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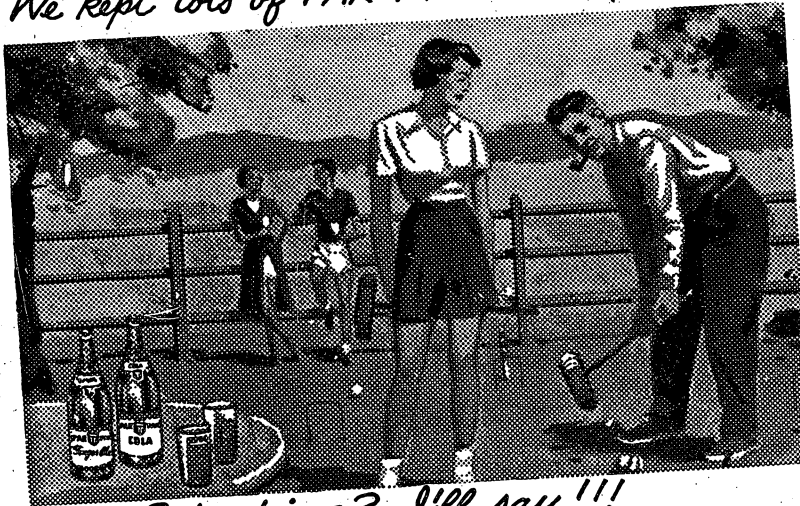


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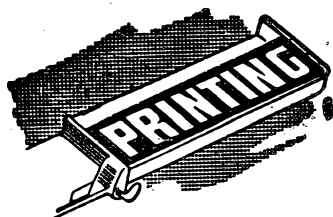
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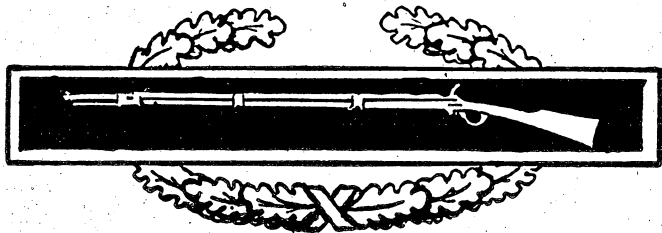
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On This Month's Cover:



This month's Benning Herald is a salute to the Army Nurse Corps on its 55th anniversary. As such the issue portrays the fine work done by Army nurses in maintaining the highest of medical standards within the military establishment. Good facilities and good service go hand in hand. The cover pictures show the improvement now underway at Fort Benning in the way of hospital facilities. On top is a photo of the main building of the present hospital. Below it is the artist's conception of the new Fort Benning Hospital now under construction.



The articles in this issue were prepared by Mr. Crawford L. Thompson and Lt. G. Robert Averitt of the Troop Information and Education Section, The Infantry Center, with the fine cooperation of Lt. Col. Clara M. Kiely and Major Augusta K. Peake, of the U. S. Army Hospital at Fort Benning.

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The Army Nurse Corps, oldest of all the women's military services, is having a birthday—its 55th. Established by Congress on 2 February 1901, this all-commissioned Corps consists entirely of registered, professional nurses dedicated to maintaining and furthering the high medical standards of the United States Army.

Army nurses have been on duty at the Fort Benning Hospital since 1923—or approximately 33 years. Prior to that time nurses were procured for post duty by contract with the Columbus City Hospital. Today 69 nurses are stationed at Fort Benning. The story of what they do will be unfolded on the following pages.

Right now, however, let's get some more general information about Army nurses—their training, experience, social life. After



LT. COL. CLARA M. KIELY (LEFT), CHIEF NURSE, AND MAJ. AUGUSTA K. PEAKE, ASSISTANT CHIEF NURSE, ARE IN CHARGE OF THE 69 WOMEN OFFICERS OF THE ARMY NURSE CORPS WHO WORK IN THE FORT BENNING HOSPITAL.

all, the more you know about a worthwhile organization, the more appreciative you are of the work that personnel within the organization are doing.

To get the facts we recently interviewed Lt. Col. Clara M. Kiely, Chief Nurse at the Fort Benning Hospital. Here are the results:

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“Col. Kiely, we realize that the Army Nurse Corps consists entirely of commissioned personnel. Are they all in the Regular Army?”

“No, not at all. The ANC—that's our Corps abbreviation—comprises Regular Army nurses, reserve nurses on active duty and reserve nurses in civilian practice. It's just like any other branch or arm of service in that respect.”

“What is there to recent rumors of admitting male nurses into the Corps?”

“That is no rumor; it's a fact. Male nurses, by recent Congressional action, are being admitted in the ANC. We no longer have an all women's service. In fact, we expect to have a male nurse at Fort Benning in the very near future.”

“Well, ma'am, now that we have a general idea of the composition of the ANC, how about personnel qualifications? The Corps might be like any other branch of service in some respects, but it sure differs in this one, doesn't it?”

“Yes, in that there are professional qualifications prerequisite for admittance as an Army nurse just as there are for service doctors or lawyers.”

“Just what are those qualifications?”

“A prospective Army nurse must be a United States citizen between the ages of 21 and 44. And, she (or he) must be a registered nurse—a graduate of a school of nursing acceptable to the Surgeon General of the Army.”

“How about rank? Are all appointments made in the grade of second lieutenant?”

“No, not all of them. A majority of the appointments are made in the grades of second lieutenant and first lieutenant. Most recent graduates of nursing schools qualify by age and professional experience for the rank of second lieutenant. Nurses with a bachelor's or master's degree in nursing—or with additional experience—may be appointed in higher grades.”

* * * *

“Assume now, Col. Kiely, that I have just come on active duty as an Army nurse. Where do I start? What are my initial duties?”

“That is, I presume, assuming that you have had no prior military service?”

“That's right.”

“Well, first of all you would report to the Medical Field Service School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. There you would receive a brief course in basic military training and orientation on the Army Medical Service. Upon completion of this course, you would receive your first permanent assignment at an Army hospital within the States.”

“In other words, the new Army nurse, having already qualified as a nurse prior to entering the service, gets a taste of military life

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and the medical organization that she (or he) will be a part of while in the service."

"Yes, that is the purpose of the school at Fort Sam Houston."

"We've another question concerning schooling, ma'am, while we're on that subject."

"Okay, shoot."

"What sort of educational opportunities are available to Army nurses while on active duty, that is in furthering their nursing careers?"

"Numerous courses are offered to Army nurses. For example, each year courses are conducted in Anesthesiology, operating room technique, neuropsychiatric nursing, nursing administration and hospital administration. The Anesthesiology course qualifies the student for national board examination and possible membership in the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. The psychiatric nursing program is one of the outstanding courses of its kind in the United States."

"Well, it certainly sounds like our Army nurses are well trained."

"Indeed they are. Military nursing stands high in the annals of the profession. Through generations of progress in science and medicine, through wars and in peacetime, Army nurses have done an outstanding job in caring for the health of American troops."

"And, they go to remote corners of the globe in doing this job. . . ."

"Yes, wherever our troops are stationed—be it the Arctic, Tropics, Far East, Europe. . . ."

"And everywhere they have maintained the high standards of the medical profession."

"Thank you very much for such a gracious compliment."

* * * *

"We've been talking about qualifications and work for several minutes now, but what about off-duty hours? What recreational opportunities are open to Army nurses?"

"Well, as we have already noted, Army nurses are all officers and, as such, are members of the Officers' Club wherever they are stationed. Here they can enjoy dancing and dining, usually tennis, golf and swimming, and many times other sporting and social activities."

"In other words, Army nursing is an arduous task, but there are lighter moments. It's not all work and no play."

"Definitely not. Rest and relaxation are considered essential for morale and efficiency in the ANC just as they are in any other field."

"When we were discussing appointments in the ANC, one point on-rank was neglected."

"What was that?"

"Just how high can a nurse go up the military ladder? That is, can they become full colonels, lieutenant colonels, or what?"

"Your first guess was right, that is full colonel, but for all practical purposes most nurses can not go that high. You see, the Chief of the Army Nurse Corps warrants a full colonelcy. That means, at any one time, we can only have one full colonel."

"Just for the record, who is the Chief of the ANC at the present time?"

"She is Colonel Inez Haynes."

"Thank you, Col. Kiely, for letting us take up your time. Benning Herald readers, particularly those who have not been hospitalized while in the service, should now have a greater awareness of the contribution that Army nurses have made to the service."

"I think the picture story on the following pages will do a better job than I can by words in illustrating the life of an Army nurse."

The history of the Army Nurse Corps, like the history of an infantry division, is an interesting one—replete with heroic efforts, exciting stories . . . But more important to us at Fort Benning is the work being done by Army nurses here—and now. Proximity, you know, breeds appeal; so does timeliness.

Thus, with these two factors in mind, let's shift from a story in words to a story in pictures: from a story about a Corps to a story about individuals within that Corps doing their daily tasks. We'll add just enough words to add meaning to the scenes portrayed.



LT. SHIRLEY BYLSMA SIGNS OUT ON LEAVE FOR A WELL-DESERVED REST. THE LIFE OF AN ARMY NURSE IS HARD. BUT—AS WITH THE REST OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION—IT IS TRULY REWARDING . . .

THE ARMY NURSE CORPS HAS BEEN SERVING MILITARY PERSONNEL (AND MORE RECENTLY DEPENDENTS) AT THIS INSTALLATION SINCE 1923. WHAT THEY DO HAS BEEN PICTORIALLY RECORDED FOR YOU IN THIS ISSUE OF THE BENNING HERALD. TURN THE PAGE AND SEE . . .

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MAJOR GRACE MONROE, IN CHARGE OF WARD ADMINISTRATION, ORIENTS SP3 CECIL J. SCHUH ON HIS TASKS FOR THE DAY. MAJOR MONROE ATTENDS TWO STAFF CONFERENCES DAILY FOR DEPARTMENTAL HEADS OF THE NURSING STAFF. SHE, OR HER ASSISTANT, SP3 SCHUH, THEN PASSES IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DIRECTIVES ON DOWN TO THE INDIVIDUAL WARDS—EACH WARD HAVING A NURSE AS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.



ARMY NURSES



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MAJOR MARY AXMAN FIXES A PRESCRIPTION FOR A PATIENT IN ONE OF HER WARDS. EACH WARD IS EQUIPPED WITH MEDICAL SUPPLIES SUCH AS SHOWN HERE. IN ADDITION EACH WARD KEEPS A LOCKED SUPPLY OF NARCOTICS. DOCTORS AND REGISTERED NURSES ARE THE ONLY HOSPITAL PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO MIX PRESCRIPTIONS OR TO ADMINISTER NARCOTICS.



IN

SURGERY . . .

CAPT. HELEN FLOWERS SCRUBS HER HANDS THOROUGHLY PRIOR TO ASSISTING IN AN OPERATION. NURSES ASSIST IN ALL PHASES OF AN OPERATION—ADMINISTERING ANESTHETICS, KEEPING THE PATIENT COMFORTABLE, HANDING INSTRUMENTS TO THE SURGEON, KEEPING THE INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES STERILE . . . ACTIVITIES TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST IN DETAIL.

IN ACTION

WARDS . . .

CAPT. JOSEPHINE LoCICERO ADJUSTS TRACTION FOR SFC ORVIND RENFROW, OF ALEXANDRIA, LA. THE FRAMEWORK SHOWN HERE IS KNOWN AS THE BALKAN FRAME. IT OPERATES BY THE MANIPULATION OF WEIGHTS ON A PULLEY SYSTEM AND IS USED IN THE ORTHOPEDIC WARDS.



ADMINISTRATION

Sound administration is the key to success and efficiency in any organization and the Army Nurse Corps is no exception. In charge of the 69 nurses assigned to the Fort Benning Hospital is Lt. Col. Clara M. Kiely, Chief Nurse, who is very capably assisted by Major Augusta K. Peake, Assistant Chief Nurse.

The efficient management of the wards and other activities assigned to the nurses is insured by frequent staff conferences for the section chiefs. The first conference of the day is at 0800 hours, conducted by the night supervisor. A full report of the night's nursing activities is presented. This meeting is attended by Col. Kiely, Major Peake and the chiefs of all the nursing services.

The chief nurse, after this conference, can then brief the hospital commander, Colonel N. H. Wiley, on nursing activities. All directives and memorandums from hospital, post and higher headquarters come to Col. Kiely for dissemination to her assistants and

section chiefs. She then schedules another conference for her staff to disseminate and discuss this information.

Aside from scheduled conferences the nursing staff is called in for an informal meeting whenever the need arises.

Supervision is an important part of the administration, too, and Col. Kiely or Major Peake personally inspect every ward and nursing section daily.

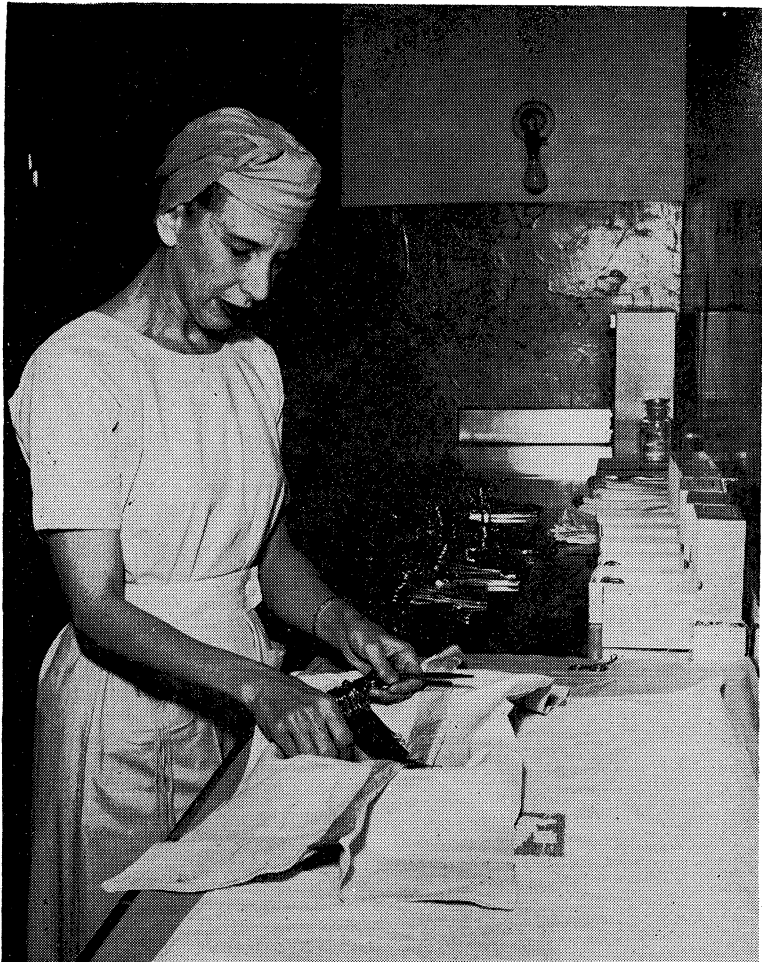
The hospital also employs civilian nurses, the administration and supervision of which comes under the direction of the Army nursing staff.

The nurses at the Fort Benning Hospital form a tightly-knit team. They work together in a friendly atmosphere. Much of the teamwork can be attributed to the good relations between the Chief Nurse and her assistant with the other nurses. Col. Kiely and Major Peake are always willing to discuss personal or duty problems with any of the nurses.

LT. COL. CLARA M. KIELY, CHIEF NURSE, (FAR RIGHT) CONDUCTS A STAFF CONFERENCE FOR NURSE SECTION CHIEFS. LEFT TO RIGHT, THEY ARE MAJ. IRENE FREY (SURGICAL), MAJ. GENIEVE BENSON (MEDICAL), MAJ. CATHERINE BAKER (OBSTETRICS), CAPT. MARY WILLIAMS (EVENING SUPERVISOR), CAPT. FRANCES BARTHOLME (NIGHT SUPERVISOR), MAJ. AUGUSTA K. PEAKE (ASSISTANT CHIEF NURSE) AND COL. KIELY.



SURGERY



“Calling Dr. so-and-so . . . surgery!” Hospital loudspeakers ring out these or similar words daily calling this or that surgeon. And for every doctor performing an operation there are usually several nurses working feverishly behind-the-scenes making that operation possible.

Sterilizing instruments, making sure that all the equipment and supplies necessary are available and ready for use, handing instruments and supplies to the doctor during the operation, administering anesthetics, taking blood pressure and giving blood transfusions when called for . . . a nurse’s work is never done and how true that holds for surgery.

An operation calls for detailed and expert preparations and absolute cleanliness. Working with the surgeon during the operation demands split-second timing. Doing the right thing at the right time is an absolute must!

Our Army nurses at Fort Benning perform their surgical tasks well. Four of them are qualified to administer anesthetics, to do this requiring the completion of a special course and passing a national board examination.

MAJ. EVELYN L. RUSSELL, OPERATING ROOM SUPERVISOR, PREPARES INSTRUMENTS FOR A SURGICAL CASE. THE PREPARATION AND STERILIZATION OF INSTRUMENTS IS AN IMPORTANT SURGICAL TASK PERFORMED BY NURSES.

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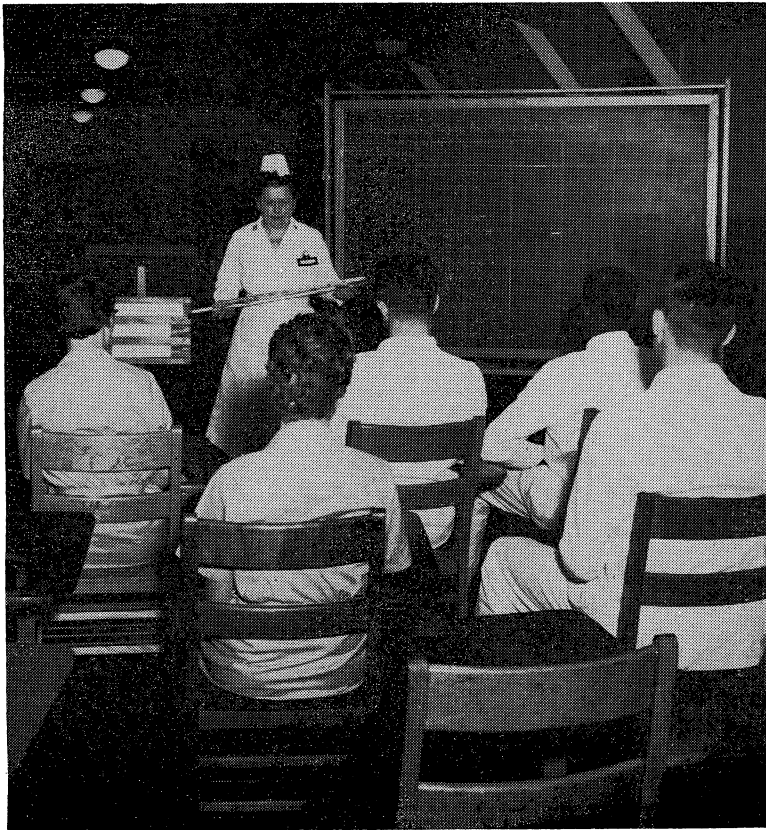
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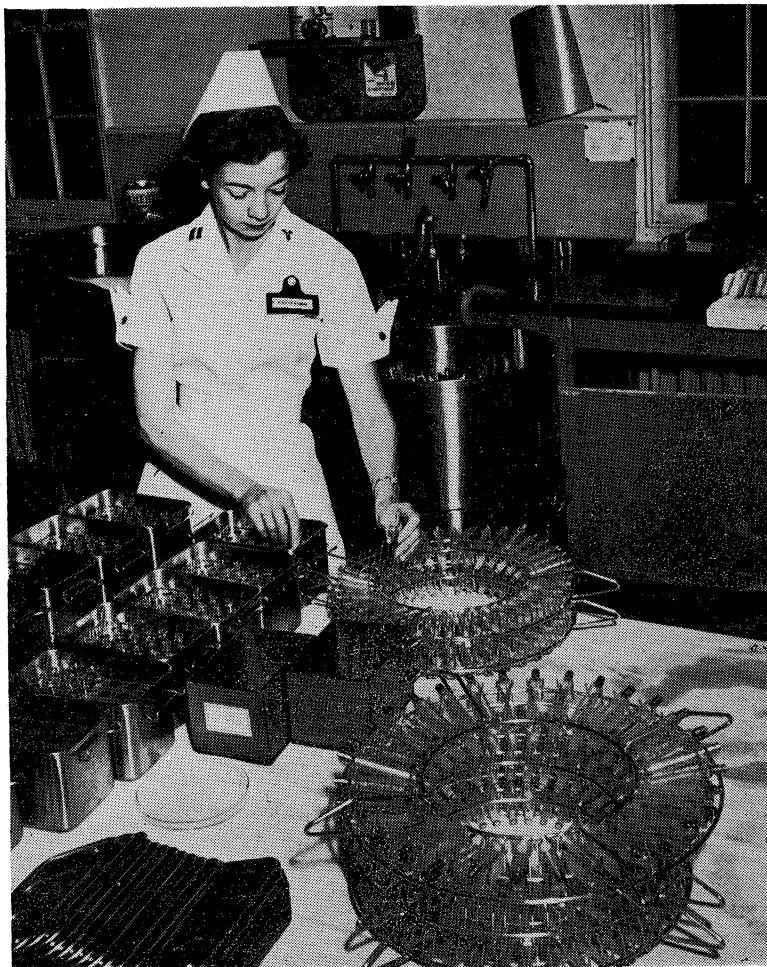


One of the lesser known tasks (yet a highly important one) at the Fort Benning Hospital is the training of enlisted personnel in the Medical Service Corps. This training is part of the requirement for graduation from the Medical Service School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

In charge of the Fort Benning phase, or applicatory phase, of this training is Capt. Zeph Pate. Enlisted personnel—both male and female—from the school at Fort Sam Houston come under her charge for the last eight weeks, the practical portion, of their course. Upon completion of the practical training here such students are awarded their diplomas and first assignments.

Capt. Pate assigns these students to various jobs in the hospital and is also in charge of their classroom instruction while here at Fort Benning. She maintains records of the work being done by the students here and determines whether they have adequate knowledge of and ability in medical service work.

CAPT. ZEPH PATE INSTRUCTS AN ENLISTED GROUP OF PROSPECTIVE MEDICAL TECHNICIANS. ENLISTED PERSONNEL—BOTH MALE AND FEMALE—ENTERING THE MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS MUST ATTEND THE MEDICAL SERVICE SCHOOL AT FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS. PRIOR TO BEING GRADUATED FROM THAT SCHOOL, SUCH PERSONNEL MUST RECEIVE EIGHT WEEKS OF PRACTICAL TRAINING AT THE FORT BENNING HOSPITAL. CAPT. PATE IS IN CHARGE OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND INSTRUCTION OF THIS GROUP.



CLINICAL SUPPLY

Clinical supply is the S-4 of the hospital so far as supplies needed for treating patients is concerned. Directed by Capt. Ruth Patterson, this section rolls bandages, makes dressings, sterilizes and distributes equipment and, in general, keeps all the wards and surgery in business.

Patients also lend a helping hand in this section. That is, those who have recuperated sufficiently to do light work are recruited for duty. They make bandages, dressings and help sterilize equipment.

Minor repair work is also accomplished on such items as syringes. Needles that have been bent from use are either repaired or replaced. All syringes, of course, are sterilized before being distributed to the wards.

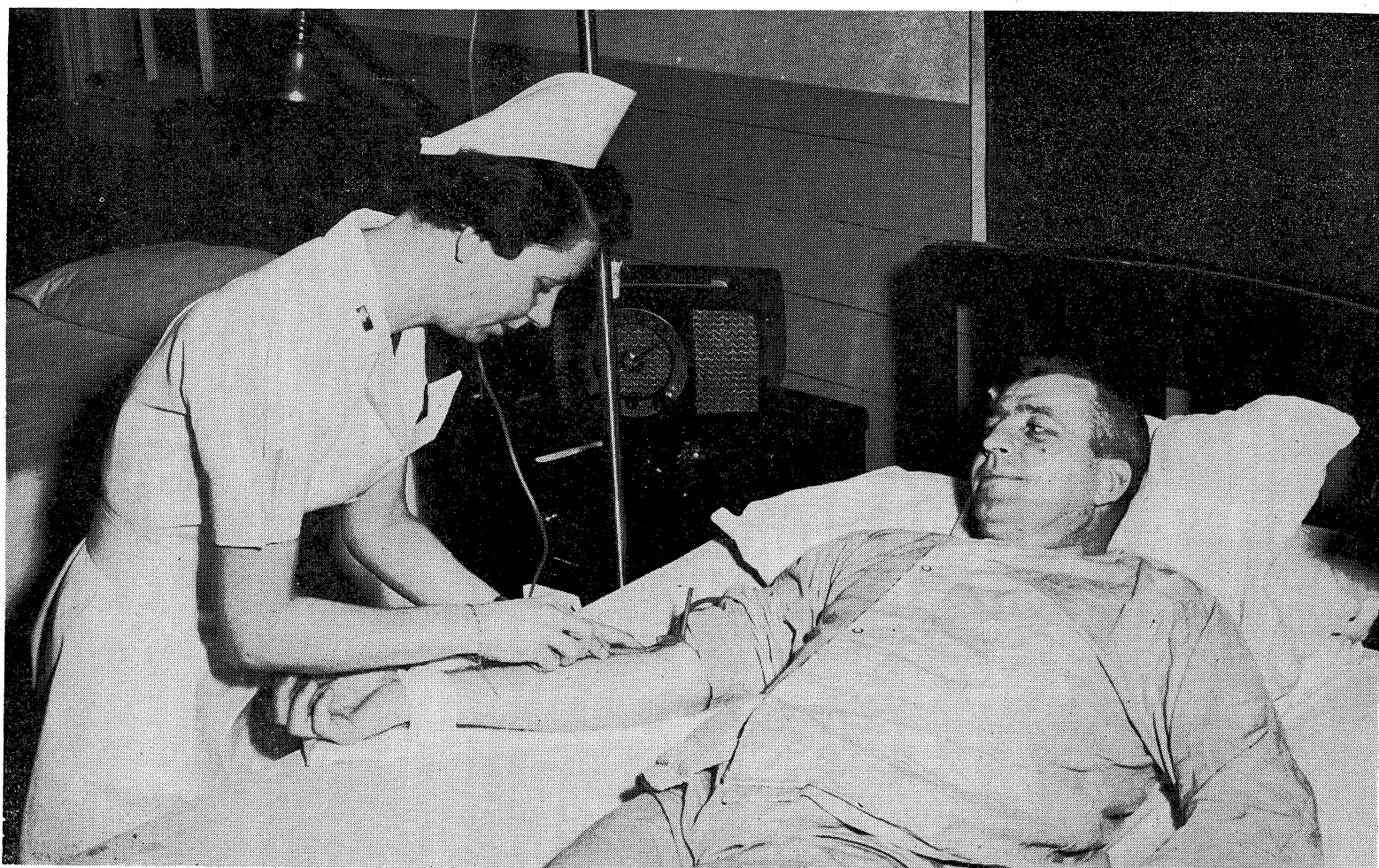
CAPT. RUTH PATTERSON PUTS SYRINGES IN A CLEAVER FOR STERILIZATION IN THE CLINICAL SUPPLY SECTION. SYRINGES ARE CHECKED TO SEE THAT THEY MEET RIGID STANDARDS (NOT BENT, BROKEN OR OTHERWISE UNUSEABLE) AND THEN PLACED IN THIS TRAY (OR CLEAVER) TO BE STERILIZED. AFTERWARDS THEY ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE VARIOUS WARDS.

IN THE WARDS



CAPT. FLORA PITTMAN TAKES THE BLOOD PRESSURE OF SP3 SAMUEL F. LAIL, OF LONGDALE, NORTH CAROLINA, A "PRIZE" PATIENT AT THE HOSPITAL. SP3 LAIL ENTERED THE HOSPITAL DURING AUGUST 1955. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS HAD TWO MAJOR OPERATIONS AND SPENT SEVERAL MONTHS ON THE "CRITICAL" LIST. DURING THIS PERIOD HE HAS RECEIVED 124 BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS AND NUMEROUS PINTS OF BLOOD PLASMA. FOR AWHILE IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY FOR HIM TO BE FED INTRAVENOUSLY. LITTLE WONDER THAT SP3 LAIL IS A PRIZE PATIENT. SUCH CASES—WITH THE TIME AND CARE THEY INVOLVE—LEAVE LITTLE DOUBT CONCERNING THE TERRIFIC WORKLOAD OF OUR ARMY NURSES. AND YET THEY CARRY OUT THEIR CHORES CHEERFULLY—PROUD TO BE OF SERVICE.

LT. HELEN SAROKA WATCHES AS CAPT. CHARLES E. WILKINSON, OF WEST FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS, GETS FED INTRAVENOUSLY. INTRAVENOUS FEEDING IS USED WHEN A PATIENT HAS SUFFERED A SEVERE LOSS OF BODY FLUIDS OR FOR SOME OTHER REASON CANNOT BE FED IN A NORMAL MANNER. GLUCOSE IS USUALLY USED IN THIS FEEDING. AT TIMES MEDICINE IS MIXED WITH THE GLUCOSE IN FEEDING.



MORE WARDS



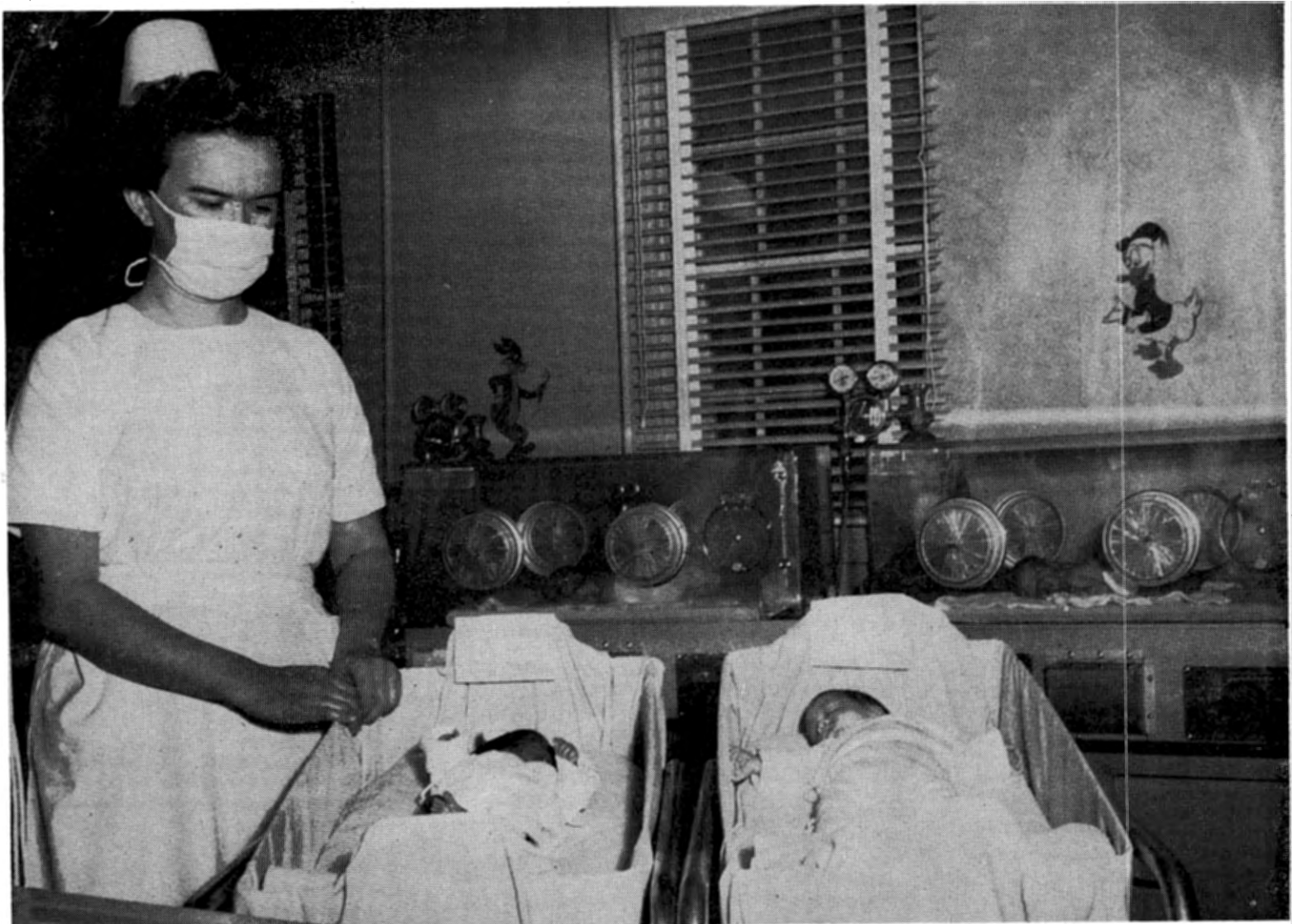
MAJOR RYTA CURLEY, HEAD NURSE OF THE RECOVERY WARD, CARES FOR SP2 DONALD WEBB, OF CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, WHO IS RESTING IN A STRYKER FRAME. THIS PATIENT HAS A DISLOCATED CERVICAL SPINE. THE PRONGS HOLDING THE HEAD IN PLACE SERVE AS TRACTION FOR THE NECK. SP2 WEBB MUST SPEND SIX WEEKS IN THIS FRAME. BEING TURNED OVER EVERY TWO HOURS. AT THE END OF THIS PERIOD HE WILL BE PLACED IN A CAST. IN THE HOSPITAL THIS STRYKER FRAME IS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS THE "HUMAN SANDWICH."

Major Grace Monroe has the difficult task of directing the activities of the 36 wards in the Fort Benning Hospital. To help her is SP-3 Cecil J. Schuh. Between them, the chiefs of the various wards are kept informed of current directives and other information from higher headquarters.

Major Monroe attends at least two staff conferences daily for departmental heads of the nursing staff. Pertinent information from these conferences is disseminated to the nurses in charge of the individual wards.

To give you an example of the various kinds of work involved in the wards, here are some of the types of wards in the hospital: orthopedic, general surgery, septic surgery, cardiology, general medical, pediatrics, gastroenterology, medical contagion, physical re-

LT. BETTY DAVIS KEEPS A WATCHFUL EYE ON TWO LITTLE "NEWCOMERS" IN THE MATERNITY WARD. IN THE BACKGROUND ARE SEVERAL BABIES IN INCUBATORS. MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS SEE TO IT THAT THERE'S NEVER A DULL MOMENT IN THE MATERNITY WARD. DELIVERING BABIES HAS BECOME BIG BUSINESS IN THE POST HOSPITAL.



INCLUDING MATERNITY

LT. RETHA HENSCHEN ASSISTS HOUSTON E. GARY (UNITED STATES NAVY), OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA, INTO A WHEEL CHAIR. THE PATIENT IS ENROUTE TO THE X-RAY LABORATORY FOR SOME MORE PICTURES OF HIS BROKEN LEG. THE FORT BENNING HOSPITAL SERVES PERSONNEL IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES.

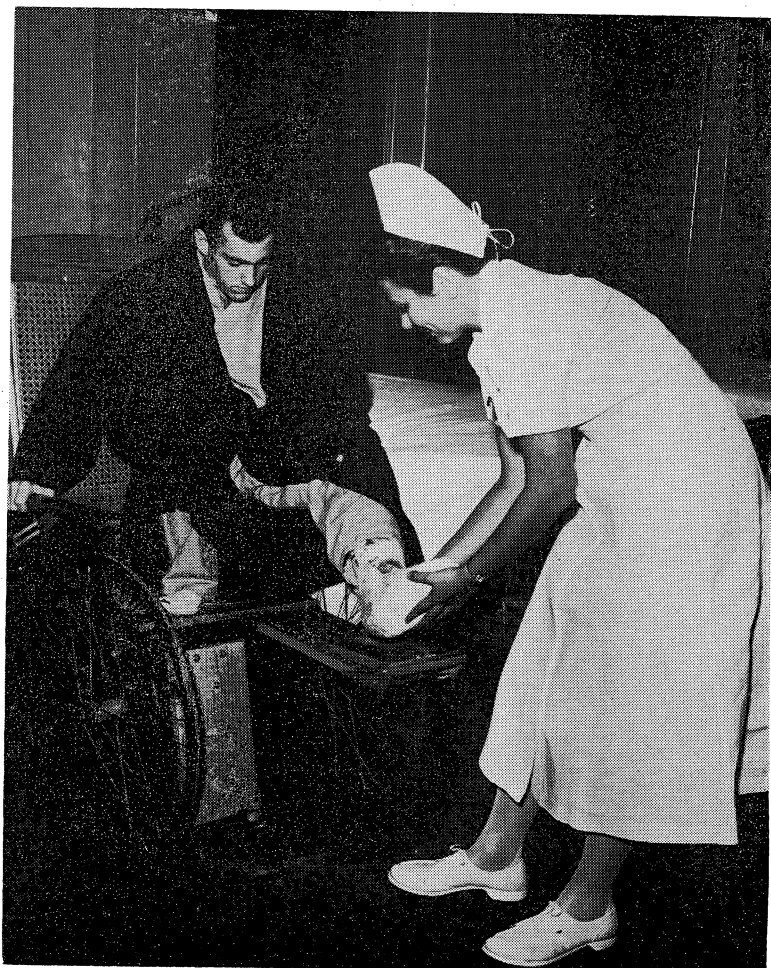
conditioning and several others. There are still more specialized ward breakdowns—either by types of cases, sex or rank.

Patients share in the tasks in the individual wards after they have recuperated sufficiently to do some work. They help deliver meals to the individual beds and even do light KP and mopping duties in the ward kitchens. Food is delivered from the main hospital kitchen to the ward kitchens for distribution.

Dependent patients also take up their share of space in the various wards, particularly in the delivery ward. The hospital does a booming business in delivering babies, the rate of delivery growing by leaps and bounds the past few years.

One ward is even set aside for hospitalized prisoners. And an area is blocked off for mental patients.

Much of the work performed by nurses in the wards is routine and monotonous. On the other hand each case is a new challenge and the pleasure derived from seeing how one's service helps in the rapid recuperation of patients more than compensates for the monotony of the routine tasks.



CAPT. EUGENIA FRENCH TAKES THE TEMPERATURE OF A/3C LEONARD PISCETELLI, OF HIGHSTOWN, NEW JERSEY. THE TPR (TEMPERATURE) PROCESS IS REPEATED EVERY TWO HOURS FOR PATIENTS IN THIS ORTHOPEDIC WARD. AIRMAN PISCETELLI IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SERVICE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL OTHER THAN ARMY AT THE FORT BENNING HOSPITAL.



IN THE RESERVES

Each summer many Army Reserve nurses come to Fort Benning for two weeks of active duty training. Some come with their units and serve in the field. Others report individually and are usually assigned various tasks in the hospital.

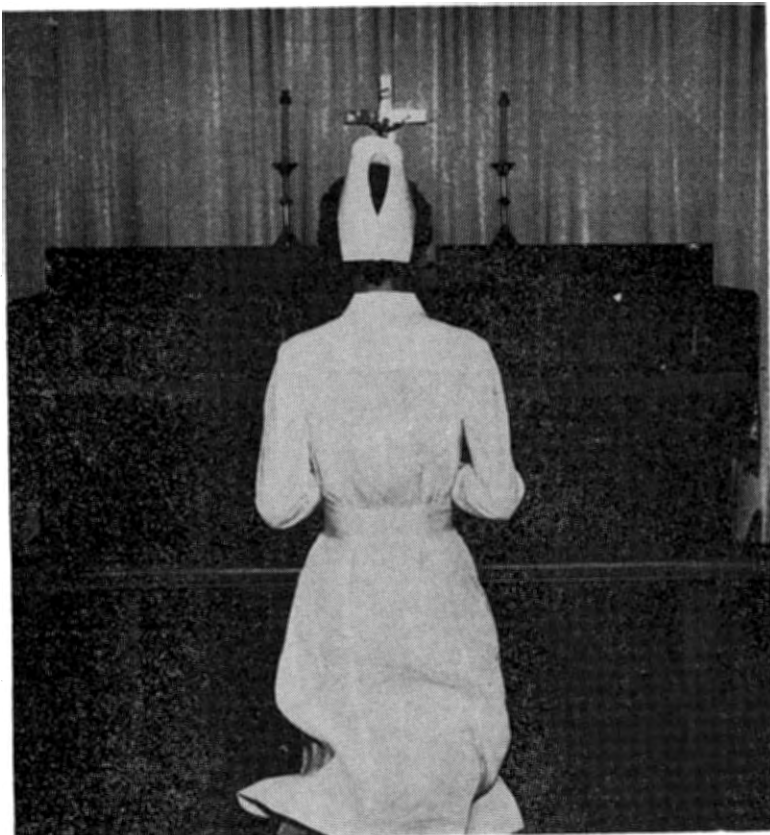
Units such as the 330th Hospital Center from Memphis, Tennessee, spend their two weeks active duty living under field conditions. Field evacuation hospitals are set up and treating patients in the field is stressed.

Reserve nurses assigned to hospital jobs come under the jurisdiction of the nursing staff. They receive on-the-job practical training and are brought up-to-date on the latest techniques and procedures in Army nursing.

CAPT. NORVAILE NEWELL, OF MONCK'S CORNER, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND MAJOR DOROTHY JACKSON, OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AIDED BY TWO ENLISTED MEDICS, APPLY A CAST TO A CASUALTY DURING A PHASE OF FIELD EVACUATION TRAINING. THE "PATIENT" IS PVT. WILLIAM MORAN, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO. THE TWO OFFICERS ARE ARMY RESERVE NURSES WHO UNDERWENT TWO WEEKS OF ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING HERE LAST SUMMER. (PHOTO BY SP3 C. W. SKINNER, JR., SIG. SEC.)



LT. HELEN MILIAN MEDITATES AT THE CLOSE OF THE DAY AT THE HOSPITAL CHAPEL. DEVOTIONS ARE NOT NEGLECTED BY ARMY NURSES DESPITE THE HARD WORK AND LONG HOURS PUT IN ON AN AVERAGE DAY'S TOUR OF DUTY.



IN MEDITATION

The spiritual side of life is not slighted in the Fort Benning Hospital. Especially is this so of Army nurses. Nurses frequently visit the hospital chapel for meditation or morning or evening devotions. And they encourage the patients to take an active part in their own faith.

The duties of a nurse are many and varied. Several of them have been pictorially displayed for you on the preceding pages. Others have been mentioned in passing. Many are not mentioned in these pages.

The high ideals and earnest efforts of today's Army nurses are an outgrowth of 55 years of devoted service—to the Corps, to the nation and to God. A nurse must have a pleasing personality. She has to be sincere and understanding. She must be of good health and have a strong sense of responsibility.

In all theatres of operation, in all lands where American troops have served, in all kinds of weather and adverse conditions . . . the Army Nurse Corps has served its nation well. The United States Army can well be proud of 55 years of devoted service performed by Army nurses, and looks forward to many, many more.

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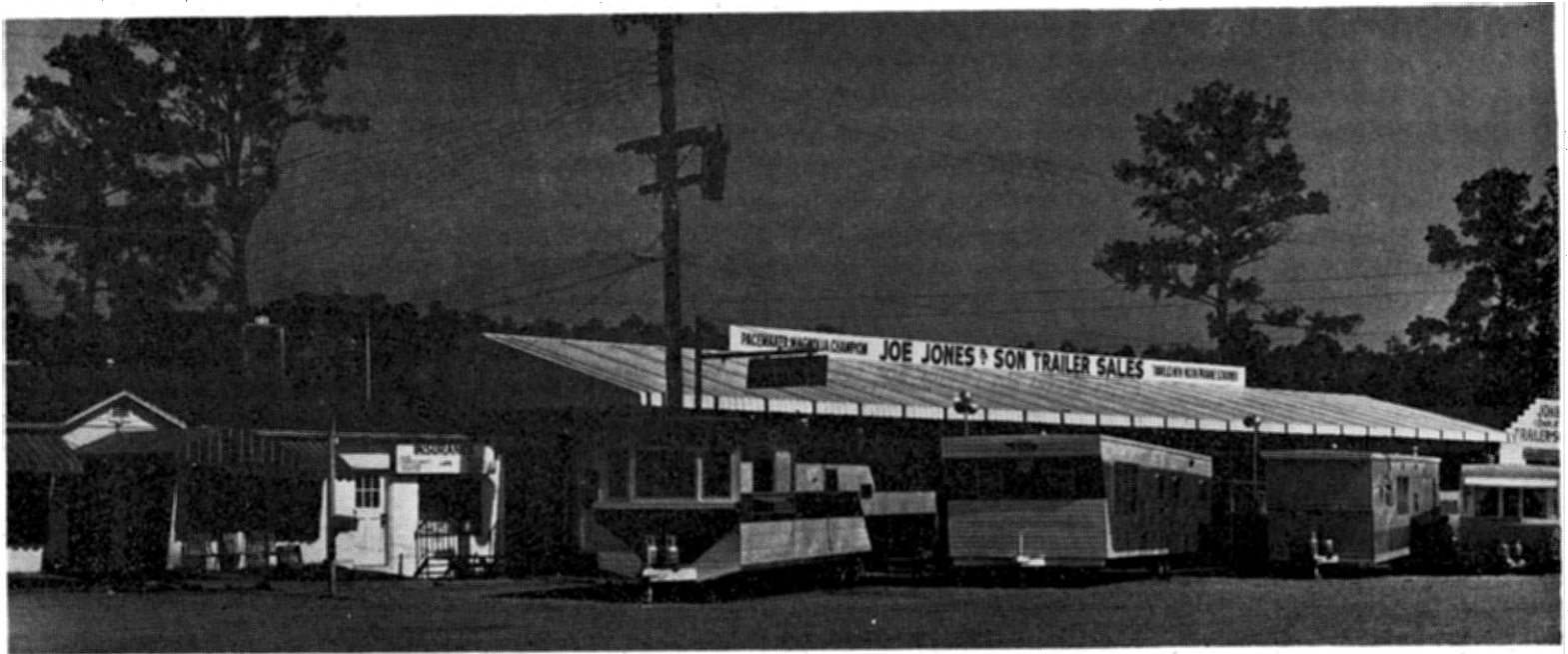
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A Salute to the Nation's Mighty Armed Services

With flags waving proudly, we salute the Armed Forces of the United States in this issue.

Throughout the world the American services are responsible for maintaining peace and preventing aggression. They stand prepared to meet and repel those who would attack our country.

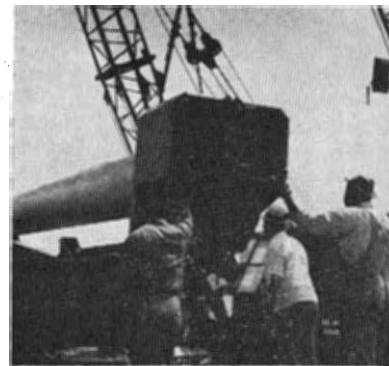
This month all through the nation the Armed Services demonstrated their might to the "home folks." Parades, displays, and open houses were held for the purpose of showing Americans how well the Armed Forces are equipped to carry out their mission of keeping the nation safe, and free from aggression.

In Columbus, as all over the world, our mighty "Power for Peace" was displayed. Bands played, spit and polish soldiers marched, and mighty equipment rolled down the streets. It was a good show.

In This Month's Issue

Atomic Needle

Not a sewing bee, but a job of atomic needle threading. It transpired when they unloaded and assembled a 280-mm atomic cannon at Fort Benning. Full report on Page 4.



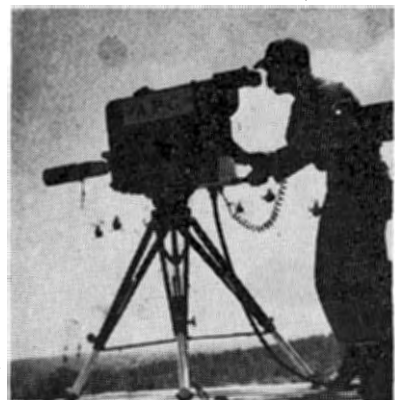
Safety Today

Four guys pitched a "drunk"—all in the interest of science. Result? Drinking drivers shouldn't, that's all. Read it on Page 8.



Army on TV

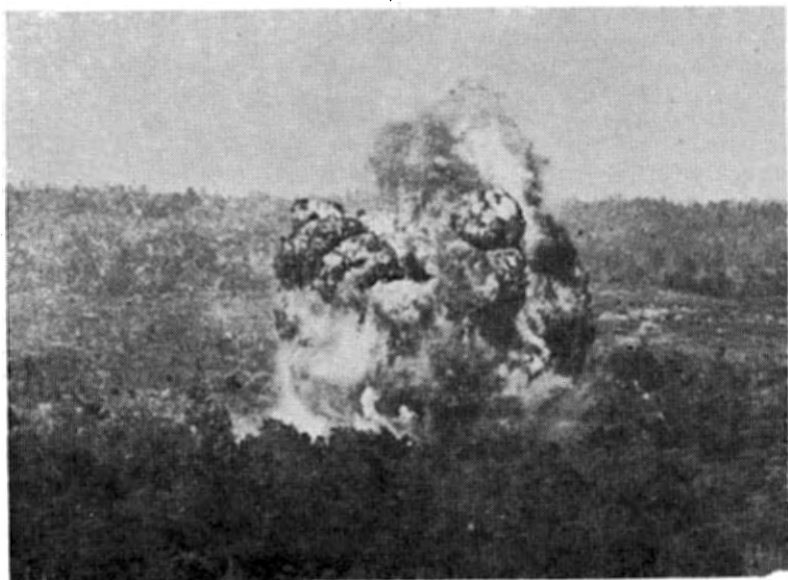
Dave Garroway's "Wide Wide World" spotlighted Fort Benning's Infantry Center in May. On Page 18, go behind the scenes with Army television cameramen as they focus on tanks and helicopters.



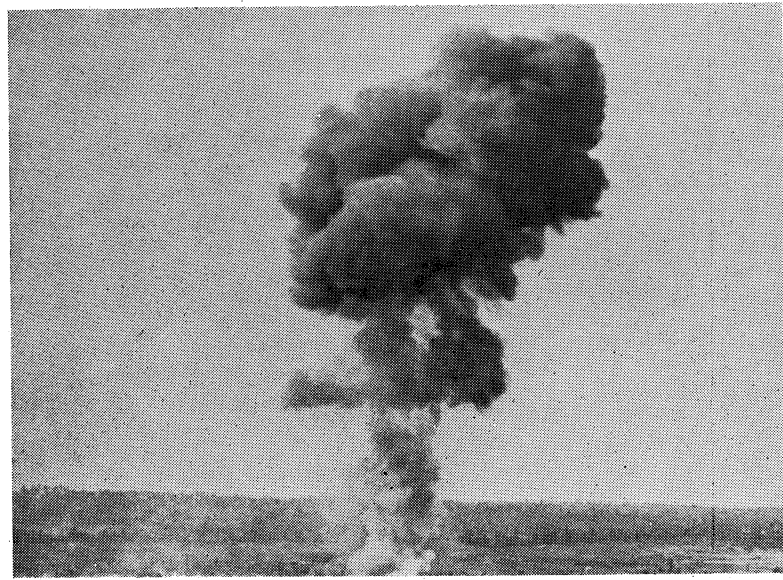
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New Mock Atom Bomb Adds Realism To Infantry School Demonstrations



THE FIREBALL . . . Fifteen seconds after detonation: the fireball begins to break form.



SMOKE PILLAR . . . Thirty seconds after detonation: the smoke pillar rises from the fireball.

A cheaper and more effective simulated atomic device has been perfected by demolition experts of the Tactical Department's Engineer Committee at The Infantry School.

The mock atomic bomb, used for training purposes in conjunction with the Associate Arms Group's supporting fires demonstration, produces a fireball 200 feet in diameter with a 300-foot pil-

lar of smoke. The mushroom-shaped cloud retains its form for more than three minutes.

Advantages of the new device are its increased loudness, flexibility and economy. It can be detonated from a distance of one to three miles. The model formerly used must be fired from 100 feet.

Observed For 55 Miles

It has been observed at a

distance of 55 miles by civilian airline pilots.

A striking cut in production cost has been achieved with the simulated bomb. Its present cost is \$228.27, which will increase to about \$250 with the addition of sulphur trioxide solution, FS, to lighten the color of the cloud.

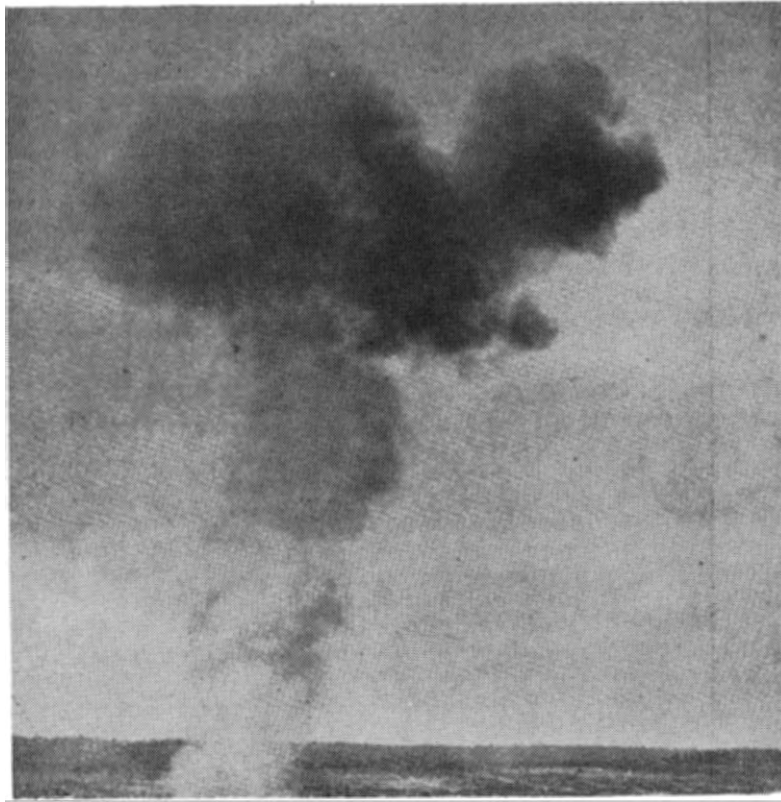
The new mock bomb consists of six 50-gallon drums of napalm, each with an eight-pound charge of TNT,

in a circular pattern surrounding a seventh 50-gallon drum of napalm. The explosive charge for the central drum is 15 pounds of TNT and 40 pounds of ammonium nitrate, the heavier central explosion giving the desired mushroom cloud.

An additional 150 pounds of explosives are set off to the rear of the target area to heighten the sound effects.



THE MUSHROOM . . . One minute after detonation: the smoke pillar develops into the familiar mushroom-shaped cloud.



THE VANISHING CLOUD . . . Two minutes after detonation: the cloud begins to vanish.



DISTINGUISHED FIRER . . . Howard R. Sluyter, vice-President, Investments Management Corp., Dallas, Tex., is shown firing a .30 caliber heavy machine gun here May 10, during the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference.

Post Plays Host to JCOCs

The post played host during May to approximately 70 business and professional leaders from throughout the nation who attended the Army's phase of the 22nd semi-annual Joint Civilian Orientation Conference May 9-12.

While at Benning the conferees saw demonstrations of the Army's new weapons and tactics, all proving the combat readiness of the U. S. Infantrymen. They also were briefed by Major General Joseph H. Harper on the role of the Army in modern nuclear warfare.

The three day program was highlighted by a supporting fires demonstration, Problem 2660, which illustrated the powerful punch of the Army's new weapons, including the 280 mm atomic cannon, and the "Honest John" rocket.



BUDDY-SEAT RIDE . . . Meade F. Moore, left, vice-president for engineering and research, American Motors, Corp., Detroit, Mich., and Capt. Lany Keefe of the U. S. Air Force take a ride on a buddy seat during the 22nd semi-annual Joint Civilian Orientation Conference here May 9-12.

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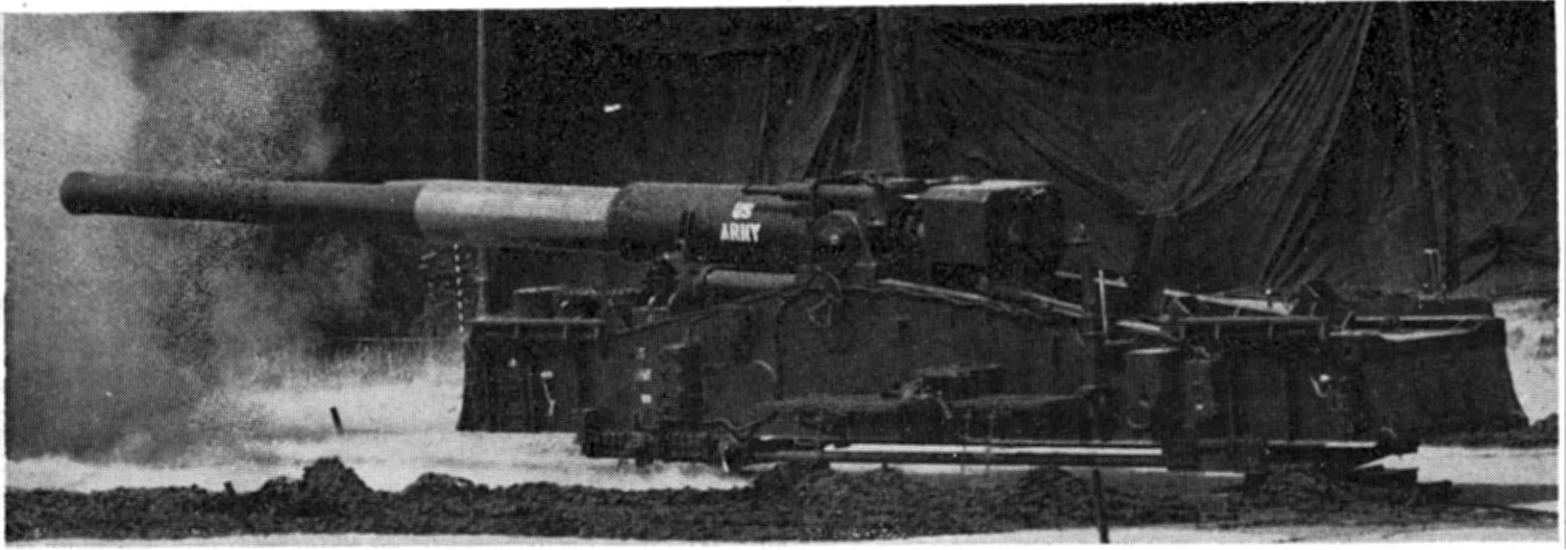
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... The 280 mm Atomic cannon immediately after firing

280mm Atomic Gun Seen in Action At TIS's Supporting Fires Problem

It wasn't an old fashioned sewing bee and most of the participants probably never stitched a seam, but Post engineers accomplished an amazing project of atomic needle threading recently.

However, instead of needles and thread, they used huge mobile cranes and railroad cars to unload and assemble one of the Army's gigantic 280-mm atomic cannons that was shipped here May 2 from Fort Bragg, N. C.

Approximately 20 men worked steadily for one and a half days to get the 84-ton weapon assembled and ready to drive off of four flat cars which carried it over its 600-mile journey.

With no specialized equipment but plenty of ingenuity, they performed their mission of preparing cannon to fire during Joint Civilian Orientation Conference No. 22 held here May 9-12 and the televising of the "Wide Wide World" show May 13.

Broken in Five Parts

As the train rolled into the Post Engineer Yards, the 280-mm was broken into five parts including its two tractors, carriage, firing tube and generator.

Immediately working crews began wielding hammers, chisels, cranes, motors and all kinds of improvised equipment to put the weapon together.

"Fort Benning is not equipped with inside cranes capable of handling the cannon and we had to devise our own system of assembling it," explained James H. Moore of Fayetteville, Tenn., Ordnance Corps technician who was in charge of the project.

Almost Impossible Job

He added that this was an almost impossible job because engineers had to use two regular lifting cranes to pick up the cannon's 16-ton firing tube from one flat car and fit it into its carriage with only twenty thousands of an inch clearance at the top and bottom.

"... In other words, we had to do a complicated job of atomic needle threading," he said, "because it takes extreme coordination to see that the huge tube is perfectly balanced in the air before inserting it into the carriage.

The tube was coated with special grease, suspended in position by cranes and held in place while an adjoining flat car slowly backed the carriage over the long firing barrel.

Marked Sixth Time

Moore explained that the atomic cannon's arrival May 2 marked the sixth time it has been loaned to Fort Benning for special firing demonstrations.

More than 1,000 spectators saw the cannon put through its paces May 11 during a supporting fires problem geared toward showing how artillery weapons are employed in combat.

Equipment from throughout the U. S. came into Fort Benning to participate in the spectacular firing demonstration of everything from skysweepers to rockets and missiles.

The Nike missile, for example, came by train from Fort Bliss, Tex., and two Honest John rockets were flown unassembled with crews in 10 C-124 airplanes from Fort Sill, Okla.

When spectators took their places in the stands to watch problem No. 2660, they had a ringside view of The Infantry moving forward into national defense supported by the 20th Century's latest artillery pieces and equipment.



A CLOSE FIT . . . Atomic needle threading by two mobile cranes completed an almost impossible job of inserting the firing tube into the carriage of the 280 mm cannon from two separate railroad cars. Due to lack of special equipment, Infantry Center personnel had to improvise this system of putting the gun together.

An Editorial

The Reserves

Ed. Note: The following editorial appeared in the Baltimore, (Md.) Sun on May 11, and deals with the Army Reserves.

Next week is being celebrated throughout the nation as Armed Services Week. It is an appropriate time to review the state of our military reserves particularly The Army Reserves actively engaged in training.

This active Army Reserve is composed of two groups of civilians who devote a few hours each week to military training in local armories and two weeks training a year in camp. The two groups are the National Guard and the so-called Ready Reserve units. The Reserve backs up our Regular Army. In theory it enables us to do with a relatively small Regular Army in days of peace at less expense of money and time.

If it is to perform its function the Reserve must be large and well trained. That has not been the case. Last year Congress passed a Reserve Act for the purpose of strengthening the Reserve. Among other things it set a goal of 1,692,000 men.

How far have we gone in achieving that goal? On March 31, 1955 there were 350,575 individuals in the National Guard and 143,417 in Active Training in the Ready Reserve. On March 31, 1956, the National Guard numbered 403,634 and the Ready Reserve 188,743 for a total of 592,377. In short, we have gone one-third of the way toward the manpower goal.

One novel feature introduced by the Reserve Act of 1955 was an offer to young men between the ages of 17 and 18½ enabling them to meet their military obligation by taking six months training in an Army camp, then returning home to serve 7½ years either in the National Guard or in the Ready Reserve. This offer removed all the uncertainty of the draft and provided for a minimum full-time service away from home. It seemed a good proposition. Yet the army was skeptical.

The objective set by the Army was 90,000 men by June 30, 1956. It will not be reached. Thus far the national total of those signed up is only 20,000 and all of these are not yet in training. The plan got off to a bad start and was little publicized.

Yet the Army has now shifted from skepticism to optimism. The reason is that, now that the offer is getting to be known, volunteers are signing up at better than 1,000 a week throughout the nation.

At that rate the Army would get 52,000 in a year.

The Maryland Military District is keeping pace with the rest of the country. During the past three or four months young men have been signing up on an average of 90 a month. The district's goal is 104 a month.

Encouraged by what is happening, the Army is coming to believe that maybe the time is not far distant when more young men will apply for this type of military training than can be taken.

Parents who have sons approaching military service age would do well to look into the offer before it is too late.

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Columbus Offers Soldiers Varied Cultural Activities

BY TOM SELLERS

One soldier has discovered a new world in Columbus—a world of music, poetry, books and art.

SP-3 Robert J. Shea, of New York City, is typical of many young men in the military service who desire to pursue cultural hobbies in their free time.

"I like to read, listen to classical music and do some drawing and writing on my own," Shea said, a member of Hqs. Det. CTC.

On a recent weekend he was pleasantly surprised to learn that Columbus offers such things to post personnel.

He found by inquiry that a thriving little center of culture is cropping up on Wynn's Hill where the W. C. Bradley Memorial Library and Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts are situated. He decided to pay them a visit.

The library on Bradley Drive was Shea's first stop. He reached it by bus in a few minutes from downtown Broadway, finding it to be one of the most beautiful buildings in the city.

Shea spent a happy afternoon browsing among the books, magazines and record collection. In a conversation with John Banister, director of library service for the Muscogee School District, he was briefed on the library.

"We have about 145,000 books in our system," said the director, "mostly in the Bradley, Fourth Avenue and Baker Village Branches. This year we expect a total circulation of about one million. Fiction is a little over half of our circulation, but interest in non-fiction seems to be on the increase, probably because of the influence of television."

From time to time, the Informative Group under the direction of Leo Kohn presents special cultural programs at the main library.

Just up the hill from the library is the Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts, a more recent addition to the cultural life of Columbus. Mrs. Margaret S. Bloomer, assistant director, greeted SP-3 Shea on his recent tour and explained what he would find there.

This fine building, she said, was formerly the home of the late W. C. Bradley, prominent industrialist. It was given by his heirs to the Muscogee School District for educational purposes. Remodeled with funds contributed by the late Mr. Edward Comer of Savannah, Ga., it was formally opened to the public March 29, 1953.

"Our galleries are open daily except Mondays, and there is no admission charge," Mrs. Bloomer said. "The visiting hours Tuesdays through Saturdays are from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. and on Sunday from 3 to 6 p. m."

Loan exhibitions are held frequently at the museum covering all phases of art from the early masters up to and including the sometimes suspect abstracts of today, Mrs. Bloomer said.

Post officers and enlisted men have been generous in donating or loaning art treasures to the museum. A particularly fine collection of Japanese porcelain, silver and cloisonné obtained by Army personnel in the Far East is on exhibit.

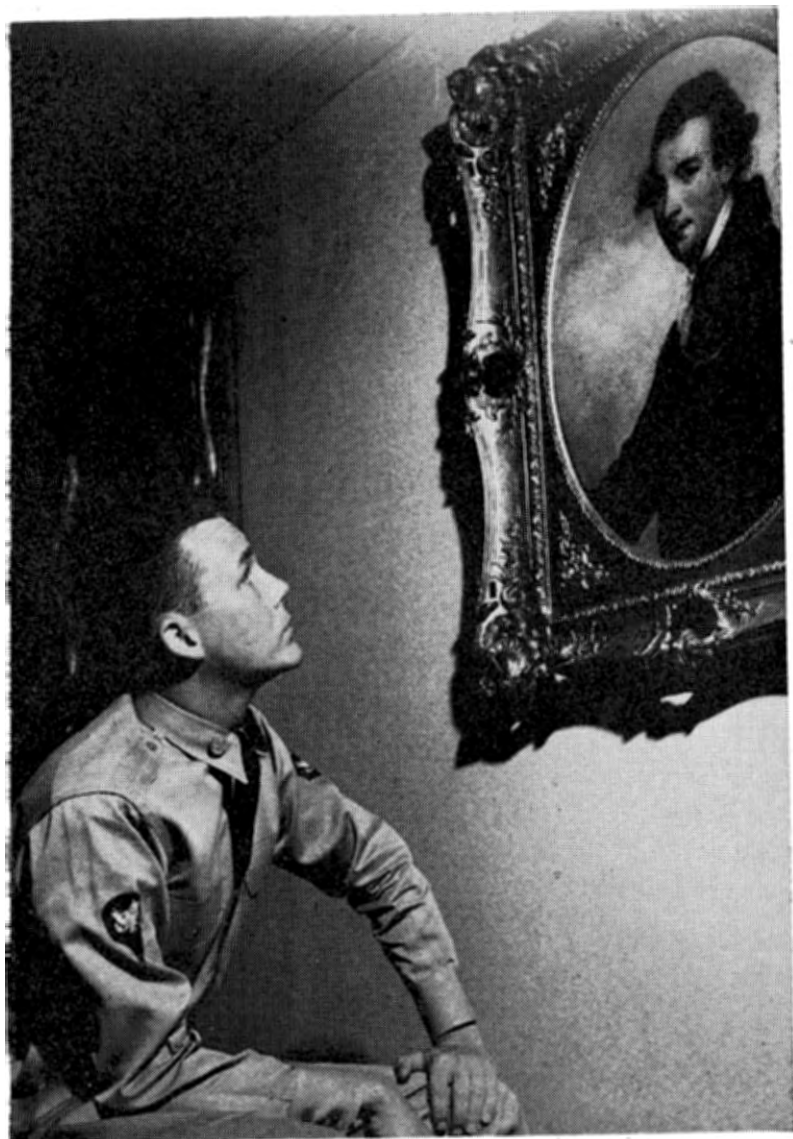
Classes in ceramics and sculpture, art history and art appreciation are conducted at the museum, often with Fort Benning instructors. They are open to all post personnel.

Downstairs in the big museum building, SP-3 Shea strolled through the Gallery of Indian Arts and Crafts where a comprehensive exhibit of aboriginal artifacts, weapons and shelter has been gathered.

Technician of the Indian museum is Eugene Cline who has skillfully reproduced the products of an age long past. Here the story of Georgia and Alabama Indians from earliest times is told.

Still another aspect of the Columbus Museum are the offerings of a Museum Film Group, which attempts to show the better movies not presently available to the public in this area. On May 21 the group will present "Henry VIII" at the S. Elmo auditorium at 8:30 p. m.

By now, SP-3 Shea had discovered how a large portion of the city's cultural life revolves around the library and museum on Wynn's Hill.



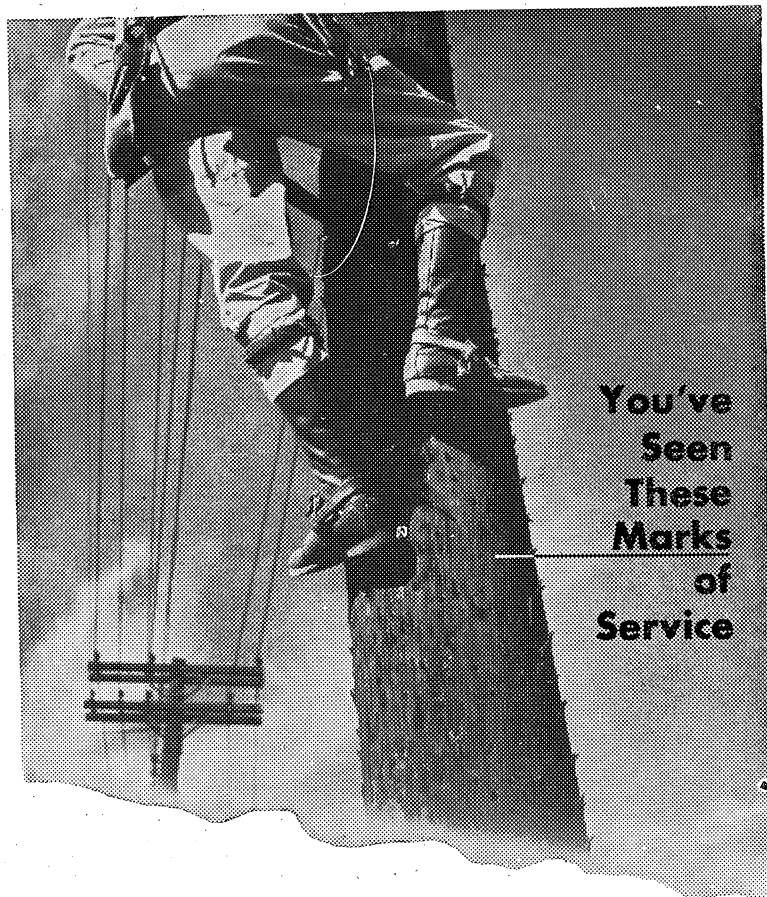
ART LOVER . . . SP3 Robert J. Shea, 23, of Hq. Det., CTC, raptly studies an art treasure at the Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts, Columbus, Ga., in off-duty hours.



OFF-DUTY TIME . . . SP3 Shea is relaxing from his military duties by dreamily listening to an opera, Verdi's "Don Carlo" at the Bradley Memorial Library, in Columbus.

But a number of other groups are active, he found, in such fields as music and drama. The Columbus Symphony Orchestra under direction of Robert Barr of Jordan High School and the Columbus Little Theater welcome participation of Fort Benning servicemen and their families.

All these things add up to a new world for SP-3 Shea, or any other soldier who likes the finer things of life.



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3 Soldiers Get 'Drunk' In Interest Of Science

Four Infantry Center military policemen departed sharply from law enforcement routine recently when they volunteered to drink martinis, bourbon and beer in a drunk-drivers reaction demonstration.

The MP's participated in a controlled drinking test, an educational activity of the intensive safety campaign being conducted here through July 8.

Sgt. Charles Porter of Bellaire, Ohio, drank plain coke for the test. Four martinis, single bourbons and beers, respectively, were drunk by Pfc Jerry Porter of New Carlisle, Ohio, SP-3 Lee Turnbull of Billerica, Mass., and Pfc John Adamick of New York City.

SP-3 O. W. Blair of Orange Park, Fla., tested the volunteers with a reaction indicator at the beginning of the experiment and two hours after they downed the drinks.

Slowed Up 66 Per Cent

The martini and bourbon drinkers were slowed up 66 per cent in stomping on the machine's simulated brake at a given signal. The beer drinker was 30 per cent slower. All three scored more than the 40-point maximum allowed for braking, showing that none should operate a vehicle in their present condition.

Sgt. Porter, who'd stuck to plain coke, was equally alert in both tests.

The volunteers next took an alcometer test, which indicates the percentage of alcohol in the blood by chemically treating a sample of the subject's breath. Under Georgia law, persons with .05 per cent alcohol in the blood are considered "under the influence" and must not operate a vehicle. Those with a .15 per cent reading are considered drunk.

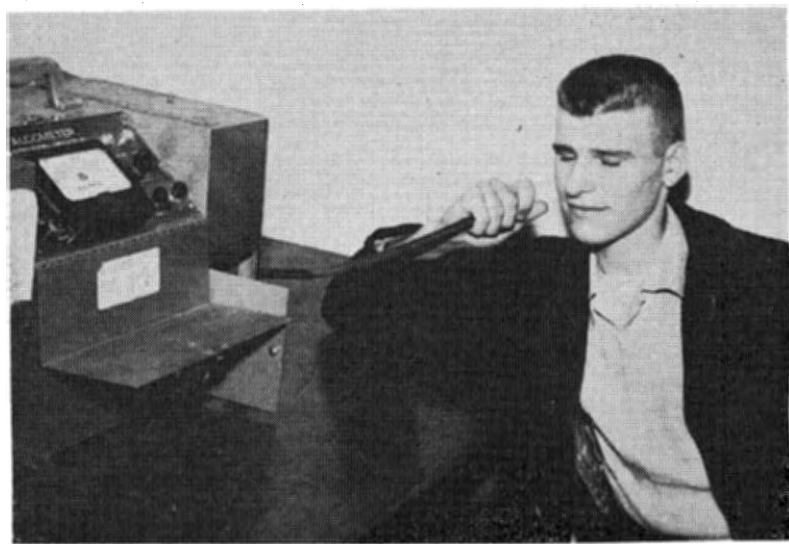
Martini Man "Drunk"

The martini drinker tested "drunk," with a .16 per cent reading. The bourbon and beer drinkers tested .11 per cent and .07 per cent, respectively.

The Provost Marshal's Section took no chances that the volunteers might be picked up for drunk driving or driving under the influence en route home. Each was assigned a chauffeur.



CONTROLLED DRINKING . . . Top, Sgt. Charles Porter, Pfc John Adamick, Pfc Jerry Porter, and SP3 Lee Turnbull drink samples of coke, beer, gin and bourbon before tests to determine slowing of reaction time and percentage of alcohol in the blood. Middle, SP3 Turnbull breathes into an alcometer to determine the percentage of alcohol in his blood after drinking four single bourbons. Bottom, SP3 Blair, left, tests Pfc Porter's reaction time in stepping on a brake after drinking four martinis.



Queen of Battle

Ed. Note: The following poem was submitted to us by a lady in Atlanta, whose brother, a retired Master Sergeant, served for many years at Fort Benning. We thought that it was particularly appropriate for an Armed Forces edition.

BY MARY HAMMOND

The Landings

The colorless and bulky, ark-like floats
That sweep the Channel clear of hidden mines
Begin their work in darkness. Ghostly boats
Attend their wake in darkly breathless lines,
An intermittent splash their only sound.
As through the fog they come from every side.
Then, with the dawn a roar like hell unbound
Bursts overhead — the Army Air Corps' pride!
And suddenly the barges strike the beach,
And men leap out by thousands on the beach,
Their rifles aimed, their helmets tight, and each
A replica of Mars. Huge tanks now pour
Upon the beaches, and the first big gun
Announces to the foe: "The show is on"

The Hedgerows

With hard-won beach-heads to protect their rear,
The fields of Normandy now lie ahead,
Her famous orchards waiting but to bear
Their budding fruits, soon overlook the dead,
And drop their few remaining blossoms down
Upon the lonely graves. But on they fight,
The hardy Infantry. From town to town,
Between the hedgerows, fields, and rivers, bright
In summer sun, they move on strange terrain —
New fighting for the doughboys trained at home,
But most are equal to the new-met strain,
And, as the cheering news comes up from Rome,
It's "On to Paris!" And this phase is done,
The Battle of the Hedgerows hard is won.

The Forests

A brief reprieve to visit France's sights
Of history, art, or miracle of God,
To Versailles, Shrine of Lourdes, and Paris nights,
Then on again through autumn woods they plod.
Through Belgium, Holland, on to Hitler's realm,
Through forests dark and cold where snipers hide,
The Ardennes, Hurtgen, woods of fir and elm,
They crawl and walk before the tanks can ride:
And colder grows the ground and hard to break
For foxhole shelters often dug in vain.
Yet hardly is it done before a flake
Of snow appears in each few drops of rain,
And ice begins to form a soldier's bed.
It cannot matter much. They push ahead.

The Snows

Across Europe's western front they lie,
The mighty Allied Armies, on the snows,
While overhead their awesome bombers fly
To make their targets ready for the blows
Of forces on the ground, hungry and cold,
But eager to avenge the murder done
To comrades, and their sufferings untold
At Malmedy, by Naziism's son.
From Belfort, Saarlautern, and to the Roer,
Through Aachen, Venlo, thence to Arnhem's gate,
The Colors of the Allies stand before
The homeland of the foe, and now await
The moment of their greatest victory,
That Queen of Battles — The Infantry!

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April Sees Intensive Safety Campaign Begun

The month of April saw an intensive safety campaign launched on the post aimed at reducing the number of accident and traffic violations through a driver education program.

A safety cartoon contest, a teenagers driving school, safety talks, and a bicycle school are highlights of the program which will run until July 8.

"I feel that the military driver is a good driver and a safe driver. He compares favorably with civilian drivers of similar age experience and consciousness of his fellow man. But he will be a safer and a better driver if some of the present violations are eliminated," Lt. Col. George A. Bieri of Philadelphia, Pa., Infantry Center Provost Marshal stated.

"We want the military driver to be better than average," Col. Bieri emphasized.

The correlations between the number of violations and accidents illustrates the fact that a lowered number of violations cut the accident rate.

A daily scoreboard of violations and accidents in each of the post's major commands has been kept and circulated during the safety campaign.

The cartoon contest is being held in two phases, one running from April 26 to May 25, and the other from May 26 to June 22. Prizes for the cre-

ators of the best cartoon each of these periods are engraved cigarette lighters, with an engraved cigarette case going to the artist of the best cartoon in both periods.

The cartoons are also being published in the Bayonet, and will be judged on the basis of theme and message as well as artistic ability.

The bicycle school which began May 26 was designed to license all post bike riders, and consisted of a lecture followed by a practical test.

The school, sponsored by the Provost Marshal's Section was for the purpose of teaching children to ride their bicycles safely. Its goal was to license all bike operators under 16 years of age on the post.

Units of the Infantry Center are sponsoring safety projects also during the drive. Displays have been built portraying various kinds of careless driving or traffic violations which resulted in death.

"Mow Your Own Grave" the admonition of the Infantry Center Transportation Motor Pool, Branch No. 3. Members of this unit who are involved in accidents find their names emblazoned on the headstones of a mock grave at the entrance to the pool, and are further charged with the responsibility of keeping the plot tended a month.





SAFETY CONSCIOUS . . .
 Safety takes the spotlight at Benning as the post conducts an intensive campaign aimed at reducing accidents. Shown above are three of the methods employed to do this: top photo, a grim reminder of what speed can do is presented at Outpost No. 1. Middle photo, Margaret Beckham, 11-year-old daughter of M-Sgt. William Beckham of the MP Company concentrates on passing the practical test which will award her a bicycle driver's license. The school is being conducted by the Provost Marshall's Section. Bottom photo, shows the radar system used to check the speed of motorists. SFC Victor Weekley and SP2 William A. Hatfield of the MP Company are shown operating the machine.

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Army Might Shown Here In Parade

Parents and their children scurried from one display to another, servicemen wore brass that was never shinier, and a record-breaking throng watched a gigantic parade of military power—this was Armed Forces Day, 1956.

The same scene was typical not only here but in cities throughout the world, as U. S. military reservations threw their doors wide open to the visiting populace from outside.

In this area, 35 units, comprising more than 1,000 troops, paraded past the throng, who stood four-deep along Broadway and 13th Street in Columbus. Hundreds of others watched from above, leaning out of upstairs windows and crowding onto apartment house and store roofs.

Marchers represented Fort Benning, Columbus and Phenix City, as well as all branches of the Armed Forces. Helicopters and jets zooming overhead



HEEL AND TOE . . . Masters and their charges from CTC's 44th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon provide onlookers with a view of one of the military's most faithful units. One dog in the picture even understands the meaning of "Eyes right".

combined with the marching troops to provide a first-hand look at U. S. air and ground power.

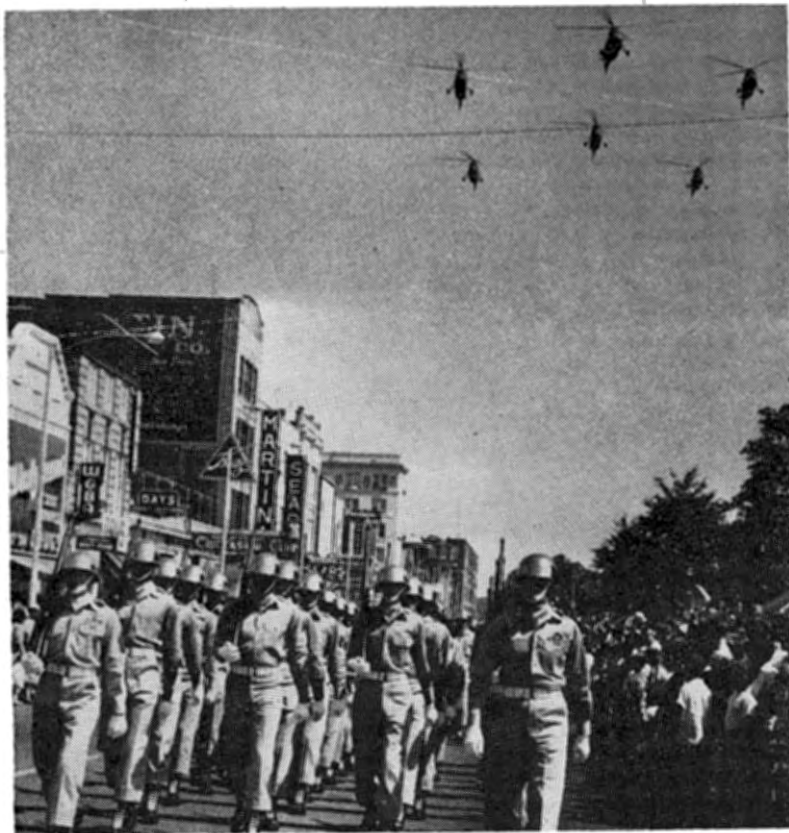
Included in the 40-minute parade were everything from CTC's 44th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon to radiant Miss Diane Fuller, Miss Columbus of 1956.

Major Gen. George E. Lynch, Fort Benning commander,

headed a long list of dignitaries on the reviewing stand. Two narrators were employed to describe the parade's progress. The procession did not halt at anytime during the march.

The parade satisfied many

who were left standing in the streets when the 1955 Armed Forces Day tribute was called because of rain. On May 19, 1956, it did not pour—the raindrops were replaced by military might.



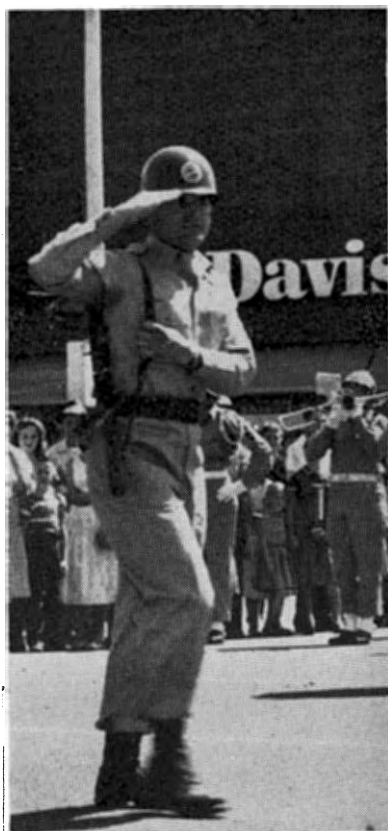
DOWN AND UP . . . The 29th Infantry Honor Guard and a group of helicopters supply visual proof of the military's ground and air power.



A SPECIAL TRIBUTE . . . An honor guard comprised of members of the Marine, Navy, Army and Air Force adds special meaning to the Armed Forces Day celebration.

Scenes from

ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE



OC's SALUTE . . . Member of one of TIS's Officer Candidate companies snappily salutes as he passes the reviewing stand.



POWER THROUGH MUSIC . . . The 283rd Army Band supplies march music as the troops pass in review. The musicians composed one of several bands from the Columbus area.



KIDS DELIGHT . . . Columbus children eagerly scramble over an armored personnel carrier at the Armed Forces Day parade held May 19.

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**TIS Trains Many Men
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Anyone who thinks Fort Benning is strictly an Army post doesn't really know the score. The Marines, Air Force and sometimes even the Navy are represented among the diverse elements of The Infantry School and Center.

Students from other services have been enrolled here for a number of years. They are so common—particularly in the Airborne-Army Aviation and Ranger Departments — that they might as well be “in the Army” for all the attention they arouse.

So the observance of Armed Forces Day here on May 19 was really something more than just talk.

Down at the airborne school, officers recall the time a couple of years ago when a pair of young ensigns fresh out of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., decided they wanted to learn parachuting. They enrolled in the five-week jump school here, and, using their

Navy leave time, shipped through the course, winning parachutist badges to be affixed to their dress blues and whites.

Recently four “frogmen”—those rugged underwater demolition experts of the Navy—dropped anchor at the airborne department and learned to jump into a rather strange environment, the air.

Marines More Common

But more common than sailors are the Marines and airmen. About 60 personnel from the two branches were on post in May—approximately half from each.

Twenty-three of the Marines were in the airborne school and five in ranger training at Harmony Church. The Air Force had 18 students in airborne.

Maj. Wesley C. Noren, Marine Corps amphibious instructor at TIS, explains that the Army and Marine Corps have a sort of mutual exchange system in effect. “We have Army



MILITARY CROSS-SECTION . . . Student paratroopers in Airborne-Army Aviation Department's famed jump school include Marine Corps and Air Force. Shown above learning to rig a pack are, from right, S-Sgt. Neal Avery of Shell Rock, Iowa, M-Sgt. Richard L. Smith of San Diego, Calif., and S-Sgt. Lonzo Barnett of Coleman, Tex., all of the 1st Airborne Division, No. 1, Camp Pendleton; T-Sgt. Mike Ramirez of Albuquerque, N. M., and A2C Darwin Oberle of Owatonna, Minn., of the 1st Air Intelligence Service Squadron, Colorado Springs, Colo.



THE FORM'S THE THING . . . During the early stages of their course, students at the Airborne Department receive instruction in the proper techniques of jumping and make practice jumps, attached to a cable, from 35 foot towers such as the one pictured above.



These men from the U. S. Army's Infantry School's Airborne School are these men from the U. S. Army's Infantry School's Airborne School. The man on the left is Lt. Pringle, of Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Test Unit, N. Mex., 2nd Lt. James [Name], Minn., all of the 4602nd

officers at Quantico, Va., going through our schools," he said.

He calls the Ranger school "the finest training I've ever seen."

"It's just plain, good Infantry instruction," said the 35-year-old major, a veteran of World War II and Korea. "It builds confidence and skill and lets a man see what he can stand."

Air Force Represented

The Air Force is represented at school headquarters by a three-man USAF Committee composed of Lt. Col. William F. Duncan, senior AF officer here; Lt. Col. Clyde A. Smith and S/Sgt. Joseph E. Balnites.

Col. Duncan advises the TIS commandant on matters pertaining to the Air Force, and his committee develops and presents instruction in Air Force subjects.

Another AF unit on post is Detachment 6, 25th Weather Squadron at Lawson Army Air Field. Composed of three officers and six enlisted men under command of Capt. William C. Montgomery, the detachment supports Army and Air Force operations at Lawson with regular weather information.

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BY MILLICENT SCUDDER
Herald Woman's Editor

DUSA Donates To 7 Charities

More than \$8,300 has been donated to post welfare projects by Daughters of the U. S. Army during the chapter's last fiscal year.

Mrs. Lester L. Wheeler, retiring president of the group, announces that the U. S. Army Hospital, Youth Activities Club, Boy and Girl Scouts, Post Children's Nursery, Children's Schools and Post Welfare Nurses have benefited from the DUSA contributions.

Army Daughters began its new year this March with four donations totaling \$3,413. The hospital will receive \$863 for the purchase of pajamas for pediatric patients and curtains to complete the enclosing of each bed in the Obstetrical and Gynecology Section. Brat Barracks Teenage Club will get \$550 for equipment.

Fifteen hundred dollars goes to the Boy Scouts for completion of Troop 27's Scout Hut and a credit fund of \$500 is being established for the purchase of highly specialized equipment, not obtainable through government funds, for the Orthodontia Clinic.

And not all DUSA contribu-



WANTS TO STAY HERE
... Arco, Gen. Harper's Terrier

Arco Won't Go To Philippines

The many friends of Arco, Major Gen. Joseph H. Harper's hunting dog, will be interested to learn that the frisky terrier is not reporting to Manila June 1 with his master but will merely transfer his allegiance from The Infantry Center to the Third Infantry Division.

Arco is moving in with 1st Lt. and Mrs. William B. Harper, having turned paws down on the Philippine heat.

The friendly canine has made a wide circle of acquaintances during his two-year tour at Fort Benning. A Drahthaar, member of a wire-haired breed native to Germany and Austria, Arco is 70 pounds of superior hunting dog.

Four-year-old Arco has swum the Chattahoochee twice in a morning to retrieve birds. Gen. Harper acquired Arco in Germany when the dog was 18 months old and finds he still responds most readily to commands in German.

tions show up in the treasurer's report. Valuable volunteer work is performed by the hospital and nursery committees.

Post Panhellenic Association Grows and Grows and Grows

Forty-five members of 16 national sororities attended the last meeting of Fort Benning's mushrooming Panhellenic Association.

The enthusiastic group, which meets semi-monthly for informal luncheons and coffees, is initiating a service program and expanding its roster to reach all members of national sororities on the post.

Chi Omega, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi, Alpha Delta Pi, Gamma Phi Beta, Phi Mu, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta and Delta Sigma Upsilon are represented in the association.

Panhellenic is interested in having you join its activities. National sorority members are asked to contact Mrs. Robert M. Piper, publicity chairman of the group, at Fort Benning 25128.



NEW OFFICERS ... Mrs. W. V. Ochs, second from left, receives the DUSA president's pin from Mrs. Wheeler as (left to right) Mrs. W. H. Root, Mrs. R. K. Barber and Mrs. W. G. Lalonde, newly elected vice-president, secretary and treasurer, look on.

New Museum Depicts Role of Airborne

The role of the Airborne soldier is colorfully depicted in the post's Airborne Museum, opened at Lawson Army Air Field in conjunction with Armed Forces Day ceremonies May 19.

The ribbons were cut by Major Gen. Joseph H. Harper, former Infantry School commandant and 1954 graduate of The Infantry School's airborne course.

"This museum shows the growth of the airborne from its infancy at Fort Benning to today. I hope to see what is within this museum duplicated in an Army museum in the near future," Gen. Harper said.

He was introduced by Col. John J. Tolson of New Bern, N. C., director of The Infantry School's Airborne-Army Aviation Department. Among the paratroopers present for the occasion was Brig. Gen. Robert L. Cook, assistant commandant of The Infantry School.

The pine-paneled museum, located in Building L-10, represents contributions of airborne students and cadre to the Airborne Museum Association, established on the post in 1954.

Displays of captured German and Japanese World War II weapons and gear, books and pictures of the development of U. S. Army paratroopers and airborne equipment fill the museum.

Parachute wings were given to the museum by the commandant of the French Airborne School, the chief of staff of the Italian Army, the Mexican Army Parachute School and Spanish and Japanese.

A German Schmeisser 9-mm, machine-pistol, SS dagger, officer's saber, "potato masher" hand grenade, camouflaged paratrooper's smock, Mauser 7.92-mm rifle and German all-purpose 7.92-mm machine gun are prominently displayed.

Japanese weapons include the Nambu 7.7-mm "Woodpecker" light machine gun, Arisaka 7.7-mm rifle; Nambu 8-mm pistol and officer's sword, in addition to a Japanese gas mask and parachute. A British parachute is shown alongside the Japanese version.

U. S. Displays

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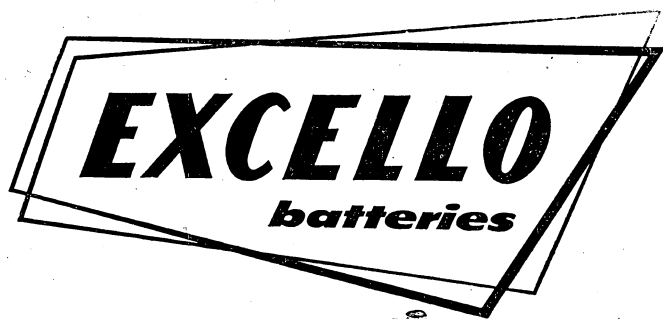


AIRBORNE DISPLAYS . . . Looking at a captured Japanese light machine gun in the new Airborne Museum at Building L-10, Lawson Army Air Field, are Dr. Harold S. Tate, left, of Clemson, S. C., Infantry School educational advisor, and Lt. Col. Louis Bonnigal, French liaison officer. The weapon is a Nambu 7.7-mm "Woodpecker."

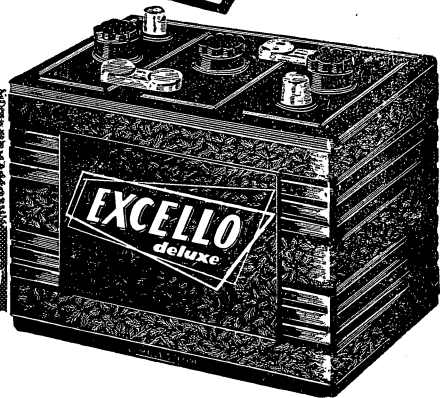
ture containers for dropping supplies and uniforms and equipment. "Devils in Baggy Pants," the story of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, "The Return to Corregidor," detailing the exploits of the 503rd Parachute Regimental

Combat Team, and histories of the 13th Airborne Division, 187th Regimental Combat Team and 82nd Airborne Division are among the books on display.

A variety of model planes are found through the museum.



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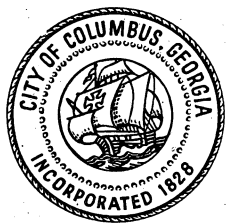
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PERCHED ATOP A VAN . . . SP3 Richard Masters of Tonawanda, N. Y., assigned to the Army Pictorial Center, Long Island, N. Y., mans one of the two large TV cameras at Buma Hill.



FLYOVER . . . A flyover of helicopters, some carrying suspended jeeps, was televised as part of the 'Wide World' NBC-TV program May 13 saluting U. S. Armed Forces. The cameraman is Pvt. Walter S. McLucas of the Army Signal Corps Pictorial Center, Long Island City, N. Y., who lives in New York City.

ogram Punch

An Infantry-tank team in attack at Buma Hill thundered across the TV screen the first minutes of "Wide Wide World's" Armed Forces Day program.

M/Sgt. William W. Whatley of Columbus, Ga., assigned to the 29th RCT's Co. I, focused his 75-pound portable "creepy peepy" TV camera on M-59 personnel carriers loading in the area.

Two Signal Corps cameramen atop the large, olive drab equipment van, sighted their lenses on the assembling 48 tanks. NBC technicians manned the board in the humid interior of the van.

The tank platoon attacked with a rifle platoon, supported by mortar, recoilless rifle and machine gun fire. "Wide Wide World" was displaying the core



THE CREEPY PEEPY ...
M-Sgt. Whatley and TV camera.

of the Army—Infantry and tanks, with supporting fires, gaining ground.



CAMERA, ACTION ... Outlined starkly against the sky are a flight of helicopters and an Army Signal Corps television cameraman at demonstrations for the "Wide Wide World" NBC-TV salute to U. S. Armed Forces May 13. The cameraman is Pvt. Walter S. McLucas of the Army Signal Corps Pictorial Center, Long Island City, N. Y., who lives in New York City.

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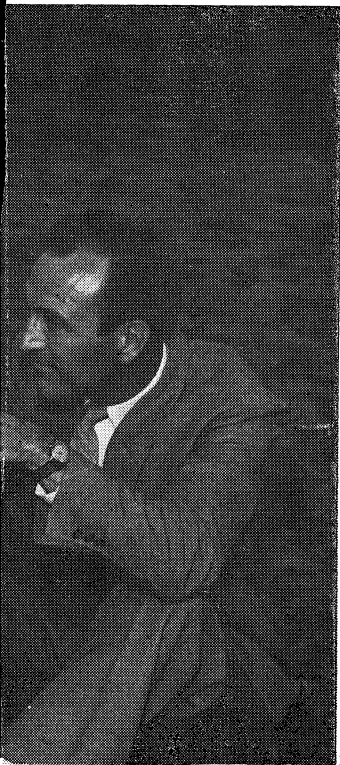


TEACHER LEARNS . . . Charles R. Goodrum, Jr., of N teacher, shows Mrs. Evelyn Southwood of Memphis, Tennessee, how to fire a .30 caliber water-cooled machine gun.



TANKER'S AWARD . . . Mrs. Helene Handelman of New Rochelle, N. Y., Main Post School kindergarten teacher and wife of Pvt. William R. Handelman of the School Brigade's Personnel Section, receives a "Distinguished Tanker" certificate from Lt. Col. H. H. Ellis, Armor Committee.

Get Briefing



Children's School teachers have a new insight on their Army charges after participating in an Infantry School briefing on Army activities.

"Students for a day," the teachers rode in an M-48 tank, watched a demonstration of the reinforced rifle company in defense and tried their hand firing Infantry weapons.

The faculty members were designated "Distinguished Tankers" by the Tactical Department's Armor Committee after exhibiting on a tank ride the "intrepid daring, keen sense of balance and resolute perseverance" required for the citation.

The canny canines of the 44th Scout Dog Platoon went through an obstacle course, scaling ladders, inching under barbed wire and jumping barriers.

Communications Department personnel transmitted teachers' personal messages to ham radio operators in their hometowns. The demonstrations concluded with a chemical display.

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GETS ACQUAINTED... Corrie Norris of Jefferson, Ga., third grade teacher at Custer Terrace School, gets acquainted with Count, 3½-year-old German shepherd, and SP3 Robert G. Baker of St. Petersburg, Fla., 44th Scout Dog Platoon.

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Perhaps better than anyone else on post, Doris Ragsdale knows what Lola wants. When she advises her "little man" that "little Lola" wants him, the songstress chants with conviction. Add the Gay Nighters for some "Rock in Roll" background, and the outcome is a rendition of "Whatever Lola Wants" guaranteed to bring whistles, cheers and the type of wild applause ordinarily reserved for such established dignitaries as Elvis Presley.

Doris, a 22-year-old Texas bombshell who sells charm as well as music, combined with the Gay Nighters, a madcap group of harmony singers, in "Hi-Time", a Soldier Shows revue. The young lady's sophistication and the vocal combo's verve were perfect foils. In collaborating, they set a pace even the most accomplished post entertainers will find difficult to match. In the near future, there definitely will be more of the same. Watch for them. Their performances are a real treat.

Five-foot, six-inch Doris offers a slim and beautiful picture for any stage. Actually she is best at singing classical renditions. But her adaptation to



GAY NIGHTERS PLUS ONE . . . Doris Ragsdale, center, explains that Lola can't miss when she sets out on a project, to the accompaniment of Gay Nighter rhythm.

popular tunes has produced winning results on every occasion.

The Gay Nighters quintet has a problem—the members are very difficult to find. The five men are located all over the Third Division, so it often is hard to round them all up at one time for a performance. Fortunately, they have enough good friends to help out when one or more of them is missing.

Their best song is "Stingy Little Thing," and they sing best without accompaniment. In any case, they possess a professional talent in being able to pick up a melody and quickly make it bounce to everyone's satisfaction. From all indications, those comprising the Gay Nighters are as wild offstage as on.

Someday maybe they all will get together. Their amazing natural harmony easily could result in a professional recording contract.

Tommy Tucker Time

It will be "Tommy Tucker Time" at the Main Theater June 6 at 7 p. m.

Tommy and his band, featuring Clare Nelson, "Miss Pennsylvania" of 1951, have been box office draws for many years and will be featured here as a contribution to the top-name bands popular at most military installations.

The band's most popular best-known record was "I Don't Want to Set the World

on Fire", which provided perfect background music for many high school and college dances for years.

Tucker's is the type of band most people have heard of but know very little about. The orchestrations are guaranteed to please every member of the audience. While Tucker has had very few really "big" hits, he has managed to sustain a reputation for fine music for years. His is one of the most consistent of reliable musical organizations.

Tommy was born in Souris, N. D. (another prominent band leader from the Dakotas is Lawrence Welk, who comes from South Dakota), and began his musical career at the age of 12, playing a cornet. He studied music at the University of North Dakota. Tucker formed his band soon afterwards and since then has been entertaining all over the world.

Admission to the presentation is 50 cents, the standard price here for major attractions.

'Out of the Frying Pan'

The next three-act Soldier Show adapted from a popular Broadway play (and movie, in this case), is expected to be "Out of the Frying Pan", due for presentation in early June. Perhaps the major attraction of the comedy will be Dean West, Soldier Shows director and native New Yorker, disguised in a Southern accent.

The farce centers around a group of six young acting hopefuls, male and female, sharing a New York apartment directly above that of a Broadway producer casting the road company for one of his hits.

The cast included several holdovers from "Ninth Guest", Soldier Shows' first and highly successful three-act play, as well as a group of talented newcomers.

The list of complications leading to the third act curtain probably would be insurmountable for most people, but the Broadway hopefuls in the play, have resources no one else would have a right to count on. Maybe it's because they are, after all, actors.

New Revue Set

Following up hits like "Robinson Crew-So-What" and "Dials and Dolls", Special Services soon will present a new revue with the emphasis on comedy. Among those expected to be utilized for the production are Tom Hawley, Duffy Senioris, Jack Gaylin and Ken Brown, each of whom will offer his own style of humor.

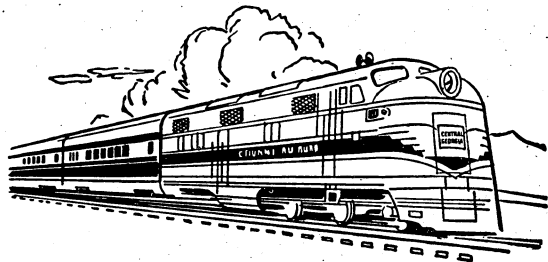
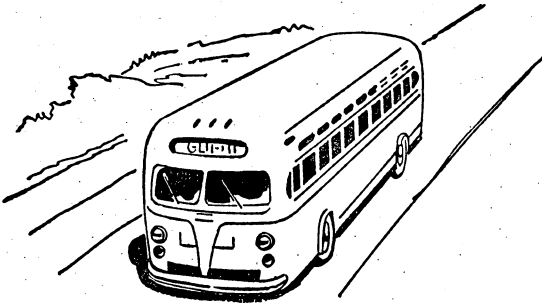
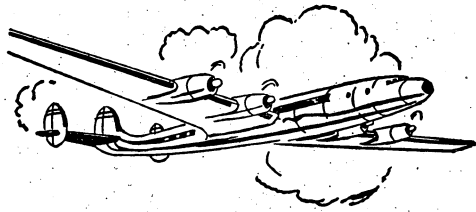
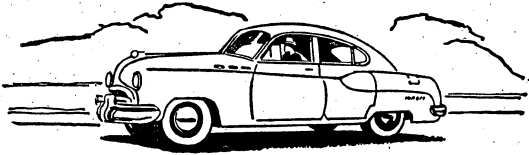
Opening night probably will be sometime in July. New songs and sketches are sure to be included. And for those trying to cut down on exposure to summer heat, there's good news. The show will be offered at an air-conditioned theater.



BEAUTIFUL BARB . . . One good reason to attend Soldier Shows on post is Miss Barbara Newman, who has dressed up many of the Special Services productions.

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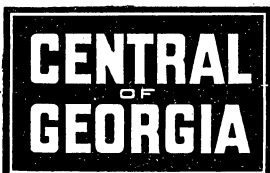
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All-Army Match Slated for June

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So far this year the post has sponsored three big rifle and pistol matches. The major yearly shooting attraction, for which the other three were preliminaries, is yet to come. The 1956 All-Army Rifle and Pistol Championships will be fired here June 11-20.

The Infantry Center and Third Infantry Division Rifle and Pistol Matches were completed by mid-April. Third Army area matches concluded May 5. Throughout the world, an almost identical series of Army eliminations designed to choose representatives to the All-Army matches was held at just about the same time.

Twenty-one rifle and twenty pistol events comprise this year's All-Army Championships, sponsored by Continental Army Command. Nearly 1,000 competitors are expected to compete. Many of the top marks men join Continental Army Command's Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit at match completion. Goal for all shooters after the All-Army matches is a crack at the prizes offered in the Nationals at Camp Perry, Ohio Aug. 14-Sept. 8.

Joe Benner

Pistol firers in the All-Army this year compete against M/Sgt. Huelet L. "Joe" Benner, the world's top pistoleer. Year after year, Benner, coach of the pistol team at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., breaks records (often his own) in every match he enters.

Ten rifle and three pistol events this year are new matches. A total of six team matches are scheduled for 1956. Third Army monopolized the winning team spots last year.

Officer in charge of the 1956 All-Army Rifle and Pistol Championships is Lt. Col. Richard H. Smoot, executive officer of AAMU.

Perhaps Major Gen. Joseph H. Harper, former Infantry Center commander, summed up a philosophy for all marksmen



TAKES BREATHER . . . Don Brown, former swimming great with the University of Denver, is counted on heavily to bolster this year's post swimming attack.

when, at the opening of the Third Army Area Rifle-Pistol Matches, he said, "I hope every one of you breaks your own record."

Water Strokes

The annual post swimming tournament will be held at Briant Wells Field House pool June 8-9. Approximately 13 teams, representing all major commands, are expected to compete. With Don Brown and Don Enos leading the way, the Fort Benning tank team is counted on to grab several titles when the Third Army Swimming Tourney is held at The Infantry Center July 13-14.

Jim McAllister, who was expected to provide extra swimming support for the post squad, has left Fort Benning to swim with the Armed Services Water Polo Team at Fort MacArthur, Calif. The water polo phase of the 1956 Olympics will be held at Melbourne, Australia in November.

Speedball Artist

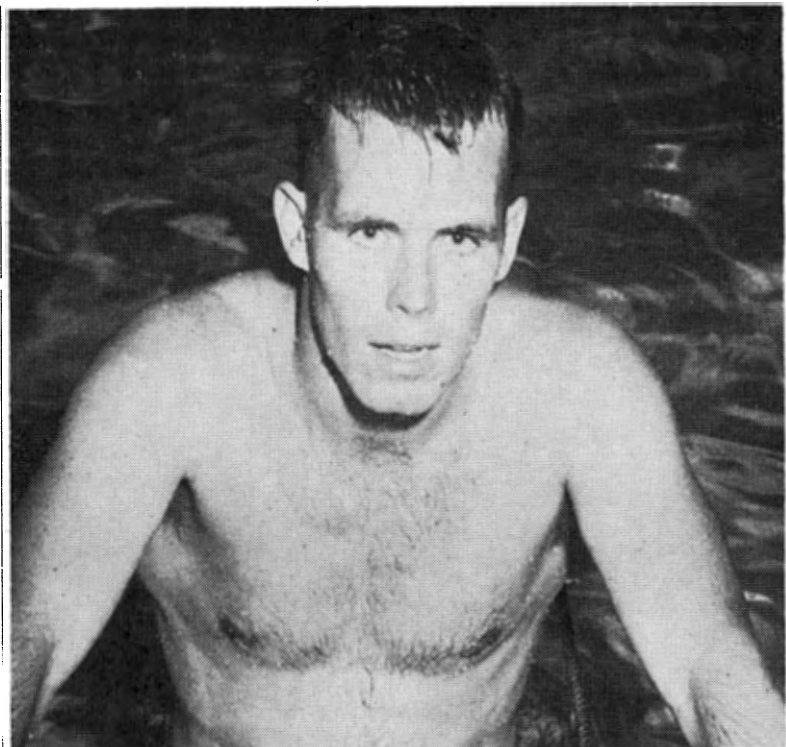
Thomas E. McGroarity, the hard-throwing little lefthander expected to spark the Doughboy baseball team this year, tied a third Army record held by Wilmer "Vinegar Bend" Mizell when he whiffed 22 Parris Island Marines May 18.

Tom, who said he couldn't have tried harder if he were hurling a World Series game, has his own theory on his pitching accomplishments:

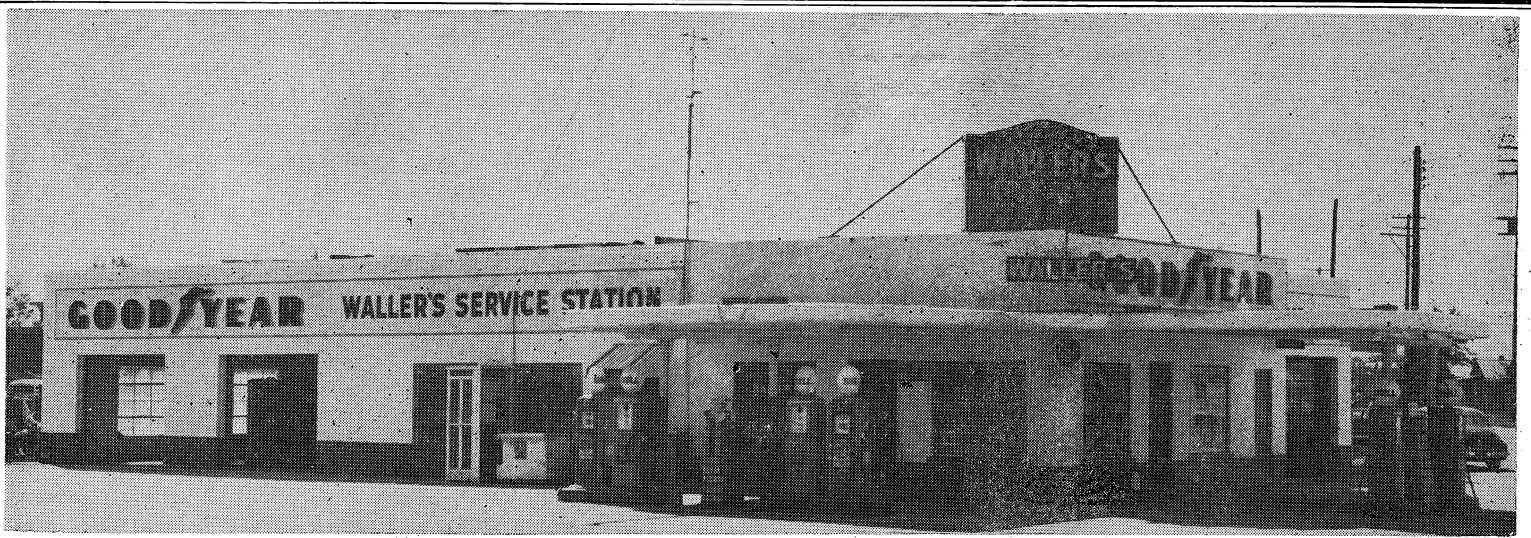
"I want to do it and then forget about it."

The publicity-shy hurler, who recorded a 15-8 record for Columbia of the South Atlantic League in 1953, was signed to a contract by the Philadelphia (now Kansas City) Athletics in 1952.

Early indications point to Fort Benning as a possible Third Army "sleeper" sensation. The Doughboys split with both Jacksonville and Parris Island over the first two weeks of the season, but did as well or better than anticipated in view of the fact they were facing teams that already had played a major portion of their schedules.



KEEPING SCORE . . . CWO Coats Brown, veteran Army shooting champion from Fort Bragg, N. C., will participate with the Third Army Rifle Team in the 1956 All Army Rifle and Pistol Championships here June 11-20.



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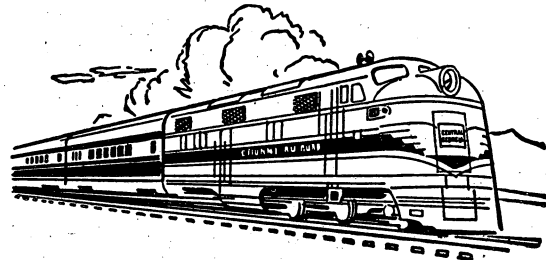
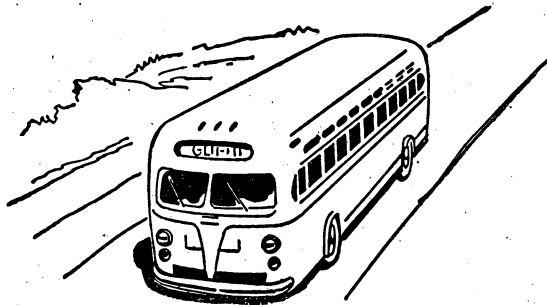
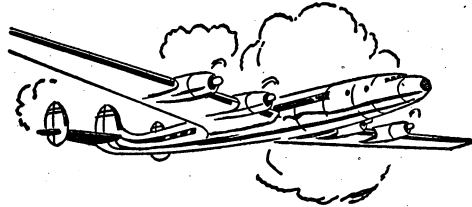
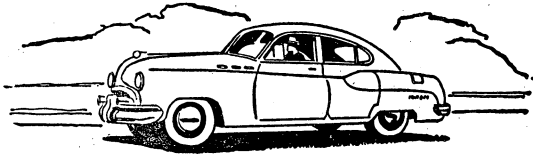
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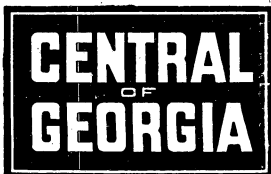
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Gen. Powell Welcomed To Ft. Benning Aug. 31



Major General Herbert B. Powell, Ft. Benning's new commanding general, was officially welcomed to the post on Aug. 21 by an honor guard, highlighted by a 13 gun salute.

General Powell came here from Hawaii where he served as commander, U. S. Army, Pacific. He succeeds Major General Joseph H. Harper, who left the post May 23 to become chief of the Military Advisory Group to the Philippines.

Gen. Powell is a native of Monmouth, Ore., which his grandparents helped establish in 1851. His grandmother and grandfather were among the first settlers to cross the Oregon Trail by wagon train.

General Powell's Army career has brought him quiet fame as a "soldier's general." He carried an M1 beside his men while commanding the 17th Infantry Regiment in Korea in 1950, the only unit to reach the Yalu River.

Not recognizing Gen. (then Col.) Powell in fatigues during the drive to the Manchurian border, a young sergeant commented, "Man, if an old soldier like that still has to carry an M-1, what future is there in the Army for us?"

Gen. Powell received the Distinguished Service Cross for planting the American flag on the banks of the Yalu.

In addition to the Distinguished Service Cross, his decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

He also has been awarded the Czechoslovakian War Cross, Korean Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation and the Korean Ulchi and Chung Mu Distinguished Service Medals.

Honor Guard

When dignitaries arrive at Ft. Benning they are greeted by the honor guard battery of the 23d F.A. Bn., 29th Inf Regt. To learn more about this "sharp" outfit read page 2 and 3.



Post Photo Lab

Among the many activities of Special Services, you find the post photo lab, where amateur "camera bugs" can find everything that they want and need to pursue their hobby. And it's all for free. Interested? Read pages 6 and 7.



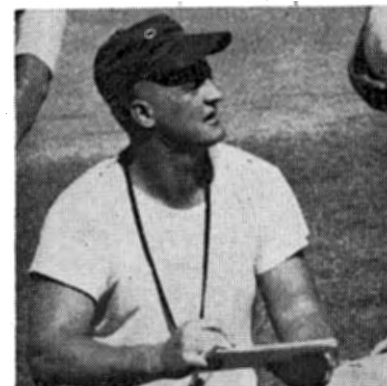
Women's News

The biggest woman's event during August was the arrival on post of Ft. Benning's new first lady, Mrs. Herbert B. Powell. For a photo coverage of her activities upon arriving, see page 10.



Benning Sports

With fall arriving the biggest subject in sports is once again football, and sports editor Tom Wierzbicki gives you the report on Page 11.



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Honor Guard Battery Fires Salutes For Dignitaries Who Visit Ft. Benning

BY ED SWIETNICKI
29TH RCT PIO

Firing the traditional cannon salute for arriving and departing dignitaries at The Infantry Center is the mission of a dedicated group of "true and blue" artillerymen from the 29th RCT.

Members of the 23rd F.A. Bn., the 37 men have no bones at "sounding off" in the presence of generals, foreign emissaries, Congressmen and other ranking V.I.P.'s.

In fact, the more deafening and ear-splitting the noise their booming 105mm howitzers make, the better Battery C feels about its artillery greeting from the home of the Army's Infantry School.

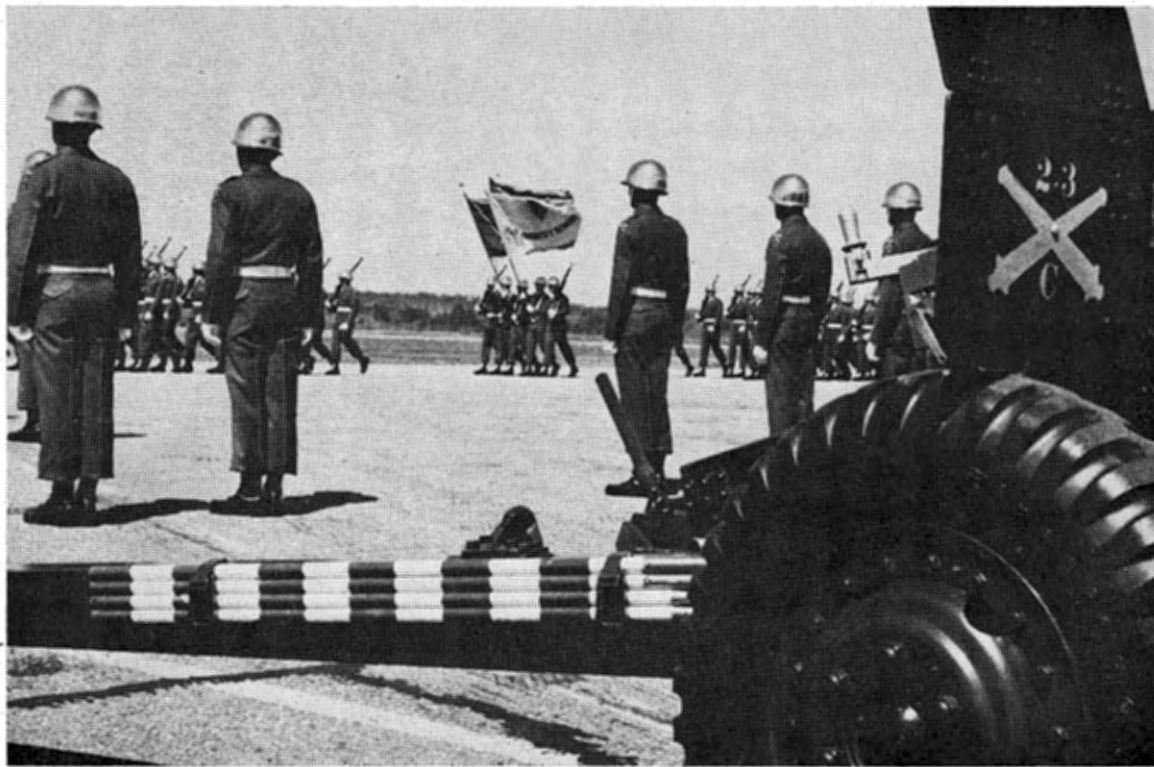
The unit's mission comes under the classification of personal honors for outstanding military and civilian leaders. Best known, of course, being the twenty-one gun salute.

Since the beginning of the year the battery's six gun crews have fired their howitzers on 40 different occasions, undergoing full dress rehearsals before each salute.

Dignitaries who have been saluted and the number of guns received (ie. number of times the howitzers are fired) include: Lt. Gen. W. O. Wyman, CONARC commander, 17 guns; Lt. Gen. Thomas Sanches Hernandez, Mexican Army Chief of Staff, 17 guns; Norway's Minister of Defense, 19 guns; and, most recently, Ft. Benning's new post commander, Maj. Gen. Herbert B. Powell, 13 guns.

Protocol Decides

Strict observance of protocol determines the number of salvos a V.I.P. receives. An American ambassador receives 19, as do cabinet members and secretaries of the services; a brigadier general or commodore is accorded 11; a consul gets 7, the lowest on the protocol scale. Governors rate 17 guns on their arrival, as do members of Congressional committees.

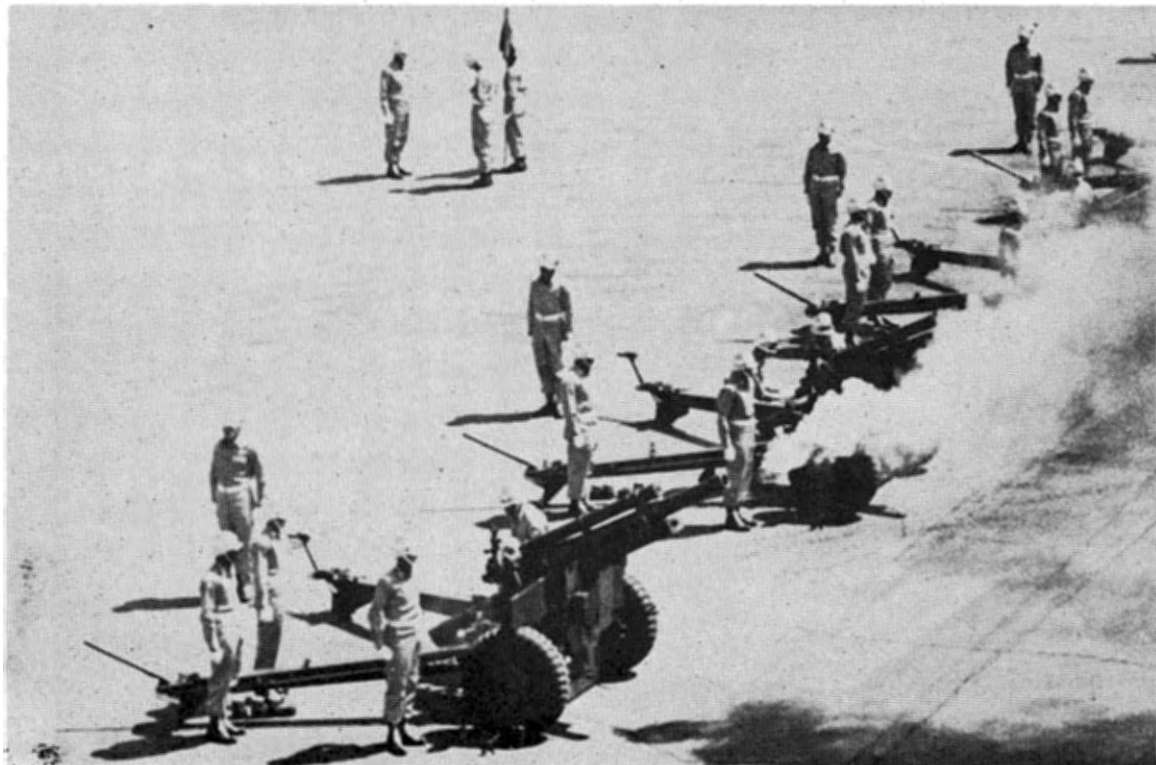


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The highest personal honor that an individual can be accorded is the traditional 21 gun salute—normally reserved for the President or an ex-President of the United States.

Less well-known is the fact that chief magistrates and sovereigns of foreign countries, including members of reigning royal families, can also be honored with this salute. Thus, for instance, Queen Elizabeth, on an official visit here would receive the full 21-gun salute. Title, not rank, is often the determining factor for the type of honor. Last year two colonels from South America were given 17-gun salutes—normally reserved for lieutenant generals—because they held the posi-



BATTERY FIRES SALUTE FOR VISITING DIGNITARY

tion of chief of staff in their republic.

Plans Go Astray

The Post's salute battery is notified a week in advance of the expected arrival or departure of all official visitors. Sometimes, however, their best laid plans go astray because of pernicious tail winds.

M-Sgt. Carl Phillips of Columbus, Ga., who serves as first sergeant, still recalls the time when the telephone rang in his orderly room at seven o'clock one morning last year.

The voice on the other end was terse: Gen. _____ will be at Lawson Field in the next hour thanks to a heavy tail wind, instead of noon hour as originally anticipated. Have your men at Lawson Field ready for full honors."

How M-Sgt. Phillips and the 35 men in the battery made it to Lawson Field in one hour, with their full honor guard equipment that included six howitzers weighing three tons apiece is only a tribute to the training and preparedness the artillerymen get week after week, month after month. Commanding Officer Capt.

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On TV Series

Program To Tell Story Of Rangers, Airborne

A Hollywood television camera crew last month filmed stories of Fort Benning's famous Ranger and airborne troops.

The films were produced in sound by Aerojet-General Corp., and will be released to TV stations throughout the country as part of a series on the U. S. Armed Forces entitled "On Guard."

Shooting began Wed., July 25, at the Ranger mountain camp near Dahlonega, Ga.

In the completed 30-minute product, a picked Ranger cadre of six men organize a patrol. Their mission is to infiltrate aggressor positions in order to destroy the power plant at Blue Ridge Dam in North Georgia.

None of the cast are professional actors. "It's a lot easier to make Rangers into actors", explained Dave Bransby of Los Angeles, Calif., advance man for the movie company, "than it is to convert actors into Rangers."

The name of the Ranger story as it appears on television screens will be "Ultimate

Weapon" in reference to the Army description of man as the ultimate weapon in warfare.

Filming of the airborne story, "The Flying Army" is scheduled to begin Aug. 1 and continue for about five shooting days. In the picture, Brig. Gen. Robert L. Cook, assistant commandant of The Infantry School, will be seen in the role of a leader of airborne soldiers.

Richard C. Kahn is director of the movies, which will be released by General Teleradio. The series will include 26 features, each running 30 minutes. Other services such as the Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps will be spotlighted in subsequent films.

Army project officers in the shooting at Fort Benning were Major Morency R. Dame of Bronx, N. Y., chief of operations and training, Ranger Department, and Major Oswald Y. Butler of Harrodsburg, Ky., executive officer for the Airborne Training Group, Airborne Army Aviation Department of The Infantry School.

FILMS DROP—A cameraman for the "On Guard" television series films a Pathfinder drop at Cactus Field for the Airborne sequence entitled "Flying Army." Produced for national distribution this fall by the Aerojet-General Corporation of Los Angeles, Calif., the TV series also features a sequence entitled "Ultimate Weapon" dealing with Ranger training.



STUDY SCRIPT—During filming of an Airborne sequence for the "On Guard" television series, two of the "actors" study the script with Bill Taft, Center, executive producer of the show for the Aerojet-General Corporation of Los Angeles, Calif. From left to right are Brig. Gen. Robert L. Cook, assistant commandant of The Infantry School; Taft and Col. John J. Tolson of New Bern, N. C., director of The Infantry School's Airborne-Army Aviation Department.

