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ORGANIZATION OF UNIT

1. Effective 0001, 3 June 1949, the 12th Company, Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, is organized and stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.
2. Personnel will be furnished by the Commanding Officer, Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School.
3. The Applicable provisions of AR 345-400 and AR 345-900 will be complied with.

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(b) Officers' Club. The Commanding Officer believes that an Officers' Club Branch in this area would be desirable. This is presently under consideration by the President of the Board of Governors, working with the Commanding Officer Lawson Field as a project to cover officers quartered in the Airborne Battalion and the Lawson Field Area, both Air Force and regular assigned personnel.

(c) Racial Matters. The friction which appeared to have developed between the Airborne Battalion and the 15th Infantry is reported as completely eliminated. The individuals known to have participated have all been separated from the Airborne Battalion. No racial problems exist by virtue of colored students.

(d) Special AWOL Company. The Special Company is believed, by the Regimental and Battalion Commander, to have been a worthy project even though no additional spaces were allocated to set it up. Inasmuch as this Company has only been in operation since approximately the middle of May, it is too early to make final decision as to its continuance.

(e) Student KP's. The use of students as KP's necessitated by physical separation of "washouts" has, in the opinion of the Commander, been of benefit to the unit. Students do not resent this duty, or at least have made no objection to it, and in the opinion of the Battalion Executive, seem to welcome this slight break from the rigorous training schedule. As the reduction in the TD becomes more drastic some additional duties by students may be required. For example, the performance of Charge of Quarters duties in the Company area.

(f) Officers Barracks. Student officers are billeted in open type barracks neither better nor worse than enlisted students. Field officers, where possible, are given individual rooms but the number of such rooms is limited to those existing in open barracks. The interior of these barracks are dingy, and if at all possible, higher standards should be set. Officers are given no orderly service. They are required to sweep the area of their bunk and make their own beds. Barracks orderlies do the general police of the halls, latrines, etc. Colonel Woodruff reports that the same treatment is in effect in other officers classes. In my opinion, officers should not be required to do this type of work. If the cadre is inadequate, maid service similar to that given in BOQ's might be provided.

4. Special comments by staff sections:

G-3 (Tab "A"). There was presented the usual statement concerning the inadequacy of the TD. This was covered by G-3 and attention need be given only the question of whether or not students should be used as Company Charge of Quarters. It is recommended that no action be taken on this matter until after Colonel Tupper's arrival. (Please note paragraph 4 of G-3 report).

G-4 (Tab "B"). The most important item in this section concerns the generally poor condition of barracks which is well known to G-4 and the Engineer. Continued action along present lines is indicated.

Food Service (Tab "C"). Messes in general as far as neatness and police is concerned would be rated excellent. The following projects should receive special attention: Provision of garbage racks, rehabilitation of floors, stoves, and refrigerators. The Food Service Supervisor has been aware of these conditions for some time, but in order to bring this unit up to standards, special emphasis will have to be given this project.

Academic Department (Tab "D"). Some administration matters are reported which can be handled locally. A definite, written SOP on "quit slips" should be furnished the Battalion Commander. Recommend that this be a matter for action by the Academic Department.

Adjutant General (Tab "E"). Nothing of specific interest which could not be handled locally is included.

Special Service (Tab "F").

- (a) Post Exchange services are adequate.
- (b) The matter of an additional Service Club is under continued study.
- (c) Day rooms are not up to standard in either equipment or size. This is believed to be the result of the lack of attention of the Regimental Commander to Airborne Battalion problems. It is suggested that this be discussed with the new commander on his arrival.

General Recommendations:

It is recommended that, the individual Tab's as pertaining to staff sections be extracted after review of this report by the Commanding General and returned to the staff section concerned for detailed report of action being taken or planned on each specific subject covered.



D. P. BUCKLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-1

THE INFANTRY CENTER

TO	REMARKS OR INSTRUCTIONS	SYMBOL, DATE AND INITIALS
<p>Col Buckland #1</p>	<p>RE: Survey of Airborne Battalion, STR, 28 July 1949.</p> <p>1. The following facilities of Airborne Battalion, STR, were visited 28 July 1949 in company with appropriate Battalion representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Special Services Facilities:</u> See separate report of SSO, TIC. b. <u>Chaplain Activities</u> See separate report of Chaplain TIC. c. <u>Student Officers' Billets:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) At present time, approximately ninety (90) student officers are billeted in Bldgs #2063, #2064, and #2065 - ward type barracks. (2) These billets are clean and can be considered adequate. The only unused BCQ type building in the area, Bldgs #2025 and #2026, are in such a condition that extensive repairs would be necessary. At the same time, use of these BCQ's would move the student officers some distance from the Student Officers' Mess. <p><u>Recommendations:</u> No action.</p> <p>2. A discussion was held with appropriate Battalion Staff representatives covering following subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>AWOL's</u> - Discussed with Battalion Commander. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The AWOL rate for STR has steadily improved over the past six months. While the figures on Airborne Battalion cannot be extracted from STR total, it is known and acknowledged that the majority of AWOL's from STR are Airborne Battalion personnel. (2) The Battalion Commander attributes the improvement in AWOL rate to a screening of student personnel at Airborne Division levels prior to their arrival here for schooling. This screening culls the potential trouble-makers such as mal-contented and persons using airborne training as an out from overseas shipment <p align="center">(OVER)</p> <p align="center">(OVER)</p>	<p align="right">GNKEA 29 July 49</p>

Recommendation: In every way possible, this headquarters should encourage further implementation of the policy of screening of airborne student potentials at Airborne Division levels to the ultimate of screening out all malcontents and physically unfits.

b. VD Rate

(1) The Airborne Student (W) VD rate has been zero (0) for the past three (3) months. Airborne Students (N) VD rate has been zero (0) for the past two months. The Airborne Cadre has had a zero (0) VD rate for the past six weeks.

