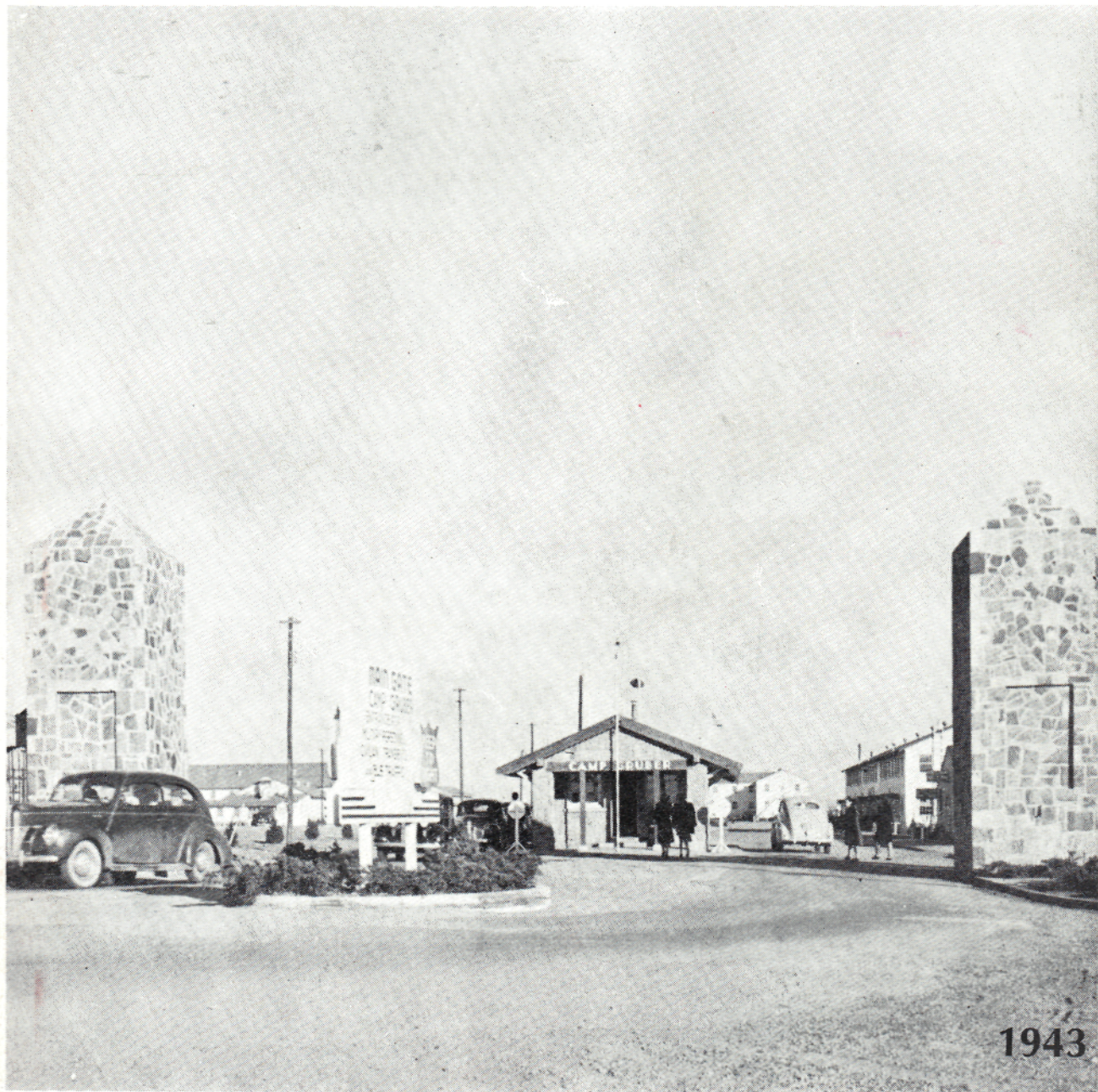


Camp Gruber



Located High in the Picturesque Cookson Hills of Eastern Oklahoma

PEARANCE
CONDUCT
SOLDIER

TO TACTICAL VEHICLE
& TROOP

FIELD DIRECTOR

POST OFFICE
CAMP GRUBER
OKLA.

WAREHOUSE N°7
RECEIVING & ISSUING
OFFICE FOR
Whse's 5-6-8-9-10-11

WARD PHOTO CO.
PORTRAITS
STUDIO
OPEN EVENINGS
PX 12 7th and D

CLOTHING
AND
TEXTILES

CAMP
EXCHANGE
PX
OFFICE

VEHICLE
STOP
Do Not Enter Yard
Except By Permission Of
POST ENGINEER.

SALES
COMMISSAR
Whse. No. 21
Office in this bldg

ONLY GOVERNMENT
VEHICLES ALLOWED
IN MOTOR POOL

NO SMOKING WITH IN
50 FT OF BUILDING

CAMP
CHAPLAIN

KEEP
OFF GRASS

OBSTACLE
COURSE
N° 3

8th HEADQUARTERS
A
SPECIAL TROOPS

CAMP SIGNAL
OFFICE

WAR DEPT.
THEATRE
No. 3

FULL STOP
AT GATE
KEEP TO RIGHT

WAREHOUSE
ENGINEER BRANCH
NO ADMITTANCE EXCEPT BY
PERMISSION FROM POST ENGINEER

SUB-SCHOOL
FOR BAKERS & COOKS

CAMP ORDNANCE
OFFICE

CAMP CWS
OFFICE

RECEIVING WARD
INFORMATION

CAMP
FINANCE
OFFICE

RESERVED FOR
OFFICIAL SEDANS
ONLY

GOVERNMENT
VEHICLES
PARK WEST OF
C DOOR

PARK
NO TRUCKS
PARK CAREFULLY
—AVOID—
ACCIDENTS

STOP
SOUND HORN
WAIT FOR
GREEN LIGHT

EXCHANGE SUPERVISOR
PURCHASING AGENT
OFFICE ACROSS STREET

P.X. EMPLOYMENT
Office Across Street
BUILDING 2301

BUS STAND
LINE UP
ON EAST SIDE —ROAD
HEADED NORTH
NO PARKING
FOR OTHER VEHICLES

CAMP ENGINEER PROPERTY
OFFICE & WAREHOUSE

NO LOITERING
KEEP OUT
EXCEPT FOR
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

SUBSISTENCE
SECTION
QM CORPS

PROPERTY
SECTION
QM CORPS

ISSUE
LIGHT BULB EXCHANGE

ENLISTED MENS'
SERVICE CLUB
No. 2
CAFETERIA-LIBRARY

PARK STRAIGHT IN
BETWEEN
LINES *only*

WALK
ISONERS
WORK
AROUND

COLD
STORAGE
PLANT

STUDIO
TAILOR
SHOP

NURSES'
QUARTERS

SERVICE COMMAND
N° 2
DISPENSARY

ARMY
PICTORIAL
SERVICE

AREA
ENGINEER

3442nd ORD.
MED. AM CO

CIVILIAN
PARKING
ONLY

VEHICLES STOP HERE FOR
INSPECTION BEFORE
ENTERING SHOP

OUT-PATIENT CLINIC
DISPENSARY

CAMP SPECIAL SERVICE
WAREHOUSE

SHIPPING DEPT

GATE N° 1
CONVOY
ENTRANCE

KEEP
AWAY
ISONERS
WORKING

NCO CLUB MESS
42nd Inf Div
OF
THE FIRST THREE GRADES

OFFICERS
ENLISTED MEN
CIVILIANS
KEEP OUT OF SHOPS
INFORMATION RECEIVED &
GIVEN BY SHOP SUPT. ONLY

GUEST
HOUSE
No. 2

HQ X CORPS ARTILLERY

ENTRANCE
ONLY

ONE WAY
STREET

WORK ORDERS
EMPLOYMENT
PURCHASING
INFORMATION

SHOES

COMMERCIAL
NATIONAL
BANK

KEEP
AWAY
FOR WALKS
DO NOT
MOVE STAKES

CAMP
BUS
STOP

CHIEF Q.M.
SECTION

BUSES
PULL TO RIGHT
AND
STOP

SPEED LIMIT
35 UNDER 30
N° 1 MILITARY 30
MAX. CONTROL MIN.