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By Tom Wierzbicki



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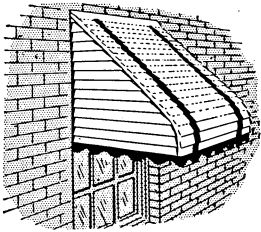
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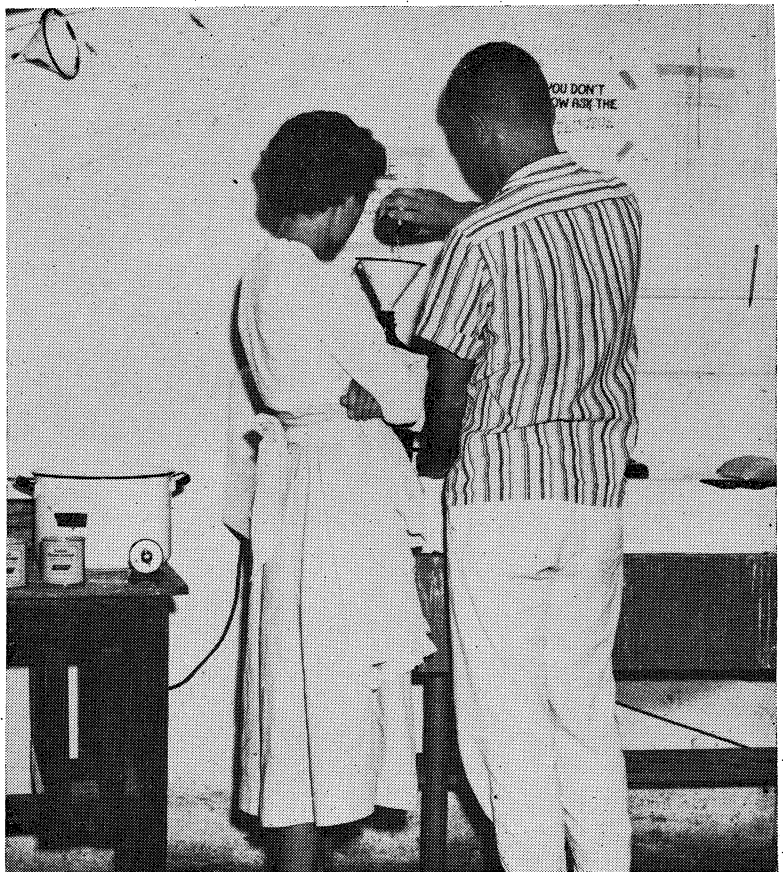
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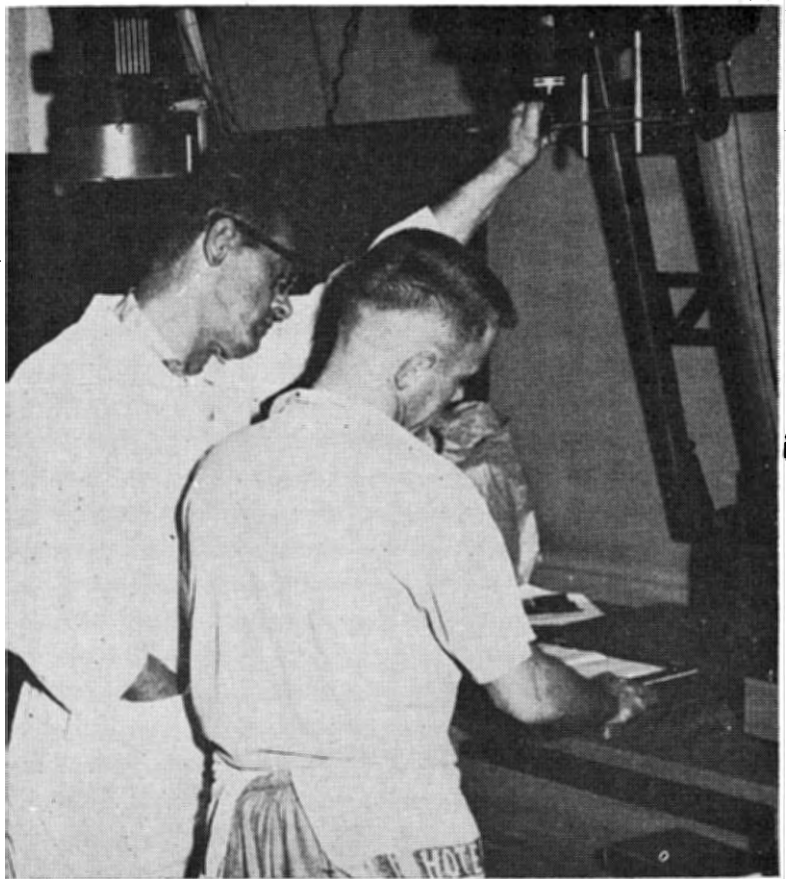
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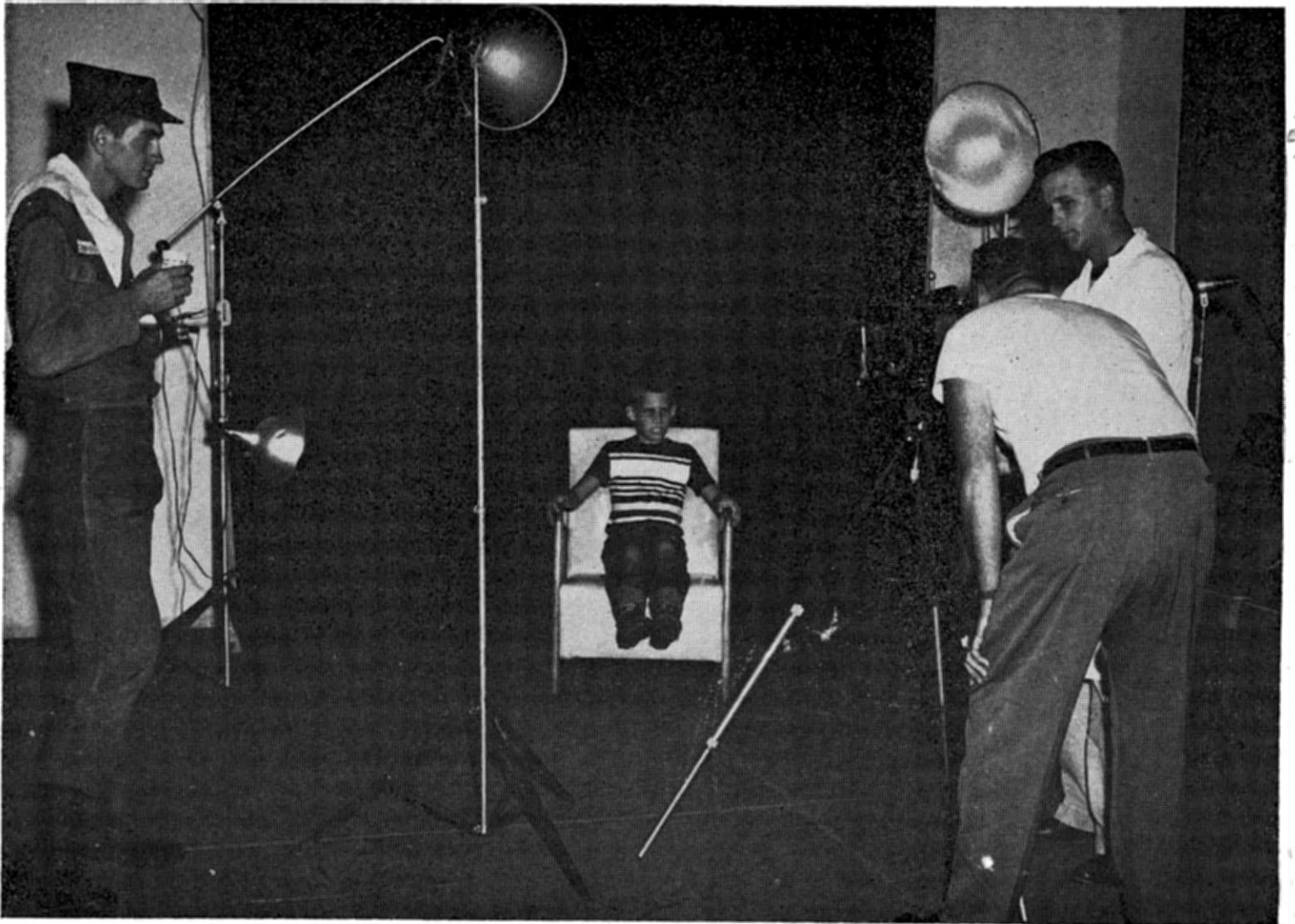
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CHECKING OUT EQUIPMENT—A lab instructor issues out a 35mm developing tank to a young lady photographer. Hobbyists must furnish their own film and paper but the rest of the facilities are offered free.



WATCH THE BIRDIE—A lab instructor assists an Army father in the Photo lab's studio in taking a picture of his son. The studio is equipped with photo floodlights and newly purchased fluorescent lights which aid greatly in giving proper backlighting to portrait shots.

Beauty Queen Works At Post Quartermaster



Personnel of the Infantry Center Quartermaster Section took a zestful new look at one of their co-workers this month.

All eyes were upon Miss Etta Jean Moore, 22-year-old brunette beauty, who was acclaimed Russell County Maid of Cotton in her home town of Phenix City, Ala., July 23.

Miss Moore has been employed for the last three years as a clerk-typist in the Purchasing Section of the Quartermaster Property Division.

She stands a statuesque 5 feet 8 inches, weighs 125 pounds, and her vital statistics include a 34-inch bust, 22-inch waist and 36-inch hips.

The post has reason to be proud of the alternate Russell County Maid of Cotton, too.

She's Miss Linda Ann Pitts of Pittsview, Ala., a former employe of the Quartermaster Section who was runner-up in the July 23 contest.

Etta Jean competed for the Alabama state title in August. If successful, she'll be in the running for National Maid of Cotton with all the glamor and excitement of a world tour as good will ambassador for King Cotton.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest E. Moore of Phenix City, Etta Jean was graduated from Central High School in 1952. As a hobby she's learning to waterski, and "I just love it," she exclaimed.

Last year she was chosen one of eight finalists in Phenix City's "All-American City" beauty contests.

BEAUTY AT WORK . . . Here's proof that beauty contest winners do more than just look pretty. Miss Etta Jean Moore, 1956 Russell County Maid of Cotton is shown hard at work in the Infantry Center Quartermaster Section.

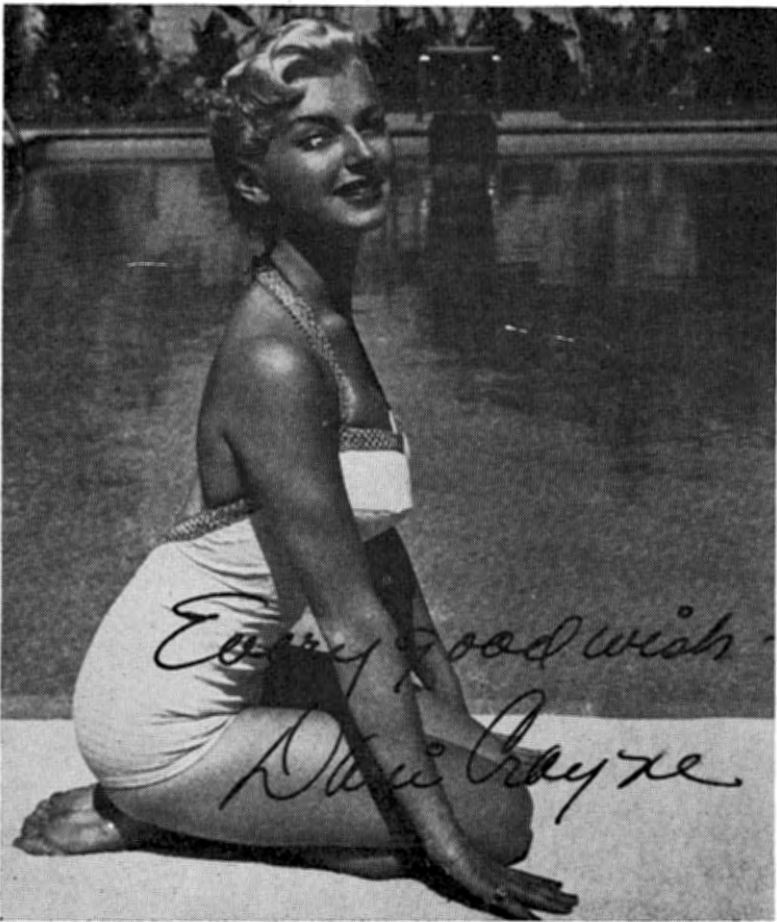


LUCKY CO-WORKER . . . Talking over a problem with M-Sgt. Buford Feltsin in the Stock Control Unit, Etta Jean demonstrates her popularity with her co-workers in the quartermaster section.



BIG SMILE . . . Displaying a big smile as she files correspondence at the TIC Quartermaster Section, Etta Jean demonstrates the appeal which won for her the Russell County Maid of Cotton title.

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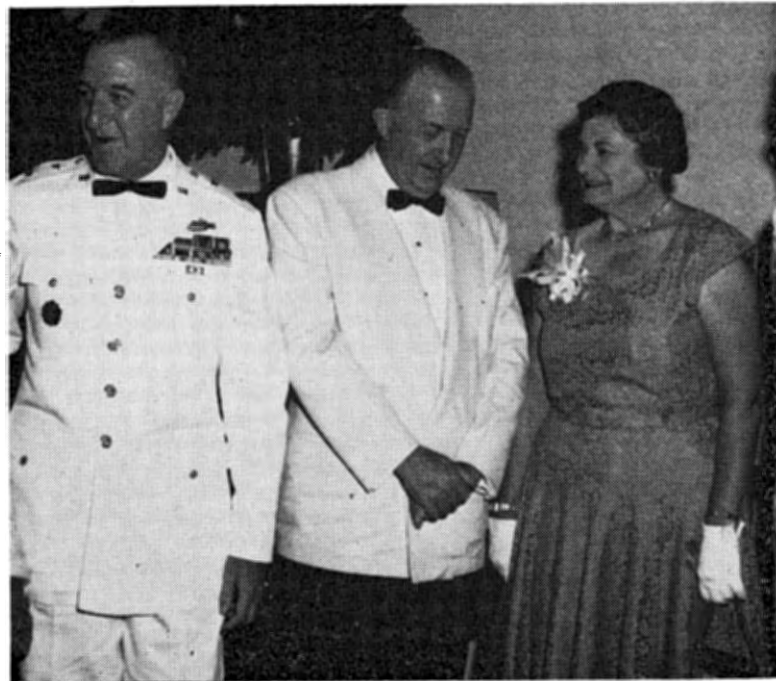
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BY MILLICENT SCUDDER
Herald Woman's Editor



Fort Benning's New First Lady

Mrs. Herbert B. Powell (left in upper left picture), wife of

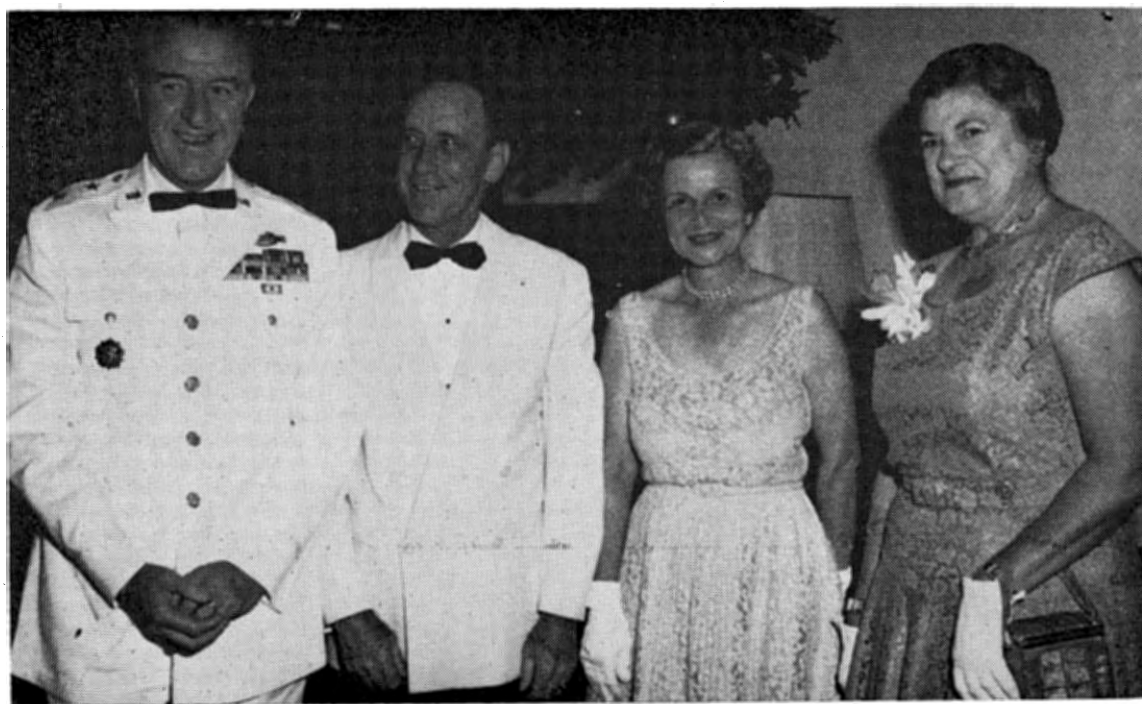
Major Gen. Powell, new commandant of The Infantry School and commander of The Infantry Center, has coffee in her quarters with Mrs. George E. Lynch, wife of Major Gen. Lynch, Third Infantry Division commander. Upper right: Mrs. Powell talks with Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Manton S. Eddy of Columbus, Ga., at the reception

Mess welcoming Gen. and Mrs. Powell to the post.

Bank of Columbus, and Mrs. Key at the Aug. 24 reception attended by approximately 300 military and civilian guests. In the receiving line were Brig. Gen. Robert L. Cook, assistant commandant of The Infantry School, Mrs. Cook and the honorees.

Lower left: Mrs. Powell is shown in her quarters following the honor guard ceremonies on Chapel Field Aug. 21 welcoming her husband to his new command. Lower right: Gen. Powell, left, and Mrs. Powell talk with Mr. Jack Key, president of the First National

Mrs. Powell is the former Miss Beryl King of Portland, Oregon.



Spotlight on Sports

BY TOM WIERZBICKI
Herald Sports Editor

Bolling Generals Tangle With Post Gridders Oct. 6

One of the leading power-houses in service football, the Bolling Air Force Generals will move into Doughboy stadium Saturday, Oct. 6, to tangle with the Main Post Doughboys.

Undefeated last year in 10 gridiron battles, the Generals will bring with them a roster composed of some ten All-Americans including such stars as Ralph Guglielmi, Dan Shannon, and Minnie Navraides, all of Notre Dame; Bernie Faloney of Maryland; Billy Reynolds of Pittsburgh and Ed Weaver of Army.

Two All-Americans, Johnny Lattner of Notre Dame and Chet Hanulak of Maryland received severe leg injuries last year and have moved to the sidelines in a coaching status and will not see action this year.

Aside from the wealth of All-American talent on the team, the Generals also have outstanding college and profes-

sional ballplayers. Jim Long, captain of Auburn University in 1954 and All-SEC in '51; Doyle Nix, star at Southern Methodist University and outstanding rookie with Green Bay Packers; and Al Barry, former tackle at Southern California University and offensive guard with the Green Bay Packers.

Intra-mural Program

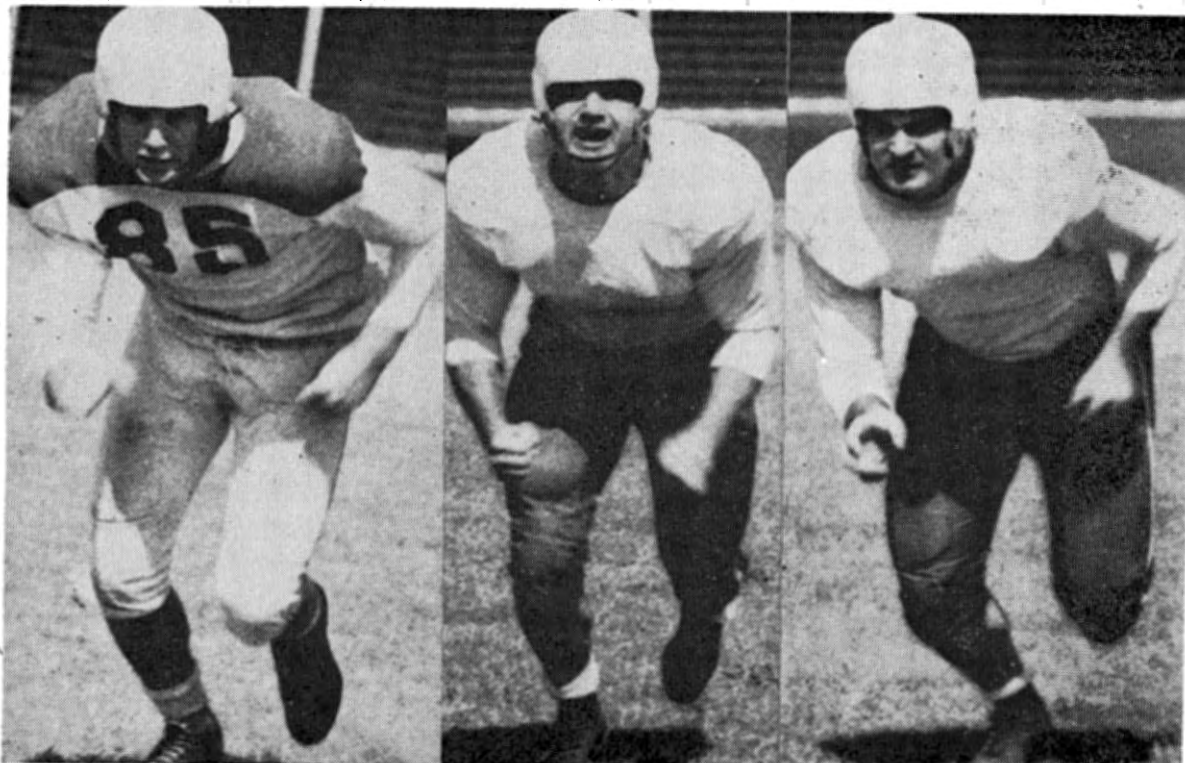
The Post intra-mural basketball program will get underway Oct. 1 with 15 teams expected to participate from each of the nine commands here on post.

The highlight of the basketball program will be a double elimination tournament slated for the Briant Wells field house Feb. 20-25. The team winners from each of the nine commands will be invited to the round-robin tournament.

The regular basketball season will run from Oct. 1 to Feb. 15.



COACHES PARLEY . . . The coaching staff of the Main Post football team huddle around Head Coach Jim Ingram (with pad and pencil) to discuss the recent play of the Doughboys in the season opener with the Parris Island Marines at Doughboy stadium. Kneeling next to Ingram is backfield coach Jim Mathews a former teammate of Ingram's at Mississippi. Standing left to right, are Neil Lowry, (U. of Kentucky) and Lou Sawchik (Ohio U.), who coach the linemen.



EXPERIENCED LINEMEN . . . The Main Post Doughboys first string line is composed of former college stars. Left to right, Lou Sawchik, former University of Ohio end, rated by Head Coach Ingram as "One of the finest ends I've ever seen in action." Arnie Oaken, a center from the U. of Western Kentucky, and Hershel Jones, former Razorback from the U. of Arkansas, who is one of the starting tackles.

30 Games Set For Basketball

McDonald Scots, an AAU team from Lake Charles, La., will provide the competition for the opening game of the 1956 basketball season at Briant Wells field house Nov. 25-26.

A proposed 30-game schedule is being planned by the TIC Sports Office for the coming season. As of this writing, twenty-five games have been booked with five others to be played.

Tryouts for the team will get underway Oct. 4. They will be held every Saturday thereafter in the month of October until a squad has been formed.

The first practice of the season starts Nov. 3. Anyone interested in trying out for the team is urged to do so.

Entertainment on Post

BY JAY ADELMAN

Post Actor Might Be Big Success

Twenty-three year old Tom Hawley has taken curtain calls in approximately 150 plays, but above all he remembers his bow as a "single" in "Thieves' Carnival".

The show, featuring six main characters, was playing at Denison University, Ohio in the Spring of 1954. When the final curtain went down, the cast assembled for the usual bow.

As the curtain was about to open for the final applause, Tom noticed that the fellows standing next to him suddenly dashed off to the wings. On the other side of the stage, the three girls followed suit. The curtain opened and there stood Tom.

The Soldier Show performer, not one to fall dead before any audience, reacted as best he could.

As Tom put it, "I gritted my teeth, managed to display several toothy grins, and bowed, bowed and bowed again to the most confused audience anyone ever has played before. What is more, they applauded."

Tom, a specialist third class who will be discharged Sept. 28, probably will hear a lot more applause before his theatrical career is over. Utilizing a pair of penetrating blue eyes, a pug nose, a handsome face, a captivating smile and loads of talent, he has been before audiences since the age of 12 as a member of the Cranbrook Summer Theater in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. This was what is called "Children's Theater", and Tom's reaction to it was, "The audience seems to like it and you enjoy doing it."

At Denison, he was taught every aspect of theater work, doing roles in summer theater in 1953 and 1954. His favorite



THE MAKING OF A STAR . . . Tom Hawley, center, plays Bruno in "La Waltz Triste", an original play written by Norwegian Kjell Amble, left, and produced at Denison University Summer Theater a few seasons ago. This was the sort of role in which Tom employed his James Dean-like qualities, displaying the charm that appeals to the ladies and mannish qualities designed for the male section of the audience.

role was John Proctor, the young man who tries to live with himself after committing what he considers a moral error, in Arthur Miller's "The Crucible".

He also has done radio and TV work in Michigan and Ohio, about which he said, "I enjoyed TV more than radio, since I feel that use of the body is an integral part of acting. Radio is primarily the voice."

Entering the Army in 1954, Tom arrived at Ft. Benning and the 714th Tank Bn. in March, 1955. Since entering Soldier Shows in early 1956, Tom has been outstanding in roles ranging from a homicidal maniac in "Ninth Guest" to a song-and-dance man in "Downtown Local" and "Flying Saucer-er".

Following a trip home to Birmingham, Mich., his future calls for a visit to New York City, aimed toward enrollment at the Actors' Studio. Equally

adept at setting up stage lighting or employing a British accent on a song like "Ordinary Man", Tom has everything needed to become a stellar attraction in any major medium.

Everyone who has seen Tom perform here is sure to agree.

B. J. has entertained for Special Services and Soldier Shows in Canada, throughout the Military District of Washington, with the U. S. Army Band, and here. She often does hospital shows as well as appearing in Dean West's major productions.

She never fails to draw a big hand at any of her performances, partly because of her contralto voice, but also because of her delightful stage presence.

B. J. admitted that her favorite singer is Julie London "because she sings 'three o'clock in the morning' music and that's the kind I like."

B. J. Pleases Post Audiences

At one time or another, every performer has run into a "most embarrassing moment". B. J. Waidler's arrived when she sang for a band for the first time.

The Soldier Show songstress, attending California, Pa. High School when this occurred, had prepped herself thoroughly for her first major appearance on a bandstand.

There was only one trouble. She described it this way:

"I heard my name called and tried to look utterly devastating as I stepped forward. I tripped on the bandstand and fell flat on my face."

What did she do?

"What could I do?" she queried. "I stood up and sang."

B. J. (really Betty Jeanne), whose favorite song is "Stormy Weather", credits another tune with leading her into marriage.

Her husband, CWO Burton E. Waidler, Jr., first saw her at a Ft. Belvoir, Va. service club, when B. J. was warbling "I Wanna Get Married". He took her up on it.



SOPHISTICATION . . . B. J. Waidler appears to be the picture of sophistication here, but she remembers the time she had a bit of trouble retaining her aplomb.



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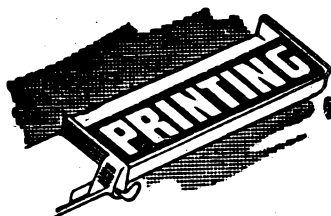
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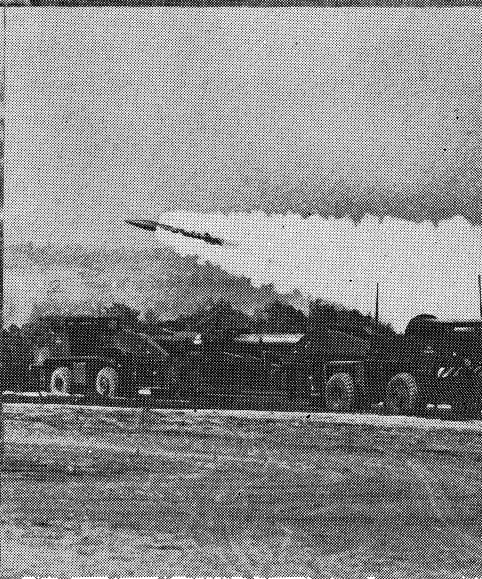
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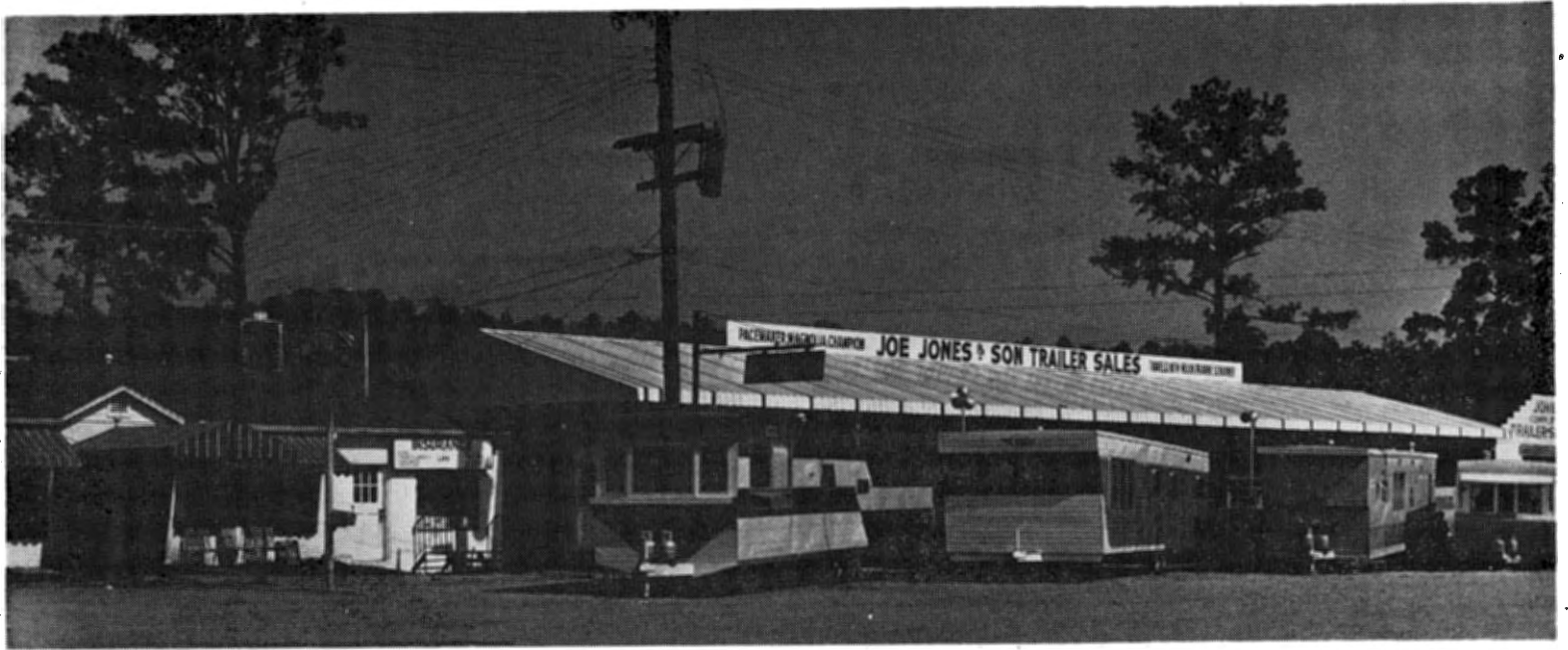
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38 Years of Progress

In this issue we note the 38th anniversary of Ft. Benning. Thirty-eight years of progress in fighting methods are reflected in the tremendous growth that the Infantry Center and Infantry School have made during this period.



Portrayed on our cover are three of the activities which illustrate this progress.

The top panel of the cover photo shows Airborne troops participating in a mass jump.

Since World War II, these troops have been noted for their toughness and their fighting ability. Many battles have been won because the Army was able to drop troops into a sector, equipped to fight, with much more speed and ease than would otherwise be possible.

It was at Ft. Benning that the first experimental Paratroop platoon was organized and trained back in 1942. Since that time, the Post has become synonymous with the training of Airborne troops.

Army Aviation has come into the limelight during the last few years, and now rates as one of the Army's biggest activities. Helicopters, similar to those pictured on the cover, are rapidly proving their right to the nickname of "workhorse for the Army." These are also a familiar sight at the Infantry Center, since there are several aviation units stationed here.

The present concept of a mobile Army includes troops being carried to the front line battle zones in helicopters, and put into battle as compact Infantry units. Helicopters could also be utilized to carry patrols into enemy territory, and to pick them up after they have accomplished their mission.

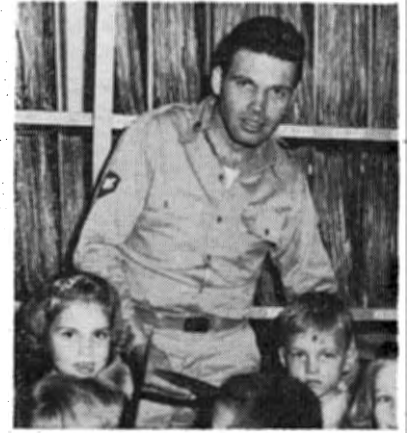
Also portrayed on our cover is the "Honest John" rocket, which represents a new field for the Army, that of ballistic missiles. These long range weapons constitute the "Sunday Punch" of the Artillery, in supporting the Infantry. These weapons are seen here often in demonstrations at Joint Civilian Orientation conferences.

These innovations all have the purpose of supporting the Infantry, and no war can be won without the foot soldier. The last 38 years have also seen many improvements in the means and the methods which the Infantry would use to win these battles.

In This Months Issue

Radio Station

Radio Station WFBS, at the U. S. Army Hospital, was invaded this month by a group of post kindergarten students, who among other things, pleased all the patients in the hospital by staging an impromptu broadcast. This is just one of the educational visits that the post kindergarten students make each year to various activities on post. The story is on page 8 and 9.



Airborne

The men of Co. H, ISD, are proud of their outfit, and justifiably so, because they are the enlisted men who work in the Airborne Department, training the Army's paratroopers. For a look at the activities of the men in this unit turn to Page 10 and 11, and read all about the unit whose motto is "Go Airborne."



Symphony

Ft. Benning added another "first" to its long list of such accomplishments recently when they organized a symphony orchestra, becoming the first Army post ever to do so. Directed by CWO Benjamin Cortese, the group is currently planning a concert to be given during the Christmas holidays. The story on their activities is found on Page 15.



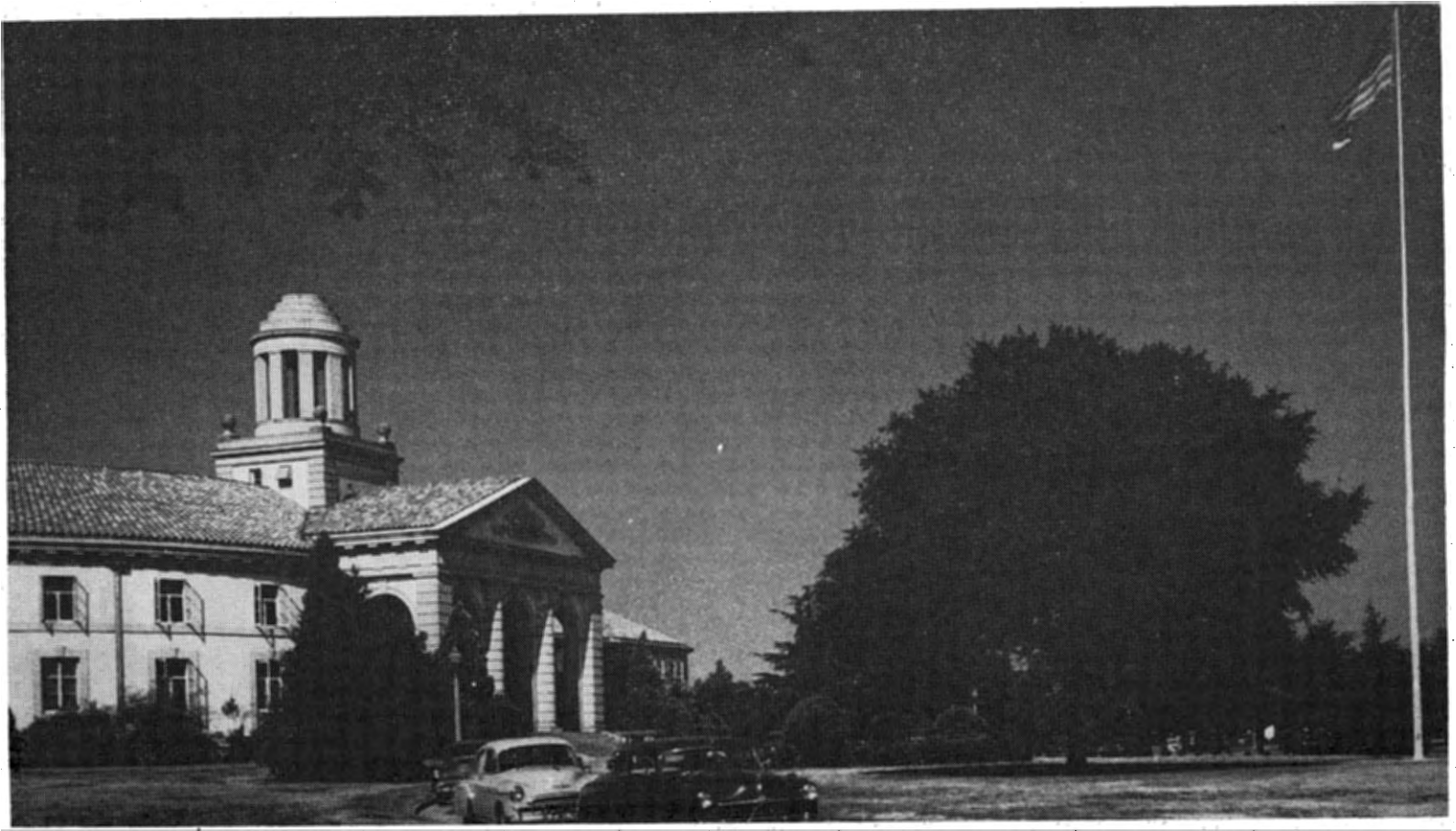
Women's News

The biggest thing in the women's news during the month was General Powell's speech to the Woman's Club October 3. The full report is found on Page 16.



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Infantry Center Has Come Long Way Since 1918



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BY SP3 SAM PROCOPIO

Thanks to a major and a dictionary Ft. Benning celebrated its 38th anniversary Oct. 7.

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 this point that Quartermaster Corps Major John Paul Jones began to fight. With the help of Webster's Dictionary, which defined salvage as "save", the determined officer ordered all post buildings painted.

Beginning in 1918 when a young man named Coleman Wall unloaded, from a mule cart, enough rough lumber to construct a tool shed near

the old Bussey plantation, Benning grew like a mushroom until today it stands as America's most complete post and educational center for the Army's largest branch of fighters—the Infantry.

The first buildings erected on the reservation were of the wooden cantonment-type used in World War I. By 1938 practically all of these buildings had been replaced by permanent structures of steel, concrete and brick.

There were at that time approximately 1,500 buildings, which included large, strictly modern, barracks, houses and apartment buildings sufficient to provide accommodations for the approximately 6,000 officers and enlisted men who then comprised its military population.

In order to provide for an eight-fold growth of this population under an expansion plan, about 2,400 wooden cantonment-type buildings have been erected since 1938, at a cost of more than 14½ million dollars.

The first permanent building on the Post was Service Club No. 1 built in 1920. It ranks next to the commanding general's residence, the old Bussey home, as the oldest building here.

In 1926 the first really great construction project got under way when the first caurtel began to rise. Then among the largest buildings in the world, it sheltered 2,113 men and housed mess halls, storerooms and offices.

Almost immediately following its founding Ft. Benning was designated home of The Infantry School. Physical progress was matched by academic progress with new courses and weapons being introduced.

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 Infantry weapons, tactics and cooperation of Infantry with other military branches.



OVER THE TOP . . . Even during the peaceful lull of the early thirties, field training at Ft. Benning continued on a realistic basis. Here troops of the 29th Inf. Reg. go "over the top" in a maneuver.

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

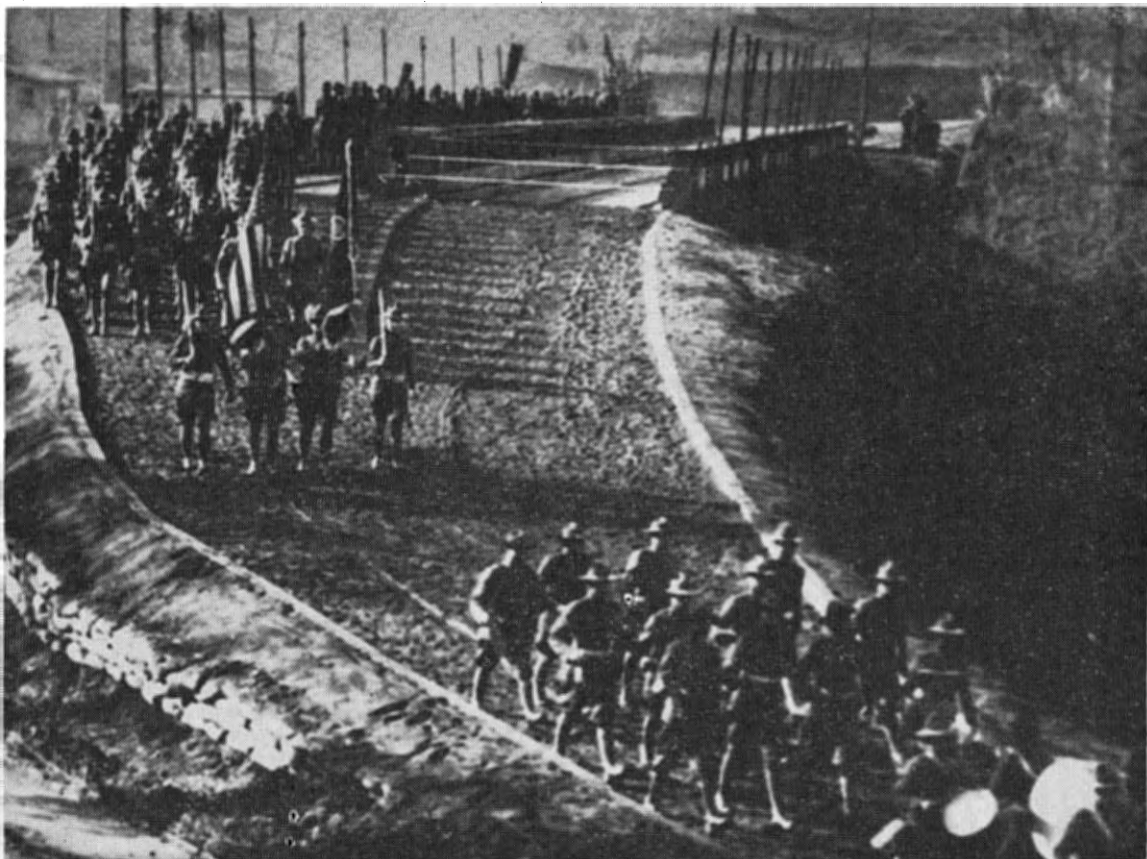
one, but the groundwork had been laid, and planners were summoned to ease the crisis.

In the spring of 1924 plans for a permanent and attractive post 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 was begun on two important recreation centers, Doughboy Stadium and Gowdy Field. Doughboy Sta-

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FIRST BRIDGE . . . The first bridge across Upatoi Creek on the reservation was built in 1923, and opened with much pomp and ceremony. Here troops parade down the hill and across the wooden structure.

Birthday

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dium was conceived as a memorial to Infantrymen killed in World War I. Money for its construction and for Gowdy Field was donated by Infantrymen throughout the world. Troops at Benning supplied the labor during off-duty hours.

In 1925, the chief of Infantry dedicated Doughboy Stadium and watched Benning's gridders defeat Oglethorpe University. Outstanding in its performance, the football team played a schedule which included Georgia, Auburn, Georgia Tech, Vanderbilt and other powerful college teams.

Named for Hank Gowdy, star New York catcher and first major leaguer to enlist in the Army during World War I, the post baseball field was dedicated in March, 1925, when the Giants played the Washington Senators in an exhibition game.

By 1941, every branch of the Army was represented here. The first officer candidate class arrived, beginning one of the post's most important war-time programs.

Paratroopers and Benning, synonymous since 1940, became a vital part of the military pic-



LAUNCH ATTACK . . . Infantrymen of Florida's 124th Inf. Reg., training and serving as demonstration troops in 1942 at Ft. Benning, charge through a smoke screen as they launch an attack on an enemy village.

ture. To train and billet the thousands of extra personnel, new structures and temporary buildings sprang up and two new areas, Harmony Church and Sand Hill, came into being.

The war years marked the peak of operation for The Infantry School. 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.

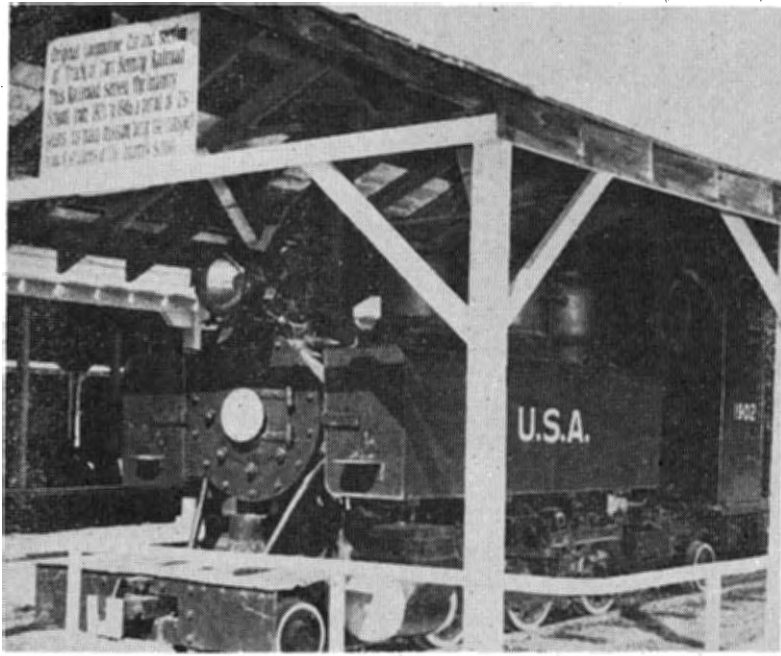
The post hospital with its large and competent staff of military and civilian personnel is now the last word in completeness.

The new nine-story U. S. Army Hospital has passed its halfway mark of completion, scheduled for Aug. 26, 1957 or shortly thereafter. The five-wing, 500-bed hospital, which easily can be adapted to a 1,000 bed structure, is a 6½ million dollar project. It is located at Marne and Santa Fe Roads, three miles from the Main Post area.

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WAR GAMES . . . Troops of Benning's famed 29th Inf. Reg., in full combat equipment, begin an attack under cover of thick smoke screen during 1940 war games held here.



"TOONEYVILLE TROLLEY . . . Now a lonesome train on a lonesome track on the Main Post, this museum piece was once part of one of the busiest, if smallest, railroad lines in the world. The inscription on the sign board reads: "Original locomotive car and section of track of Ft. Benning railroad. This railroad served The Infantry School from 1920 to 1946, a period of 25 years. Its main mission was the transportation of students of The Infantry School."

ning, a famous Confederate officer from the Columbus area, as a gesture of North-South solidarity, has been a training ground for the Army's most famous celebrities. Among them are President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. (Continued To Next Page)



WW II TRAINING . . . Opponents in offensive positions on the blitz course at Benning. Photo shows Pvt. Vernon Derry crossing the log and Pvt. Thomas Lynch crouched behind a bush. This picture is dated May 5, 1942.

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George C. Marshal, Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, Gen. George S. Patton, and Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin.

The 182,000 acre reservation, which is located in Georgia and Alabama, has enough marketable timber to build an estimated 40,000 six-room frame homes.

The vast area is utilized to the utmost in training the Infantry. Even Upatoi Creek and the Chattahoochee River, which run through the reservation, are employed in teaching students how to cross water barriers. In fact, Upatoi Creek and the Chattahoochee River have probably seen more tactical military crossings than any other two streams in the world.

Cadets of the Reserve Officers Training Corps under go annual six-week summer training here.

Even the U. S. taxpayer participates in post activities. Twice a year the nation's top industrial, cultural and business leaders attend the Joint Civil-



FT. BENNING THEN . . . This is a 1925 aerial view of the then new barracks of the 29th Inf. Reg. 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 Benning known as cuartels.

ian Orientation Conference, during where they are shown how defense dollars are being spent.

Peace is still the hope. But preparedness is the watchword. The U. S. depends upon the Infantry,

armor, artillery and other important cogs of the military.

However, Infantrymen, as always, find themselves in the front line.

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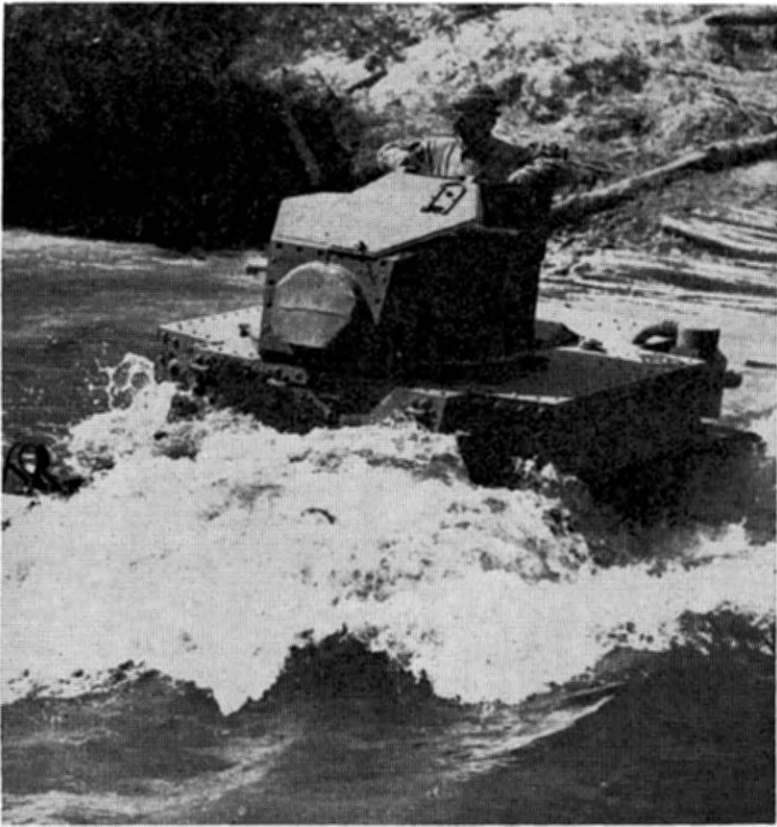


DEMONSTRATION . . . Ft. Benning demonstration troops put a 75 mm howitzer through its paces during a field training problem for cadets of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. Note the old type wash-basin steel helmets and the lace-up canvas leggings which dates the picture as pre-World War II.



PRESENT CG . . . The current commanding general of the world's most complete post is Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, who assumed command of the Infantry Center, and the Infantry School in August, succeeding Major Gen. Joseph H. Harper. Under General Powell's dynamic leadership, Ft. Benning is living up to its name as "The Home of the Infantry."

Hell on Wheels



... Another famous World War II unit to train at Benning was the "Hell on Wheels", 2nd Armored Div. Personnel of this tank demonstrate that it is not strictly a land-bound vehicle as they ford one of the post's many creeks during a river crossing demonstration in 1939.

Cycling Troopers



... Probably patterned after a portion of Hitler's Blitzkrieg Korps, these airborne trainees of Benning's first provisional parachute outfits mount their bicycles in 1942 in preparation for a training hike.

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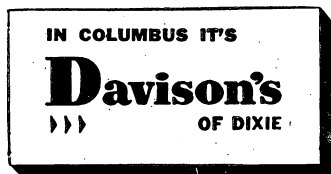
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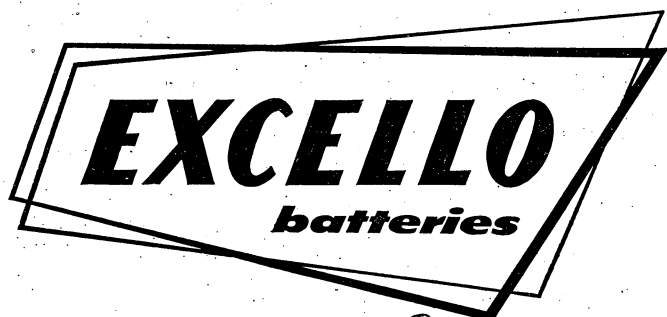
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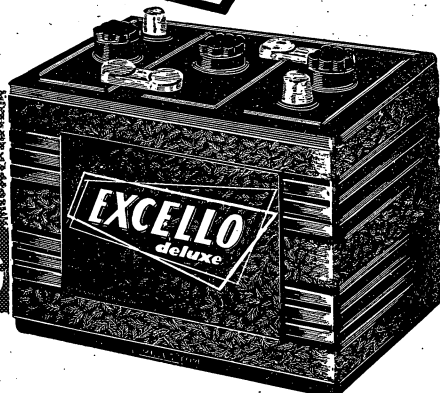
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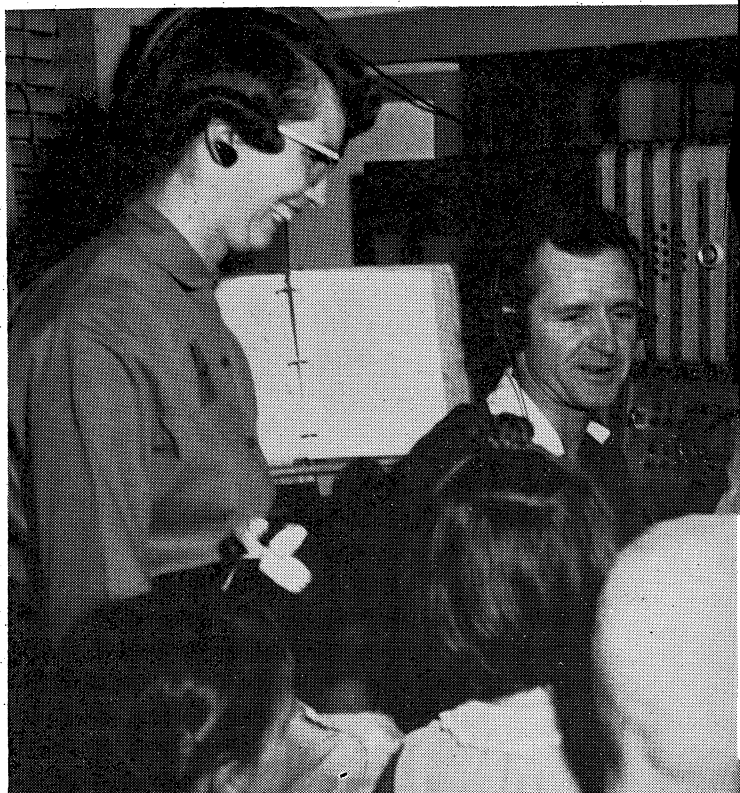


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MURRAY PENDLETON EXPLAINS CONTROLS
. . . Eager Kindergarteners on Visit to Radio Station

BY JULIA BRUHNKE

A class of kindergarteners from Ft. Benning's Children's Schools overflowed Oct. 18 into Station WFBS, Armed Forces Radio, at the U. S. Army Hospital.

Twenty-seven eager five-year-olds made a visit to the radio station with their teacher, Mrs. Joan Wight, of Dimondale, Mich. Although arranged primarily as a tour of the radio installation, the visit brought a surprise both to the children and hospital patients.

While explaining the control room and control board, Murray Pendleton, station manager, suddenly asked the children, "How would you like to go on the air—right now?" Then followed an impromptu 15-minute program by the children which was broadcast throughout the hospital wards.

Enthusiastic Entertainment

Timidly at first, then swinging into the spirit of the affair, the children sang songs and gave interviews affording the patients some authentic enthusiastic entertainment. "Five Little Squirrels" sung by one little boy, Michael Cassidy, son

of Major James Cassidy, brought delighted giggles and applause from his classmates. of SFC James McBride, and Deborah McBride, daughter



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Gloria Jean Roach, daughter of M-Sgt. Harris Roach, sang and demonstrated "Five Little Jack O' Lanterns", one of the special Halloween pieces.

The popularity of "Davy Crockett" was upheld when Norman Davis, son of Lt. Col. Oscar Davis, interrupted his own interview to burst into his version of the song and was joined spontaneously by 26 other happy voices.

Shown Through Library

Following the broadcast the children were shown through the station's record library of approximately 180,000 music and program records.

In the transmitter room, to wide eyes and many oh's and ah's, Mr. Pendleton pointed out the machinery and instruments that send the programs over the air.

Given A Record

Before leaving the studio each delighted child was given one of the 16-inch unbreakable plastic records to take home for his very own.

"Good-bye, good-bye, good-bye and thank you", rang out from 27 lusty, cheerful voices accompanied by 54 scraping feet as the children filed out the door to return to class.

The visit to Station WFBS is one of several educational trips the kindergarten children on post take during the school year.



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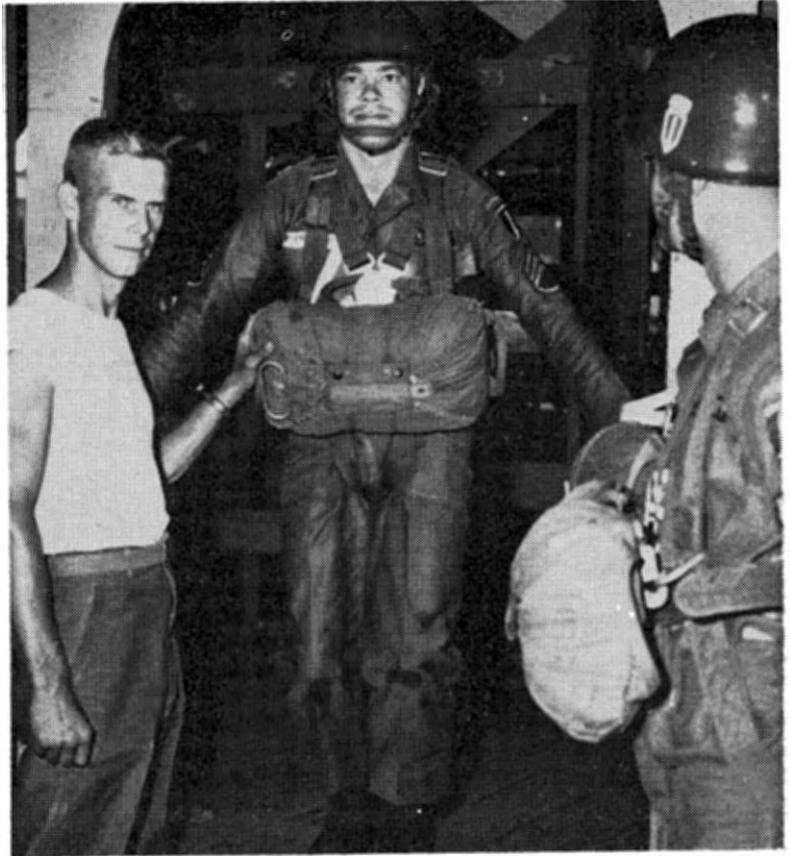
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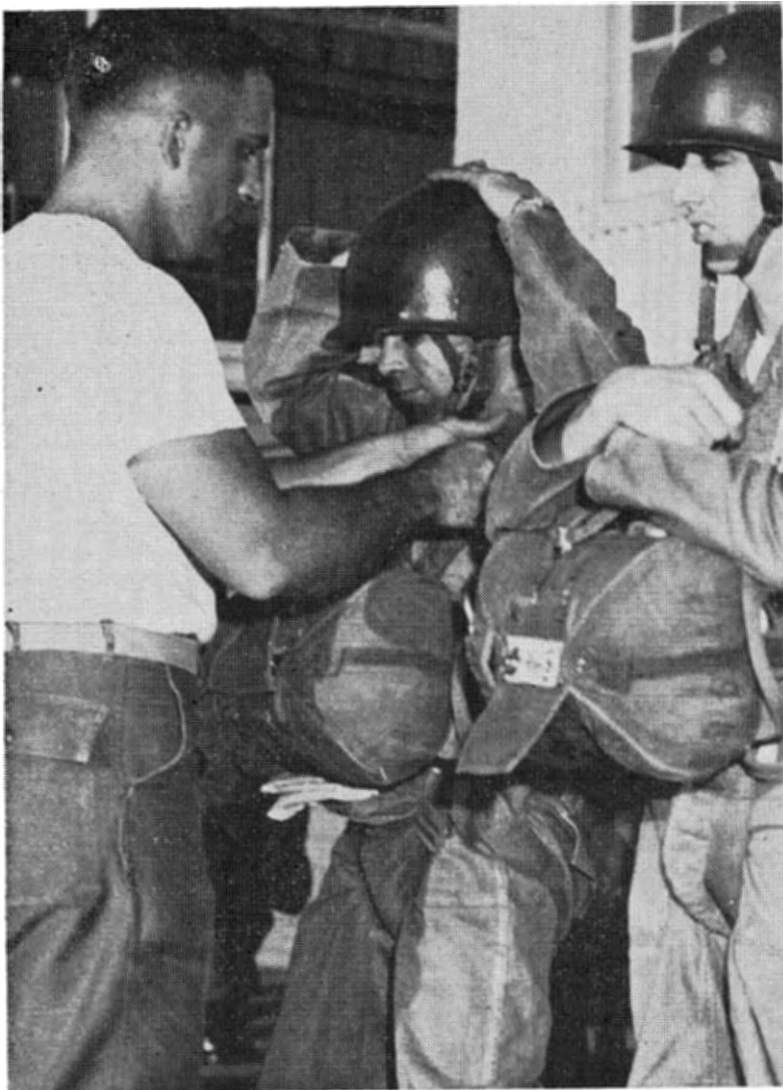
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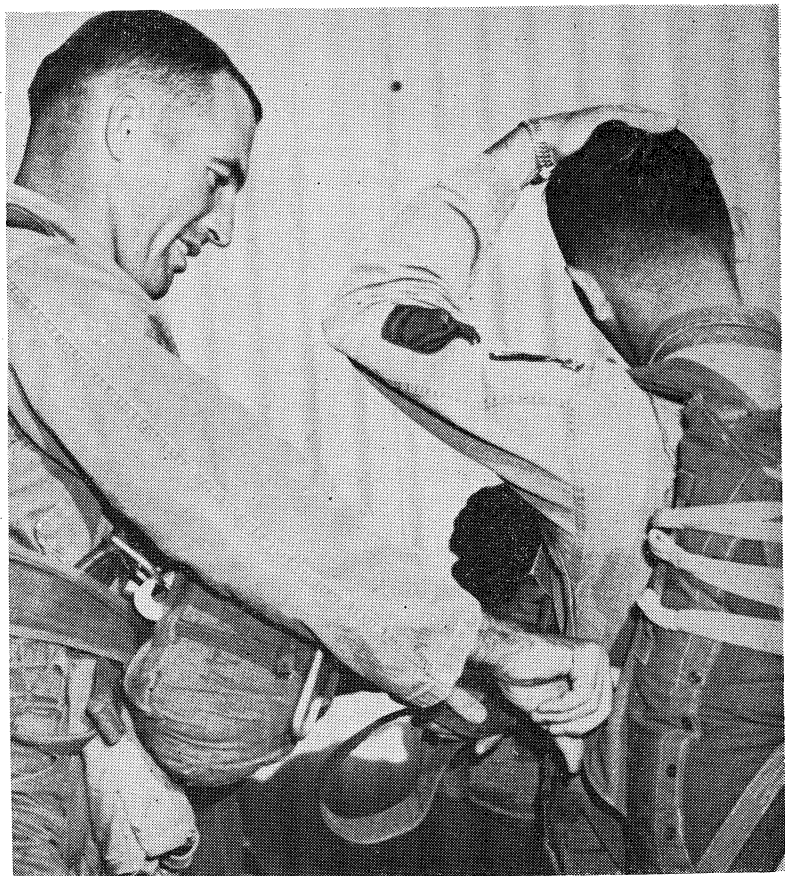
THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN . . . On the care and skill of conscientious packers like SP2 Carl J. Bryan depends the life of every airborne soldier. Any time a trooper questions a chute, SP2 Bryan packs, he has a ready answer—he puts it on and jumps it himself.



YOU STAND LIKE THIS . . . Sgt. Lee R. McGuire, left, explains to a basic class the fine points of exiting from a jump door as demonstrated by Sgt. Duane Fischer.



MAKING SURE . . . Not wanting to lose any students, and wanting to get both man and chute back at the same time, SFC Frank Baglione, left, goes down the line making sure that every man has adjusted his harness properly before boarding the plane from which the students will jump.



DOES THAT TICKLE? . . . M-Sgt. James McNeely, left, makes sure the chute is snug on a jumper prior to take-off for "jump for keeps".

SD Train tomorrow

'Go Airborne' Is This Unit's Proud Slogan

Unit pride and "esprit" is a characteristic of all airborne soldiers. But the men of Co. H of the Infantry School Detachment feel that their's is the Airborne's most important assignment: training the airborne divisions of tomorrow.

From the men who painstakingly fold and pack the student's chutes to the NCO instructors who lead the "sticks" of airborne trainees out the door of a low-flying plane, there is the feeling of responsibility for the airborne's future in every man.

"Any time you don't like it here you know where the depot is" is one of the first words a newcomer hears. Like all paratroopers, they pride themselves on being a unit of volunteers.

The airborne soldier doesn't want to depend on a "handcuffed volunteer" for



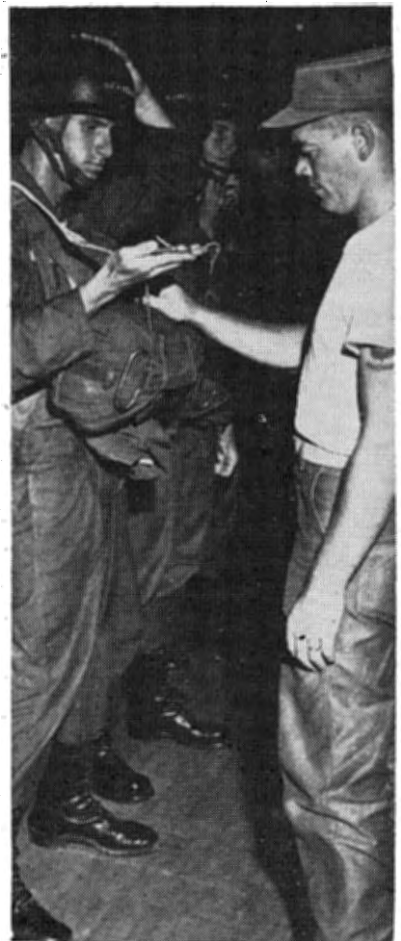
AND IT COMES OUT HERE . . . M-Sgt. Robert H. Brightwell, left rear, instructor, introduces the class to the parachute as SFC George W. Williams, left foreground, points out the parts on the chute worn by Sgt. Johnny V. Bramblett. Other demonstrators, left to right, are: Cpl. Fredrick N. Slocum, Sgt. Elias R. Quintana, and Sgt. Paul J. Skovera.

the split-second timing essential to ran airborne operation. "Git-up, Guts and Gump-tion" was the way one lanky Alabama farm boy described his views on a what it takes to be a Paratrooper.

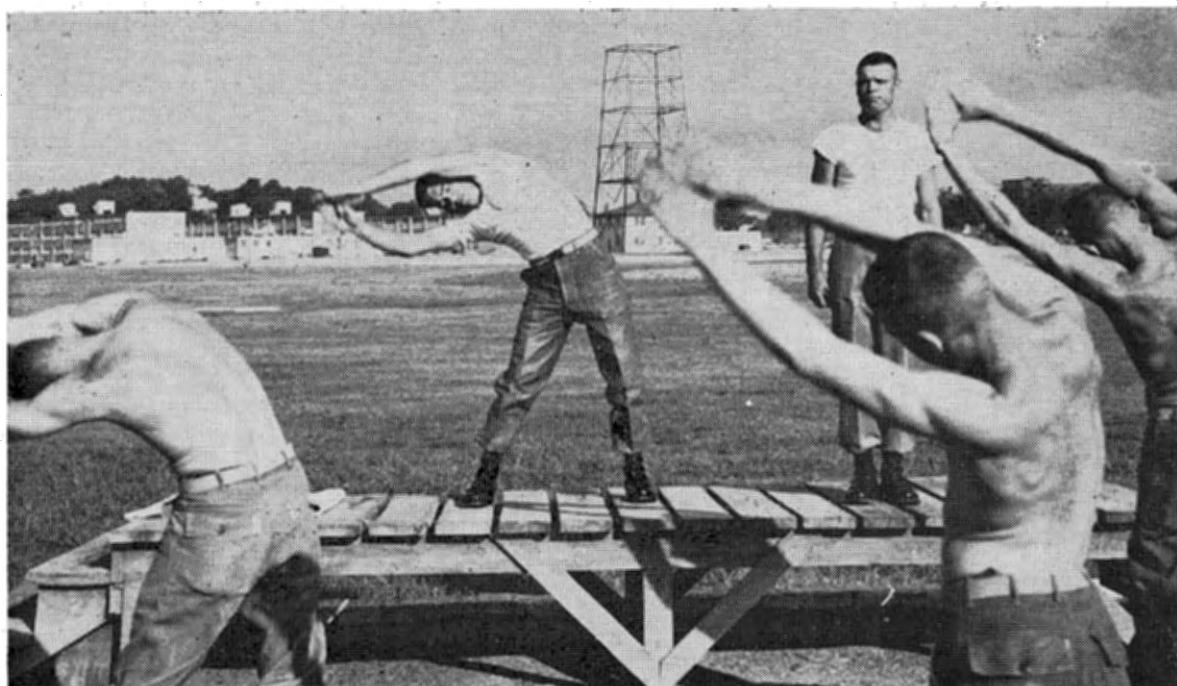
The enlisted men of Co. H work in the Airborne Army Aviation Department of the Infantry School. Those who work

in the Airborne Training Group are divided into three principal sections: Air Transportability, Basic, and Advanced.

A small group of administrative personnel work in the Air Mobility Group where tactical doctrine and equipment requirements and testing are studied; and in the Parachute Maintenance section.



BE SURE TO HOOK UP . . . Your gear is alright, just be sure to hook it up, Sgt. Duane W. Fischer tells a student in a rigging check made before entering the plane. The expression on the student's face indicates that he is not likely to forget.



SHAPE UP . . . Sgt. Duane Fischer, left rear, leads basic class through the toughening up exercises necessary to becoming a paratrooper as SFC Wilbur L. Stamper casts a critical eye over the students.

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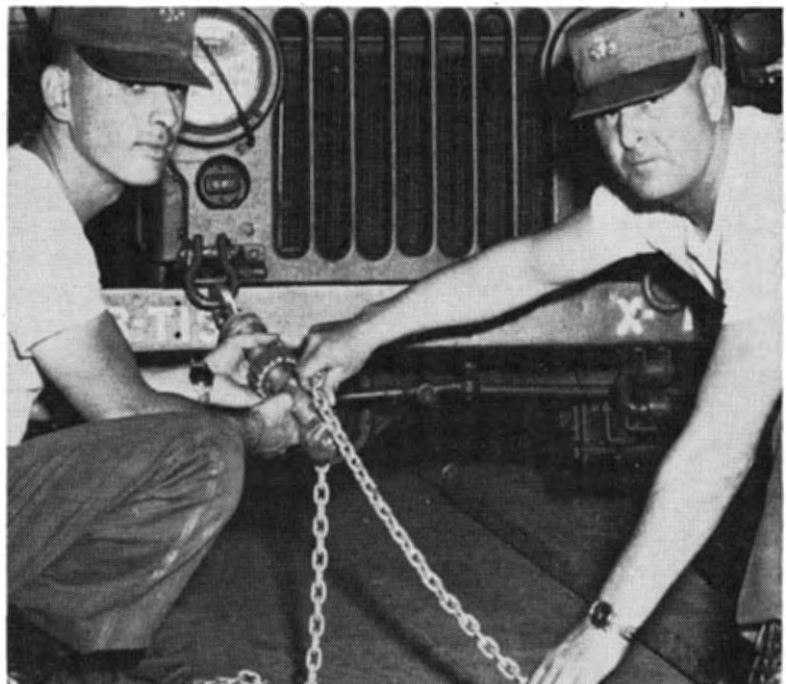
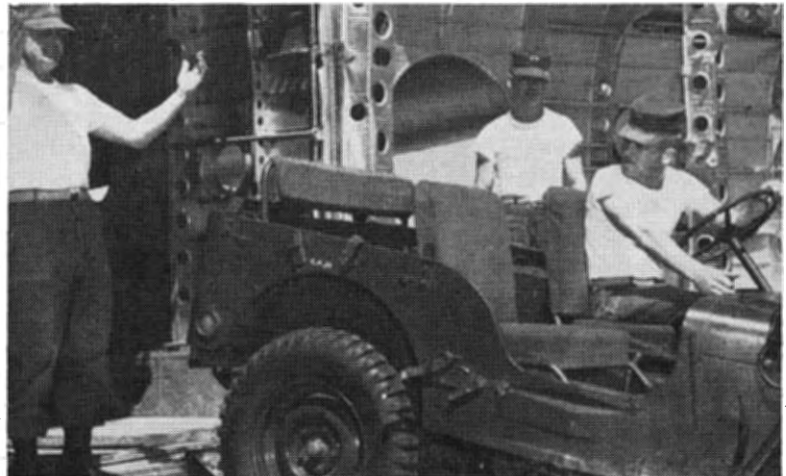
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Loading and Lashing

Another activity of the men the center photo, Dillion backs in the Airborne Department is a jeep into the plane with that of teaching loading and Simko directing and Benoit lashing techniques. In the top looking on. Once inside the photo SFC Andrew J. Simko plane, the vehicle must be lashed operates the fork lift to hoist ed down securely. In the a jeep as he gets instructions the bottom photo, Benoit and Sim- from SFC Robert J. Benoit, and ko demonstrate how this is Sgt. James O. Dillion, on a done, so the jeep won't move mock up transport plane. In around during flight.



New Army Rations Should Please GIs

BY SAM PROCOPIO

The Army uses it . . . the Navy and Air Force use it.

The Department of the Army approves it.

Quartermaster develops it. Mess Halls serve it.

GIs tolerate it.

What is it?

Dehydrated food — a new Army "convenience" product. But the combat soldier probably will no longer tolerate it. Instead, he'll enjoy it and the new field rations will change the GI's grin to a smile.

Consensus from members of the 3rd Inf. Div., who were selected for a series of field-prepared meals, and a panel

of food tasters on Main Post is that the new dehydrated rations are appetizing and wholesome foods.

The new field-ration tests, still in the embryonic stage, will play an important role in keeping U. S. soldiers the best fed fighting men in the world.

First the Army thought of whipping up magical menus with regulation battle rations, transforming canned C rations into hot, palatable meals, crunchy green salads and tempting souffles.

Something for Tomorrow

Now it's something for the GI of tomorrow. The combat

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EXAMINE RATIONS . . . M-Sgt. Harding Givens, food service advisor for STC, shows Miss Roselle Fabiani, of WRBL-TV in Columbus, some of the new dehydrated food products developed by the Army for use as field rations.

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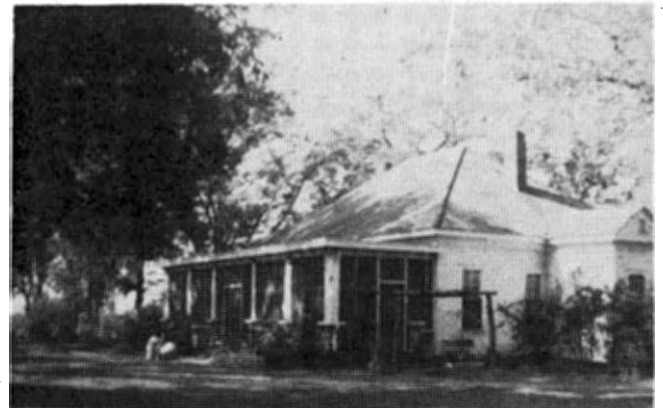
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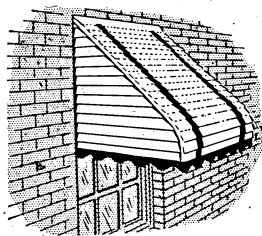
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Dehydrated Rations

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soldier probably will be furnished the same nutritious diet and appeal of the garrison meals. More than 3,000 3rd Div. troops have undergone the tests with "quite surprising" results.

Although the new field rations have yet to be adopted by the Army, the future holds for Infantrymen, and other servicemen at the front lines, a full course meal that they would have back in garrison. To begin their meal they will have a choice—tomato juice or orange-ade.

Grilled broiled pork chops or grilled steaks with onion gravy and other incidentals is a relished rarity in the field, but these could likely be the substitute for the present C rations. And there is nothing tricky or mysterious about making them.

Fresh concepts in meal preparation and packaging of rations are made by the Research and Development Field Evaluation Agency of the Quartermaster Corps at Ft. Lee, Va.

Chops, for instance, weighing only 13 pounds would serve 100 men. The simple recipe is to place the pork chops in layers in a pan or pot. Soak them in salted water for 15 minutes. Turn top layer, soak another 15 minutes. After the chops are drained, they are browned on each side on the griddle for one and one-half minutes. Served within 10 minutes—a tasty and delicious dish.

Just Plain Delicious

The exciting dish may not have the Latin, Italian, Swedish, or any other foreign touch, but the food will be exotic, and indeed just plain delicious.

The menus sampled by post personnel last week included food for 100 persons, prepared from such dehydrated items as seven pounds of bacon, six pounds of eggs, four pounds of lima soup, 13 pounds of pork chops, nine pounds of sweet potatoes, six pounds of corn, four pounds of apples and 12½ pounds of beef steaks.

The new field rations, developed by QM in cooperation with commercial food processors, are designed to maintain

the same nutritious diet and appeal of the garrison meals.

More than 3,000 3rd Div. troops have undergone the tests with "quite surprising" results.

Identical reports were received from the 25 food-testers which included the post food service adviser, commissary officer, representatives of the post surgeon and dietitian, food service advisers from each major command and the 3rd Div., and commander of STC.

Far Superior

Col. Henry M. Zeller of Dallas, Tex., STC commander, stated that the field rations were "far superior" than any he had tasted.

Remarks from the other members, who tasted the food set up at the Hq. Co., STC, mess hall ranged from "it's good" to "surprisingly delicious".

As one person put it:

"They are good the way they are served—but they would undoubtedly be better if they had some doctoring from a clever cook. Don't get me wrong, I'm sure the GI will consider this not only the best of its kind but a meal—tasty, delicious and worth the praise it has received."

First of Its Kind

Heralded as the first meal of its kind, the field products will include tomato juice, prefried bacon, catsup mix, lima bean soup, grill broiled pork chops, glazed sweet potatoes, seasoned corn, cheese apple crisp, orange-ade, grilled steaks with onion gravy and lyonnaise green beans.

Other dehydrated foods used today, but improved, will be instant oatmeal, scrambled eggs, instant coffee, gravy and parsley potatoes.

Primary advantage of the new rations will be diversified meals for troops in the field, without necessity of refrigeration or trained personnel for supervision.

Then too it will save space, weight, transportation, storage, number of shipments and preparation time.

Newly Formed

Symphony Plans First Appearance

BY JERRY ARMSTRONG

A Ft. Benning first, a Symphony Orchestra, composed of members from the service, dependents and civilians working on post now has plans for its first concert during the Christmas holidays.

This not only was a first for Benning, but was also the first musical group of its kind to be organized on any Army installation.

The "Brainchild" of CWO Benjamin J. Cortese, commander of the 283rd Band, and sponsored by the Post Chapter 8 of the National Sojourners, it is rapidly expanding into a bonafide symphony.

One of the biggest assets acquired by the orchestra was the Ft. Benning National Sojourners Symphony Guild. This will be the guiding body of the organization and will aid in such matters as arranging concerts and gaining financial support. This guild is composed en-



PRACTICE . . . Two members of the 493rd Band are shown practicing during one of the Symphony's weekly sessions at the Don C. Faith auditorium. SFC Russell L. Adams (left) of Columbus plays the saxophone with French horn musician, Cpl. Ismael Vazquez Caguas of Puerto Rico.



SYMPHONY GUILD . . . Members of the newly formed Ft. Benning Sojourners Symphony Guild are (left to right) front row: Capt. Richard Duke, CWO Benjamin Cortese, Lt. Col. Ralph L. Todd; second row: Lt. Col. Charles A. Rudy, Capt. Hampton Rowland, Jr., CWO William R. Trembath and CWO Marion E. Durbin.

tirely of members of the National Sojourners Chapter 8, who have been appointed as part of the annual special project.

Mr. Cortese acts in a dual capacity for the symphony. He serves as conductor, and supervisor in making musical arrangements and selections, as well as serving on the Guild Council.

The symphony has not made its first public appearance, but has recorded two selections and played them over "Benning Bandstand". This recording of Leroy Anderson's "Syncopated Clock" and C. M. Von Weber's "Festival March" were played throughout the states of Alabama, Georgia, and Florida.

The style of music was described by Conductor Cortese as "Grade A with popular appeal".

40 Members Now

There are now around 40 members currently practicing at the Faith School Auditorium weekly and Cortese added, "By our first concert we're hoping for over 50 musicians".

Among the personnel in the group are members of the various bands, wives and daughters of military men and civilians who work on post.



TAKE A BREAK . . . Three ladies in the Ft. Benning Symphony relax during one of the practice sessions. Left to right are: Miss Mary Trembath, Mrs. J. R. McGuire and Mrs. H. S. Anderson.

Strictly For The Ladies

BY MILLICENT SCUDDER
Herald Woman's Editor

Gen. Powell Addresses Benning Woman's Club

"I think we have here the best post in the Army," Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, Infantry School commandant, told more than 700 ladies attending the opening tea of the Ft. Benning Woman's Club this month in the Main Officers' Mess.

Gen. Powell praised the Woman's Club for exhibiting "a community spirit which will keep Benning the kind of place we want—a good place for our families, good healthful environment for our children and a place where people may profit and enjoy life together."

Referring to The Infantry School, the speaker said, "Our primary job is to operate a school for young officers of our Army."

"We must help them through a very critical year in their career and have them leave here with the idea of a model community," he added.

The speaker urged the wives to give every assistance to their student husbands. "He builds his future on his record here and what he is privileged to learn during a time when he has no duties other than to learn," Gen. Powell explained.

"No officer succeeds very well without the help of his good wife," he emphasized.

Gen. Powell was introduced by Mrs. David G. Wilson,

Woman's Club president. She also presented Mrs. Powell, the club's honorary president.

"I am looking forward to a most interesting year for all of us and a most profitable one as well. I am truly happy to be here," Mrs. Powell told the group.

In addition to Mrs. Powell, the guests included Mrs. George E. Lynch, wife of Major Gen. Lynch, Third Infantry Division commander; Mrs. James V. Thompson, wife of Brig. Gen. Thompson, deputy commanding general of The Infantry Center; Mrs. Robert L. Cook, wife of Brig. Gen. Cook, assistant commandant of The Infantry School, and Mrs. William A. Harris, wife of Col. Harris, Third Division Artillery commander.

Among the Woman's Club officers introduced by Mrs. Wilson were Mrs. O. Z. Tyler, Jr., first vice-president; Mrs. Francis L. Hopper, second vice-president; Mrs. Lynell W. Green, recording secretary; Mrs. Edward J. Cavanaugh, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lawrence L. Larsen, treasurer, and Mrs. Clyde D. Oatman, custodian.

An autumn harvest theme keyed the decorations used in the main dining room, where refreshments were served following the business session.



LOOKING OVER THE ELABORATE HARVEST DECORATIONS . . . are, left to right, Mrs. Tyler, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Lynch.

The central table, overlaid with apples. At the entrance, large stacks of corn stalks provided a rustic background for a colorful variety of fall vegetables—a rustic background for a colorful variety of fall vegetables—peppers, pumpkins, cucumbers, squash, eggplant, grapes, and row of produce.



GEN. POWELL . . . addresses the Woman's Club. Also on the dias are Mrs. Wilson, center, and Mrs. Cavanaugh.



AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB TEA . . . are, left to right, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Wilson.

Entertainment on Post

BY JERRY ARMSTRONG

Plans Professional Career

Jack Gaylin a Genius With Magic or Acrobats

Sometimes called Ft. Benning's "Houdini", SP3 Jack Gaylin of 3rd Div. Special Services, has an escape mastery and a bag full of tricks to prove it.

Jack was exposed early to the big wide world of mystery and intrigue, which surrounds the entertainment field. His Father, Tom, was a roller-skater performer and his Mother, Ann, was a high flying trapeze artist.

Both his parents worked for the fabulous Tom Mix Expositions of the late 1920's and later became owner-operators of their own carnival, which originated out of Baltimore, which Jack calls home.

In his earlier days, Jack led the usual type of life during the school months. But come the first hot days of summer, the family composed of Mom, Dad, himself and older brother, Tom Jr., would take to the exciting carnival trail.

Leaving behind the usual, and stressing the unusual became second nature to him. He picked up quickly the simple tricks his parents taught him and by the age of 9 was per-

forming on his own with feats of magic. He even rented his own theaters several times and managed his own shows.

Wants to Form Own Show

"This idea of having my own show has stayed with me a long time and I've now decided to form my own magic show and tour the country", said Jack.

Some new acts he will feature include the "Broom Suspension Illusion" and the "Floating Lady". The illusion has a girl suspended at a 90-degree angle from the top of a broom, then it is removed and leaves her in mid-air. In the other act, a girl is lying flat atop a board platform. Jack then removes the supports from under her, leaving her floating in space. A metal hoop is passed around her body to show no trick wires are used.

"Plans are not completely set, but I'm almost certain my troupe will be a trio consisting of myself, a female assistant and an electrician", added Gaylin.

Jack is planning to get out of the service around Christ-



DON'T BE CRUEL . . . A favorite trick of last year's Special Services Christmas party was this guillotine stunt of SP3 Jack Gaylin with female assistant and potatoes.

mas and hopes to give his first performance during the holiday season.

At one time the life of a magician would have seemed tame to him. Before coming into the service, Jack made his living on a 140-foot "Swaypole", which moved from the center 17 feet in any direction.

Atop this moving pole, Jack would do hand stands, push-outs holding by one foot and other tricks. He had one bad fall when just beginning to learn the art of "Swaypoling".

Lost His Grip

He lost his grip and plunged headlong down the pole into the supporting wires. This landed him in the hospital for several weeks with a fractured jaw and the loss of many teeth. But it didn't mar his spirit or determination.

It was only a short while after coming from the hospital that he was back up in his perch, high above the ground, learning the mastery of the pole and remembering what he did wrong.

Since coming here, Jack has been one of the mainstays in shows around the post. "For versatility and

stage know-how Jack Gaylin is tops", said Dean West, post entertainment director.

He has performed in many of the Special Services presentations, behind the scenes and on the stage as an actor. He was one of contributors to the staging and sets of Soldiers Shows "The Milky Way".

Magical Wonders

Another of his contributions to the entertainment program at Benning comes from his creative ability with sleight-of-hand wonders. A top magician, who is much in demand around the Columbus area, he is well known for his famous "rope escape tricks" and stunts with a guillotine-type device.

This French looking slicer was a big hit at last year's Special Services' Christmas party. Jack placed two potatoes in side holes and his female assistant's head in the large hole in the center of the device. The crowd squealed when the blade slid down the slot and cut the potatoes in halves.

Jack commented, "I think that seeing people get such a kick out of watching different tricks was the main reason why I've decided to form my own magical troupe".



THE DARING YOUNG MAN . . . SP3 Jack Gaylin does one of his favorite tricks on the "Swaypole"—a one-hand stand. This pole is 140 feet high and swings in an arc 17 feet in any direction.



Explorer Scout Post 27 Offers Full Program

A full program of activities designed to develop mental ability, physical strength and awareness of moral responsibility is offered by Ft. Benning's Explorer Scout Post 27.

The organization is open to any boy age 14 or older and meets at 7:30 p. m. Tuesdays in the Scout House near Russ Pool.

Special activities of Post 27 last year included visits to The Infantry School's Automotive Department and Fourth Helicopter Company, hosting a hill-

billy dance, and a trip to Montgomery, Ala., to tour the capitol and Maxwell Air Force Base.

The group seeks to further a knowledge of vocations and outdoor skills, a sense of community service, and social competence.

Senior crew leader of the post is Harry C. McClain, Jr., son of Col. and Mrs. McClain of Saxton, Pa. Other officers are David Feldman, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Arnold H. Feldman of De Kalb, Ill., deputy senior crew leader, and Spuz Smith, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Herald H. Smith of Portage, Ohio, secretary-treasurer.

Capt. George V. Chandler of Toccoa, Ga., assigned to The Infantry School's Weapons Department, is Explorer adviser.



EXPLORER PROGRAM

... Post No. 27 of the Explorer Scouts offers boys at Benning a well-rounded program. The picture at top shows M-Sgt. John M. Harrigan, of Rochester, N. Y., assistant commissioner of the Upatoi District, Boy Scouts of America, presenting the charter for Post 27 to Senior Crew Leader Harry McClain, Jr. Center photo shows, left to right, Bill Osborne, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Vincent E. Osborne, of Davenport, Iowa; Jim Coffin, son of Col. and Mrs. Edward C. Coffin, Jr., of Richland, Ga.; Bruce Brown, son of Col. and Mrs. Melvin C. Brown, of St. Louis, Mo., and Capt. Chandler, post advisor, formulating policy for the program of activities. Bottom photo shows a group at the father-son membership rally. Left to right, Lt. Col. Feldman, David Feldman, Col. McClain, Harry McClain, Jr., Spuz Smith, and Lt. Col. Smith.



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Spotlight on Sports

BY TOM WIERZBICKI
Herald Sports Editor

Jim Boyd Aims Toward Career in Pro Boxing

For a man who had never seen the inside of a boxing ring until he came into the Army, Jim Boyd, Benning light heavy-weight has done all right for himself this year.

The Rocky Mount (N. C.) flash successfully defended his triple boxing crown this year winning the Third Army, All-Army and Inter-Service, and also won a berth on the 1956 Olympic boxing team.

That's quite a task to ask of any fighter but for Jimmy Boyd it's only the beginning of what looks like a promising boxing career.

Although Jim has been in the fight game only five short years, his ring knowledge has set many Post fighting fans to acclaiming him as a future ring great.

Career Starts Here

Boyd's career first got underway in 1951 when he arrived here from Japan where he spent 20 months with the 24th Inf. Reg. of the 25th Div., and also served as an MP with the 512th MP Co.

In 1951 Boyd returned to the U. S. and was assigned to the 3rd Army Area Food Service School where he completed the cook's and baker's course. He then was assigned to the 71st Chemical Co. as a cook.

In his off-duty time Jim started going to the gym to watch the fighters work out. It was there he was to meet the man who would change his life, Larry Jones.

SFC Lawrence G. Jones, assigned to Hq. and Hq. Co., TSB, was a member of the post boxing team. He was the All-Army middleweight champ in 1949 and 1950, and the runner-up for the title in 1951.

"Any success I have gained since I've started fighting," said Boyd, "I owe to Larry Jones because without his help I would never have gotten this far."

In 1951 Jim had his first fight with Roscoe Elliot of Ft. Bragg, N. C. He stopped the North Carolinian in the first round displaying a power-packed right hand which was later to develop into his best punch.

The second year of fighting proved more fruitful for Boyd as he reached the semi-finals of the 3rd Army Boxing Tournament only to taste defeat. However, he was still making mistakes but with Jones' able assistance he quickly corrected these faults.

In 1953 Jim took his first crack at Golden Gloves fighting. Fighting out of Montgomery, Ala., he won the district and state championships and proceeded to Chicago, Ill., where he lost out in the quarter-finals.

The following year the Rocky Mount puncher reached the finals of the Third Army tournament and again lost out, this time to Eddie Jenkins of Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Boyd also competed in the Golden Gloves in 1954. Again fighting out of Montgomery, Ala., he reached the semi-finals and lost on default as his sponsors in Evansville, Ind., could not provide transportation for him.

Triple Crown Winner

Last year Boyd captured the 3rd Army title which he had tried so hard to win the last three years. Following this, he won the All-Army title and then in Oakland, Calif., he won the Inter-Service title from defending champ Johnny Stewart on a decision as he came off the floor in the second round.

Fighting out of Montgomery, Ala., Jimmy won the district and state titles in the Golden Gloves and proceeded to the Chicago Golden Gloves where he stopped Orville Pitts of the Air Force in a semi-final bout and then defeated George Terrall, a Chicago hopeful, for the championship.



WINS PLACE ON U. S. OLYMPIC TEAM
... Benning's Light Heavyweight Jim Boyd

At this time Jim ran into his first major disappointment in boxing when he was declared unable to compete in the New York Golden Gloves because of an Army ruling forbidding Army personnel to fight without a headgear as they do in the New York Golden Gloves.

This year the light heavy-weight started where he left off in 1955 when he racked up 14 straight wins. Boyd's record so far is 16 and 1. The lone defeat came on a split decision with Johnny Horne of Bolling Air Force Base, a former National AAU champ.

Olympic Tryouts

The climax of this year's pugilistic activities for the North Carolinian came in the San Francisco Cow Palace. After repeating his triple crown in service boxing, Jim took part in the Olympic Tryouts.

An Oregon AAU champ, Willie Richardson was the first victim for the Rocky Mount

flash. Jim made short work of him stopping him in the second round of a quarter-final bout.

In the semi-final bout University of Wisconsin's Ronald Freeman put up a game battle, but was stopped in the third round by the Benning light heavyweight.

Boyd's toughest fight of the year, and rightly so, came in the finals of the Olympic Tryouts against Orville Pitts of the University of Wisconsin. After suffering two knock-downs, Jim came off the floor to win by a TKO in the second round when Pitts suffered a cut eye.

Next stop . . . Melbourne, Australia and the Olympic Games . . .

How will Jim fare? Well, who can say, but as Boyd so often commented about a future tussle, "I'll cross that bridge when I come to it."



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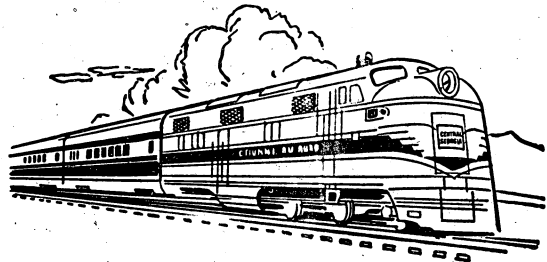
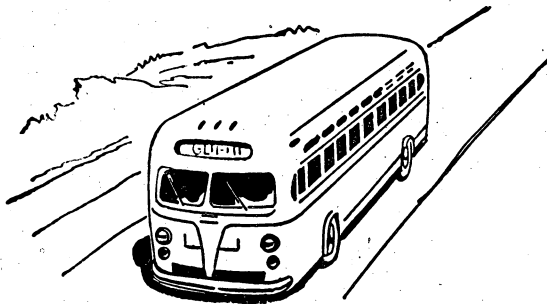
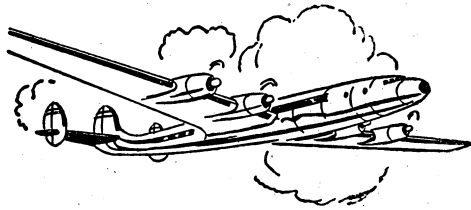
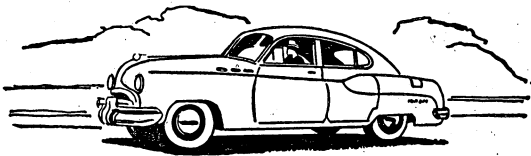
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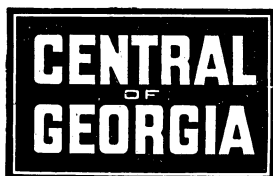
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Thanksgiving, 1956

Our cover this month portrays the "thanks" which were given this month as the nation observed Thanksgiving, 1956.

There are many things which we have to be thankful for. We are thankful that our country is still maintaining peace even though the international situation is cloudy and dark.

We are thankful that we have a mighty armed force, which comprises a "power for peace," standing ready to defend our-selves against any aggression.

Most important, we should be thankful for the freedom, which we, in the United States, take for granted, but which is denied to so many people in the world today.

At the present time, people in another part of the world are fighting in an attempt to gain this freedom, and we should be thankful that the desire to be free still burns in their souls, because the world becomes a better place to live in as more people embrace the democratic principles of government.

Therefore, let us, on this Thanksgiving, 1956, give thanks for the many blessings which have been sent our way, and at the same time, let us hope and pray for a better and freer world tomorrow.



Did You Know

Men Are Outnumbered

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Men, you are now greatly outnumbered by the women.

The Census Bureau has just released figures showing there are 1,381,000 more women than men in this country.

The greatest disparity is in the age groups of 25 and older, figures showed. Six years ago there were only 600,000 more females than males.

In This Months Issue

Veterans Day

Crack units from Ft. Benning visited 5 southern cities Nov. 10-12, participating in Veterans' Day ceremonies. Turn to Page 2 and 3 for a report on this participation.



Tank Bn.

"Go Forward With Us" is the motto of the 714th Tank Bn., presently stationed here, but due for Gyroscope to Europe in February. After reading pages 6 and 7, it will be evident why Infantrymen like to have these tankers close by in time of combat.



Women's News

News of interest to women on post is found on page 8, as the Herald reports on social events of the month.



Benning Sports

The home life of Ft. Benning's powerful heavyweight boxer, Pete Rademacher is dwelt with on Page 12, as our sports editor departs somewhat from the usual type story and reports a recent interview with Mrs. Rademacher. This report should further prove that Pete is really the "nice guy" that people say he is.



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Post Units Travel to Five Cities in Area For Veterans' Day Activities Nov. 10-12

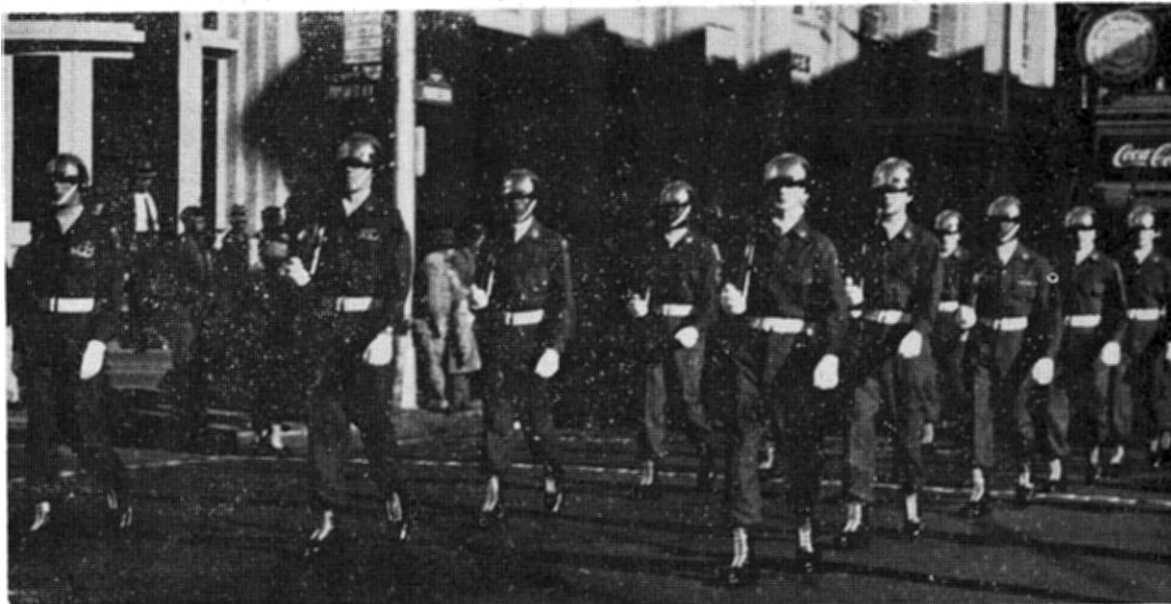
Benning Well Represented At Observances

Units from Ft. Benning participated in Veterans' Day ceremonies in five Southern cities Nov. 10 to 12.

The post's most elite unit, the Honor Guard Company of the 29th Regimental Combat Team, was featured in Atlanta's holiday observance, along with Battery C of the 23d F.A. Bn., the unit that fires salutes for visiting dignitaries.

Holding down a place of honor in the Atlanta Parade was Major Jack L. Treadwell, reputed to be the most decorated soldier in the Army today, who was feted in grand style by Atlanta citizens. Major Treadwell is currently serving as an instructor in the Infantry School's Tactical Department.

In Birmingham, Ala., on Nov. 12, the 29th Infantry Regiment's 1st Battalion, with a total of 400 men, and the 44th Scout Dog Platoon led the parade highlighting the Holiday weekend.



IN ATLANTA PARADE . . . The elite Honor Guard Company of the 29th RCT marches in Atlanta, Ga. in a Veterans' Day Parade Nov. 12.

The reviewing party there included Gen. (Ret.) Mark W. Clark, president of the Citadel; Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, commandant of the Infantry School, and Major Gen. Guy S. Meloy, chief of information, Department of Army, and former Infantry School commandant.

"The Army Goes Rolling Along," the U. S. Army's new

song was dedicated throughout the nation in Veterans' Day ceremonies, and the Infantry Center Band performed their version of it when they appeared in the Phenix City, Ala., parade Nov. 12, along with the 78th Engineer Bn., who turned out 500 men to participate in the observance.

Columbus noted Veterans' Day with memorial ceremonies

held at Riverdale Cemetery Nov. 11. A firing squad from the 147th Ord. Co., and an Infantry Center bugler represented the post at this observance.

An honor rifle company of the 3d Div.'s 5th Bu., and the 3d Div. Band participated in a combined Medal of Honor-Veterans' Day parade in Tampa, Fla. Nov. 10, rounding out the list of activities.

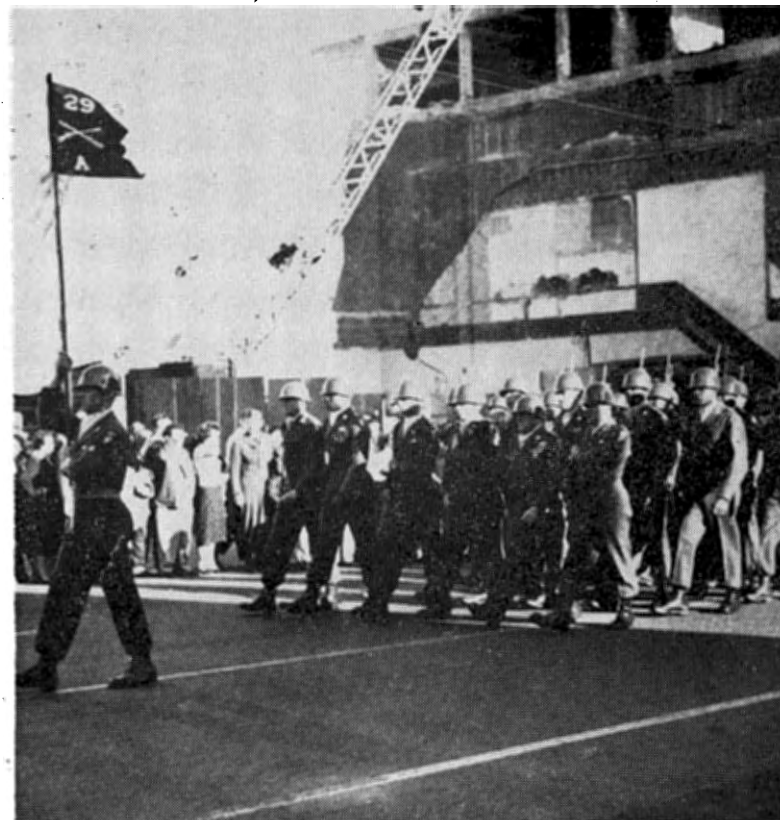


SCOUT DOGS PERFORM . . . The 44th Scout Dog Platoon was one of the units from Ft. Benning who participated in the Birmingham observance of Veterans' Day

Nov. 12. This unit, along with the 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt., represented the post at this parade.



THE LADIES' TOUCH . . . A WAC unit from Ft. McPherson, Ga., added the ladies' touch to the Veterans' Day parade in Atlanta, Ga. Nov. 12, and proved to be one of the most popular units in the parade.



BIRMINGHAM PARADE . . . Co. A, of the 29th Infantry Regiment is shown marching in the Veterans' Day parade held Nov. 12 in Birmingham, Ala. The parade was reviewed by Maj. Gen. Herbert B. Powell, among others.

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Many Ancient Objects Found on Reservation

BY SFC DAVID W. CHASE

That hill where you zeroed your mortar was once the camping ground of a stone age hunter. Your OP was the scene of a communal dance held many years ago. Your squad leader deploys his men in combat exercises where red men hurled their stone-tipped lance at fleeing deer in years gone by.

Can these things be so? Yes, they can, and probably are.

Evidence in support of these and similar disclosures has been uncovered on the reservation during the last two years.

This evidence has consisted of stone and pottery objects gathered primarily from the surface of the ground, where wind and rain have washed away the top soil. Also, material has been gathered from testings in known areas of occupation.

Recent, accurate age-determining processes, based upon the analysis of a radio-active isotope known as Carbon 14 has dated some of this material in other sections of the state. These tests have indicated quite an antiquity for certain specimen types.

Earliest Type of Point

For example, a well-made, notched form of arrowpoint—commonly called a “spinner” due to its peculiar bevel-form chipping, which gives it a twisted appearance along the blade—is one of the earliest types of projectile points known in Georgia.

In the southern part of the

state, some of these have been found as deep as twenty feet under the ground's surface. They are usually extensively weathered. That is, they have a coat of chalky white patina, which only great age can give to a hard substance like flint or chert, the material that most of them are made from.

Exactly how old these “spinners” are is hard to say. Arrowpoints known to have come from periods much later than the one the “spinner” came from, have been dated up to four thousand years!

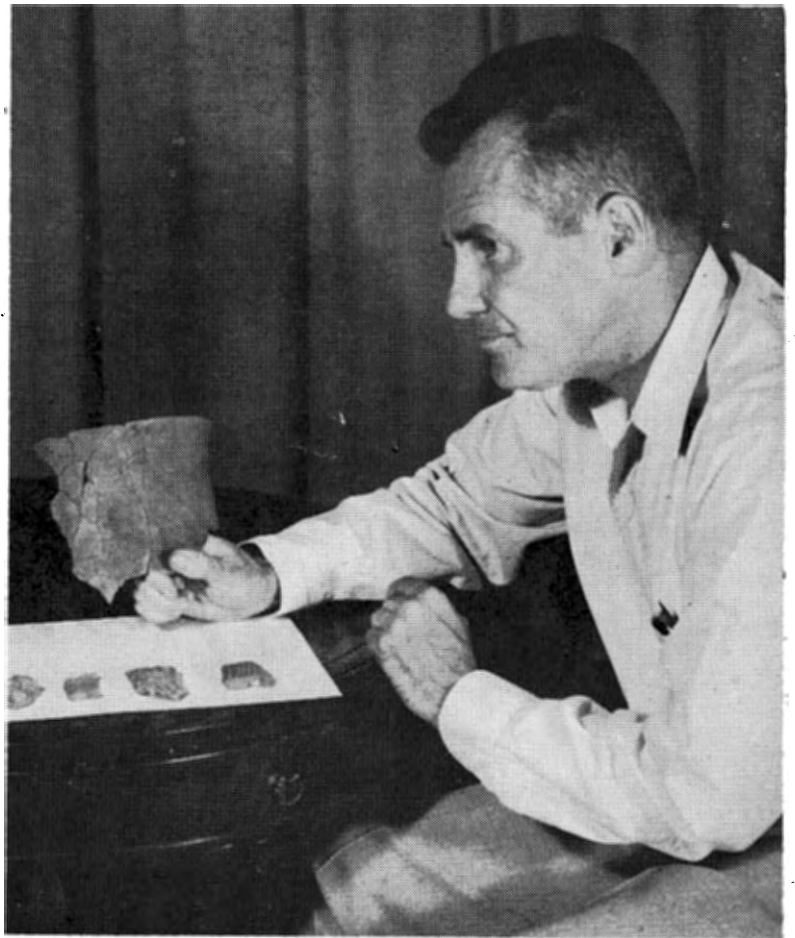
It would not be surprising to obtain a radio-carbon 14 date of anywhere from six to ten thousands of years for this culture.

To further illustrate this point, the situation should be described as it appeared to excavators in one nearby village site.

Four Level Excavation

In the upper six inches, pottery and chipped specimens were found which pertained to the Lamar period, this being the archeological culture name for the historic Creek. However, since there were no historic materials (iron trinkets, beads, trade pipes, etc.) on the site, it might be assumed that the explorers were dealing with a late pre-historic (pre-DeSoto times) site.

Beneath this, pottery of the middle Swift Creek Culture, with the fascinating and complicated stamped pottery de-



AMATEUR ARCHEOLOGIST . . . SFC Chase poses with some of the ancient pottery artifacts that he picked up on the reservation.

sign, was found. Still further down (each inch of dirt could represent hundreds of years of accumulation) was found several earlier pottery types with simple, check stamped motifs serving as designs.

Beneath this level of eight-ten inches, the earliest pottery known in Georgia was found. These were the crude, thick and poorly molded, fiber-tempered sherds which are easily broken with slight pressure of the fingers. Since evidence of village debris (charcoal flecks, and flint chips) still appeared, the diggers continued downward.

Now only stone objects were found. These included, pebble hammerstones, steatite (soapstone) pottery, projectile points, scrapers and other chipped stone objects. These ranged down to the twenty-eight inch level.

Beneath this last stratum, at a depth of thirty-six inches and practically resting on the red clay hard-pan, a beautiful, thickly patinated notched blade of the spinner variety was found. How long ago it had found this deep resting place none of the party could even guess, but one thing was sure; since it was deposited there, many peoples had come and

gone over a period of hundreds and possibly thousands of years.

What Was Their Life?

Just what kind of a life did these ancient stone chippers live? What did they hunt? Where did they come from? Where did they finally go?

These, and many other questions about them may go unanswered forever, but it is known that they were real and did roam the hills and valleys of western Georgia in sufficient number to leave their traces here and there—these small camp-sites which were visited from time to time during the hunting and food gathering seasons.

Probably the first of the wandering stone-agers entered Georgia when the icy winds were still blowing from the glaciated north. The climate then was without doubt, cooler. Where hickory and oak now thrive, there stood birch and spruce, trees normally associated with more northerly climes. Game animals were abundant in the hills and valleys, and man had to employ all of his cunning and knowledge to trap or kill his food with the crude weapons at his command.

About the Author

SFC Chase went on his first archeological expedition in 1936 in the Lake Champlain area, and he has been following this hobby ever since, when Army duties would allow. He entered the Army in 1940, completing OCS in 1942. He served throughout World War II, and was discharged in 1947, entering the University of Rochester, in Rochester, N. Y.

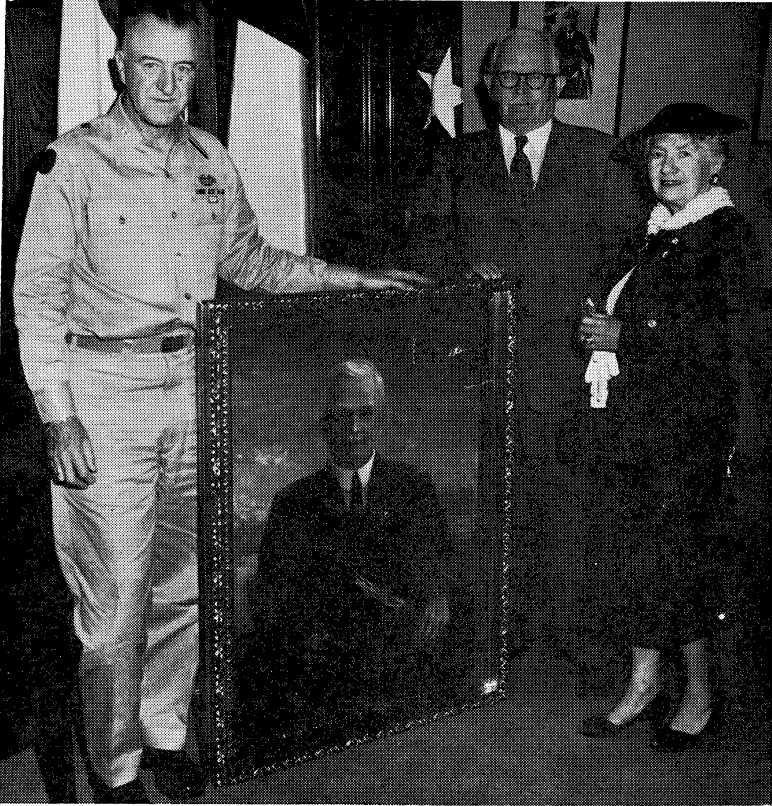
In 1949 he came back on active duty as a 1st lieutenant and served throughout the Korean Conflict, as the commander of the 865th AAW Battery (SP). He was discharged from

active duty as a captain in 1954, and re-enlisted as a sergeant first class.

He has participated in archeological expeditions in central New York, and Japan, and has done much digging on his own in Panama, and the Southeastern U. S. area.

He is currently conducting an informal survey for Dr. A. R. Kelley, of the University of Georgia. Anyone interested in archeology as a hobby, who would like to share their discoveries, is invited to get in touch with SFC Chase, at the Army Emergency Relief office at Ft. Benning.

Portrait Presented



Former Chief of Infantry Major Gen. (Ret.) George A. Lynch, center, and Mrs. Lynch presented a portrait of Gen. Lynch to Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, Infantry School commandant, at the latter's office last month. Mrs. Lynch painted the portrait which will be hung in the library at The Infantry School. Gen. and Mrs. Lynch, who have resided at 812 Lake Formosa Drive, Orlando, Fla., since the general's retirement in 1941, were on the post visiting their son, Major Gen. George E. Lynch, commander of the 3rd Div.

Education Week Noted



American Education Week was celebrated by the Ft. Benning Children's Schools at an open house Nov. 13 sponsored by the post P-TA. Among the 1,440 visitors to the schools were M-Sgt. and Mrs. Martin H. Steffen standing, of Minneapolis, Minn., who watch Archie Hatfield, 13, weaving place mats in the Faith School Art Room. He is the son of M-Sgt. and Mrs. Archie E. Hatfield of Rochester, N. Y.

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SIGHTING IN . . . Setting the range finder on his target, the gunner carefully observes the outcome of his mission. With the accuracy and extraordinary ability of the 714th Tank Bn., obtained during a short space of five months in combat in World War II, the unit has won three campaign streamers—Rhine-land, Central Europe, and the Arennes.

One 29th Regimental Combat Team unit which has gone forward, traversing difficult terrain with the foot soldiers, all the way from the far-flung battlefields of the Far East and Europe to the training fields at The Infantry Center is the 714th Tank Battalion (Gyroscope).

The unit, now training in preparation for replacing the 4th Armored Group's 826th Tank Bn. in Schweinfut, Germany next March, is known as the "Iron Horse Battalion" because of its historical achievements.

Wrote Bloodiest Chapter

Activated Dec. 15, 1941 at Camp Shelby, Miss., by redesignation of elements of the 73d F.A. Brigade, the 714th wrote, on its first day of battle in World War II, the bloodiest chapter in its history.

Two factors weighed heavily against the lead elements of the unit as it rolled toward the riverhead at Herrlisheim. The country was definitely not suited for tank warfare and, more important, the ene-

my's strength was greatly underestimated.

What was thought to be a small inferior force of 500 men actually consisted of two divisions, skillfully organized for defense.

Wouldn't Concede Defeat

The tankers, however, failed to concede defeat. For two nights the 714th carefully organized a withdrawal. With every man playing his part, the story ended happily, for it was completed without a loss, and without being subjected to shelling.

Meanwhile, early in February, the 714th was instrumental in routing the Germans from their last major stronghold in French territory—the Colmar Pocket. In a lightning three-day drive the unit, the lead element of the 12th Armor, sealed off the German forces in the pocket.

During the short period of five months in combat, the 714th saw their unit transformed from an inexperienced and untested outfit into a well-functioning combat unit, and a part



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of one of the most feared divisions on the Western Front.

Trail of Victories

Three campaigns — Rhineland, Central Europe, and the Ardennes—traced a trail of victory against a mixture of weary German soldiers and die-hard SS troopers. This earned the "Iron Horse Battalion" three campaign streamers.

As a result of the Korean outbreak, June 1950, the 714th was reactivated. The unit was engaged in the "Air Support Weapons Effectiveness Test, ASWET", then "Exercise Southern Pines", "Exercise Snowstorm", and "Exercise Falcon". The excellent results of their performance brought the tankers one step closer to their ultimate goal—combat readiness.

Replaced 773rd Bn.

On Nov. 1, 1954, the 714th, minus men and equipment, was transferred here to replace the 773rd Tank Bn., which was inactivated and returned to the Louisiana National Guard.

At The Infantry Center, in addition to conduct training to insure its potential combat effectiveness, the battalion has been utilized in sup-

port of the Army's most complete education center—The Infantry School.

Today, the 714th, commanded by Lt. Col. Garth Stevens

of Holden, Utah, has been released from its school duties to prepare for the paramount role the battalion will play in Germany.



WON FAME IN COMBAT . . . This is the typical scene that confronted the enemy and won the "Iron Horse Battalion" its fame in combat throughout the Far East and Europe. It's their motto: "Go Forward With Us . . ."

Strictly For The Ladies

BY MILLICENT SCUDDER
Herald Woman's Editor

Kids Enjoy Activities At Nursery

One hundred youngsters are engaged in pre-kindergarten training and many happy hours of activity at the post Nursery School.

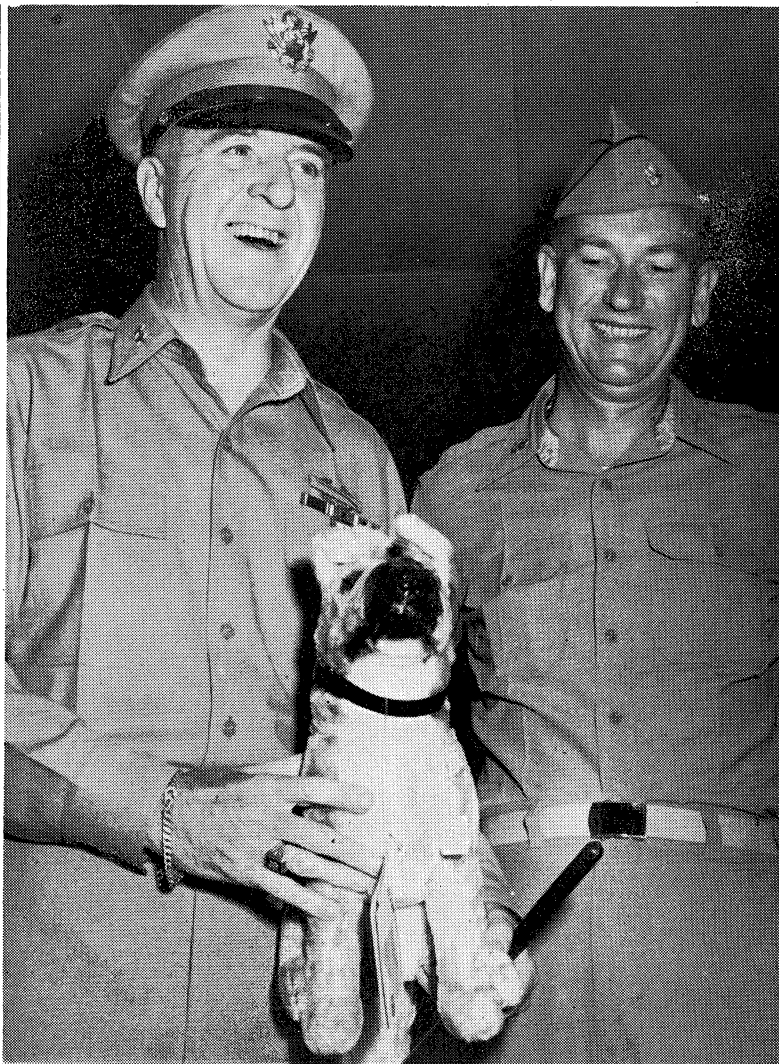
The school, for three to five-year-olds, is sponsored by the Ft. Benning Woman's Club. Supervision of the Nursery School is the responsibility of a Board of Governors under the direction of Mrs. Earl F. Klinck.

Six teachers, headed by Mrs. Katherine Purdue, comprise the staff.

The school term follows that of the post's Children's Schools. Sessions are 9 to 11:30 a. m. Monday through Friday. Tuition is ten dollars a month and registrants must be members of the Woman's Club.

The school features a large, fenced play area and varied recreational facilities. Each semester an open house is held during school hours to enable parents and Woman's Club members to observe its operation.

Although enrollment is limited to 100, parents are urged to place eligible children's names on the waiting list to fill vacancies due to turnover of personnel. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. Purdue at FB 2-6217.



A VERY REALISTIC RIN-TIN-TIN . . . stuffed variety, captures the attention of Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, left, Infantry Center commander, as he looks over the wonderland of toys at the PX Toyland, located in Bldg. 2180, Lawson Field area. New Toyland hours are 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. Monday through Friday and 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Saturday. At right is Lt. Col. Lawrence L. Larsen, Infantry Center post exchange officer.

Post Fetes Tripartite Conferees

A colorful banquet Nov. 2 in Benning's Main Officers' Mess climaxed the Second Infantry Tripartite Conference, a week-long meeting of British, Canadian and U. S. Infantry leaders.

"The U. S. service, which is descended from the British tradition, is honored to have you here," Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, Infantry School commandant, told the 120 guests.

As the group entered the dining room, a composite Infantry Center Band played "Roast Beef of Old England," traditional British "going-in" piece.

Following the dinner, Gen. Powell offered a toast to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and the band played "God Save the Queen." Major Gen. C. L. Firbank, senior British delegate, led a toast to the President of the U. S. and the "Star Spangled Banner" was rendered.

The band then played the regimental marches of the units of Gen. Firbank and Brigadier C. B. Ware, senior Canadian delegate—"Prince Albert's Own" (Somersetshire Light Infantry) and the "Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry March."

The latter is a spirited medley including "Where Did the Colonel Go?" and "Tipperary." The gathering burst into song with "Tipperary."

"The Army goes Rolling Along," the U. S. Army's new song which was dedicated Veterans' Day, was previewed for the group. The Infantry Center arrangement was composed by the band's drum major, M-Sgt. Eugene Allen of Meridian, Tex.

Highlighting the resplendent uniforms were the bright "pink" coats of eight Canadian delegates and the plaid trousers worn by Lt. Col. J. Stuart White of the British War Office Directorate of Infantry.



MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS . . . of the Ft. Benning Nursery School are, left to right, Mrs. Burton E. Stetson, treasurer; Mrs. R. M. Buttler, secretary; Mrs. Earl F. Klinck, chairman; Mrs. Walter R. Steidl, representative of The Infantry School's advanced officers class No. 1, and Mrs. Edward A. French, 3rd Inf. Div. representative.

The Meanest Woman Alive

BY MARIORIE COBB

I've gotta secret, see?

It ain't none of yer business, see? But I'll tell ya, anyway.

I know the meanest woman on earth That's my secret, see?

This woman didn't hav'a criminal forehead. Her hair was the same color it was when she was a two-year-old filly. And her gum musta stayed glued behind her ear for she never chewed it. But looks are just as conceiving as those things that you're supposed to see on the desert but ain't there a'tall.

Well, this story started several weeks before Christmas, see? The time when everyone is rushing around . . . saying how glad they are that Christmas don't roll around but once a year.

Nobody really paid no attention to this doll, ya see, when she walked into this department store which carried everything from paper napkins with dirty, little poems on 'em to gold bands for homing pigeons.

She had her coat wrapped tight round her like she didn't have nothing on under it. Her hat was pulled way down over her ears. Maybe that was where her chewing gum was—holding her hat on.

Anyway, she strolled from counter to counter. Even went up to the third floor and looked at the house that comes in a 10-by-16-foot box that you can put up in a hour. One of those build-it-yourself kits, see?

At times she'd stop strolling and just prop herself against a counter and watch the shopper next to her. However, this

was too dangerous. Each time she did this, a clerk would come over and ask if she could wait on her. This happened even when this dame turned her head and gave the clerk a "don't bother me" air.

My friend went to the store faithful each day—like she enjoyed bumping into people. She seemed to specially like the people carrying a load of packages. She'd just smile, see?—like she wanted with all her little, black heart to trip them.

With so many people milling round in the store, guess the policemen on duty there didn't think too much about my friend and there wasn't no lady in red to put them wise. So justice went unheeded.

Well, as Christmas got nearer and nearer and folk became more frantic and panicky, Madam Dame made her trips to the store more often.

It seemed that the more excited the other people got, the broader her smile became. Never will forget her smile the night before Christmas. It reminded me of a crack made by the San Francisco earthquake in 1906. It was kind of a gloating smile at that, see?

That night—Christmas Eve—she stayed until every single customer was gone. As she followed the last group out, she turned and gave a final look at the store. Still smiling she began walking home—thinking about all those suckers who waited until the last minute to do their Christmas shopping.

Ya see, this doll had done her shopping early, and enjoyed the last week by watching other people hurrying and scurrying in the Christmas rush. And that's what I call the meanest woman alive, see?

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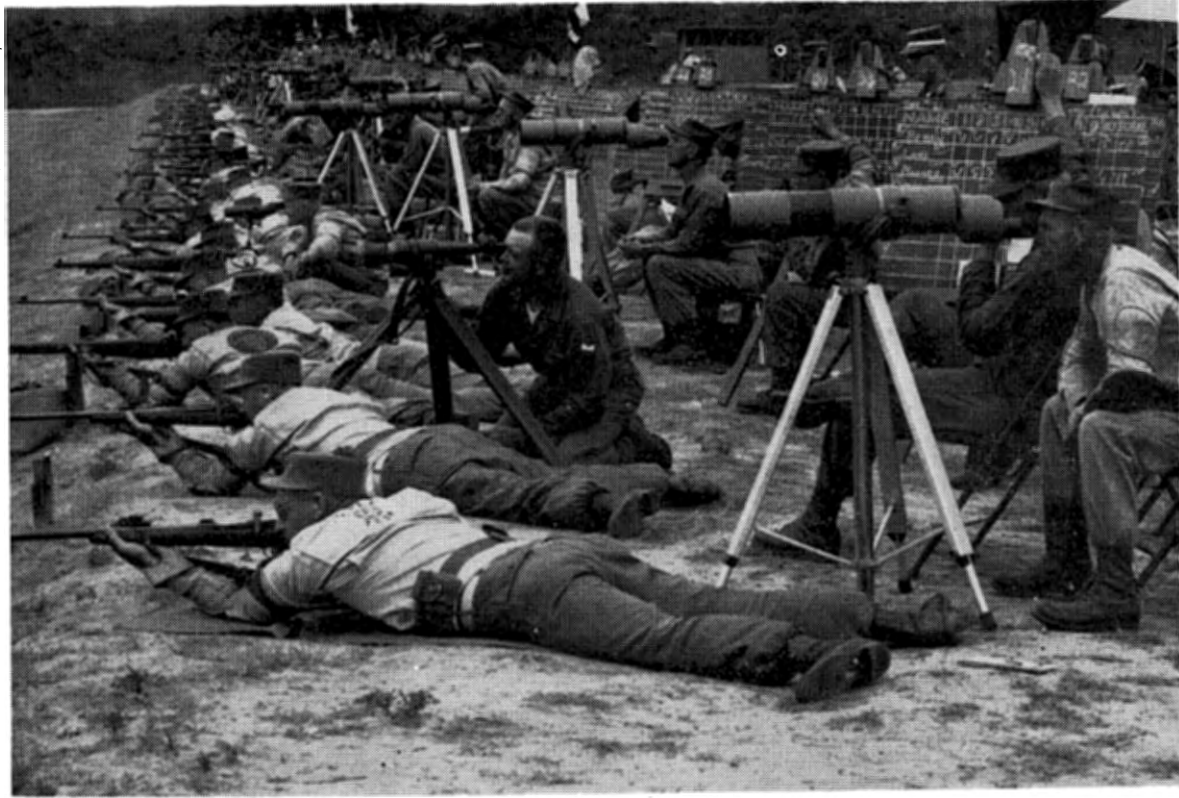
You've probably "squeezed 'em off" at targets on the various ranges throughout the reservation and have given no more thought to the target than the fact it's there for you to hit. Did you ever consider the planning and work necessary to keep those targets ready on the firing line?

The construction, operation, maintenance and general upkeep of the many ranges and training areas on post is just one of the jobs in which STC is engaged, in its mission of support to The Infantry Center.

The Infantry Center Range Section is manned largely by personnel of 1st Special Troops Bn., STC, and is responsible for 140 firing ranges as well as over 250 training areas on the post. Included are PRI, Bayonet, Confidence Course, Infiltration Course, Pistol and Rifle ranges.

Takes Care of Ranges

The range section takes care of scheduling and coordination



THE END RESULT . . . The fine job that the Range Section does is reflected here in a picture of the range which was used for the Third Army Rifle and Pistol Matches this year. This competitive shooting demands that the range be in perfect condition.

of requests for firing ranges and training areas, plotting of safety limits, all signs and road blocks in danger areas, operation of ranges during actual firing and, while ranges are not being used, the jobs of grass cutting, repair of target frames, replacement of numbers stakes, repair of target car-

riages and the upkeep of firing points are accomplished.

The most recent project of the section was the construction of a rifle range with distances measured in meters, to be used in training and practice for the Olympic Games rifle matches.

With the large number of personnel on post requiring the use of ranges and training areas, the operation of the range section is a big job. Next time you zero in on that bulls-eye, give a thought to how it's kept there.



ACCURATELY PLANNED . . . Ranges must be laid out accurately. PFC Robert L. Synderman, PFC Roger Pipepee, and Sidney I. Kaufman, a survey team from the Range Section, measure and plot a new range.



FIXING 'EM UP . . . After the students leave the ranges after a day's firing, the men of the Range Section must go to work, pasting the targets for the next day's firing. Shown above are Pvt. James Ingraham, Pvt. Albert Wahl, Cpl. Harry Gesselman, Range NCO, and Pvt. Alvia Parsons.

Entertainment on Post

BY JERRY ARMSTRONG

Post Hears Miller Band

Comic, drummer, and improviser supreme tell only part of the great performance Ray McKinley gave when he brought the original Glenn Miller Band to the Main Theater in November.

Doing everything from improvisational greats of the Miller era like "Down the Road" to the latest Presley styled Rock 'n Roll numbers, he kept the packed crowd glued to their seats until the final note of "Moonlight Serenade".

The famous Miller sound, though part of a past era, still got a great ovation with a "String of Pearls" and other "ole timers" like "Shine on Harvest Moon" and "In the Mood".

McKinley kept the audience alive with humorous stunts with his drums and gave the boys something they would like to find in their Christmas stocking, in an embracing duet with vocalist Marilyn Mitchell.

A golden blonde with the "honey-toned notes", associated with Peggy Lee, Mitchell had the "up front" crowd dazzled after the fifth note. After singing a smooth love song, her versatility was displayed in a humorous rendition of "Hot Diggity, Dog Ziggity".

Then the tempo changed, with the popular songs currently swinging around the nation, moving into the spotlight.

Guitarist Roger Craig moved out to sing Vic Damone's hit "On the Street Where You Live" and McKinley again shared the spot doing a leggying rock 'n roll number.

A stunned, well-pleased crowd witnessed the finale of a Miller Medley, with saxophonist Lennie Hambon doing his version of a Cole Porter tune. "Hutchin" Ferguson on the keyboard, McKinley on the drums, Jim Thorpe thumbing the bass, and Craig with the guitar rounded out the background for Hambon's quintet.

McKinley added, as the theme filled the stage with old memoirs, "stay with me gang", and some may have thought—Glenn's still up front with the trombone.



DA PERFORMER
... PFC Scott Jackson

Army's 'Rolling Along' Well Received on Post

Praise was the order of the day when Department of Army's "Rolling Along of 1956", featuring 19 finalists in the all-Army entertainment contest, appeared in the Main Theater in November.

Heading the talent list were many of the performers who made a big hit on Ed Sullivan's television show.