(2) I congratulated the Battalion Commander on his record.

c. Courts and Boards

(1) A general discussion was held with Legal Officer and S-1 regarding Courts and Boards. No suggestions for improvements were put forth by Battalion representatives; consequently, this time was spent in acquainting these officers with the general policies now in effect regarding confinements, preference of charges, etc.

d. Delinquencies

(1) A short general discussion on delinquencies was had with Battalion Commander. He reiterated his previous recommendations that screening of personnel prior to their being ordered here for schooling would materially benefit his command in this respect.

3. In general, while no specific recommendations were given to me covering activities in paragraph 2, I feel that the informal and informative discussions held with the "pick and shovel" people in Airborne Battalion cleared up many questions, rather minor in nature, which have been bothering these people.

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TO	REMARKS OR INSTRUCTIONS	SYMBOL, DATE AND INITIALS
G-1	<p style="text-align: center;">Subject: Inspection of Airborne Battalion, STR</p> <p>1. In compliance with directive of Commanding General, The Infantry Center, I visited the Airborne Battalion this morning and conferred with the S-3 on problems concerning the Airborne Battalion which fell within the G-3 sphere of activity. I talked at length with 1st Lt. J. D. White, S-3 of the Airborne Battalion, on the organization and operation of the Airborne Battalion, Student Training Regiment, but did not go into the matter of the training of Airborne students since this subject was of primary interest to the Academic Department.</p> <p>2. The Airborne Battalion is presently operating under the Table of Distribution for 30 June 1949. Their actual assigned strength exceeds their authorized strength, but there are a large number of vacancies in the battalion occasioned by mal-assignment of Airborne personnel without regard to MOS. The Table of Distribution is adequate, but additional personnel could be utilized to increase the effectiveness of operations of the Battalion. There are no additional T/D spaces available to add strength to the Airborne Battalion. If additional spaces are to be added they will have to be withdrawn from other sources and transferred to the Airborne Battalion, thereby short changing some equally important activity.</p> <p>3. Attached hereto is a list of 4 problems which were called to my attention and each was discussed with the S-3:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. The matter of a Chaplain for the Airborne Battalion will be discussed with Chaplain Hale to determine the actual needs and whether or not it is more essential to have a full-time Chaplain on duty with the Airborne Battalion than it is to have the available Chaplains pooled to serve the entire command.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. The matter of Charge of Quarters for each company has been discussed by the Airborne Battalion with General Bradley and it was his opinion that students undergoing training should not be used as company Charge of Quarters. The need for a Charge of Quarters in each company is recognized. However, assuming that each company cadre was at full authorized strength and maintained at full strength at all times, a maximum of seven (7) cadremen would normally be available for Charge of Quarters duty.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">GIMCEC 28 Jul 49</p>

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This creates a hardship upon the cadremen who have other duties which are essential. At present, students are detailed as KP's, and they seem to enjoy this duty as it gives them a break from the arduous Airborne Training prescribed. Inasmuch as classes are organized into companies for approximately 44 days during their course, it is believed that a system of selecting 44 non-commissioned officers and PFC's from the students to perform Charge of Quarters duty would be popular among the Airborne students and would not materially interfere with their completion of the prescribed course.

c. The Airborne Battalion feels that a grade adjustment should be made in their Table of Distribution to correspond with normal infantry company T/O&E grade spread. This matter will be examined, but I am afraid that the same situation exists as in the case of spaces. Grades are not available to accomplish the results desired.

d. The matter of transportation for operating the S-3 Section of the Airborne Battalion is a command responsibility of the Battalion Commander and not one for this headquarters to solve. I believe adequate transportation is assigned the battalion.

4. It was my impression throughout the discussion with Lt. White that insufficient support is given the Airborne Battalion by the Student Training Regiment. It was my impression that this battalion is operating as a separate battalion rather than as a part of a regiment. This is apparently a condition brought about by a hang-over from the time the Airborne School was operating as a separate entity at Fort Benning. This condition was not alleviated during the tenure of office of Colonel Scudder. During his reign, the Airborne Battalion was incorporated into the Student Training Regiment. It was evident that little support has been rendered by the Regimental Headquarters to the Airborne Battalion in solving their problems.

5. There were a number of minor organizational problems discussed with Lt. White which fall within the purview of either the Battalion or the Regimental Commander to correct. In my opinion, these internal problems should not be solved by this headquarters but should be solved by the Regimental or Battalion commander.


J.R.W., Jr.

The problems listed below are pertinent to this organization from the operations view point:

- a. Present T/D does not call for Chaplain or Chaplain's assistant .
- b. Use of cadre EM as company charge of quarters (letter reference)
- c. Grade adjustment in present T/D to correspond with normal Infantry TO & E.
- d. The operations section is not authorized a vehicle.

