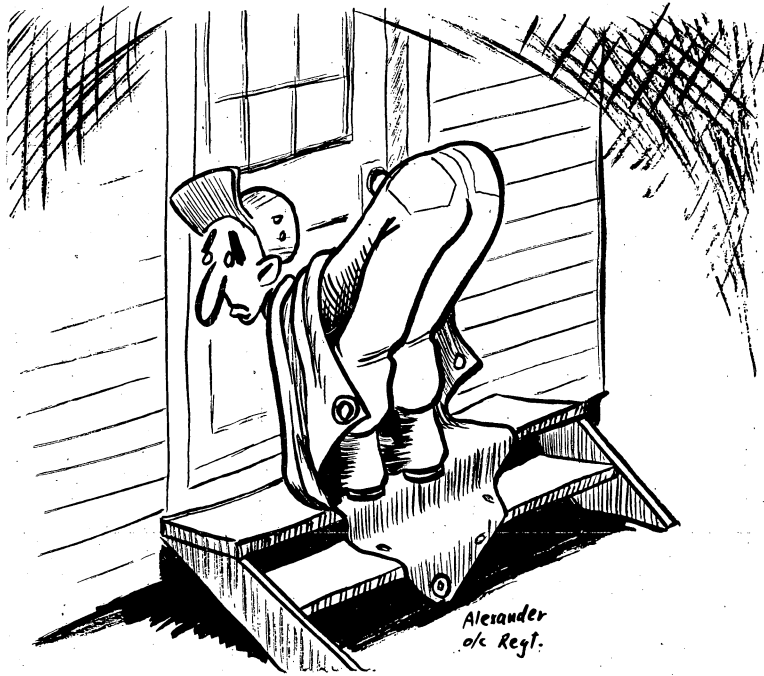
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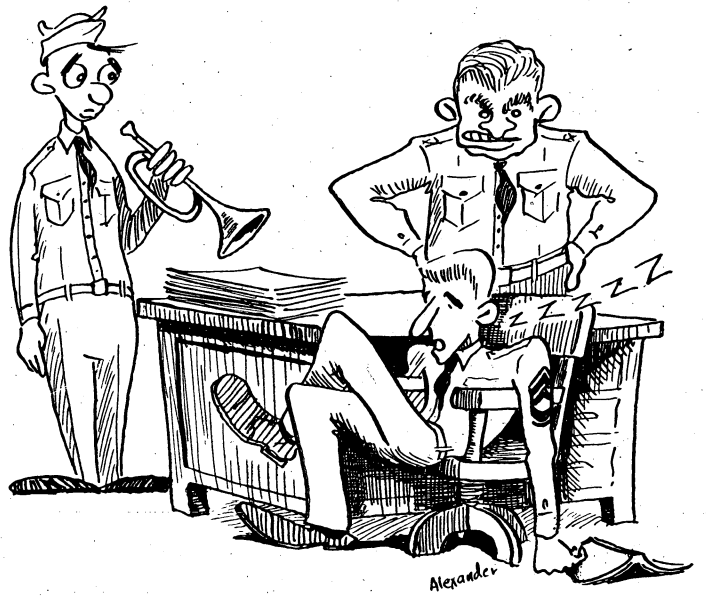
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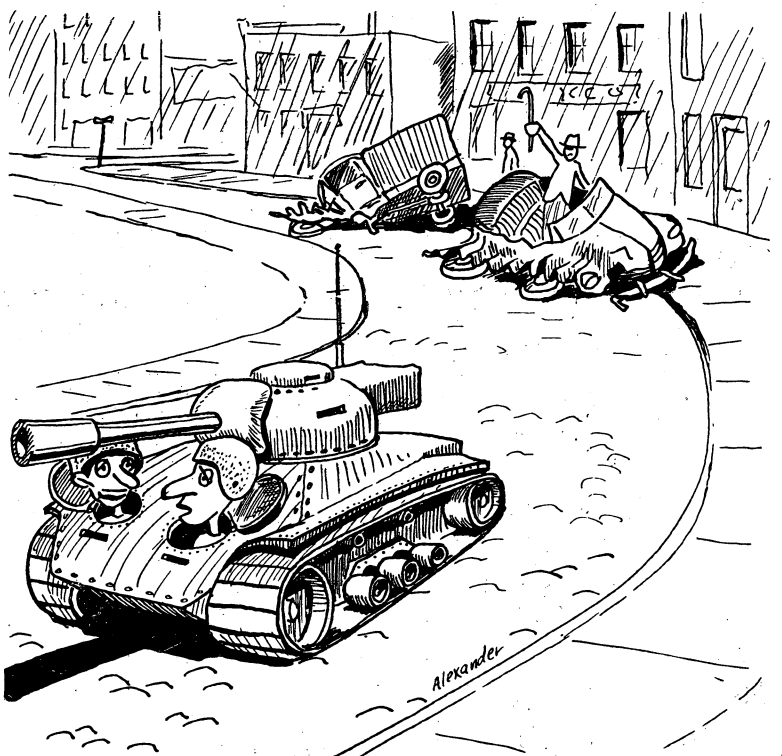
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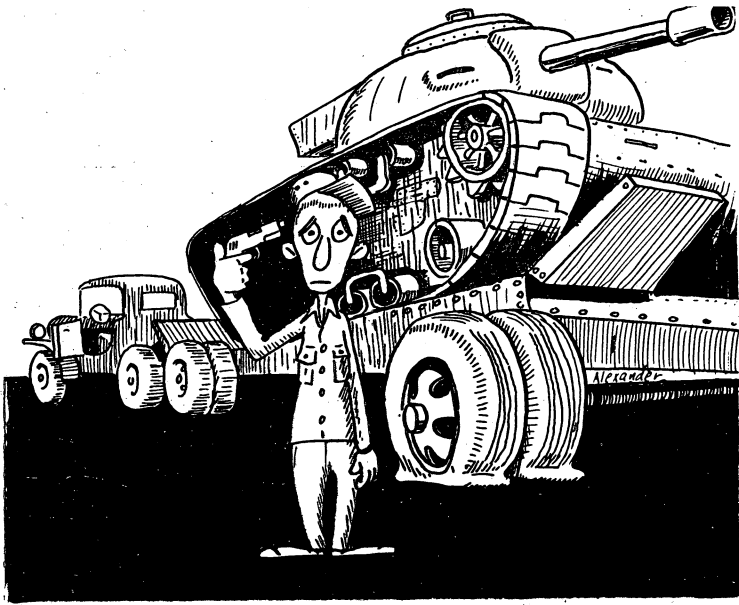
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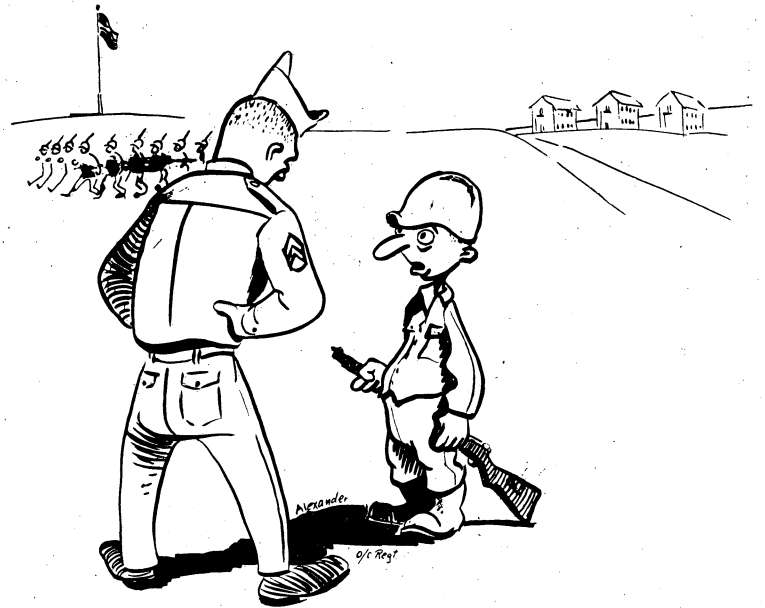
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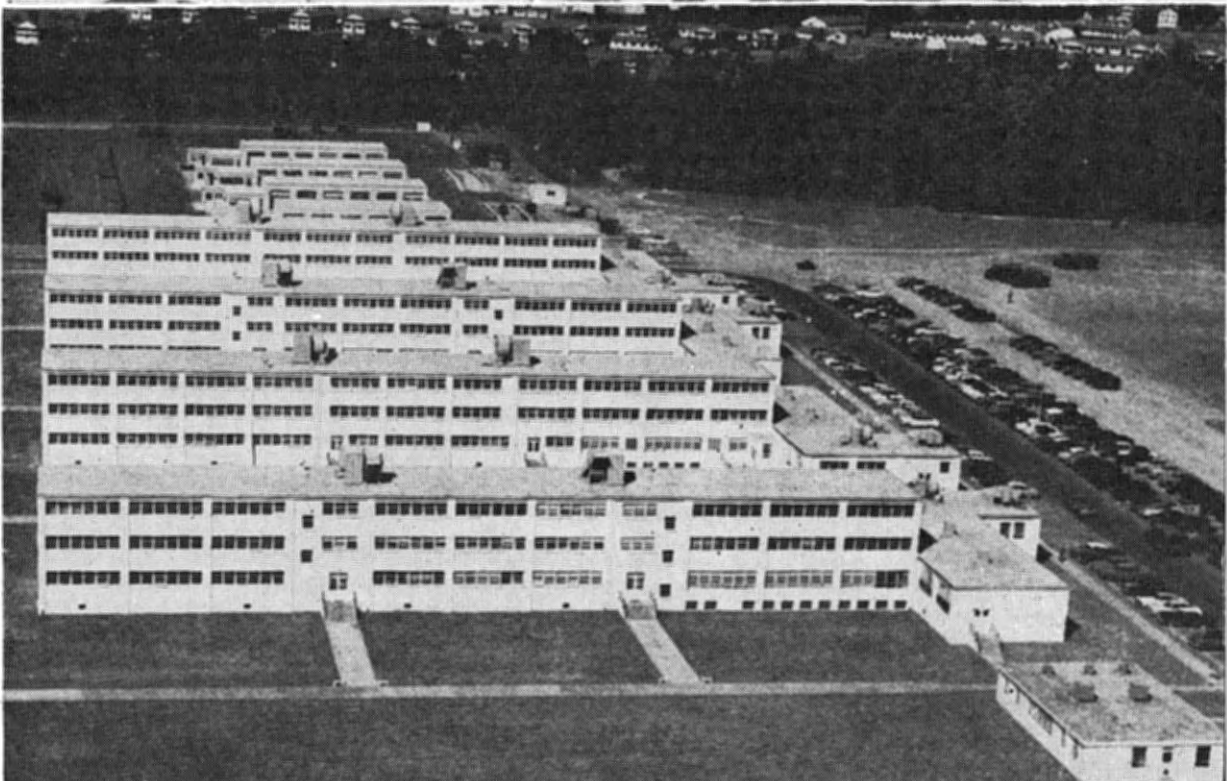
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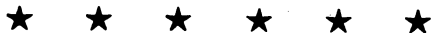
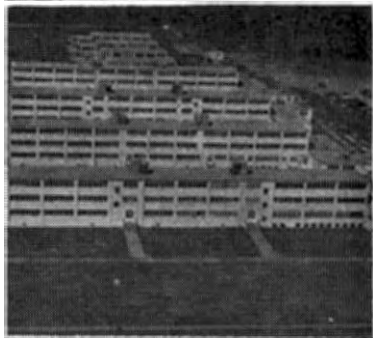
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TOP—This picture of Fort Benning when the post was 10 years old shows the different types of troop housing. In the foreground are the two-story wooden barracks, in the right background are lines of tents, in the left middle can be seen a permanent brick barracks under construction.



LOWER—The buildings front to rear are: PIO-CTC building in the right foreground, headquarters for the Combat Training Command and the 30th Infantry Regiment; third building is Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 30th Infantry Regiment, fourth is Medical Company and fifth is Heavy Mortar Company. In the background is the Regimental Motor Pool.



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THIS IS A 1925 AERIAL VIEW OF THE THEN NEW BARRACKS OF THE 29TH INFANTRY REGIMENT AT FORT BENNING. ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND IN THE BOTTOM LEFT HAND CORNER, "TWO COMPANIES OCCUPY THIS BUILDING, WHICH IS COMPLETED AS FAR AS APPROPRIATED FUNDS WILL PERMIT." IT WAS THE FIRST OF THE THREE GIANT TROOP BARRACKS AT FORT BENNING KNOWN AS CUARTELS.

HOME OF THE INFANTRY OBSERVES 36th BIRTHDAY

Fort Benning, home of the U. S. Infantry and training ground for many of the Army's most famous generals, observed its 36th birthday this month.

It was Oct. 7, 1918, that Fort Benning was born. It has come a long way in 35 years.

From a seven-day wonder in 1918, the home of the Infantry, now commanded by Major Gen. Joseph H. Harper, has expanded to an area covering 284 square miles, containing more than 5,000 buildings and supporting a population of 50,000 persons.

World War I had brought home to the War Department the need for a permanent Infantry School, and the Columbus site was chosen because of the diversified land and relatively moderate climate.

With the birthplace of Camp Benning the Infantry at last had found a home. The story of the two has been synonymous ever since, and together have written many illustrious chapters in U. S. military history. Col. Henry Eames was the post's first commandant.

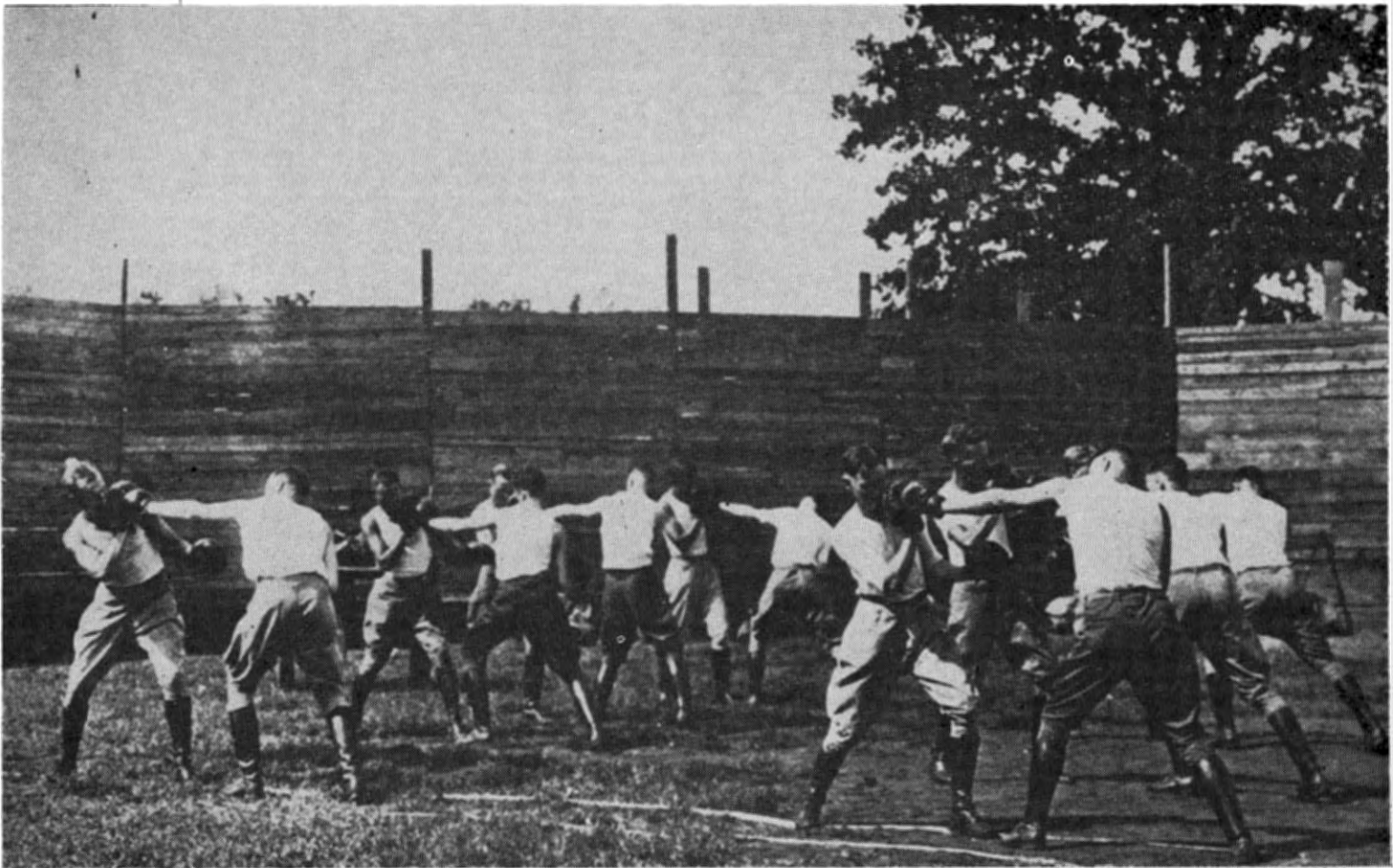
As a gesture of North-South solidarity, the new post was named for Gen. Henry Lewis Benning, a famous Confederate soldier.

As the installation began to experience growing pains, complaints about inadequate facilities culminated in an investigation to change its location from the original site, three miles east of Columbus. This resulted in a move to its present location on the site of the old Bussey Plantation, nine miles south of Columbus.

An economy-minded War Department almost closed the post as plans to abandon Camp Benning were drawn up with orders to salvage all buildings and equipment.

It was at the peak of the pending crisis that Major John Paul Jones began to fight. With the help of Webster's Dictionary which defined salvage as "save", the undaunted officer ordered all post buildings painted. This momentous decision saved Camp Benning.

In 1919 the War Department General Staff decided to set up a peace-time Infantry School at Camp Benning. Major Gen. Charles Farnsworth assumed command of The Infantry School June 22, 1919, and final orders for the organization of the school were issued



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DEPICTING A METHOD USED IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE INFANTRY SCHOOL TO INSURE PHYSICAL CONDITIONING, THIS OLD PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS A MASS BOXING CLASS.



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STRIKING CLASSIC POSES, DOUGHBOYS OF FORT BENNING'S EARLY DAYS DISPLAY THE WEAPONS WITH WHICH THEY HELPED WIN WORLD WAR 1: THE SPRINGFIELD .30 CALIBER RIFLE, BAYONET, 45 CALIBER PISTOL, 37MM CANNON, HAND GRENADE, TRENCH MORTAR AND HEAVY MACHINE GUN. OF THESE WEAPONS, THE MORTAR, CANNON AND RIFLE HAVE BEEN REPLACED AND THE OTHERS MODIFIED.



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Sept. 25, 1919. The school's stated purpose was to "develop and standardize the instruction and training of officers in the techniques and tactics of Infantry".

At first The Infantry School had only Departments of Military Art, Research, General Subjects and Experiment but its curriculum soon was expanded to include techniques of the numerous modern Infantry weapons, tactics and cooperation of Infantry with other arms.

Opening of the school's second full year of operation, 1912-22, saw the beginning of a pattern that was to develop throughout its history: Continued revision of the curriculum to cover modern weapons and tactics and new lessons learned from past experience.

While instruction progressed rapidly, physical facilities lagged sharply behind. Living conditions became worse. The post was housing twice the number of troops its facilities could accommodate. The road ahead was a rocky one, but the groundwork had been laid, and planners were summoned to ease the crisis.

The sober task of maintaining and developing a military post during time of peace provided the main objective for Fort Benning between two world wars.

Despite slashed budgets, construction surged on, the school improved its operations and a mutual concern for an amiable community relationship was demonstrated.

In the spring of 1924 plans for a permanent and attractive Fort Benning were drawn. But still in the future were the envisaged permanent barracks, NCO and officer quarters, permanent theaters, polo fields, swimming pools and other facilities.

Construction began on Doughboys Stadium, conceived as a monument to Infantrymen killed in World War I, and Gowdy Field with money donated by Infantrymen all over the world. The first permanent building was Service Club No. 1.

The Infantry School completed its first decade with Lt. Col. George Marshall as assistant commandant. To simplify administration the school by this time had been reduced to four sections: Technique, weapons, tactics, and training.

The stock market crash and depression brought the New Deal to America, and the New Deal brought millions of dollars in appropriations for PWA and WPA construction to Fort Benning. This was the beginning of the realization of a dream-come-true for hopeful Infantrymen.

Energies spent themselves in the construction of new buildings, apartment houses, chapels, hangars for the air corps, permanent guardhouse, NCO and officer quarters, a bridge across the Upatoi Creek, and permanent barracks.

Most important architectural addition, The Infantry School Building, was completed in 1935, built of reinforced concrete and decorated with Indiana limestone.

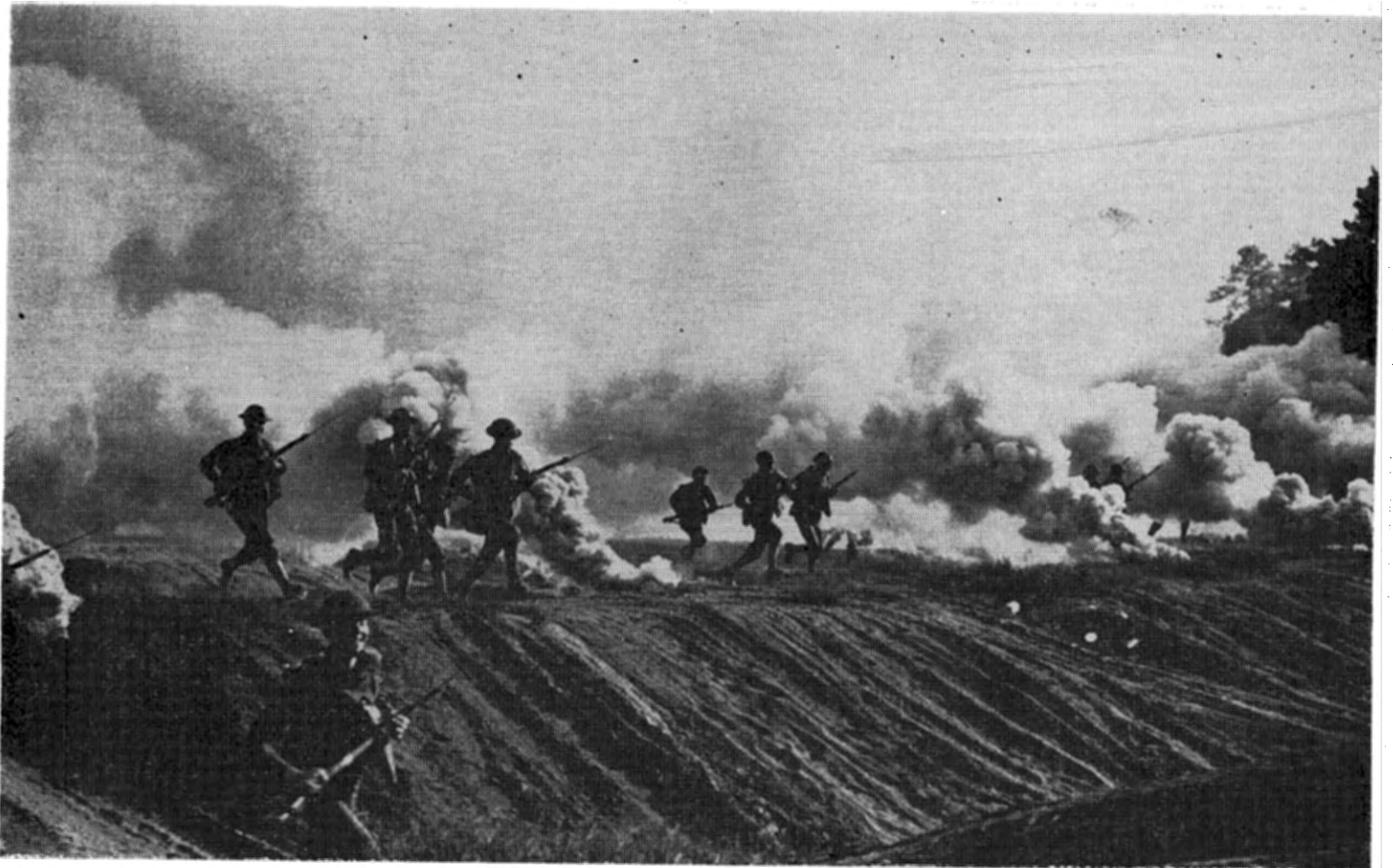
The Infantry School became the hub of activity during the late 1930s and early 1940s. The quietness which marked the training of Infantry leaders for 20 years was now disturbed. Adolph Hitler's armies smashed into Poland and President Roosevelt declared a state of national emergency.

By 1941, every branch of the Army was represented at Fort Benning. The first officer candidate class arrived here July 1, 1941, beginning one of the post's most important war-time programs. Then came Pearl Harbor and The Infantry School's task grew to enormous proportions.

From 1941 to 1945, the United States sent fighting men across three oceans to wage war on four continents. With nearly 11 million men under arms, every conceivable type of technical specialty was utilized in achieving victory, and it was Fort Benning's responsibility to prepare the officers and men of the Infantry for their job.

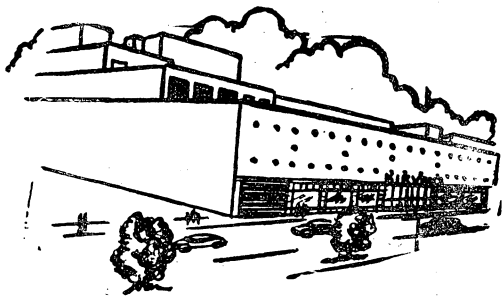
The wartime mission of Fort Benning was to train Infantry leaders, the men just ahead of the men behind the guns. It was the Infantry that cashed in the blue chips, that was called on time and time again to deliver the Sunday punch against the enemy. The magnificent success of The Infantry School in accomplishing this mission is now history.

More than 100,000 students—officers and enlisted men—graduated from courses offered at the school during the war years.



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TROOPS OF FORT BENNING'S FAMED 29TH IN FULL COMBAT EQUIPMENT, BEGIN AN ATTACK UNDER COVER OF THICK SMOKE SCREEN DURING 1940 WAR GAME AT FORT BENNING.



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FORT BENNING'S UPATOI CREEK AND CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER HAVE PROBABLY SEEN MORE TACTICAL MILITARY CROSSINGS THAN ANY OTHER TWO STREAMS IN THE WORLD. THEN AS NOW, THE INFANTRY SCHOOL STUDENT HAD TO LEARN HOW TO CROSS WATER BARRIERS. TROOPS ARE SEEN HERE CONSTRUCTING A PONTON BRIDGE.



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STUDENTS IN OFFICER CANDIDATE CLASS NO. 22 (APRIL, 1942) PRACTICE FIRING THE AUTOMATIC RIFLE ON ONE OF FORT BENNING'S MANY RANGES.

In addition, 90,000 soldiers took airborne training here.

Parachute training began at Fort Benning in 1940 but it remained in the experimental stage until the spring of 1941. On July 10, 1941, the Parachute Section of The Infantry School was organized.

Renamed the Parachute School in 1942, it retained the basic concept that once the paratroop unit had completed its jump, its mission was to fight as Infantry. Accordingly, paratroopers were given the same tactical training as Infantry School graduates.

To train and billet the thousands of troops pouring into Fort Benning, hundreds of new structures, temporary and permanent, sprang up around the post, and two new areas, Harmony Church and Sand Hill, were opened.

Biggest training job tackled by the school was the officer candidate program. From July, 1941, to December, 1946, when the last class graduated, 66,141 Infantry second lieutenants were commissioned at Fort Benning.

Throughout the war, changes were made in the curricula of all courses as The Infantry School sought to benefit by the best of all teachers—experience. Combat reports were continuously evaluated and instruction redesigned. Training stressed a greater measure of physical fitness and realism.

Even before the war began, the growth of Fort Benning necessitated a shift in command. Until the fall of 1940, The Infantry School Detachment had operated both post headquarters and the school, administering all units on the post and providing school instruction.

On Oct. 15, 1940, The Infantry School was separated from post headquarters and made an exempted activity under the direct supervision of the Chief of Infantry. A separate headquarters was established Nov. 30, 1940, and a station complement of Service Command troops was activated.

The war years marked the peak of operation for The Infantry School, and as a result its mission was tremendously expanded from the original conception of an establishment to improve marksmanship. Added to its mission were the teaching of tactics and techniques of Infantry, training selected officers and enlisted men for technical duties in Infantry divisions and serving as an agency in the development and perfection of Infantry tactics and techniques.

The successful fulfillment of these missions by Fort Benning played a large part in achieving the triumphs won by American



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IN APRIL, 1942, THE INFANTRY SCHOOL WAS TRAINING AND GRADUATING THOUSANDS OF YOUNG OFFICERS. THESE OFFICER CANDIDATES ARE PERFECTING THEMSELVES IN THE TECHNIQUES OF BAYONET FIGHTING.

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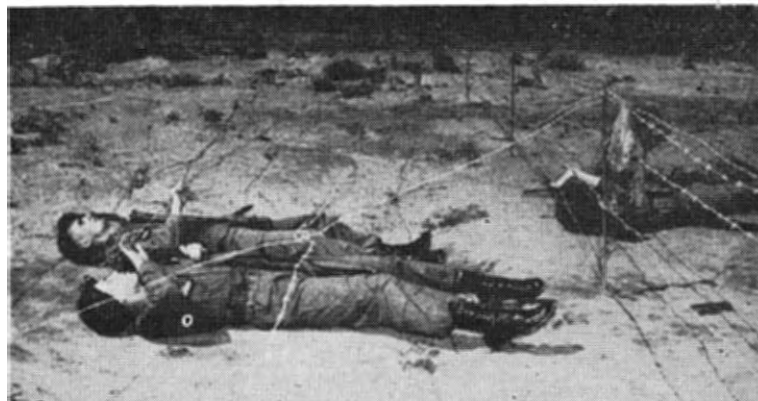
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OFFICER CANDIDATES AT FORT BENNING MUST HAVE AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF WEAPONS. HERE CADETS FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE .30 CALIBER HEAVY MACHINE GUN, OBSERVING THE NUMBER OF HITS AND HANDLING THE AMMUNITION.



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LEARNING TO CRAWL UNDER BARB WIRE IS A TOUGH BUT IMPORTANT PHASE IN TRAINING RECEIVED BY OFFICER CANDIDATES AT FORT BENNING. HERE CANDIDATES DEMONSTRATE THE PROPER WAY TO MOVE THROUGH THE OBSTACLE COURSE, GRASPING THE WIRE WITH ONE HAND AND THEIR WEAPONS WITH THE OTHER.

arms. The Infantry School had proved it was here to stay.

Fort Benning faced the same post-war problem that bothered the rest of the United States: Readjustment. Fort Benning, with its Infantry School, remained a vital center for the post-war Army.

The Infantry School's officer candidate program continued to turn out new second lieutenants and officers of World War II came to take advanced officer courses to prepare themselves for greater responsibilities.

To coordinate administration and eliminate duplication, the Army ordered that Fort Benning's three separate commands—The Infantry School, the Airborne School and the post of Fort Benning—be absorbed by a single headquarters to be known as The Infantry Center. This was carried out in 1946 and Major Gen. John W. O'Daniel became the first Infantry Center commander. The Airborne School became a section of The Infantry School, and later the sections of The Infantry School became departments.

The importance of Fort Benning was demonstrated in 1948 when it was selected as the site of the Army-phase of the Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences. These conferences were composed of distinguished leaders in all walks of civilian life. These men were invited by the Defense Department to visit Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force installations to see post-war progress in weapons and tactics and how the tax dollar is used for national defense. To date there have been 19 JCOCs.

The spring of 1948 saw thousands of young Americans entering the service again, voluntarily or through the draft. In 1949, the Third Infantry Division moved into Fort Benning to be brought to full strength. Its mission was to train as a potential combat unit and serve as demonstration troops for The Infantry School.

But the lull of 1946-50 turned out to be just a prelude to another and bloody storm. Aggression struck again, this time in a



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INFANTRY SCHOOL RANGER STUDENTS ON A PATROL MOVE OUT AFTER LANDING IN AN ASSAULT BOAT DURING A RECONNAISSANCE PROBLEM AT THE AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING CAMP. THEY ARE ENROLLED IN THE INFANTRY SCHOOL'S RANGER DEPARTMENT AT FORT BENNING, BUT TAKE JUNGLE TRAINING IN FLORIDA AND MOUNTAIN TRAINING IN GEORGIA'S SMOKIES NEAR DAHLONEGA.

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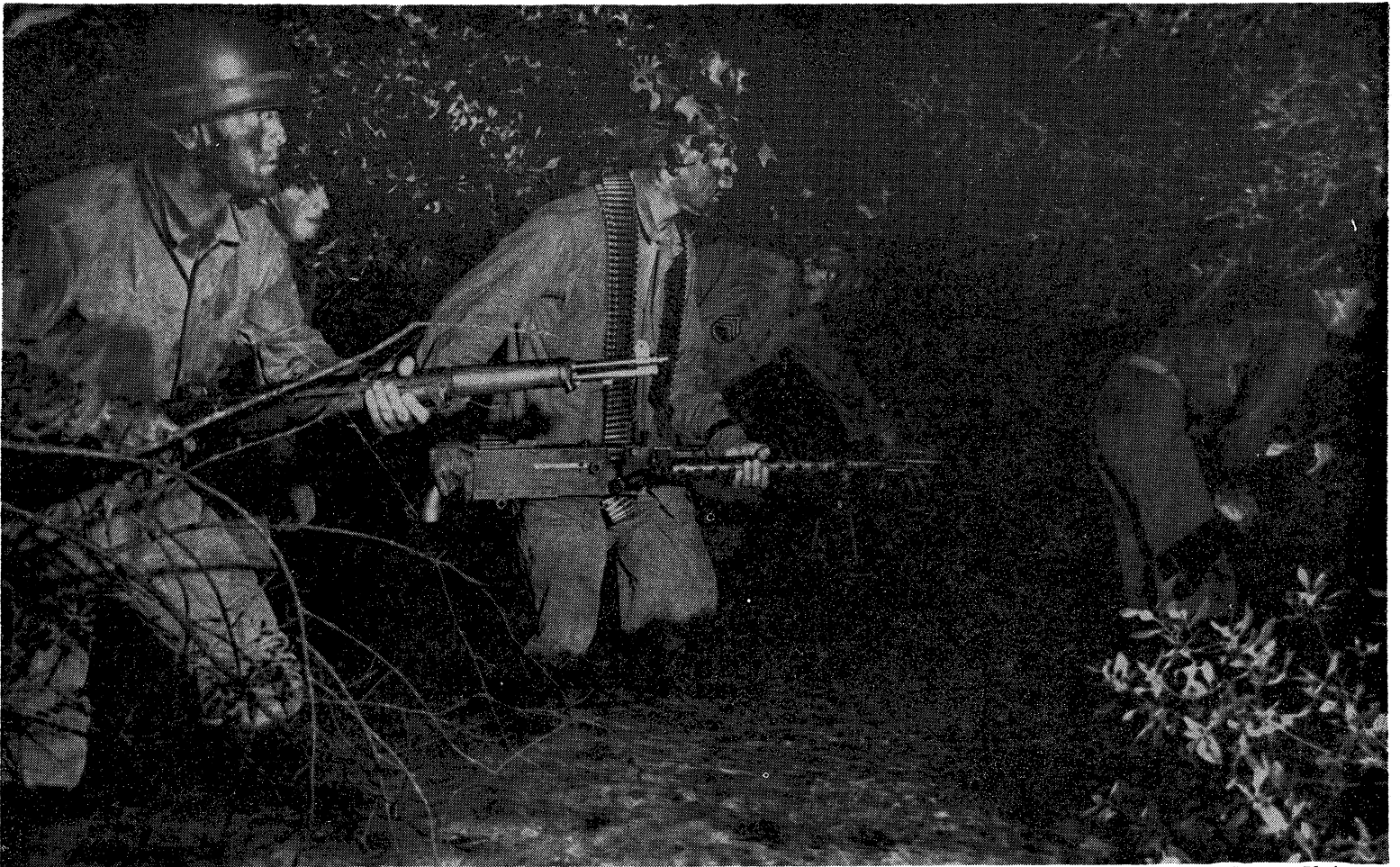
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RUGGED MOUNTAINS POSE NO PROBLEMS FOR THESE RANGER STUDENTS AS THEY GO UP AND OVER THE ROCKY SLOPES OF THE STEEP NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAINS AT THEIR TRAINING CAMP NEAR DAHLONEGA, GA. THE NORTH GEORGIA CAMP IS USED BY THE INFANTRY SCHOOL'S RANGER DEPARTMENT FOR MOUNTAIN TRAINING.



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STUDENTS IN THE INFANTRY SCHOOL'S RANGER DEPARTMENT MOVE THROUGH THE FLORIDA SWAMPS DURING A COMBAT PATROL TRAINING PROBLEM AT THE SCHOOL'S FLORIDA CAMP.

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TROOPS OF THE WORLD WAR II 501ST PARACHUTE BATTALION AT FORT BENNING PREPARE TO BOARD A PLANE FOR A TRAINING JUMP. PARACHUTE TRAINING BEGAN AT FORT BENNING IN 1940.



PARATROOPERS OF THE 501ST PARACHUTE BATTALION DIVEST THEMSELVES OF THEIR JUMPING HARNESS AFTER HITTING THE GROUND AND PREPARE TO GO INTO ACTION AT FORT BENNING IN 1941.

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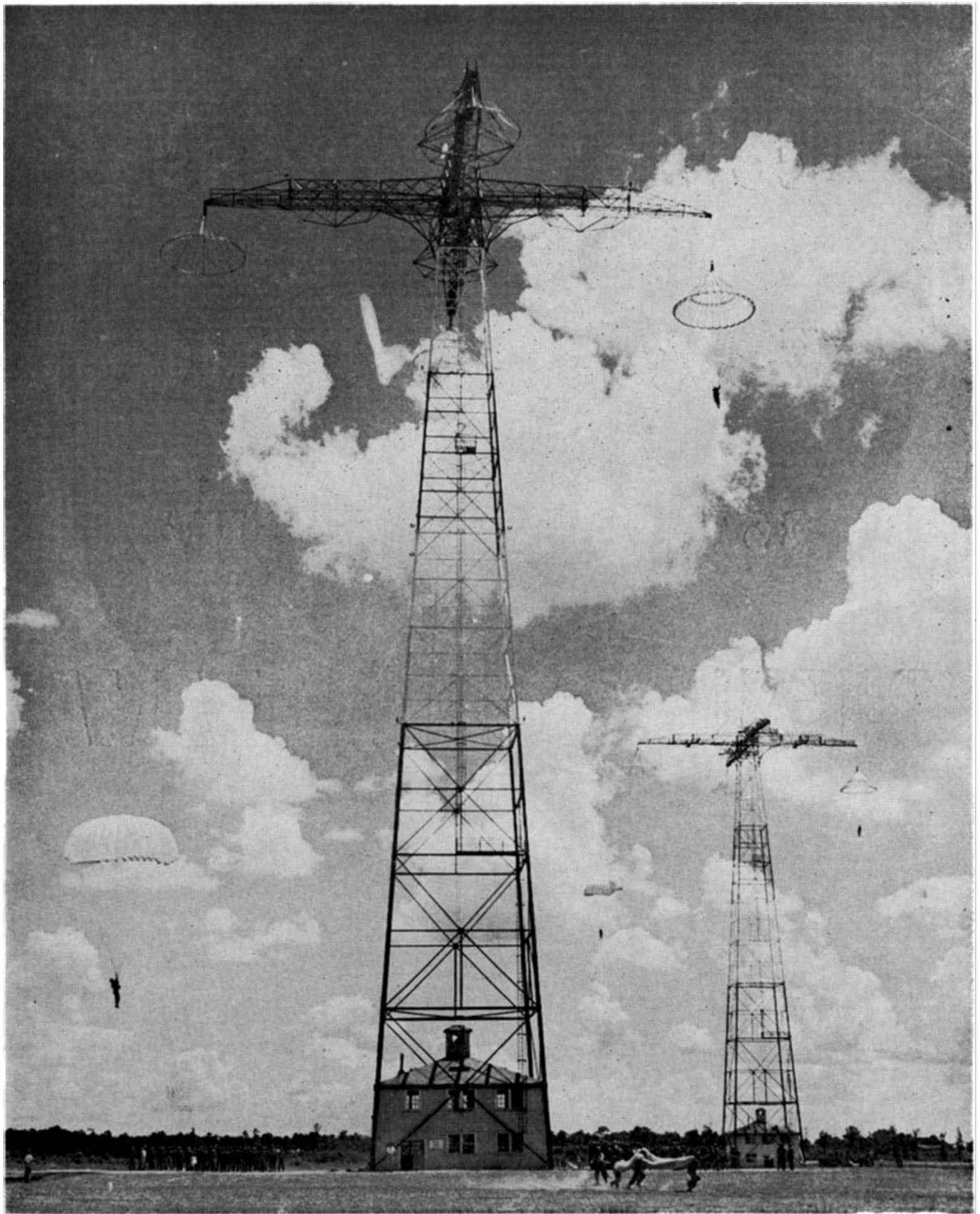
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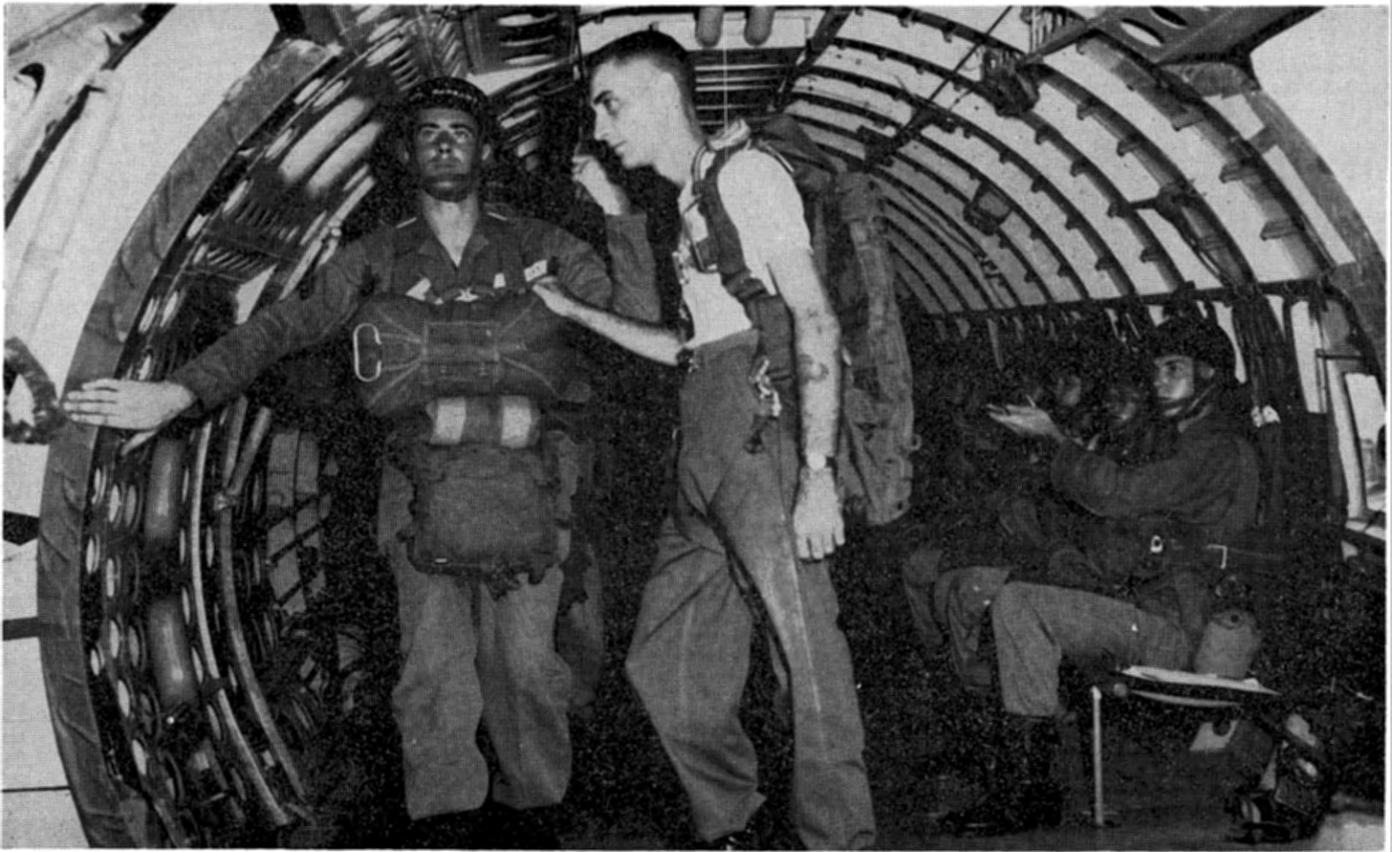
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Once again Fort Benning was called upon and the serene-like reservation became a scene of military bustle and preparedness. With the North Korean offensive on the march, the Third Infantry Division left Fort Benning for Korea where it established a proud record in combat.

The Infantry officer candidate program was reinstated Feb. 18, 1951, and Fort Benning once more began to produce top flight junior officers. In March, 1953, officer candidate training for all branches except artillery and engineers was consolidated at Fort Benning.

In the early months of the police action in Korea. Infantry School graduates held a diploma in one hand and a ticket to the Far East Command in the other. Infantry School alumni found the lessons they had learned in Georgia a valuable guide to how to stay alive near the 38th Parallel.

Often outnumbered, fighting the most peculiar war in the nation's history, they helped rally the footsoldier to drive back the aggressor. While peace terms were discussed, they maintained a costly stalemate for two years.

Even when the Armistice was signed July 27, 1953, there was little time for celebration at Fort Benning. The Infantry School continued its daily operation of training men to lead the greatest Army in the world.

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Last spring, when Camp Rucker, Ala., closed, the Army ordered the 47th Infantry Division to move to Fort Benning. It has occupied the Sand Hill Area and part of Harmony Church since that time.

The continuing mission of the home of The Infantry must be to preserve the heritage which Infantrymen have defended with their lives. The job never has been easy. The Infantry suffered 90 per cent of American casualties in World War II.