At the top of the list of vocalists was PFC Scott Jackson, Jr., of Birmingham, Ala., who sang three songs, which have made him well known from

Paris to our nation's capital.

Other star acts included the saxophone and clarinet combination of Lt. Roger Peltier and SP3 Paul Moonan, the tumbling of PFC Murray Levine and Anthony Napier, the dancing impressions of PFC Roger Lehman, and the hepcat hill-billy numbers of PFC's Vernon Johnson, Don Issacson and Murray Levine.

"This was one of the best received soldier shows we have brought to the Post in quite a few years", said M-Sgt. Herbert C. Skipper, recreation and entertainment non-commissioned officer for Special Services.



Photo By Don Blake

HOT DIGGITY ... Blonde torch singer Marilyn Mitchell warbled her way into the hearts of Post soldiers, when Ray McKinley brought the original Glenn Miller band to the Main Theater in November. One of her top novelty songs was "Hot Diggity, Dog Ziggity", and "oh what you do to me", was the comment from the crowd.

Yule Season Concert Set

A highlight of the Christmas season will take place in the Main Theater, during the Yule week, when a combined post chorus will give a special choral festival.

The chorus will be composed of the Main Post, Catholic and Episcopal mission choirs plus a special group from the 29th Regimental Combat Team.

This will be a Benning first, and hopes are to make this an annual program of the Yule season.

Lt. Col. Gordon E. Sayre said, "This will be the first time any choral group composed of the post's three major choirs has been formed and we hope to make this an annual event".

Festival Selections

Selections for the festival will include several different types of music.

Included will be seasonal favorites like "Joy to the World", "O Little Town of Bethlehem", "We Three Kings", "Glory to God" and "O Come All Ye Faithful".

Another part of the program will consist of part of the Messiah, "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion".

Rounding out the evening will be a medley of Christmas music featuring the combined Benning bands.

Spotlight on Sports

BY TOM WIERZBICKI
Herald Sports Editor

Champ Actually Quiet Unassuming, Says Wife

A fighting panther in the boxing ring but mild as a lamb at home; that's the tell-tale description of the Post's 1st Lt. Thomas "Pete" Rademacher, U. S. heavyweight Champion in the 1956 Olympic Games.

The number one fan of the blue-eyed, reddish-brown haired heavyweight, his wife Margaret, expressed this opinion in a recent interview at their home, a mammoth trailer, at the Country Club Trailer Park in Columbus.

Ordinarily, Margaret does not watch her husband in the boxing ring. Like a great majority of boxers' wives, she does not like to see someone so close to her being hurt.

"I guess it sounds silly," said Mrs. Rademacher, "but it's just the way I feel. I enjoy hearing about the fight but watching it is another thing."

But, what about the life of Pete Rademacher outside the boxing ring?

"Peter is the type of person you'd classify as being quiet and unassuming," said Margaret.

"He's a handy man around the house, always adding something to make it more convenient for us at home. Like the time I went home to Yakima (Washington) for a visit with my family. When Susan, our two-year-old daughter, and I came back we hardly recognized our trailer. Peter had added a garden creating a front yard effect along with a huge canopy that covered the one complete side of the trailer."

What does a boxer have for hobbies?

"Well, in the line of sports Peter enjoys fishing and hunting," said Margaret, "but another of his favorites is cooking. He serves up a mean charcoal broiled steak and some scrumptious barbecued chicken."

"Now, of course, Peter only dabbles in cookery," the vivacious wife added, "when he's not

in training and that is almost year around. Still I look forward to another cook in the house."

When in training, the Post heavyweight must follow a protein diet along with doing three miles of roadwork each day at 5 a. m.

"The roadwork I don't mind," said Margaret, "because it gives me a chance to sleep a little longer. However, the diet means two separate meals. But Susan and I are getting accustomed to having a boxer at the table."

Daddy's a Boxer

What does little two-year-old Susan have to say about her daddy's pugilistic activities?



NUMBER ONE FANS . . . Mrs. Pete Rademacher and daughter, Susan, wait in anticipation for the results of the 1956 Olympics and how their Daddy fared. In above photo, little Susan looks over a letter received from Pete while mother looks on. In lower photo, the number one fans of Lt. Rademacher give out with a victory smile . . . That is for winning the Olympic crown.

"Susan is Daddy's little girl," smiled Mrs. Rademacher. "Whenever we're watching television and there is someone boxing, Susan runs to the TV set and says 'Daddy boxing, boom, boom!'"

What does Mrs. Rademacher think of her husband's activities?

"Well, I never was sports minded before I met Peter," she thoughtfully stated, "but, now I guess I have been overly exposed to the sport, because of the televised fights on Wednesday and Friday nights, to the point that I know a little about it. As far as Peter's fighting is concerned, as long

as he likes it and doesn't get hurt, I like it, too."

Turning toward little blue-eyed, blonde-haired Susan, Mrs. Rademacher smiled and said, "Peter has bought boxing gloves for some of the children in the trailer court. If Susan were a boy, you can be sure of one thing . . . she'd be a boxer like her daddy."



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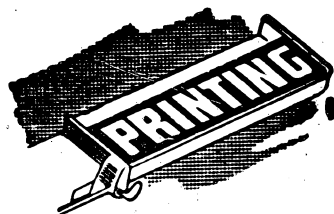
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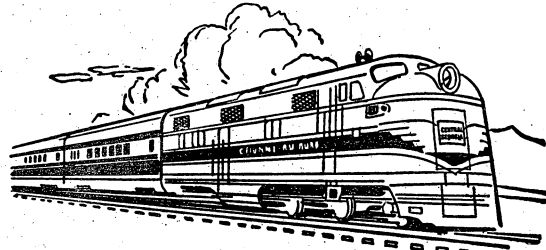
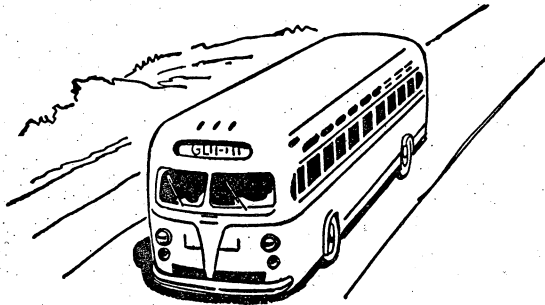
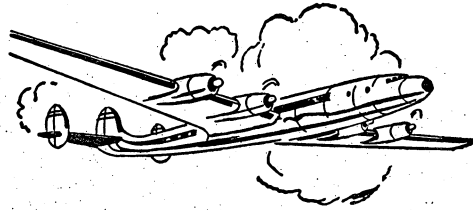
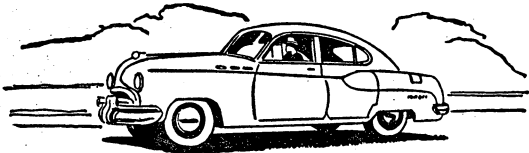
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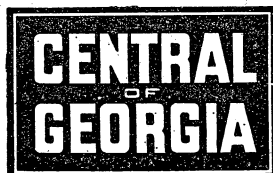
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On The Cover

This month we feature in The Herald, Trainfire, a new concept in the teaching of basic marksmanship to U. S. soldiers.

Trainfire puts the emphasis on the man, rather than the weapon. A Project of the U. S. Army Infantry Human Research Unit No. 3 located at Ft. Benning, the course consists of two parts, Trainfire I and Trainfire II.

Trainfire I deals with rifle marksmanship during the first eight weeks of basic Infantry training, and deals with the rifleman as an individual. Trainfire II works with soldiers undergoing their advanced Infantry training, and concentrates on developing teamwork utilizing the squad as the basic unit.

Although still in its test stage, Trainfire has evoked much enthusiasm within the Army, and results tend to prove that this method turns out better riflemen than the conventional method.

Our report, complete with pictures, is found on pages 6, 7 and 8. Read it and learn how the Army is constantly striving to find a better way to "get the job done."



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A Word From the Editors

Our New Year's Plans

With this issue we hope to begin a "new look" for The Herald. It is our hope that we can better inform you about your Army and what it is doing.

We also would like to keep you better informed about activities on post. The Herald has as its objective the reporting of life at Ft. Benning, while at the same time entertaining you, the reader.

A better pictorial coverage of post activities is planned, since we feel that the time-honored adage "A picture is worth a thousand words" is very applicable to a publication of this type. There'll be fewer words and more pictures in future issues.

The editors feel that this is a good way to start the New Year, by attempting to improve our product. We hope that our efforts will please you, and we want to emphasize that any reader suggestions are not only listened to, but, in fact, are appreciated.

In This Months Issue

Open House

Major Gen. and Mrs. Herbert B. Powell held an open house on New Year's Day, where they entertained approximately 400 guests from the post, and the civilian community. On pages 2 and 3 you'll find the story with pictures of the occasion.



'56 Roundup

A review of the ten top stories of 1956 is found on pages 4 and 5. From changes in command, to Olympic victories, to ROTC Summer Camp, it all added up to a big year for Ft. Benning.



Ladies News

Ft. Benning's Little Theatre production of Thornton Wilder's "The Happy Journey," and the JADA Christmas Ball share the spotlight on this month's ladies page. You'll find "Strictly for the Ladies" on page 9.



Love in War

A heartwarming story about a post officer who found two things which he most desired while engaged in a war is found on page 10. Read how two Korean orphans brought fulfillment to the life of this officer and his wife.



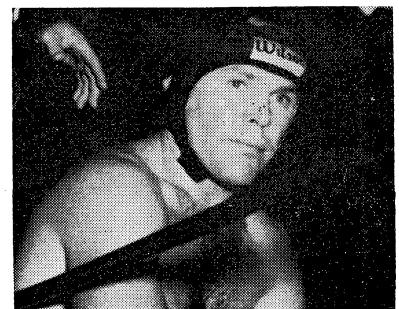
Scout Awards

A total of 50 awards were presented to members of Boy Scout Troop 27 recently, including one promotion to the rank of Eagle Scout. The full report is found on page 11.



Benning Sports

A New Year's look at last year's achievements in the field of sports is found on page 12. Benning athletes reaped more than their share of the honors last year in all fields of endeavor. This fact becomes evident when you read this month's "Spotlight on Sports".



Powells Hold Open House

400 Attend New Year's Day Affair

Major Gen. and Mrs. Herbert B. Powell entertained approximately 400 guests at a New Year's day open house in their quarters on post.

Among those honored were 135 Columbus and Phenix City civilian couples and the Powells' houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cashin and William J. Cashin, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa.

Gen. and Mrs. Powell received their guests in the hall. Capt. Claude N. Robinson, aide-de-camp to Gen. Powell, introduced the visitors.

The first floor of the Powells' quarters was decorated with arrangements of red gladioli, silvered leaves and poinsettias. A large bowl of Vanda orchids centered the serving table in the dining room.

Assisting with serving were Mrs. O. Z. Tyler, Jr., Mrs. Henry M. Zeller, Mrs.



NEW YEAR'S DAY AFFAIR . . . Approximately 400 guests from Columbus, Ga., Phenix City, Ala., and Benning attended the New Year's Day open house by Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, U. S. Army Infantry Center commander, and Mrs. Powell in their quarters. Left to right are Mrs. Curtis Jordan, Sr., of Columbus, Mrs. Robert L. Cook, Mr. Jordan and Brig. Gen. Cook of Greensboro, N. C., assistant commandant of the U. S. Army Infantry School.

A. H. Robinson, Mrs. Earl J. W. Sisson, Mrs. A. C. zig and Mrs. Earl D. Compton.
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MEETS THE POWELLS . . . Frank G. Lumpkin, center, of Columbus, was among approximately 400 guests which Major General and Mrs. Herbert B. Powell entertained at an open house on New Year's Day.



THE POWELLS ENTER . . . Gen. Herbert B. Powell, sec left. Above they welcome I Infantry Center signal office to Gen. Powell.



AT OPEN HOUSE . . . Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, center, Infantry Center commander, and Mrs. Powell, left, welcome Brig. Gen. Frederick R. Zierath, right, of Sheboygan, Wis., assistant commander of the Third Infantry Division, at the open house held in their quarters on New Year's Day.

win A. Jones, Mrs. T. H. Beck, Mrs. R. A. Murray, Mrs. C. M. Howard, Mrs. R. H. York, Mrs. W. E. Ekman, Mrs. Henry Neilson,

Mrs. Charles F. Leonard, Jr., Mrs. R. B. Durbin, Mrs. William H. Billings, Mrs. James B. Gall, Mrs. J. D. Coney and Mrs. J. J. Dalton.



AIN . . . A New Year's Day open house was held by Major Gen. Edward C. Coffin, Jr., and Mrs. Powell, center, at the Infantry Center. At center rear is Capt. Claude N. Robinson, aide-de-camp

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Post Completes Eventful Year

Olympic Wins, Command Changes Highlight 1956

By NORMAN SOLON

Changes in command, VIP visits. Olympic triumphs and a live network telecast highlighted an eventful 1956 at Benning.

Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, former CG, U. S. Army Pacific, succeeded Major Gen. George E. Lynch as Infantry Center commander and commandant of The Infantry School Aug. 21.

Gen. Lynch, Third Infantry Division commander, assumed command upon the departure of Major Gen. Joseph H. Harper for the Philippines as chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group.

Approximately 155 business, industrial and educational leaders from throughout the nation visited the post in May and October for the 22nd and 23rd semi-annual Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences.

The prominent civilians were shown the operation of the U.S. Infantry and its supporting arms in realistic simulated combat. The highlight of the visit was the famous "Mad Minute", a firepower demonstration of all types of Infantry weapons.

Live Telecast

The Army segment of a Dave Garroway "Wide, Wide World" television program originated live from Ft. Benning. Millions of Americans were witnesses to an actual airborne jump and an Infantry-tank team in attack.

Post soldiers brought America two gold medals in the Olympic Games in Australia in November and December. First Lt. Pete Rademacher of Yakima, Wash., and SP2 Jim Boyd of Rocky Mount, N. C., won the heavy and light heavyweight boxing championships, respectively, against the finest amateur fighters in the world.

Sports achievements on post were not limited to boxing. First Lt. Dale Haupt of Manitowoc, Wis., and PFC Dave Rogers of Warren, Ohio, members of The Infantry Center football team, and the 3d Div.

team respectively, were selected to the All-Army gridiron squad.

The annual summer training program at Ft. Benning operated in full gear. Six hundred U. S. Military Academy cadets and 1,650 ROTC student underwent concentrated Infantry training. In addition about 6,000 U. S. Army Reservists and National Guardsmen were on two weeks of active duty at Ft. Benning.

Top military chiefs from the United Kingdom and Canada visited Ft. Benning in October for the second annual Tripartite Conference. The Allied officers met with U. S. military leaders to compare Infantry doctrine and techniques. The conference is held in a different nation each year.

Thompson Deputy CG

Brig. Gen. James V. Thompson was assigned as deputy commanding general of The Infantry Center in October. The 53-year-old officer was the U. S. Army adviser to the II ROK Corps and the Korean Army Training Command prior to his present assignment.

More than \$138,500 was contributed to welfare agencies during the 1956 fiscal year by the Ft. Benning Community Activities Association. The organization, under the leadership of Col. Henry M. Zeller of Dallas, Texas, is responsible for the allocation of the association's funds.

Ft. Benning was the scene of a conference of 35 top civilian research scientists in June. These men discussed and studied the progress of personnel and training research in the Armed Forces.

The Third Infantry Division, retaining its status as a combat-ready organization, assumed the additional responsibility of giving basic and pre-overseas training to new soldiers.

The first group of more than a thousand trainees arrived in June with the second group coming in November. Plans



OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS . . . Pete Rademacher, left, and Jim Boyd captured two gold medals for the American team during the Olympic Games held in Melbourne, Australia in November and December. The two Benning Bombers won the heavyweight and the light heavyweight titles respectively, competing against some of the finest amateur talent in the world.

were formulated for 7,000 soldiers to undergo training in a program presently set to run into 1957.

Two Retire Here

Two of the Army's most distinguished soldiers, Gen. John E. Dahlquist and Lt. Gen. John (Iron Mike) O'Daniel, retired from active duty in February and January, respectively, at ceremonies at Ft. Benning. More than 27,000 soldiers marched in the two reviews honoring the generals.

Ft. Benning diamond enthusiasts had their moment in 1956 as SP3 Tom McGroarity of Centerline, Mich., pitched a non-hit, no-run masterpiece against Ft. Gordon, Ga., in July. He allowed but four walks while notching the victory.

An Infantry Center air rescue team plucked a Phenix City (Ala.) couple, their baby and dog from a boulder amid the swirling waters of the Chattahoochee River in a daring rescue in April. A helicopter from Lawson Army Air Field rescued the Doyle Lucus family

by hovering two feet above the boulder.

Troops from the 3d Div. participated in the first annual Medal of Honor Convention in Tampa, Fla., in November.

Ft. Benning's Major Jack L. Treadway of Snyder, Okla., the most decorated soldier in the Army today, was guest of honor at Atlanta's (Ga.) Armed Forces Day celebration. Among Major Treadway's decorations is the Medal of Honor.

The 200th anniversary of the Rangers was marked with a dinner and reception Dec. 14, reuniting officers from two world wars and graduates of The Infantry School's Ranger course.

Seven German officers arrived at The Infantry School in February. They will use Infantry techniques learned at Ft. Benning in forming the nucleus of the new West German Army.

Ft. Benning Children's Schools authorities reported that the 2,072 children, who registered for the fall semester, is an all-time record for the post.



MAJOR GENERAL HERBERT B. POWELL
 . . . Assumed Command of Post During 1956



STUDENT SOLDIERS . . . ROTC Cadets descended on Benning during the summer of 1956 for their annual six weeks summer training. During this period, the future officers were taught basic military subjects with the emphasis placed on the development of leadership to prepare them for their roles as second lieutenants in the U. S. Army.

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A New Concept In Training

Trainfire Emphasizes Man Rather Than Rifle

By NORMAN SOLON

A letter from a private citizen to the president of the U.S. was instrumental in solving a basic problem of the U. S. Army.

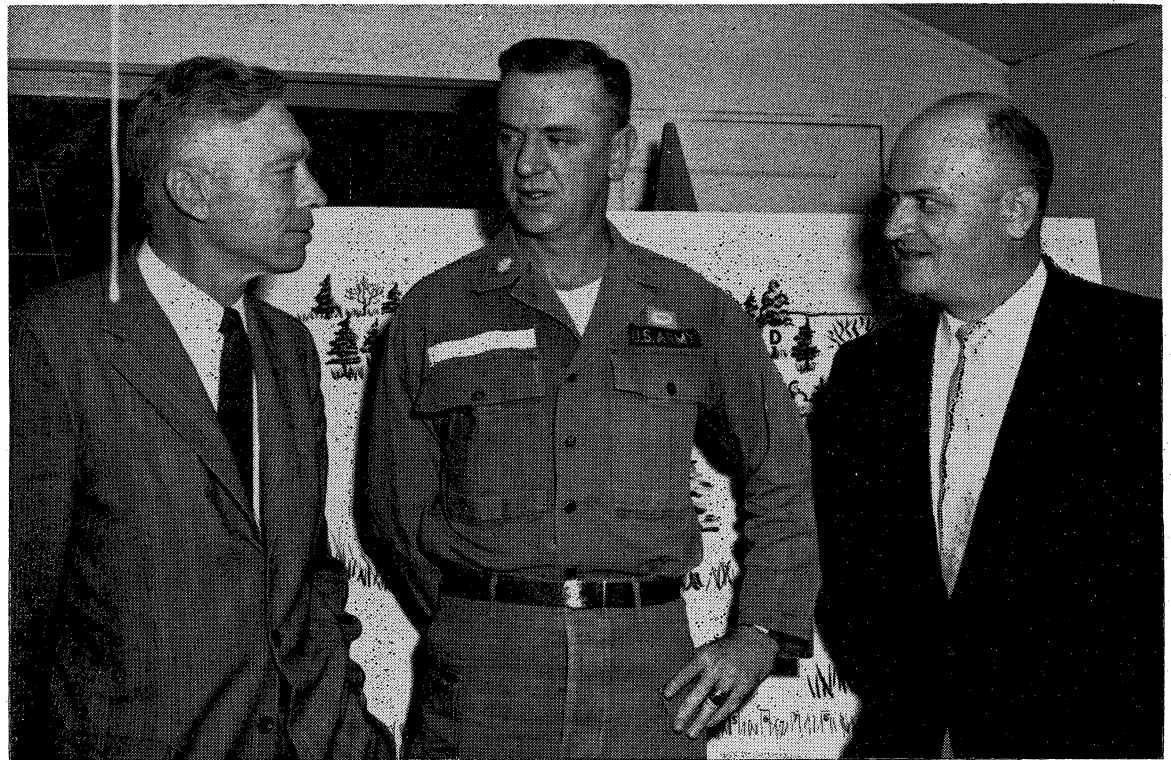
Howard C. Sarvis, a former hunting camp operator in New Meadows, Idaho, and now a consultant at Continental Army Command's Human Research Unit No. 3 on post, believed he knew a way to improve the efficiency of the American rifleman.

During the Korean conflict and World War II, it took more than 50,000 rounds of small arms fire by U. S. troops to kill one enemy soldier. In addition, less than 25 per cent of U. S. Infantrymen on the battlefield actually fired their weapons.

Claiming that a revamped basic marksmanship instruction stressing practical work would aid greatly, Mr. Sarvis wrote to President Eisenhower outlining his plan.

A Shift in Emphasis

Basically, he suggested that the emphasis of training should be shifted from the weapon to the man. The trainee should obtain the skill and necessary



DEVELOPED TRAINFIRE . . . Trainfire I and II, new systems of rifle instruction for the Army, have been developed by Continental Army Command Human Research Unit No. 3. The project was the idea of Howard C. Sarvis, left. Lt. Col. Edgar S. Sanders, center, is military chief of the project, while Dr. Francis E. Jones is civilian director.

inner control needed for the conditions under which he will operate in combat.

upon to fire at a live target, by His letter was forwarded to the Department of the Army, duplicating in training, the con-

and from there to the Human Research headquarters at George Washington University in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Sarvis was then contacted and asked to attend a meeting of top military men and scientists from the U. S. and the United Kingdom to study the problem. At this meeting the idea of trainfire was born.

Delegated to HumRPO

Under the supervision of George Washington University, Human Research headquarters delegated the project to unit No. 3 at Ft. Benning. Under the civilian direction of Dr. Francis E. Jones of Holly Springs, Miss., and the military leadership of Lt. Col. Edgar S. Sanders of Wauchula, Fla., the idea was rapidly translated into a workable plan involving two stages.

The primary phase, called Trainfire I, deals with rifle marksmanship during the first eight weeks of basic Infantry training required of all enlisted men upon entering the Army.

The second step, known as Trainfire II, works with soldiers who are undergoing their second eight weeks of training.



EARLY INSTRUCTION . . . Photo above shows the first phase of field firing training, which occurs during Trainfire I. The students have completed the preliminary marksmanship course, before moving to this phase where they fire at field targets from a firing line. The targets pop up at different ranges with no set sequence. This instruction familiarizes trainees with the targets, and teaches them to react quickly.

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FIELD INSTRUCTION . . . Trainees are receiving instruction on the squad in the attack. The lecture will be followed by a demonstration, in turn followed by a practical exercise, where the trainees make a dry run of the problem, before firing it on a range.

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DEFENSE TRAINING . . . On this range trainees prepare for their Defense Tests. The students fire at pop up targets (circled) and panel targets (under arrows). This exercise simulates an attack, with instruction on defense against fire and maneuver being stressed.



CAMOUFLAGE . . . Assistant instructor is dressed to assist in target detection training in first phase of instruction by acting as "target." He wears a reversible camouflage suit, and positions himself in various places. The student has to locate and identify him. This instruction takes place during Trainfire I.

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RETURNS FIRE . . . Looking down range on the PATROL test problem. The Trainfire trainee is returning enemy fire, with the "enemy" represented by panel targets located in the line of trees.

Trainfire

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The former concentrates on the rifleman as an individual, while the latter stresses teamwork on the squad level.

Differs in 4 Ways

The 80 - hour Trainfire I course differs from the traditional marksmanship instruction in four main ways.

1. Rifle instruction begins at an earlier period in the training cycle of a soldier.

2. Less time is spent on academic lectures and theory on the firing of a rifle, and more hours are devoted to practical work on the range.

3. Target detection is stressed to a great degree. "In combat," Dr. Jones said, "the rifleman rarely sees what he is firing at. He must learn to identify the enemy by noise, flash of a weapon, smoke or other fleeting indications. Under this system we prepare a rifleman for operational combat situation."

Uses Silhouette Targets

4. Instead of bull's-eye targets, the new system has the trainee fire at silhouettes commonly known as "Punchy

Petes". These targets, shaped roughly like the outline of a man, are remotely controlled and pop up and disappear at the instructor's discretion. When hit the target will fall, giving the firer an immediate report of his accuracy.

Trainfire II uses the squad as its basic means of rifle instruction. Under this system, each trainee operates as a member of the unit in three main formations.

Simulate Combat Conditions

1. Defense. Here the men dig foxholes and fire at targets or fleeting images that come close to the soldiers in simulated combat conditions.

2. Attack. Here soldiers advance on the "enemy", firing at the same targets that they would on an actual battlefield.

3. Independent action. In this case, the men practice teamwork as well as individual marksmanship. Trained in the use of squad signals, pre-arranged plays and ground cover, soldiers will not be lost when called upon to act as part of a team in combat.

Now in the experimental stage at the post is Plattrain I, instruction for a rifleman as a member of a platoon.

Strictly For The Ladies

BY MILLICENT SCUDDER
Herald Woman's Editor

Actors Open '57 Season

Thornton Wilder's "The Happy Journey" provided an ingratiating vehicle last month for the inauguration of the Ft. Benning Little Theater's 1957 season.

The deft direction of Mrs. Louis Bayard produced a sparkling interpretation of a Newark (N.J.) family's trip to visit a married daughter in Camden during the early 1920's.

Major Ruby Winslow, chief of the Food Service Division of the U. S. Army Hospital, was outstanding as Mrs. Kirby. She was capably supported by Capt. George Richardson as Mr. Kirby, Miss Margaret Merritt as Caroline, SP3 Peter C. Correale, Jr., as Arthur, Mrs. Kenneth E. Riegle as Beulah and Pvt. James R. Simon as the stage manager.

In true Wilder fashion, little scenery and fewer props were employed, but vivid performances clearly pictured the Kirby home before the journey, the automobile ride and the arrival in Camden. The period costumes were excellent.

Guests at the production were seated at small tables in a stock theater setting in Theater No. 8, which has been selected as the Little Theater's permanent home. The organi-



FOUR CHAIRS SERVE AS THE FAMILY CAR . . . in the Little Theater's version of "The Happy Journey." Left to right are Miss Margaret Merritt, Major Ruby Winslow, SP3 Peter C. Correale, Jr., and Capt. George Richardson.

zation will present a three-act play there March 15 and 16.

Benning military and civilian personnel have automatic membership in the Little Theater, with no dues but many opportunities to participate. In addition to actors, assistance is needed for makeup, lighting, tickets, prompting, carpentry, painting, costuming and directing. Volunteers are asked to contact Mrs. Albert T. Stafford, Little Theater, president, at FB 3-1216.

Miss Austin Wins Crown

Miss Hazel Austin, daughter of Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Thomas A. Austin of Columbus, was crowned queen of the Junior Army Daughters Christmas Ball, held in the Main Officers' Mess.

Miss Austin, president of the JADA group, was selected by

popular vote of the 200 teenagers attending the event. She received her coronet and a sheath of red roses from Mrs. William V. Ochs, Jr., president of the Daughters of the U. S. Army.

David Tennyson, her escort, was crowned king. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tennyson of Columbus.

Six princesses from Benning were chosen members of the royal court. They were Miss Margaret Rhea, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Robert L. Rhea, Jr., Miss Lynne Jensen, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dovre C. Jensen; Miss Avery Keatley, daughter of Read Adm. (Ret.) John Keatley of Taipei, Formosa, and Mrs. Mary D. Keatley; Miss Susan Burns, daughter of Major and Mrs. J. E. Burns; Miss Mary Jeanie Cook, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Robert L. Cook, and Miss Liz Davis, daughter of Major and Mrs. Earl Davis. They received corsages of white carnations.

Major and Mrs. Ochs, Mrs. George S. Eyster, Jr., DUSA adviser to the junior organization, and Capt. Eyster served as chaperones for the occasion.



JADA QUEEN . . . Hazel Austin, fourth from left, is shown with her court, left to right, Margaret Rhea, Lynne Jensen, Avery Keatley, (Miss Austin), King David Tennyson, the queen's escort, Susan Burns, Mary Jeanie Cook and Liz Davis.

Officer Finds Love In War

Adopts Two Orphans While on Korean Tour

By JERRY ARMSTRONG

War can produce Hate, Love and Misery, but the greatest of these is Love.

This unusual thought was made by the former Ft. Benning Theater Officer, Capt. Robert L. Fortin of Los Angeles, Calif.

Capt. Fortin, who returned to civilian life during the holidays, has two living testimonials to prove his statement—an adopted Korean daughter and son.

His daughter's name is Roberta and the son is called Randy.

Roberta, called by her pet name Robie, is the younger of the two, having her third birthday last June.

Unsure of Birth Date

"We think that Randy will be four years old in February, but the actual date of his birth couldn't be found," said Capt. Fortin.

He added, "Early in 1955, I was still in Korea and learned another startling fact about war. No one knew at that time, months after the truce had been settled, how many orphans were still roaming around the divided peninsula".

An example which clearly illustrates this concerns the way in which he found his two children.

Robie was found through a mutual friend. Randy was picked up from the street and weighed less than 12 pounds, nearing his third birthday.

Capt. Fortin was assigned as part of a military advisory group in Taegu. While working with the Korean people, he met Chaplain James Johnson who was assisting the natives in rehabilitation problems.

One day, Capt. Fortin received an urgent call from chaplain Johnson.

He said that he knew of a little Korean girl who had been left at the Isabell Orphanage in Pusan because the mother said she had no food to give her child.

Knowing the keen interest in children that Fortin had, since he and his wife had none, it

Eagerly Accepted Offer

It took him the time to get the word "yes" out to accept the offer to adopt the little girl.

"Everytime I looked at Robie in the little war-torn building I could see hundreds of other children rambling the streets and ditches for just a crust of bread," he commented.

The scene where he found Randy was one of utter devastation. Crumbled ruins housed the Methodist mission which held the diminutive skeleton of a boy.

Capt. Fortin admitted, "I thought if he lived until I got him back to my quarters, which was only a few miles away, I would have accomplished something."

Now with his two children he had a real task to perform in getting them back on the road to good health.

"It seemed like all of my friends around the post gave them some gift and helped me to take two frightened kids and make them into fun-loving human beings again," said Fortin.

Finally, they both progressed to the point where he felt they were ready to be sent to their new home in California.

The Associated Press and Los Angeles papers were part of the welcoming committee which helped his wife, Rozella, greet her new family at Travis Air Force Base in November, 1955.

Received National Coverage

Both the wire services and the papers ran full coverage of



THEY'RE SATISFIED . . . A piece of chewing gum, a truck and a doll are simple things but they certainly seem to satisfy the two adopted Korean children of former Post Theater Officer, Capt. Robert L. Fortin. His son, Randy, is almost four years old and daughter Robie is three.

the event. Stories and pictures of the children were published throughout the nation.

Capt. Fortin finished his overseas tour of duty in March, 1956.

After a month's vacation in California, he brought his new family with him to his new assignment here.

He entered the advanced officers course in May and after completion was assigned as assistant sports officer for the U. S. Army Infantry Center.

From the sports office, he was given the job of theater officer. He had that position until the middle of December when he returned to civilian life.

While on post, Capt. Fortin and his family made their home at 3974 Singer Drive in Columbus.

A final comment from Mrs. Fortin completes the story.

"They are just like any other kids on the block now—full of mischief, fun and love to watch

the cowboy shows on television," she remarked.

Could there be any finer ending to a story?

Jordan Slated For February

Famed Louis Jordan and his "Tympany Five" will open the new year of top name orchestras with a concert in the Main Theater on Feb. 7 at 8:30 p.m.

Noted for his downbeat style of jazz, Jordan's unit features the music he has made known throughout the world during the past 15 years.

Special Services officials have announced that this will be one of the very few top named bands to give a two-hour concert during this year.

Duke Ellington's appearance the latter part of last year was so successful that tickets for this concert will only be 90 cents.

The public is invited and no reserved seats will be sold.

Post's Boy Scout Troop 27 Presents Awards To 50, Including 1 Eagle Rank

Ciarlo Wins Highest Rank

Fifty Boy Scouts of Benning's Troop No. 27 received awards ranging from merit badges to the rank of Eagle Scout in December.

Approximately 63 Scouts and their parents attended the impressive Scout Court of Honor for the awards ceremony in the Scout House.

Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, commander of The Infantry Center, and Mrs. Powell were special guests.

Receives Eagle Rank

Receiving his Eagle Scout rank was 14-year-old Fred H. Ciarlo, son of Capt. and Mrs. John W. Ciarlo. He became a Scout in 1953, received his Star rank in 1955, became a Life Scout this year and progressed in three years to the highest rank of Scouting.

At the end of the memorable candle lighting service, Gen. Powell presented the Eagle pin to the top Scout. As is a Scout custom, the boy's mother was presented a miniature Eagle pin.

During the program, the ceremony of lighting the candles was performed. Twelve candles represented the 12 points of Scout law: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. The 13th candle is the candle of Scouting.

Heard Gen. Powell

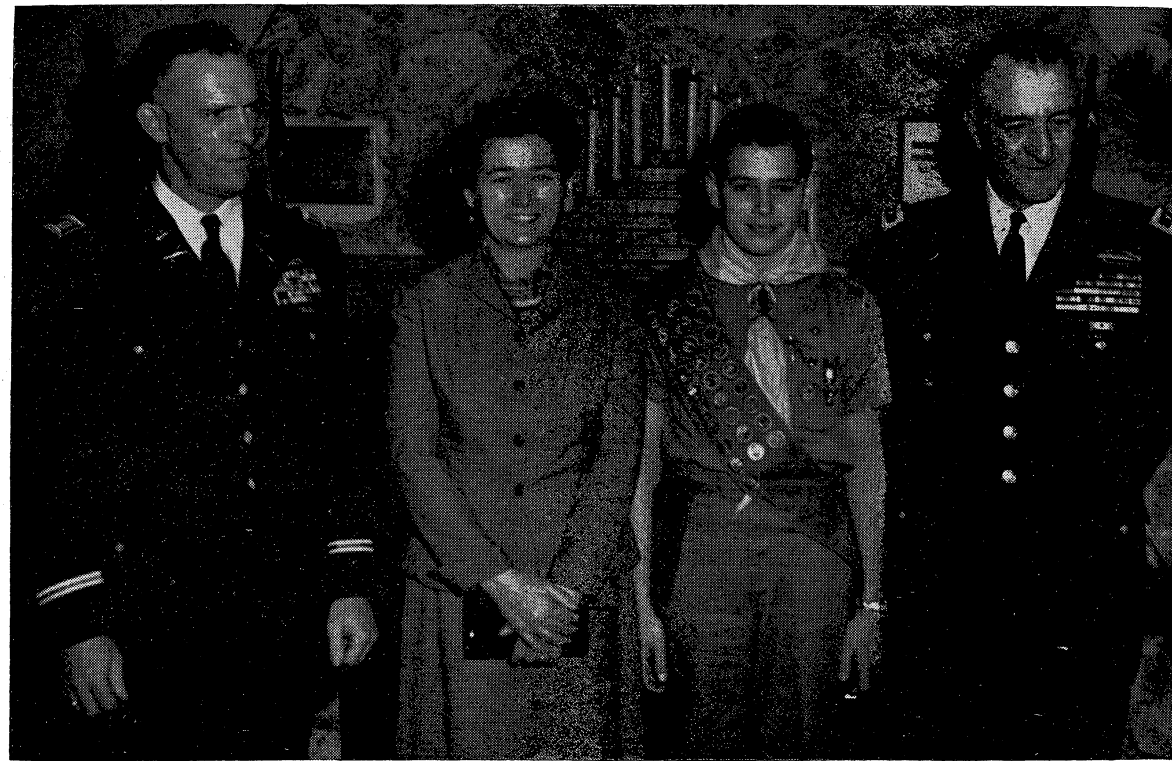
Gen. Powell addressed the group, pointing out that Troop No. 27 has a record dating back more than 30 years and is one of the oldest in the Georgia-Alabama Council. The present group is carrying on a fine record and has done so well that 94 advancements and 395 awards have been made in the past year, he added.

The general also said it was impressive to see the cooperation of father and son, mother and son and scoutmaster and community and assured the group of his complete interest and support.

Advancing to the rank of Tenderfoot were Mike Lutz, son of Major and Mrs. K. C. Lutz, and Jack Onstott, son of Major and Mrs. E. C. Onstott.

12 Make 2d Class

Twelve boys reached the



MAKES EAGLE SCOUT . . . Reaching the rank of Eagle Scout after only three years of Scouting is Fred H. Ciarlo, second from right, son of Capt. and Mrs. John W. Ciarlo, and a member of Boy Scout Troop No. 27. Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, right, commander of The Infantry Center, presented the award at a Scout Court of Honor. Left are Fred's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Ciarlo. As is a Scout custom, Mrs. Ciarlo received a miniature of her son's Eagle pin.

rank of Second Class Scout. They were Paul Dean, son of M-Sgt. and Mrs. Paul H. Dean; Ronald Felts, son of M-Sgt. and Mrs. Buford B. Felts; Howard Greer, son of Col and Mrs. Howard W. Greer; Bill Hancock, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William A. Hancock; Bill Malone, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William F. Malone, and Gene Montgomery, son of M-Sgt. and Mrs. John Montgomery.

Tommy Salisbury, son of Col. and Mrs. Lloyd R. Salisbury; Dick Serafin, son of M-Sgt. and Mrs. Thaddeus R. Serafin; Tom Sieben, son of Major and Mrs. H. U. Sieben; Pat and Wilson Sullivan, sons of M-Sgt. and Mrs. Wilson T. Sullivan; and Steve White, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Stephen H. White.

Receives Pin

Michael Cassidy, son of Major and Mrs. John A. Cassidy, received his pin as First Class Scout.

The only Star Scout was John Wells, son of Major (Ret.) and Mrs. John W. Wells.

Reaching the rank of Life

Scout were Steve Barr, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. John B. Barr; Teddy Mataxis, son of Col and Mrs. T. C. Mataxis; and Ronald Murray, son of Major and Mrs. R. M. Murray.

Thirty merit badges for individual achievement were presented to their members of the troop.

Scoutmaster for Troop No. 27 is Capt. John W. Ciarlo.

Post Youth to Attend World Scout Jamboree

Post Explorer Scout Bill Hawkins, son of CWO and Mrs. William A. Hawkins, of Newborn, Ga., has been selected to attend the Boy Scout World Jamboree in Yondon, England, in August.

Assigned to the Post in December, 1954, Mr. Hawkins is food service adviser for the 3rd Div.

The International Scout Jamboree will meet in London from Aug. 1 to 12. Representatives from Boy Scout councils throughout the U. S. will gather with Scouts from all over the world in the 12-day program. Two boys from the Georgia-Alabama council were chosen on merit by the executive board to attend the meeting.

Fifteen-year-old Bill Hawkins is the scribe of Explorer Post 37 and junior assistant scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 37. He is an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. A Scout for eight years he began as a Cub in 1949 at Ft. McPherson, Ga., graduating to Scout in 1952 when the family was stationed in Panama.

The second Scout chosen to represent the council at the world meeting is Powell Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown Williams, of Columbus.

The trip will include a tour of Europe with the U. S. contingent of Boy Scouts after the close of the Jamboree.

Spotlight on Sports

BY TOM WIERZBICKI
Herald Sports Editor

Benning Athletes Provide Sports Thrills During '56

Two Olympic boxing champions, a no-hit baseball game, two Third Army championship teams and the adoption of a new sports program provided the top sports thrills at Benning for 1956.

A New Year look at last year's achievements on the sporting scene disclose the slim doubt whether this year's sports activities can top or even equal that of 1956.

The top scores of '56: . . . The first day of December saw two Ft. Benning boxers, 1st Lt. Pete Rademacher and SP2 Jim Boyd punch their way to victories in the Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia.

Two Ft. Benning grid stars were selected on the worldwide All-Army football team. 1st Lt. Dale R. Haupt of Manitowoc, Wis., a guard on the Main Post Doughboys, and PFC Dave Rogers of Warren, Ohio, halfback and leading scorer for the 3rd Division Marne Rockets, were chosen on the Army Times Publication All-Star team.

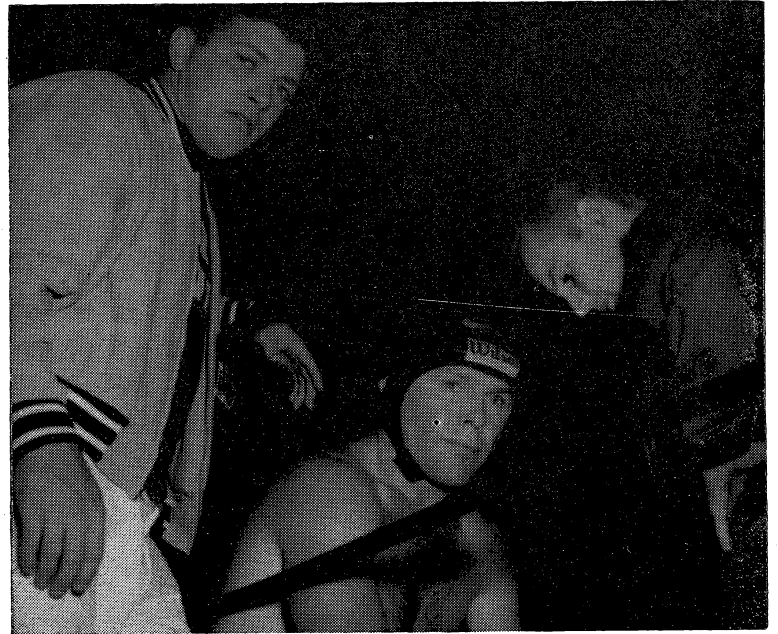
Before 4,000 shivering fans the Main Post Doughboys won

the Infantry Center football championship trouncing the 3rd Division Marne Rockets, 23-7. Touchdowns were scored by Lou Sawchik, Howie Williams and Vince Donato.

Doughboy Team Best

With Jim Boyd and Pete Rademacher leading the way with one round KO's, the Doughboys racked up six victories in the finals of the Third Army Boxing Championships to win the coveted crown from defending champs Ft. Bragg, N. C. The final point total found the post well in front with 37-29 over Bragg, the winner the last two years.

Placing seven swimmers on the 14-man Third Army All-Star teams, the Ft. Benning tankmen made a runaway of the Third Army Swimming and Diving meet, July 14. The winners scored an unofficial record, setting a total of 118 points to their nearest rival, defending champions, Ft. Bragg, N. C. Coach Don Brown and teammates Phil Ware, Don Enos and Don Griffin combined to score a total of 92 points. Brown took firsts in the 100



OLYMPIC CHAMPION . . . Before the big battle Ft. Benning heavyweight, 1st Lt. Pete Rademacher gets last minute instructions from his "corner". The helpful two-some include right, coach Sgt. Regis Blair and left, Trainer SFC Joe Van Wagner.

meter backstroke, 400 meter individual medley and the 100 meter freestyle.

Hurled No-Hitter

Tom McGroarity of Centerline, Mich., ace pitcher for the Ft. Benning Doughboys, pitched a not-hit, 2-0 triumph over Ft. Gordon, July 15. Property of the Kansas City Athletics, McGroarity, who is presently

under contract with Columbia, S. C., in the Sally league, whiffed eight batters and allowed but five walks.

A sports program, which will provide a greater majority of military personnel participation and eliminate post level competition, has been announced by the U. S. Infantry Center Special Services Section.



POST GRID CHAMPIONS . . . The U. S. Army Infantry center grid champions, the Main Post Doughboys, took the honors for the 1956 season. Coached by 1st Lt. Jim Ingram and M-Sgt. Tony Scala, the Doughboys defeated the 3rd Division Marne Rockets Thanksgiving Day, 23-7, to win the post crown.



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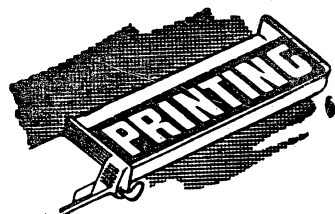
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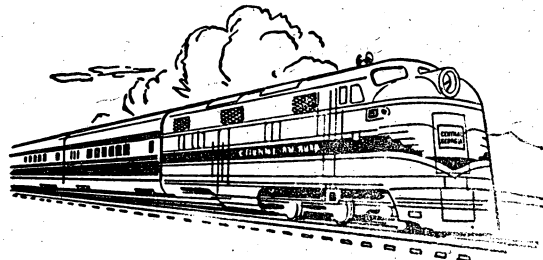
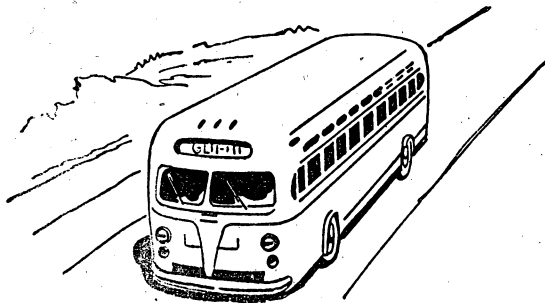
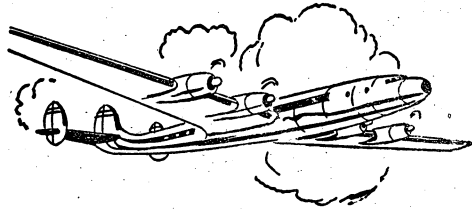
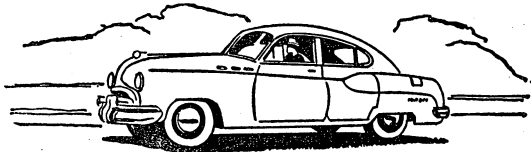
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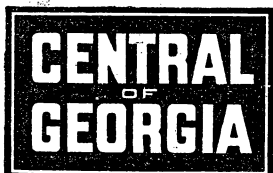
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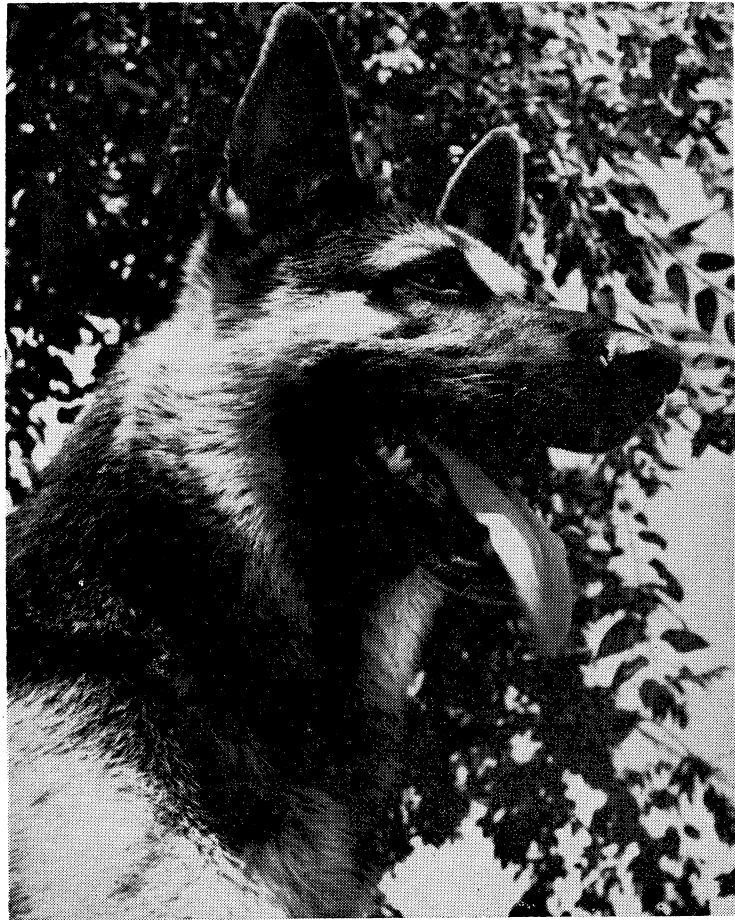
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On The Cover

"Man's best friend" — the dog — is portrayed on our cover this month, and the dog as a member of the Armed Forces is dwelt with on pages 6 and 7.

This month we feature the 26th and 44th Infantry Scout Dog Platoons, part of the post's 29th Regimental Combat Team.

The transforming of a dumb animal into an Army scout without equal is an important job, and one that does not come easily. This is the mission of the two above mentioned units which utilize their expertly trained personnel to turn out seasoned canine performers; equally as combat ready as the more human elements of the Armed Services.

A full report on the history behind the use of scout dogs, the method by which the dogs are obtained, the training they receive upon being "inducted," and the ways in which they are utilized is found in this article.

NOTICE

This issue of the Benning Herald will be the last one published on a monthly basis. The publishers feel that by publishing on a quarterly basis, they can bring you a better Herald. The next issue will be an Armed Forces edition which will appear the last part of April.

In This Months Issue

Army Nurses

Army Nurses celebrated their anniversary Feb. 1, marking 56 years of service by the "ladies of the lamp" in the Armed Forces. The history of the Nurses Corps plus a report of nurses at Ft. Benning is found on pages 2, 3 and 4.



Ammo Education

Recent serious incidents involving the hoarding of live ammo by Columbus and Ft. Benning children has led to an education program for school children concerning the handling of live ammunition. On page 5 you'll find how personnel of the 89th Ord. Det. are teaching children to leave duds alone.



Pictorial Review

A pictorial coverage of varied events which occurred during the month at Ft. Benning is found on pages 8 and 9.



Ladies News

The report on the approaching annual 49'er party, and advice from Gen. (Ret.) John E. Dahlquist for every service family to begin an investment program is found on page 10, in "Strictly for the Ladies."



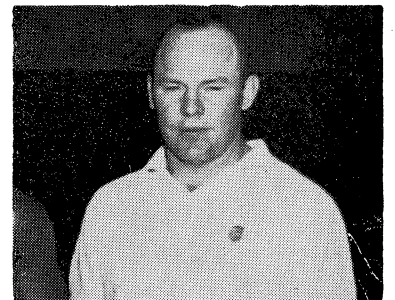
Entertainment

A salute to M-Sgt. Herbert Skipper, former Recreation and Entertainment NCO of the Special Services Section is found on page 11. Sgt. Skipper, who will retire from the service in April, built an impressive record, during his two years in that capacity, of bringing the best in the field of entertainment to the post.



Benning Sports

Boxing is the big sport at Ft. Benning right now, and our "Spotlight on Sports" this month, found on page 12, brings you a report on the post boxing team which recently went to Ft. Campbell to the 3rd Army Tournament.



Army Nurses Celebrate 56th Anniversary February 2

By Julia Bruhnke

Oldest of all the women's military services is the Army Nurses Corps which celebrated its 56th anniversary Feb. 2.

Congress on Feb. 2, 1901 passed a bill establishing this all-commissioned corps, consisting entirely of registered, professional nurses.

At Ft. Benning, 70 nurses headed by Chief Nurse, Lt. Col. Clara M. Kiely, of Waterford, Conn., and assistant chief nurse, Major Irene Frey, of Las Cruces, N. Mex., observed the Corps' anniversary with a tea Feb. 1 at the Ft. Benning Country Club.

Guests At tea

Special guests at the tea were Major Gen. and Mrs. Herbert B. Powell, Major Gen. and Mrs. George E. Lynch, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Robert L. Cook, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. James V. Thompson, Col. O. Z. Tyler, Jr., Infantry Center chief of staff, and Mrs. Tyler, and Col. Albert H. Robinson, commander of the U. S. Army Hospital, and Mrs. Robinson.

Army nurses have served at the post hospital since 1923. Before then, hospital officials secured nurses for post duty by contract from the Columbus City Hospital.

Has 3 Categories

The corps consists of Regular Army nurses, Reserve nurses on active duty, and Reserve nurses in civilian practice.

Registered professional nurses, who are citizens of the U. S., between the ages of 21 and 44 and are graduates of schools of nursing acceptable to the Surgeon General of the Army are eligible for active duty with the Army Nurses Corps.

A majority of appointments are made in the grades of second and first lieutenants. Nurses with a bachelor's or

master's degree or with additional experience may be appointed in higher grades.

Nurses, upon entering the service, report first to the Medical field service school at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. for a brief course in basic military training and orientation on the Army Medical Service.

Educational Opportunities

Educational opportunities available to Army nurses are numerous. Each year courses in anesthesiology, operating room technique, neuropsychiatric nursing, and hospital administration are offered. Any nurse on active duty may apply for admission to any of these courses.

Recently, two new Army training programs were instituted. Nurses in training may enlist as Reserves of the Army for the purpose of completing training and accepting a commission in the Army Reserves as a second lieutenant in the Nurses Corps, or for serving on active duty as an officer for a stated period of time.

Advanced Program

An advanced program for registered nurses provides training resulting in a bachelor's or master's degree in one of the nursing fields, which leads to an assignment in the Nurses Corps. They will be obligated to serve on active duty for three years, of which

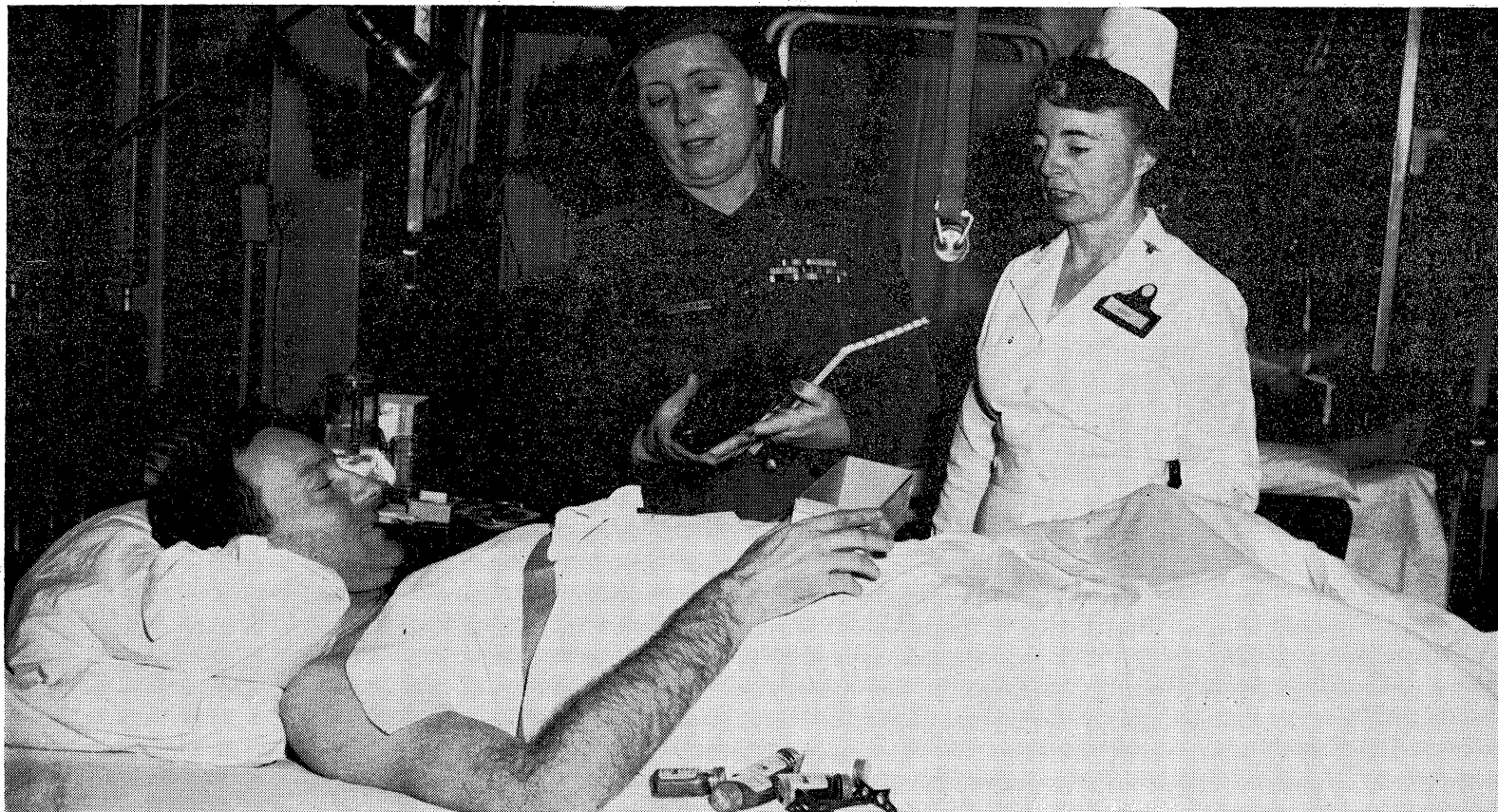
time, 12 months of the training period may be included.

Military nursing stands high in the annals of the profession. Throughout generations of progress in science and medicine, military nursing has stood at the top. Through wars and during peacetime, Army nurses have done an outstanding job in caring for the health of American troops.

The concept of the nurse in the Armed Forces is the outgrowth of almost a century of idealism and effort. It is true that her job is not easy. She must have, besides warmth, sincerity and understanding, excellent health and a strong sense of responsibility.



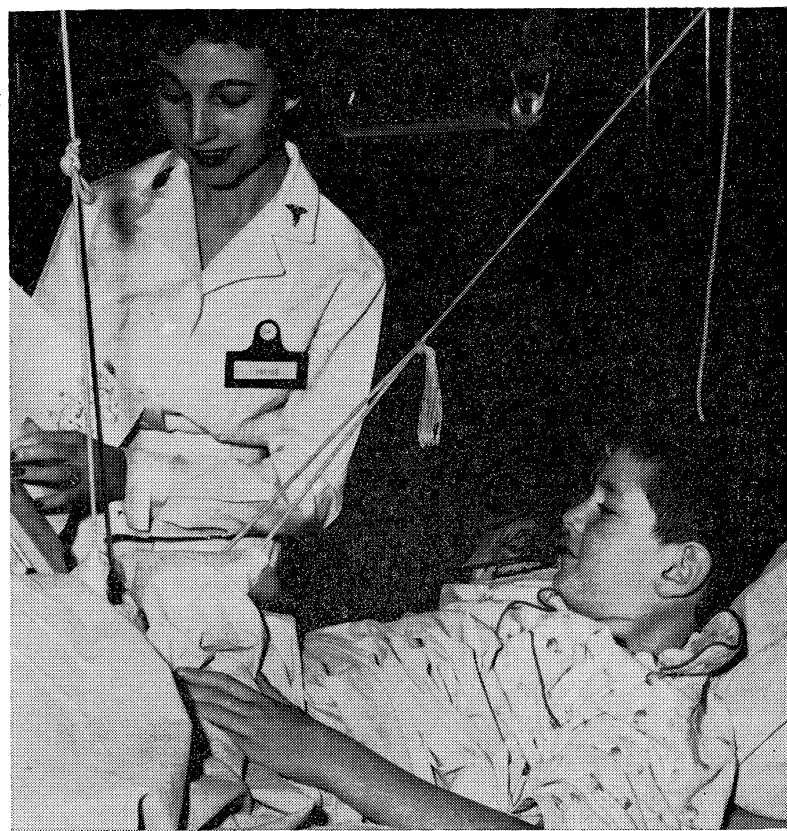
SUPERVISION . . . WAC PFC Phyllis Hearn, of Moline, Ill., changes the leg dressing of PFC Duell Romino, of Summerville, Ga., under the supervision of Army nurse 1st Lt. Helen Livingstone, of Algood, Tenn. One of the lesser known duties — but essential in importance — is the training of personnel in the Medical Service Corps.



NURSE'S CHIEF . . . Chief of the U. S. Army Nurses Corps, Col. Inez Haynes, center, inspects a model boat made by SFC W. L. McGraw of Tampa, Fla. During her recent tour of installations in the 3rd Army Area, she visited and talked with nurses at the post hospital. With her is Lt. Col. Clara M. Kiely, right, of Waterford, Conn., chief nurse of the hospital.



FAVORITE PASTIME . . . Exotic aromas of a special curried shrimp dish is a trade mark for 1st Lt. Joan Sovenski, of Nanticoke, Pa. Off duty time gives her an opportunity to indulge in one of her favorite hobbies. Her cooking is a specialty known to all her friends. Well-equipped kitchens are part of the attractive, comfortable quarters provided for Army nurses in all permanent hospitals.



NOT ALL PATIENTS ARE SOLDIERS . . . Capt. Thelma Freese, left, of East Prairie, Mo., in the Children's Ward takes time from her busy schedule to visit and read a few pages to Jimmie Wilson, son of Capt. and Mrs. Maurice A. Wilson of Bryant, S. Dak. Nurses in the pediatric ward assist doctors with treatment, give medicines, take the children to the treatment rooms, help with feedings, direct activity of aides, and generally supervise the ward.

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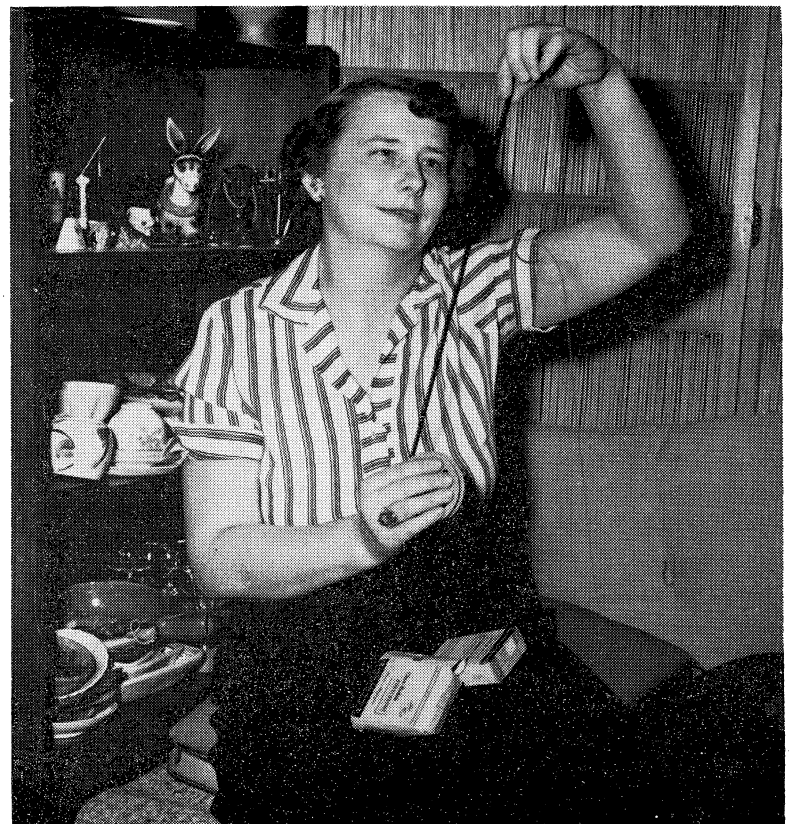
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SURGICAL DUTY . . . Capt. Mildred Cougill, left, of Farmland, Ind., and Capt. Ruby Lane, right, of Boydton, Va., prepare a surgical tray prior to assisting in an operation. Operating room technique is one of the numerous courses open to Army nurses. Many details in performing operations are handled by nurses, such as patient comfort, administering anesthetics, assisting the surgeon, and keeping the instruments and supplies sterile.



VARIED HOBBIES . . . All work and no play is not the life of an Army nurse. Off duty hours are busy ones filled with a variety of social and recreational activities — and time out for relaxing. Major Mary C. Axmann, of Hoisington, Kan., examines motion picture film taken while on assignment in Japan and on her trip home through Europe. She enjoys entertaining friends with her collection of movies taken both in the U. S. and abroad.



AMMO EDUCATION . . . First Lts. James W. Morse, left, and Walter M. Baker, of the 89th Ord. Detachment, discuss the danger of handling live ammunition at a Faith School assembly program. Looking on are, left to right, Bill Callahan, son of M-Sgt. and Mrs. Welborn A. Callahan; Kay Holt, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Frank B. Holt; and Mike Mulvany, son of Capt. and Mrs. F. R. Mulvany.

Ord. Experts Give Programs On Ammo

"Keep your hands off, and keep your hands" is the excellent advice on ammunition being given post school children by the 89th Ordnance Detachment.

Recent serious incidents involving the hoarding of ammunition by Columbus and Ft. Benning children, who collect their dangerous caches on the military reservation, have instigated a series of talks at school assembly programs by Ordnance experts and a safety campaign by the post Parent-Teacher association and the Columbus Ledger and Enquirer.

First Lts. Walter M. Baker and James W. Morse, of the 89th Ordnance Detachment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), have visited each of the Ft. Benning Children's Schools to acquaint the students with the danger of handling duds or unidentified metal objects.

Showed Ammo Rockets

Models and inert rounds of the more common projectiles and ammunition are used as visual aids with their talks.

Students are advised to report immediately to their parents or a military policeman the presence of any dud or similar object.

Lt. Morse states that many people hesitate to report duds, but that the Ordnance disposal unit is vitally interested in the removal and destruction of these potentially dangerous items.

Evidence of the interest and attention of the students was displayed at Faith School, where, at the conclusion of the safety talks, a small boy shyly handed Lt. Morse three rounds of .22 caliber ammunition.

Plan Other Programs

The Ordnance officers plan to present the program in schools in the Columbus area.

Lt. Col. Charles W. Sample, president of the Ft. Benning Parent-Teachers Association and deputy chief of staff of The U. S. Army Infantry Center, also discussed the problem of children's handling live ammunition and duds, at the last meeting of the Post P-TA.

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By SAM PROCOPIO
29th RCT - PIO

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FINAL RESULT . . . A proud soldier and his dog companion, above, shown when they both understand and know each other. These dogs don't get any financial reward. They do get, however, a more appreciable reward—a great deal of affection from their master. In addition, they get one big meal each evening, composed of a pound and one half of horse meat and an equal amount of commercial dog food.

With the assignment of the 26th Scout Dog Platoon to the 29th RCT — the second such dog platoon within the regiment, the K-9 Corps is well represented at The Infantry Center.

The use of dogs in warfare dates back as early as Frederick the Great's time when Bull Mastiffs were employed as attack dogs and ammo bearers.

War dogs, however, first came into their own during World War I. At that time they were used extensively by the Germans, French and English.

Germans Good Trainers

The Germans, noted for their ability to train dogs, had more than 45,000 dogs in combat. Approximately 20,000 were used by the English and over 14,000 by the French.

It was after World War I that the American soldier became acquainted with the German Shepherd. However, it was several years later before the American Kennel Club would accept them because of their inbred viciousness.

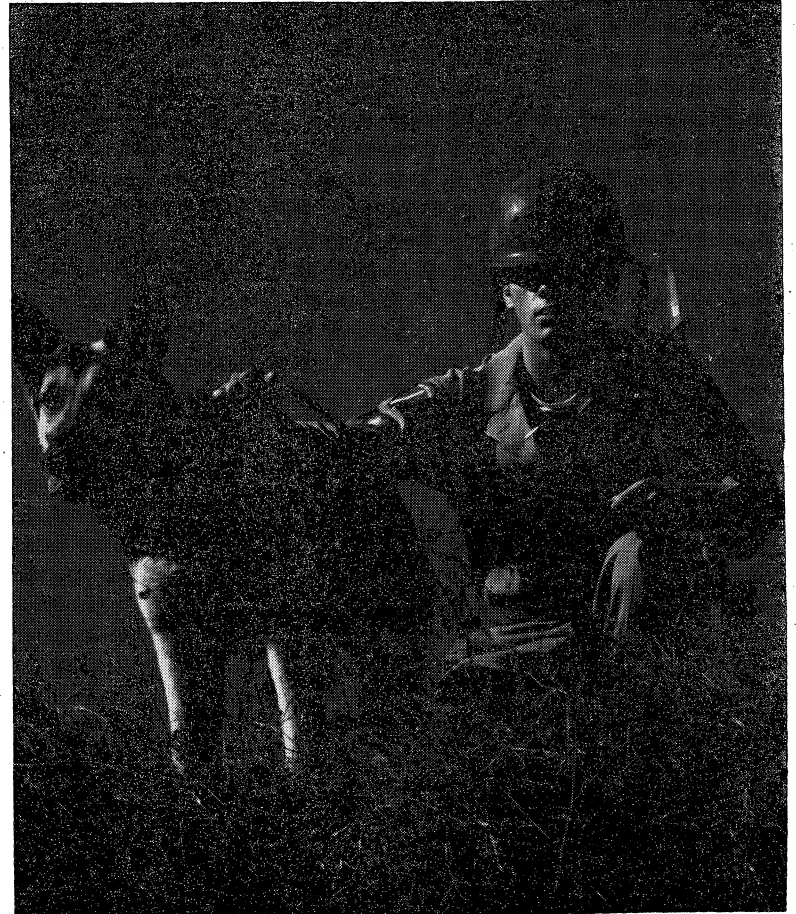
At the outbreak of World War II, the Army foresaw the value of the four-legged friends and the "Dogs for Defense" program was initiated. This program was set up similar to the draft program. In fact, when a dog arrived, as is still the case, it underwent the same induction and reception every soldier received.

The dog gets shots, a serial number, which is tattooed inside his left leg, and trains similar to the soldier.

The dogs were donated to the Army for official use for the duration of the war and were to be returned to their original owner if so desired.

Used Several Types

During this program the Army had any breed from the fox terrier to the St. Bernard and Great Dane, trained for



NIGHT COMBAT . . . Whether it is at night or day, raining or snowing, during patrols or actual combat, the mission of the Army scout dog never changes: "To give an alert, by either scent or sound, at the presence of an enemy."

sentry, scout, messenger and recovery or first aid duty.

Through a process of elimination, the dogs were finally narrowed down to two breeds — the German Shepherd and the Doberman Pincer. However, the last of the "Dobbies" used by the Army or armed services was with the Marine Corps in 1948.

When the Korean conflict began in 1950, the "Army Dog Training Center" was reactivated at Ft. Carson, Colo.

The only noticeable changes were that only the German Shepherd was trained and all the dogs were purchased and became the property of the Quartermaster General.

If a family wanted its dog to be donated for official use, the government would send them a check for \$1 and the dog would then become property of the government.

Three Types of Duty

Today, there are three types of war dogs: messenger dogs, scout dogs, used for patrolling out posts, and sentry dogs, vicious animals which will attack, used to guard installations.

The sentry dog is a highly trained, sensitive dog, who will attack any one but his handler. Through agitation, the animal learns that no one but his handler is his friend, making the dog a valuable asset for guarding larger ammo dumps, warehouses and ordnance supply points.

More important, however, is that a trained sentry dog could cover and guard an area that would take six armed soldiers.

A scout dog, such as seen here, is mild and could be classified as a child's pet.

An Important Job

The transforming of a dumb animal into an Army scout



DRILLS . . . The clumsiness of recruits may make some drill sergeants lose their hair, but it's different with the German Shepherd. He's a fast learner. The dog comprehends rapidly his commands "sit", "down", and "jump" and soon marches, executing column rights or lefts with his handler.

without equal is an important job within the 26th and 44th Infantry Scout Dog Platoons. But there's more to the story of an Army scout dog.

The relation between a scout dog and his master is extremely close. No human but the handler has any appreciable contact with the dog. The handler plays with the animal, grooms him, exercises him, feeds him, cleans his area, and, most important, is the only person to give him orders.

These dogs don't get any financial reward, of course. They do get, however, a more appreciable reward—a great deal of affection from their masters. In addition to that they get one big meal each evening, composed of one and one-half pounds of horse meat and an equal amount of commercial dog food.

Mission Never Changes

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After his initial preparation, the handler puts the harness on his dog, which immediately alerts the dog that he is now scouting. Through constant training, the dog has grown to know and associate scouting and patrolling with his harness. The harness is known as his "work clothes".

The scout dog is merely used as a detecting agency. Once his trainer reads the dog's alert of the enemy in the front, both return to the rear with the direction and approximate number of the enemy.

To define an alert that a scout dog gives would be difficult, but it is safe to say that most dogs alert as a "pointer" would while hunting.

Give Alert Differently

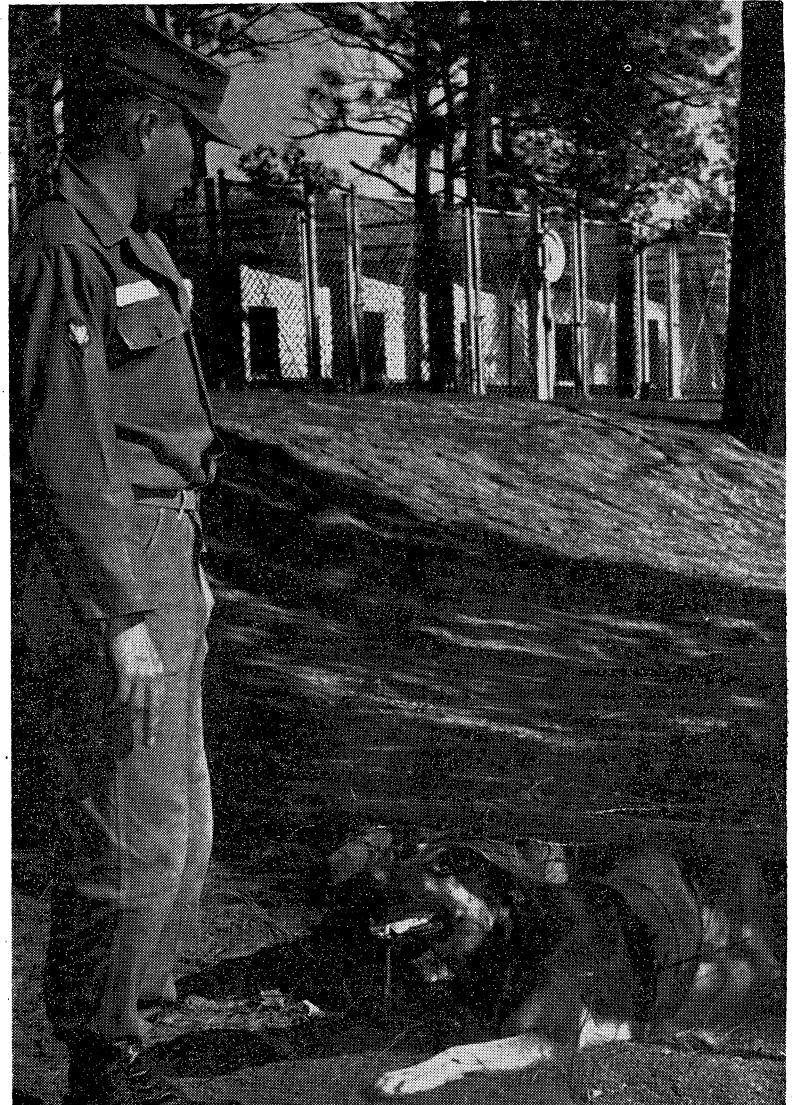
Some dogs alert by standing on their hind legs and pawing the air, some with their tails erect or a permanent rising of their ruff. Regardless of their methods, the handler is able to read his dog's alert.

It is interesting to note that though some of the dogs alert differently, each particular dog will never change the way he alerts. In other words, if a dog points, he will always point.

Another interesting aspect about the scout dog platoon is that there are only 20 enlisted men and 1 officer assigned compared to 27 dogs. The reason for the seven extra dogs is that some dogs under actual combat crack up much more readily than do the men.

Nevertheless, through the proper use of the scout dog in Korea, casualties were reduced from 65 to 75 percent

At the present time there are approximately seven or eight such scout dog platoons within the Army. There are only four such platoons within the continental U.S.—and the post is home to two of them.

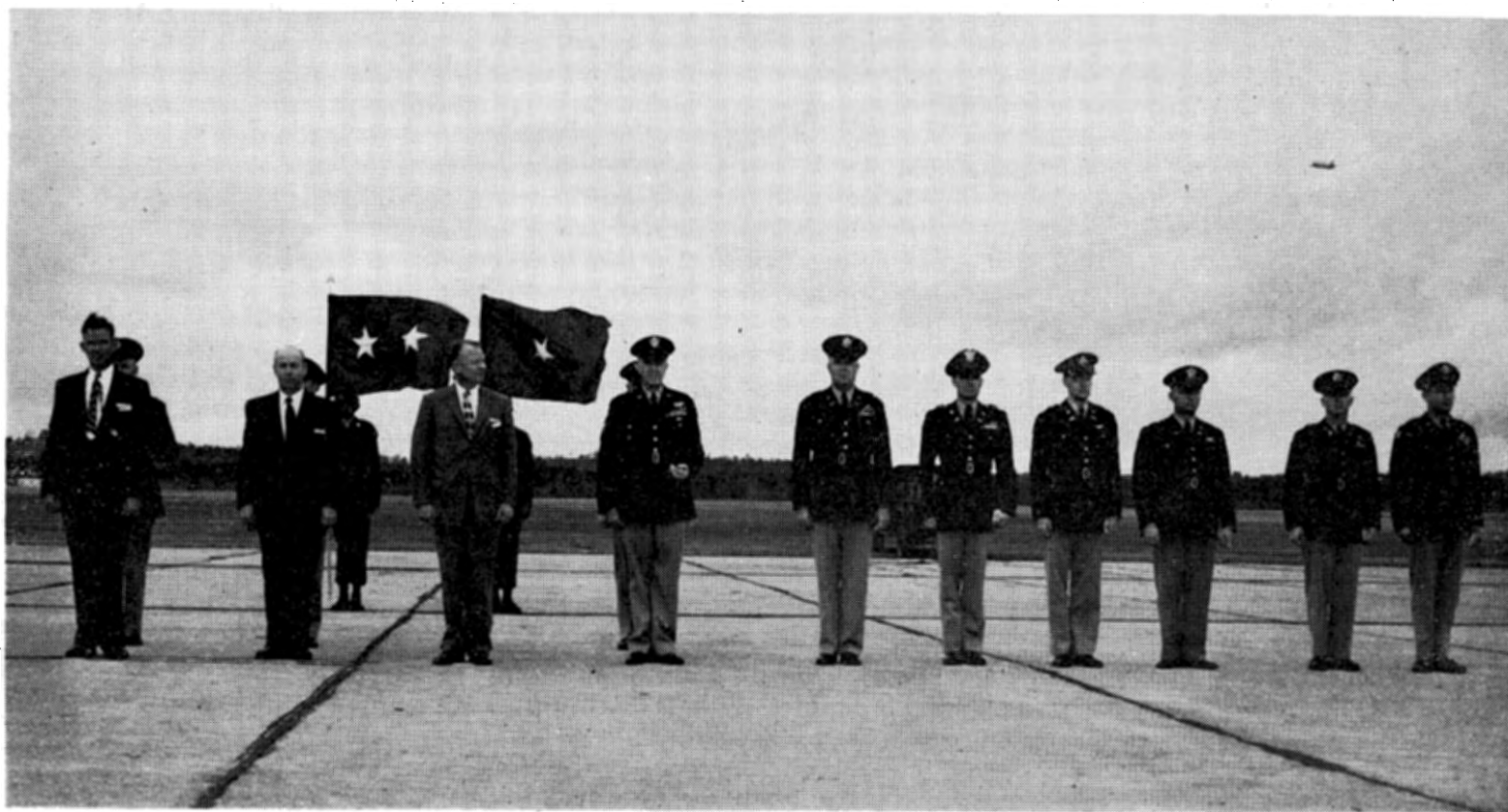


NO DIFFERENCE . . . When a dog arrive on post it undergoes the same induction and reception every soldier receives. The dog gets shots, a serial number, which is tatooed inside his left leg, and trains similar to the GI. Shown above the dog's master observes as "Christy" gets to do part of the "Daily Dozen" obstacle course.

Post Events In Pictures



PREPARING FOR THE FIELD . . . Basic trainees, member of Co. D, 3d Tank Bn., learn how to construct a two-man shelter tent in preparation for the bivouac which they will have near the end of their training cycle.



AVIATOR AWARDS . . . Engraved silver pilot's wings, watches and letters of appreciation were presented to six post aviators (right) by key airlines officials at an honor guard at Lawson Army Air Field Jan. 29. The recipients, all members of the 1st Aviation Co. of Lawson Army Air Field Command, were cited for assisting in rescue operations following the collision of two planes over Grand Canyon last July. Included in the reviewing party are, left to right, J. P. Talton of the Airlines Pilots Association; J. S. Bartles of Trans-World Airlines; J. Klapp of United Airlines; Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, U. S. Army Infantry Center commander, and the honorees, Major Jerome B. Feldts, Capts. Kenneth E. McGaughey, and Warren A. Strong, and 1st Lts. Kenneth R. Niederbrach, Roy A. Hudson, and John E. Ahern.



CLEAN SWEEPERS . . . A gold broom is the unique award presented by the 39th FA Bn. to the platoon in the battalion which has the cleanest barracks. Above, the award is presented to Pvt. John Cater, of the 3d platoon, Btry. C, by Lt. Col. David Prior, battalion commander. The award is presented every week.



NON-COM REVIEW . . . NCOs of the 7th Inf. Bn. conducted a battalion parade in February at Edwards Field in the Harmony Church area. Shown above is the "commander of troops," M-Sgt. Conrado Aponte, front, and his staff, left to right, SFC Leroy Ireland, adjutant, M-Sgt. Frank Wilder, S3, and SFC Kenneth Summerall, S4.

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Strictly For The Ladies

BY MILLICENT SCUDDER
Herald Woman's Editor

Annual '49er Party Held Here March 2

The post's largest annual charity benefit affair was held at the Main Officers' Mess March 2, when gay frontier days lived again at the Army Daughters' '49er Party.

Games of chance, pert can-can performers and a bevy of lovely taxi dancers provided some of the entertainment in store for members of the Mess and their guests from 8 p.m. to 1 a. m.

Admission to the event was 50 cents per person. Proceeds from the occasion were distributed to the Post Children's Nursery, Girl and Boy

Scouts, dependents' wards of the U. S. Army Hospital, Youth Activities Club, Children's Schools and the post welfare nurses.

Mrs. Lester L. Wheeler and Mrs. Charles F. Leonard, Jr., were in charge of arrangements for the gala evening. Capt. Lincoln Landis will serve as master of ceremonies.

Committee chairmen were Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Root, decorations; Mrs. Leonard, food; Capt. and Mrs. E. J. Cavanaugh, bingo; Capt. and Mrs. Robert D. Lynch, tickets; Col. and Mrs. John D. Coney, gambling; Major and Mrs. R. K. Barber, entertainment; Mrs. H. B. Kunzig, Dance Hall; Major William V. Ochs, Jr., properties; Mrs. Harry L. Reeder, publicity; Lt. Col. George A. Bieri, security; Lt. Ruth Albright, Bank; and Mrs. George S. Eyster, Jr., Mrs. W. G. LaLonde and Mrs. Landis, white elephants.

Ladies Told To 'Invest

A savings program for service families geared to cope with inflation was discussed by Gen. (Ret.) John E. Dahlquist at the Ft. Benning Woman's Club luncheon last month. Mrs. Dahlquist also was an honored guest at the event, which was held in the Main Officers Mess.

Mrs. David G. Wilson, Woman's Club president, announced that the executive board voted to donate \$500 to the Post Children's Nursery, a Club project. The group also will give an audiometer, to detect students' hearing defects, to the Post Children's Schools.

Gen. Dahlquist has been associated with Harris, Upham and Company in Washington, D. C., since his retirement here last February. His distinguished 39-year Army career culminated as commander of Continental Army Command at Ft. Monroe, Va.

He urged service families to formulate "a financial program consisting of adequate insurance of the right type, cash or bonds for emergencies and common stocks to build up an estate."

"Service pay always lags behind increases in the cost of living and retirement pay can cover only part of your needs," Gen. Dahlquist pointed out.



BEFORE GRADUATION . . . Mrs. Herbert B. Powell, right, honorary chairman of Red Cross volunteer activities at Benning, talks with Mrs. William B. Terrell before graduation ceremonies for 34 new volunteer Gray Ladies and Staff Aides last month at the U. S. Army Hospital. Mrs. Terrell was one of 14 Gray Ladies and Staff Aides who received service stripes for more than 100 hours of volunteer work.



ATTEND LUNCHEON . . . Among the ladies attending last month's luncheon of the Ft. Benning Woman's Club, were, left to right, Mrs. James V. Thompson, wife of Brig. Gen. Thompson, deputy commanding general of The U. S. Army Infantry Center; Mrs. John E. Dahlquist, wife of Gen. (Ret.) Dahlquist, speaker at the event; Mrs. David G. Wilson, Woman's Club president; and Mrs. Robert L. Cook, wife of Brig. Gen. Cook, assistant commandant of The U. S. Army Infantry School.

Entertainment on Post

BY JERRY ARMSTRONG

M-Sgt. Skipper Has Brought Finest Entertainers Available to Benning

Accomplishment is a word with unique meaning for each individual's life.

Personal honor guard for three world figures of the last two decades, combat veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, and an Alabama gardener, name just a few accomplishments of M-Sgt. Herbert C. Skipper, of Dothan, Ala.

A veteran of 20 years military service in March, Sgt. Skipper has become during his third tour here one of the most well known and liked persons on the post.

Holding the position of Special Services Recreation and Entertainment Non-Commissioned Officer, he was largely responsible for two of the top years in the post's history for entertainment.

Booking performers who played to audiences over the 8,000 mark he had shows of the highest caliber in all three phases of the entertainment world which includes acts in the specialty, exhibition and musical fields.

"In the specialty field, the German Zugspitzartisten Aerialists who performed on the Infantry School's airborne jump towers were tops. Best in the line of music was the fabulous man with the ivories — Duke Ellington.

Most Popular Show

"My vote for the most popular show I booked will have to go to the music mood which made a nation stop and listen given out by Glenn Miller's original troupe featuring his drummer, Ray McKinley, as the new maestro," said Skipper.

This job entails such duties as keeping the rest camp in Destin, Fla. in top condition

and working as one of the coordinators of the Third Army level of the All-Army entertainment contest here at the post.

In noting his position of unique accomplishments it is also unusual that the time in which these occur were spanned by so many years.

He entered the Army January 15, 1937, at Ft. Benning. Soon after his basic training he was assigned to Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. and was to become a member of the honor guard for the King and Queen of England and the president of the United States.

Chosen for Honor Guard

During 1939, the 1st Army was chosen to select the 100 top men from the area to act as honor guard for the World's Fair in New York.

During his tour of duty with the fair he got to come in very close contact with President Roosevelt. He added, "it was a lifetime thrill for me to get to hear and see one of the most respected presidents of our time in person."

Assigned to the 3d Div. as operations sergeant for the 7th Inf. Regt., he served in Europe from April, 1944, until September, 1945.

Served in Korea

A lapse of time then occurred until he was again in combat this time as sergeant major of the 5th RCT from November, 1953, until October, 1954, in Korea.

It was while working in this assignment that his knowledge and faithfulness to duty was honored by Major Gen. Carter R. McGruder, commander of the Ninth Corps in recognition for his meritorious service.

"It was a great honor for me to receive this citation because it was a personal ac-

complishment for a job which I think was my most responsible position in command during my Army career," commented Skipper.

Another tribute to his achievements can be seen in his decorations which include the Bronze Star, Commendation Ribbon, German Occupation Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, United Nations Medal and the American Defense Medal.

Returned in 1946

Returning to the states in 1946, he was assigned as chief clerk of Special Services and served in this capacity until he was again sent overseas to Stuttgart, Germany, in 1948, in the same position in Special Services.

He came back to the post to Special Services in 1954 as the entertainment and recreation NCO.

For a period of time, he was without an officer to aid in this section and handled the combined jobs as supervisor for the crafts, photo lab, Kings Pond Lodge, Infantry Center post recreation area, rest camp at Destin, Fla., and the booking of all shows on post by Special Services.

Many people around the post first got to look at his uncanny ability to organize and maintain a well functioning program under constant pressure during this period. Regardless of these many duties he was able to give the post such outstanding entertainers as Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, World Tennis, Inc., and many other national favorites.



JOB WELL DONE . . .
M-Sgt. Herbert C. Skipper is shown at the desk he occupies as Special Services Recreation and Entertainment Non-Commissioned Officer.

Has Had Offers

Now that his retirement is set for April, his ability is already being sought. He has had an offer from the Grand Ole Opry to book their shows in the Southern States and another from an entertainment agency in Miami, Fla., to handle the booking of several of their enterprises.

He hasn't made any definite plans but has given much consideration to the real estate business in Panama City, where he owns property now.

"I have my 60-acre farm in Dothan, Ala., and my other interest in Florida but nothing has been definitely set for the future," he said.

For the present he says he would like to catch up on his favorite hobby—gardening and just do a little fishing. I have plans for a trip to the Okefenokee Swamp.

Spotlight on Sports

BY TOM WIERZBICKI
Herald Sports Editor

Campbell Wins Third Army Boxing Crown

Placing seven men on the Third Army Boxing team, the Fort Campbell Rakkasans dethroned defending champions Fort Benning in this year's Third Army boxing tourney Feb. 22.

Last year's winning team won the tourney by a final point total of 37-29 over Ft. Bragg, the Third Army winners the last two years.

Six Doughboys won championships including Olympic Gold Medal winners heavyweight Pete Rademacher and light heavyweight Jim Boyd.

This year's team, however, had no returning winners. The only veterans from the winning Third Army team of last year were welterweight Willie Johnson and heavyweight Clarence Augustus.

Several outstanding prospects of the post team were: light welterweight Charley Alba; welterweight Willie Johnson; light middleweight Joe Whittington; and heavyweight Clarence Augustus.

Whittington, a southpaw was a former 5th Div. champion in 1954 and 1955.

Coaching the post contingent was Sgt. Regis Blair, last year's boxing coach. Aiding him was Gold Medal winner Jimmy Boyd and M-Sgt. Johnny Rivolta. 1st Lt. Pete Rademacher was the officer-in-charge.



CONGRATULATIONS . . . Accepting the Infantry Center Boxing team trophy is Col. Joseph W. Sisson, Jr., right, 29th RCT commander. The trophy was presented by Col. O. Z. Tyler, left, Infantry Center chief of staff at Briant Wells Field House Jan. 24.



TO DEFEND 3rd ARMY TITLE . . . Winners of the post boxing tourney who represented Ft. Benning in the 3rd Army tourney include, left to right, 1st row: Flyweight Jim Adams, light welterweight Charley Alba, bantamweight Willie Williams, featherweight Frank DuBois, lightweight Gerry Owen and Coach Sgt. Regis Blair. Second row, trainer Johnny Rivolta, welterweight Willie Johnson, light middleweight Joe Whittington, middleweight Dave Weaver, light heavyweight Jesse Buchanan, heavyweight Clarence Augustus, and 1st Lt. Pete Rademacher, officer-in-charge.

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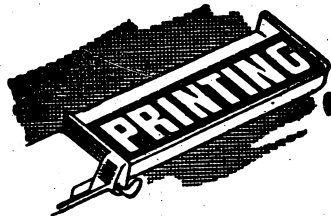
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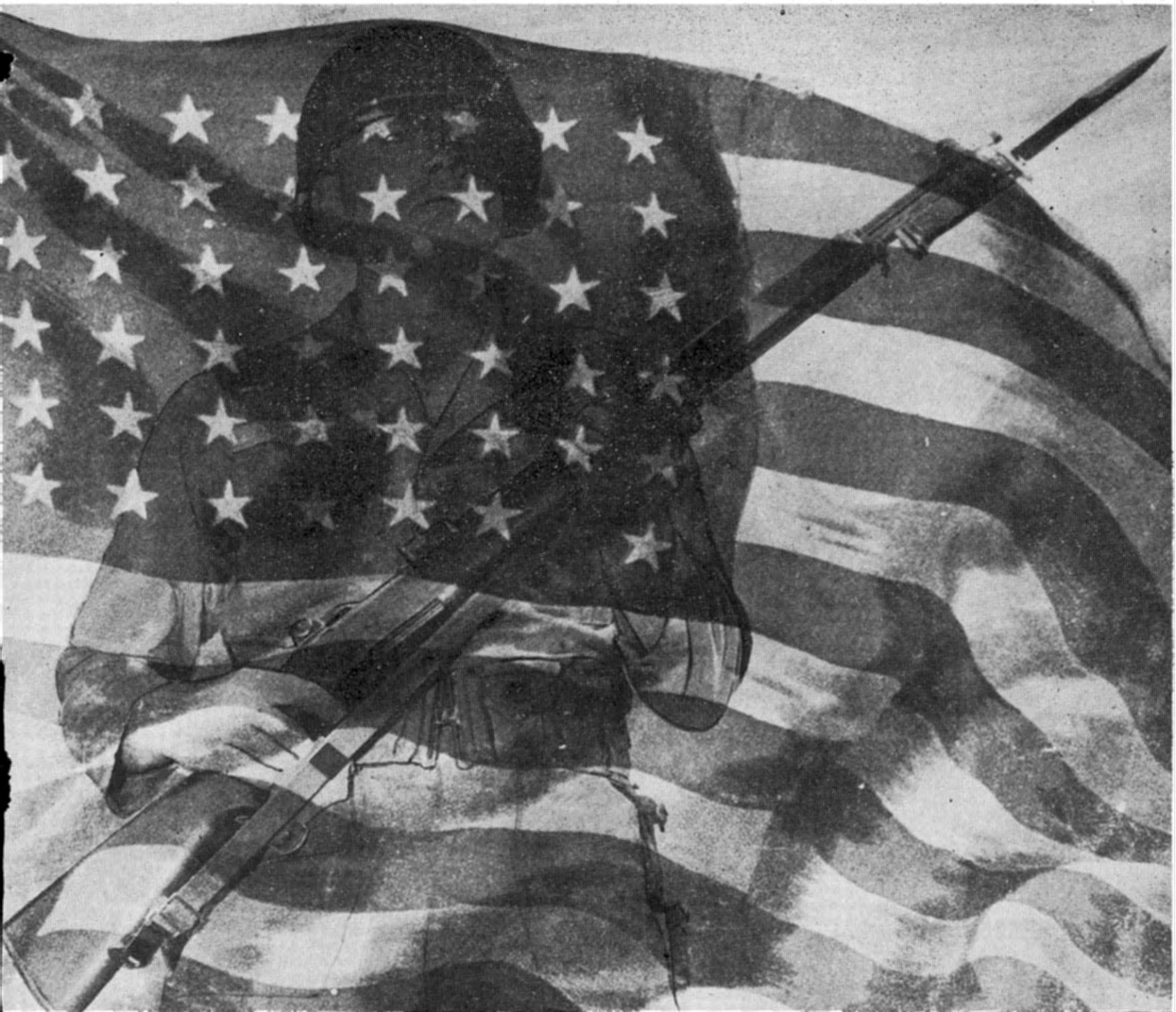
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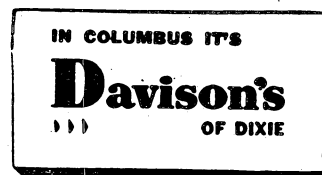
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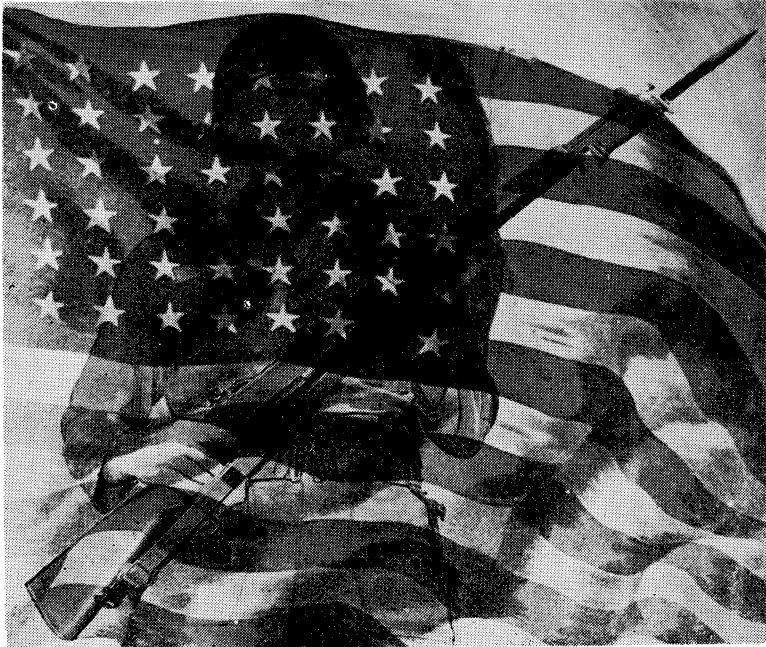
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A Salute to the Soldier Our 'Power for Peace'

May is the month for Armed Forces Day, and in this issue we salute the Army, the most important member of the Armed Forces team.

Our cover depicts the U.S. Infantry, who will always be the determining factor in any war. As always, this fighting man stands prepared to "close with and capture" the enemy, and is certainly deserving of the "Power of Peace" slogan which has been given to him and his kind.

In line with our Armed Forces Day theme of this issue, we point out, in our lead story, the new developments which are taking place in the Army, both in the fields of tactics and weapons.

Several post agencies are involved in research and development aimed at "Streamlining" the Army and preparing for the war of tomorrow. The Combat Developments Office of the Infantry School, the U.S. Army Infantry Board, the U.S. Army Infantry Human Research Unit, and the Airborne-Air Mobility Department of the Infantry School are all engaged in devising and testing new concepts and weapons.

All of these new developments, however, are aimed not at replacing the Infantryman, but rather at aiding him in his mission of closing with and capturing the enemy.

The man remains the ultimate weapon, and in realization of this, the U.S. Army Infantry Human Research Unit is taking a new path in its research. Placing the emphasis on the man rather than the weapon, this unit is studying methods and ways in which to improve the soldier and make him a better fighting man.

Thus, as Armed Forces Day approaches, and the attention of the whole nation is, for a short period, focused on the Armed Forces, let us, as soldiers, look at our service, and take pride in the progress which is being made.

When we do so, we will realize that we are the "Power for Peace," and the deterring factor which keeps our potential enemies potential and not actual.

In This Month's Issue

New Developments

A look at what the U.S. Army Infantry Center is doing in the way of research and development is in store for readers beginning on Page 2, as Norman Solon gives a report on post agencies which are helping to "Streamline" the Army.



Florida Fun

The USAIC Rest Camp at Destin, Fla., is featured on Pages 8 and 9, as we look at the facilities offered post families for that vacation in "Sunny" Florida.



Taxi Service

The role that the military taxi service plays in getting soldiers where they want to go at the time that they need to be there is explained on Pages 10 and 11. Read about this unique service operated by the post transportation section.



Thrift Shop

Bargains await all post personnel at the Thrift Shop, which is operated by the post Woman's Club as a non-profit organization. Read the report beginning on Page 12 about "Benning's Bargain Basement."



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Army's New Developments

Post Agencies Engaged In 'Streamlining' Army

By NORMAN SOLON

Although not generally known, Ft. Benning, world site of The U.S. Army Infantry School, serves not only as a training ground for future military leaders of our country, but also as a laboratory for the development of the streamlined Infantry of tomorrow.

Located in close physical proximity on the military reservation are four separate agencies that play a major part in this development.

These agencies are (1) the Combat Development Office, (2) the Airborne-Air Mobility Department of The Infantry School, and U.S. Continental Army Command's development activities in the field of (3) the U.S. Army Infantry Board and (4) the U.S. Army Infantry Human Research Unit.

Each of these units has broad responsibilities for the translation of ideas into effective weapons and doctrine for the combat Infantry.

The Combat Developments Office, headed by Col. Dured E. Townsend of Newberry, Ind., co-ordinates all combat development activities of The Infantry School for the commandant. The ultimate aim of the Army's Combat Development Program is to increase the effectiveness of the Army in the field, primarily by means of identifying broad objectives for future doctrine, organization and materiel requirements which are required for the attainment of these objectives. It is axiomatic that combat developments always strives for constant and beneficial evolution as opposed to the disruptive impact of revolution.

Through research, development and early integration into units in the field of new Infantry doctrine, organization and materiel, the maximum combat effectiveness will be obtained with the minimum expenditure of men, money and materials.

The Combat Developments Office includes the Doctrine and Organization, Materiel, and Advisory and Co-ordinating Sections, all of which work in close harmony with the academic departments of The Infantry School in the development of new concepts, organization and materiel for the Infantry.

This office does not actually test new equipment for the Infantry, but does act as a consultant to the technical agencies and test units of the Army during all phases of their development work. In addition, the Combat Developments Office carefully monitors all tests and field experiments of non-materiel ideas under development and is in a position to comment freely for the U.S. Infantry, the ultimate user of the final results of development.

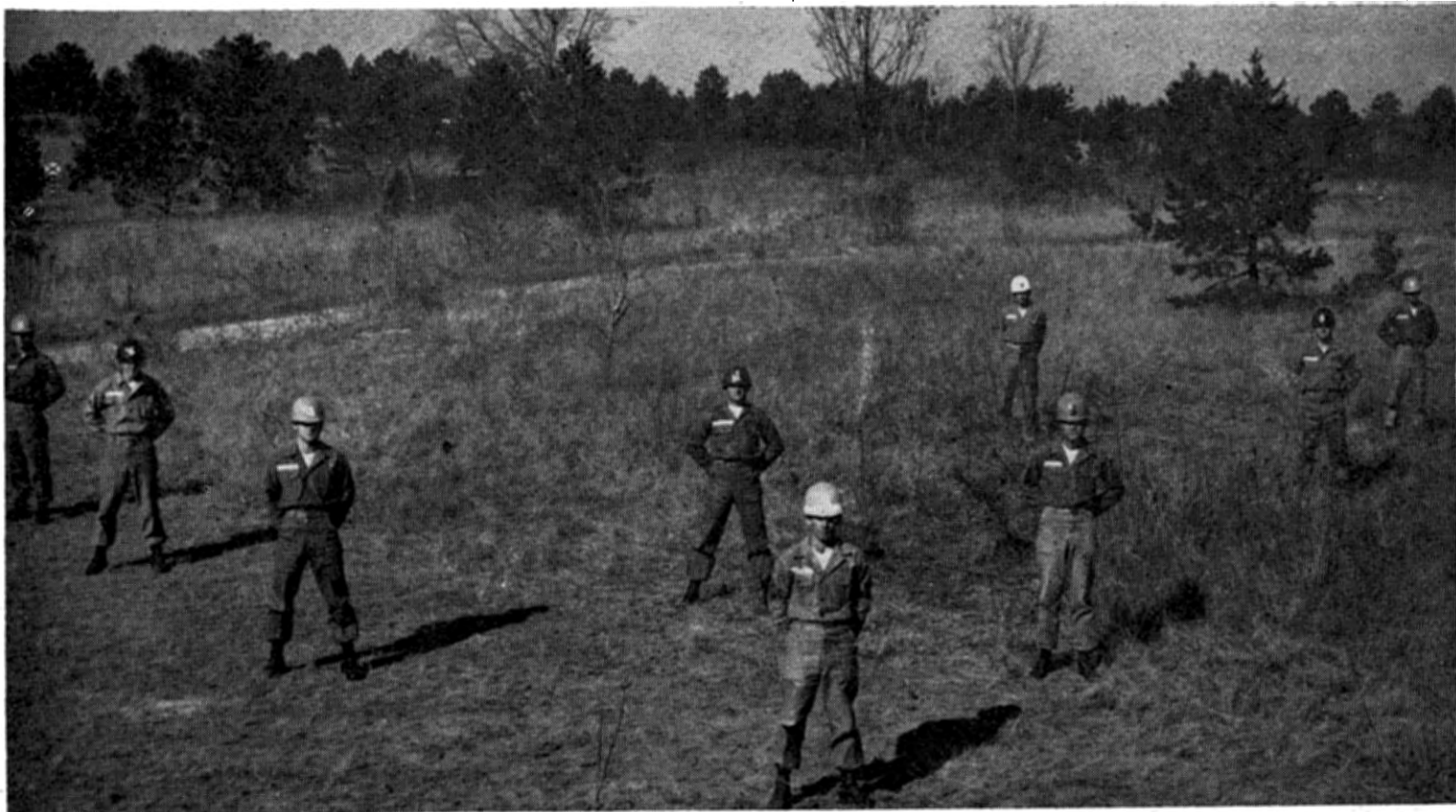
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A LOT OF AMMO . . . More than a quarter of a million rounds of ammunition were fired by the Infantry Board during the user test of the new M-60 lightweight general purpose machine gun. Here board members check the durability of the weapon by continuous sustained firing tests.



THE ARMY'S NEW MULE . . . The mechanical mule, a four-wheel vehicle designed to relieve the foot soldier of the burden of carrying heavy weapons and equipment in the front line areas, is shown undergoing user tests conducted by the Infantry Board here. Here a board member checks the operation of the vehicle across swampy territory.



NEW FORMATION . . . A formation of Trainfire II, presently being tested by the Infantry Human Research Unit is the Squad V formation, which allows the leader to move his flank man at any angle to meet combat situations. In addition each man has his own angle of vision and area of fire in combat, and the squad can be divided into halves if the need arises.

New Developments

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The new concepts worked on by the Combat Developments Office may come from any source, including individual soldiers or interested civilians who may forward a useful suggestion. For example, M-Sgt. Charles L. Bryant of Laurel, Miss., an instructor in the Weapons Department of the School, recently suggested a completely new training device for mortar firing based on light refraction. After analysis by the Combat Developments Office, this idea was recommended to the headquarters of U.S. Continental Army Command for adoption.

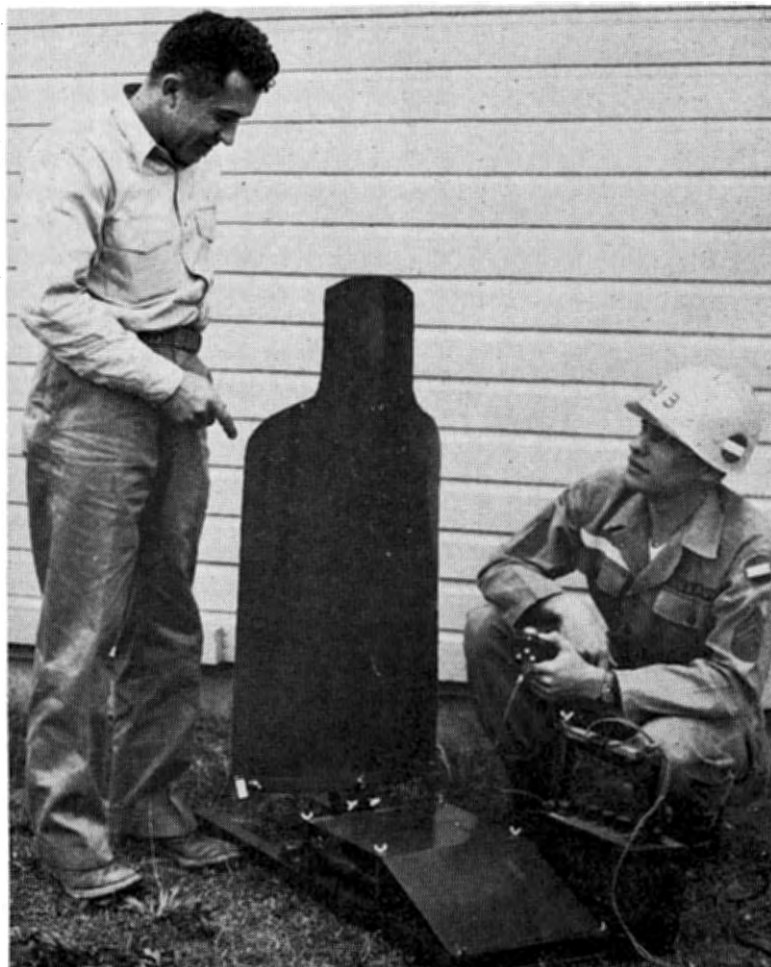
Other new equipment suitable for use by the Infantry, such as the helmet mounted radio, lightweight rifles and armored troop carriers are carefully monitored and evaluated by the Combat Developments Office throughout the development process. In addition, this office has contributed to the Army-wide study of the "Pentomic" concept (5 sided organization) and new tactical and logistical doctrine for Infantry units in atomic warfare.

Under the Airborne-Air Mobility Department, an academic department of The Infantry School, headed by Col. William E. Ekman of Sarasota, Fla., the Air Mobility Group develops, tests and evaluates new concepts which will enable the airborne Infantry of the Army to exploit the speed, range and flexibility of air transport on the battlefield of the future.

One of the major steps taken by the Army in recent years has been the reorganization of the World War II airborne division. The Air Mobility Group has participated to a major extent in developing the organization of the airborne combat group, the basic fighting element of the new type division. The famous Airborne Division, which has just completed numerous tests in Exercise Jumplight, is organized under this new and truly airborne concept.

Among many problem areas currently being studied by the Air Mobility Group is the development of techniques to reduce the vulnerability of helicopters, when delivering Infantry units behind the enemy lines. To investigate this problem, the Air Mobility Group, supported by troops of the Third Infantry Division and the 29th Infantry Regiment at Ft. Benning, has con-

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"PUNCHY PETE" . . . Lyman K. Haris, left, a developmental engineer for the Infantry Human Research Unit, explains the new features of the latest "Punchy Pete" target to Sgt. John B. Bullock. The new weather proof target powered with an ordinary auto battery, is operated remotely and will fall when hit.



PROPOSED POSITION . . . An Infantry Human Research Unit soldier demonstrates a proposed night firing position as devised by the post organization to prevent random and high shooting.

New Developments

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ducted tests to explore alternative procedures for delivering troops by landing or air drop from Army helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

As a result of the constant attention to improvement of airborne equipment, the seating capacity of the H-34 helicopter has been increased by 50 per cent after analysis of the problem by the Air Mobility Group.

Although not part of The Infantry School, the U.S. Army Infantry Board maintains close working relationship with the school in order to obtain the opinion of the user in testing new

equipment, which has been developed for the Infantry. The board, under the direction of its president, Col. Henry Kunzig of Washington, D. C., conducts service tests for the purpose of evaluating new Infantry weapons, related ammunition and fire control instruments, individual equipment and protective devices, and combat clothing and rations for the individual foot soldier.

The Infantry Board's test sections are Small Arms, Rocket and Recoilless Weapons, Mortar and Fire Control, and Field Equipment and Special Projects. All new material sent to the Board for service test is assigned to one of these sections. Before the board makes final recommendations on any new item, a directorate composed of the president, deputy president and section chiefs meets to discuss and evaluate the results of test as measured against user requirements.



DEMONSTRATES POSITION . . . An Infantry Human Research Unit soldier demonstrates the standing, supported foxhole firing position which is commonly used in combat in defense and static positions, as part of "Trainfire" research. Trainfire does not teach use of the rifle sling since its rigidity limits the rapid change of aiming points so necessary in combat.

New material is always tested under terrain and climatic conditions, which approximate as closely as possible those which would be actually encountered in combat by the user. At present, the board is testing new summer uniforms in the dry heat and sand of the Arizona desert as well as in the dampness of Panama jungles.

An example of a weapon recently adopted by the Army after being thoroughly tested by the Infantry Board is the new M-60 lightweight general purpose machine gun. During tests to determine ruggedness, portability, shot pattern and barrel life, this weapon actually underwent strains much more severe than it would normally receive in actual field use. Personnel of the Infantry Board fired more than a quarter of a million rounds of ammunition during the testing process and operated the weapon successfully even after it had been submerged in a mixture of one part mud and two parts Chattahoochee River water.

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MACHINE GUN TESTS . . . The M-60 lightweight general purpose machine gun underwent severe checks during its user tests conducted by the U.S. Infantry Board. Here board members find that if sunny days appear when rain tests are scheduled, a fire hose will easily replace the nebulous cloud.

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The Infantry Human Research Unit, also stationed at Ft. Benning, is under the technical control of the Human Research Office in Washington, D. C., and under the staff supervision of the U.S. Continental Army Command at Fort Monroe, Va. This organization, composed of civilian scientist and military personnel, is primarily concerned with methods of improving Infantry training, motivation and morale. Under the civilian direction of Dr. Francis E. Jones of Holly Springs, Miss., and the Military leadership of Lt. Col. Edgar S. Sanders of Wau-chula, Fla., the local Human Research Unit currently has five major projects under study.

New Program

One project, known as BASICTRAIN, has as its objective the development of an improved basic training program for the first eight weeks of a new soldier in the Army. The research group responsible for this project is now mapping out the fundamental objectives of basic training, and has initiated research to develop a system under which all training will make the maximum contribution to the achievement of these objectives.

A second project, entitled MOONLIGHT, is designed to determine the most effective techniques of night training. The research staff is currently developing procedures affecting both the individual soldier and the Infantry squad. A third project, PATROL, has as its objective to increase the success of reconnaissance patrols as a source of information. Staff personnel assigned to this project are currently engaged in developing an experimental training program designed to instruct the individual soldier in basic techniques of combat patrolling.

2 Other Projects

The remaining two projects under study, TRAINFIRE and PLATTRAIN, are both concerned with increasing the efficiency of the rifleman in combat. Project TRAINFIRE replaces the traditional "Bull's eye" technique of rifle instruction with a system of realistic targets under closely simulated combat conditions. Target detection and accuracy are both stressed in this training. TRAINFIRE I deals with the rifleman as in individual, while TRAINFIRE II concentrates on the rifleman as a member of the Infantry squad and is intended for use in the final part of basic training. PLATTRAIN is the experimental development of procedures to improve the tactical capability of the rifle platoon.

From this brief description of the research, development and testing facilities at Ft. Benning, it may easily be seen that Ft. Benning is truly the "Home of the Infantry." The training and education of future leaders in The Infantry School is enhanced and complemented by the development of future Infantry doctrine, organization and materiel. The essential fact about these activities at Ft. Benning is that the Army's progress in the field of new Infantry developments is being materially influenced by themmen who must use the results on the battlefield. It can truly be said that the Infantry of tomorrow is being shaped today in the classrooms, at the drawing boards and in the test areas of Ft. Benning, Ga.

Son of Famous Actor

Al D'Abruzzo Played Lead in 'Driven Snow'

by MILLICENT SCUDDER

The 21-year-old son of stage, screen and TB star Robert Alda, played the lead in the Ft. Benning theater group's April production.

Alan Alda, better known to post friends as 2nd Lt. Alphonse J. D'Abruzzo, portrayed the brave young hero in "Pure as the Driven Snow," an old fashioned melodrama staged by The Masquers April 5 and 6 in Theater No. 8.

Al has been assigned to Co. A of the 3rd Inf. Division's 4th Bn. since completing basic officers class No. 4 March 9.

Began at 6 Months

He began his theatrical career at the age of six months, appearing in a schoolroom scene in burlesque with his father and Rags Ragland. After repeatedly ringing the school bell in competition with papa's punch lines, Al was "retired" from acting.

At the age of seven, Al played Costello in his father's Abbott in "Who's on First" and similar sketches at the Hollywood, Calif., USO Canteen. The Aldas wanted him to complete school before becoming a professional actor.

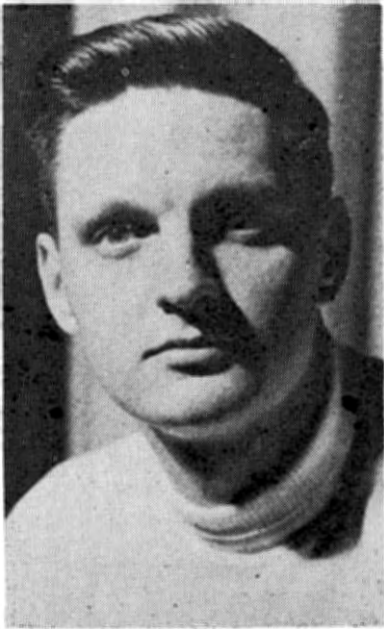
He missed the opportunity of seeing Robert Alda enact his best known movie role, that of George Gershwin in "Rhapsody in Blue," because he contracted polio the day his father got the part.

The Alda family moved to New York City in 1951 when Robert Alda opened in "Guys and Dolls" on Broadway. The following year, Al entered Fordham University in The Bronx as a 16-year-old freshman.

Did Summer Stock

In 1952 Al did a season of summer stock at Barnesville, Pa., starring in such varied vehicles as "White Cargo," "Charlie's Aunt" and "Kiss Me, Kate."

During his junior year of college, Al studied philosophy and American literature at the Sorbonne and Catholic Institute of Philosophy in Paris, France. While in Europe, he appeared on the stage in "Roome Service" in Rome, Italy, with his father.



AL D'ABRUZZO

Al played in several episodes of "Secret File, USA," an intrigue series starring his father was filmed in Holland and Germany, and in a movie based on the series which has not yet been released. Robert Alda also has appeared on TV in "Pantomine Quiz."

Received Trophy

During his senior year at Fordham, Al received a trophy as best actor in student productions. He was coached by Vaughn Deering. Last year on Broadway he understudied the young male lead in "The Hot Corner," directed by and starring Sam Levine.

After receiving a bachelor of science in social science last June, Al attended ROTC summer camp at Ft. Bragg, N. C. He entered the Army in October and will complete his six-month Reserve Forces Act active-duty tour this month.

Al's European ventures in 1954-1955 did not include meeting Miss Arlene Weiss, who was studying music at Cologne, Germany, on a Fulbright Fellowship. Al rectified this by making the acquaintance of the gifted Huntr Collg graduate last year and the pair was married March 15 in Houston, Texas. Arlene is the bass clarinetist of the Houston Symphony Orchestra. A wedding serenade for the couple was played by the orchestra, led by its famed director, Leopold Stokowski.

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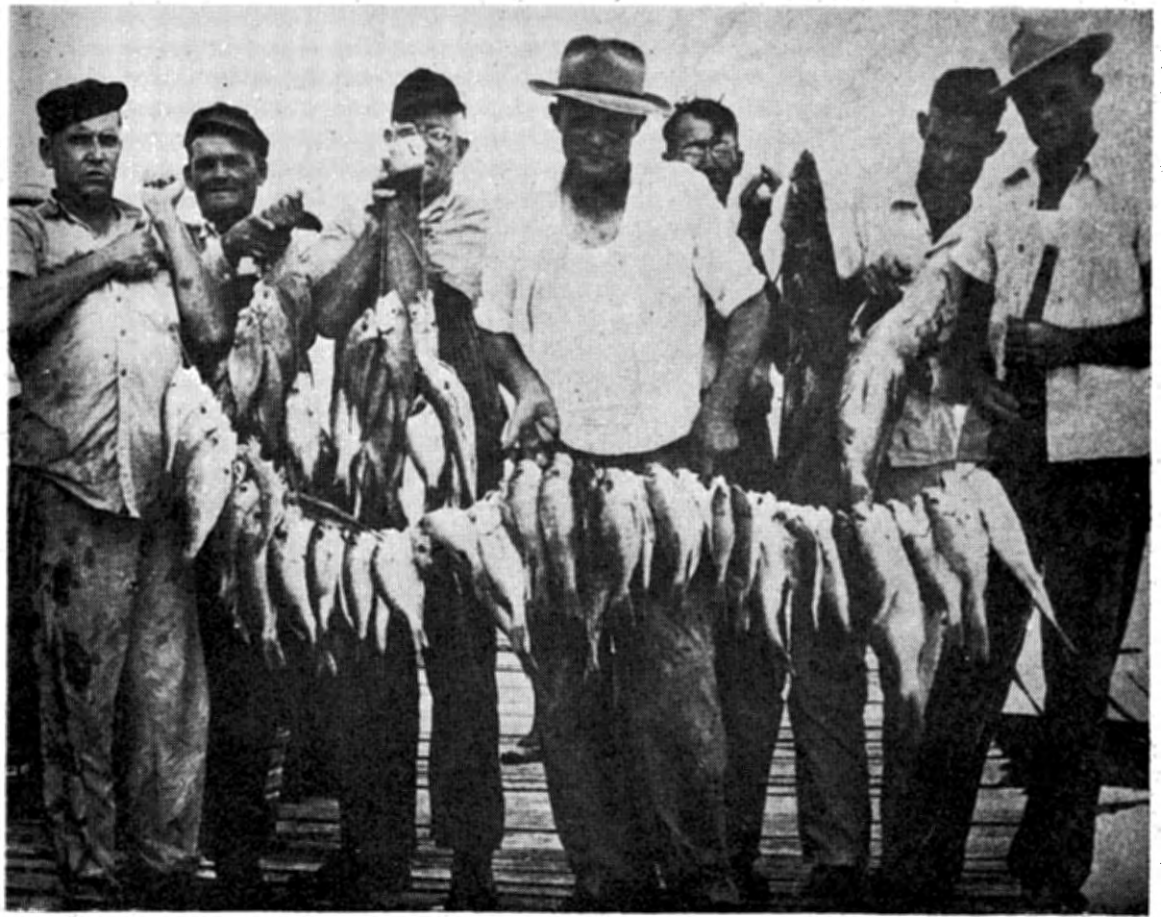
The camp, situated halfway between Panama City and Pensacola, consists of six cabin and offers the best in beach activities from a swim in the blue Gulf water to some of the best surf and bottom saltwater fishing on the west coast of the Sunshine state.

Reservations for the cabins may be made by contacting M-Sgt. Herbert Skipper at FB 33112.

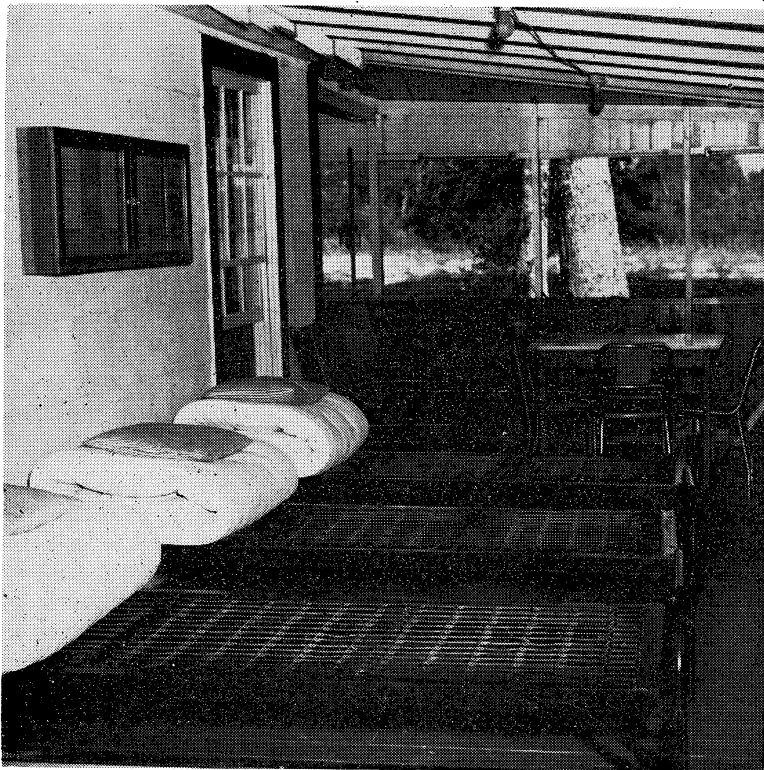
Cabins may be rented for seven day visits from October through May, with five day limits on them during the months of June through September.

Prices Are Cheap

Five of the cabins, which can accommodate sleeping for six to eight persons, may be rent-



TYPICAL CATCH . . . Just a typical catch during a fishing trip at the Rest Camp at Destin, Fla. Red snappers, grouper, trout and many other species of shallow water feeders can be taken in large quantities. Medium size tackle or handlines afford great sport with these shallow fighters, which also are considered excellent in food value.



COMFORTABLE CABINS . . . This inside view gives an idea of the homelike atmosphere and conveniences offered in the six cabins available to military personnel at the Rest Camp. The smaller cabins rent for \$4.50 per day with the larger one costing \$6.50.

ed for \$4.50 per day with the larger one which sleeps eight to 10 renting for \$6.50.

The children are offered a variety of activities with which to entertain themselves. They can play along the miles of white sandy beach, wade in the shallow inlets and romp on the swings and slideboards.

For the angler in the family, this is the ideal spot for surf, pier or deep sea fishing.

Rowboat Per Cabin

Each cabin has a rowboat, adequate for shallow water, which is available to the entire family for use in catching small fish like croakers, trout, bluefish, pompano and panfish in nearby Choctawhatchee Bay.

This bay offers excellent fishing also for the game smaller type fish which travel in and out this gateway to the Gulf in large schools.

Fort Walton Beach is only six miles from the camp and is noted for its outstanding surf angling.

Deep sea trips to the bottom feeding grounds of the red snapper, and grouper leave every morning from the pier near the camp. For the lady of the family, who has never tried her hand at fishing, this type of sport can be a new experience.

A Real Thrill

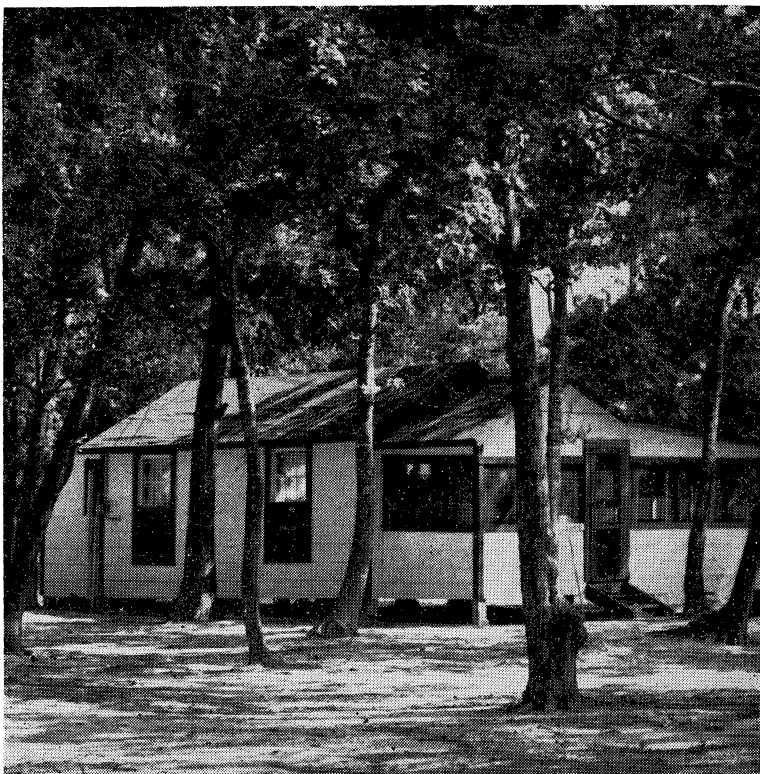
Using light or medium tackle, three to five pound snappers and lively grouper are a real thrill. Another popular method is by using handlines.

The deep sea boats are also available for the angler who likes to go after the larger game species as marlin, sailfish and king mackerel.

However, if you're the type fisherman who likes to tackle a tasty blue or mackerel with the knife and fork method, then numerous restaurants specializing in seafoods of all varieties from shrimp to red snapper steak are right at your front door.



KIDS' DELIGHT . . . Bleached white sandy beaches, stretching for miles in either direction, offer the kids a lot of fun in making sand castles and romping with the dog at the Infantry Center Rest Camp. There are also swings, slides and many other outlets for the children besides playing along the blue water of the Gulf of Mexico.



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By **NORMAN SOLON**

The Benning military taxi service provides fast and efficient transportation for approximately 1,000 passengers a day on government business at a minimum cost to taxpayers.

Since its establishment in December, 1954, the 32-vehicle cab system has resulted in 75 to 100 sedans, previously assigned full-time to various post organizations, being released for other purposes.

In addition to servicing these units, the taxi system also is available to organizations and personnel having no access to military transportation before the service was instituted.

The 49 soldiers and civilian personnel of the taxi system are under the direction of Col. Eugene M. Elliott, Jr., Infantry Center transportation officer; Lt. Col. Albert T. Stafford, chief of the Motor Operations Division and M-Sgt. Walter T. Depta, military taxi non-commissioned officer.

6 Minute Wait

Col. Elliott stated that no passenger on the Main Post is required to wait longer than six minutes after phoning for

a cab, due to an efficient radio-communication system designed to keep the dispatcher informed at all times as to the location of every vehicle.

Twenty-nine of the taxis are equipped with two-way radios, and drivers receive their assignments through this media while on the road.

Vehicle operators are required to call in to a central dispatch board whenever they pick up or discharge passengers, and their locations and destinations are recorded, giving the dispatcher continual control over the entire cab system. In this way he can assign each new commitment to the driver nearest the pickup point.

A safety record of 310,285 passenger miles without an accident is a result of the safety and road courtesy program by the members of the post system. Each vehicle is double checked for malfunctioning before starting on its day's run, and the drivers are constantly reminded of the necessity for safe driving practices.

Secondary Function

According to Col. Elliott, the taxi system performs an im-



CHECKS-IN . . . Ft. Benning taxi driver Pvt. J. B. Sweeney calls in to the central dispatch board on the two-way radio in his vehicle. The radio-communication system of the military service insures that passengers will have no longer than a six-minute wait after phoning for a cab.



INSTANT INFORMATION . . . The dispatch board of the Post taxi service provides instant information as to the location of every vehicle of the system. Dispatcher Nathan J. Jones checks the nearest taxi to answer a call.

portant secondary function as the eyes of Ft. Benning. Drivers are cautioned to be alert for emergencies.

A possible tragedy was avoided last year, when a fast thinking taxi driver notified the military police through the radio system that a dog was wandering on the reservation with the symptoms of rabies. Examination proved that the animal had the disease and could have inflicted a fatal bite or scratch on a human being.

In case of a disaster such as a tornado or an enemy attack, the radio vehicle could be alerted to go into operation as the basis of a mobile communication throughout the emergency period. As such, rescue operations can be directed through the communication system.

For Official Business

Col. Elliott stressed that only

personnel on official business have access to the taxi system. All military and civilian persons, regardless of rank, may utilize the cabs, but only soldiers above the rank of sergeant and civilian employees with a rating of GS-5 and above may requisition these vehicles.

Any person on post may call for a taxi in case of emergency, and have a vehicle sent to him immediately. If necessary the drivers have instructions to discharge the other passengers.

The taxi service rate of efficiency, with 81 per cent of the vehicles in operation at any given time, far exceeds that of a commercial system in any city.

Col. Elliott declared that approximately 150 sedans, assigned to especially selected units would be needed to replace the 32-vehicle taxi system.

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All Personnel Profit From Post Thrift Shop

By CAPT. ROSS SHELDON Information Officer, TSB

There was an advertisement in The New York Times in the 1890's when cat's fur was much in demand for cheap fur coats. Titled: "Something for Nothing," is claimed a foolproof way to make money with no cost.

According to the story, you started with 100 cats and 100 rats. The cats ate the rats, got fat and were skinned for their pelts which were sold. The rats ate the carcasses of the butchered cats and multiplied into more cat food. Thus by keeping a good breeding stock of cats and rats, the cats ate the rats, the rats ate the cats and you got your fur for nothing!