Tab B

MEMO FOR: G-1, TIC

SUBJECT: Report of Inspection of the Airborne Bn

28 July 1949

1-a. It takes from 3 to 4 weeks for a pair of boots combat, turned in to the QM Shoe Repair Shop to be returned to the Unit. This creates quite a problem since in many cases the men have departed this station with a pair of combat boots still in the QM Shoe Shop which must be forwarded. Boots wear out rapidly due to the nature of the training and unless a student reports with two pair of combat boots in his possession both of which are serviceable it means he must take all of his training depending on one (1) pair of boots.

b. RECOMMENDATION:

A request for additional personnel has been submitted for assignment to the shoe shop. It is recommended that this request be granted.

2-a. Students frequently report for training without the clothing and equipment required by SR 30-20-1. This creates an additional work load on supply personnel of the Airborne Bn in that much time is taken up in correspondence with the parent organization. This condition would not exist if commanders at the students' home station would properly process the individual prior to his departure to the school.

b. RECOMMENDATION:

That a survey be conducted for a period of one (1) month to determine the number of students arriving without necessary clothing and the items of shortage in each case. That this survey be used as the basis for a letter to the Commanding General 3rd Army requesting that necessary action be taken by commanders of the home station to comply with SR 30-20-1.

3-a. The roof of the Airborne Gym leaks. This is a constant threat to the floor which is an expensive, highly polished hardwood floor.

b. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Post Engineer make a survey of the roof. That if repair is beyond the normal repair facilities of the Post Engineer a project be drawn up and forwarded to 3rd Army for approval.

4-a. The Airborne Bn has a large area of responsibility for grass cutting. The power driven equipment is adequate but a shortage of belts on the hand mowers is a handicap. There is a shortage of the hand push type lawn mower.

b. RECOMMENDATION:

(1) A check with Post Engineer indicates that belts for the hand power mowers will arrive very soon. They were shipped from Atlanta on 27 July 1949.

(2) That a re-survey of existing needs for hand push type lawn mowers be made with the possibility of making a re-distribution of same. There are none in stock at Post Engineer and attempts to obtain more have failed for the time being.

5-a. Barracks in this area are badly in need of repair and interior painting. The Post Engineer has assigned a civilian carpenter and plumber to this area. Necessary material is available. The work is progressing slowly and is being done by troop labor under Engineer supervision. Paint will be available about the middle of August (Ref letter 3rd Army, AJECD 600.12 8 July 49 Subject: Centrally procured paint for use in interior of barracks). Repairs of buildings consist of such items as flooring, replacement of glass in windows, stairways, fire escapes, outside steps at entrance and replace wall board.

b. RECOMMENDATION:

(1) That this work continue as at present, i. e., troop labor under Engineer supervision.

(2) That prior to the painting of the interior of barracks the Post Engineer make an inspection to insure that the condition of the building is such as to warrant painting.

6-a. The Table of Distribution for the S-4 Section allows one (1) NCO. With the amount of supply work to be done in this battalion, especially since the Clothing & Equipment Warehouse has ceased to exist and with more and more work being done by troop labor instead of civilian engineers it is essential that an officer be continued as battalion S-4.

b. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Table of Distribution authorize at least one (1) officer and one (1) NCO to the Airborne Battalion Supply Section.

SUBJECT: Report of Inspection of the Airborne Bn

28 July 1949

7. The inspecting officer noted nothing of importance that was not brought up by the S-4 of STR or S-4 of Airborne Battalion.



W. B. HASKELL
Lt. Col. Infantry
Asst G-4

Tab. C.

Col. Buckland —

1. Reference Food Service inspection of Airborne Bn.,
28 July 1949.

2. All messes were inspected including those closed
at present time.

3. In order to bring all messes up to standard the
following items should receive special attention:

(a) Garbage racks. —

With exception of one or two messes, proper
garbage racks, complete with drains for can
washing, should be furnished. This subject has
been discussed with Post Engrs for the past
two years. Lack of funds is reason given for
not constructing them.

(b) Floors. —

All messes need new floors in both dining
rooms and kitchens. Contractors are at present
time working on new floors for practically all
mess halls. Work has started in Sand Hill and
will reach Main Post in near future.

(c) Stoves. —

With a few exceptions, all #5 ranges

should be condemned and replaced. Post Engrs have made miscellaneous repairs from time to time but the stoves are still in poor shape for efficient operation.

(d) Refrigerators. —

Many of these refrigerators have been condemned for nearly a year but no replacements are available. QM cannot get them. Some help could be given if Post Engrs would replace door gaskets and repair drains but they are reluctant to do this because the boxes are condemned.

(e) Store rooms. —

Recommend that an addition be built on to messes in the 2000 block to serve as a store room. Two of them have store rooms and the rest do not. Again it is lack of funds that has prevented the construction of these.

4. The battalion has all the qualified personnel authorized on their TD and it is adequate. There is no known excess.

General condition as to painting, plus excellent.

T.O.D.