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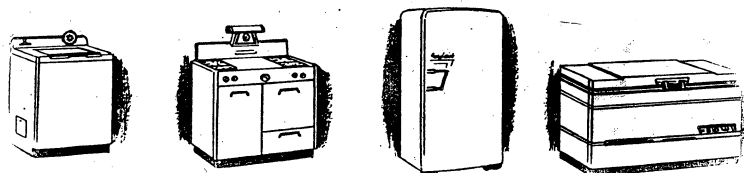
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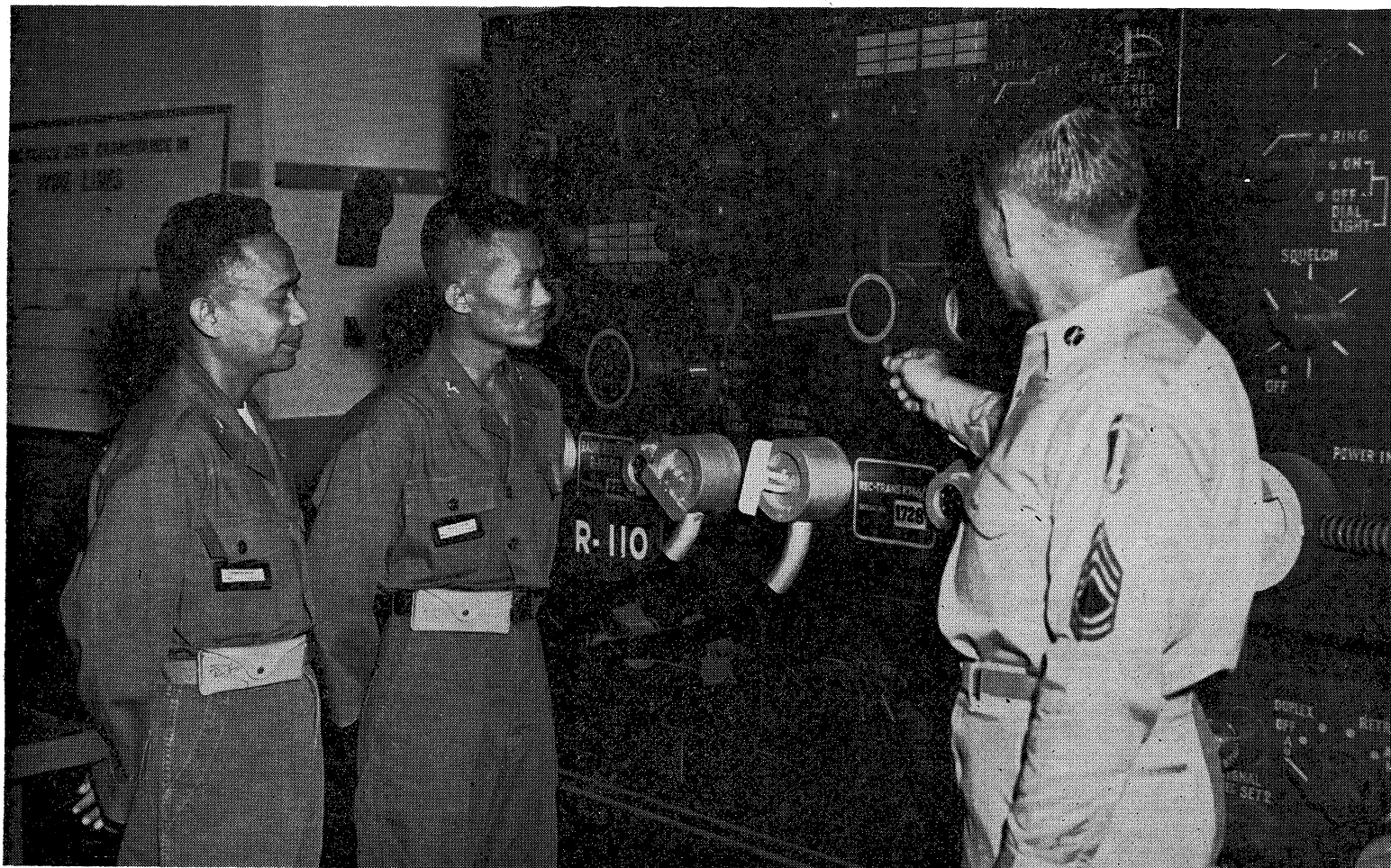
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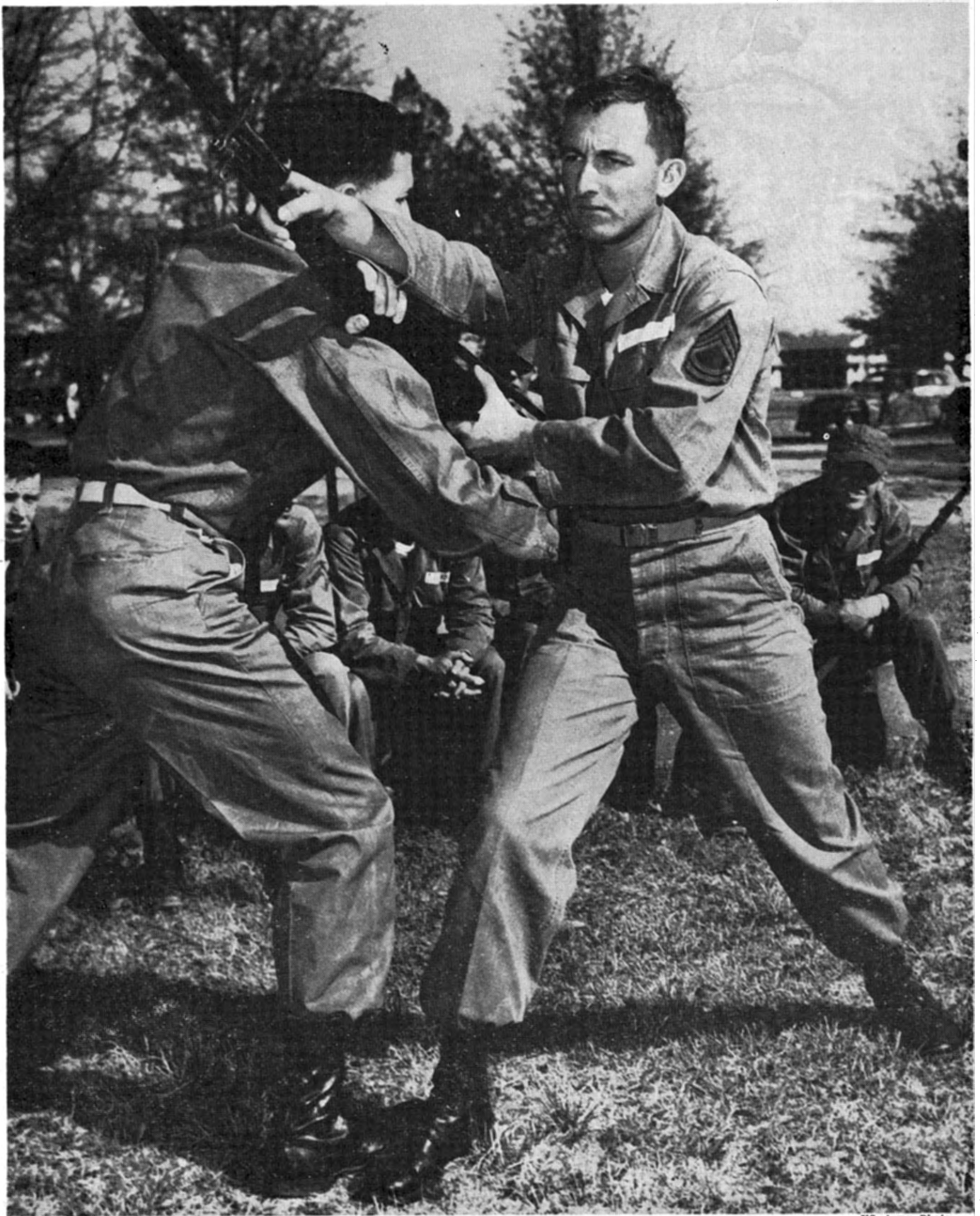
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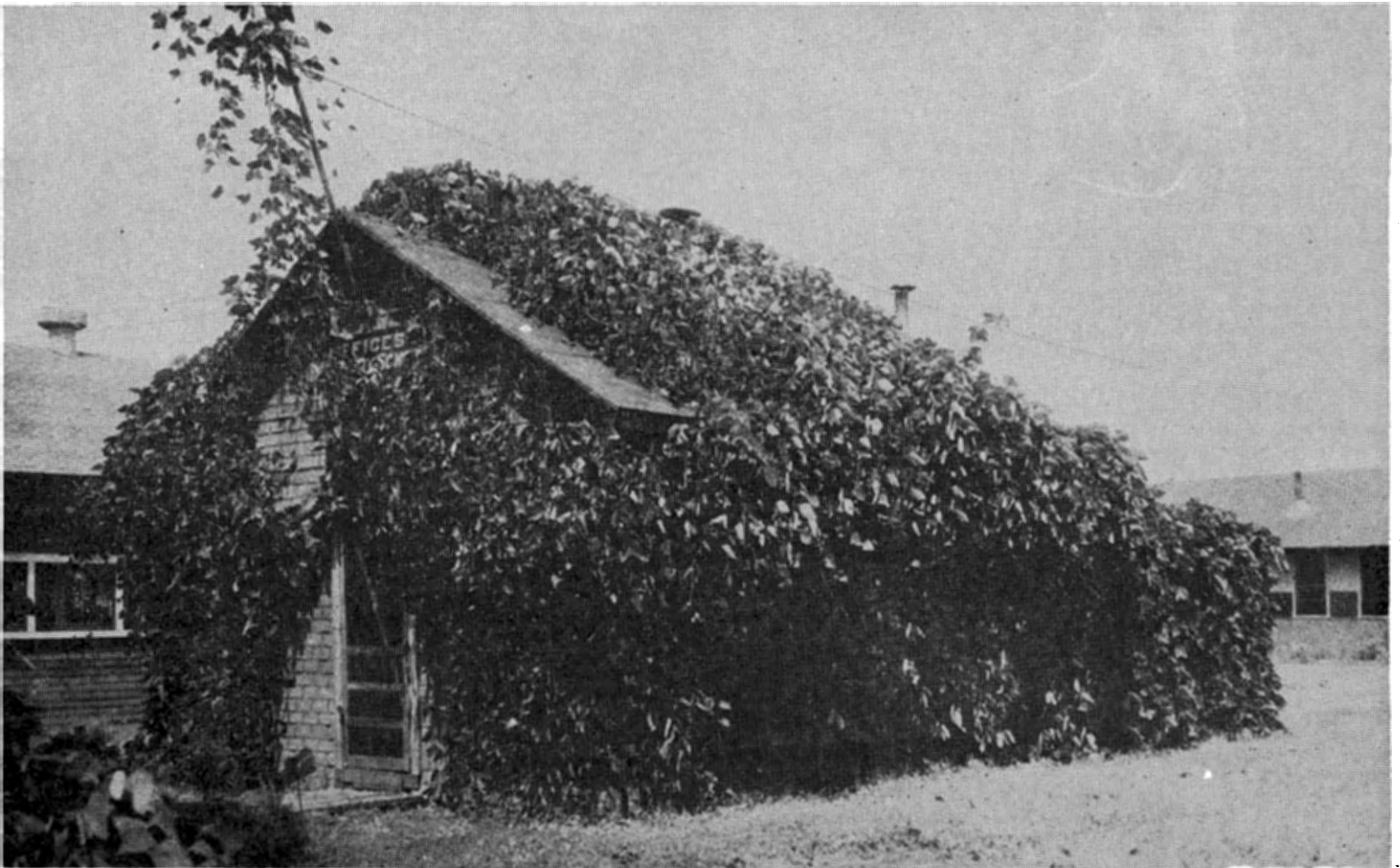
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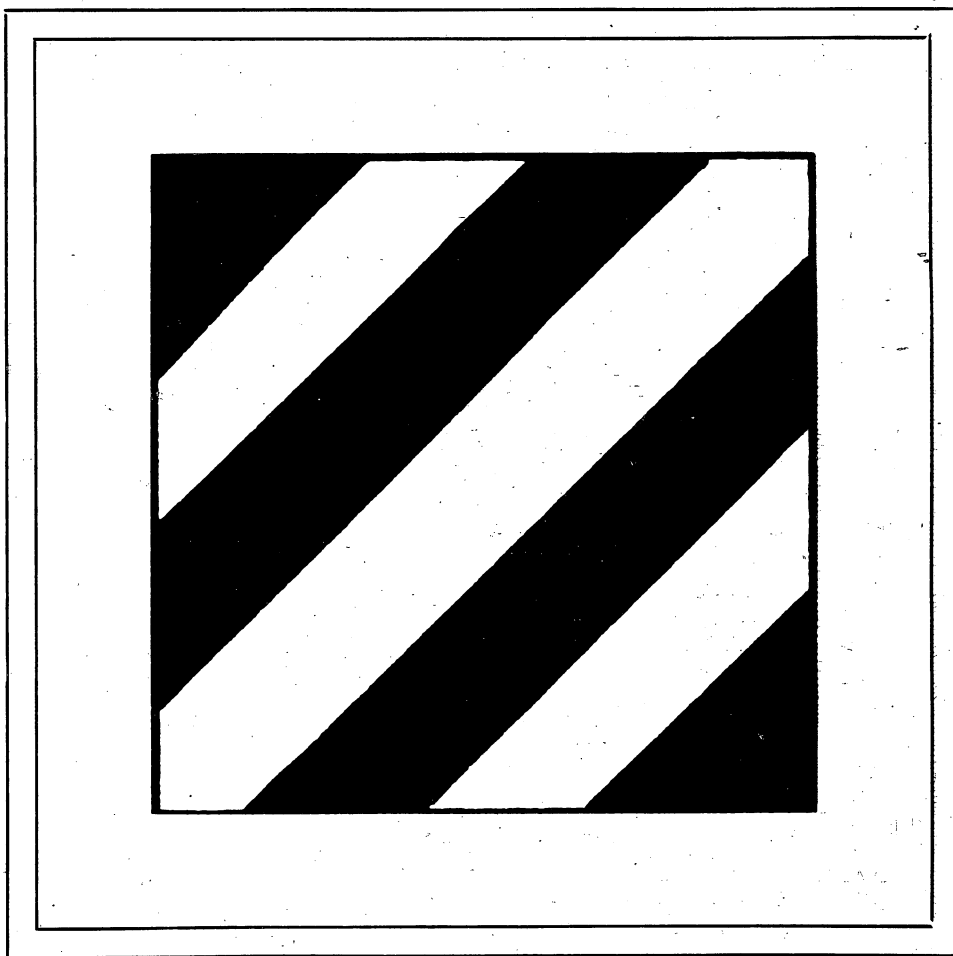
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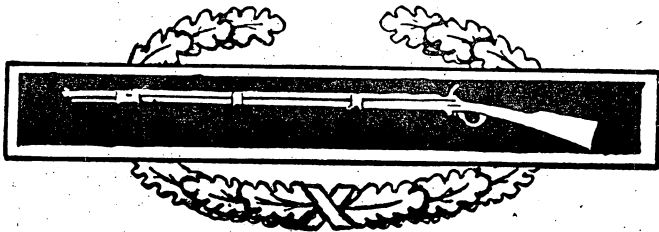
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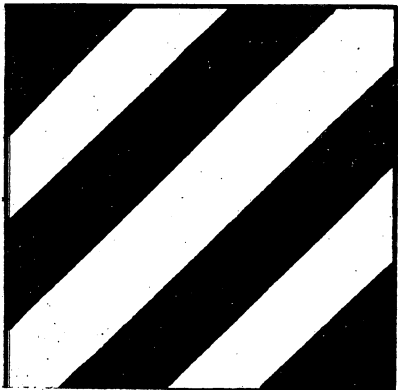
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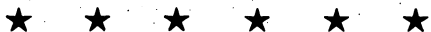


The blue and white shoulder sleeve insignia of the Third Division was originated by Brigadier General Preston Brown who was commanding general of the 3d Infantry Division during the Meuse Argonne campaign 26 September-1 November 1918.



The three white stripes are indicative of the Division's numerical designation while the clear blue field is symbolic of soldierly-loyalty and steadfast devotion to the principles of right and justice.

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Men of the 1st Battalion, 7th RCT, 3rd Infantry Division, on the side of Hill 717 shortly after it was taken from the Communists who still hold the surrounding territory.

THE FIGHTING THIRD COMES HOME

Fort Benning Welcomes Third Division

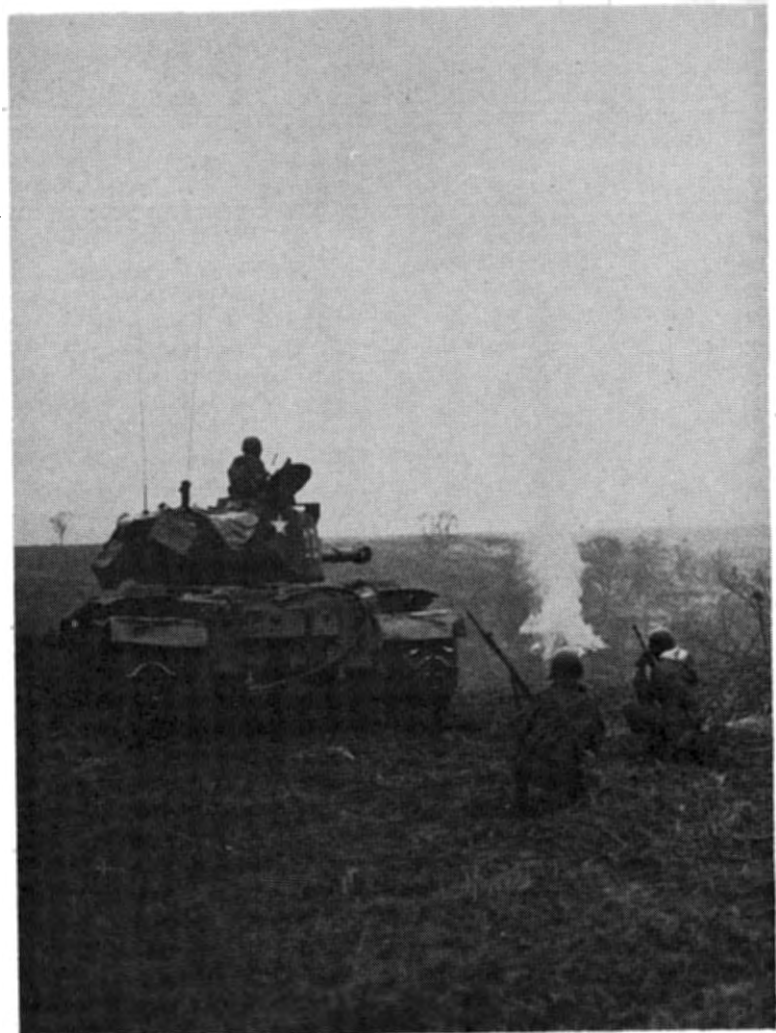
Occasionally a fighting unit will compile a history of itself that is almost awe-inspiring. The Fighting Third Division is such a unit. After four long, bitter years of struggle in Korea, the Marne Division is coming home to Fort Benning.

Its colors and designation will replace those of the 47th Infantry Division which will be retired to control of the Minnesota and North Dakota National Guard from which it originally came. The personnel at Fort Benning will remain the same.

Great combat histories are not made from words. Pictures help but they, too, are inadequate. Only the deeds . . . only the glory and sacrifices that have made the Third Division great have the power to tell their story.

It is to these deeds, then . . . to the men who fought and the many who died etching the Fighting Third's name in history . . . that we respectfully dedicate this story.

The 3rd Division U. S. Rangers in close Communist action in Korea.



The Enemy Feared Them . . .



A squad of Co. A, 15th RCT, 3rd Infantry Division, captures two Communist soldiers after an action against the Chinese Communist forces on a ridge in Korea.

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This is a story of fighting men. It's the *job* of the infantrymen, tankers and artillerymen to fight. The infantryman knows what it is to crawl through mud and slime and to come face to face with an enemy bayonet. The tanker knows what it's like to break through a strong enemy position and to face weapons that may destroy him. The artilleryman knows what it's like to hear enemy artillery shells bursting all around him.

But behind the infantrymen, tankers and artillerymen have been the medics and linesmen, engineers and ordnance, cooks and clerks, military police and bandmen, all playing vital supporting roles. More than once, these men, whose job is service, shouldered weapons when the going got tough.

And that's one of the things that makes the Third great. One unit helps another unit and a third unit helps both of them and so on until when the fighting starts, the Third is not made up of a group of units at all . . . it is then one huge, powerful, fighting team. It is this team that enemies of the United States have feared so much. It is Divisions like this one which make the United States Army the greatest in the world and a powerful force to oppose aggression.



Pfc. M. B. Fahargran, U. S. 3rd Division Medical Battalion, administers blood plasma to a captured North Korean whose right arm has to be amputated after being wounded in the fighting south of the 38th Parallel, Korea.



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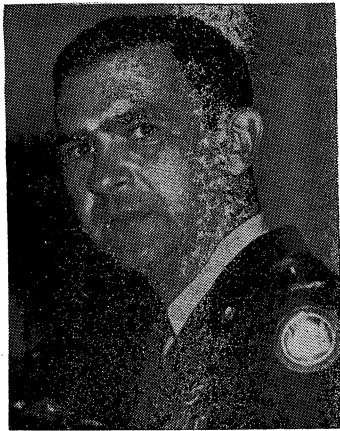


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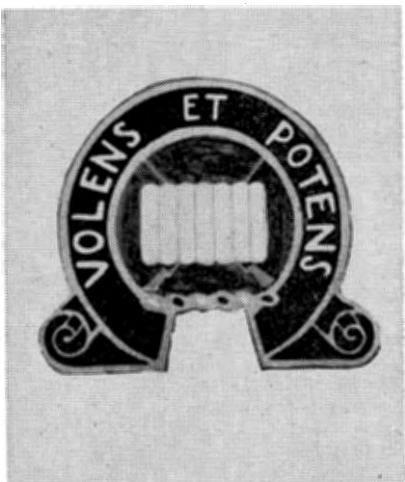
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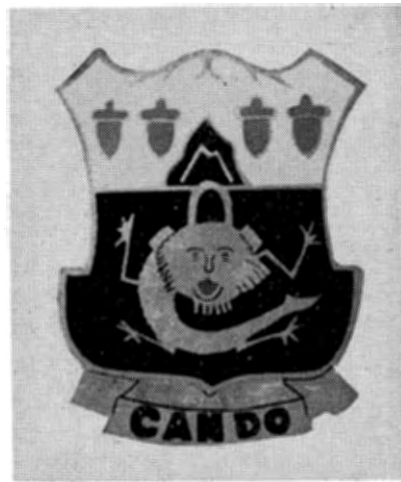
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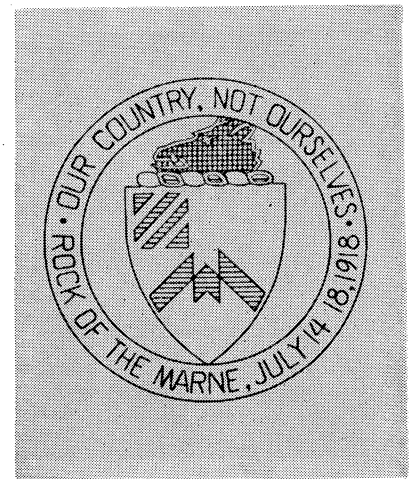
Colonel Frederick Coleman
30th Regimental Commander



On a wreath of white and blue, silver cotton bales banded in black stand in front of two gold bayonets. The motto "Volens et Potens" means "Willing and Able."



The shield is blue and white, the infantry colors. A blue imperial Chinese dragon dominates the crest. A silver rock stands between four red acorns. The dragon symbolizes service in the China campaign. The acorn, badge of the XIV Corps, repeated four times represents the four major operations in the Civil War. One of these operations, Chickamauga, is further emphasized by the rock. The motto is "Can Do."



Predominant colors are blue and silver. The broken chevron represents the regiment's part in pushing back the point of the German drive at the Marne 15 July 1918, for which services the regiment was cited by the French. Because of its warlike and combative nature, the boar's head was selected to represent the passage through the occupation of this region by the 30th Infantry.

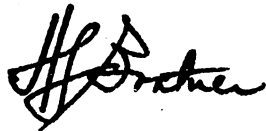
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It is with great pleasure and pride that I have the opportunity to represent the U. S. Army in welcoming the Third Infantry Division back to Fort Benning after heroic service in Korea.

The division's war record is one of the greatest in the annals of American military history, and the task of maintaining and adding to that reputation now falls upon our shoulders. The change over from the 47th to the 3rd Infantry Division means much more than sewing new patches on uniforms or changing our military addresses . . . it means that we must look and be the "Marne Division" soldier all the way . . . BETTER THAN THE BEST!

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Track amphibious vehicles with the last platoon of the 3rd Infantry Division troops coming off the beach of Hungnam, Korea. These men were the last

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World War I

The Third Infantry Division was an offspring of World War I. In April, 1917, the United States became involved in the European War and on 12 November 1917, the Third Division was activated at Camp Green, North Carolina.

Units of the Division were dispatched to France little by little, and it was not until 30 May 1918 that the Third Division, with all elements under Division control, was committed to battle as a unit. With flanks anchored at Chateau Thierry and Damery it stood fast and turned back the German offensive against the approaches of the Marne River to Paris. This was the battle in which the Third earned the proud title, "Marne Division."

From November 1918 until March 1919, the Division performed occupation duties in Germany. Units were then transferred to the United States, and it was not until September 1922 that Division Headquarters settled down at Fort Lewis, Washington, which was to be "home" until the guns of World War II began rumbling.

World War II

The "Fighting Third" is the only American division which fought the Nazis on every front in World War II—North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany. It has had more casualties—nearly 35,000 just in the two World Wars—than any other division, and it held the record at the end of World War II for high combat citations, no fewer than 32 of its officers and men having won the Medal for Honor during those two major conflicts.

The Third's first D-day came on November 8, 1942, when it spearheaded the landing near Casablanca and, in three days of sharp fighting, took a good slice of French Morocco and was in position to storm Casablanca when the French surrendered. In the final stages of the Tunisian campaign the Division was moved across Algeria by truck and was about to go back into action when the Afrika Korps was knocked out for good.

After two months of training, the Third went ashore on D-day of the Sicilian campaign. The Division's capture of Palermo was

sensational. The Doughboys moved so swiftly that when American tanks and armored cars raced in to take the city, they found it already occupied by the footsloggers. And when the last enemy stronghold on Sicily—Messina—fell to the Allies, it too was taken by the Third.

At Salerno, the Fighting Third took over the beachhead and pushed the Germans northward and broke through the defenses of Acerno, enabling the British to enter Naples. The Division punched ahead and participated in the bloody crossing of the Volturno.

When the Anzio campaign was launched, the Third again



U. S. troops of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division, XV Corps, U. S. Seventh Army, advance to attack the town of Wetzhausen, Germany. (Photo taken 4 August 1945.)



to leave their positions. This picture was taken 24 December 1950.

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drew "the short straw." Its soldiers splashed ashore in the first wave at Anzio, and for the next four months held on to its toehold in the face of the most furious counterattacks of the war. It was here that the Third established the record for the most casualties suffered in any one day by an American division.

In the big May push the Third figured prominently in the liberation of Rome. With only a few days of rest the men started training for their next operation—the invasion of southern France.

Led by Major General John Wilson ("Iron Mike") O'Daniel, the Third took more than 1,000 prisoners in its first twenty-four hours on French soil, and began a race that carried to Avignon



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and the Rhone River, then toward the Allied armies which had broken out of Normandy.

The fortress city of Besancon fell in two days, but during October the Division advanced slowly and bloodily in front of the Vosges Line. In November the breaching of the line was completed, and the troops moved into Strasbourg.

For its superb fighting on the northern perimeter of the Colmar bridgehead, when it battled through snow, storms, enemy-infested marshes and woods, and over flat plains criss-crossed by unfordable streams, the entire Division was cited by the President. Then, as a major unit of the Seventh Army, the Third Division drove across the Rhine and deep into Germany.

On V-E Day the "Fighting Third" was at Salzburg, and was using as a messhall the dining room of Schloss Klessheim, where Hitler once housed his more important guests. The 7th Regiment, at war's end, was in possession of Hitler's last hiding place . . . his Berchtesgaden chalet.

Between 8 November 1942 and "VE" Day the Third Infantry Division was engaged in 531 actual days of combat.

The Division remained in Germany on occupation duty until August 1946, when it was ordered to return to the United States. Division Headquarters, consisting of a headquarters cadre, was established at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, remaining there until November 1948.

It was then that the Division was transferred to Fort Benning and began to be reorganized, units filled and training started. The 7th Regimental Combat Team (7th Infantry Regiment, 10th Field Artillery Battalion and Company A, 10th Engineer (C) Battalion) was moved to Fort Devens, Mass., where a training program was begun.

On 25 June 1950, the Communists attacked without warning across the 38th Parallel in Korea. It was believed that the Third Infantry Division would be assigned to the Far East Command; however, shortly after the Korean action began, higher headquar-

ters levied the Division for cadres and individual replacements. By 10 August, the Division consisted of little more than a cadre, and on that date orders were received transferring the Third to the Far East Command. The 7th RCT was relieved from First Army and returned to Division control. The 30th Infantry was replaced by the 65th Infantry, stationed at San Juan, Puerto Rico. The elements of the Division departed for Camp Stoneman on 21 August and on 2 September the last transport departed from San Francisco Bay.

Korea

Units of the Division began unloading at the port of Moji, Japan, on 19 September. The 65th RCT landed at Pusan on 26 September and participated in the breakout of the Pusan Perimeter, returning to Division control after one month of combat operations in South Korea.

The Third departed Moji on 9 November and General Soule opened his command post at Wonsan, Korea. The 65th RCT had landed at Wonsan five days previously and now joined the parent organization. The most notable action during this portion of the campaign was one involving Task Force "Dog," organized and commanded by Brigadier General A. D. Meade, the Assistant Division Commander.

This organization, consisting of troops from the 7th Infantry and other Divisional units fought a brilliant rear guard action, relieving units of the hard-pressed 1st Marine Division and holding open the escape route to Hungnam.

The entire Division then formed a defensive perimeter around the port of Hungnam, permitting the 7th Division and the 1st Marines to board LST's and move to waiting troop ships. The last troops of the Third Division boarded LST's on Christmas Eve, thus completing the most extensive beachhead evacuation in U. S. Military history.

The Division was reassembled in the vicinity of Pusan and on 5 January 1951 began the task of clearing rear areas of the many

Infantry advance through the flames and debris of Zweibrucken, Germany, captured by units of the U. S. Seventh Army. Pictured below are members of the 1st Battalion, 30th Inf. Regiment, 3rd Division.



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guerillas operating in South Korea. On 25 January the Division was given the mission of taking the south bank of the Han River. After more than a month of hard fighting our patrols crossed the Han and ranged through Seoul, which fell on 12 March.

On 31 March, Task Force "Hawkins" (64th Tank Battalion and attached infantry) became the first UN unit to recross the 38th Parallel. By April the entire Division occupied high ground in the vicinity of Yonchon, 50 miles north of Seoul. Here the Chinese defense began to stiffen.

It had been known that the enemy was conducting a build-up in the area known as the "Iron Triangle" located between Kumhwa, Pyonggang and Chorwon, and on the night of 22 April the Chinese offensive began as endless masses of Red soldiers poured out of the "Iron Triangle." The 65th Infantry was one of the targets of this mass attack. The regiment held its ground during the hectic night, inflicting tremendous casualties on the enemy.

All corps units were ordered to withdraw to successive defensive lines, delaying the enemy and inflicting as many casualties as possible. By 26 April all units were established on Line "Golden", forming a defensive perimeter around Seoul.

Here the hordes of Chinese were stopped. During this phase of action the Third Infantry Division took a tremendous toll of enemy troops, killing more than 12,000 and wounding twice as many.

Eighth Army's plan "Piledriver" went into effect on June 3, taking a swing at the enemy while he was still dazed. The "Fighting Third" was given the mission of seizing and holding Chorwon, the western anchor of the "Iron Triangle." By 12 June, Division reconnaissance patrols had entered Chorwon and the 25th Infantry Division had taken Kumhwa on the east, leaving only Pyonggang to be cleared.

On 13 June, Task Force "Hawkins" entered Pyonggang and the "Iron Triangle" had been cleared. There followed a period of comparative quiet during which time defensive lines were established and stabilized.

Division units had hardly established positions when the Chinese, with bugles blaring, conducted a full-scale attack along the strategic Hill 355 (Dagmar), located at the hinge between the Third Infantry Division and the British Commonwealth Division. The 7th Infantry and the 2d Battalion, 15th Infantry, conducted a determined defense of the hill and by 25 November the Chinese retired, having been decisively defeated. More than 3,000 enemy were killed in this engagement and great numbers wounded.

The rest of the winter and early spring were devoted to aggressive patrolling and extensive work on the defensive fortifications.

Early in June, however, action stepped up and the Division came under heavy enemy attacks all along the front. The bitterest fighting took place on "Outpost Harry" on the Division's left center and against the "Boomerang" on the Division's right flank. Despite repeated and determined enemy assaults, preceded and accompanied by heavy artillery and mortar barrages, the line held firm and the Chinese withdrew defeated.

Though fighting continued along the front until the final minute of the cease fire at 2200 hours, 27 July 1953, the Chinese advanced no further. The enemy drive in the Kumsong sector had been stopped.

Armistice Period

The battle-scarred veterans moved south of the Demilitarized Zone on 30 July 1953 and occupied Post Armistice Battle Positions until 5 August when the 40th Infantry Division came up to relieve them.

The Division, having completed almost six months of continuous combat, moved into a reserve area and began a period of rehabilitation of equipment, construction of a semi-permanent post (Camp Kaiser), and intensive training program.

On 1 May 1954, the Division relieved the 40th Infantry Division on the Main Battle position. The "Fighting Third" was engaged in the defense of this sector until the last few weeks. The colors and designation are planned to arrive here at Fort Benning early in December, 1954.

Observing air and artillery strikes on a Communist objective in Korea are men of the 3rd Division.





Infantrymen of the 3rd Division climb over rubble as they clear snipers out of Nuernberg, Germany. A tank Dozer follows them clearing a path.

While medics attend one of the injured riders, mine sweepers go into action in the spot where "duck" (in Rear) was hit by a German mine, during practice landing operation of the 3rd Div. near Formia, Italy.



Men of the 3rd U. S. Rangers, 3rd Inf. Division, advance to higher ground north of the Imjim River in Korea, under heavy mortar fire from the Chinese Communists.



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Pvt. Roy W. Humphrey of Toledo, Ohio, a member of the 7th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Division, is being given blood plasma by PFC Harvey White of Minneapolis, Minn., after he was wounded by shrapnel.



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The 'Fighting Third' Remembers Its Fighting General

Maj. Gen. Soule Lives in Hearts of His Men

By Cpl. Walter R. Porges

It is a sad twist of fate that the one man who most deserves to welcome the Marne Division to Fort Benning will not be present at the ceremonies. But his place will be there—for there will always be a place in the hearts of the men of the Third for their former commanding general, Major General Robert H. Soule.

General Soule commanded the Third when it was at Ft. Benning last time, then led it through some of the stiffest fighting of the Korean police action. Now that the division is about to make its triumphant return, members of the division will remember with sorrow the heart attack that robbed the United States Army of one of its toughest scrappers in January, 1952.

General "Shorty" Soule first served at Fort Benning in 1928 and 1929, when he was assigned to the 29th Infantry Regiment here. Following that assignment, he went to Peking, China, as a Chinese Language officer. He was ably qualified for the job, having a knowledge of the Chinese language, and having made special studies of the Orient.

The next time General Soule served at Ft. Benning was in 1950, when he arrived to assume command of the Third Division here. Three months later, he and his men were in Korea. He commanded the Third Division in Korea for more than a year, leading his men in some of the bloodiest battles fought on the peninsula.

In the midst of the gloom and despair of the bitter winter of 1951, General Soule was just about the only man in Korea who thought the Communists could be beaten—and he said so in no uncertain terms: "We can lick the Chinese any time, any place, and anywhere. And if I get the orders, I can go back north and take Seoul."

This was at a time when the South Korean capital of Seoul had been lost to the Reds for the second time. The UN forces were fifty miles South of the city. Retaking the capital seemed almost an impossibility, but "Shorty" Soule thought nothing impossible.

Two months later, he pitched his headquarters tents on the very spot he had picked out previously from the air. True to his word in every respect—a real fighter—that was Shorty Soule.

His background well tells the story of his dedicated, action-packed life. In Korea, he was awarded the nation's second highest



medal for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross, for successfully directing the withdrawal of Tenth Corps elements from the Changjin reservoir and Hagaru, and the evacuation of the Hungnam beachhead.

"Shorty" Soule was a soldier from the word "Go". His 158-pound frame was hardened in battles that won him numerous battle decorations. Having relatives in both the army and the navy, he was at first undecided which service to make his career. However, a cavalry cousin swung him to the Army.

General Soule was assistant division commander of the 11th Airborne and the 38th Infantry Division in World War II. He won his first Distinguished Service Cross on Leyte, in the Philippines, for his heroic leadership there. A ridge on northern Luzon was named after him by the grateful people of the Philippines.

That was the type of man "Shorty" Soule was. In the annals of the soon-to-arrive Third Division, and in the hearts of its men, he will never be forgotten.

War Respects no Boundaries

Following is a list of the three regiments contained in the Third Division and the campaign streamers they have won:

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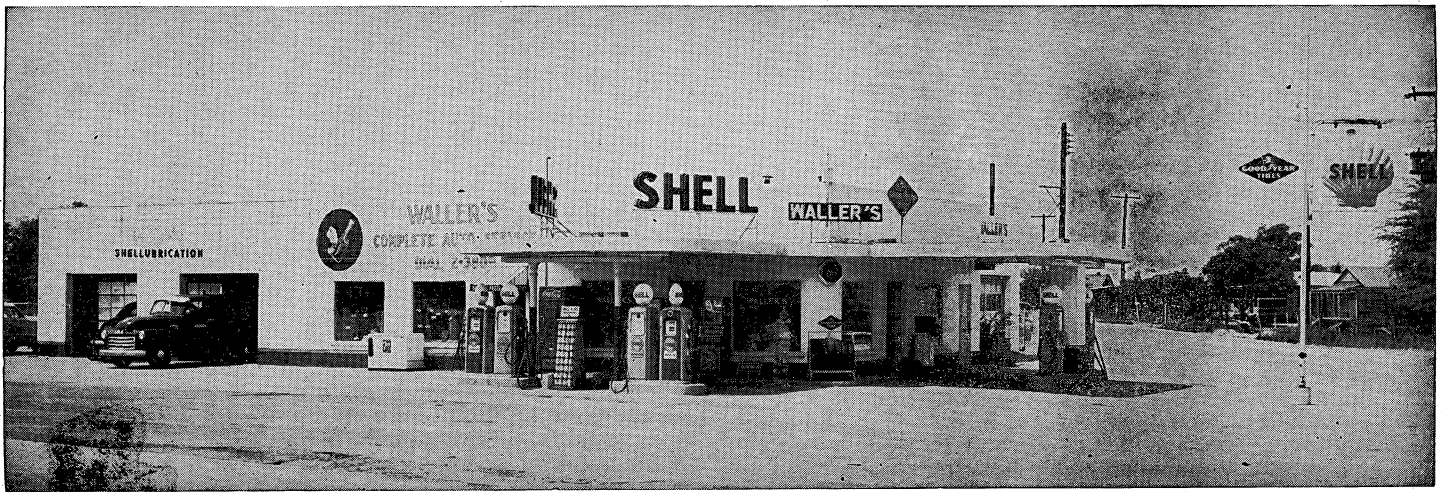
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15th Infantry Regiment

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30th Infantry Regiment

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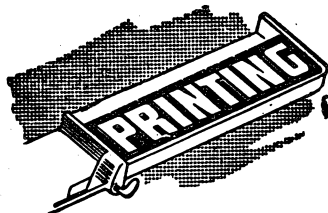
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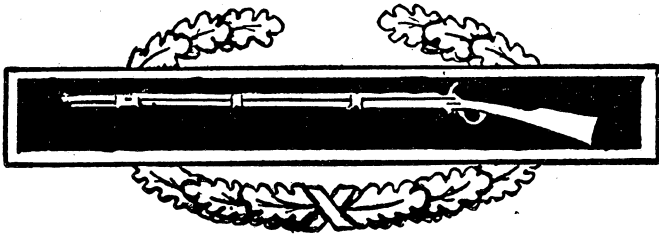
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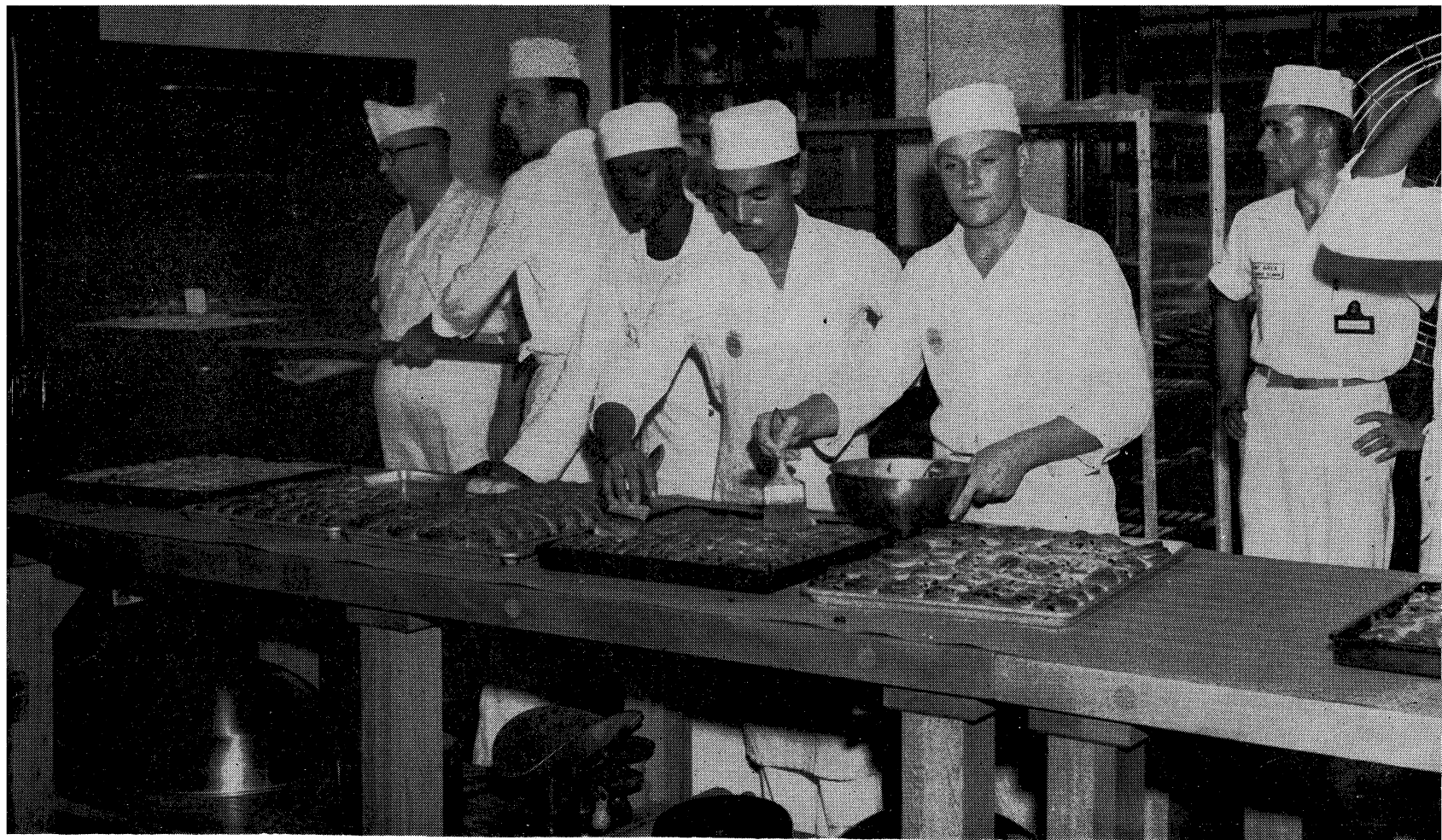
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The school was established 23 March 1922 under the designation of School for Bakers and Cooks. It first occupied two cantonment type buildings located in the area now occupied by building 399 (first cuartel). Due to the razing of its first home in preparation for construction of the first cuartel, the school was required to move into a tent area located in the area now occupied by build-



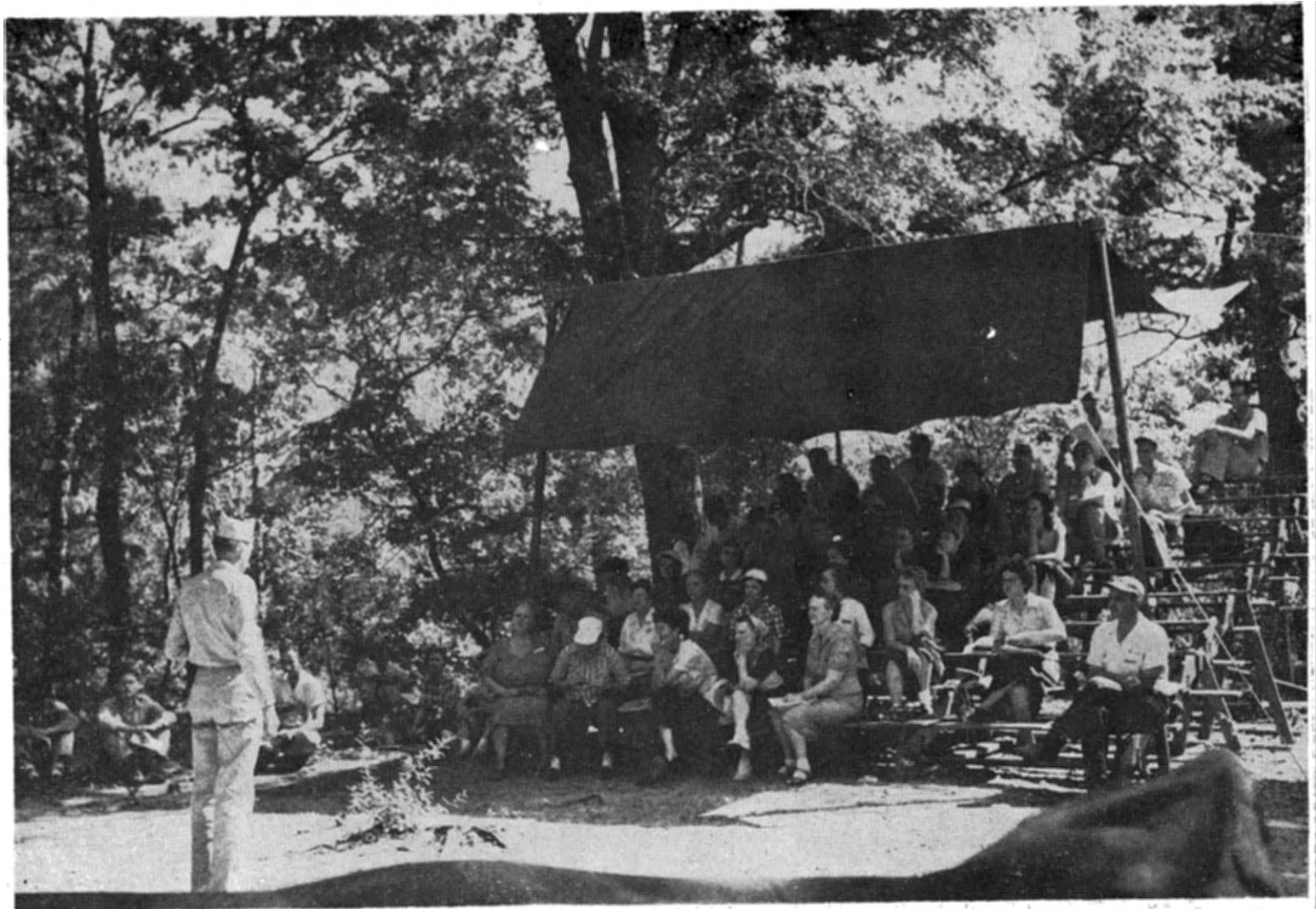
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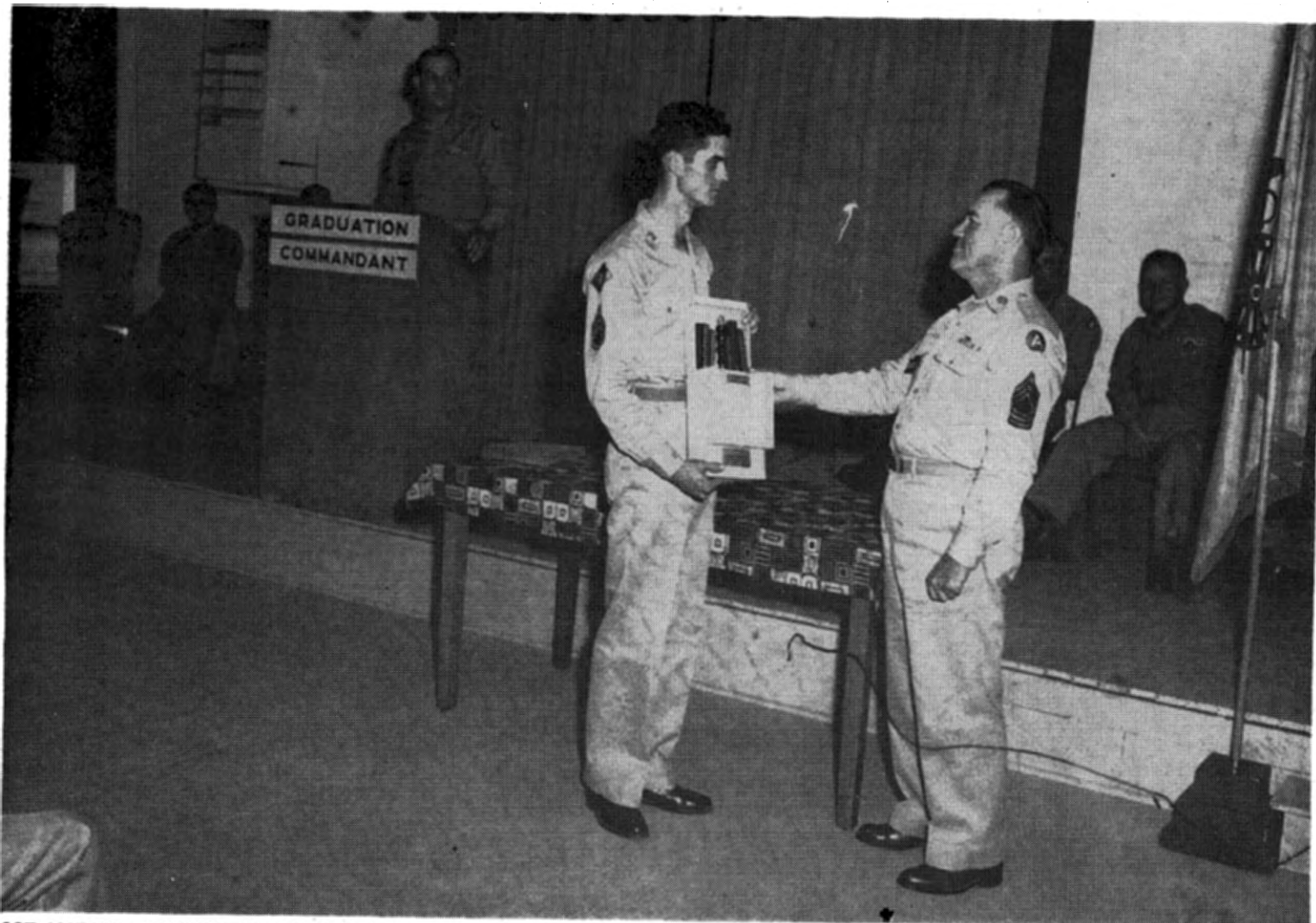
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ing 215 (Provost Marshal Building). In 1929, upon completion of the southern section of the second cuartel (now known as building 17), the school moved into its first permanent type building. However, due to the growth of the school it was found that this location was not suitable. Arrangements were made for the Quartermaster Corps to construct a building suitable for a school such as this one. Upon completion of the building (building 89) in 1939 the school moved into the location it now occupies.