RADIO
CONTROL
AIRPLANE
TARGET

MATINEE 2³⁰

DO NOT PAS
VEHICLES
MOVING
30 MPH OR
FASTER

DANGER
ARTILLERY
FIRING RANGE
DO NOT ENTER
BY COMMANDING OFFICER

DUMP
CLEAN ROCK & DIRT ONLY
NO TRASH

NO TRESPASSING
PROPERTY OF ENGINEER BRANCH
BOAT NOT TO BE USED EXCEPT
BY WRITTEN PERMISSION
CAMP COMMANDER

ROAD UNDER
CONSTRUCTION
IMPASSABLE TO NON
MILITARY VEHICLES

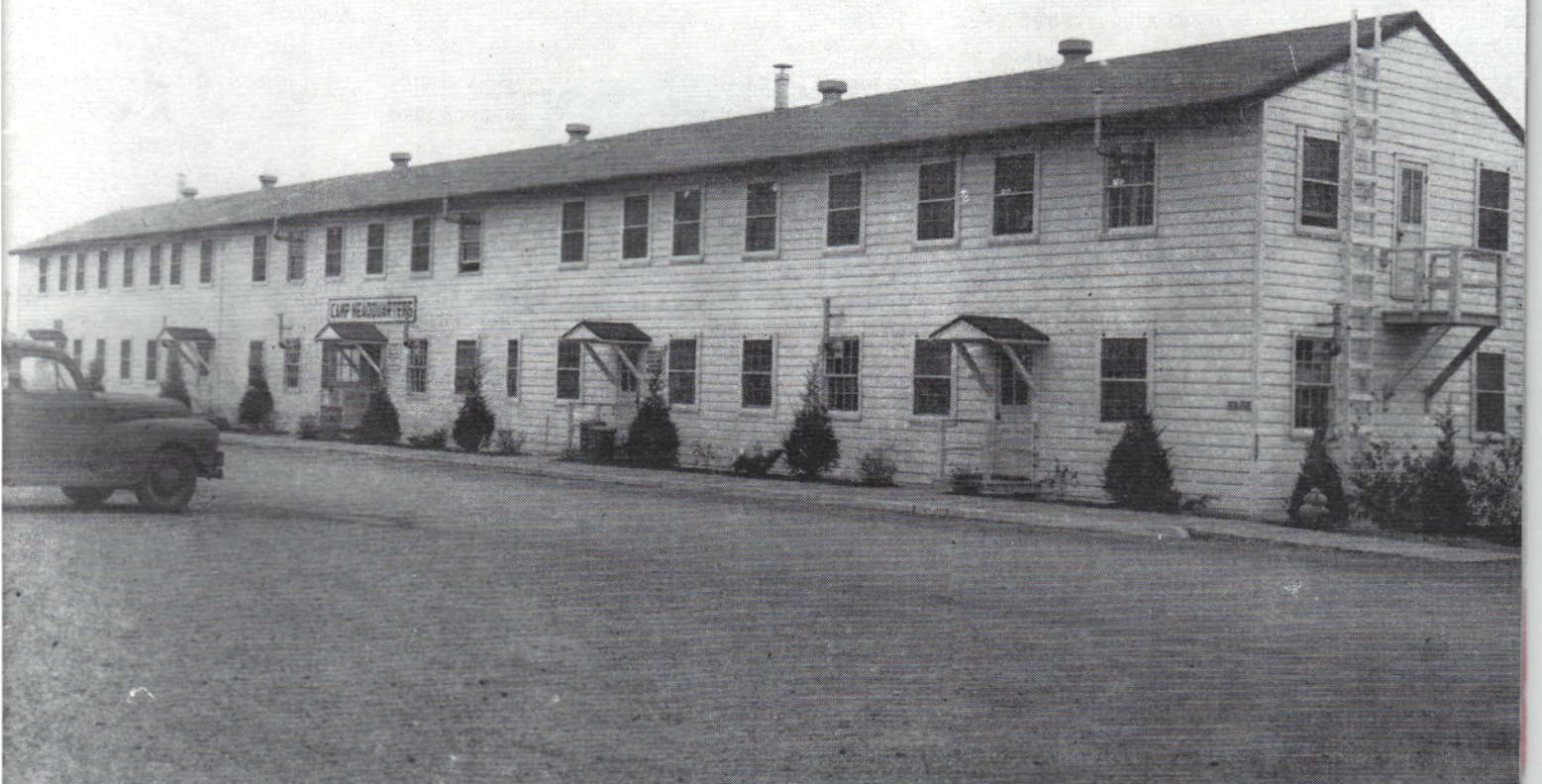
U.S. GOVERNMENT
MILITARY RESERVATION
NON MILITARY PERSONNEL
NOT ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT



42nd (Rainbow) Division Headquarters



Camp Headquarters



Entrances

Gate Number Three



Gate Number One



to Camp Gruber



Muskogee Bound

Bus Terminal



Camp Gruber

Camp Gruber, one of the many military training centers under the Eighth Service Command, ASF, is located high in the storied Cookson Hills of Eastern Oklahoma—an area once sacred in the lore of the Indian and, more recently, infamous in the eyes of the law.

Sprawled over 60,000 acres of rugged uplands, the vast reservation encompasses an area of hills and valleys, cliffs, thick woodlands, unruly streams, sparse top-soil, rocks and clay, which often had proved impractical from the standpoint of farming.

But, from the standpoint of military training, the area is ideal. Its history as an army cantonment perhaps reflects the tempo of America at War.

Before its construction, what is now Camp Gruber had long been an idea in the mind of the army. The area had been surveyed and, because of its big man-made lake and natural training facilities, had been approved by the War Department as a camp site.

For want of a better name, it was then known as the "proposed Cookson Hills cantonment."

But, on December 7, 1941, America went to War.

In February of 1942 government contractors with tools and equipment moved into an open field bordering the Missouri Pacific railway 18 miles east of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and 12 miles south of historic Fort Gibson, an Indian outpost garrisoned by U. S. soldiers of an earlier day.

In May of 1942, the U. S. Army moved onto the field with tools and equipment. At

its disposal was a new modern army camp, complete with endless rows of neat frame barracks, five theatres, three service clubs, three guest houses, three libraries, 19 post exchanges, a chapel and recreation hall for every unit the size of a regiment, and a day-room for every company.

For its name, the new camp went to the composer of the "hit-tune" of two World Wars. He is the late Brig. Gen. Edmund L. Gruber, famed as the founder of the field artillery firing center at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, but perhaps better known as the composer of the battle-hymn of the cannoneers and gunners: "The Caisson Song."

Since its activation as a military training center, Camp Gruber has sent thousands of fighting men to the fighting fronts. It has served as the birthplace of two infantry divisions, both of them direct descendants of units whose valor in battle was established in World War I.

It has trained artillerymen, schooled on a range whose excellence frequently brings units from other camps visiting for firing exercises.

There have been engineers, quartermaster men, ordnance men, and others.

Before this time, the Camp Gruber Hills had known a history rich in the stories of Indians and gunmen, tragedy and tall tales—a history peculiar to the old Indian Territory.

Historically, Camp Gruber is located in that part of Oklahoma which once was part of the Cherokee nation of the old Indian Territory—a nation which ceased to exist with the admission of Oklahoma to its statehood in 1907.

The story starts back in 1832 when the Cherokees were moved forcibly from their native home in Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, North and South Carolina, by government contractors, many of whom were so unscrupulous that the road traveled by this unhappy people now is called the "Trail of Tears."

As a symbol of bitter resentment of their treatment by the white man, the Cherokees, from the first year of their arrival in Oklahoma until the present time, have met annually and reenacted a weird but fantastic ceremony around the light of an "eternal," or sacred, fire.

This fire, brought from their ancestral homeland, supposedly still burns somewhere in the

hills—undimmed from the time it burned brightly at a fateful meeting 100 years ago on a bluff overlooking what is now Lake Greenleaf, Camp Gruber.

Cherokee legend has it that buried on a bluff overlooking a creek named "Tearful Waters" is a "Y" shaped stone on which at a meeting of the Cherokee chiefs in 1840 was inscribed interesting data, some of it concerning the lost colonists of Roanoke and other involving pre-colonial and post-revolutionary events never known to the white man.

At midnight, during the mystic ritual, the "Sacred Fire" was placed on a flat rock near the edge of the bluff. As the ceremony progressed, the "Y" shaped stone was cut from rock, and in the days that followed, the recordings were inscribed.

According to the legend, on the last day of the meeting, a venerable Cherokee died and was buried at the camp site with the stone clasped in his arms. An oak bush was planted on the grave.

Lending credence to a legend handed down from generation to generation is a "Y" shaped cavity located approximately 50 feet from the southeast corner of Greenleaf lodge—now a Camp Gruber Officers' Club.

A majestic oak-tree standing 150 feet east of the lodge is said to be the small bush planted on the Cherokee elder's grave.

As further proof; it is related that several old men of the tribe definitely verified the legend some 40 years ago, explaining that the creek named "Tearful Waters" now is known as "Greenleaf Creek" and that the meeting was held where the lodge now stands.

With the press of American civilization westward, the Cherokees soon found the white man again in their midst, and the Cookson Hills began to acquire a new reputation as a hideout and assembly point for assorted desperados.

The bandits and gunmen who hid in the hills are legion. Some are notorious. They range from the bemoustached Cherokee Bill of Indian Territory days down to Pretty Boy Floyd—the latter of whom achieved the dubious distinction of "Public Enemy No. 1."

So critical did the situation become as the wave of bank-robberies and murders increased

in the early 1930's that the Oklahoma National Guard (45th Division) was called into service to comb the wild and silent hills for criminals known to be in hiding there.

From that time on, the reputation of the Cookson Hills as an effective hideout for criminals decreased.

The first General Order at Camp Gruber was issued May 21, 1942, assigning Lt. Col. (now Colonel) Harry C. Luck as Camp Commander, a position he has held continuously since that date.

On July 15, 1942, the 88th Infantry Division was activated on the Camp's vast one and one-half mile long parade ground, as a lineal descendant of the fighting 88th which had distinguished itself on the fields of France in World War I.

On July 14, 1943—one year later lacking one day—the famed 42nd (Rainbow) Infantry Division was created at Camp Gruber in the spirit and tradition of the old "Rainbow" which had fought and defeated the Germans in five major battles of World War I.

Because of the old "Rainbow's" fame, national interest in the creation of a new 42nd ran high. The activation date was set for July 14, the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Champagne, in which the old "Rainbow" helped to smash back the last German drive on Paris.

Maj. Gen. John E. Sloan commanded the 88th Division, while Maj. Gen. Harry J. Collins commands the 42nd Division.