**THE INFANTRY SCHOOL
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT**

TO	REMARKS OR INSTRUCTIONS	SYMBOL, DATE AND INITIALS
G-1, TIS-TIC	<p data-bbox="305 310 787 346">SUBJECT: Report of Inspection</p> <p data-bbox="305 415 1328 577">1. Per verbal instructions, the undersigned officers of the Academic Department conducted an inspection of the Airborne Battalion, STR, this date. This particular phase of the inspection was concerned primarily with the handling of airborne students and the problems involved therewith.</p> <p data-bbox="305 611 1247 667">2. The following problems were encountered during the inspection:</p> <p data-bbox="305 709 1339 926">a. The records of some of the students are not accompanying the students or arriving at this station prior to the student beginning training. This results in a delay in paying and processing. One specific case encountered in Company "G" was that of a man who was not paid until time for him to graduate and then only after a temporary service record had been prepared for him.</p> <p data-bbox="305 968 1349 1094"><u>RECOMMENDED ACTION</u> - That specific examples of this type, by name, be obtained from the Airborne Battalion and reported to the authority ordering the students to the school through the Commanding General, Third Army, for corrective action.</p> <p data-bbox="305 1129 1349 1444">b. It was recommended by Companies inspected that students be given a more thorough screening prior to being assigned to a lettered company of the battalion for training. It seems as if some students are being assigned to training companies without having passed the physical examination. Others are assigned who have no desire to take the training. This causes an excessive amount of administrative work in the transferring of the individual and his records from one company to another when by careful screening in the Headquarters and Service Company this could be eliminated.</p> <p data-bbox="305 1486 1349 1703"><u>RECOMMENDED ACTION</u> - That students be closely screened under the provisions of SR 615-215-3, dated 24 May 1949, in the Headquarters and Service Company, Airborne Battalion, prior to being transferred to a lettered company for training. Any student who does not desire to pursue the course, or who for any reason is not qualified should be reported to the proper headquarters, outlined in current regulations, for disposition.</p> <p data-bbox="792 1955 862 1976" style="text-align: center;">(OVER)</p>	GNK-EAD-B 28 Jul 49

**THE INFANTRY SCHOOL
ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT**

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	<p>c. It seems as if there is an SOP in the Airborne Battalion that a student may not sign a "quit slip" in a training company <u>unless he has been AWOL</u>. It was stated that all "quit slips" have to be signed at the training area during a stage of instruction. While the authority for this procedure could not be established, it is definitely the policy currently in use. This policy is definitely an incentive for a man to go AWOL, especially if he does not wish to undergo the embarrassment of quitting in the training area before his fellow students.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED ACTION</u> - It is recommended that a student be permitted to sign a "quit slip" at anytime. This is a volunteer course and a student who does not desire to continue the training should be allowed the privilege of discontinuing the training. However, it is believed and recommended that a negative attitude not be taken in the orientations given to the students and that no mention of quitting be made during the orientation. It is further recommended that a student desiring to discontinue training be permitted to sign a "quit slip" in the company, but before the "quit slip" is processed that he be interviewed by the Director of the Airborne Department.</p> <p>3. All companies inspected stated that their current authorization of cadre personnel is sufficient to accomplish the duties required. However, one company was found to be utilizing student NCO's for Charge of Quarters duty at night. It is recommended that this practice be discontinued since it is not fair to the student in that he performs rough physical training during the course and should not be required to stay up late at night, performing the duties of cadre personnel.</p> <p>4. Several company commanders stated that they believed students were volunteering for this course of instruction without realizing what the course consisted of or the training they would have to undergo. It is recommended that the training film "Airborne Training" be shown at all training divisions prior to recruiting these airborne volunteers. The viewing of this film will give a good picture to the students of what they will be expected to undergo.</p> <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">  HARRIS T. MITCHELL Major, Infantry Assistant Secretary </div> <div style="text-align: left; margin-left: 100px;">  LUTHER L. SEXTON Major, Infantry Research and Analysis Dept </div>	

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28 July 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Daniel P. Buckland.

1. In accordance with verbal instructions, the following report is submitted reference the Airborne Battalion.

2. Generally speaking, the Adjutant's activities are efficiently operated. However, the following administrative deficiencies were noted:

a. A large number of reserve officers ordered to active duty on short tours are qualified parachutists. Consequently, this type of officer personnel, at great and unnecessary expense to the government, are ordered to return to their homes.

b. The length of active duty for reserve officers reporting to attend airborne courses, in some cases, does not coincide with closing dates of classes. This results in an administrative burden in amending orders.

c. The system presently employed to secure enlisted cadre personnel is not sound. While it is realized that student personnel are removed from the stream in exchange for undesirable cadre personnel, no provisions are made to replace losses through separation or transfer, other than through normal requisitions. Normal requisitioning methods, it has been stated, do not produce the needed personnel.

3. The unit personnel officer reported that he needs sixteen (16) more spaces to accomplish his mission when the battalion is at full student strength. This information was turned over to the G-3 representative.

4. The unit personnel officer further reported that he did not have adequate personnel to service the number of people desiring National Life Insurance. The Unit Personnel Officer suggested increasing the battalion's TD to include two (2) clerk typists to accomplish the necessary clerical work incident to the sale of government insurance. The recommended increase of the TD was likewise turned over to the G-3 representative.

5. It is felt that the high AWOL rate is brought about by type of students selected for school attendance. In this connection, it is noted that the enlisted personnel who absent themselves without leave are those people who have a previous record of court martials and/or AWOLS.