The Ft. Benning Woman's Club has been conducting a similar operation for something for the Post Thrift Shop. People with unwanted merchandise bring it to the shop for sale; people wanting good used items at a bargain come and buy, and the Thrift Shop takes a 10 per cent commission which is donated to charity since, with the exception of the cashier and bookkeeper, the staff is made up of unpaid volunteer wives.

Thus the seller gets money, the buyer saves money and various post charities receive donations of money; a perfect example of "cats fur for nothing."

With a daily gross of approximately \$400, the shop's profit amounted to approximately \$4000 last year. This money has been used by the Woman's Club for such post projects as the pre-kindergarten school, donations to Youth Activities, financial aid to needy families, purchase of an audiometer for the children's school, and many other activities benefiting post personnel.

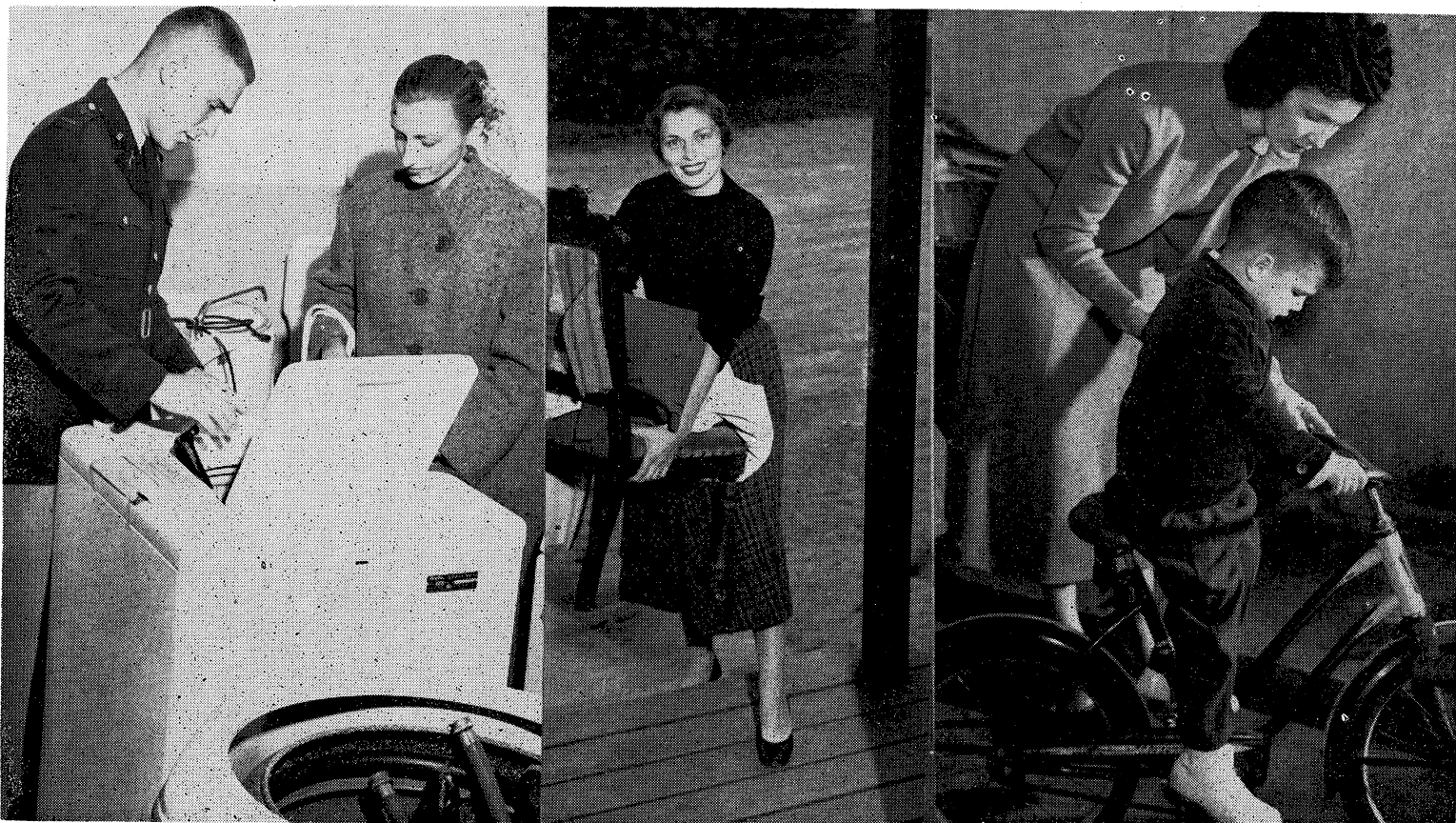
One of the Post's Eagle Scouts will travel to the Boy Scout Jamboree in England with the aid of \$200 contributed by the Woman's Club, from its Thrift Shop profits.



TO MAKE FOOD TASTE GOOD . . . A complete automatic roaster and cabinet is shown to Mrs. Rosa and Violeta Claudio by Mrs. Virginia Louvern in the shop's appearance section. An examination of the shelves in the rear shows a plentiful supply of items for sale at very reasonable prices.



ALL KINDS OF WEARING APPAREL . . . Shoppers can locate anything from evening dresses to combat boots in the Post Thrift Shop. Above (in left panel) Mrs. Margaret Claggett, Thrift Shop Chairman, checks the list for the owners of clothing sorted out by Mrs. Virginia Kellner, one of the Volunteer Workers. In the center panel, Mrs. Waine Archer and Mrs. N. M. Patrick, volunteer workers at the Thrift Shop, examine one of the many evening dresses which the shop sells. Mothers frequently buy these to rework for their growing teenage daughters. In the right panel, Mrs. C. J. Holton and Mrs. Buford Burnett examine a pair of shoe roller skates in the shop's shoe department.



ANYTHING FOR THE KIDS . . . From used furniture to children's toys, the Thrift Shop offers many good bargains for post personnel. In the left photo above, Lt. T. H. Hoffman and Mrs. Linda Lion compare notes on an automatic washer in the household appliance department of the shop. In the center photo, Mrs. John D. Foldberg brings in an armful of merchandise to be consigned to the shop for sale. The shop averages about five truckloads of goods per day. In the right photo, young James Safar tries out one of the bicycles in the shop as mother, Mrs. B. B. Safar, looks on.

Very Busy Place

The approximately eighteen volunteer wives each day who work at the Thrift Shop handle nearly five truckloads of merchandise totaling about 500 separate items each of the two days a week the shop is open.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., every Tuesday and Thursday the two-story wooden building across from the Commissary is crowded with post personnel bringing in what they don't want and carrying out what they do.

The biggest demand is for furniture, stoves, refrigerators and baby goods. A baby bed or play pen is frequently found having its consignment and its sales slips made out simultaneously, as an alert shopper spots it coming in the door and says "I'll take it" before the harassed clerk can write it up.

Never Overstocked

We are never overstocked on anything," said Mrs. Margaret Claggett, Thrift Shop chairman. "Anything left over 90 days becomes shop property if not immediately picked up, whereupon we mark it down to where it will sell, even if it's only for ten cents."

"And, of course, as shop property, the whole ten cents goes to the charity fund, whereas if it was someone else's property only 10 per cent (our regular commission) would."

Many post personnel have old clothing or odds and ends not worth selling for a price high enough to make it worth their while. So they donate it to the Thrift Shop which puts it on sale for a low price, with the total going to the fund. Youngsters frequently donate bundles of comics, which go like hotcakes to the other small fry at five cents each.

Handles Anything

"We handle anything," commented Mrs. Claggett. "Some things like guns, and a complete set of tractor implements with tractor we can't keep in the building. However, we let the sellers list in on our bulletin board and would-be buyers can go and see it. We've sold kittens, mink coats, Persian rugs, pearl necklaces, cameras, Rosenthal china, power mowers, clothing and paintings. You name it. If we don't have it, we probably will."

Bargains Available

Threading one's way in and around a maze of merchandise
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FINE FOR A PARTY . . . This is the comment of Capt. Donald Brown as he looks over a copper covered vessel displayed by Mrs. Lucille Woodall. The glass cabinet contains everything from cameras and jewelry to electric shavers and laquered boxes.

Thrift Shop Offers Many Good Bargains

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it is easy to believe an examination of the price tag shows that, contrary to expectations, most people have a fair idea what their items are worth and there is very little tendency to overprice. In fact, the tendency appears to be to ask a much lower price in order to speed the sale.

That turnover is rapid is attested to by the crowd around the consignment and sales tables. Three to four volunteer workers are kept busy at each table during the rush period from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Each major command on post sponsors a day at the Thrift Shop, and its organization wives keep things moving with remarkably little confusion. The buyers, with two or three children frequently underfoot or hanging to a skirt, are often regular customers who come in daily to see what is new.

For those selling or buying heavy articles of furniture, the Thrift Shop can arrange for pickup and delivery at government quarters. Whether you have something to sell, some-



TESTING HEARING . . . One of the many benefits resulting from the Thrift Shop is this audiometer at the post Children's Schools. Shown receiving a hearing test from school nurse, Lou Ella Coppedge is Michael Taylor, fifth grade son of Sgt. and Mrs. Forrest R. Hill, of the 8th Inf. Bn. The audiometer was given to the school by the Woman's Club and was paid for from Thrift Shop profits.

thing to buy, or are just looking around, the Woman's Club ladies are providing you a service which we all must tip our hats to and say "many thanks."

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Brig. Gen. James V. Thompson, deputy commanding general of the U.S. Army Infantry Center, presented the seven winners of the live categories with their trophies, during the finale called "Showcase Night."

Presentations to the winners of the recorded categories were given to representatives of the installations by 1st Lt. Marland L. Whiting, Third Army Entertainment Officer, and Miss Pat Meehan, Third Army Staff Entertainment Director.

Recorded Winners

Winners of the recorded categories included: Barber-shop Quartet, Ft. McPherson; Spiritual or Rock and Roll, Ft. Bragg; Battalion or Regimental Chorus, Ft. Jackson; Division or Post Chorus, Ft. McClellan; Singing Platoon Ft. Gordon Military Police; Army Band Chorus, WAC Band of Ft. McClellan, and Country and Western, Circle "A" Wranglers of Ft. McPherson.

The seven live winners included vocal soloist, instrumental soloist, individual specialty, specialty group (musical), specialty group (non-musical), instrumental group and vocal group.

These finalists, plus selected acts chosen by Lt. Whiting, are currently touring the Third Army installations in a troupe called "Encore 57."

Upon completion of this tour, the finalists will journey to Ft. Monmouth, N. J., for the grand finals of the All-Army Entertainment Contest.

Here at the final plateau contestants will be competing for awards which include appearances on Ed Sullivan's television show, installations in United States and overseas.

Large Audience

Large crowds witnessed the array of entertainers from posts

from Alabama to Kentucky during the four days of competition which saw acts from the strumming of an old country banjo to the classical melodies of the concert pianist.

One of the top personalities in the contest was Pvt. Fredy Engel, black haired lad from Besal, Switzerland, assigned to Third Army Special Services who juggled everything on the stage except master of ceremonies, M-Sgt. Hal Tatal.

He started at the age of four to groom for an entertainer with his parents and sister in their act called the "Four Angels."

This acrobatic troupe gained fame throughout Europe and coming to this country several years ago made smash notices with appearances on such shows on television as "Super Circus" and "Big Top."

Toured Nation

Also the Angels made tours around the different sections of the nation with Shriner circuses. Then Fredy came into the service last year and the act has been disbanded until his tour of duty has been completed.

When asked how to began to juggle he replied that it added something different to the act and his father was also very adapt at this form of skill since he did it in his younger days.

One of Engel's best tricks was the two stand balance while twirling seven hoops. He balanced a ball on a stand on his teeth and juggled six hoops in the air while spinning one around his foot.

Several other acts which gained outstanding applause including drummer Rufus Jones from Fort Bragg, who was defending champion in the instrumental soloist and Horace "Pappy" Burns, Willie Hogsd and Argel Walker, part of the Circle "A" Wranglers from Fort McPherson.

This was the first time this gala contest had ever been here at post and if audience acceptance means anything they would be right back next year.

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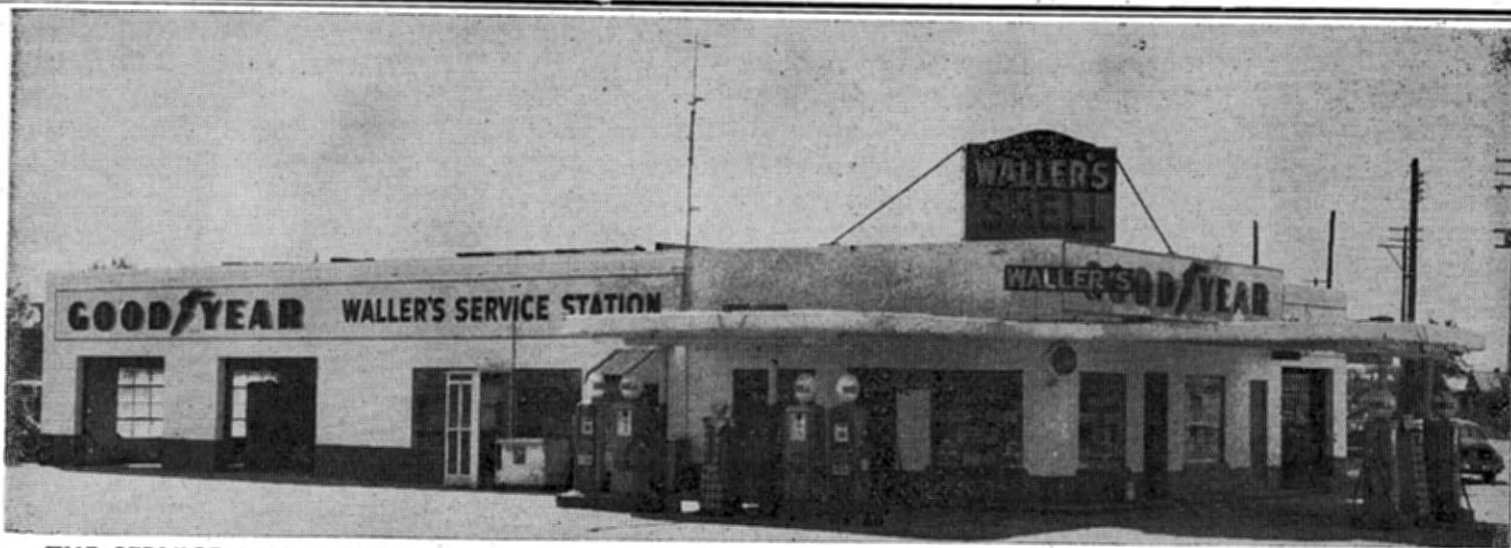
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LEADING PERSONALITIES . . . Four of the leading personalities in the Third Army Entertainment contest strike a pose during a simulated broadcast over the Benning airwaves during the welcoming banquet held for contestants at Victory Lodge. Left to right are Pvt. Richard Birkmayer, musical director; Pvt. Betty Dieteman, vocal soloist; SP3 Don Ferguson and M-Sgt. Hal Tatel, both masters of ceremonies.



PRECISION . . . Two balanced balls stop stands on his forehead and in his mouth while six hoops sail above head and one spins around his leg, gives the reasons for juggler Pvt. Fredy Engel of Ft. McPherson being a top entertainer in the Third Army Contest held at Ft. Benning's Main Theater.



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More than 1,000 persons viewed the post Woman's Club's "March of Fashion" March 28 benefitting the post's Youth Activities Club.

Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, U.S. Army Infantry Center commander, appeared in the finale escorting Mrs. William W. Roberts, who wore \$40,000 in diamonds with her ball costume.

SP3 William J. Kauffman served as commentator and Donn Norton was the organist. Capt. Edward J. Collins, enor soloist with the Soldiers Chorus, sang at intermission.

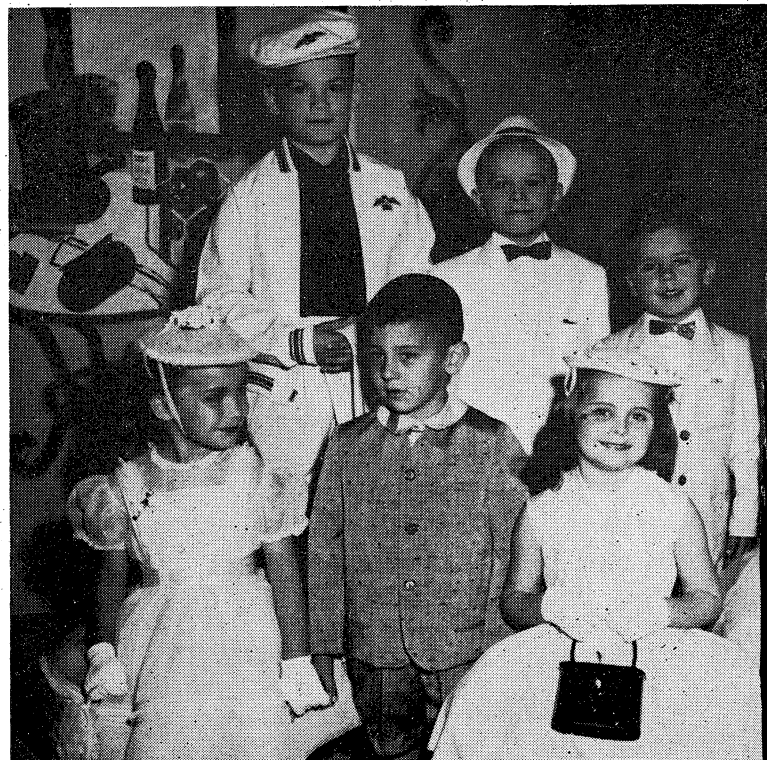
Mrs. Louis P. Bayard painted the lovely French Cafe setting for the occasion.

Twenty-six Woman's Club members modeled in the event. They were Mrs. Dwight L. Adams, Mrs. William C. Barrett, Mrs. Robert D. Bentley, Mrs. Alfred E. Coffey, Mrs. William P. Considine, Mrs. August J. Dielens, Mrs. Harry E. Finnell, Jr., Mrs. Gael M. Frazier, Mrs. Charles E. Green, Mrs. Milton H. Hamilton, Mrs. Arthur L. Handley, Jr., Mrs. Richard H. Hummel, Mrs. Frank J. Kaluk, Mrs. Chew-Mon Lee, Mrs. Lloyd E. Patch, Mrs. Willys H. Pearson, Mrs. John L. Powers, Mrs. Kenneth E. Riegle, Mrs. W. L. Schneider, Mrs. John J. Schuyler, Mrs. John R. Shaffer, Mrs. Lee M. Sherman, Mrs. Clyde A. Smith, Mrs. Richard M. Traut, Mrs. H. Trevor Williams and Mrs. Trevor E. Williams.



(Above)

NEW PRESIDENT OF DAUGHTERS OF THE U. S. ARMY . . . Mrs. Lincoln Landis, second from right, receives the pin denoting her office from Mrs. William B. Ochs, Jr., second from left, retiring president. Looking on are the other new DUSA officers, left to right, Mrs. John Vollentine, vice president, Mrs. Robert C. Lynch, secretary, and Mrs. David E. Wright, treasurer.



hion Show



(Below)

FASHION SHOW MODELS ... Seven smartly dressed youngsters model Easter ensembles for the popcorn set at the Woman's Club's "March of Fashion" March 28. First row, left to right are Lucy Ann Fried, 4, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. J. Fried; Edward Dunley, 6, son of Capt. and Mrs. J. E. Dunley; Mary Peyton Hamilton, 5, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. M. H. Hamilton, and Marsha Smith, 7, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. C. A. Smith. Second row are Billy, 9, Mike, 7, and Pascha, 4, sons of Lt. Col. and Mrs. W. L. Humphrey.



DUSA Aids Post Charity

Daughters of the U.S. Army donated \$2,850 to post charity projects at their April luncheon.

Fifteen hundred dollars will be given to the Youth Activities Club for the purchase of protective equipment, such as helmets and shoulder pads, for Pony League football players. Army Daughters contributed \$1,000 to this project last year.

The DUSA organization is donating \$1,000 to the Children's Schools in support of a Parent - Teacher Association project sponsoring a teacher for exceptional children. Specialized classroom facilities are planned for the post's handicapped children for the coming school year.

Army Daughters also gave \$350 to the Youth Activities Club for the purchase of equipment for the newly organized girls' archery classes.

Six thousand and two hundred dollars was earned for post charities at the Army Daughters '49er Party last month in the Main Officers' Mess.

Proceeds from the annual event will be distributed to various charities on post.

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Bill Maldonado's Piano Stylings Give Benning Entertainment a Big Lift

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Five-and-thirty black slaves, half-a-hundred white, all their duty but to shine just for Bill's delight.

This is an expression which well describes the remarkable ability SP3 Bill Maldonado of Ft. Benning's Soldier Shows has over the keyboard of a piano.

If you've ever listened to Ft. Benning radio show "Benning Bandstand" or watched "Home With Rozell" over television station WRBL-TV in Columbus, Ga., then you remember making the acquaintance of a smiling dark haired Mexican lad named Guillermo S. Maldonado.

Besides this unusual talent; he uses a very skillful brush and pencil on portrait sketches and is an advanced stage set designer.

Musical Family

Bill comes from a musical family. His father plays the guitar and his mother sings. "Not only music but you might say my family leans toward the outlets of art in most facets," said Maldonado.

A native of Los Angeles,



PIANIST AT WORK . . .

Bill Maldonado, a piano and radiator join forces to produce a torrid composition given out by one of the post's most well known musicians. He is also a most versatile pianist who feels quite at home with either Elvis Presley's latest tune or Che Gleda Manina from La Boheme.

Calif., he has many years of extensive training behind him in the field of music, both in playing and composition.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo J. Maldonado, decided early in Bill's life that he should learn some of the fine arts—especially music.

He began to practice on the keyboard at the age of eight. By the time he reached his 12th birthday, his talent was already in the limelight.

Played With Symphony

From a group of over 275 young music enthusiasts between the ages of 12-15 years of age, Bill was given the distinction of being chosen the pianist for the Los Angeles Junior Symphony Orchestra.

It was also about this same time that he got his first brush with a noted musical teacher who was giving a public appearance in his school.

Through a series of events, he was chosen to accompany the entertainer and teacher. Later he received a note from the man thanking him for his assistance.

The note was signed by John Raitt, who later was to become one of the top stars on Broadway and played original male lead in smash hit "Pajama Game."

Continuing his formal education, Bill attended Loyola High School in Los Angeles. He continued to keep up his daily practice with the ivories all during his high school days until his graduation.

Some people might think Bill's father would have little interest in music being a restaurant owner, but Bill's skilled playing gives justification that Papa molds more than tortillas.

Real Mexican Dishes

Bill says that anyone in the neighborhood of Broadway Street in his hometown may also taste his father's ability with specialities in Mexican food at his restaurant "La Chiquita."

When asked what the name means Bill replied, "it means My Little One, which is father's pet name for my mother."

Bill's parents are one of the oldest families in Los Angeles, but are originally from near



SECOND SPRING . . . The final touches are added to a sketch called "Second Spring" by SP3 Bill Maldonado. Top pianist, stage set designer and artist name just a few of the remarkable talents of the musical director of post Soldier Shows.

Mexico City. He still has many relatives living in the neighboring city.

He related, "My cousin, Consuelo Velasquez, who has her own radio show and orchestra in Mexico City is quite well known in both her country and the United States."

"If you happen to get the Spanish feeling several years ago from listening to a song which was tops on the nation's hit parade, called "Besame Muncho" — then you know her. She wrote the words and music."

After finishing high school, Bill enrolled in Loyola University. Here he again worked even harder on his music. It was during this period that he proved to himself he could make the grade in the entertainment field.

Holding several jobs which included playing piano for local supper clubs, managing the college radio station and playing as organist for the famed chapel at San Juan Capistrano, he paid his way through college.

"The swallows do usually arrive on time at Capistrano," remarked Bill.

During his college days he got his first training in musical composition from a well known teacher from the Mexico City

Conservatory of Music, Juan Aguilar.

He studied two years in theory and composition with Aguilar. This training paid considerable dividends for the Fort Benning Soldiers Show productions during the past month.

Dean West, Soldier Shows director, has given him the name of "Maldonado the Magnificent" after he wrote the original music for production "Arabian Nightcap."

His endeavors have also paid off handsomely in other aspects. He gained a spot in the Third Army level of the 1957 All-Army Entertainment Contest by winning the post finals in the instrumental soloist category.

He was also chosen to accompany the Fort Benning Soldiers Chorus Quartet at the 10th Anniversary dinner of the Fort Benning-Columbus-Phoenix City Citizens Military Council.

His plans for the future are not quite set, but he has aspirations of going into the field of creative work such as composition of both serious and musical comedy plus some professional training in theater arts.

What ever the endeavor Maldonado already has one audience captivated—the one at Fort Benning.

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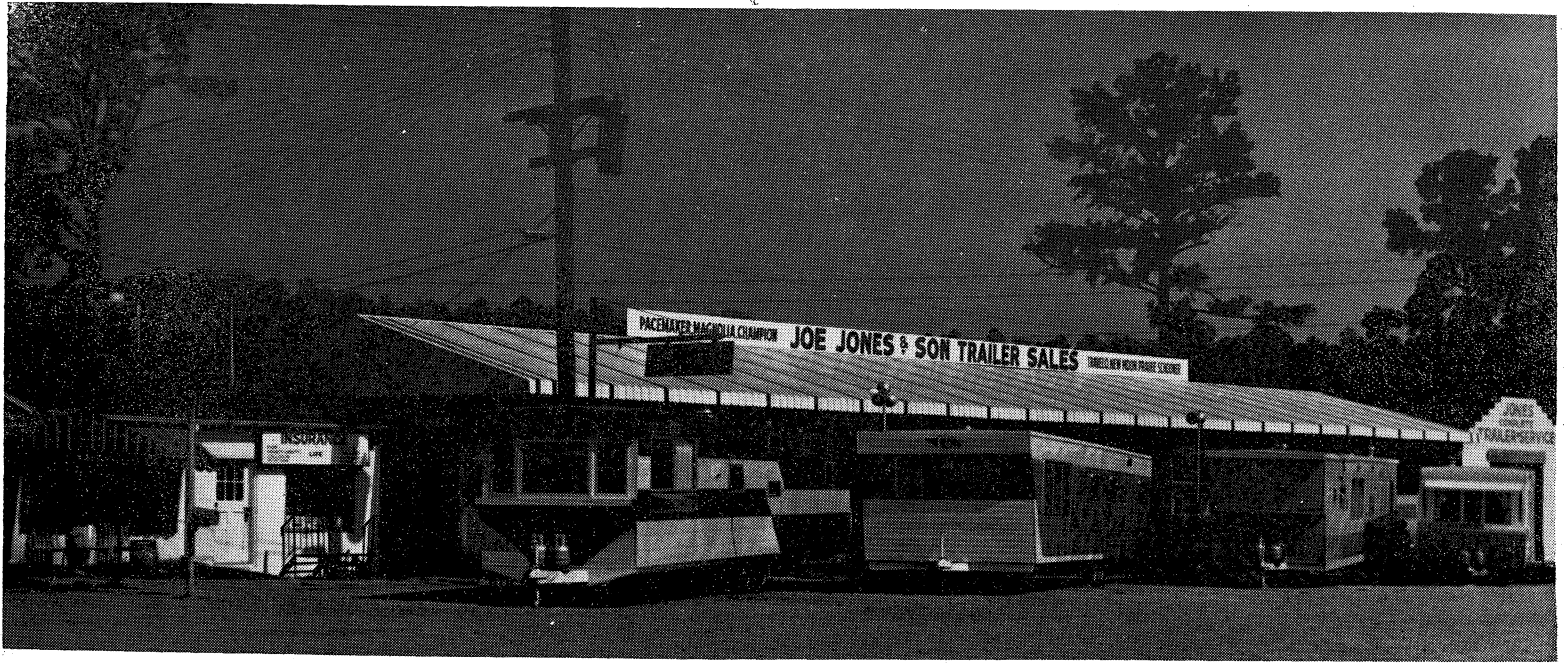
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A monumental memorial to American foot soldiers will arise here this fall at the world's largest school for infantrymen.

The tribute will be a nine-foot bronze statue of an Infantryman in full combat dress holding an M-1 rifle at parade rest. A reproduction of the American Doughboy Statue that stands in Berlin, Germany,



DOUGHBOY STATUE . . . This monument, which is being brought to Fort Benning through post contributions, will stand as a memorial to all American Infantrymen.

the memorial will be shipped to Fort Benning from Germany.

It is scheduled for arrival sometime this fall, according to post officials.

The spot on which the monument will be erected has not been determined, however.

The Doughboy Statue is being brought to the home of the Infantry by Fort Benning personnel. A fund-raising campaign for donations to the "Follow Me Fund" was held first in 1954.

The "Follow Me Fund" was launched as the last official act of Major Gen. Guy S. Meloy Jr., former commanding general of The Infantry Center. He is now Deputy Commanding General of the Fourth Army.

A portion of the funds donated during the first drive was used to purchase the copyright of the original Doughboy Statue created by Ernest Kunst, German sculptor.

A second fund drive staged post-wide during July and August pushed donations for the statue to over \$4,000.

Each Fort Benning officer and enlisted man was asked to give 25 cents to the "Follow Me Fund" during the recent fund-raising campaign. Many units contributed 100 per cent.

Sufficient funds have been contributed to transport the statue here and pay for construction of a suitable base, according to officials.

A German firm has been commissioned to reproduce the memorial and transport it to Savannah, Ga. Army transportation will pick up the statue in Savannah for delivery here.

Actual reproduction of the statue began early this year when Major Gen. Herbert B. Powell, commanding general of The Infantry Center, directed that the German firm be commissioned to do the job.

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Inside The Cover

FORT BENNING OBSERVES 39TH BIRTHDAY . . .

Post birthday will be observed in October when it reaches its 39th birthday. A brief history of Fort Benning and pictures of its past appear on pages 2 and 3.

REGIMENTAL FOOTBALL . . .

The 1957 football program at Fort Benning consists of two regimental leagues made up of United States Army Infantry Center and 3d Infantry Division units. See complete listing of football games on post on pages 8 and 9.

DOUGHBOY MONUMENT . . .

Soon to be erected at Fort Benning is a statue of an Infantryman which will serve as a permanent symbol of the Infantryman throughout the world. Story and picture on this page.

NEW LOOK AT FORT BENNING . . .

Six major construction projects underway at Fort Benning are displayed pictorially in this issue. New construction to keep up with post requirements in the atomic age. Story and pictures on pages 10 and 11.

3RD DIV. PREPARES TO GYROSCOPE . . .

The famous 3d Infantry "Marne" Division prepares to move to Europe to take its place as part of the NATO forces. Training for its future role, the "Marne" Division will leave Fort Benning beginning in March 1958. Story and pictures on pages 14 and 15.

FORT BENNING SCHOOLS SYSTEM . . .

More than 2,000 dependent children fill the classrooms of the three schools located on the Fort Benning Reservation. See pages 4 and 5.

VISIT TO IDA CASON GARDENS . . .

For five years the military personnel and their families in the Fort Benning area have been enjoying the facilities of the "Garden" located near Chipley, Ga. See the story on page 6 and 7.

FALL SOCIAL SEASON . . .

Fort Benning Woman's Club plans for new Social season. Important activities and picture story of the club's program are shown on page 12.



The Herald's front cover is a scene familiar to even those who have been at Fort Benning for a short time. Photo was taken as thousands travel past Outpost No. 1 on their way to work at Fort Benning.

Fort Benning Is Observing 39th Birthday During Oct.

Post Is Hub Of Infantry Instructions

This October Fort Benning can look back on 39 years of growth, during which time it has developed from a temporary Army training site to the world's largest, most streamlined Infantry Center.

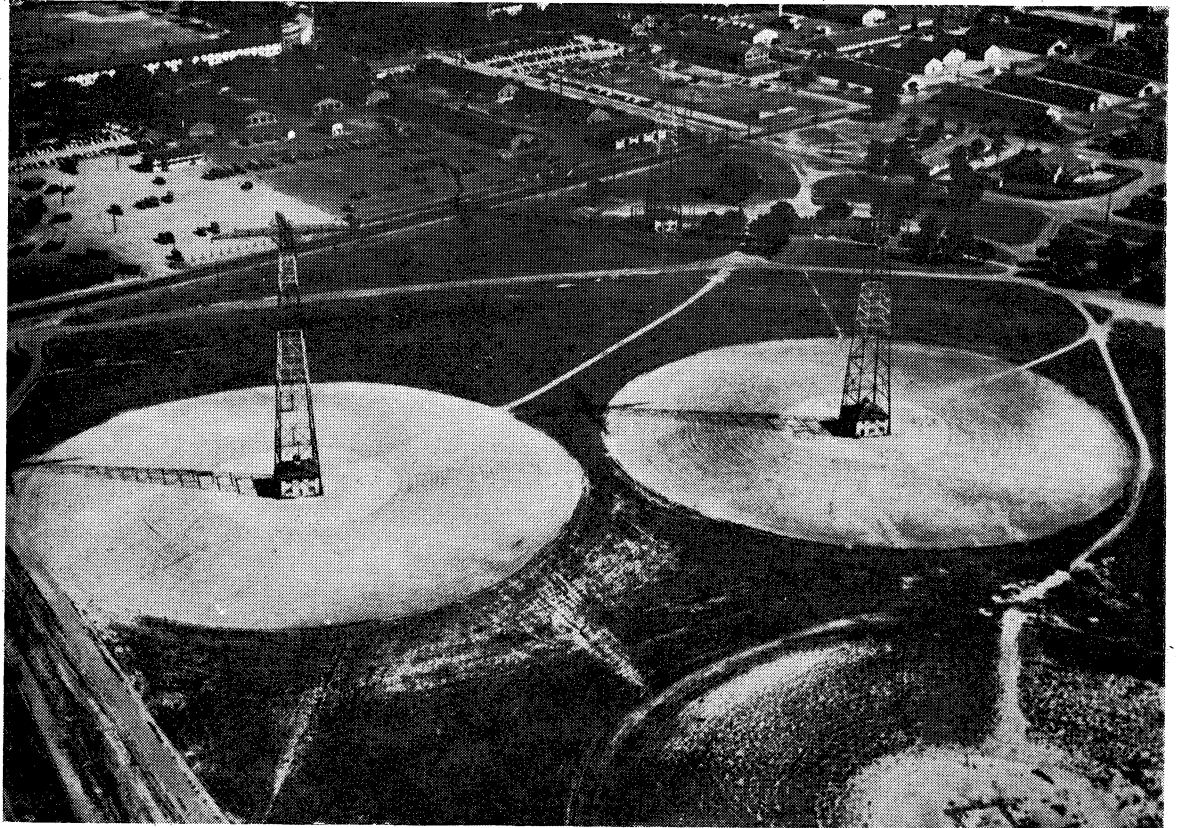
Fort Benning celebrates its 39th anniversary during the first week of October.

The post had its beginning as a temporary cantonment site located three miles east of Columbus in 1918.

Colonel Eames and his construction quartermaster, Major J. Paul Jones, were instructed to organize and construct the new Army installation for the purposes of teaching World War I draftees new techniques, new weapons, and battlefield tactics.

Arriving in Columbus Sept. 23, 1918, Colonel Eames and Major Jones selected the area west of Columbus to build the camp. Seven days after the arrival of the two officers in the city, the first troops began coming to Camp Benning for training.

The camp was named in honor of Brig. Gen. Henry L. Ben-



MODERN FORT BENNING . . . Only a small portion of Fort Benning's growth over the past 39 years is captured in this photo. In foreground are jump towers for airborne trainees. In background, part of the southeastern edge of Main Post is visible.

School Of Infantry Leaders

ning, a distinguished officer in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States. When World War I Armis-

lice was signed Nov. 11, 1918, Camp Benning was ordered abandoned. However, Colonel Eames convinced the economy-

minded War Department that Camp Benning was needed to house the Infantry Schools.

The decision to retain the Army post was handed down in the early part of 1919. Orders for organization of a "Peace Time Infantry Center" came to Camp Benning Sept. 25, 1919.

From that time on, the installation has been recognized as the heart of the Infantry.

As Camp Benning mushroomed, space for ranges and other Infantry activities became a major problem.

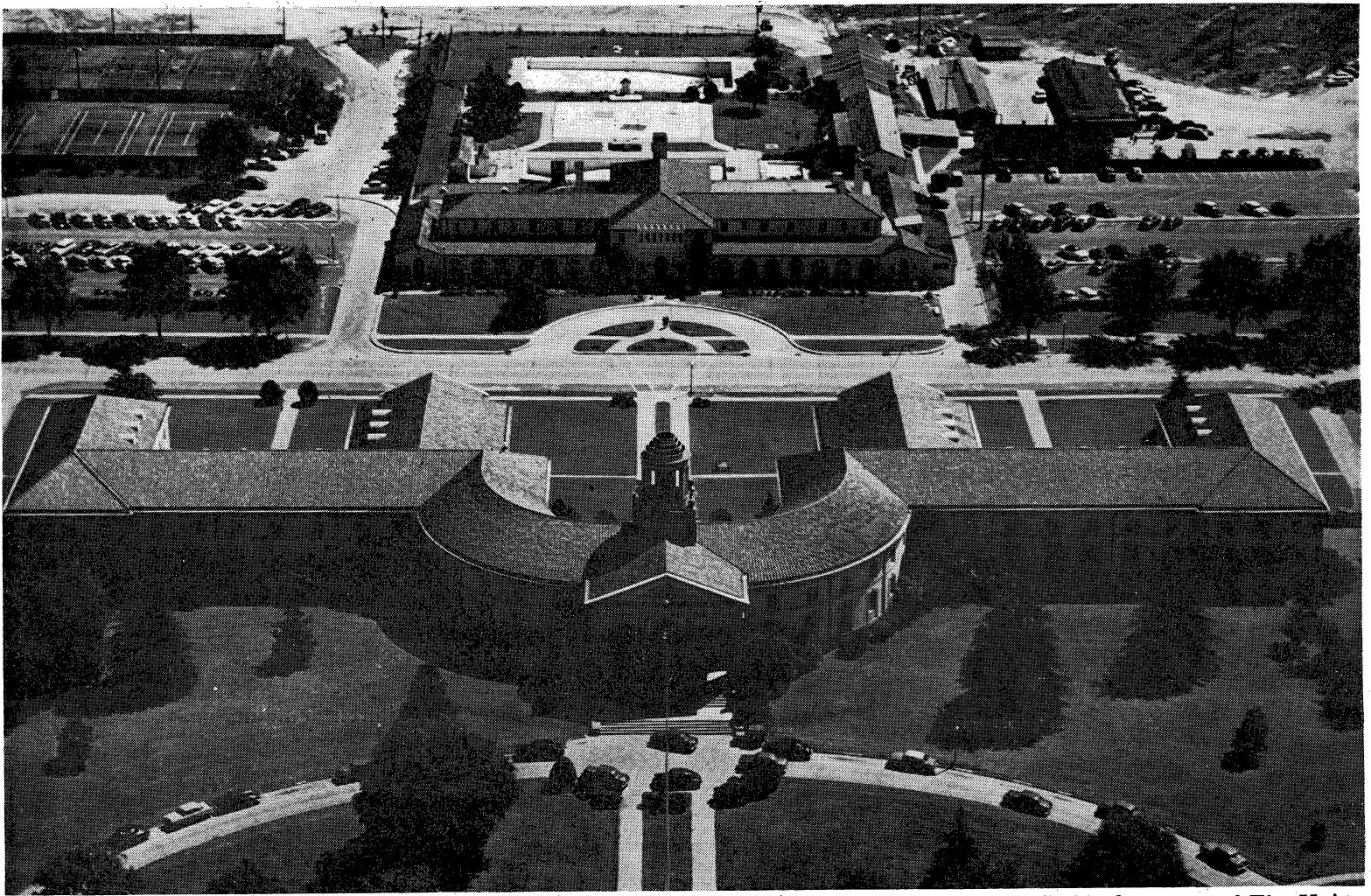
A track of land consisting of 98,000 acres located east of the Chattahoochee River and nine miles south of Columbus was selected as a relocation site.

The track of land was known at the time as the Bussey Plantation. The stately plantation home was designated official quarters of the commanding general. It continues as such today.

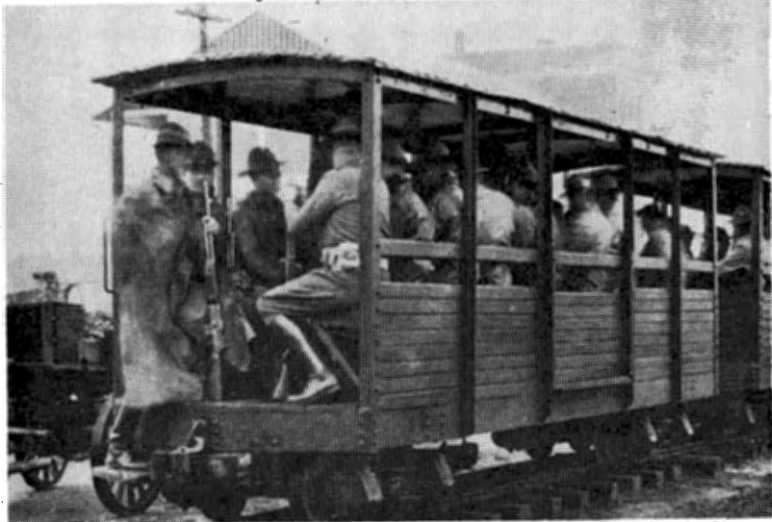
Relocation of the camp was
(Continued on page 16)



DAYS OF YOUTH . . . Pictured is Fort Benning shortly after it was designated a permanent military installation. In the foreground are some of the first temporary buildings. The first cuartel is being constructed in background.



HEART OF FORT BENNING . . . is The Infantry School Building which also serves as the headquarters of The United States Infantry Center. In the rear is the Main Officers' Open Mess Building.



TOONERVILLE TROLLEY . . . It may not look like much, but to Fort Benning soldiers it was tops in transportation in the installation's younger days.



ALL ABOARD . . . The little narrow guage railroad engine is a familiar landmark at Fort Benning today but was an important means of transportation for USAIS students years ago.



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When the final enrollment totals were in, seven times as many post children were on this year's rolls as were during the 1956-'57 school term.

Ten years ago at the post there were 315 school children, including those who attended eighth through 12th grades in Columbus, Ga. Registration of 2,090 students was noted at Fort Benning schools this year and an additional 282 will attend Columbus high schools.

Attendance at the post schools is restricted to children

Mrs. Hazel J. Scudder, who is beginning her fourth year as superintendent of schools, has been on the administrative staff since 1950. She is assisted by William W. Boyd, Miss Emily Beebe and Charles R. Goodrum Jr., principals of Faith, Main Post and Custer Terrace, and Lester R. Herman Jr., assistant principal of Faith School and guidance director for the school system.

Some 72 teachers, a librarian and school nurse were on the Ft. Benning Children's Schools faculty at the beginning of the 1957-58 term.

Main Post Schools, in use since 1930, has 13 classrooms and an auditorium in the main building and nine classrooms



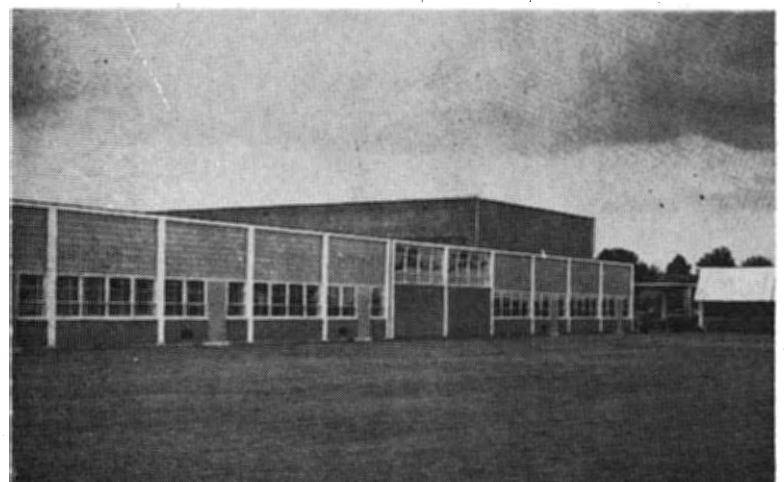
P-TA LEADERS . . . The Fort Benning Parent-Teacher Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Guiding the organization during this school year will be Col. William E. Ekman, seated, president, and, standing; left to right, Mrs. W. F. McCoy, first vice-president; M-Sgt. Coy Wheeler, second vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Clark Jr., secretary, and Lt. Col. Sterling H. Abernathy, treasurer.



MAIN POST SCHOOL . . . In this building Fort Benning youngsters have learned the three Rs since 1930. It has 13 classrooms and an auditorium in the main building.



CUSTER TERRACE SCHOOL . . . Opened in 1950, the school has expanded steadily from seven classrooms and a single auditorium to 15 classrooms and a modern, highly-useful auditorium-gymnasium-cafeteria.



FAITH SCHOOL . . . Million-dollar structure has 31 classrooms, special rooms for arts, library and combination auditorium-gymnasium-cafeteria. In 1954, a tornado did more than \$200,000 damage to the building.

in the U.S. Army hospital area.

Custer Terrace School, with seven classrooms and an auditorium, was ready for occupancy at the beginning of the 1950 session. After additional construction in 1954 and 1955, the school now has 15 classrooms and a combination auditorium-gymnasium-cafeteria.

Faith School was completed in March, 1953, although two wings have been in use since October, 1952. The million-dollar structure includes 31 classrooms, four special rooms for music, home living, art and industrial arts instruction, library

and a combination auditorium-gymnasium-cafeteria.

Tornado damage to Faith School in April, 1954, exceeded \$200,000. Rebuilding of the auditorium and construction of two additional wings were completed in 1956. Construction at the school in 1957 included an administration building with offices for the superintendent and school officer, Major Thomas P. Gannon.

Lt. Col. Richard F. Hill, chief of the Instructor Training Section of The Infantry School's Office of the Director of Instruction, heads the Post (Continued on page 16)

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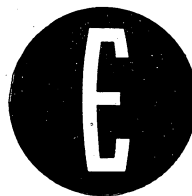
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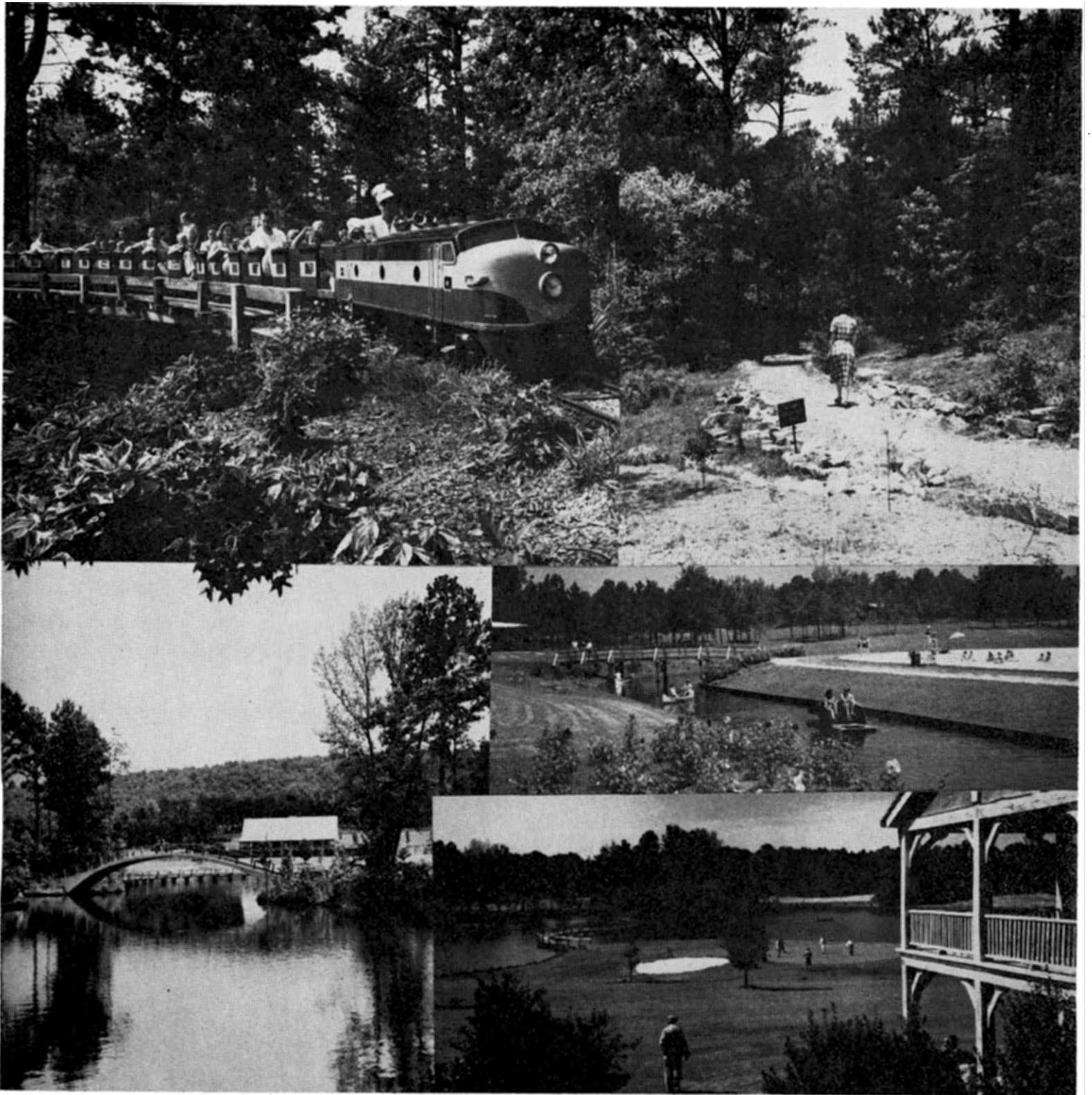
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CALLAWAY GARDENS OFFER VARIETY IN OFF-POST ENTERTAINMENT . . . Top left: Miniature train churns through gardens loaded with passengers of all ages. Top right: This beautiful flower trail is one of many at the Gardens. On these pathways one can find almost all plants native to this part of the country. The growth is carefully cultivated year round. Lower left: Here is a fishing paradise. Picture is Mountain Creek Lake, with Golfer's Bridge and 17th century clubhouse in background, sportsmen can cast until their heart's content. This lake is only a few of many well-stocked lakes to be found at the unusual Georgia playground. Center right: Paddleboating and canoeing is another activity offered. Pictured are couples enjoying themselves on Kingfisher Canel, Robin Lake Beach. Lower right: For the average golfer, the nine-hole course at the Gardens is truly a paradise. It is built with wide greens especially designed for the run-of-the-mill golfer.

Paradise For Post Patrons

Since 1952, Fort Benning Georgia. Often called "Georgia's Garden of Eden," more than one million people have visited the gardens since they opened five years ago. Its many recreational facilities have made it extremely popular with everyone who visits the gardens. Ida Cason Callaway Gardens are open the year round. Robin Lake, with the world's largest man-made inland beach, is open for swimming from early spring until early fall, but visitors to the Gardens are welcome to view the area through-

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WATER SKIING . . . Callaway Gardens is one of the best spots in the South for water skiing as is shown by this young couple skimming over Robin Lake. In background is Robin Lake Beach, the largest man-made beach in the world.

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Regimental Football Is King



DOUGHBOY STADIUM . . . Maintenance personnel keep the stadium in shape for the 1957 football season. A total of 22 games will be played in the stadium this year.



EQUIPMENT CHECK . . . Capt. Deryle M. Mehrten, U.S. Army Infantry Center Sports officer, right, checks equipment used by Infantry Center football teams during the 1957 season. Assisting him is Mr. Gerald Knighton, Infantry Center Supply Clerk.

Fort Benning's 1957 football season features a regimental level program consisting of 13 teams. The schedule calls for a total of 48 games to be played on post.

A new sports program established last December by The U.S. Army Infantry Center Special Services Sports Council has eliminated all post level competition in favor of an intramural program that will allow a greater majority of military personnel to participate.

According to Major William V. Johnson, assistant Special Services officer, USAIC, the council felt that more military personnel would be benefitted by a program run strictly on a regimental level.

In place of a post gridiron team this year, Fort Benning football fans will be able to watch two regimental leagues in action. The U.S. Army Infantry Center will host a four-team league which will play at Doughboy Stadium on Main Post.

The Third Infantry Division will field a nine-team league, which will play a 36-game schedule. Games for the Marne-men are played at Bennett Field on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday afternoons at Doughboy Stadium.

The U.S. Army Infantry Center league comprised of teams from U. S. Army Infantry Center Troop Command, U. S. Army Infantry School (The School Brigade), Special Troops Command, and U. S. Army Infantry School (Student Officers Battalion) will play games on Saturday evenings at

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MARNE DIVISION GRIDDERS . . . keep in condition for the fall football season. L to R: 7th Infantry Coach Ralph Wallace supervises sled work as 'Cottonbalers' Berrie Johnson and Owen R. Schroeder bear down.

48-Game Grid Schedule Ends December 5

8 p.m. and on Sunday after- men tangled with the 38th In- played the 30th Infantry. U.S. Army Infantry School
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 way Sept. 17, at Bennett Field- urday afternoon, Sept. 21, when Troops Command took on The regimental leagues is free.
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KELLY HILL . . . This is one of the newly constructed Kelly Hill barracks, which is housing Third Infantry Division personnel. The completed projects will have 16 barracks, divided into units which will accommodate 235 and 326 men each, giving a total of 10,000 soldiers to be housed. Completion time for the final barracks is expected the first of next year.

“Most Modern Military Installation” Aim Of Benning’s Six Major Building Projects

By **JERRY ARMSTRONG**
Fort Benning’s latest construction program, ranging from a new National Bank to an ultra-modern hospital, is drawing to a climax with six major building projects nearing completion.

With construction costs

reaching into the millions, Fort Benning is scheduled to have one of the most modern military installations in the U.S. by 1958.

The new \$6-million Martin Army Hospital, named in honor of the late Major Gen. Joseph I. Martin, member of the Army

Medical Service, will be a streamlined, fully-equipped, five-wing, 500-bed structure.

It is located approximately three miles from Main Post. The hospital will have the finest equipment available today, costing approximately \$700,000.

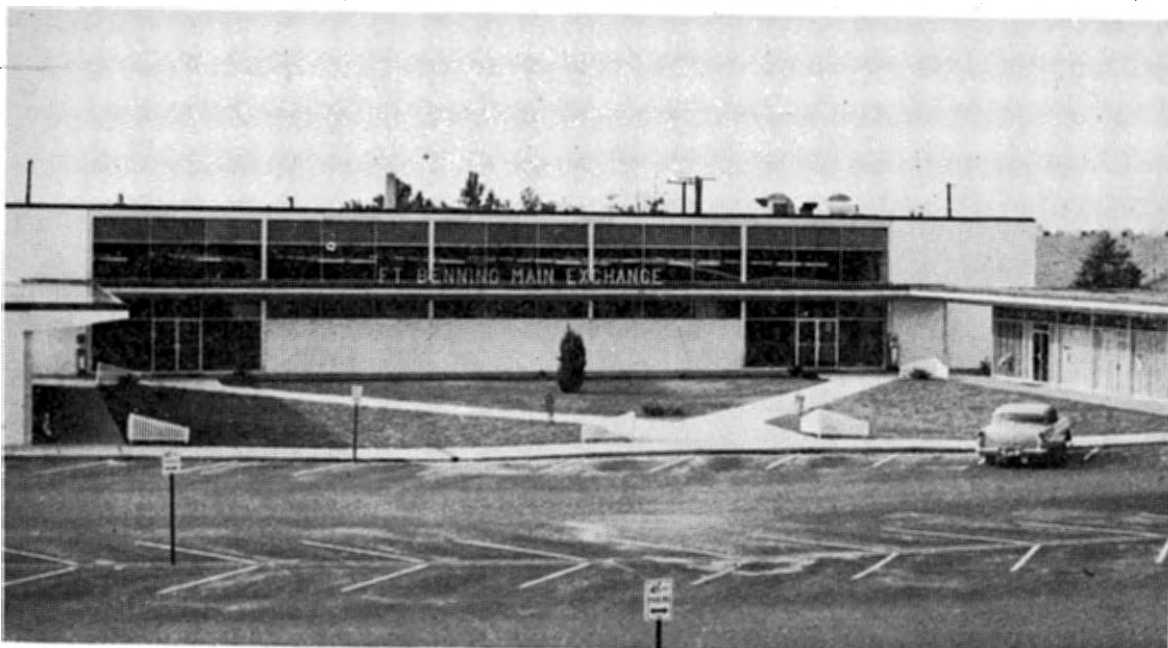
The structure, nine stories high, can easily be expanded to twice the number of beds and has an exterior of natural concrete color. Standing 110 feet tall, it will have wings 500 feet long. The interior will have 318,000 square feet of floor space, and a huge parking area will accommodate 500 cars.

Fort Benning’s new \$360,000 Main Post Exchange, formally opened in April of last year by Major Gen. Joseph H. Harper, then U.S. Army Infantry Center commander, is now one of the most frequented spots on post. The main building, comprising 11,000 square feet, and two wings housing barber, tailor and beauty shops, watch repair, hardware, snack bar, shoe shop, photographic studio, dry cleaning pick-up station and TV and radio repair shop, gives the post a modern shopping center.

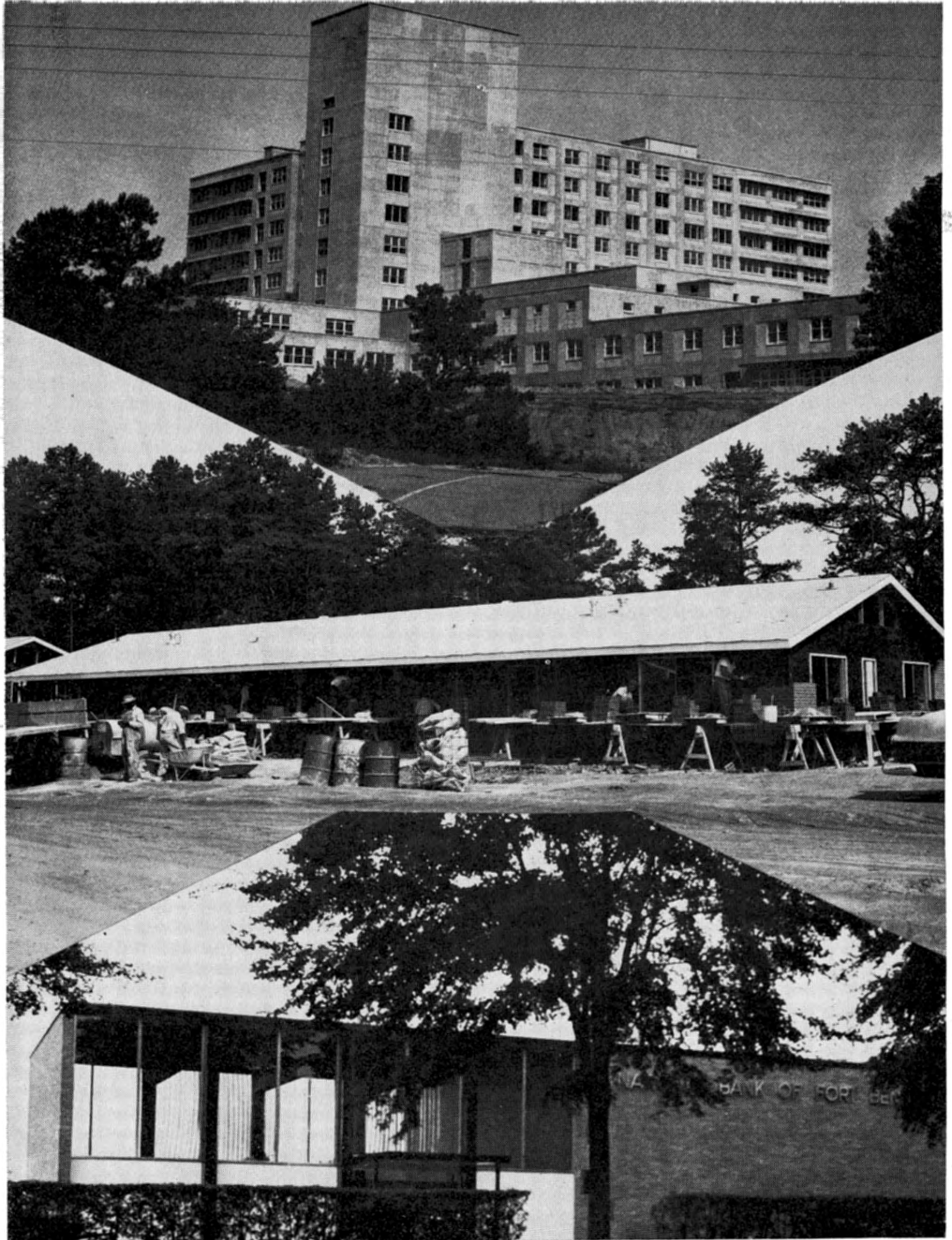
Together with the adjoining commissary building, the new PX provides the post’s families with a place in which to do all their shopping with speed and in comfort.

Adequate family and troop housing has long been one of the major goals here. With the final deadline on completed construction of the Kelly Hill

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NEW PX . . . The new, air-conditioned Main Post Exchange is one of the modern structures in the Fort Benning community. Opened more than a year, the main section joins the two wings in offering a modern shopping center to post families. In the wings, a snack bar, hardware, shoe repair shop, watch repair, barber shop, television and radio repair, photography shop, and custom tailor shop offer all the conveniences of any modern shopping center.



PARADE OF PROGRESS . . . With these three construction projects Fort Benning continues building a modern military installation. Top Photo: New 500-bed Martin Army Hospital looms against the skyline. The nine-story medical center is due for completion in Spring, 1958. Center photo: Workmen put finishing touches on one of the brick veneer Capehart houses built near Custer Terrace section. Lower photo : Most recently completed project is the National Bank of Fort Benning. The ultra-modern building cost an estimated \$ 95,000.

Benning Woman's Club Announces Plans For 1957-58 Social Season



WOMAN'S GROUP . . . Guiding the Fort Benning Woman's Club this year will be Mrs. Herbert B. Powell, seated left, honorary president, and Mrs. Harry E. Hornecker, seated center, president. The group's other officers include Mrs. Alfred E. Coffey, seated right, first vice-president, and standing left to right, Mrs. Robert J. Bigart, second vice-president, Mrs. Robert L. Rhea Jr., recording secretary, Mrs. Edward Duda, treasurer, and Mrs. Harry Reeder, corresponding secretary. Not pictured is Mrs. John J. Dalton, custodian.

The Fort Benning Woman's Club will be "at home" this year in a clubhouse of its own for the first time. Ward B-23 in the U.S. Army Hospital area will be the scene of the organization's group meetings, and club-sponsored classes in ballet, toe, tap and ballroom dancing open to children of all military personnel.

Activities to be offered at the group meetings include bridge, bowling, choral singing, charm school, exercise class and instruction in flower arrangement, art, ceramics, languages and the Great Books.

A welcoming tea Oct. 2 opened Woman's Club events for 1957-58. The organization will hold a luncheon the first Wednesday of each subsequent month in the Main Officers' Mess.

The club's major projects are the Pre-Kindergarten School, which has an enrollment of 100 children of club members, and the Thrift Shop, located across from the Commissary, which is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday for the

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MERRY-GO-ROUND . . . Daughters of the U.S. Army's many contributions to the Post Children's Nursery range from air conditioning to the merry-go-round shown above. Helping to keep the ride moving is Mrs. William B. Ochs Jr., standing left, DUSA Nursery Committee chairman.

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Here at Fort Benning, the 3d Infantry "Marne" Division, commanded by Major General Roy E. Lindquist, readies itself for the role it will play as a member of the NATO line of defense in Europe.

The Division observed the first important milestone of the role it is to play, on July 1, 1957, when it was recognized as one of Army's new "Pentomic" Divisions.

Reorganization constituted a major change in structure and tactical doctrine. The strength of the Division was reduced from some 17,000 to approximately 13,700 officers and men. The reduction in strength, however, did not constitute a loss in firepower. Instead, some 400 additional riflemen are contained in the new division than there were available under the old triangular division.

The Division now has organic atomic delivery means and greatly increased flexibility and mobility. The Pentomic Division is a hard hitting, fast moving, and flexible fighting machine especially tailored for the Atomic Battlefield.

The Marne Division will be-



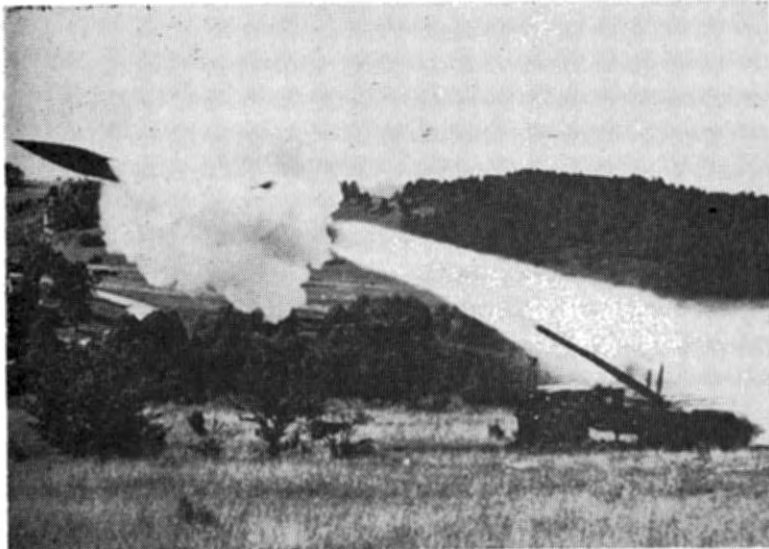
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Division Commander receiving its New Marne-men in September and begin an intensive training program designed to ready itself for its new role.

The actual move to Germany will begin in March, 1958, when the first increment of approximately 4,000 officers and men, accompanied by their dependents, depart Fort Benning for the same area in Germany now occupied by the 10th Division. The second and third increments will follow in approximately 30-day intervals.

Under the GYROSCOPE plan the 3d Division will be in Germany approximately 33 months and will then return to its home station here at Fort Benning.

The Pentomic Division will, as a NATO force in Germany, constitute visible evidence that the United States Army is a powerful deterrent to war.



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barracks and 1,000 Capehart Housing units set for 1958, Fort Benning will have accommodations for thousands more soldiers and families on post.

The third part of the quarters development, non-commissioned officers housing units off Dixie Road, was the first to be completed. It is already filled with families.

Construction of \$14 million Capehart Housing project in the Custer Terrace area will include 248 officer and 752 non-commissioned officer three-room family quarters of brick veneer.

The new Kelly Hill barracks will have 16 units upon completion next year. They will house a large portion of the Third Division personnel.

Seven of the first barracks completed, cost an estimated \$3.6 million. Each of these new barracks will accommodate 235 personnel. The other eight barracks, still under construction, will house 326 personnel. Motor pools, gymnasiums and dispensaries are included in the building plans for the Kelly Hill project.

The National Bank of Fort Benning, which offers all modern banking facilities, is the latest completed structure on Main Post area, costing some \$95,000. It is located across the street from the Main Post Library. The building has over a mile of floor space, in addition to a 2,100 square foot mezzanine.

Benning Club

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purchase of useful bargains and bringing in items for sale. Proceeds from the shop support the club's welfare activities.

The Woman's Club also sponsors a post-wide Christmas lighting contest and a children's art course. In addition, it is responsible for maintenance of the Small Animal Cemetery. A special Woman's Club Allied Liaison Committee assists wives of Allied students in becoming familiar with the civilian and military communities.

The Enlisted Men's Wives Club meets each Monday at the Rocker Club. The first meeting of the month is a business session and the third a luncheon. Light refreshments are served at the remaining social meetings.

Fort Benning

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completed in June, 1919.

Cuarets and other permanent-type buildings began springing up, replacing temporary structures. The post was declared a permanent one Feb. 8, 1922.

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Paradise For

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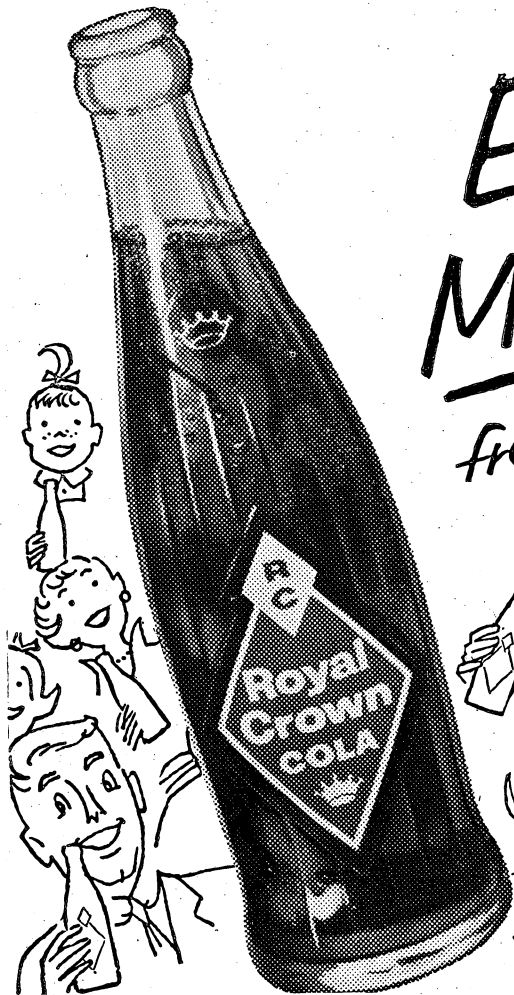
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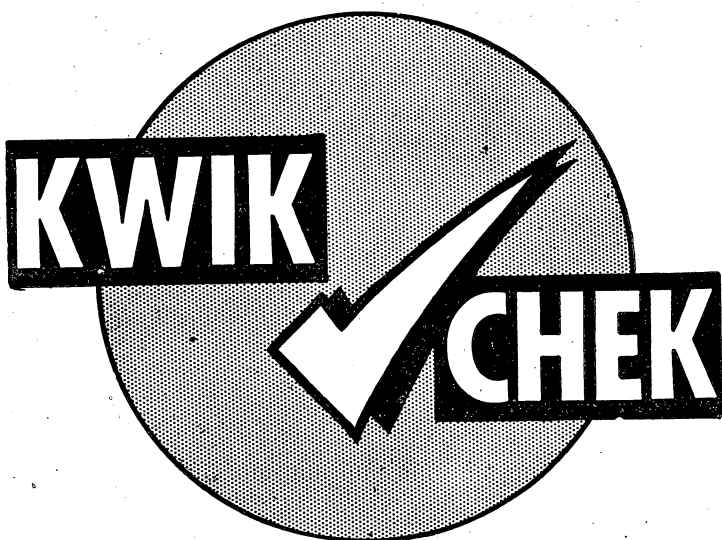
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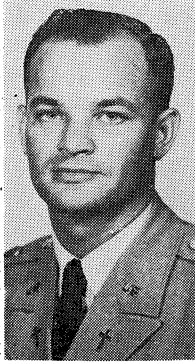
"Hark, The Herald Angels Sing!", Christ is born in Bethlehem of Judea. This most significant historical event took place nearly 2,000 years ago, yet men today still assemble themselves together in a kindred spirit commemorating the Birth of the Saviour of mankind.

We hear the old familiar Christmas Carols sung throughout the night so still, and listen as the church bells peal out the Christmas message to all who hear. It is a time of great rejoicing, of bearing gifts, of rising hopes and inward happiness to all who feel the Christmas Spirit.

The most significant thing about the Birth of Our Saviour was the tremendous effect it had upon the minds of men—how it gave a new purpose, a new sense of direction and instilled an attitude of praise and adoration. Life took on a meaning with an essence of eternity. Man's pathways were clearly defined and his recognition of Christ the Redeemer was manifested through his life. And even today, history still bears out the telling effect of the Birth of Our Lord which we commemorate during this Christmas Season.

Our purpose, too, is clearly defined—that of brotherly love to all mankind, a compassion for those less fortunate and a helping hand to the needy. We are conscious of the true direction our lives need to follow, that of loyalty and devotion to Our Saviour and King.

We, too, praise His Name and rejoice with the world, for unto us a Saviour is born.



INSIDE THE COVER

CHRISTMAS AT FORT BENNING

Each Yuletide season brings added joys and delights to young and old, and the Christmas spirit holds an exciting grip on Fort Benning this year. For this story in pictures see pages 2 and 3.

YAC AND ITS 'TIVITIES

Santa comes but once a year, but Youth Activities Club treats Fort Benning's youth year round. YAC's program for post youngsters is told on pages 4 and 5.

TV 'REPORT'

Fort Benning reports news events at Fort Benning weekly over WRBL-TV. It's Third Army's first program of the kind. See pages 6 and 7.

WOMEN IN ARMY

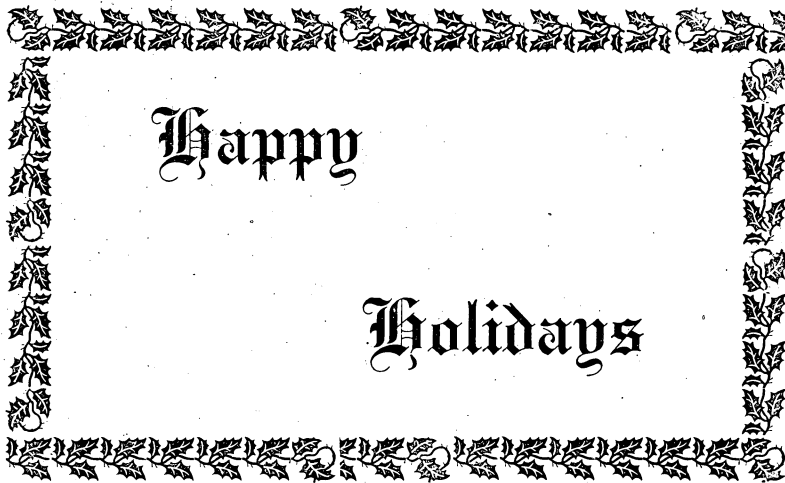
Work and play of Fort Benning's only WAC Company is described on pages 8 and 9.

EYES AND EARS AT LAWSON

Eyes and ears of incoming and outgoing flights at Lawson Army Airfield are contained in a tower 60 feet off the ground. All about it is told on pages 10 and 11.

DOUGHBOY MEMORIAL

Latest on a memorial to America's Infantrymen that will soon be erected at Fort Benning is on page 12.



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BOOTS FILLED AT BENNING . . . Among Santa's many problems this Christmas will be presents the right size to fill combat boots for Fort Benning's Infantrymen. St. Nick tests size of gift that will slip easily into boots of foot soldiers who will hang their footwear for the dependable old man's visit Dec. 24.

Christmas Spirit Envelopes Young And Old At Benning



SIGN OF THE TIMES . . . Gayly-colored lights added to this tree outside the main Post Exchange signaled the arrival of the Christmas season.



BLACK AND FILMY . . . Mrs. Margaret Detwiler of the main Post Exchange shows Sp3 James S. Germane of the 542d Medical Company a gift suggestion for his best girl.

Fort Benning has been invaded and conquered. The Christmas spirit is now in command.

Its coming was unheralded, no guns were fired to salute its arrival. But in no time at all it was dominant; able to be smelled, heard, tasted, felt throughout the post.

Elvis Ruled Out

Parents were the first to notice it. They saw it reflected in their children, suddenly on good behavior and singing songs about a reindeer named Rudolph and a bearded man named Santa Claus who suddenly took precedence over a lad with sideburns.

More physical signs of its coming appeared shortly thereafter. The huge tree outside the main Post Exchange was adorned with colored lights, homes and offices were decorated with candles and wreaths and trees and the smell of evergreen was everywhere. As Christmas Day came closer and closer, the holiday furnishings on the castle of the Queen of Battle become more elaborate.

Apparent Change

A change became apparent in the people. Riding in trucks back from the ranges, standing beneath the biting hot shower in the barracks, recruits start to sing songs heard only once a year. Fathers and mothers with children in hand flock to Toyland to eavesdrop on what they have to say to Santa Claus.

Streets and stores grow crowded with people buying gifts to help spread the Christmas spirit. The mailman smiles as the thousands of packages and cards fill up the post office. People stand cheerfully in line to buy train and plane tickets in order to make the all too infrequent trip home. Even the morning reports clerk hums "White Christmas" as he tries to keep track of who has left on leave and who has come back.

Christmas Sounds

The days and nights are filled with the sounds of Christmas: the gay, expectant chatter of children, the whispering of parents, the Christmas sermon from the pulpit, the beautiful harmony of carolers.

At Fort Benning, it seems, the Christmas spirit is more real, more intense than any place else in the world. There is good reason for this. Military personnel and their families, more than anyone else, have good reason to be thankful for peace on earth.



CHRISTMAS IS FOR LITTLE GIRLS . . . Catherine Perry, left, five-year-old daughter of Sfc and Mrs. Sanyarn Perry of the 9th Field Artillery, Third Infantry Division, and Holly West, four-and-one-half-year-old daughter of Sfc and Mrs. Lacy West of the 43d Company, Fourth Battalion, The School Brigade, express wide-eyed admiration of the new toys Santa Claus has available at Toyland.



AND BIG GIRLS, TOO . . . Making sure Santa Claus gets the word on what they'd like for Christmas are Joyce Tillman, left, and Mrs. Theresa Tillery, both of the Army Emergency Relief office at Fort Benning.

YAC Molds Post Youth

Happiness, well-being, high morale, good citizenship, and close fellowship through recreational activities for Fort Benning children is the job of the Youth Activities Club.

Informally known as "YAC," the organization is the official sponsoring agency at Fort Benning for all children and youth programs other than those of the Dependent Children's Schools. All children who are dependent of military personnel at Fort Benning may participate in any or all of the activities.

Each activity is an organized program supervised and directed by an adult YAC member. For boys there are baseball, basketball, foot-

For girls there are basketball, volleyball, softball, swimming, tennis, trampoline, archery, camping, the Junior National Rifle Association, Girl Scouts, after-school sports, playground programs, Brat

ball, boxing, swimming, tennis, Barracks, and other special activities. Other activities may be added to the program as children and parents request them and as adults volunteer to conduct such activities.

Originally formed as the Dad's Club in 1952, the organization was changed to Youth Activities Club in 1954 to include women of the post in the club's planning and operations. Part of YAC's financial support comes from Fort Benning's Community Activities Association. Another part comes from parent membership dues. Contributions for some of the necessary equipment are made by such organizations as the Daughters of the U.S. Army, Junior Army Daughters, the Fort Benning Women's Club, and other similar groups.

Although all children may participate, all parents are urged to join YAC for financial support as well as physical and moral support. In addition to parent membership there are honorary memberships open to all Fort Benning personnel who believe in youth activities and wish to support a wholesome, developmental program.

YAC is administered by a Board of Governors including a president, first, second and third vice presidents and a fund custodian. The officers are elected annually. The fund custodian is an appointed commissioned officer who holds the office as an Army assignment and whose responsibility is to maintain the club. The various activities are headed by volunteer chairmen.

The 1957-'58 officers are Col. Howard W. Greer, president; Maj. Aubrey S. Hollingsworth, first vice president; Capt. Roy L. Bates, second vice president, and M-Sgt. Raymond Crowley, third vice president.

Fund Custodian is Capt. John V. Szymanski.



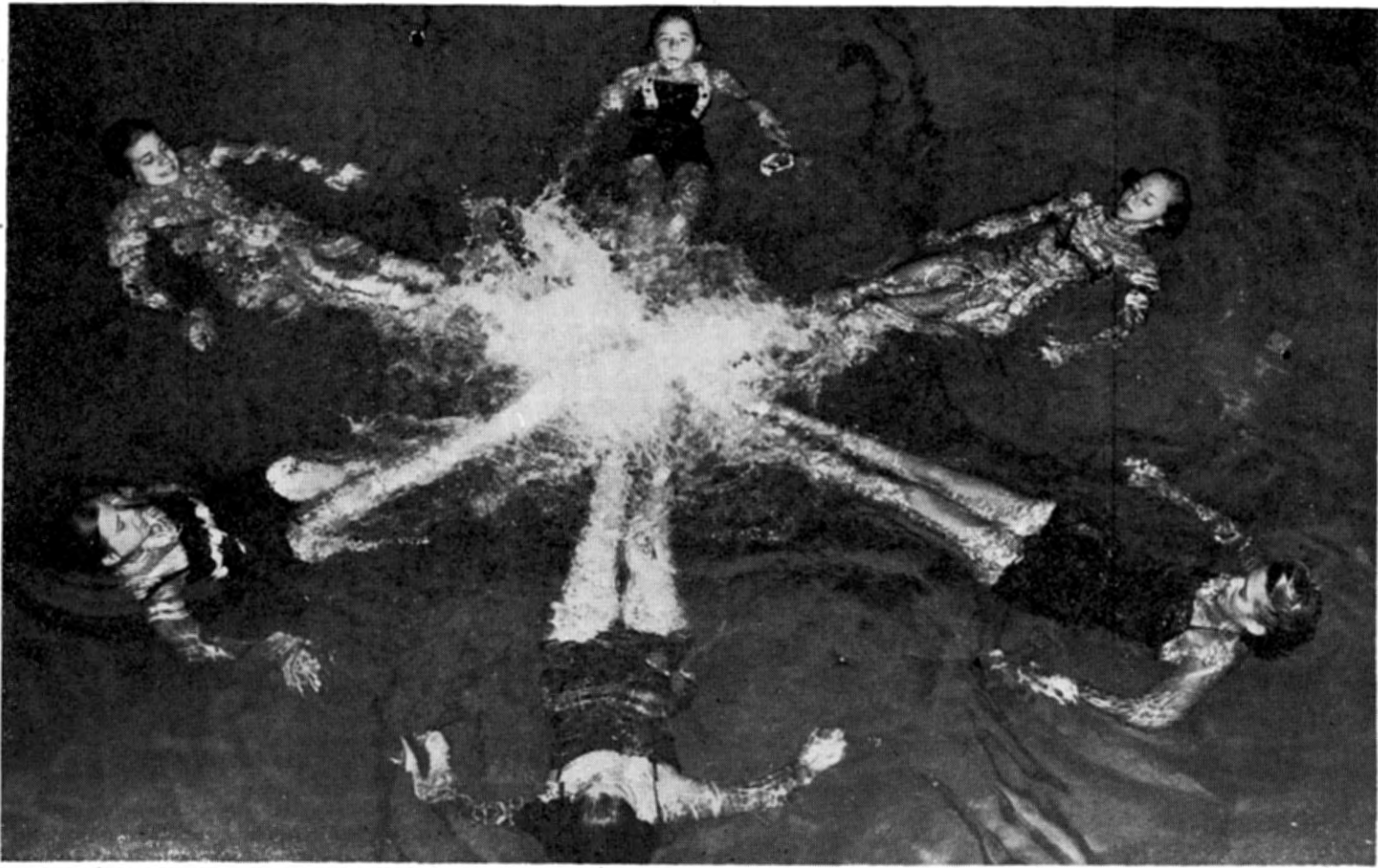
TREE DECORATED . . . by Boy Scouts



COLOR CEREMONY . . . Fort Benning Girl Scouts conduct morning color ceremony at Camp Hide Away on the reservation during summer day camp. Color guards in the flag raising ceremony are, left to right, Elizabeth Ann Anderson, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. James E. Anderson; Marguerite Louise Winkel, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. R. C. Winkel; Roberta Maxine Michelson, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Robert A. Michelson; Gelasimone Williams, daughter of M-Sgt. and Mrs. James H. Williams, and Lela Ann Blanton, daughter of 1st Lt. and Mrs. A. G. Dann.

A MARK OF QUALITY FOODS





SHOW IN WATER . . . Practicing for a YAC water ballet held at Fort Benning's outdoor Russ Pool are six of the 24 teenage mermaids who took part in the event. Left to right are Liz Harris, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. William A. Harris, formerly of the Third Infantry Division; Ann Adams, sister of 1st Lt. Paul Adams Jr.; Cora Lee Davis, daughter of Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Earl Davis; Peep Neilson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Henry Neilson; Lynne Jensen, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. D. C. Jensen, and Honey Austin, center foreground, daughter of Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. T. A. Austin.



FATHER AND SON . . . Youth Activities Club at Fort Benning is a father and son affair. Brig. Gen. John F. Ruggles, deputy commanding general, presents young son a trophy won during Parade of Champion competition.

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WORK AND ACTION . . . Pfc. Jim Scovotti and Lt. Donald Henley select still photographs to be used on weekly television program in picture at left. At right, Lt. Alan Easton, left, interviews Capt. Charles W. Hanlan of the Machine Gun Committee during the 15-minute news show.

'Fort Benning Reports' Televises Week's News at Post

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program must be updated to reach the public with a successful news-information impact.

"Fort Benning Reports," the Infantry Center Information Office's weekly news telecast, establishes another reason why Fort Benning's information program is one of the Army's best and most up-to-date. The 15-minute Saturday afternoon (at 5 p.m.) show on WRBL-TV's channel 4 is now only four months old, but it has already proved a strong information ally with the long-established press and radio branches of the Information Office.

On the viewers' side "Fort Benning Reports" is a short 15-minutes of Infantry Center news, through motion picture film and still shots, and filmed features about Fort Benning activities.

But, from the production side, the telecast itself is but the end product of each week's planning, scheduling, filming, editing, and scripting. The television branch, a part of the Information Office, works closely with the Information Office's radio unit and press division in gathering and reporting the news of the post. This cooperation enables the TV unit to operate efficiently yet economically, with its two-man staff. But irregular hours is the only item the men of the TV unit can expect with consistency, for when the news is being made



"FORT BENNING REPORTS" READIES TO ROLL 'EM ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON . . . Left to right: Pfc. Jim Scovotti, Lt. Donald Henley, Lt. Alan Easton, and Bill Bryant, Radio-TV Section Chief.



SCRIPT STUDIED FOR NEWS PROGRAM . . .
L-R: Bill Bryant, Lt. Alan Easton, Lt. Donald Henley.

and when feature material is available the TV cameraman is there. The 30 second news story on Saturday can be the result of hours of film planning; the five-minute featurette, picturing a phase in the training of atomic age Infantryman at the Infantry School, may take a week of shooting and editing.

"Fort Benning Reports" became the first regularly-scheduled program of its type in the Third Army area last August following several months of planning with WRBL-TV in Columbus. While personnel and equipment were being set up for the new Fort Benning venture, information officials laid out programming details with George Gingell, program director, and Ridley Bell, television manager, of WRBL-TV.

Through the fall months "Fort Benning Reports" proved itself to be a professional show produced by competent hands. Today the future of this show and Army information through television look bright, thanks to a good job done by a new type of Fort Benning pioneers.

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PERSONABLE PERSONNEL CLERK . . . Sp3 Frances J. Miller of Fort Benning's WAC Company is a personnel clerk for the detachment. Primary purpose of women in the service is to take over desk jobs and thus free male personnel for action in the field.



EVENING OUT . . . All work and no play makes Jill a dull WAC. Here, Pvt. Betty J. Mayo of Fort Benning's WAC company steps out for an evening of entertainment with Sgt. Leroy Ottman.

The theme, "my home is where I hang my hat," is a natural for members of the Women's Army Corps. And with some 60 Wacs stationed at Fort Benning, the opinion is that there couldn't be a nicer place to call home than The Infantry Center:

The Women's Army Corps was set up with the primary purpose of supplying women to take over desk jobs and thus release male personnel for use in the field. In practice, however, Wacs have filled useful positions in the Army in many spots besides behind a desk.

The WAC Company at Fort Benning, part of Special Troops Command, is commanded by 1st Lt. Edith Hinton. She is assisted by First Sergeant Helen Hall. The company, made up of young ladies from all over the United States, and one from Hawaii, makes up three platoons. Each platoon has its own barracks.

Their own mess hall, under the capable hands of Sfc Bessie E. Sweeten who is Mess Sergeant, turns out what the Wacs believe to be the best meals on post with the help of four school-trained cooks: Sp3 Starley Houser, Sp3 M. E. Bellamy, Pfc Patricia W. Goshorn, and Pvt. Nina E. Knapp.

The Company also has its own supply with Supply Sergeant Betty Campbell in charge. Sgt. Campbell has the exacting job of keeping the barracks in tiptop shape, arranging for laundry and other supply duties. Helping her are Sp3 Pat Dodd and Pfc Jeannette M. Masters.

Information NCO is Sfc Louise L. Stern who, along with her other duties, gives the Troop Information Hour to the girls twice weekly. Each barracks has its own Barracks Sergeant, an assistant, and a Platoon Sergeant. The barracks are partitioned off into cubicles so that each girl has her own and may arrange it to suit both her taste and pocketbook. Sprinkled throughout are various souvenirs of past posts and stations. Colorful bedspreads, rugs and curtains, along with pictures of homes and families, potted flowers and stuffed animals help give a friendly, homey air.

The atmosphere wouldn't be complete without a few pets to cuddle. Baby, a playful collie whose home is under the third platoon barracks, and Taffy, the lovable cocker spaniel who lives beside the first platoon, never lack for attention from the girls.

The Wacs, like their male counterparts, make both reveille and retreat. After reveille and breakfast, the barracks are cleaned up and the girls spread out to all parts of the post to their various duties. And, like all soldiers, they must read the bulletin board daily to look for the inevitable KP, CQ, Headcount, Duty NCO, DRO (Date Room Orderly) and Barracks Guard rosters.

Recreation is an important part of a Wac's life. The company has its own basketball and bowling teams. The basketball team competes with other Wac teams in the Third Army area and boasts a 1-1 record this season. And there probably isn't a more joyous day room than that of the Wacs when a pool game, TV show, record playing, and singing around a piano all take place at one time. Add to all this the noise of the DRO "squawk box" letting a girl know her date has arrived, and the hubbub will match any sorority house.

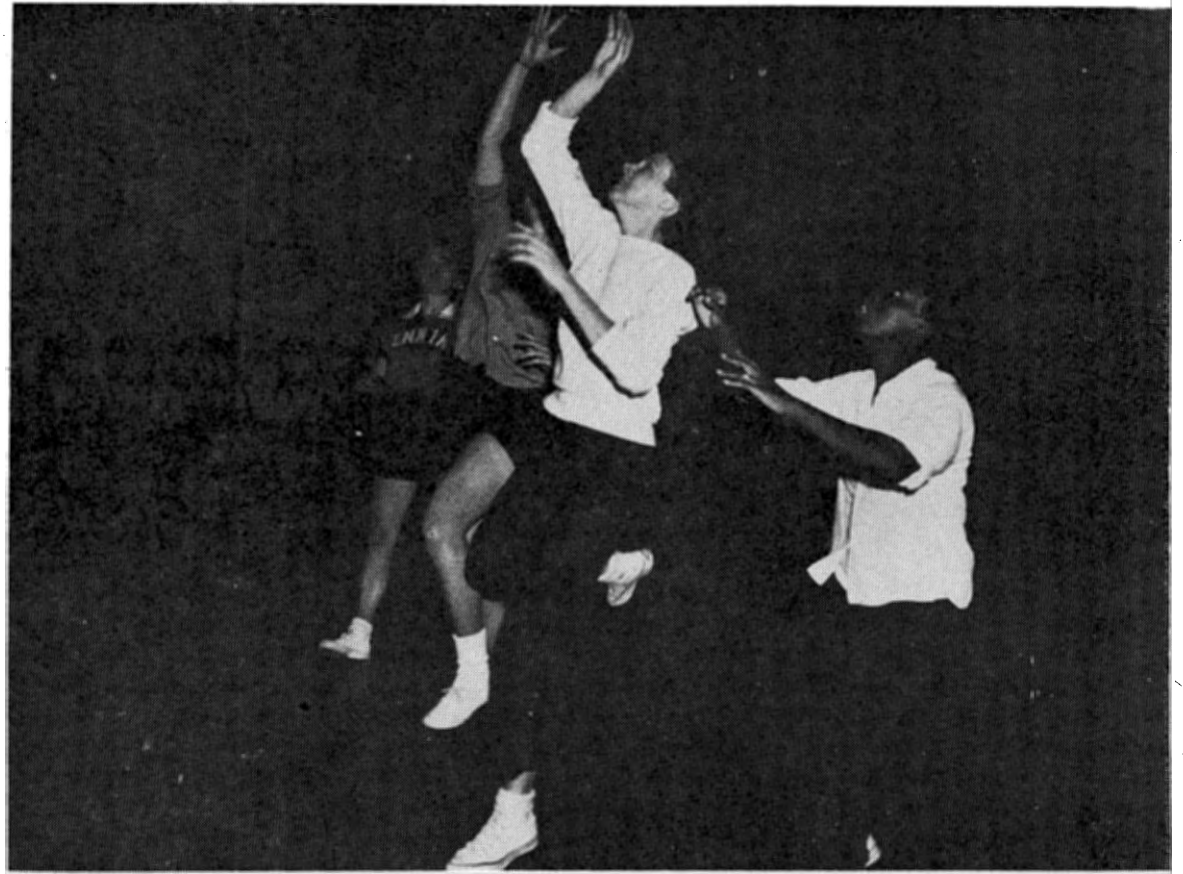
Work, play, duty, recreation, all in all the girls agree that they couldn't ask for a more pleasant and comfortable spot to hang their hats than Fort Benning.



MISNOMER . . . "Fatigue" uniform seems a very inappropriate title when worn by a charming member of the Women's Army Corps.



NEW PHASE . . . Pfc. Alice Hobson arrives at Fort Benning's WAC company to start another phase in her career as a member of the Women's Army Corps.



GIRL HOOPSTERS . . . Members of Fort Benning's WAC basketball team take time out from military matters for a practice session. Left to right are: Sp3 Starley Hauser, Pfc Sheila D. Keyser, Sp3 Frances Miller and Pvt. Edna Berry.

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Lawson Tower Directs Fort Benning Air Traffic

With only five gallons of fuel remaining, a lost Navy F-80C jet bounced to an emergency landing on rain-swept Lawson Army Air Field at Fort Benning Nov. 29.

The pilot, who only moments earlier had been ready to bail out, credited two enlisted men in the Lawson control tower with saving the aircraft and perhaps his life.

Flying the jet was 1st Lt. Francis J. Skinner of the 120th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Colorado Air National Guard of Buckley Naval Air Station in Denver. In the tower were Sp3 James Mulgannon and Sp2 Kenneth W. Griffin.

At 9:30 p.m. that evening the ceiling was 2,500 feet, overcast with intermittent showers; visibility was five to seven miles restricted to one to three miles in the rain. Suddenly the voice of Lt. Skinner came in loud and clear over the Lawson tower receiver. Somewhere overhead the Navy jet was lost and flying with all radio and navigational aids, with the exception of the VHF transmitter and receiver, inoperative because of the electrical storm.

Using their direction finder, helped by the pilot's announcement that he was over a large city which Mulgannon and Griffin assumed to be Columbus, and aided by a call from a Benning Hills resident that a jet was dangerously close overhead, the tower guided the jet over Lawson Field.

At the last second, with a true Hollywood finish, the pilot broke through the last layer of clouds and spotted the rotating beacon and runway lights. Realizing his supply of fuel left no time for a second approach, the pilot swooped down at high speed. The plane bounced ten feet in the air as it first touched, veered to one side knocking out a runway light and burned rubber for some 4,000 feet down the runway, finally coming to a stop with only 100 feet of runway left.

Col. William H. Billings, commanding officer at Lawson, cited Mulgannon and Griffin for showing "exceptional calmness and sound judgment in directing a lost aviator in distress to a safe landing."

To the Lawson control tower, extending 60 feet above the ground, goes the job of maintaining a safe, orderly and expeditious flow of air traffic in and out of Lawson Field.

The eyes of Lawson are manned by a two-man team on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Nine personnel at Lawson have met rigid Civil Aeronautical Association requirements and rotate on the tower duty. All have completed a 13-week Air Traffic Control course supervised by the CAA. Six months work in the tower is necessary before qualifying for a "Junior Tower Operator's Certificate." An additional six months results in the "Senior Tower Operator's Certificate."

Tower personnel have two navigational aids at their use: low frequency radio and VHF direction finder. A third, ground control approach, is being installed and will be in use shortly after the first of the year.

The GCA, a landing approach aid designed and built by Gilfillan Bros. Inc. of Los Angeles, Calif., is called Quadradar. The set gives the operator four systems in one: surveillance, final approach, height finding and surface control. With the new system, a plane can be located by the GCA controller in zero-visibility and be guided to a point 50 feet above the end of the runway.

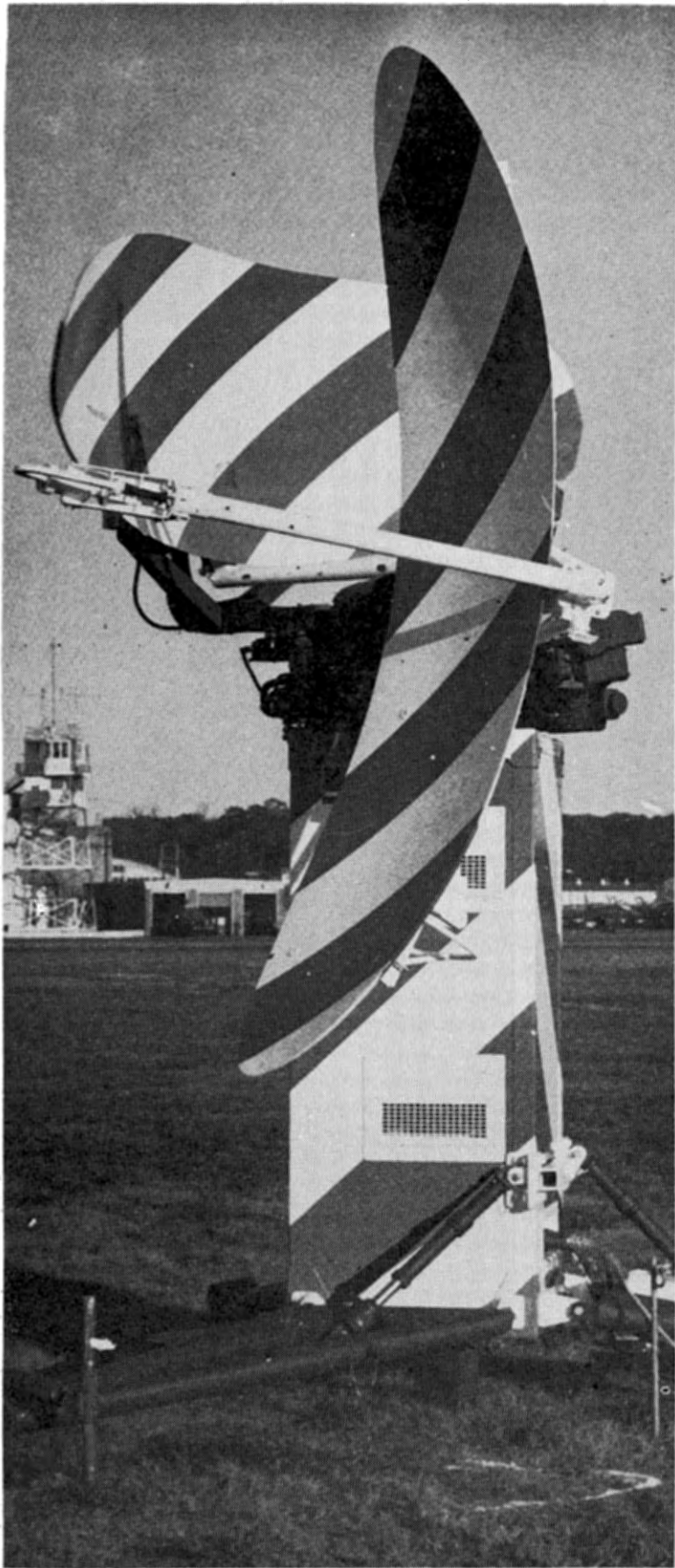
Lawson Army Air Field was born in 1918 and named in honor of World War I air hero, Capt. Walter R. Lawson, in 1931. It was placed under the direction of the Air Forces in 1940, returned to Army control in 1955, and became a major command of The Infantry Center in February, 1956.



EYES AND EARS . . . Sp2 Kenneth W. Griffin, left, and Sp3 James H. Mulgannon, Lawson tower operators, watch the tower's direction finding equipment in a re-enactment of their recent rescue of a Navy jet lost in stormy skies. By guiding the distressed plane into Lawson, they saved the aircraft and perhaps the pilot's life.



DOWN THE PATH . . . Sgt. William E. Ford, Lawson GCA controller, issues instructions to a pilot as he brings an aircraft down the glide path and on the center line. Watching is Joseph A. Haynes, technical representative for Gilfillan Bros. Inc., manufacturers of the radar set.



NEW SYSTEM . . . This radar antennae is part of a new ground control approach (GCA) system installed at Lawson Army Air Field. Called Quadradar, the system is able to pluck an airplane out of zero-visibility weather and guide it to a point 50 feet above the end of the runway.

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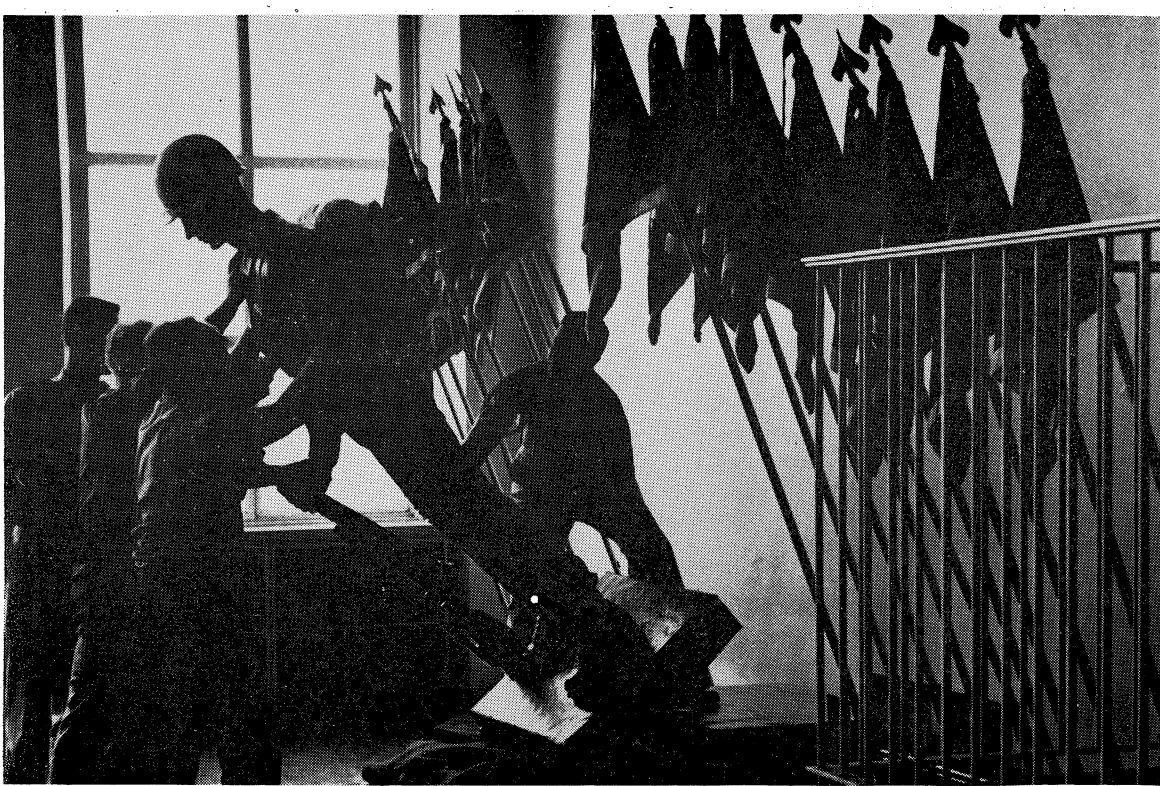
Casting Set For Statue

A reproduction in bronze is being cast of the original Doughboy Statue in Germany and is expected to arrive at Fort Benning early in 1958.

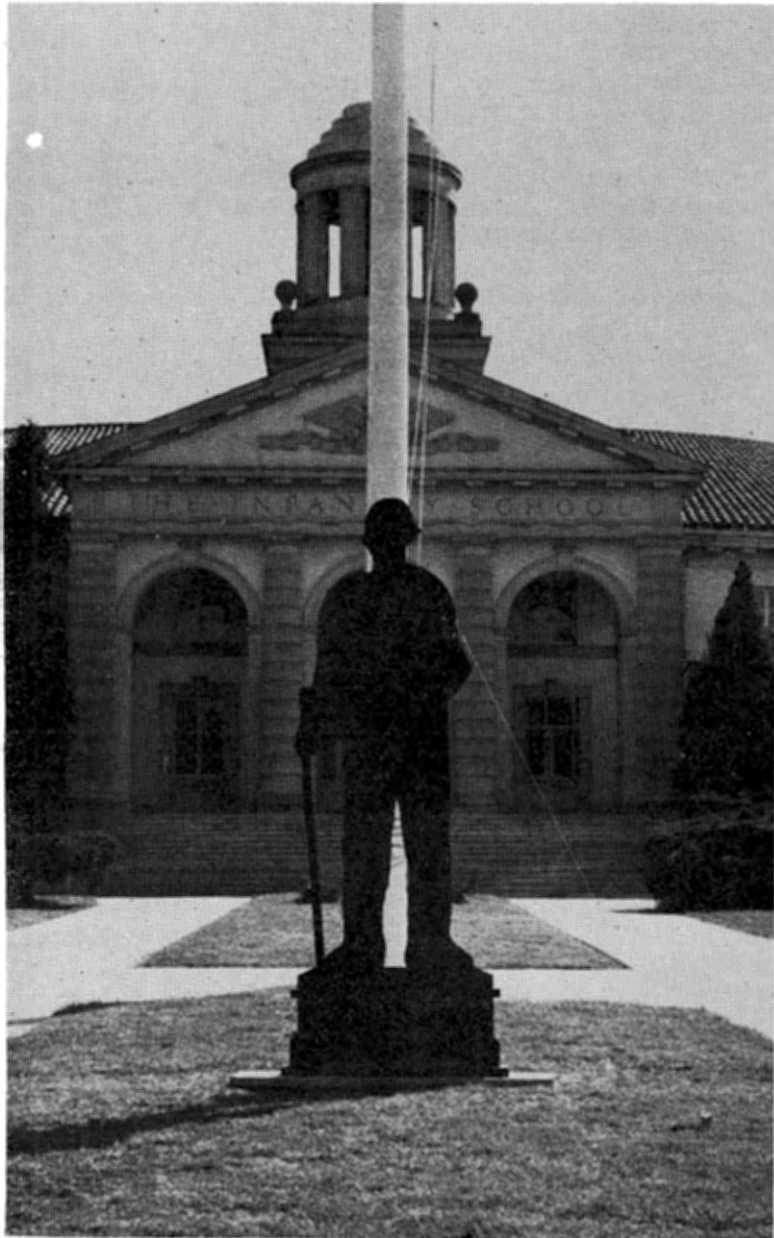
A site at Fort Benning for the memorial to America's Infantrymen has not been selected. Suggestions are invited from personnel.

Suggestions should be written and submitted to The U.S. Army Infantry Center Information Officer, Fort Benning, Ga.

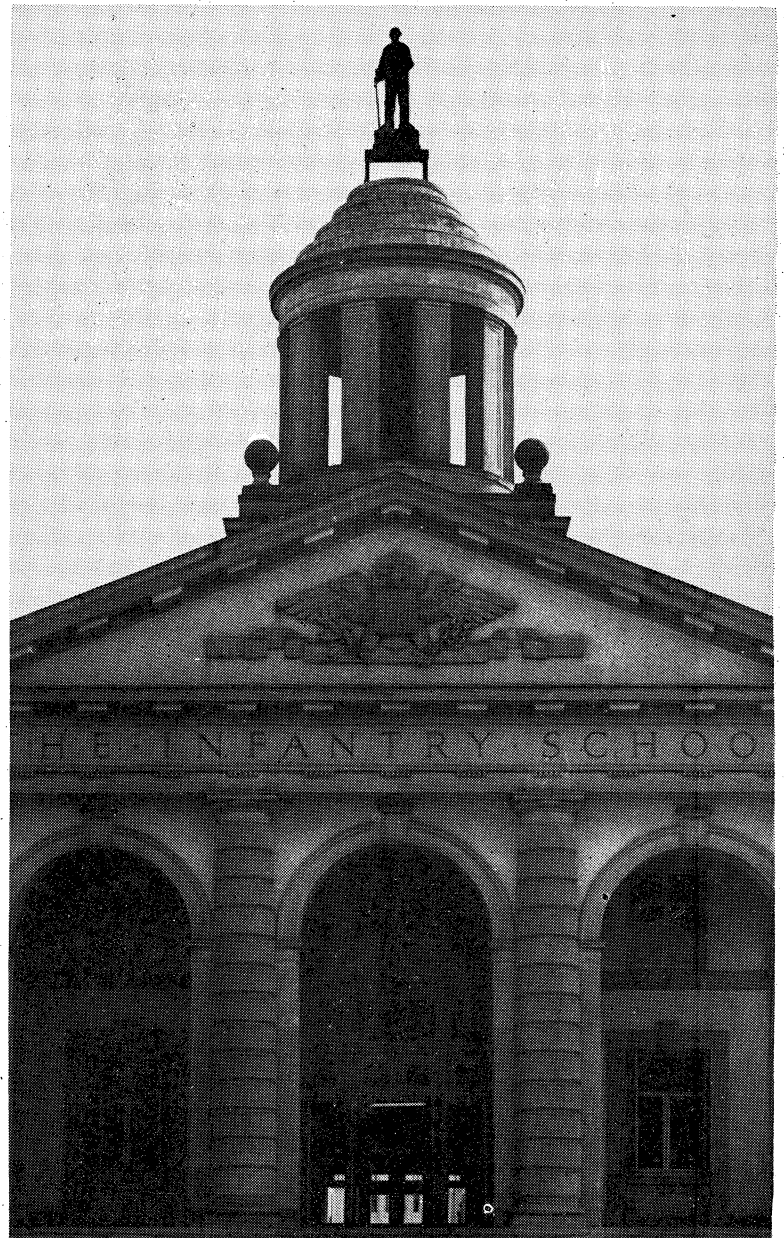
The statue is being paid for with contributions by post personnel. It will be a bronze reproduction of Berlin's original Doughboy Statue, an American Infantryman in full battle dress holding an M-1 rifle at parade rest.



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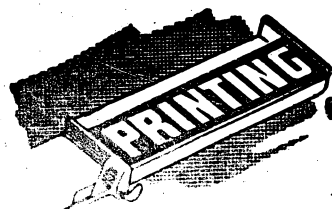
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Gen. Freeman Named Inside The Cover . . . Benning Commander

Major Gen. Paul L. Freeman Jr. has assumed command at Fort Benning taking the dual role of commanding general of The Infantry Center and commandant of The Infantry School.

Coming from a position as senior Army member of the Weapons System Evaluation Group, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington, D. C., he replaced Lt. Gen. Herbert B. Powell who has been assigned as deputy commanding general of Reserve Forces at the Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Va.

Gen. Freeman, 1929 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., was born in Manila, Philippine Islands, June 29, 1907, the son of an Army officer. An alumni of The Infantry School he attended the company officers course in 1932 and the Infantry Tank School in 1937.

Before World War II Gen. Freeman served at various posts in the U. S. and in China. In 1939 he was a language student in Peking, China. During the war he served in the China-Burma-India Theater and was G-4 on Gen. Joseph Stilwell's Chinese - American combat staff.

In 1943 he returned to the U. S. as a member of the Joint War Plans Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Serving as adviser on the war in Asia to Gen. George Marshall he attended the historical meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1944 in London, England and Quebec, Canada.

Returning to the Pacific Theater in late 1944, he served with the 77th Infantry Division and

I Corps in the Philippine Islands at Kunuri. Later in the February

For a period after the war Gen. Freeman was director of training with the Joint Brazil-U. S. Military Commission in Brazil. From 1948 to 1950 he was chief of the Latin American Branch, Operations Division, G-3 Section of the Army



MAJ. GEN. FREEMAN

General Staff, Washington, D. C. At the same time he served as junior Army delegate to the Inter-American Defense Board Military Commission.

In 1950 he went to Korea as commander of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, Second Infantry Division. His regiment participated in the Naktong defensive and the first U.N. counter-offensive. In November 1950, the 23rd Regiment covered the withdrawal of the Eighth Army at Kunuri. Later in the February, 1951, battle of Chip'yong, Gen. Freeman was wounded and evacuated to the U. S.

After a brief tour with the Office of Chief of Information, Department of Army, Gen. Freeman attended the National War College in Washington in 1951 and was promoted to brigadier general in 1952. He then served as commander, Tactical Command, U. S. Forces in Austria. In January, 1953, he became special assistant to the chief of staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe.

Among his decorations are the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Bar and three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal and Purple Heart. His foreign awards include the French Legion of Honor, French Croix de Guerre and Brazilian Order of Merit.



LT. GEN. POWELL

ARMED FORCES WEEK . . . For a complete round up on on the U. S. "Power for Peace" forces see stories and pictures on pages 2-3.

INFANTRY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY . . . The Infantry School recently celebrated 51 years of providing the best in Infantry leaders for the Army. Its glorious past is described on pages 4-5.

GYROSCOPE MOVE . . . Tenth Infantry Division is replacing the Third Infantry Division at Fort Benning. The Third is taking the 10th's place in Germany. The story of the 10th's trek home is told on pages 7-8.

FUN AT LIBRARIES . . . A detailed account of how the modern system of libraries at Fort Benning came about and opportunities offered at them today is on pages 9-10.

FIRST H-37 UNIT . . . Read about the Army's newest and biggest helicopters on pages 11-12.

INFANTRY MUSEUM . . . Past heritage of the foot soldier is to be preserved in a memorial at Fort Benning. For the latest progress on Memorial Park and Infantry Museum see pages 14-15-16.

ARMY ON AIR . . . Role of modern Army is told throughout world by a radio program originating at The Infantry Center Information Office. This story is on pages 19-20-21.

TIC REST CAMP . . . Read about The Infantry Center Rest Camp, a vacationer's paradise at Destin, Fla., on pages 23-24-25.

BEST AT BENNING . . . Activities of The Infantry Center Honor Guard are described on page 27.

MARTIN HOSPITAL COMPLETED . . . Latest on Fort Benning new \$6 million hospital is told on page 28.

SAVINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS . . . Read about how Fort Benning is saving thousands of dollars each year through improvement suggestions from personnel on page 31.

COMES HOME . . . Second Battle Group, 29th Infantry, comes "home" to Fort Benning with 10th Division in gyroscope move from Germany. History of 29th is told on pages 32-33-34-35.

DOUGHBOY STATUE . . . For a full page picture of the Doughboy Statue, see page 36.

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U.S. To Display Power For Peace From May 10-18

Washington (AFPS) — The most powerful peacetime military force in the history of the U. S. will parade its formidable weapons for millions of free world citizens during the week of May 10 to 18.

With the singular purpose of displaying the nation's "Power for Peace," Armed Forces Day observances on ships and bases will be open to the public in hundreds of U. S. communities and more than 70 countries where American servicemen are stationed.

In the 10 years since the services were brought together under the first Secretary of De-



AMERICAN DOUGHBOY: SEIZES AND HOLDS GROUND.

fense, the Armed Forces have been forged into a versatile and punch-packed team.

THE ARMY, streamlined and girded for nuclear warfare, has an arsenal of short and

medium-range surface-to-surface rockets and missiles. These include the Lacrosse, Corporal, Dart, Little John, Honest John and Redstone.

For air defense of vital industrial areas and military installations, Army antiaircraft batteries are armed with the deadly Nike family of guided missiles which will soon be supported by the Hawk, effective against low-flying targets.

Moving steadily toward development also are the Army's anti-missile missile, the Nike-Zeus and the Plato air defense system.

THE NAVY, America's double-fisted sea arm, is being strengthened in a rapid change from oil to nuclear power for submarines and ships; from guns to missiles; and from prop to 1,000 mph carrier-based jet fighter-bombers.

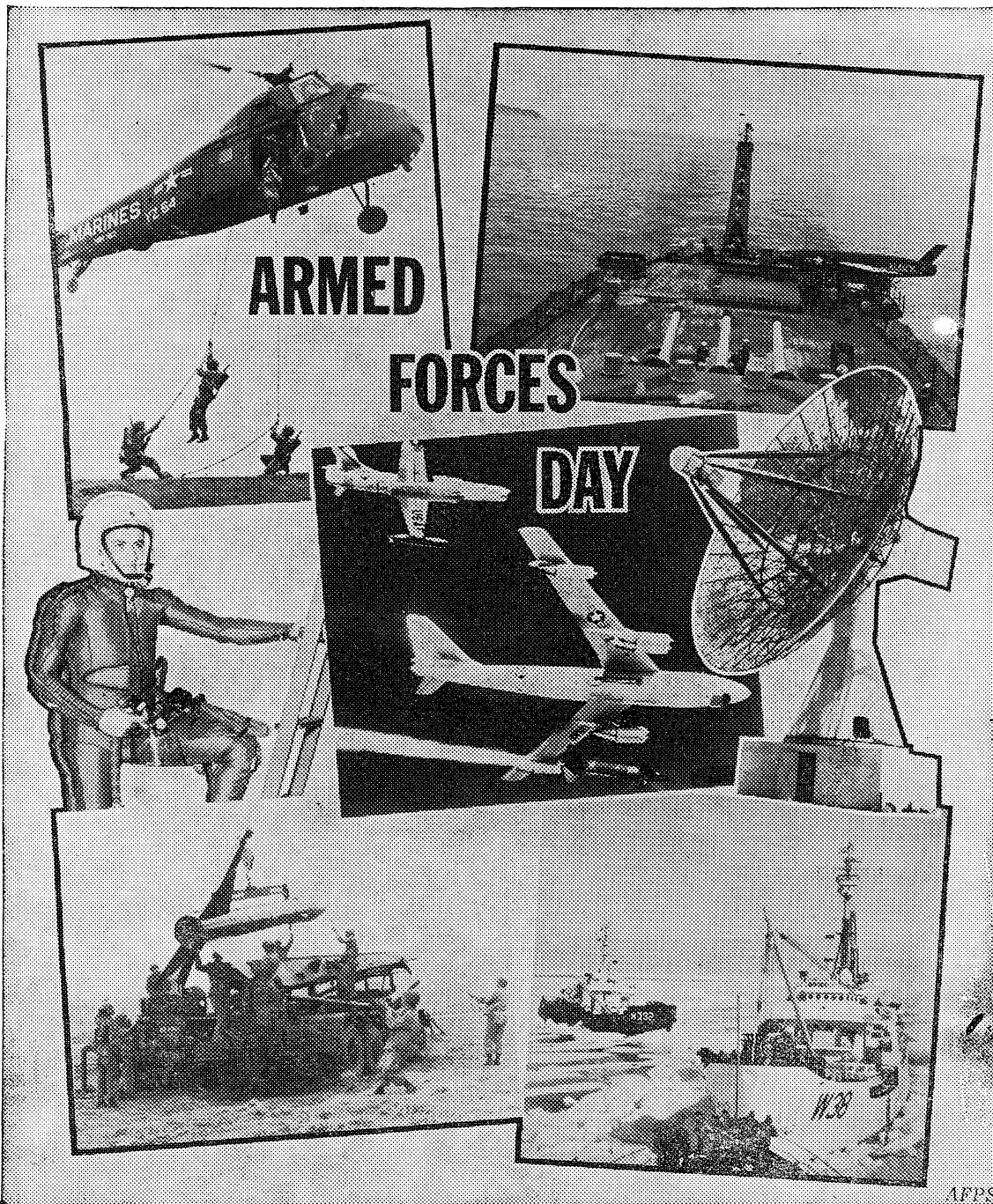
With a growing atomic fleet and new supersonic aircraft, the Navy's missiles rank with the most lethal.

More vessels are being equipped with the surface-to-surface Regulus for inland attack and the Terrier antiaircraft weapon. Other missiles include the air-to-air Sparrow and Sidewinder, and the surface-to-air Talos, while the 1,500-mile range Polaris for firing from ships and undersea craft develops progressively.

THE AIR FORCE, shooting for outer space craft with the 3,600 mph X-15, has the world's most devastating striking force, the Strategic Air Command, with nuclear-armed B-47's and B-52's, as a deterrent to war.

The retaliatory capabilities of SAC will be strengthened by the Thor and Jupiter IRBMs and the intercontinental ballistic missiles Atlas and Titan.

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Nation Stresses Tight Defense Against Attack

Washington (AFPS)—Chilling defensive power instead of sheer numbers is in evidence more than ever as the services celebrate their ninth Armed Forces Day.

Observances will be held May 10 to 18 in this and other countries around the world to point up the "Power for Peace" held by the U.S. Armed Forces.

Our forces, though smaller in numbers than last year, are organized ever further for defense against the mushrooming power of nuclear war.

In the Army it is the pentomic concept. The Marine Corps too has a nuclear-age reorganization underway.

Sea Power

On the sea—and under it—the power and the force of the Navy have been growing. And in the sky, the Air Force keeps alert and prepares for the future, should danger wing down from the clouds.

The idea behind all this activity is to have a fast-moving force that can strike quickly, with finality.

Power for peace, it has been



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said, depends on an ever-growing ability to defend against attack and to retaliate with swift and devastating force; and, unlike waging war, waging peace demands threats to democracy and to our freedom.

This Armed Forces Day will show the United States and its neighbors of the world how our

military services stand—prepared.

Total Strength

The total estimated strength of the Armed Forces was listed as 2,617,732 at the end of February.

That represented an increase of 4,416 over January. Recruitment and inductions of all en-

listed personnel were estimated at 60,384 in February, a decrease of 3,083 over the previous month.

The figure included 13,241 Selective Service inductions, 25,650 new recruits, 18,486 reenlistments, and 3,007 reservists going on active duty.

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FORT BENNING'S INFANTRY SCHOOL MARKS 51ST ANNIVERSARY.

Infantry School Celebrates 51 Years

A colorful presentation and dedication ceremony marked the observance of the 51st Anniversary of The Infantry School April 1.

Some 60 colors of Infantry regiments and battalions from throughout the country were presented to the school for final resting and safe keeping at Fort Benning.

This was followed by the unveiling of the Doughboy Statue in front of the Infantry School.

The initial attempt to establish a school of arms by the government was the short-lived Infantry School of Instruction formed in 1826 at St. Louis, Mo.

Indian warfare around that frontier community forced the faculty and students to desert their classrooms for the battlefield.

In 1907 the actual birth of today's Infantry School took place with the founding of the School of Musketry at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., under the direction of Major Gen. Arthur MacArthur, father of the famed Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The first class of an intensive course in theory and practice in the use of the rifle, revolver and machine gun was held April 1, opening a vital page in American Military history.

Six years later the Army moved the school to Fort Sill, Okla., in an effort to gain a favorable centrally located geographic position and co-ordinate activities with the Artillery School.

It was this location that the Infantry School developed an important secondary function, that of testing and research organization. The school developed a system of field firing and experimented with tactical use and unit organization of the machine gun.

During the final days of the first world war, a committee was organized to recommend a site for a post to become the

home of the Infantry School. Col. H. E. Eames, destined to become the first post commander, was in charge of the group that selected Columbus. Looking for a name for the Fort he decided on Benning in memory of Major Gen. Henry L. Benning, a Confederate hero from this area during the War Between the States. Col. Eames did not consult Washington about the name until after the flag raising by Miss Anna Benning, daughter of the general, which officially opened the installation. Unanimous approval came immediately from Washington.

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ANNIVERSARY REVIEWING PARTY . . . At a 60 Infantry flag presentation ceremony honoring the 51st anniversary of The Infantry School April 1 are members of the official reviewing party. Left to right, front, are Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Hickey, commanding general of Third Army, Fort McPherson, Ga.; Lt. Gen. Herbert B. Powell, then commanding general of The Infantry Center and commandant of The Infantry School; Mrs. Powell; Major Gen. Roy E. Lindquist, Third Infantry Division commander; Brig. Gen. John F. Ruggles, deputy commanding general of The Infantry Center; Mrs. Ruggles; Col. M. J. O'Kahe, deputy commander of the VI U. S. Army Corps (Res.) (Indiana), and Col. John C. Carvey, commander of the 829th Infantry Regiment (USAR) whose unit flag was one of the historical Infantry colors in the ceremonies.

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Division Nears End Of Gyroscope

The 10th Infantry Division is scheduled to complete its long trek to Fort Benning in May.

Exchanging places with the Third Infantry Division, the 10th will return to American soil after three years in Germany.

Third Division is replacing the 10th abroad. The 10th will fill the Third's place at Fort Benning.

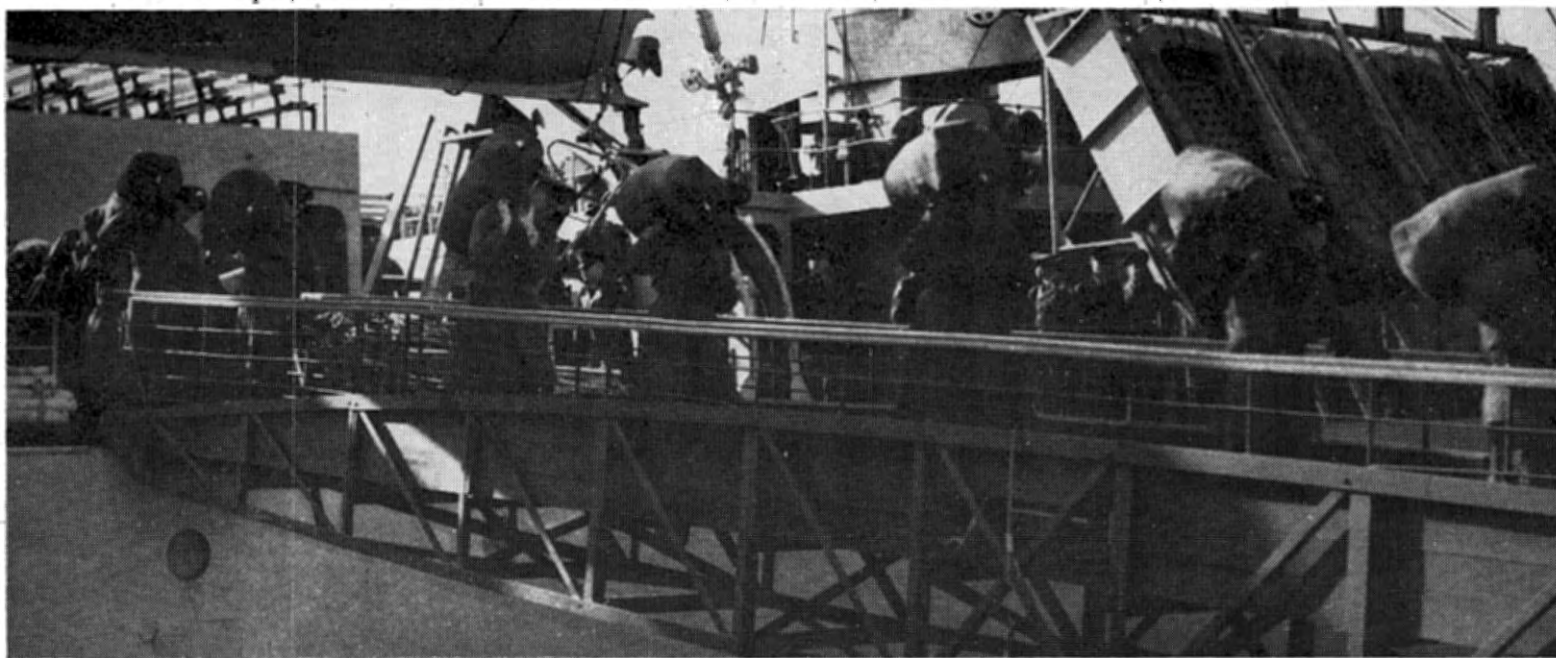
The exchange is being made under a division-size gyroscope movement.

After movement to Fort Benning, the 10th Division designation will be retired. Replacing it will be the famed Second Infantry Division.

Designation of Second Division is being retained on rolls of the active Army because of its historic background. The division is widely known for its Indianhead shoulder patch.



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BOARD TO BAVARIA . . . Third Division troops, who are being replaced at Fort Benning by 10th Infantry Division, move to their trains at Wuerzburg, Germany, for movement to Bavaria. It is the first time the Third Division has been to Europe during peace time.

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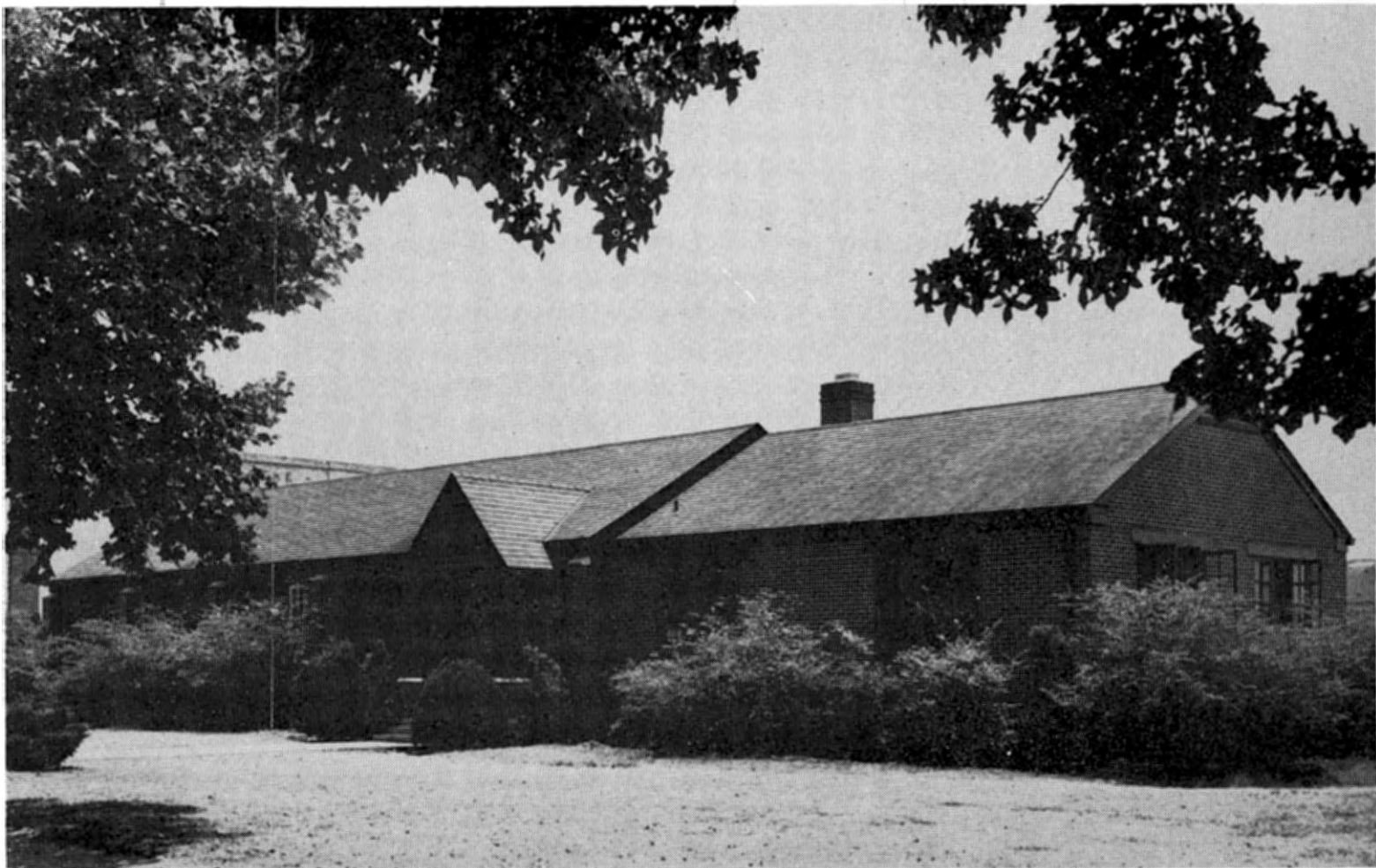
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Americans in general are becoming increasingly accustomed to a plentiful supply of books, magazines, and phonograph records. Through its library service the Army is making every effort to see that the man in uniform is well supplied with reading material.