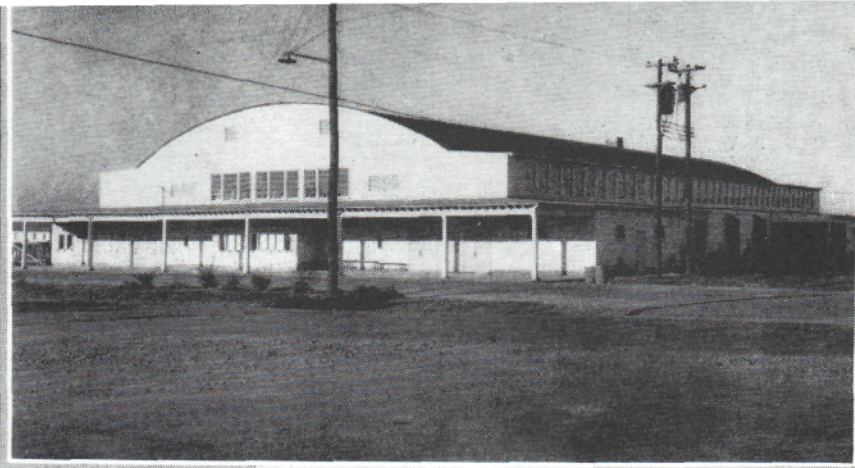
In May of 1943, when the greatest floods in midwestern history struck Oklahoma, soldiers of Camp Gruber proved to the nation that the U. S. Army can be of invaluable aid in time of national emergency as well as in War.

With untiring efforts, Camp and 88th Division authorities worked day and night, rescuing families from drowned bottom lands and providing food, shelter, and medical aid for flood victims. At one time, more than 1500 flood victims were quartered in the camp, awaiting the waters to subside.

So Camp Gruber carries on the legend and romance of the territory which it proudly occupies and adds its bit to the traditions of the Cookson Hills, the state of Oklahoma, and of the great Southwest.



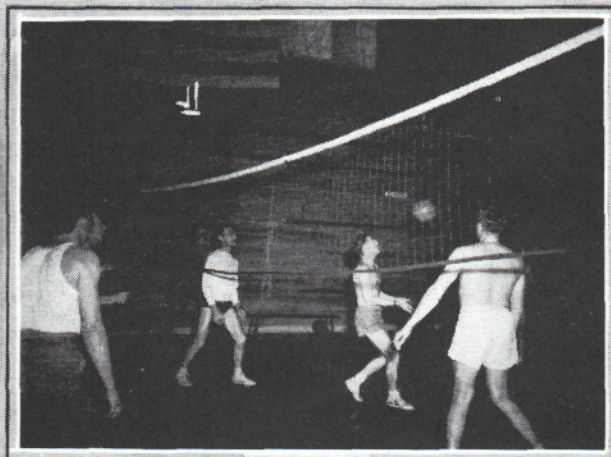
Basketball



Camp Gruber's Hall of Sports



Weight Room



Volleyball

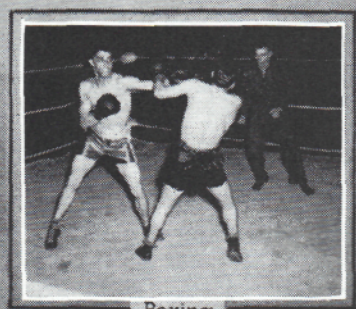
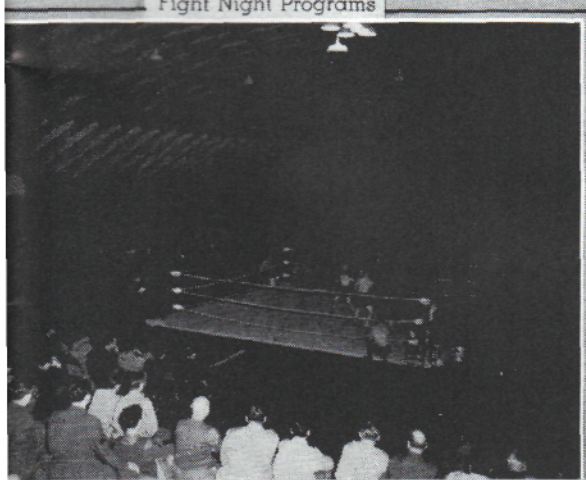
SPORTS ARENA



Wrestling

ACTIVITIES

Fight Night Programs



Boxing

Conditioning



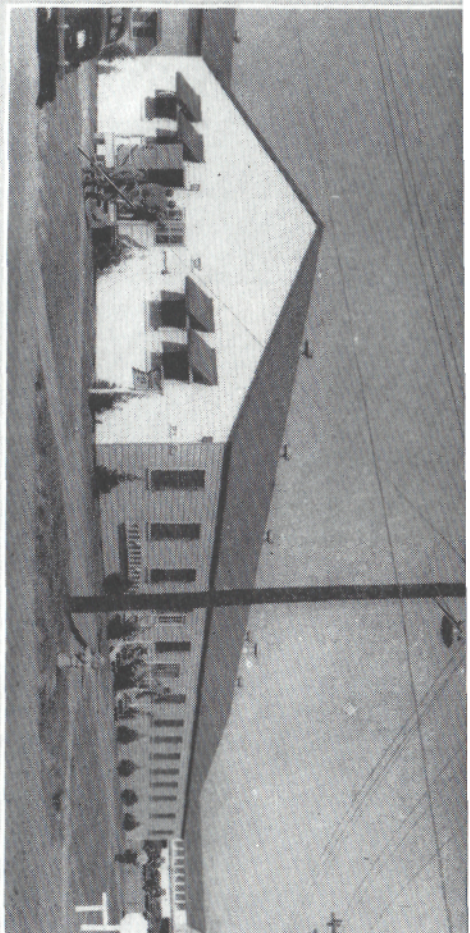


Many Packages Are Mailed Daily

"Dear Folks: The Army's Fine"

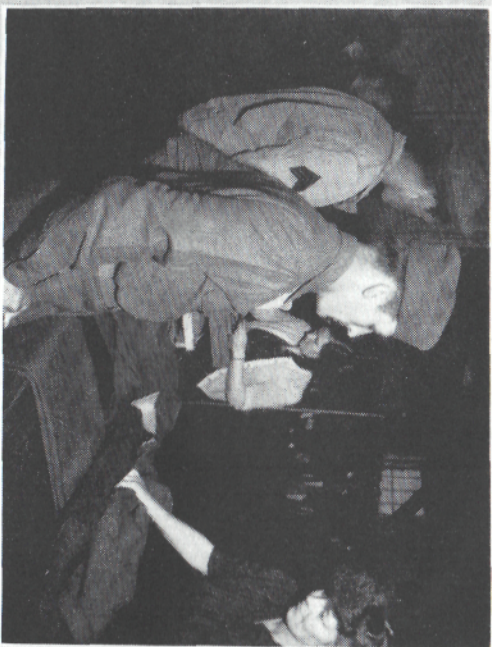


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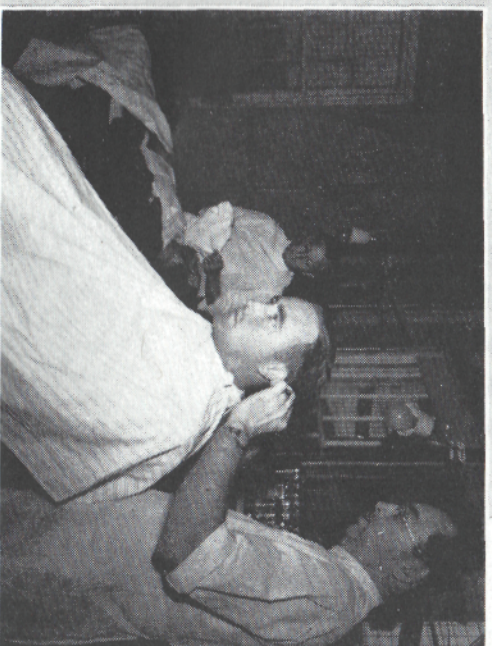


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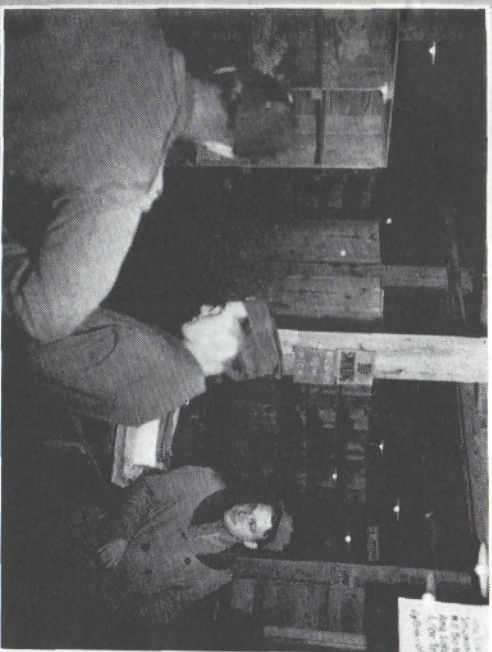
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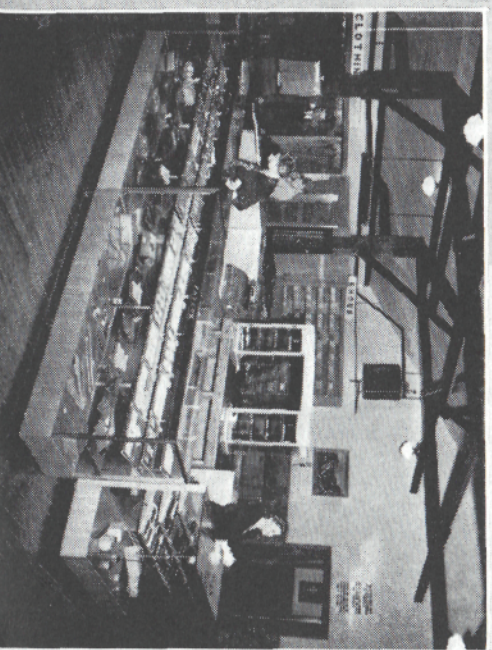
Barber Shop



