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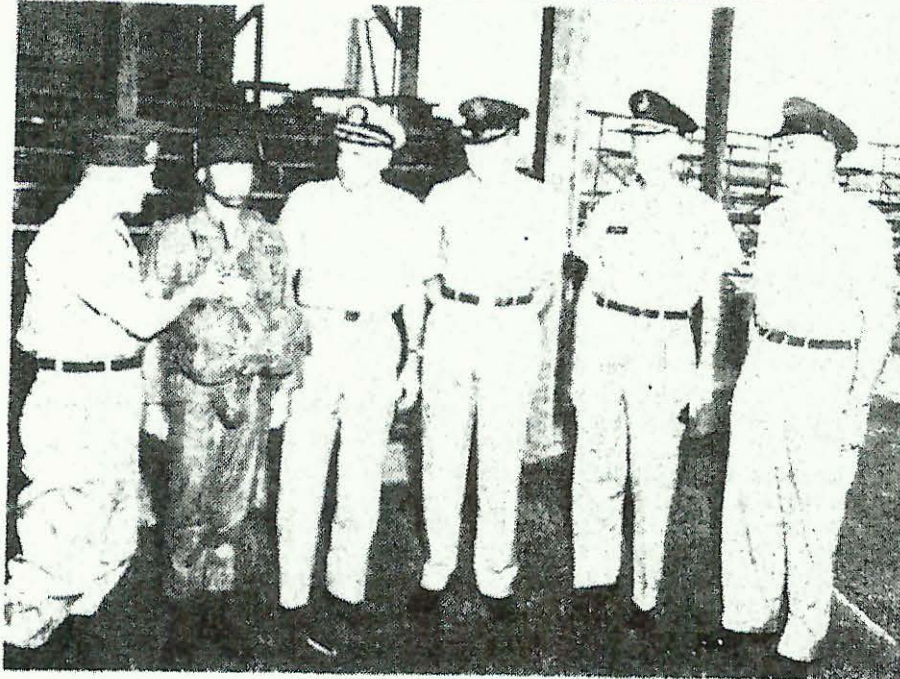
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SCHOOL GROUPS GET ACQUAINTED

Armed Forces Staff College Arrives; Views Demonstrations by Infantry Units

The 30th class of the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va., arrived on post to view demonstrations of the Infantryman's training and capabilities.

CAA Drive At \$34,256

Donations to the 1962 Post Community Activities Association Fund Drive have pushed the total to \$34,256.73, according to drive officials.

This brings the amount to nearly one-third of its \$115,000 goal with two military pay days remaining during the drive which closes November 9.

The CAA approves fund requests for the operation of four principal post community activities, the Visiting Nurses, Preventive Dental Health and Chaplains Religious Education Programs and the Youth Activities Club. Without the support of the CAA, these organizations would have to suspend all or a substantial part of their activities, officials pointed out.

The Visiting Nurses Program renders health education and assistance to dependents of military personnel by visiting the home or by consultation in the Preventive Medicine Clinic.

The nurses make many home calls to young mothers after discharge from the hospital. They also assist in administering shots for dependents at the

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The 210 students and 21 faculty members arrived at the Infantry School at 5 p.m.

They were welcomed by Major Gen. Ben Harrell, Post commander, and Brig. Gen. A. D. Surles, Jr., assistant commandant of the School, at Lawson Field. The Infantry Center Band played for the occasion.

Gen. Herbert B. Powell, CONARC commander observed the demonstrations with the Staff College.

The student group included 64 officers from the Army, 65 Air Force, 55 Navy, 10 Marine Corps and one Coast Guard personnel; five civilians representing the U. S. Information Agency and Central Intelligence Agency and 10 Allied officers from Australia, Canada, France and Great Britain.

Among the three French visitors were Lt. Col. Louis M. Bonnigal, French liaison officer at The Infantry School from 1955 to 1958.

Staff and faculty visitors were Major Gen. John S. Upham, Jr., commandant; Col. Thomas J. Bowen, Col. James L. Ballard, Jr., Col. Donald W. Holmberg, Col. Edward McMaken, Col. Charles R. Wright, Jr., Lt. Col. Wallace M. Kendrick, Jr., and Capt. Kenneth R. Bailey, Army.

Brig. Gen. Philip H. Greasley, deputy commandant, Col. Warren M. Vandebogart, Col. Raymond K. Childress, Col. John J. Davis, Lt. Col. P. E. Goforth, Lt. Col. Roy L. Meeker, Lt. Col. James W. Hadnot, Major R. B. Russey and Capt. Stanley Woodward, Jr., Air

Force, and Capt. Edwin B. Parker, Jr., Capt. William G. Matton, Jr., Capt. James P. Drake and Capt. Gayle C. Foltz, Navy.