28 July 1949

MEMO FOR: Col Daniel P. Buckland (contd)

6. It is recommended that the commanding Officer, Airborne Battalion, prepare a list showing the names of qualified personnel who have been ordered to attend the basic airborne course, and the Army who ordered them here. Using the above information, a letter should be prepared pointing out this practice to the DA in order that Armies may be properly advised.

7. Similar action to the preceding paragraph is recommended in the case reference paragraph 2b, above.

8. Permission from The Department of the Army to secure cadre replacements from the stream should be secured without regard to cadre replacements back into the stream. This method would assure the necessary high caliber personnel being available to replace losses when The Infantry Center is down to authorized strength.

9. The G-3 representative, while sympathetic, could offer little or no assistance reference the remarks contained in paragraph 3 and 4, above. A possible solution might be to burn a little midnight oil as the occasion demands.

10. The Adjutant stated that personnel going AWOL are those who had the habit before arriving here. He further stated that, if this type of personnel were eliminated at the source, the battalion's AWOL rate would be materially reduced. It is recommended that this be brought to the attention of The Department of the Army in order that the eligibility requirements preclude AWOL repeaters.


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Captain, AGD

HEADQUARTERS THE INFANTRY CENTER
SPECIAL SERVICES SECTION
Fort Benning, Georgia

REPORT OF SPECIAL SERVICES SURVEY
MADE IN AIRBORNE BATTALION, STUDENT TRAINING REGIMENT
28 JULY 1948

1. The following installations were surveyed for equipment, adequacy and maintenance in company with the Battalion Special Services Officer and appropriate company representatives:

- a. Day-Rooms in all companies.
- b. Post Exchange Branches #23 and #29.
- c. Battalion Gymnasium.

2. Comments -

a. There are no platoon reading and writing rooms nor a battalion day-room as contemplated in letter, file AJSSO 414.1 General, Headquarters Third Army, Subject; "Minimum Standard Set of Day-Room Supplies", dated 12 May 1949 (Incl #1). The reasons given for not having these installations were that the large classes, until recently, did not permit space in the barracks for platoon reading and writing rooms and because of the distances between units, one battalion day-room would not be readily accessible to all units.

b. Each company has a day-room that is intended to meet the requirements of platoon and battalion use as well as a company day-room, thus placing pool tables, table tennis, small game tables, writing desks, reading facilities, radio, etc., in a floor-space area that is inadequate and does not permit the use of available furniture and equipment. This crowded condition does not permit a pleasant atmosphere in appearance or for participation of those who want to write, read, play a game of cards or pool. "A" and "C" companies are the only ones which have shown initiative in decorating day-rooms.

c. Chairs and tables for games and writing have not been drawn in authorized amounts, principally because of lack of space. Lamps, floor or wall type, have not been drawn because of no suitable current outlets. Several radios have been turned in for repair and not followed up for return.

d. Post Exchange facilities appear to be adequate except for an indoor beer-hall for cold weather use. See report of Post Exchange Officer, (Incl #2).

e. The gymnasium (Bldg #2592) has been improved through unit fund purchase of equipment, paint and wax and use of unit labor. The building needs major roof and some interior maintenance repair. Assistance with welfare funds is necessary for installation of equipment on hand.

3. Recommendations submitted by SSO, Abn Bn:

a. Gymnasium - Roof and interior repair; interior painting and installation of equipment.

b. Personnel to be increased to permit 2 EM for maintenance of gymnasium and 6 EM as day-room orderlies.

c. Theater # 3 - Rehabilitation, to include airconditioning, redecorating and improvement of accoustics.

d. Publishing of a current list of welfare equipment, both CPF and WEM.

e. Install a Service Club in the area.

f. Examine further the need of a branch library.

4. Recommendations by SSO, TIC:

a. That buildings be obtained in areas C-1 and D-1 to be used as battalion day-rooms in which pool tables, table tennis tables, radio, etc., be installed. Discussion - this will give plenty of room for this type of games and will induce intra battalion competition. At the same time the space presently occupied by these tables in the company day-rooms can be arranged for quiet reading and writing and give more room for card games, checkers, etc. The company unit funds own their own pool tables and equipment can be drawn at least in the amount authorized for 1 battalion day-room.

b. The \$2 per man recently authorized be used for installation of electric outlets, paint, fibre rugs and accessories to improve the appearance and attractiveness of these day-rooms.

c. That funds be sought with which to install equipment and paint the interior of the gymnasium and that Post Engineer accomplish maintenance repairs.

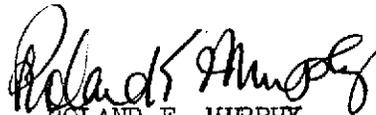
d. That another Service Club not be opened until the project is tried of the Abn Bn having a semi-monthly unit dance in Service Club #1. Discussion - to put another building in suitable condition and hire additional personnel would be expensive. The fact that 3rd Div will be away on maneuvers for three months, with corresponding decrease in CPF income requires retrenchment during the next six months.

e. That a current list of available supplies be published at this time and as new requisitions are received. Discussion: An up-to-date list would be helpful.

f. That another try be made to secure a new theater in this well populated area. If that is impossible, to obtain major improvement in Theater #3.

g. That Abn Bn make all possible use of softball diamond, tennis courts and library in Lawson Air Base area.

h. That a further study be made relative to the need for a branch library in Abn area.