Officers' Sales Dept., Quartermaster

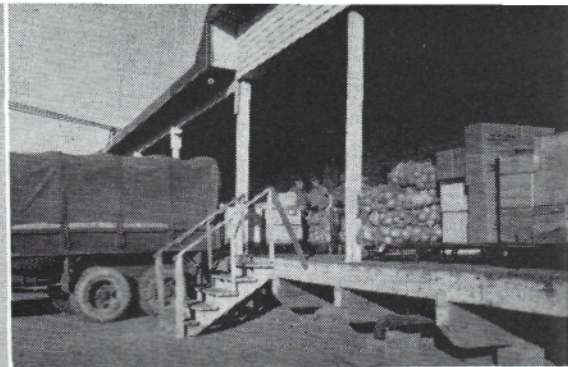


Officers' Sales Dept. in PX No. 13

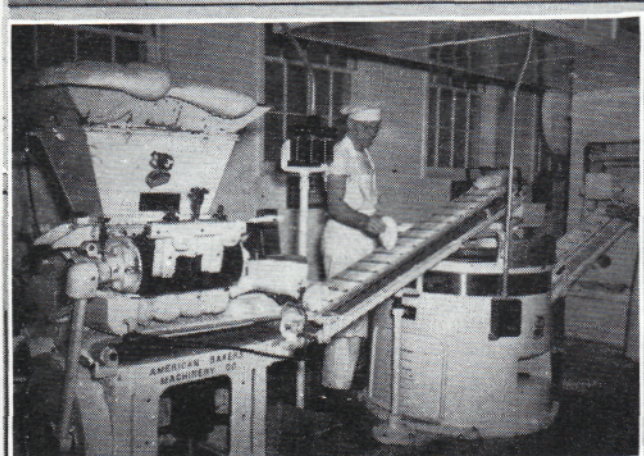




Camp Gruber Bakery



Headin' for the Mess Halls



Modern Equipment



In the Storage Rooms



Loadin' out

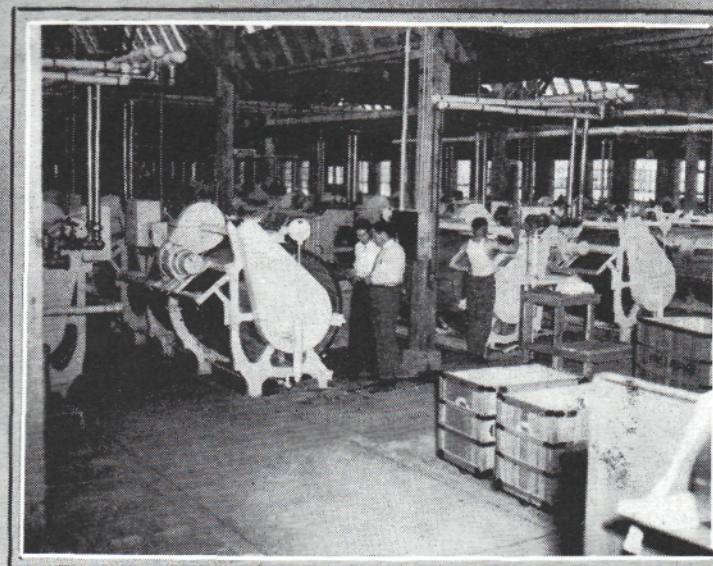
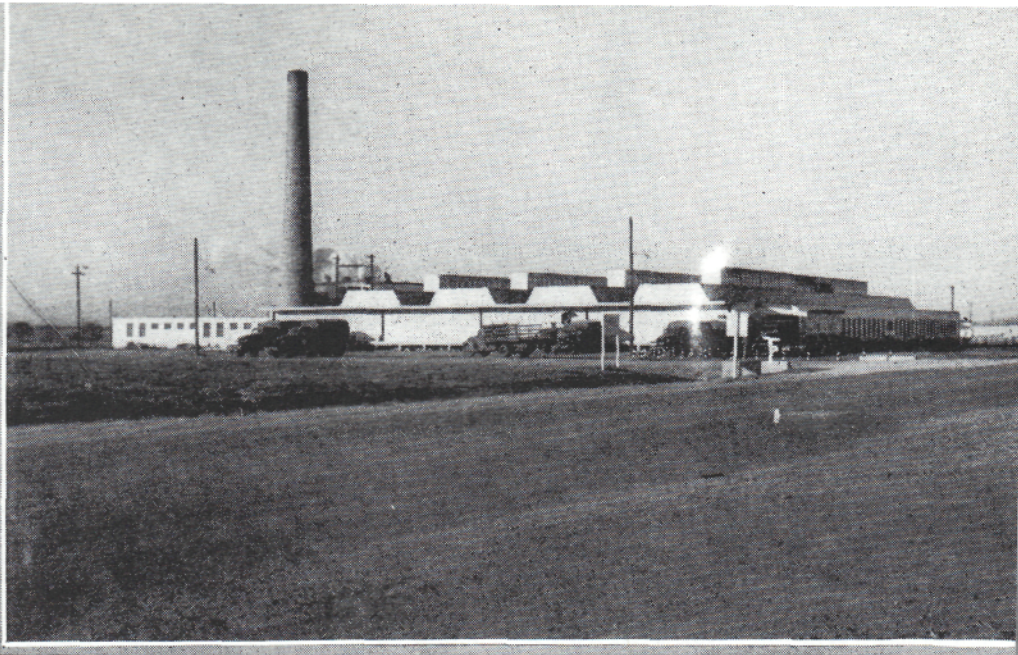


Cold Storage Plant



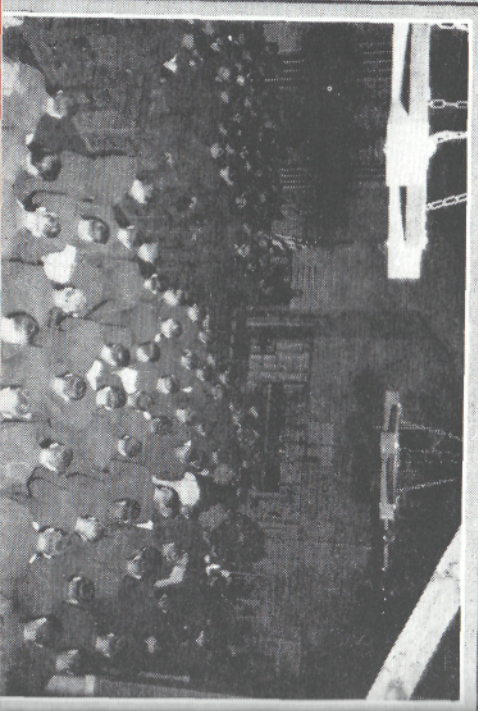
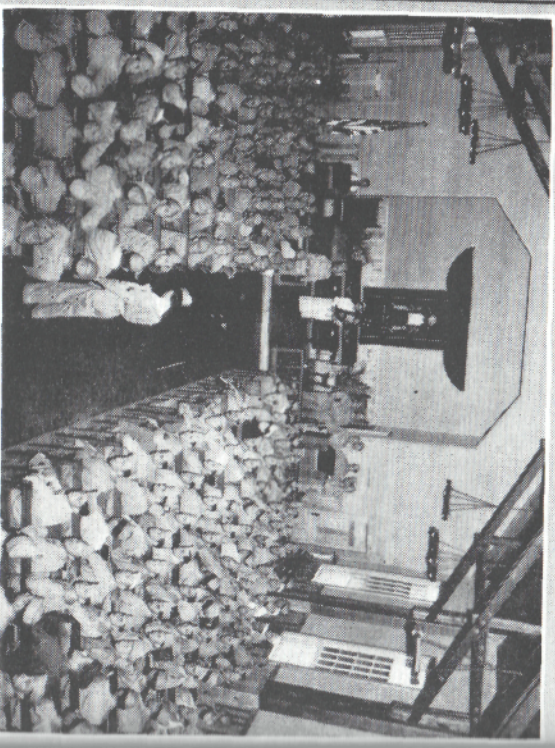
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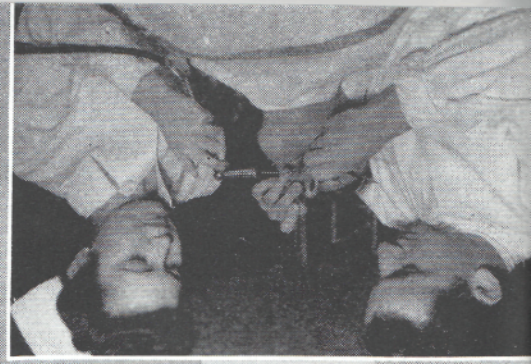
Laundry



Chapels

Twelve Chapels and twenty-seven Chaplains
serve the soldiers of all faiths
stationed at Camp Gruber