From its activation date until April 1940, the post commander served as commandant with an officer-in-charge responsible to him for the operation of the school. In 1940 the school was established as a Class II Installation under the jurisdiction of The Quartermaster General with an officer as commandant responsible for the school's operation.

The school remained under the jurisdiction of The Quartermaster General until 1949 when it went under a policy that has seen little change since that date. Briefly the policy is as listed below:

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Commanding General, Third Army

Responsible for the operation and administration of the school to include the maintenance and administrative services required for the accomplishment of the school mission.

Commanding General, The Infantry Center

Responsible for logistical and administrative support.

Commandant, Food Service School

The commandant, who is the commanding officer, is directly responsible for the operation of the school. Major Richard J. Palumbo is the present commandant, and has been assigned as such since 22 April 1953.

The Third Army Area Food Service School's mission is to supply the Army and its civilian counterparts with the required number of trained food service personnel - a mission it has always accomplished in a superior manner.

The school, staffed by three officers, five warrant officers, seventy-two enlisted men and five civilians, graduates about 150 officers and enlisted men and women a month. A cooking class graduates each week, a mess management class each month, and a mess administration class each quarter.

An average graduating class of cooks contains between 30 and 40 men, a mess management class contains between 15 and 20 men, and a mess administration class contains about 10 officers.

The school's teaching program is broken down into two categories -- theory and practical. The curriculum followed in a basic cooks course is a good example.

During the first two and one-half weeks the theory of cooking is taught. Subjects include The Army Food Program, Introduction to Cooking, Small Quantity Cooking, Pastry Baking and Meat Cutting. Of these, it is believed that Small Quantity Cooking is the most popular with the students. It is here that the students, many of whom have never boiled water before, do their first cooking. A large variety of dishes, usually from 5 to 6 servings, are prepared by each student under the watchful eye of qualified instructors. After each student has prepared a certain dish, it is placed before the class and the instructor in charge conducts a

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critique pointing out the good and bad features of each preparation. Each dish being judged on the basis of appearance, aroma, taste and palatability.

The students receive about three weeks of practical training. This training is received in the school's two company type mess halls and in the mess hall operated for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Command. Instructors supervise the students when needed, but the policy is to let the student perform his job with the minimum amount of help and/or interference, as long as he follows school policy.

The last one and one-half weeks of training, with the exception of "kitchen car" training, is conducted in the field at the food service field area located in the Sand Hill area. There the class is divided into three groups. One group is given field mess operations. Their duty is to operate the field mess in the area. Another group attends classes on kitchen field equipment including field ranges, immersion water heaters, small detachment and 20-man cooking sets. The third group operates the field truck mess. They actually go out and set up a field mess, and/or cook enroute, wherever required. Usually this is for some unit firing at one of the ranges or some other such detail.

Kitchen car feeding is also taught during the last one and one-half weeks. The students are required to prepare a meal on a kitchen car pulled by the post switch engine. This has also proven to be a very popular phase of training with the students.

The mess management course is also of eight weeks duration, and it, too, 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 good management and mess administration.

The mess administration course, which is for officers, is a highly condensed course of only four weeks duration. It also 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 the administrative duties of mess officers, the officers are given an excellent background in food preparation.

The Food Service School at Fort Benning is one of two such schools in the Third Army Area. Up until late 1952 it also operated sub-schools at Camp Rucker, Alabama, Camp Gordon, Georgia, and Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The other school now in operation in the Third Army Area is located at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, but is not any longer under the supervision of the Fort Benning school.

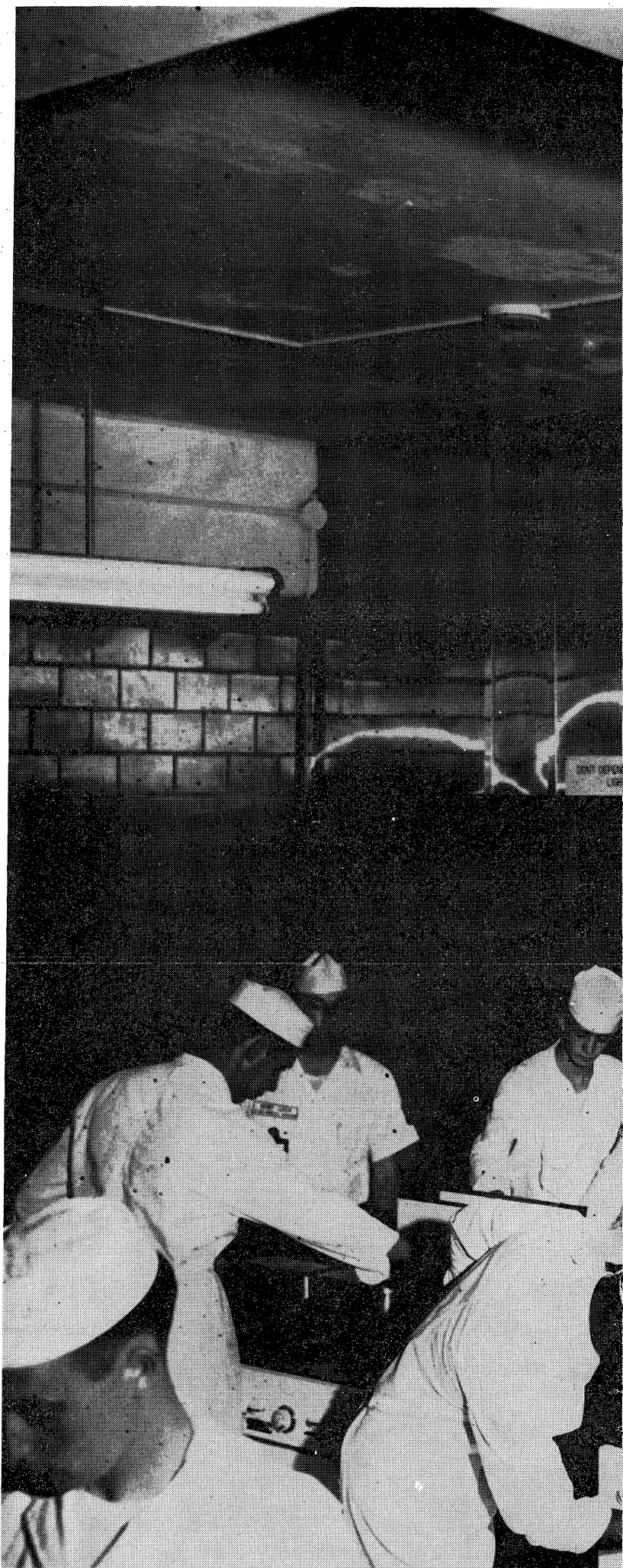
At present the school is limited to teaching Army personnel. In the past, however, Marine Corps and Air Force students were enrolled in courses at the school and instructors from those two organizations were also on the school's staff.

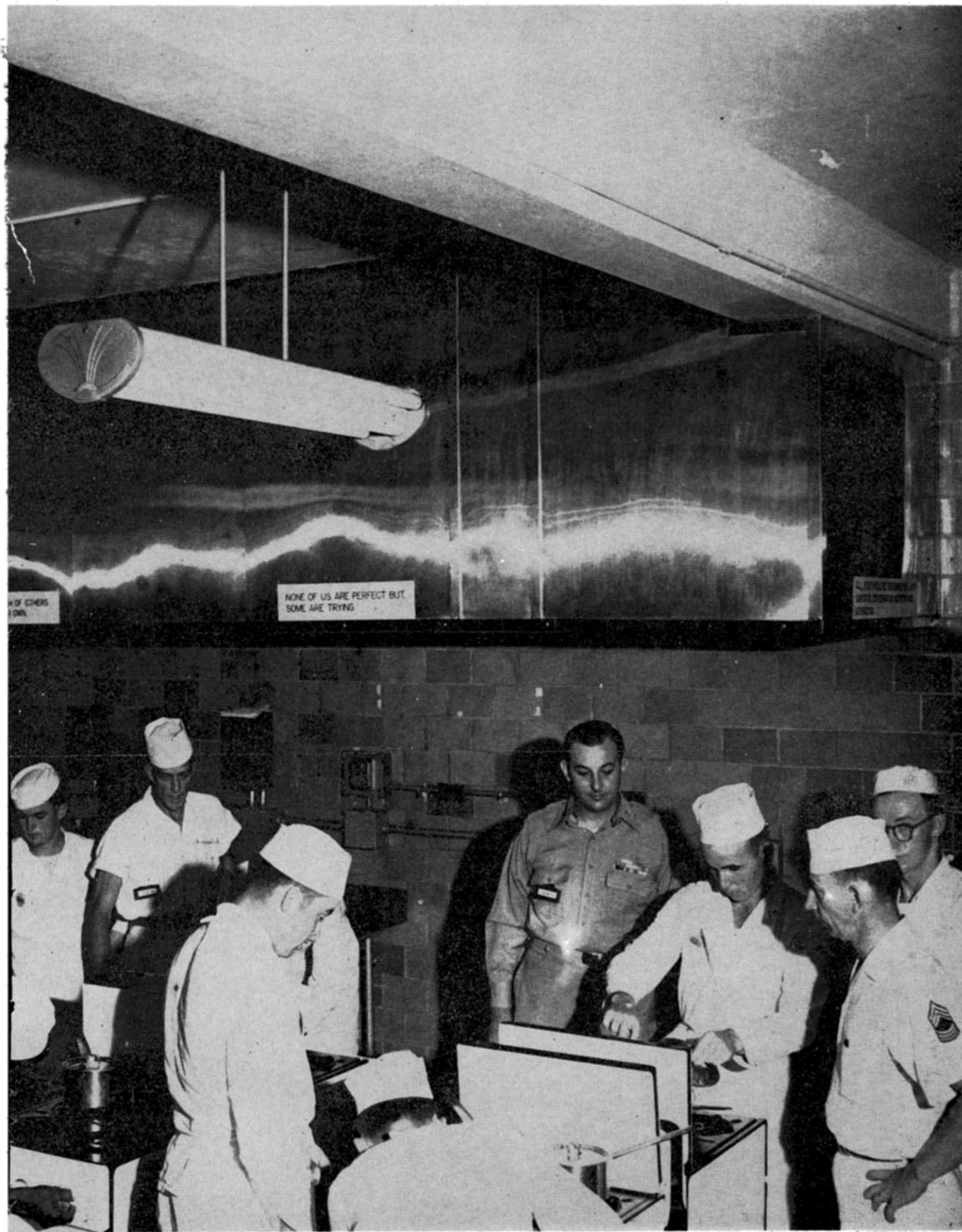
The school handles a variety of other tasks in addition to its primary mission of furnishing the Army with qualified food service personnel. Staff personnel are used to supervise the mess facilities and/or training for special projects such as the school boy patrol camp at Camp Blackshear, Georgia, Civil Defense emergency mass feeding program of instruction and the feeding of visiting VIP's, etc.

The school's facilities are also used to test recipes sent to it by the Office of the Quartermaster General in Washington and to test products sent to it from the Food and Container Institute, Chicago, Illinois. In addition the school receives a loaf of bread each week from each Army bakery in the Third Army Area. The bread is scored by a panel of experts at the school and a report sent to each Post Commander and to the Commanding General, Third Army.

What is the result of the training courses taught at the school?

Officials believe that the caliber of Army cooks and Army's method of cooking and serving are constantly being improved





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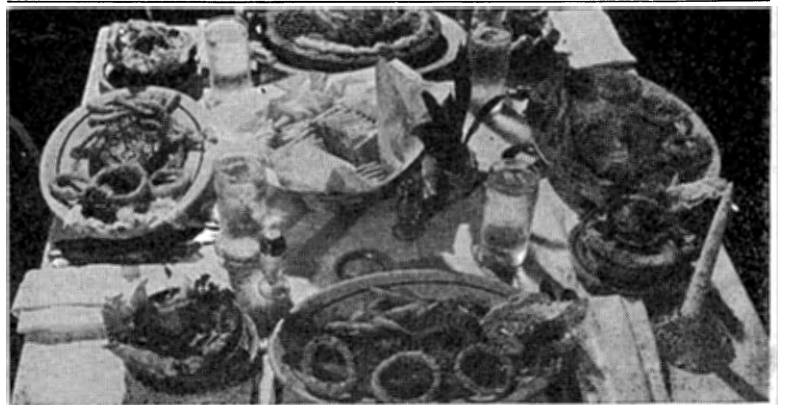
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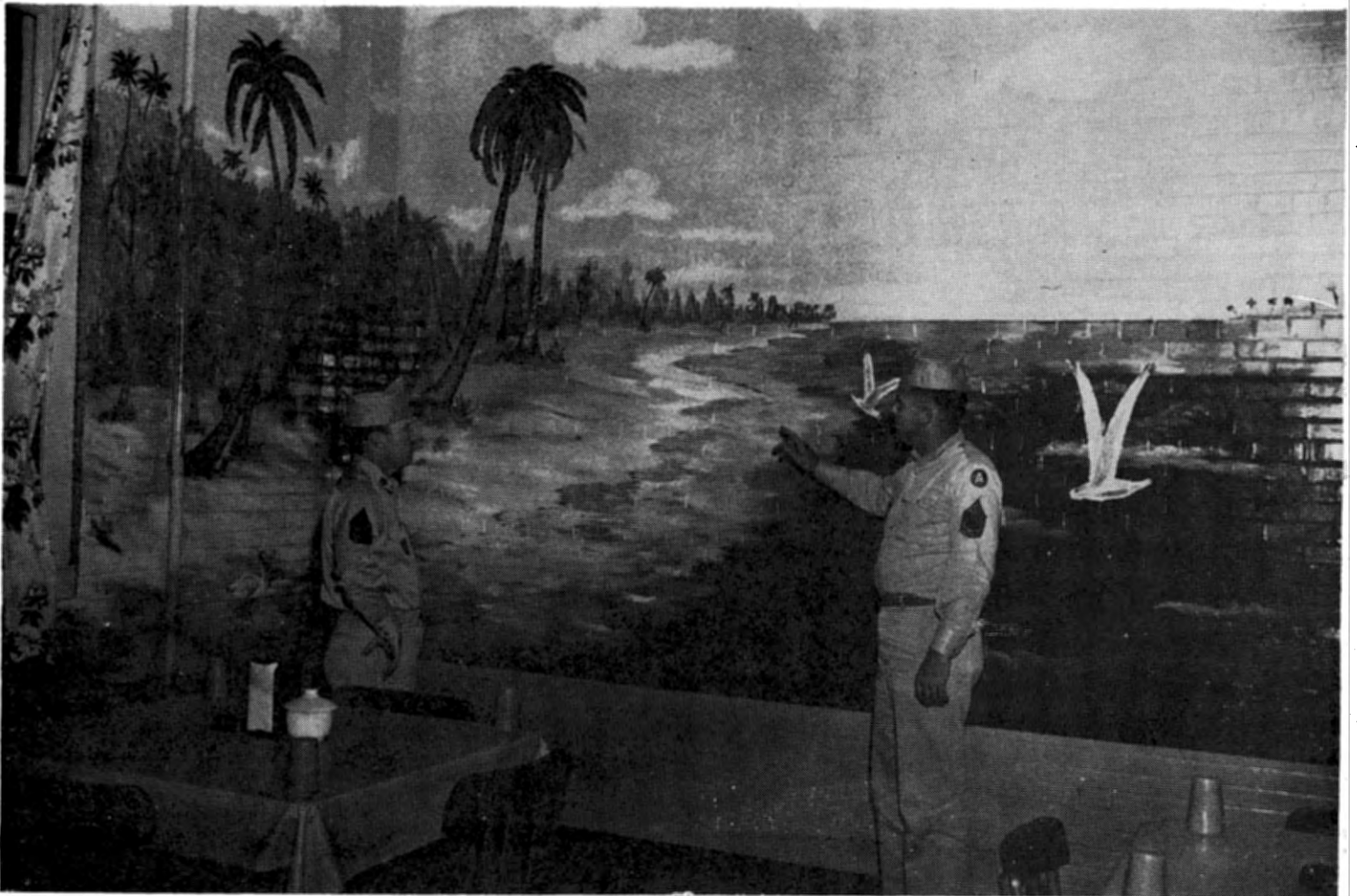
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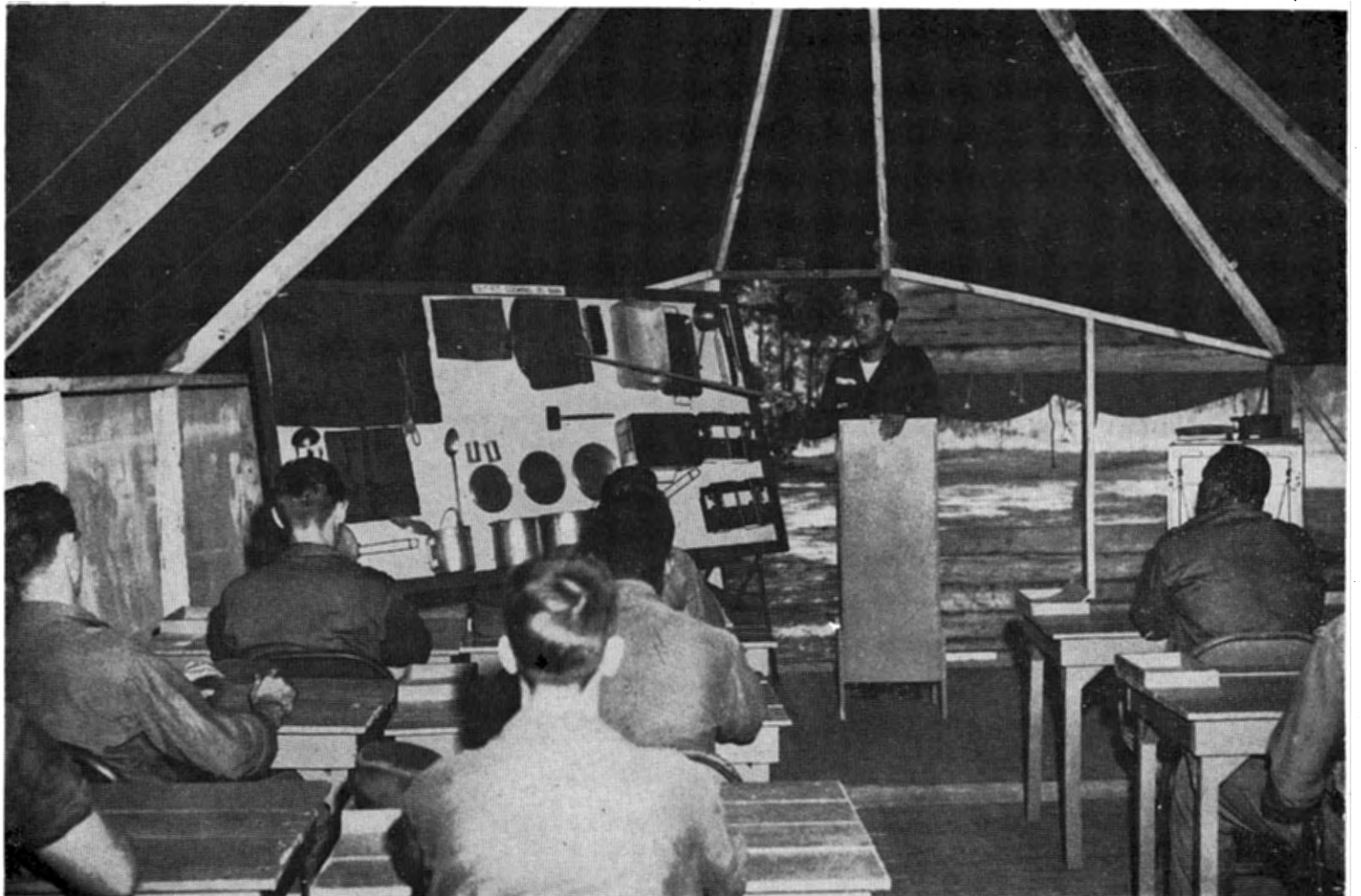


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The Religious Room

This room is devoted entirely to meditation with literature of all faiths available. Schedules of Religious Services on the Post are posted here.

Supply is also a function of the Detachment. All needs for students, with the exception of textbooks, are fulfilled here. Approximately 400 sets of cooks whites are changed weekly. All pipeline students are completely equipped with individual clothing prior to departure. Each week a class arrives and one leaves. Foot-lockers, wall lockers and bedding are issued to each student upon arrival.



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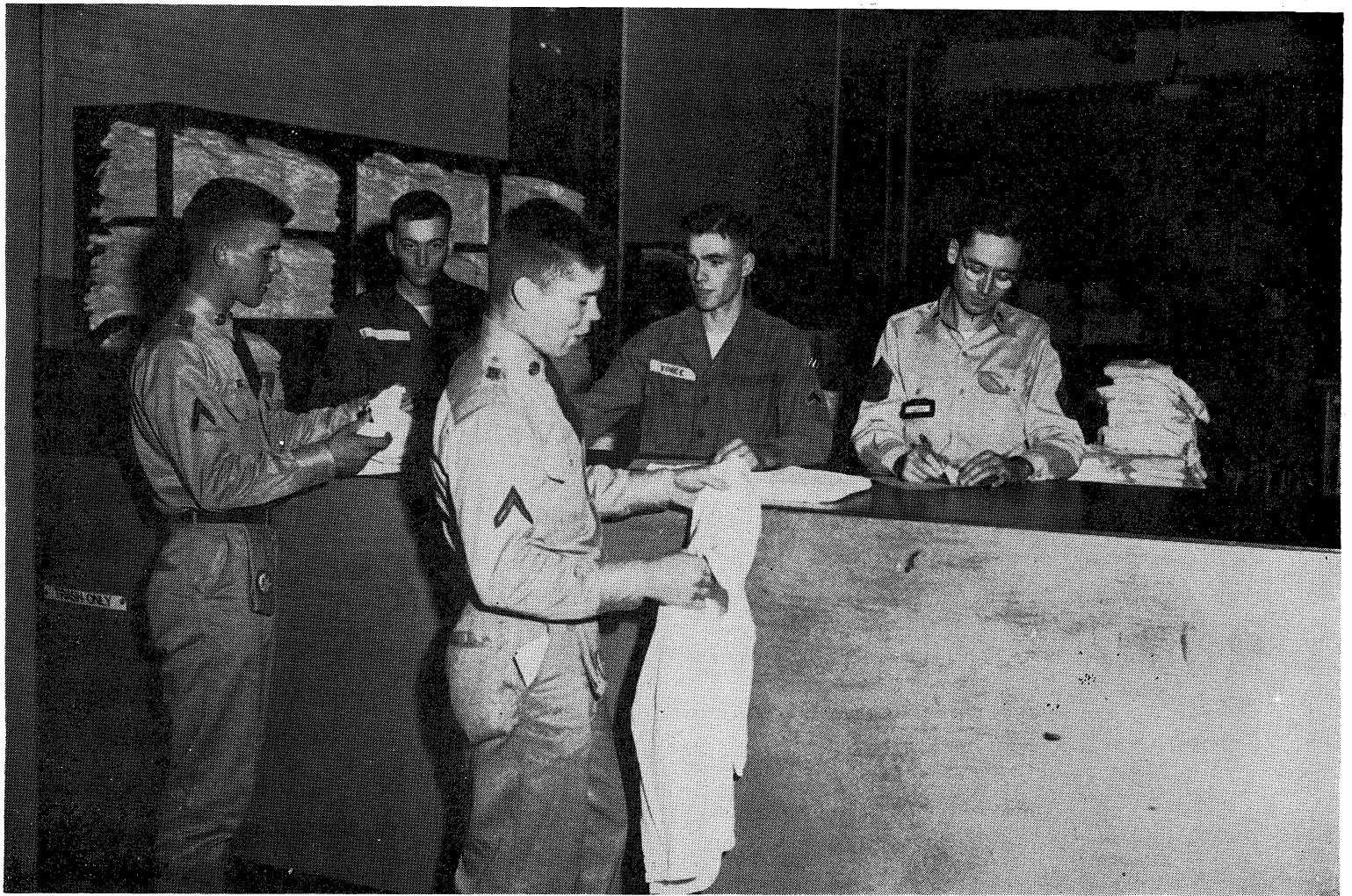
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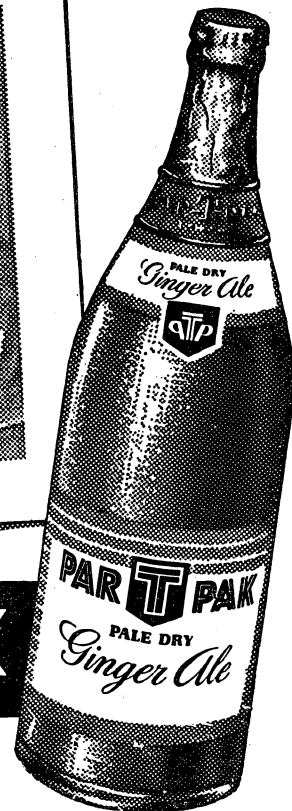
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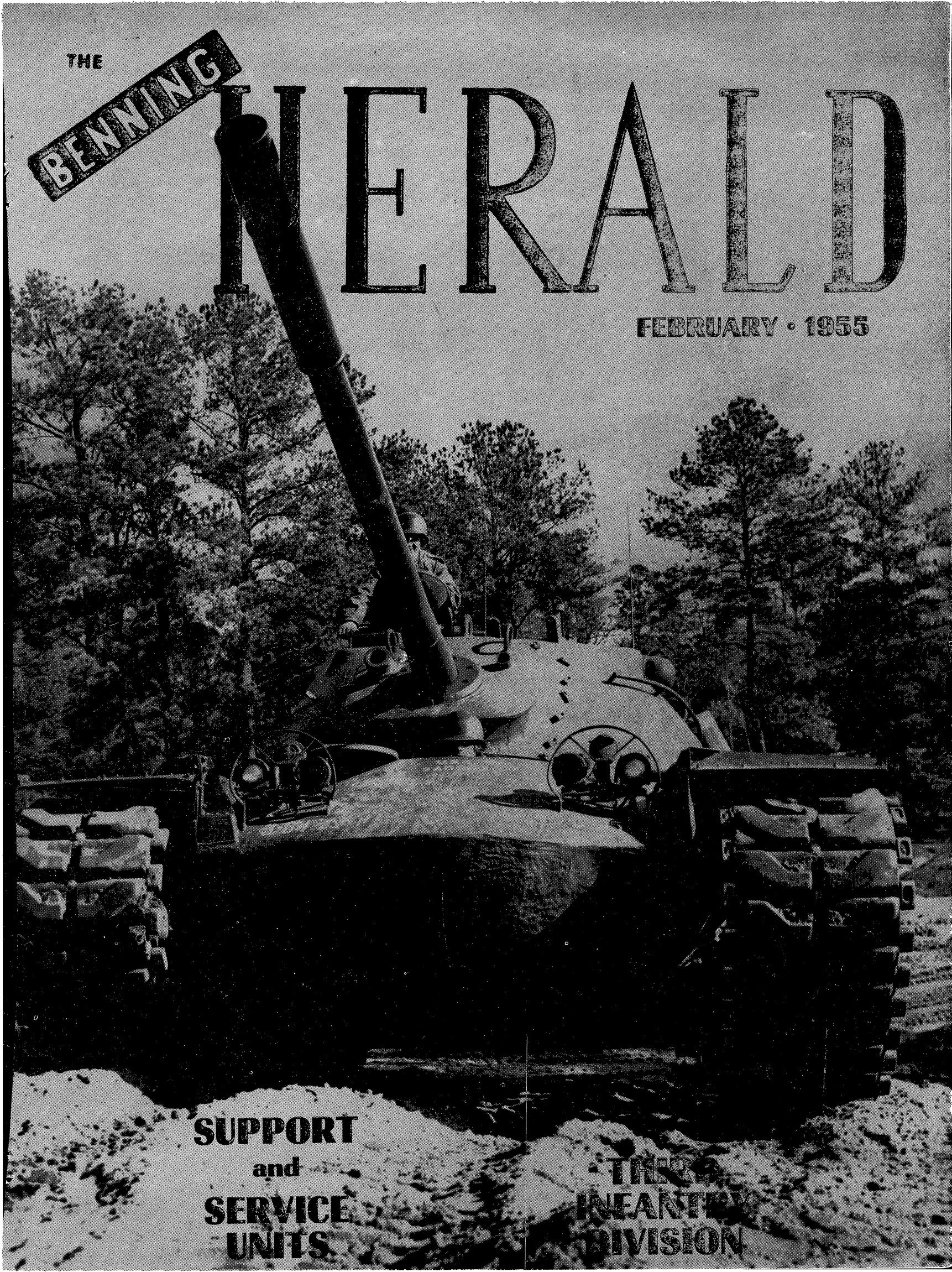
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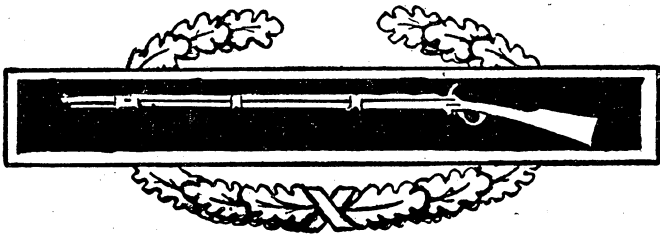
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On This Month's Cover:



A massive M-48 tank with its 90-mm gun looms over this issue of The Benning Herald. Sfc. Robert Bilz and Cpl. Franklin Rhoads, both of 2nd platoon, D Co., 64th Tank Battalion are shown operating the tank in the Third Infantry Division's Sand Hill area at Fort Benning. Photo by Sgt. W. Piepol, of the Division Signal Bn. Photo Section.



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NIGHT FURY—No. 4 gun of the Third Infantry Division, fires at night during the Korean conflict. This is a 155mm self propelled long tom.

Package of **HELL**

By Larry Secrist

Their participation in the battles of the Champagne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne in World War I, Tunisia, Anzio, and Sicily in World War II, and Han River, Chorwon, and Outpost Harry in Korea, gives only a flimsy indication of the action-packed history of the 3rd Division Artillery.

Through battle after battle the 3rd Division Artillery has fought on grimly and determinedly, bringing with them the fire power necessary to assist advancing Infantry-Armor teams.

In Korea, the Infantry Armor-Artillery Engineer team was an even more efficient combination than in World War II because the artillery became a very worthy compensation for the numerical superiority of the Chinese and North Koreans.

In this factor lies the reason why the cannoneers of DivArty earned the admiration of the infantrymen they supported and the fear of the enemy against whom they directed their deadly fire.

The most notable action of the early days of the Korean conflict was the "Task Force Dog" operation. The 58th Field Artillery Battalion was a member of the task force whose mission was to free a battalion of the 1st Marine Regiment and continue the push

north to open the withdrawal road for the balance of the 1st Marine Division.

Aided by accurate artillery, the infantry repulsed assault after assault by the Chinese Communists. At 2000 hours on 11 December, 1950, the task force returned to Majon-dong and was dissolved; its mission of relieving the Marines had been accomplished.

As the campaigns continued, the tempo increased. Artillery battalions fired night and day. Time after time, haggard-eyed cannoneers, fighting the cold, the enemy, and a numbing weariness, sent tons of screaming shells into Communist assembly areas.

They laid down a curtain of fire around friendly defensive positions, fired into enemy supply columns, assisted in repelling enemy attacks, destroyed machine-gun nests, and caused general havoc and sure death among the Chinese and North Korean emplacements.

On 15 February, all that appeared to remain between the 3rd Division and the Han River was a battalion of determined enemy deeply entrenched on Hill 88—the last high ground before the Han.

All possible support was needed in order to take this crucial objective. After careful preparation, two Infantry Battalions supported by the 58th FA Battalion and C Battery of the 3d AAA AW Bn (SP) were to attack at 0600 hours on February, 1951.

At 0530 hours, three M-19's (twin 40's) and three M-16's (quad 50's) started the preparatory fire from positions approximately 2000 yards south of Hill 88. Under the withering fire support of the AA guns, the infantry slowly advanced.

While this action was in progress another AA platoon, which had moved under cover of darkness, opened devastating fire on the left flank of the objective from positions on the south bank of the



SHORT TOM—The 9th Field Artillery Battalion, Third Infantry Division, had more than a rudimentary idea of the art of camouflage, judging from this 155-mm howitzer in position near Bourgonne, during World War II. This weapon fired shells which were highly feared by the Germans, being only a shorter version of its potent brother, Long Tom.



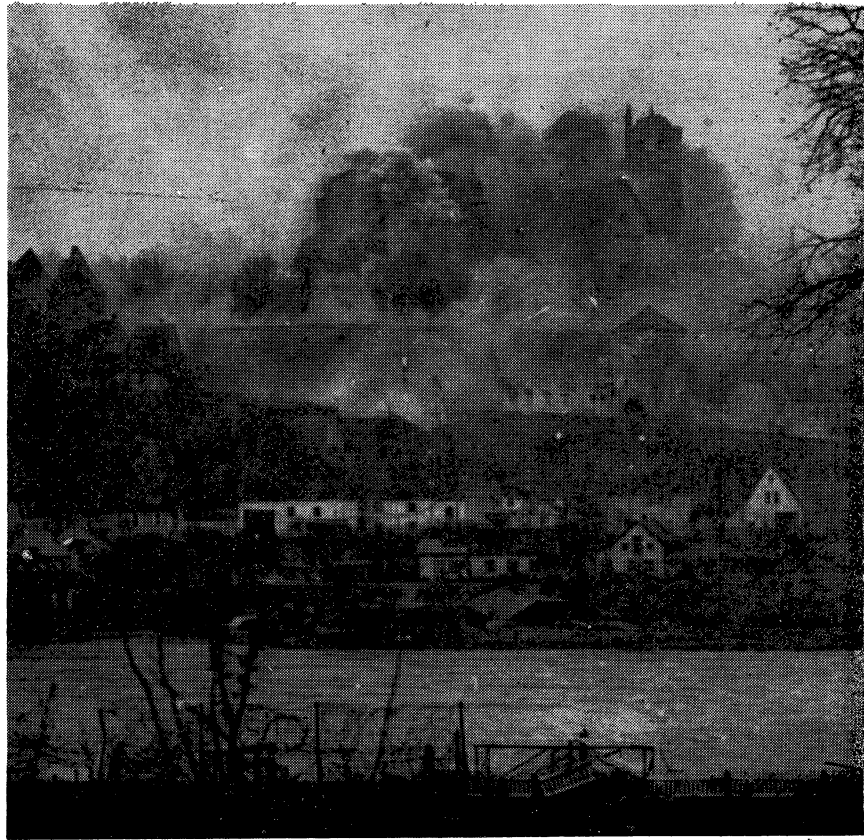
PACKET OF DEATH—A 155-mm howitzer of the 9th Field Artillery Battalion, Third Infantry Division, sends its packet of death hurtling toward the enemy, near LeRouge Eaux, during World War II. The camera was snapped as the piece went rearward in recoil. The blast and concussion of a 155 is terrific for a man standing as close as these gunners must stand.

Han. The enemy across the river was soon withdrawing to another position.

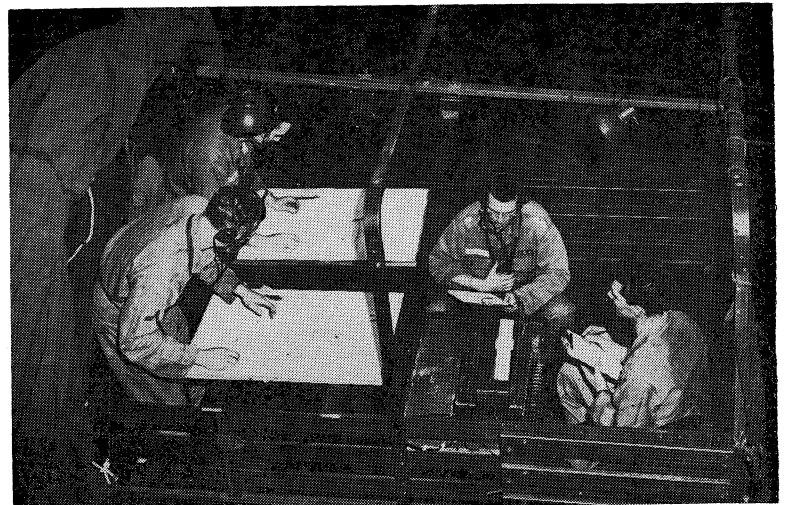
No sooner had the infantry occupied an advanced position, which enabled the platoon to cover the enemy withdrawal, than a volume of mortar fire fell in and around their emplacements.

In a matter of minutes, the 40's and 50's had taken the positions under fire and completely destroyed them. Although the Chinese seemed more determined than ever to hold the position, the renewed firing of the AA guns began to take its toll.

In addition, the field artillery had "zeroed in" and the 105's and 155's were firing for effect. With all hell breaking loose—the 105's and 155's dropping in from overhead, the AA pounding from



FIRE FOR EFFECT!—Shells of a Third Division Artillery concentration crump on and around the castle on the high ground at Alt Brisach, just across the Rhine River from the Division's newly-won positions in and near Neuf-Brisach, during World War II. The castle provided the Germans with good observations and was a good practice target for our artillery observers.



DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE—The common consensus of opinion was that a complete fire direction center for artillery couldn't possibly be set up in a 3/4 ton trailer. But Pfc. Dennis G. Chandler, Pfc. David L. Walters, 2nd Lt. James E. Mann and Cpl. Clarence O. Minnie (left to right) fooled the skeptics. All of the men are in Third Division Artillery.

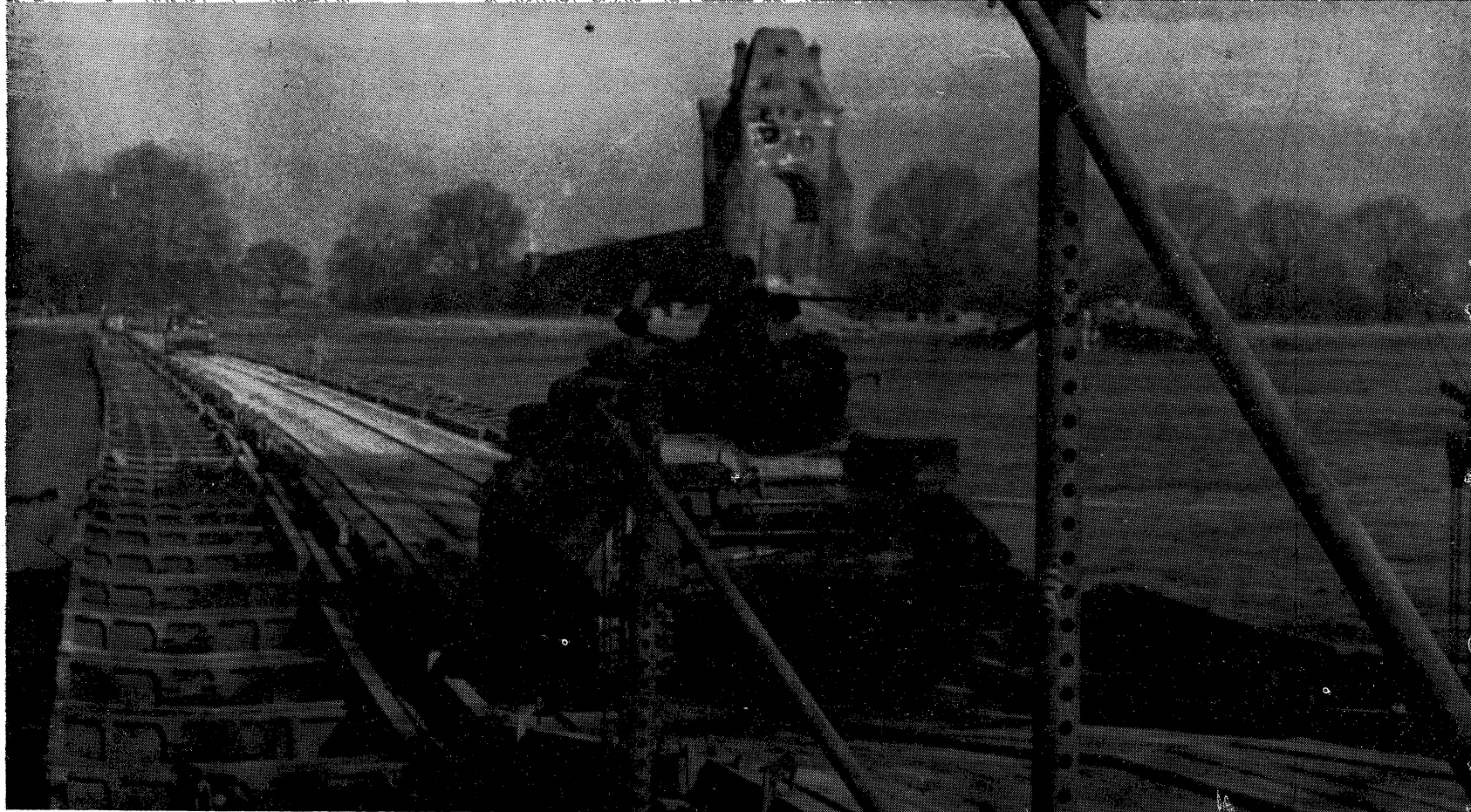
the flank, and the infantry advancing directly at the objective, the enemy decided the position was untenable and withdrew under the heavy artillery barrage.

Of the original enemy battalion on Hill 88, there was now less than a company left; 125 of these never passed through the cone of AA fire, and only about a dozen managed to escape to the temporary haven north of the river.

In May and June 1951, the 3d AAA AW BN (SP) played a decisive role in the battle for Chorwon. It was responsible for the advancing of the 7th Infantry in its attempt to close the western anchor of the Iron Triangle.

As the troops moved forward, fighting for every inch of ground, the AA guns, along with infantry automatic weapons, supported the Doughboys for five hours of incessant firing.

Murderous automatic weapons fire from AA quad 50's, and the indirect fire of the howitzers helped turn the tide in favor of the United Nations Forces. By 10 June, advance units entered Chorwon. Their motto, "Fulfill Your Mission," held true.



ONLY A DITCH—A 601st Battalion tank destroyer starts on its way across the Rhine—once the most formidable military obstacle barring the path into the heart of Germany—now only a ditch. Here is another example of the seemingly impossible tasks the engineers tackle and accomplish. This picture was taken during World War II.

They Do The Impossible

By George H. McBurney

From the battlefields of the Civil War to the mud and blood of Korea, the 10th Engineer Battalion has never found a task too difficult to accomplish.

Nearly 100 years ago during the war between the states, when Army engineers were known as "sappers" and "pontineers," the 10th Engineer Bn. was first organized as a component of the Union Army.

In their first armed conflict the 10th Engineers distinguished themselves in the battles of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor, and Fredericksburg.

Modern Prototype.

The modern prototype of the early-day 10th Engineer Bn. was originally the 2nd Bn. of the 6th Engineer Regiment. It was the first unit of the 3rd Infantry Division to leave the U. S. for Europe in World War I. After arriving in France the battalion was assigned to a British engineer unit and was the first 3rd Division unit sent into combat.

While occupying a defensive position east of Amiens, the 10th Engineers held their ground so well that the retreating British forces were able to reorganize behind the engineers' defense line. During the breakout from trench warfare the engineers performed the feat of constructing 16 bridges in 40 days.

Men of the 10th Engineers took part in six defensive and offensive battles in World War I—the Somme Defensive, Aisne Defensive, St. Mihiel Offensive, Meuse-Argonne, and the Aisne-Marne Offensive.

A generation later in World War II the 10th Engineers again distinguished themselves as they had in previous conflicts. Their first overseas assignment was in North Africa where they again worked and fought alongside the famed 3rd Infantry Division.

Off to Sicily.

After the enemy had been routed and defeated in North African fighting, the 10th Engineers packed away their equipment and em-

barked for the shores of Sicily, part of the soft underbelly of the tottering Axis.

Their most widely publicized feat in Sicily was the construction of a highly important bridge at Cape Calava on the north coast of the island. There, men of the 10th, stripped to the waist and laboring in heat that was nearly unbearable, worked almost without rest to "hang a bridge from the sky," as the late Ernie Pyle described in his book, "Brave Men."

Later, by the time American forces had reached Anzio as the enemy retreated, the 10th Engineers frequently moved up in front of the infantry to remove enemy mines. When American forces made their successful invasion of the continent, the 10th Engineers landed in France and took part in the drive toward Germany.

Removing countless more enemy land mines and spanning more destroyed bridges was only part of the 10th's duties as the war approached its end.