Gen. Harrell addressed the Staff College Wednesday on Eubanks Field.

The visitors witnessed presentations on airborne instruction, Army aircraft, sky diving, joint airborne-troop carrier parachute drop, Rangers in action, weapons of the Infantry battle group, capabilities of mobility means and an Infantry-tank team attack.

The commandant's closing remarks were made Thursday at Buma Hill. The class left the post that afternoon.

OCS at Fort Benning Completes 20 Years

The 20th anniversary of Fort Benning's Officer Candidate School, which has produced 78,012 second lieutenants, was celebrated Wednesday.

On that date in 1941 Gen. of the Army George C. Marshall, then Army chief of staff, spoke at graduation ceremonies for 166 candidates, the first to receive the gold bars of a second lieutenant through participation in the OC program here.

The post's officer candidate course has been in continuous operation except from June, 1947, to January, 1951, when a branch immaterial course was conducted at Fort Riley. Over 110,000 candidates vied for the

more than 78,000 commissions issued at Fort Benning.

Additional hundreds of potential second lieutenants have attended Fort Benning's National Guard and Army Reserve OC courses.

Initially, classes opened at five-week intervals. The time element was constantly reduced until in late May, 1942, five new classes were reporting each week. The OCS was moved to the newly built up Harmony Church area in February, 1942.

The peak load of OC classes occurred between October, 1942, and January, 1943, when 14,309 candidates were attending 69 classes. Infantry re-

General Powell, Staff Make Two Day Post Visit

Gen. Harrell Honors Guest At Chapel Field

Gen. Herbert B. Powell, CONARC Commander, arrived on post Wednesday for a two-day visit.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Powell, Lt. Col. Eugene N. Axtell, secretary of the General Staff, Lt. Col. George F. Monsarrat, information officer, Lt. Col. William T. Kidd, G-3 (Plans and Operations) Office, and Capt. Richard A. McClain, aide-de-camp, all of CONARC, and Monte Bourjaily, Jr., of The Army Times, and Lt. Col. (Ret.) Forrest K. Kleinman of Army Magazine, both of Washington, D. C.

The four-star general was welcomed with honor guard ceremonies on Chapel Field. Major Gen. Ben Harrell, post commander, was the local commander for the event, which was open to the public.

The visitors attended a luncheon in the Main Officers' Open Mess hosted by Gen. Harrell.

Wednesday afternoon Gen. Powell visited The Infantry Center Reception Station and Infantry School Combat Developments Office and witnessed a demonstration of weapons of the battle group presented for the Armed Forces Staff College on Hook Range.

Gen. and Mrs. Powell were honored at a buffet supper given by Gen. and Mrs. Harrell at 7 that evening at "Riverside," the commandant's quarters. Approximately 24 guests attended the affair.

Yesterday morning the CONARC commander conferred with Major Gen. Charles H.



CONARC, TIC CHIEFS MEET
Gen. Powell (L) Greeted By Gen. Harrell

Chase, commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division, and observed training activities of the division's Second Battle Group, 9th Infantry.

An honors ceremony at division headquarters welcomed Gen. Powell to the division.

The party departed Thursday morning following honor guard ceremonies on Lawson Field.

Blood Drive Success

A total of 266 pints of blood were recently donated to a Blood Drive, conducted through the Red Cross, at the 1st Armored Rifle Battalion, 58th Infantry, 1st Infantry Brigade.

Of the 266 pints donated, 221 were given from the Battalion.

Company C (Patton) 66th Armor led all other company size units in donations with the highest percentage ratio for participation and a total of 45 pints donated.

More Added 12 Units Are Slated For Post

The number of National Guard and Reserve units slated to arrive at this post for active duty early next month has increased to 12, according to the latest information.

Listed for Fort Benning assignment are one battalion and 11 company-size units with a combined TO&E (Table of Organization and Equipment) strength of some 2,500 officers and enlisted personnel from eight states.

Alabama units included in the announcement are the 128th Medical Company (Ambulance), 129th Medical Company (Clearing), and the 131st Ordnance Company (Gas).

Arkansas will be represented by the 216th Medical Company (Clearing) and Florida by the 138th Transportation Company (Light Truck), and the 674th Transportation Company (Medium Truck). The 414th Transportation Company (Aircraft - DS) will arrive from South Carolina.

Signal units will include the 156th Signal Battalion from Michigan, the 111th Signal Company from South Carolina, Indiana's 233rd Signal Company and Company "C" (Forward) of the 204th Signal Battalion of Missouri.

The second of the two Ordnance units to arrive will be New Jersey's 322d Ordnance Company (Direct Automotive Support).