Dental Treatment



Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Department

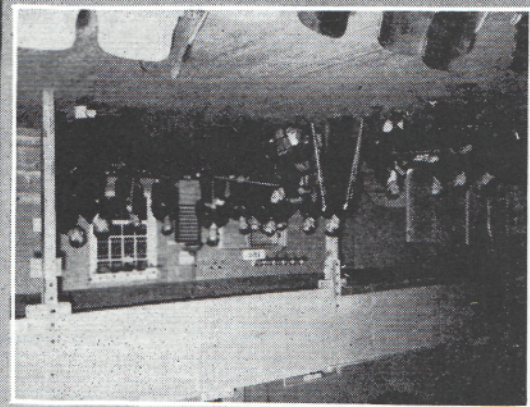


Dental Clinic in Operation

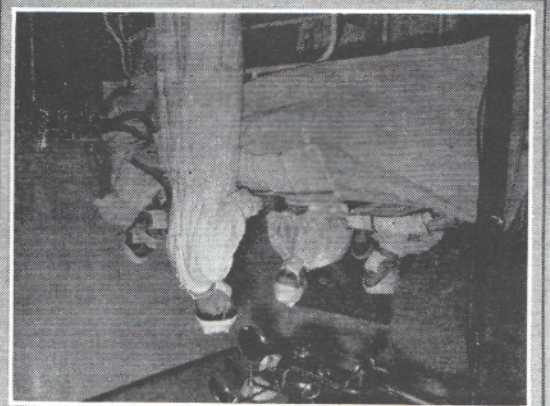


Physiotherapy Clinic

Hospital

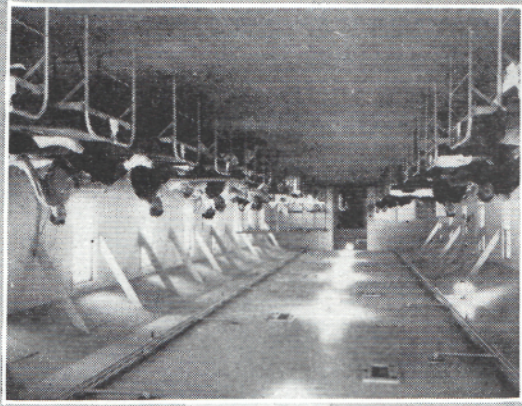


Patients in Recreation Room

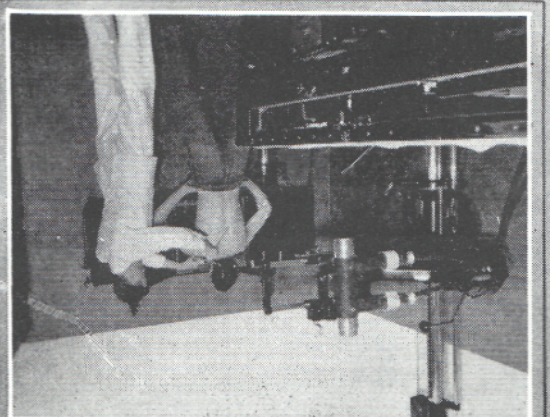


Operating Room

Station



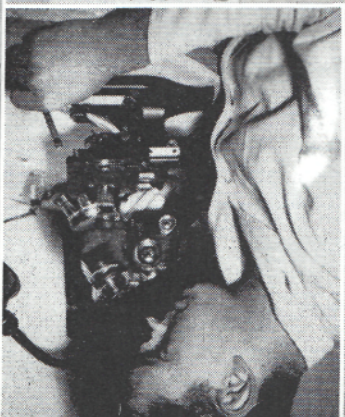
Hospital Ward



Operating Room



X-ray Department



Clinical Laboratory



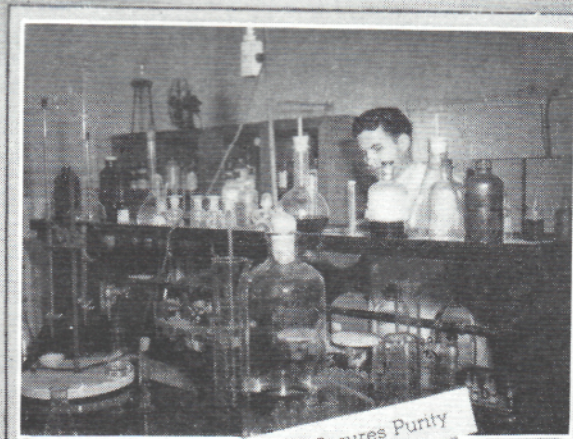
Officers Club Number One

Number Two

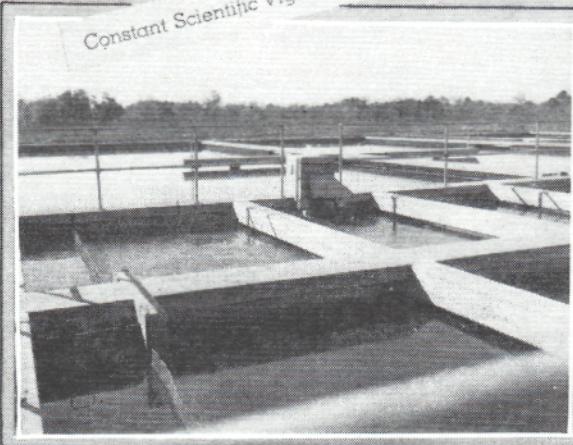


Greenleaf Lodge

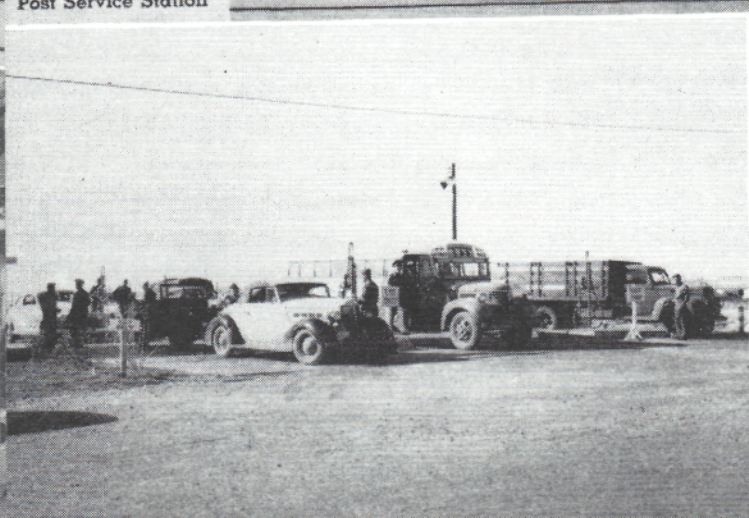
Water Filtration Plant



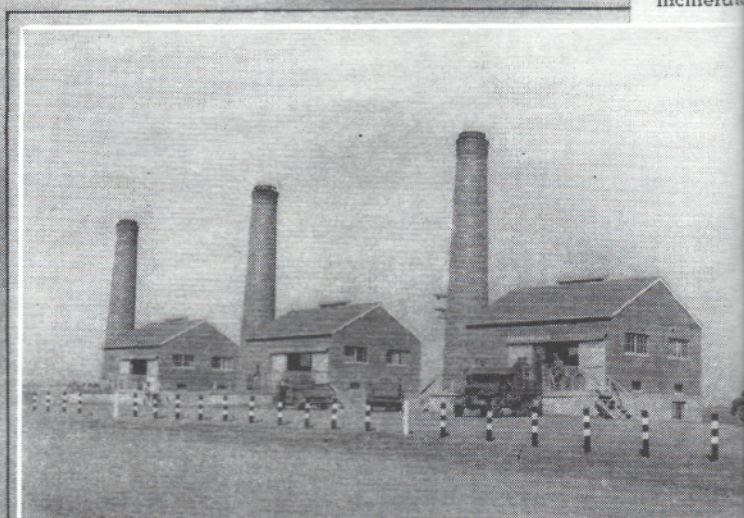
Constant Scientific Vigil Assures Purity



Post Service Station

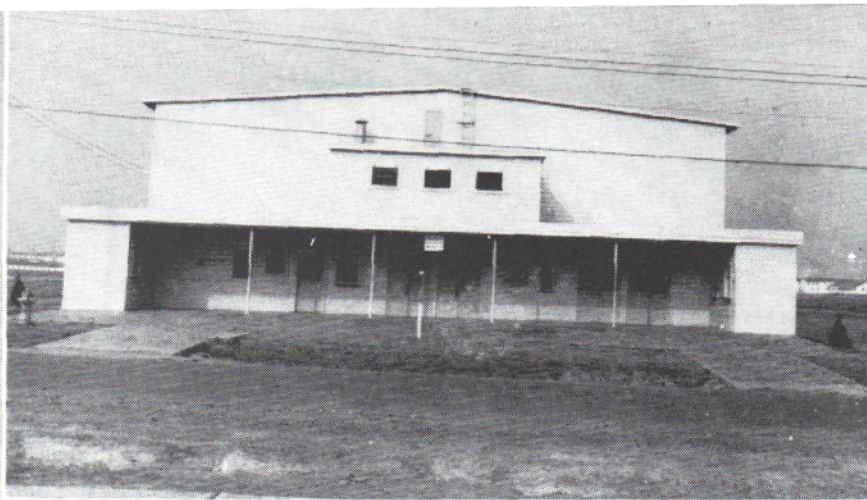


Incinerator



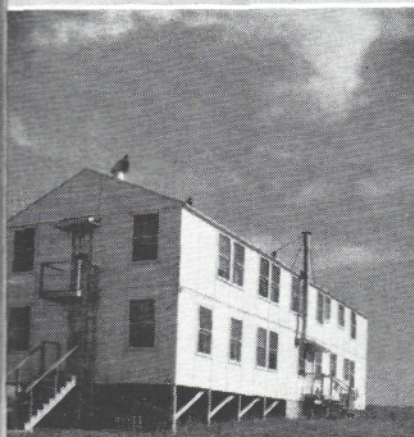
Post

Theatres



Lined up for Sunday's Matinee

"Number, Please"