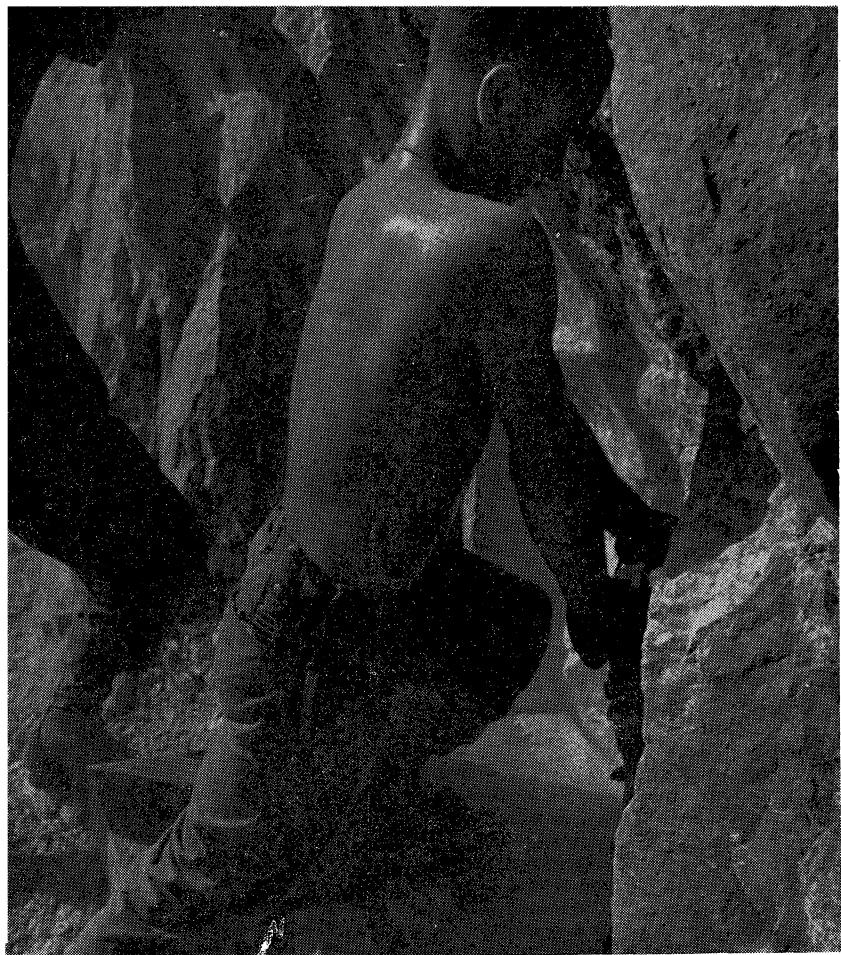
Reactivated at Benning.

Four years after the war had ended, the 10th Engineers were reactivated in Jan. 1949 at Fort Benning, Ga. Less than two years after their reactivation and following the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, Co. C of the 10th Engineer Combat Bn. landed at Pusan on 25 Sept. 1950 in support of the 65th Regimental Combat Team.

Other units of the battalion landed at Wonson on 11 Nov. 1950. The battalion's first mission in Korea was to improve the main supply routes from rear supply units to front line troops.

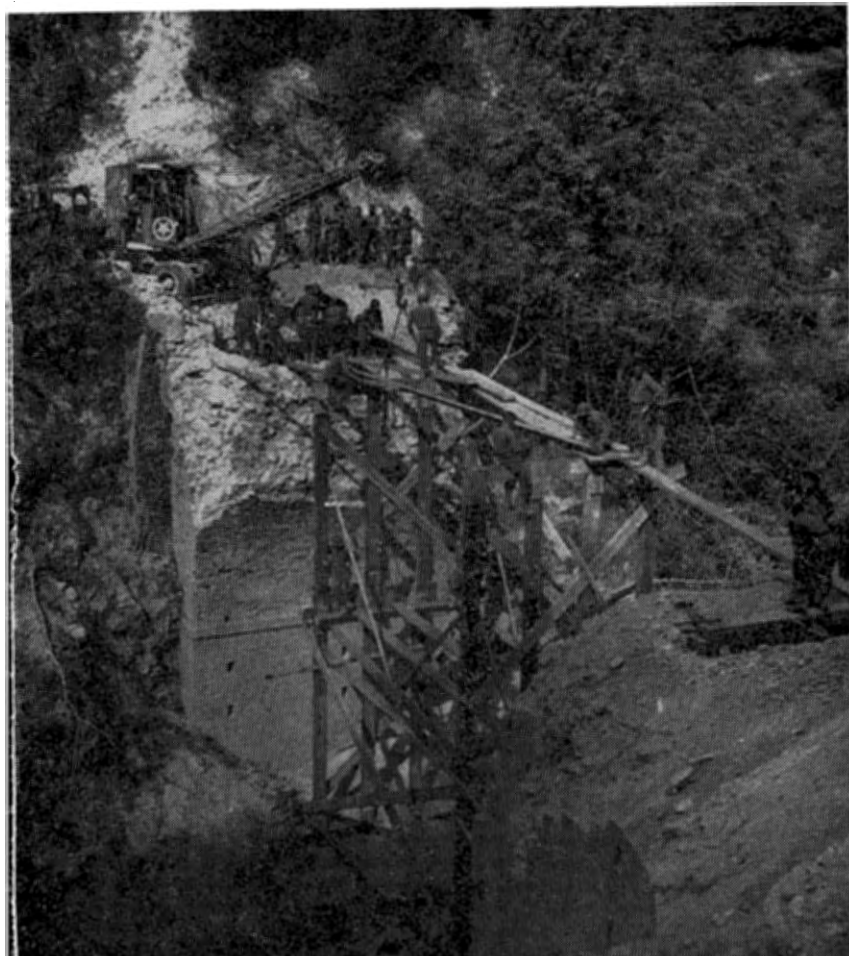
As the fighting progressed other units of the 10th Engineers began arriving in Korea. On 28 Nov. Co. D was attached to the 1st Marine Division, and a platoon of Co. A took part in the famous "Task Force Dog" which aided the Marines in their withdrawal from the Chosin Reservoir.

Throughout the remainder of the conflict the 10th Engineers supported the 3rd Division with the gusto of troops cognizant of the significance of their motto, "We Labor to Sustain."



SUPERHUMAN JOB—Cape Galava, where the enemy blew the whole face from a cliff a few yards beyond where the roadway emerged from a tunnel almost at right angles, posed the most difficult engineering problem of the entire Sicilian campaign. Yet, by dint of almost superhuman work, the 10th Engineer Battalion licked it. This sturdy engineer drills into solid rock with a jack-hammer. It is here that a spike will be driven in which to anchor a support. A heavy timber, to be part of the framework, is wrestled into position. The flooring is laid. It is here that the 10th Engineers "hung a bridge from the sky."

BRIDGING THE GAP—This blown bridge, here being spanned by the 10th Engineer Battalion, was the scene of intense, though small, pitched battle involving troops of the 3rd battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, only one day previously. Located at an "L"-shaped canyon, the enemy poured artillery in and around the bridge.



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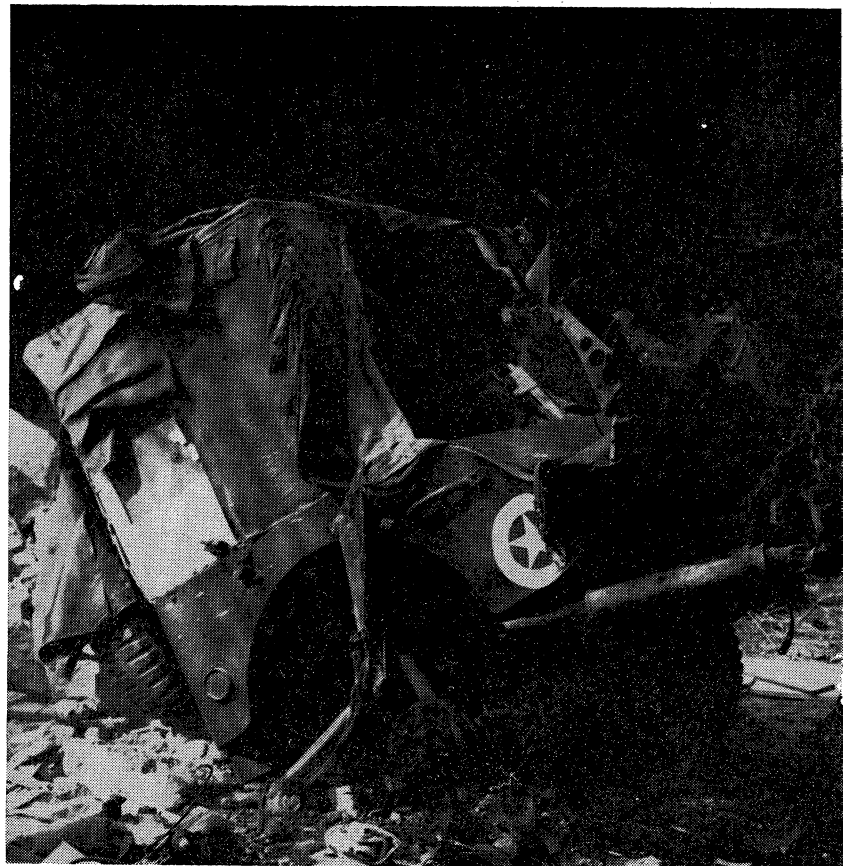
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DANGEROUS JOB—A 3rd Signal Company officer speculates as to what Robert N. Young, former Assistant Division Commander, following radio man was in jeep when the mishap occurred.

The Voice of

By Walter R

The 3rd Signal Company was formed in 1917 as the 5th Field Battalion, Signal Corps, at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. That same year the unit became the 5th Field Signal Battalion and was assigned to the 3rd Division. Since that time it has remained an integral part of the historic 3rd Division.

In World War I, the Battalion participated in countless campaigns and received Silver Bands for the Aisne, Champagne, Campaign-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne campaigns. As a result of its valiant action, the unit was presented a Streamer in the colors of the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star embroidered "Marne."

Occupation Duty.

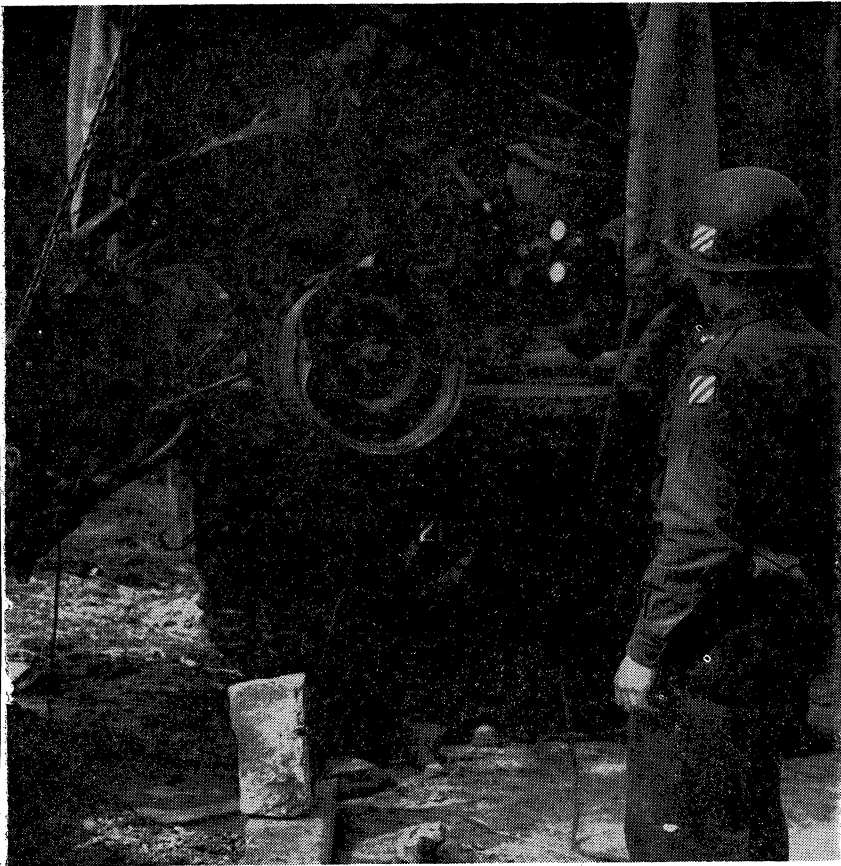
After the war, the Battalion remained on occupation duty in Germany for a short time before returning to the United States and garrison duty.

The organization became the 3rd Signal Company in 1921 and four years later became inactive. However, the unit returned to active service in 1935 and has been in that capacity ever since.

World War II saw the Company carrying out its many missions in every operation the Division was engaged in, receiving Silver Bands for the Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns. The Company was also awarded the Distinguished Unit Streamer embroidered "Colmar", and the Meritorious Unit Streamer embroidered "European Theater."

Always on the Move.

When the 3rd Division entered the Korean conflict, the 3rd Signal Company went right along with it. Despite the hazardous missions and conditions peculiar to war in Korea, the Company distinguished itself. Rugged roads, poor terrain, and the extended frontages added to the 3rd Signal Company's tasks. The constant



t, if anything, remains salvageable of the radio jeep of Brigadier General g from an enemy flat-trajectory shell. Neither the general, the driver or

the Infantry

Smith, Jr.

demand for rapid means of communication kept the Company al- ways on the move. For its untiring efforts in solving the many com- munication problems during the Korean conflict, the Company was awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation.

During the period of January 27, 1952 to July 27, 1953, the Company maintained more than 5,000 miles of field wire and 15 switchboard installations; drove over 80,000 miles without accident, and flew some 160 aerial photographic missions over enemy terri- tory. Despite these difficulties, wherever communications were needed in the 3rd Division zone, the Signal Company was there. During the Korean conflict, the photographic section developed more than 29,000 prints for tactical use.

Maintenance Job.

The Signal Company Maintenance Section maintained signal equipment for the entire Division. Mobile vans traveled throughout the Division area to repair damaged equipment on the spot so that units would have the necessary equipment.

During the period of watchful waiting, the 3rd Signal Com- pany maintained their state of combat readiness and superior serv- ice. More than 3,000 miles of communication wire were kept in continual repair by trouble shooting teams on the alert 24 hours a day. Salvage teams saved the Army and the American tax payer more than \$110,000. The 13 man telephone section capably handled more than 7,000 calls a day.

Throughout the Korean conflict and during the post-Armistice period, 3rd Signal maintained communications extremely vital to the 3rd Infantry Division.

Now engaged in a thorough training program at Fort Benning, the 3rd Signal Company is once again maintaining a program of readiness and must be acknowledged as a potent weapon in the striking force of the "Marne" Division.



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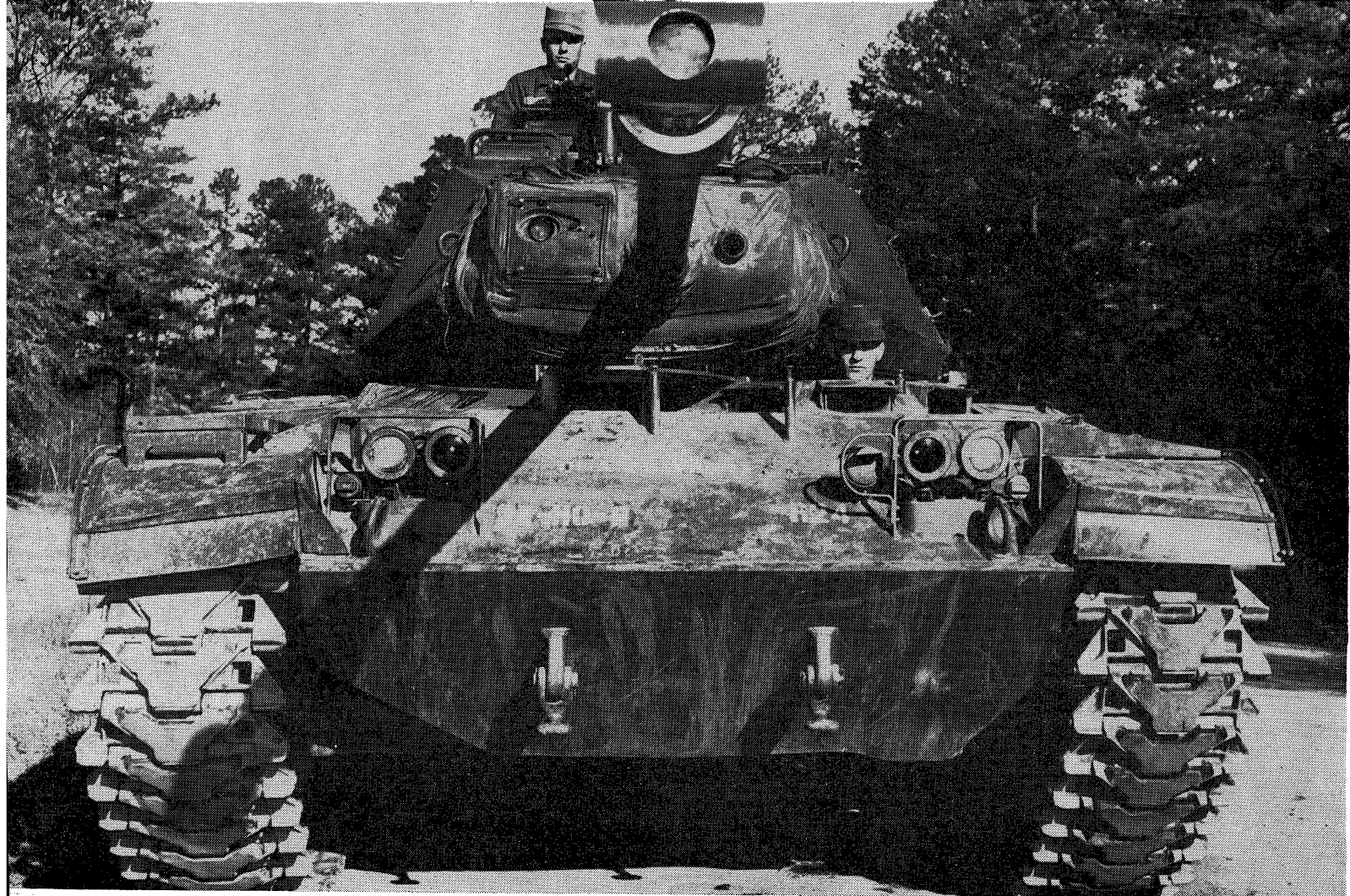
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A CLOSE-UP OF DESTRUCTIVE POWER: Cpl. Charles G. Godwin, tank commander, and Pvt. Henry H. Ham, driver, both of 3rd Recon. Co., are shown patrolling during a field problem at Sand Hill. The destructive power of the M-41 tank is clearly shown as the potent 90 MM tank gun leers out at a possible "Enemy."

FURY on WHEELS

The 64th Heavy Tank Bn., which was formerly the 785th Light and Medium Tank Bn., was activated June 1, 1941 at Fort Knox, Ky. After a severe two-month training period, the 785th was transferred to Louisiana in late summer and there was the beginning of an extensive two and a half years training program. In the summer of 1942, the 785th journeyed to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to participate in tank-infantry training with the 6th Motorized Division. More of the same type training was conducted at Fort Jackson, S. C. with the 8th Motorized Division. Second Army maneuvers then took the Battalion to Camp Forrest, Tenn., where they joined forces with the 33rd Inf. Div.

After preparing for over-seas duty at Fort Hood, Texas, in the summer of 1944, the Battalion left for Camp Patrick Henry, Virginia, enroute to their over-seas destination—Liverne, Italy. The Tankers arrived in Italy in November and were assigned to the 92nd Inf. Div. The Battalion ably supported this Division in the Po Valley and Appenines campaigns in Northern Italy. Battle Streamers with the aforementioned campaigns more than confirm the valiant participation of the Tankers in this savage fighting.

Shortly after the end of World War II, the Battalion was inactivated at Viareggio, Italy, in September, 1945.

Series of Maneuvers.

The Tankers were activated again in June of the following year and assigned to Fort Knox as School Troops, Armored School. Their redesignation as a heavy tank Battalion was one of the first of its kind to be organized in the United States Army. Not long after the redesignation, the Battalion departed for Camp Campbell, Kentucky, where it was attached to the 82nd Airborne Division and participated in "Exercise Assembly."

After 1946, the Battalion took part in three large scale maneuvers and was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Elgin Field,

Florida, and Fort Hood, Texas, where it was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division and designated the 64th Heavy Tank Battalion.

In August of 1950, the 64th was re-assigned to the 3rd Inf. Div. and within three weeks time were on their way to the Far East, landing in Moji, Japan, the following month.

Just weeks later, the Tankers arrived in Wonsan, Korea, to execute their mission of "Shock Action", "Firepower" and "Mobility." The Battalion served as the Division's armored support during the Korean conflict. The Communist forces soon felt the effectiveness of the Tankers' guns. After landing at Pusan in January of 1951 and moving overland to Ulsan the Battalion was transported by ships to the west coast port of Taechon. From there, the 64th joined forces with the 25th Division for a determined drive north in "Operation Punch." Task Force Bartlett then moved from Suwon to Anyang and on to capture Kimpo Airfield and isolate Inchon.

Couldn't Be Stopped.

In March, 1951, "Task Force Hawkins," composed primarily of the 64th Tank Bn. and commanded by Lt. Col. Wilson M. Hawkins, Commanding Officer of the Battalion, was ordered to occupy Uijongbu, the important road hub north of Seoul. This centuries-old check point was on the northern invasion route to the Korean capital. There was no stopping the 64th Tankers as they drove up to the Uijongbu corridor. The Task Force, after a hard battle, from early morning until after dark, succeeded in cracking the defense. The success of this operation permitted the Task Force to move steadfastly north and become the first UN unit to recross the 38th parallel. During the Chinese Spring offensive, the 64th protected the Division flank and continued to inflict casualties upon the enemy and keep them off balance.

The terrain in Korea presented problems to the tankers for

which a new solution had to be developed. Although the broad level valleys would ordinarily be considered ideal for the easy movement of tanks, the many large areas of rice paddies made the terrain almost impassable. The high mountains narrow and soft shoulders were continually giving way beneath the weight of the tanks, thus providing many a nightmare for the tank crews. All of these problems, plus logistical uncertainties, which were unique in the Korean campaign, were overcome by the unit in such a way that they were still able to provide the 3rd Division with a mobile striking force that could and did bring devastating fire to bear on the enemy in most combat areas.

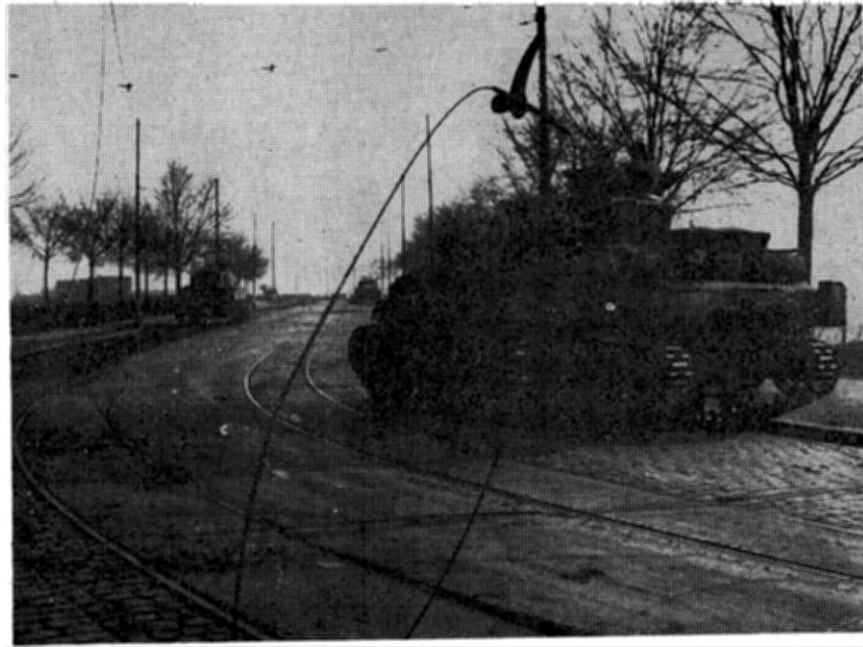
Terrifying Force.

When the Division advanced through the Chorwon Valley, the tankers suddenly found themselves in the kind of terrain for which they had been waiting. Everything in their path was level and the full and terrifying force of the tankers was felt by the Communist aggressors. In the Kumsong Salient, an action in which the entire 3d Division distinguished itself, the 64th Tank Bn. was particularly outstanding. For their participation in this action, they were awarded a Distinguished Unit Citation. It was another illustration of the magnificent fighting spirit which makes the Battalion motto, "We Pierce", a living part of the 64th tanker's life.

After the cessation of hostilities in Korea, the officers and men of the Battalion actively engaged in the Armed Forces Aid to Korea Program. From the contributions of relatives and friends in the United States, the tankers distributed thousands of pounds of clothing to needy Koreans. They also invested their time and skills in building a school and other structures for the Koreans.

Highly Decorated.

For their distinguished service in Korea, the Tankers were awarded 12 Silver Stars, one Distinguished Flying Cross, four Air Medals, 47 Bronze Stars, 49 Purple Hearts, and three unit decorations: The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation for "Uijong-



ROLLING TO VICTORY—Tanks of the 176th Battalion, Third Division, proceed cautiously down a Strasbourg street upon first entry into the city. Loop in the foreground is evidently a part of the overhead wiring which provides electricity for the trolleys, cut down by shell fire. At first the city was unnaturally quiet. This picture was taken during action of World War II.

bu Corridor" and "Iron Triangle", and the Distinguished Unit Streamer, embroidered "Kumsong, Korea," which was presented to Company A.

Despite the fact that the fighting in Korea has ceased and the guns are silent, the tankers are now engaged in vigorous training here at Fort Benning in order to maintain a fighting proficiency achieved in previous battles. The men and the machines of the 64th Tank Battalion, under the leadership of Lt. Col. William L. Blake, are ever ready "to pierce" on call.

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Heroes Without Weapons

By Paul Burdon

The 3rd Medical Battalion is a "charter member" of the 3rd Division family of units. Designated initially (in 1917) as the 3rd Sanitary Train, the unit became in turn the 3rd Medical Regiment (1921) and the 3rd Medical Battalion (1939).

In World War I, the Medics distinguished themselves in France in the battles in which the 3rd Division participated. In six major campaigns, the "Men of Mercy" sweated to return to the rear those division members who had been wounded in combat.

In World War II, while participating in nine major engagements, including four beach landings, the 3rd Medics sought to improve the time element in moving men to the rear. They found that probably the most effective way to do this was to get closer to the fighting! In the first six months of 1944, the battalion processed almost 20,000 casualties—not without incurring a considerable number of wounded and killed within their own ranks.

New Disease.

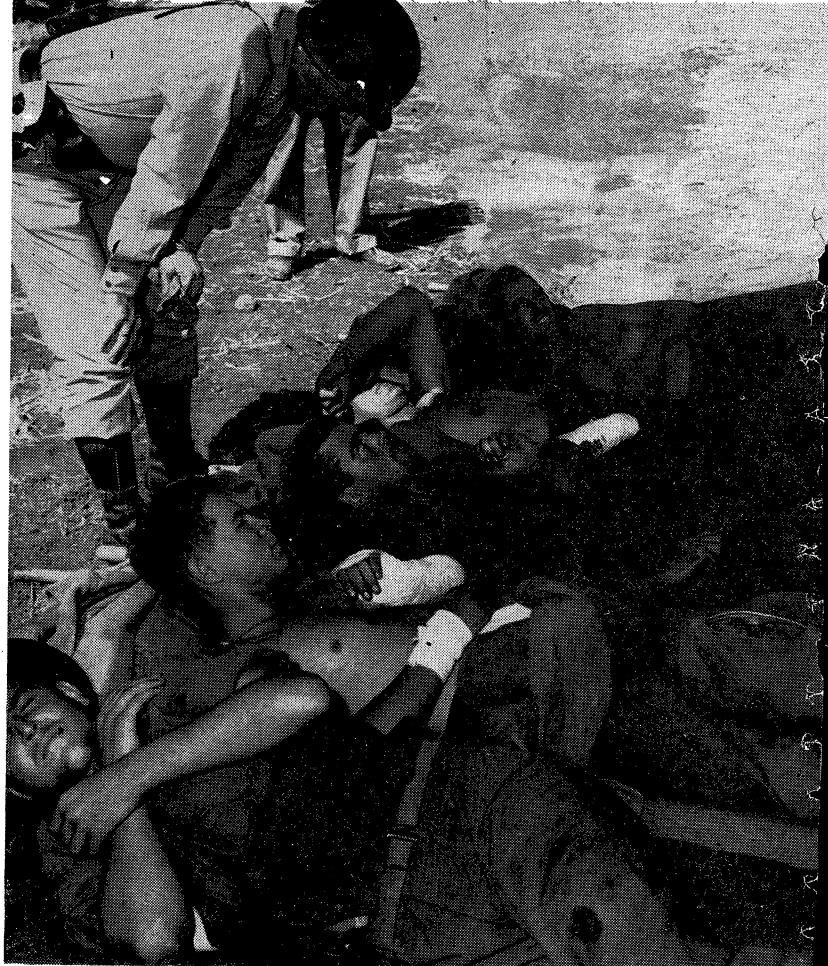
In Korea, hemorrhagic fever, a new and dangerous disease, unknown before the UN troops came, when first noted produced a high mortality rate. The principal area of incidence was a triangle of ground occupied by the 3rd Infantry Division. However, the "Men of Mercy" working in medical teams making intensive studies of the disease produced results. It was found that early recognition and immediate hospitalization with special therapy reduced the disease's danger. Also certain preventive measures reduced the incidence. By hard work and constant vigil the mortality rate was reduced to about five out of 1000 who contracted it. Such an outstanding job was done in this field, that responsible medical personnel surveying the methods used, remarked that no better care could be given anywhere in the world.

Great Encouragement.

Preventive medicine, field sanitation control, and efficient treatment of the sick and injured is always the mission of the medics. That the men who render these services are from their own medical battalion is a matter of great encouragement to the Infantrymen in the bunkers and fox-holes.

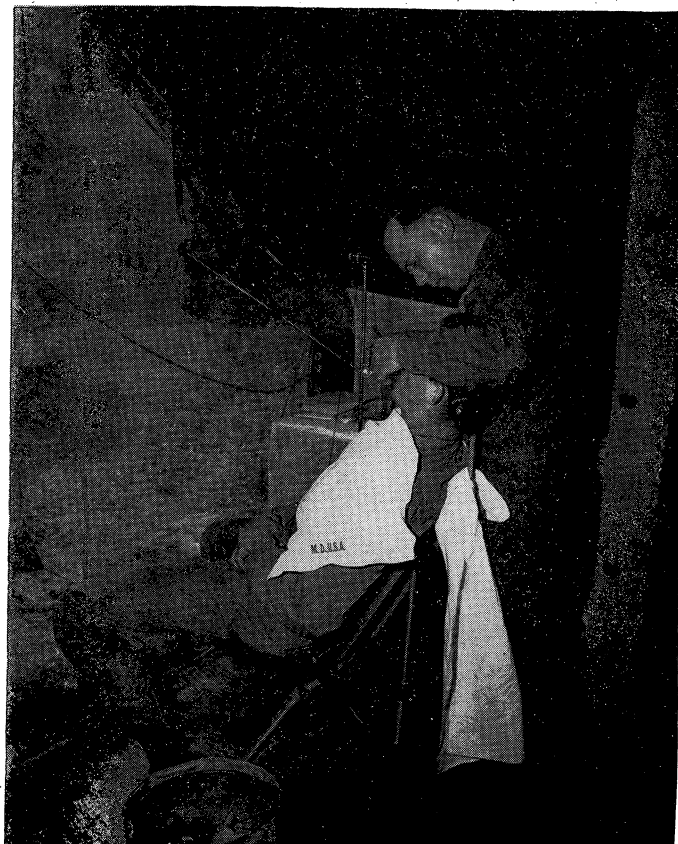
The greatest example of the fine work done by the "Men of Mercy" in Korea is the fact that more than ninety percent of the men who reached the aide station survived.

In Korea, the 3rd Medical Battalion became one of the few units to win two Meritorious Unit Streamers. For their magnificent, selfless work the Medics have been awarded: Distinguished Unit Streamer, embroidered "Colmar", the streamer in the colors of the French Croix de Guerre, with Palm, and the Fourragere in the colors of the French Croix de Guerre, CCF Intervention, First U.N. Counteroffensive, CCF Offensive, U.N. Summer-Fall Offensive, Second Korean Winter, and Presidential Unit Citations embroidered "Uijongbu Corridor," "Iron Triangle."



A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT—Lieutenant General George S. Patton circulates among wounded 3rd Division troops in 1943. Shown here, he engages Pvt. Frank A. Read, 7th Infantry Regiment, in conversation, while other men evince some slight interest. The man in the foreground might be wounded, but from his position he seems to be suffering from malaria.

MEDICAL CARE EVERYWHERE—Men in the Third Division find their medical needs taken care of whether they are in battle, in the field on maneuvers or in garrison. Shown below is a man getting some dental work done.



FLYING INFANTRYMEN

The 3rd Provisional Combat Aviation Co. is the newest and, in modern warfare, has become one of the more important units of the 3rd Division.

The missions of the Combat Aviation Co. are many and varied and the methods they use to accomplish these missions are equally numerous and versatile.

Its helicopters and lighter planes are used for reconnaissance so that artillerymen can drop their deadly missiles "on the spot."

The same helicopters evacuate critically wounded from combat areas in rugged terrain and hover in the air as mobile relay stations when radio communication is difficult.

Combat aviation is given the job of re-supplying surrounded or trapped ground forces over the heads and guns of vicious enemies.

In addition to these crucial assignments the aviation company also handles dangerous photography missions, message dropping and pick-up when other media of communication is disrupted, battlefield illumination, and even wire laying.

The company is divided into five separate units. Flights A, B, C and Utility and Base groups.

Flight groups A, B, and C were formed to correlate with Combat Commands A, B, and C in the parent 3rd Division. Flight group A handles the needs of Combat Command A. Flight group B solves the air problems of Combat Command B and "C with C".

The Utility and Base groups are supplementary. If any of the combat commands has a bigger job than its particular flight group can handle, additional planes and men can be obtained from Utility or Base, enabling the flight group to fulfill the mission.

This type of organization makes the Aviation Company very flexible and allows for a minimum of confusion regardless of the scope or strangeness of the mission.



BIRDDOG—An L-19 "Birdog" heads skyward on an observation mission for a 3rd Division field problem. The small, lightweight liaison planes were used extensively in Korea by the "Marne" Division for reconnaissance, surveillance and aerial photography.

The organization was designed after the "aircraft pools" used in Korea.

Each battalion had its own planes and pilots in Korea and when they were lost, the battalion had to borrow from others or do without.

Pilots flew constantly, day and night, while their battalions

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The Recon Troops Get There First

Mobility, firepower and light armor protection are the characteristics of the 3d Reconnaissance Company. In Korea, aggressiveness was the by-word of this forward element of the 3d Division in action as it ranged throughout the Division zone on a great variety of missions.

What is now the 3d Reconnaissance Company was activated at Fort Lewis, Wash. on Aug. 5, 1940, as the 3d Reconnaissance Troop, and was assigned to the 3d Division. The designation was changed slightly in 1942 to become the 3d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop and it was with this name that it moved out to North Africa and the battlefields of World War II.

Like many other Division units, the 3d Recon. Co. participated in ten major campaigns during the war. Although equipped, organized and trained only for reconnaissance missions, the troops were called upon to perform combat jobs of all types, including employment of various times as the base element of mobile task forces. For their outstanding combat record, the 3d Recon. Co. was awarded the Distinguished Unit Streamer, embroidered "Colmar". The French recognized their outstanding record with awards of the Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the Fourragere in the colors of the Croix de Guerre.

Its first major role in the Korean conflict was in the defense of the Hamhung Perimeter after the X United States Corps had been ordered to evacuate the area around Wonsan. Recon. Co. was one of the last to leave the perimeter. The Company arrived in Pusan in Dec. 1950, in time to smash toward Seoul.

When the Division was crossing the Han River in that drive, the Company constantly pushing forward, was credited with pro-



INTO THE UNKNOWN—Men of the 3rd Infantry Division move up a road as the Division Reconnaissance Company assembles in the background for a drive up a hill in east central Korea.

viding devastating fire support which accounted for 200 enemy casualties.

The fighting of Jan. 14, 1951 typified the spirit of Recon. Co. Attacked by the 1st North Korean Regiment of the 8th North Korean Division, the Company was commended for completely halting the attack and disrupting any further enemy operations by this unit.

When Recon. Company returned to their home station of Fort Benning, Ga. they were entitled to the following battle streamers: CCF Intervention, First UN Counteroffensive, Korean Summer-Fall 1952, Second Korean Winter, Third Korean Winter, Korean Summer-Fall 1953.

Capt. Charles W. Hayward is presently Company Commander of 3d Recon. Company.

The Legs of the Infantry

By Hank Fischer

There's an old adage, "An Army travels on its stomach". The Quartermaster Company keeps the infantryman's stomach full. It brings them the all important gasoline and ammunition. Its trucks help carry the fighting units from battle to battle. Its Field Service Platoon keeps equipment in fighting condition and provides those little luxuries, showers and clean clothes that keeps the soldiers' morale high.

The success of the 3rd Division, the success of any unit for that matter, depends directly on the efficiency of its supply. The 3rd Quartermaster Company is in a large way responsible for the honors achieved by the Division as a whole.

Although active in both World Wars, the 3rd Division Quartermaster Company came into great prominence during the Korean conflict.

The 3rd Quartermaster Company, 3rd Infantry Division, was cited for exceptionally meritorious service in support of combat operations in Korea during the period 1 November 1952 to 31 July 1953. Operating forty-five vehicles an average of over 57,000 miles a month, the company competently procured, stored, transported and issued all types of quartermaster supplies to the 3rd Infantry Division and attached Army, Corps, and United Nations units.

Although greatly hindered by poor roads, extremes of weather and rugged terrain, the organization functioned twenty-four hours a day in transporting supplies from distant railheads and depots. Through its initiative in improvising means of augmenting existing supply and service facilities, the company issued monthly an average of over 2,600 tons of Class I supplies, more than 5,700 tons of

Class III supplies and 887 tons of Class II and IV supplies.

In addition, the unit provided shower facilities for all personnel assigned and attached to the Division and operated an ice cream plant which produced two to three servings a week for all Division personnel. The 3rd Quartermaster Company, 3rd Infantry Division, displayed such outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions.

The initiative, ability and esprit de corps exhibited by the members of this company throughout this period reflect great credit on themselves and military service.

Flying Infantrymen . . .

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were on the line, then became inactive when the unit took a break.

Later a pool of men and planes solved both of the problems and laid the groundwork for the organization of the Combat Aviation Company as it is today.

The Combat Aviation Company does not have much of a combat history as most of the units of the Marine Division do, since it was organized as late as the 1st of August, 1953.

But the officers and men have mirrored, in that short time, a degree of competence unmatched by units of comparable nature and size. If the 3rd Division adds to its already illustrious history, the 3rd Provisional Combat Aviation Company will be a colorful and prominent part of that history.

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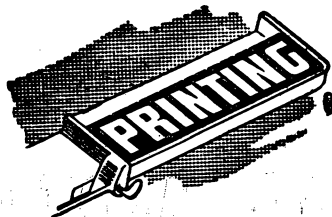
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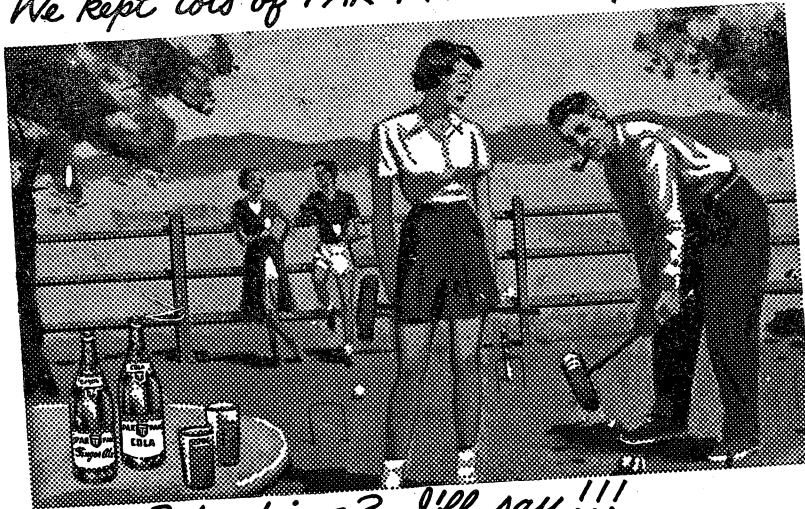
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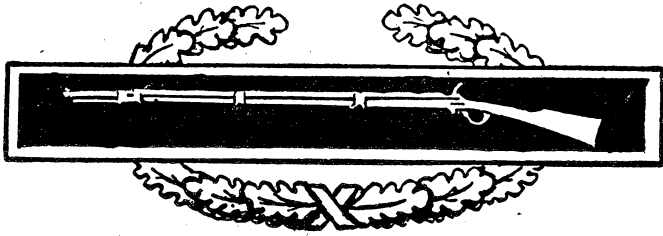
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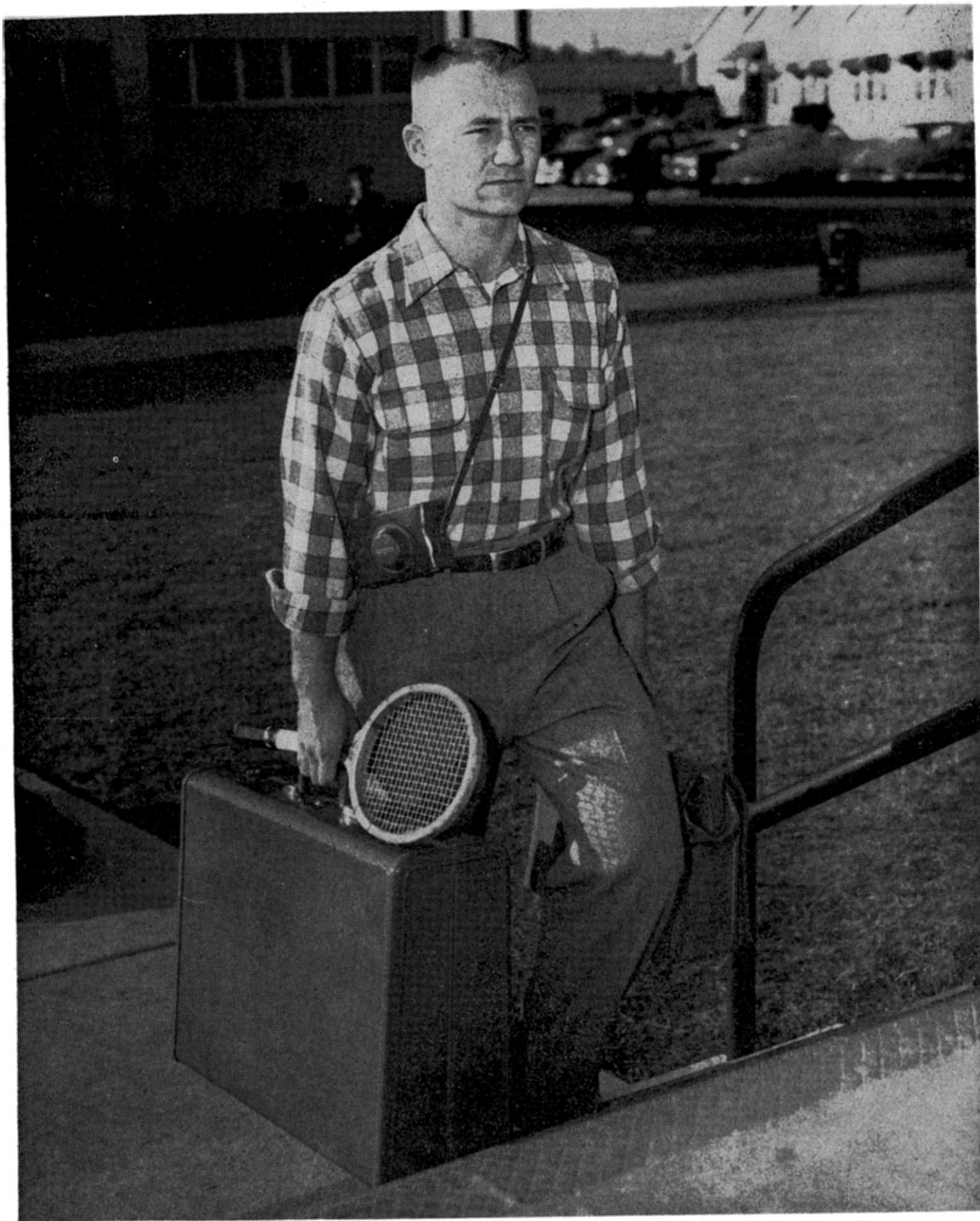
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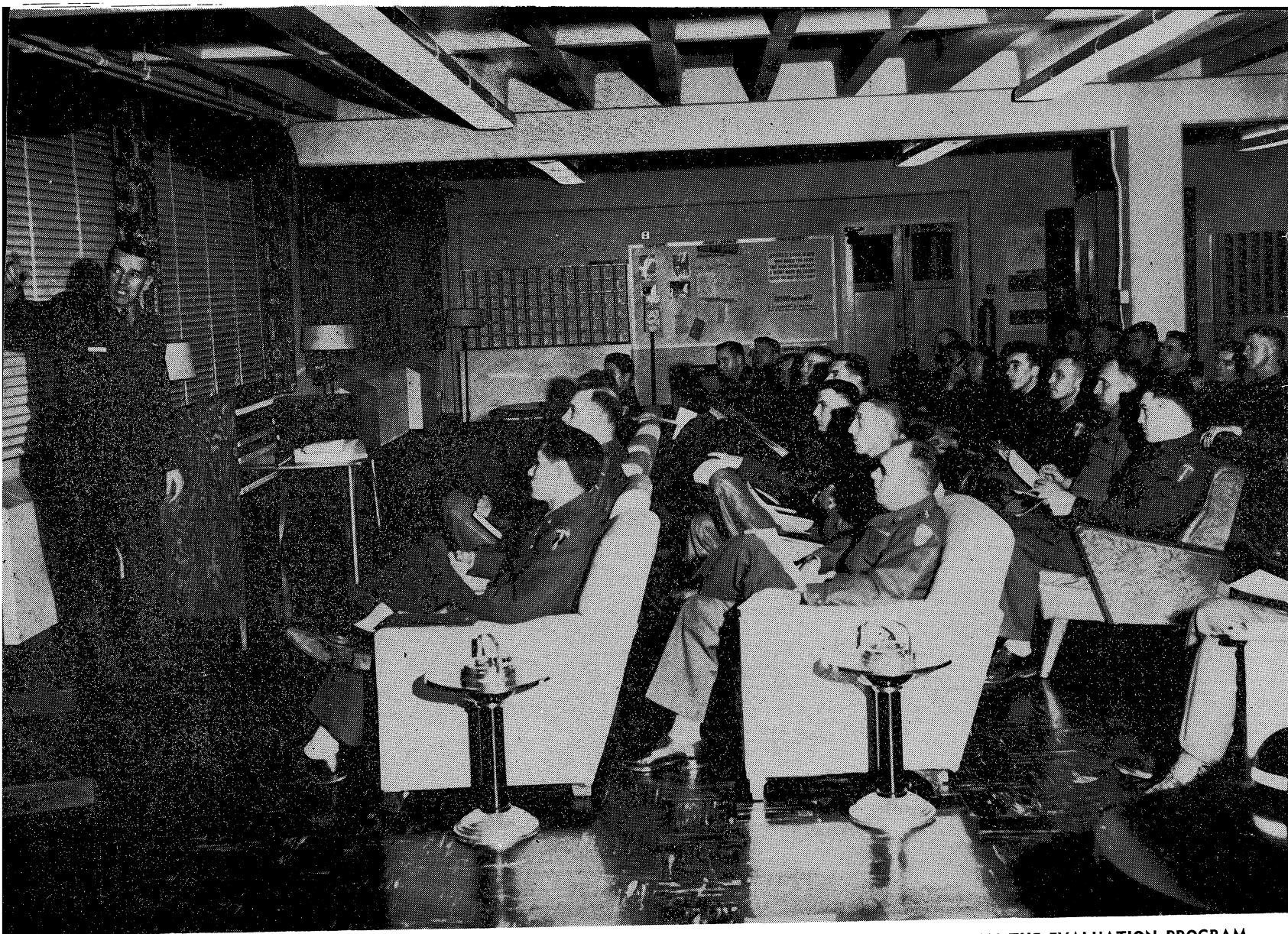




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BRIGADE DOING BIG THINGS

The Army is doing something big to improve the caliber of officers who are now entering the service.