ROLAND E. MURPHY
Lt. Col., Cavalry
Special Services Officer

2 Incl:

- (1) Ltr Hind Army 12 May 49
- (2) Report of PX Officer.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
Fort McPherson, Georgia

AJSSO 414.1 General

12 May 1949

SUBJECT: Minimum Standard Set of Day-Room Supplies

TO: Commanding Officers
Class I and II Installations Indicated in Distribution

1. Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, 13 October 1948, is rescinded (limited distribution).

2. The following day-room facilities will be normal for units housed in mobilization type buildings:

a. A company day-room for each company size unit, located in the small separate building constructed for this purpose.

b. A battalion day-room for each battalion size group, located in either a RB-1 or RB-2 building or ordinary barracks building.

3. In addition to the above, wherever space within barracks is available at no sacrifice to troop housing, a platoon reading and writing room will be established.

4. a. In areas where the company day-room building has not been constructed, and no other suitable day-room space is available, the company day-room may be eliminated. In such cases, the list of supplies for the battalion day-room (Inclosure 1), will be increased by the supplies for two company day-rooms, less radios and mirrors.

b. Whenever practicable the platoon, company, and battalion day-rooms will be established, but in any case the minimum of one battalion day-room will be provided for each battalion size group.

5. It will be noted that the above plan provides for a quiet room in each barracks, where occupants of the building may read and write letters, a company day-room for games, radio broadcasts, and victrola music, where quiet is not required, and a battalion day-room providing pool and table tennis facilities, plus the facilities of the company day-room. The battalion day-room is desirable because of the lack of space in the company day-rooms and inadequate supervision of games equipment and reading material. Magazines and newspapers may be placed in either or all the day-rooms; if in the company or battalion day-room, a separate reading room should be provided.

Incl #1

12 May 1949

SUBJECT: Minimum Standard Set of Day-Room Supplies

6. The use of the required buildings and space for the above plan is assigned first priority for day-room space. Company day-room buildings and RB-1 or RB-2 buildings needed for day-room use will not be diverted to other use without specific authority of this headquarters. This does not prohibit the use of RB-1 or RB-2 buildings for other purposes when the battalion day-room is housed in a barracks building.

7. Inclosure 1 lists the minimum standard set of day-room supplies required for equipping these day-rooms. These supplies will be provided as follows:

a. The maximum use will be made of welfare supplies now on hand at the stations. Reference Circular 21, this headquarters, 26 January 1949, subject, "WEM and Non-appropriated Fund-owned Property," all welfare supplies not being used as authorized therein will be made available for unit day-rooms. In cases where WEM or CPF supplies are issued to units in excess of the list of inclosure 1, the excess will be taken up and issued to units not having the minimum amount.

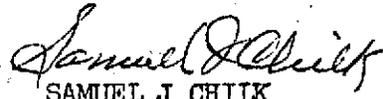
b. By purchase from unit funds.

c. Assistance in providing supplies for new units may be provided by this headquarters, if funds are available, and requisitions for supplies for new units may be forwarded to this headquarters, ATTENTION: Special Services Section, for consideration. Such requisitions will list the units for which supplies are being requisitioned, and will include a certificate from the post commander stating that all WEM and CPF supplies are being utilized for authorized purposes only and that the supplies requested are needed to provide the minimum standard set of day-room supplies for new units.

8. Commanders of all grades will enjoin upon unit fund councils the urgent necessity for the expenditure of funds for the purchase of permanent welfare facilities for the men of the unit, and, in particular, the provision of the minimum standard set of day-room supplies for existing units.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL GILLEM:

1 Incl
List of Day-room supplies


SAMUEL J CHILK
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Atlanta General Depot

Minimum Standard Set of Special Services Supplies for Unit Day-Rooms.
(For units housed in mobilization type buildings.)

a. Platoon Barracks Reading and Writing Room

- 6 ea Chair, uphol, w/arm, wood or metal
- 3 ea Chair, w/o arm, wood or metal (suitable for writing table)
- 1 ea Rack, magazine, wood or metal (See Note 1)
- 3 ea Table or Desk, writing, wood or metal
- 3 ea Lamp, wall (for each writing table) (See Note 2)

b. Company Day-Room

- 4 ea Chair, uphol, w/arm, wood or metal
- 4 ea Lamp, floor (See Note 2)
- 2 ea Mirror, approx 18 x 36"
- 1 ea Radio, combination, small or 1 ea Radio and 1 ea Phonograph
- 1 ea Rack, magazine, wood or metal (See Note 1)
- 4 ea Settee or Sofa, wood or metal
- 6 ea Stand, smoking, wood or metal (See Note 3)
- 4 ea Table (suitable for card games, checkers, etc.)
- 16 ea Chair, w/o arm, wood or metal (suitable for game tables)

c. Battalion Day-Room

- 12 ea Chair, uphol, w/arm, wood or metal
- 48 ea Chair, w/o arm, wood or metal (for game tables)
- 8 ea Lamp, floor (See Note 2)
- 3 ea Mirror, approx 18 x 36"
- 1 ea Radio, combination, good quality
- 3 ea Rack, magazine, wood or metal (See Note 1)
- 6 ea Settee or Sofa, wood or metal
- 12 ea Stand, smoking, wood or metal (See Note 3)
- 12 ea Table, wood or metal (suitable for card games, checkers, chess, etc.)
- 2 ea Table, tennis w/accessories
- 2 ea Table, pool w/accessories

Note 1: To be constructed locally by unit funds.