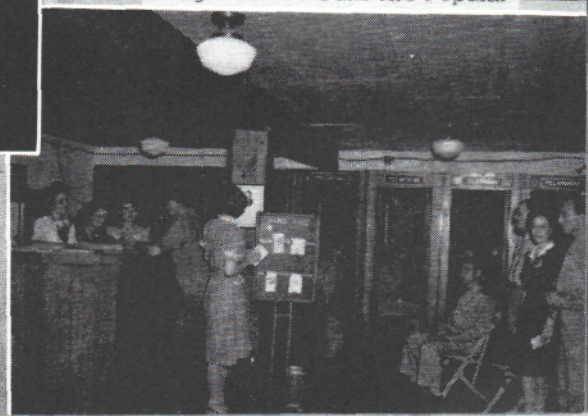


Telephone Operators' Dormitory

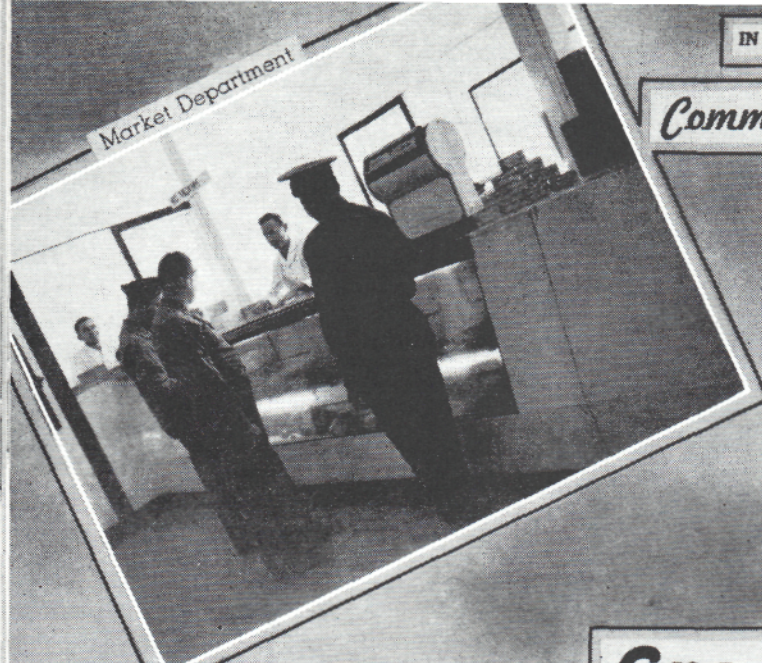


Twenty-Four Hour Service

Long Distance Calls Are Popular



Market Department



IN THE

Commissary

Grocery Department



Groceries



Typical Field Kitchen

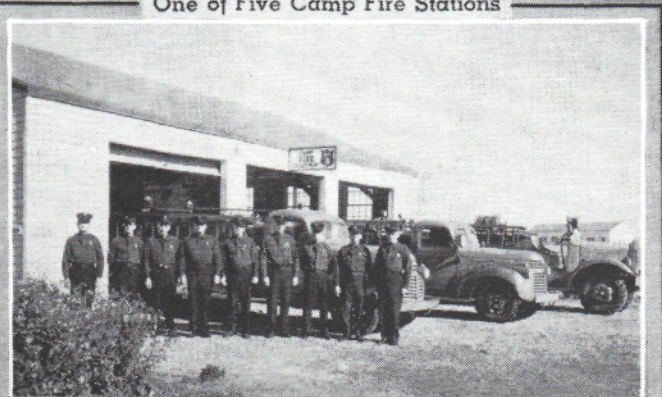
IN THE

Field



Time out for Dinner

One of Five Camp Fire Stations

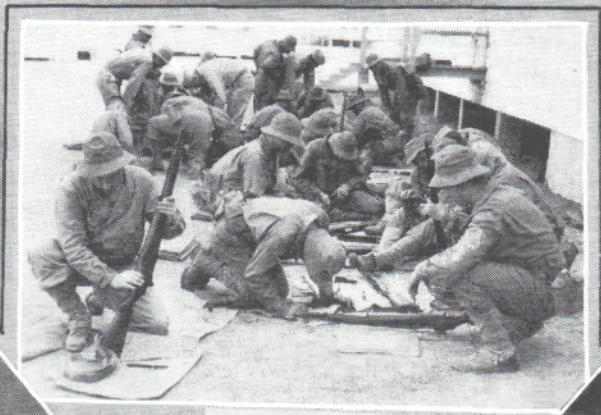
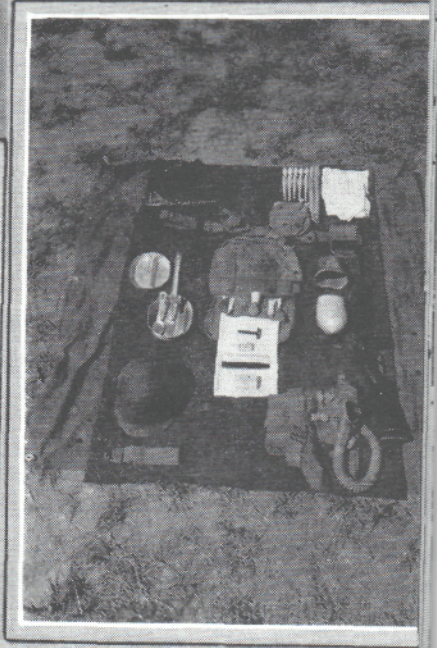
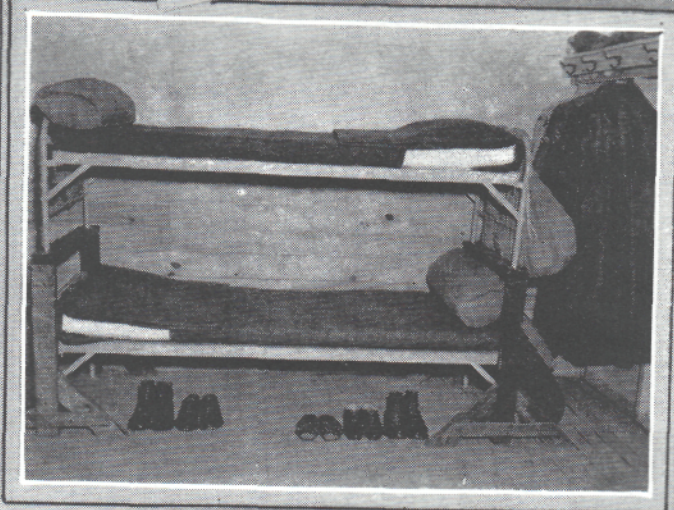


Civilian Housing

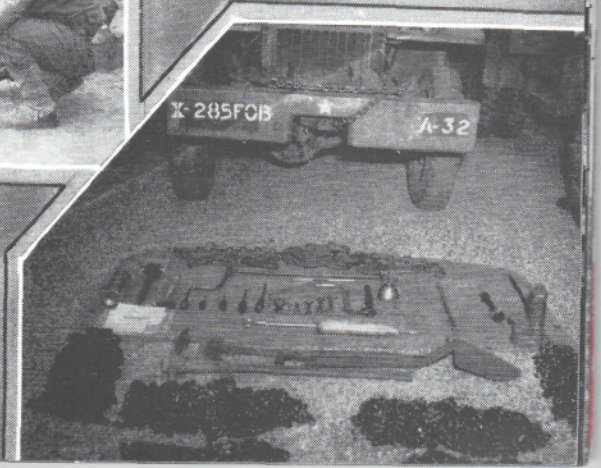
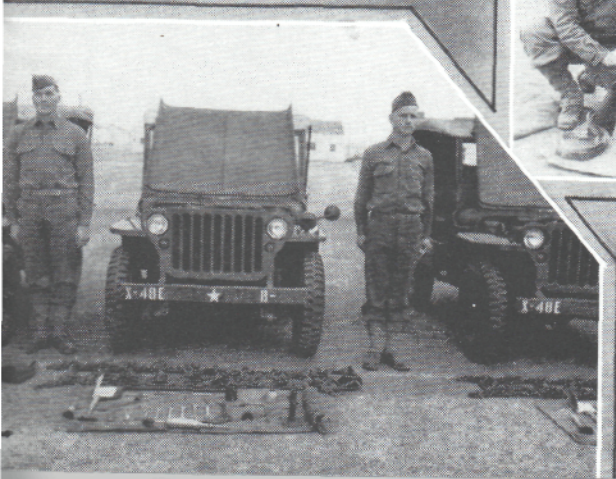




Inspections



Getting Ready





Cafeteria



Recreational Facilities of Three Service Clubs
Are Provided for the Enlisted Men

Library



Service Clubs



Reading Room



Original Murals Adorn the Walls

Writing Nook



Guest House



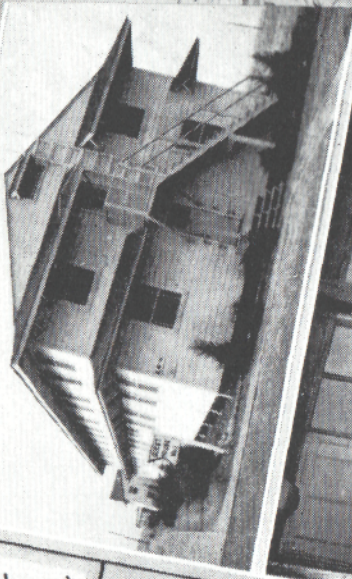
Fun and Foolishness on Stunt Night



Maybe Not Good But Loud!