An Evaluation Program has been implemented in the Second Student Battalion of The School Brigade to supplement the training that the young, newly commissioned officer receives from the Academic Department of The Infantry School.

Department of the Army has given the Commanding General of The Infantry School authority to terminate the commission of any second lieutenant with less than three years commissioned service who fails to meet acceptable standards of the service. For this reason, the Second Student Battalion evaluates the individual student officers while undergoing instruction at The Infantry School on their academic proficiency, conduct, self-discipline, and leadership ability.

The course for the Basic Infantry Officer is not designed to terminate an officer's commission. Rather, the goal is to make a good leader a better one, and a poor leader a good one. The aim is to supplement military knowledge with other desirable attributes designed to improve a student's ability as a platoon leader of Infantry.

The Cornerstone

The cornerstone to the success of the program is the Tactical Officer. Each company has two tactical officers who are experienced troop leaders and fully capable of recognizing the attributes essential to an Infantry platoon leader. The tactical officers continuously observe and record the academic proficiency, discipline, and leadership ability of each student officer.

Whenever the tactical officers note that a student is becoming deficient in academics, discipline, or leadership, they arrange to have him placed on probation for a period of thirty days. The student acknowledges this probation and he is made to understand that he must better himself during the probationary period. The tactical officer counsels the student and recommends a course of action which, if followed, will improve the student in the sphere in which he is deficient.

Counseling is an ever-present procedure in the handling of the Basic Infantry Officer classes. An average of over 235 extra duty hours are spent in counseling each class. The tactical officer maintains a close observation over each student to determine his consistent traits of behavior. The results of the observation are then translated into leadership ability, self-discipline, integrity, justice, honor, a sense of responsibility, and a sense of duty.

Counseling Is Effective

The student's progress is documented by observation reports in which the tactical officer records his observations and conclusions relative to the student officers' activities. These reports are made a part of the student's record.

Serious counseling is effectively conducted in an interview between the student and the tactical officer. It is here that the observed deficiency is discussed in private and a course of action decided upon in an attempt to overcome the deficiency. This interview is also documented on a counseling report and for the next

few weeks a continued observation of the student is made to detect any improvement.

An evaluation folder is prepared for each student and maintained in his company. Every observation report, counseling report, results of academic work, and all correspondence, commendatory or derogatory in nature, which concerns the individual student is put into this file. The tactical officer continually reviews the contents of the folder to help him determine the potentiality of the student.

Students Helped

There are diverse other means used to help those students who show signs of minor discrepancies in their official duties. The Tactical Officer frequently utilizes the reply by indorsement technique for minor administrative and disciplinary breaches, such as late for formation, failure to get a haircut, etc. A copy of his reply is placed in his evaluation folder.

The Second Student Battalion does not tolerate hazing of students in any form. The battalion is convinced that hazing would destroy the students' concept of his realization of responsibilities and his dignity of rank which is so important in the young officer's training. Sharp on-the-spot corrections are continuously made by all cadre officers to rectify minor errors or irregularities. This method has proven to be effective and is considered far superior to any form of hazing.

A student who has been placed on probation and who shows no sign of improvement is directed to appear before an evaluation panel.

The evaluation panel is a battalion-controlled operation composed of a board of officers consisting of the battalion executive officer for evaluation, a representative from School Brigade Headquarters, a representative from the office of the secretary, The Infantry School, and a non-voting recorder. The panel regularly meets during the eighth and twelfth weeks of the course, although it may be convened at any time if the situation warrants. Before a student is placed before the evaluation panel, he is interviewed by the Battalion Commander in a final determination as to whether or not he will appear before it.

Efforts Are Reviewed

The evaluation panel critically reviews the student officer's evaluation folder containing all the documents pertinent to his case. Additionally, the panel receives statements as to the student's ability as observed by the cadre company commander, the senior tactical officer, and the battalion commander. After considering the documentary information, the panel questions the cadre company commander and tactical officers for any additional information they have which would assist the panel in evaluating the student.

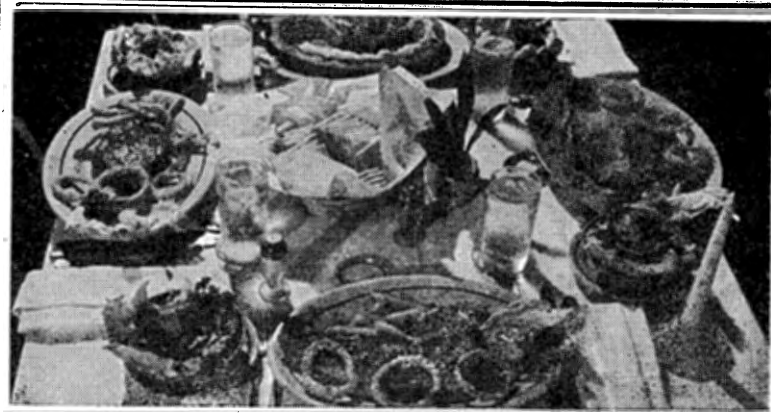
The student is interviewed and given every opportunity to speak in his own behalf. After completing its deliberations and after weighing all the pertinent factors, the panel makes a recommendation for the future disposition of the deficient student. The recommendation will normally be that the student remain in his class on continued probation, or that he be turned back to another class, or that his commission be terminated.

Up To Commandant

When the panel recommends that a student's commission be terminated, he is interviewed by the brigade commander and the assistant commandant of The Infantry School prior to final action by the Commandant, The Infantry School.

The purpose of the Second Student Battalion's evaluation program is not to seek to terminate commissions, but rather to polish the young, newly commissioned officers and to imbue them with a sense of responsibility and duty. Through the efficiency of the evaluation program, the officer is presented to the Army as a well-rounded and trained individual, fully capable of taking over any duties commensurate with his rank.

When questioning cadre officers of the Second Student Battalion as to what they are doing in the way of training the newly commissioned officers, the answer is inevitably, "We are making better leaders out of good ones, and good leaders out of poor ones."



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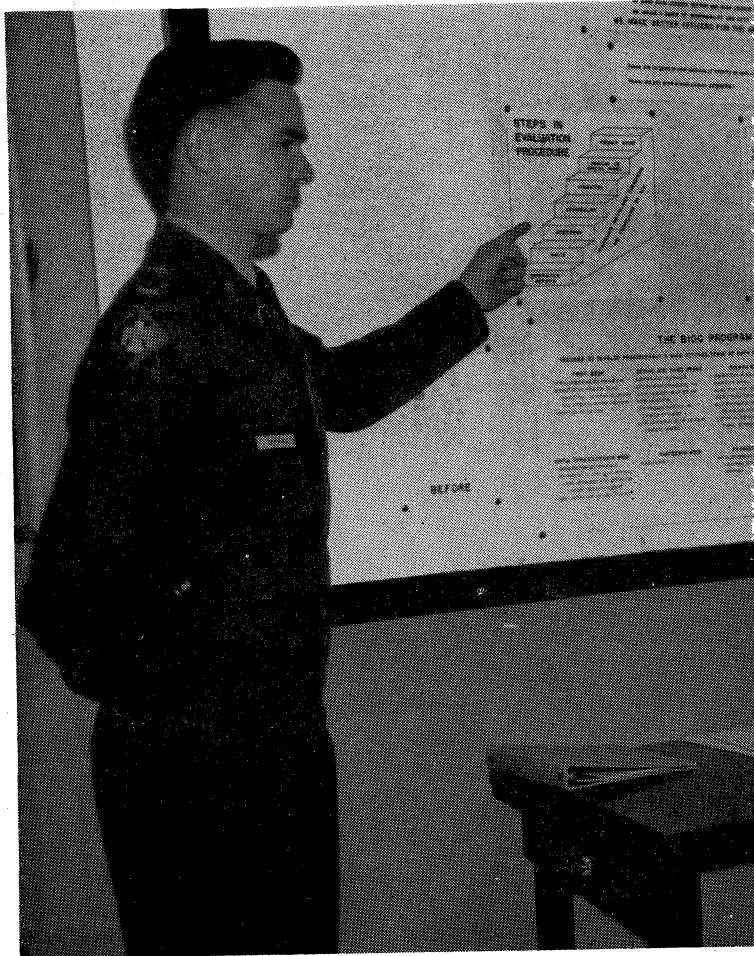
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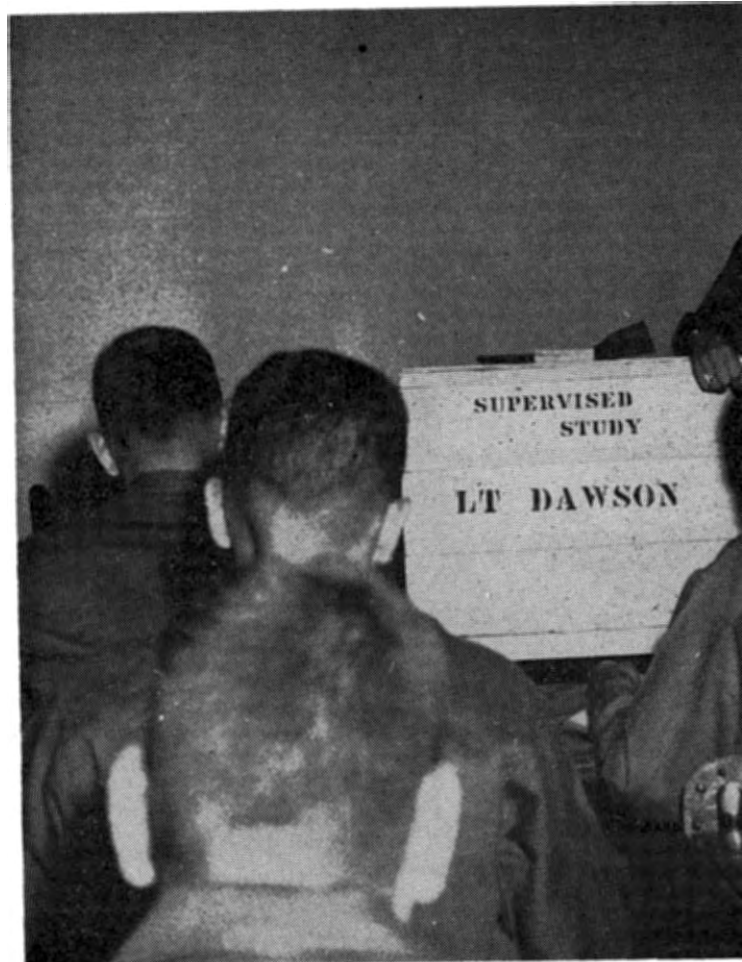


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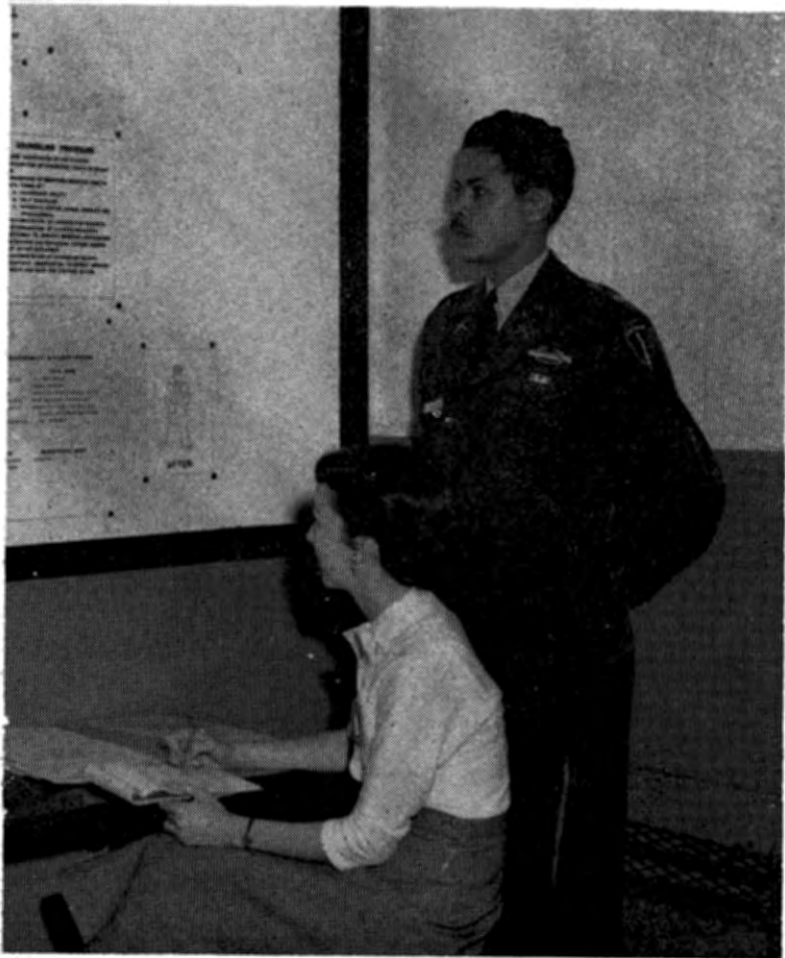
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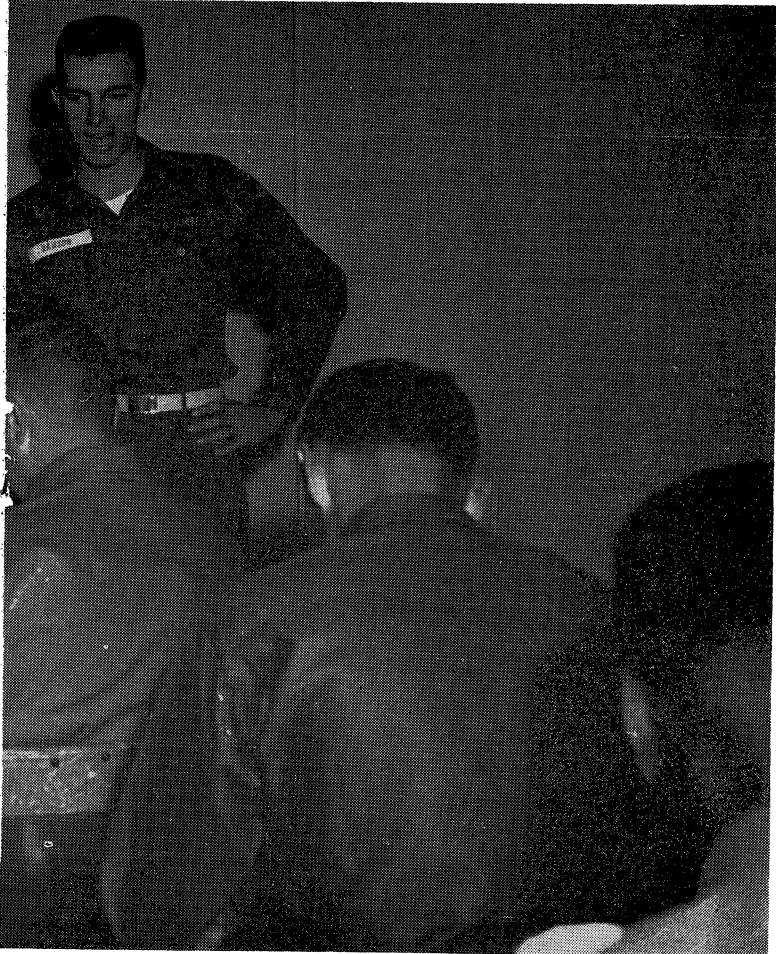
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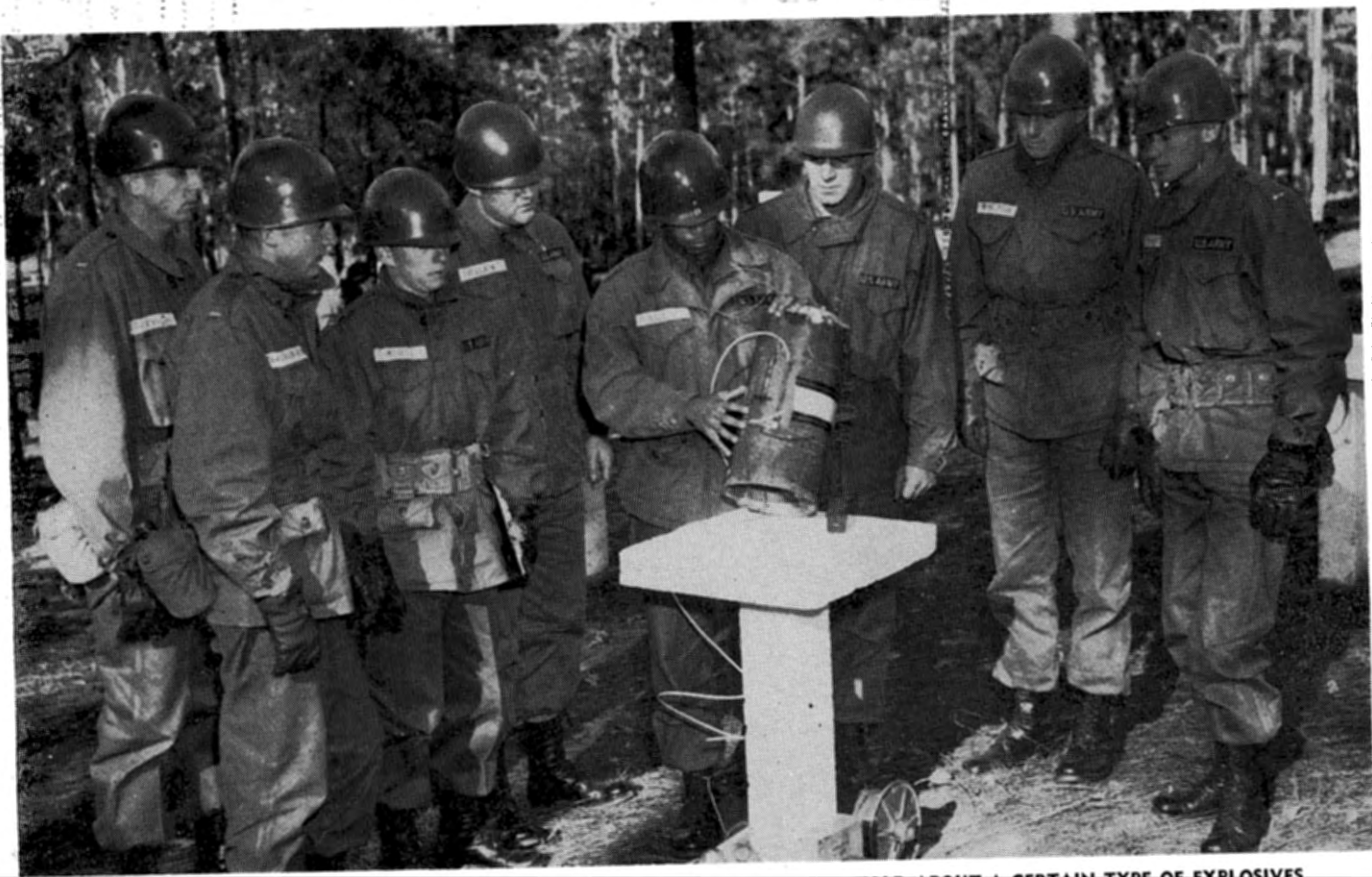
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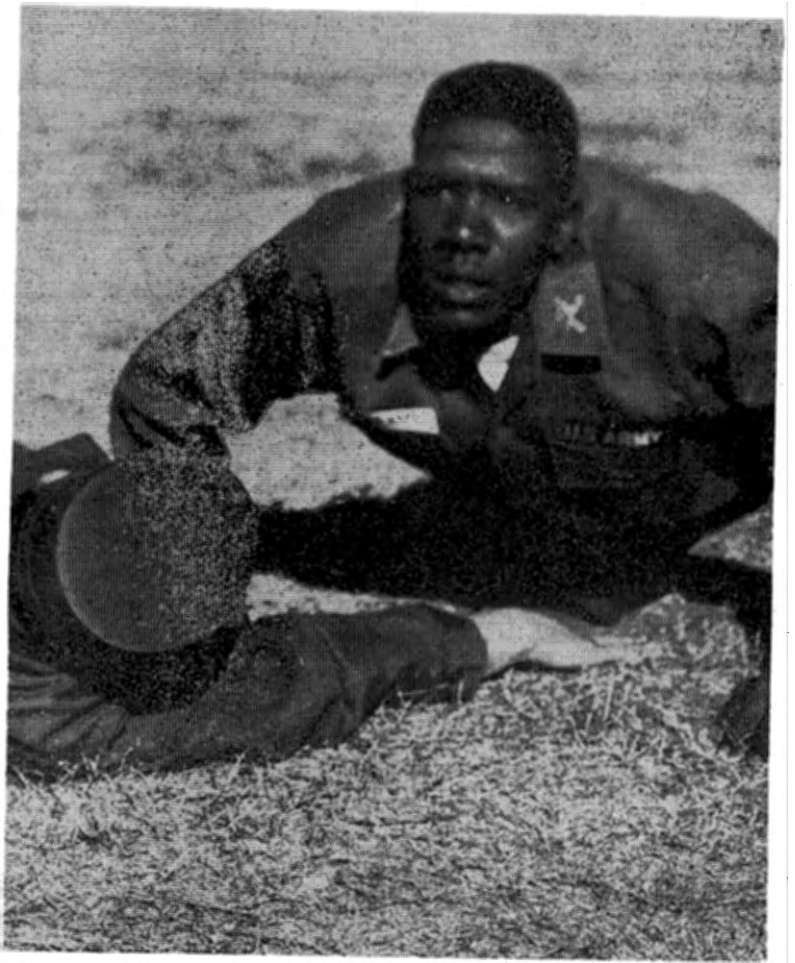
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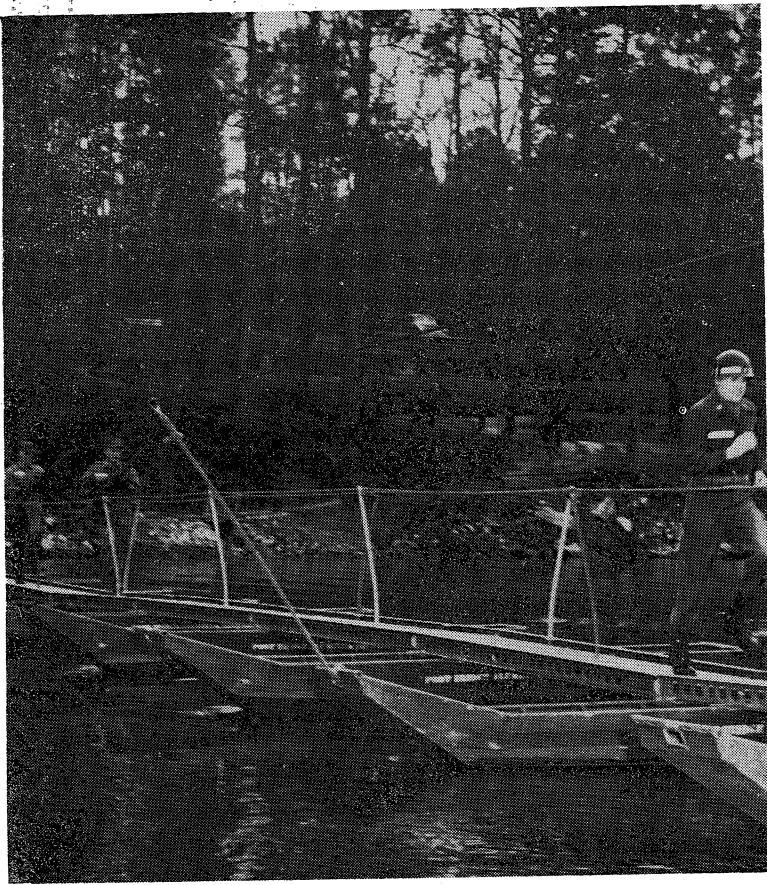
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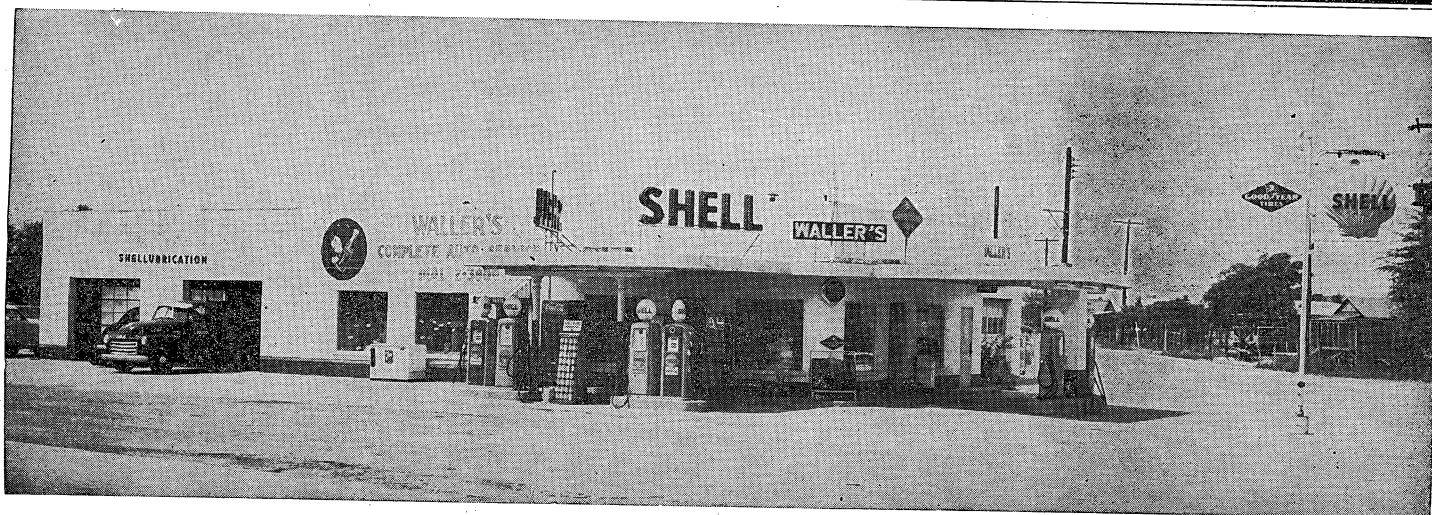
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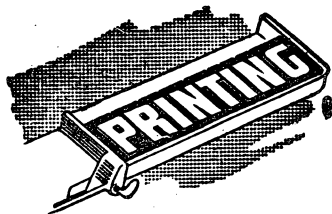
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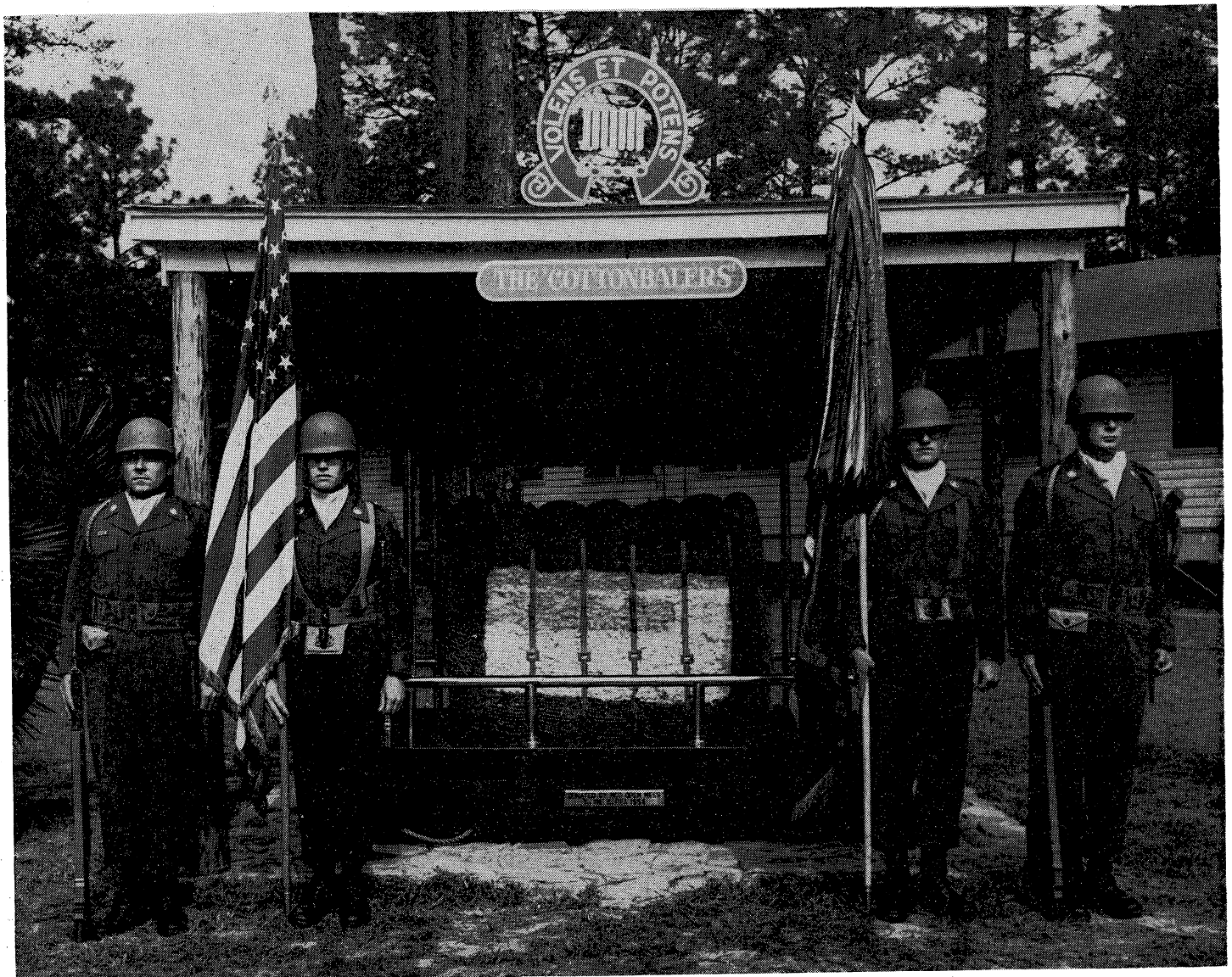
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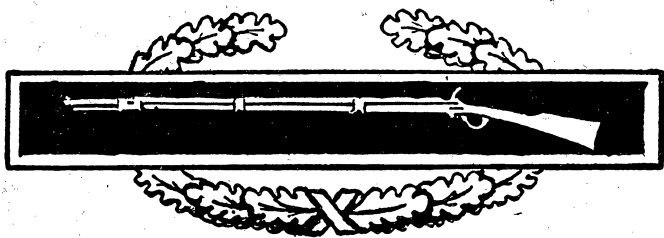
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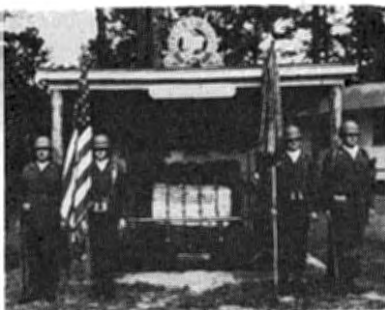
A history in words and pictures of the most decorated Regiment in the United States Regular Army. Compiled by the 7th Infantry Regiment PIO. All photographs courtesy of the U. S. Army.



On This Month's Cover:



On this month's cover is a photograph of the "Cottonbale," symbol of the famed 7th Infantry Regiment's stand behind cottonbale breastworks in the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. This cottonbale is displayed in front of the 7th Infantry Combat Command Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia. The color guard is composed of (L. to R.) *Sfc Theodore Lively, Sfc Donald E. Shipley, Sgt. Joseph M. Cizmarils*, carrying the Regimental colors with more than 60 battle streamers attached, and *Cpl. James P. Sweeny* all of the 4th Infantry Battalion (Provisional).



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COLONEL MATTHEW C. STEWART, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 7TH INFANTRY, INSPECTS A POSITION OF HIS MEN DURING RECENT TRAINING.

THE 7th INFANTRY COTTONBALERS

Five thousand Redcoats charged toward the American stronghold with muskets blazing lead pellets of death. But their ranks foundered and fell. Again and again waves of Redcoats attacked; but repeatedly they were crushed by their well-fortified adversaries. With casualties amounting to almost half the initial number of attackers, including three generals, the tattered British troops withdrew in confusion.

THE CENTER HELD

So went the attack on New Orleans on 8-9 January 1815. Called upon to defend the strategic Mississippi River Valley at its key city of New Orleans, the forces of General Andrew Jackson had constructed breastworks of cottonbales as a defense line before the city. Bearing the brunt of the British attack was the central sector manned by the young Seventh Infantry Regiment. When the British repeatedly marched elbow to elbow up to the center of the cottonbale defense, Seventh Infantrymen repelled the close ranks of Regulars with sharpshooting from behind the bulwark of cotton. The post battle hush revealed a toll of 2036 British casualties to 21 American wounded and dead.

Having played the lead role in the most savage battle of the War of 1812, the fighting Seventh became known as the "Cottonbaler" Regiment. The nickname stuck and shortly was incorporated into the Regimental Coat of Arms and Colors. It afterward became the main symbol of the Regimental Crest.

But it wasn't until 1954—139 years later—that the Regiment could boast possession of its own cottonbale. In June of that year the Regimental Commander, broached this problem to the Mayor of New Orleans. Through the Mayor and the president of the cotton ex-



PRESENTATION OF THE COTTONBALE IN KOREA, SEPTEMBER, 1954.

change and on behalf of the citizens of the city, the first bale of 1954 cotton was presented to the Regiment, then in Korea, by General Maxwell D. Taylor, Eighth Army Commander. When the fighting Seventh returned to its home base at Fort Benning the cottonbale accompanied it and was honored amid homecoming ceremonies.



MEN OF THE 7TH INFANTRY REGIMENT COMBAT TEAM, THIRD INFANTRY DIVISION, ON THE SIDE OF HILL 717 SHORTLY AFTER IT WAS TAKEN FROM THE COMMUNISTS WHO STILL HOLD THE SURROUNDING TERRITORY.

“NO GREATER REGIMENT”

By PFC WILLIAM F. BOWERS

What makes a good fighting unit a great fighting unit? The many battle and campaign streamers, the numerous citations, the countless tales of individual heroism are the indicators of the achievements of a fighting unit. But the vital ingredient that propels a group of men on to glorious military accomplishments is esprit de corps.

This esprit de corps—this lively spirit of comradeship—has been deeply ingrained in the Seventh Infantry Regiment’s “Cottonbalers” since their inception in 1798. As their deeds have multiplied, so in proportion has their fine fighting spirit. The rich heritage of the “Cottonbalers” has stemmed from Seventh Infantry participation in nine wars; more battle streamers than any other regiment—65; and inspiring leadership, including that of three men destined to become presidents of the United States: Andrew Jackson, Benjamin Harrison and Zachary Taylor.

Although the Regiment was mustered out of the service two years after it was organized in 1798, it was reactivated in 1808 and has seen continuous service for 147 years.

The first famous conflict engaged in by the Seventh Infantry was the Indian War of 1811. American forces, including the Seventh Infantry, led by General William Henry Harrison, defeated the Indians in a climatic battle at the present town of Battle Ground, Indiana.

The War of 1812, the first encounter against foreign troops for the Seventh Infantry, found the Regiment dubbed “Cottonbalers” at the battle of New Orleans. When they successfully held their position behind a breastwork of cottonbales against the British, the nickname “Cottonbalers” was proudly accepted and incorporated into the Regimental Coat of Arms and Regimental Crest.

From the end of that war in 1815 until it was put into action in 1846 against the Mexicans, the Seventh Infantry participated in many Indian operations, climaxed by the Florida War from 1839 to 1842 against the Seminoles, led by Chief Osceola. Then, with the advent of the Mexican War, the “Cottonbalers” saw action in such battles as Monterey, Vera Vruz, and Cerro Gordo, where the Regi-



EXERCISE "FOLLOW ME"—TROOPS ATTACK AGAINST AGGRESSOR FORCES DURING THE RECENTLY COMPLETED FIELD MANEUVERS.



A PIONEER AND AMMUNITION PLATOON OF THE 7TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION MOVES PAST RESTING INFANTRYMEN, WHILE PROBING FOR MINES DURING OPERATION DOUGHNUT IN KOREA.

ment performed brilliantly. Then it marched through Contreras, Cherubusco, Chapultepec, and finally into Mexico City itself.

Following the Mexican War the "Cottonbalers" were busied with such frontier tasks as building forts, making roads, and protecting settlers. In 1858 the Regiment was sent to help quell the Mormon troubles, and in 1860 its duty was to campaign against Indian troublemakers in New Mexico.

The came the Civil War. The "Cottonbalers" went into action at Messilla in 1861, and thereafter added many battle streamers to their growing collection: Corinth . . . Fredericksburg . . . Chancellorsville . . . Gettysburg . . . Atlanta . . . to name a few.

During the years following the Civil War, the "Cottonbalers" resumed their efforts in protecting and developing the West. Among their other exploits was the rescue of the remnants of General Custer's command after the massacre at Little Big Horn in August, 1877.

1898 came—and with it the Spanish-American War. The Seventh Infantry saw action in Cuba at El Caney and San Juan Hill. In 1901 and 1902, the Regiment was shipped to the Philippines to help quell the insurrection there, and served in Samar and Luzon. After the Philippines came hard duty in Alaska.

Then World War I . . . in 1918 a well-prepared Seventh Infantry stormed into France. It participated in the Aisne Defensive, the struggle at Chateau-Thierry, the Champagne-Marne Defensive; it smashed onward in the offensive actions at Aisne-Marne, Meuse Argonne, and St. Mihiel. Added to the ever-increasing number of battle streamers was the French Croix de Guerre with Star, presented to the Regiment by a grateful French government.

With an unexcelled record of achievement stretched over almost a century and one half, the "Cottonbaler" Regiment was plunged into World War II. Among the first units to see action, the Regiment assaulted the beaches of Fedala, Morocco in November 1942. Although under heavy fire from the enemy, they succeeded in securing the beachhead and proceeded to the city of Fedala. This was but the beginning of a string of victories during World War II which added ten more battle streamers to their guidon.

Casablanca . . . Algeria . . . Tunisia . . . Sicily—then across France to Germany and probably the most famous and spectacular engagement of the war when the "Cottonbalers" stormed and captured Berchtesgaden, Adolph Hitler's "Mountain Fortress."

Five years later came Korea. Again the Seventh Infantry was one of the first to see action. Landing at Wonsan on 17 November 1950 the "Cottonbalers" took up positions between Wonsan and Hamhung where they fought a courageous rear-guard action, relieving units of the First Marine Division and controlling the escape route to Hamhung.

Fighting with such zeal and spirit all through the Korean conflict won for the Seventh Infantry "Cottonbalers" four Distinguished Unit Citations.

The history of the Seventh Infantry Regiment—a unit which has fought in more battles and served in more campaigns than any other unit in the United States Army—is a proud confirmation of the Regimental motto . . . Volens et Potens—Willing and Able.

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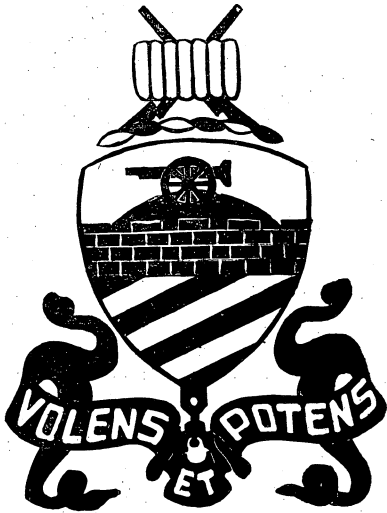
THE COTTON MAID
VISITS THE REGIMENT

Miss DeLois Faulkner, the 1954 Maid of Cotton, visited the 7th Infantry Regiment on February 7, 1955.

Colonel Matthew C. Stewart, commanding officer of the 7th Infantry presented the pretty Cotton Maid with a bouquet of flowers from the officers and men. In the same ceremony, she was made an honorary member of the Regiment and received an engraved scroll commemorating her membership. Miss Faulkner was also given a miniature Cottonbale, symbolic of the cottonbales which proected the earliest members of the Regiment against British bullets in 1815. The 3rd Division band played during the ceremony, and honor guards from attached battalions were present.

Major General Haydon L. Boatner, 3rd Division Commander attended the ceremony and the Maid of Cotton was introduced to him at its completion.

Miss Faulkner was chosen the 1955 Cotton Maid after competition involving entrants from all southern states. Her home is in Sallison, Oklahoma, and she is a graduate of Oklahoma A & M college. She visited the "Cottonbalers" during an extensive tour of the South.



THE REGIMENTAL COAT OF ARMS

The crossed bayonets and the cotton bale which stand at the top of the crest commemorates the Battle of New Orleans in 1815 when cottonbales were used as breastworks when the young 7th Infantry decisively defeated a superior British force.

The field piece on top of the mound recalls the battle at Cerro Gordo, Mexico in 1847 when members of the 7th Infantry took the hills and won the battle by dragging the cannon with them up the steep mountains.

The stone wall represents the famous wall on Mayres Heights where Confederates were posted in the Battle for Fredricksburg in 1862.

The blue and white stripes which run diagonally across the bottom of the shield are for battles in which the 7th Infantry participated during World War I. The white stripes stand for three major engagements while the blue stripes depict four minor engagements.

The Croix de Guerre with star was awarded by the French Government for service during World War I.

The words "Volens et Potens" mean "Willing and Able." This has remained the 7th Infantry's motto through the years.

Changes to the Regimental Crest have been proposed to cover the Units heroic participation in both World War II and the Korean conflict. These revisions are not shown because they have as yet not been officially approved.

Following is a list of the Campaign streamers won by the 7th Infantry Regiment: WAR OF 1812: Canada, Florida, New Orleans, Louisiana. INDIAN WARS: Creeks, Seminoles, New Mexico, Wyoming, Montana, Little Big Horn, Nez Perces, Utes, Pine Ridge. MEXICAN WAR: Texas, Monterey, Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Contreras, Churubusco, Molino del Rey, Chapultepec. CIVIL WAR: New Mexico, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, Fredericksburg, Murfreesborough, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Georgia. WAR WITH SPAIN: Santiago. PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION. Samar. WORLD WAR I: Aisne, Ile de France, Champagne, Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne. WORLD WAR II: Tunisia, Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead), Sicily (with arrowhead), Naples-Foggia, Anzio (with arrowhead), Rome-Arno, Southern France, (with arrowhead), Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace, Central Europe. KOREA: CCF Intervention, First UN Counteroffensive, UN Summer-Fall Offensive, CCF Spring Offensive, Second Korean Winter, Korea Summer-Fall 1952, Third Korean Winter, Korea Summer-Fall 1953.



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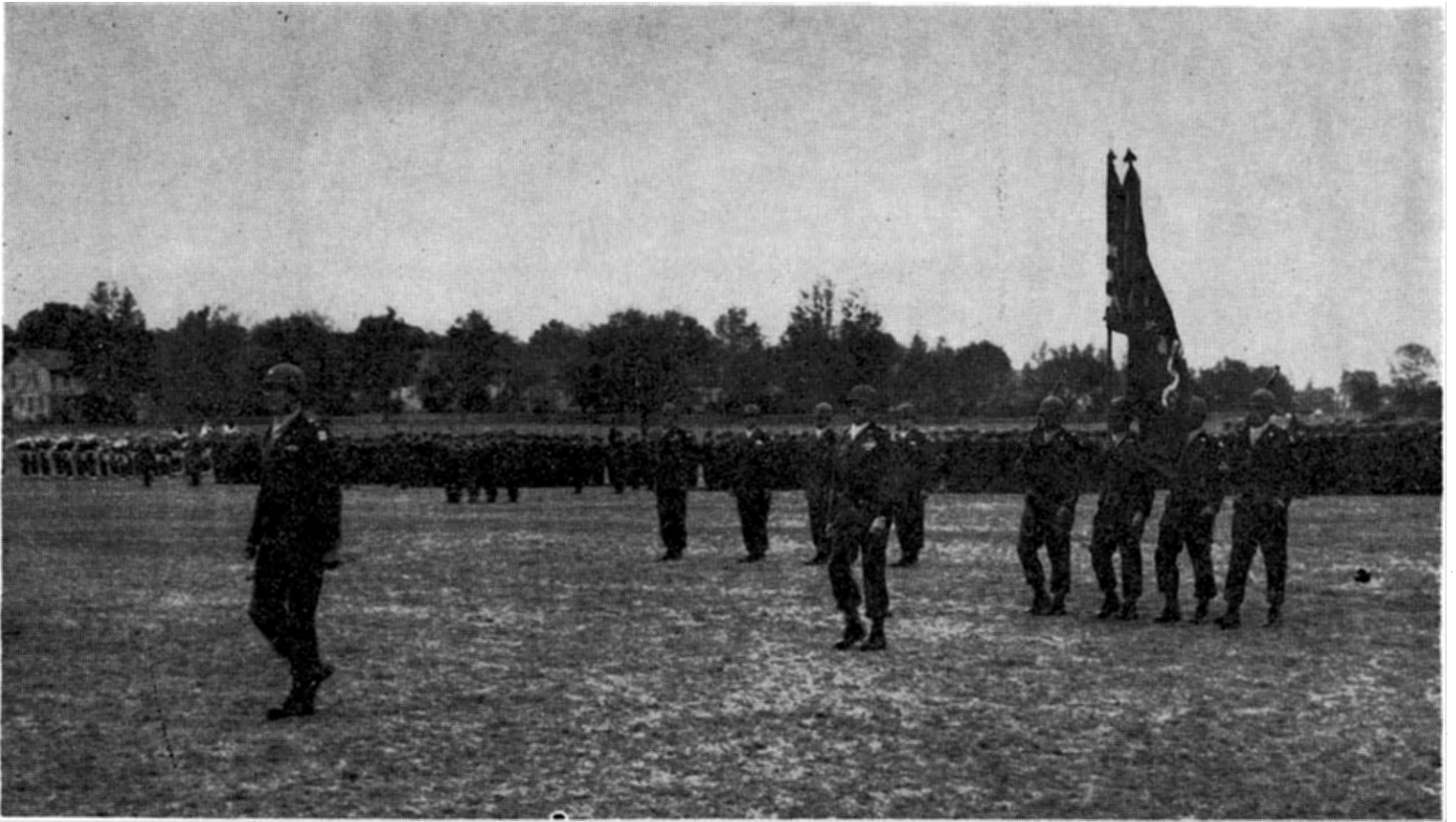
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A "COTTONBALER'S" MEMORIAL SYMBOL TO THE MEN OF THE 7th INF.

On April 9th, 1955 the annual Hugh B. Casey Memorial award was presented to Master Sergeant William G. Haggerty, Company B, 5th Infantry Battalion at a review conducted in his honor. Master Sergeant Haggerty received a brass-mahogany backed plaque with the inscription "7th Infantry Outstanding Soldier for the Year 1954." In addition to this he was given a movie projector and screen.

The Hugh B. Casey award was established in 1952 by Major General Hugh J. Casey USA (retired) when his son, a former "Cottonbaler," was killed in action in Korea. Each year the 7th Infantry Regiment chooses its outstanding soldier to be honored at a review at which appropriate gifts are presented. The outstanding soldier's name is engraved with the winners of prior years on a large plaque and permanently displayed in the Regiment's trophy room.