Fort Benning has four Special Services libraries in operation with a total book stock of 59,000 volumes, over 300 magazines and newspapers, and almost 7,000 phonograph records (including foreign language records).

Attendance Skyrockets

During the past fiscal quarter attendance was 101,116 and the circulation of clothbound books, 56,059. During the same quarter 10 years ago attendance was 27,000 and circulation 12,000. Total clothbound book stock at that time was 29,000.

Approximately 20,000 clothbound books were checked out from the Main Library and three branches in January as against 10,000 about six years ago.

Keeping up with the reading tastes of a constantly growing and changing population is a big job, and books are constant-

ly being added to the already tremendous collection of 59,000 volumes.

Buying lists are submitted each month from the Main Library, branch in the hospital area, and the Sand Hill and Harmony Church branches. These lists are prepared by the branch librarians who consult standard book selection lists and also consider reader interests and requests. An additional kit composed of 30 books is distributed each month by the Department of Army to each library.

Library Staff

Miss Naoma Hollis, post librarian, is assisted by four professional librarians, five library assistants, one clerk typist, and four enlisted men.

These workers do many different types of work besides the routine checking in and out of books. All new books must be catalogued and processed before reaching the shelves. Old books are constantly mended and rebound. Some books even require rebinding.

The Fort Benning libraries participated in the national publicity contest, until its discontinuance this year. In 1956

the libraries won third place in the Third Army for submitting an outstanding scrapbook of library publicity projects, and in 1954 won first place.

Readers Informed

The libraries distribute book lists, book marks, and other material to keep their readers up-to-date on new books and library projects.

All libraries provide pleasant, comfortable rooms with inviting easy chairs, handy ashtrays, the latest issues of magazines, and newspapers from each section of the country. As for books—one will find mysteries, science fiction, westerns, the best current fiction and non-fiction, as well as the classics and a ready reference collection of books and periodicals.

The Main Library on Wold Avenue is centrally located, next to the Main Theatre, near the Commissary and the Post Exchange, and across the street from the National Bank of Fort Benning. It numbers among its patrons the men associated with the Infantry School and the Infantry Center, and the majority of all dependents.

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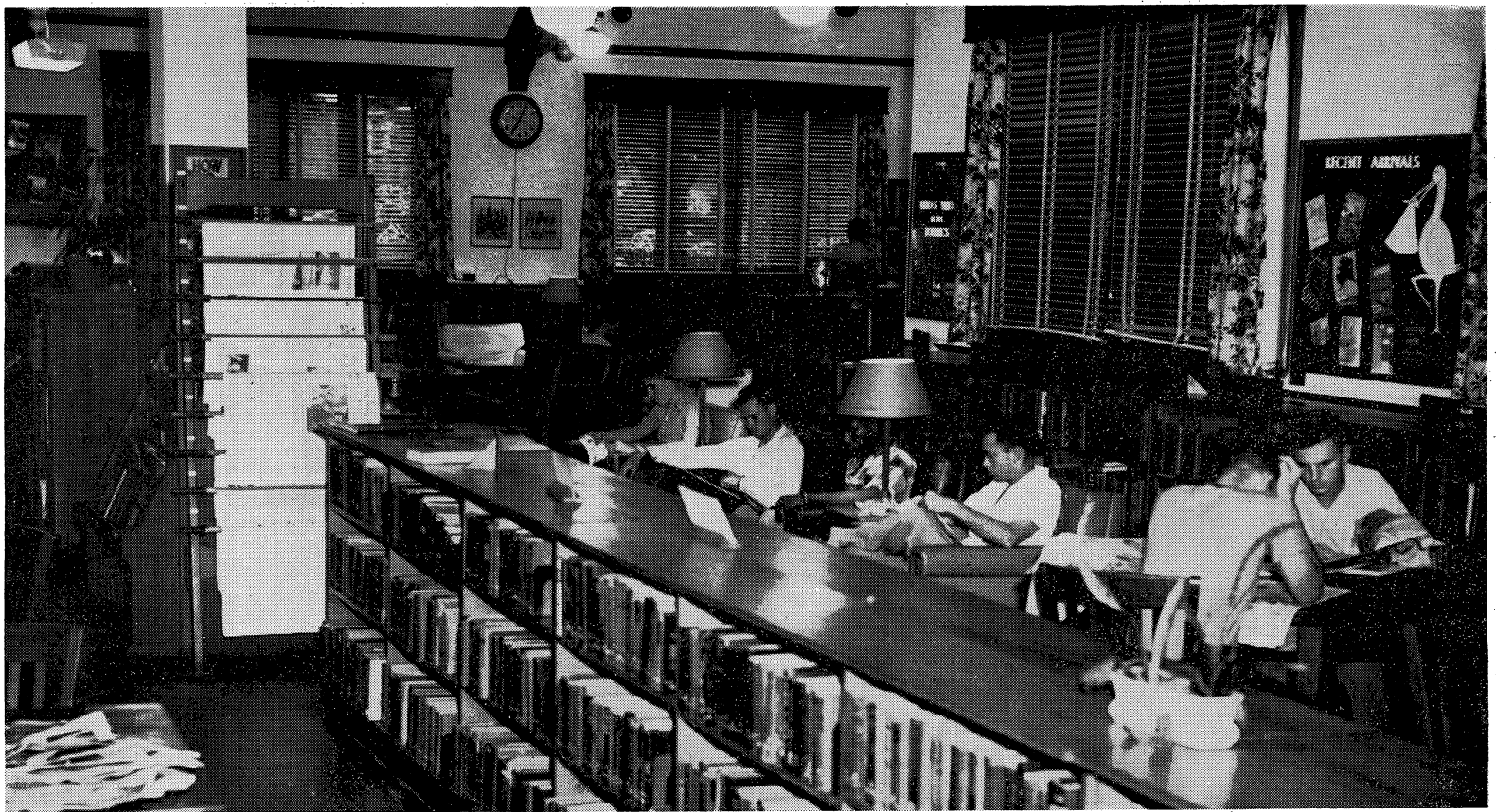
Weekly record concerts are

given on a high fidelity console and earphones are available for private listening from a wide collection. Records include classical and semi-classical music, poetry, drama and language. Branch libraries also have collections and concerts.

The Main Library has an extensive collection of children's books and from time to time conducts story hours for the "small fry."

In addition to books, periodicals, and records, there are college catalogs from every state in the nation and some from abroad.

Branch Library No. 1, located in the hospital area, serves the hospital staff, ambulatory patients, and ward patients. Frequent trips are made through the wards. Book reviews are aired over the hospital radio station once a week by the librarian. For bedridden patients books are projected on the ceiling or reading of regular books made easier by use of prismatic glasses loaned to patients by the librarian. In addition to making clothbound books available to ward patients, paperbound books and



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magazines are distributed regularly in all wards including "contagious wards." When the new hospital is completed, Branch Library No. 1 will be moved there.

Serves Areas

Branch Libraries No. 2 and 5, located in the Sand Hill and Harmony Chures areas, serve personnel in these areas. Branch Library No. 2 is on Fourth Street and Scott Avenue in Sand Hill, and Branch Library No. 5 is in a wing of Service Club No. 3 in Harmony Church.

The Sand Hill Library differs from the others in that it is the only Special Services library at Fort Benning which boasts a music room, reference room, TV lounge, refreshment room, and an outdoor patio.

The Harmony Church Library, which is in Service Club No 3, is air conditioned as are the Main Library and the one at Sand Hill. Both of these branches have small book collections, but they are adequate for the number of troops served.

During the summer months Branch Library No. 6 in Harmony Church is open to serve ROTC cadets and reservists who are at Fort Benning for summer training.

Hours Listed

With the exception of the hospital library which closes at 8 p.m., all libraries are open until 10 p.m., daily. They open around noon and are open week ends and holidays.

Who may borrow books? (1) Military personnel and their

dependents (2) Civilians employed on the post and (3) Retired military personnel. How does one obtain a borrower's card? You or members of your family may select books and take them with you after filling out a brief identification form and showing your ID privilege card to the librarian. What is the limit on the number of books allowed a patron? There is no limit on the number of books you may borrow. Books are loaned, with the exception of the most current ones, for two weeks. They may be renewed when more time is needed. There are no overdue fines.

Library History

May 25, 1944, the Post Library, Special Services Section, moved to its present location. For more than 20 years it had

occupied quarters in Service Club No. 1 and was called the Garrison Library, with a book collection of approximately 7,000 volumes.

In November, 1942, because of a fire in the service club, all books and equipment were hastily removed through the windows and stored in nearby buildings. In January, 1943, actual construction of new quarters for the library was started, since it had long outgrown its seating and shelving space in the service club.

May, 1944, the Library moved to its new building. It was actually closed only four days while books and equipment were shifted to the new location. Formal opening exercises were held outside the building.

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4th Trans. Company Becomes First H-37 Unit In U.S. Army



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On Feb. 1, 1958, the Fourth Transportation Company (Medium Helicopter H-37) (MOJAVE) at Lawson Army Airfield Command officially became the first unit in the United States Army to have the H-37 (MOJAVE) helicopters.

The H-37 (MOJAVE) is the largest helicopter in use by the Army today. It is capable of carrying 24 fully equipped troops or 10,000 pounds of cargo. The aircrafts differ from conventional helicopters in that they have two 2,500 horse power engines. In addition the H-37 (MOJAVE) features a forward clam shell door that opens in the front of the aircraft, faci-

tating loading and unloading. The Fourth Transportation Company is presently commanded by Major James R. Woods, a senior Army aviator with over 3,000 flying hours.

The Fourth Transportation Company, then the 506th Transportation Company (Helicopter) was activated on June 11, 1952, at Fort Sill, Okla. On Nov. 15, 1952 the company was transferred to Fort Benning.

The 506th received its first Helicopters on Nov. 27, 1952. Between Nov. 27, and Dec. 1, 1952, a total of 12 H-19 (Chickasaw) Helicopter were delivered and later two more H-19's and seven H-25's were receiv-

ed by the company.

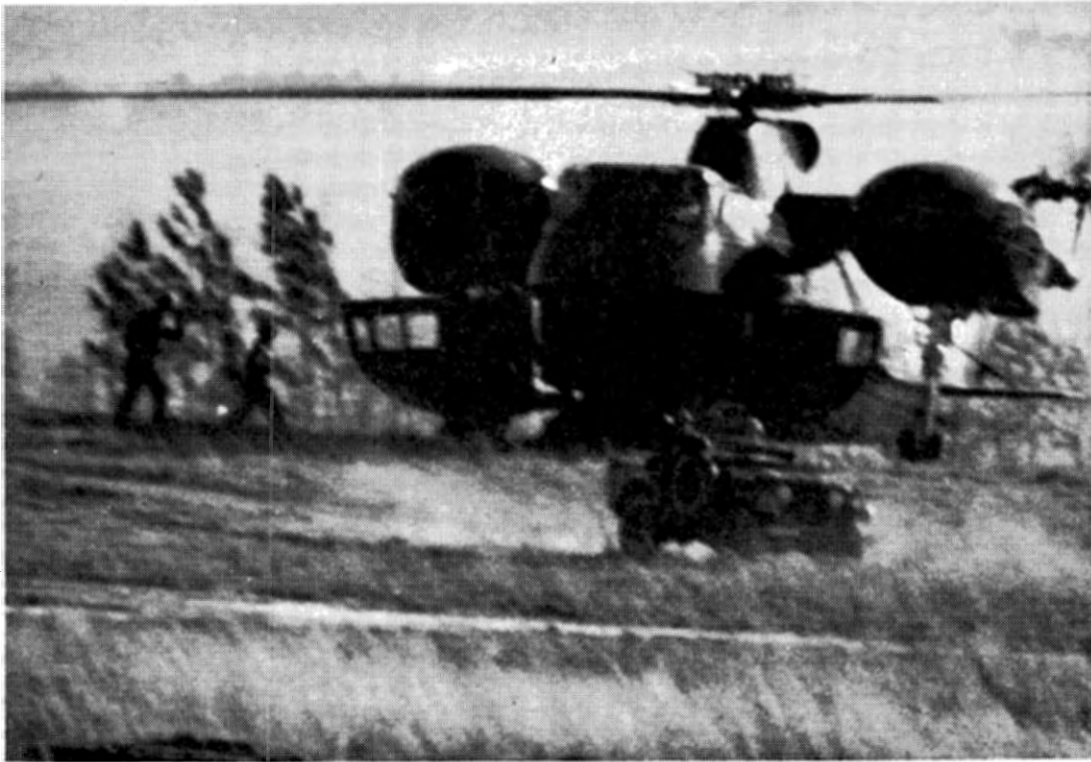
On Jan. 5, 1953, the 152nd Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance) was attached to the 506th to furnish maintenance support.

From 1953 to February, 1955, the company participated in six major maneuvers, three National Air Shows, numerous demonstrations and furnished support for The Infantry Center at Fort Benning.

Exercise "Snow Storm" at Camp Drum, N. Y., Operation "Dumbfound" at Las Vegas, Nev., where helicopters were used to fly television equipment to a mountain top for the tele-casting of an Atom bomb explosion and Exercise "Follow Me," where helicopters were used to air-lift a Battalion of Infantry and their weapons are among the major maneuvers in which the unit participated. The company was the first to participate in an overwater cargo haul exercise at Fort Belvoir, Va., where they transported cargo from an L. S. T., that had been converted to a baby flattop. This mission was accomplished by using the external load and external sling methods.

In October, 1955, the company received H-34 (Choctaw) Helicopters, and sent pilots to Fort Sill, Okla. for transition training in the H-34. After receiving all their H-34s the unit departed Fort Benning for "Sage Brush."

The unit has participated in Infantry School missions, two JCOs, several demonstrations at other military installations and assisted in numerous emergency evacuations and (Continued on page 26)



H-37 IN ACTION . . . A jeep rolls out of the nose of an H-37 helicopter during a helicopter-borne assault problem at Fort Benning's Infantry School. The huge craft can carry 24 fully equipped troops or 10,000 pounds of cargo.

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siles, in protecting the North American continent from surprise attack.

THE MARINE CORPS, with three combat-ready divisions and three air wings poised at strategic bases at home and overseas, has been revamped to strike from the air or sea on any type of mission.

Powerful Marine air-ground teams in the Pacific and on the coasts of the U. S. stand alert

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THE COAST GUARD, which has taken part in every conflict involving the nation, made its greatest contribution to continental defense in 1957 with the discovery of a deep-water northwest passage over the top of North America.

Charting an Arctic passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean was of major im-

portance in maintenance of the Distant Early Warning (DEW) line that stretches across the Canadian wilderness as the continent's radar watchdog.

Nation Stresses..

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Army procurement in February totaled 27,639, with 13,239 inductions through Selective Service, 7,073 new recruits, 6,575 re-enlistments and 752 reservists entering active duty. Army strength was estimated at 906,911 compared with 909,642 for the previous month.

Navy procurement totaled 12,904, with 7,841 new recruits, 3,347 re-enlistments and 1,716 reservists going on active duty. Estimated Navy strength was 639,803 compared to 633,628 for January.

February procurement for the Marine Corps totaled 4,573, of which 2,950 were new recruits, 1,184 re-enlistments and 439 reservists entering active duty. Corps strength was estimated at 193,318. The previous month it was 193,030.

Air Force procurement for February totaled 15,268, with two inductions through Selective Service, 7,786 new recruits, 7,380 re-enlistments and 100 reservists entering active duty. Air Force strength was estimated at 877,700, compared with 877,016 for January.

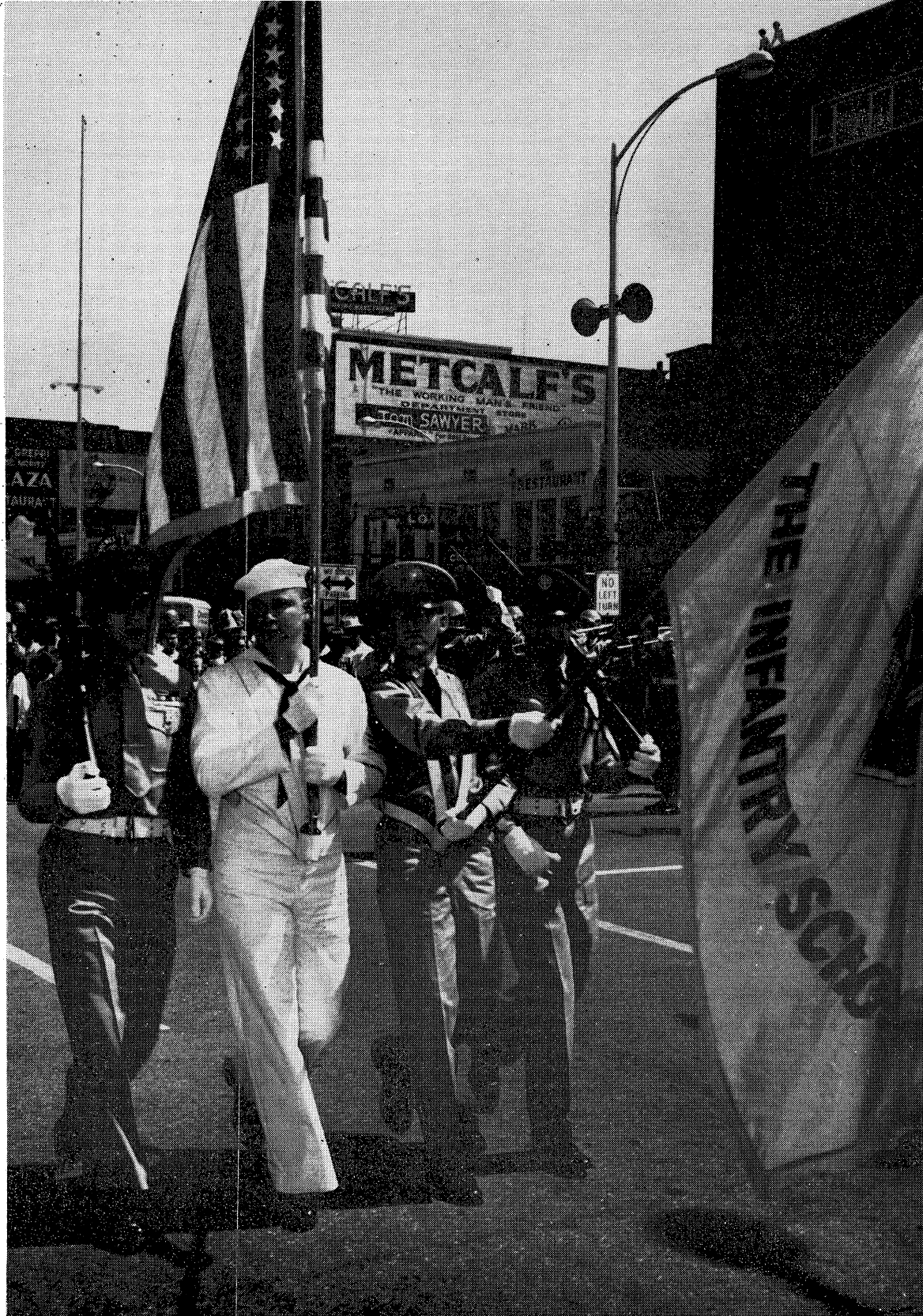
Messages

Following are Armed Forces Day messages from Secretary of Defense Neil McElroy, Secretary of Army Wilbur M. Brucker, and Army Chief of Staff Maxwell D. Taylor:

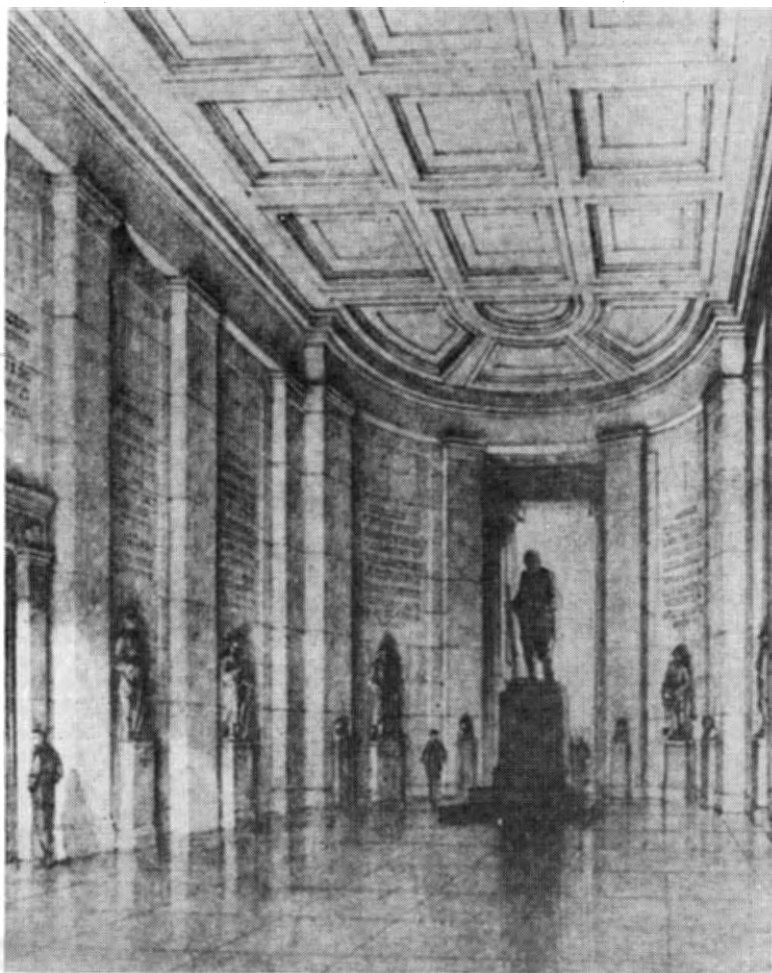
"The American people are taking more interest in our defense programs this year than at any time since the end of World War II. Armed Forces Day 1958 provides an opportunity to present to the public, at home and overseas, the new concepts and modern weapons which have so radically altered the techniques of military and naval operations. We urge Americans and our free world friends to visit our installations, for only by being fully informed on our national capabilities can all of us share confidence in our ability to defend ourselves and preserve the freedoms we cherish."

—Neil McElroy
Secretary of Defense

"The United States Army, fully alert to the challenge of these critical times, welcomes the opportunity afforded by the observance of Armed Forces (Continued on Page 16)



MEN IN ARMED FORCES MARCH IN LOCAL PARADE LAST YEAR 'Power For Peace' Rites this Year to Show Smaller, Harder-Hitting Forces



MEMORIAL HALL IN INFANTRY MUSEUM
Statue of American Doughboy will stand in room.

Memorial Park Planned To Honor Infantryman

The first steps have been taken to convert approximately 20 acres of the Fort Benning reservation into a Memorial Park and museum to preserve the proud heritage of the U.S. Infantryman and his exploits from the Indian wars to the Korean conflict.

Backed by the U. S. Army Infantry Museum Society, Memorial Park is beginning its climb to becoming one of the truly scenic sites of the South.

Items Donated

Already a number of items has been donated to the museum which will be the highlight of the park. However, more contributions are needed to build the park into an authentic picture of the Infantry's heroic actions.

An appeal is being made to persons to donate or lend items to the museum. Clothing, weapons and equipment and pertinent documents and papers of Allied or enemy nations are desired. Items will be credited to the donor or lender and letters indicating that the loaned item may be withdrawn at any time.

Persons interested in contributing items are asked to contact Sfc David W. Chase, museum curator, by telephoning Fort Benning 3-9160.

Temporary Location

While further plans are being made for the 20-acre landscaped Memorial Park on Highway 27, the Infantry Museum will open shortly at Fort Benning in a temporary location in Building 81, formerly the Visitors Information Center.

Eventually the museum collection will be enshrined in the park immediately east of Highway 27 one-half mile south of the Sand Hill area and near the highway span over the Upatoi Creek.

The monument in the Infantry's proud heritage will be readily accessible to the public, including thousands of tourists who travel the route.

Landscaping Begun

Plans for creating this museum at the "Home of the Infantry" have been underway for three years. Landscaping necessary to make this park an area of exceptional scenic beauty has already begun.

The museum will house weapons and equipment from all Army units depicting each period of the U.S. Army and the nation's history. Adequate area within the park will be allocated to each state to erect a suitable monument to its gallant soldiers. Large items of equipment and captured enemy equipment will be displayed throughout the park.

Memorial Hall will be the entrance and the center room of the museum. The walls will be adorned with busts and life-like figures of the Army's outstanding leaders of the past and present.

The main floor of the Memorial Park Museum will be 320 feet in length and will include two large exhibition rooms. Uniforms, pictures, documents and other historical and educational items will portray the history of this nation's Army from the Minutemen of the Revolution to the Pentomic Armies of today.

Membership

The U.S. Army Infantry Museum Society has been established to provide the permanent repository for the Infantry mementos. An opportunity to support the museum by membership in the society will be open to military personnel, both on active duty and retired, and civilian employees of the

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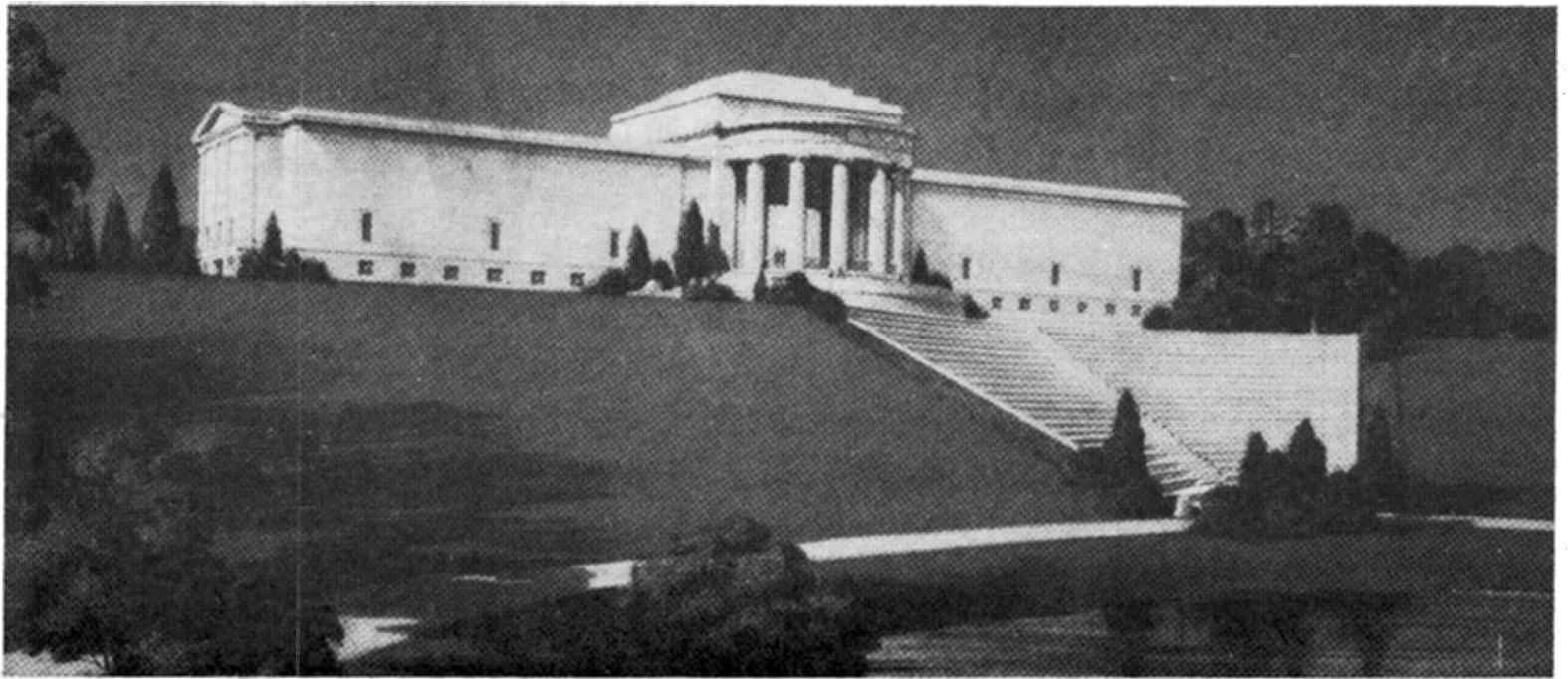
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**VIEW OF PROPOSED INFANTRY MUSEUM OVERLOOKING UPATOI CREEK IN MEMORIAL PARK.
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Army.
The Museum Society envisions an Army-wide membership. The initiation fee provides for lifetime membership and will be a sum well within the means of every soldier.

The funds of the society will be administered by a council consisting of 12 active members elected at a meeting at the call of the organization's president.

ident.
Donations
Among donations already made to the museum is an officer's dress belt of the 1920's given by Lt. Gen. Herbert B. Powell, former commander of the Infantry Center.

Col. Harry T. Baker, senior Army adviser, Fifth U. S. Army, donated a saber sash of the Civil War era. It was worn

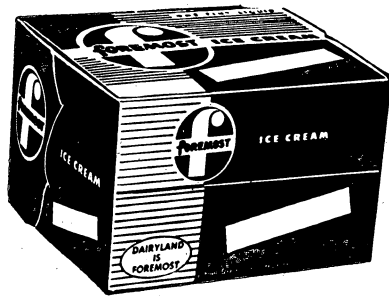
by Lt. Isaac N. Thomas of Company K, 52nd Indiana Volunteers, and is accompanied by a tintype of Lt Thomas made around 1853.

A "pepper box" six-barrel Allen's Patent revolver manufactured in the 1840's and used by an enlisted member of Company K, 115th Illinois Infantry Volunteers in the Civil War has been sent to the museum

by the adjutant general of Illinois. From the same source came a flintlock pistol made by A. H. Waters of Milbury, Mass., about 1844.

A dress uniform worn by a M-Sgt. Duval in the first decade of this century was presented by Capt. James Farrington of Infantry Center Troop Command.

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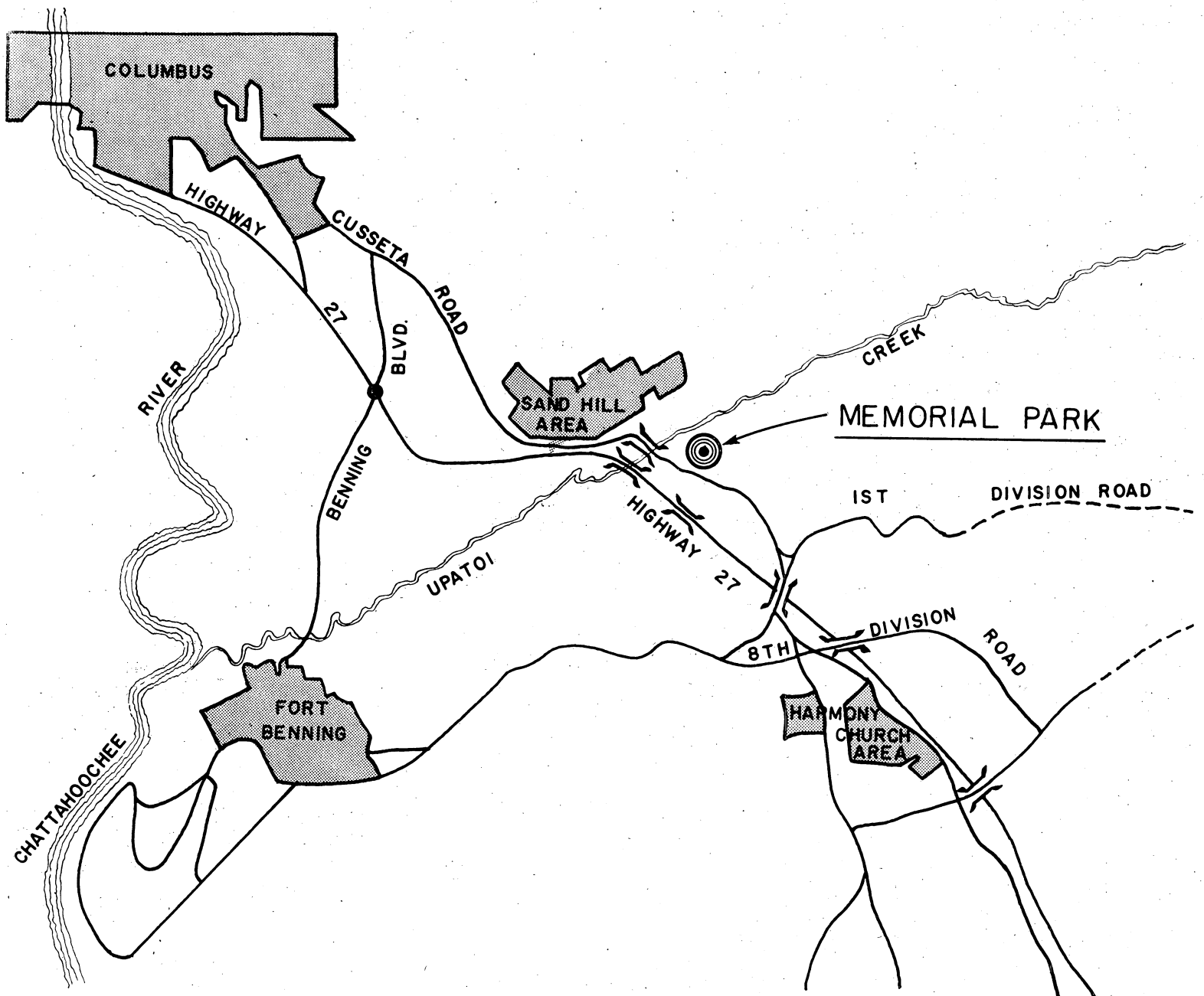
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DRAWING SHOWS WHERE INFANTRY CENTER MUSEUM WILL BE LOCATED ON RESERVATION Building Is Planned In Memorial Park Overlooking Upatoi Creek Just Off Victory Highway

(Continued From Page 13)
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—Wilbur M. Brucker
Secretary of the Army

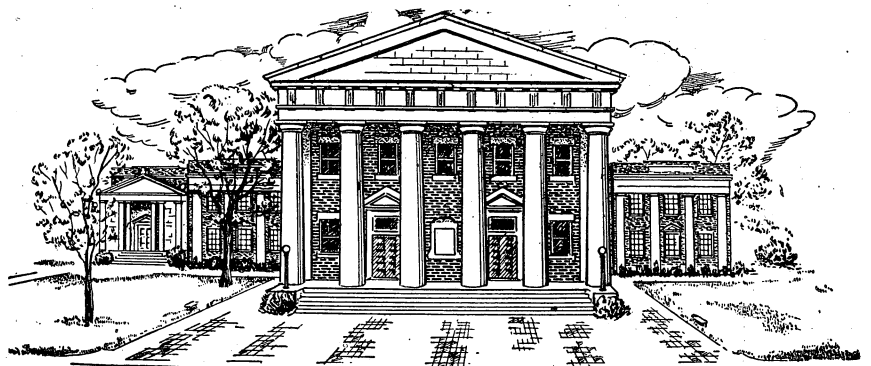
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Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor
Chief of Staff, US Army

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Post Libraries Provide . . .

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Brig. Gen. W. H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning; Lt. Col. A. H. Veasey, chief of Special Services, and Capt. J. A. Baird, area engineer, participated in the ribbon cutting.

Begin Hospital Service

Years ago the Red Cross maintained a collection of unclassified books in the Recreational Building in the hospital area. No ward service was given except when workers voluntarily took books to patients. In July, 1946, Miss Frances Dozier, chief librarian, recommended that a library be established at the hospital.

April, 1948, Branch Library No. 1 was opened to serve patients, hospital personnel, and families living nearby.

Men arriving from Germany to replace the Third Division should appreciate the library facilities in the Sand Hill area. Such good library service has not always been available to men who were stationed there in bygone days.

A few months before the U. S. entered World War II the only library at Sand Hill was located on the second floor of Service Club No. 2. March, 1941, the library facilities were not overly satisfactory. All roads which led to the service club were quagmires of mud and grime, and countless rivulets of muddy water and silt flowed down the unpaved road after a heavy rain.

Began From Scratch

When the first librarian reported for duty she had no desk, no chair and no books, but she did have an allotment of \$10,000 which had to be obligated within the next five months. With the help of lists from the Columbus Public Library she accomplished this as well as the processing of the books as they arrived.

Soon it became clear that a service club was no place for a library. In the early days of World War II the Second Armored Division was stationed at Sand Hill with Lt. Gen. George S. Patton in command. Mrs. Patton was a frequent visitor at the service club and library. Largely through her efforts, the new building was erected across the road from the service club.

The move to the new location was begun in August, 1942. A detail of eight enlisted men under the direction of the

librarian lugged the thousands of volumes across the road to the new building, and the library opened for business the next day.

Branches Combined

During the fall of 1956 Branch Library No. 2 and Branch Library No. 3 were consolidated and moved into the old Service Club No. 5 building. (Branch No. 3 had been opened originally during the summer of 1959).

October, 1946, all Special Services libraries at Fort Benning were consolidated under the Main Library as branches. New books were purchased and processed in the Main Library and all records combined.

Branches have been opened and closed from time to time depending on the troop strength of the areas served. Branches No. 4, 5, and 6 have all been opened since 1950. Branch No. 4 is closed permanently now, and Branch No. 6 is open only during the summer months to serve ROTC and reserves.

Through the years the post library system has offered many advantages to the Infantry School Library, the University of Georgia Off Campus Center, the Educational Development Section, and the Bradley Memorial Library in Columbus.

Deposit Collections

In order that soldiers without transportation in outlying areas could have books, bookmobile service was inaugurated in 1944 and deposit collections were issued. At various times deposit collections have been placed in such locations as the post stockade, 78th Engineer area, and VIP guest house. In addition to this, pocket books are distributed to troops on maneuvers and areas as far away as Dahlonga, Ga. The gyroscoping Third Division was supplied with these paper bound books.

From time to time, art and photography contest exhibits have been displayed in the libraries and the Army-wide short story contest of 1949 was conducted through the libraries. In recent years the back offices of the Main Library have been used in the evenings by various groups, such as the Poetry Workshop, the Great Books Foundation Discussion Group, and English classes for Korean officers.

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RADIO CHIEF WILLIAM BRYANT, LEFT, RECORDS 'FT. BENNING NEWS PARADE', WEEKLY SHOW. Sp3 William A. Schaeffler, right, edits 'Queen of Battle' Show before timing finished product.

Benning Radio Branch Tells Modern Army's Role on Air

"From the Military Crossroads of the World—Queen of Battle." From coast to coast and in several foreign countries this statement introduces a dramatic 15-minute radio program,

produced at Fort Benning, which has in two years grown from a local show to one international in scope. "Queen of Battle" program was broadcast by only two commercial radio

stations in Georgia, WRBL in Columbus and WGBA in Atlanta. Since October, 1955, this Army-produced program has increased its number of outlets until at present approximately

150 radio stations in 28 states broadcast the show each week as well as some of the stations on the Armed Forces Network overseas.

Information Media

"Queen of Battle" is produced and distributed by The Infantry Center Information Section at Fort Benning, home of the world-famous Infantry School.

Each show is designed to meet specific Army Information objectives, and no direct reference is made to recruiting. Program officials feel that if the Army's mission and activities are presented in a factual, dramatic manner, not only will the public know what the Army is doing, but a desire will be engendered among young men to learn more about today's modern Army.

Begins with Research

After a subject is selected and before the first line of a new show is written, the writer begins his research in The Infantry School library. Every article written on the subject is carefully screened. Then, instructors at The Infantry School are consulted and simulated combat field problems are observed and recorded.

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VOLUNTEERS . . . 2nd Lt. Alan G. Easton, left, of Information Section's Radio branch, is assisted by volunteers, Mrs. Thomas Williams, center, and Sfc Thomas Kelly, right, in recording "Queen of Battle." Both volunteers work in other branches of Information Section.

(Continued from page 19) a public service. The quality of the programs is attested by the large number of testimonials from cooperating stations. "The technical quality of the program and the program itself justify the time and effort put forward by you and your staff," reads a letter from WMRE, Monroe, Ga. WMOH, Hamilton, Ohio, reported: "I have auditioned the "Queen of Battle" tapes and am pleased with the content and quality."

Recorded in Series
 Most of the programs are recorded in several segments. Skits, narration, sound effects, music and other special effects are taped in the recording studio maintained by the Information Section. "Actors" and "actresses" featured on the shows are not professionals—rather they are military and civilian personnel who donate their services. After all segments of the show are recorded and put together, the finished product is carefully edited and timed, and copies made for distribution.

To date 78 complete package programs, or six series of 13 shows each, have been produced. While new shows are still being produced, much time is spent in revising older programs and bringing them up to date to keep the series current. Changing weapons, tactics, and training to keep pace with the times must be reflected in the shows.

Public Service
 All cooperating radio stations broadcast the series as

After auditioning a special "Queen of Battle" show, WVBR, Ithaca, N. Y., wrote: "I might offer at this time my personal praise to you for the fine job on the Easter program. Your series of programs seems to be very interesting and I am looking forward to hearing them."

Commended
 "We have been airing this program for nearly a year at 6:30 p.m. every Saturday, writes the program director of WDSR, Lake City, Fla. "It is a very enjoyable program, well prepared, and very well delivered. We have a heavy listening audience at that time. The comments that we have received concerning the program are very favorable. I most particularly enjoyed the Armed Forces Day program. We used it three

Radio . . .

times during the week."

From Longview, Texas, KFRO, another cooperating station, wrote: "I know you are justly proud of the programs that you are producing at Fort Benning. We are proud that we have broadcast the "Queen of Battle" programs, and though it is hard to realize, we have broadcast this fine program for a little over a year. You and your production staff are to be congratulated for producing a program of this calibre."

Two Other Shows

In addition to the "Queen of

Battle" program, the Radio-TV Branch produces two other weekly quarter - hour radio shows and a local "live" television news program utilizing film and still photographs. One of the radio programs, "Fort Benning News Parade," is a local radio news show. The other, "Fort Benning Bandstand," is a musical program broadcast by approximately 10 stations throughout the Third Army Area.

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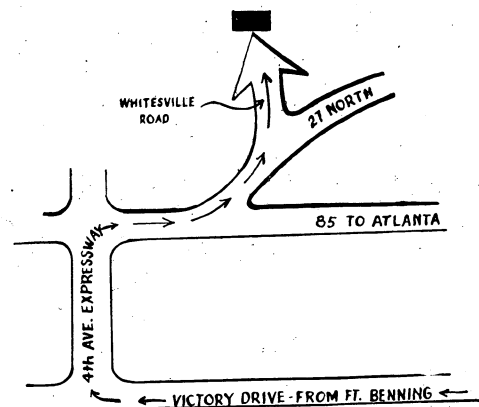
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Infantry School . . .

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Soon after the camp opened, however, the area to the east of Columbus proved to be too small to meet the needs of the school and Col. Eames was forced to look for another site. The present location was assured when the administrators of the Bussey Plantation sold the land to the government for about \$450,000, and work on the new camp began.

The second crisis occurred at the termination of World War I, when an economy minded War Department abandoned an idea of an Infantry School and ordered a construction stoppage and the initiation of salvage work. The use of that terminology was the only thing that saved the post.

Major John Paul Jones, in charge of the operation interpreted the word "salvage" according to Webster's Dictionary. It states salvage means to save, and so he ordered the buildings painted instead of torn down.

Col. Eames, in the meantime, called to Washington for consultation. He convinced the authorities to allow the post to continue and expand as a peacetime Infantry School. Money was then appropriated and the future of the Infantry School was assured.

Major Gen. Charles S. Farnsworth assumed command of the Infantry School and at its official opening June 22, 1919, with Col. Eames as assistant commandant.

In 1935, the structure that was to become the nerve center of the post was completed. The Infantry School, constructed of reinforced concrete and trimmed with Indiana limestone, edifice today serves as school headquarters, and almost a personification of the mission to which the school is dedicated.

With the threat of war approaching in 1939, the functions



BRIG. GEN. S. R. LARSEN
Assistant School Commandant

of the school became more complex and enlarged manifold.

The airborne department was opened, providing three weeks of the most physically and mentally exhausting training a soldier can undergo. Today the parachute school, redesignated the Airborne-Air Mobility Department, does more than just train students to jump. It conducts research and tests on methods of utilizing aircraft for the transportation and support of ground troops.

In July, 1941, the first officer candidate class was formed. More than 50,000 officers received commissions at the U. S. Army Infantry School during World War II. Today it still remains a prime source of obtaining Reserve Officers for the Army.

After the war the school continued operation in full gear, though on a reduced scale. With the advent of the Korean Conflict, the nation again turned to the Infantry School for ground combat training as the value of the Infantryman was again forseen. The School not only trained men from the U.S. but from allied nations as well. The training of our allies is presently an integral part of The Infantry School's purpose.

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Booking periods during the June calendar month are from 1 p.m. (first day) to 11 p.m. (last day) as follows: June 1-5, June 5-10, June 10-15, June 15-20, June 20-25, and June 25-30.

Assignment of cabins and positions on a waiting list will be determined by drawings. Maintained for the use of military personnel and their families stationed at Fort Benning, and its outlying installations, the Destin Rest Camp is limited to one five day reservation during the months of June, July, August and September.

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rescue missions. For their work in rescue missions, 15 officers have received "The Winged S" awarded by Sikorsky Aircraft to aviators who participate in mercy missions.

On May 18, 1950, the 506th was redesignated the Fourth Transportation Company. The Fourth departed Fort Benning to participate in "Jump Light" at Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Bragg, N. C. The mission was to support the "Troop Test Jump Light" in a four month examination of the Army's newest Pentomic Division, The

101st Airborne.

On May 12, 1957, four pilots departed for Fort Rucker, Ala., to commence transition training in the H-37 (Mojave) Helicopter. Between May 12, and Aug. 1, 1957, a total of 12 pilots completed transition training in the H-37.

The first of 16 of the big twin engined H-37 Helicopters were received in August, 1957. By Jan. 1, 1958, a total of 16 H-37 Helicopters had been delivered to the organization. The 21 H-34s were then turned over to the 3d Army Field Maintenance.

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At present Company C has representatives from Companies B, C and D from the First Battle Group, and Companies A, C, D and Motor Battery of the Second Battle Group.

Each man selected for the Honor Company has been carefully screened as to his height, military appearance, education and character by the company's Operation Section and by the Honor Company commander, Capt. Myron E. Lee, Jr.

Capt. Lee, an alumnus of the Infantry School's advanced and

airborne courses, regulates and maintains the Honor Company's rigid standards and entrance prerequisites.

Applicants for the Honor Guard must be no shorter than five-feet, eight inches and no taller than six feet, two inches. They must possess a stalwart military appearance, have sufficient aptitude for precision drill and be of unquestionable character.

After an applicant has passed these tests and is admitted to the Honor Company, he receives training unlike that which he has been accustomed. He learns to drill, drill and drill. In fact, he practices drilling approximately 30 hours each week. In addition to honor guard training, he receives all training of the regular Infantry company. Of this training Sgt. Hale Vanoy, Honor Company operations sergeant, stated, "Although the Honor Company is one of the finest marching units I've seen, it is constantly shooting for its goal—perfection."

The Honor Guard soldier is now ready for his duties. In the course of one week he may be designated for Infantry Center guard and be positioned at the entrance of The Infantry School. He may be a member

of a burial detail, ramp escort or one of the guards at a security conference. He will be in many honor guards and ceremonies given for post and visiting dignitaries and will participate in a formal guard mount each week.

The Honor Guard and Honor Battery, which is Battery B of the 10th Field Artillery, have presented full honors during the last two years to such notables as Secretary of the Army Wilbur M. Brucker; Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chief of staff, U. S. Army; Gen. Paik Sun Yup, chief of staff, Republic of Korean Army; Gen. (Ret.) Mark Clark, president of The Citadel; Lt. Gen. Alfonso Arellano, chief of staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Hickey, commanding general of the Third Army.

Men of the Honor Company, and those of all units, do have time to relax in spite of their rigorous schedule. Off-duty they can be found in the company dayroom playing checkers, ping pong and other games.

The morale of the unit is high. The company has had many mottos defining its spirit, but "You Name It, We Do It," coined by the company's former commander, Capt. John G.

Dawson, has come to be the unit's accepted slogan.

Sgt. Clayton Gregory, who was formerly a member of the Eighth Army Rear Honor Guard in Zama, Japan, in response to the question of the company's morale, said, "This is the finest unit that I have been in. The company's morale is high and the men take pride in every ceremony or duty that they perform."

It is men such as these that compose the Honor Company. They come from the four corners of the nation, from Slippery Rock, Pa., to Denver, Colo., from California to Florida. There are even some members of the company from Greece, the Philippines and Puerto Rico. Some are five feet, eight inches, others maybe six feet, two inches. Their ages range from twenty to forty years. Most of the men, however, are in the 20 to 25 age group.

A salute goes to the officers and enlisted men from the various companies and batteries of the 14th Infantry and 29th Infantry who compose Fort Benning's Honor Company. As Sgt. Andrew J. Clark, company information NCO said, "This Honor Company is the best at Fort Benning."



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The new U. S. Army Hospital at Fort Benning, a modern five-wing building, was turned over to the government April 9 following its completion.

Official opening ceremonies are tentatively scheduled July 1 with various dignitaries being invited to be present. Among those receiving invitations will be Gov. Marvin Griffin of Georgia. Also expected to be present is Mrs. Joseph I. Martin, widow of the U. S. Army Infantry School graduate and Medical Corps major general for whom the \$6 million structure was named.

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The 500-bed Martin Army Hospital was built by the Jordan

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Standing 110 feet tall, it will have wings 500 feet long. The interior will have 318,000 square feet of floor space and a huge parking area will accommodate 500 cars.

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The hospital will be in operation shortly after the opening ceremonies.

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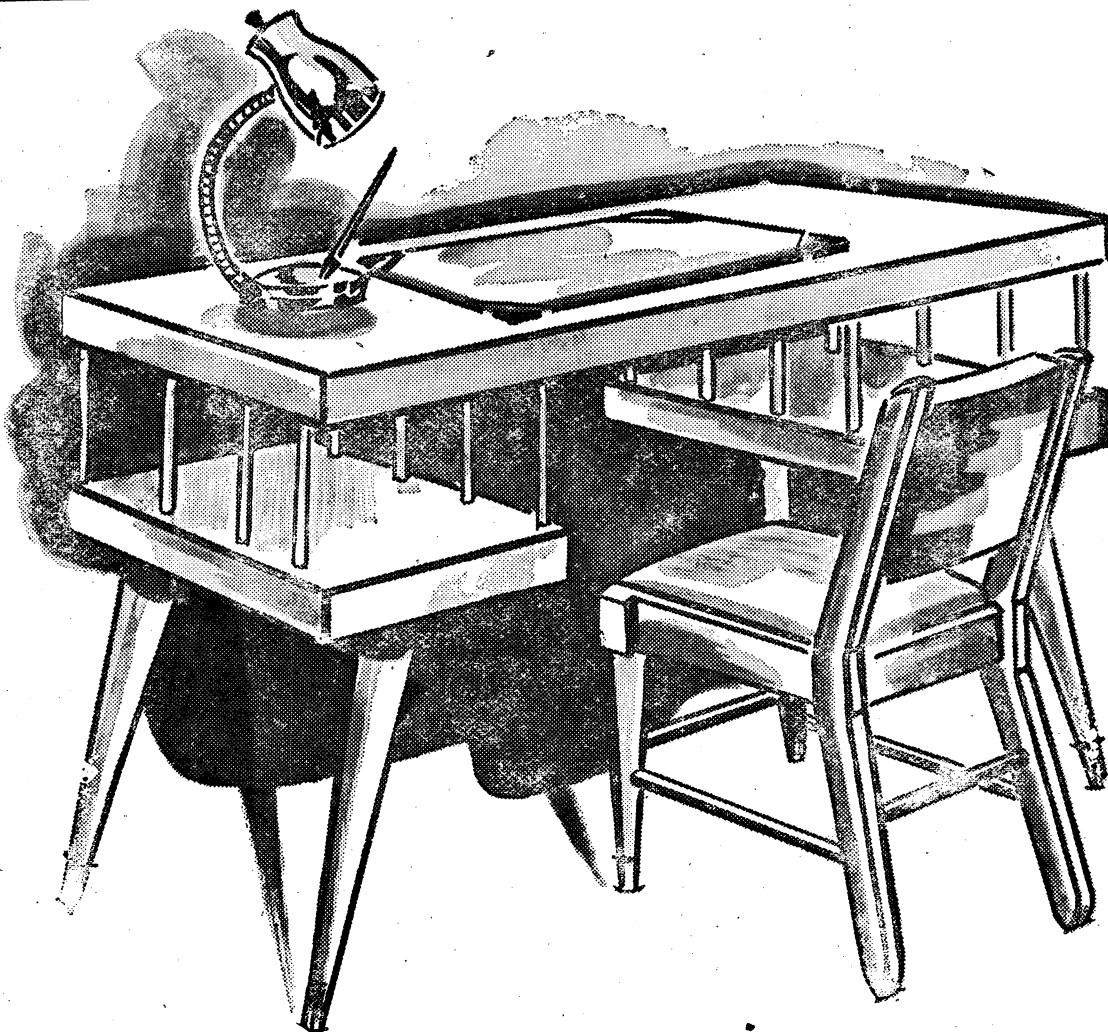
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VIP TREATMENT FOR 100,000th ENROLLEE . . . Two days of Fort Benning's VIP treatment recently went to Sp2 John E. Mutchler, Infantry School's 100,000th enrollee in Army's extension course program. At left, Brig. Gen. Stanley R. Larsen, assistant commandant of The Infantry School, welcomes Sp2 Mutchler. While on a tour of the post, he is briefed on drill requirements at Blue Field in center photo. At left of Sp2 Mutchler is M-Sgt. Jessie L. Hobbs, M-Sgt. T. G. Reynolds is at his right. In photo at right Sp2 Mutchler receives approved application for enrollment in pre-commission extension course from Brig. Gen. John F. Ruggles, right, deputy Infantry School commandant. Left is Major Gen. Donald W. McGowan, chief of Army Section, National Guard Bureau in Washington, D. C., who was principal speaker at a National Guard officer candidate class graduation April 22.

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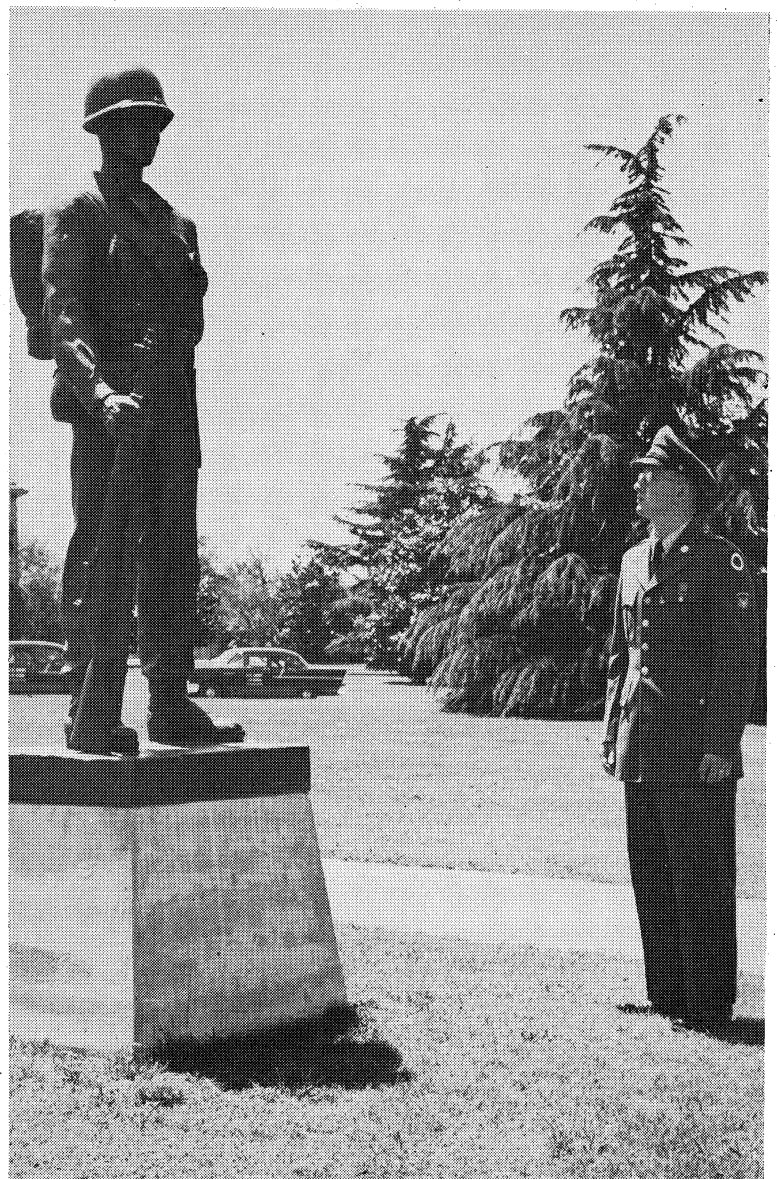
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SEES MEMORIAL . . . Sp3 Mutchler views the Dough-boy Statue, bronze memorial of the historic Army Infantryman, which stands in front of The Infantry School.

2nd 1958 Quarter Produces 52 TIC Management Improvements

The second quarter of fiscal year 1958 was a productive one in terms of management improvements instituted at Fort Benning's Infantry Center.

During this quarter, management improvement officials at The Infantry Center reported 52 improvements submitted and installed, resulting in 41,993 man-hours saved and over \$157,000 monetary savings and benefits.

Although improvements reported represent real benefits or savings, it is not possible to designate certain amounts of the total which could be applied to reduction of budget requirements or be made available for turn back to the appropriation involved. Reduction of transportation mileages, actual reduction of operating spaces and turn-in of supplies and equipment represent savings where actual money value can be applied, making it possible for the activities involved to operate within reduced personnel and funding ceilings.

According to Dana Spear, head of the Management Divi-

sion of the Comptroller's Office, and Gustave J. Peluso, who has the responsibility of management analysis, six of the Fort Benning suggestions were selected as outstanding by the Third Army. Four of these were among the eight chosen by Third Army to be included in a consolidated report to the Department of Army for possible use in other Army areas.

One of the suggestions sent to the Department of Army was the elimination of the jump-master classes at the Infantry School. The one-week jump-master course was presented for officers and first three grade NCO's who had successfully completed the basic airborne course. It was found that a large percentage of personnel taking this course was not immediately assigned to an airborne unit and had no requirement for their knowledge gained for some time. Since those persons who were assigned to an airborne unit were required to attend a similar course with their unit, it resulted in a duplication of effort.

Another improvement was the utilization of individual signal generators during radio repair laboratory exercises.

During instruction in The Infantry School's radio maintenance class, students participate in laboratory exercises where they are required to align and "trouble shoot" simple radio receivers using proper procedures. Formerly there was only four signals for the approximately 60 laboratory positions. The improvement now provides a small inexpensive generator that gives each student the necessary signals for his needs permitting him to advance at his own speed.

Other suggestions forwarded to the Department of Army were a design of a schematic grid system for rapid location of other radio sets on schematic diagrams and the establishment of a central motor vehicle dispatch system in the Sand Hill-Harmony Church-Kelley Hill areas of Fort Benning.

The first of these suggestions, the schematic grid system, has proved that it will save approximately 10,500 student

manhours each year. Although this does not represent an immediate monetary gain, it will be reflected as savings in repair time for electronic equipment.

In the three major sub-areas of Fort Benning it was noted that administrative vehicles were being dispatched for trips outside the areas. Under this system, numerous trips were being duplicated. A central dispatch office now has been established. This office controls all dispatches of organic and attached vehicles going beyond the limits on one of the sub-areas. This has resulted in the saving of an average of 2.4 trips per day out of an average of 40 requested.

These are some of the outstanding examples of improvements constantly being realized through the Management Improvement Program. This program is not restricted to the period covered by this report. It encourages supervisors and operating personnel to improve and streamline their management and operating techniques.

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home, will be completely "at Col. Joseph C. Sandlin, com-
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many with the 10th Division. ond Battle Group is Col. K. R.

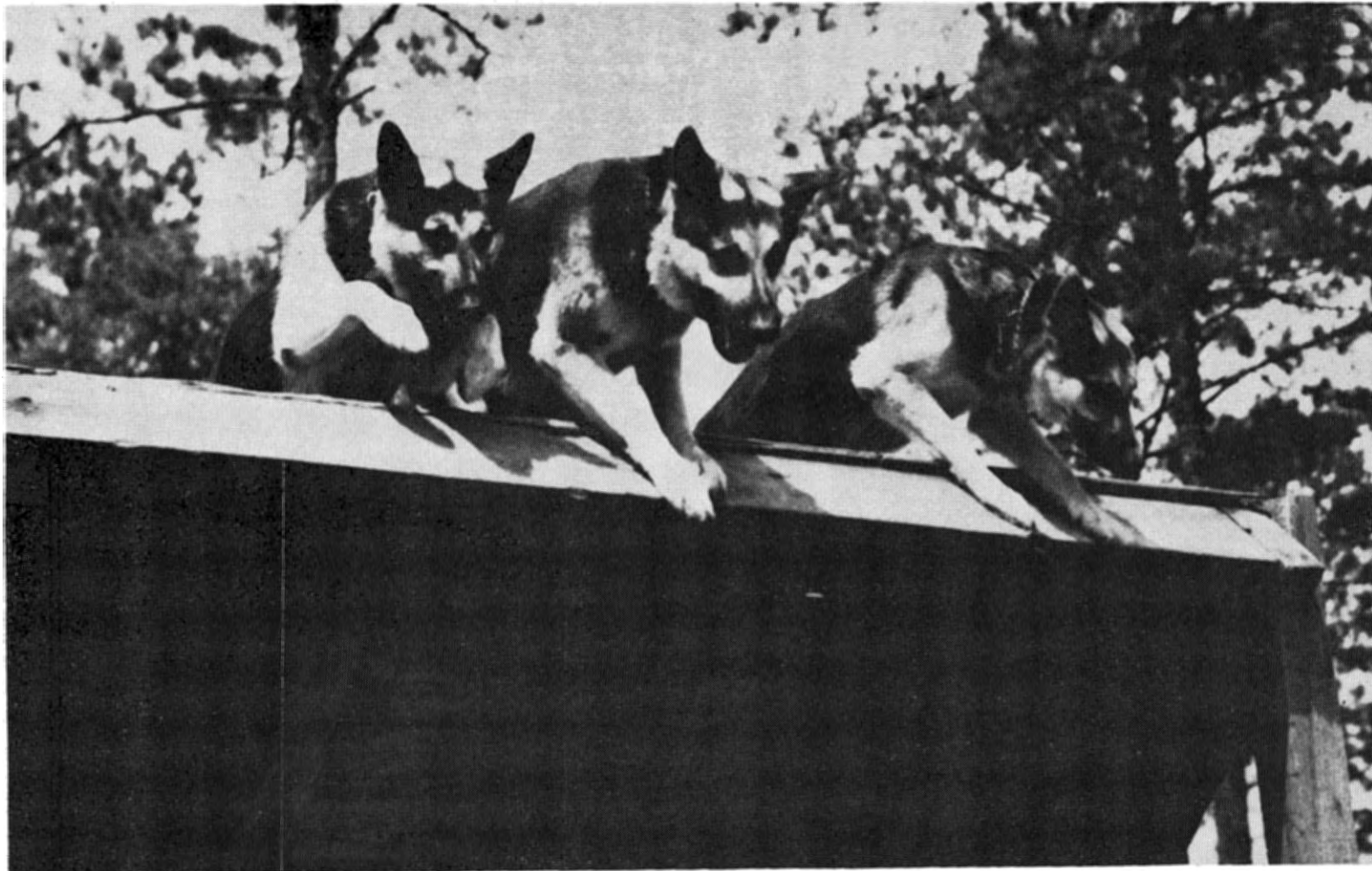
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Came Here in 1919

Organized in 1901, the 29th the 29th's First Battle Group
came to the post in 1919, where in The Infantry School Troop
it remained until the outbreak Command. The 14th Infantry's
of World War II. It served in First Battle Group is stationed
England, France, Germany, in Hawaii.

New Policy

The 29th quickly resumed its The emergence of the battle
challenging task of serving as group in U.S. Army organiza-
demonstration regiment for tion follows the Army's new
The Infantry School. Its par- policy of establishing units bet-
ticipation for three decades in ter suited for possible future
battlefields. The introduction
of atomic weapons necessitates
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offensive and defensive plans. A battle group is, in effect, a scaled-down regiment able to operate independently in Battle areas of the future.

The Infantry battle group is an integrated combat unit with a headquarters and headquarters and service company, four rifle companies and heavy mortar battery as its main elements.

The headquarters and headquarters and service company includes battle group headquarters and assault gun, reconnaissance, engineer, medical and communications platoons. The latter four consist of personnel from the respective associate arms branches.

Genealogy Tangled

As changes in weapons and techniques of warfare have caused new units to take the place of old and periods of retrenchment necessitate the breaking up, combining, redesignating or disbanding of units, the genealogy of most of the older Army combat units has become woefully tangled.

Many units were found to have little or no history and some of the finest historic units were inactive.

With future tactical organization reflecting a trend toward even more flexibility in the structure of combat divisions, the need arose for a form of basic organization to maintain the traditions and esprit de corps of units.

"Home Outfit"

Traditionally, the regiment is the "home outfit" of the line soldier. The new Combat Army Regimental System maintains the continuity of the Army's most distinguished regiments, regardless of changes in tactical organizations, in peace and war.

A specified number of traditional regiments are continuously active as "parent regiments" of all Infantry, Artillery and Armor individuals and tactical units. Member units of a regiment are assigned to a division or other tactical command. The regiment itself is not a tactical unit, but will be a family of units bearing the regimental name.

The concept of the regiment, which already is the principal

repository of U.S. Army history and traditions, as the basic organization preserves and stabilizes the regiment in a new, flexible form.

A large proportion of combat units are nondivisional and therefore have no firm or continuous identification with a specific tactical command. The regimental organization just established embraces both divisional and nondivisional units.

Basis For Retention

Regiments were selected for permanent retention on the basis of a combat history worthy of perpetuation by future generations of combat soldiers. They total 164 and may include any number of units.

Regimental headquarters as they are known today will not be established. Existing regimental headquarters will be withdrawn from the tactical organization as they are replaced by group, brigade, combat command or other tactical headquarters.

Parent regimental headquarters will be assigned to permanent locations in the Continental U.S. Their support functions may include maintaining the regimental history and traditions, maintaining records of members, performing personnel services for members, conducting regimental recruiting, supervising Reserve personnel and units, and operating regimental training units.

Until active regimental headquarters are established, custody of the regimental standard will remain with a designated unit of the regiment, normally the first battle group.

Patterned After British

The new U.S. Army regimental system is patterned after the British Army regimental organization.

Up to the middle of the 18th Century, British regiments were called by the names of their colonels. About 1751 the regiments were numbered and 11 years later county titles were added.

Under the Localization of Forces Act, single battalion British line regiments were linked in pairs in 1872. Headquarters of each original double-battalion regiment and the

newly linked single battalions were established in the county whose title they bore and were termed a brigade district.

They were numbered consecutively from one to 70, quite irrespective of the original regimental numbers.

Readjustments

In 1881, slight readjustments resulted in the territorial regiments of two battalions each.

The old brigade districts were retitled regimental districts and renumbered, those of the old two-battalion regiments getting back their regimental numbers and the other receiving the number of the senior of the two original single-battalion regiments.

Names of the regiments were readjusted as much as possible in compliance with regimental feeling.

The old facings were done away with and white facings worn by all English regiments, yellow by Scotch, green by Irish and blue by Royal regiments.

When both line battalions serve abroad, a provisional battalion is formed at home which includes men medically unfit or too young to go abroad, those just about to be discharged and invalids sent home from abroad.

Probably no other troop organization is as closely associated with the history and development of The Infantry School as is the 29th Infantry.

The 29th Infantry is not only of particular significance to the area. Since its organization in 1901 its records are replete with the names of outstanding army leaders. Just as many of the famed leaders of World War II and Korea were graduates of the Infantry School—so too, many of them have been members of the 29th.

Supports School

Although the regiment has spent most of its time supporting the Infantry School in peace time, a call to arms has always found the 29th in other key roles. The list is long and distinguished — combat action in the Philippine Islands at the turn of the century—guarding the Panama Canal against saboteurs in World War I—the Battle of The Bulge in World War II and later the security of SHAPE Headquarters — hard fighting in the critical Pusan Perimeter of Korea and the award of the Distinguished Unit Citation to the First Battalion—these are just some of the high points.

Two of the symbolic items on

the regimental crest of the 29th are in honor of long service with the Infantry School. One is the Lamp of Knowledge and the other is the motto "We Lead The Way." Through its years of effort with "Follow Me" in development, demonstration, and test of Infantry organizations, tactics and techniques the right to this motto was earned.

An occasional Infantry School support problem will be exciting and glamorous for even the Infantry soldiers of the 29th who are the leading actors in the show. The preparation of training films often falls in this category, as does the climax of the semi-annual JCOC demonstrations. This is the famed "Mad Minute" or "Reinforced Rifle Company in Defense" conducted at night on Ruth Range. When the distinguished civilian guests gasp in awe at the split-second timing of the "battle," and admire the precision of the assistant instructors marking its course on luminous map boards, they are seeing the 29th Infantry in action. A typical problem that appeals to the foot-weary infantryman is the "Rifle Company in a Helicopterborne Attack." This one brings out all the latest in the forward look of an infantry outfit.

Although all of its problems are not as dramatic, the above are typical of the effort of the 29th to assist the Infantry School in training young leaders for our Army. All units of the new Battle Group have their parts to play in this effort. Long hours of preparation and rehearsal with the Infantry School instructors produces the famous Benning precision. While the four rifle companies and mortar battery carry the bulk of the field work, platoons of Headquarters Company, such as Communications, Supply and Maintenance. Reconnaissance, Engineer, and Medical have their special role in teaching the new concepts of the atomic battlefield.

Scout Dogs

An attached unit, the 26th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon, is an honored member of the organization. Its scout dogs and their well-trained handlers often do "Lead The Way" as students learn the latest techniques of night patrolling on the wooded hills along the Chattahoochee.

It is not alone in the many field problems that the men of the 29th demonstrate their soldierly efforts.

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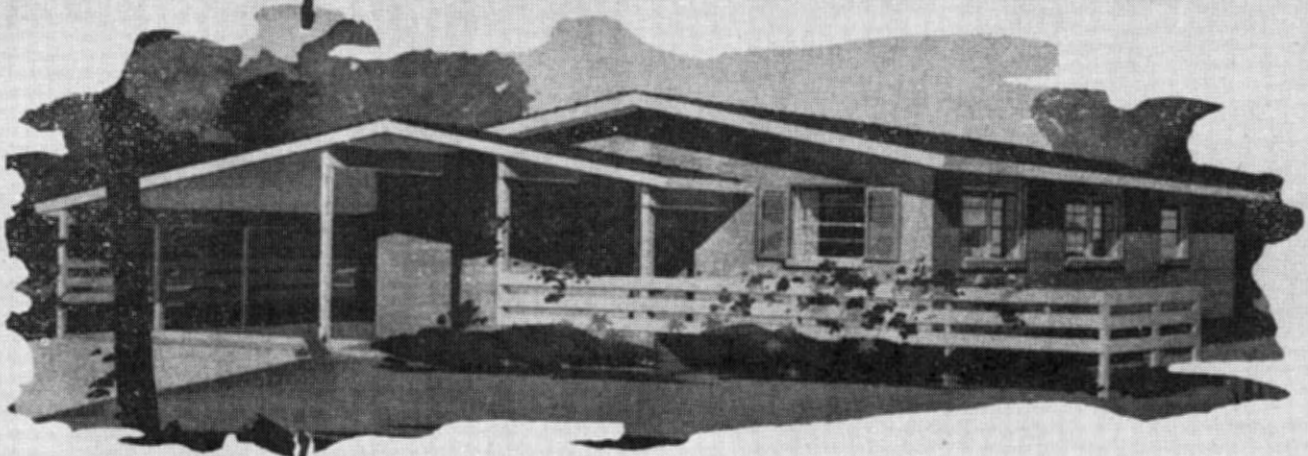
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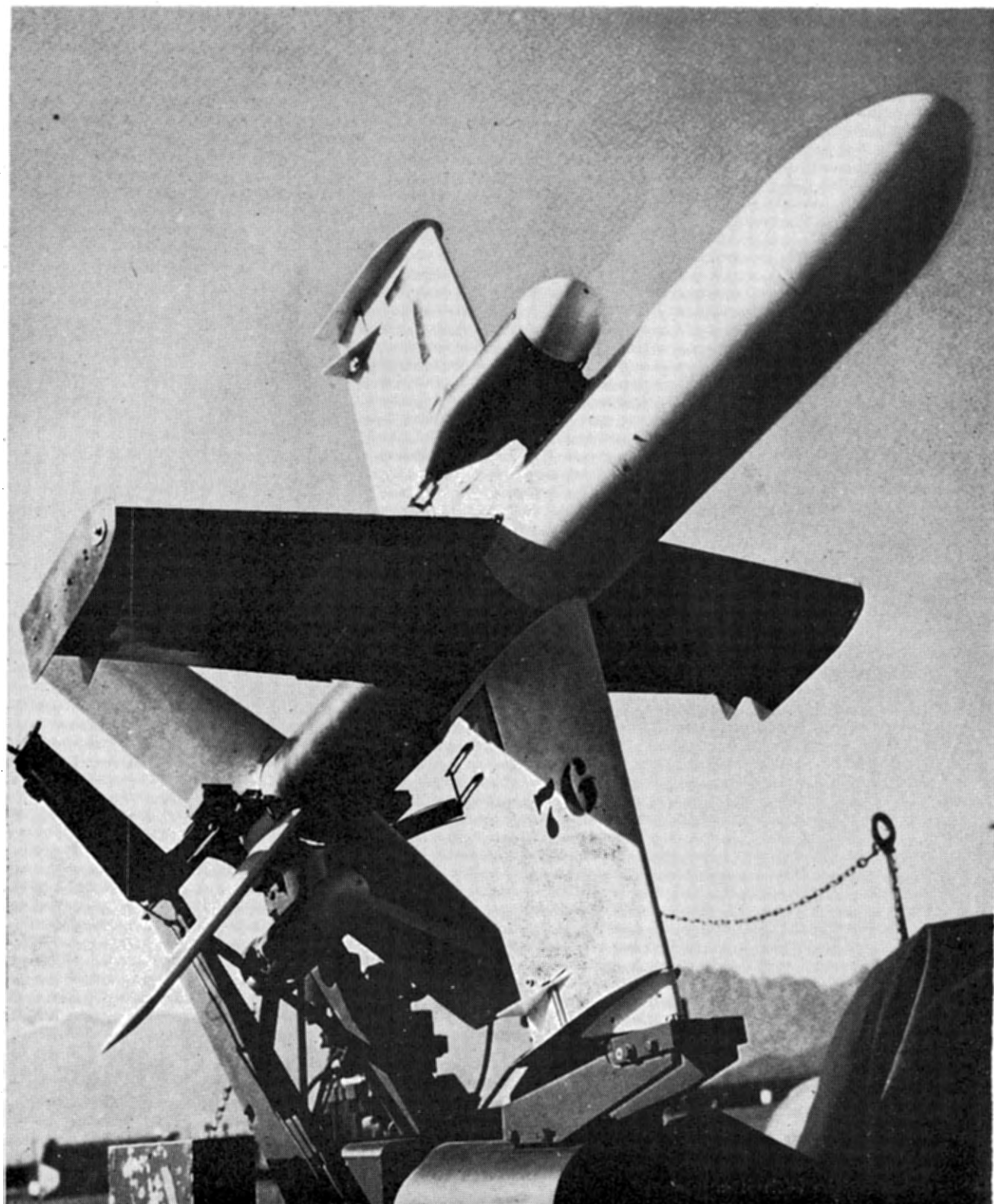
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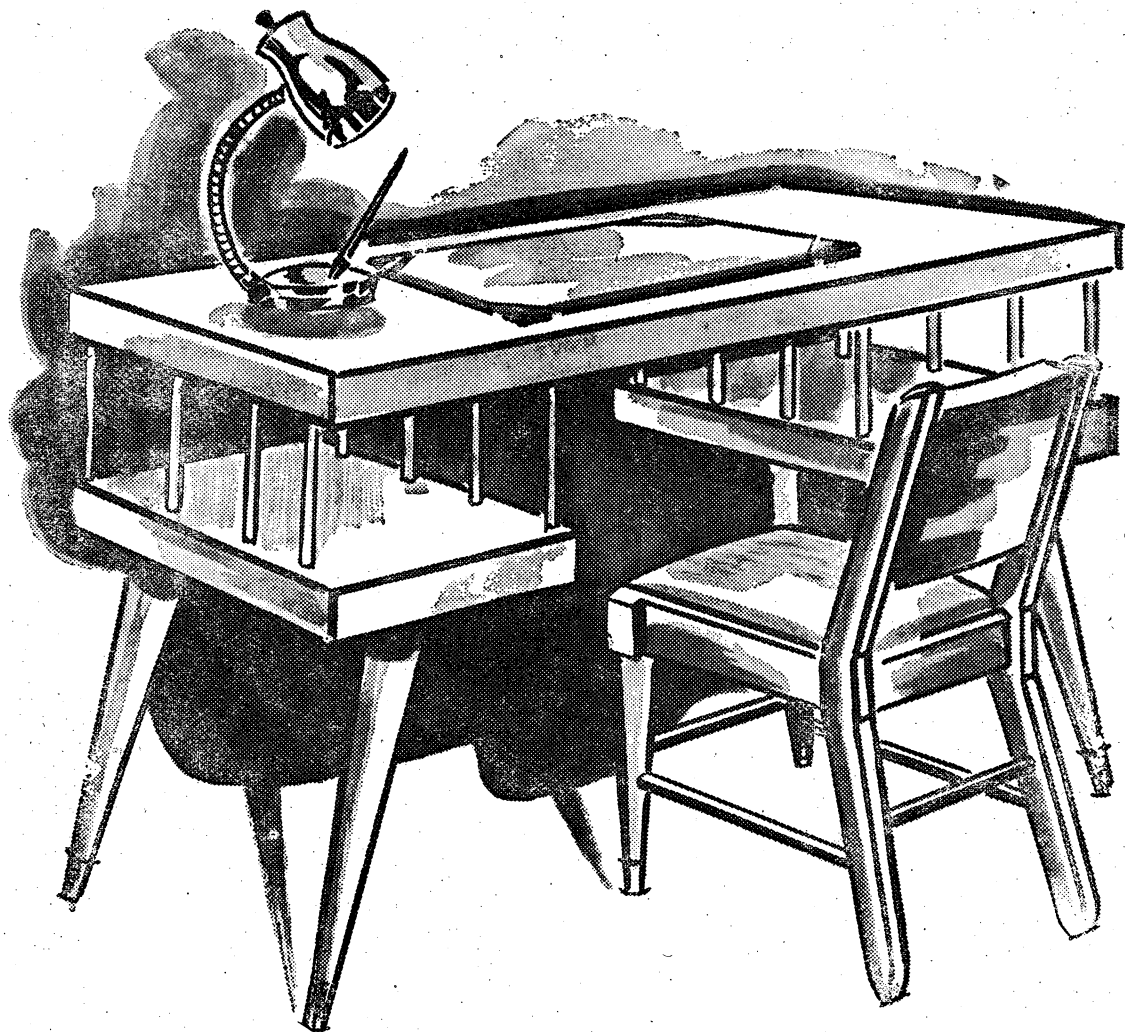
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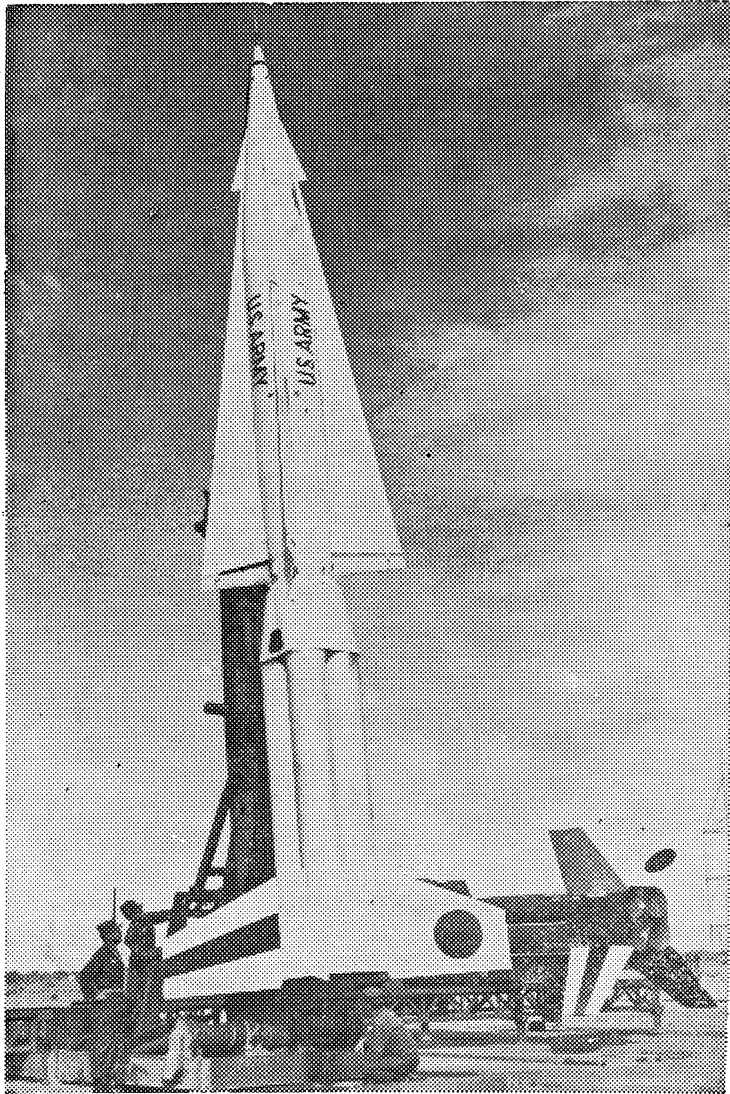
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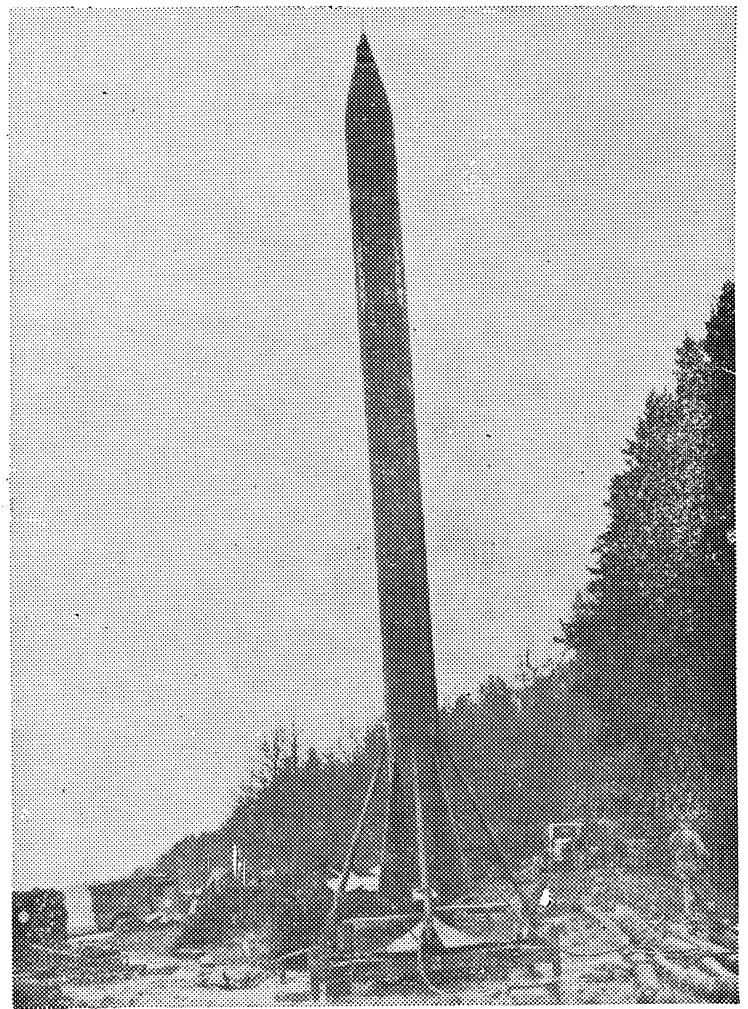
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Missiles Displayed At 'Project Ammo'

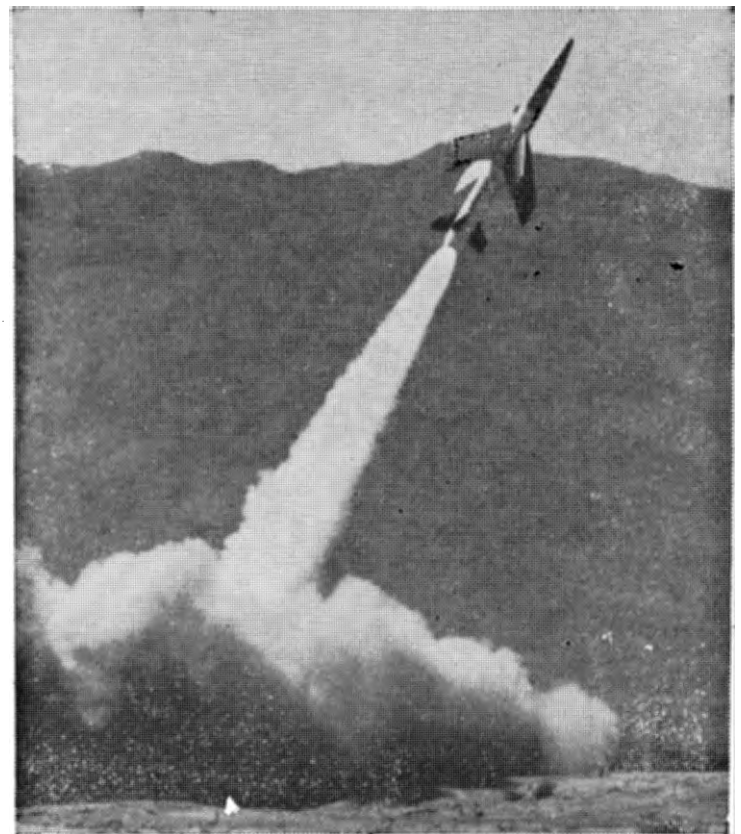
RANGE, N. M. (ANF)—“Second generation” Army missiles, such as the Sergeant and Nike-Hercules, displayed here recently during “Project Ammo,” testify to the phenomenal strides made by the American industry-Army team during the past decade in developing and producing new weapons systems for the ground combat arms. Result of this teamwork range from the immediate post-war era to the successful Explorer satellite, and include units, operational in the field from Korea to Germany armed with Redstone, Corporal, and Nike missiles and Honest John rockets.



NEWEST PLANE KILLER—Publicly triggered with deadly effect at White Sands Missile Range recently, the Army's Nike-Hercules has already, as of early July, begun to replace the Ajax at sites in the Chicago, New York, and Washington-Baltimore areas. Unlike Ajax, it can carry a nuclear warhead.



OVERSEAS GUARDIAN—Although it has been fired only in this country, as it was recently at a public shoot in New Mexico, the Army's 75-mile Corporal is deployed overseas. Here it rests in its light take-off pedestal in Germany, ready to be triggered for faster-than-sound flight if necessary.



LaCROSSE AWAY—This new developmental Army missile, shown in flight at a recent public shoot at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., reduces strong points beyond range of light and medium artillery. A solid-propellant rocket motor launches it on short notice from a standard Army truck.

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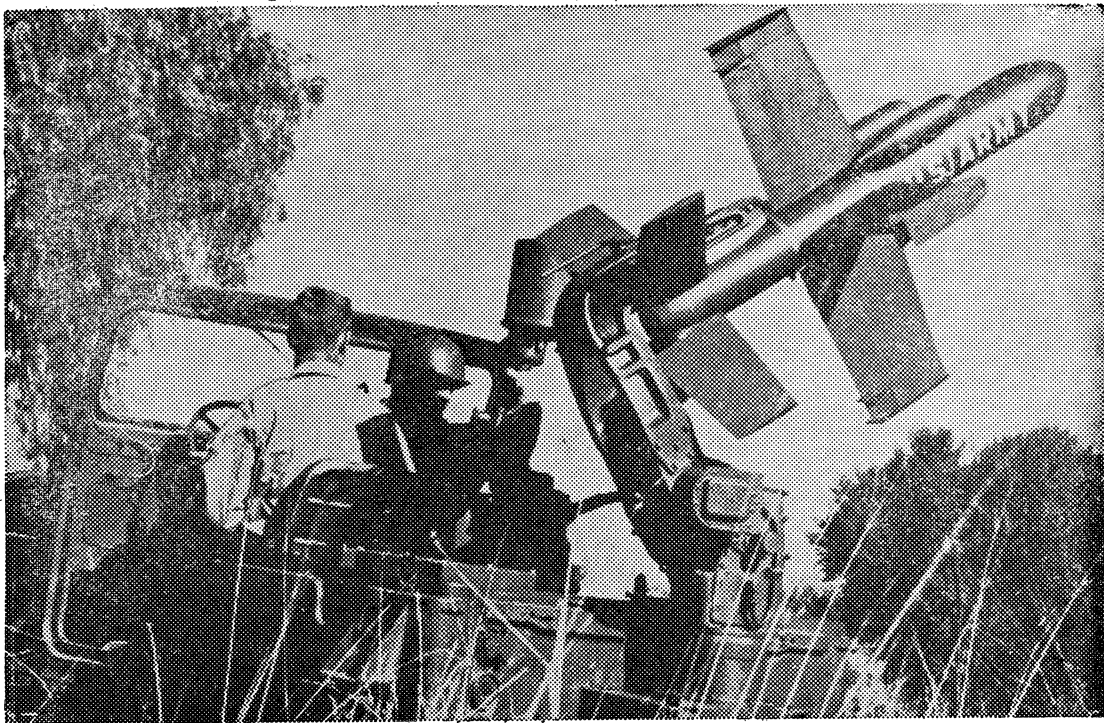
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TANK AHOY!—Only five feet long, the Dart is the Army's smallest guided missile, but proved itself a potent tank-killer at a recent public demonstration at White Sands Missile Range, N. M. As shown above, this lethal weapon may be launched from a jeep or the ground.

PhD Not Needed In Missile Unit

WASHINGTON (ANF) — Missilemen don't have to be PhDs.

Army troops in the field from Germany to Korea are manning the new artillery weapons: Redstones, Corporals and Honest Johns, and the anti-aircraft weapons, Nike-Ajax and Nike-Hercules.

These are not experimental units, but operating battalions, completely manned and equipped for combat missions, whether to back up a field army, a pentomic division, the mobile Strategic Army Corps, or to protect American cities from enemy planes.

And under development are newer weapons: Jupiter, Sergeant, Little John, LaCrosse and Dart for surface-to-surface firing; the low-level Hawk air defense missile and the Nike-Zeus anti-missile missile.

Army Missiles Give GI Plenty of Punch

FORT BLISS, Tex. (ANF) —An Army-industry team got a look at the U.S. Army's missile might here recently and after two days was convinced that the products of their research and development and assembly lines had given the soldier his greatest punch since the invention of gunpowder.

More than 400 industrialists, military commanders, and news representatives watched enthralled as the Army, with clock-like precision, fired eight Army surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles and rockets.

For the first time they saw both operational members of the Nike family. The medium-range Ajax blasted a drone B-17 bomber out of the sky and the long-range Hercules hit a simulated target traveling at 800 mph 100,000 feet up. (There are no drone targets in existence that can "extend" the Hercules.)

The fate of a plane that sneaks under the protective Nike umbrella was demonstrated by the Hawk as it leaped to destroy a jet drone. The visitors also saw the Missile Master and Missile Monitor display. These Army electronic devices spot planes, track them, and in seconds coordinate the fire of Ajax, Hercules or Hawk.

The Army's surface-to-sur-

face artillery missiles and rockets, capable of loosing atomic warheads, also had their days in the sun.

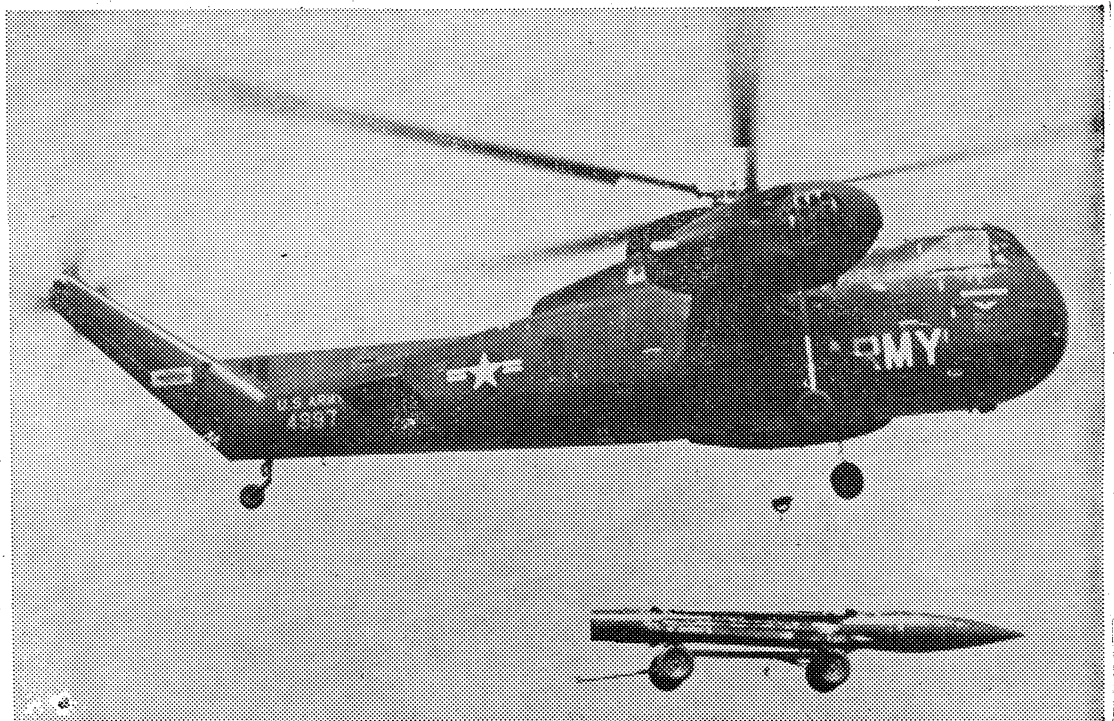
A Corporal chewed a hole in the target site on a mountain 31 miles away. An Honest John, sling-carried by helicopter, was ready for firing in a matter of minutes. A Dart, still

under development, blew up a tank. Little John and LaCrosse showed why they may some day become the Army's new light artillery, as they scored bull's-eyes.

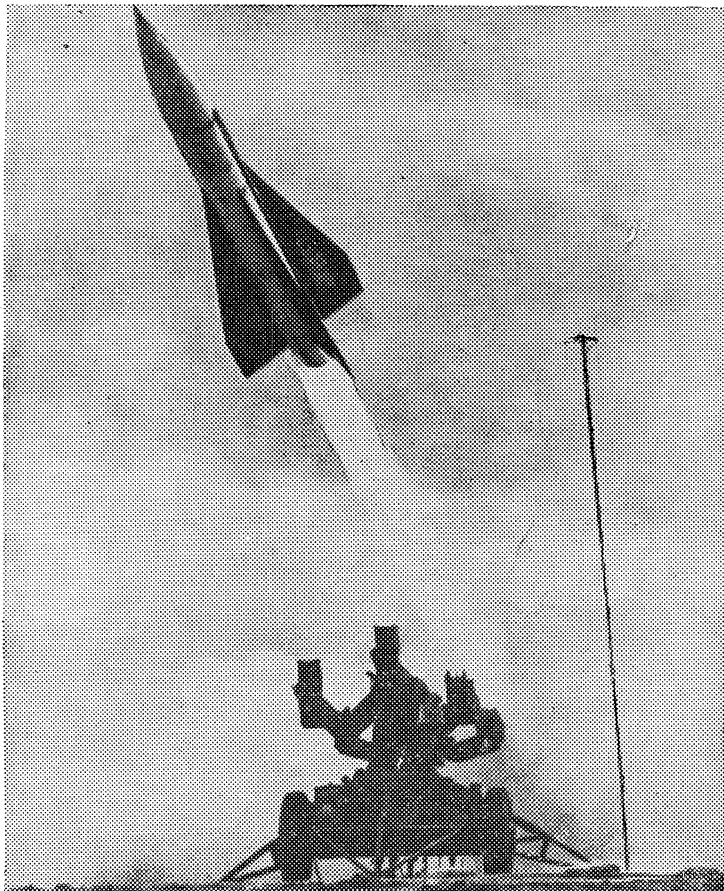
On display but not fired were the Redstone and Sergeant. The former is already in operation in Europe with the newly-

arrived 40th Field Artillery Group. The Sergeant is a solid-propellant, highly-mobile missile, eventual successor to the Corporal.

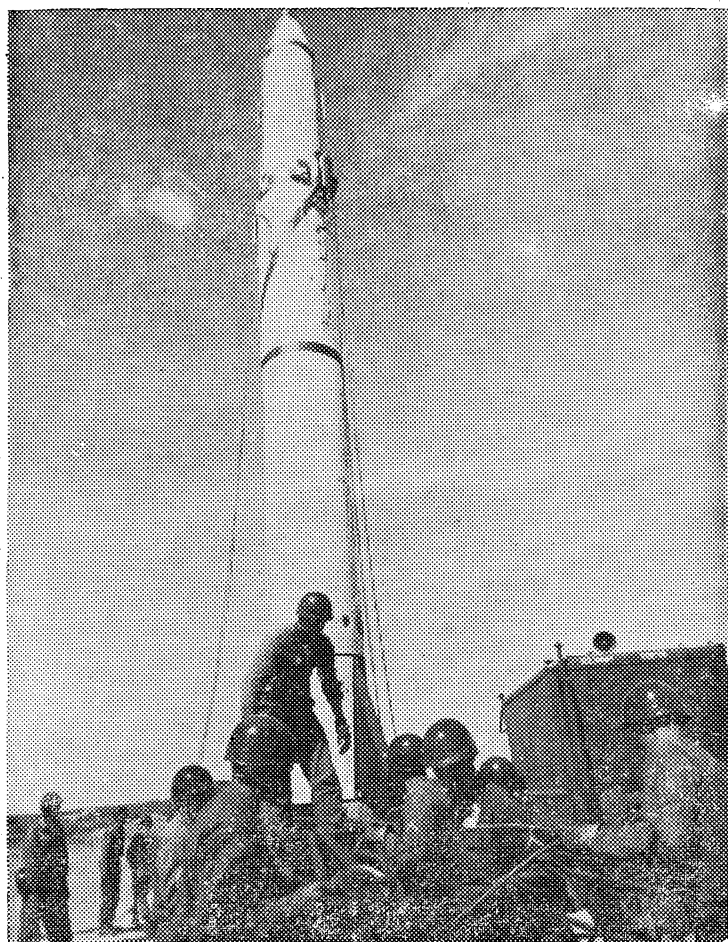
Fourteen major manufacturers of Army missiles, their components, and helicopters cooperated in the "Project Ammo" shoot.



CHOPPER JOHN—The world's largest production helicopter, the Army's Mojave, carries an Honest John rocket and special launcher in a sling in a mobility experiment. As publicly demonstrated at Fort Bliss, Tex., recently, the Honest John is normally fired from a truck.



TO THE ATTACK—Carrying a unique radar in its nose, the Army's Hawk, as recently proved in a public shoot, can lock onto a plane even at tree-top level. Not yet operational, this mobile air defense missile will be able to guard U. S. cities and industrial areas or to protect soldiers in the field.



FIELD FIRING—These soldiers of the 40th Field Artillery Group (Missile) and their 200-mile ballistic guided missiles, the 70-foot Redstones, are now in Europe. Just before leaving, they held a live-fire practice at White Sands, N.M., and are shown here working on the dismantling of the mobile erector.

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TOUGH TRAINING . . . Ranger students of The School Brigade, left, undergo rugged jungle training in Florida. Student officers of Second Student Battalion's Basic Infantry Officers Course take to the range in photo at right to qualify with M-1 rifle.

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The School Brigade this year will act as host to over 10,000 students of military tactics from throughout the free world as they attend courses at The Infantry School.

Some 11,700 officers and men attended the Army's most comprehensive "university" of infantry tactics and related subjects last year. The Infantry School offers over 300 courses which vary in length from two to 32 weeks, and include every kind of training from basic to advanced officer courses.

With such a large and diversified group of courses, and students enrolled from many foreign lands, the administrative and logistical problems present wide-ranging responsibilities. In charge of these responsibilities is The School Brigade.

The Infantry School's students, the Brigade's cadre, and the officers and instructors assigned to the Academic Department of The Infantry School are under the jurisdiction of The School Brigade.

A visitor on this "university" campus can see training of all types and descriptions proceeding smoothly. Basic Infantry Officers and Officer Candidate courses can be seen training and running field problems. Airborne students are constantly completing phases of their training, which includes their first free-fall jump from the 250 foot towers. Advanced officer classes, attended by representatives from almost every free nation in the world include instruction for allies on the theories and Infantry tactics used by U.S. Army. Advanced marksmanship classes, teaching sniping and coaching with the M-1 rifle, are in session. Basic trainees are being instructed in the Army's new Trainfire concept to better prepare them for battle situations.

The School Brigade has to keep abreast with the country's needs. Presently the major unit of the Brigade consists of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Student Battalions, and the Infantry School Detachment. The student battalions must be ready at all times of day and night to receive large groups of students. The supply and administrative work involved with such a large turnover of person-

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MAP READING . . . Student officers orientate themselves during a map-reading problem for members of First Student Battalion's Associated Infantry Course.



TANK FIGHTING . . . Officer candidates in the School Brigade's Fifth Student Battalion receive training during tank-infantry maneuvers.

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nel falls squarely on The School Brigade's shoulders. Many foreign students arrive who can speak little or no English, but with the help of the Allied Liaison Section each unit satisfies the needs and comforts of all the students.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company trains, administers, and provides logistical support for all assigned personnel in the operations of The Brigade's Headquarters. This means that most of these men hold jobs that require extensive training and experience so that they may more efficiently administer to the needs and problems of the large and diversified student body contained in The School Brigade.

Advanced Courses

The School Brigade's First Student Battalion hosts students of the more advanced Infantry courses. Classes are generally comprised of officers who have had a considerable amount of service and experience. The largest of the classes this year is the Associate Infantry Officers Advanced Course of 1,154 officers.

An international air is always present in the First Battalion as officers from Germany, Italy, Korea, Viet Nam, Turkey, Greece, and other countries study and learn together. First Battalion plans to graduate approximately 2600 officers from its nine courses this year.

The Second Student Battalion's largest course is the Basic Infantry Officers Course. The BIOC classes provide basic training for nearly 3,000 Regular Army, National Guard, and Reserve officers each year. In BIOC, the new officer gains a working knowledge of duties and responsibilities of Infantry company grade officers. United States Military and Air Force Academy second classmen are also hosted by this unit.

Trained 2,000 Jumpers

Airborne, Ranger, and Pathfinder Courses are among classes found in the Fourth Student Battalion. Over 2,000 paratroopers have been graduated from its Airborne Classes since 1940. Presently the Fourth Battalion graduates 2,500 students by conducting 12 classes annually. The classes generally run for four and one-half weeks, and despite the intensive physical and mental conditioning required for the course, between 93 and 97 per

cent of the students graduate as qualified paratroopers. Training includes practice jumps from the 34 and 250-ft. towers.

by the Fourth Battalion, dates back to 1742 when the "Colonial Rangers" were formed. Present day Rangers begin their training in the wooded hills of Fort Benning's Harmony Church area. There they learn the fundamentals of small group warfare and round themselves into top physical condition. They later move to Florida where they participate in realistic swamp, amphibious, and survival exercises. Training then moves to the mountains of north Georgia where students learn rappelling (scaling sheer cliffs with the aid of ropes) and rugged guerrilla tactics. Upon graduation, these men are sent to units throughout the Army to serve as group leaders and instructors.

Marksmanship Courses

Several advanced marksmanship courses and two communication courses add several more hundred men to the Fourth Battalion.

The famed Officer Candidate School, which gives qualified enlisted men the opportunity to become reserve officers, is located in the Fifth Student Battalion. For 23 weeks the officer candidate is put through exacting mental and physical training to test his fitness as a potential officer.

Cadre and tactical officers of the Fifth Battalion must lead almost as rugged a schedule as the candidates. Despite the rigors of the course, a large percentage of the candidates fulfill their hopes and graduate as second lieutenants in the Infantry. Advanced noncommissioned officer and national guard officer candidate courses are also among those found in the Fifth Battalion.

The Infantry School Detachment is another specialized unit attached to The School Brigade. Instructors of the Infantry School are assigned to the Infantry School Detachment. Courses, such as airborne training, are conducted entirely by ISD personnel. Also, many specialized Infantry School committee — among them the mortar, ranger, staff, rifle, and map reading — are comprised solely of men of the Infantry School Detachment. At the present time, ISD is made up of approximately 1,900 personnel.

New Hospital Opens; Honors Gen. Martin

In the custom of naming Army hospitals for noted men in the Medical Corps and other branches of the Army Medical Service, Fort Benning's Martin Army Hospital becomes the 65th to bear a distinguished name as a memorialization, Major Gen. James P. Cooney, Army deputy surgeon general, said at Fort Benning July 1.

Gen. Cooney was the guest speaker at the formal dedication and opening of the ultra-modern \$8 million hospital at the post. The new medical installation was named for Major Gen. Joseph I. Martin, known throughout military and medical circles for his outstanding work in field medicine and military medical training and education. Many of today's modern procedures now accepted as standard practices are the result of his efforts. Gen. Martin died in April, 1957.

Some 500 Attend
Approximately 500 persons

welcomed by Major Gen. Paul L. Freeman, Jr., commanding general of The Infantry Center, attended the dedicatory services in front of the new hospital.

Mrs. Martin, widow of Gen. Martin, assisted Gen. Freeman in the impressive presentation of keys to the hospital commander, Col. Robert B. Skinner. Bearing her joy and sorrow with calm pride, Mrs. Martin, then, stepped forward to cut the tape across the doors.

The climax of the dedication came when Mrs. Martin pulled the cords unveiling the dedicatory plaque and her husband's portrait in the hospital's main lobby marked by a significant tribute of silence.

Kin On Hand

With Mrs. Martin were her five children, Mrs. O. H. Tackett, Fort Sill, Okla.; Mrs. P. R. Smith of Cleveland, Ohio; Lt. Col. George W. Martin, of Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, Denver, Colo.; Capt. Joseph I.

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MOTHER AND SON . . . Looking up at the huge nine-story Martin Army Hospital at Fort Benning following dedication ceremonies July 1 are Capt. Joseph I. Martin Jr., Fort Meade, Md., and his mother, Mrs. Martin, widow of Major Gen. Martin for whom the hospital is named.

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EYE PORTRAIT ... following dedication services of Fort Benning's Martin Army Hospital July 1, two young visitors stop to inspect the portrait of Major Gen. Joseph I. Martin for whom the new \$8 million hospital is named. They are Shelia Sonich, left, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. John J. Sonich, and Mike Douget, son of Capt. and Mrs. Charles Douget of Basile, La.

New Hospital—

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Martin Jr., and Sp2 Robert E. Martin, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Other members of the family included the general's brother, John F. Martin, North Riverside, Ill.

Reviewing briefly the history of Fort Benning, often called the Army's most complete post, Gen. Cooney pointed out the paralleling growth of hospital facilities. He explained the progress from one-story temporary wooden structures to a permanent station hospital to the beautiful Martin Hospital representing "all that is newest and most efficient in hospital construction."

Pays Tribute

Speaking of Gen. Martin with whom he was personally associated; Gen. Cooney said, "He inspired respect, admiration and loyalty. He was of inestimable value to the service and superbly qualified for any assignment. Known as a blunt, sincere, direct, demanding officer, he was at the same time loved for his humane qualities."

Of his wishes for the hospital bearing his name, Gen. Martin would have demanded professional competence but with equal emphasis, the humanities of medicine—the kindness, sympathy, and compassion—in treating patients as well as their ills, Gen. Cooney added.

Highlighting the performance and mission of Fort Benning's hospital, Gen. Cooney cited to the audience figures from the past year's work. Last year, the hospital facilities which are now being superseded, cared for total admissions of 11,604, representing an average daily census of 478 and 179,135 stay days. There were 338,172 visits to the out-patient clinics and the clinical laboratories performed a total of 540,743 tests. These activities resulted in the creation of 715 linear feet of records.

The hospital has been designated to train interns and pre-specialty residents. The first interns ever to train in a Class I, or station hospital in the U.S., were graduated this week. A residency program is expected to be in operation early in 1959.

Commissary Nursery Provides Cheap Baby Sitting

Fort Benning's Commissary Nursery, which provides convenient baby-sitter service at a minimum cost for the many grocery shoppers on the military reservation, has moved from its former small quarters to two spacious wings of the Commissary Milk Bar.

The nursery, which is a project of Daughters of the U.S. Army, cares for more than 2,000 children a month while their parents use commissary facilities.

The Commissary Nursery was reopened in its new, spacious quarters last April.

The new Commissary Nursery features an enlarged playroom, additional attendants and a fenced yard with swings and sandboxes. The playroom can care for about 50 children at a time and handles more than double the capacity of the old building.

The nursery's hours parallel those of the commissary. Peak attendance has been 220 in one seven-hour day. The modest charge is 15 cents for one hour and 5 cents for the next half-hour. A penalty is charged for parents leaving their children more than 1½ hours.



TRY SWING . . . Five youngsters try out the glider swing, one of the activity toys in the new Commissary Nursery.

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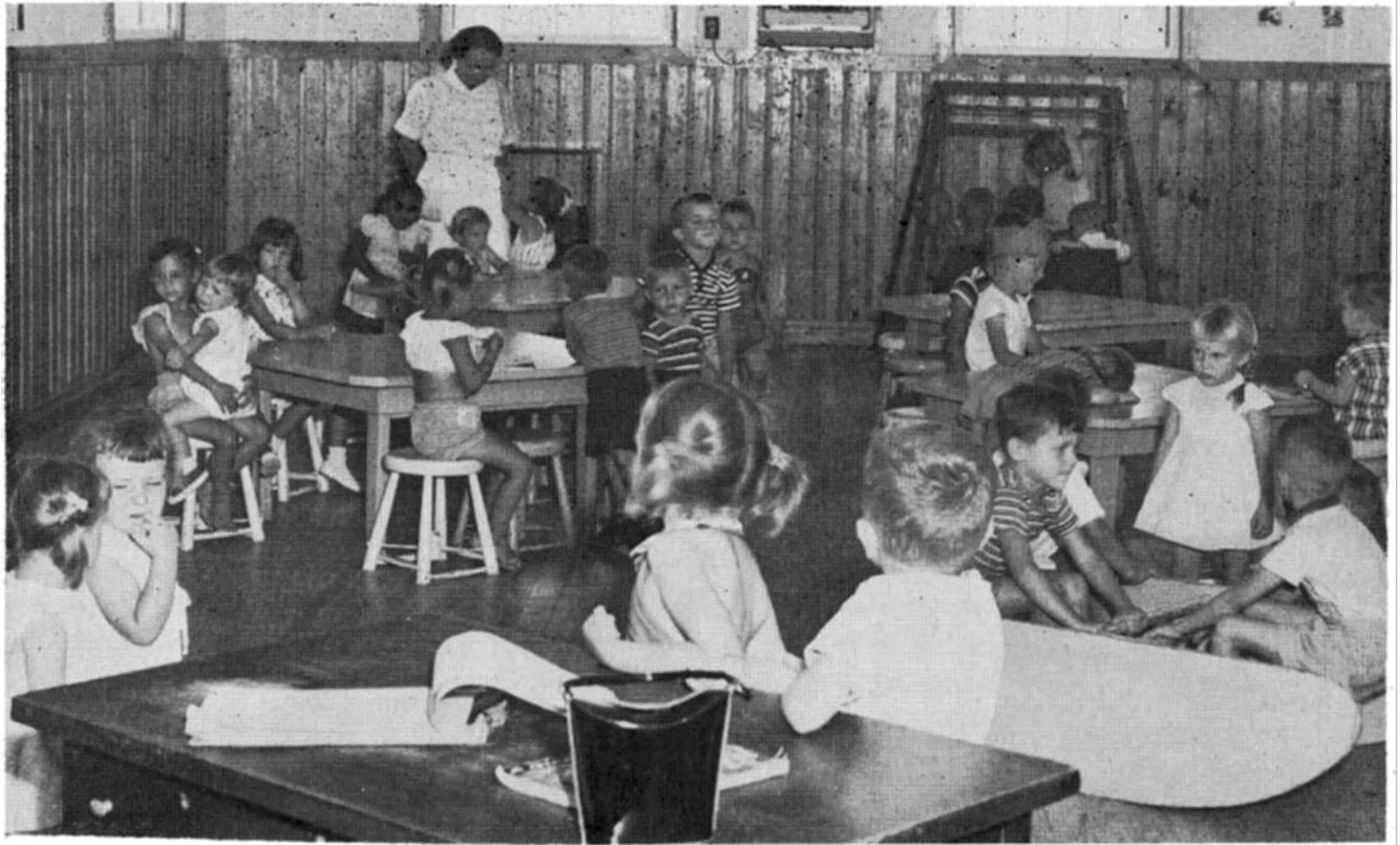
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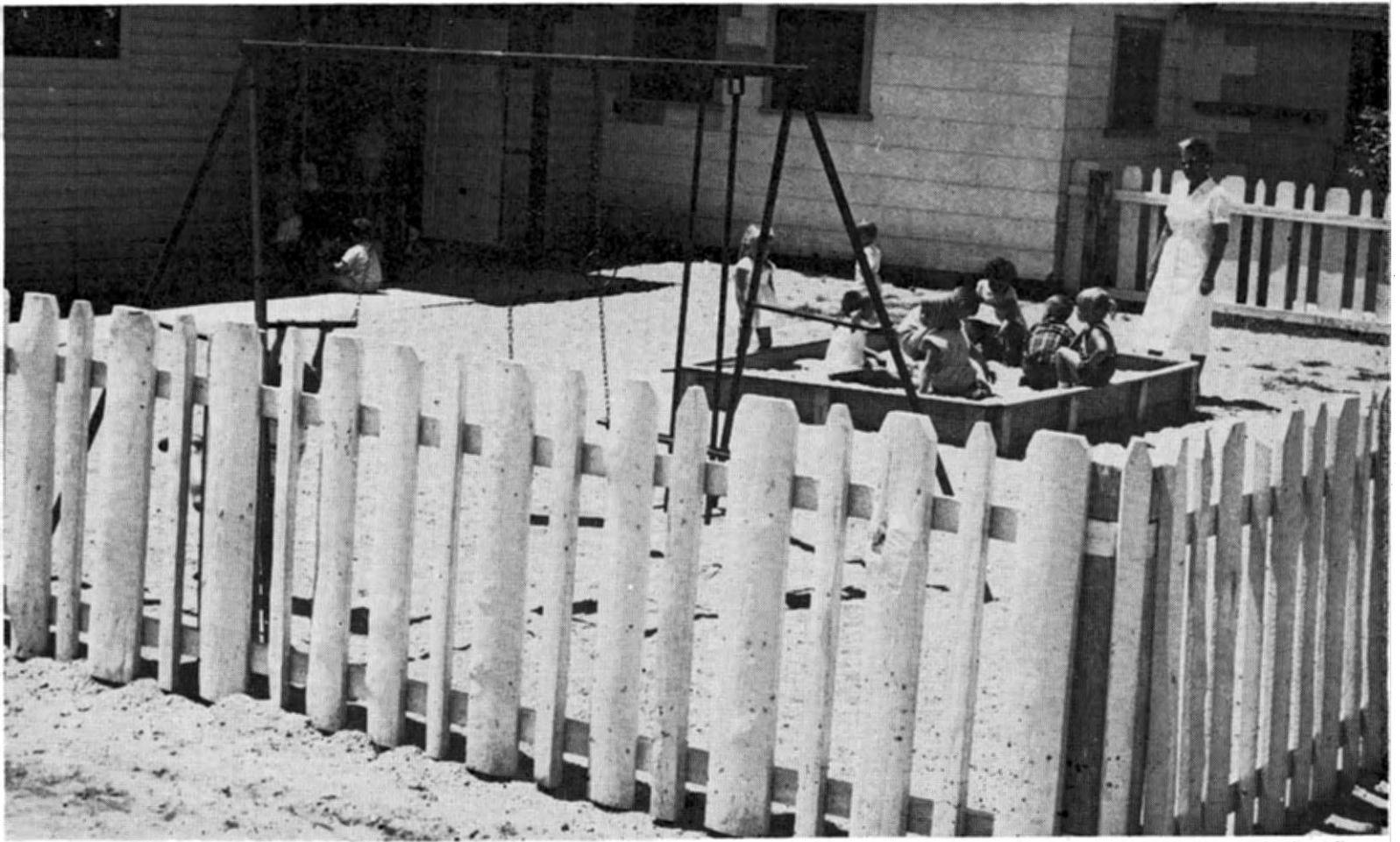
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Eighteen units from four different Army posts combine to demonstrate the latest concepts of ground warfare to Congressional, business, industry, and military leaders attending Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences. The next performance of the demonstration is slated for JCOC No. 27 on Oct. 10.

The two-hour show consists of an artillery firing exercise and an attack by a helicopter-borne rifle company from the First Battle Group, 29th Infantry.

Shown in action are the Honest John rocket, an aerial reconnaissance platoon, individual Infantry helmet and belt radios, a battlefield television camera, new M-14 and M-15 rifles, the new M-60 machine gun, mechanical mules, multiple-barreled rocket launchers, and the new 55-ton combat engineer vehicle.

Nearly 30 aircraft are involved in the demonstration, including a T-37 Army jet and the huge H-37 helicopter.

"This demonstration, unlike any other at Fort Benning, shows the complete integration of the Infantry and all support-

ing arms—Armor, Artillery, Army Aviation, Engineers," says Lt. Col. Edward J. Go-recki, principal instructor from The Infantry School Command and Staff Department.

The demonstration was cre-

ated in April, 1957. It has since been presented to the Inter-American Defense Board, the Army Scientific Research Panel, and twice to JCOC. Nearly 4,000 people witness each presentation of the prob-

lem, including members of the general public who are invited to the final full-dress rehearsals.

The airphibious assault demonstration opens with the performance of photo reconnaissance missions by L-19 and T-37 aircraft. Then an aerial reconnaissance platoon of helicopters, armed with machine guns and 8-inch rockets and ground troops, move in to gain detailed intelligence of the objective area.

A pair of atomic bomb simulators knock out adjacent enemy strongpoints, and assault forces move in to seize the objectives. A crew of pathfinders—with an armed helicopter escort—lands to first prepare for the arrival of the helicopter-borne assault company. Twenty-one helicopters bring the company at tree-top level into the landing zone, and the fully-equipped ROCID rifle company goes into action. Once the objective is seized, wire is laid to the company by an H-13 helicopter and resupplies are dropped by U-1 aircraft. An H-37 carries in two re-enforcement jep-mounted 106 mm rifles and then evacuates wounded and prisoners of war.

In the final actions, the higher commander arrives on the objective via an H-13 helicopter to direct a linkup with a mobile task force and a massive coordinated attack on a new objective. The mobile task force includes a platoon of M-48 tanks, two platoons of armored personnel carriers, a flame tank, and the combat engineer vehicle with its 165 gun.

The roster of units supporting the firepower and airphibious assault demonstration includes such far ranging outfits as the experimental aerial combat reconnaissance platoon, from Fort Rucker, Ala.; Aviation Company, 101st Airborne Division, from Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Battery B, 83d Field



MULES MOVE OUT . . . Helicopter-transported 106mm recoilless rifle and mechanical mule with full crew move into the attack. From the left are Cpl. Phillip L. Callahan, Sgt. Hayward L. Wallace, Sgt. Oscar Miranda, and Sfc Richard Trapier.



RIFLE COMPANY LANDS . . . Riflemen from Company A, First Battle Group, 29th Infantry disembark from H-34 helicopter to prepare for the assault.

Artillery Battalion, from Fort Bragg, N: C.

Key units from Fort Benning in the demonstration include the First Battle Group, 29th Infantry; the Second Field Artillery, 10th Artillery; and the Third Medium Tank battalion.

Company A of the 29th Infantry holds the key role of the demonstration assault rifle company. It has acted as the assault company and administrative base unit since the problem was created.

Lt. Col. Gorecki says, "Of all the people it takes to make this demonstration go, the doughfeet who come from the 29th Infantry are the real stars of the presentation."

In addition to Company A, the 29th provides an armored reconnaissance platoon, a 4.2 mortar platoon, a communications section, and assistant instructors. The number of 29th Infantrymen participating in the problem totals nearly 350, including 15 officers.



ASSAULT WITH NEW WEAPONS . . . Pfc Robert J. Dunham, with M-14 rifle, and Sgt. Arthur L. McHose, background, with M-15 rifle.

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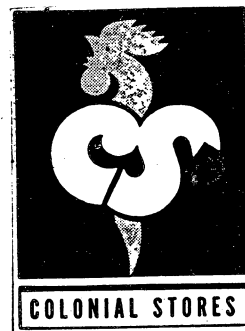
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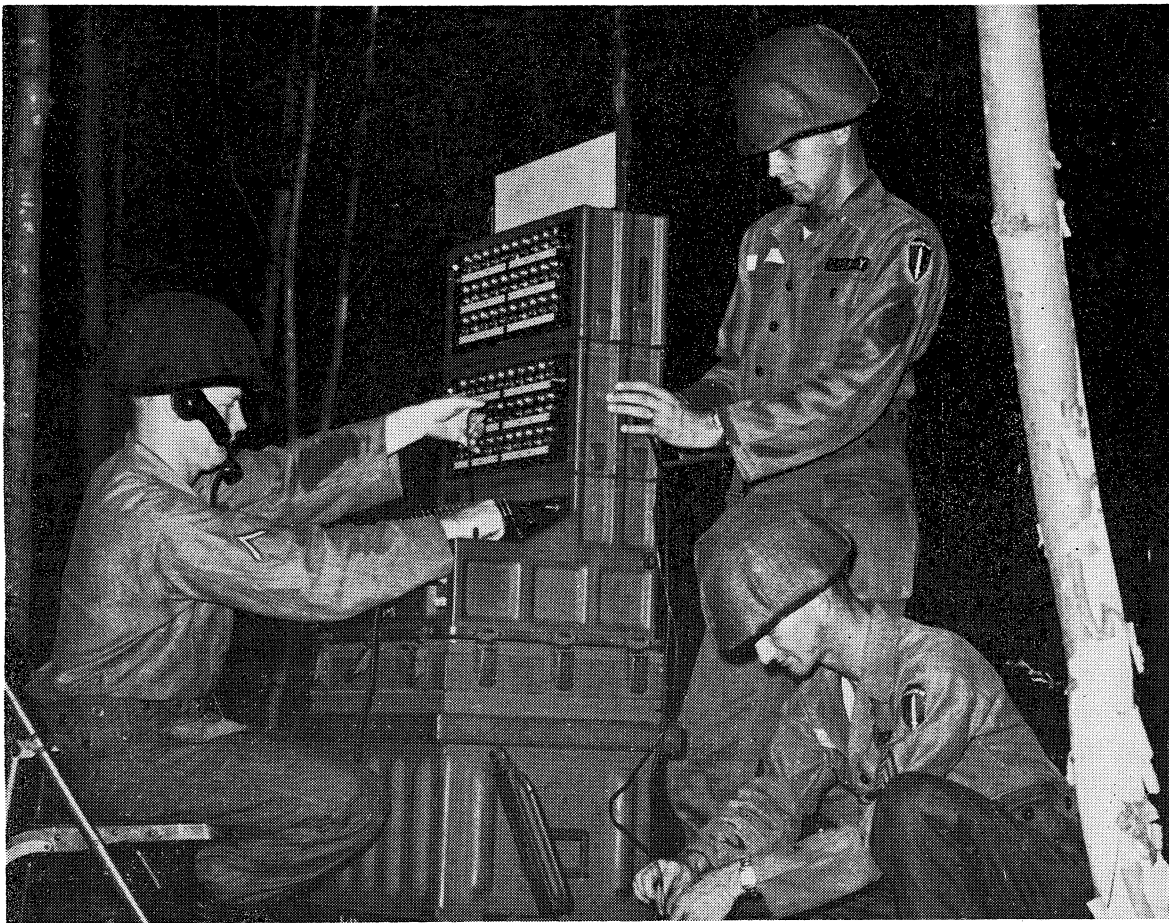
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READY FOR OPERATION . . . Pfc Albert Deas, left, 11th Signal Platoon, Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry, is shown making connections with Brigade Headquarters as Sgt. James Wilson, standing, and Sgt. Everett Segrave, 11th Signal Platoon, make last minute connections to the battery.

14th Units Set Stage for TIS Demonstrations

In support of the Infantry School problem demonstrations, units attached to the Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry, contribute much to the mechanics of setting the stage for realistic simulated battle conditions.

The 72nd Engineer Company (Combat), attached to the Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry, plays a major role in the demonstrations for the school. They act as instructors and assistant instructors of the post demolition school at Fort Benning. The unit also installs "Atomic Simulators" used on the problems to give a realistic looking bomb blast. The most spectacular of the company's demonstrations is the building of the aluminum floating footbridge on the "The Battle Group in the Attack, River Crossing," which is run on the Chattahoochee River. This problem demonstrates the employment of light stream crossing equipment in a tactical situation.

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THEY PAVE THE WAY . . . Members of the 72nd Engineer (Combat) Company, Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry, pave the way for a river crossing by constructing a foot bridge for the oncoming troops.

(Combat) was constituted as a regular Army unit and activated at Fort Belvoir, Va., in June, 1941, as a light pontoon bridge company. During World War II, the engineer company served in campaigns in France, Belgium, Luxemburg, and Ger-

many, winning battle honors for the Normandy Campaign, the campaigns in northern France, the Rhineland, and finally in the Central Europe Campaign.

Until the Korean Campaign, the unit was inactive since

1946, and was again activated in Korea and assigned as a subordinate unit of the Fifth Regimental Combat Team on Jan. 3, 1949. This unit is authorized to display 20 battle honors and Presidential Citations on their guidon.

The 87th Chemical Company (Smoke Generator) is the only mechanical smoke generator unit on post, which gives them the big assignment of supporting the Infantry School when
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Demonstrations—

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smoke tactics are essential in demonstrations.

The primary mission of the 87th Chemical Company is the concealment of troop or installations under all operating conditions by use of mechanical smoke.

This company was activated at Camp Sibert, Alabama on Dec. 26, 1942, and after a three year tour at this station, the unit moved to Camp Shanks, N. Y., preparing to join the United States Forces in Europe. The unit served in England, France, Belgium, and Germany during World War II. In October, 1945, the unit was placed on an inactive status and remained inactive until January, 1952, when the unit was reactivated at the Army Chemical Center, Md., and assigned to the 29th Regimental Combat Team and later assigned to the Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry, at Fort Benning.



MINUTE MAN . . . Pfc Wayne Lawrence, 11th Signal Platoon, Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry, makes contact with higher headquarters in the small mobile radio unit before moving to another position in the highly mobile truck unit.

This unit is authorized to carry two battle honors for action in Northern France and the Rhineland.

The 11th Signal Platoon (Area Support) has the mission of supporting The Infan-

try School by means of essential communication. This platoon has essential equipment to repair and service the communication equipment in the field. This unit is assigned to provide communication hook-

up for a unit as large as a battle group or regiment.

This platoon was activated May 26, 1957, as a subordinate unit of the Second Battle to fulfill the mission of the Infantry School.



WHITE CLOUD . . . Pfc Kelly Pierce, 87th Chemical Company, Second Battle Group, 14th Infantry, unleashes the desired amount of smoke to give ample concealment for any tactical situation.

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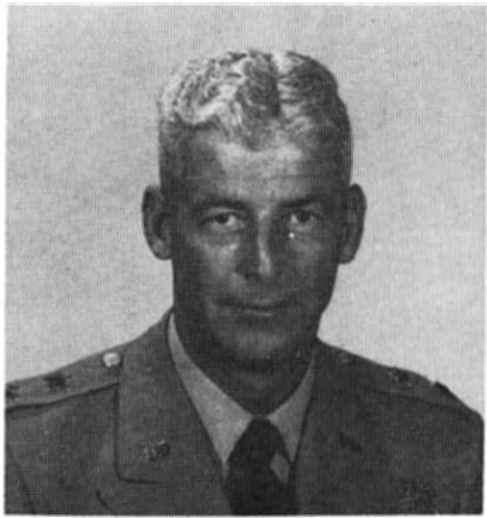
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Keynote Speech

When military leaders met for the Infantry Conference at Fort Benning on Dec. 2-6, Gen. Paul L. Freeman set the tone for the talks by pin-pointing the modern Army's needs.—Page 2



As the holiday season approaches, I desire to extend best wishes to all the military and civilian personnel and their families at Fort Benning for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

At the same time, I am pleased to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation for the splendid accomplishments and devotion to duty displayed by all personnel at Fort Benning throughout the past year.

I hope that each of you will be able to participate in the traditional religious observances of your choice, and that you will enjoy the recreational activities planned for your entertainment on and off the Post.