Note 2: Number optional, depending on availability of electrical outlets; to be purchased by unit funds.

Note 3: To be purchased by unit funds.

THE INFANTRY CENTER

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<p>THRU: SSO TO : G-1</p>	<p align="center">SURVEY OF EXCHANGE FACILITIES FOR AIRBORNE TROOPS</p> <p>1. In immediate vicinity of the troops in Area C-1 and within a short distance of the troops in Area D-1, the following facilities are available:</p> <p>a. Located in Building #1936, branch #23 stocks all must items and in addition, a wide variety of other authorized items, including luggage, jewelry, etc. An ice cream fountain was installed 18 May 1949, serving drinks, sodas, and sundaes. Within this exchange there are pin ball machines and a music box. This exchange also has a men's rest room.</p> <p>b. Branch #29, a beer garden, presently operating in an outdoor patio, with tables, chairs, a dance floor and a music box. The music box is located in an inclosure with a few tables and chairs, so that in the event of rain, the men can continue to be served. This branch has both men and women's rest rooms.</p> <p>2. The following hours of operation were established in conjunction with the Commanding Officer of the Airborne Area:</p> <p>#23 - 1700 hours to 2200 hours, Tues - Wed - Thurs - Fri. 1300 hours to 2200 hours, Sat. 1600 hours to 2100 hours, Sunday</p> <p>#29 - 1800 hours to 2200 hours, Mon - Wed - Thurs - Fri. 1300 hours to 2200 hours, Sat. 1300 hours to 1750 hours, Sun. Closed on Tuesday.</p> <p>a. Note that the hours on Saturday and Sunday are longer than the weekday hours, yet Saturday is the day of least business. The hours on the weekend and in most instances, during the entire week, are longer (later at night) than any other area on the post, including Sand Hill. The closing of the Beer Garden at 1750 on Sunday was at the request of the Commanding Officer of the area, to encourage the troops to attend church.</p> <p>3. The sales for the last 3 months were:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>April</th> <th>May</th> <th>June</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>#23 10,835.19</td> <td>8,053.74</td> <td>6,053.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>#32</td> <td>70.70</td> <td>170.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>#29 1,975.03</td> <td>2,088.52</td> <td>1,638.22</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>4. Operating as Exchange concessions, the following activities are situated in convenient locations throughout the area: 1 photographic shop, 2 barber shops, 2 tailor and dry cleaning establishments, and soft drink and candy vending machines.</p> <p><i>Ind #2</i></p>	April	May	June	#23 10,835.19	8,053.74	6,053.88	#32	70.70	170.55	#29 1,975.03	2,088.52	1,638.22	<p>GNKEAE 28 July 49</p>
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	<p>SURVEY OF EXCHANGE FACILITIES FOR AIRBORNE TROOPS CONT'D</p> <p>5. For the troops in Area D-1, the following facilities are located in the immediate vicinity of Lawson Field Area:</p> <p>Bldg. #2385 - Bowling alley, small exchange, drinks (soft), pin ball machines and music box.</p> <p>Bldg. #2321 - a regular PX stocking a wide variety of merchandise, (troops increased), a food activity.</p> <p>Bldg. #2424 - a small PX and a cafeteria.</p> <p>6. Results of survey:</p> <p>It is thought that the PX facilities are more than ample. Requirements prescribe a battalion PX to approximately every 1000 men. There are about 1100 men in these two areas and the existing outlets now consists of a bowling alley, three PX's and an out door beer garden.</p> <p>7. The only service not in the immediate vicinity of the troops of Area D-1, is a beer garden, which, can be established if suitable building is made available.</p>	<p><i>C.M.E.</i> C.M.E.</p>
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CO STR Col Tupper #1	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Aug</i></p> <p>The report of a recent inspection of the Abn Bn STR is attached for your information and other purpose it may serve.</p> <p>It is requested this report be returned to G-1 TIC when you have finished with it.</p> <p><i>Re par "General Recommendations" - Staff sections concerned have been notified</i></p>	G-1 TIC GNMFA 3 Aug 49 <i>Ruther</i> REAL
G-1 # 2	<p><i>Noted & returned</i></p>	GNLCO 15 Sept. <i>OMA</i> TUPPER
<i>Col. Bondland</i>	<p><i>For info.</i></p> <p><i>As far as known to me</i></p> <p><i>AG</i></p> <p><i>A/D</i></p> <p><i>SSO have taken initiated remedial action.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Ruther</i></p>	

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SYNOPSIS

16 December 1949

TO: Commanding Officer
Infantry School Detachment
Fort Benning, Georgia

SUBJECT: Responsibility for the Operation of the Bachelor Officer's
Mess.

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THE INFANTRY SCHOOL
HEADQUARTERS STUDENT TRAINING REGIMENT
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

IN REPLY REFER TO:
GNLCQ

7 July, 1949

SUBJECT: Amendment to Table of Distribution Student Training Regiment
The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia dated 16 April 1949.