This year's award was presented by Brigadier General Earl C. Bergquist, Assistant 3rd Division Commander. Colonel Matthew C. Stewart, Commanding Officer of the 7th Infantry Combat Command, was the reviewing officer, and his executive officer, Lt. Colonel Clifford Freeman acted as Commander of Troops. Participants were the 4th and 5th Infantry Battalions and elements of the 7th Infantry Provisional Group.

Master Sergeant Haggerty was serving as 1st Sergeant of Company B, 5th Infantry Battalion at the time of his nomination. This is his second tour with the 7th Infantry Regiment. He served with the Regiment in Korea during 1952 and 1953. The citation accompanying the plaque read in part "Master Sergeant Haggerty through his leadership, loyalty, and unswerving devotion to duty has adhered to the highest standards and traditions of the United States Army, of the 3rd Division, and of this Regiment. His outstanding service has been an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and does honor to Major Hugh B. Casey who gave his life for the principles of humanity and in whose memory this award is made by his father, Major General Hugh J. Casey USA (Retired)."



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CATHY BURNETTE AND CPL. CHARLES W. THOMAS, THE SOLDIER WHO SUBMITTED HER WINNING PHOTOGRAPH POSE AT THE 3RD DIVISION NCO CLUB BEFORE A LUNCHEON IN HER HONOR.

THE SWEETHEART OF SEVENTH INFANTRY

The annual "Sweetheart of the Seventh Infantry Regiment" contest was concluded in May of 1955. This year's winner is Miss Cathy Burnette of Bessemer, Alabama. She was honored at ceremonies on the 14th of May at French Field, Fort Benning, Georgia.

An extensive contest was conducted prior to the selection with photographic entries submitted from all units of the 7th Infantry.

Miss Burnette is 18 years old and a senior in high school. Her photograph was entered by Corporal Charles W. Thomas of the Weapons Company, 5th Infantry Battalion (Provisional). Corporal Thomas also lives in Bessemer and has known the "Sweetheart" for some time. Corporal Thomas completed Ranger training last fall and is regarded as a fine soldier.

Miss Burnette came to Fort Benning Friday night, May 13, accompanied by her mother. Saturday morning she was taken to breakfast and then to coffee with Mrs. Matthew C. Stewart, wife of the Regimental Commander. Ceremonies were then held in her honor at French Field where she was presented with a gold wrist watch with the inscription, "1955 Sweetheart of the 7th Infantry," and a bouquet of red roses. She then accompanied Colonel Stewart as he "trooped the line" and later joined him reviewing the troops. Martial music was supplied by the 3rd Division Band and participating troops were the 3rd, 4th and 5th Infantry Battalions.

Following these ceremonies, the "Sweetheart" was introduced to the distinguished guests including Brigadier General and Mrs. Earl C. Bergquist, Assistant Division Commander. After this she was taken on a tour of the post.

The tour ended at the 3rd Division Non-Commissioned Officers Club where Miss Burnette was joined by Corporal Thomas and an outstanding soldier escort chosen from each Battalion. The Non-Commissioned Officers Club was host at a luncheon honoring the Sweetheart and the outstanding soldiers. Following this Miss Burnette was returned to her home.



THE "SWEETHEART" TALKS WITH CPL. THOMAS AND THE OUTSTANDING SOLDIER ESCORTS FROM EACH BATTALION, (L. TO R.) CPL. HONAKER, 5TH BATTALION, PFC MILTON J. ELLIS, 4TH BATTALION, AND CPL. WALTERS, PROVISIONAL GROUP IN FRONT OF COMBAT COMMAND HEADQUARTERS.



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The ancient motto of the 7th Infantry, “Willing and Able,” is being ably demonstrated as the unit trains vigorously to prepare its many new men for any tasks it may be called upon to perform. Having successfully completed the winter maneuver, Exercise “Follow Me,” the officers and men of the 7th are now pointing their training towards further field exercises anticipated next fall, while still ad-

hering to their many traditions and customs passed down through the years almost from the beginning of our country.

The men of the Regiment wear the “Cottonbaler” crest which has been the symbol of this fighting Regiment for 140 years. The colors of the Regiment, carrying more battle streamers and decorations than those of any other Regiment in the United States Army, are displayed proudly at each official function. Their coat of arms tells the story of the Regiment’s participation in every war fought by this nation from the War of 1812 to the Korean conflict. It is truly a history “synonymous with the history of our great Nation;” a history of which every “Cottonbaler,” old and new can be justly proud.



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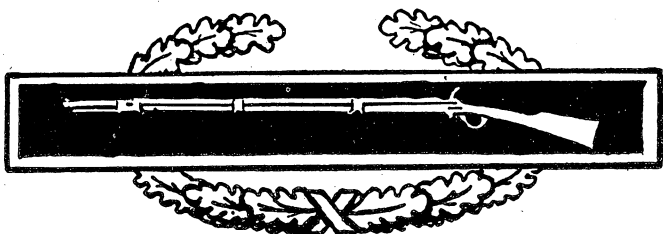
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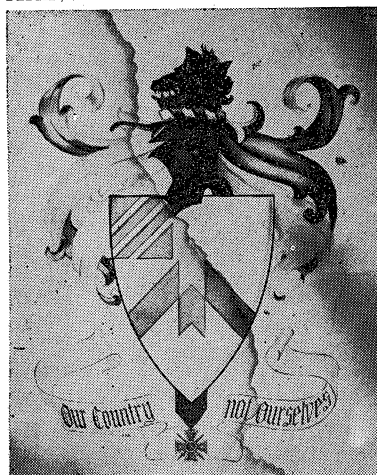
Presenting the history, the deeds and achievements of that Regiment which has never failed to take an assigned objective in two World Wars. Compiled by the 30th Infantry Regiment PIO in collaboration with the 3rd Division PIO. All photographs courtesy of the United States Army.



On This Month's Cover:



On this month's cover is a photograph of the original, time-stained Coat of Arms sent by the Quartermaster General of the Army, H. L. Rogers, to the Commanding Officer, 30th Infantry, Camp Pike, Arkansas, on July 14, 1921. An accompanying letter contains the following description:



"This Regiment was in the Third Division during the World War, shown by the divisional shoulder insignia on the canton. The broken chevron represents the part taken by this Regiment in pushing back the point of the German drive at the Marne July 15, 1918, for which services the Regiment was cited by the French in Order of the Army, shown by the pendant Croix de Guerre. The boar's head represents the subsequent passage through the German lines and occupation of German territory by this Regiment."

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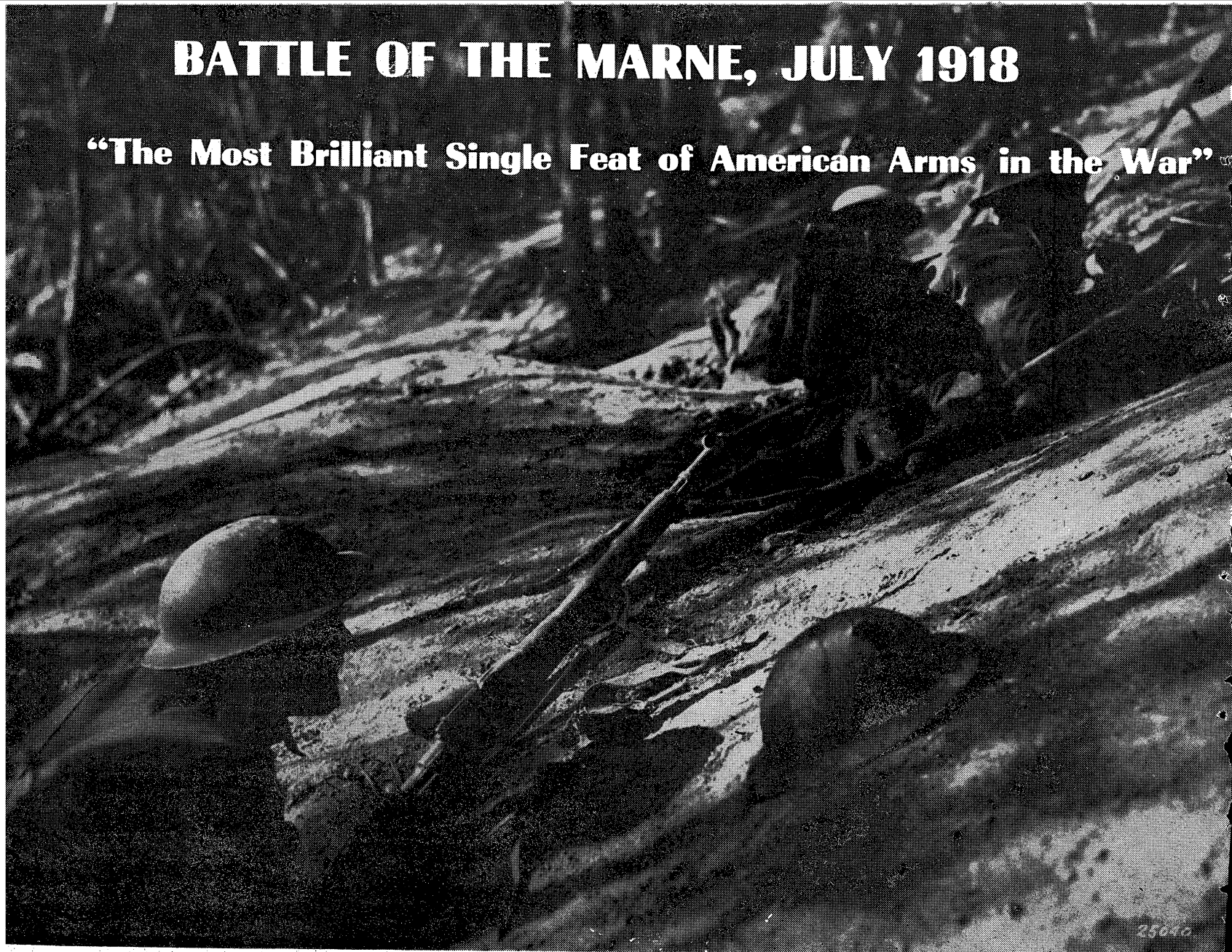
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In July of 1918, the German army, confident of ultimate victory, and at the peak of morale and offensive momentum, launched what has been historically named “The Marne Offensive.” The Thirtieth Infantry Regiment as part of the Third Infantry Division, was defending in the Champagne-Marne Sector; it was the 30th Infantry Regiment which caught the very spearhead of the German attack, and battled the full force of the heaviest of offensive powers. A detailed account of this historic battle is published describing “The Battle of the Marne.”

“As an incident of the battle south of the Marne might be mentioned the defense of the Sector south of Jaulgonne, which has been termed the most brilliant single feat of American arms in the War.

The 30th U. S. Infantry, under Colonel Butts, had prepared for the attack by building numerous trenches for the German army

to photograph, and for the artillery to register on, and more numerous rifle pits and machine gun nests carefully camouflaged or concealed. By day the trenches were occupied, by night the rifle pits. The German artillery preparation had wiped out every trench, but the infantry in its pits and nests, despite heavy losses, accounted for more than its numbers in German dead, and turned back the attack of a division. The result of this battle was the beginning of a great morale reversal, which was to find its completion in the ensuing counter attack at Soissons.

Until the attack of July 15th, the Germans had been confident of success. The attack showed them that they could no longer command it. The Allied troops, on the contrary, were buoyed up by the fact that not only had a way been found to stop the German attacks, but they had been stopped with far lighter losses to the defenders than the attackers.”

It was for this momentous engagement that the colors of the

Regiment were decorated with the French Croix de Guerre with Palm. The Commander-in-Chief of the French army, Marshal Petain, presented the 30th Infantry Regiment with the following citation: "This seasoned Regiment of the American Army, which under the energetic and able leadership of its commanding officer, Colonel E. L. Butts, has shown fidelity to its traditions in meeting the principal shock of the German attack of July 15th, 1918 on the front of the Army Corps to which it had been attached. Under a very violent bombardment, which caused great losses; it repulsed all enemy power, and maintained the integrity of its positions in taking more than 200 prisoners."

In World War I; the 30th Infantry established a reputation which it has never failed to uphold with honor and distinction. Military historians will never forget the Aisne Defensive, the Chateau-Thierry Sector, The Champagne-Marne Defensive paving the way for the Aisne-Marne Offensive, the Vesle Sector, and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive shattering the final German defenses.

The old Regimental Crest, the cover photograph, was designed after World War I to immortalize the role played by the 30th Infantry in victory; solidly behind its Motto, "Our Country, Not Ourselves," there begins to emerge a history of service and sacrifice, glory and achievement in arms of which one can be deeply proud.

IN THE BEGINNING: AN ILLUSTRIOUS PERSONALITY

On the 29th of January in 1956, the Thirtieth Infantry Regiment will be 143 years old. The organization of the original 30th Infantry was begun by an Act of Congress on 29 January 1813, for participation in the War of 1812 against Great Britain. At the conclusion of this war in 1815, the Regiment was consolidated with a Light Artillery Regiment, and remained so organized until the War Between the States, when it fought with the Union forces from 1861 to 1865.



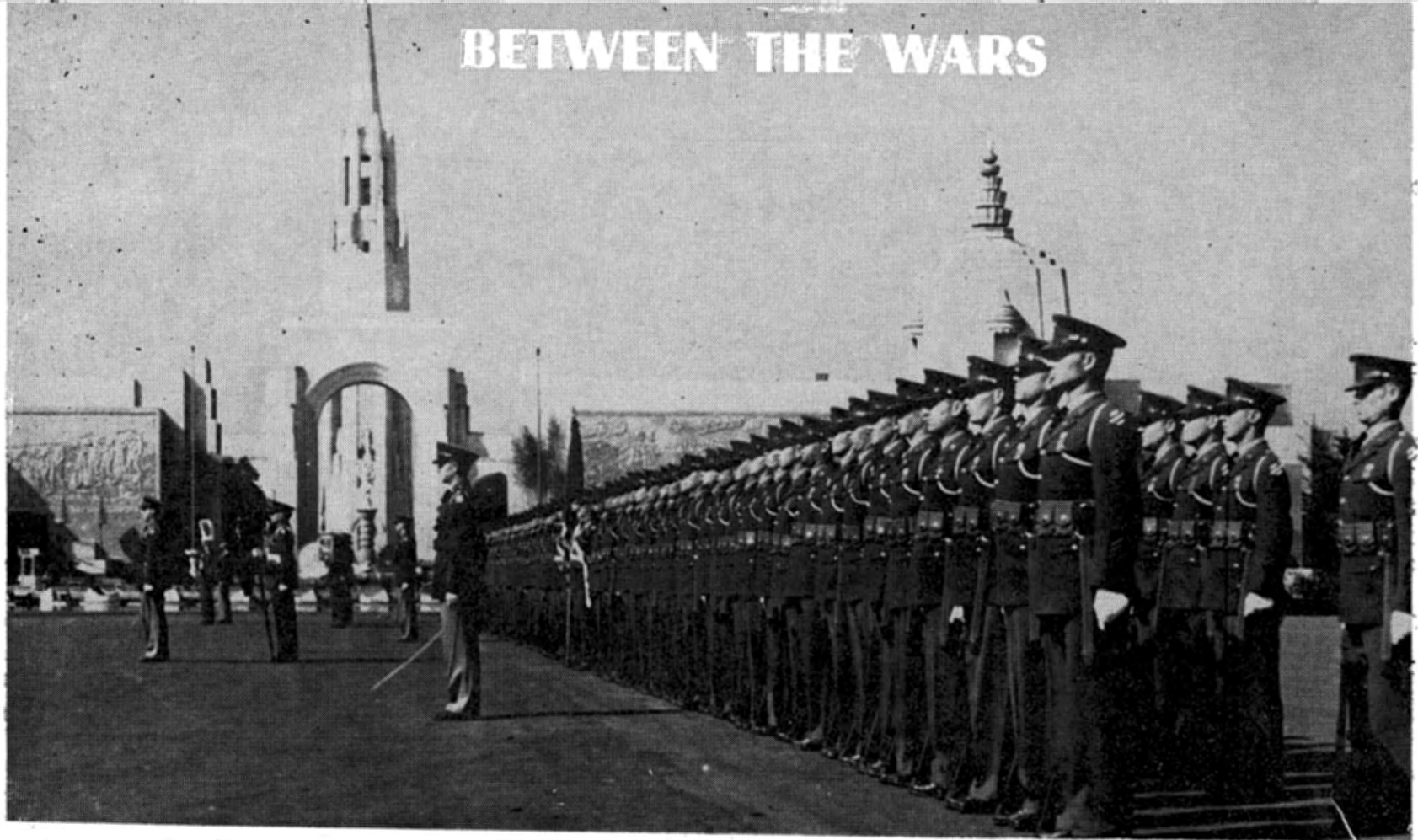
2nd Lt.
George C. Marshall Jr.

The present 30th Infantry Regiment was formed by an Act of Congress on 2 February 1901, and organized at Presidio of San Francisco, California. The Regiment was ordered quickly prepared for service against Aguinaldo in the Philippine Insurrection. It was at this time that General of the Army (then 2d Lt.) George C. Marshall joined the Regiment and was assigned to Company "L" as a Platoon Leader. This was his first military assignment.

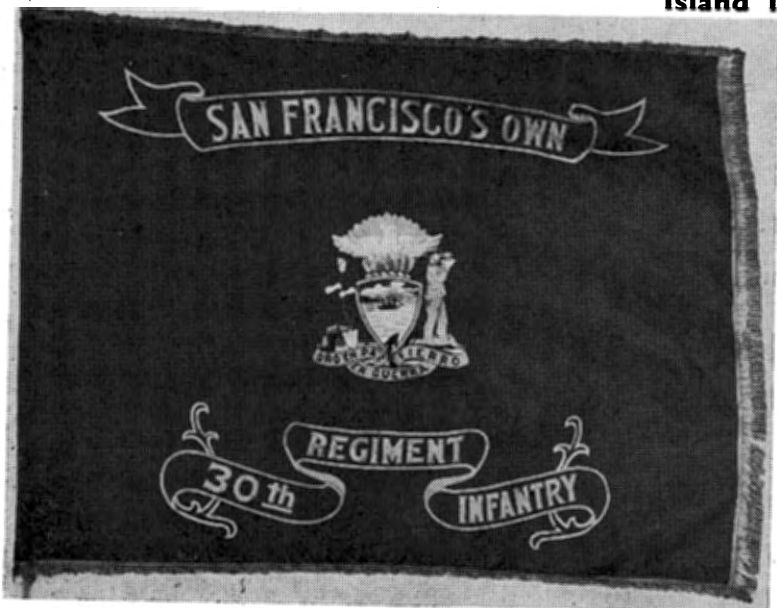
The Finale of World War I, the 30th Infantry and Tanks in the Argonne.



BETWEEN THE WARS



The 30th Infantry Color Guard Company at the San Francisco International Exposition on Treasure Island in 1939-40.



San Francisco's Own 30th

For more than forty years the history of the Thirtieth Infantry Regiment has been intimately associated with Presidio, and the city of San Francisco, California.

Fifty years ago the Regiment's initial training took place in Presidio prior to sailing for the Philippine Islands to battle in the Aguinaldo Insurrection in 1901.

On the fourth of July, 1907, the Regiment again assembled at Presidio of San Francisco, for a second tour of duty in the Philippine Islands. By 1909 the Regiment was again in Presidio,

and in 1914 the 30th Infantry trained in Presidio for the splendid role it played in World War I.

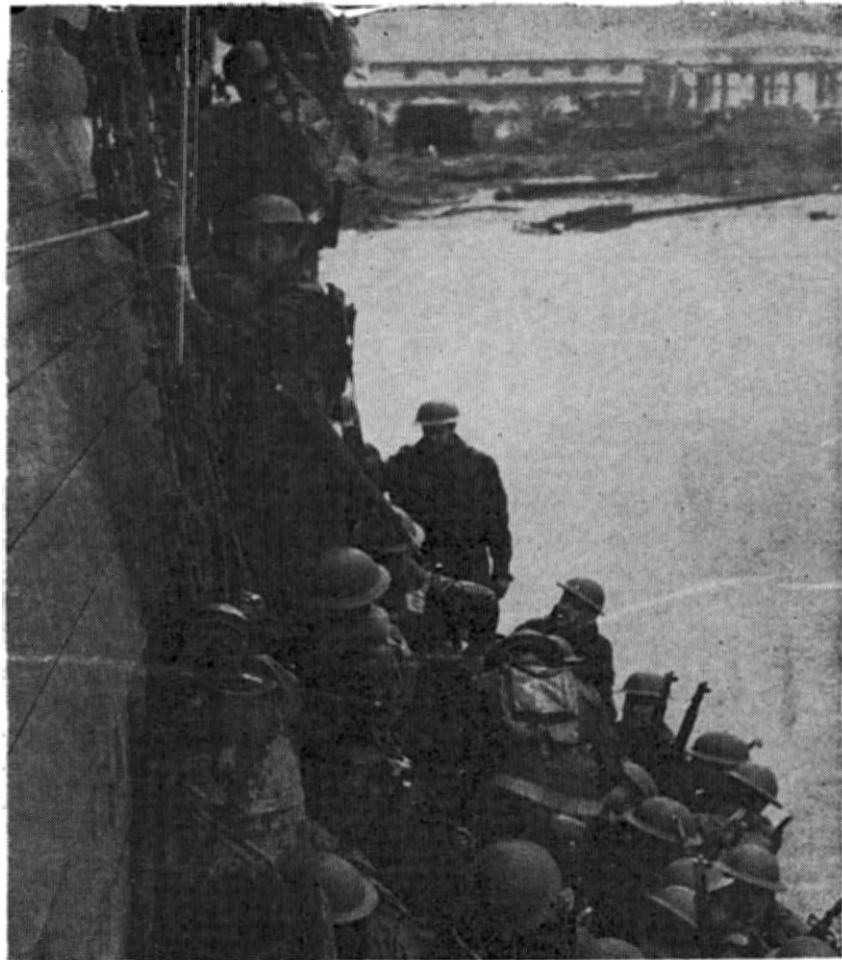
After the First World War, when the Regiment had completed a tour of occupation duty at Mayen near Coblenz, Germany, it returned to the United States and passed four years in various posts throughout the country.

In August of 1922, the 30th Infantry returned to Presidio of San Francisco, which was to be the Regiment's permanent station until the turmoil of war in Europe again carried the Regiment overseas in 1941.

Between the Wars, during this eighteen year period of peace, the Regiment took an intimate and active part in San Francisco's civic and military life. The 30th Infantry came to be affectionately known as "San Francisco's Own," and in commemoration of these years at Presidio was presented a Regimental Flag designating the 30th Infantry Regiment as "San Francisco's Own." The Regiment is the only one in the United States Army authorized two Regimental Colors: the San Francisco colors and the Department of the Army Regimental Colors.

Throughout the Thirties the Regiment developed a reputation of being one of the outstanding "spit and polish" regiments of the United States Army, with a band that became famous within the service for its unequalled excellence.

During these years also, the 30th Infantry was pioneering in a



Amphibious Operations: the 30th Infantry Testing Beach Landing Techniques in 1940.

field of military operations which was soon to become of prime importance to the United States. First in 1937, and again in 1940, the Regiment engaged in summer maneuvers at Camp Ord near Salinas and Monterey; in the summer of 1937 it participated in the first Pacific Coast army amphibious operations. Little did the Regiment realize that the instructions learned from this training were to make possible so many glorious operations in the war to come.

The practice landings were made on San Clemente Island off San Diego with the original Higgins boats.

In 1939-40 the Regiment sent their famous Infantry Color Guard Company to the San Francisco International Exposition on Treasure Island. The daily demonstrations and ceremonies performed by this company were of the greatest attractions to people from the world over attending the Exposition.

With war impending, the 30th Infantry was charged with working out in full detail the plans for defense of the city of San Francisco against attack from the sea.

The first "inductees" joined the 30th Infantry on 21 January 1941 and in April the Regiment departed Presidio to rejoin the 3d Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Washington.

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Colonel, 30th Infantry
Commanding



These words of General (then Colonel) McGarr, World War II commander of the 30th Infantry Regiment, are a right prelude to a recapitulation of the 30th Infantry's achievements in arms during the Second World War.

Through Africa, Sicily, Italy, across the Volturno River to Mt. Rotondo which guards the approaches to Cassino, the Regiment followed the historic footprints of centuries of conquering armies. It was part of the hell that was Anzio followed by the hard-won breakout and dash to Rome. The Regiment's landing in southern France was the fourth successful amphibious operation; taking Flassans, Brignoles, Aix-en-Provence and Besancon in stride, over



Wrecked Landing Craft and Equipment on Fedala Beach, North Africa, 1942.

THE 30TH INFANTRY



30th Infantry Searching for Snipers, Advance Caution, Germany, Which Had Just Fallen

the snow-covered Vosges Mountains it fought—to become the first army in history ever to perform this feat. The Regiment then, without respite, swung onto the St. Die hill mass in the Mortagne Forest, across the Meurthe River, through Grendelbruch and out to the Rhine on the plains of Strasbourg.

Here the Regiment was ordered to precede the 3d Division on to the snow-covered Vosges to capture Kayersberg, and to close a dangerous gap which had been smashed between the American and French forces. Joined again by the entire Division the Regiment forced a crossing of the Ill River, holding a bridgehead without any armor support against overwhelming odds in a fierce battle. Continuing with ever increasing momentum, the Regiment captured Holzwihr, Wickerswhir and Neuf-Brisach followed with the fall of Colmar and the important liquidation of the Colmar pocket.

IN WORLD WAR II



With the completion of the campaign in Germany and Austria, and the final victory over the Nazi war machine, the 30th Infantry Regiment ended its combat activities in World War II, activities which commenced in the dark hours before that grey dawn of 8 November 1942, when the fighting men of the Regiment stormed ashore at Fedala, French Morocco, in their first amphibious assault to open the long awaited Second Front.

The Regiment had been highly decorated; as members of the 3d Infantry Division, all personnel of the Regiment were entitled to wear the French Fourragere in the colors of the Croix de Guerre, and the Distinguished Unit Badge. The Regiment itself had been twice recommended for award of Distinguished Unit Citation; first, for the bloody Anzio breakout; secondly, for the capture of Kaisersberg in the frozen Colmar pocket, and sealing of the penetration between the American and French forces in that area.

The Medal of Honor, the highest decoration our nation gives, had been awarded to twelve officers and men of the 30th Infantry. The Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest, was awarded to fifty-eight members. Other decorations include nine hundred and twenty-five Silver Stars, thirty-one Soldiers Medals, and twelve hundred and twenty-six Bronze Stars.

The Regiment was then relieved from attachment to the French First Army and swung north to become the first Regiment of the Division to breach the vaunted Siegfried Line at Zweibrucken.

As the ring tightened on central Germany, the Regiment forced a crossing of the Rhine at Worms against determined resistance, and raced on across Germany. The 30th was the first in Heppenheim, Bad Kissingen, and the inner city of Nurnberg. After helping in the capture of Augsburg, a crossing was made of the Lech River astride the Autobahn; the last organized resistance in Germany had been met, and the speed of advance never allowed German armies to reorganize, as the Regiment was the first to fight its way into Munich. Vital bridges were then taken over the Inn River at Rosenheim, and the Regiment rolled into Salzburg and Berchtesgaden, exploding the myth of a final German stand in the "Southern Redoubt Area," and the War ended.



A 30th Infantry Patrol Near Airola, Italy, October 1943.



Members of the 30th Infantry Cross a Bridge in Faucoigny, France, in September, 1944.

THROUGH FRANCE

AND GERMANY

Piled High on a Tank, 30th Infantrymen Ride Through the Flaming City of Zweibrucken, Germany as Engineers Search for Mines.



The War's Finale: Berchtesgaden in Ruins



A 30th Infantryman Looks Up at Hitler's Berchtesgaden Retreat; the Captured Home Brought an End to an Anticipated German Last Stand.

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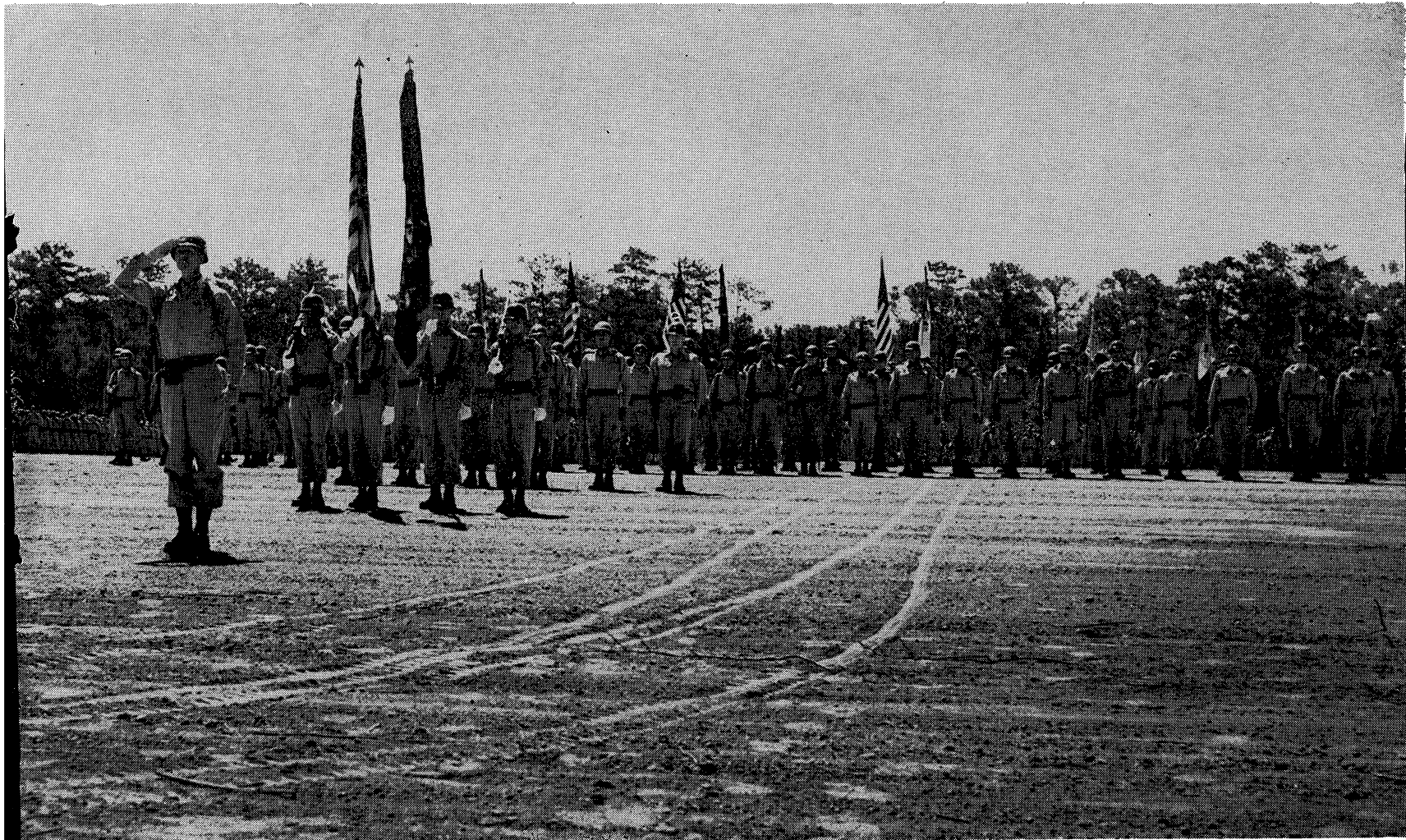
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Colonel Glenn Cole, left, Commanding Officer, 30th Infantry, accepts the Regimental Colors from Colonel Frederick W. Coleman III, in change of command ceremony on 16 July 1955.



The 30th Infantry Combat Command Change of Command Review, 16 July 1955.

TO DATE:

On 1 December 1948, the 30th Infantry Regiment was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia. It was, however, a transfer in name only, for there were no troops assigned to the Regiment at this time.

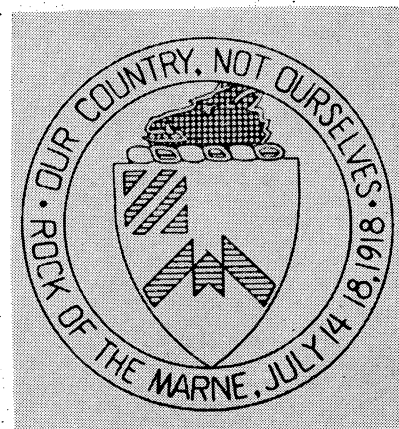
Here the Regiment has remained. A new cadre assembled on 25 January 1949, and by 24 February the future members of the 30th began to arrive from such training centers as: Camp Breckenridge, Camp Chaffee, Fort Dix, Fort Ord, Camp Pickett, and Fort Riley.

The Regiment had been reconstituted as "School Troops" for The Infantry School, and was not ordered into the Korean Conflict, but performed the all-important task of training men for combat. Anyone who has ever taken a course at The Infantry School certainly will remember that it is the 30th Infantry Regiment in every tactical problem fighting "The Battle of Fort Benning."

The 30th Infantry Regiment is now the provisionally organized, 30th Infantry Combat Command, and, as in the past, is part of the 3d Division, engaged in testing new concepts in infantry organization.

Implicit within its present organization, and the men who form the strength of its corps, is all the history and tradition which has made the 30th Infantry Regiment one of the greatest in the United States Army.

The Present Regimental Crest



The present 30th Infantry Regimental Crest was designed by the Heraldic Division of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army and approved 29 December 1948.

The predominant colors are blue and silver. As the Regiment was in the 3rd Division, the Divisional insignia is at the upper left of the canton. The broken chevron at the bottom of the canton represents the part taken by the Regiment in pushing back the point of the German drive at the Marne on 15 July 1918, for which the Regiment was cited by the French government. Because of its warlike and combative nature, the boar's head was selected to represent the subsequent passage of the Regiment through the German lines for the occupation of German territory.



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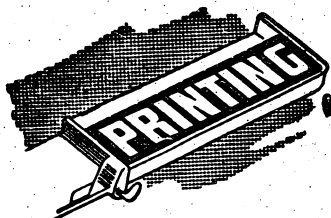
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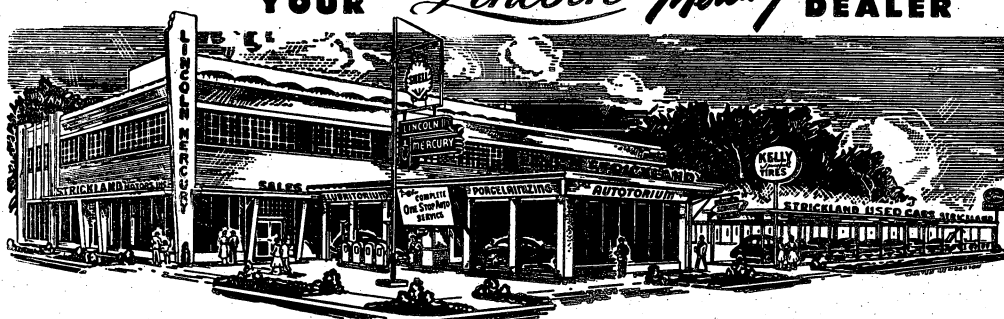
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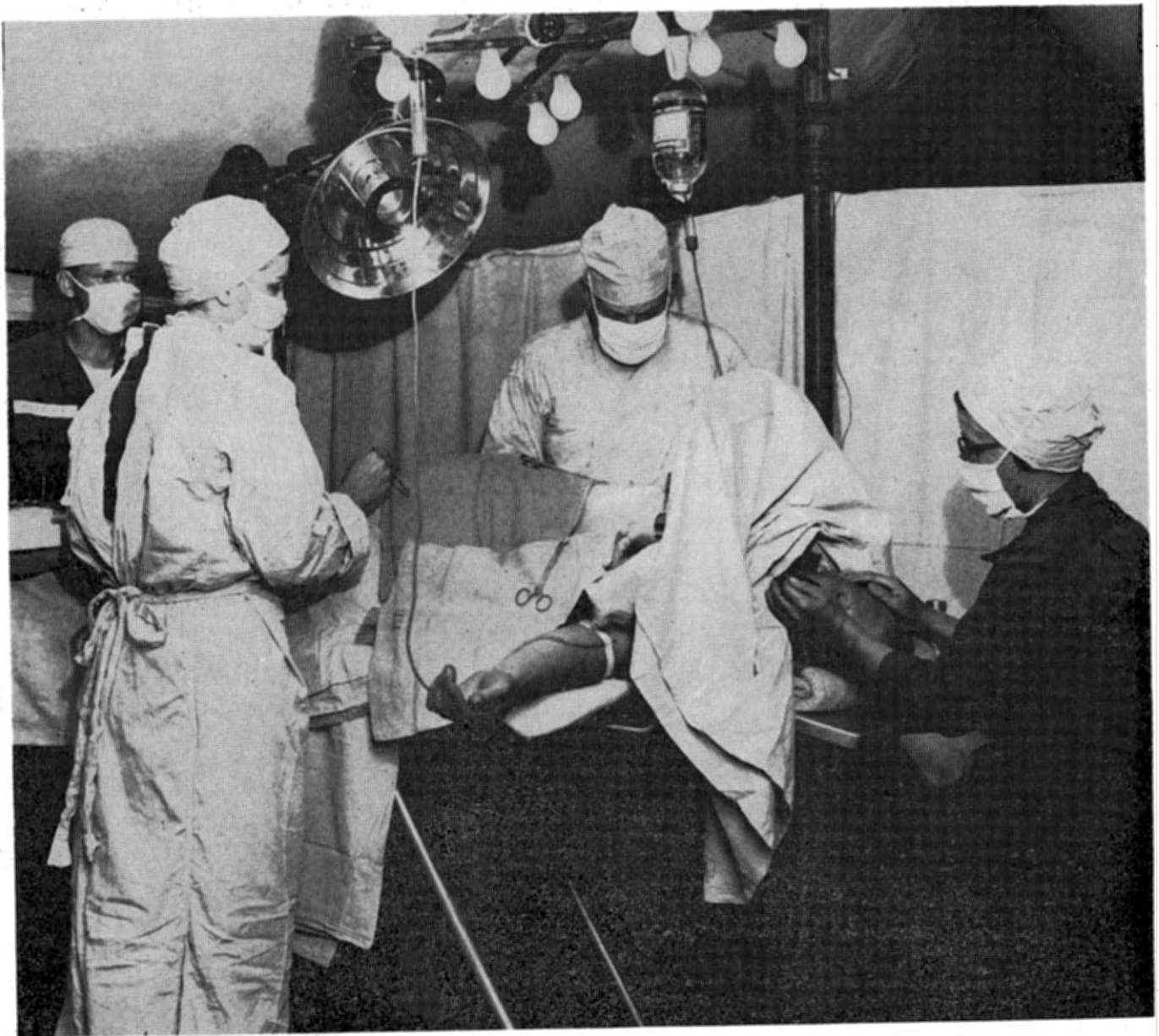
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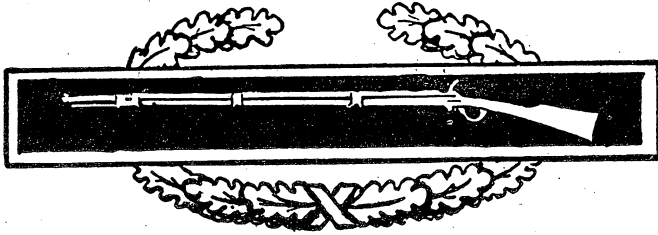
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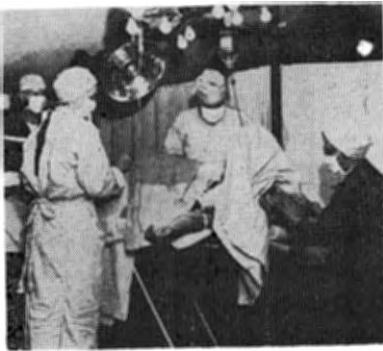


On This Month's Cover:



The chances are that most of us will never have to use the skill of our "medics" to perform a delicate chest operation such as the one pictured on the cover. Nonetheless, we are all comforted by the knowledge that, if we do need them they will be ready.

The world's best soldier deserves it. For it is to the American soldier that the motto of the Army Medical Service is dedicated—"To Conserve the Fighting Strength".



Training is conducted as realistic as possible. Here (L-R) Pvt. William P. Horan, 24th Evac. Hosp.; Capt. Margaret J. Culver, ANC, (Reserve); Surgeon Lt. Col. Emery R. Koontz, MC, (Reserve); anaesthetist Capt. Marion F. Cadwallader, ANC; perform a simulated chest operation on PFC Howard Hilderbrand of the 24th Evac. Hospital.



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"NO GREATER SERVICE FOR THE FIGHTING MAN"

By PFC Harvey Blatt

The wounded soldier's cry of "medic" has been heard from the jungles of Burma to the deserts of Africa. Such a need for medical aid from our fighting men has meant a continuous effort on the part of the Army Medical Service to improve both the techniques of treatment and the chain of evacuation of the wounded.

In order to accomplish the mission of giving the best in medical care to the American soldier under all conditions, highly trained and specialized units are required, ever ready to mobilize as the needs of the service arise.

It has been said that the importance of medical personnel is only fully realized in time of war. Consequently, many soldiers are unaware of the continual training, much of it in the field, undergone in producing the medical man who must be both able to protect himself and, at the same time, carry out his mission—to give aid to the wounded fighting soldier. Because he is often the first one to reach the wounded man, his immediate actions many times go a long way toward determining the eventual fate of his patient. It is well known by all combat veterans how much is owed to the medic.

But even the front line soldier is not fully aware of the role of medical personnel behind the Main Line of Resistance. It is for this reason that this issue of The Benning Herald is devoted to an examination of the training and work of a part of the Army Medical Team, as exemplified by the 54th Medical Group.

Mission

The 54th Medical Group was designated as a major command of Fort Benning in January of this year, replacing the Provisional Medical Group. Its mission—"Command, administer, and supervise the employment and training of TO&E Army Medical Service

Units assigned or attached". In addition, the Group must also support TIS and TIC.

For The Infantry School, the 54th furnishes medical coverage for the many school problems, calling for personnel and vehicles. These problems vary from firing on the ranges to the infantry-tank team in attack; from Airborne Department jumps to supplying aid men to the Ranger Schools at Delonia, Georgia, and Elgin, Florida.

The Infantry Center requests medical coverage for diverse things such as athletic events and dispensary operations. In addition, the 54th supplies personnel to all sections of the U. S. Army Hospital—wards, surgery, laboratories, and Dental Clinic.

In the past 18 months, in addition to supplying the medical needs of TIS and TIC, the majority of the units in Group have participated in two maneuvers, Exercise "Flashburn" in North Carolina (March-May, 1954), and Exercise "Follow Me" in Alabama (February, 1955), and are now preparing for Exercise "Sagebrush" to be held in Louisiana later this year.

When not in the field, either training or fulfilling an assigned mission on a maneuver, all the units within Group conduct training in the form of classes. Subjects include anatomy, physiology, sanitation, pharmacology, and sterilization (aseptic technique). These subjects are delved into in some considerable detail, with special emphasis on cleanliness and field sanitation, as these are often difficult conditions to obtain under the field conditions in which the men of the 54th operate. The benefits of such stress on aseptic procedure was amply demonstrated on Exercise "Follow Me", where five appendectomies and much minor surgery were performed by the 24th Evacuation Hospital without contamination.

Concurrent with unit training and support requirements of

The Infantry Center/The Infantry School, the 54th Medical Group was assigned the additional task of supporting the USAR and ROTC medical units scheduled for training at Fort Benning during the summer. Problem areas included organization, camp area, general troop support, training, logistics, and administrative activities. Additional problems consisted of coordination with the USAH in furnishing instructors for untrained civilian personnel hired by the USAH in connection with Operation Team Mate, i.e. the program which replaced military with civilian personnel.

Work being the standard, the men of the 54th are well trained.

Organization

The 54th Medical Group is composed of Headquarters Detachment, the 24th Evacuation Hospital (Smb1), 542nd Medical Co. (Clr) (Sep), 50th Medical Co. (Clr) (Sep), 690th Medical Co. (Amb) (Sep), 551st Medical Co. (Amb) (Sep), and the recently organized 37th Medical Detachment (Helcptr) (Amb).

Headquarters Detachment

Headquarters Detachment is the administrative center for four medical companies, one evacuation hospital, and a helicopter ambulance company.

Most important in headquarters is the S-3, or operations section, for it is the link between Group headquarters and the various medical units attached to the Group. It is from here that technical and operational command is provided. Operations section is responsible for coordinating the efforts of the medical units in support of The Infantry Center, and overall supervision of training in these units. This section is responsible for publishing a master training program to the units which is used as a basic document for the composition of unit training schedules. All companies within the 54th Medical Group participate in a field exercise four days per month. S-3 selects sites for bivouac, issues operation orders and implementing administrative instructions for each field exercise.

In all of these activities the S-3 acts the part of chief coordinator between The Infantry School, The Infantry Center, and the 54th Medical Group. Operations receives the requests for medical coverage, for the most part, from the Troop Requirement Branch,

G-3, TIC, and assigns these various requests or requirements to the units of the 54th Medical Group for accomplishment; and in a like manner explains to the higher headquarters when the units of the Group cannot, for some reason perform certain tasks.

24th Evacuation Hospital

The 24th Evacuation Hospital (Smb1), under the command of Lt. Col. Wade F. Heritage, MC, was first activated Jan. 3, 1923 and has been active intermittently from that time until the present. The unit was reactivated Sept. 23, 1942 to serve in the European Command during World War II and was inactivated at Rotenberg, Germany Feb. 4, 1946. It was awarded Campaign Silver Bands for Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

Assisting the hospital commander is Major Donald E. Sandstrom, MSC, the Executive Officer, who, together with the commander, plans and devises the methods and procedures used in operating this hospital.

Since its most recent reactivation in Sept., 1950, the 24th has been at Fort Benning in a general reserve capacity and has given medical support to the vast numbers of personnel participating in such operations as "Follow Me", "Flashburn", "Longhorn", and "Southern Pine".

The personnel assigned to the hospital are constantly striving to improve their techniques and methods utilized in erecting and operating the hospital. Currently the unit is undergoing its Army Training Program to integrate all new men into a smoothly operating medical team. Once each month the personnel are given the chance to prove their ability by taking the unit with all of its equipment into the field for a four-day problem which requires the erection of all the major sections of the hospital, and putting these sections into operation.