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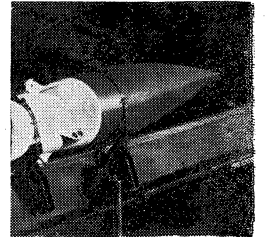


Air Mobility

One of the best means to increase the Army's ability to move quickly and hit hard is the use of Army Aviation.—Page 4

Nuclear Progress

Use of battlefield nuclear weapons demand modification of outmoded concepts and development of new strategies.—Page 6



Rifle Technique

Analysis of training methods lead to discovery of new techniques in developing sure-fire, expert infantry marksmen.—Page 9

Ranger Training

Ranger training is designed to bring the soldier, both mentally and physically, to the fine edge of perfection, enabling him to accomplish any task his mission calls for.—Page 12



Summing Up

After five days of talks, exhibitions and demonstrations, the conference participants drafted the methods whereby the Army would remain the most powerful in the world.—Page 16



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LEADERS LISTEN . . . Gen. Bruce C. Clarke, commanding general, U.S. Continental Army, addresses more than 200 military leaders at banquet given in honor of Undersecretary of the Army, Hugh M. Milton, foreground, 2nd from left, during conference. With him are, (l-r) Gen. (Ret.) James A. Van Fleet, Major Gen. Paul L. Freeman Jr., commandant, Infantry School.

General Freeman Keynotes Purpose Of Fort Benning Infantry Conference

Revolutionary Concepts Of Warfare Demand A Smaller, Highly Mobile, Hard-hitting Infantry

In 1946 under the dynamic direction of General Mike O'Daniel, Benning conducted a conference similar to that which you are attending. That conference had as its primary objective the application of lessons of World War II to the improvement of Infantry Weapons, Organization and Technique. Principal among the recommendations made by the conferees and accepted by the Department of Army were:

The addition of a Medium Tank Battalion

And an Antiaircraft Automatic Weapons

Battalion to The Infantry Division.

The substitution of a 4.2" Mortar Company and a

Medium Tank Company for the Regimental Cannon Company

and Antitank Company.

An increase in Artillery Howitzers to six per battery and

recognition of Army Aviation Capabilities.

Recognition of the need for an Armored Personnel Carrier Organic to the Infantry.

Many of us here profited by these augmentations of firepower and increases of personnel strength during the Korean conflict. We were in high praise of the beefed-up regimental combat team nearly 5,000 strong. It provided great flexibility in the organization of sub-combat teams at any level down to the platoon. It could accommodate reinforcing units up to two battalions without strain. It could fight independently when separated from supporting units. Most of all, it could still fight effectively after sustaining losses of 30 to

40 per cent in personnel and equipment.

Likewise, the 1948-1950 Infantry Division was well able to take care of itself in sustained combat in Korea on frontages almost as wide as those that we now visualize for the future.

True, the Korean war was a peculiar war—in many ways, a retrogression to the primitive after World War II. However, deficiencies in enemy strength in artillery, in air power, and in better mobility which might have put our new organization to a more severe test, were more than compensated for by adversities of terrain, weather and restrictions of political nature.

I mention our satisfaction with this heavy organization in some detail because of the contrast with our infantry division of today. The conferees of 1946 did an outstanding job in improving our combat effectiveness for the period it could foresee.

Understandably, the revolutionary concepts in national

strategy and ground warfare that now confront us could not have been anticipated. Unseen was the strategy of deterrence and retaliation that has led to a reduction of Army forces and has apparently relegated their probable employment to conditions short of general war. A type of employment for which the heavy, cumbersome, slow-moving division and regiment of only five years ago are no longer suited. In this dramatic era of atomic plenty and scientific achievement, with the advent of low-yield nuclear weapons available for battlefield employment by units as small as the company, platoon and even squad, and with equal attainments in surface and air mobility, a new look at the immediate future and beyond is required if we are to realize the full potential of infantry.

It is for this purpose that we have asked our foremost infantry leaders and those representatives of other arms and services to meet with us in another infantry conference.

During the few days that you

will be here, you will be given presentations by the Infantry School, the Department of Army, Continental Army Command, Comand and General Staff College and certain individuals on:

The current situation

The latest doctrinal concept of organization, tactics and methods

Weapons

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Pressing problems will be described to you. There will be some demonstrations and displays.

With the benefit of these briefings and your own experience and knowledge, it is our hope that you will assist us to resolve the problems and formulate specific recommendations as to the course that infantry should take in the period from now through 1965. To do so will require bold and imaginative thought and a willingness to plunge into the future, abandoning where necessary outmoded concepts of the past.

As you know, most of you are assigned to one or more of the eleven committees that have been formed to investigate specific subjects and to submit recommendations. These recommendations will be presented to the conference at large and, if adopted, will be processed through channels to be studied as the basis for changes in doctrine, equipment, organization and methods.

First of all, for our investigations we require a point of departure. Where do we stand now? What might be required of us? What will we need to do the job?

Admittedly, it is not within the purview of the Infantry School to examine national defense policy and war plans. These subjects will be developed by speakers from Department of the Army and CONARC. However, we at the school who are charged with formulating infantry doctrine must face the facts behind the guidelines we are given. We cannot logically work in a vacuum, oblivious of the restrictions imposed by national strategy and available resources of men and money.

What combat units we can maintain will serve little purpose in a war of the future of any size unless they are ready forces—fully equipped, trained and hardened. This dictates expedients and steps of every type to be taken to insure maximum potential combat effectiveness on an as-is-now basis. Training must be simplified.

Time no longer permits perfecting the individual soldier for his more complicated duties. Trainfire and battledrill are recent partial solutions to this problem. Also, we must recognize a more intelligent soldier who can learn in a shorter period of time. Equipment must be more rugged and simple to operate and maintain. The M-14 Rifle, which replaces four other weapons, is a step in this direction, as is some of our newer communications equipment. Where equipment cannot be simplified, we must develop "hard to train" technicians from sources other than troop schools.

As for what might be required of us, the Chief of Staff has stated repeatedly that while we have a role in general war, our principal mission is to prepare for the more likely smaller wars. Wars in the peripheral areas ranging from a show of force to organized conflicts such as Korea. Situations that require an adequate, measured application of force—infantry-type wars designed to destroy the enemy on the battlefield and not the friendly nation that we seek to preserve. We must develop and maintain compact, hard-hitting forces capable of rapid movement from the U.S. or an overseas base to a peripheral area of potential or actual conflict to stamp out a spark before it becomes a bonfire. Forces light in equipment and manpower, but heavy in firepower, agile in movement and capable of sustained action pending reinforcement by heavier units and slower transport. Such forces obviously must rely primarily on an atomic firepower capability, versatile, light equipment and movement by air, both to and within the theater of operations.

At the same time, we must continue to maintain heavier formations in Western Europe to deter the shock if an incident occurs which is designed to take over by default.

Our requirements for units such as these are in most instances well recognized. Quite obviously, we need a rapid means of transport to the battle area and, while the provision of suitable air or sea lift cannot be resolved by this conference, at least we can advocate equipment that is air-transportable and techniques built around such equipment.

Other requirements are improved battlefield mobility; mechanization of the Infantry to include at first armored personnel carriers at least for all

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HIGH FLYING ARMY . . . Bell Helicopter was one of the many exhibits displayed in conjunction with the Infantry Conference. Army Aviation is one of the means employed to ensure the highly mobile fighting force that modern battle-field conditions demand. (L-r), P. C. Porwine, sales engineer, G. A. Zabriskie, civilian engineer, Capt. John K. Hoyle, Airborne Mobility Dept.

Increased Mobility For Ground Troops Calls For Greater Army Aviation Support

The policy of "Defense through Preparedness" advocated by the U.S. Government and the need for improved mobility for the Army on the battlefields of the future dictate two separate and distinct requirements for mobility-air mobility. These requirements may be, in general, established as requirements for strategic and tactical air mobility, respectively. Strategic air mobility pertains to the movement of troops, supplies and equipment by medium or heavy USAF transport aircraft to an overseas destination, in support of an operation possessing either a political or military significance. Tactical air mobility is designed to enable the Army to surmount terrain barriers, traverse great distances quickly and move troops, supplies and equipment directly in support of tactical operations. These two means of air transport in no way compete with each other; rather they are complementary, and the success of one depends upon the other. For the foreseeable future, the capability of the U.S. Army to engage in strategic airmobile operations is restricted only by the number of aircraft available and the training and equipment of units involved. Strategic air lift must be utilized in competing priorities with other military operations which also requires the use of the limited number of expensive aircraft available. Within the overall requirement for mobility, the Army has a requirement for complete tactical mobility. There appears to be two roads or approaches to complete mobility for the Army. In the mid and long range periods, 1959-1968, these two roads will consist of a proportionate amount of ground and air mobility means. The ground mobility means are designed for improving the Army's capability of traversing land masses in the same manner as in the past. The air mobility means, on the other hand, are those means designed to enhance the capability of the Army to surmount terrain barriers, traverse great distances

quickly and maneuver fully equipped combat forces on the battlefield. During this conference an attempt will be made to determine the relative status and proportion of mobility means, air and ground, for the mid and long range periods.

The overall objective of Air Mobility for Infantry is to increase the SPEED, RANGE and FLEXIBILITY of all operations by increasing the capability of positioning and sustaining forces through the use of air vehicles. During this conference, the situation pertaining to air mobility will be reviewed with emphasis on the determination of those measures which will best satisfy our foreseeable needs. This review will include the following:

- a. An examination of **current posture**.
- b. An examination of **future posture** as reflected in plans and programs.
- c. Examination of **identifiable trends**.
- d. Evaluation of the **overall position**.
- e. Determination of **action**

required.

To clearly establish and clarify the specific subject matter under consideration, the following definitions will be used throughout the conference:

AIRBORNE OPERATIONS:

AIRBORNE OPERATIONS involve the movement and delivery by air into an objective area of combat forces and their logistical support for execution of a **TACTICAL** or **STRATEGIC MISSION**. The means employed may be any combination of airborne units, air transportable units and types of transport aircraft, depending on the mission and overall situation. Operations may be conducted for extended periods over great distances by employing combinations of medium and heavy aircraft. Airborne operations are **NORMALLY JOINT IN NATURE** and are conducted by Army combat forces and air force or Navy air units organized, equipped and trained for joint airborne operations. Within this definition, the conferees will examine the requirements

and concepts for airborne operations in the future. An attempt will be made to determine the requirements for requirements for transport aircraft, type operations considered to be most appropriate for the time frames under consideration and, in general, explore and evaluate current doctrine pertaining to airborne-airmobile operations.

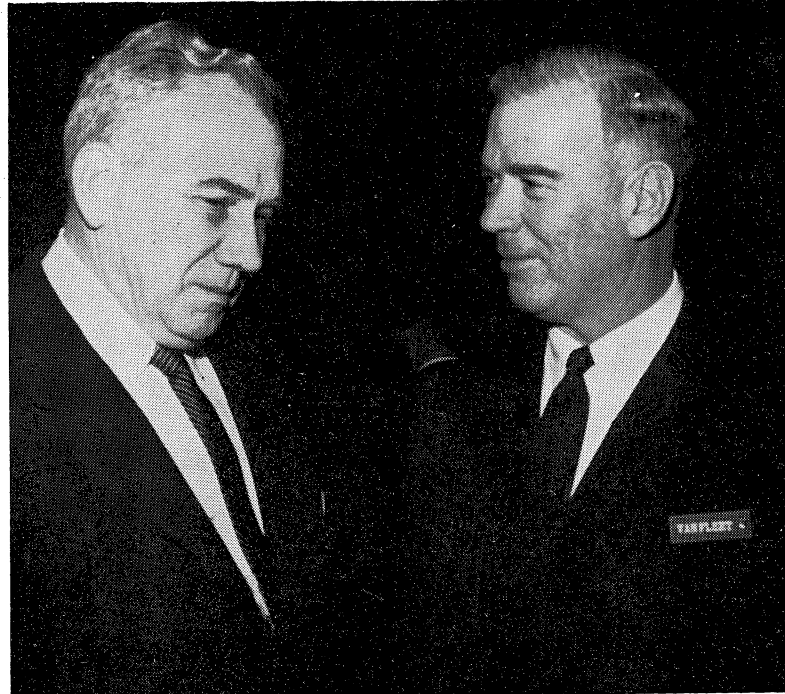
AIRMOBILE OPERATIONS:

AIRMOBILE OPERATIONS are operations in which combat forces and their equipment move by aircraft and air vehicle about the battlefield to engage in combat as a **NORMAL PART OF LAND COMBAT OPERATIONS**. These operations are usually tactical operations, **LIMITED IN MISSION, RANGE AND DURATION** by the availability and capability of aircraft and air vehicles used to move the participating force. Airmobile operations are **NORMALLY UNILATERAL** but may be conducted as part of joint airborne operations.

The requirement for an Army capability of conducting airmobile operations is more than substantiated by the fact that radical increases in fire power require commensurate increases in mobility for both

offense and defense. On the nuclear battlefields of the future, where opposing forces possess an approximately equal firepower capability, mobility may well decide the victor. It will be the responsibility of the conferees to evaluate the current Army capabilities in this field, to include an appraisal of Army requirements in the field of fixed and rotary winged aircraft, and the determination of type organizations, procedures and techniques applicable to the utilization of such air transport on the future battlefield.

In the field of airborne and airmobile operations; organizations, personnel, equipment and aircraft must be considered as one complete entity rather than as separate ones. With this in mind, the conferees will be advised of current and proposed developments in each of these fields to familiarize them with current trends which have a definite bearing on the air mobility capability of the Army. Certain of the items of equipment which will be discussed will already be familiar to many conferees. However, a portion of the items of equipment will be new to certain of the conferees and these will be selected so as to present a complete picture of the state of the art in the fields of equipment, air-



TALKING IT OVER . . . Gen. James A. V. Fleet (Ret.), right, and Undersecretary of the Army, Hugh M. Milton II, left, discuss future of Army. Sidelight to the Infantry Conference was a dinner held in Mr. Milton's honor.

craft, organizations and industry which may affect the capability of the Army to conduct airmobile operations.

During the committee meetings which are scheduled as a part of the conference, the Air Mobility Sub-committee of the Mobility Committee will evaluate all aspects of Army Air

and will determine requirements, priorities and future actions considered necessary to attain the degree of air mobility required for success on nuclear battlefields of the future. The air mobility committee will be under the chairmanship of Brig. Gen. C. B. DeGavre.

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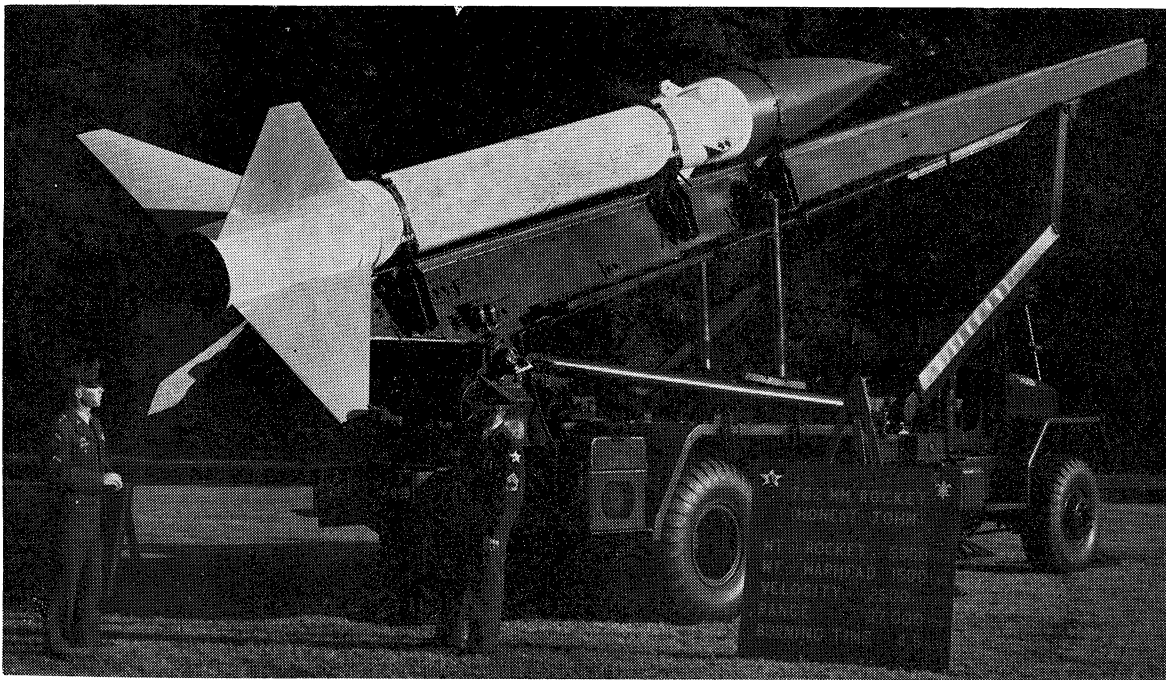
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PACKS A PUNCH . . . Rockets, such as the Honest John above, capable of using either a conventional or an atomic warhead are one of the reasons for the meeting of military leaders at Fort Benning. Atomic power, on the battle-field, in the hands of the soldier demands a radical change in military thinking.

Nuclear Developments Cause Evolution Of Special Techniques For New Infantry

The advent of the concept of our nuclear weapons are such that a commander today possesses in one round sufficient combat power to literally destroy an enemy force positioned to interfere with the accomplishment of a given mission. Accompanying the possession of such concentrated combat power, which can be used in the decisive phase of combat to literally destroy the enemy at the stroke of the clock, is the commander's responsibility to employ these weapons efficiently and decisively with appropriate considerations for troop safety. We have been in the "atomic age" for thirteen years but still too few people—yes, even we in the military—have an appreciation of the combat power contained in our nuclear weapons. We use the term 20 KT to describe the yield of a nominal weapon and realize by definition that this weapon, when detonated, release energy equivalent to 20,000 tons of TNT. Considering the limited number of nuclear weapons that optimistically can be expected to be available to a commander for a specific operation and the magnitude of the effects of each, to say nothing of the individual cost of such weapons, I expect the majority of you will agree with published doctrine that

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these weapons are truly commanders' weapons. As such, it is required that as much care and consideration be given to the planned employment of each nuclear weapon as is given to the planned employment of any other major combat element of the command. To obtain the maximum mutual benefit from his combat forces, it is necessary that a commander simultaneously plan for the employment of his nuclear weapons and maneuver forces, then plan to support both with adequate non-nuclear fire support. It is the purpose of this presentation to review with you current Army surface-to-surface nuclear capabilities and to emphasize some of the more important elements of current doctrine as a point of departure for future discussions during this conference. You are all familiar with the fact that we categorize nuclear detonations as air bursts, surface bursts and subsurface bursts and that the energy released manifests itself in heat or thermal radiation, blast and nuclear radiation. I'll review some of the major military considerations of each type of burst. Now let's turn our attention to the Army delivery means currently in the hands of troops. These first two delivery

systems are organic to ROCID and ROCAD in the composite Battalion of Division Artillery. The 8-inch artillery is familiar from World War II and Korea. The Honest John is a 762-mm free rocket. Its monorail launcher seen here is 43 feet long and is mounted on a 5-ton truck. Honest John is also organic to Air Transportable Missile Commands and Missile Commands (medium). This delivery system is Little John and as the name implies is a lighter, smaller (318-mm), more mobile version of Honest John. Army surface - to - surface guided missiles include a variety of types ranging from short-range missiles for use against fortifications and other hard, pinpoint targets, to much longer range missiles capable of attacking area targets deep in enemy territory. Two delivery systems classed as guided missiles are the Corporal and Redstone.

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vertical delivery error was inherent with each specific delivery system. Since undesired fallout can significantly effect all operations over an extended area, it follows that use of surface and subsurface bursts must be controlled at a very high level. To demonstrate how characteristics of a delivery system, when considered to preclude fallout, can materially reduce the desired effect of a weapon, let's consider this slide.

Here we have a tank battalion in an assembly area. Our analyst has computed that the minimum yield weapon with O CEP and O vertical error needed to produce moderate damage to a majority of the tanks is a low air burst "Echo" weapon. However, if this weapon has to be delivered by a delivery system with a 300 ft. vertical error, it is necessary to raise the height of burst to a high air burst to provide a very high assurance of no fallout. If we detonate an "Echo" weapon as a high air burst, not only will we get little or no tank damage but the personnel casualty radius will be reduced. This circle, when compared with the previous casualty circle, shows the reduced distance at which protected personnel will become casualties.

A commander's reaction to undesirable delivery characteristics may be a tendency to gamble on fallout. Fallout is most difficult to predict with any degree of accuracy because the analyst is continually working with predicted meteorological forecast.

You will recall that the predicted fallout plot used to look like this. It briefly was a prediction of idealized intensity contours drawn around an average scaling wind with intensities normalized at one hour after the burst. There were two major deficiencies in this system. First, the concept of intensities at 1 hour after the burst regardless of whether the fallout had arrived on the ground, was difficult to understand and more difficult to teach. Secondly, the contours were a gross estimate based on an average scaling wind. Deficiencies in the system were complicated by analysts and commanders attempting to use this gross estimate as a precise prediction for planning operations. The Command and General Staff College (USC&GSC) has devised a new system which has Department of Army approval for use as The New Army Fallout Prediction Sys-

tem as soon as the doctrine can be published. The new system is believed to be more valid as a prediction for use by a commander in the field. There is still one major deficiency with this new system. There is no attempt in the system to predict intensity. The predicted envelope is that area within which militarily significant fallout can be expected to occur.

A normal question at this stage is "If this business is as complicated as it appears, how can a commander cope with his employment responsibilities?"

The answer, of course, is through training and efficient allocation of his available weapons.

In the first place, each commander must recognize that his responsibilities fall in these three general areas. It is important to note that the "Situation" is first, not only because it includes consideration of the mission which is always paramount, but emphasis must be given to target acquisition and the S2's overall staff responsibilities for it. The second area—the "target" emphasizes the requirement of accurately predicting its response to the weapon employed. A hidden requirement in the third area is the commander's responsibility for security of his weapons and delivery systems.

The sequence of command and staff action has not changed with our present concept. However, it is important to note that aspects of nuclear weapons employment must be integrated into each of the seven steps from the study of the mission to supervision of the operation.

We believe it is appropriate here to emphasize that doctrine charges the commander with the personal responsibility of including in his planning guidance direction concerning these three considerations for nuclear weapons employment (Damage desired, troop safety, contingent requirements).

It is important to recognize that to be able to do this the commander must consider and visualize employment of his available nuclear weapons and maneuver simultaneously.

Guidance concerning damage is a statement by the commander as to the amount of damage to a target or target area that he considers necessary to permit the accomplishment of his mission.

Command guidance concerning troop safety is normally an
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SOP item, however, specific situations may require specific guidance.

A contingency requirement could be a need to avoid creating an obstacle of induced radiation or tree blowdown in a certain area.

Continental Army Command by TM 16 dated 7 April 1958 requires a minimum of nuclear weapons employment officers to be assigned at each echelon as indicated on this slide. These are not in addition to but are within current TOE strengths.

The Infantry School is in the process of producing its appropriate share of Infantry Officers to accept these responsibilities. Initially, Armed Forces Special Weapons Project at Sandia and C&GSC at Leavenworth were the only schools training army officers as nuclear weapons employment officers. Today, each school of combat arms has this mission associated with their Advanced Courses. Since January 1958, the Infantry School has been training officers of the Advanced and Associate Advanced Classes—and designating selected students from each class as nuclear weapons employment officers. Since January approximately 400 graduates have been so designated.

Obviously, it is a time consuming procedure for a single staff to plan for the employment of a large number of weapons because a recommendation or decision must determine these seven items: WEAPON & YIELD, DELIVERY SYSTEM, HEIGHT OF BURST, TIME OF ATTACK, DESIRED GROUND ZERO, TROOP SAFETY, AND PREDICTED DAMAGE. Therefore, the solution is in decentralization of control just as it is with other major combat elements. Obviously, allocation of weapons must be accomplished as early as possible in the planning phase. This means that a rapid analysis of potential targets is necessary prior to visualizing schemes of maneuver so that a commander, assisted by his staff, can efficiently tailor his combat strength to accomplish his mission.

I've continually emphasized simultaneous visualization of employment of nuclear weapons and scheme of maneuver in order to reap the maximum mutual benefit from each.

Nuclear and non-nuclear fires will be employed on known enemy targets east of the _____ River. On-

call fires, both nuclear and non-nuclear, will be scheduled on logical crossing sites. If the enemy is successful in establishing himself on the west side of the river, elements of the division must continue to execute maximum delay in zone.

Let's focus our attention on a task force on the north battle group. In analyzing the terrain the commander concluded that this avenue of approach leading from the possible crossing site between A and B was his most vulnerable area. In considering courses of action to continue to execute maximum delay west of the _____

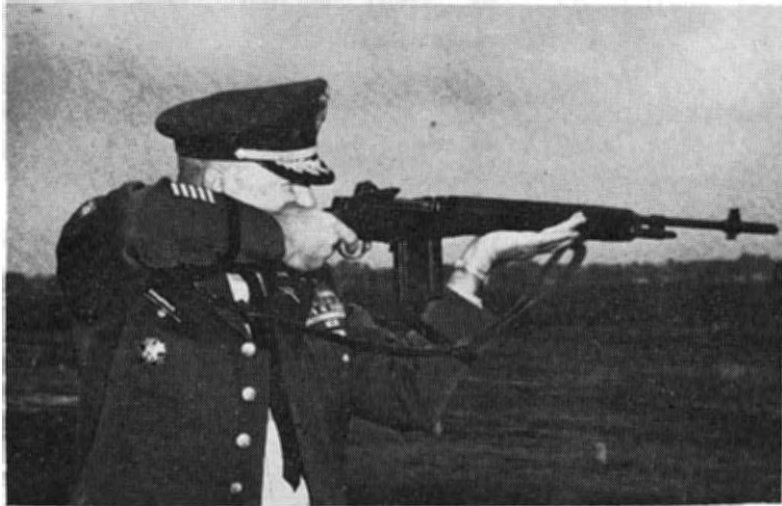
River, it was determined that a "Golf" weapon, if employed and detonated over this ground zero, would produce casualties to about 1/2 of the exposed enemy troops, 1/3 of the enemy in personnel carriers and 1/5 of the troops in medium tanks that could be contained in the area bounded by the river and this triangular road net. In addition, significant bonus casualties to personnel and light damage to enemy equipment could be expected out to this outer circle.

Can he so maneuver with a reasonable degree of troop safety to canalize the enemy and hold him in this killing zone for a sufficient time to create a worthwhile target for this weapon?

Subsequent action is kept flexible to take advantage of the then existing situation. The situation may be such that previous positions on the river can be restored. The situation may be such that continued withdrawal is desirable and then the commander takes advantage of his nuclear weapon to break contact.

It becomes obvious from this example that we advocate allocation of appropriate nuclear weapons to the battle group consistent with the five considerations previously discussed.

New weapons and our weapons tests are providing us with more and more reliable data. Instruction in our service schools is being expanded to produce commanders and staff officers with knowledge to employ these nuclear weapons in combat. As Infantry commanders, we must be sure that our training and instruction is in consonance with approved and changing doctrine in this field so that we can ensure victory on the battlefield by efficient employment of all elements of our combat power.



ARMY FIRE POWER . . . Testing new M-14 rifle is Col. Rollins S. Emmerich, right, commander, Army Aggressor Center, Ft. Riley. Demonstration of lighter, more-accurate weapon as compared to the M-1, was a part of the Infantry Conference exhibitions. Besides its other advantages, the M-14 fires a 20 round clip, providing the soldier more fire power.

Rifle System Improves Soldier Marksmanship

After World War II and the Korean Conflict, an evaluation of our rifle marksmanship program and its effects in combat showed that this course left much to be desired.

Consequently, the United States Infantry Human Research Unit, at Fort Benning, was directed to develop a new rifle marksmanship course of instruction. After studying combat reports and interviewing thousands of combat veterans, they were able to formulate certain premises, which portray the battlefield and the conditions upon it as our rifleman could expect to find them. These premises are:

1. Most combat targets consist of a number of men or objects arranged linearly in nature, and irregularly spaced along tree lines, ditches, or other objects that provide them with cover.

2. Most combat targets are rarely visible except in the close assault.

3. And, the range to these targets rarely exceed 300 meters.

4. These targets can be detected by smoke, flash, dust, noise, or movement. But, they are normally seen only in a fleeting manner.

5. Even though they are seen only in a fleeting manner, they can be engaged by fire through the use of a nearby object as a reference point.

6. It was found that the average rifleman had difficulty in obtaining an aiming point in elevation because of the low silhouette and frequent obscurity of his target.

7. This problem was further complicated by the use of our present zeroing technique; that is, using a six o'clock hold to obtain a hit in the center of the bull's-eye.

8. Combat conditions rarely permit or require the use of a windage adjustment.

9. And finally, that the nature of the target, the nature of the terrain, and the defensive requirement of digging-in often preclude the use of a prone position; but, rather favor the use of a supported position such as the foxhole or kneeling supported.

With these premises in mind they were then able to determine that the objectives of this new course of instruction must be as follows.

One, to develop within each rifleman the will and confidence to destroy the enemy on the battlefield.

Two, to develop the rifleman's ability to detect a combat-type target.

And, finally, to improve his ability to hit this target once it has been detected.

Trainfire I is designed to accomplish these objectives in 78 hours. Two hours are devoted to an orientation. Four hours to an Early Firing Period. Four hours — Mechanical Training. Preparatory Marksmanship Training and 25 Meter Firing — 26 hours; of which four hours have been devoted to the Early Firing Period. Battle-sight zeroing—4 hours; Field Firing—18 hours; Target Detection—16 hours; and Record Firing—8 hours. This total of

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78 hours is a savings of eight hours when compared to the known-distance course of 86 hours.

During the orientation, which is designed to motivate the soldier toward accomplishing the objectives of the program, he is told of the history and development of military rifles. The role of the infantry soldier and the relationship that must exist between him and his rifle are explained to him. After learning the exterior nomenclature of the rifle and how it is loaded and unloaded, he views two training films: "This is the Infantry," and "Infantry Weapons and Their Effects."

Following the orientation, the soldier moves to a 25-meter range for an early firing period. Here he is told about proper range procedures and necessary safety precautions. Then, he witnesses a recoil demonstration which is designed to prove to the individual that the recoil of the weapon will not hurt him. During this demonstration a rifleman will fire the weapon while placing the butt of the rifle in his groin, the pit of his stomach, and on the point of his chin.

After being told briefly about the prone position, proper sighting and aiming, and trigger control, the soldier is required to fire a 3-round shot group from the prone position. This same exercise is then performed by an accomplished

rifleman. And, after comparing his shot group with that of the accomplished rifleman, the trainee then sees the need for additional training. Furthermore, after firing the rifle and seeing it operate, he becomes more receptive to the following period of instruction in Mechanical Training.

Mechanical training, as presented in Trainfire, includes the same instruction that was presented in the known-distance program. The only difference is in its sequence of presentation. After the mechanical training instruction, the soldier returns to a 25-meter range to continue with his preparatory marksmanship training.

A 25-meter range is very similar to the standard 1,000-inch range except that a foxhole and a stump have been added to each firing point.

Throughout his training the soldier is required to wear his combat pack and steel helmet so that he becomes accustomed to firing while wearing the same items of equipment he would wear in combat. In addition, he learns to fire his rifle without the use of a sling as a means of support, because the combat rifleman of the past very rarely, if ever, used his sling for this purpose. Rather, he used some other type of support, such as the foxhole and the stump. That is why the trainee is provided with these items on the 25-meter range. In fact 60% of all Trainfire

firing is from these supported positions, which are nothing more than adaptations of the positions taught in the known-distance program to these various types of support.

The target that is used in the preparatory marksmanship phase is a half-bull's-eye. The half-bull is used because in this phase of training the trainee attempts to obtain a point-of-aim hit; thus, eliminating the 6 o'clock hol derror, present in the known-distance system. The purpose of the cut-out portion at the bottom of the half-bull is to prevent the firer from edging his front sight blade up into the black. Also, this cut-out portion makes the half-bull appear as a more distinct aiming point.

The trainee keeps his targets in a progress envelope. Thus, he is able to analyze his own progress. In addition, the contents of this envelope serve as a ready reference for assistant instructors in helping a rifleman to overcome difficulties. Those that do have difficulty are sent to a corrective platoon, which is located at one end of the firing line and consists of a number of qualified assistant instructors who are capable of detecting and correcting the errors a rifleman might make. Once his difficulty has been overcome, the trainee returns to his platoon and continues with his training.

It must be emphasized that Trainfire I Preparatory Marksmanship Training incorporates

sighting and aiming, trigger control exercises, the coach and pupil method, and all other elements of good shooting that were presented in the known-distance program.

The purpose of the preparatory marksmanship phase is to train the individual to become proficient in each of the firing positions. Once he has proven his proficiency by passing a shot group test, the trainee is ready to zero his rifle.

Zeroing is accomplished by firing at a black paster, 8.5 centimeters square, which is installed at a range of 75 meters. By aiming at the bottom center of the paster and adjusting his rear sight so as to obtain a three-round shot group centered at the top center of the paster, the rifleman obtains a battlesight zero for 250 meters. That is true since the trajectory of the round is such that it will drop 8.5 centimeters from 75 to 25 meters. This zero will permit the riflemen to obtain point-of-aim-hits on targets appearing at a range of 250 meters.

After zeroing his rifle, the trainee is ready to begin his Field Firing phase of training. A Field Firing Range is a flat, open area, and like the 25-meter range, each firing point is equipped with a foxhole and a stump. This range is located adjacent to the 25-meter range to permit the continued use of the corrective platoon.

Now that the rifleman has proven his proficiency in each

of the firing positions and has obtained his battlesight zero, he is presented with a more realistic target, the silhouette of an individual.

The small, F-type silhouette is installed at a range of 75 meters and the larger, E-type silhouette at 175 and 300 meters. These targets are attached to an automatic pop-up-type target device. This is an electrically operated device, and in the example that you see before you, it is operated by a 12-volt vehicular battery. The devices at each range of 75, 175, and 300 meters are wired to a panel in the control tower behind the firing line. This panel contains both "up" and "down" switches and the devices are operated in the following manner: The outstanding feature of this device is that when the silhouette is struck by a round, it will fall. Thus, the trainee immediately knows the results of his firing and obtains the satisfaction of being able to "kill" a target.

It is on this range that the rifleman learns to apply hold-off or "Kentucky Wandage and Tennessee Elevation." Initially, he has ample time for assuming a firing position and determining the amount of hold-off necessary to hit his target. Eventually, however, he must perform this process and

engage the targets at 75 and 175 meters within 5 seconds, and those at 300 meters within 10 seconds.

Concurrent with the Preparatory Marksmanship and Field Firing phases of training, training is also conducted in Target Detection.

A Target Detection Range is a sparsely vegetated area left primarily in its natural state. It is desirable that this range have a depth of 300 meters and a fan of observation of 60 degrees. The lettered panels down range serve two purposes. One is to limit the trainee's observation to a defined sector. The other is to permit him the use of these panels as reference points when marking a target's location.

It is on this range that the rifleman achieves the second objective of the Trainfire course; that is, he learns to detect realistic, combat-type targets. And, they are realistic targets—live target men, dressed in combat clothing and equipment, occupy positions down range.

On this range the rifleman learns to detect single, stationary targets; single and multiple moving targets; and sound targets by the target indications of sound, movement, and the improper use or lack of

camouflage.

Target Detection tests are conducted concurrently with record firing. However, the scores obtained on these tests have no bearing on the soldier's qualification. His qualification is determined solely by his record firing.

Like a Target Detection Range, a Record Firing Range is also a sparsely vegetated area left primarily in its natural state. It consists of any number of firing lanes in multiples of four. Sixteen lanes are recommended since they are sufficient to accommodate a 200-man company in one day and will not result in an abundance of lanes is 300 meters wide and contains a foxhole position.

This phase of the program combines all of the techniques learned earlier and tests the soldier's ability to employ them. Here he must detect camouflaged and concealed silhouette targets, he must rapidly assume a stable supported or unsupported firing position, he must determine the amount of hold-off necessary to hit these targets at unspecified ranges by estimating their range; and, he must engage these targets in a minimum amount of time. Thus, combat realism is achieved.

Seven camouflaged and concealed silhouette targets are installed every fifth meters, from 50 to 350 meters in each lane. The F-type silhouette is placed at 50 and 100 meters, and the larger, E-type silhouette at the greater ranges. Targets from 50 to 200 meters are exposed for 5 seconds, and those at the greater ranges for 10 seconds.

Record firing is conducted in two phases, supported and unsupported. During the supported phase, the rifleman moves into his foxhole position and loads his rifle with an eight-round clip. Upon command from the control tower, the first target in his lane will be raised. However, he does not know at what range this target will appear. Within the allotted time of five or ten seconds, he must detect, engage, and hit that target. At the end of the exposure time a whistle, blown from the tower, indicates to the lane scorer that the target is then being lowered by the tower. Thus, any rifleman who fires after the whistle is blown will not be credited with a hit. Then, without further command, seven additional targets are raised in his lane; and he must detect, engage and hit these targets within the allotted time.

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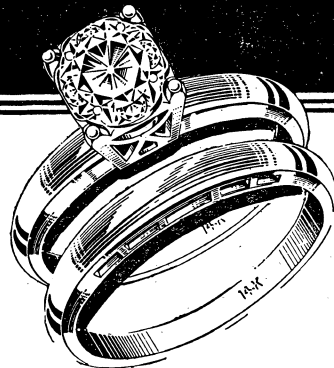
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Rugged Training Turns Out Tough Ranger Troops

The history of the U.S. Army rifle company and one non-Ranger is a long and colorful commissioned officer per rifle platoon. Rangers have a heritage that dates back over two hundred years to the time of Rogers Rangers which were organized in the year 756. Rogers, Morgan, Marion, Mosby, Darby, Merrill all contributed in part to this history and were so outstanding that now their names are synonymous with successful small unit tactics and guerilla type operations.

The first Ranger course was conducted in January 1952. Since that time some six thousand and men have reported for training. Of this number, approximately four thousand are qualified to wear the Ranger tab. Slide depicts course divided into three phases. Includes number of training days in each phase.

In the fall of 1951 Chief of Staff, Department of the Army, General J. Lawton Collins, directed that "Ranger Training be extended to all combat units in the Army in order to develop the capability of carrying out Ranger type missions in all Infantry units of the Army. The Commandant of The Infantry School was directed to establish a Ranger Department for the purpose of conducting a Ranger Course of Instruction. Note that this was a two fold mission; ONE for the Infantry School to train a Ranger cadre and TWO, for Infantry units to conduct Ranger training. The goal was to provide one Ranger qualified officer per

The Ranger course is conducted in three phases: A Fort Benning phase, a Florida phase and the Mountain phase. The Fort Benning phase is devoted to two weeks of rugged physical training and a review of basic military skills that include map reading, patrolling techniques and demolitions. Slide indicates training days rather than total time in each phase of training. Following this phase the students are shipped to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. Here he undergoes three weeks of training in amphibious, jungle, and air landed operations. He operates over 123,000 acres of flat terrain covered with scrub oak

and pine, the jungles of the swamps, and the off shore islands in the Gulf of Mexico. The student then moves to the Mountain Training Camp near Dahlonega, Georgia. Here he undergoes three weeks of training in mountainous terrain. The student learns the art of rappelling and other basic military mountaineering techniques. He operates over 200,000 acres of mountainous terrain in the foothill of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

During the Florida and Mountain phase, the student plans and executes sixteen basic combat missions, three of which are air landed and three which are amphibious. The patrol is used as the teaching medium. The patrols vary in size from a six man reconnaissance patrol to a company size raid. They vary in distance from a few thousand yards to fifty miles, and in time from a few hours to eighty hours. After every patrol, students are critiqued in detail by an Ranger qualified observer who accompanies each patrol. It is here that the mistakes are pointed out and the student given an opportunity to analyze his performance. In eight weeks of training the Ranger student receives 818 hours of instruction.

Training in realistic, rough and to a degree hazardous—the closest approach to combat conditions that can be achieved in a peacetime Army. The number and variety of situations faced by the Ranger student equals those which a soldier would gain in two or three campaigns in battle. In brief, it is the combat conditioning course in which the student is exposed to conditions and situations which closely approximate and often exceed those he will encounter in combat.

Upon successful completion of the course here at The In-

fantry School, the individual is equipped with sufficient knowledge and skill to return to his unit and integrate Ranger type training into current training programs. Possibly the only deterrent to actual presentation of this instruction is the lack of varied terrain. Terrain, to a large degree, makes the Ranger Program. Amphibious and mountain training require special equipment; however, the principles, techniques and methods of Ranger operations can be integrated into unit training.

Ranger training is nothing but superb Infantry training, conducted mostly at night over varied terrain. The manner in which this training is presented and executed is the key to its success. Like any other type training, commanders must be sold on the value of Ranger training in order to make it effective. A nucleus of Ranger qualified enlisted men and officers is required to initiate such a training program.

The best method for units to establish Ranger type training is to conduct a five weeks block of instruction during the post-cycle period, as outlined in CONARC training directive of 1 July 1958. Although it takes time, organization and overhead to conduct such a program, the results achieved will be well worth the time and effort involved in setting it up.

In summary the Ranger course has the capability of developing the overall combat potential of your junior leaders to higher degree than any other course in the Army. At this conference your need for quotas in the Ranger course must be established. In addition we wish to explore ways and means of assisting Infantry units in the field in developing the capability of accomplishing Ranger type missions.



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Gen. Freeman Keynotes—

(Continued from page 2) assault forces, and later fighting vehicles; light weapons with the atomic firepower capability; target acquisition by battlefield surveillance techniques and communications since we must rely on radio systems to the nearly total exclusion of wire in the fast moving situations we envisage.

These are only a few of our more obvious problems. Problems that must be solved within almost inflexible parameters of manpower, dollars and lead times. Problems that must be solved by imagination and courageous decision. They can be solved only by acceptance of new concepts—concepts based on lighter, smaller units that must rely on heavier hitting power and greater ability, to provide their staying power, attack formations and methods that more resemble a reconnaissance in force than a general advance. Tactically we believe we must and can operate way out on a limb. You will hear some of our ideas later. We solicit yours.

In solving our problems here, we will make slow progress if we consider atomic firepower only as an extension of conventional firepower. Merely to append it to the weapons and methods of the past will accomplish little. The same precept holds for increased mobility. We cannot afford both the old and the new. For each new item of equipment adopted, we must give up some of the old; for each new role assigned a soldier, we must give up the one he now performs.

If we are to have more vehicles, better communications, heavier supporting weapons, the operators must come from present jobs, perhaps the rifle squad.

In summary, gentlemen, we must ruthlessly review what we now have in weapons, communications, vehicles, organization and tactical concept in order to strike out the outmoded.

We must have a concept which seeks decisions on the battlefield, not blind destruction or mere survival. The concept must find the balance among the limitations imposed by money, by personnel ceilings, and by the state of our technological advances. This is the problem we all face. What priorities will you have? Where will you distribute the men and where will you find them? To which type of project will you

assign the available money? What, in fact, are the battle-winning items and concepts as distinguished from those that are less essential?

We are anxious to have your thoughts and ideas, and to learn your reaction to our proposals.

Before I leave the platform, there is another point I would like to make. This is an Infantry conference. Quite naturally; we are primarily concerned with the Infantry, its problems and its future. However, we are not unmindful that all that we are discussing here involves the Army as a whole.

The doctrine of combined arms is far more important for the future than it has ever been. We are grateful for the superb support that has always been given the Infantry in combat by the other arms and services. We of the Infantry have reason to realize more than any other branch that we cannot do the job alone.

I trust these few days here will be interesting to you and profitable for the future of the Infantry, the Army and the defense of our country.

Rifle

ted time limits.

This same exercise is performed from a second, third, and fourth lane. This completes the supported phase, a total of 2 rounds.

The rifleman then returns to his first lane. This time he will engage eight additional targets from an unsupported position of his own choice while moving forward toward the fifty-meter line of targets. This same exercise is repeated from a second and third lane. This completes the unsupported phase, a total of 24 rounds.

Because of the tremendous training value found in firing the record course, the rifleman will fire it a second time. If he fires in the morning of the first day, he will fire in the afternoon of the second so that all members of the company will fire under similar light and weather conditions.

Thus, the rifleman fires a total of 112 rounds at 112 targets. He receives one point for each hit. No points are allotted for unexpended rounds. Qualification scores are: Marksman 36, Sharpshooter 54, and Expert 68.

Trainfire I was troop tested by 12,000 trainees at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Fort



ARMY PLANS . . . Gen. (Ret.) J. Lawton Collins, former Army chief of staff, addresses the members of the Benning Infantry Conference. Each speaker adds a stroke to the full picture of the Army's course of development in the near and distant future.

Carson, Colorado, from August 1955 to October 1956. And, the results of this test were so overwhelmingly in favor of Trainfire I to replace the known-distance program that its implementation was directed.

The implementation is to be conducted in three phases. In Phase I, Fort Jackson, Fort Carson, and Fort Benning will implement as rapidly as possible. Phase two pertains to all other active Army units, worldwide. Phase three pertains to ROTC, National Guard, and Reserve Components. It is planned that implementation will be complete by the end of Fiscal Year 1962.

The United States Army Infantry School position concerning the adoption and implementation of Trainfire I as the standard rifle marksmanship course of instruction states, in part, the following conclusions:

1. A comparison of Trainfire and Known-Distance trained soldiers shows that the Trainfire soldier is much more capable of detecting and hitting combat-type targets.

2. Trainfire I is more adaptable to mobilization requirements than the known-distance course.

3. Trainfire I is more economical in overhead and maintenance costs and less time is lost due to non-training activities.

The Infantry School recommended that additional research be conducted in other phases that will improve the combat marksmanship ability of all riflemen.

One of the Trainfire premises states that the range to a combat target will rarely exceed 300 meters. Trainfire trains all basic trainees regardless of their ultimate branch assignment to hit these targets at ranges up to 350 meters.

Recently, Department of the Army published ATP 7-17 which allocates 20 hours of Advanced Rifle Marksmanship Training for all light weapons infantrymen. This course will include a four-hour review of preparatory marksmanship training. This will be followed by 12 hours instructional firing on a known-distance range at ranges of 300 and 500 yards. Finally, a 4-hour record firing course at these ranges will complete 20-hour program.

The implementation of Trainfire I, the addition of a 20-hour Advanced Rifle Marksmanship course for all riflemen, and the present mobile concepts have made it necessary to re-evaluate the needs for a sniper.

The generally accepted definition of a sniper is that he is an especially skilled rifleman, usually having special equipment, whose mission is to kill key enemy personnel.

Our squad sniper has been

and still is ineffective as such because he has seldom been trained, equipped, or employed as a true sniper. He has been trained as another rifleman in the squad, and to remove him from this position upsets the team organization and performance. The standards for the selection of sniper candidates have often been violated, and his training has varied from 88 hours to 20 hours to the statement, "You are now the squad sniper."

When the 20-hour Advanced Marksmanship Program was added to ATP 7-17 sniper training was deleted.

The Infantry School position concerning the sniper states, in

part, that the few occasions when snipers can be advantageously employed under future concepts do not appear to justify the time and expense required to arm, develop, train, and maintain these highly specialized individuals. For these reasons, the Infantry School recommends that the Sniper and sniper equipment be deleted from Infantry Tables of Organization and Equipment. It is recognized, however, that there will occasionally be a need for individuals to perform sniper-type tasks. When this need does arise, commanders will select their best qualified personnel to perform these missions.

Scorpion Meets Army Modern Requirements

The present concept of the battlefield envisions hard-hitting, mobile units capable of rapid concentration and dispersion in all types of terrain. In order to do this, Infantry units must be equipped with vehicles which have a high degree of mechanization and battlefield mobility.

At present there is only one standard Infantry self-propelled weapon which fits this concept—the M56, "Scorpion."

The "Scorpion" is highly maneuverable antitank weapon which can be air-lifted and air-dropped. Its 90mm gun is basically the same as that in the M48 tank and fires the same family of ammunition. The maximum effective range is 2000 yards. The M56 weighs 15,600 pounds, and has a ground pressure of 4.5 pounds per square inch. To demonstrate the M56 firing high explosive antitank ammunition, the gun on the firing strip to your right front will engage the tank to the left of panel 8, range target 1000 yards. (Firing demonstration at this point).

The standard rifle company heavy weapon is the 106mm rifle. You see one approaching from the right of the bleachers on its interim carrier, the 1/4-ton truck. The 1/4-ton truck has been an interim carrier for both the 105 and the 106mm rifles since 1950. It has limited cross-country mobility, has insufficient ammunition storage capacity, and is more than 100% overloaded. The 160mm rifle cannot realize its full potential so long as it remains dependent upon a wheeled carrier.

One suggested remedy has been the "mechanical mule," M274.

It is apparent that the "mule" as a carrier for the 106mm rifle retains some of the disadvantages of the 1/4-ton truck and provides a few of its own. The sector of fire is seriously restricted; the gunner has difficulty aiming and at the same time keeping clear of the backblast area; and the ground mount capability is sacrificed. The "mule" is definitely not the answer to our problems. To demonstrate the "mule-mounted" 106 in action, our crew will fire a squad action problem, engaging from successive positions targets in the vicinity of panels 5, 6, and

9. (Firing demonstration at this point).

Note that the "mule" must turn broadside to the target before firing. Note further the difficulty the loader has in loading the 106.

A vehicle which meets the requirements of a carrier for the 106 is immediately available. You see such a vehicle approaching from the right of the bleachers.

Here we see the M56 chassis mounting the 106mm rifle. On this chassis, the 106 is provided with greatly increased cross-country mobility and an adequate ammunition supply of from 24 to 30 rounds. This adaptation has been obtained without major modifications to either the weapon or the carrier. The weapon retains its ground mount capability. The combat weight is 10,000 pounds, which is within the sling lift capability of the H-37 helicopter. The ground pressure is only 2.7 psi, which permits excellent trafficability without modification in mud, snow or sand.

To demonstrate the carrier in action the crew will fire the same problem as the "mule." (Firing demonstration at this point).

The M56 chassis can be adapted to many other uses, thus providing the Infantry with the universal tracked carrier which it so desperately needs. Mobile CP, evacuation, forward area resupply, mortar carrier, amphibious personnel carrier, reconnaissance cargo carrier, and missile carrier are but a few uses to which the vehicle can be put.

Approaching from the left you see the M56 mounting the multiple machinegun mount M45, or quad .50 as it is commonly called. This unsurpassed ground support weapon has been deleted from use largely because its former carrier, the half-track, was too heavy and clumsy.

On the M56 the quad .50 can provide tremendous fire support in both ground and anti-aircraft roles.

To demonstrate the firepower of the quad .50, the gunner will engage the line of troops represented by silhouettes extending from panel 4 to panel 5. (Firing demonstration at this point.)

The M56 can also be used as a carrier for the 4.2-inch mor-

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Conference Resolves Means To Power Army

On the closing day of the World-wide U.S. Army Infantry Conference conducted at the Army's Infantry Center Dec. 2-6 senior commanders from the U.S. and those abroad passed recommendations designed to improve Infantry's effectiveness on the atomic battlefield by increased ground and air battlefield mobility, firepower, mechanization, improved communications, organizational changes and tactical modifications.

The conferees considered requirements for the mid-range period (1959-63) and looked into the future for consideration of the long-range period (1964-68).

The conference emphasized the essential role of the Army and the Infantry in war—limited and general—now, and in the future, pointing up land combat as the area of primary interest and responsibility of the Army, the ultimate control of which rests upon the Infantry. It reaffirmed the function of the Infantryman in the future as well as today to close with the enemy and to destroy or capture him and secure the ground wrested from him.

Taking their cue from a statement made by the Army's Chief of Staff, General Maxwell D. Taylor, in an address prepared for delivery at the conference and the remarks of Major Gen. Paul L. Freeman, Jr., Infantry Center Commander, in his opening remarks to the conference, members of the 11 committees applied themselves to the problems presented and arrived at recommendations that represented foresight, imagination and perspective. Gen. Taylor said, "In this era of military change and growing complexities tomorrow belongs to soldiers who refuse to be awed or confused by it and who resolutely rise to meet its challenge." Gen. Freeman stated, "We must ruthlessly review what we now have in weapons, communications, vehicles, organization and tactical concepts in order to strike out the out-moded. Problems must be solved by imagination and courageous decision."

Conferees reaffirmed the requirement for Infantry to possess the capability to fight both atomic and non-atomic wars and to be prepared for any eventuality. They adopted rec-

ommendations concerning long-range organizational concepts and took note of the necessity for improved physical standards for the Infantry soldier to perform his traditional role of sustained close combat with the enemy. They reiterated that the man with the weapon in his hand is the single decisive factor on the battlefield and cannot be replaced by machines.

In the field of battlefield mobility, the conference was unanimous in recognizing the need for and recommended the provision of a vehicle with zero ground pressure—the flying jeep principle—to overcome terrain obstacles to the rapid movement of men and supplies on the battlefield. It was noted that such a vehicle would largely free the Infantrymen from the limitations imposed by terrain but would simultaneously provide the capability of using the contours of the terrain for protection. The vehicle would make him independent of terrain obstacles.

The conference emphasized the necessity for providing immediately a means to concentrate and disperse forces rapidly and recommended that armored personnel carriers be made organic to battle groups and that armored weapons platform weapons carriers be provided. In view of the known strength in armor of the Soviets the Conference recommended a family of anti-tank weapons which would improve present capabilities.

Taking cognizance of the necessity for wide dispersion of forces and fast moving situations on the atomic battlefield and with the resulting problems of effective control, the conference recommended increased emphasis on radio for communications and a lessening of the use of wire (the traditional means). It recommended radios of markedly increased range to permit control of the entire battle group operation be developed. In a further effort to improve control on the battlefield, conferees took note of the confusion that likely would exist on the nuclear battlefield in future war and recommended radios of the helmet type for the individual soldier. It recommended security devices which would permit habitual voice



CUTE TRICK . . . Two representatives of the Reaction Motors Company explain firm's "jump belt" to Lt. Col. Herbert G. Mansfield, right, G-4 (Logistics), 18th Airborne Corps. Display was one of the many at Conference.

transmission.

In view of the wide frontages that would be controlled by units in future war, conferees recommended that dead spaces between units be controlled by various surveillance devices. They also recommended that science look for even more effective means—principles other than radar.

Considering firepower conferees went on record concerning the necessity of making nuclear weapons available to units at lower echelons.

Other recommendations involved:

The establishment of procedures whereby training of skilled technicians proceeds concurrently with the development of new equipment so that the marrying up of the soldier and his equipment occurs simultaneously. A corollary to this is the development of doctrine and the publication of training literature likewise to be developed simultaneously with development of new equipment.

Modification of safety requirements where these serve to obscure realism in training.

Recognized the value of Ranger training in developing superb soldiers and recommended its extension throughout the Army training system.

Recommended increased emphasis on the preeminence of the squad leader as the smallest unit commander.

Recommended the concentration of supply functions under centralized control in a support Group functionalized maintenance, reliance on preplanned supply packets capable of being delivered by all means including a missile type projectile.

In all of its deliberations, the

conference emphasized smaller, lighter units with greater firepower and capable of independent action. In addition, much consideration was given to the protection and mobility of the individual soldier in order to give him the ability to live on the modern battlefield. Protection from nuclear effects was a major part of this consideration.

Conferees viewed industry's ideas to increase the mobility and effectiveness of Infantry on the atomic battlefield presented through exhibits set up especially for the conference.

In closing the conference, Gen. Freeman said that it was gratifying to note that many new and controversial ideas which senior leaders had been uncertain about in the past were adopted by the conference. He emphasized, however, that the solution of many problems were dependent on additional men and money and therefore there were many limitations which would have to be weighed.

He pointed out that representatives of other combat branches and the technical and administrative services contributed materially to the success of the conference and stated, "Victory is a product of unity and cooperation between all branches of the Army and the other services."

The Conference recommended that the next world-wide Infantry Conference be held in 1963 unless important scientific developments deemed to be of particular interest occurred, in which case consideration would be given to an earlier conference.



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In This Issue . . .

Army tops Navy in 'chopper rescue mission in the Florida Keys in what is believed the first operational lift of this size by the Army's H-37. Story by Lt. Bernard Slaten with official Navy Photos. Pages Two and Three.



Development steps in the evolution of the Infantryman's rifle—from the flintlock to the M-14, with displays from the Museum—is featured in an article by Sgt. Arlee Grubbs. Pages Eight and Nine.



The history and background of Benning's memorial to the Doughboy—The Infantry Museum is featured in an interesting article by Sfc David Chase. Pages Four and Five.

"Golden Dragons" of Company B, who took the 1959 Commanding General's Trophy for the outstanding unit tell why they take pride in winning. Story by Lt. Tony Jones. Pages Six and Seven.



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Sp5 Larry Benedict tells how The Infantry School's students fire weapons without the worry of caring for them in a feature on the School's Weapons Pools. Page Ten.

Army Finance is covered from the days of Wagon and GI Mules to today's electronic accounting machines in a feature by Pfc. J. R. Fultz. Page Eleven.

Army Topped Navy By Taking To The Air In Florida Keys Helicopter Rescue Job

The capabilities of the Army helicopter for evacuation has long been recognized, but Fort Benning personnel manning H-34 and H-37 helicopters added another chapter to the helicopter evacuation story recently.

Within a two-day period the men, working with the two helicopters, provided the necessary repairs for an H-21 helicopter stranded on a Florida key and successfully evacuated a downed Navy HSS-1 helicopter from another Florida key to its base at Key West Naval Air Station.

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THE FIRST PART of the saga began when an H-21 helicopter, borrowed from Fort Rucker by representatives of the Department of Agriculture conducting a survey of wild-growing plant life in southern Florida, developed engine trouble during a portion of the survey.

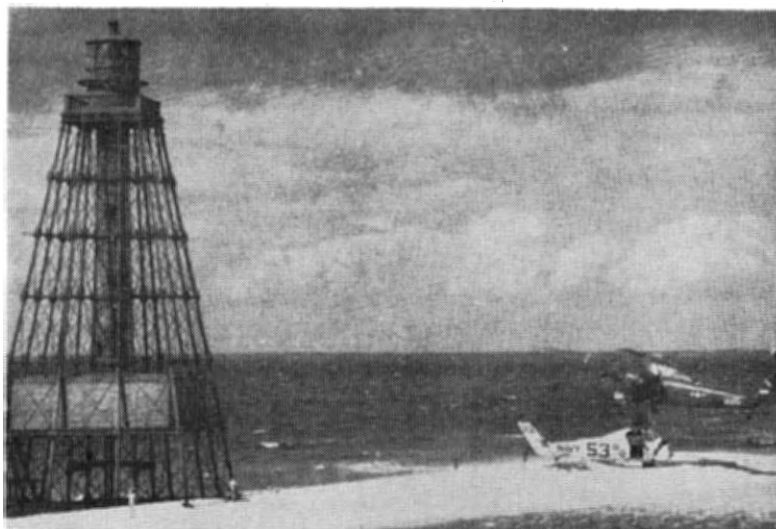
Using autorotation after the engine failed, the pilot of the craft made a skillful landing on a small coral key 17 nautical miles northeast of Key West.

Site of the forced landing was Howe Key, a tiny coral island approximately two miles long and one-half mile wide.

At first it was thought the aircraft might have to be dismantled and flown out in sections by an H-37. After some thought, however, Capt. Pheo C. Watkins, staff maintenance officer of The Infantry Center Transportation Section, and his crew decided that an exchange would be attempted so the helicopter could be flown out.

A quick change assembly, consisting of a complete engine ready to be bolted into the aircraft, was ordered and shipped by commercial truck to Key West.

Using the Key West Naval Air Station as a base of operation, the H-34, piloted by CWO's Jerry McGuffey and Jack C. Browning, and the H-37, piloted by CWO Bobby Boyd, moved to the scene of



Rescue on a minute sand bar as Army 'chopper' attaches sling.



Power to spare in a 10-mile flight over the water to base.

the downed craft.

* * *

THE H-34 landed on Howe Key and the crew, employing pioneer tools, cleared a space large enough for the H-37 to land upon.

Then began the quick change, which wasn't quite as quick as could be expected as a result of several obstacles provided by nature and the locale.

The crew had to face high tide at 4:45 p.m., which saw from three inches to three feet of water cover the area.

Working in the water when necessary, the men proceeded with the quick change.

Pioneer tools were again brought into use when it was discovered a hydraulic jack placed at the rear jack point needed a solid base to prevent

its sinking into the mud and coral.

Although provided with shark chaser chemicals by the Navy, crewmen of the downed helicopter and the rescue team were a bit uneasy throughout the operation. Waters surrounding the area are thickly infested with sharks which can be easily seen from a low-flying helicopter.

Mosquitos, which seemed gigantic in size and bite, also plagued the operation.

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THE QUICK CHANGE assembly, which was flown from Key West to Howe Key by the H-37, was completely installed by dusk. It was decided to wait until the next day to start the engine and make ground checks.

Both of the rescue crafts re-

turned to Key West to await daybreak and completion of the operation.

As crewmen of the H-34 and H-37 prepared for the final step in their rescue operation, another drama was taking place approximately 10 miles southwest of Key West.

Flying some 20 miles out at sea on a sonar patrol, the pilot of a Navy HSS-1, a craft identical to the Army H-34, noticed his chopper was rapidly losing oil pressure.

The pilot immediately headed for the only solid ground between his position and base, a tiny sand bar known as Sand Key.

The Navy airmen, also having a polite respect for sharks, were jubilant over reaching the safety of the tiny sand bar following a skillful autorotation as the HSS-1's engine failed completely just short of the islet.

The jubilation began to wear off, however, as the crew began to wonder what they were going to do with a sick Navy helicopter 10 miles out to sea.

To get an idea of the situation, one needs only consult the aviation charts pertaining to that particular area.

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SAND KEY is represented on these charts by a small dot which in turn represents land area so small that a small, unmanned lighthouse takes up one-third of the available area.

The Navy men, having heard of the merits of the Army's H-37 proclaimed by the rescue team using Key West Naval Air Station as its base, put in a call to ask if the Army craft could make the evacuation.

Pilots of the two Army crafts waiting to complete the rescue of the downed H-21 received the call and were confident the evacuation could be made.

Major James R Wood, commander of the 19th Helicopter Company at Fort Benning's Lawson Army Aviation Command, granted permission to the men to attempt the evacu-

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ation after first clearing this project with Third Army, and flew to the scene himself in an L-23 to contribute his technical knowledge to the project.

The H-34 crew found that the sand bar was so small that the larger H-37 could not land, even if the downed HSS-1 didn't already occupy most of the available space.

The HSS-1 was defueled, sonar gear and the main and tail rotor blades removed and a 65-pound tool box placed in the rear of the fuselage for balance.

A sling was installed on the main rotor head and the H-37 arrived to hover over the 7,900 pound load and attach the sling.

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THE H-37 picked up the downed chopper with ease, and under perfect weather condition, headed for base. The crippled craft streamlined perfectly and the trip to base was what

crewman might term "routine."

In addition to Major Woods and CWO Boyd, key personnel of the successful airlift included Sfc Richard Souders, flight engineer, and Sp4 Grover F. Thompson, crew chief.

After depositing the Navy helicopter safely at its base, the crewmen of the rescue craft returned to the H-21 on Howe Key, fired up the engine and completed the ground checks.

With the new motor working perfectly, the H-21 flew to Key West where crewmen worked on neutralization of the corrosion on the fuselage caused by exposure to salt water. This was the only damage to the helicopter which wasn't repaired on the forced-landing site.

With the dual-mission accomplished, the Army crewmen and helicopters returned home, concluding the latest saga in the Army helicopter evacuation story.



Mission completed as Navy 'chopper' is deposited on its own runway at Key West Naval Air Station.



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Fort Benning's Infantry Museum Is A Memorial To All Doughboys

History is an elusive thing; it is also a challenge. We cannot reach back and grasp any tangible part of it, yet many of us still strive to recover parts of its substance.

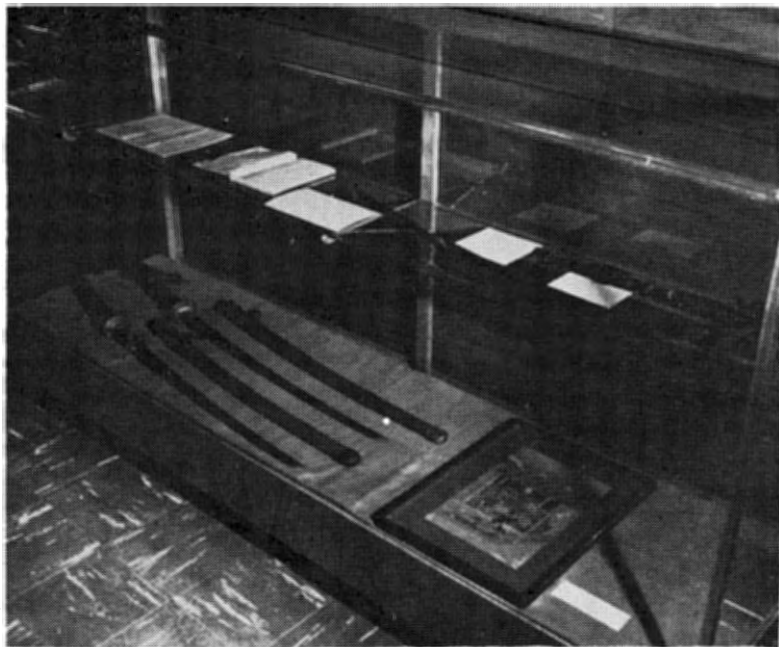
More than anyone else, museum people are involved in this endless pursuit—the reconstruction of the past.

The vast and complex machinery, known today as the U.S. Army Infantry is, in its present condition, the end product of a chain of historical events which had their beginning during the month of June, 1775—when ten companies of riflemen were formed among the colonists to repel an enemy who stood between them and independence. The significance

of this phase of our History cannot be ignored.

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DURING RECENT years, many branches of the Army have realized the need to recover bits of their tradition-laden past. This need was not only to preserve such unit traditions in the interest of morale, but to better understand their present status in terms of progress and improvement and to have a better vision for seeing into the future. The places selected to install the evidence of these traditions have, in most cases, been military museums. Today there are at least a dozen large museums of this type and countless numbers of small unit day room size ex-



A display of Infantry trophies of the Pacific Theater during World War II.

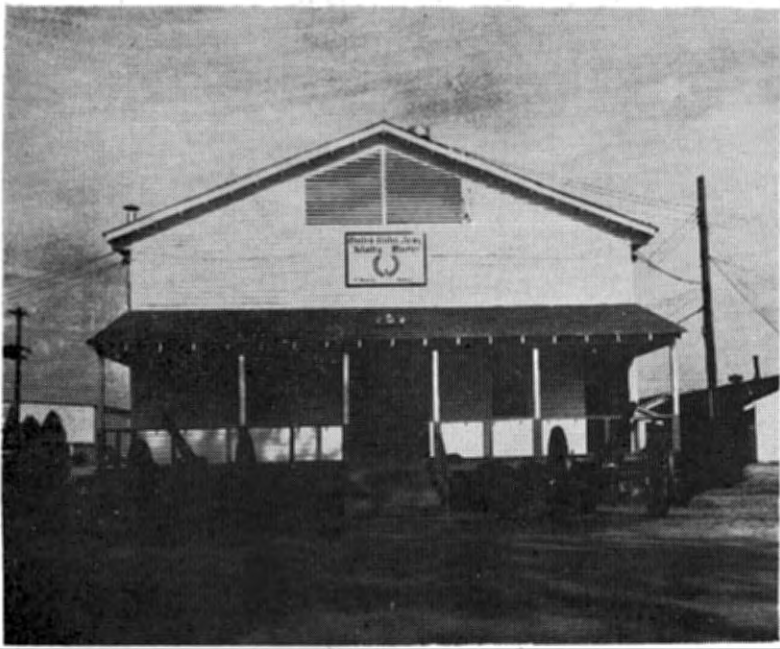
hibits.

The need for such a memorial to preserve the history of a matter of concern to many

the Army's oldest and largest branch, the Infantry, has been



Sfc David Chase, curator, and 1st Lt. Chester M. Wright, Officer in Charge, look over a display of Revolutionary War gunflints.



Infantrymen, both past and present.

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SOME YEARS AGO, shortly after World War II, a small collection of former enemy weapons were gathered together and installed in the small triangular building located at the foot of the hill at the Lumpkin Road entrance to the Main Post. The building served mainly as an Information Center for incoming personnel and visitors and the display material shared space with this primary function. Despite its smallness, it represented one of the first public military-type museums ever established on the post.

The idea of an Infantry Museum devoted exclusively to the preservation of Infantry History was not formulated until 1957. Many problems had to be

solved, such as personnel, display items and the cost of construction. We are still concerned with many of these problems; however, we are solving them one by one.

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DURING THE YEAR 1956, the Airborne Department established an Airborne Museum at Lawson Field. Interested military and civilian personnel contributed items and collections to the new establishment. Gradually, it grew to be a unit showpiece and was visited by hundreds of servicemen and civilians. Despite its attractiveness, it did not satisfy the need to have an Infantry Museum dedicated to the branch as a whole.

In the same year, several announcements appeared in the Army Times pertaining to the
(See Museum page 12)



An ancient flintlock pistol is shown to Museum visitors.

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Col. Norman B. Edwards (L) 1st Infantry Brigade commander, and Lt. Col. James C. Donaghey (R), 14th Infantry commander, look over the Commanding General's Trophy won by Company B, 2nd Battle Group, 14th Infantry for 1959.

Members of Company B, 2nd Battle Group, 14th Infantry Take Pride in Winning the Commanding General's Trophy

Being first in anything is a goal most people strive to achieve, and the men of the 14th Infantry, especially the men of Company B, earned the respect of a front-runner in 1959.

Many individuals may score personal and individual triumphs, but it takes a well-rounded team effort to make a first place unit.

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THE MEN of Company B, 14th Infantry, made that effort in 1959 and were presented the Commanding General's Trophy following the all-around competition in the annual "Parade

of Champions" on July 4.

The Commanding General's Trophy is symbolic of the outstanding military unit on post.

To win the coveted trophy, Company B bested all major units on post, including the defending trophy-holder, Honor Guard Company, 29th Infantry.

The unit, commanded by Capt. Burton J. Walrath, Jr., swept four first places in the seven-event, military - athletic competition. Even when losing, Company B looked good, placing second, third, and fourth in the other three events.

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COMPANY B won the cross-country run, jeep driving, physical fitness test and pistol marksmanship events. The unit was second in the grenade throw, third in rifle marksmanship and fourth in platoon drill.

Post-wide laurels don't account for the many other distinctions achieved by Company B, either. The outstanding individual soldier of the 14th Infantry is a member of Company B.

The unit may also be considered the "authority" on the SS-10 anti-tank guided missile. Company B has the only SS-10

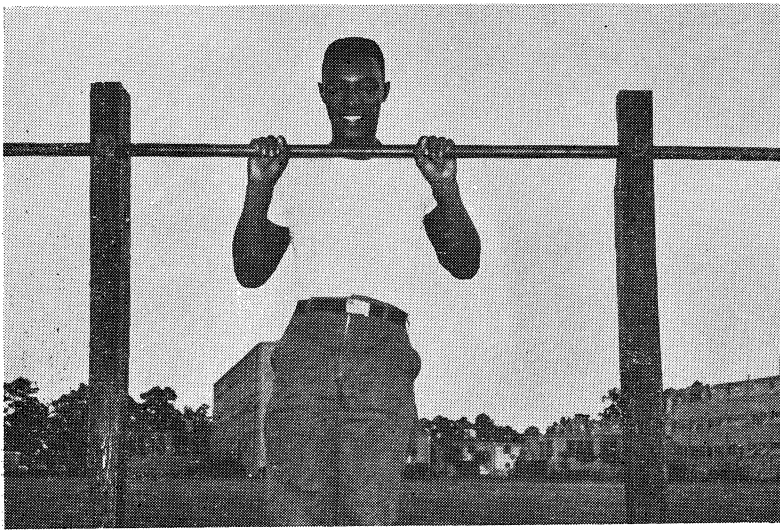
platoon in the continental U.S.

The missile, originally devised by the French, was field tested by the unit last winter and is newly adopted by the U.S. Army.

Men of the unit work hard to achieve their goals, as 2nd Lt. William Bowman, coach of the physical fitness and cross-country team, will testify. Lt. Bowman's practice of doing himself everything he requires of his men has earned him respect and admiration.

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SPIRIT exhibited can probably best be demonstrated by two members of the cross-



Sp4 Norman Jones shows it pays to stay in top physical shape—



Pfc. Charles James led the "Golden Dragons" from Company B on the pistol range.

to Sp4 Johnson and Sgt. Gully, country team.

Sp4 Lawrence D. Johnson, winner of his heat in the race reflects he had only one thought as he came down the backstretch, "That darn Gully is trying to catch me!"

He was referring to Sgt. Sherman L. Gully, holder of the Seventh Army 1500 meter title of four minutes, and two seconds, set in 1949 and which stood unbroken until 1957.

Sgt. Gully kept tremendous pressure on Sp4 Johnson all the way through the run, even though he had trained for only two weeks, losing 15 pounds in the process.

A FAITHFUL exponent of Lt. Bowman's rigorous training rules is Sp4 Norman W. Jones, physical fitness champion.

Sp4 Jones found the hard work paid off as he scored 399 points out of a possible 500, proving a "little" man (five feet, seven inches tall, 160 pounds) shouldn't be judged on his size alone.

1st Lt. Samuel Whit, coach of the championship pistol team. He guided the Company B pistolers to the 1st Infantry Brigade victory prior to the post competition.

Pfc Charles R. James, Jr., half of the winning pistol combination of Pfc James and Sp4 E. J. Jennings, aptly remarked following the Company B victory, "I felt I just couldn't afford to lose."

The duo fired a 495 out of a possible 600 score, almost equally splitting the points.

OTHER MEMBERS.. of Company B, who through outstanding individual performances contributed to a winning team effort, included Sp4 Sidney M. Abbott, the post's top jeep driver; Sfc William D. Coelho, grenade thrower; M-Sgt.'s Hollis W. Noland and Walter A. Malecki, rifle team; M-Sgt. Glenis W. Waldrep, commander of the drill platoon, and S-Sgt. Clyde Hall, individual soldier contestant.

Members of the winning cross-country team, in addition

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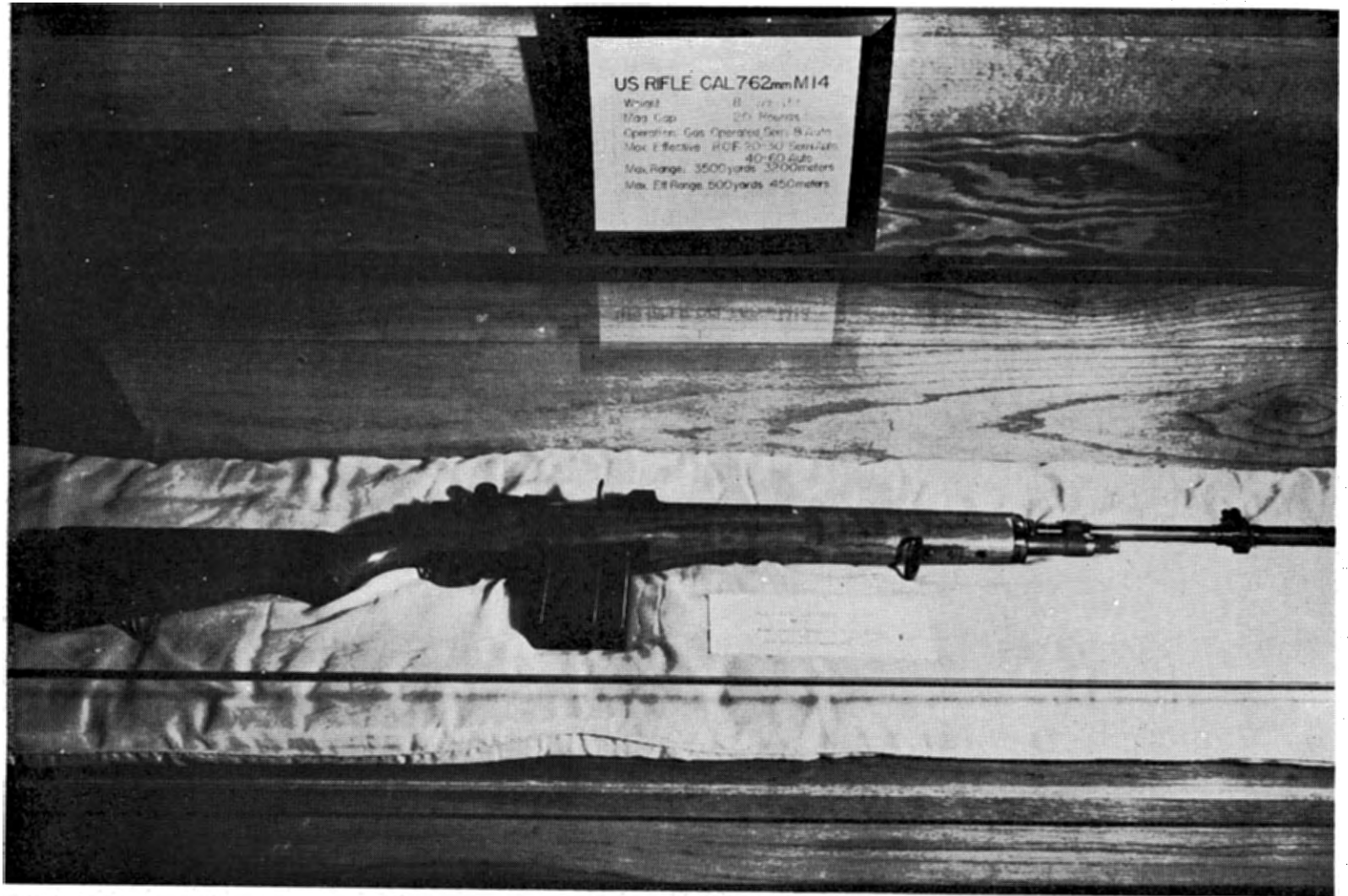
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This is the Army's latest development in rifles, the M-14, which is manufactured by the Springfield Armory. This is Serial Number 0000001, of the NATO caliber 7.62 rifle, which is now displayed at the Museum.

The New Infantry Museum Displays Reflect the Evolution of the Rifle

It has been over 175 years since the Springfield Armory was designated as the first National Armory for the production of small arms for the Nation's ground forces.

Since that time Infantrymen and their inseparable rifles have defended this country in more than 145 major wars, campaigns, and expeditions, even if old Ben Franklin did heartily recommend bow and arrows for Gen. Washington's troops, listing among his reasons, "they could discharge four arrows in the time of charging and discharging one bullet, and bows and arrows are more easily provided than muskets and ammunition."

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ARMY ORDNANCE Corps statistics for World War II disprove those statements in a way that Franklin could never have visualized. From mobilization to the end of hostilities more than seven million rifles,

six million carbines and 39 billion rounds of .30 caliber ammunition rolled off production lines.

A great improvement over the Springfield Armory's first year of production in 1795, when it produced only 245 weapons, but put to an end the import of arms from abroad. For Gen. Washington's Infantrymen were equipped with about 80,000 French muskets, which incidently were purchased through the influence of the same Ben Franklin who had earlier recommended bow and arrow, for about 23 francs each. The muskets were flintlock type, single-shot, ball and powder piece, with a smooth bore of .69 caliber. The length was five feet, and the bayonet increased that to six.

FROM HERE on out the Infantryman's weapon is coupled with the production history of the Springfield Armory. Looking back over the evolution of the "doughboy" weapon you see a progressive trend to-

ward the lighter, smaller caliber, and completely automatic rifle.

Chronologically some of the milestones that highlight the development of the rifle begin with its establishment over the musket by Gen. Andrew Jackson in his defense of New Orleans. In that battle Gen. Pakenham's British troops had to make a frontal attack upon Jackson's defending lines, and Pakenham had anticipated crossing only 100 yards under fire from Jackson's Infantry. However, many were armed with the old "Kentucky" rifles, of fame as early as Washington's first forces, and started taking a heavy toll of British casualties at a 300 yard range. Pakenham's mistake was Jackson's victory, and the success favorably disposed the Army toward the rifle, which has been with the Infantryman, in various forms, every since.

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THE NEXT step forward was the acceptance by Army Ordnance of a breechloader, still of the flintlock type, but

reduced to only .52 caliber. It employed the "sugar-loaf" round, which was the first step in replacing the round-ball with a long bullet. The name came from the round's silhouette which presented rounded lines from base to point with only the base of the missile coming in contact with the rifling indentations.

The Infantryman's first weapon to have a percussion lock was approved by Ordnance in 1841, but on the eve of the Civil War the standard weapon of the Infantry was a muzzle-loading, tape-priming, rifle-musket—of musket length, 59 inches, but with a rifled barrel—back up to .58 caliber, and employing the "Minie ball," an elongated and pointed projectile.

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FOLLOWING the Civil War the Springfield Armory converted about 5,000 of the musket-rifles to breechloaders, reducing the caliber from .58 to .50, and using the first metallic cartridge adopted for the en-

tire Army. In 1873 the caliber was further reduced to .45 and that remained standard for almost 20 years.

In the late years of the 19th Century two significant happenings occurred that greatly effected the Infantryman's weapon. The "bolt" and "lever" action systems which allowed production of "repeaters," and the American discovery of a highly secret formula, held by the European powers, for smokeless powder.

The 1892 discovery of the smokeless powder formula gave the answer to one main problem that had been confronting the rifle producers for almost a hundred years—muzzle velocity.

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EVERYTHING hinged upon the speed at which the projectile left the muzzle. Range and accuracy depended on postponing the effects of the law of gravity and air resistance by decreasing the time of flight. Which in essence meant the faster a bullet reaches its goal, the lower is

the trajectory, and the better the accuracy.

Sound easy to solve? Well, those early Ordnance Corps and Springfield Armory technicians deduced the problem this way. Muzzle velocity could easily be increased by adding more black powder, but the result was such a "kick" from recoil and such a heavy weapon to withstand the initial "blast" that it was abandoned. To decrease the amount of lead didn't help either, since it was diameter and not weight that influenced air resistance, and the net result gave less hitting power with the speed remaining constant.

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THE FINAL analysis proved the only way to decrease air resistance was to lower the diameter, lengthen the projectile, and reduce the caliber. Smokeless powder was the answer. Its slow starting explosion gave an initial sluggishness to the bullet, permitting firm groove seating, with complete burning of the powder producing ever-increasing velocity and gradual "recoil shock."

Without smokeless powder a reduction below .40 caliber would not have occurred.

The more modern developments were the 1903 "Springfield" and its modifications, and the adoption of the Garand M-1 rifle by the Army in 1936 as the new standard weapon.

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THE GARAND was developed by an employee of the Springfield Armory, who had been experimenting since 1920. It was in the hands of Army combat forces throughout World War II and Korea, and is still the standard rifle of the Infantryman. It is a semi-automatic, caliber .30, gas-operated, self-loading rifle which basically functions from a piston tube situated under the barrel that controls all operation of the bolt, which extracts and ejects the old cartridge case, and loads the new round with each trigger action.

Today the Infantryman is looking forward to the new M-14 rifle, employing the smaller 7.62 caliber NATO round, and capable of completely auto-

matic fire. Essentially the M-14 is a smaller and lighter modification of the M-1, employing a selector switch and muzzle brake, allowing either semi or completely automatic fire.

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RESEARCH and development of the Infantryman's rifle is still continuing with some schools of thought placing the whole idea of using gunpowder as a propellant as obsolete and as early as the 1880's an Army lieutenant, Charles A. Bennett, voiced that opinion when he stated, "Some other explosive than gunpowder may solve the problem."

The question may come up, "Why the continued effort on development of the rifle in today's age of massive nuclear weapons and missiles?"

Right here at Fort Benning and The Infantry Center may well be the answer. For it is here the Infantryman is regarded as the keystone about which all military operations have been constructed in the past, and will continue to evolve around in the future.

RIFLES—see page 12



At The Infantry Museum this display of flintlock and percussion weapons used by Infantrymen in shaping America's foundation can be seen.



Left to right are, Basil L. Rayl, M-Sgt. Charles L. Hornsby and Carlis Turner who have a combined total of over 98 years military and civilian service.



Troops unload machine guns at the Fort Benning Weapons Pool

Two Post Weapons Pools Maintain \$2,350,000 Worth Of Equipment

The dream, entertained by millions of past and present servicemen, about firing a weapon and then walking away without having to clean it just once, has long been a reality for supporting troops and departments of the Infantry School through weapons pooling.

By maintaining almost 15,000 individual and crew served weapons in two centralized pools, approximately \$2,350,000 worth of equipment is provided expert care by ordnance trained military and civilian technicians, while freeing students and instructors from maintenance that would cut heavily into tight study schedules.

The weapons, ranging from pistols, M1 rifles and carbines to mortars and 160 mm recoilless rifles, are probably the best cared for arms to be found anywhere—though they see constant hard use in the field for demanding demonstrations, classes, and general support activities year-round.

ESTABLISHED and run by the Operations Office of The Infantry School, the two weapons pools, at Main Post and Harmony Church, combined occupy more than 36,000 square feet of space.

Besides supporting the school, the facilities supply equipment needed by reserve, National Guard, Reserve Officers training Corps, and occasional active Army units during summer training or special activities.

Personnel of the two ware-

house type buildings work on a schedule which calls for maintenance of approximately 4,000 weapons and accessory items daily, and issue to the field for use of close to 3,000 daily, according to Capt. Christos J. Evangelos, officer in charge of the Main Post pool.

It all started in 1945 when the need for a central issue and maintenance point for small arms was established by the school. Class schedules contained so much time for maintenance that the scope of many courses was limited, and instructors were devoting time to supervision and security of weapons which could better be utilized in class and demonstration planning.

Fort McClellan had a system where small ordnance items were pooled for joint use by many needing agencies for short term use, and this system served as a guide for the Fort Benning planners.

FORT BENNING'S first pool opened in the Harmony Church area in 1945. Two years later, in 1947, it was moved to Main Post where it operates now as Branch 1.

In April, 1951, excellent reception and use of the facility called for expansion, and Branch 2 was opened back in the Harmony Church area.

As the mortar and recoilless rifle departments of the school are in that area, Branch 2 contains most of the 106 mm rifles, and mortars, while the majority of rifles and pistols are kept at Main Post. Otherwise the operation and appearance of

both facilities is similar.

Two officers, 68 enlisted men and 19 civilians are employed in the two pools. Capt. Evangelos and Capt. Clair E. Porter, are in charge of the operations. They and the enlisted men are members of The Student Brigade.

Of the civilians assigned, 12 are retired service personnel, most of whom have 30 years' active duty behind them, and all have extensive backgrounds with ordnance items. A few, like Basil L. Rayl, have eight years' civil service on top of thirty years Army time.

SIX CIVILIANS who were hired when the pools first offered them employment in 1950, are still working there. Joseph J. Dowling and Sylvester C. Duncan at Branch 1 are retired from active duty; and Napoleon Wheeler, Theodore Stratigos, Floyd S. Morrison and Willie D. Ferrell head the seniority list at Branch 2.

Requests for use of equipment at the pools is submitted three days in advance of actual use. Using departments or units provide their own transportation, and can pick up or return the items seven days a week. Turn in can be made 24 hours a day at both buildings, as two assigned men are constantly on duty.

The using unit turns in the property direct from the field, without cleaning. Inventory is made to determine that all items drawn are returned in complete condition—but cleaning is performed immediately

by pool personnel.

This method assures the best maintenance. Cleaning performed by students in the field, where follow-up examination and further maintenance would not be possible, could be incomplete or ineffective in wet weather.

MASS PRODUCTION, assembly line methods are used at the pools. Oil is applied by forced air through spray guns—reaching every crevice and hidden surface. Mortar tubes are polished with electrical driven staffs which spin oil soaked rags through them from top to bottom. Flash hiders for small arms are kept smooth and free from dents as well as clean by use of special tools and a lathe.

Optical equipment such as sniper scopes are not only cleaned, but examined by experts to assure proper function the next time they go out.

M-Sgt. William Ferguson, Jr., shop foreman of Pool 2 at Harmony Church, says, "Our job is to take care of this equipment, and have it available for the school whenever they need it. The people we have know how to do that better than any group this size I've ever seen."

At Main Post, shop foreman M-Sgt. William T. Herrin, adds: "When visiting allied officers or national celebrities sit down to watch a demonstration put on by the school, they expect to see everything work perfectly. We see that they're not disappointed with the weapons."

Post Finance Pays 12,000 Each Month

The most heavily guarded place at Fort Benning is the Finance and Accounting Office of The Infantry Center, just before payday. The first frame building on Vibbert Ave., burned, presumably because of a faulty coal heater.

Thousands of post personnel have been working toward this "pay-off" all month. So have 135 personnel in that office.

For them, payday might seem just another workday. But an average of 12,000 military personnel get regular pay and allowances then and 3,000 civilian employees receive checks.

Other military personnel on post are paid by Division and Finance Departments.

ACCORDING to Lt. Col. Jeremiah B. Monk, Jr., finance and accounting officer, an average of 2,500 miscellaneous payments, 2,500 travel payments and 2,000 allotments are made in a month. Two thousand Savings Bonds are issued. All this is not to mention comprehensive operations of the accounting department. The increased workload has necessitated no less than half a dozen moves into larger offices since the Army began to pay at the post.

At the last move in September, into the old Food Service School building on Vibbert Ave., senior employees could remember a time when considerably less machinery was involved.

WAGON AND GI MULES helped move the Finance Detachment in the infancy of the "Queen of Battles" at the post.

A few years later, at the time of the third move, 15 personnel, including an officer, were involved. Miss Mary E. Reynolds of Columbus, now assistant comptroller of The Infantry Center, was the first female employee to break the barrier into an all-male office on post. This was in 1931.

"PAYING THE ARMY" at that time wasn't the highly technical responsibility it is today. Promotions were infrequent and, except for increase of pay through longevity, the pay of military personnel remained comparatively static.

Then the base pay of a second lieutenant with less than three years of service was \$125 per month. A private drew \$21. Personnel in certain ranks had to obtain permission of their commanding officer before marrying and "obligating the Army" for quarters allowance. None of the additional types of payment for which service members now qualify was known.

Officers requiring the use of a horse were paid "mount pay." Enlisted personnel were paid monthly on the basis of certified payrolls prepared by personnel officers. Travel payments were few and the payment of civilian employees was a minor function of the Finance Detachment. Accounting was a simple process of maintaining records of some ex-



Sfc Kendred Taylor, operates a 407 IBM electrical accounting machine which prints 100 lines per minute, with a performance that is said to equal that of 80 error-free, high-speed typists working at one time.

penditures.

DURING THE depression years, one of the relief measures which most immediately affected the Finance Detachment was the establishment by Congress of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Fort Benning was designated as a receiving and processing station for thousands of young men who volunteered for the CCC. They shipped into Fort Benning by train loads from surrounding states.

The entire area from where the Main Theater and the library now stand back to the Old Rifle Range was covered with thousands of tents, the temporary housing. During one peak period over 15,000 enrollees were quartered in the "Tent City." After processing, they were shipped to various CCC Camps in Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi and paid monthly by officers of the Finance Detachment.

THIS SUDDEN burst of activity required more personnel and civilian employees found many openings. This was a period of unheard of spending and construction at Fort Benning. Entire blocks of frame quarters built during World War I for officers and non-commissioned officers were being demolished and replaced by permanent brick housing. Contracts were let for construction of other units to the partly constructed cuartel for enlisted members. Two small hangars

were erected in an abandoned field and designated as Lawson Field.

Needless to say, the Finance Officer's workload was increasing with all this general growth.

With the advent of the Financial Management Program for improving financial management in the Army, the Finance Office assumed a tremendous responsibility in becoming "the accountant" for the entire military reservation. Included in this new responsibility was maintenance of accounting control of funds made available for higher authority for carrying out installation missions.

This added duty, coupled with the existing responsibilities for payment of military and civilian personnel and the payment of all commercial type accounts, brought about a change in name to Finance and Accounting Office in 1953.

IN 1957, the implementation of electrical machine accounting and the activation of the Data Processing Division to perform this operation created a pressing need for additional office space. A neighboring temporary-type frame structure served this need and, before the recent move, the finance and accounting operation was occupying four buildings, geographically separated. Now, according to everyone concerned, continuity of communication and work flow is no longer the problem it once was.



Pfc Frederick Seibel operates one of the Finance Center's Tabulating machines.

MUSEUM . . .

opening of branch museums throughout the nation. Fort Carson, Colo., established a post museum. The Patton Museum opened at Fort Knox, which was hailed as one of the Army's finest.

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ALREADY ESTABLISHED was the Artillery Museum at Fort Sill as was the Old Frontier Replica at Fort Bliss, not to mention the fine old Military History Museum at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Among the earlier museums of this type were those related to the Technical Branches. At Aberdeen was the large and well stocked Ordnance Museum. An interesting Signal Corps Museum has been long established at Fort Monmouth.

This somewhat impressive evidence of a growing interest in the preservation of military history with emphasis on branch services came to the attention of Lt. Gen. Herbert B. Powell, then commanding general of The Infantry Center. He took steps at once to establish a similar institution at Fort Benning. At this time, the G-2 Officer was given the project. His job was to select a suitable building for a temporary museum and install it with appropriate display items. The old Outpost building, which already has been mentioned as the earlier repository for captured World War II weapons, was selected for this purpose.

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AT THE SAME TIME, I was working on my off duty time with the University of Georgia as their Fort Benning representative in recording both historical and prehistorical sites within the reservation boundaries. This information was fairly well known at that time. This activity, together with a certain amount of experience in museum work, resulted in my selection as the Museum's first curator.

Although our start was a very modest one, it was significant and had considerable promise. With luck and generous contributions from interested persons, we began to grow. By the spring of 1959, it was clear that more space was needed to install all of the material which we had acquired since our opening in the summer of 1957.

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WHILE THE temporary museum was being developed at the outpost location, plans for the permanent location

were being studied. The first selection for a site of the permanent building was on the western banks of Victory Pond. Since this was somewhat remote from the main highway, a new location was planned on the top of a high hill overlooking the eastern segment of the upper Upatoi Creek in the Sand Hill area. The latter plan, however has been tentatively deferred, due mainly to the need for a more moderate establishment.

During the early summer of this year, the supervision of the museum project was transferred to the Headquarters Commandant, Lt. Col. Loyd C. Talent, for a more extensive development. The building selected for the expansion phase was originally a large classroom and more recently housed a branch function of the Fort Benning Officers' Open Mess. Several painters, technicians, a carpenter and an artist, all soldiers of The Infantry Center Troop Command, combined their skills and talents in remodeling the building into a fitting locale for our needs. Directly supervising the project was the Infantry Museum Custodian, 1st Lt. Chester M. Wright, whose ability to accomplish miracles had much to do with the smart and dignified appearance which characterizes the museum today.

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IN THE FEW DAYS before the formal opening of the new museum, we received many display items for both loan and permanent retention. The Airborne Museum, already described, was turned over to us with its many interesting exhibit items. At about the same time, we received Serial Number 1 of the M-14 Rifle, chambered for the 7.62-mm NATO cartridge. Added to this were several pieces of ordnance and small arms procured for the museum through the efforts of Col. John M. Wostenberg, post Ordnance Officer.

Our artist, Pvt. Peter Barbieri, was putting the finishing touches on a ceiling-high mural which depicted Infantry soldiers in various eras of our military history.

The installation of weapons, maps, pictures and documents in our floor cases formed the nucleus of a planned ten historical period display which begins with the Revolution and outlines Infantry history through the Korean conflict to the present day.

THE FORMAL OPENING ceremony was attended by Major Gen. Paul L. Freeman, Jr. who cut the blue ribbon, officially opening the museum. With him that day were Major Gen. D. A. Kendrew, director of the Infantry War Office, United Kingdom, who praised the museum and noted that military museums of this type were very popular in the British Army.

Since the opening day, October 19, 1959, over 2,000 people have visited the Infantry Museum. These include a large number of Allied Student Officers representing fifteen foreign countries.

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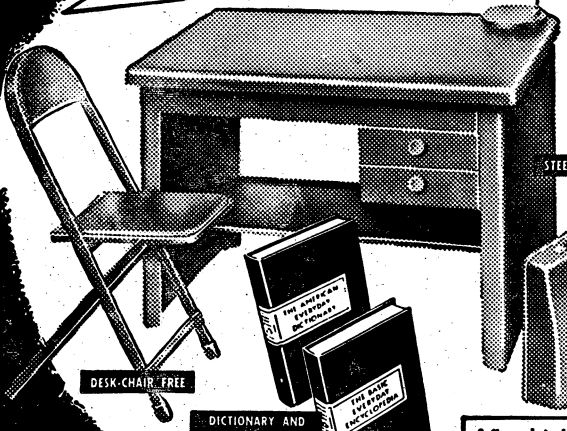
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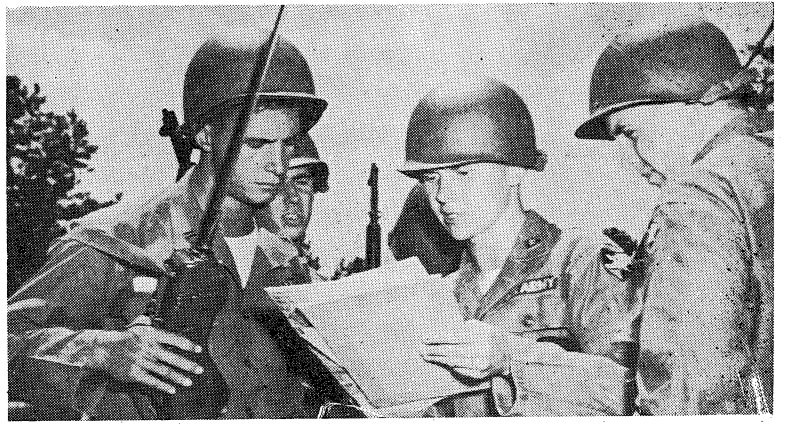
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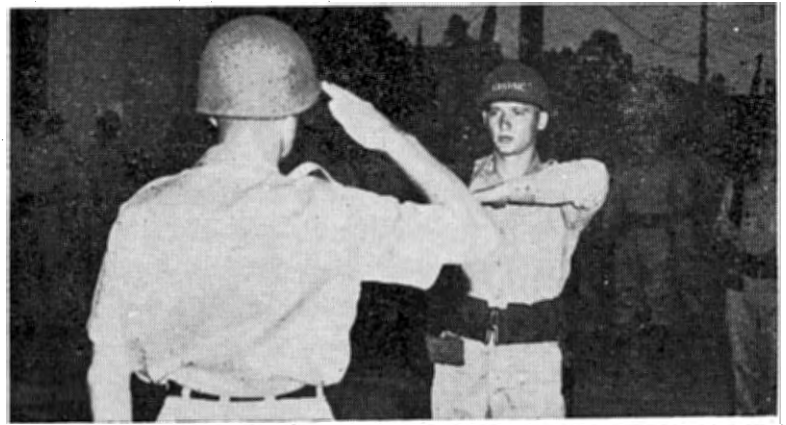
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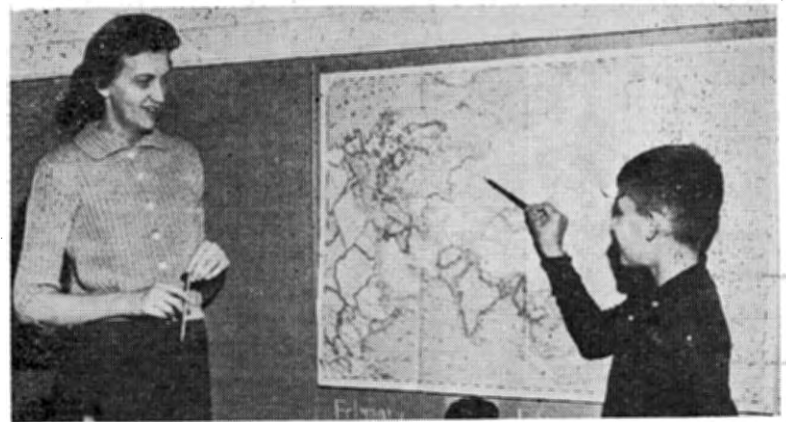
Some 560 cadets of the 1960 class of the United States Military Academy spent three days at Fort Benning. They all participated in exercises, problems and orientations. For story and photos, see Pages 4-5.



Fort Benning was the 1959 summer training site for more than 1,500 cadets of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Work, sweat and play were all a part of their curriculum. For their story, see Pages 2-3.



Tot Town, operated by the Daughters of the U.S. Army, offers fun and relaxation for children whose mothers are busy with other duties. It also prepares the younger ones for school. See story, Pages 6-7.



Kings, generals, ministers, 1,400 annually, make a job for Benning's Protocol Division. See story, Pages 8-9.



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How does a civilian psychologist react to rigorous, rough, Ranger training? For the answer, Pages 10-12



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ROTC Cadets Study Leadership Qualities During Annual Summer Training At Fort Benning

Fort Benning is host annually each summer to several hundred future Army second lieutenants earning commissions via the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program who spend six weeks of intensive training in the Harmony Church Area ROTC Summer Camp. This year there were more than 1500 cadets on the post undertaking the course which stresses leadership through practical exercises. Regularly assigned institu-

tion ROTC instructors provide the bulk of instruction. This is supplemented by Infantry School or other post units. Col. Carl R. Hill, Inst. at the Univ. of Ga., is the deputy camp commander and operates the camp with assistance from Lt. Col. Thomas H. Muller, his assistant (from The Citadel), Lt. Col. Robert F. Goldsmith, executive officer (regularly assigned as Chief, Reserve Components Section at Ft. Benning), and Lt. Col. Abbott B. Walton, director of instruction (Univ. of Florida).

Approximately 123 were commissioned at closing ceremonies July 31.

Most cadets have received three years of military training at their respective college or university and normally attend camp between their junior and senior year.

REPRESENTS 35 INSTITUTIONS

Representing 35 institutions in the southeast, Massachusetts and Puerto Rico, these students live throughout the nation but reside primarily in the southeast; such states as Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee, furnish the majority by far. Georgia schools represented are the University of Georgia, Georgia Institute of Technology, Mercer University, North Georgia College, Gordon Military College, Georgia State College of Business Administration and Georgia Military College. Twelve of the cadets reside in Columbus or the nearby area.

The Fort Benning ROTC Summer Camp was designed to serve two primary missions: to help cadets to better qualify for commissions in the U. S. Army and Army Reserve, and to develop the leadership capabilities of each cadet. As Major General Paul L. Freeman Jr., commanding general of the USA Infantry Center and commander of the ROTC Camp, told them at opening ceremonies June 20, cadets will be given an opportunity to get the feel of a soldier's life—a basic understanding that is important to every officer.

In most institutions military



Cadets receive instructions in all phases of Infantry tactics, including this necessary communications training.



Load up and move out are familiar words to cadets.



North Georgia College furnishes Color Guard for ROTC camp opening ceremony.

subjects must, necessarily, be taught in the classroom. Training areas, except for the drill field, are limited. Classroom instruction is therefore restricted to theory and factual data; practical experience in leadership available only on the drill field and a few other military activities. It is essential then to offer these future officers an opportunity to test the theory absorbed in the classroom through practical experience and have some experience handling manpower. Thus in the camp, assignments ranging from squad leader to brigade commander are available; in the eight companies to which cadets are assigned, these positions are rotated daily assur-

ing that the maximum number of those attending obtain some experience.

RATED BY EXPERTS

Cadets are given a rating while in these command assignments and at the end of camp are rated numerically as to their standing in the platoon, company and the entire camp. This rating assists the professor of military science and tactics at the institution concerned to select his drill field commanders for the next school year. From those rating high in camp come the Distinguished Military Students. Those who rate this distinguished designation upon completion of the ROTC course, and who meet

other basic requirements at their college, may apply for a Regular Army commission; And the Army obtains approximately 700 Regulars from this source annually, more than any other single source.

It is most important that the summer camp and Fort Benning particularly make a favorable impression on the cadet. For the most part, this is his first contact with an Army installation and Army personnel other than detachment members at his institution. He will quite naturally assume that the other posts are similar and personnel are as good or bad as his first impression or opinion is formulated of the U.S. Army. The cadet is given a 264 hour

training course. Mandatory training includes map reading, rifle firing, the field problem test and a comprehensive test given at the end of camp on all phases of his training. This training is augmented by a few other highlights such as "Visitor's Day" and "Field Day".

On Visitor's Day the college president or his representative will visit the camp to see first hand the type of training received by his students by visiting several sessions in the field. They also have an opportunity to talk to their cadets and eat the evening meal with them in the cadet mess hall. This year these representatives visited Fort Benning on July 15 and 16; thirty-odd attended of which eight are college presidents and one vice president.

CLIMAX OF TRAINING

Field Day gives the cadet the chance to pit his military achievements against the other 1500-odd students. In addition to the company winner, individual medals are made for the best: drill squad, squad drillmaster, and the same for platoon; first place in assembly and disassembly of the M-1 rifle and the machine gun; 81mm mortar crew drill, shelter tent pitching, grenade throw and PT test.

Like the Army, the summer camp provides many opportunities to excel, both as individuals and as units. Competition is keen among the cadets for honors and for their relative standing in camp on which a service career may well depend.

Fort Benning is a post its visitors long remember, whether they be student or civilian, native or foreign. Mention the two words in any world-wide social gathering and the discussion that follows may go on for hours. It may be weather conditions, heat or cold, that bring forth the first comment but it is the instructional proficiency, demonstrational excellence or intensive training course observed or taken here that lingers longest in the conversation. Rest assured ROTC cadets attending this year will also have their memories.



A combined arms task force problem put Academy cadets aboard personnel carriers and helicopters for an attack on enemy positions.

West Points Cadets Learn Meaning

'Infantry Must Be Dedicated, Trained, Tough, Fit' - - General Freeman

An Infantryman must be dedicated, motivated, superbly trained, tough and fit. That's what the Infantry School's commandant told over

560 West Point cadets, Class of 1960, at the beginning of their two-day training program in June at Fort Benning. At the end of the two days

the cadets knew the full meaning of that statement.

They had had a taste of "war". Their textbooks had come to life in the form of helicopters, armored personnel carriers and the new M-14 rifles with automatic and semi-automatic capabilities. And they had found a new drive and desire to say, "Follow Me."

Along with what they learned militarily, the cadets also learned other things—that southern hospitality and Georgia and Alabama belles are no farce, and that friendship among men in the service can be the most enjoyable and rewarding kind of friendship.

After their arrival at the large Army post on the afternoon of June 23, the cadets were welcomed to the post by a formal hop that night at the Main Officers' Open Mess.

MEET THEIR DATES

There, dressed in formal attire, they were introduced to Susie from Phenix City, or Jane from Columbus, or the daughters of Fort Benning's colonels and master sergeants for an evening filled with memories of the "Point" and followed by letter writing between the couples in many instances.

The nights of June 24 and 25 provided another kind of entertainment and the cadets

joined in the fun with the enthusiasm of little boys.

There was basketball with a team from The Infantry Center, softball with a group from Martin Army Hospital and baseball with some of the men from the School Brigade.

On the sports field as well as during coffee breaks and around the "lister bag" (the Army's drinking water container in the field), the cadets got a chance to meet the Army men who soon may be their superiors or subordinates and to informally discuss their plans for a particular branch of the Army.

With just one more year to go at the academy, the cadets didn't let the Georgia heat "get them down," but listened and watched to learn more about their chosen professions.

WELCOMED BY COMMANDANT

Major Gen. Paul L. Freeman, Jr., commandant of The Infantry School, spoke to them the morning after the hop as a former West Point graduate to future West Point graduates.

He told them about the days he was at the "Point" and how today he is pleased with the added emphasis on the development of an officer as a combat leader.

They would have a chance at Fort Benning to actually participate in Infantry training



Description of the Army's new M-60 machine gun gets close attention from the cadets.



Intermission, a chat by the pool . . .

problems rather than watch them, he said, and would be brought closer to the life of an Army officer.

That morning the cadets be-

gan their participation. Divided into three groups for the next two days, they got a chance to work together to accomplish a tactical mission in a hilly,



Capabilities of the M-14 are discussed by cadets and cadre.

wooded area during a combined arms task force problem.

'They actually "played war" in all the vehicles of war.

On various ranges they learned about the Army's new weapons and fired the M-14 rifle and the M-60 machine gun at mechanical "pop-up" targets that look like men as part of The Infantry School's Train-fire course.

They also got their share of throwing hand grenades.

The cadets had met Gen. Freeman before his welcoming address on the first morning of their visit. The general and his wife had hosted the hop and stood in the receiving line the night before.

AT THE CADET HOP

The Freemans, Col. Robert G. Sherrard, Jr., U. S. Army Infantry Center chief of staff, and a cadet hop manager composed one of two receiving lines.

The other consisted of Brig. Gen. Stanley R. Larsen, assistant commandant of The Infantry School, and Mrs. Larsen; Col. F. M. Izenour, director of instruction of The Infantry School, and Mrs. Izenour, and a cadet hop manager.

At the hop the cadets also had a chance to meet other key

Fort Benning officers and their guests.

Special guests included Major Gen. R. H. Wienecke, commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division, and Mrs. Wienecke; Major Gen. W. P. Johnson, commanding general of the Armor Center, Fort Knox, Ky., and Mrs. Johnson; Brig. Gen. Miller O. Perry, commanding general of 2nd Division Artillery, and Mrs. Perry, and senior members of The Infantry School and Center staffs and their wives.

The entire officers' mess was devoted to the hop and candles and flowers and strips of crepe paper carried out the academy's colors. A large academy crest hung in the main ballroom.

Before the cadets left Fort Benning on the morning of June 26 on the 10 aircraft that had brought them to the post, they presented a token of their appreciation for their training to Gen. Freeman.

The presentation, which took place in the general's office, consisted of a West Point plaque and scroll expressing appreciation.

The general in return presented the cadets with an M-14 rifle.

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Both will admit that there is nothing like Tot Town, an outstanding post nursery operated as a non-profit service by the Fort Benning Chapter of the Daughters of the U. S. Army.

The nursery, open to children, three months old and older, of military personnel and civilian employees on the post, offers "mama" and "baby" something that even "daddy" will commend.

There is free diaper service, meals, sturdy play equipment of all types, fenced play yards, rest periods, refreshments and scheduled play activities.

Older children have their own building.

And the toddlers can boast about being in another building which has "elephants" and "seals" and "monkeys."

The animals are really giant pictures on the walls drawn by a former Fort Benning soldier. Sp4 Almarinto DiSanto saw the animal scenes in the nursery's curtains and depicted them on the walls.

IN OLD HOSPITAL AREA

The two nursery buildings are in the old hospital area on the post.

They are easily recognized by the Tot Town pixie, a plywood cut-out of a pixie in a green and yellow costume, which adorns the fence outside the buildings.

The pixie, which symbolizes the nursery administration, recently celebrated its first birthday.

Tot Town, formerly the Main Post Children's Nursery, is a little over a year old. In October, 1957, DUSA assumed full control of the Nursery Fund, taking over the nursery and restaffing it.

The Nursery Fund was for-

merly a board appointed by Fort Benning's commanding general and composed of representatives from various groups on the post to finance the nursery.

The Army Daughters had contributed heavily to the financial support of the Nursery Fund before taking full-control of it. Since that time, it has donated more than \$3,900 to the fund.

Mrs. Theodora Goodson, supervisor of the nursery and president of the Nursery Fund, said the nursery was renamed to eliminate words to which children naturally objected, such as "nursery" and "children's."

Mrs. Goodson is the wife of Capt. Allen M. Goodson.

The chapter also began a long-range program of improvement which is still in effect.

NEW SERVICES ADDED

Some improvements which have been provided include a commissary nursery, new equipment, extensive repairs and new methods of child care.

Among the many features recently being studied with an eye to improvements are kitchen equipment and facilities, playground equipment, activity toys, children's furniture,



Mrs. Jack E. Morgan, an attendant at Tot Town, looks over the work

music play, and administrative and office equipment to streamline operations.

Funds for these projects are derived mainly from the annual '49er Party, a gala charity and welfare event sponsored annually by the Army Daughters.

A staff of 14 uniformed personnel begin their day of baby-sitting at 7:30 a.m. at Tot Town.

A receptionist keeps a special record of the child's time of admittance, where its mother can be reached and the approximate time she will return for the child.

Nursery hours are 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. on Fridays, from 5 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. on Saturdays, and from 7:45 a.m. until 11 p.m. on Sundays.

The nursery is closed on all holidays. Special openings can be arranged for graduated fees outside regular hours of operation if made at least three days ahead of time.

Reservations for meals can be made in person or by telephone at least an hour before serving time.

Hot lunches are served for



Many of the youngsters at Tot Town receive valuable guidance which helps them to "graduate" to Benning's Children's Schools. Miss Margaret Ratterree, right, director for Children's Schools, talks with two second grade teachers at the Main Post School. Talking with Miss Ratterree are Miss Francis Mitchell, left, and Mrs. Dessallee Albright.



3 p.m. for 10 cents. Weekend evening refreshments served at 8 p.m. consist of ice cream.

Regular rates for child care are presently set at 50 cents an hour per child.

Optional purchase of a membership or registration card, at a cost of \$1 a family a year, entitles a family to special rates, to the use of the Day Care Plan, the purchase of discount cards and other services.

Special rates are 35 cents an hour for one child, 45 cents for two in the same family and 50 cents for three or more in the same family.

Discount cards good for 20 hours and valid for one month from the date of purchase provide cut-rate care at 10 cents per hour less than the special rates.

These cards sell for \$5 for one child, \$7 for two children in the same family and \$8 for three or more children.

The Day Care Plan was originally designed for working mothers, but is open to any registered family.

It provides a "home away from home" Mondays through Fridays, with scheduled activities, regular rest periods, lunch and refreshments.

of some of the older children.

25 cents at noon on week days and at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays. Suppers are served on the weekends at 6:15 p.m.

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Children at the nursery on week days get refreshments of juice and cookies at 10 a.m. and



It's play time for three toddlers. Animal murals were drawn by a former Benning soldier, Sp4 Almarito DiSanto.



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Responsible for insuring that all receptions and honor guard ceremonies, as well as luncheons, tours of the post and conferences, run smoothly and according to the appropriate conventions and Army traditions is the Protocol Division of the Infantry Center.

Headed by Capt. Fred W. Clark, the division's staff of 15 has made arrangements—from menus to visits to farms in the area—for 18,000 visitors last year, the largest number in one year to date.

The highest ranking visitor last year was Greece's Crown Prince Constantine, who visited for the longest period. Ministers of defense, commanders-in-chief and chiefs of staff are not uncommon among prominent visitors whose schedules are arranged and special requests concerning their visit fulfilled by the men of Protocol. From the time a telephone call or a letter from the Department of the Army informs the division of a scheduled visit, the office is continually on-the-go making preparations.

15 ASSIGNED TO STAFF

In addition to Capt. Clark, the staff consists of three officers, nine enlisted men and two civilians: Capt. Thomas B. Lynch, in charge of Allied visitors; Capt. John F. George, in charge of U. S. officials; Capt. Donald Mortenson, in charge of special projects, and Mrs. Jacqueline Faller and Mrs. Linda L. Francis, secretaries.

M-Sgt. Burley L. Chester, operations sergeant in charge of



CAPT. FRED CLARK
Chief of Protocol Division

drivers, photo albums of the visitors' tours, procuring of uniforms and care of flags and equipment maintained by the division; Sgt. Vincent R.

Brown, chief clerk in charge of administrative functions; Sp5 Joe C. McQuerry, protocol NCO, who actually sets up the flags in the dining halls, makes place cards and arranges them on tables and composes the seating boards, and six drivers.

Over the years this small staff has added its share of information to protocol technique which has been compiled in a book entitled "Guide to Official Army Entertainment." This book and "Customs and Courtesies of the Service and Guide to Army Social Life," are invaluable time-savers in checking such things as proper address and titles of officials, proper dress, correct seating arrangements and place settings.

Because of its accomplishments and experience, the Fort Benning Protocol Division has

been the model for many other similar offices of the Army and Air Force. Various other installations are continually sending for the two books and samples of printed forms Protocol has devised to make the operation of the office a smoothly running procedure. Sometimes, however, there are unavoidable breaks in the smoothly functioning operation.

QUICK CHANGE REQUIRED

Capt. Lynch recalls the time a dinner was scheduled for an Allied commander at 7 p.m. All U. S. guests were requested to wear dress white uniforms, which would be comparable to the one the commander was to be wearing. But when the commander arrived at 6 p.m. he was wearing a quite different uniform.

Telephones were ringing all over the post for almost an hour since Capt. Lynch had to phone every general officer and guest on the post to have them change their uniform to tropical worsted.

It happens that the timing involved in this last minute changes makes their accomplishment almost impossible. For example, an Allied visitor was scheduled to arrive by plane at noon. He was slated to eat lunch on the plane, but he didn't. The Protocol Division had to arrange for a luncheon, seating plan and dining hall to be prepared, all during the time it took the entourage to travel from Lawson Army Airfield to the Officers' Mess.

Then there are the little things which still haunt the Protocol men, such as the day 282 guests were to eat at the Officers' Mess. Before the banquet the temperature was reduced to 65 degrees to pre-cool the dining hall. Someone who had arrived quite early, feeling cold, had apparently reset the thermostat at 80.

MENU SELECTED CAREFULLY

The religious implications in relation to food preference can often pose a problem. For example, the Moslems normally do not eat any pork or pork products. They are not supposed to drink alcoholic beverages. There could be much embarrassment for the U. S. if



VIP home at Fort Benning—McCall House where dignitaries stay during their visit.

pork were on the menu for a visiting Moslem. These things must be considered by the protocol staff so that proper adjustments in the menu can be made.

When conferences are held Protocol sees that a medical officer is on hand in case of an emergency, assigns a project officer, preferably a man who can speak the language of the visitor, who escorts the officials around the post and is with them from the time of arrival to time of departure and even arranges for cleaning of clothes.

One time eight Italian generals' uniforms were sent to the dry cleaner. They were cleaned and pressed in fine style, but all the various ribbons were taken off the uniforms and sent back in a small plastic bag. Needless to say, each officer had to be consulted so he could pick out his ribbons from the bag.

There are many social functions during the year which are also handled by Protocol. It is a custom of the Army that on New Year's Day the commanders at all levels receive officers and their ladies at their homes. The commanding general

usually has about 350 officers, wives and civilians at his home during the afternoon. Prominent Phenix City and Columbus officials are invited to attend, together with retired officers in the area.

In conjunction with the training of the U. S. Military and Air Force Academy cadets, hops are held and Protocol, from a classified list of names, provides "blind dates" of the same age and height for the cadets. Forms must be filled out by the girls' parents. About 250 girls are selected for each hop. The band and refreshment arrangements at the Officers' Mess are made by the Protocol men. About 900 persons attend the Hops.

KEEP 75 FLAGS READY

The Protocol Division has 73 national flags plus the U. N. flag so the appropriate one may be displayed when Allied officials visit. At one Allied student officers' reception an Ethiopian officer noted that the lion on the Ethiopian flag, which was sewn by hand and modeled after a picture, looked more like a cat. He offered to have a better one sent from Ethiopia.



Greek Prince Constantine salutes the colors with Gen. Freeman during the young monarch's visit to the post last fall.

Even the correct number of cannon volleys must be fired at reviews according to the rank of the visitor. Protocol also tries to acquire the music for the national anthem or other national marches of the respective countries so the band may play these numbers during the honor guard.

The Protocol Division is also unofficially, called upon to assist various clubs and associations in composing seating plans, proper pronunciation of foreign names, the correct form or address of a dignitary, the order of rank of distinguished guests and many other demands of social protocol.

A MARK OF QUALITY FOODS



Civilian Psychologist Completes Army Ranger Course On Way To Studying Mental Make-up of Infantryman

For the first time in its history a civilian was enrolled in and graduated from the most rigorous course of training the Army has to offer, that of the U. S. Army Rangers.

Dr. Sherwood H. Peres of Passaic, N. J., voluntarily traded his learned title of "Doctor of Industrial Psychology" for the simple title of "Ranger" last February.

A psychologist with the personnel Research and Procedures Division, Personnel Research Branch, Office of the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, the 25-year-old graduate of Ohio State University undertook the nine weeks of Ranger training as a phase of Army personnel studies.

"At six feet and 177 pounds," Dr. Peres stated with a grin, "I thought that I was in better than average trim but I began to doubt it when the training started.

Massaging a muscle of his

right shoulder in a moment of nostalgia, Dr. Peres admitted that he'd lost seven pounds, had taken up his belt a full half inch and had gained terrific respect for the Rangers during his first week of instruction.

"As a civilian I used to get up at 6:30 a.m. and wake up at 8," he said, "but during my stint it was a matter of being up and awake for 4:30 a.m. reveille."

CONNECTED WITH STUDY

His enrollment in the Ranger Course was directly connected with the Army's continuous program of study of the physical, mental and psychological make-up of its men. Millions of veterans are familiar with this program and remember the famous "AGCT" (Army General Classification Test) administered in the early years of World War II. This test served to reveal the individual's general level of intelligence

but, because of the speed and scope of mobilization, the question of how a man might react under combat conditions had to be answered by the terrible test of the battlefield itself.

World War II and the Korean fighting saw the average young American, the farmer, clerk and truck driver, prove his ability to make the swift psychological transition to skilled combat effectiveness.

From its wartime observations made during these periods of conflict, and from subsequent studies, the Army evolved the present Army Classification Battery which is far superior to the now ancient AGCT. This test discloses what a man can do and its disclosures is a deciding factor in his subsequent assignment to a combat or non-combat arm.

Dr. Peres' enrollment in the Ranger course arose from the Army's desire to progress still further in this field and search out a means of foretelling what

a man would do under combat stress. Such a highly desired forecast would necessarily have to be obtained from tests added to the current Army Classification Battery and through his participation in the rugged Ranger training, Dr. Peres hopes to find clues upon which these tests might be based.

TRAINING DEEMED 'REAL'

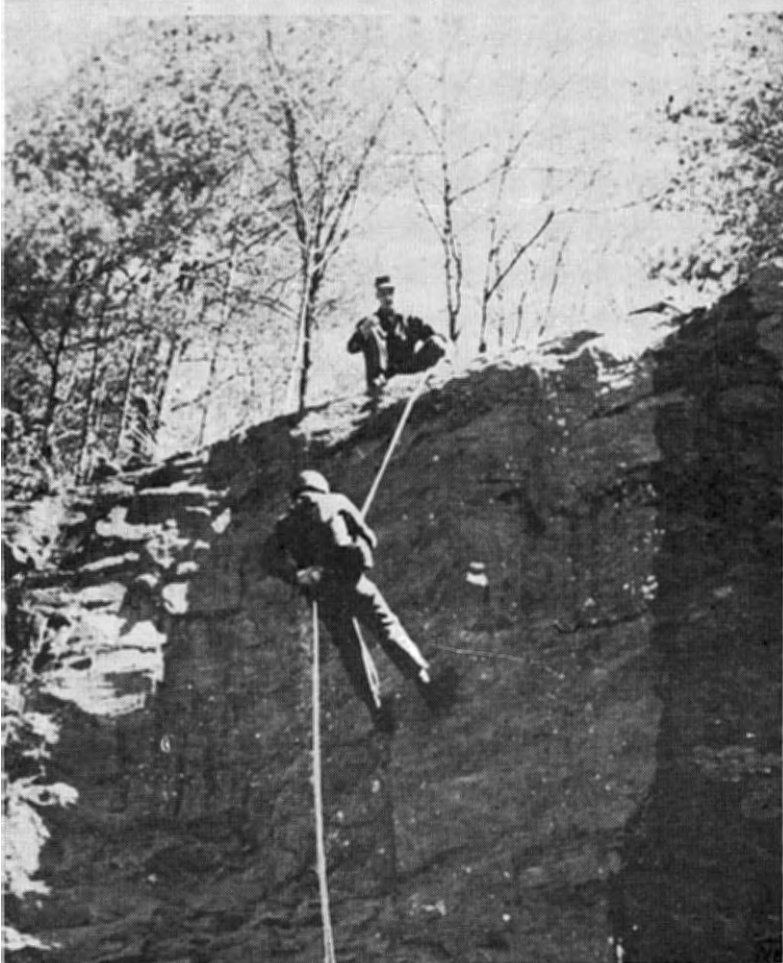
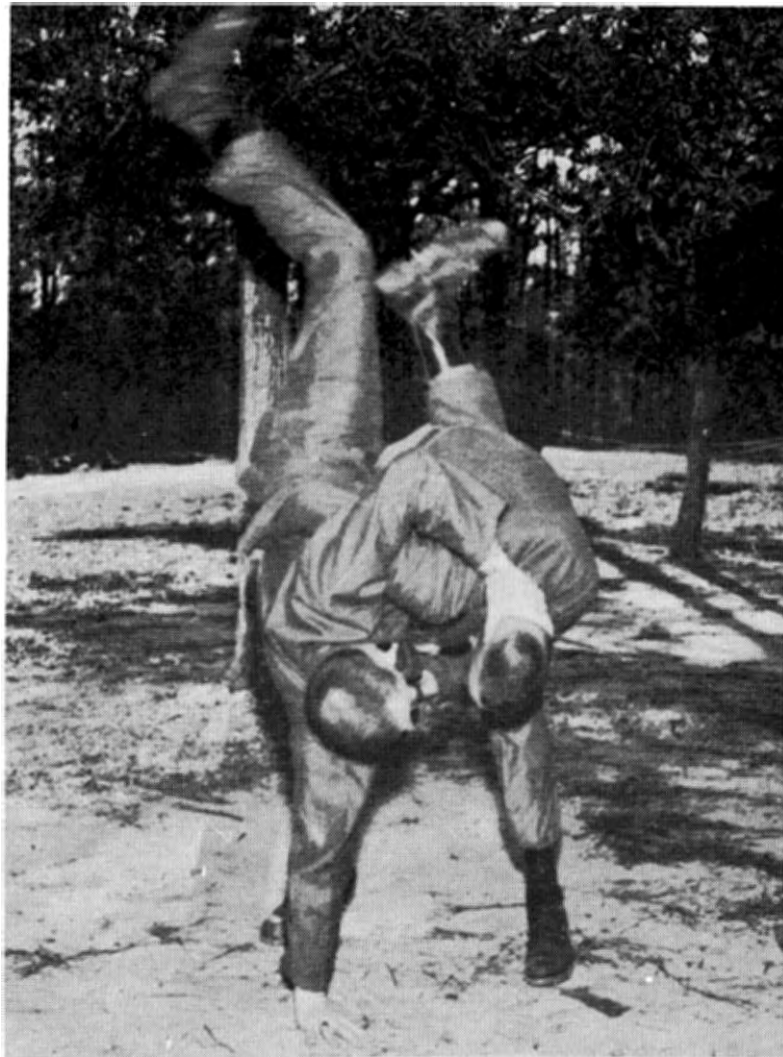
"It was agreed in Washington that our Rangers provided the nearest thing to actual combat conditions in their training," the doctor explained. "It was at first decided to assign an observer to Fort Benning, but I jumped at the chance to actually take the training with the result that I've been 'jumping' ever since!"

According to the Rangers' first civilian student, his reception was no different than that received by some 135 military members of his class, aside from an initial visit with the

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Dr. Peres finds relief in an icy mountain stream after a rugged session of training in mountain climbing.



Flying heels of Ranger student being thrown by a "hip roll" are those of Dr. Peres. Bottom photo shows Dr. Peres scaling a Georgia mountain cliff.

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Ranger Department director, Col. John T. Corley.

His objectives were swiftly analyzed, his quarters and platoon assignments were made and "Doctor" Peres became "Ranger" Peres with the flicking speed of a Ranger bayonet.

He entered the class with the personal resolve that he'd be a Ranger first and an observer second only to find that the Rangers had had the same idea. It wasn't too long after he'd first donned combat boots, blocked cap and Army "fatigues" that he was given ample opportunities to make personal observations on physical reactions born of extremely strenuous muscular effort.

Just a tinge of pride could be discerned in his voice as he described the exercises and the other courses through which he passed in rapid succession, and what happened when he was apprehended in the act of breaking a Ranger rule.

"A flinty-eyed instructor would pop out of nowhere, point to the ground and snap 'Take 10!' an order which required 10 push-ups right there on the spot," he grinned. 'Ranger' Peres added that he became rather adapt at the exercise.

A BUSY FIRST WEEK

In his first week of training he received instruction in bayonet fighting, hand-to-hand combat, night vision, intelligence reporting and patrol reporting, all liberally besprinkled with two-mile runs before breakfast and other methods used by the Rangers in the process of toughening their students.

Following the two-week phase of the course which is given at Fort Benning, he participated in a 19-day phase entailing amphibious and jungle operations near Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. An 18-day course of mountain training at the Ranger camp near Dahlonga, Ga., was next on the 'observer's' schedule.

It was during the Florida phase that the Department of



Civilian or military, push-up are the penalty for breaking Ranger rules, Dr. Peres discovers.

the Army psychologist made a major portion of his observations. The most rigorous of the three phases, it includes prolonged operation by the students who are permitted but three hours sleep a night, the same amount of rest which might be expected on an actual battlefield. In fact, the entire course provides the atmosphere and conditions equal to experiences gained in three battle campaigns.

It is a well-known fact that possible future warfare will demand small, compact, lightning-swift combat units capable of tremendous firepower and self-sustained operation for extended periods. In such units the laggard, the dullard and the undependable have no place.

MAY ANSWER QUESTIONS

Through his observations, Dr. Peres hopes to determine how men learn a performed military skill under combat conditions and to collect other factors which may help identify the combat defective. His efforts could well result in the finding of the answer to a question which young soldiers have been asking themselves for thousands of years: "How will

I react when the fighting starts?"

Thomas U. Harrold, Lt. Edward W. Nidever and the others, I've already come to the conclusion that I may well be the roughest, toughest individual ever to have graced the halls of modern psychology!"