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OCS

Benning in all these branches except artillery, which is available at the Artillery OC course at Fort Sill, and the Women's Army Corps, which holds OC classes at Fort McClellan.

Between September, 1941, and June, 1947, Fort Benning commissioned 67,056 second lieutenants. In the last 10 years and nine months, 10,596 men have successfully completed the OC course here.

The officer candidate program at the "Home of the Infantry" is administered by the Fifth Student Battalion of The Student Brigade (formerly the Student Training Regiment), commanded by Lt. Col. John W. McClain.

Its four 24-week classes annually provide 2,600 officers. Each year two Reserve Components classes of 10 weeks are held. The curriculum of the latter are tailored to benefit the individual needs of the states.

Mission of the course is to develop selected personnel to be second lieutenants in the Army who will be capable of performing duties appropriate

to their grade in Infantry units and who, with a minimum of additional training, will be prepared to serve in other branches of the Army.

Its secondary mission is to serve as a basis for mobilization as the needs of the service require.

The OC program is designed to turn out well qualified officers who are thoroughly indoctrinated with the spirit of aggressive, enthusiastic leadership which has long been the mark of Infantry officers.

Gen. Marshall 20 years ago addressed the OC graduates on leadership. His statements are equally applicable today.

"You are about to assume the most important duty that our officers are called upon to perform — the direct command of combat units of American soldiers," he told the group.

"To succeed requires two fundamental qualifications — thorough professional knowledge and a capacity for leadership. The schools have done all that can be done in the limited time available to equip you professionally, and your technique of weapons and tactics should rapidly improve with further study and actual

practice. However, they cannot provide you with qualities of leadership — that courage and evident high purpose which command the respect and loyalty of American soldiers," he emphasized.

"You were selected as officer candidates because you gave evidence of possessing these qualifications. Whether or not you develop into truly capable leaders depends almost entirely upon you personally," the general continued.

"Warfare today is a thing of swift movement, of rapid concentrations. It requires the building up of enormous firepower against successive objectives with breathtaking speed. It is not a game for the unimaginative plodder," Gen. Marshall stated.

He challenged the class in saying:

"Modern battles are fought by platoon leaders. The carefully prepared plans of higher commanders can do no more than project you to the line of departure at the proper time and place, in proper formation, and start you off in the right direction. Thereafter the responsibility for results is almost entirely yours."

"If you know your business of weapons and tactics, if you

have insured the complete confidence and loyalty of your men, things will go well on that section of the front," he explained.

Instruction of the Infantry OC today revolves around the development of this leadership ability. At graduation, he must be able to lead a platoon in combat without further training.

Candidates receive an intensive course in the theory of leadership plus considerable practical work in this field. Each class is organized as a company with the OC's rotated in command positions. In addition, they are required to instruct in military subjects such as dismounted drill, physical training and troop information.

Tactical officers assigned to each platoon continually observe the performance of candidates. The OC's are advised of their deficiencies and ways to overcome them. Emphasis also is placed on physical fitness, particularly upon coordination and stamina.

The OC also undergoes a concentrated program of military subjects. These deal with weapons, tactics and general subjects.

Weapons instruction includes all weapons found in the Infantry battle group from the pistol to the 90-mm gun on a tank. Each candidate fires the M-1 rifle, Browning automatic rifle and machine gun for record.

In tactics, instruction is given OC's at the platoon and company level with platoon offensive tactics stressed. General subjects training covers atomic warfare, communications, vehicles, map reading and similar topics.

During the first six weeks of training, OC's are considered underclassmen. At this time they are required to follow rigorous underclass discipline.



TWO OFFICER CANDIDATES ADVANCE While On Patrol During Tactical Exercise

They are middleclassmen from the seventh through the 14th weeks. For the final 10 weeks they are upperclassmen, with greater responsibilities and privileges.

A significant part of the heritage of Fort Benning's Officer Candidate School is its Hall of Fame in Wigle Hall.

The Hall of Fame displays pictures and brief biographies of graduates of the school who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, distinguished themselves in the field of government or attained the rank of lieutenant colonel on active duty.



"THIS IS THE WAY IT'S DONE" SAYS INSTRUCTOR As Student Undergoes Training in Tank Operation During OCS

69th's Beck Cited By 2nd Div. Assoc. On Retirement

The Tankers Chapter, Warrior Branch, 2nd Indianhead Division Association held a ceremony recently at Headquarters Company 69th Armor mess hall in honor of Master Sergeant Charles C. Beck.

Chapter president Sergeant Major Stephen J. Regan presented a plaque to Sergeant Beck for his services to the Association. Sergeant Beck held the offices of secretary recorder and council member. Senior non commissioned officers of Headquarters Company attended the ceremony.

Sgt. Beck recently retired from the service.

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