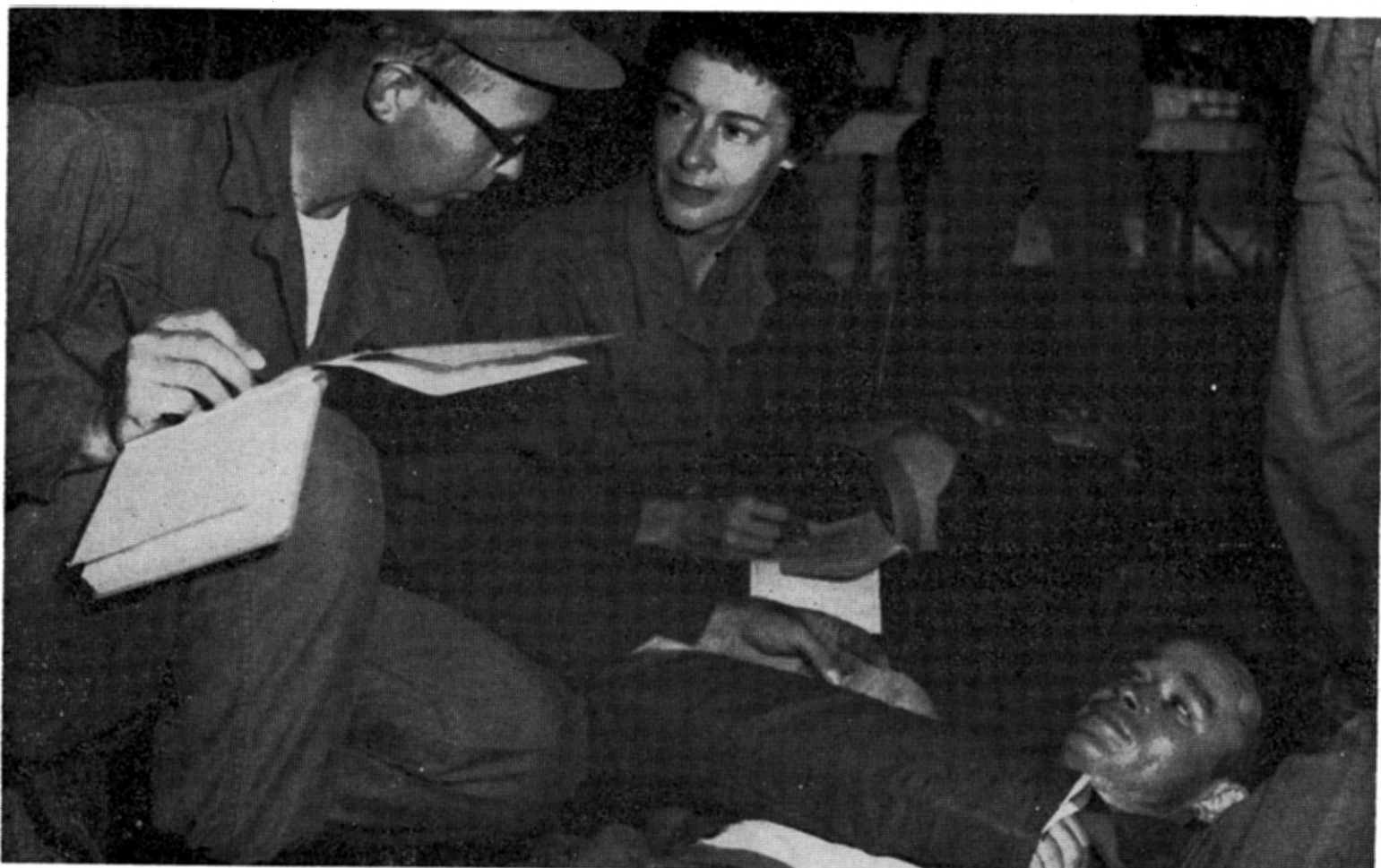
The 24th is authorized over 200 men and, if committed to combat, usually has the mission of providing hospital facilities for an infantry division.

Personnel presently on the Commanding Officer's staff consist of two nurses, six MSC officers, and one Warrant Officer.

When organized at full strength, an evacuation hospital (Smb1) has 29 Medical Corps officers, 2 Dental Corps officers, 6 MSC



FOLLOWING THIS, THE CHAIN CONTINUES WITH THE UNLOADING OF THE WOUNDED AND A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION BY A LITTER BEARERS OF THE 690TH MEDICAL CO. COMBINE WITH MEMBERS OF THE RESERVES TO CARRY THE STRETCHER FROM THE AMBULANCE INTO THE RECEIVING AND EVACUATION SECTION OF THE 24TH EVAC. HOSP. AS THE DOCTOR COMPLETES HIS EXAMINATION.



IN THIS PHOTO WE SEE THE PATIENT, PVT. HILTON WARD OF THE 24TH EVAC. HOSP., BEING ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL BY M/SGT. HATTON H. ATWATER JR. AND SFC. EVE MANIS, BOTH OF THE 330TH GEN. HOSP. GP., USAR. PVT. WARD'S NAME, RANK, SERIAL NUMBER, OUTFIT, AND TYPE OF INJURY ARE NOTED IN THE ADMISSIONS BOOK.



AFTER THE PATIENT HAS BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE RECEIVING AND EVACUATION SECTION, HE MAY BE TAKEN NEXT TO THE X-RAY SECTION. HERE MAJOR S. M. ROBERTS HAS JUST COMPLETED READING THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL TAG, WHILE PFC PORFIRIO CINTRON, 24TH EVAC. HOSP.; SFC GLADYS J. McPHATE, 30TH HOSP. CENTER, (RESERVE); AND SPEC-1 RICHARD DORAN STAND BY READY TO ASSIST IN THE TAKING OF THE X-RAY. THE PATIENT IS SAL. C. PANULLO OF THE 24TH

officers, 42 ANC officers, 1 chaplain, 3 WO, 32 NCO, and 190 EM for a total of 302 persons. The 24th is now organized at reduced strength of 1 MC, 6 MSC, 1 Ch., 2 ANC, 2 WO, 26 NCO, and 149 EM for an aggregate strength of 187 persons.

To perform the assigned mission these personnel are divided into sections as shown on the above chart. The hospital Headquarters Section is the group which performs all the coordination and control of the hospital, supervises all administration and provides policies under which other sections operate. The remainder of the hospital is divided into two principal services—Administrative and Professional. The Administrative Service consists of Detachment Hqs. which provides for the administration, discipline, and supply of the enlisted personnel assigned; the Supply and Utilities section provides utilities such as water, fuel, electricity, and laundry service. In the 24th Evac. Hosp. the laundry det. is used under the Supply and Utilities section. In addition, this section secures, stores, and issues all types of supplies except food. Next is the Food Service Section which operates the patient's, detachment, and officer's messes. The motor transportation and maintenance section provides transportation for the hospital and performs maintenance on all equipment utilizing internal combustion engines. The Personnel and Registrar Section maintains medical records and reports and serves as the administrative headquarters for the Holding Detachment of patients. The Receiving and Evacuation Section receives, sorts, and assigns to wards new patients, secures transportation and prepares for movement of outgoing patients. This section also operates a sick call dispensary.

In the Professional Service we have the operating section, which provides four operating rooms and runs Central Materiel, whose function is to sterilize and provide sterile materials to be used in the operating rooms.

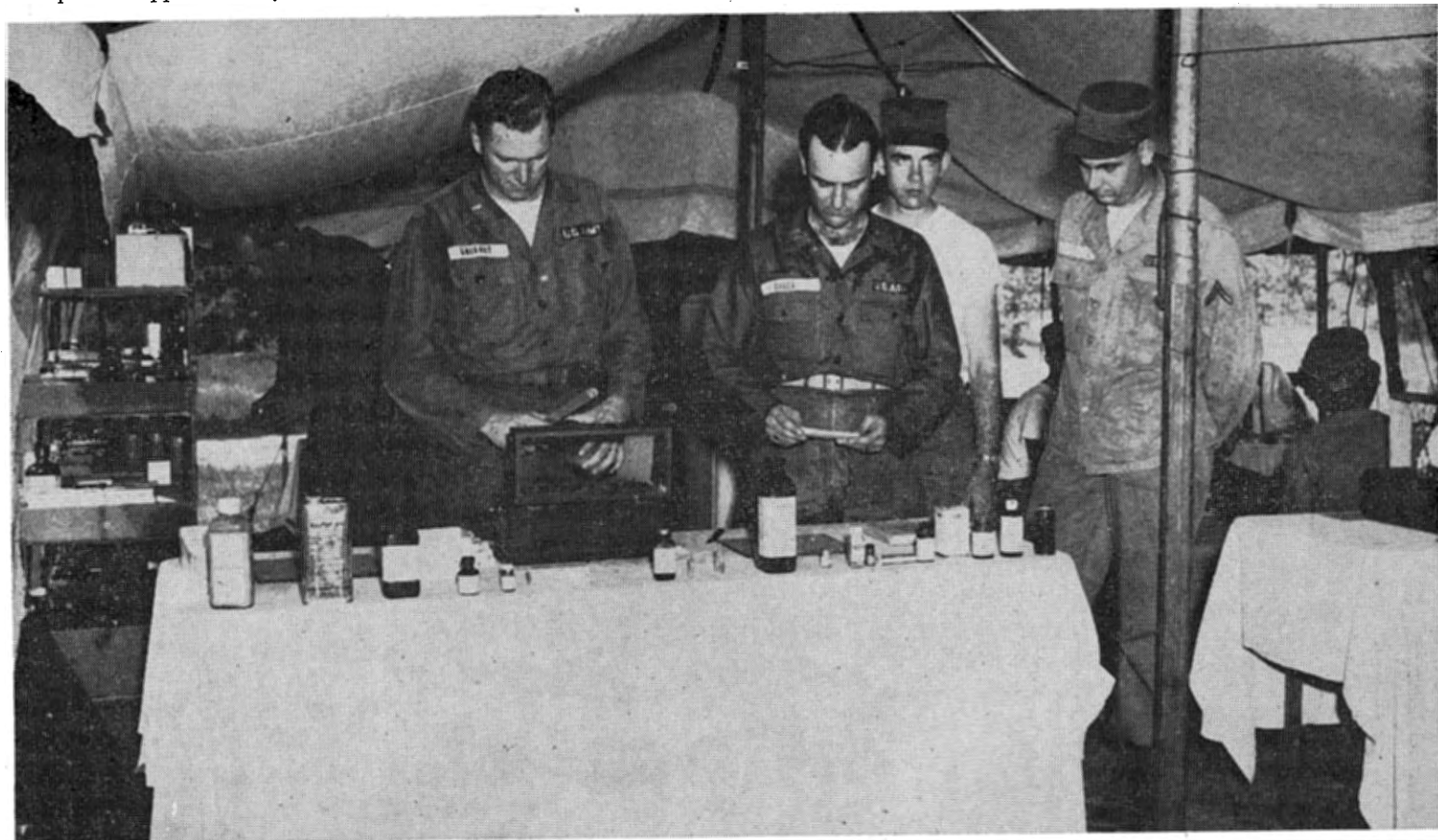
The Ward Section establishes wards and provides care for patients in the hospital.

The Pharmacy, Laboratory, and X-ray Section provides services required in diagnosis and treatment of patients in the hospital and on sick call.

In contrast to the evacuation hospital, which is 35% mobile and operates approximately 10 miles behind the Main Line of Re-



IF THE PATIENT HAS A FRACTURED LEG, IT IS SET BY A DOCTOR, AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE IMMOBILIZED BY A CAST TO ASSURE PROPER HEALING. (L-R) SFC JOHN R. SEWELL, 30TH HOSP. CTR. (RESERVE); SPEC-2 ROBERT W. MURPHEY, 24TH EVAC. HOSP.; AND CAPT. EDITH M. KENDRICK, ANC, 30TH HOSP. CTR. (RESERVE), ADMINISTER TO SPEC-2 JULIUS CAUDLE OF THE 24TH EVAC. AS LT. COL. D. R. McRAE OF THE 30TH HOSP. CTR. LOOKS ON.



THE VALUE AND USES OF MEDICATIONS ARE KNOWN TO SOLDIER AND CIVILIAN ALIKE. HERE WE SEE PERSONNEL AT WORK IN THE PHARMACY. (L-R) SFC JOSEPH C. JOHNSON, 30TH HOSP. CTR. (RESERVE); LT. DAVID L. LUIKART, MSC, 30TH HOSP. CTR. (RESERVE); CAPT. THOMAS BAKER, MSC, 30TH HOSP. CTR. (RESERVE); PFC. WILLIAM H. GUTHRIE, 30TH HOSP. CTR. (RESERVE); PFC STANLEY LOW-ENTHAL, 24TH EVAC. HOSP.



EVALUATION OF CRITICAL PATIENT "FOLLOW ME"— WHEN MORE COMPLETE FACILITIES ARE NEEDED THAN CAN BE SUPPLIED, OR IF PROLONGED TREATMENT IS INDICATED, THE PATIENT MAY BE EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER TO THE NEAREST STATION HOSPITAL, AS IS BEING DONE HERE.



HELICOPTER EVACUATION "LONGHORN"—SOMETIMES A COOPERATIVE EFFORT IS REQUIRED TO EVACUATE WOUNDED PERSONNEL. HERE THE AIR FORCE PERFORMS ITS PART AS MEN OF THE 54TH LOAD AN INJURED INFANTRYMAN ABOARD A HELICOPTER FOR IMMEDIATE EVACUATION TO A STATION HOSPITAL FOR PROLONGED TREATMENT OF A FRACTURE.



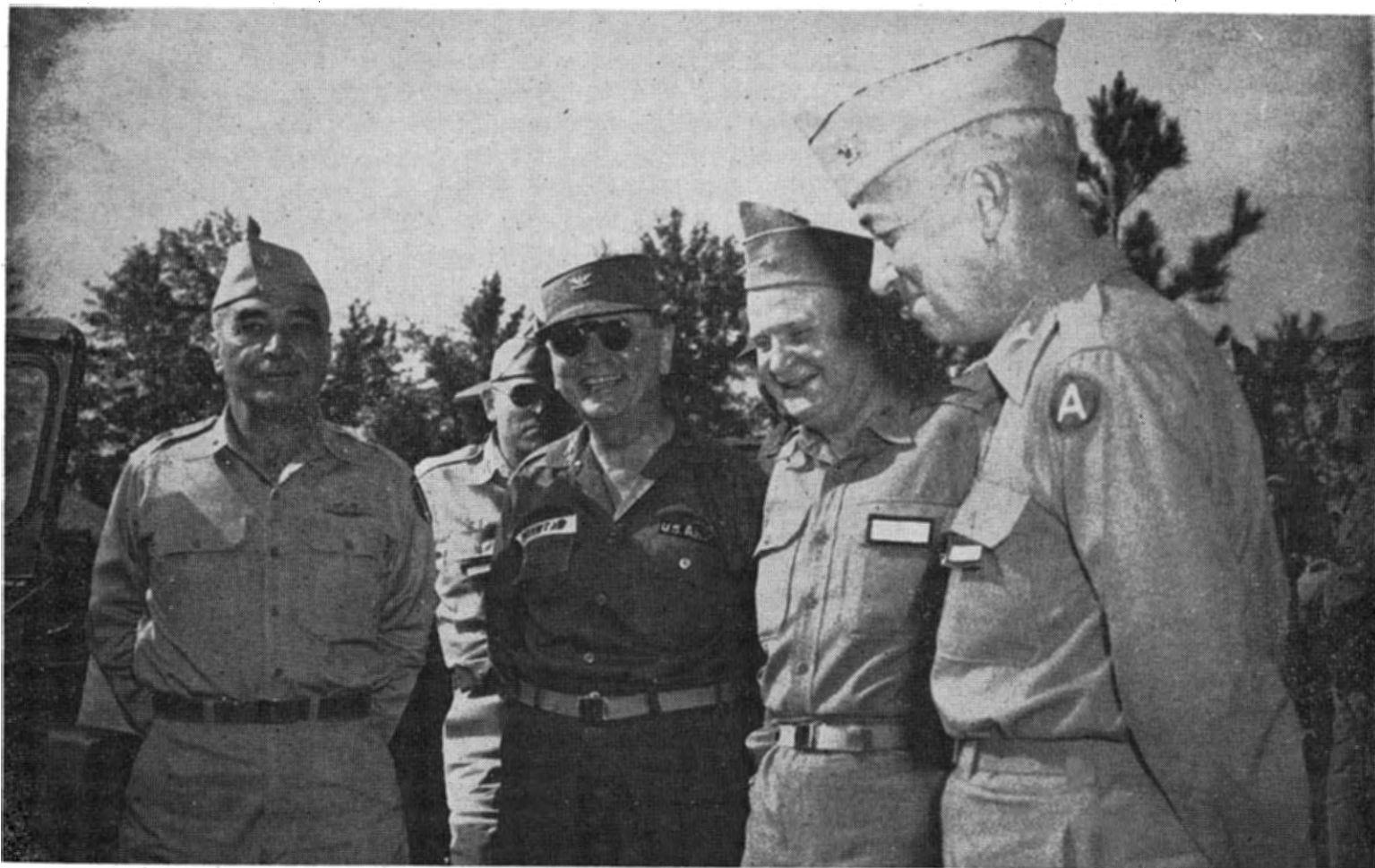
A MORE SERIOUS INJURY, SUCH AS THIS BULLET WOUND IN THE CHEST, RECEIVES IMMEDIATE TREATMENT BY AS MANY DOCTORS AND NURSES AS CAN BE SPARED AT THE TIME. IN THIS CASE, PFC HOWARD HILDERBRAND OF THE 24TH EVAC. HOSP. IS SURROUNDED BY THREE NURSES AND A DOCTOR. FLUIDS ARE BEING ADMINISTERED INTRAVENOUSLY TO THE PATIENT TO COMPENSATE FOR THE LOSS OF BLOOD DUE TO THE WOUND. AN OPERATION WAS ORDERED IMMEDIATELY, AND PFC HILDERBRAND WAS REMOVED TO ONE OF THE OPERATING ROOMS, WHERE OUR COVER PHOTO WAS TAKEN.



24TH EVAC. HOSP. "FLASHBURN," COGNAC, NORTH CAROLINA, AERIAL VIEW—ON EXERCISE "FLASHBURN," THE 24TH EVAC. HOSP. SET UP ITS FULL 400 BED HOSPITAL CAPACITY. SHOWN IN THIS PICTURE IS THE APPEARANCE OF THE HOSPITAL FROM THE AIR.



IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, UNITS OF THE GROUP PARTICIPATED IN EXERCISE "FOLLOW ME," HELD AT EUFAULA, ALA. ABOVE IS THE 24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL LAYOUT OF A 100 BED FIELD HOSPITAL. IN THE UPPER CENTER ARE THE WARDS AND PROFESSIONAL SECTION, WHILE THE H-SHAPED SET-UP IS THE LIVING QUARTERS FOR THE HOSPITAL PERSONNEL.



AN INSPECTION OF THE 54TH IN THE FIELD. (L-R) BRIG. GEN. ERNEST A. BARLOW, DEPUTY COMMANDER, TIC; COL. FREDERIC B. WESTERVELT, MC, COMMANDING OFFICER, 54TH MEDICAL GROUP; COL. EDGAR M. DUNSTON, MC, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 30TH HOSPITAL CENTER (RESERVE); MAJ. GEN. SILAS B. HAYS, SURGEON GENERAL; COL. ROGER G. PRENTICE, THIRD ARMY SURGEON.



MAJOR DONALD E. SANDSTROM, MSC, 24TH EVAC. HOSP. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EXPLAINS THE SET-UP OF THE 24TH IN THE FIELD TO MAJ. GEN. SILAS B. HAYS, SURGEON GENERAL. COL. WADE F. HARRISON, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 24TH LOOKS ON.

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sistance in combat, the clearing company is organized to operate three miles behind the front lines. Its mission is to receive, sort, and provide temporary medical and surgical care for patients until evacuated further rearward to an evac. hosp. or returned to front line duty. The clearing company is a 100% mobile unit.

To the ambulance company, another of the Medical Service's fully mobile units, is assigned the important task of providing ambulance evacuation for wounded personnel. This unit has facilities to evacuate casualties from 12,000 troops from the front lines to either the clearing company or the evac. hosp.

The newest member of the field medical team, the helicopter ambulance service, provides for field medical evacuation by air of casualties requiring immediate definitive treatment. Helicopters may also furnish routine field evacuation when ground evacuation is not feasible, as was often the case in the hilly and mountainous terrain of Korea. The value of the helicopter was proven time and again during the Korean conflict through its accomplishment of evacuations impossible by other means.

The 542nd Med. Co.

The 542nd Medical Co. (Clr) (Sep) was constituted on April 3, 1944, but was not activated until September 27, 1951. Upon activation the unit was assigned to the Far East Command and sent to the Eighth Army in Korea on Nov. 15, 1951.

While in Korea the 542nd participated in the following campaigns:

(1) Nov. 15-Nov. 27, 1951, the United Nations Summer-Fall Offensive; (2) Nov. 28, '51—Apr. 30, '52, Second Korean Winter; (3) May 1, '52-Nov. 30, '52, Korean Summer-Fall 1952; (4) Dec. 1, '52-Apr. 30, '53, Third Korean Winter; (5) May 1, '53-July 27, '53, Korean Summer-Fall 1953.

In December 1954, the 542nd was transferred, less personnel and equipment, from Korea to Fort Benning and assigned to Third Army, after having served for three years in Korea.

In its new home at Fort Benning, the unit is commanded by Russel A. Kastor, 1st Lt., MSC.

The mission of the 542nd Medical Company is to:

(a) Receive, sort, and provide temporary medical and surgical care

for patients until they are evacuated; (b) Provide definitive treatment for patients with minor illnesses, wounds, and injuries.

This type unit is assigned to an army, independent corps, or communications zone; and it may be attached to a separate medical battalion or medical group.

The unit is capable of providing the required clearing facilities for corps or army troops. It will accommodate 240 patients but its capabilities can be increased to 360 in an emergency. The unit can also be used to supplement the medical service of other medical units or to establish small specialized hospitals.

The 542nd is comprised of three identical clearing platoons and a company headquarters. Each clearing platoon is capable of functioning independently when separated from the main body of the company.

The 50th Med. Co.

The active history of the 50th Medical Company (Clr) (Sep) began on the tenth of February, 1941. It was activated as Co. D, 55th Medical Battalion (Corps), Fort Sam Houston, Texas, but was redesignated the 650th Clearing Company before seeing action in the European Theatre where it earned the right to Campaign Silver Bands for participation in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Ardennes-Alsace campaigns. Following World War II the unit was released from active duty.

On the twentieth of Sept. 1950, the 650th Medical Clearing Co. was reactivated and redesignated the 50th Medical Clearing Co., Separate, and was attached to The Infantry Center. In Dec., 1952, the unit received its present title of 50th Medical Co. (Clr) (Sep) and was assigned its present two-fold mission:

1. Training and readiness under the High Priority General Reserve Program;
2. Supporting The Infantry Center.

With their Company Commander, Edgar M. Snyder, Capt., MSC, the 50th can be counted on to fulfill their part of the Group mission.

The 690th Med. Co.

The 690th Medical Co. (Amb) (Sep), under the command of Charles E. Richardson, 1st Lt., MSC, was originally known as the



(L-R) SPEC-2 ROBERT WILDER, SPEC-3 WILLIE DANIELS, AND SPEC 3 KENNETH R. SCHREVE, ALL OF THE 542ND MEDICAL CO., ADMINISTER TO PFC PHILLIP PORTOGHESE OF THE OUTFIT WHO IS RECEIVING INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS AS HIS FELLOW MEDICS LIFT HIM ONTO A STRETCHER.

913th Med. Co. (Amb) (Sep). This unit, a relatively new one, was organized on June 13, 1946 in the Mississippi National Guard and federally reorganized at Senatobia, Miss. on April 9, 1948. Activation took place on August 19, 1950.

The unit did its training at Fort Benning, and was placed in a reserve status with the duty of furnishing medical support for The Infantry School.

The company participated in Exercise "Flashburn", a maneuver which took place at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The unit participation was from March 22 to May 13, 1954.

The 913th was relieved from active duty Dec. 3, 1954, to return to its home armory at Senatobia. However, from time to time other personnel had been placed in the unit; these were retained and additional men were acquired to form the present unit, which was designated the 690th Med. Co. (Amb) (Sep), and attached to the 54th Medical Group.

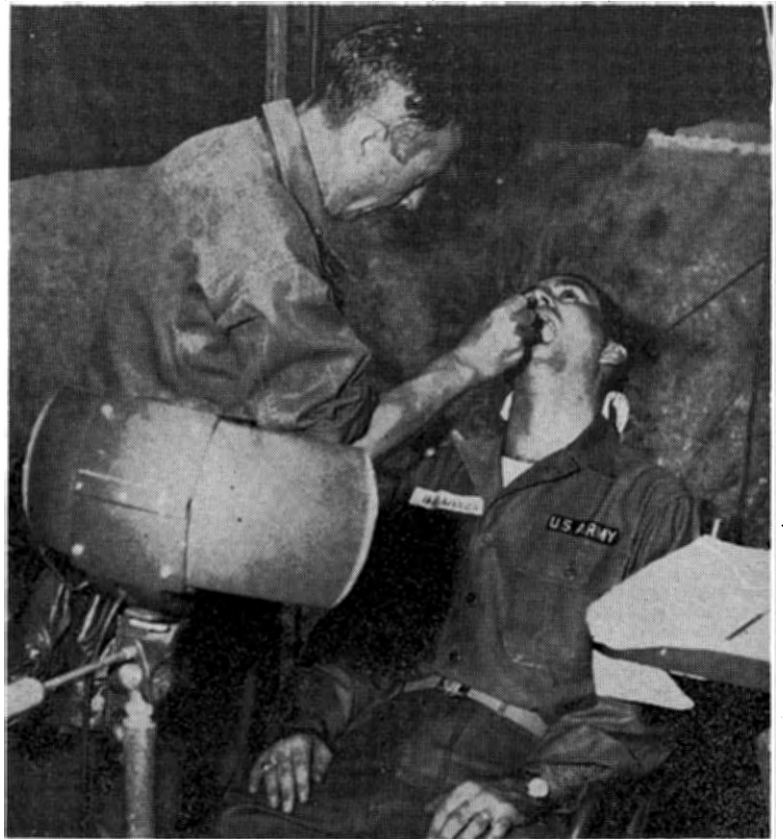
The unit was a participant in Exercise "Follow Me", and is planning to participate in "Sagebrush", a maneuver to be held later this year in Western Louisiana.

The company's mission if in combat is:

- (1) To transport medical supplies and Medical Dept. personnel to the field;
- (2) To evacuate casualties from division, corps, or clearing stations to evacuation hospitals;
- (3) To evacuate hospital train patients to hospitals;
- (4) To evacuate hospital patients to hospital trains or posts;
- (5) To evacuate from evac. hospitals to general hospitals, hospital centers, convalescent hospitals, camps or posts if railroads are not available.

In peace time the mission of the company is:

- (1) To furnish ambulance service for Post Dispensaries;
- (2) To furnish ambulance service for The Infantry Center.



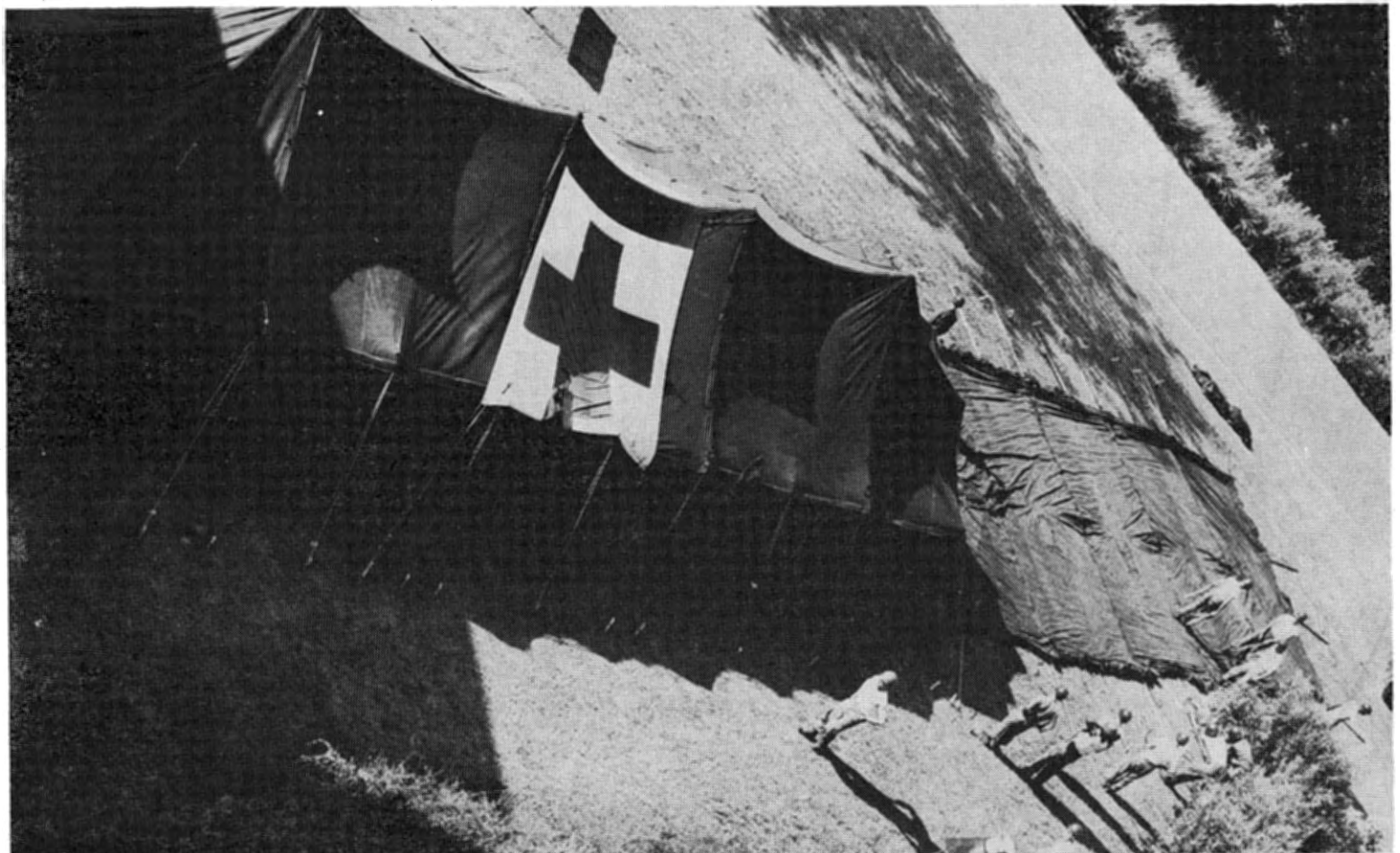
SICK CALL EVERY MORNING IS ANOTHER FUNCTION HANDLED BY THE 54TH. PFC JOHN BADARNZA OF THE 24TH EVAC. HOSP. HAS BEEN COMPLAINING OF A TOOTHACHE. THIS IS LOOKED INTO BY AN UNIDENTIFIED DENTAL CORPS OFFICER. IF A FILLING OR EXTRACTION IS CALLED FOR, FIELD VERSIONS OF THE BEST EQUIPMENT FOR DENTAL CARE ARE ON HAND TO WORK WITH.



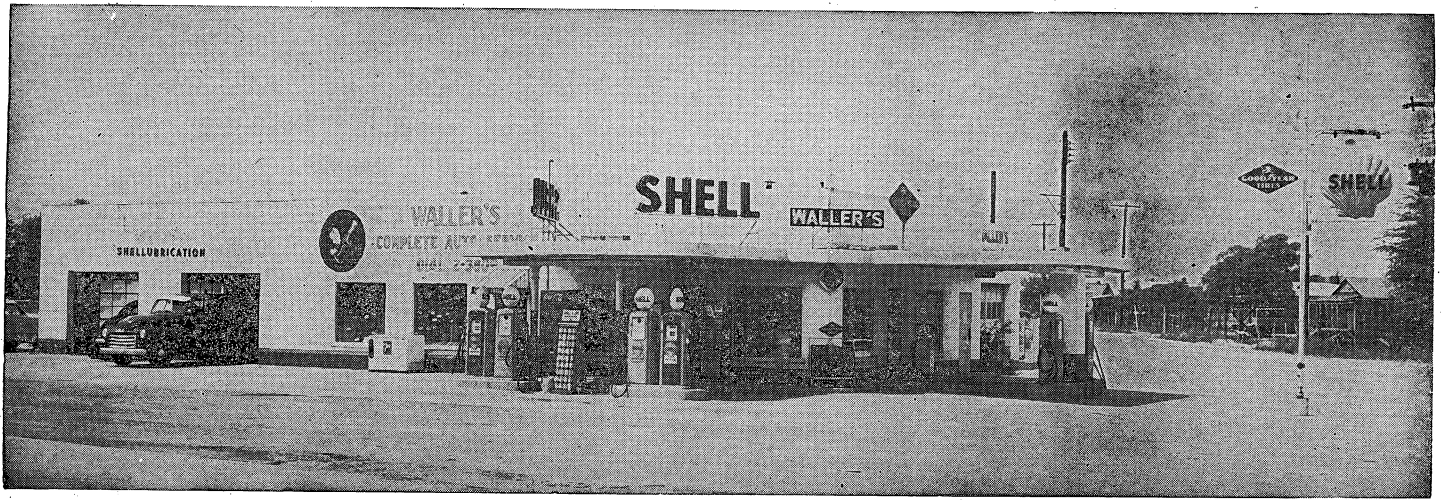
AN ADDITIONAL FIELD HAZARD IS THE CHANCE OF SMALL INSECTS DECIDING TO TAKE UP RESIDENCE IN YOUR EAR. SFC BERNICE JONES OF THE 24TH EVAC. HOSP. APPEARS SOMEWHAT WORRIED OVER THIS PROSPECT. TWO UNIDENTIFIED RESERVE DENTAL CORPS OFFICERS CHECK HIS COMPLAINT. HE SURVIVED.



COL. FREDERIC B. WESTERVELT, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 54TH MEDICAL GROUP, CUTTING THE CAKE AT THE 180TH BIRTHDAY PARTY CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE. ON THE RIGHT IS LT. COL. JAMES R. FRANCIS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE 54TH. COL. WESTERVELT IS HANDING THE FIRST SLICE TO M/SGT. WARREN P. KERNOP, FIRST SERGEANT OF THE 24TH EVAC. HOSP.



SOMETIMES THE 54TH IS CALLED UPON TO USE THEIR MEDICAL SKILL FOR THE DIRECT BENEFIT OF CIVILIANS IN COLUMBUS AND PHENIX CITY. THE PICTURE ABOVE SHOWS THE 542ND MEDICAL CO. ERECTING HOSPITAL TENTS FOR USE OF ISOLATION WARDS FOR DIPHTHERIA PATIENTS. ONLY A FEW WEEKS PREVIOUSLY THEY HAD PERFORMED THE SAME TASK. PRESSURE ON THE OVERCROWDED FACILITIES OF COBB MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN PHENIX CITY WAS GREATLY ALLEVIATED BY THIS WORK, AND THE 542ND COULD TAKE NOTE OF ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE.



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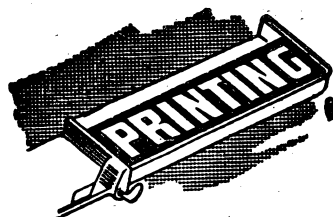
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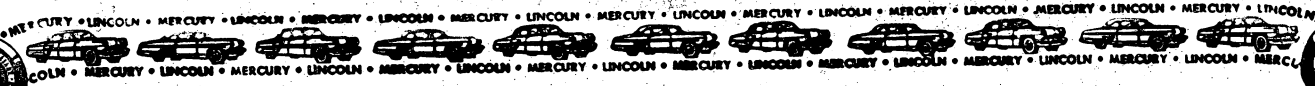
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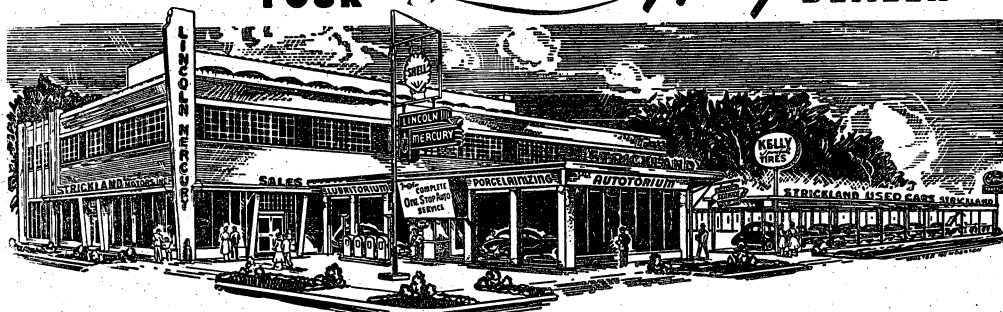
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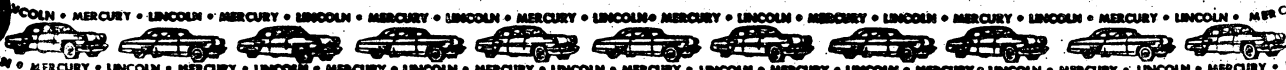
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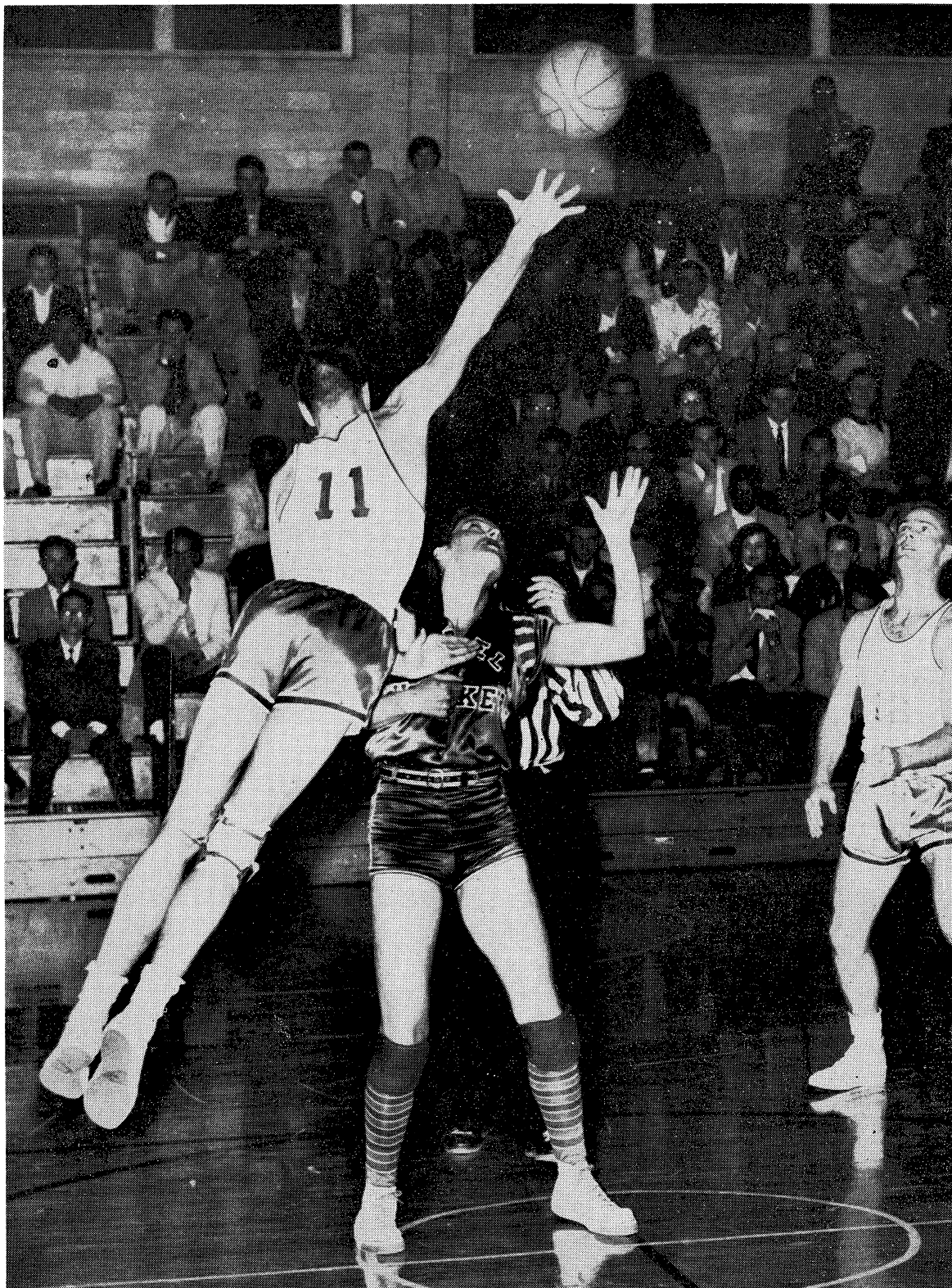
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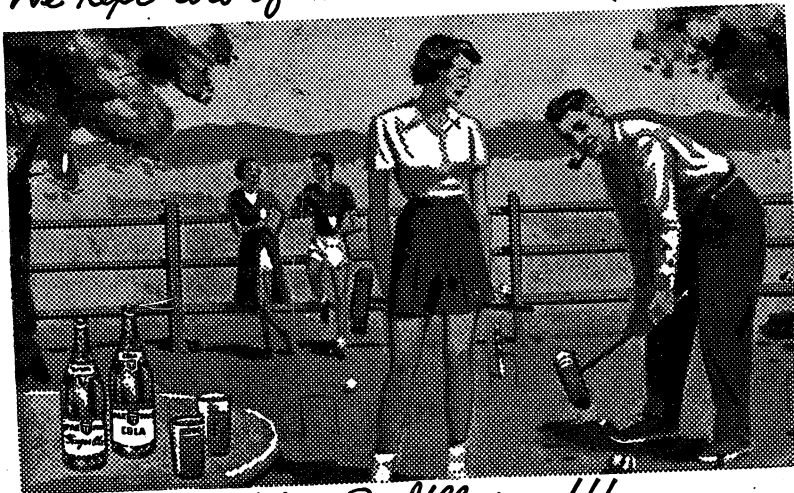
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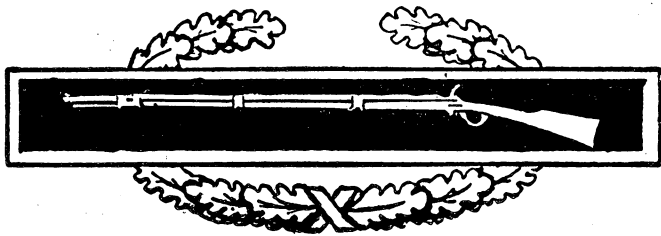
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On This Month's Cover:



The cover photo, while a very good action shot, is more than that. Actually it can be called a symbol of Special Services. The game was played against a famous girls' team, the Hazel Walker Arkansas Travellers, another endeavor to bring to the members of Fort Benning Military reservation the finest in entertainment. Then there is the sports angle. And last, but not least, the all important spectators, the ultimate aim of all Special Service functions.



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THE HEART OF SPECIAL SERVICES—IN THE FOREGROUND IS GOWDY FIELD AND BEHIND IT IS DOUGHBOY STADIUM. THE BUILDING IN THE CENTER LEFT IS SERVICE CLUB NO. 1. THE DOUGHBOY STADIUM TOWER IMMEDIATELY BEHIND SERVICE CLUB ONE HOUSES THE SPECIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. ACROSS THE STREET TO THE LEFT (NOT SHOWN IN PICTURE) IS BRIANT WELLS FIELD HOUSE.

SPECIAL SERVICES

THE INFANTRY CENTER

If all the persons who attended activities sponsored or directed by The Infantry Center Special Services in 1955 could be counted as individuals, they would equal the population of the State of Georgia, and have enough left to populate Nevada, Wyoming, Delaware, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Arizona.

According to records submitted by the five major functions of Special Services, no less than 5,000,000 service men and their dependents took part in recreational activities on the Fort Benning reservation, ranging from such quiescent participation as movies and listening to classical record concerts to aggressive sports like football and judo.

All but one of the major sections entertained over a million participants.

Available were such activities as dances, big name celebrity entertainment, soldier talent shows, football games, baseball games, basketball games, libraries, planned and self directed activities at service clubs, and movies.

Contrary to the popular observances of many sociologists, Benning soldiers are not interested only in inactive participation. The

persons taking part in sports programs exceeded the movie-goers by almost 200,000. Both the Theatre and the Sports section dominated the majority of the soldier's time.

Theatres commanded a million and a quarter patrons, while sports provided services to nearly a million and a half.

Close behind were the Libraries and Service Clubs with a little over a million persons each taking part.

Entertainment and Recreation, catering to a selective audience, motivated 250,000 persons.

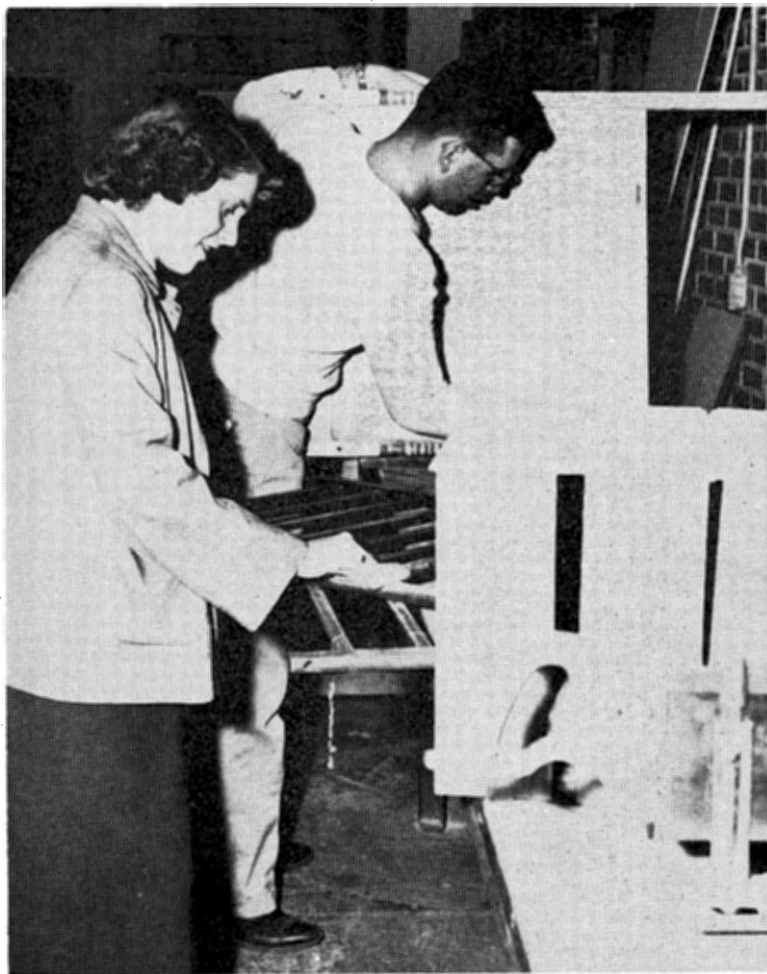
Directing forces behind the Special Services program are Lt. Col. Ralph L. Todd, Special Services Officer; Major Francis F. Rainey, assistant Special Services Officer, M/Sgt Daniel L. Allen, chief clerk; 2nd Lt. Charles Bartlett, Recreation and Entertainment Officer; M/Sgt. Herbert C. Skipper, chief clerk; Miss G. Onnalee Wood, Service Club Director; Major J. A. White, Theatre Officer; M/Sgt. Ervin L. Koelling, chief clerk; Miss Barbara Bronson, chief Librarian, and Mr. Sam T. Roberts, sports supervisor.

Also part of the Special Services team is the NCO Open Mess. Captain James T. Farrington is in charge, and M/Sgt. John Harrington, chief clerk.

ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION



ONE OF THE STELLAR ATTRACTIONS OF THE CELEBRITY SHOWS WAS THE TED WEEMS' BAND. HERE A FEATURED SONGSTRESS DELIVERS A REQUEST NUMBER TO A PACKED AUDIENCE AT THE MAIN THEATRE. TO HER RIGHT IS TED WEEMS.



TWO PATRONS OF THE CRAFT SHOPS COLLABORATE TO BUILD A BABY BED. THE WOOD WORKING SHOP WHERE THIS HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM WORK IS A FAVORITE OF BENNINGITES.



JUDY GAYE DELIGHTS A CAPACITY HOUSE AT THE MAIN POST THEATRE JAN. 19 AS ONE OF THE FEATURES OF RALPH FLANAGAN'S BAND.

From a concert by Stan Kenton to a quiet day of fishing at King's Pond was the range of relaxation the Entertainment and Recreation section offered.

To a selective audience were provided off-duty activities in ceramics, photography, leather crafts, model building, plastics, wood craft, auto craft, and metal craft.

A total of 50,000 service men and their dependents availed themselves of these self-directed activities.

The commercial, celebrity, and soldier shows played to an audience of some 100,000 persons. Among the shows offered were Stan Kenton, Woody Herman, Sammy Kaye, Ted Weems, and the Don Cossack Chorus.