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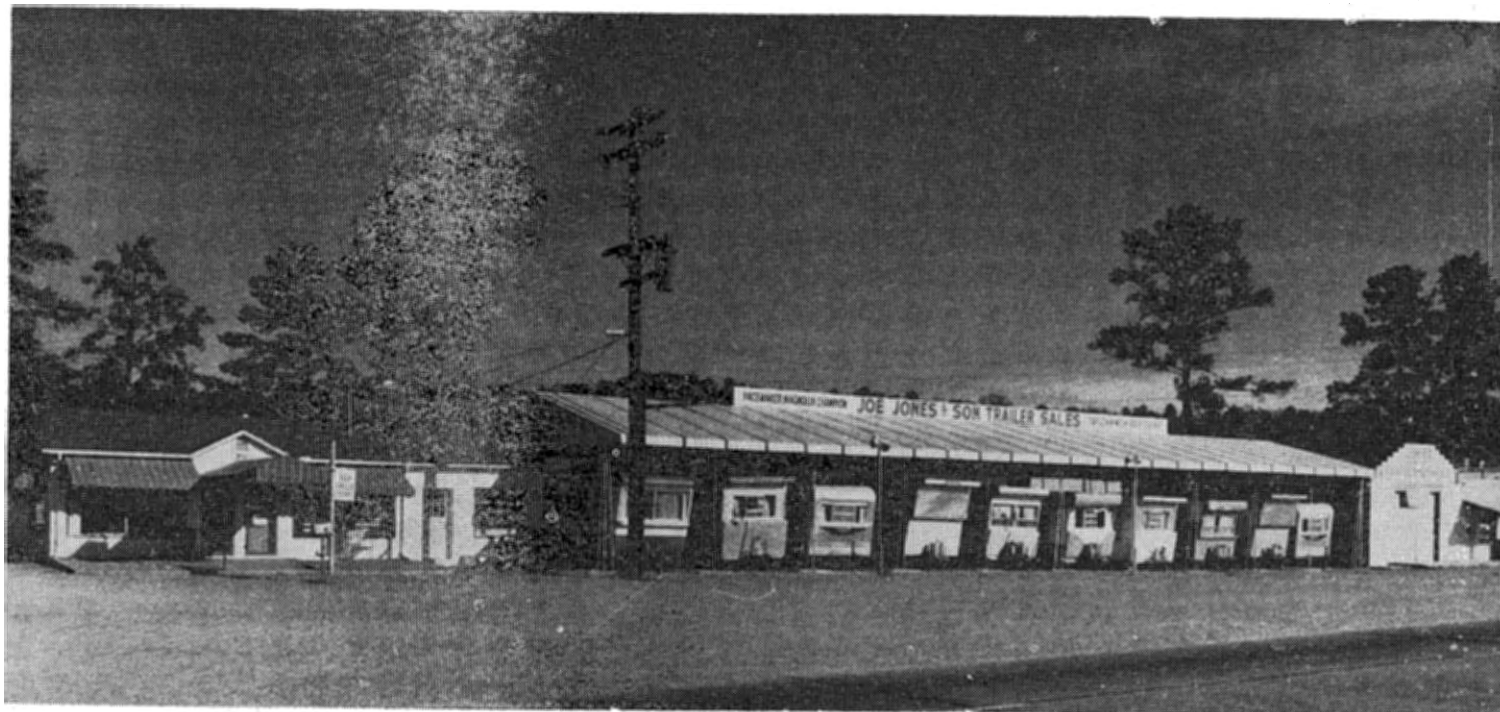
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Members of the WAC Company each year hold a big Christmas Party in the Company area. The story is told in pictures by Pfc Thomas on Page Six.

How and why the famed Problem 1001, "Weapons of the Infantry," is presented by The Infantry School. This dramatic story is told by Sp5 Larry Benedict, with photos by Sgt. Whitten of the post Signal Photo Lab. Pages Eight and Nine.

On Pages Fourteen and Fifteen Ida C. Evans has written the story of one of The Infantry School's training problems that is built around realism and effectiveness.

The operation of the Photographic Laboratory of The Infantry Center Signal Section is told on Pages Fourteen through Sixteen. Photos by Sp4 Longo and the narrative by MSgt Thomas.

Sp5 Larry Benedict tells the interesting story of how a master sergeant of The Infantry School takes charge and goes to work when a job needs done on Page Seven.

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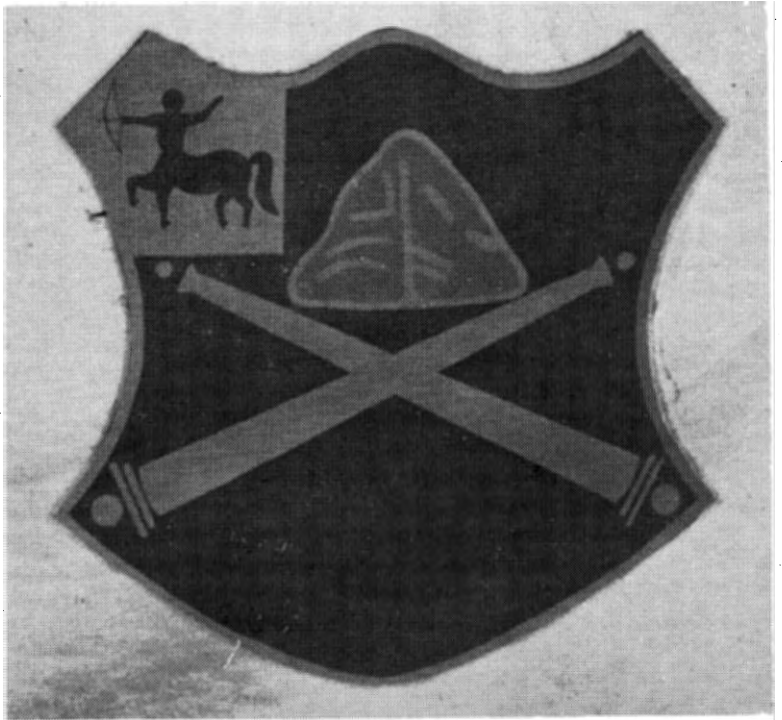
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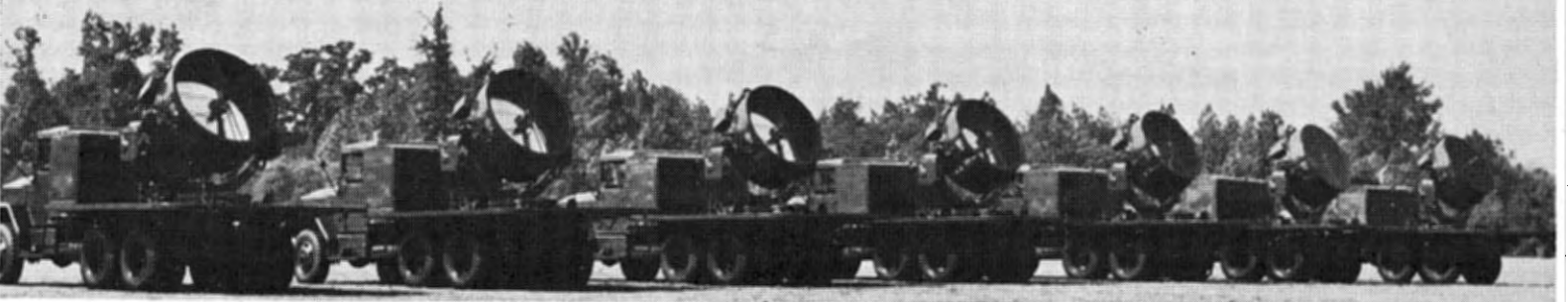
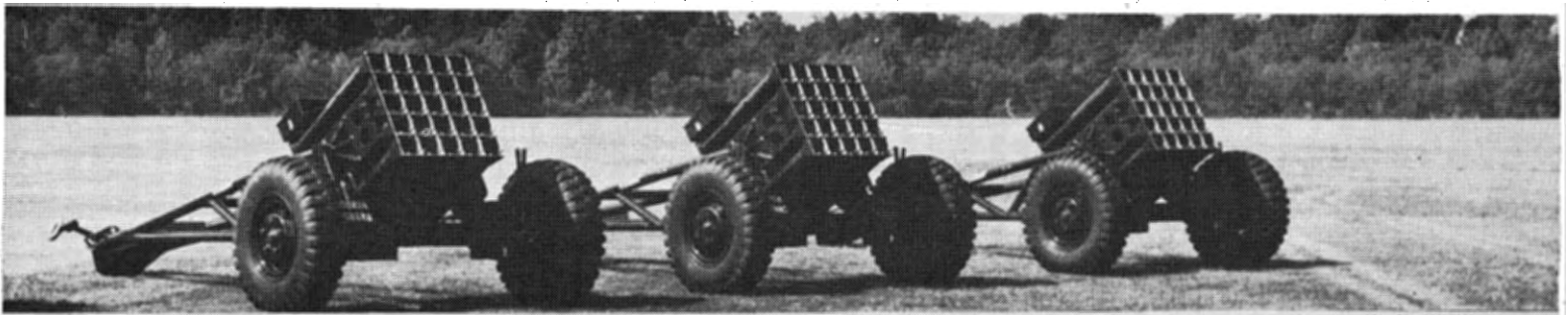
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Members Of The 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 10th Artillery Claim It's The "Shootingest Battalion In The Army"...

Members of the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 10th Artillery, call their unit the "shootingest battalion in the Army," and they say it with pride.

To qualify this statement they explain the battalion, which is a major unit of the 1st Infantry Brigade, is equipped with modern, up-to-date-artillery firepower that is greater than that of a division artillery.

The battalion's armament comes with a kingsize price tag of \$3,663,128, and includes a grand total of 77 artillery pieces — including the 60-inch searchlight.

Broken down the artillery pieces of the battalion are: two 762-mm Honest John rockets; two eight-inch self-propelled howitzers; two eight-inch towed howitzers; two self-propelled 155-mm howitzers; eight 155-mm towed howitzers; six 105-mm self-propelled howitzers; 32 105-mm towed howitzers; four 75-mm pack howitzers; three 4.5-inch multiple rocket launchers; eight twin 40-mm self-propelled guns; seven 60-inch searchlights of the white variety and one infrared 60-inch searchlight. Scheduled to be added to the arsenal of modern weapons complex were two 318-mm Little John rockets.

ORGANIZATION AND MISSION

Only last May the battalion was completely reorganized and redesignated to its present name. The reorganization came about the same time the battalion got its present commander, Lt. Col. Edgar M. Sinclair.

The battalion now consists of Batteries A, B, C, D, and Headquarters, with Battery B, 29th Artillery (Searchlight) and the 12th Platoon (AW) (SP), 55th Artillery attached.

The new organization and the unique distinction of the extra armament put the battalion in a better position to fulfill its ultimate objective to insure that the Infantry student has the opportunity to gain the background and knowledge necessary to understand and apply the principles of artillery that are available to the Infantryman for support fires in combat.

Thus, the primary mission of the "shootingest battalion in the Army" is to furnish support in material, skill and manpower to The Infantry School.

In accomplishing this mission the battalion is continually engaged demonstrations such as firing service practice for Infantry School students; close support to

combined-arms actions with fire and manpower; and static displays of conventional and atomic capable weapons. Moreover, the members of the battalion participate in many demonstrations for distinguished visitors — military and civilian— from this nation and the nation's of our Allies.

Battery A is the Honor Guard Battery and fires salutes for these many dignitaries here on post and on occasion throughout the Third Army area.

BATTALION'S PROUD HISTORY

Members of the battalion speak with pride of the history and esprit de corps of the unit, which first was entered on the roles of Army artillery commands in June, 1917.

Activated in Arizona, the parent 10th Artillery Regiment was formed from elements of an old horse-drawn regiment, and attached to the famed 3rd "Rock of the Marne" Infantry Division.

The predecessors of today's 10th Artillery remained with the Division during combat actions of World War I and World War II.

It was in action in support of the 3rd Division's 30th Infantry Regiment in the Chateau-Thierry sector of Northern France in mid-July

1918 the 10th Artillery earned the nickname "The Rock's Support," that is still used with pride.

During that fierce action a young lieutenant earned the first Medal of Honor inscribed on the roles of the 10th Artillery — he was Lt. Gen. (Ret.) George P. Hayes.

At the close of World War I the artillerymen had earned campaign streamers for actions at Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne.

Former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, is one of the battalion's distinguished members who served during the period between the two World Wars, and of the 10th Artillery insignia Gen. Taylor stated, "I wore this crest with pride."

In 1940 the command was reorganized into a battalion, and again with the famed 3rd Infantry Division its members participated in four assault landings, five river crossings and a total of 532 days of combat in defense of freedom during World War II, adding 10 battle streamers to the unit standard.

A third call to arms came in August 1950 when the unit again joined the "Rock of the Marne" Division for action in Korean con-

flict, adding another hard-earned eight battle streamers to its proud collection.

BENNING ASSIGNMENT

Following the close of the Korean hostilities the 10th Artillery came to Fort Benning with the 3rd Division. It was upon reassignment of the Division to Germany in May 1957 that the battalion was assigned to The Infantry Center as School support troops.

Since that date members of the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 10th Artillery, have earned the title of the "shootingest battalion in the Army" through their outstanding day-to-day accomplishment of an exacting and demanding mission.



Chaplain's Christmas Message

Much of the beauty of the Christmas story is in its simplicity. Even the visit of the mysterious wise men from the East is narrated in simple style. There is no description of royal robes and elaborate ceremony.

Thus the writer simply tells us "there was no room in the inn" for this couple from Nazareth. Quite naturally there wasn't. Bethlehem was only a tiny village, crowded with scores of people who had been forced to return for registration. How often, in the centuries since that night, people have lamented that Joseph and Mary weren't given the VIP suite! Many stories have been told imaging

the regrets of the innkeeper when he discovered who were guests in his stable.

In drama and poetry and song the lament has gone on—"no room for them"—"no room" . . . !

But there was room!

There was room for everybody who came to the stable to pay homage to the babe in the manger. There was room for simple shepherds—nomads from the surrounding hills. And room for the wise men bearing their gifts. And there must have been others, many others—relatives and friends and plain curious folk, caught up in the joy that always surrounds a

new-born babe. If they had had to pass the desk clerk and the owner of the inn, some might not have made it. But there was easy access to the stable. And there was ample room 'round the manger, which wouldn't have been true in even the best suite the little hotel could offer.

There is room this Christmas 1960 for all who will—shepherd and sage—young and old—from far and near—to enter His presence and be caught up in the wonder and joy—even to join in singing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" for unto us a Saviour is born!

Chaplain
FRANK A. TOBEY
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Just name your choice and it will probably be found somewhere in the two-story building housing the bargains that benefit both the buyer and the seller.

Brig. Gen. Alexander D. Surles, Jr., right, deputy commanding general of The Infantry Center, is seen discussing facilities of the Thrift Shop with Mrs. Bonifas during a recent visit.



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It is a year-around operation sponsored by the Woman's Club of Fort Benning. The Woman's Club reaps a nominal profit of some ten percent but puts every cent of the profits right back into a very worthwhile cause—post charity.

Each worker, including the ladies who head the operation, are volunteers for their job, and it takes about 15 ladies each day the Thrift Shop is open to handle the sales administration chores.

Headed by Mrs. A. P. Bonifas, chairman; Mrs. Dallas Patterson,

co-chairman; and Mrs. D. W. Rachal, treasurer; the staff handles approximately 1,500 items each month, making payments to the sellers with several hundred monthly checks ranging from .90 cents to more than \$100.

SELLER SETS PRICE

Almost anything that is serviceable and saleable will be accepted by the Thrift Shop. Items are taken on consignment with the price set by the consignee. The merchandise is then put on display for sale and when a buyer comes along and takes it the seller is given a check

Mrs. Rachal, left, is assisted by Mrs. L. G. Simmons in preparing payment checks for items sold.

for the price they had asked, less the ten percent for the Woman's Club charity work.

If the merchandise is not sold at the end of a 90-day period the seller may pick it up by paying a ten percent service charge, or they may donate it to the Thrift Shop. Donated items will be sold by the ladies at whatever price they are able to get with this money also going into the charity fund.

Mrs. Robert A. Montgomery heads the committee for selecting and placing the ladies who desire to devote their time to assist in the operation of the Thrift Shop. She may be contacted at LI 5-2105.

OPENING HOURS

The Thrift Shop is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the first Thursday evening following each payday from 6 to 8 p.m. for the convenience of those desiring to use the facilities who can not get there during the morning or afternoon hours.

Since last March the Thrift Shop has been housed in one of the temporary buildings located across from the Infantry Museum, and during the summer months the building was completely air-conditioned for the comfort of shoppers.



A young shopper, Aubrey Smith, Jr., checks out a toy horse during his visit with a look toward his mother that may well read "I like it Mom!" He is the son of Sfc Aubrey Smith, Advanced Marksmanship Unit.



MSgt Ralph H. Davis, Company A, 1st Battalion, The Infantry Center Troop Command, with his family look over some of the Thrift Shop merchandise.

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When the committee planned four additional tasks to the 12 in use since 1954, Sgt. Brown stepped forward and volunteered to build them.

"I'd built little odds and ends before," he said later, "and just sorta picked up a little know-how here and there. But I had never really worked as a carpenter or on any real construction."

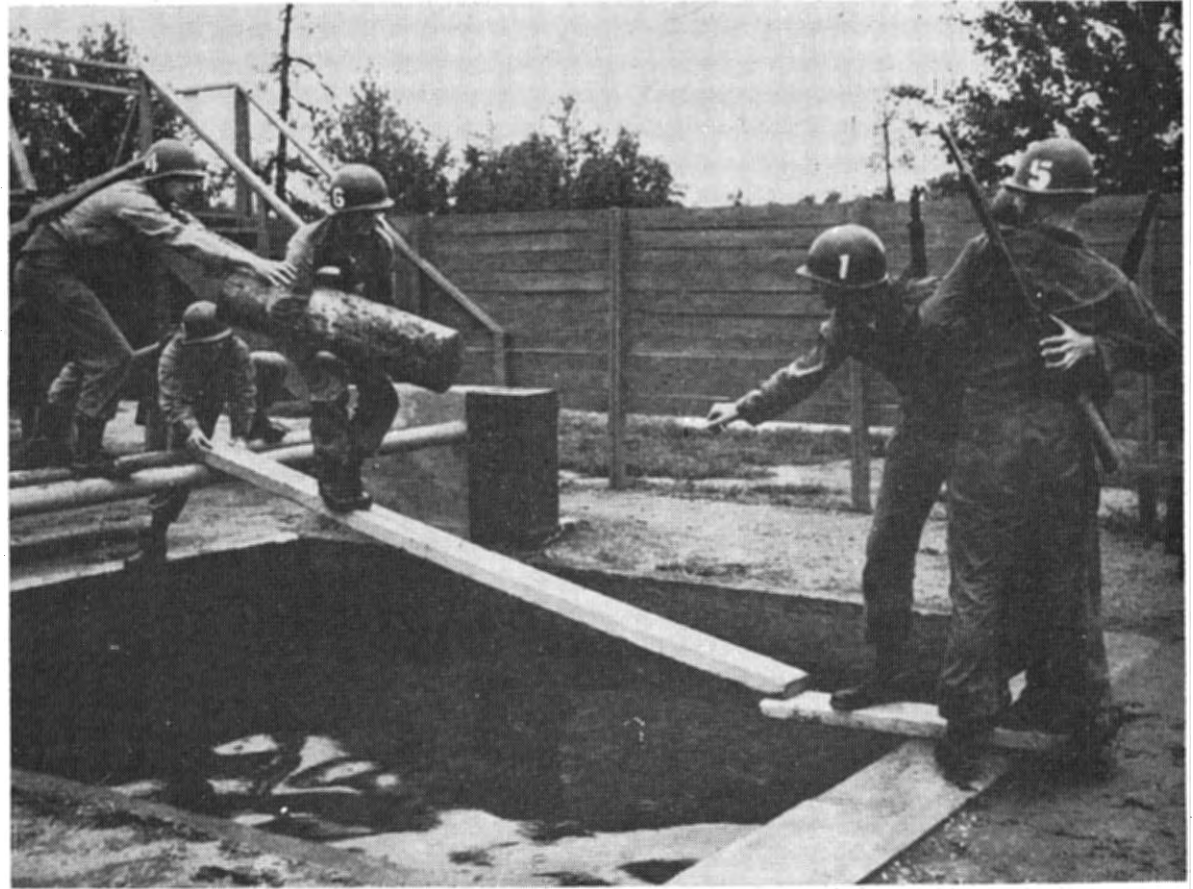
But Sgt. Brown knew what was needed in the new tasks. Students are divided into six-man teams when they run the course. They are given a verbal situation and told they must solve the handicaps in accomplishing their mission.

The four new tasks were to call for crossing a barbed wire fence without touching the wire (it's "mined"); moving ammunition up a simulated cliff which is also "mined"; crossing over a mine field, with only a damaged telephone line available to use, and completing a demolition mission using a pitch dark drainage ditch and avoiding an enemy patrol.

STUDENTS TOLD

He knew what the students would be told when the tasks were finished, as they started to solve them. For instance a demolition problem:

"You are members of a patrol sent into enemy territory to destroy an ammunition dump," the rating officer would say. "On a previous patrol you found the



Some of the 16 tasks at the Leader Reaction Course of The Infantry School's Special Subjects Department. To the right MSgt Brown who built the four tasks recently added.

dump to be guarded by a seven-foot wire fence and a roving patrol which passes the area every 15 minutes.

"The ground on both sides of the fence is mined and may not be touched. Your patrol consists of six men. You have brought with you one plank 10 feet long and 14 feet of rope to assist you in crossing the fence. You have also brought 80 pounds of explosives in four packages to use in blowing up the dump.

"All team members must cross over and return," the officer will continue. "You estimate it will take at least three men to place the explosives after you cross the fence. You must not allow anyone or any piece of equipment to touch the fence. You must get the explosives placed and all men and equipment back across the fence before the enemy patrol returns. This patrol has just passed."

DIFFICULT TASK

With that situation to start with and those tools authorized for the students, Sgt. Brown knew he had to make the task difficult but not impossible. Solid, permanent construction was necessary to withstand the sometimes fierce attacks by determined students.

Selection of materials, exact arrangement of obstacles and all other physical aspects of the tasks were left completely to Sgt. Brown. On one task he decided to use some

concrete.

When Lt. Col. C. D. Shealy, officer in charge of the course, made a routine inspection of progress one day, he found a neat, professional job of concrete placement completed.

"Who did the concrete work?," he asked Brown, and found the sergeant had just gone right ahead and done it himself.

"At a conservative estimate, he saved us at least \$500 on the four new tests," Col. Shealy said, "and did a darn good job too. The arrangement and selection of materials couldn't have been better if the engineers did it."

The only help the assistant instructor had in all four tasks was an occasional man to hand him something or help paint or dig a little, and some welding needed on some steel cross bracing.

Today a large, solid catwalk stands about 10 feet high near the original tasks. Two complicated tasks are arranged on each side of this wall. Everything needed is there, including benches for observers, platforms and railings for the control officers and visitors who watch from above.

HARDEST PROJECT

When he was asked what the hardest task was to build, Sgt. Brown led the way to the one which requires the team to pass through a drainage ditch while carrying a simulated explosive charge.

"This is task 16," he explained. "The six-man teams were to pass through some sort of pipe or hole with a satchel charge to blow up a bridge. It had to be safe—not too hot in the summer and not too cold in the winter—and dry enough for year-round routine training."

He found what is considered the "ideal solution." He got a regular piece of drain pipe 24 inches in diameter. To keep it dry year-round, he arranged to place it above the ground. To keep it insulated from the cold in winter and intense heat of summer, he covered it with a large hill of earth.

So it would be dark inside, and not too easy to navigate in, he covered the end with canvas and built into the pipe a right angle turn. Concrete encloses the end to keep it clean, hold back the earth piled over it and keep it secure.

"It isn't a long pipe," commented one assistant instructor, "but students pushing the simulated explosive charge through there feel like they're a long way from comfortable Fort Benning."

PASS OR FAIL

Students do not simply "pass" or "fail" the tasks, however. That is not the intent. They are watched for innate leadership ability and aptness of thought. The real value is in the insight each student gains about himself.

Problem 1001...

What May Be The Largest Stage In The World Sets The Scene For The Infantryman's Arms

Exactly on cue, some of the strangest objects ever seen in dramatic shows anywhere make their entrances onto what may be the largest stages in the world.

And they appear before some of the most cosmopolitan audiences ever gathered together for panoramic productions.

What are these members of the "cast"?

They are flames reaching 2600 degrees Fahrenheit, mortar rounds, tracers, 90-mm and 106-mm shells, flares, and all the other weapons of an Infantry battle group.

Along with some of the most proficient Infantrymen in the Army, they are "signed up" for the dramas by the Weapons Department, The Infantry School.

THE BEST METHOD

Actual full scale demonstrations, the best method ever devised to get across the effects and versatility of Infantry weapons with live ammunition, are witnessed by officers of every nation receiving U. S. advisory and military assistance, and are one good reason why the post is so well known throughout the world.

The department's Problem 1001, titled "Weapons of the Infantry," uses a "stage" approximately 2000 yards deep and 100 yards wide at Hook Range to portray the devastation and accuracy of weapons from the pistol through the rifle up to the 90 and 106-mm support pieces found within the battle group.

A total of 327 officers and enlisted men show their military prowess by presenting Problem 1001 three or four times each year, for Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences and classes of the Military and Air Force Academies and The Infantry School.

Twenty-five to 26 hundred U. S. and Allied officers, troops of the post, other Army units, and civilian guests can witness the demonstration from bleachers situated on a hillside so the entire impact area is visible.

EXPERTLY TIMED

First to appear in the expertly timed and coordinated show are the rifles — M1, M14 and Browning Automatic Rifle. Assistant instructors step smartly before the stands in unison and hold each weapon as it is described to the audience, and then each is fired both at close range and at targets 350 meters down range.

In a show of extreme accuracy, an assistant instructor tries to place 40 rounds into a bull's-eye at 25 meters in 60 seconds with the M1 rifle, and 40 seconds with the new M14. The black target center is only slightly larger than a silver dollar, but the shooter seldom

gets a shot out of the black, and is almost never more than a second or two over the prescribed time limit.

Of course rifles are usually not fired at such a rapid rate, but the impressive demonstration shows the maximum performance of the semiautomatic weapons in expert hands.

At the close of the two-hour demonstration, civilian guests of the Department of Defense and Department of the Army will get a chance to fire these rifles.

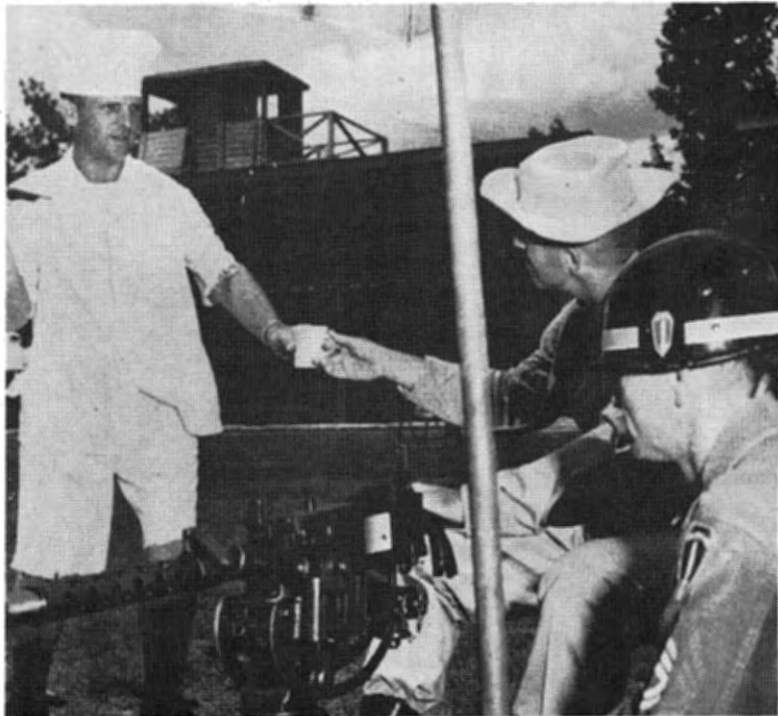
Next the hard-hitting cal. 45 pistol is introduced with conclusive proof that it can be an accurate as well as reliable hand gun. In the hand of one of the department's non-commissioned officers, the pistol is used to break two clay pigeons placed on each side of an ax blade to the shooter's front. One bullet, split on the sharp blade, smashes both pigeons.

EFFECTIVE RANGE

Grenades follow—fragmentation, concussion, smoke, chemical and incendiary — designed for rifle launchers or to be thrown by hand. Each is demonstrated at its most effective range.

Flame weapons, able to head liquid or thickened "napalm" fuel on pillboxes, bunkers and other positions at the hands of Infantry teams; flame tanks, and gasoline drums used as incendiary weapons, round out the Small Arms Committee's part in the show.

The department's Machine Gun Committee conducts "Act II" — introducing the M1919 cal. 30 machine gun and the cal. 50 which



A little humor is injected into the problem by well timed and presented comedy skits.

both won fame in two wars. They also fully demonstrate the Army's new M60 recently adopted as standard, which uses the 7.62-mm NATO cartridge.

It is during this presentation that the department adds some high humor with a skit in which two well known members of the audience are portrayed in an hilarious dual with machine guns.

Take-offs on current events, old rivalries, and demands for equal comfort on the firing line to include coffee delivered from the club end with an impressive bit of firing at targets far down range.

The ability of a crew to change the barrel on one of a pair of M60's in a few seconds while the other gun fires faster to maintain a constant column of fire catches every eye.

These adaptable and vital weap-

one are also available for special guests to fire later, assisted by the department's corps of expert enlisted and commissioned instructors.

In fact all the arms of a battle group which are presented, at Hook Range, can either be fired, or closely studied in display areas to the rear of the stands.

ACT III

Act three opens with the rhythmic whump-whump-whump of twenty-seven mortar rounds exploding to the front as the narrator from the Mortar Committee takes his place before the bleachers.

These rounds were fired on a split second signal, from positions far to the left of the stands, from 81-mm and 4.2-inch mortars.

Each type of ammunition used for mortars is explained, and then fired so that the bursts and results



One of the newest combinations in the Infantry arsenal is the full-tracked self-propelled 90-mm gun which is seen during the problem.



An Infantry team supported by a portable flamethrower in the attack.

may be studied. Though they are usually employed in sections of three, one mortar demonstrates that it can effectively cover an area target 100 meters wide, when served by a well trained crew.

Both these mortars can fire high explosive, smoke or illuminating rounds, and can use fuses to cause overhead bursts, instant impact detonation or delay action.

As the smoke from the mortar fire lifts, the largest and deadliest support weapons of the battle group are brought from the departments' locker by the Antitank-Missile Committee.

These include the 3.5-inch rocket launcher; 106-mm recoilless rifle both ground or jeep mounted and full track mounted; 90-mm self-propelled gun; and the 76-mm gun on the light M-41 tank and 90-mm gun found on the medium tank, M-48.

And in all its awesome splendor, the SS-10 antitank guided missile.

All of these are fired at targets arranged at varied distances to the front. Old tank hulls which even yet look formidable in the distance soon show the killing effects of these weapons.

Jeeps, M-56 full track vehicles and tanks spin into position and with bare seconds for sighting, lay devastating armor piercing rounds into the steel hulls with amazing accuracy and precision.

SHOWS HIGHPOINT

Highpoint of the entire demonstration is the SS-10 guided missile. Designed to be fired from the ground, vehicles or helicopters, this missile releases two thin wires from within its body in flight, through which it is directed to the target by a gunner using a control stick and binoculars.

Though maximum range for the SS-10 is 1,600 meters, it is fired at a tank hull 1,300 meters to the front in this demonstration.

Easy to follow with the naked eye due to its two-stage solid propellant rocket and a pyrotechnic flare to aid the gunner, it relentlessly zeroes in on its target where it hits with a blinding flash. Moving targets have a hard time even attempting to evade this missile, as it responds quickly to the slightest movement of the control stick.

Most spectators hold their breath through the final half the distance in flight, as the missile makes an initial high take-off then literally hugs the ground for the remainder of its lethal trip.

After antitank mines are exploded, with the concussion clearly felt in the stands the show's finale begins with the relative quiet which heralds many military battles, mock and real.

This is a combined fire demonstration involving all the weapons previously shown. It leaves many witnesses with the feeling that they have watched a wholesale artillery saturation—though no field artillery batteries are present. Mortars, recoilless rifles, tanks, grenades, flares and small arms leave no doubt in the minds of those attending—but that the American Infantryman is being given every modern item of support in the book, to help him defeat any possible enemy on any future battlefield.

The Weapons Department director is Col. S. T. McDowell. Committee chairmen are: Small Arms, Lt. Col. Robert A. Guenther; Machine Gun Committee, Major David T. Oliver; Antitank-Missile, Lt. Col. Lester E. O'Riley; and Mortar, Lt. Col. Thomas B. Ross Jr.

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Post Ladies Hold Yuletide Luncheon

Mrs. George T. Britton, chairman of the choral group of the Woman's Club, loves Bach classics, choral work, or anything . . . just so long as it is musical. To go along with the Christmas spirit her choral group presented a solemn program at the Woman's Club luncheon called "The Song Of Christmas".

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Work began last summer for the presentation. Mrs. Britton corresponded with Fred Waring's publishing house (Shawnee On The Delaware) to inquire about the Roy Ringwald - arranged "Song", and other samples. Once the music was in her hands the problems of rehearsals began.

In order to suit everyone, Mrs. Britton decided to hold both morning and evening rehearsals for her choral group volunteers.

Three songs were inserted within the arrangement: "The Shepherd's Story", "Sleep My Jesus Sleep", and "Joseph Dear, Oh Joseph Mine". Her soloists were Mesdames Wallace Lancaster, George Scladal, and Michael Easterlnig.

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Others in the choral group are Mesdames Gutschenritter, Louis Buckner, James Paul Ryan, Robert P. Glasson, Frank J. Spettel, Charles E. Rich, Richard Mac-Millan, John McCord, Joseph Wood, Donald Barry, Donald Shannon, Sanders Middletono, Lawrence Mancini, Louis Stickney, E. A. Doerfler, and Timothy Hopper.

The Christmas luncheon presentation was so successful that Mrs. Britton received many offers for

spring concerts and programs. Mrs. Britton's musical background includes graduation from Chicago's Sherwood Music School, attended through a piano scholarship, and the Chicago Musical College. She majored in choral work, and went on to a graduate choral clinic. Afterwards, she taught and directed in public schools and churches.

Hailing from Port Huron, Michigan, Mrs. Britton met and married her husband there. During her Army travels she worked with choirs at Fort Monroe, and was gan. Her two children are George Thomas III ("Tim"), sixteen; and choir director at St. Clair, Michigan Barbara, six. Another member of the family is Tom O' Shanter, a sizeable collie.

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An interesting hobby which the Britton's share is the collecting of mortars with pestles, and wood-carved "Doctors". The mortars are made from brass, bronze, and pewter, and come from North Africa, France, Brussels, Holland, Germany, Spain and Iran. Her prize is an antique set from France. The wooden doctors (ranging from pediatrician to "Der Chef") are from Germany and Austria.

This Christmas Eve the Brittons will partake of another family tradition. By popular demand Mrs. Britton prepares her chop suey with almond rice delicacy (which takes nine hours to cook). My guess is that they finish off with jovial Christmas carols . . . directed by Mrs. Britton, of course!



The attractive ballerina, Mrs. Rolfe G. Arnhyh (R), dressed in the costume of "Jingle Bells" for her part in the dance number during the Woman's Club annual Christmas luncheon, looks as if she is about to be snowballed by two attractive ladies.



Members of the Woman's Club Choral Group are rehearsing for their performance at the Club's Annual Christmas Luncheon. The ladies were under the direction of Mrs. Britton.

The Famed "Chattahoochee Choo-Choo" Is Now A Landmark of the Past

One of the first things seen coming into post on the main route is a famous landmark of an era gone by. It's the famed "Chattahoochee Choo-Choo" that now rests as a lonesome memento in the shaded area just across from the reception point.

This last of the narrow-gauge engines and cars that were a vital part of the post railroad complex only decades ago has caused many a curious soldier, dependent or visitor to stop for a closer look, and wonder about its past.

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The railroad, which in the years of its use became known as "The Chattahoochee Choo-Choo", was vital to the post in its hay-day. Many a story has been told about Benning's "Choo-Choo". Probably the most pointed to illustrate the diminutive appearance of the train, is the tale of the mule which booted one of the "dinky" engines during a brief encounter.

"The Chattahoochee Choo-Choo", so the story goes, was pushing along a curve on the Main Post at a relatively slow speed. At that time mules were still common to an Army Post, and one planked himself squarely in the path of the oncoming 17-ton locomotive.

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The train's whistle screeched, but the mule just edged over to the side of the track, gauged the speed

of the "dinky", flexed his hind-quarters and took careful aim. Then, like a bolt out of the blue, the mule let go and kicked the dinky where it hurt the most, bouncing the engine right off the track.

Small though the engines and miniature cars may have been, the train, nonetheless, did a man sized job here. During a three-month period at the peak of the train's use in 1941, it transported 126,925 soldiers to various problems around the post. The system also hauled 937 loads of logs, and 607 loads of finished wood from the now defunct post sawmill. In all, during this brief period, despite only 15 miles of track, the locomotives

pulled the trains some 11,250 miles.

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At its peak, the railroad was comprised of 12 engines, 32 coaches, 111 gondolas, scores of flat cars, 4 tank cars and one special observation car.

The story behind Fort Benning's railway reads like a legend.

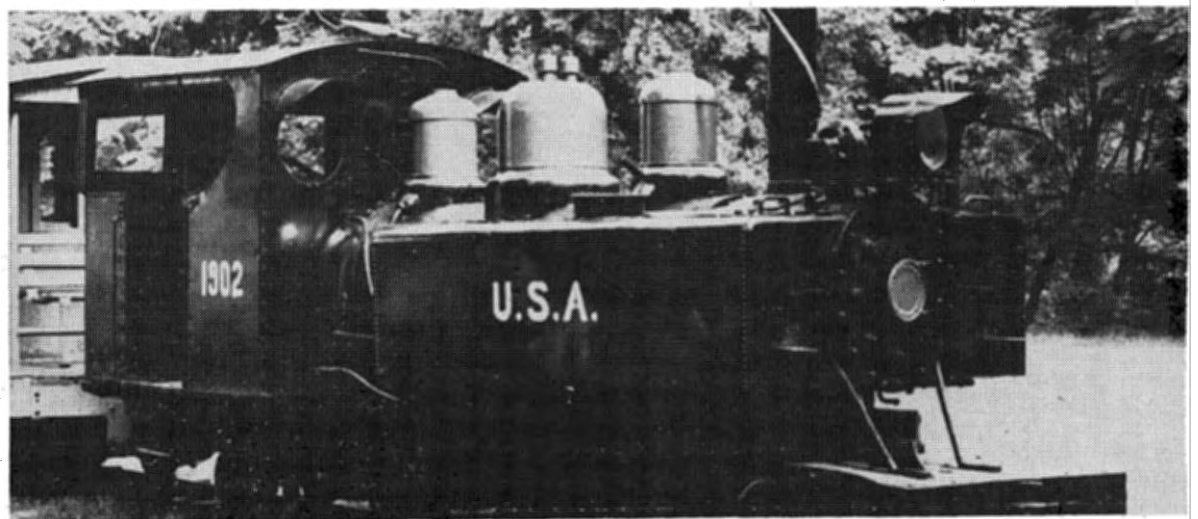
During World War I, when the problem of transporting troops and ammunition in France proved a difficult task, some narrow gauge trains were built by the U.S. to be used in France for this important assignment.

The dinky engines, boxcars, and flatcars, plus miles of 20 foot

lengths of track were shipped overseas. In France, the equipment was loaded on regular flat cars, then carried to the front where the French railways ended and the narrow gauge began.

As the war ended, many of the \$15,000 engines were still in this country awaiting shipment overseas. In 1921, the 7th Engineers, laid out the track here and soon rolling stock was brought in and the railroad began.

Today visitors to the post can see a reminder of this past at the corner of Sigerfoos and Vibbert Roads across from the Main Post Catholic Chapel. This is the site of the last of the dinkys.



The Infantry School Is Teaching Students On Problems With Realism

In an isolated wooded area on a narrow red clay road on post stands a barbed wire enclosed compound.

Near the gate a sign written in Esperanto, the international language, reads "Campamento de Concentracio." On the gate is a sign reading "Militkaptito Kamplogiĵo 7". A sentinel box is marked, "Sentinala." Inside the compound there is an area labeled "Generador."

A shout is heard from a nearby hill as a closely huddled group of men is not marched but driven toward the compound. The "prisoners" are wearing fatigues. Their guards are dressed in a strange green uniform.

Like one large misshapen body, the "prisoners" converge on the gate and writhe into the compound in a slithering surge of closely pressed humanity.

HARD TRAINING

"Put your hands on your heads!", yells the field commandant. The "prisoners" obey quickly enough—all, that is, except one. Before his hands can reach his head he is jerked out of line and thrown to the ground.

"Bring that dog over here," orders the captain of the green clad troops. A handler approaches with his sentry dog, so close to the prisoner's face that he can feel its hot breath as it snarls and barks, lunging ever closer. The "prisoner" tries to draw back but the captain threatens him, forces him to ignore the dog and place his nose to the ground.

The harassed "prisoner" is then sent to a high-walled compound.

The remainder of the "prisoners" are "doubled-timed" to a flagpole. The flag of the country of their "captors" is raised. The national anthem of the factional country is played.

The "prisoners" show no sign of hearing the anthem nor of seeing the flag. It is not apathy, however. They are too alert for even a slight reflex movement as the captain repeatedly orders them to salute.

Three more "prisoners" are snatched from the ranks, harassed and sent to the outer compound.

The commander marches the "prisoners" into a small area with walls 10 feet high. The compound contains a coffin and two small square boxes. In one corner, high above the heads of the "prisoners", stands the compound commander in a wooden lookout tower. He wears a black patch over one eye and speaks with oily persuasion.



Infantry School student "prisoners" are seen seated inside the compound of the "fictional" nation "aggressor."

PRISONERS WELCOMED

"Welcome to Compound 7. We will try to make your stay here as pleasant as possible," he tells the "prisoners". In marked contrast to the rough voice of the field commandant, he talks in over-polite tones as he assures the "prisoners" that they will be treated as people who have been liberated from capitalistic tyranny.

There is more browbeating and harranguing from the field commandant. The coffin and the two cramp boxes are opened and out scramble the "prisoners" who had been abused earlier in the courtyard.

At this point the "prisoners" are divided into two groups. Half are sent into the inner compound for indoctrination by recordings and for samples of various physical coercion devices.

The other group is sent to the interrogation room. To be interrogated? No, to see interrogation techniques.

STUDENTS — AGGRESSORS

The "prisoners" are students at the Infantry School. Their "cap-

tors" are aggressor troops composed of instructors on the Patrolling Committee of the school's Ranger Department. The occasion is a problem in survival, evasion and escape training.

"To familiarize the student with his individual responsibilities under the Code of Conduct and to acquaint him with techniques of and resistance to Communists interrogation, indoctrination and exploitation,"—so reads the committee's objective for the problem.

The problem was developed at The Infantry School. Although the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii conducts a similar problem, there is none other exactly like it in the Army.

The need for such a problem, the policies of the committee and the techniques of conducting the problem can be traced to the tragic experiences of 7,190 American soldiers captured during the Korean conflict.

Before entering the stockade, the class had a conference on the Code of Conduct. It had been oriented on the role of aggressor troops. The

aggressor cannot injure a student, yet he has to play the role of a ruthless enemy who would smash the head of a prisoner for failure to obey the simplest order. The students are admonished to conduct themselves with this in mind.

The one-hour imprisonment takes on realism from the moment the students place their hands on their heads at the gate. The response of the student varies.

RECORDED MESSAGE

The students hear a recording of a message from "enemy" colonel. He tells them that the American soldier has weak loyalties, hazy concepts of right and wrong, ignorance of social values, resentment for hardship, no love for his job. He tells them that they have no appreciation of the meaning of, nor the necessity for, military organization and discipline, the Army's traditions, its mission and its objectives.

The compound's director of education and training speaks to the "prisoners" next. He calls them students and free men, rescued from their capitalistic warmongers.



"Prisoner" and "Aggressor" in the interrogation room.

He asks where the millionaires are while the soldiers are out shedding their blood. He points out supposed air raid damage done by American planes after notification of the location of the POW compound. He tells them they will be allowed to dig an air raid shelter to protect them from their own countrymen.

During the two indoctrination speeches, the students have been subjected to harassment.

INTERROGATION

Meanwhile, the group in the interrogation room hears an explanation of each method of interrogation by a narrator standing in an observation room behind one-way glass. Following the explanation of the method, it is demonstrated by the interrogator. Sometimes the narrator is alone, timing his explanations carefully to fit in with the drama taking place on the other side of the glass. Again he may be accompanied by an impressive array of "stars" as high ranking officers from all over the world observe the problem.

Allied officers may go anywhere in the stockade and observe the procedures first hand. They play a part in the problem, that of foreign observers. Civilian visitors are identified as other observers. Visitors wearing the uniforms of the U.S. may observe the problem peepholes and through the one-way glass. The presence of the familiar uniform would destroy the psychological effect of the aggressor only from behind a screen, through uniform, officials pointed out.

The groups change places. When each group has completed both phases of the instruction, it is "doubled-timed" out of the stockade.

CLASSROOM

The class then moves to a class-

room. Here the students are instructed in the techniques of and resistance to interrogation, indoctrination and exploitation. They learn of the use of the "softening up" stage and the exploitation phase of indoctrination. From their vivid experiences in the stockade, they can appreciate the effectiveness of the use of humiliation, harassment and repetition by the captor.

The class is taught that the degree of resistance of each individual depends on his character traits, physical, mental and moral make-up.

Troup resistance and solidarity is presented as the best means of resisting interrogation, indoctrination and exploitation, and that such group resistance is legal under the Geneva Convention of 1949.

NIGHT PHASE

The problem continues all night. The 12-hour exercise on evasion and escape is realistic. The students are given a situation in which they find themselves far behind aggressor lines. They are reminded of the techniques of evading the enemy and escaping if captured. They are given safety instructions.

The safety of the students is given every consideration in this problem.

The whole problem is an act—a drama not calculated to entertain but to train.

Even the snarling sentry dog is a top-notch actor, assuming his fierce role at a signal and dropping it to run around the compound and lick a hand extended in friendship between problems.

The problem at the compound is just one more example of the realism and effectiveness of training problems at The Infantry School.



Brig. Gen. L. A. Walsh Jr., assistant commandant of The Infantry School, admires decorations at Oran Mess during a holiday visit to various mess halls of the Student Brigade. (L to R) MSgt. William W. Buck, mess steward, Gen. Walsh and Major Donald J. Fitzgerald, secretary of the Student Officers' Mess.



Gen. Walsh discusses the special display with Sfc James Dunnigan, mess steward of Company G, Infantry School Battalion.



Gen. Walsh discusses messing facilities with Capt. Anthony Labrozzi (Center), company commander of 44th Company, and Sgt. Caswell Rouse, mess steward, during his holiday visit.

Cameramen of the Signal Section Help Record History on Film

Personnel of the Pictorial Division of The Infantry Center's Signal Section, are probably seen as often around post with a camera in their hand as the Infantryman with his trusty M-1.

If you are part of a problem or a demonstration; in an honor guard or a formal ceremony or parade; on the range for firing; at a special meeting of a post organization; a football, baseball or basketball game; or maybe even a kid's party you are almost sure to see a photographer on the job.

Most of the combat soldiers or the average amateur shutterbug who would like to make the "big time" will likely think the cameraman has a pretty soft job.

But just ask any of the personnel that make these assignments — night and day — and they will be the first to tell you of the many hours of work that has to be put in each week to stay even with their jobs.

Just for example take a look at the production for a four-day period during Project MAN earlier this year. In that short span of time the Pictorial Division turned out 21,808 black and white prints from some 1,688 black and white negatives. They exposed and processed 1,400 feet of 16-mm black

and white movie film and 21,000 feet of 35-mm black and white motion picture film. Some 385 color negatives were made and 8,000 feet of 16-mm color film for motion picture cameras was handled.

Of course that is not an every day activity but the two Joint Civilian Orientation Conferences staged at Fort Benning each year requires an equally stepped up production period where great volumes of work is turned out in a very short space of time.

On a yearly average the Pictorial Division handles more than 6,000 work requests. The Public Information Office is one of the largest users of the services and requires approximately 87,500 black and white prints; 12,468 black and white negatives; 250 color negatives; 150 color prints; 18,400 feet of 16-mm black and white motion picture film and 10,000 feet of 16-mm color movie film each year.

This pictorial work is used in newspapers, magazines, periodicals and over television stations throughout the United States and in many of our Allied nations.

Other annual requirements of the Pictorial Division are the average yearly production of some 69,500 black and white prints; 40 color

negatives; 13,000 color slides; 2,500 lantern slides and 5,000 feet of black and white and color motion picture film for training purposes.

Research and development on post requires another 5,500 black and white prints, 720 color negatives and some 2,400 lantern slides on the average each year.

The Identification Branch handles some 39,000 pictures each year and makes about 40,500 limitations of identification cards in plastic cases.

Other activities requiring photographic support need an annual average of 32,000 black and white prints; 200 color negatives; 2,000 color slides; and some 30,000 feet of motion picture film in both black and white and color.

The Pictorial Division personnel support photographically all activities on post with motion picture, aerial, still pictures, news pictures, training, research and development, record material for the Department of the Army, historical records for local files, and identification photographs for military personnel and their dependents.

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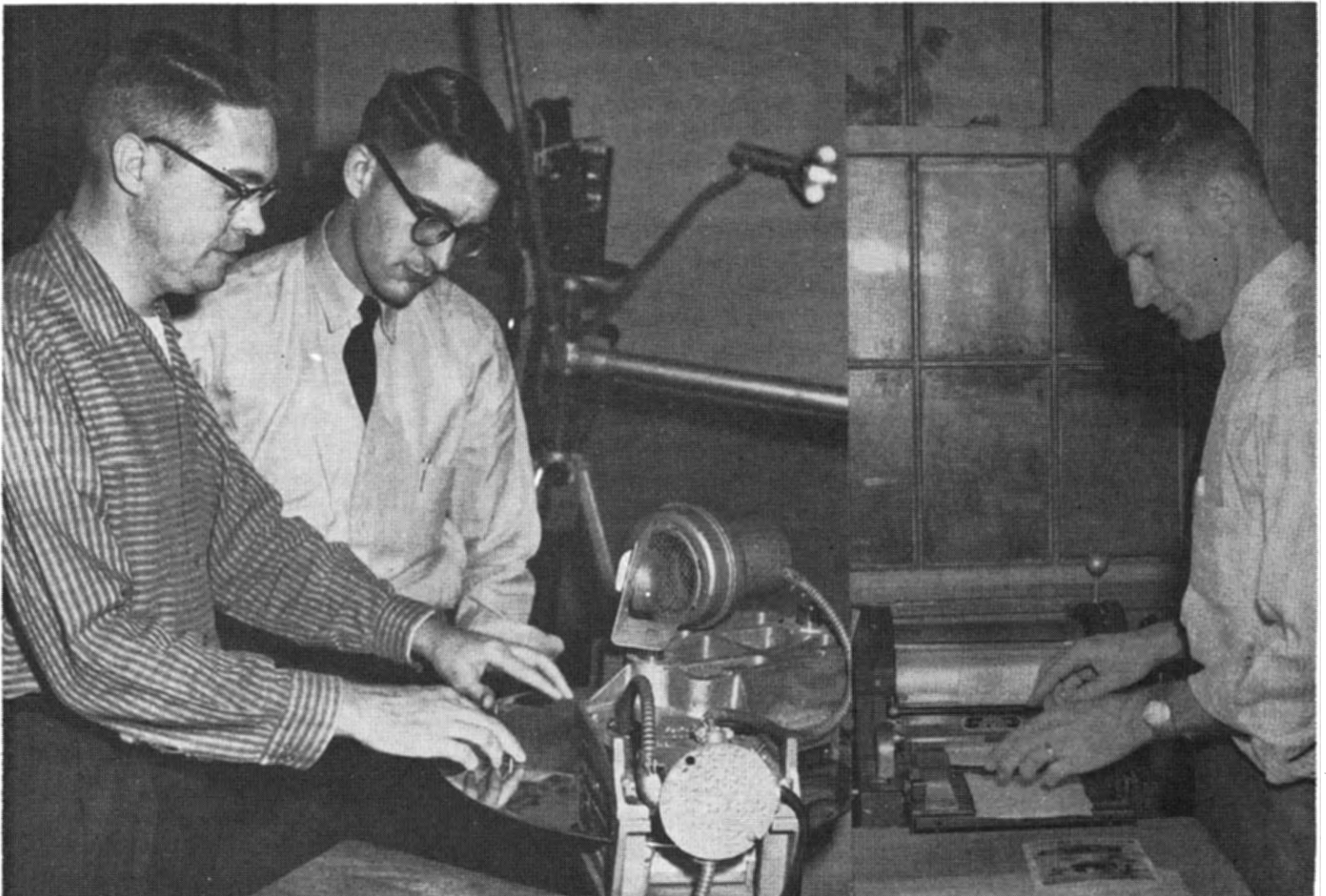
Almost 50 per cent of the total production is for training purposes such as training aids, color slides, photographs to be included in training and field manuals and Vugraph slides for instruction material and briefings.

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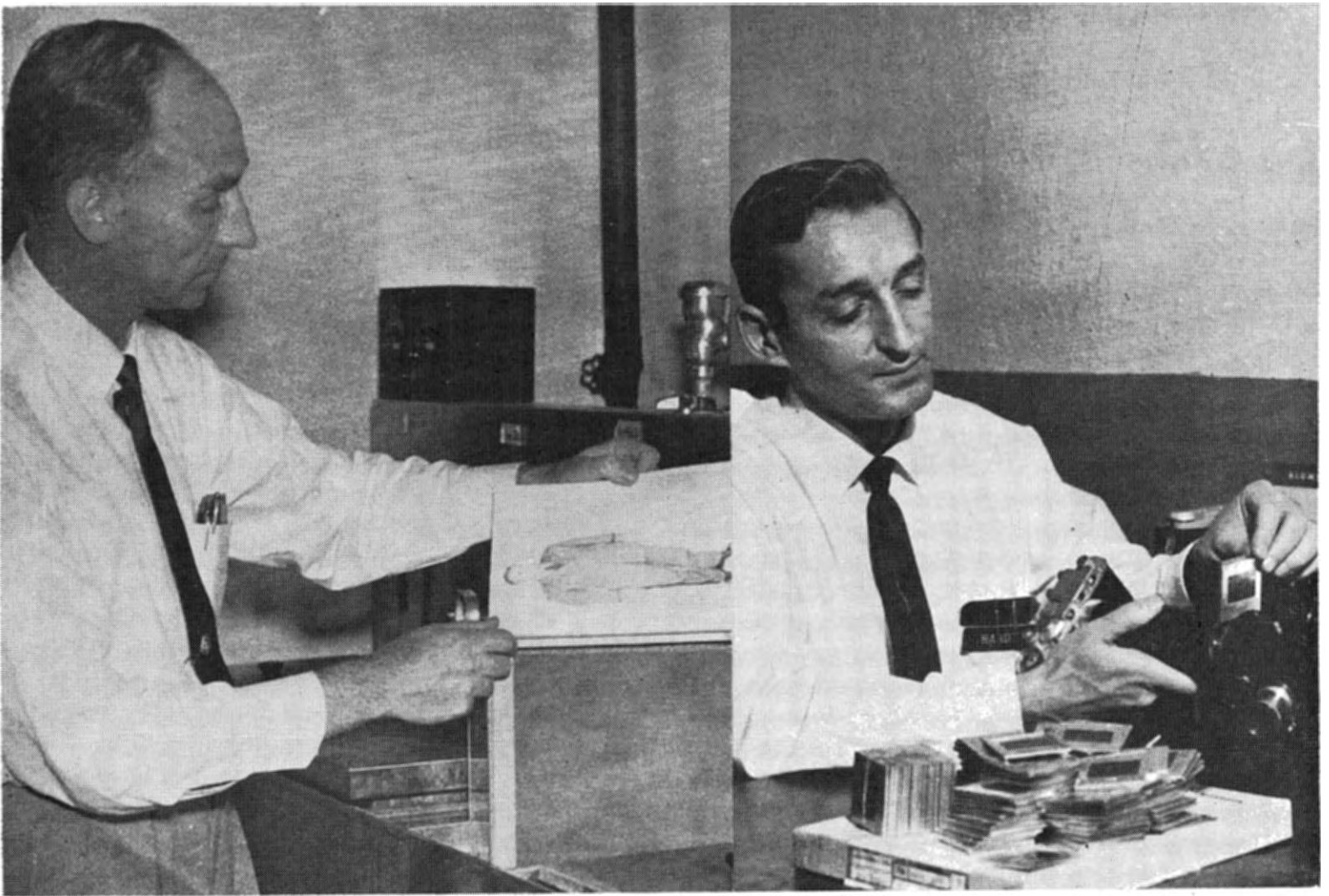
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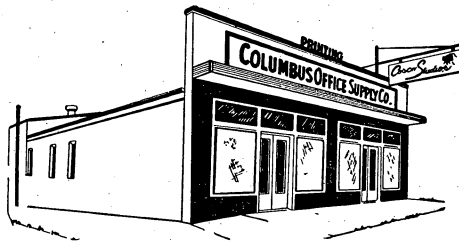


Sgt. Rodriguez, right, operates the captioning machine in the production room of the Signal Lab, while to the left, Mr. Reid and Sp4 John Neuhaus are seen laminating identification cards in plastic.



Charles Hardy, right, copies 35-mm color slides in the studio while A. L. Leonard, left, master photographer, processes a color print.

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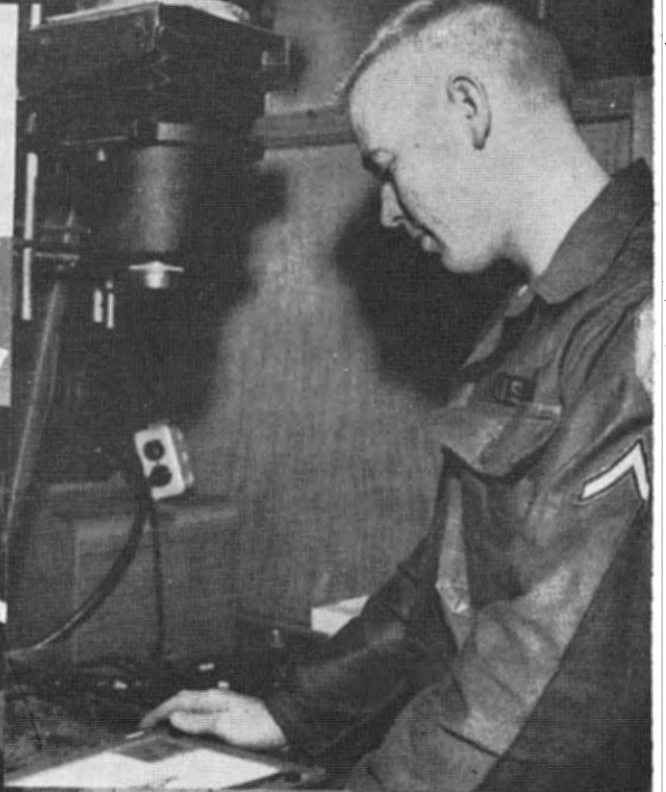
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Seen are some of the many phases of operations done by the personnel of the Pictorial Division of The Infantry Center's Signal Section, in their everyday operations to render photographic support to the post and its many and varied functions.

Reading from left to right across the top you see Betty Kopp, clerk-typist of the division at the counter delivering some finished photographic work. In the center Sgt. Jose H. Rodriguez, production chief, checks composition on the ground glass of the portrait camera with the assistance of Pfc Roberta Rowe, insert, who is also a photographer with the division. To the right Phillip D. Reid, chief of the identification branch, takes an identification card picture for a dependent.



In the center row Sp4 Orlando Hernandez, laboratory technician, checks development of a print in the darkroom, while to the right, Pfc Charles Goude works on one of the many enlargers.

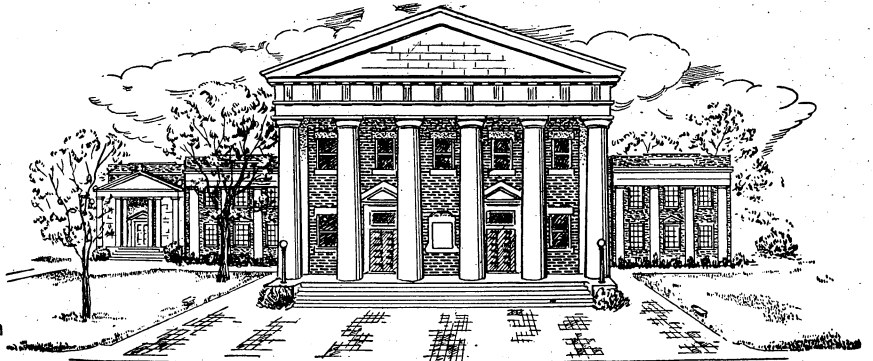


At the bottom of the page Pfc Karlus Zobs, left, is seen sorting finished black and white photographs in the washing and drying room of the Photo Lab. Sgt. Sheldon Whitten, right, is seen on the copy camera which is used in making prints and negatives for Vugraph and Field Manuals.

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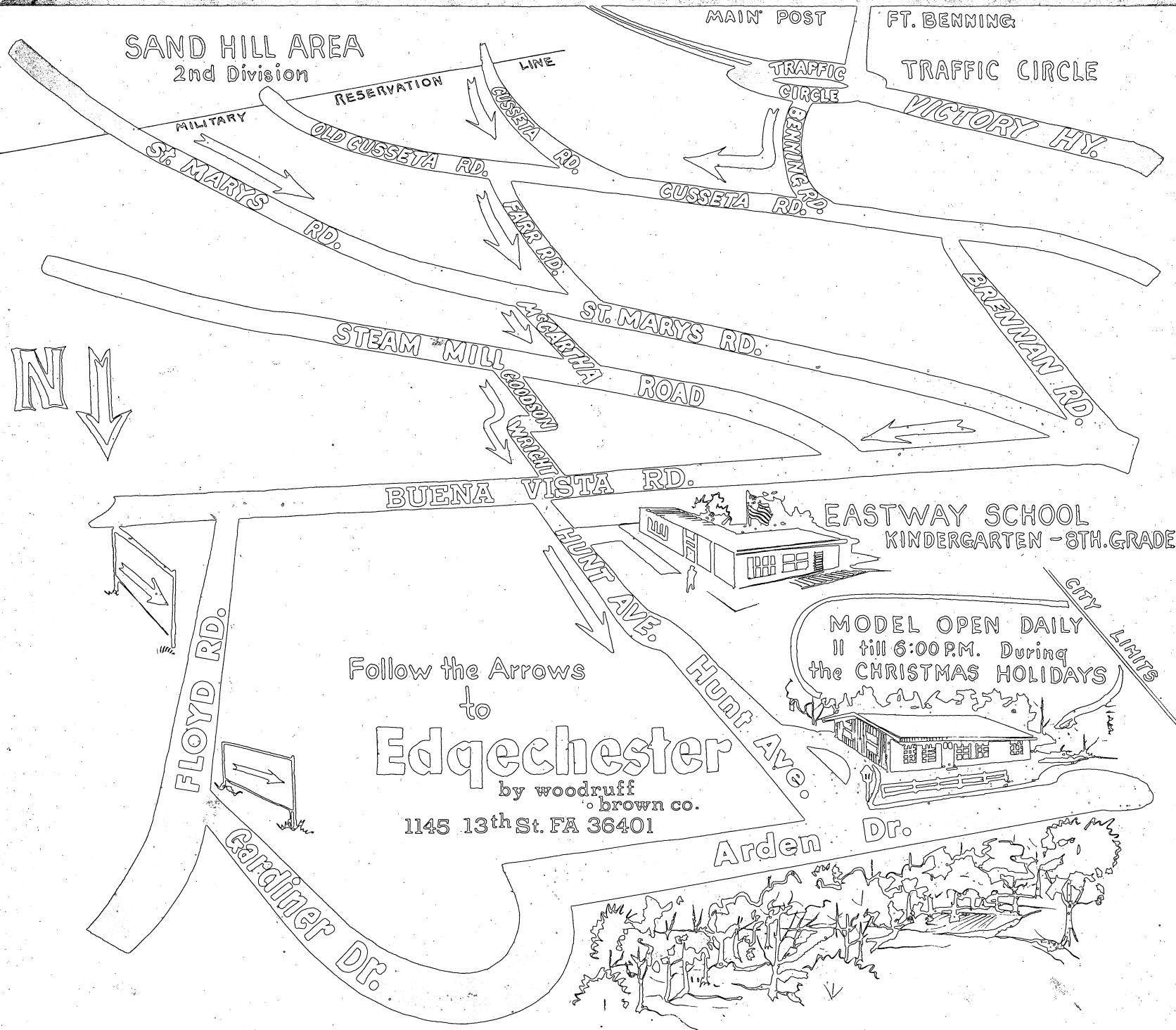
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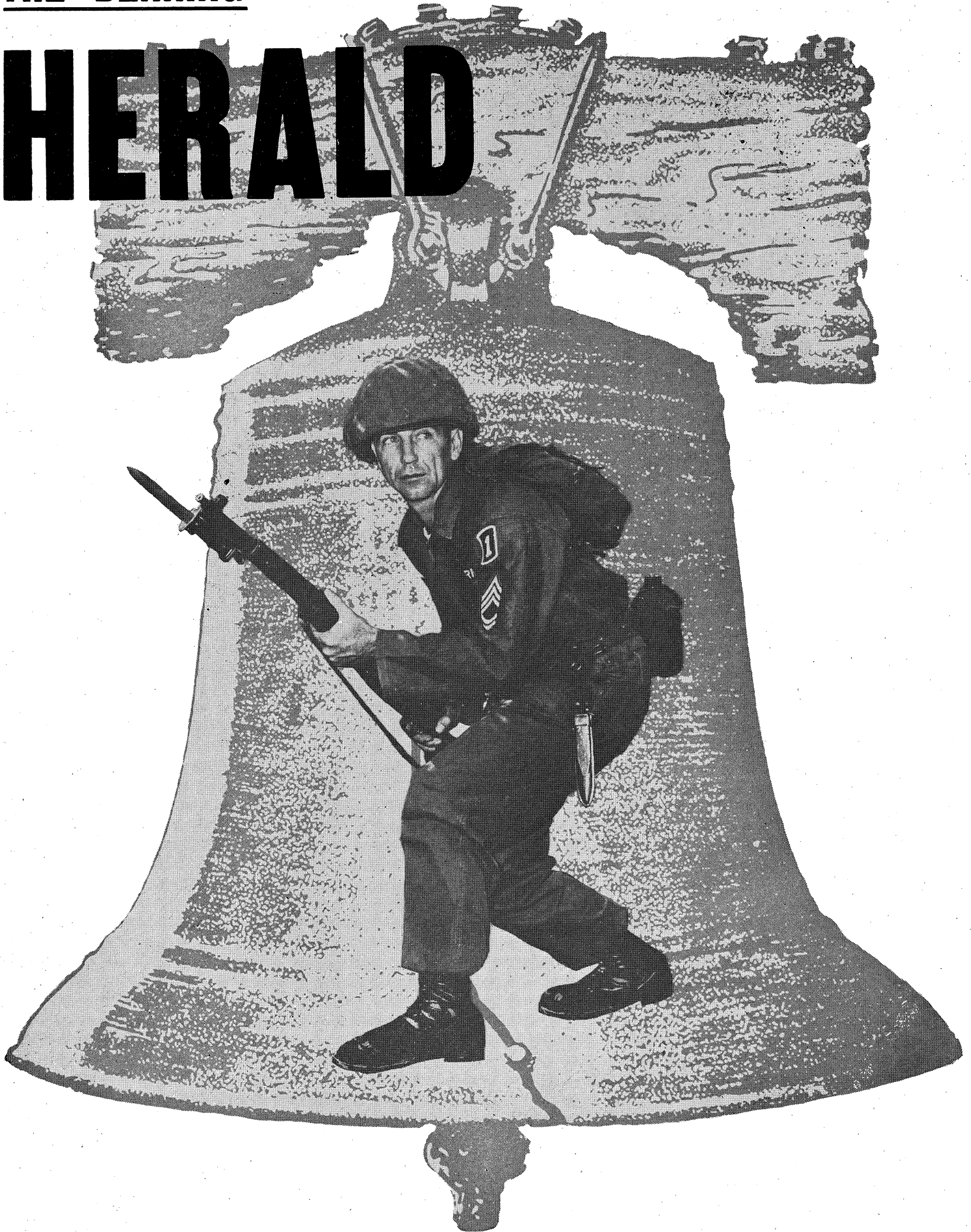
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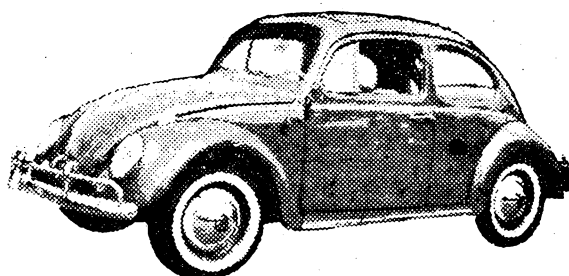
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The soldiers' job, regardless of grade, requires a man who is physically, educationally and psychologically fit. No other profession or calling places higher demands on the individual than does the military service. Whether the soldier is a member of STRAC and ready to move anywhere in the world on a moment's notice, or working as a laboratory technician, clerk or mechanic, his job is essential.

Without you—and the thousands of men like you who make up our Army—it is not likely that this country could long remain free and independent.

Our freedom has not hung more dangerously in the balance since the precarious days of the American Revolution, when a handful of incredibly dedicated and daring men fought for and won our independence. Just as our Army of today, these soldiers of our small but determined Continental Army came from all walks of life, to defend liberty and freedom.

The freedom won by the Continental Army, and which soldiers of every succeeding generation of Americans have defended, is being threatened today by forces and threats of imperialistic communism, and these threats and forces to this and other nations have generated the "cold war" that exists throughout the world today. It would be more realistic if it were called a "war of survival," for certainly our freedom is at stake.

Your job then is indeed vital to our national security because you stand directly in the path of communist imperialism. Your presence in the Army along with your fellow soldiers contributes immeasurably to our strong deterrents to aggression anywhere in the world. You are serving your country with honor, which is a man's job; one which must be done; one in which you can take great pride; and one which holds the respect of the general public which recognizes your importance. No one would ask more than that.

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Cover Story

Shown on the cover is Sfc Floyd Goode, of Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Brigade. A Korean veteran, Sgt. Goode is an assistant operations sergeant (training) in the brigade. He has been with that unit since January of this year. Photo of Sgt. Goode was taken by Sgt. Oscar Hogan, 1st Infantry Brigade.

Infantry Board

The story of the U. S. Army Infantry Board is told on pages 2 and 3, from the beginning on December 15, 1919, when it was first established by the War Department, until the present-day Board.

Metro Section

On pages 4 and 5 is the story of the 10th Artillery's Electronic Ballistic Meteorological Section. The section, only recently established, determines weather conditions aloft. This information is invaluable to Artillerymen, giving them a much greater accuracy of fire.

Army Bandsmen

Recently arrived on post, a number of Army bandsmen are instrumental in adding new swing to The Infantry Center Band. They compose the Infantry Center Orchestra, a dance-floor formation of 14 soldiers armed with trumpets, trombones, saxophones, drums and a string bass, along with a piano. Their story is on pages 6 and 7.

Women's Club

A picture-story of the Fort Benning Woman's Club is shown on pages 8, 9, 10 and 11. Basil Rathbone's visit, Women's Club models, coffees, and paintings, along with other articles of interest, are shown.

Toastmistress Club

The Fort Benning-Columbus Chapter of the Toastmistress Club receives its charter from "Toastmistress International" at a banquet at the post Country Club. The election of officers is also told in the story and pictures on pages 12 and 13.

Tot Town

Fort Benning's Tot Town, a non-profit nursery sponsored by the Daughters of the U. S. Army, is told on page 17, along with pictures of the activities. A program of supervised play, rest, refreshments and hot meals provides the correct atmosphere for the little dependents of military and civilian personnel.

Engineers' ATT

The 151st Engineer Group Army Training Test was held earlier this year, during all kinds of weather, and through rain, mud and swamps. The story and pictures of how the engineers continue their mission while under attack by "aggressors" is told on pages 14 and 15.

Variety Of Tests Demand The Best For Infantryman

The Army Infantry Board Tests Weapons, Equipment Before Issue To The Soldier

The U. S. Army Infantry Board was officially established by general orders of the War Department on December 15, 1919. Its purpose was to study the constantly changing needs and problems of the Infantry and look to its improvement.

Actually, though, the history of the Board can be traced back to 1903 when general orders of the War Department, dated March 31 of that year, established an Infantry Board at the General Service and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

At that time it consisted of three field officers of Infantry and two

senior captains stationed at the college who, "were to have referred to them from time to time, subjects relating to the operation and equipment of the Infantry arm upon which their opinion might be desired." This board ceased to function, however, when the 13th Infantry left Fort Leavenworth for the Mexican border in 1911.

During the following years testing of Infantry equipment was carried on by the School of Musketry at the Presidio of Monterey, largely on its own initiative until, in 1919, the Infantry Board was established as a development and testing laboratory with permanent station at

Fort Benning.

In August of 1931, the Tank Board was absorbed by the Infantry Board and remained at Fort Benning as a part of it until it was transferred to Fort Knox, Kentucky in 1939.

When the War Department was reorganized in 1942, the Infantry Board was redesignated Army Ground Forces Board Number 3. However, its basic mission remained unchanged. In the following years the name of the board was changed several times, the latest occurring when Continental Army Command general orders redesignated it as the U. S. Army Infantry Board in 1957. Still, its mission remained the same.

Missions

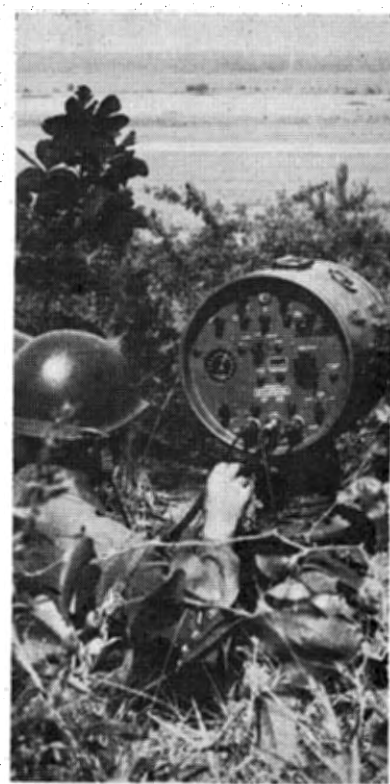
In seeking to improve the Infantry, the board must concern itself with everything the soldier shoots, wears, uses or eats both in garrison and in combat. It must strive to provide him with better arms, lighter loads, greater speed and mobility—in short, those things which will enable him to win any battle he may fight. These then, are the specific tasks which fall on the shoulders of the board's 209 enlisted men and 39 officers.

To accomplish its mission, the board is organized into four test departments: The Small Arms Department; The Mortar and Surveillance Department; The Rocket and Recoilless Department; and The Field Equipment and Special Projects Department.

The director of each of these departments is directly responsible to the president of the board for all correspondence, equipment, plans of tests, conduct of tests and reports of projects that pertain to his department.

The Departments

The Small Arms Department is responsible for conducting tests of all shoulder-fired weapons except rockets and recoilless, all gren-



Radar set AN/PPS-4 is an improvement over the original "Silent Sentry," in that its power source is transistorized. Capable of being operated by one man, it will detect moving personnel up to ranges of 3500 meters and moving vehicles up to ranges of 6000 meters.

ades other than anti-tank, hand held signals and machine guns. In addition, the department must test the ammunition, accessories, training aids and maintenance items therefor.

The Mortar and Surveillance Department conducts tests of all Infantry mortars and high angle trajectory weapons, munitions, fire control equipment, mounts and related items. Also included is battlefield surveillance equipment.

Rockets, recoilless and anti-tank weapons, anti-tank grenades, special anti-personnel weapons and flat trajectory weapons other than those assigned to the Small Arms Department, come under the zone of responsibility assigned to the Rocket and Recoilless Department.

The Field Equipment and Special Projects Department tests equipment and protective devices for the individual and small unit, and individual rations, field messing facilities, chemical weapons equipment, as well as tentage and miscellaneous equipment for the individual and small units.

Not all of the board's work is spectacular or even glamorous, but all is essential to the Infantryman's well-being and success. Many of the tests take months, even years, to complete. For during the conduct of any given test, the board must constantly coordinate with civilian industry and other interested military agencies.

Over 40 Projects

At present, the board is concerned with over 40 different projects. Thirty of these involve ac-



The 90 mm recoilless rifle is a lightweight, man-portable anti-tank weapon that can be fired from the shoulder or from an integral ground mount.



tive testing, while the rest involve participating in development by providing guidance for civilian industries.

While most of the planning, coordination and projecting of work is accomplished at the board's headquarters, Building 76 on the main post, the major portion of the actual testing occurs either at Sandy Patch test area or on one of the three test ranges utilized by the board—Farnsworth Range, Pond 3 and Lae Field.

Sandy Patch, located on main post, just south of the 1st Infantry Brigade, is a restricted area surrounded by a 6-foot cyclone fence topped with barbed wire and guarded 24 hours a day. Here test items can be subjected to all weather conditions found in a temperate climate. A hot and cold climatic chamber can freeze them at 40 degrees below zero or roast them at 150 degrees above. Here too, items may be tested under artificially produced weather conditions ranging from the pouring rain of a tropical hurricane to the swirling dust of a midwestern tornado.

In the event that testing facilities available are not sufficient to properly evaluate an item, the board often constructs special

ranges or sends project teams thousands of miles to enable it to arrive at a valid conclusion about the value of the item to the Infantryman.

It is through efforts such as these, and through keeping up with the latest technological developments and tactical concepts, that the Infantry Board continues to accomplish its mission of looking to the improvement of the Infantry and strives to live up to its motto by providing, "Only the Best for the Finest."



Thermal Cream, designed to help protect the soldier from atomic burns, undergoes a realistic combat test by a member of the Infantry Board who crawls through a barbed wire obstacle.



The XM-79, a single shot grenade launcher recently tested by the Board, fires 40 mm rounds with considerable accuracy up to ranges of 400 meters.



Light anti-tank weapon XM-52 weighs less than five pounds. Carrying case serves also as launcher that can be discarded after firing.

Degree Of Accuracy In Artillery Relies Heavily On Metro Section

By Pfc Del Berghoefer

"Relative humidity—43 per cent, pressure—840 millibars, temperature—35 degrees."

These figures sound like ordinary information heard over a weather broadcast, but they have important bearing on the degree of accuracy of artillery pieces used during training exercises at The Infantry School.

These conditions directly affect the flight of an artillery round after it leaves the gun.

To determine weather conditions aloft, an Electronic Ballistic Meteorological Section, known more commonly as a Metro section, has been established at the post. Attached to the 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 10th Artillery, 1st Infantry Brigade, the 14-man unit

is headed by Sfc Floyd Garwood.

Information on weather conditions in the upper atmosphere is gathered by a balloon-borne radiosonde and is relayed to the tracking unit below where it is charted graphically.

The radiosonde, slightly larger than a cigar box, is an electronic device which measures the humidity, temperature and barometric pressure of the atmosphere as it is carried aloft by a helium-filled balloon.

It is automatically tracked in flight by a saucer-shaped Rawin set, an electronic tracking unit which is capable of following the radiosonde to heights in excess of 100,000 feet (nearly 19 miles) and over a horizontal distance of 125 miles.

The balloon also can be tracked visually with a theodolite, a mounted telescope used for measuring angles. Under ideal conditions, this instrument can track the balloon

The control recorder translates information on the elevation, direction and time elapsed from the release of the balloon.

Information from these two instruments is combined to determine the exact weather conditions at different atmosphere levels.

These conditions are important variable factors which must be considered for the accurate aiming of artillery pieces.

After gathering the atmospheric data, three messages, depending upon the type of gun, are sent back to the artillery unit. One message is for guns firing at aerial targets, another for short range guns with medium muzzle velocity and the third for long range guns with high muzzle velocity.

"The section is completely transportable," Sgt. Garwood stated. "We can move into an area and be fully operational within 90 minutes, ready to operate around the clock if necessary. Our 14 men are divided into two crews, each having six men plus a crew chief, enabling us to operate 24 hours a day if it should become necessary."

These Metro sections are usually found on the basis of one per division artillery, one within a missile command and two per observation battalion. With special permission they may be authorized to augment a regular field unit as is the case with the 10th Artillery.

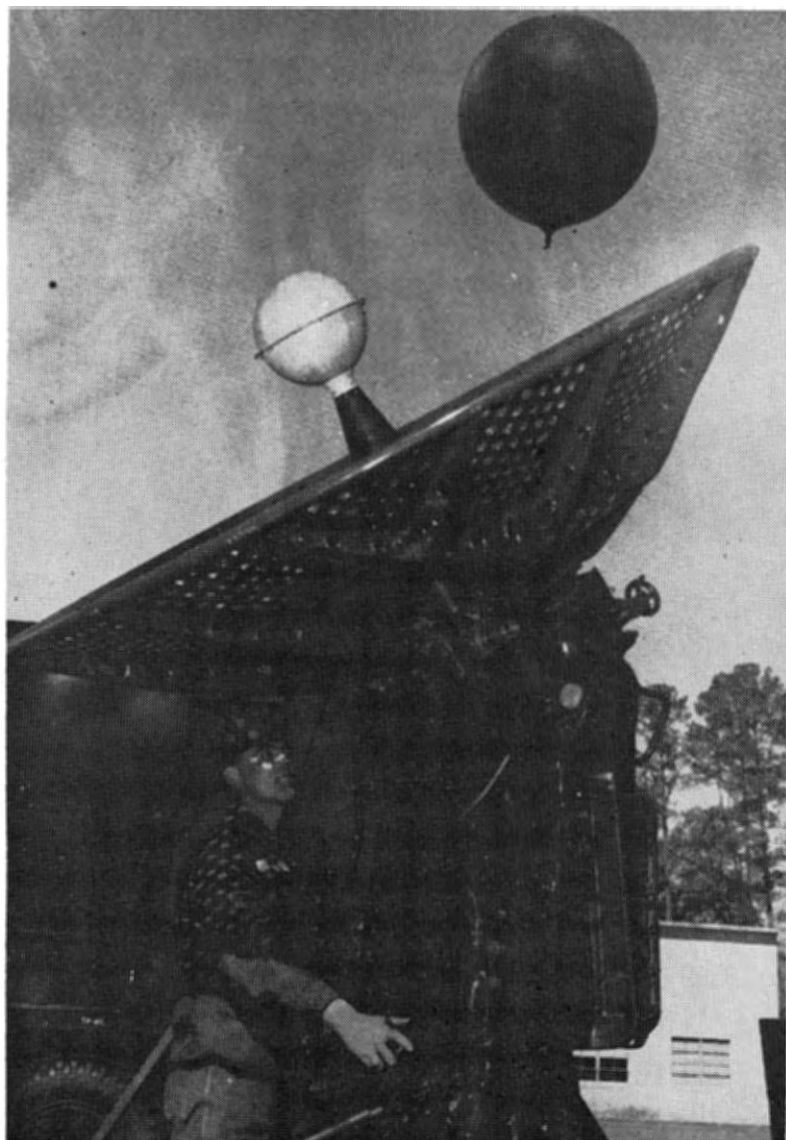


to heights of nearly 60,000 feet.

When the balloon reaches a point where the atmosphere is extremely thin, gas pressure from inside the balloon causes it to burst and the radiosonde floats gently back to earth with its small parachute.

The Rawin set, which tracks the Radiosonde during its flight, receives radio signals from it and passes them on to two instruments, a control recorder and a radiosonde recorder, which separate the signals.

The radiosonde recorder translates information on atmospheric pressure, relative humidity, temperature and air density. These are then converted by members of the Metro unit to ballistic factors.



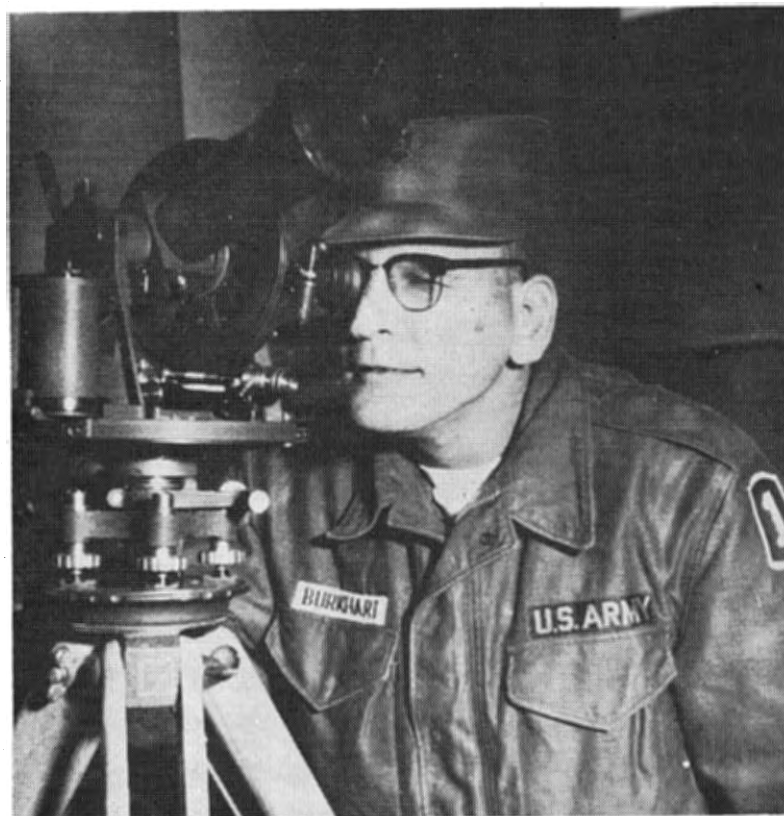
Final adjustments on the Rawin set, an electronic tracking instrument, are made by Sp6 Thomas M. Withers, before it is put into operation. Above the set in the background is the balloon which carries the radiosonde aloft to altitudes in excess of 19 miles.



Sfc Floyd Garwood computes wind direction and velocity as the data is received by the control recorder. Behind him Sfc Jerry Russell compiles information on temperature, air pressure and relative humidity as it is received by the radiosonde recorder.



Sfc Floyd Garwood records wind direction and velocity on the winds plotting board as the information is received by the control recorder in the background. This information on winds aloft is used by Artillerymen to give them a greater degree of accuracy in firing.



Sp6 Edward Burkhardt uses a theodolite to visually track a weather balloon in flight. Under extremely ideal conditions this instrument can follow the balloon to heights of nearly 60,000 feet.

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Veteran Army Bandsmen Add Swing To Post Band

By SP4 J. R. Fultz

A number of veteran Army bandsmen, recently arrived on post, are instrumental in adding new swing to The Infantry Center Band.

They largely compose The Infantry Center Orchestra, a dance-floor formation of 14 soldiers armed with three trumpets, three trombones, five saxophones, a string bass and drums. Also manned is a piano, and the combination offers new possibilities to players who are primarily members of The Center's big, active field band.

Now, a music-man can switch from the usual Sousa and martial to "Stardust" and Schmaltz and it's all in a day's, or evening's, duty.

To the band's director, CWO Jervis Beebe, "the beauty of it is in not having to beat out of them with my baton, the proficiency a change-off like the orchestra demands."

"The Infantry Center Band has lately been boosted by non-commissioned officers. Some are just

back from overseas tours and have wide experience as military bandsmen," Beebe said. "Seven members are first-enlistment Regular Army personnel and only seven are draftees. So there's enough professional material to start a dance band on the side with a minimum of from-the-stump-up rehearsing," he said.

Daily, or whenever the field band is not engaged in parades, honors ceremonies for distinguished visitors and other post functions, the men sound off at the Band Center, 1st Battalion, Infantry Center Troop Command. There, on the cuartel's fourth floor with its sound-proof walls, they rehearse.

The orchestra offers "experiment in instrumentation." Old-time melody or the dissonance of the last half decade can come from instruments in various combinations.

Five sergeants join Beebe, who plays trombone, in a Dixieland combo, offered as a relief number in the program. Sgt. Richard Delk is the combo's trumpeteer; Sfc



Sfc Joe Murat, at the piano, points out details in a score he composed for the orchestra to CWO Jervis Beebe, the band leader.

"Herb" Carney is tenor saxophonist; Sgt. John L. Hodges is clarinetist; Sgt. Adolph Denson plays bass, and Sgt. Jack Field is the drummer.

Pfc Hubert DeHarden accompanies on the piano.

The orchestra performs standard, commercially published arrangements. However, one member, Sfc Joe Murat, has composed many special arrangements that have become part of the group's developing repertoire. The sergeant specializes in arranging "the blues," and plays a trumpet.

After a few short months of working together, the orchestra can offer a varied repertoire. According to Beebe, most dance bands keep a library of 100 or more music scores and will play 50 of them during an evening. He expects to have a well-rounded stockpile of 150 to 200 numbers.

Many of them have already been performed in public.

"Actually our dance band made its debut recently at a coffee hour for patients at Martin Army Hospital," Beebe said. "Now we are playing at the Main Officers' Open Mess and other places on the post. In May we went to entertain at the Veterans Hospital in Tuskegee, Ala.," he added.

A trombonist, Sgt. Antonio Vazquez, is one of those veteran bandsmen who help make The Infantry

Center Band, in Beebe's opinion, "the best it's been since I came here in 1959."

Sgt. Vazquez has served more than 20 years with military bands. He last played in the 3rd Armored Division Band in Frankfurt, Germany. His friend, Sgt. Albert Penwell, also played a trombone in that band. They came to Benning together last May and are now together in the local aggregation.

In the past, Beebe's main problem has been in replacing band personnel lost through reassignments. At present he could still use several more instrumentalists and would especially like to find one who could also sing with the orchestra.

"I believe many soldiers in basic training units, for one reason or another, miss the opportunity to audition for Army bands," Beebe said. "Some have played in their high school bands and are skillful with an instrument. After assignment, a soldier who is really interested, and who feels that his natural aptitude and skill should place him in the band, should contact an Army band director."

Beebe added, "If he is good enough, action can be initiated to get him in the band. He will be sent to the Army's 20-week training school at Fort Jackson, or to the Navy Music School in Washington. It also is possible to enlist for a specific Army band."



A Dixieland Combo performs during a rehearsal of the orchestra in the Troop Command Band Room. The soldiers are members of The Infantry Center Band. Changing tempo are (L. to R.) Sgt. John L. Hodges on the clarinet, Sgt. Richard Delk on the trumpet, Sfc. Herb Carney on the tenor saxophone and Sgt. Adolph Denson on the bass. Not shown are Pfc. Hubert DeHarden, who accompanies the group on the piano, and instructor CWO Jervis Beebe on the trombone.

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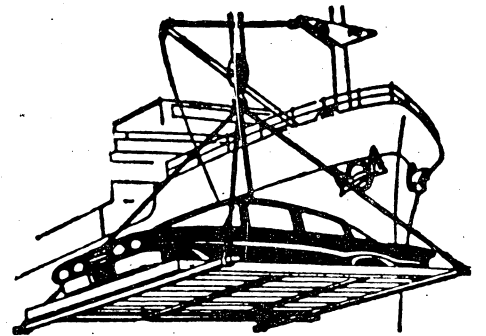


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Designed to meet the needs of the wives of married officers on post, the Fort Benning Women's Club activities can be roughly divided into three categories—welfare, activity schedule, and special programs.

Welfare efforts include such things as providing cool drinks for children participating in post events such as the recent bicycle safety program, to scholarships, therapy for handicapped children, and donations to needy families.

The second category, and most widely participated in, is the activity schedule. This covers classes in modeling, speaking, cake decorating, or you name, if it's educational.

Activities include bowling, ceramics, bridge, fencing lessons by Mrs. Dion Johnson, private dancing lessons by Mrs. Wilson, modeling classes by Mrs. Robert Chenoweth, and "Slim 'n' Trim" sessions by Mrs. John L. Davis.

A piano recital was held by the School of Music late last month. Mrs. Cecil Sanders was hostess for the occasion.

The Ceramic Workshop is open for ladies daily, although no regularly scheduled classes are held.

Mrs. Wilson has announced that small dance classes and private lessons will continue through the summer months. Children's classes will be held in the mornings and ladies' classes in the evening all through the summer. Both beginner and advanced lessons are taught.

The Pre-Kindergarten School, as well as the School of Dance and Music are examples of the programs sponsored by the club for children of post personnel.

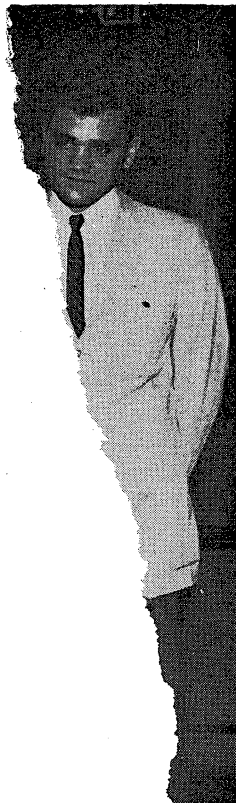
Special programs, which include the luncheons, breakfasts and teas open to all members of the club, comprise the third general category designed and executed by Army wives.

Each time a soldier or dependent uses the Thrift Shop, he or she is assisting another project of the Woman's Club. The shop affords post personnel a center for buying and selling without exorbitant handling fees, and the money earned by the Thrift Shop is poured back into post homes through welfare projects.

During a recent visit to the post, sponsored by the Woman's Club, Basil Rathbone demonstrates his fencing knowledge for members of the Youth Activities Club class (top) and plays a game of shuffleboard with patients at Martin Army Hospital.



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In photo at upper left, Mesdames William Guinn, David Morse, Paul Hennen, Frank Club skit in February, entitled "Oh, The Life of an Army Wife." In center photo at top of the pre-kindergarten school, is seen hostessing at an "open house," and Mrs. Stewart participated in the Women's Club Art Show in May, is shown with some of her paintings. Children, George III and Pamela, are preparing for the May art show, as Mrs. Stewart Women's Club April style show, has her hair done by Bob Duff, a well-known hair stylist. Mrs. Stewart, both trained as models by Ann Roberts' course, are pictured at a reception.



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The Fort Benning - Columbus Toastmistress Club now numbers more than 20 members from the Fort Benning and Columbus communities. Mrs. Dion Johnson, outgoing president, was one of the principal organizers of the local chapter.

“Toastmistress International,” parent organization of the local forensic group, is a world-wide body of more than 17,000 members.

The purpose of the Toastmistress Clubs is to instill poise and self-confidence among its members, to teach them to speak concisely and effectively before audiences, and to develop within each member the ability to listen intelligently and to offer constructive criticism to fellow speakers.

The new officers are: president, Mrs. Richard Evers; vice president, Miss Avis Gordee; recording secretary, Mrs. C. B. Ingram; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edwin E. Passmore; treasurer, Mrs. William Collins; club representatives, Mrs. John McCord and Mrs. John Passarella.

The winner of the current “Speaker of the Term” Contest, Mrs. David Bear, was presented a silver tray at the banquet.

Organized at Fort Benning last year, the local Toastmistress Club

Anyone interested in attending the Toastmistress meetings or becoming a member of the local Toastmistress Club may contact Mrs. Richard Evers, 4-1156, for complete information.



Mr. George Gingell is shown signing the guest book at a recent meeting of the Fort Benning-Columbus Chapter of the Toastmistress Club. Holding the book is Mrs. Dion Johnson, retiring president of the local club.



Shown above are the new officers of the Fort Benning Toastmistress Club, which received its charter recently from Toastmistress International.



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151st Engineer Group Holds Its Annual ATT

By Sp5 Hubert D. Greene

A year had passed, a year of hard work and hard training. ATT time had once again arrived and this means the testing of the strength and skills of engineers of the 151st Engineer Group.

The alert had been given and the wheels began to turn.

The 151st Engineer Group Headquarters, commanded by Colonel Sears Y. Coker, along with the 586th Engineer Company (Float Bridge) and the 806th Engineer Battalion (Construction) prepared to move into the field and render Engineer support to the Third Army's hypothetical situation.

At "H" minus one week, equipment was checked and re-checked. Files were organized and plans laid out. Time was important as the job had to be done rapidly and efficiently. Observing the activi-

ties as an outsider one may have thought the area was completely disorganized, but everyone was doing his job at a rapid pace and the organization was superb.

At "H" minus three days the 151st Engineer Group issued its operations order, which assigned specific missions to its subordinate units. Upon receipt of the order the wheels moved into high gear. Throughout the command the cry was heard, "This is it, let's get the job done."

A successful tactical move was completed with minor losses from single plane sorties at Weems Pond on Jamestown Road. However the "aggressor bombardier" was quite accurate with his "bombs". The minor losses received were direct hits on the vehicles.

Field operations began immediately, radios and telephones were

used to issue additional orders. Foxholes were dug, camouflage nets erected, and defense perimeter established. The 151st Engineer Group was operational.

Colonel John C. Potter, Chief Umpire, wasted no time in testing defenses. Almost immediately aggressor patrols engaged members of the 806th Engineer Battalion at their bivouac site.

Orders were issued to the 586th Engineer Company to erect an aluminum foot bridge, a light tactical raft and a class 60 raft. Meanwhile the 806th Engineer Battalion was issued orders to rehabilitate and maintain 151st Engineer Road and the 150 foot timber trestle bridge which spans Red Mill Creek.

As the play progressed aggressor action in all sectors increased. Construction sites of the 806th Engineer Battalion were their prime targets. However, work progress

never slowed down. Work crews were determined to accomplish the job. Long into the night the sound of heavy engineer equipment was heard.

Moving to the bridge site work crews of the 586th Engineers rapidly accomplished their job. Aggressors employed both small arms and chemical agents against the bridge crews. None of these factors distracted these men. Security forces engaged the aggressor and they were driven off.

On April 26 mother nature added to the overall problem. Driving rain blanketed the areas. Bivouac areas became swamps, roads became seas of mud. The engineers continued their "normal" missions.

Three aggressors were captured. One returning from a patrol, the other two trying to resupply their comrades in arms with the long feared chemical agents.

When not repelling aggressor assaults, the 586th Engineers erected a 392 foot aluminum foot bridge across the Chattahoochee River, a 200 foot aluminum foot bridge across the Upatoi Creek in support of 2nd Infantry Division, two light tactical rafts and two Class 60 rafts. Meanwhile the 806th Engineer Battalion successfully repaired the abutment for a 150 foot timber bridge and maintained two miles of auxiliary road including construction of a 50" x 12' 6" x 84" concrete box culvert. In addition, they established and maintained a water supply point capable of producing 11,000 gallons of pure water per hour. Group Headquarters planned, controlled and coordinated all these tasks.

This undertaking was accomplished by operating on a twenty-four hour basis during period of April 24-27. These men, although tired and wet, were proud of their accomplishment as the test was successfully completed.

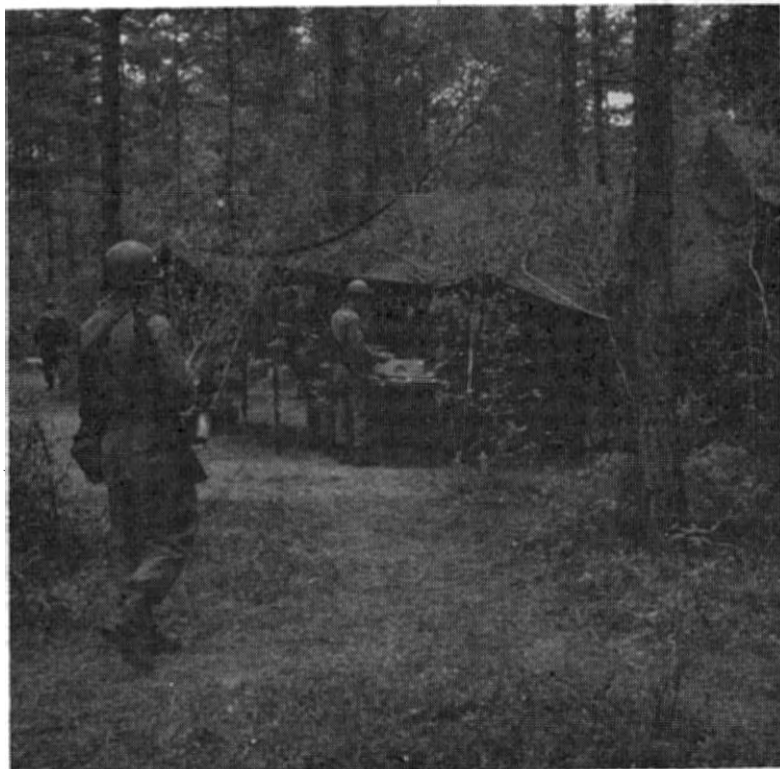
Once again the Engineers have proven that neither adverse weather conditions nor aggressor activities can slow them down from completing a mission, once it has been assigned. The slogan, "The difficult we do immediately—the impossible takes just a little longer", still holds true.



COL. COKER (wearing sunglasses) gets briefed by Major J. T. White, Jr. (pointing), CO of 806th Bn.



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Tot Town Nursery Is Tops For Kids

Two thousand diapers and 1,500 crib sheets head the monthly laundry list of Fort Benning's Tot Town. Monthly attendance at the non-profit nursery sponsored by Daughters of the U. S. Army on the post now surpasses 5,000.

A carefully balanced program of supervised play, rest, refreshments and hot meals provides a constructive atmosphere for the little dependents of military and civilian personnel.

The nursery is in Buildings 1075 and 1076 in the Old Hospital area. It is open from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 7:30 a.m. Fridays to 1 a.m. Saturdays; 9 a.m. Saturdays to 1 a.m. Sundays and 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Sundays. During payday weeks it is open until 11 p.m. Tues-



Scheduled activities keep the "older" guests constructively occupied at Tot Town. Left to right are Mark Coldiron, 2, Didi Murat, 4, and Biffy Sanford, 4.

days and Thursdays.

Mrs. Dennis M. Moore has served as supervisor of Tot Town since August. The Children's Nursery Board is composed of Mrs. Earl F. Holton, chairman; Mrs. Moore, president and custodian; Mrs. H. S. Waite, secretary; Mrs. Charles H. White and Mrs. Joseph B. Starker, members at large, and Mrs. George A. Millener, Jr., president of DUSA.

Tot Town's newest feature is the "Kindergarten Escort Service" in which children are escorted to and

from sessions at the Fort Benning Children's School kindergarten and cared for at the nursery preceding and following kindergarten.

Hot meals are served at noon and 6 p.m. Refreshments are served at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. to all children unless parents state otherwise.

Among the special features at Tot Town are free sterilized diaper service; separation of older children from the toddlers; scheduled play activities for older chil-

dren; uniformed, trained attendants; sturdy professional play equipment; fenced playyards and well-cooled buildings in summer, ample heat in winter.

In addition to the supervisor, the nursery staff includes an assistant supervisor, 14 attendants, part time bookkeeper, two maids and a janitor. All staff members hold Martin Army Hospital health cards and have received nursery training.

The Infantry Center safety officer approves playground equipment at the facility. Tot Town has no steps. Ramps provide access to porches and playground.

In the section for children three years and older, activities encompass TV children's programs, film strip machine and film cartoon programs, play with professional activity toys and special projects under the direction of attendants.

All food is served on plasticized disposable paper plates and containers. Spoons are sterilized and kept in a sealed container between meals. The nursery is inspected regularly by the Preventive Medicine Section of The Infantry Center. It has the highest rating of any nursery in the Army, according to officials. Its equipment includes three large refrigerators, two deep freeze units and a separate refrigerator for formulas.

The "baby building" cares for children from three months to three years. There is an attendant for each five babies and eight toddlers.

Special rates are available with the purchase of discount cards and for day care.

The nursery's monthly operating expenses are provided by its income. The Fort Benning Chapter of Army Daughters subsidizes building maintenance and equipment.



In the "under two" building at Tot Town, five young guests become better acquainted. Left to right are Wendy Welch, Reba Bain, Brian Mann, and Anna Haeussler. At left rear is Katherine Ware.

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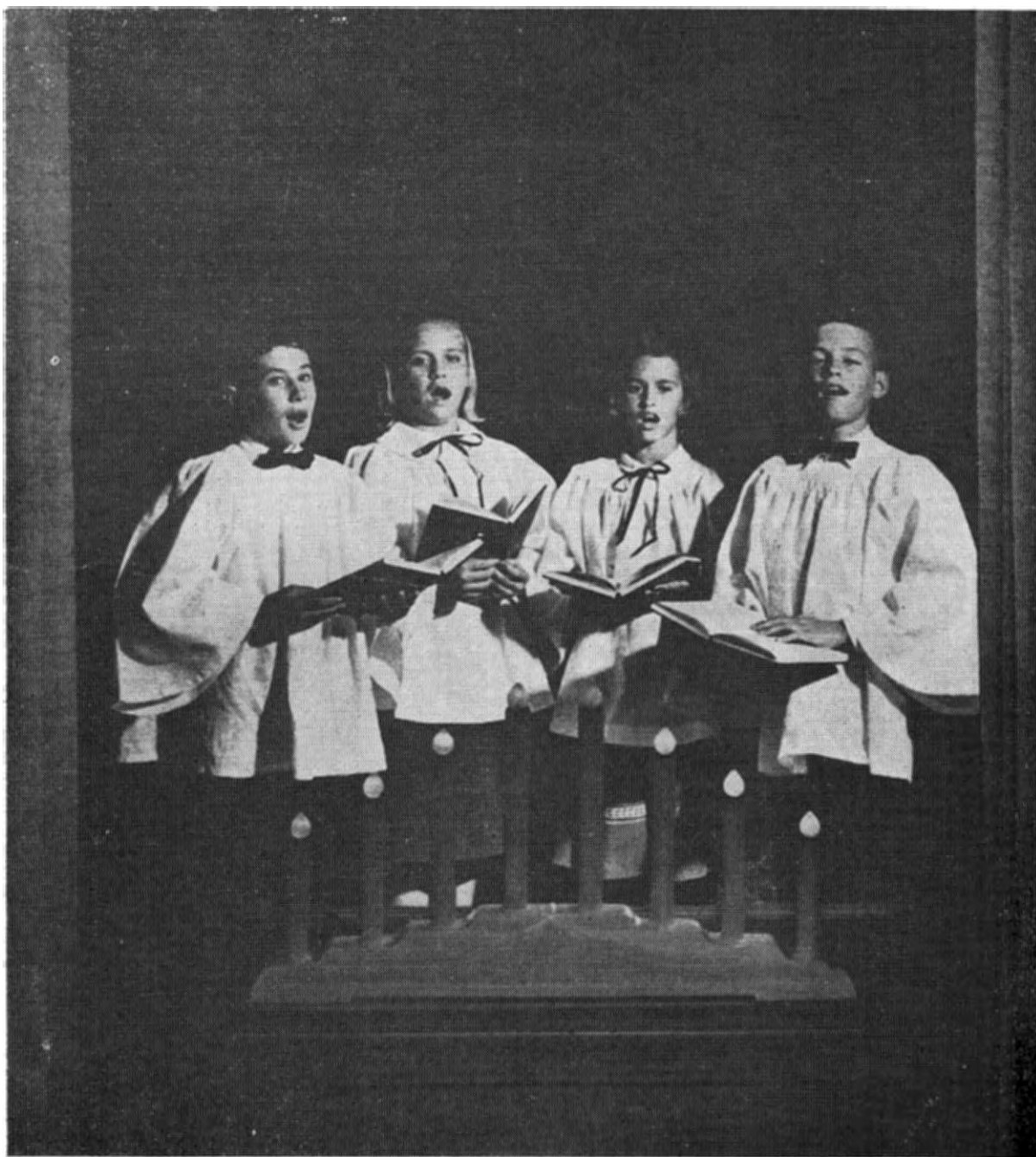


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Cover Story

Fort Benning, Ga.—Four Fort Benning children sing Christmas carols at a neighbor's window. They are, left to right, Bill King, son of Capt. and Mrs. William E. King of Durham, N. C.; Maureen (Si Si) Kelly, daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. John E. Kelly, Adrienne Crandall, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Riel S. Crandall of Madison, Wis., and Bucky Walters, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Warren E. Walters of Chattanooga, Tenn.

In This Month's Issue

USAAMU

The story of the Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit's successful 1961 firing season is told on pages 2 and 3.

Two New Additions

Two of the Reserve units called to active duty, the 156th Signal Battalion from Michigan, and the 138th Transportation Company from Florida, have their story told on page 4.

114th Engineer Company

The 114th Engineer Company from Washington, D. C., is portrayed on page 5.

Alabama and New Jersey Companies

Alabama's 131st Ordnance Company and New Jersey's 322nd Ordnance Company were also called to active duty for training at Fort Benning. For their story, see page 7.

Christmas Time

For a story of Christmas away from home and what several people did to make it more enjoyable, see story on pages 8 and 9.

Airborne Returns

All Airborne classes are returning to Fort Benning, birthplace of the Airborne. The story on pages 10 and 11 tells of the first classes to train here and what the future holds.

Post Chapels

Fort Benning personnel go to church regularly here. For this story and an inside glimpse of what makes an Army Chaplain, see pages 12 and 13.

Christmas Spirit

Several stories are told on pages 14 and 15. Among them are how Fort Benning's service clubs are preparing for the holidays; what Christmas will be like at Martin Army Hospital, and the story of a boy's first rifle.

Army Shooters Dominate 1961 Rifle, Pistol Scene

Sfc Bill Blankenship Wins National Pistol Title For Second Time; Riflemen Capture Major Individual And Team Awards At Camp Perry

By S-Sgt. Lee LaCombe

The year of 1961 will long be remembered by Americans. The fabulous Boston Celtics won the NBA crown again; the Yanks took the World Series easily from a surprising Cincinnati ball club, and it was the year that the Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit, with headquarters here, came of age.

Never before has an arm of the United States Armed Services dominated the world of shooting as Army marksmen from AMU did in 1961.

In the field of pistol shooting, Sfc William Blankenship, a jovial Virginian and former Army bandsman, has proved to be a worthy successor to the great M/Sgt Huelet (Joe) Benner. Although winner of the NRA National Pistol title in 1960, this year Blankenship truly rose head and shoulders above the Nation's handgunners. He captured the All Army crown at Benning in June; earlier he had annexed the Inter Service pistol and international free pistol diadems, and capped his amazing performance by winning the NRA National Championship for the second year in a row.

Right behind him at the Nationals this year in the race for individual honors was teammate M/Sgt. James Kurtz, who placed second at Perry.

The Army won the coveted Gold Cup, emblem of superiority in the National Trophy Pistol Team Match, when the USA Blue Squad blasted its way to victory.

The rifle picture was not so com-

pletely dominated by one man, but again USAAMU shooters won the bulk of honors.

Sp5 Justus Allen copped the Inter Service Rifle Championship, fired at Quantico, Va., Marine Corps Base, but a few weeks later at the National Matches it was Sfc Alfred Falcon who blazed through in the National Trophy Match to take first place.

In the team matches USAAMU rifle teams captured four of the seven fired matches, including the National Trophy event, while other Army squads won two of the remaining three, the last of which was taken by USMC.

The Army made it an all around championship year when a member of the Women's Army Corps, the first to journey to the Nationals as a full-fledged member of USAAMU, zipped through the individual matches to win the NRA Service Rifle Championship in the Women's Division. She was Sp4 Barbara Hile, a 27-year-old supply

clerk from Fort Mason, Calif.

Only 11 members of AMU entered the National Smallbore Matches, but they did very well for themselves. Cpl. Gary Anderson took the four position metallic sight aggregate and the U.S. Army Blue team added the four position metallic sight team match to its laurels. 1st Lt. Tommy Pool won the NRA three position individual title. He and Anderson were firing members of the Army Blue squad with Capt. Daniel Puckel, current holder of the World Three Position crown, and M/Sgt. William Krilling.

But the Army marksmen did not limit their winning efforts to U.S. matches alone.

Earlier this year when the US CISM (Congress Internationale de Sports Militaire) Rifle Team travelled to Rio de Janeiro, 11 members of the 12-man squad came from USAAMU. In Rio the squad won all of the major individual and team events and drew raves in the South American press for the Prowess of its members on the range and conduct off of it.

Many other awards have found a home in the USAAMU Trophy Room at Fort Benning this year, to make 1961 the most successful 12 months of shooting activity ever enjoyed by United States Army marksmen.



Cpl GARY ANDERSON
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*It's MTU
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The constantly expanding training mission of the Army's senior marksmanship unit has necessitated bringing identification into alignment with performance.

As of January 1, 1962, the U. S. Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit will be re-designated U. S. Army Marksmanship Training Unit.

Research reveals that this unit has actually been devoting 75 per cent of the annual effort to training other shooters within the Army; 25 per cent to competition.

The Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit had a timely connotation when the Army was generally unadvanced in marksmanship prior to 1956. The original objective to improve Army shooting has been accomplished and the tributaries of this effort are now Army-wide. The term "coaches clinic" grasped hurriedly in 1959, has become outmoded by the scope and breadth of the instruction delivered. Emphasis is now being placed primarily on instructor courses.

The Marksmanship Training Unit has been performing functions easily described by the new title.

Evolution rather than revolution has generated a breed of marksmanship instructors throughout the Army who substantially attest to the concept of training. Marksmanship units in the Continental Armies have broadened their base of shooting to one of instructing other units of their respective commands.

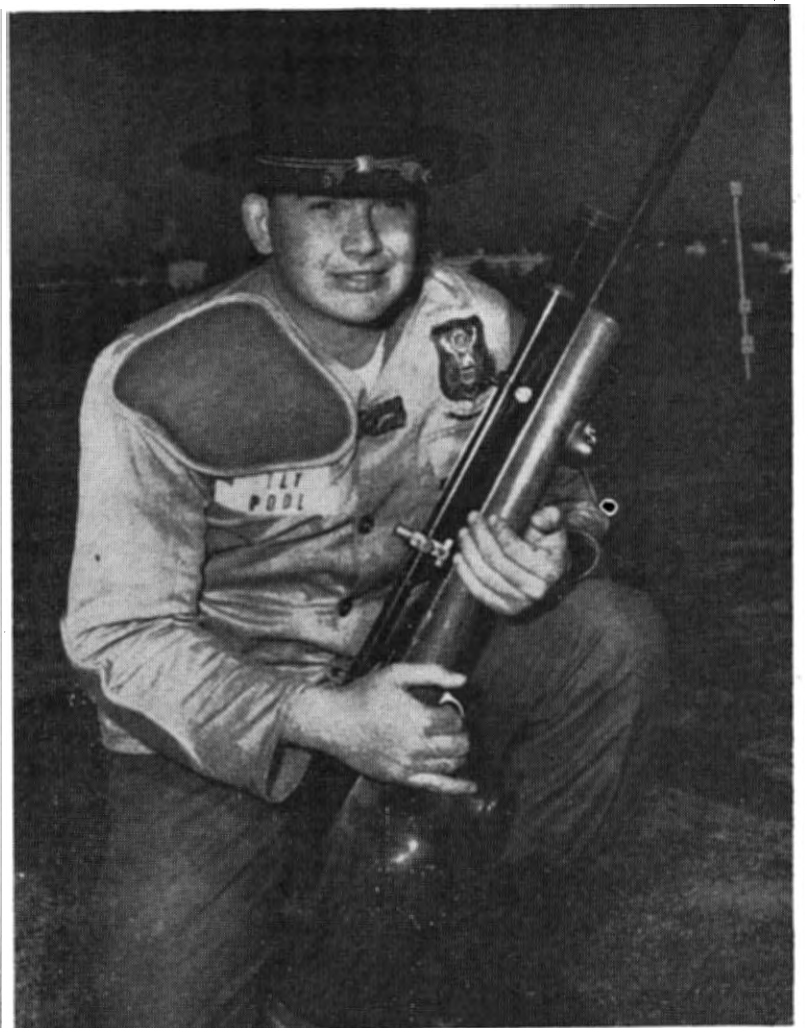
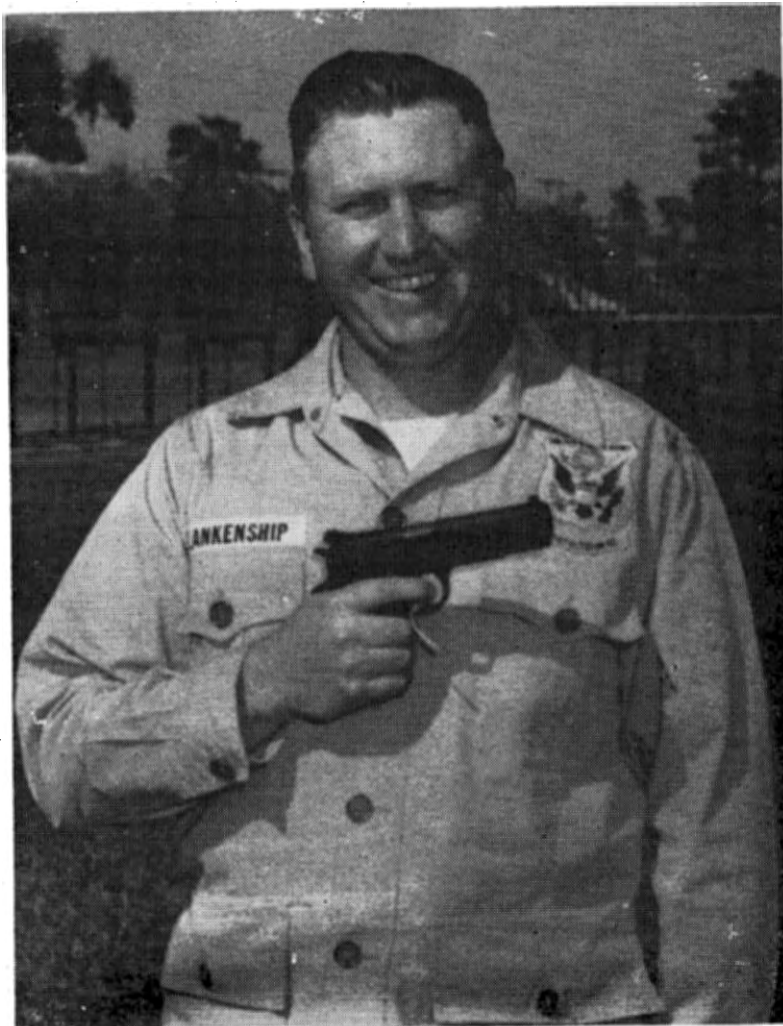
The spectrum of teaching has been widened and accentuated to include ROTC instructors, civilians and personnel of all branches of the Armed Forces.



The U.S. Army Rifle Squad Which Won the National Trophy Rifle Team Match at Camp Perry



CHAMPIONS ALL—Some of the members of the United States Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit who brought national fame to the organization during the 1961 shooting year included Sp4 Barbara Hile, upper left, who won the NRA National High Power Rifle Championship, Women's Division; the U.S. Army Blue Pistol Squad, upper right, which won the Gold Cup Trophy, emblematic of supremacy in the National Trophy Pistol Team Match (left to right are: Sfc William Blankenship, Sfc Sam Hunter, M/Sgt Mack Salmon, Col. Robin Montgomery, unit CO, Lt Col William S. Brophy, Pistol Team Captain, Sfc Bobby Jones and M/Sgt James Kurtz); Sfc William Blankenship, lower left, won the NRA National Pistol Championship for the second consecutive year; 1st Lt Tommy G. Pool, lower right, took the NRA Three Position Smallbore Rifle individual crown. (All photos by Pfc Edward Mansch).



Army Guard, Reserve Units Arrive At Fort Benning For Active Duty

by Sp4 Jim Beasley

Santa's boots have an extra shine this year at Fort Benning. Even casual observers have noticed a change in the old fellow's appearance.

He has been busy keeping up with the changes of address and shift in population brought about by the recent activation of U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard units.

Fort Benning has been welcoming many of these units. Some, such as the 156th Signal Battalion, a National Guard unit with companies from Detroit, Adrian, Monroe and Kalamazoo, Mich., are a long way from home this Christmas. Others, such as the 891st Medical Detachment, U.S. Army Reserve unit from Fort McPherson, Ga., have not had to travel so far.

But whether the men have come from near or far, this Christmas will require some adjusting of family habits.

Many boys and girls are getting their first good look at a real military installation. These are the children of men, like M-Sgt. James R. Starnes of Company B, 391st Engineer Battalion, a U.S. Army Reserve unit from Rock Hill, S. C., who bundled up their families and brought them along to Fort Benning.

This was no simple chore for the Starnes family. There are six children, ranging from Alfred, 16, to Wayne, 4 months. Alfred and James, Jr., the two oldest, remember other Christmases when their father was in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Jeffrey Wise, 11-month-old son of Sp4 Samuel Wise, a member of the 233rd Army Reserve Signal Company, traveled with his mother and father from Los Angeles to see his first Christmas at Fort Benning.

Allison Ward, same age as Jeffrey Wise, stayed in Indianapolis, Ind., home of the 233rd. His father, Sp4 James Ward, like most Reservists at Fort Benning, is hoping to get home to spend this holiday season with his family.

Another member of the 233rd who would like to be home Christmas is Pfc Paul D. Hornaday. His wife, Sandra, is scheduled to present him with a bouncing baby Christmas gift Dec. 25.

It will not be possible for everyone to get a leave this Christmas. As usual, the Army must be ready at all times.

Before the unit left Michigan, M-Sgt. Marine Damvelt, first sergeant of Company C, 156th Signal

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Sp4 Jesse A. Dawley, left, of Merritt Island, Fla., and Sp4 Kerry D. Eddinger, right, of Melbourne Beach, Fla., assist Pfc Fred Gay of Merritt Island in removing a valve from a truck motor head at Fort Benning. They are members of the Florida National Guard's 138th Transportation Company (Light Truck) of Cocoa, on active duty at The Infantry Center.

Florida's 138th Transportation Co. Is Helping With Post's Many Transportation Commitments

by M-Sgt. Charles A. Quinn

On Oct. 5 the Florida National Guard's 138th Transportation Company rolled through the main gates of the Infantry Center as one of the first units to arrive for active duty at the Georgia installation under the recent call-up.

"Although the 138th is just now rounding out its first 60 days of active duty," Major Francis L. Franklin of Portland, Ore., said, "the Florida unit has already carried the lion's share of transportation commitments."

According to the executive officer of the 39th Transportation Battalion, the U.S. Army Infantry Center Troop Command organization to which the company from Cocoa is attached, the Florida unit has had a full platoon in support of Ranger activities for some weeks. It has already racked up a rugged four days with the 2nd Infantry Division in full-scale divisional combat exercises.

Commanded by Capt. Henry E. McDonald of Cocoa, the Florida Guard light truck unit was assigned on arrival to assist in the provision of transportation require-

ments of The Infantry Center, home of the famous Infantry School.

Following welcome ceremonies in which the unit was greeted by Major Gen. Ben Harrell, Infantry Center commanding general, and his staff, the 138th unloaded its gear at the huge quartal which it would call "home" for the next year, drove its trucks and jeeps to assigned spots in the 39th Transportation motor pool, and went to work.

And we've been going ever since," Capt. McDonald said.

A check of the company roster shows salesmen, aircraft and radio corporation employees, newspapermen, draftsmen, engineers, mathematicians and photographers, to name but a few.

According to Platoon Sgt. Tillman B. McHenry of Merritt Island, the Florida unit collected six straight "Superior" ratings as a result of annual field training of the past six years.

The former deputy sheriff grinned as he pointed at the record of civilian occupations.

"We may be a diversified bunch back in civilian life," he said, "but

together we make up the 138th." This "make-up," apparently, was the reason why the unit slid smoothly into its assigned duties of supporting Fort Benning's Infantrymen.

"Speaking of 'Superiors,'" unit mess steward Sgt. Charles W. Slaughter, former police officer of Eau Gallie, said, "the boys picked up a top rating for convoy operations in that 2nd Division job."

Sgt. Roland I. Shaffer of Fort Pierce, a squad leader, admitted that the "Indianhead" Division exercise was a little bit rough.

"Despite the blackout driving over completely strange road networks of the reservation's 182,000 acres, our men went through the deal like veterans," he said.

The sergeant was employed by a telephone corporation before coming on active duty.

The first two weeks after the unit's arrival were filled with the usual personnel records checks, physical and dental examinations, clothing and equipment checks, drivers' tests, immunizations, instructors' schooling vehicle maintenance—and the guidon of the

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114th Engineer Company Has Many Soldiers With Diverse Backgrounds

by Sfc George McBurney

Among the many military comments training at Fort Benning, Regular Army, National Guard and Reserve units, perhaps the one with the most diversified personnel is the 114th Engineer Company.

This unique unit is a Washington, D. C., National Guard company recently called to active duty in the Army's buildup program. Training daily at the U.S. Army Infantry Center, the 114th has men from many walks of life and with highly diversified talents and backgrounds.

Among them are former government employees, school teachers, chemists, athletic coaches, draftsmen, a lawyer, an assistant bank director and a bricklayer, to name only a few.

Cpl. Jacques H. Croom of Alexandria, Va., was an attorney for a well-known railroad company in Washington before being sent to Fort Benning with the 114th.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina in 1959 with a degree in law, Croom, 27, is an assistant bridge construction foreman of his company.

"Somebody has to take this training and we are one of the units chosen," he said. "Our training is so well conducted and so beneficial that there is no question about our being able to do our job well."

Croom, a former tank driver in the New Jersey National Guard, will return to his legal practice after completing his training here.

Pvt. Terrance M. Day of West Hyattsville, Md., was a personnel clerk for three years in the Bureau of Administration, Department of State, Washington, before he began his Army training at Fort Benning.

Now a bridge construction helper, Day said, "This job is different from anything I've ever done before. But I like it because it is interesting and valuable. It shows what the Army can do in training the troops."

Sp4 Raymond R. Rillon of Washington, a bridge construction specialist, explained, "The 114th is a National Guard engineer company that specializes in building

panel-type bridges for the Army.

"Our job here is to train our own men and to instruct Infantry units in the construction of this kind of bridge. In combat our mission would be to instruct and aid all units needing panel bridge building."

Rillon, 23, has been a National Guardsman for three years and a member of the 114th for the past 30 months. A former student for two years at Montgomery Junior College, Silver Spring, Md., he was a clerk in the Post Office Department, Washington, before entering active military service.

"Our men receive thorough training in building panel bridges," he said. "We learn to survey an area as we will know how many men and parts we will need for the job. To do it right, we must pre-determine our work accurately."

Rillon continued, "We study the bridge area from both sides of the site. Then we decide what use of a bulldozer we may need. We teach our men that to be strong and safe, a bridge must be secure on the opposite side from which we start it."

"It's like a pitcher throwing a baseball to the catcher. One is as necessary as the other," he explained. "We can usually build a panel bridge with about 30 men. The time needed depends on the length of the span and the size needed."

Another member of the 114th who has a diverse background is Sgt. Delbert E. Wilson of Arlington, Va., non-commissioned officer in charge of the training of his unit.

Wilson, 25, a graduate of William and Mary College in 1957, was a guidance counselor and a biology teacher at an Alexandria high school before being called to active duty. He was also assistant basketball coach at the school.

The 114th, originally a missile battalion of Washington, in 1958 became a base map reproduction unit and early in 1959 was organized as a panel bridge engineer company.

Commanded by Capt. Arthur S. Welch of Washington, the unit is attached to the 151st Engineer Group at Fort Benning for training.

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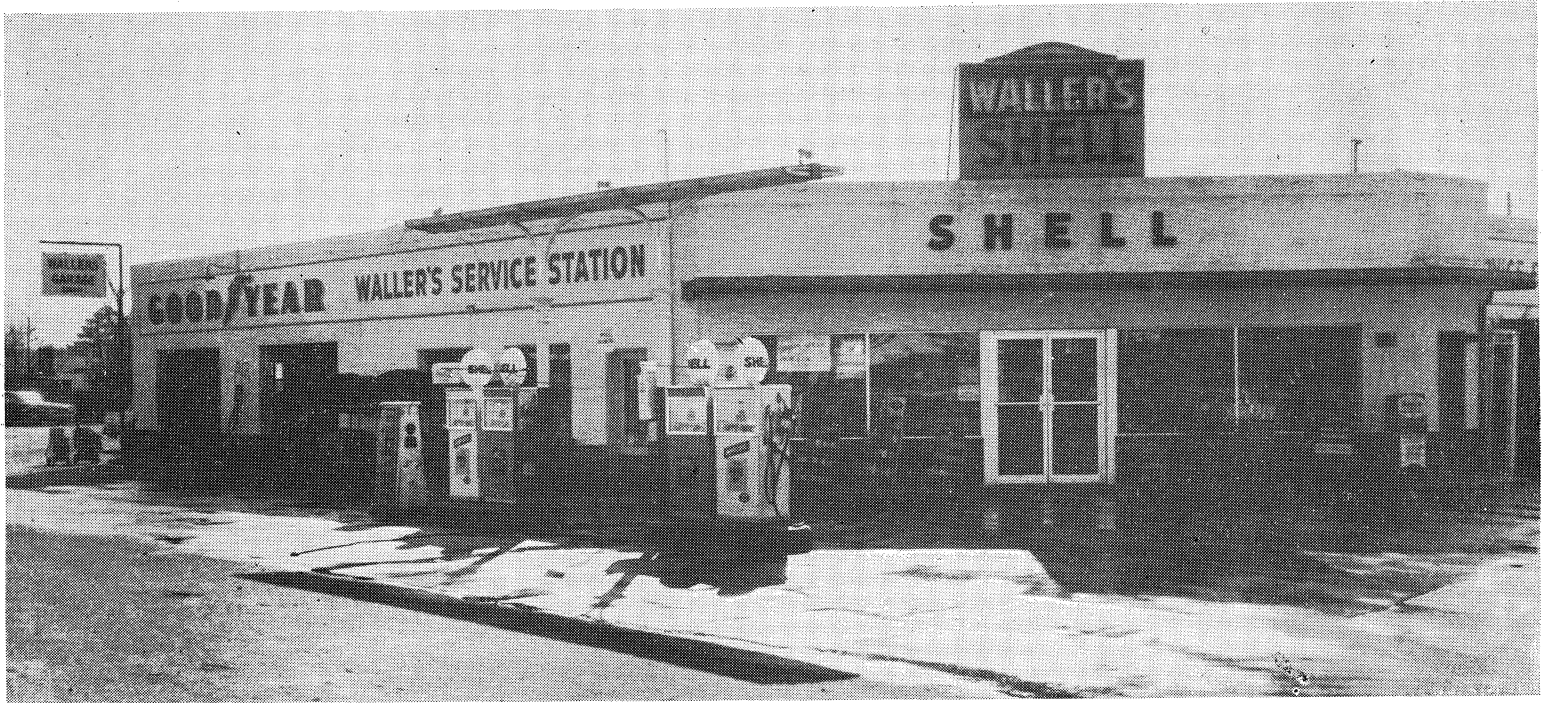
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Alabama, New Jersey Ordnance Units Included in Call-up Program

by M-Sgt. Charles A. Quinn

The men of the Alabama National Guard's 131st Ordnance Company, recently called to active duty, are more fortunate than most Guard and Reserve units called up, according to the Alabama unit's first sergeant.

"We could have been assigned anywhere," 1st Sgt. William J. C. Burnett of Gadsden, Ala., said, "but received orders to Fort Benning just 130 miles from home."

The Alabama unit from Oxford was billeted upon arrival in one of the huge Regular Army quarters on Main Post, a move which put the company right in the middle of things at the Infantry Center.

"Our men found that they were within short walking distance of movies, libraries, Service Clubs and snack bars one one side, and the post Ordnance shops were on the opposite side," he said, "when we could have been quartered miles from the Main Post."