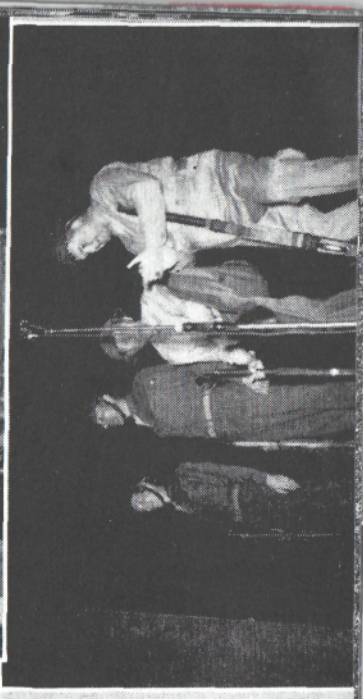


A Bus Load of Partners Arrive for the Weekly Dance



Three Guest Houses on the Post, with Lovely Lounges and Comfortable Bed Rooms, Provide Hotel Facilities for Guests of the Enlisted Men.

U.S.O. Shows





Manning Targets in the Pit

Home on the Range

Camp Gruber's Range Facilities Are Excellent

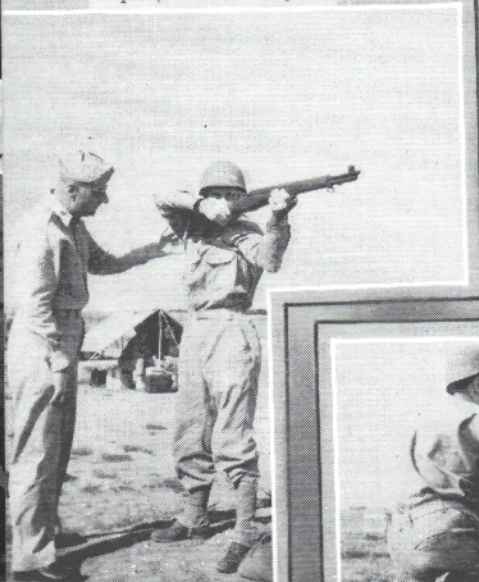
Correct Prone Position



Correct Kneeling Position



Tips from an Expert



On the Firing Line





All Dressed up for a Party

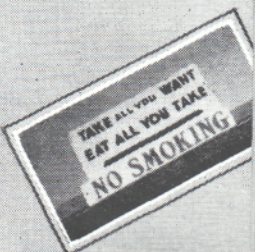
Chow Line



Just Like Mother Used to Make



Cafeteria Style



Every Scrap in the Right Can

CHOW!

Best Fed Army in the World



K.P.



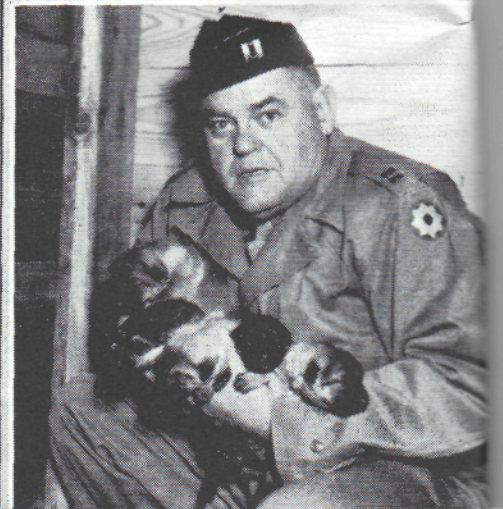
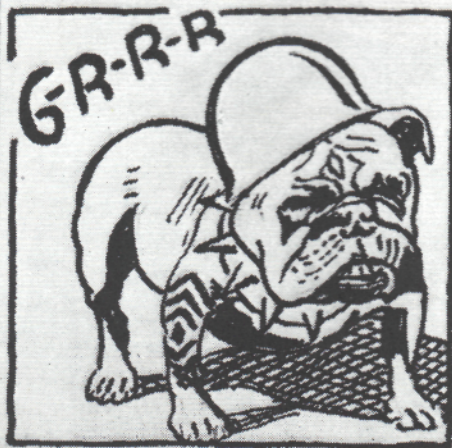
Pearl Divers at Work

The Peelin' and Pickin' Dept.





Camp Gruber's War Dogs





Welcome to Eastern Oklahoma



Entrucking for Camp Gruber

Rookies

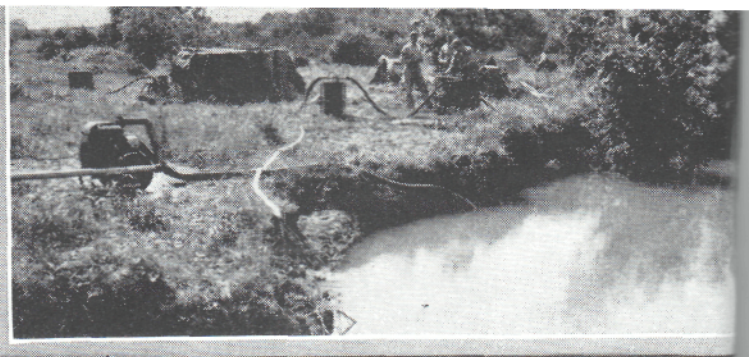
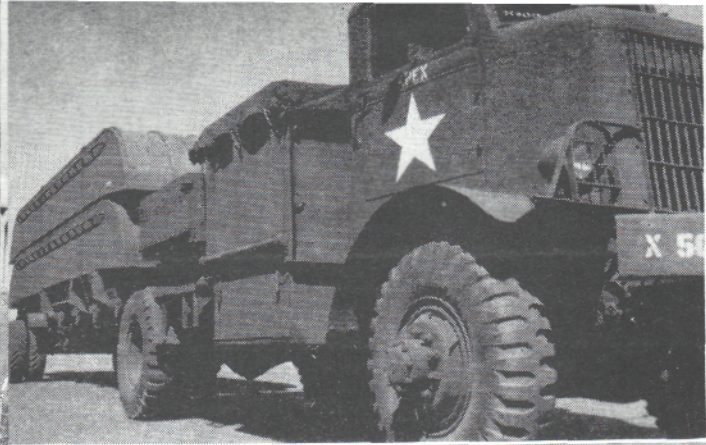
"Where Do I Put It All?"



Trains stop here for Gruber

"It's Easy When You Know How"





Call the Engineers





A Mortar Team Practicing



Mr. Long Tom



On the Machine Gun Range



Simulating Battle Conditions



Hand Grenade Drill



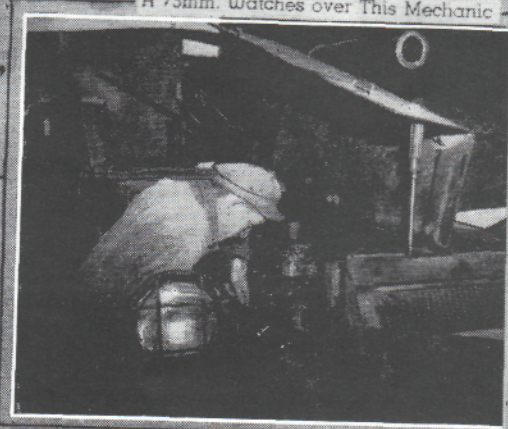
The Concussion Is Terrific!

ORDNANCE

"THAT WITH WHICH WE FIGHT"



Fire!



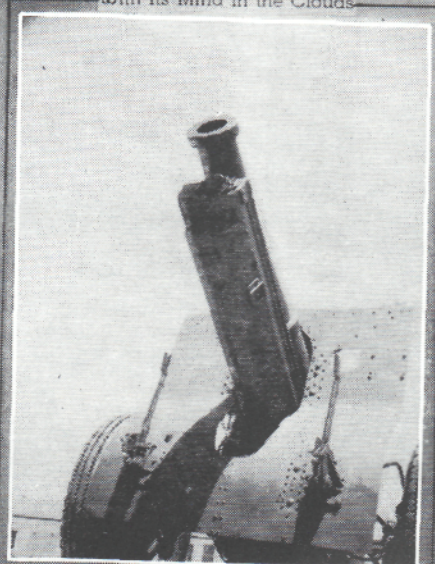
A 75mm. Watches over This Mechanic



Rifle Repair Shop



A Study in Shadows and Silhouettes



With Its Mind in the Clouds



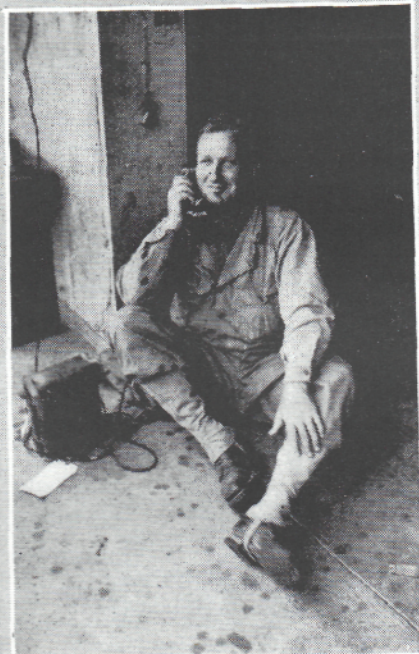
Keeping in Contact



Code School



Woodland Switchboard



"Everything O.K. at This End"