TO: Commanding Officer Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School
Fort Benning, Georgia.

1. Request Table of Distribution Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia dated 16 April 1949 be amended, in so far as it pertains to the S-4 Section, as follows:

- a. Add line 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ to authorize the position of Construction Foreman-Utilities, SSN 059 in grade one (1) white. Justification in pars 2, 3 and 4.
- b. Change line 44 to authorize five (5) Supply NCOs one to be listed under column 3 (N). The additional Supply NCO to be authorized in grade 3. Justification in par 5.
- c. Change line 46 to authorize one (1) Supply Clerk SSN 835 in grade 4 white instead of the two (2) Clerk Typists now authorized. Justification in par 6.
- d. Change line 47 to authorize only one (1) Clerk Typist white in grade 5.

2. The NCO now doing the work of Construction Foreman-Utilities, SSN 059 is from an allotment to the S-3 Section Stu Tng Regt and is carried as Operations NCO SSN 314. The S-3 requires an Operations NCO to perform normal duties assigned this SSN and the use of this SSN position by the S-4 is no longer possible.

3. Duties, which are supervised by the Regtl S-4 and performed by the Regimental Maintenance and Utilities NCO, for which this SSN authorization is requested, were formerly performed by a 1st Lieutenant and a 1st grade E4, and are as follows:

- a. Supervises maintenance of approximately two hundred sixty (260) buildings assigned Student Training Regt including repairing or rebuilding steps, fire escapes, screen doors and windows, floors and walls.
- b. Supervises construction of mess tables, study tables, garbage racks and signs of all types.
- c. Is responsible for issue, maintenance and repair of all machines and tools used in maintenance of buildings and grounds. This includes two tractors, four power mowers, machines and saws in the Regtl Carpenter Shop and numerous hand mowers and hand tools.
- d. Supervises operation of Regimental Carpenter Shop.
- e. Supervises maintenance of grounds in Stu Tng Regt Area.
- f. Supervises the work of from twenty (20) to sixty (60) Enlisted Men depending on the amount of maintenance and/or utility work to be accomplished.

THE INFANTRY SCHOOL
HEADQUARTERS STUDENT TRAINING REGIMENT
FORT BENNING, GEORGIA

IN REPLY REFER TO:
GNLCO

Ltr S-4 Stu Tng Regt requesting change to TD 7 July 49 cont'd.

4. Utility and Maintenance work for the Stu Tng Regt is performed by the S-4 since no personnel are assigned the units of this command for this purpose as is the case in T/O & E organizations.

5. The additional Supply NCO is requested because in the transition in clothing accounting from Issue in Kind to Monetary Allowance, all individual clothing requisitions are edited, consolidated and the clothing drawn from the Quartermaster and reissued by this office, whereas before all clothing was issued direct to the individual from the C & E Warehouse with supervision, only, from this office. The additional work involved is of such a nature that it requires a well qualified Supply NCO and is of such volume that it cannot be performed by the Supply NCOs presently authorized.

6. As of 1 July 1949 under the new Clothing and Equipment accounting procedure a file for each company in the Stu Tng Regt must be maintained by this office reflecting the balance on hand, issues and turn-ins of all organizational clothing and equipment and all individual equipment. Previously this record was maintained by the Post Property Office and was checked against the records in the companies, only, by this office. This work requires the full time attention of a well qualified Supply Clerk and cannot be properly assigned to a clerk typist.

7. Attention is requested to the fact that no additional personnel are required. The amendment to the Stu Tng Regt TD is requested in order to assign the correct SSN to personnel who are presently performing in the positions described.

RALPH J. RASHID,
Major, Infantry
S-4, Stu Tng Regt TIS

GNLCOJ
(7 Jul 49)

1st Ind

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SUBJECT: Amendment to Table of Distribution Student Training Regiment The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia dated 16 April 1949

HQ STU TNG REGT, TIS, Ft Benning, Ga, 11 Jul 49

TO: Commanding General, The Inf Ctr, Ft Benning, Ga
ATTN: GNKEC (Man Power Board)

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

WILLIAM C BEACHLER
Major, Infantry
Adjutant

GNKEC - 320.5
(7 Jul 49)

2nd Ind

HQS THE INFANTRY CENTER, Fort Benning, Georgia, 13 July 1949

TO: Commanding Officer, Student Training Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga.

1. Current Table of Distribution in use is Number 203-1006, dated 30 June 1949, which was published by Third Army.

2. All recommended changes in T/D 203-1006 submitted to this headquarters for an increased number of spaces or an increase in grade spread will receive unfavorable consideration at this time. Troop basis for 30 June 1950 lowered the number of available spaces and the grade spread for same.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL HURRESS:

S. R. HUESTON
Captain, Infantry
Actg. Asst. A

HEADQUARTERS THE INFANTRY CENTER
Fort Benning, Georgia

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4 February 1949

ORGANIZATION OF UNIT

1. Effective this date, the 7th Company, 1st Battalion, Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, is organized and stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.
2. Personnel will be furnished by the Commanding Officer, Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School.
3. The applicable provisions of AR 345-400 and AR 345-900 will be complied with.

GNKEC - 322

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BURRESS:

JOSEPH A. NICHOLS
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Chief of Staff

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J. R. Groblemund
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