The unit, trained in general automotive support, will work with Fort Benning Ordnance personnel to keep The Infantry Center's thousands of vehicles rolling.

Commanded by 1st Lt. Eual D. Cain of Oxford, the company was called up Oct. 1 and rolled into Fort Benning 10 days later.

"We hit Fort Benning on schedule on Wednesday and the following Monday we were in the shops," the 32-year-old company commander grinned.

Actually, according to the company's first sergeant, the rapid switch to active duty was accomplished with little fanfare because some 40 of the unit's personnel had been employed at the Anniston Ordnance Depot.

"For them it was just a matter of switching location and working in uniform," he said, "for most had worked under the same conditions at Anniston."

Too, he added, nearly half the unit is comprised of veterans of either World War II or the Korean conflict.

M-Sgt. Aubrey G. Hicks of Oxford, the 131st's operations sergeant, said that from the standpoint of workload the Alabama Guardsmen were still a bit pressed.

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by Sfc George McBurney

The 322nd Ordnance Company, one of New Jersey's Army Reserve units, had little thought last summer of being called to active duty in the Army's buildup program.

Today it is at Fort Benning for an indefinite period of Ordnance training.

Some of the men are veterans of many years of military service; others are young men with little service. All are well qualified to fulfill their Reserve and Army duties through the training they receive.

Early last September the 322nd received official orders to report to Fort Benning, the Third Army's vast Infantry training center. On Oct. 2 the first group departed Morristown, the unit's headquarters, by convoy and began the 1,130-mile trip to the southern training post.

In seven of the company's two-and-a-half ton trucks, the convoy wended its way over the winding and undulating roads past industrial centers and slowly browning farmlands.

Four days later the group arrived, tired and dusty, at Fort Benning.

On Oct. 9 the second and final group departed by plane and arrived the same day.

The 322nd, with the addition of 30 men from the First Army area, is training with the 7th Ordnance Battalion of The Infantry Center Troop Command.

M-Sgt. Peter Ossenkowsky of Cedar Knolls, N. J., first sergeant of the 322nd, said, "We realize that we were called to active duty because of the international situation. We are more than glad to do our part in helping the Army in its buildup program."

Sgt. Ossenkowsky is one of the veterans of the 322nd. He enlisted in the Army Reserve in February, 1947, and has been a member ever since.

First Lt. Claude R. Dickerson of Mt. Tabor, N. J., a platoon leader, said, "The 322nd is a direct automotive support unit doing field work for the Army. Our job here is mainly repairing worn and replacing unserviceable parts of wheeled vehicles.

"We do the same work on small arms such as pistols, carbines, M-1 rifles and machine guns up to the .50 caliber models."

The 322nd is training its men not only in the field but also in the classroom.

"Eleven of our men are attending the Ground Mobility School at Fort Benning for instruction in Ordnance duty," M-Sgt. Leo A. Kauff of Wharton, N. J., said.

"We also have allocations for five more men to attend Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., for 14 weeks

of training," he added. "Thus, we can train our men thoroughly in accordance with their Army skills. All of them are well satisfied with their duties."

Kauff is a platoon sergeant of the 322nd.

The change from civilian life and Reserve duties in New Jersey has imposed no special problems for the men of the company, M-Sgt. Edward G. Hydock of Springfield, N. J., stated.

Hydock, operations sergeant of the 322nd, added, "Our men have accepted the call to active duty like the good soldiers they are."

Ossenkowsky, Kauff and Hydock are the three oldest men in point of service with the 322nd. They have re-enlisted a total of 14 times and intend to stay in the Reserve until they have completed 20 years of service.

"Our pensions will come in mighty handy some day," Hydock sagely observed.

Several members of the 322nd are combining their avocations with their Army vocations.

Pfc Augustus J. Rampone, Jr., of Stanhope, N. J., is a guard on the Fort Benning football team.

"Gus," as he is popularly known in the Stanhope and Netcong area, coached the Netcong High School grid teams for the past two seasons.

Sp4 Charles Cavanaugh of Budd Lake, N. J., and Pfc Vincent Cautero of Lake Hepatoong, N. J., are members of The Infantry Center Troop Command basketball team.

Sp4 Lance G. Smith of Dover, N. J., and Sp4 George W. Scripture of Morris Plains, N. J., have the somewhat unusual hobby of skindiving.

Both men, expert skin divers, are using their skills to help raise the Civil War Confederate gunboat "Muscogee" from the Chattahoochee River. The gunboat is believed to have been scuttled by Confederate naval forces in the War Between the States. The Muscogee will be on display in Columbus, Ga., after being brought from its watery depths.

Smith and Scripture, who have been skindiving for five and three years, respectively, have been aiding work crews on week ends by attaching steel cables to the sunken Muscogee.

Wearing sealed rubber diving suits, the two Army specialists can work in water of sub-freezing temperature.

"Our body heat, which can't get out of our neoprene suits, keeps us warm," Scripture explained.

Smith, who is studying wheeled vehicle mechanics at the Ground Mobility School, was stationed at Fort Benning on a previous tour of duty. Discharged in October,

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First Lt. Eual D. Cain, right, of Oxford, commander of the Alabama National Guard's 131st Ordnance Company on active duty here, checks a point of company administration with unit 1st Sgt. William J. C. Burnett of Gadsden. The Alabama Guard unit, whose home station is Oxford, is entering its third month of active duty at The Infantry Center.

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Christmas Home Can

By Marjorie Kutchinsk

"How can we have any Christmas spirit here without snow, or a tree, or any of the things we had at home?" Kathy Barrett dropped her books on the table and slumped in a chair beside them. "It won't seem like Christmas at all."

Pete looked up from his homework and stared at his sister.

"You didn't expect Mexico to be just like the United States, did you?" he asked.

"No. I thought it was great at first. But now I'm so homesick I keep wishing Daddy wasn't in the Army so we wouldn't have to spend Christmas in this foreign place."

"Why, Kathy," Mother came in from the kitchen with a large bowl of mangos. "Christmas is Christmas where ever you go. It doesn't make any difference if you live in America, in Spain, in Europe or in Mexico. The customs are different, but the true spirit of Christmas, the wonderful message of love and hope, is the same in any language. Did you know that the Christmas customs in other countries were old before we ever started celebrating Christmas in the United States. In the early days the Puritans put people in jail and fined them if they stopped work to celebrate on Christmas."

"But we aren't Puritans," Kathy was trying hard to keep the tears slammed on the tile floor with a thud.

"I have it," he shouted. "The Toro family have already invited us to share their celebration. 'I Pasada' I think they call it. Why can't we build a tree, and invite them to see how we spend Christmas?"

"We can," Mother agreed. "Perhaps the new Brinker family would like to come too. They will be moving in next door as soon as the house is ready?"

"Can the Kimballs and Petersons come too?" Kathy begged.

"Mother," Pete shouted again. "What do we call a party when everyone brings something?"

"You mean 'pot-luck'?"

"That's it! Let's have a pot-luck Christmas Eve. All of us share our customs. That way we will have a little bit of Christmas from everywhere."

"That will be fun!" Kathy laughed. Somehow she didn't feel so homesick any more.

back. "Can't we try and have our kind of Christmas?"

"Of course we will, dear," Mother answered. "I think we should all try to make our first Christmas away from home the happiest one we've ever had."

Pete jumped up so fast his books fell.

Pete's idea was too good to keep. He and Kathy rushed from house to house all afternoon inviting the Toros, Brinkers, Kimballs, and the Petersons. Everyone agreed that it would be wonderful to share their Christmas customs, and each de-



Two-way From Be Joyous

ided to keep their own part a secret until December 24th.

The morning of Christmas Eve they picked branches from several small trees that looked like cedar and wired them to the tree frame. They decorated it with the lights and things they had brought from home. Pete and Kathy helped their mother wrap a small gift for everyone.

It is the custom in Mexico to represent the pasada (pa sah' das, resting place) every evening from December 16 until Christmas Eve. The Barrett children had watched each night from an upstairs window as their neighbors, each carrying a lighted candle, formed a procession to re-enact Mary and Joseph's search for shelter. They were very excited when it was finally Christmas Eve and time for them and their other friends to light their own candles and follow the pilgrims in their search.

Kathy walked very close to her friend Rosita Toro and tried to repeat the words of the chant.

At the first house the boy who was playing Joseph sang out, "In heaven's name I beg for shelter. My wife tonight can go no farther."

The door opened just a little and a man shouted, "This is no inn. We are gone from here."

The pilgrims moved on. Joseph stopped at several doors and asked for shelter, but each time he was turned away.

At last Joseph knocked at the door and pleaded, "We must have lodging. Is there room for us here?"

The door was opened at once and everyone was invited in to pray before a small altar that was decorated with statues of Mary and Joseph and many lovely flowers.

After the Pasada the children went to the veranda. A huge star covered with colored paper and sequins hung from the ceiling.

"The Pinata!" (Pin ya' ta) the children shouted.

"What is that?" Kathy asked Rosita.

"It is a very thin clay pot made the shape of a star, and filled with candy, and nuts, and fruit. We are going to break it now," Rosita whispered.

"It is much too pretty to break," Kathy thought. But when her turn came to be blindfolded she turned around three times and swung at the pinata with a wide stick as the others had done.

"It is my turn now," Karl Peter-n called out after they had all thanked Senor and Senora Toro and had shouted "Merry Christmas" and "Feliz NoVIDad" many times.

"In Sweden we celebrate 'Dipping Day' on Christmas Eve," Karl began in a very serious voice.

"One winter, many years ago, there was a famine in Sweden. The only food to be had was some black bread and a very thin broth. We remember this and dip our bread in the broth so we will have good luck during all of the next year."

"I've never smelled anything better than that!" Pete told Karl's mother as she led them to the kitchen.

Karl took a piece of bread, marched to the bright copper kettle on the stove, dipped his bread into the steaming sausage broth, and popped it into his mouth.

The others followed him. They all agreed with Pete when he said that "it was very delicious good luck."

"Christmas in England next," Anne Kimball told them when they were on the street again. Anne and her sister, Elizabeth, led the children to the garden of their home to watch their father bring the Yule Log in.

"The Yule Log symbolizes Christ, 'The light of the world,'" Anne told them.

When the log was burning brightly in the large fireplace, the children sat on the floor in front of it while Mrs. Kimball read "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens.

As they crossed the veranda to leave, Will Brinker gave each of them a small wooden shoe filled with chocolate.

"Dutch children leave their shoes outside on Christmas Eve, filled with hay for St. Nicholas' white horse," he said. "Next year we will have a Christmas feast at my house."

All was dark when they arrived at the Barrett house except for the lighted Christmas tree in the window. Even Kathy and Pete stared in amazement. It was beautiful.

Everyone ate, laughed, opened gifts, sang carols and ate again.

Suddenly Rosita noticed the time and announced, "We must leave now to keep our own watch on the holy Eve."

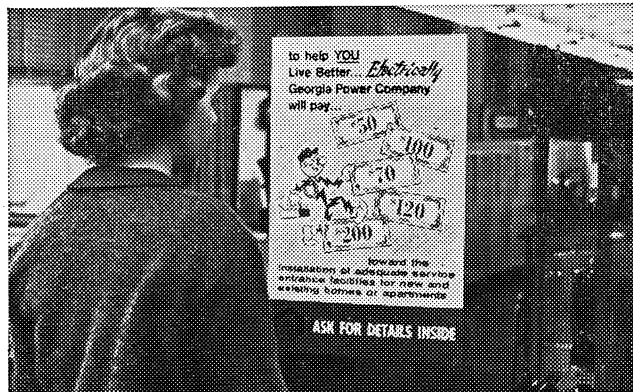
They all left together singing until they were out of sight.

For a long time Pete and Kathy sat very still and watching the Christmas tree lights blink off and on.

"I'm thinking of all the things I'll miss dreadfully when we leave Mexico," Kathy sighed.

"Good night!" Pete said as he slapped his leg. "Do you always have to be missing something dreadfully?"

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Airborne has returned to the post.

This week marked another milestone in the history of Fort Benning as the Airborne-Air Mobility Department of The School took over the training of all U. S. Airborne soldiers.

The first airborne class to be trained under the newly expanded program marched to Eubanks Field in early December to take part in the opening ceremonies. Included in the well disciplined group were 176 enlisted men and 60 officers.

The 236 men, all volunteers, arrived on post from Army training centers throughout the United States. They were greeted and welcomed by Major Gen. Ben Harrell, commandant of The School.

"More than a year ago I requested that basic airborne training be returned to Fort Benning and now it has been," he said.

"There are certain basic qualities of this training that you must learn," the general added.

"It's hard and tough, mentally and physically," the commandant stated. "It is an individual endeavor that takes courage, determination, physical strength and agility. You have the finest instructors in the Army to train you. And you will have great personal satisfaction when you complete the course."

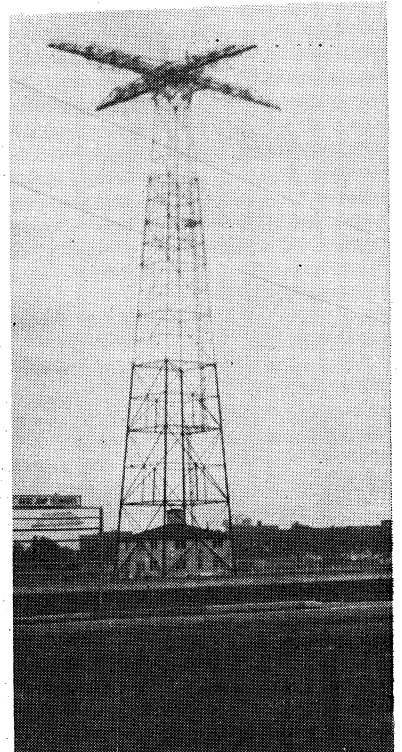
In May, 1941, before Pearl Harbor and the atom bomb and the fall of the Axis powers, the Army's first airborne troops were trained here.

From a small original nucleus of 48 enlisted men and two officers, the Army's airborne effort quickly increased until by the end of World War II the training school had been vastly expanded and the Army could boast having five airborne divisions and eight regiments.

In recent years airborne volunteers were sent directly from training centers to airborne units. This week's class marked the return of all basic airborne training to its birthplace—Fort Benning. By early February this post will have the only airborne training center in the continental United States, the Airborne Air Mobility Department officials said.

Each training course will consist of four weeks of instruction and exercises for officers and non-commissioned officers and three weeks for all other men.

The present airborne instruction is designed to train some 250 men in one group. Eventually it will be expanded until 2,000 men can be trained each month.



In the first week of training, the ground training phase, students learn the fundamentals of parachuting, how to jump from a plane and land safely. In the second week, the tower training phase, the students are taught how to control their parachutes during descent from 250-foot towers.

At the end of the ground and tower training, students who have mastered the basic jump techniques and who can meet the physical training requirements progress to the testing week of the basic airborne course.

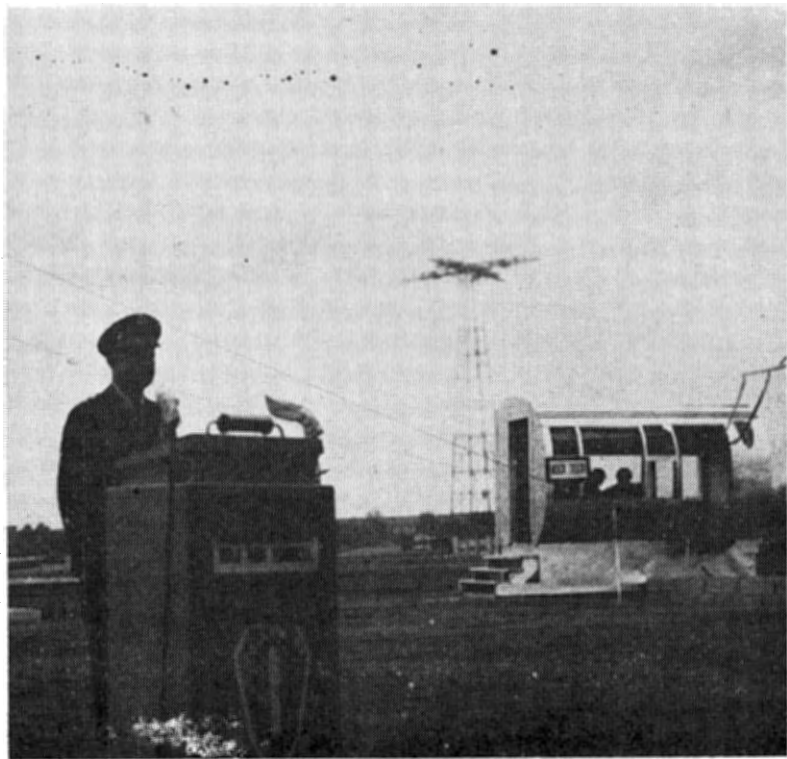
During the final week the students must make five qualifying jumps which become progressively more difficult. The first two jumps are individual tapouts. The last three are mass exits.

On their final jumps the students carry the equipment normally used in combat. This equipment may weigh as much as 100 pounds. All the jumps are from 1,250 feet.

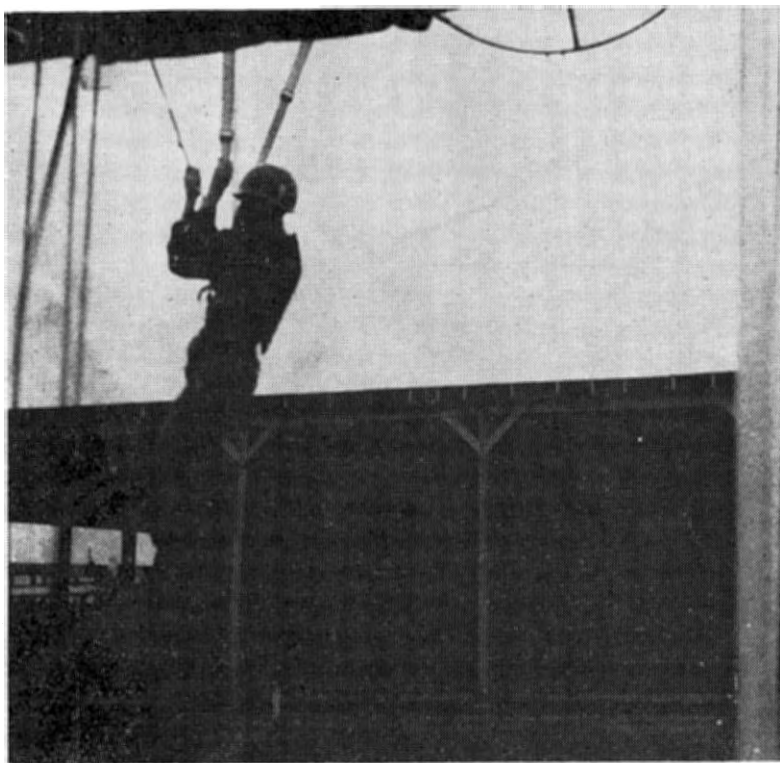
Training techniques used by the Airborne-Air Mobility Department are the result of more than 20 years of experience. The success of the training has been proven by the 200,000 parachutists who have graduated from the jump school.

Most of the instruction and training in the basic airborne course is conducted by senior non-commissioned officers, all thoroughly screened and all expert parachutists.

esses Return All Training



Major Gen. Ben Harrell, Infantry School commander, welcomes the 236 members of the first class to be trained here under the school's newly expanded airborne training program.



An instructor of the Airborne-Air Mobility Department demonstrates airborne training techniques for the first class of parachutists to be trained under The Infantry School's enlarged training program. Seated in the stands are some of the class' 236 students. The Airborne-Air Mobility Department will train some 2,000 parachutists a month by February when Fort Benning will have the only airborne training center in the United States.

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Women in their "Sunday best," children with their eager but reverent manner and the elderly people entering the sanctuary give the impression that this is the hometown church.

It is only the men who reveal the congregation is military. Although few of them wear uniform to church, their well-fitting civilian suits do not hide the military bearing.

Entering the Infantry Center Protestant Chapel, known as the Main Post Chapel; at 11 a.m. on Sundays, a hush falls over the people.

Candles are lighted on the altar. Strains of music pour from the organ, gently swelling to fill every nook and corner of the sanctuary and rising majestically to the vaulted dome.

Along the walls stand the colors of 19 inactive regiments and battalions that have served at Fort Benning in the past.

As in many of the older civilian churches throughout the nation, there are marble memorial slabs on the walls, paying mute testimony to the dedicated lives of the men whose names they bear.

Into the quiet and beauty of the waiting chapel comes the call to worship as the chaplain intones, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple. Let all the earth keep silent before Him."

The chapel choir, robed in vestments of Infantry blue and gold, responds softly with the familiar, "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me and that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come."

In a processional of majestic dignity, the choir enters the chapel, preceded by white robed acolytes and uniformed Boy Scouts bearing the U. S. flag and the Christian flag.

The service continues with hymns, Scripture reading, prayer, anthems and sermon.

A visitor can not help but notice the full participation of the worshipers in each phase of the service. Everyone sings the hymns. Everyone takes part in the responsive reading. Everyone listens attentively to the chaplain's message.

As in the undeniable military bearing of the congregation, there seems to be, in audience responses, a clipped, precise note of strength and determination.

In a sermon at the chapel on a recent Sunday morning, Chaplain



Wearing the vestments of his own denomination, The Infantry Center chaplain, Chaplain (Col.) Silas E. Decker, delivers the sermon at the Protestant service at 11 a.m. in the Main Post Chapel.

Silas E. Decker, Infantry Center chaplain, told a congregation of more than 500 worshipers that prayer, though a mystery, is a dimension of the spirit whereby the soul of man is able to talk to God.

"Eliminating factors of time and space which hamper man," he said, "prayer brings the individual into the presence of Almighty God, Himself."

The 47 religious services conducted in 17 chapels on the post each Sunday morning do not include Jewish worship services, which are held after sundown on Friday and on Saturday mornings.

It does include a Protestant service in Spanish provided for the large number of Spanish speaking people assigned to Fort Benning.

In addition to the worship services, there are Sunday Schools with an average attendance of more than 2,000 each week.

The Main Post Protestant Sunday School is the largest in the Army. The average attendance is 1,500.

Other Sunday Schools include Episcopal, with an attendance of 150; Lutheran, 100; Spanish, 50, and Catholic, meeting on Saturday, 3500.

Three youth groups meet on Sunday evening at the Religious Education Center. They are Junior Fellowship for children in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades; Crusader Club for seventh and eighth grades, and Follow Me Club for high school students.

As in civilian life, there are religious activities during the week.

There are two chapters of the Officers' Christian Union on the post. One chapter meets on Tuesday nights and the other on Wednesday nights, in the homes of

members. The men gather for Bible study and prayer.

Women on the post are organized in groups according to their faith.

Catholic women belong to Our Lady of Victory Sodality. Jewish women have recently organized a Jewish Sisterhood.

Protestant women belong to one of several Women-of-the-Chapel groups.

In addition to regular group meetings, the Women-of-the-Chapel have organized 18 small neighborhood prayer circles. A circle meets for 30 minutes one morning a week in the home of a member. The women are engaged in Bible study, prayer, visiting the sick and enlisting new personnel in the religious program of the post.

The number of prayer circles is growing constantly. Chaplain Decker anticipates at least 40 circles in the near future.

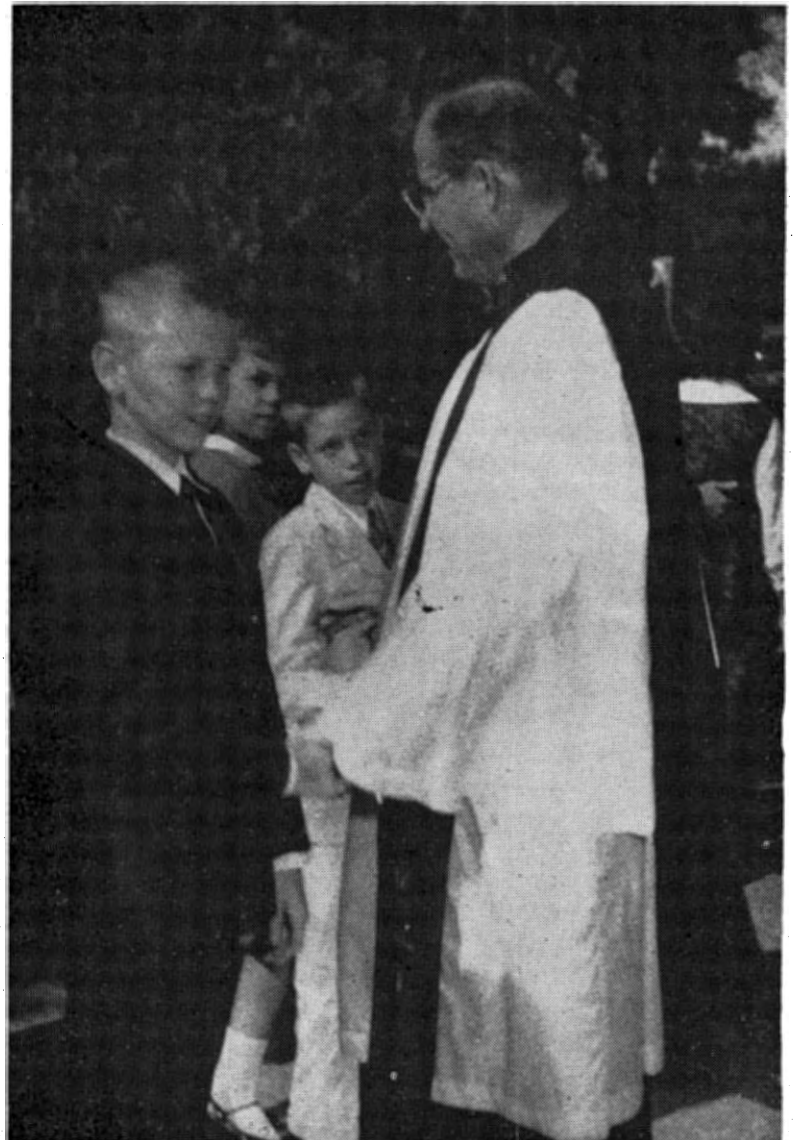
The Women-of-the-Chapels meet also once a week for Bible study.

More than 100 men at Fort Benning belong to one of 11 usher committees for the Main Post Chapel alone. The 10-member teams alternate in assisting with the service from Sunday to Sunday.

Officer usher teams report for duty in dress blues in the winter and tropical worsted in summer. Enlisted usher teams wear Army green in winter and khaki in summer. There are usher teams of teen-age boys.

Flag bearers at religious services are Boy Scouts in uniform. They range from First Class to Eagle Scouts who are working on requirements for a God and Country Award.

To earn the award, a Scout must serve at the chapel for one year. During this time, under the supervision of the chaplain, he studies



Like the pastor of a civilian church, an Army chaplain finds time to talk to the members of his congregation as they leave the chapel on Sunday morning. Chaplain (Col.) Silas E. Decker, right, Infantry Center chaplain, talks to three military dependents after the 11 a.m. service at the Main Post Protestant Chapel.

Every Sunday; ous Duties

the organization and doctrine of the church of his choice, participates in some community service activity, and completes a study of a social service type organization such as the American Red Cross or the YMCA. The Scout must maintain a record of faithful service in his religious duties.

There are 33 chaplains assigned to Fort Benning. Of these, six are Roman Catholics, one is a Jewish rabbi and the remainder are Protestant.

Denominations represented among the Protestant chaplains include Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Disciples of Christ, independent Fundamentalists, Evangelical United Brethren, Church of God and Episcopal.

The status of a chaplain, according to Chaplain Decker, is that of an ordained clergyman and a commissioned officer in the Army. His denomination is responsible for his religious training and professional service, he added.

A chaplain must be endorsed by his denomination as its official representative in the Army. He must maintain this endorsement. If a denomination withdraws the endorsement of a chaplain, the Army is obligated to discharge him.

Except in time of war, a denomination may obtain the release of a chaplain to assume duties of an official nature.

Among clergymen, the position of a chaplain is unique in that his first responsibility is for the religious welfare of his community, the entire organization to which he is assigned—then to his denomination.

If the chaplain is Protestant, he must give priority to a general service which will meet the needs of members of most Protestant churches.

People who belong to a non-liturgical denomination, one with no set form of service, feel at home in the general Protestant services conducted in an Army chapel.

The service is similar to that of Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Disciple of Christ and other churches.

After meeting his obligation to the majority of his constituents, a chaplain may conduct denominational services for those of his own faith.

If there is no Catholic chaplain at the military installation, the Protestant chaplain is obligated to secure the services of a civilian priest to conduct Masses on the post.

If there is no Jewish chaplain, he arranges for a local rabbi to officiate at Sabbath services for Jewish personnel.

If the assigned chaplain is Catholic or Jewish, this same regulation applies to his work.

No group is discouraged from holding denominational services. There can be as many denominational services on an Army post as required to provide for the worship of military personnel. At Fort Benning there are five, including Lutheran, Christian Scientist, Mormon, Episcopal and a Spanish Protestant service.

A post chaplain must provide a religious education program for military dependents of all faiths. On the post, Mrs. Maguerite Waldrop serves as director of religious education, assisting Chaplain Decker with the program.

Mrs. Waldrop works with the Women-of-the-Chapels, Sunday Schools and youth activities.

The post chaplain encourages the organization of lay groups of a religious nature.

Chaplain Decker considers religion and morals the foundation on which military training is based.

He said, "I believe that every responsible leader in the Army should set a religious example which is as much a part of leadership as is the performance of military duty."

The pastoral duties of a chaplain are similar to those of a civilian clergyman.

He organizes the choir, gives character guidance, counsels people with problems, visits the sick, performs weddings and baptisms, conducts funerals and administers Holy Communion.

Approximately 85 per cent of military personnel assigned to Fort Benning participate in the chaplain's character guidance program.

The aim of the program is to keep constantly before the enlisted man or officer his responsibility, as an American citizen, to his country, his organization, his family and his religion, Chaplain Decker said.

The religious and moral program of the U. S. Army is under the direction of the Chief of Chaplains (Major Gen.) Frank A. Tobey of Washington, D. C.

Chaplain Tobey is assisted by Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) William Moran.

There are approximately 1,200 chaplains on duty with the Army as compared with 125 when Chaplain Decker entered the Army 26 years ago.

The 33 chaplains at Fort Benning are working at full capacity, conducting services in the chapels, in the field with training units, and administering to the needs of new troops reporting to the post for active service.

Some of the Reserve and National Guard units recently called up have chaplains. If there is no chaplain with the unit, provision is made for religious services for the group.

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Christmas Season is Time

A Boy's First Rifle-- The Old Tradition

By M-SGT. CHARLES A. QUINN

The boy cradled the long flintlock in his arms and caressed the gleaming stock of curly maple as he looked up at his Dad.

"I thank you, Father," he said in awed tone, "'tis the most beautiful Christmas present in all these hills."

"And you, Mr. Golcher," he said, turning to the old gunsmith, "I know that you were pressed but still took the time to make this wonderful piece for me."

The buckskin clad frontiersman grinned at the famed Pennsylvania rifle-maker over the boy's head.

"Remember, son, as an American it's your right to bear arms but, in turn, it's your duty to bear them well—Merry Christmas," he said.

"Aye," added the gunsmith, "and now let's take her out and see how she fares at 60 paces."

Not all boys of Colonial times were fortunate enough to have received rifles made at the hands of the great Golcher himself, but each Christmas countless American fathers stood aside on Christmas morning to watch the expressions of their sons as they received one of the finest gifts possible—their own rifles.

With all the diversions offered today and despite the passage of some two centuries, the love of a fine rifle exists in the hearts of most young Americans.

Somehow, down through the years that love has not been distilled. Today youngsters still look forward with the wonderful sense of expectation experienced by boys of the past 200 Yuletides.

Actually, the giving of a rifle, shotgun or other weapon at Christmas is probably much more keenly felt by the giver rather than by the recipient.

When a father purchases a Christmas rifle for his son, he is expressing his faith in the boy and is recognizing the fact that the boy is on the threshold of manhood.

To most fathers and mothers, the giving of a Christmas weapon is something requiring much thought and consideration. After all, no firearm by any stretch of the imagination can be considered a toy.

Therefore, when the decision is reached and the weapon is placed beneath the tree, much more must be placed there with it.

First, and foremost, must go parental knowledge that the youngster is fully capable of realizing the awful potential of the gift. Then goes trust that the weapon will never be fired except



The Infantry Center Chapel Choir, robed in Infantry blue and gold, sings at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services at the Main Post Protestant Chapel.

Major Gen. Ben Harrell, Infantry School commander, welcomes the 236 members of the first class to be trained here under the school's newly expanded airborne training program.

under the safest conditions nor ever loaded except under these conditions.

Too, along with such a gift goes the grave responsibility parents must exercise in the storage, handling and use of the gun until the young owner has proved beyond slightest doubt that he is worthy of such trust.

Much more should go with the Christmas rifle beside the mere fulfillment of boyish desire. With it the youngster should be given the understanding of what the rifle has meant to America, what it means today and what it may well mean in the future.

Through its able use by the American rifleman, our country stands as the greatest nation on earth and, if necessary, through use of arms it will continue to stand tomorrow.

Although these are rather somber thoughts at Christmas time, they must be considered, nevertheless.

However, once they are considered and full understanding exists between the father-and-son team, the Christmas rifle or shotgun can open up new fields for both—learning by one, teaching by the other and long hours on the range or hunting together.

The Christmas rifle or shotgun has long been an American tradition and even with the encroachment of "civilization," it continues as the finest means of advancing father-son comradeship. To most fathers the gift of a rifle is a gift to himself, as well, for it carries with it an American heritage.

Fort Benning Service Clubs Plan Holiday Special Events

By Sp4 DEL BERGHOEFER

This Christmas season, many Fort Benning personnel will join the multitude of people across the nation in the mass exodus heading home for the Christmas holidays.

Everyone will agree there is no substitute for a visit at home with family and friends during the Yuletide season, but for those unable to go home, the post Special Services Section provides recreation and entertainment in keeping with the holiday spirit.

The four post Service Clubs in the Main Post, Sand Hill, Harmony Church and Kelley Hill areas will be the focal point of much of the additional holiday activities. The clubs, gaily decorated in fine holiday style, will create a "home away from home" atmosphere for the troops remaining on the post.

The clubs will hold tree-trimming parties, evenings of organized games and entertainment, dances and songfests as a part of the Christmas holiday entertainment.

The Main Post club will sponsor a Christmas Eve party complete with tree, decorations, Christmas caroling and narration of the Christmas story. A Christmas Day coffee and gift opening party, followed by a buffet supper in the evening, is planned by the club for Christmas Day.

All four Service Clubs have a full holiday schedule of events, ensuring that all personnel will have an opportunity to participate in the planned activities, according to Miss Caroline Reid, post Service Club director.

"Our clubs are planning children's parties for dependents," stated Miss Reid.

In addition to the Christmas activities of the Service Clubs, they will all have the normal game facilities and equipment available, including table tennis, cards, musical instruments and table games.

Groups planning parties over the holidays may borrow materials from the Special Services Recreation and Entertainment Branch. Such items as Santa Claus suits, decorations and kiddie cartoons are available for loanout for parties.

Sports enthusiasts are not left out of the holiday planning by Special Services. Although no spectator contests are being planned, the Briant Wells Field House with its varied equipment and facilities, such as swimming pool, basketball and handball courts, will be open throughout the holidays.

The post's libraries, craft shops, theaters and bowling alleys provide additional off-duty recreational activities for personnel staying at Fort Benning during the holidays.

of Giving, Also of Religion

By IDA C. EVANS

If people are drawn closer together at Christmas, they are closer to God, according to the chaplain at Fort Benning's Martin Army Hospital.

Chaplain (Major) James B. Blunk who will spend his first Christmas in an Army hospital this year, is one of many people busy with plans for patients too ill to go home for the holidays.

Chaplain Blunk has spent Christmas at home, Christmas in combat and Christmas on an island where children were flown in by military plane to see a Christmas tree, but it is the same everywhere, he said.

"Underlying all Christmas plans is the great desire to be with loved ones," the chaplain continued.

"Home for Christmas—that is the goal of everyone away from home," he said.

"If families are drawn closer to each other, making Christmas not just a holiday but a Holy Day, they are drawn closer to God. This is a challenge to every family," Chaplain Blunk added.

"The same challenge is faced by personnel planning a Christmas celebration for people who cannot go home," he affirmed.

"You have to remember that everyone attending the Christmas

festivities is, first of all, lonely. It is your job to dispel that loneliness," he said.

Chaplain Blunk recalled Christmas, 1952, in Korea.

Finding an evergreen tree was no problem. Decorating it merely called for ingenuity. Paper communion cups were dyed with bright colored ink, smeared with glue and dusted with a frosting of soap flakes. These and a star made of tin foil adorned the tree.

A Christmas tree calls for children so an invitation was sent to a Methodist orphanage in Chuncheon.

Twice a day for three days, the little Korean orphans gathered about the Christmas tree to sing carols in their own language.

They presented a tableau—the manger scene with a little Korean baby in the crib.

"For three days, the soldiers poured into the building and each man, without exception, left with misty eyes," the chaplain said. "They had been drawn closer to their memories of Christmas at home, and closer to the children with whom they had shared this Christmas."

Another Christmas the chaplain recalled was in Japan in 1954, when an entire command joined forces to give a happy Christmas to the

children of Japanese employees at the installation.

Everyone was so busy giving of himself that loneliness was forgotten, Chaplain Blunk said.

At Christmas, 1958, on one of the Marshall Islands, there were no children to enjoy the Christmas tree. All of the natives had been relocated on other islands.

Arrangements were made to fly in 60 children whose parents had originally lived there.

The children came, bringing music and laughter to their homesick hosts.

The children were lavished with gifts, but they gave as much joy as they received, Chaplain Blunk explained.

Planning a hospital Christmas can't be too different from these other celebrations, the Chaplain feels.

As early as the first week in November, members of the hospital staff were busy with plan for Christmas, 1961.

At a recent conference led by Lt. Col. Thomas Laughlin, Jr., executive officer, representatives of every phase of the hospital's activities met to pool their resources and assign responsibilities for Christmas festivities.

There will be approximately 80 Christmas trees, from small ones in

clinics to 10-foot trees in the lobby and mess hall.

A massive live tree near the entrance to the hospital was lighted at 4:45 p.m. Dec. 20.

Other trees will be placed in the chapel, emergency room, pediatric clinic, nurses' quarters, dispensaries, dental clinics, the old hospital waiting rooms and the Red Cross recreation hall.

A contest will be held for the best decorated ward. Judges visited the wards and announced the winners Dec. 22.

The American Red Cross Field Office at the hospital will give a ward party for the winners of the contest.

Other plans discussed at the conference included a tea by the Red Cross for all hospital personnel. It will be given before patients go on Christmas leave.

The Hospital Detachment had a party at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, for children seven years old and younger whose parents are assigned to the hospital.

Santa Claus and carol singers will tour the wards.

Christmas music will be broadcast from speakers at the hospital entrance during visiting hours. Patients will be able to tune in Christmas carols with individual speakers under their pillows.

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131st

"We have our normal training schedule to follow and also training called for by our particular mission of automotive support from Monday to Saturday," he said.

He added that his men are already operating The Infantry Center ordnance technical supply system from which post units may procure automotive parts needed for replacement.

"Right now our mechanics are putting the finishing touches to our own unit vehicles before going into action on others and our machinists are working full-time in their shop," the operations sergeant said.

"We've had to sandwich physical examinations, clothing checks, equipment checks, dental checks, immunizations, personal records checks and educational level checks to name a few, in between our normal schedules of training," the unit commander said, in talking about the men's busy days.

The brunt of the administrative load has been borne by the first sergeant and his orderly room staff of Sp5 Martis E. Freeman of Oxford, Pfc Johnny A. Mattox of Raiford, Fla., and Pfc David Gill of Longmeadow, Mass.

"We won't say we've been busy but Sgt. Clements has complained that he's kept hopping just supplying us with equipment," Freeman remarked.

To orient his troops on one of the world's busiest military installations, Lt. Cain said he is sending out small groups of men to witness some of the demonstrations presented by The Infantry School for classes in which may be found student from most countries of the Free World.

"Whenever possible," he said, "groups go out to Hook Range to see the Weapons Department's terrific presentation 'Weapons of the Infantry', to the Rangers' demonstration of their highly refined skills and to Eubanks Field for a first-hand view of basic airborne training of Army parachutist classes."

These trips, the unit commander said, not only give his men an opportunity to catch up on up-to-the-minute fighting techniques and modern combat requirements, but also supplies them with a better understanding of just where they, themselves, fit into the scene of combat Infantry transport.

So far as "fitting into the scene" is concerned, the Oxford unit has moved in with little fuss or feathers to more than adequately fill its assigned slot in the operation of The Infantry Center.

About one-third of the men have their families with them and more are planning to have their wives and children come down from the Oxford-Anniston area.

The job is there to do and the men of the 131st are there deep in the task of getting the assigned work completed.

"Sweat charts?" Pfc Gill asked

when surprised by the question as to whether marking remaining days of service was being followed by any 131st men, "we've been too busy for that sort of stuff."

He paused for a second and then added an afterthought.

"Gill," he said, addressing himself, "you can say that again."

322nd

1960, he returned less than a year later with the 322nd.

One member of the 322nd is a successful automobile dealer when he is not carrying on his military duties.

He is Pfc Sean T. Flanagan of Madison, N. J. Born in Dublin, Ireland, 28 years ago, he came to the United States in October, 1956. Eighteen months later he and his wife, Marjorie, also born in Dublin, were married in New York City.

Flanagan, a clerk in the 322nd, enlisted in the Army in June, 1958. He is general manager and part owner of an automobile sales agency in Morristown and is also a member of the Morristown Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The 322nd is commanded by Capt. Joseph J. Dunn of Valhalla, N. Y.

The company's other officers include 1st Lt. Richard Turnau of Sparta, N. J., ordnance training officer; 1st Lt. James H. Shea of Woodbury, N. J., automotive shop officer; 2nd Lt. William C. Rindone of Lake Paraippany, N. J., platoon leader; 2nd Lt. Curtis I. Davis, Jr., of Constantis, N. Y., motor officer, and CWO Milton A. Young of Summerville, N. J., technical supply officer.

156th

Battalion from Kalamazoo, told his men that members of the unit with families would get preference in Christmas leaves.

Sp4 Charles Chase, a member of Company C, is planning to move his family to Fort Benning before the holiday. He has a one-year-old daughter, Anne, and a one-month-old son, Charles, Jr.

There is no doubt that Santa will have to fill a lot of requests for toy soldiers, guns and uniforms this year.

The boys and girls are not worried, though. They know the old gentleman is a pretty shrewd fellow who has handled a lot of supply and demand emergencies like this in stride.

Chances are good that come Dec. 25, 1961, jolly old Saint Nicholas will be standing tall as usual, with a hearty cry of "Forward Har . . . ahem . . . Merry Christmas to all, and to all, a good night."

138th

138th became familiar at parades and reviews.

To add to unit laurels already won in the short span of two

months, Pfc Kenneth H. Recker, Jr., of Melbourne, Fla., entered Infantry Center Troop Command competition and placed 13th out of 60 riflemen shooting for places on the Troop Command rifle team.

A protege of his father, Kenneth, Sr., Melbourne restaurateur and former Florida smallbore rifle champion, he was a student at Brevard Junior College when he received the call to active duty.

WO Douglas F. Pendergrass, unit administration and supply officer from Cocoa, said the young rifleman had had but little previous experience in service rifle competition.

"He fired in the Florida National Guard matches last spring," he said, "and as a member of our company team but we scarcely expected that he would place so high on the Troop Command squad."

He credited the 138th win to the marksmanship support received

from the commander of the unit's parent organization, Col. Enoch W. Hunt, 160th Transportation Battalion, West Palm Beach.

"Yes, I guess you can say the 138th is a 'going concern'," agreed 1st Sgt. Jack W. Spinks of Melbourne, who added that the outfit kept going from reveille at 5:20 a.m. until the last motor died at night.

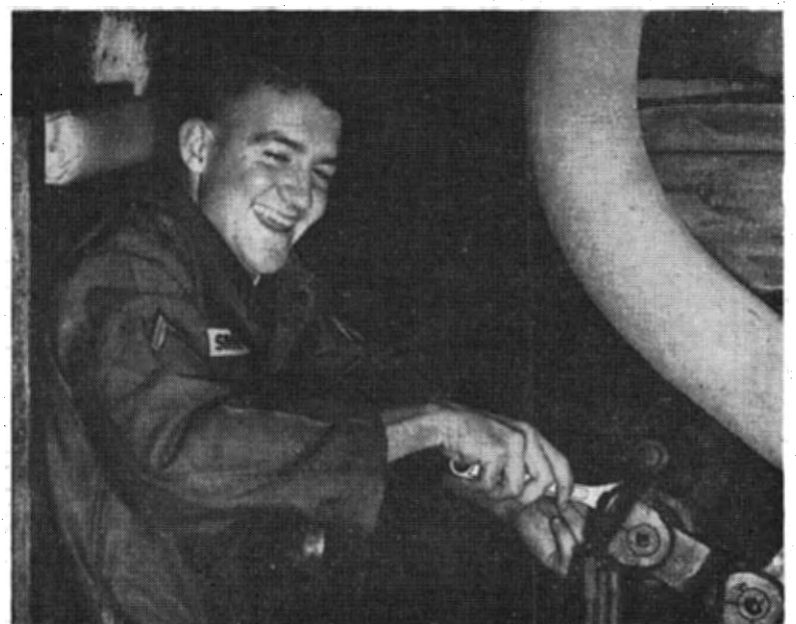
He said about 20 of the unit's members have their wives and families with them and that more are expected to arrive as time passes.

"Sure, we had a real hassle in trying to get our processing completed and still keep up with transportation missions during those first weeks, but we're fast getting into the groove," he said.

According to Troop Command officials, the 138th was well into the "groove," even before it rolled through Fort Benning's gates.



Unit armored Sp4 Richard L. Fortner of Cocoa, Fla., 138th Transportation Company (Light Truck), Florida National Guard unit on active duty here, gets his unit weapons in shape for marksmanship qualification. Here he replaces a rear sight assembly on a .30 caliber U. S. carbine.



Pfc. Atharn Smith of Oxford, automotive mechanic of the 131st Ordnance Company (General Automotive Support), Alabama National Guard unit on active duty here, tightens a vehicle spring shackle in the unit's maintenance shop.

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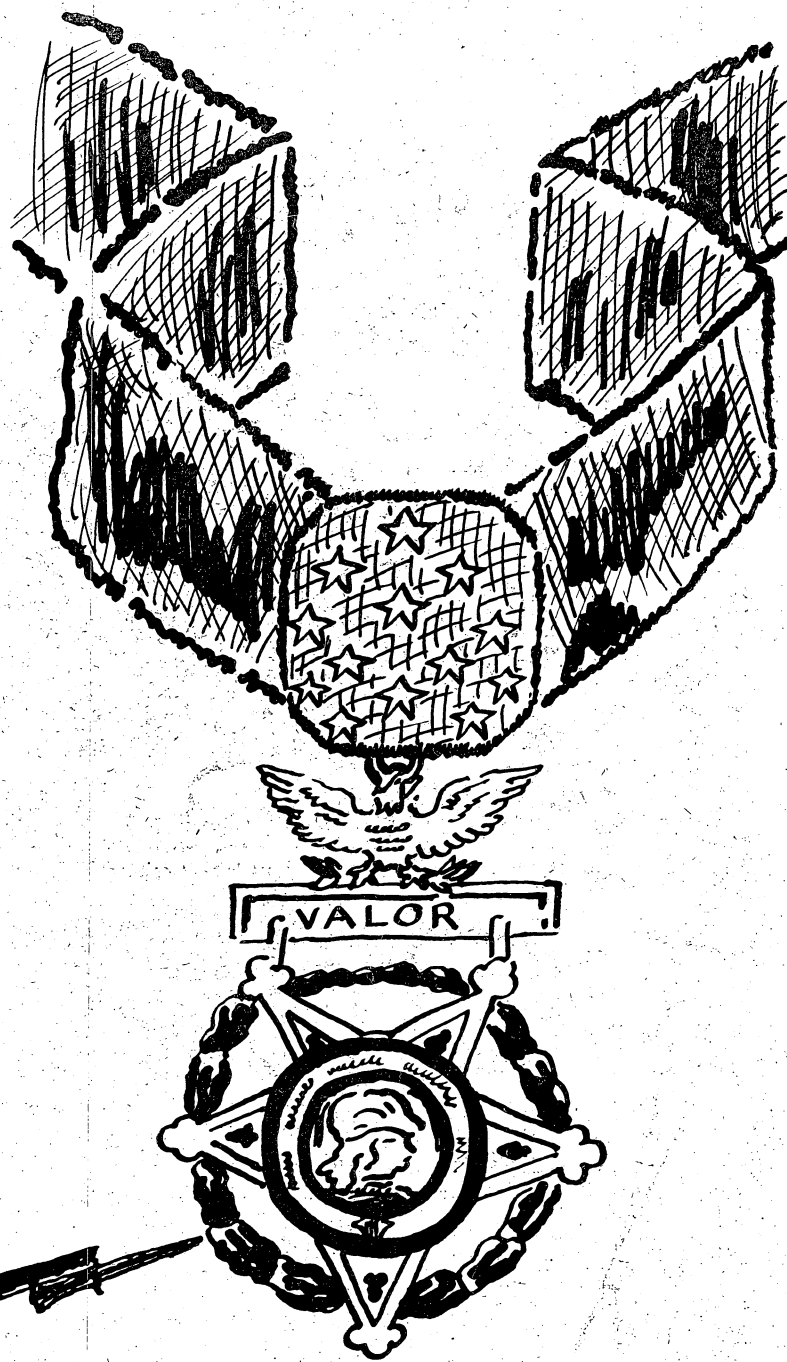
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A Soldier's Prayer

The following poem-prayer was composed and written by Pvt. Henry Williams, a Reservist who was recently assigned to Battery D, 2nd Howitzer Battalion, 10th Artillery, 1st Infantry Brigade. Pvt. Williams has since returned to his unit, Battery C, 5th Howitzer Battalion, 79th Artillery, in Tampa, Fla.

Dear God, I ask of Thee,
Give me the courage to fight,
Let me be at my best,
Keep me alert both day and night.

I am an American fighting man,
My country I must defend, you see,
And I would gladly give my life,
To keep my country free.

Though I'm in a distant land,
My country I won't forget,
No matter what the price I pay,
I know I won't regret.

For I could never really fight,
Or even hope to win,
If it wasn't for you dear God,
And the faith I have within.

Many and many a night I cried,
My trusty weapon at my side,
And a silent prayer as my guide.

The Army is for a cause,
A cause that's truly great,
So make me to obey orders,
And never hesitate.

If I never return to America,
The land of the free,
I want the whole world to know,
I died for liberty.

This prayer each night I say again,
Protect our country, Lord. Amen.

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The what, when, where and why of today's bayonet. Not only is it a combat weapon, but also a symbol of leadership. See page three.

President John F. Kennedy and Cyrus R. Vance, secretary of the Army, pay tribute on pages four and five to the nation's National Guardsmen and Reservists who came to active duty last year during the Berlin crisis.

Today's Army is prepared to fight its battles with special, conventional or nuclear tactics. For a pictorial report of the Army's potential, see pages six and seven.

For a deeper insight on the Medal of Honor, special reports are presented on pages eight, nine and twelve. The nation is currently celebrating the centennial year of this, its highest award for valor.

Each year, members of The Infantry School journey to Camp Perry, Ohio, where they conduct the Small Arms Firing School for civilian and military personnel. For a report on this unusual institute of marksmanship, see pages ten and eleven.

Variety of Clubs on Post Can Fill Off-Duty Hours

SCUBA Club

The Fort Benning Scuba Diving Club is, perhaps, the youngest organization on post, having been chartered as a club about seven months ago.

Prior to being chartered the diving enthusiasts were formed in an association for about one and one-half years. The club's roster now contains 90 names.

Meeting each week at 7 p.m. at Briant Wells Field House indoor pool, the group accepts new members on the first Tuesday of each month. Military personnel on duty here and civilian employees on post and their dependents are eligible for membership. Junior membership is open to those under 18 years of age.

New members are given a four-week course in skin diving before they may participate in Scuba (self-contained underwater breathing apparatus) events. Members practice sport diving and spear fishing in the Florida Keys and at a quarry near Auburn, Ala. At the present time members of the group are training for international spear fishing contests.

A limited amount of equipment for training is furnished by Special Services. Members furnish their own fins, snorkel tubes and masks.

The club has listed the following objectives:

- 1.—To encourage further exploration into the military application of Scuba diving.
- 2.—To minimize diving dangers through instruction.
- 3.—To be prepared to assist military and civil authorities in the event of a national or local emergency.
- 4.—To further conservation of natural resources.

Theatre

Fort Benning's little theater group, now known as the U. S. Army Infantry Center Little Theater Groups, is now in its seventh year of operation.

Made up entirely of volunteers, the group is open to all military personnel, their dependents and civilian employees on post.

There are no fees or dues, the only prerequisite being a desire to participate in living theater. The group has recently come under the auspices of Special Services.

The group puts on four major productions each year. Performances are staged on three nights.

The group also operates a radio workshop, turning out taped plays for use over WMAH, Martin Army Hospital's closed circuit radio station.

Other workshops are also occasionally run. They are used for perfecting acting and make-up techniques as well as other technical aspects of theater.

One-act plays are frequently presented for post women's clubs, hospital patients and Service Clubs. Future plans call for special presentations for children.

The group operates in their own playhouse located in Building 2519, adjacent to the Quartermaster Laundry.

Newcomers to Fort Benning, permanently assigned or transients, who are interested in acting, directing, lighting, make-up or any of the other aspects of theater are welcomed.

Marksmen

When a new member steps up to the firing line of the Rifle and Pistol Club of Fort Benning there are some 225 qualified instructors available to assist him.

Of the club's 250 members, "Ninety per cent are capable of instructing," says MSgt. (Ret.) Thomas H. Kirkman, custodian of the organization.

Organized in 1951 with 60 members, the ranks of the club have been constantly filling with expert shooters. Some of the marksmen in the club are: Irvine C. Porter of Birmingham, Ala., past president of the National Rifle Association; Sfc William B. Blankenship, Jr., national pistol champion; and SMaj. Huelet Benner, many-time holder of the national pistol title.

The club is open to any enlisted man or officer at Fort Benning and any civilian in the area who has reached the age of 16.

Dues of the club are \$3 per year. It is a private organization and self-sustaining. Members provide their own weapons and equipment for hand-loading ammunition is available to them.

Members may fire at any of the club's three ranges: the 82-point pistol range, 35-point small bore range or the 30-point international quick-fire range. The ranges are open on Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. On duty days the range is open from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sky Divers

Though some may consider sky-diving strictly a man's activity, Fort Benning's Sport Parachute Club is also open to women.

Any active duty military personnel on post including women may join the organization. Prospective members are not required to be Airborne qualified.

After paying a fee to cover training and the first month's dues, fledgling sky-divers are instructed by club members. Training is given in parachute packing and basic stable fall positions. The training period is two weeks in length.

Included in the club's roster are four members with Class "C" Licenses, the second highest award offered by the Parachute Club of America.

The general public is welcome to witness the club's regular jumps at Fryar Field from 0800 to 1700 each Sunday.

Formed in April, 1959, the group has grown in number from 50 members to its present 75.

Purpose of this group is to provide equitable opportunity for Army personnel to participate in the sport of sky-diving.

Behind the BAYONET

By Sfc David Chase

The modern bayonet is a specialized sword whose ancestry is traceable to the more remote phases of military history when men made crude swords of bronze and copper and knives of stone.

Specifically, the bayonet is nothing more than an extension of another weapon, the rifle. Its pre-firearms counterpart would be the spear or lance, and later the pole arms, which included the fauchards and halberds.

Even to this day, halberds are carried by the Swiss Guards at the Vatican in Rome, yet the weapon itself saw its earliest use in the 16th and 17th Centuries.

Another curious extension of a bladed knife-like weapon was the pike, an extraordinary spear-like device which often was over 20 feet long. Similar arms were carried by the Greek Phalanx thousands of years ago in their struggles with the Spartans.

The first true bayonets appear to have been used in the middle of the 17th Century. These were known as "plug" bayonets and were tapered at the base for insertion into the muzzle of the gun. Naturally, when the bayonet was fixed in place, the gun could not be fired.

In 1678, Philip Russel of England invented a screw-attached bayonet which would be left affixed to the gun during loading and firing. The first use of the bayonet in combat seems to have taken place toward the end of the 17th Century by the Swedish.

Became Standard

The use of the bayonet as a component of a firearm spelled the end of lances, spears and pikes as combat weapons and soon there-

after, the bayonet became a standard arm for Infantry of all armies of the Western World.

By the end of the 18th Century, the bayonet had become identified with the armies which used them. The last known bayonet type of the musket period was a needle-like two-foot long blade, triangular in cross section, which fitted or socketed over the barrel of the rifle.

The function of the bayonet had assumed great importance in close combat since so much time was consumed in reloading the flintlock or later cap and ball type muskets that, after the first shot, the Infantryman's only weapons were the clubbed musket and bayonet, at least until he could reload, a process which took as long as two minutes for the average rifleman.

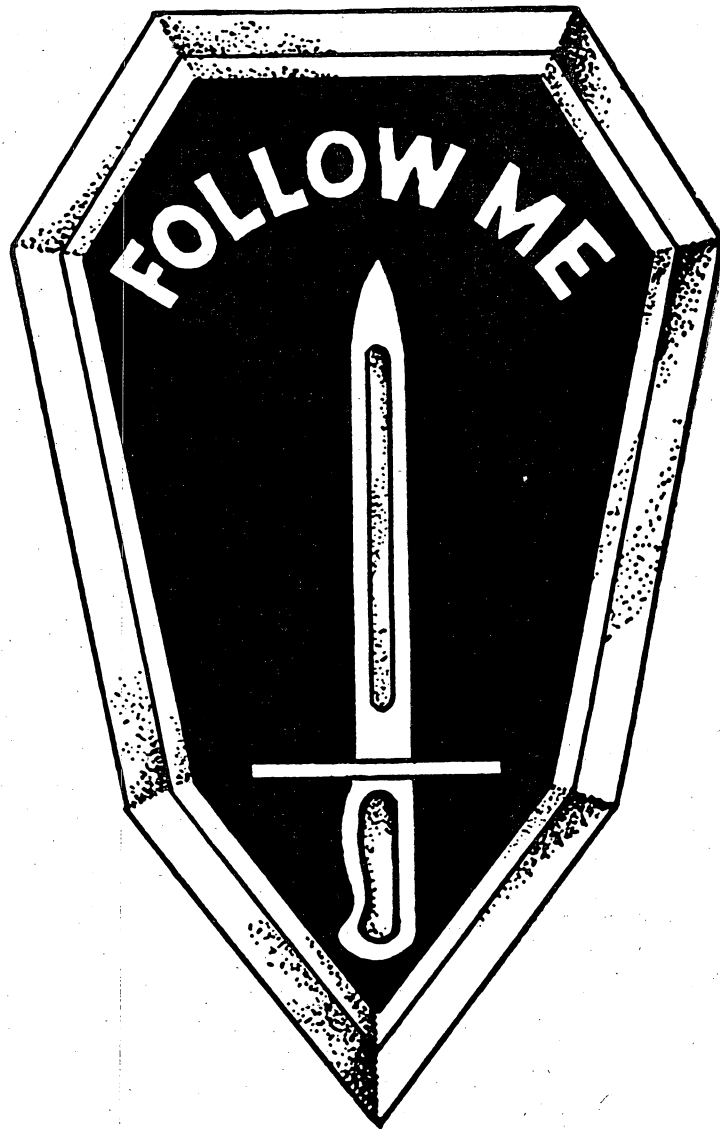
Stud Lock Developed

The needle-shaped bayonet was retained by the French Infantry and used in a modified form as late as World War I. By that time, spring-loaded stud locks had been developed to facilitate fixing or removal of the blade from the rifle.

Although the Infantry rifle became more accurate and long ranging, the bayonet was never discarded. Most soldiers will agree that there is a definite demoralizing view toward the idea of facing a line of charging enemy whose hands hold bayonet fixed rifles.

In both World Wars, the enemy units were known to have surrendered to relatively smaller forces which were charging with the "cold steel" mounted on their rifles. Many men have frankly stated that they would rather be shot than bayoneted.

Between the two World Wars, greater emphasis on bayonet train-



ing was made a part of hand-to-hand combat instruction. Lunging, thrusting and parrying, terms borrowed from fencing techniques, were used to define offensive postures in fighting with the bayonet.

During World War I and until about 1942, the standard Infantry bayonet was about 17 inches long, or about one inch shorter than that used by Civil War troops. The present model, the M8A1, is a grooved blade 6½ inches long or about one-third as long as the pre-WW II model.

Infantry School Use

The exact circumstances surrounding the adoption of the bayonet device on the distinctive crest of The Infantry School is not clear. Representations of the device are known as early as 1922.

The motto "Follow Me" which appears below the shield and

shoulder patch of The Infantry School is extracted from the field command of the squad leader when moving out on patrol or against the enemy, under some other circumstances.

Its origin as a standard combat command seems to date from World War I since Infantry drill manuals through 1914 do not refer to it in their outlines on scouting and patrolling. The "Follow Me" concept, however, is now symbolic of the aggressive spirit of the American Infantryman and signifies his determination to close with the enemy and bring the struggle to a victorious end.

Appropriately, the Infantry Museum at Fort Benning has an interesting collection of bayonets of many periods and from several nations, including England, France, Germany, Japan and Russia. Most of these were donated by Major Gen. (Ret.) Paul J. Mueller of Washington, D.C.

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"I know that I speak for all Americans in paying tribute to all those whose emergency service in this year of growing national strength is doing so much for the national interest. Their ready response to our call to duty has been a most important element in the defense of freedom everywhere." (President John F. Kennedy)



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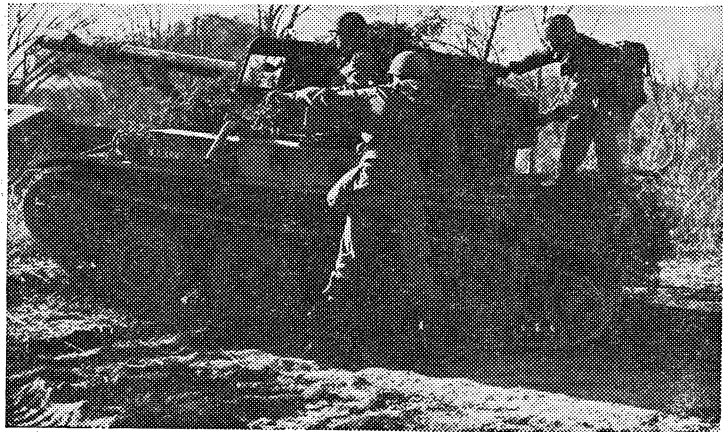
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To you who responded to the call of your country in 1961-1962, I extend my deep appreciation. Your service in the Active Army during a time of crisis contributed significantly to the prevention of war and upheld the peace and security of the Free World. You have demonstrated that we are One Army in substance as well as spirit. Your readiness to serve, regardless of personal sacrifice, and your readiness to defend our heritage is the keystone of our nation's strength. As you return home, it is to you that the nation will look for continued leadership and example in furthering the cause of peace.

Cyrus R. Vance
Secretary of the Army

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Army
During a U. S. Strike Command exercise an Army M56 Scorpion mobile antitank weapon is prepared for firing by its gun crew. The Strategic Army Corps and Tactical Air Command were unified last fall into the Strike Command to increase their flexibility, readiness and combat effectiveness.

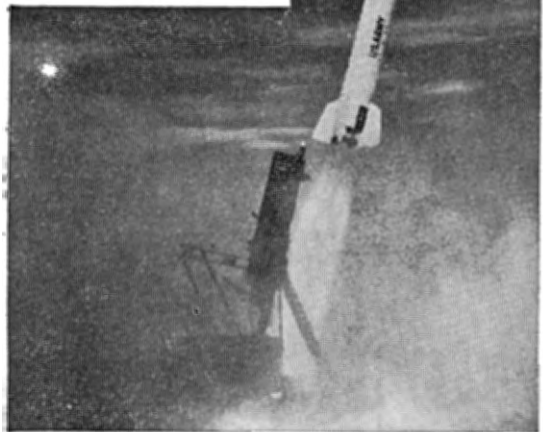


The Stars and Stripes
Infantrymen leave their H-34 CHOCTAW helicopters during an airborne exercise in Germany. The light transportation class copter carries 10 to 18 soldiers. Tactical air mobility has become an essential element of the modern Army.

READY TO FIGHT WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS TOO



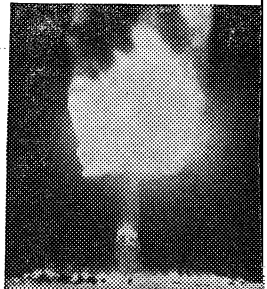
1945—New Mexico, first atomic explosion created by man.



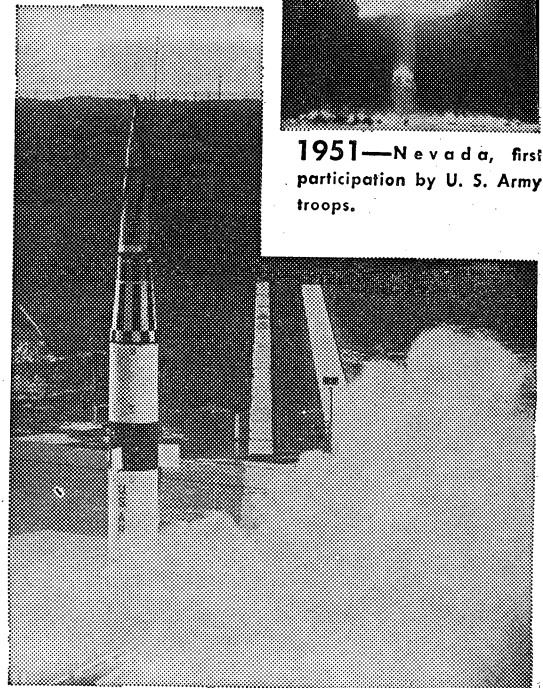
Army
The U. S. Army's SERGEANT surface-to-surface missile begins a successful test at White Sands Missile Range, N. M. Designed to supplement long range artillery, SERGEANT, with both a nuclear and conventional capability, is air transportable and can be rapidly emplaced and fired by a comparatively small crew.



Army
These members of the Army's effective fighting force turn their attention to the DAVID CROCKETT, a hand or vehicle portable weapons system capable of firing nuclear or conventional warheads. During the past ten years, American soldiers have learned they not only can live on a nuclear battlefield — they also can fight effectively with atomic weapons.



1951—Nevada, first participation by U. S. Army troops.



Army
The new shorter version of the U. S. Army's PERSHING missile blasts off from Cape Canaveral, Fla. Designed to replace the Army's operational REDSTONE missile, PERSHING, which is air-transportable, will have a nuclear capability against targets hundreds of miles away.

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SURVIVAL TRAINING: Army sergeant (left) prepares boa constrictor and spider monkey for cooking at Jungle Warfare Training Center in Panama. Ranger candidates (above) cross a stream on ropes as part of the confidence course at Ft. Benning, Ga. Such training develops skills needed in counter guerrilla and counterinsurgency operations.

SPECIAL WARFARE THWARTS COVERT AGGRESSION



IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: Army trainers (above) conduct small arms instruction in the field in native tongue. Bearded Army advisor (right) works closely with national forces. Advice on counter guerrilla tactics is one of many services given by MAAG officers of the United States to our allies throughout the world.

MEDAL OF HONOR, THE NATION'S For Valor, Gallantry

"... Their resolute and determined defense, their swift and sure attack, their indomitable purpose, their complete and decisive victory — always victory. . . ."

So spoke General of the Army Douglas A. MacArthur in his recent and already famous address to the cadets of the United States Military Academy, telling them of the American fighting man with whom he had served.

Since the birth of the U.S. Army 187 years ago, American men have armed themselves to conquer the threats to the freedom granted all citizens of our nation. They have fought valiantly at Yorktown, Bull Run, the "Bulge," Bataan, and along the 38th parallel.

Out of those nearly two centuries of battle, many men have distinguished themselves as heroes in the eyes of a grateful nation, their fellow men. On July 12, 1862, that grateful nation chose to remember those men. On that date President Abraham Lincoln signed a Joint Resolution of the Second Session, Thirty-Seventh Congress, creating the Medal of Honor, an award to be presented to those "who have distinguished or may distinguish themselves in battle."

Presidential Proclamation

In a proclamation signed by President John F. Kennedy, the period from July 12, 1962, to March 25, 1963, has been named the "Medal of Honor Centennial, U.S. Army." The centennial year was officially opened recently with ceremonies at the Tombs of the Unknown in Arlington National Cemetery. A special exhibit based on the Medal of Honor will soon be touring the nation.

There have been four styles of the Medal of Honor during the 100-year history of the award. The first change in the medal came in 1896 when a red-edged ribbon with two blue and one white stripe down the center was adopted.

A further change came in 1904. The head of Minerva, symbol of wisdom and righteous war, was added to the

center of the five-point star. Encircling the gold star behind its points was added a green laurel wreath, the ancient crown of the victor. The star is one and one-half inches in diameter, suspended by an eagle holding the traditional olive branch and arrows in his talons above a bar on which is inscribed, "VALOR."

Today the medal is suspended from a blue ribbon with 13 white stars in the form of chevrons representing the 13 original states. The medal is designed to be worn suspended around the neck.

Not Idea of One

The creation of the Medal of honor was not the idea of any one American. It came through group thought and action, decided upon by a majority of the people as are the many treasured parts of our American Heritage.

The Civil War, during which the medal was established, brought to this country some of the bloodiest fighting any American, any man, had ever seen. The combatants fought for a cause, a cause symbolized in the flag they carried. The first Medal of Honor for Civil War service was awarded to an Army private for his part in an incident involving a flag . . . his cause.

The man's name was Pvt. Francis Brownell, Company A, 11th New York Infantry.

A total of 1,199 Medals of Honor were awarded for the Civil War action, during which the Northern Army consisted of 2,130,000 men.

In the 100 years since its adoption, 2,199 men have been awarded the Medal of Honor by the Army. Civil War heroism brought 1,200 awards. The Indian Wars accounted for 419; the War with Spain, 30; Philippine Insurrection 70; Boxer Rebellion, 4; Mexican Border, 1; World War I, 95; World War II, 293, and the Korean War, 78.

Only Award

It may seem unusual that more Medals of Honor were

bestowed as a result of the Civil War than any other conflict. This is due in part to the fact the Medal of Honor was this nation's only award for bravery at that time. The Distinguished Service Cross did not come until 1918, while the Bronze Star was not adopted until World War II.

The most difficult medal to win during World War II, the Medal of Honor was awarded to men of all ranks, as was true of past conflicts. Only 293 men were awarded the nation's highest honor out of the more than 10 million men who served in the Army.

Of these World War II earners, there were as many technicians fifth class as there were

brave men, 78 were awarded the Medal of Honor.

Time of Peace

Two awards of the Medal of Honor were made by special acts of Congress between World Wars I and II. One of the recipients was Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, for his solo flight across the Atlantic. The second award went to Major Adolphus Greely "for his lifetime of public service."

Eight Medals of Honor have been bestowed on "Unknown Soldiers." Following World War I, special Congressional action and Executive orders provided for presenting the Medal of Honor to the "Unknown Soldiers" of Belgium, Great Britain, France, Italy,

Stationed at Fort Benning are three holders of the Medal of Honor. They are:

Lt. Col. Robert B. Nett of The Infantry School's Ranger Department, who distinguished himself in action during World War II;

Maj. Edward R. Schowalter Jr., Special Subjects Department, for heroic deeds during the Korean War;

Capt. Ola L. Mize, assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, now attending The Infantry School, for heroic service to the nation during the Korean War.

general officers. Nine corporals earned the award, as did nine majors. First lieutenants received 31 of the medals, eight less than staff sergeants who earned 39. Accounting for 79 Medals of Honor were privates and privates first class.

The Korean War hurled the American fighting man against one of the most vicious, treacherous enemies he had ever known. The fighting was hard, dirty, bloody. The mountainous peninsula's rice paddies reeked during the hot summer months and froze solid in winter. Functioning as part of the United Nations command, members of the U.S. Army struggled for a cause . . . the cause of freedom. Of these

Romania and the United States.

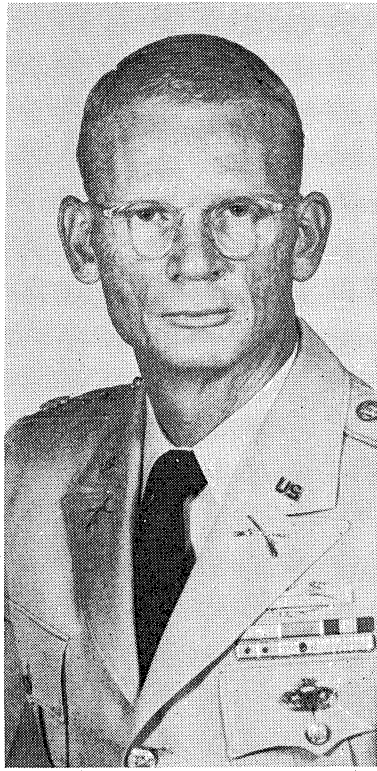
When "Unknown Soldiers" of World War II and Korea were laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, carrying Medals of Honor on black pillows, laid one on each of the biers.

On the list of Medal of Honor holders, one will find the names of Kelly, Martinez, Bianchi, Sadowski, Baker, DeBlanc, O'Callahan, McDonald and Bjorkland. They are all Americans, and their fathers who came to this country to help establish a firm foundation of democracy were Americans. They, as their fathers, are gallant men.

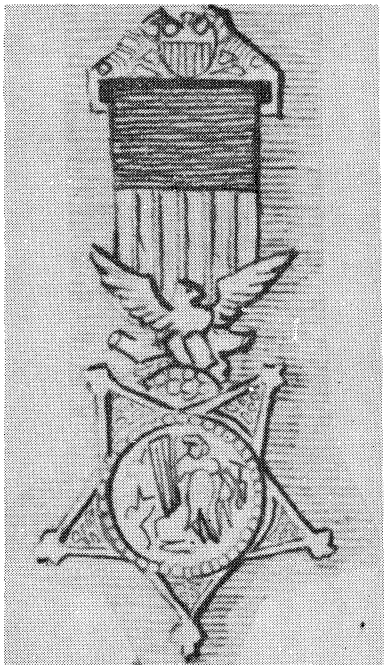
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Though this schooling has always been open to any United States citizen over 14 years of age, sessions of the school's earlier years were largely attended by military competitors in the National Rifle And Pistol Matches at the historic Ohio camp. Civilian students were definitely in the minority.

"This situation has changed in recent years," the 1962 Small Arms Firing School director, Lt. Col. Paul T. Ingle, said, "to a point where the civilian attendance number in the hundreds and increases yearly."

This growing wish to attend "shooting school" the SAFS director attributes to more leisure time today in which the desire to shoot well can be put into action.

Graduates of the course, however, are quick to place credit in another direction.

"I came to the school expecting to learn something about pistol shooting," said one member of the 1960 session, "but the methods of instruction used by these people to get a difficult subject across was an education in itself."

From one coast to the other, people who've always wanted to learn to shoot have heard the "word" from proud possessors of Small Arms Firing School certificates. They have become aware that they, as citizens, may receive small arms instruction from the world's leading marksmanship teachers at the

Camp Perry sessions.

The methods of instruction used by the school's cadre of 17 officers and 38 enlisted men (mostly of The Infantry School's Weapons Department) in teaching firearms safety, mechanical operation, and accurate use, are those for which The Infantry School has received acclaim from leading educational authorities the world over.

"In fact, these methods themselves are subjects of instruction during the school," Capt. Roberto R. Garcia said, "so that students who complete the course may be able to effectively teach others upon return to their homes."

According to Capt. Garcia, who heads the school's Methods of Instruction team, the same student-instructor relationship rigidly maintained by The Infantry School in the training of young Infantry leaders at Fort Benning is offered to all small arms students on a basis as close to individual instruction as class numbers will permit.

The "classrooms" of the school are the green expanses of Camp Perry's ranges on the shores of Lake Erie, some 40 miles east of Toledo. "Desks" are six-student tables, each of which is supervised by a top-ranking marksmanship coach acting as assistant instructor.

Crack instructors utilize latest training aids with which they expertly "sell" salient points of training and yet temper the serious vein of their teaching with humorous anecdotes and skits.

The program of instruction is conducted in two major phases. The Pistol School, with an expected attendance of 2,600, has as students members of federal and state law enforcement agencies who receive specialized handgun training. The balance of the class, however, consists of people from all walks of life

intent upon earning coveted pistol certificates.

At the close of the Pistol School, many of the students put their new learning into practice by entering the National Pistol Matches which follow, and then attend the school's rifle phase of instruction.

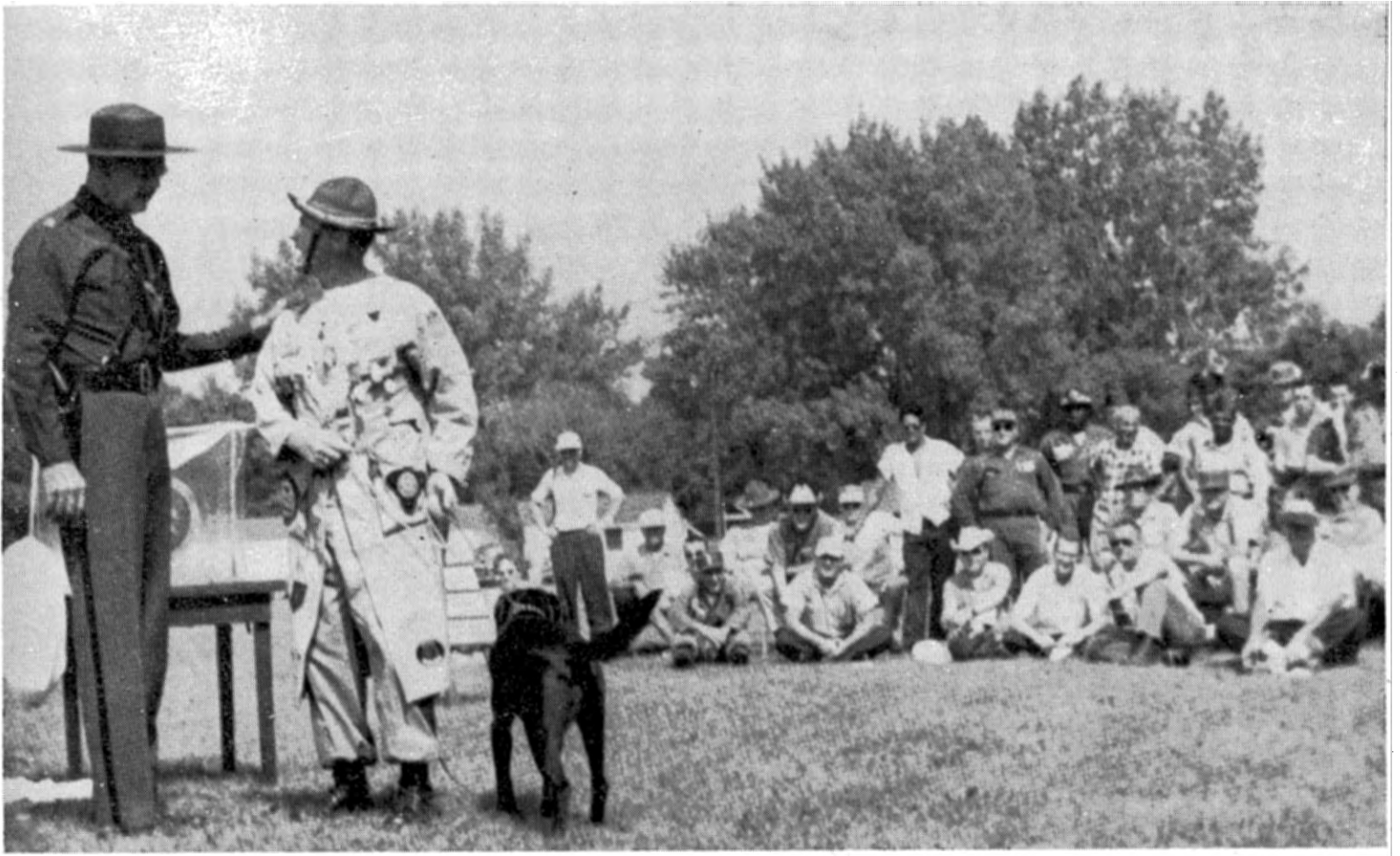
Over 2,800 attended the Rifle School under the supervision of Capt. Robert A. Pell. A large percentage of these shoot in the weeklong series of rifle matches which cap America's competitive marksmanship year.

Contrasting against the snap and precision of the presentations given, the starched khaki uniforms and blue-and-white striped helmet liners of the school's instructors, is the casual civilian air manifested by a student body dressed in everything from cotton house dresses to the summer uniforms of rear admirals.

"We can scarcely march white-haired grandmothers, elderly doctors and major generals in columns of fours," grinned Camp Perry veteran Capt. Robert M. Byrom, director of pistol instruction, "but we do explain that the very nature of the training and the limited time allotted demand utmost cooperation from everyone concerned."

Instituted by the National Defense Act of 1916, the Small Arms Firing School is presented by direction of the secretary of the Army and held under the supervision of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice.

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A RESOLUTION

To provide for the presentation of medals of honor to the enlisted men of the army and volunteer forces who have distinguished or may distinguish themselves in battle during the present rebellion

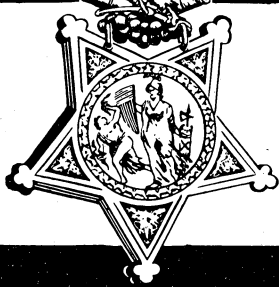
Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause two thousand medals of honor to be prepared with suitable emblematic devices, and to direct that the same be presented, in the name of Congress, to such noncommissioned officers and privates as shall most distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action, and other soldier-like qualities, during the present insurrection, And that the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying this resolution into effect.

Samuel Johnson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Stephen A. Douglas
President of the Senate pro tempore

Abraham Lincoln

July 12, 1862



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MEDAL OF HONOR, U.S. ARMY
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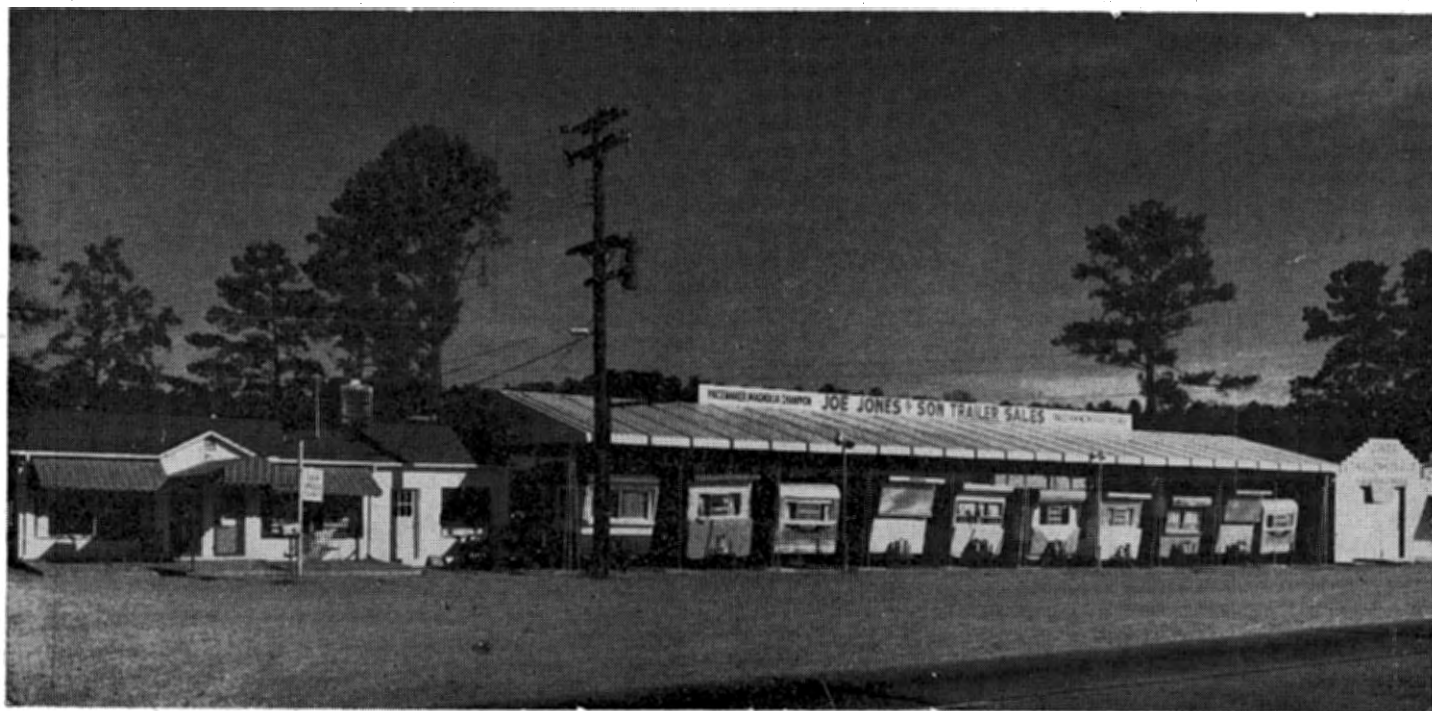
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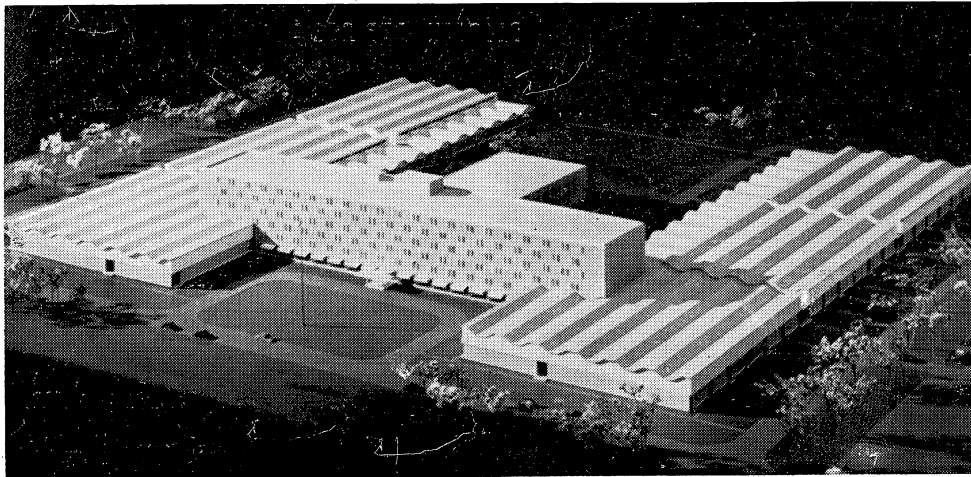
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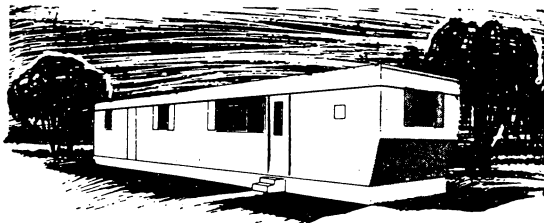


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Let not a man whose strength, ideals, love for humanity, and great hopes and plans, and who has given the entire world the reality of peace and freedom, die in vain.

So while he rests, let us hold his torch ever higher, for John Fitzgerald Kennedy was truly a "Profile in Courage."

Fort Benning's Religious Program — Page 2 & 3

Religious activities on post are gone over thoroughly, covering all age groups. The prominence which the church and synagogue play in the everyday life of soldier and dependent is of the utmost importance to the maintenance of high morale.

YAC Provides Wholesome Entertainment — Page 4 & 5

The program which caters to dependents of all post personnel seeks to provide wholesome entertainment that will contribute to the happiness and general well-being of the post's youth. High morale, good citizenship, close fellowship and sportsmanship are products of this program.

New Infantry School Building — Page 6 & 7

The Infantry School's new academic building has reached its destination in the sky and a mass exodus from "building 35" is expected to be accomplished by June 1, 1964. Being built at a cost of nearly \$10 million on an open site just south of Eubanks Field, the new building will give the Infantry School a strikingly streamlined, starkly functional, and intensely practical headquarters.

Quarterly News in Brief — Page 8

Highlights of some of the most important happenings on post including renewal of work on the Chattahoochee River bridge, Gen. Kinnard's promotion to major general, the importance of AUSA's Mobility Symposium, the military's pay raise, and the 515th Transportation Company going "Big Lift."

Engineering Projects Nearing Completion — Page 11

The \$11 million worth of construction projects presently being tackled by Infantry Center and Savannah District engineers are moving swiftly toward completion and additional projects will be undertaken. Three of the projects nearing completion are the new Academic Building, an enlisted men's service club, and a Bowling Center.

Stewartland Invaded by Georgana — Page 12

The air mobile concept is the result of studies ordered by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, and conducted early in 1962 by a board headed by Gen. Hamilton H. Howze, then commanding general of XVIII Airborne Corps. It could prove to be one of the biggest changes in tactical doctrine since the changeover from horse-flesh to horsepower.

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From the tents of yesteryear at its inception, Fort Benning has evolved to a headquarters of today of a massive, vaguely Moorish structure built for \$611,633 during the depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps. But the future will see the modern Army personified, as the new \$10 million Academic building of the Infantry school is readied for occupancy. It will truly be the Infantry's fountainhead of knowledge.

Fort Benning's Religious Program, One of the Army's Most Complete

By Ida C. Evans

Chaplains, officers, enlisted men and military dependents alike, form a working staff at Fort Benning, engaged in one of the most complete religious programs in the Army.

Representing the three major faiths, Catholic, Jewish and Protestant, as well as several denominations, men, women and young people on the post provide a volunteer "lay" service to supplement the efforts of chaplains assigned to Fort Benning.

Being an Army chaplain is not just a matter of conducting services, and helping individuals with their personal problems, according to Chaplain (Col.) Silas E. Decker, post chaplain.

"We try to provide a full 'church life' for men and women in service and for boys and girls growing up at a military installation," he said.

"Just as in civilian life, a religious program at a military base requires Sunday School teachers, ushers, choir directors, soloists, organists, young people's leaders, and supervisory and clerical personnel," he continued.

48 Chaplains

"The 48 chaplains at Fort Ben-

ning were educated and trained within their own religious denominations. They have been accredited by these denominations for commissions in the Chaplain Corps. They have been assigned to this post to perform religious duties," Chaplain Decker said.

"The laymen and women participated in our religious program, however, on an entirely voluntary basis. They are primarily the product of some church 'back home,' carrying on traditions of worship and dedicated service," he continued.

The leader of the "Follow Me Club," a religious organization for Protestant high school students, is a 26-year-old lawyer, the son of a minister.

Capt. John D. Jackson, who leads the club, is a member of the Staff Judge Advocate Section, 2nd Infantry Division.

"We have about 20 young people in the Follow Me Club who plan and carry out weekly programs," he said. "Lately, we have had West Point graduates as guest speakers. Many of these young officers, at Fort Benning to attend The Infantry School, were active in the Officers' Christian Union



Soldier and chaplain perform the age-old procession of the Torahs before the Ark in the sanctuary of Fort Benning's Post Jewish Center, focal point of the religious life of Jewish officers, enlisted men and women and military dependents at the installation. At left is the chaplain's assistant, Sp4 Leonard Rifkin, with Chaplain (1st Lt.) Alfred B. Landsberg, post Jewish chaplain.



Greeting worshippers at the door of the U. S. Army Infantry Center Protestant Chapel at Fort Benning is Chaplain (Col.) Silas E. Decker, post chaplain. At right are Sp4 and Mrs. Milo A. Mark.

at the Point. Their vigorous youth appeals to the Follow Me Club."

There is a "Crusader Club" comprised of 25 seventh and eighth grade boys and girls, led by 1st Lt. Herbert Benz.

30 "Disciples"

Mrs. Arthur J. Estes leads the "Disciples," a group of 30 fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Mrs. Estes is the wife of Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Estes, The Student Brigade chaplain.

Mrs. Waldrop advises volunteer leaders of women's religious organizations on the post, runs a Vacation Bible School with an average enrollment of 1,300, conducts an annual leadership school for teachers and manages the Army's largest Sunday School, the Main Post Sunday School.

The superintendent of the Main Post Sunday School is Lt. Col. William R. Nettles, Jr. He is deputy comptroller of the U. S. Army Infantry Center, and president of the Fort Benning Chapter of the Armed Forces Management Association.

This general Protestant Sunday School has an enrollment of 1,600 from nursery through adult classes.

Col. Nettles has spent his entire adult life in the Army and has participated in the chapel program and civilian church life wherever he has been stationed.

"Although I am superintendent of the Main Post Sunday School, we take an interest in the local church program of our denomination in Columbus," he said.

"The religious program at a military installation is geared to the needs of the soldier and to military dependents. So far as our children are concerned, the religious educational activities on the post tend to promote tolerance, understanding and appreciation of other faiths," Col. Nettles said.

One of the largest voluntary groups helping with the religious program on the post is a series of usher teams serving at worship services at The Infantry Center Protestant Chapel.

Col. Jack G. Cornett, chief of the academic staff of the U. S. Army Infantry School, is chief



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Daley, deputy post chaplain, performs one of his religious duties at the altar of the Main Post Catholic Chapel before a noon mass on a week day. Both military and civilian personnel take time from routine duties on the post to stop at the chapel for worship.



Col. Jack G. Cornett is chief usher for the 11 a.m. service at the U. S. Army Infantry Center Protestant Chapel. The chief of the academic staff of the U. S. Army Infantry School has worshipped in many places. From 1959 to 1961, he and his family attended a missionary church in Singapore made up of Chinese people and 10 American families.

usher for the 11 a.m. service.

Lt. Col. Jesse L. Morrow, Jr., deputy director of the Ranger Department, serves as chief usher for the 9:30 service.

Usher Program

"The usher program meets an excellent response among officers, enlisted men, and teenage boys," Col. Cornett said. "It gives a focal point of participation in the religious life of the post to many families."

Col. Cornett said Fort Benning "has about as good a religious program as I ever saw."

At Fort Benning since 1961, Col. Cornett has worshipped in many places. From 1959 to 1961, he and his family attended a missionary church in Singapore made up of Chinese people and 10 American families, in contrast to four preceding years as members of a church in Arlington, Va.

Col. Morrow said there is no problem in getting men to volunteer for usher duty.

"Willingness is no problem—but availability is," he said. "A man's military duties may take him away at any time. We solve this problem by revolving teams. I have two teams comprised of officers, one of enlisted men and one made up of officer candidates."

Protestant women on the post belong to Women-of-the-Chapel groups or the Ladies of St. Michael's, an Episcopal organization.

The Infantry Center Women-of-the-Chapel have both a daytime and an "Evening Circle." There is a Student Brigade Women-of-the-Chapel group also.

Worthwhile Projects

These organizations give the women of the post an opportunity to meet and study together and to engage in worthwhile projects. Some of their activities include collecting cancelled stamps for a milk fund, collecting discarded eyeglasses for the needy, maintaining a clothing bank for emergency use in the local community or overseas and taking a person-to-person interest in young girls in a local orphanage.

The Episcopal ladies also have an Altar Guild to assist the chaplain with duties at St. Michael's Episcopal Mission, one of several denominational congregations at Fort Benning.

St. Michael's provides for Episcopal families, nearly all the activities of an average civilian parish, according to Col. Walter D. Short, senior warden of the Vestry.

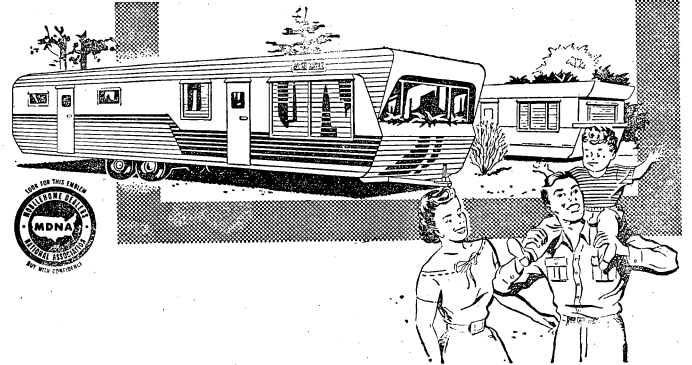
A busy man on the post as commander of The Student Brigade, Col. Short said that "many other busy people find time to take an active role in the religious life of the mission."

"In addition to the women's (Continued on page 10)

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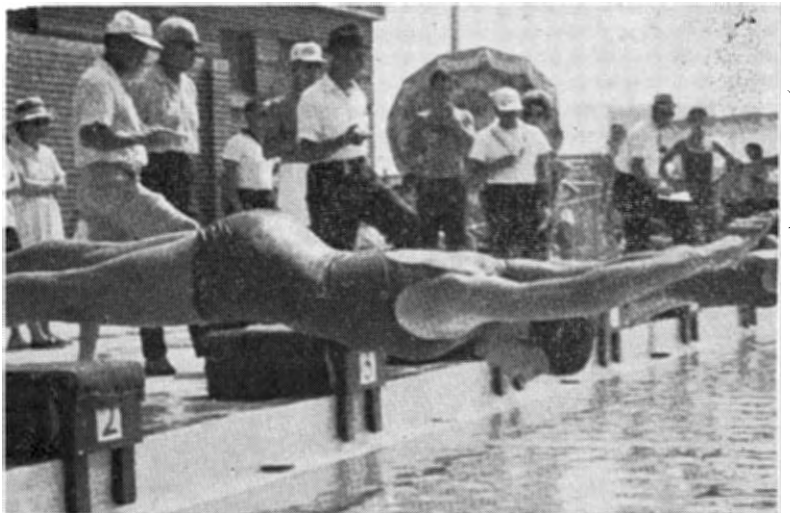
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Football figures very strongly in the Youth Activities Club program. YAC provides three leagues for the young gridders: the Bidy League, the Intermediate League and the Doughboy League. YAC officials find this program the finest and most complete in the Army. Other activities offered include baseball, basketball, boxing, bowling, swimming, tennis, golf, boy scouting, playgrounds, teenage club, fencing, rifle marksmanship, archery, youth employment and other special activities.



Everybody has a good time at the YAC Fourth of July Carnival. Every Fourth at Fort Benning a carnival is presented. It provides wholesome entertainment for the military and civilian personnel of the post and their dependents. It also raises additional funds for the club and keeps as many people as possible on the post in conjunction with the post safety program.



And they're off! One of the Youth Activities Club programs is swimming, and each year the program is culminated with competition. Appropriate safety measures are always followed. Parents and other adults who supervise these programs know and enforce the safety rules applicable to their particular part of the program.

Wholesome Entertainment and Recreation Is Provided By Youth Activities Club

By John Cerar

The Youth Activities Club is an organization with the sole purpose of serving the children of military personnel and civilian employees residing on or near Fort Benning.

YAC seeks to provide wholesome recreation and entertainment that will contribute to the happiness and general well-being of the youth of this post. It sponsors activities which will contribute to the development of high morale, good citizenship, close fellowship and sportsmanship.

The parent-child relationship provided through this youth program is a powerful force in helping the children develop varied skills combined with good working habits that will help not only through adolescence, but all through life. These same skills and habits aren't learned easily. They take good instruction, practice and a thousand times over. Not only effort. But the effort is worth it because the skills and habits are worth knowing well, but because the children have developed one of the best habits — that of learning to do things well, no matter what the effort.

Army's Finest

The program is by far the finest and most complete to be found anywhere in the Army, YAC officials say.

Boys activities include baseball, football, basketball, boxing, bowling, swimming, tennis, golf, boy scouting, playgrounds, teenage club, fencing, rifle marksmanship, archery, youth employment and other special activities.

Girls take part in basketball, softball, golf, swimming, archery, tennis, fencing, bowling, girl scouting, playgrounds, youth employment, teenage club and other special activities. Other activities are added as children and parents express a desire for them and as parents or other adults can be obtained to assist in supervision and guidance of such activities.

Appropriate safety practices are followed in each activity. Parents and other adults who supervise these activities know and enforce the safety rules applicable to their particular part of the program.

The cost in dollars and cents for the youth program is actually quite small when considering the wide variety of activities offered. The cost in hours of voluntary help, however, is considerable. Most of the activities do not require a great amount of time — at most a few hours a week during the season of the activity — but to operate all activities of the program, approximately 500 adults are needed. So you see, the purpose of the YAC program is recreation,

fun and good sportsmanship.

Special Activities

The Youth Activities Club sponsors a Fourth of July program each year for all children and adults. Organized under a carnival atmosphere, the program seeks to provide wholesome entertainment for the military and civilian personnel of the post and their dependents; to raise additional funds for the Youth Activities Club, and to keep as many people as possible on the post during the Fourth of July in conjunction with the post safety program.

The carnival includes a number of activities at French, Blue and Green Fields including band music, a Doughboy League baseball game, static military equipment display, junior jump tower for children, special services show and fireworks in the evening. In the past, the 4th of July Carnival has become an anticipated event throughout the Fort Benning - Columbus area, and the success it has achieved insures its continuance in the future.

New Activities

Many new activities are incorporated into the YAC schedule each year. This past summer saw YAC sponsor a Driver Training program for boys and girls of legal driving age. The two week program covered not only the behind-the-wheel aspects of driving,



COL. HANKINS
YAC PRESIDENT

but also taught general vehicle mechanics, traffic court procedure, actual driver testing, plus the legal and moral responsibilities of driving. Training films were shown and (Continued on page 10)



The Packers won this year's Doughboy league championship with a 9-0 record. In the first row from left are Tom Valenteen, Craig Plowman, Duane Ready, Terry Summers, Tom Miller, Don Samson and Robert Hopper. Second row from left are Mike Casey, Larry Peters, Curtis Baker, George Heider, Leslie Covington, Steve Holmes, Curtis Mays and Norbert Hopper. Coaches of the team were L. E. Plowman and Ken Wesier.

New Infantry School Building Fountainhead of Knowledge



Lt. Col. James T. Carter (L) of the School's Operations Office, who is coordinating the move to the new building, points out to Capt. Herman Vanbebber, also of the Operations Office, the narrow slit-window apertures which are one of the building's most comforting features. The new Academic Building will be completely climate controlled with central heating and air-conditioning and illuminated throughout with the latest advances in artificial lighting.

The new Infantry School Building has risen to its full height of six stories. Exterior construction, which began in May 1962, is complete. Only the interior finishing, equipment installation, and exterior landscaping remain to be accomplished before the projected move-in date of June 1, 1964.

Being built at a cost of nearly \$10,000,000 on an open site just south of Eubanks Field, the new building will give the U. S. Army Infantry School a strikingly streamlined, starkly functional, and intensely practical headquarters.

The future fountainhead of Infantry knowledge is an architectural about-face from the present School headquarters—known to most as "Building 35"—a massive, vaguely Moorish structure built for \$611,633 during the depression by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Originally, Building 35 was designed to accommodate a student body of 458 and a faculty of 156. Today, an average resident enrollment of over 4,000 students is supported by a staff and faculty numbering over 2,000.

However, in creating the need for improved instructional facilities, the increased complexity of The Infantry School is even more significant than its increased size. Since the "thirties," the Infantryman has seen his mission rapidly expand and diversify. Concurrently, the staff and faculty of The Infantry School have seen their training facilities, which support this expanded mission, multiply and scatter over the vast Fort Benning reservation. A chronic frustration has been the inescapable travel between individual areas of instruction—a problem which cut deeply into the effective utilization of training time.

A great centralization will be effected by the new Infantry

School building. The bulk of staff and faculty offices and most instruction—except field training and automotive maintenance—will be brought together under one roof.

This theme of centralization also will enable Maj. Gen. C. W. G. Rich, commandant of The Infantry School and commanding General of The Infantry Center, to locate in Building 35 many Infantry Center agencies which have similarly spread out over the years. The top floor of the new building is reserved for the commandant and key Infantry Center staff offices.

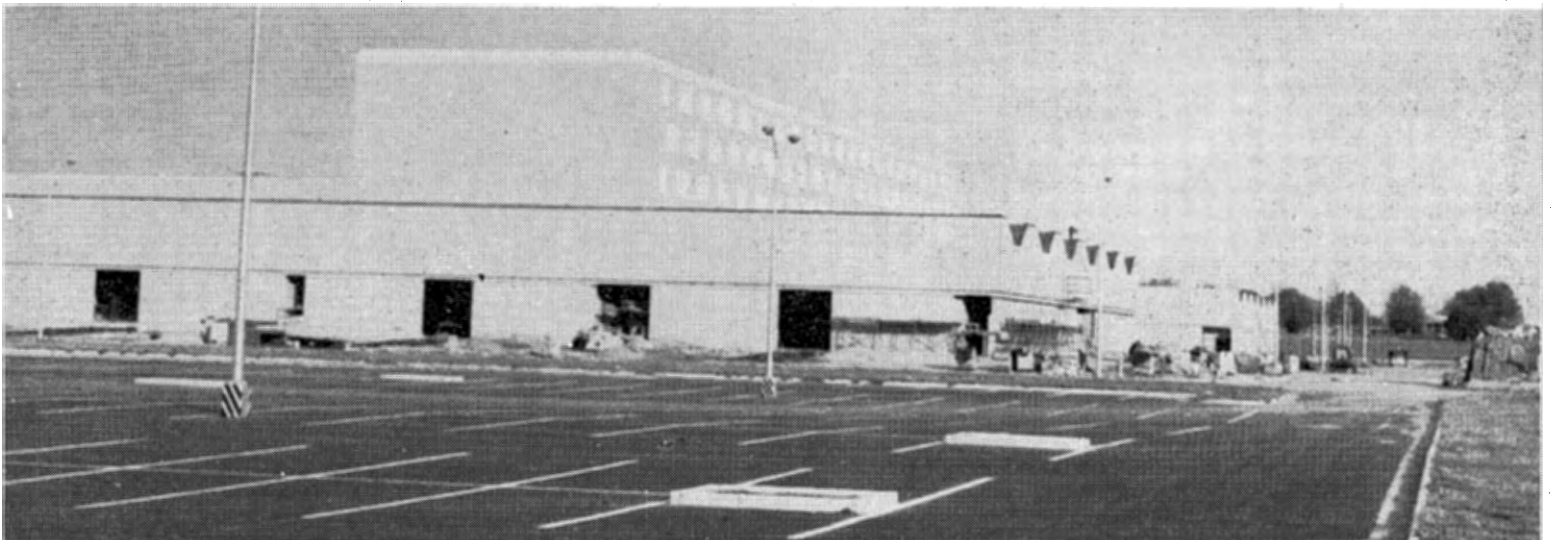
From his office on the 5th floor, the assistant commandant, Brig. Gen. John Norton, who is directly responsible to the commandant for the operation of The Infantry School, can direct its every activity to new levels of efficient harmony.

The extensive Infantry School library will move to the first floor of the new Academic Building, where a reception hall, bookstore, and cafeteria also will be located.

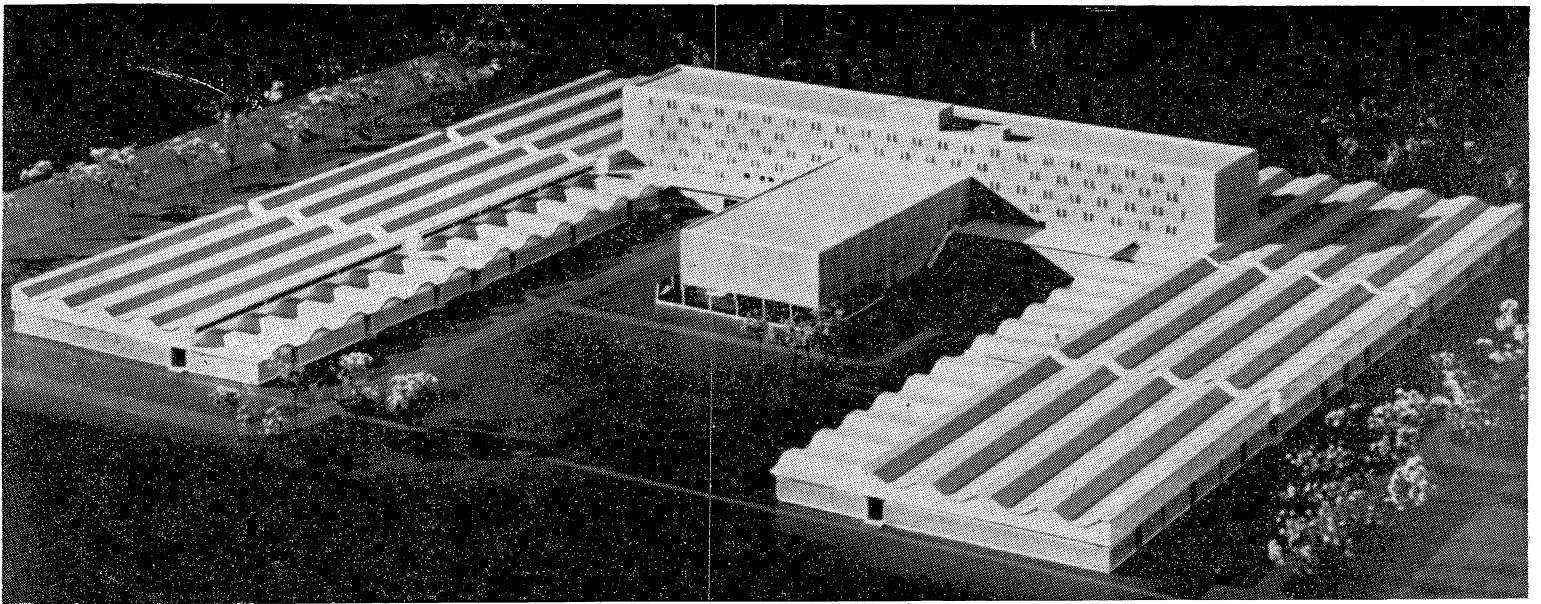
The Department of Nonresident Instruction and Training Literature, the world's largest military correspondence school, will occupy the second floor to serve hundreds of units of the ROTC program, the Army Reserve, the National Guard and Active Army Infantrymen throughout the world.

The Communications-Electronics and Company Tactics Departments will be located on the third floor, while the Brigade and Battalion Operations Department, largest in the School, will use the entire fourth floor.

The fifth floor, which features the assistant commandant's office, will house the Academic Staff of The Infantry School. Thus, on one floor will be located the offices of the Coordinator of Instruction, the Secretary, Operations, Man-



With only finishing touches remaining before the planned move-in can be accomplished, the new Infantry School building stands as the fountainhead of learning for the career minded Infantryman. A great centralization will be effected by the new Academic Building. The bulk of staff and faculty offices and most instruction—except field training and automotive maintenance—will be brought together under one roof.



The finished product when it has risen to its full height will be six stories. Exterior construction, which began in May, 1962, is complete. Only the interior finishing, equipment installation and exterior landscaping remain to be accomplished before the projected move-in date of June 1, 1964.

agement and Budget, the Education Advisor, and the Surgeon.

As the Ranger, Airborne-Air Mobility, Weapons, and Mobility Departments accomplish academic instruction at the site of their practical exercises, they will not move to the new location.

Instruction at the new building will be presented in classrooms located in the two huge wings extending from the sides of "the tower." There are 13 general-purpose classrooms and one night-vision classroom—each with a 200 student capacity—and 14 general-purpose classrooms which hold 50 students each. There are also four special communications classrooms with total seating for 420, and four radio maintenance laboratories with 55-man capacities each. An auditorium to the rear of "the tower" will seat 1,500 personnel.

Each 200-man classroom boasts tiered floors and such standard instructional aids as large rear-view projection screens and blackboards. The reverse sides of the blackboards serve as front-view projection screens.

Each classroom will feature access to a closed-circuit television network capable of transmitting to all, any, or selected combinations of classrooms. This technique will eliminate much duplication of effort without sacrificing the feeling of immediacy for students and will also present exciting possibilities of inter-class seminars.

Anticipation for the move is now gaining momentum. Academic departments and staff sections are thoroughly detailing the layouts for their new homes. Lt. Col. James T. Carter of the Operations Office is coordinating the projected move for the School. He reports that the 2d through the 5th floors will contain 135 office "spaces" for The Infantry School. (A space is

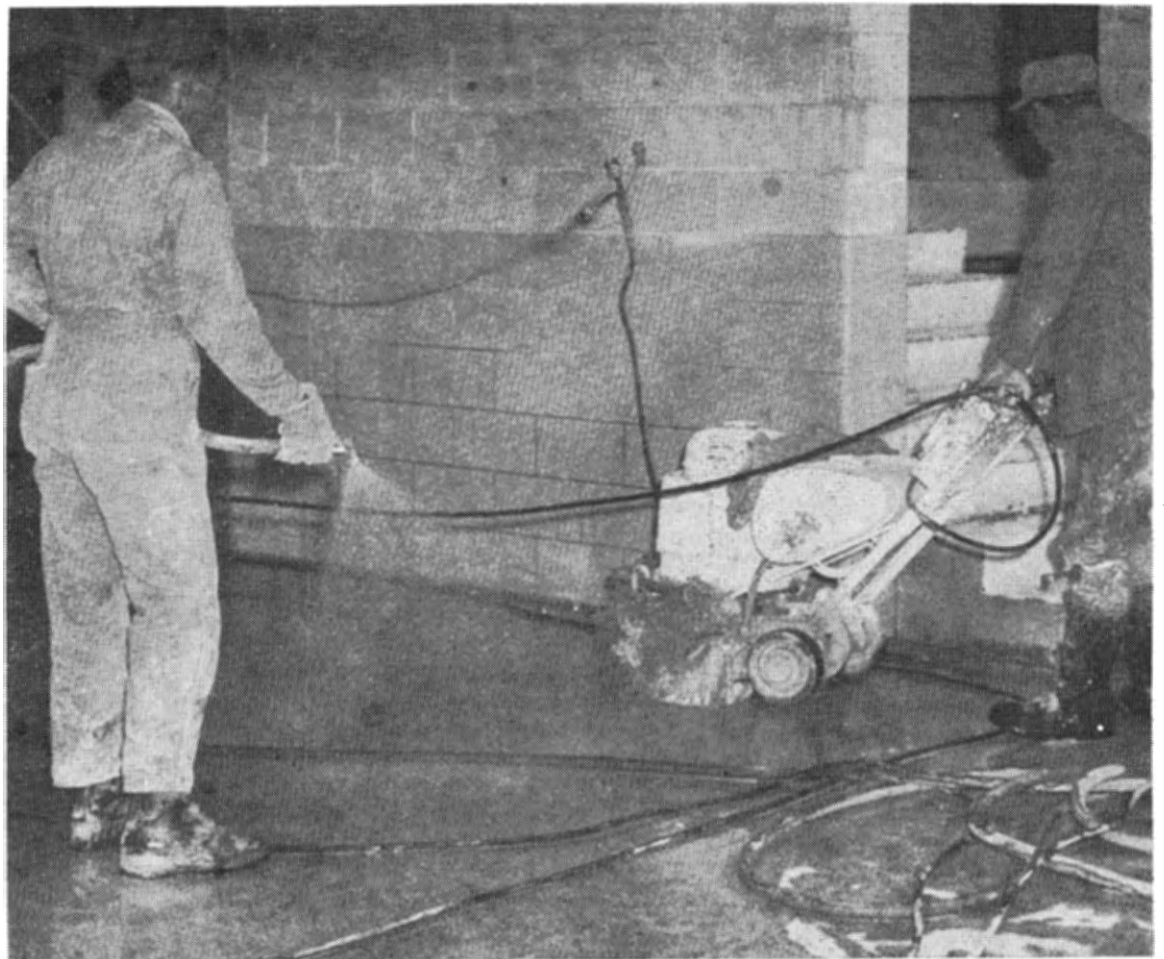
a 32' x 20' area designed to accommodate eight persons.) Based on this, project officers are conscientiously gauging distances from desk to pencil sharpener to supply closets, and secretly computing the distances to elevators and the cafeteria. And, students are Spartan in their insistence that, although they themselves will probably have departed, they are happy

for those who will be here when the Infantry School Building becomes operational.

But, there is one feature of the building that has prompted more questions and conjecture than any other. The narrow slit-window apertures are not rifle ports, as some have mused, but rather a functional reflection of one of the building's most comfort'ing fea-

tures. The new Academic Building will be completely climate-controlled with central heating and air-conditioning and illuminated throughout with the latest advances in artificial lighting.

Going to school at Fort Benning should soon be an even more rewarding professional and personal experience for our young Infantry leaders of tomorrow.



Workmen begin putting the finishing touches to the first floor of the Academic Building, scheduled to open in early June, 1964. This is the floor that will house The Infantry School library, a reception hall, bookstore and cafeteria.

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Quarterly News In Brief

Work Begins Again On River Bridge

Corrective work on the Chattahoochee River bridge, located about one mile below the post's Engineer pontoon bridge, began in December and should be completed by mid-July, 1964. The work is being done to correct conditions caused by an earth movement which was discovered after the bridge, as originally designed, was completed early this year. The bridge has never been open to traffic.

Gen. Kinnard Receives Second Star

The commanding general of the 11th Air Assault Division, Maj. Gen. Harry W. O. Kinnard, was promoted to his present rank in November on Dickman Field in the Harmony Church area. His two star flag of new rank was rappelled in by four Sky Soldiers. Maj. Gen. C. W. G. Rich, commanding general of The Infantry Center, and Gen. Kinnard's wife, Mikelle, pinned on the second star at the special ceremony. Each of the colors from the division's major units were represented.

AUSA Mobility Symposium Draws 500

More than 90 experimental and standard items, both land and vehicular, were shown in static displays and dynamic demonstrations at the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Mobility Symposium in mid-July at The Infantry Center. Secretary of the Army Cyrus Vance and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Earle G. Wheeler headed a group of some 150 military leaders who joined 350 American industrial leaders at the symposium designed to provide a classified forum through which the Department of the Army could communicate with industry.

Military Receives Pay Raise

The biggest military pay raise in the nation's history passed the House of Representatives in October, and was signed into law by President Kennedy. The House passed a Senate version of the bill one day and the President signed the bill the following day. The raises went to all uniformed service men and women with more than two years' service. The average raise was 14.4 per cent and is costing \$1.2 billion.

515 Goes "Big Lift"

The 515th Transportation Company (Light Truck) winged its way to Germany in late October as part of the mammoth operation "Big Lift." The 515th, commanded by 1st Lt. Rene J. Emond, joined forces with the 2nd Armored Division from Fort Hood, Tex., and other U. S. based units in the 14,000-man airlift to Europe, which was designed to see how quickly a large armored force could move from the United States to combat readiness in Europe.

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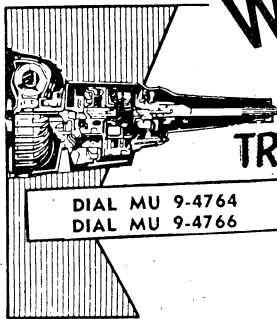
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organizations," he continued, "we have a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for the men, a graded Sunday School, confirmation classes, a well trained choir, and an Episcopal Youth Club."

One unique protestant denominational group at Fort Benning is a Spanish congregation that functions as a department of the Main Post Sunday School. The Spanish group conducts a graded Sunday School, all in the Spanish language except for teenage groups that prefer to use English. Following Sunday School, there is a Spanish language worship service. Open to anyone who wants to attend, the group uses Spanish literature from Baptist publishing houses. They are affiliated with the Baptist Home Mission Board, Headquarters, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Lloyd Corder, the board's assistant secretary for missionary personnel, is a frequent guest minister at the Spanish service.

SFC Florian C. Pasco is head usher at the Main Post Catholic Chapel. He reads the Epistle and the Gospel at each service at the chapel.

Sgt. Pasco Ushers

"The chapel is a busy place," Sgt. Pasco said. "We have an early mass at 6:45 each morning. Many soldiers and civilian employes attend this mass before they go to work. Then there is a mass at

noon. Throughout the day you can see men in fatigues dropping in to pray in the midst of routine duties."

Catholic ladies on the post belong to "Sodality," an organization with more than 60 members.

"The theme for Sodality activity is spiritual, rather than social or civic," according to one member, Mrs. Louis H. Guernsey. "We meet once a month at the chapel for mass and communion, with a business meeting later at the rectory."

"Sodality members serve as catechism teachers and as coordinators for classes taught by Ascension Nuns from Phenix City, Ala.," Mrs. Guernsey continued.

"Recently, Sodality arranged a tour of the post for some of the nuns in the community," she said. "This gave them an opportunity to see actual training in progress on a working day. We even took them to the jump towers in the Airborne training area."

The Jewish Center on the post is the focal point of religious and social life for Jewish soldiers, WAC's, and families alike.

"The sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation 24 hours a day," according to the post Jewish chaplain, Chaplain (1st Lt.) Alfred B. Landsberg. The lounge is open all day and until 11 p.m."

Jewish Sisterhood

A Jewish Sisterhood, comparable to the Women-of-the-Chapel and Sodality, gives the Jewish



Some of the finishing touches are put on the face of the new Infantry School Academic Building, one of the projects of Infantry Center and Savannah District Engineers. Chief of the post Engineer Division, Simeon Cox, says, "We are way ahead of schedule on the Academic Building. It would not be sticking our necks out too far to picture its completion before May."

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women an opportunity to participate in the spiritual and social life of the congregation.

"An extensive religious program such as this," Chaplain Decker said, "would be absolutely impossible without the help of the dedicated men and women of the Army who take their religion with them as they take their skills and their mission in life to every new assignment."

"The good these people do here at home at a 'Zone of the Interior' installation makes a valuable contribution to the morale of the Army and is 'spilled over' as a blessing to the civilian community," the chaplain continued. "But when these same men and women are serving in an overseas capacity, they truly become 'ambassadors' of the faith upon which our nation was founded. They are ambassadors of 'Good will on earth and peace among men.'"

Wholesome Entertainment

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the students were given many opportunities to gain driving experience under actual traffic conditions.

This past year also saw a Learn-

to-Swim program inaugurated to aid the youth population by implementation of a swimming program for young beginners. One hour classes were given twice each day, Monday through Friday at Russ Pool, and continued throughout the summer months.

Approximately \$40,000 is required to support the YAC program annually. This money is needed for purchase, repair and replacement of equipment; construction, maintenance and repair of facilities; administrative expenses, and miscellaneous items. In addition, the average cost to support one child in the various activities amounts to \$35.50.

All parents are urged to join YAC, for a part of the revenue needed to support the many and varied activities of the YAC program come from the dues paid by members. Active support through volunteer assistance with coaching and supervision, plus financial support through membership in YAC, ensures a sound organization equipped to serve you and your children.

Some of the equipment needed for YAC activities is provided by organizations such as The Army Daughters, the Junior Army Daughters, the Fort Benning Officers Wives' Club and the Enlisted Mens Wives' Club.

Engineering Projects Nearing Completion

BY DAVE BRAUN

There is over \$11 million worth of construction projects presently being tackled by Infantry Center and Savannah District engineers:

After reviewing a list of projects before the start of the 1964 fiscal year, Third U.S. Army Headquarters signed a priority based on past performances concurring some 32 construction projects for the Engineering Division of the post Engineer's Office.

With the end of the 1964 fiscal year still lying more than six months away, the Engineering Division has announced that nearly all 32 designs are near completion and that work on additional projects is slated for the near future.

"We have more approved projects at this stage of the game than ever before," comments Simeon Cox of Columbus, chief of the post Engineer Division.

One such example of the rapid work being done by the Engineers is the construction of the Infantry School Academic Building, which falls under the supervision of the Savannah U.S. Corps of Engineers Office.

Contracted with the Jordan Company of Columbus the \$6,644,800.65 massive structure is scheduled for completion by May 10, 1964 and could be ready much sooner as it is already nearly 85 per cent finished.

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

"We are way ahead of schedule on the Academic Building," said Cox. "It would not be sticking our necks out too far to picture its completion before May," he went on.

Other construction contracts presently being tackled by the Engineer Division include such projects as the protection of water pipes in attics of family housing units now at 56 per cent completion and set for consummation by Dec. 31, 1963, and the replacement of the water service in the Wherry Housing area, now at 62 per cent completion with Jan. 18, 1964, set as its deadline.

Also included under post construction contract is the erection of the Bowling Center, now at 45 per cent and scheduled for completion by Jan. 10, 1964, and the replacement of coal-fired equipment in Harmony Church at nine per cent completion and slated to be finished by Jan. 31, 1964.

Rounding out some of the major construction contracts is the conversion of fuel systems, Bldg. 3127 in Sand Hill at 96 per cent with a pending completion

date; and erection of chain link fence with aluminum panel weave on different parts of the post, presently at 98 per cent readiness and set for completion Dec. 3, 1963, and the re-roofing of buildings No. 4116 and 4117, just begun and slated for completion by Dec. 23, 1963.

CONSTRUCTION ADDS UP

The entire total of construction contracts adds up to \$597,434.81.

Falling under the District Engineer Construction Contracts are the following:

Site development and utilities for the Academic Building, now at 99 per cent and set for completion by March 1, 1964, and the construction of electrical distribution for the Academic Building, at 99 per cent and set for completion on March 21, 1964.

Also included is the paving of the Academic Building parking lot and new streets leading to it, now at 98 per cent and set for completion by Jan. 21, 1964; the construction of the Sewage Treatment Plant at 55 per cent, set for April 27, 1964, and construction of an enlisted men's service club, now at 60 per cent and set for completion by April 20, 1964.

TROOP HOUSING

In addition, construction of troop housing and support facilities at the Black Farm Ranger Camp is at 99 per cent and has a completion date set for Dec. 23 of this year.

The total amount of District Engineer Contracts is \$11,172,612.11.

In discussing the overall construction situation on the post and its rapid progress Cox stated, "One reason the Engineer Division has been able to do so much in instituting the projects is because so much of our budget was given to us at the earlier part of the fiscal year than ever before."

"If funds become available we may be able to surpass 70 construction projects," Cox went on. This number is a goal set by the post.

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Air Mobile Concept Is Given Stiff Test As Georgana Invades Unstable Stewartland

By Maj. Ben Nichols

Exercise Air Assault I, which took place in the vicinity of Fort Stewart, Ga., from September 23 through October 18, was the first in a planned series of tests of the new and exciting air mobile concept—the latest in the Army's constant search for improved tactical mobility.

The tested units were the 11th Air Assault Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Harry W. O. Kinnard, and the 10th Air Transport Brigade, commanded by Col. Delbert L. Bristol. Both of these units were activated at cadre strength in mid-February 1963 at Fort Benning.

The air mobile concept is the result of studies ordered by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, and conducted early in 1962 by a board headed by General Hamilton H. Howze, then commanding general of XVIII Airborne Corps. It could prove to be one of the biggest changes in tactical doctrine since the changeover from horse-flesh to horsepower.

Basically, the air mobile concept is envisioned as an almost completely air mobile force practically void of wheeled vehicles which relies mainly on Army aircraft to implement its movement capability and to provide its organic fire support. An air assault force would thus have a high degree of tactical mobility and accompanying aerial fire power to enable it to make deep penetrations into enemy territory, to outflank the enemy by moving over otherwise impassable terrain, to conduct quick-strike delaying actions, and to serve as a highly mobile reserve.

Exercise Air Assault I was not by any means the biggest or even the most complex exercise ever staged by the Army. In fact, relatively speaking, it involved only a small number of troops — about 4,000 — and a few Army aircraft — about 175. The unique feature about this exercise was that instead of testing the proficiency of the participating units, it was designed to test the air mobile concept.

According to plan, a reinforced battalion was tested initially. The nucleus of this force was the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry, commanded by Lt. Col. John J. Hennessey, which was tested during Air Assault I under the auspices of the Combat Developments Command (CDC).

In May, 1964, CDC is to conduct the Phase II test using a brigade size force consisting of three battalions and supporting units. In August-September 1964 U. S. Strike Command is to direct a test of this same force to evaluate the joint aspects of the air mobile concept.

Phase III testing is scheduled to start in April, 1965, with a unilateral test of the two test units at full strength followed by a STRICOM-supervised test set for July, 1965.

The purpose of all this testing is to explore just how far the Army can and should go in substituting Army aircraft for ground vehicles and for ground-based weapons systems, and to make certain that such substitutions do result in improvements to Army combat effectiveness.

The actual conduct and supervision of the Phase I test, Air Assault I, fell to Maj. Gen. Charles W. G. Rich, commanding general of the U. S. Army Infantry Center at Fort Benning, who was designated as the test director.

His principal agency for conducting the tests, collecting test data, and evaluating the results is the Test, Evaluation and Control (TEC) Group. Headed by Brig. Gen. Robert R. Williams, the TEC Group was activated in mid-February, 1963, along with the two test units and has assisted them in organizing, equipping and training for the test.



A Ch-37 Mojave helicopter takes off after delivering an artillery gun crew into a forward firing position. The gun crew are members of the reinforced battalion which was given the mission of seizing and holding a base of operations in an area of aggressor guerrillas who were well organized, well trained, and controlled by a paramilitary organization.

Test exercise Air Assault I was a non-nuclear, limited warfare problem, taking place in an underdeveloped area. It was divided into four phases, each of which represented different problems to the air assault force across a wide spectrum of aggressor participation.

In Phase Alpha the reinforced battalion was given the mission of seizing and holding a base of operations in an area in which small, unorganized bands of aggressor guerrillas were operating.

Phase Bravo presented the task force with the job of searching and clearing a large area of aggressor guerrillas who were well organized, well trained, and controlled by a paramilitary organization.

Small units of regular aggressor forces who were infiltrating into the area were encountered in Phase Charlie. The task here was to block the principal avenues of approach and to conduct a highly-mobile defense against such infiltration.

The final phase, phase Delta, was designed to test the air assault force in locating and engaging large concentrations of regular aggressor forces in a series of rapid, successive actions.

An administrative break followed each phase to allow necessary changes to the tactical situation

and to permit the evaluators time to record their findings while the action was still fresh in their minds.

Although each of the phases reflected a completely different situation to the test units, the same hypothetical political atmosphere and geographical setting was maintained from phase to phase. For test purposes the three countries of Albany, Georgana, and Stewartland were established as lying east of the United States along the Atlantic seaboard.

The aggressor country, Georgana, has taken advantage of the political instability of the Republic of Stewartland government and had launched an attack against the Stewartland northern border with the apparent intent of isolating that country from its western neighbor, Albany. Albany, a traditionally neutral country, immediately closed its border with Stewartland to ground vehicle movement, though limited passage of U. S. military forces was permitted. Concurrently with its attack, the Georgana government infiltrated many small guerrilla groups into Stewartland in order to disrupt rear installations and to obtain control of lines of communications and to attempt to organize dissident elements of the local populace.



A UH-1B helicopter from the Air Cavalry Troop arrives with a sling-loaded Army Mule, showing the feasibility of an air mobile supply line. Through this and the entire concept the air assault force functions with a high degree of tactical mobility.

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