Soldier Shows, staged by local talent, rendered presentations of Robinson Crew-So-What "Dials and Dolls", various variety shows, and hill billy jamborees.

Also available were the TIC rest camp at Destin, Florida; King's Pond, and TIC Recreation area. The latter two were utilized by units and sections for company parties. Approximately 60,000 individuals took advantage of the facilities.

On the program for the immediate future are appearances of Ralph Flanagan, January 18, and the Don Cossack Chorus, March 5. The Don Cossacks were rescheduled by popular demand.

Soldier Shows are currently working on the production of the 'Ninth Guest', a murder mystery in three acts.



TIC REST CAMP AT DESTIN, FLORIDA. THE CAMP, A FAVORITE WITH RELAXING PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS AT FORT BENNING, IS SITUATED ABOUT 230 MILES FROM BENNING ON THE CHOCAWATCHEE BAY NEAR THE GULF OF MEXICO.



NO HORROR ROOM IS THIS. JUST THE PROP ROOM OF SOLDIER SHOWS. HERE DEAN WEST, DIRECTOR OF SOLDIER SHOWS, DISCUSSES SOME PELIMINARY PLANS WITH AN ASSISTANT. SOLDIER SHOWS NEXT PRODUCTION WILL BE "NINTH GUESTS," A MURDER MYSTERY.



DON COSSACK CHORUS APPEARED AT FORT BENNING A FEW MONTHS AGO AND WAS SUCH A SUCCESS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RE-BOOKED FOR A RETURN PERFORMANCE MARCH 5 AT THE MAIN POST THEATRE. HERE IN ONE OF THE MANY LIVELY RENDITIONS, A MEMBER OF THE CHORUS DANCERS PERFORMS A SPIRITED RUSSIAN COSSACK DANCE.



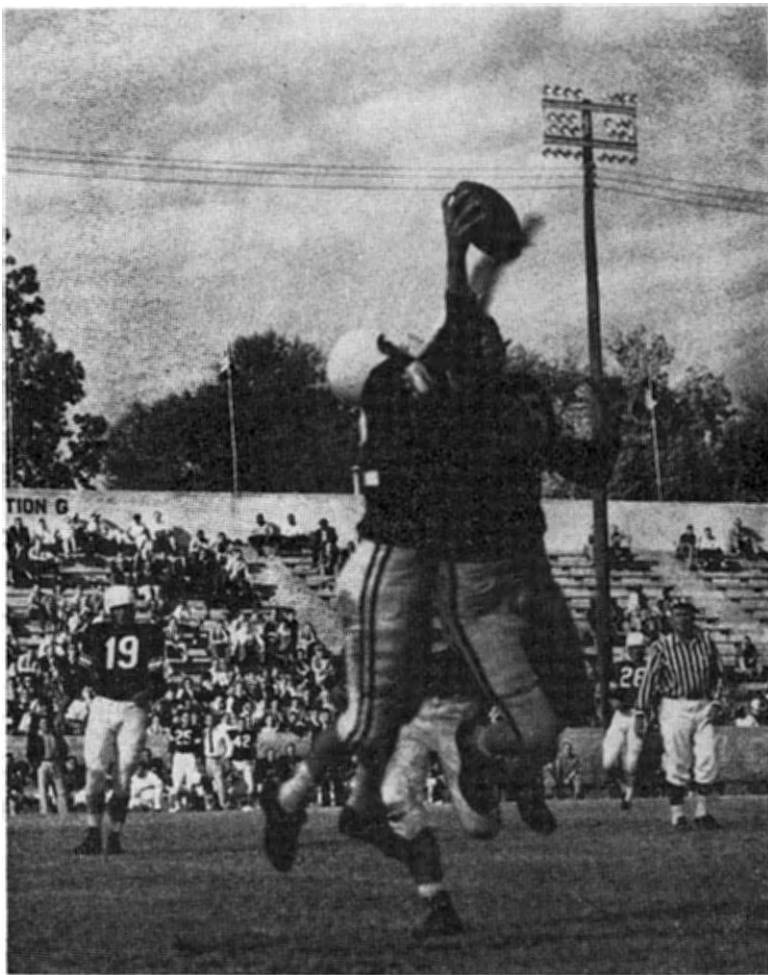
TWO MORE CRAFT WORKERS APPLY THEIR FEMININE ARTISTRY FOR CREATING PRETTY THINGS IN THE CERAMICS SHOP. THE CRAFT SHOPS ARE OPEN TO MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.



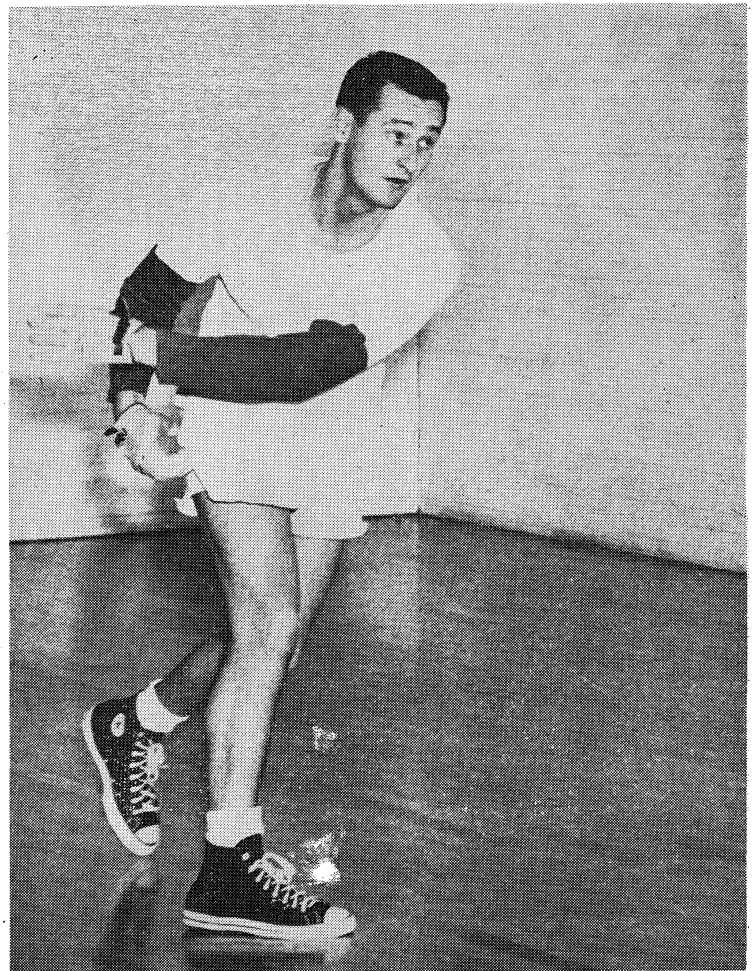
"SHADES OF ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON," OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT THIS YOUNG MAN MUST BE THINKING AS THE PRETTY GAL PREPARES TO APPLY A CLINCH IN THE CLOSING ACT OF ROBINSON CREW-SO-WHAT, A SOLDIER SHOW PRODUCTION PRESENTED AT THE MAIN POST THEATRE AND THE SERVICE CLUB.



THESE WINSOME MISSES WERE A GREAT SUCCESS AT THE AAU WATER FOLLIES PRESENTED AT BENNING THE PAST YEAR, NOT ONLY FOR THEIR OBVIOUS AMOUNT OF FEMALE PULCHRITUDE BUT FOR THEIR SHOWMANSHIP ABILITY AS WELL.



THE SPORTS SCENE AT FORT BENNING HAD A GREAT VARIETY THE LAST YEAR. HERE ERNIE STOCKERT, HONORABLE MENTION ALL-ARMY END, SNAGS A PASS ON A ONE-HANDED CATCH FOR THE POWERFUL SCHOOL BRIGADE RAMS AGAINST FORT JACKSON.



TO EMPHASIS THAT VARIETY THE SPORTS PROGRAM BOASTED, HERE A MEMBER OF THE 1ST SPECIAL TROOPS DETACHMENT DELIVERS THE BALL IN ONE OF THE TWO HANDBALL COURTS IN BRIANT WELLS FIELD HOUSE.

SPORTS SECTION

"A soldier in every sport, and a sport for every soldier", is the motto of the Sports Section of Post Special Services.

If the million and a half persons who took part in some of the Section's activities during 1955 is any indication of achievement, the motto must rest securely on the wall of the Sports Office.

This figure, of course, includes participants in post and unit level activities, as well as participants.

Three of the most impressive structures on the Main Post are the domain of Fort Benning athletes.

Briant Wells Field House encompasses such activities as swimming, judo, wrestling, handball, trampolin, weight lifting, post sports functions, championship playoffs in various sports, and individual play.

Equipment for individual activities are available in the CQ room of the Field House.

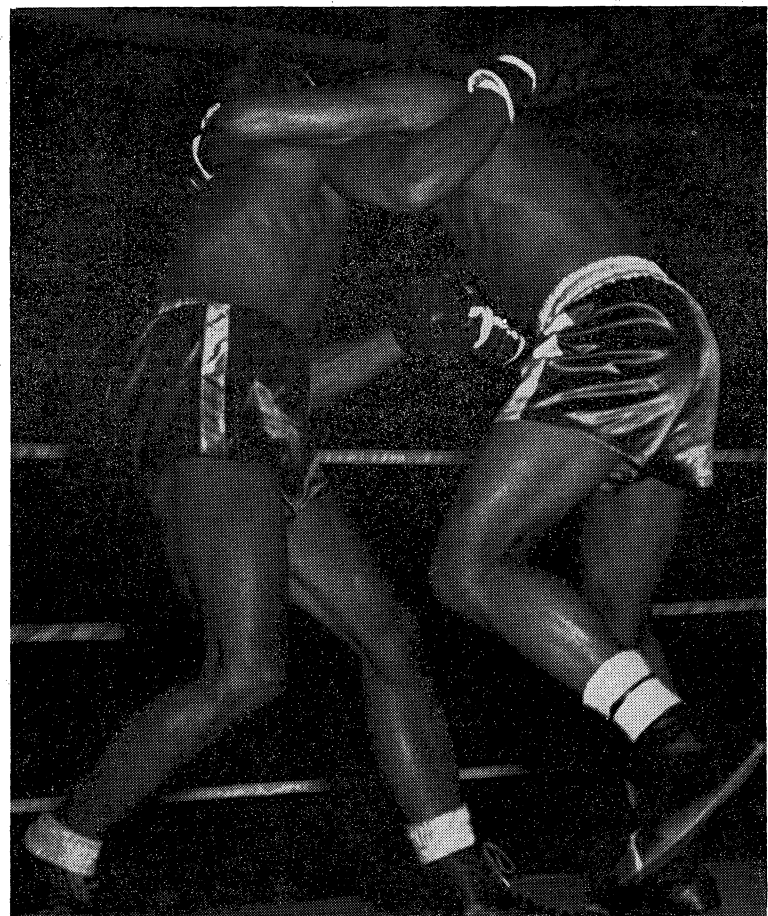
Directly across the street are Doughboy Stadium, home of the football and track teams, and Gowdy Field, the baseball diamond.

In addition, there are four pools, other than the one at the Field House, that are conducted and cared for by the Sports Section.

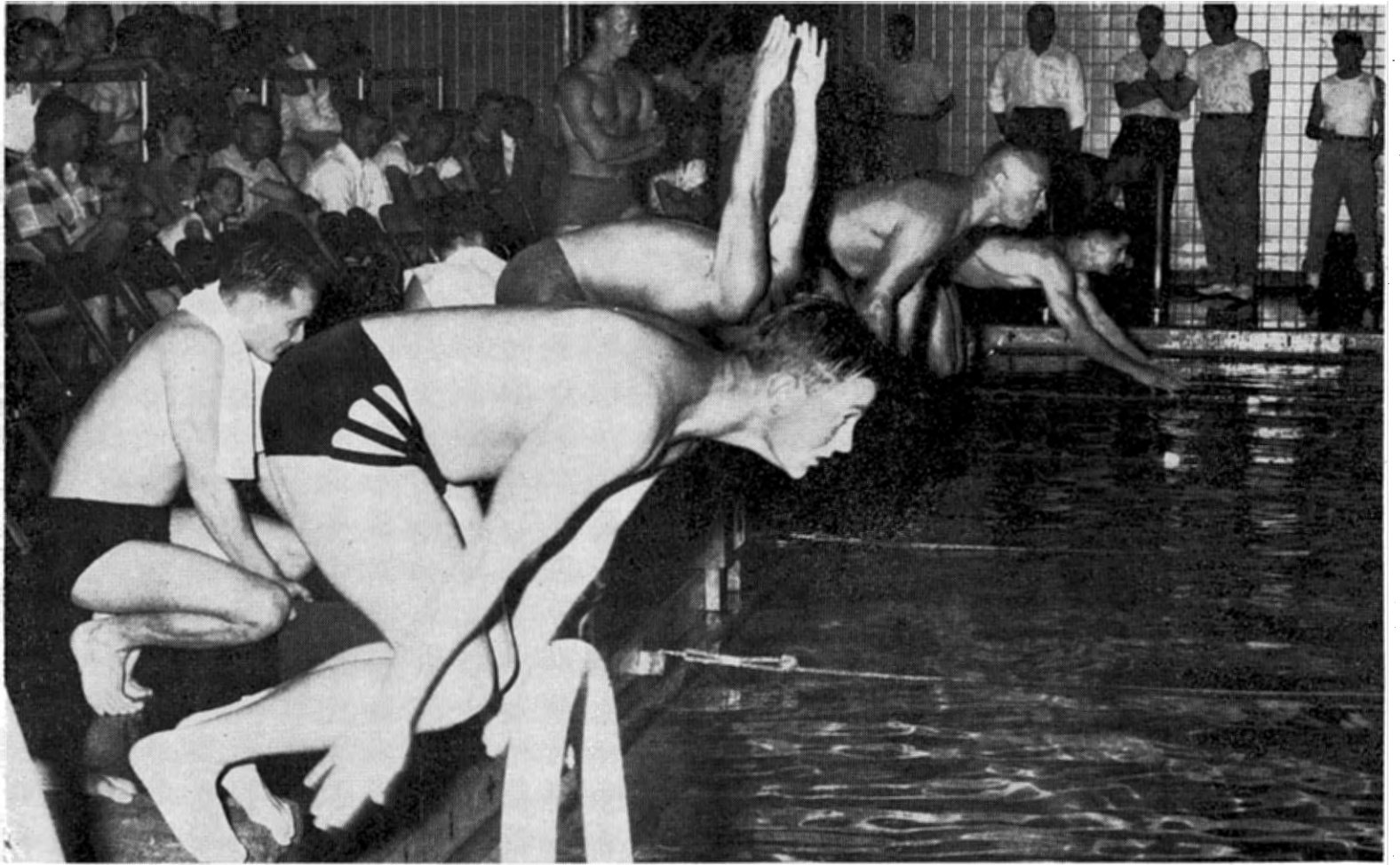
All intra-mural programs are coordinated through the sports supervisor.

Youth Activities, involving the sons and daughters of Benning personnel, are also planned through the Sports Office.

The 1956 sports program started out with a loud bang recently when some 3200 persons attended the three day Open Class Post Boxing Tournament.



YOU GOTTA DANCE WITH ME, HENRY—NEITHER ONE OF THESE BOXERS ARE NAMED HENRY, AND THIS PARTICULAR PICTURE WAS THE ONLY DULL SPOT IN THE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE FIGHT BETWEEN SAM JONES, LEFT, AND BENNIE TAYLOR DURING THE RECENT OPEN CLASS POST BOXING TOURNAMENT.



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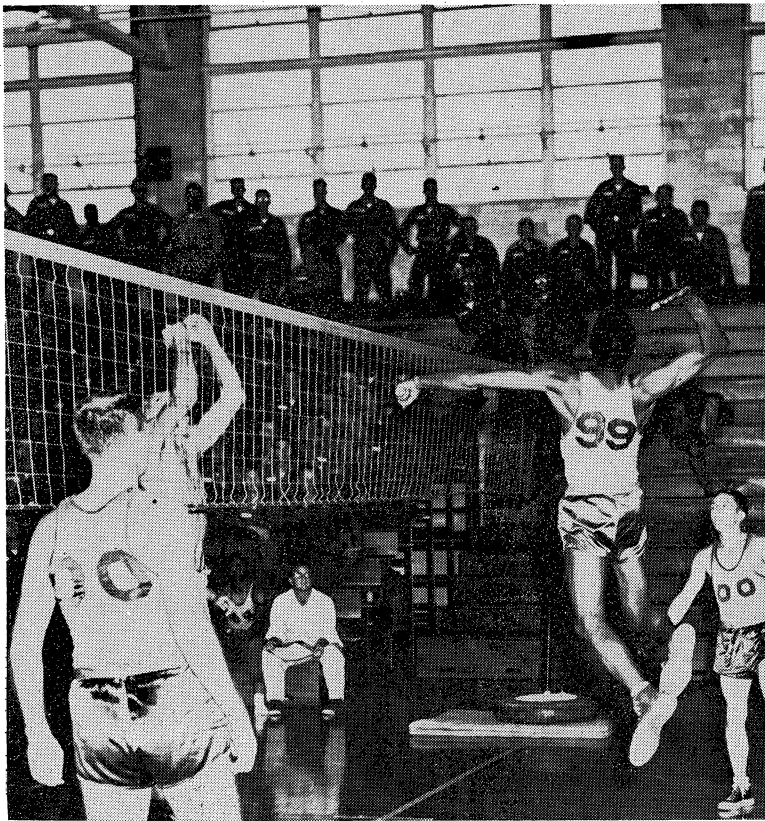
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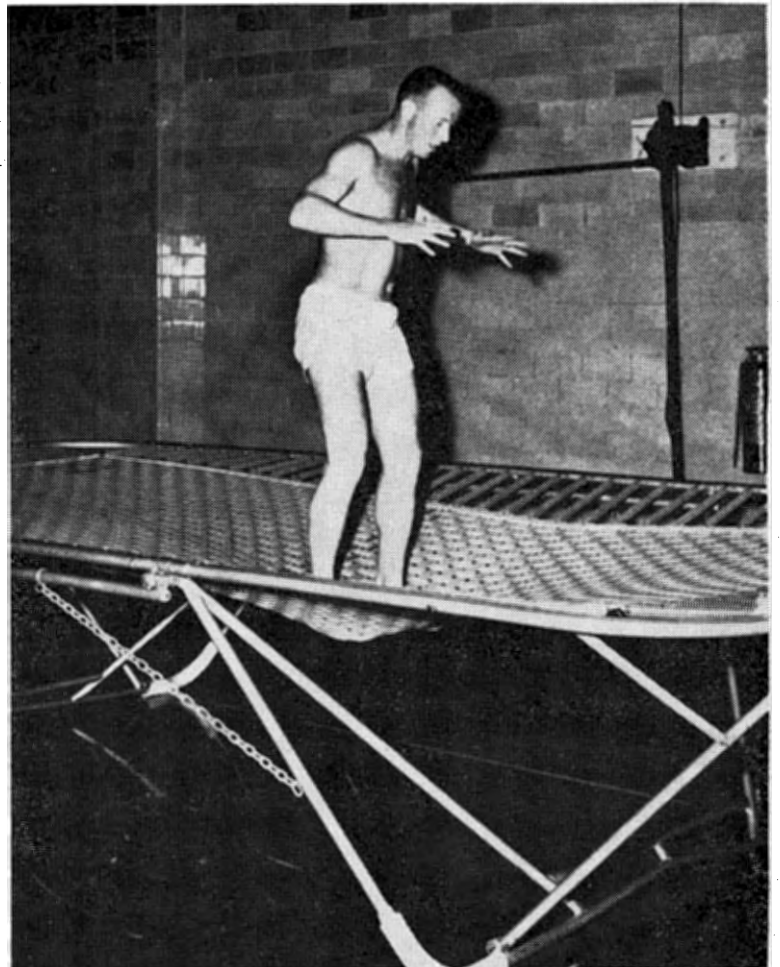


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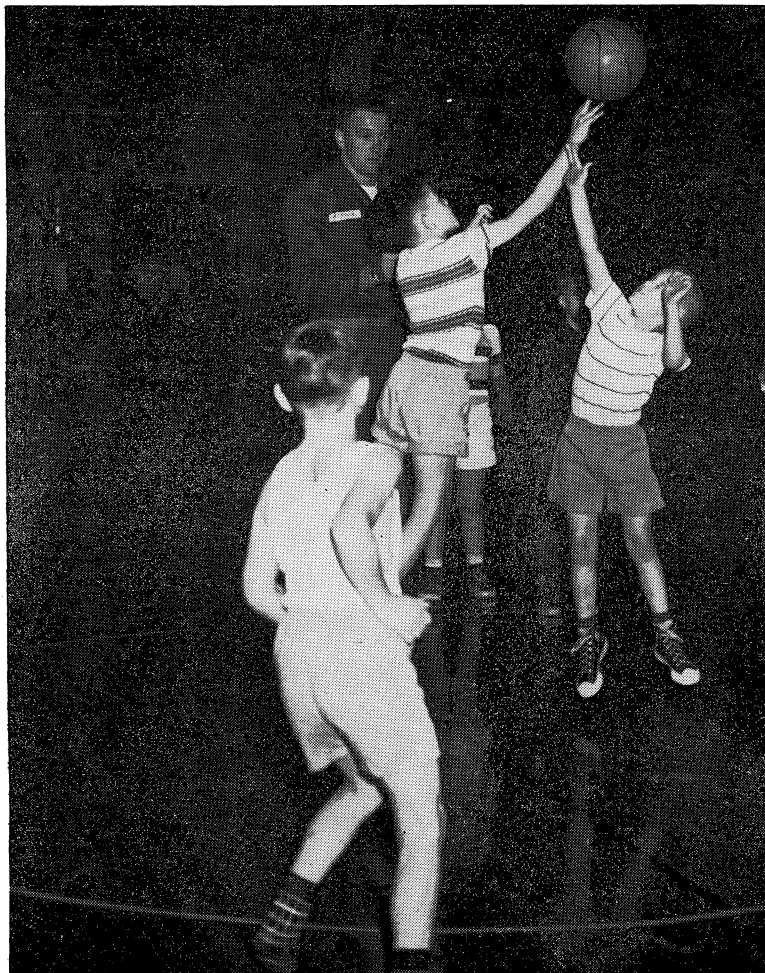
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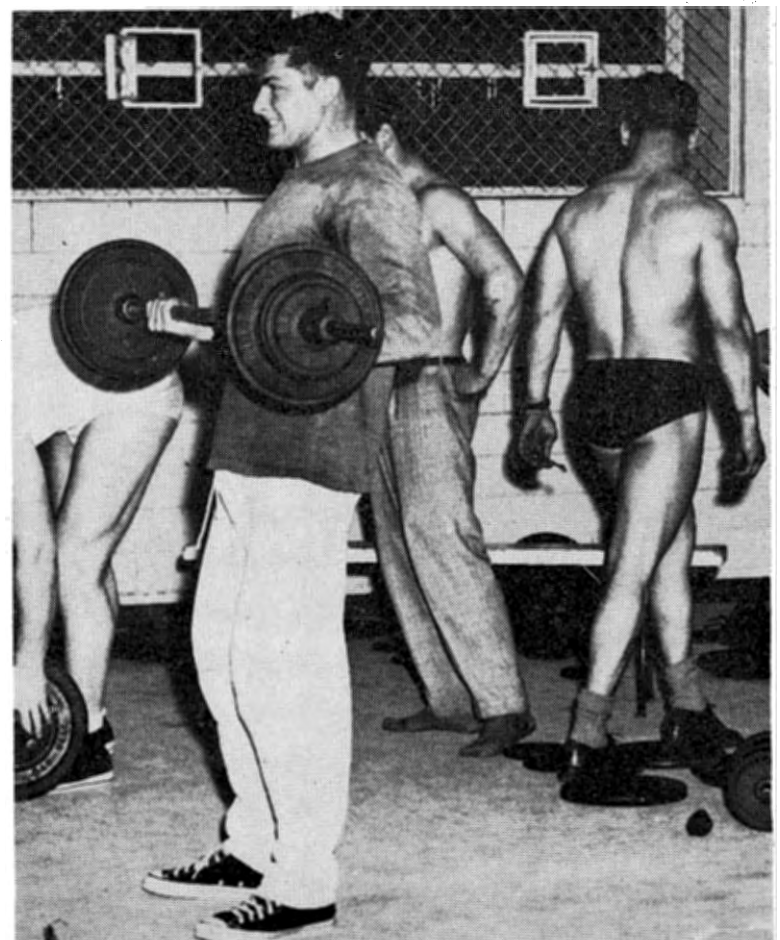
THE INTRA-MURAL PROGRAM WAS A HUGE SUCCESS THE PAST YEAR. HERE A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE FINALIST VOLLEYBALL TEAMS, PREPARES TO SLAM A SHOT. REGULAR INTRA-MURAL GAMES WERE PLAYED IN REGIMENTAL GYMS AND ON ATHLETIC FIELDS. CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ARE PLAYED OFF ON ONE OF THE POST FIELDS.



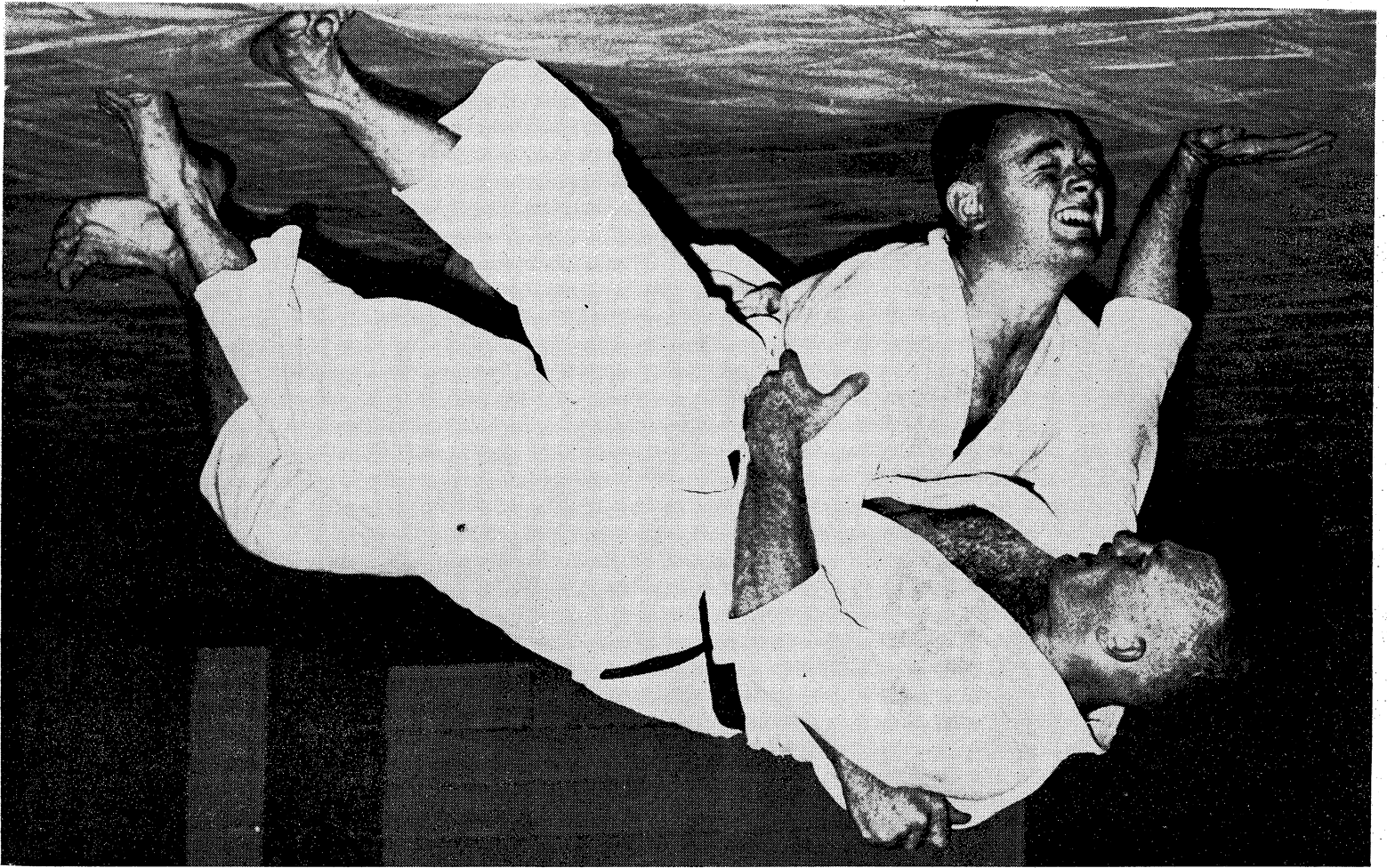
THE TRAMPOLIN AT BRIANT WELLS FIELD HOUSE RANKS AMONG THE FAVORITES OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE POST GYMNASIUM. HERE AN ENTHUSIAST PREPARES TO EXECUTE A DOUBLE FLIP.



THE YOUNGSTERS AT FORT BENNING ARE ALSO THE CONCERN OF POST SPECIAL SERVICES AND THE SPORTS OFFICE. THROUGH THE SPORTS OFFICE IS COORDINATED YOUTH ACTIVITIES. IN THE PICTURE, LOU SAWCHIK, FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL STAR IN COLLEGE AND WHILE IN SERVICE, WATCHES TWO YOUNG BASKETBALLERS GO FOR A JUMP BALL. SAWCHIK HAS BEEN COACHING ONE OF THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL TEAMS.



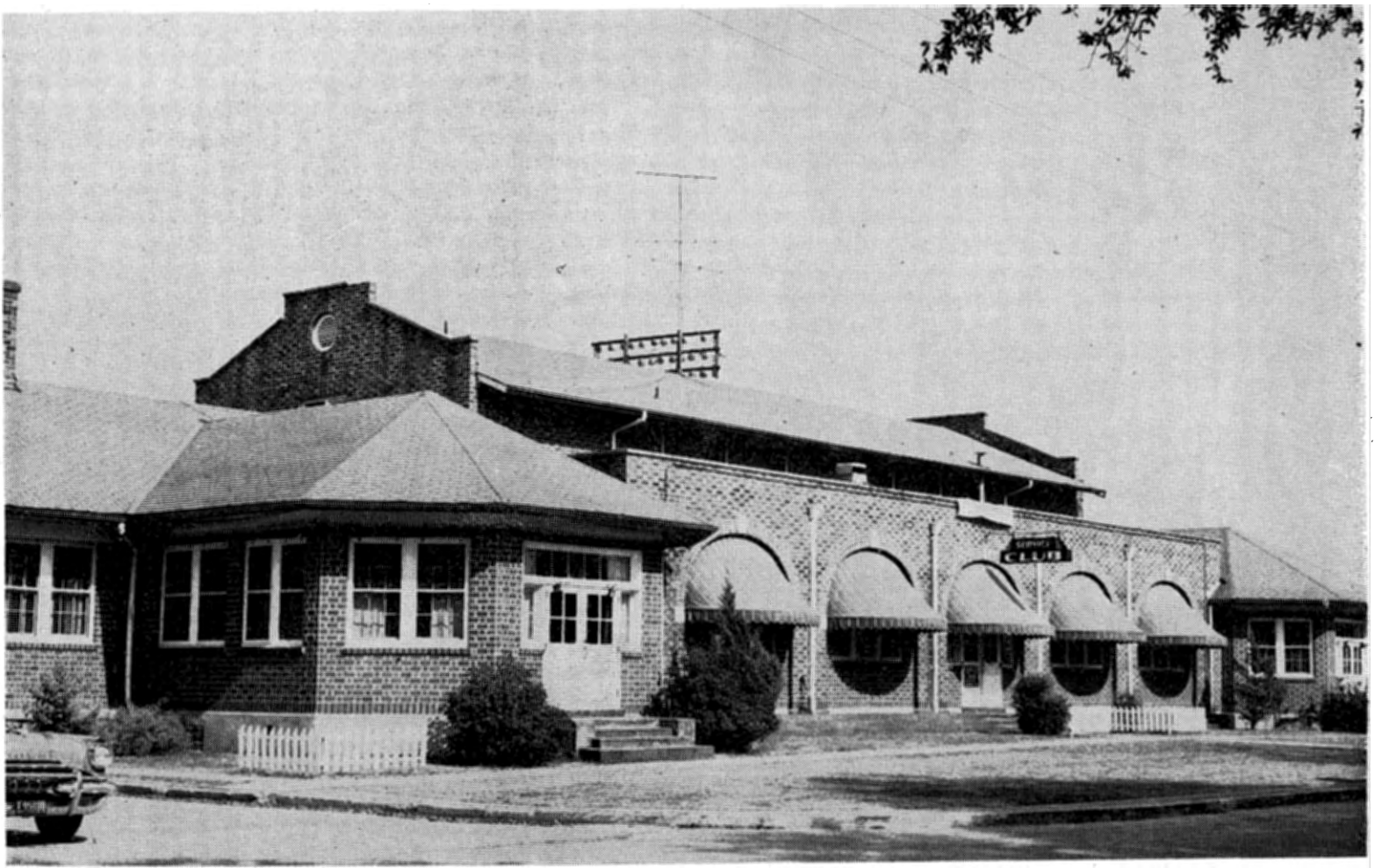
MUSCLES, INC. MEETS REGULARLY AT THE WEIGHT LIFTING ROOM IN THE FIELD HOUSE. HERE THE MUSCLE STRAINERS DO THEIR BEST TO OUT HUFF AND PUFF EACH OTHER.



NO ONE IS SURE AS TO WHO IS HURTING WHO IN THIS PICTURE. BUT IN ANY CASE, THE JUDO CLASSES HELD EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS AT BRIANT WELLS, ARE GAINING WIDE SUPPORT AND RECOGNITION ON THE POST. THE CLASSES ARE OPEN TO ANY ONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING JUDO AND FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE GOTTEN BY CALLING THE SPORTS OFFICE.



DANCES ARE ALWAYS A POPULAR FUNCTION OF THE SERVICE CLUBS. HERE A DANCE IS COMBINED WITH ANOTHER ITEM OF POPULARITY, THE ATLANTA GIRLS VISIT.



MAIN POST SERVICE CLUB.

SERVICE CLUBS

A planned, all-inclusive participation program is the goal of the Services Clubs at Fort Benning.

The success and attainment of this goal is attested to by the approximately 1,070,000 attendance—participation recorded by the clubs this past year.

Activities are broken into two categories, directed and self-directed. The former include pool, ping-pong, card games, TV, and various quiet games.

The latter cover dances, coffee hours, group acts, and talent shows.

Available on a check-out basis are articles from a deck of cards to a guitar.

An enlisted men's council operates in most of the clubs, aiding and advising the director in the matter of activities and equipment most desirable by the men of their units. These councils usually have a limit of 10 members and quite often have many more.

The various clubs, their hostesses, and where they are located:
Service Club One, Main Post, Miss Desse Smith, Hostess.

Service Club Two, Sand Hill, Miss Anne E. Freeman, Club Director, and Miss Oralla Tompkins, program director.

Service Club Three, Harmony Church, Miss Alma R. Riddle, program director, and acting Club Director.

Service Club Five, Sand Hill, Mrs. Eulette E. Stone, club director.



A COFFEE HOUR FEATURES THIS PARTICULAR EVENING AT THE HOSPITAL SERVICE CLUB. ALL THE CLUBS USUALLY HOLD EITHER A COFFEE HOUR OR SIMILAR FUNCTIONS AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.



THEATRES

SAND HILL – MAIN POST – HARMONY CHURCH

The Hollywood moving picture moguls beat their drums to the tune that movies are America's greatest mass-relaxing media. The people of Fort Benning apparently agree. Nearly a million and a quarter military personnel and their dependents viewed the celluloid interpretations of life during 1955.

At present there are a total of six theaters in operation. Two are in Sand Hill and another pair are in Harmony Church. The Main Theater and Number Two are on the main post.

All are air conditioned and have the popular wide-screen. The Main Theater and Number Six, in Sand Hill, are equipped with stereophonic sound.

The theaters also offer a means of after-duty employment to some 70 members of the post.

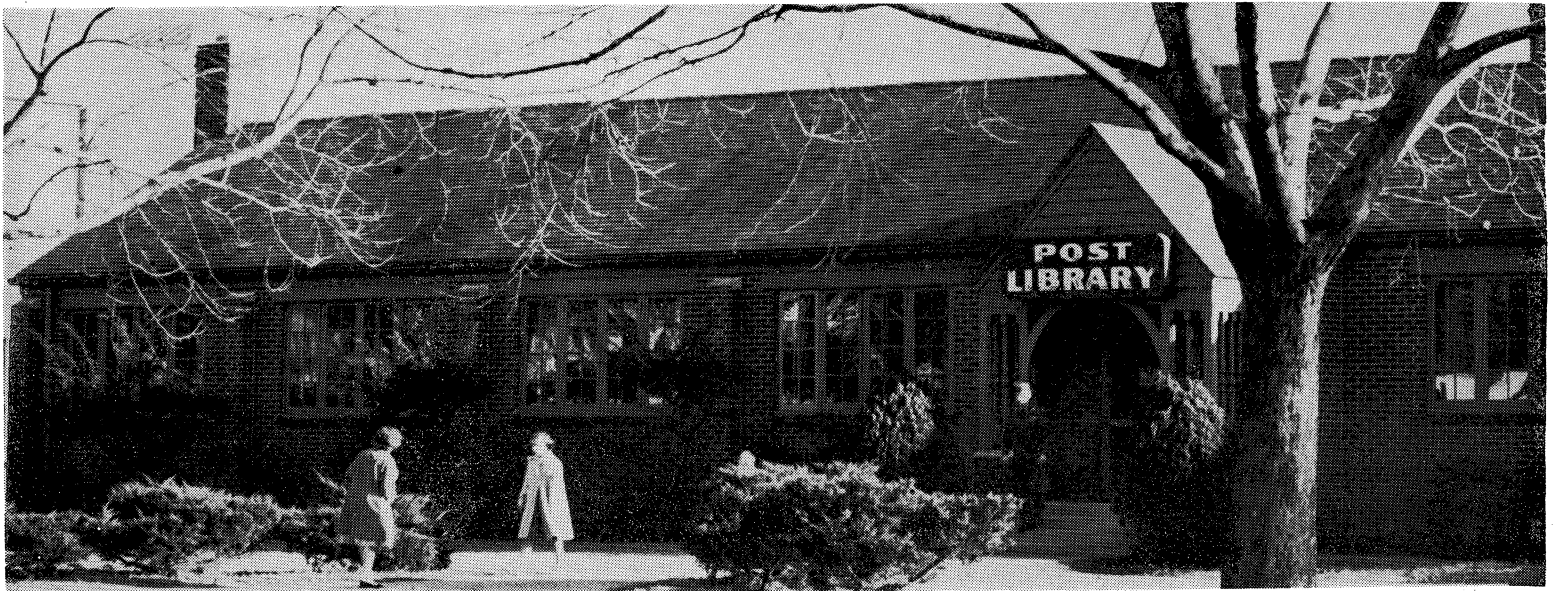
All theaters have concession stands that are operated by the Post Exchange.

Profits are turned into the Central Post Fund and the theaters are large contributors to the Central Welfare Fund in Washington, D. C.

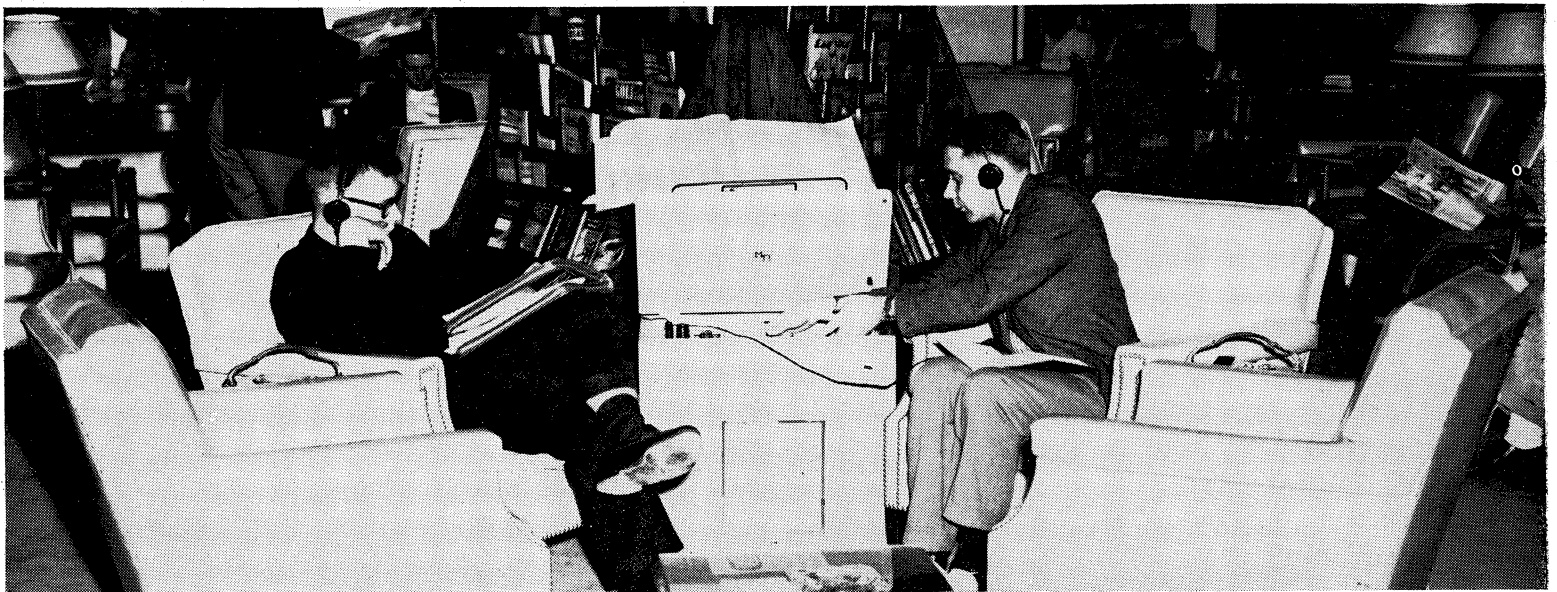
In addition to showing movies, almost all of the theatres are used as meeting places for classes or groups meeting on the post. The theatres are the largest enclosed meeting places available on the post.

Premieres of many of the Soldier Show productions are shown at the Main Post or some other theatre on the post. All celebrity show or concert are presented at the Main Theatre.

The theatre offices are located above the Main Post Theatre.



POST LIBRARY



IN ADDITION TO THE GREAT VARIETY OF BOOKS, MAGAZINES, JOURNALS, ETC., OFFERED AT THE POST LIBRARIES, THE AUDIOPHONE AT THE MAIN POST LIBRARY GAINS A WIDE AUDIENCE. HERE TWO MEN LISTEN TO MUSIC WITHOUT INTERRUPTING READERS.

LIBRARIES

The post libraries have been so successful in the attainment of their mission this past year that they have won three wards for their publicity work.

Earlier in the year, they captured second place in the Third Army scrap book contest, took third in the Army-wide competition, and also won the John Cotton Dana award, presented by the American Library Association.

With a turn over of some 1,010,000 readers, a total of 224,770 books were circulated.

In addition to the reading facilities normally offered by a library, there are also available records, both musical and languages; a special children's hour and juvenile books.

At the Main Library, a comprehensive list of college catalogues are on hand. And the Hospital Library furnishes ward service to bed patients.

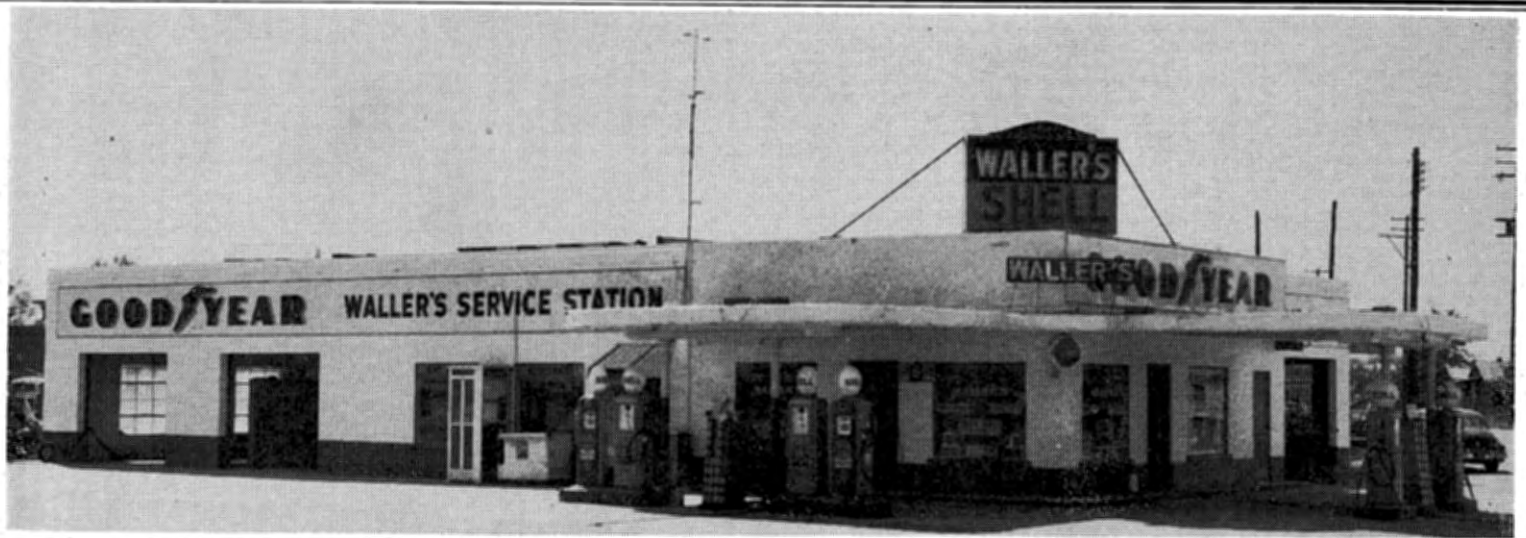
In cooperation with the Bradley Memorial Library of Columbus, the Post Library sponsors the Poetry Workshop.

Pocket books and magazines are furnished to troops in the field.

There are a total of 56,451 books in all the libraries. These range from philosophical dissertations to science fiction and include a large selection of special reference volumes.

Aiding Miss Barbara Bronson are Naomi Hollis, technical processing librarian; Marion Passmore, librarian, main library; Marguerite Reece, librarian, branch library number one; Theodosia Williams, branch two; Ruth Bondy, branch three; Jimmie Smith, librarian, branch five.

Branch Library one is located in the Hospital Area, branch two and three are located in Sand Hill, and five and six are in Harmony Church.



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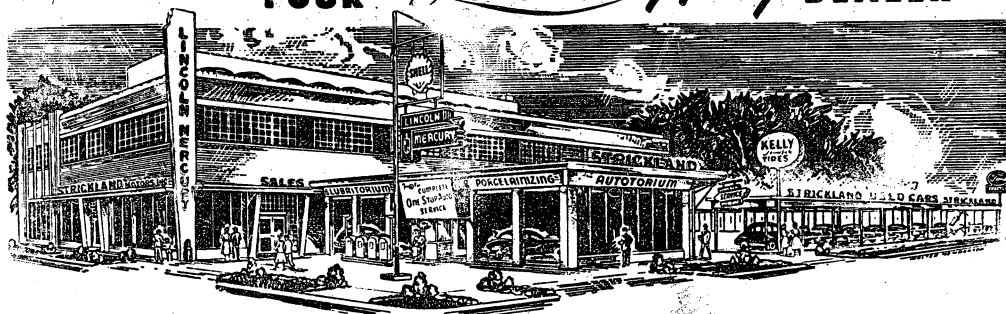
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