Field Radio Unit

Communications

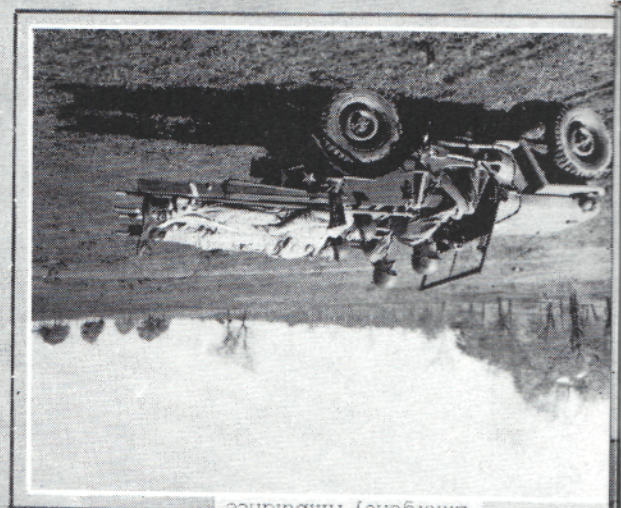


Busy Linemen

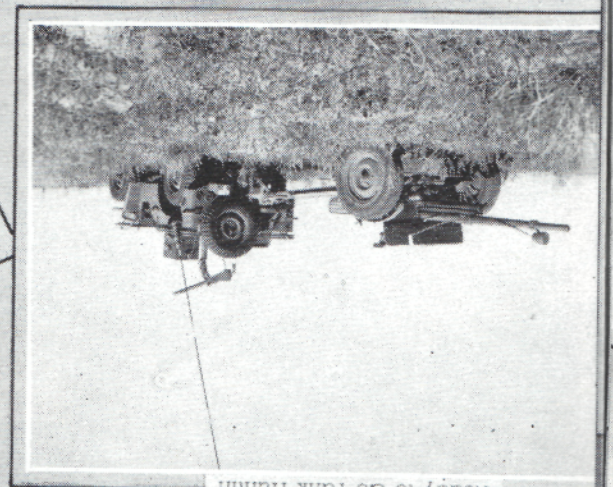




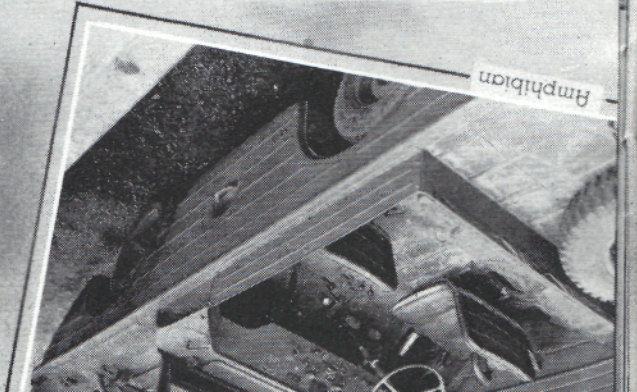
Dry and Cozy in a Tarpaulin



Emergency Ambulance



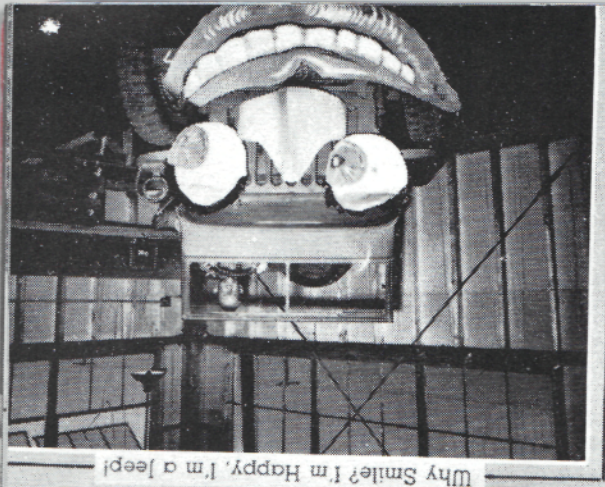
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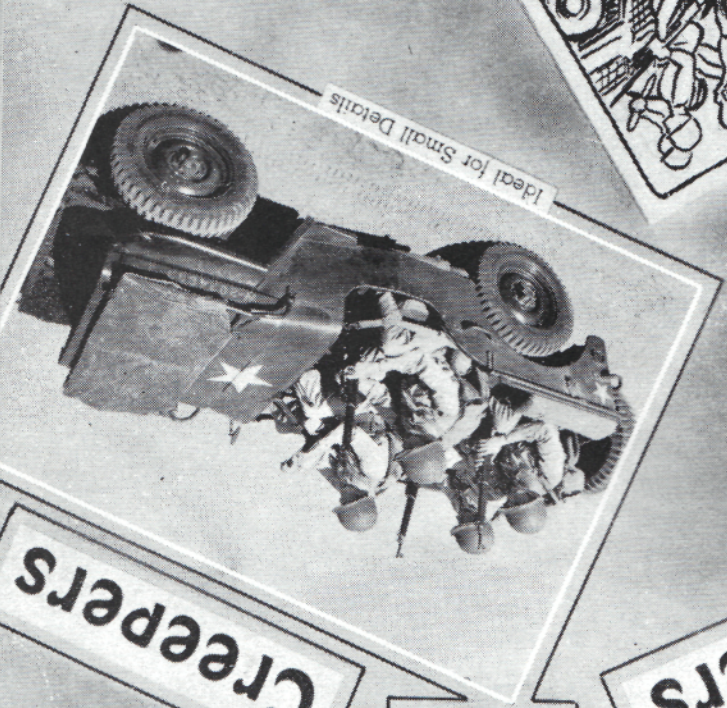
Amphibian



Ideal for Small Details



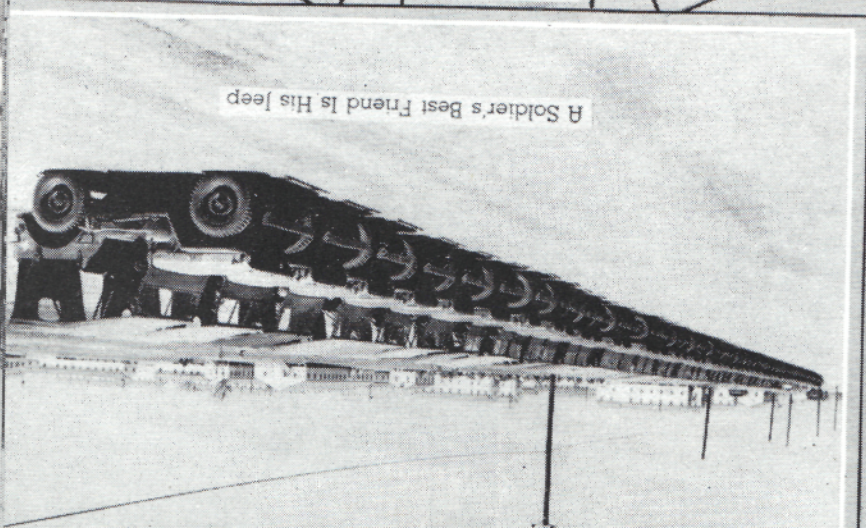
Why Smile? I'm Happy, I'm a Jeep!



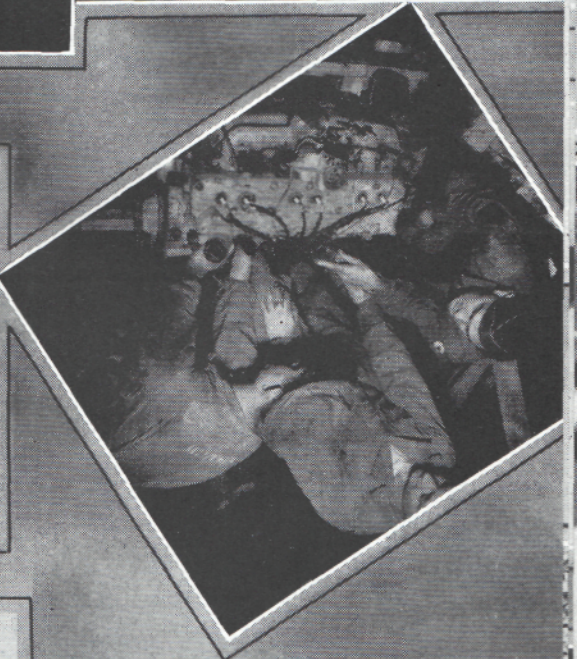
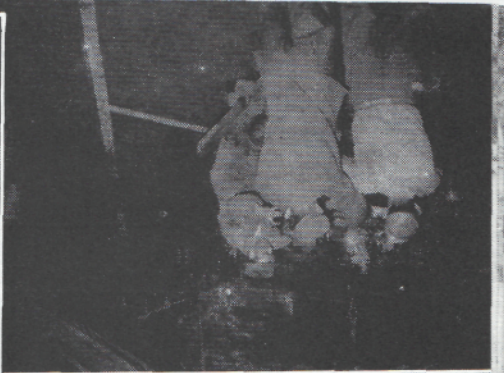
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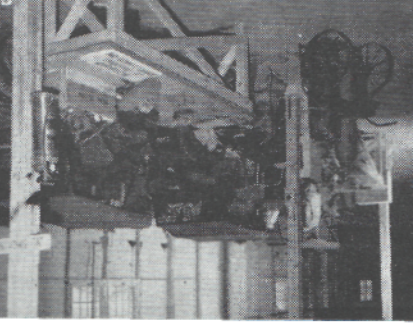
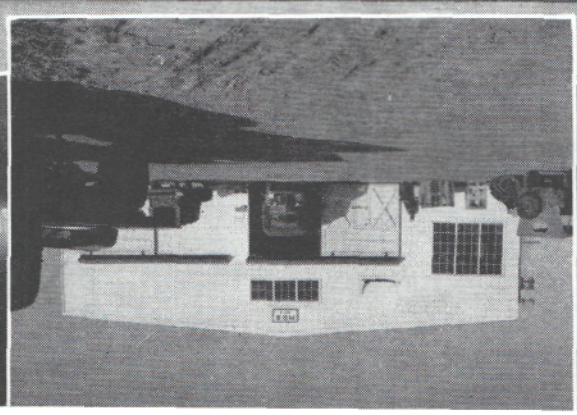
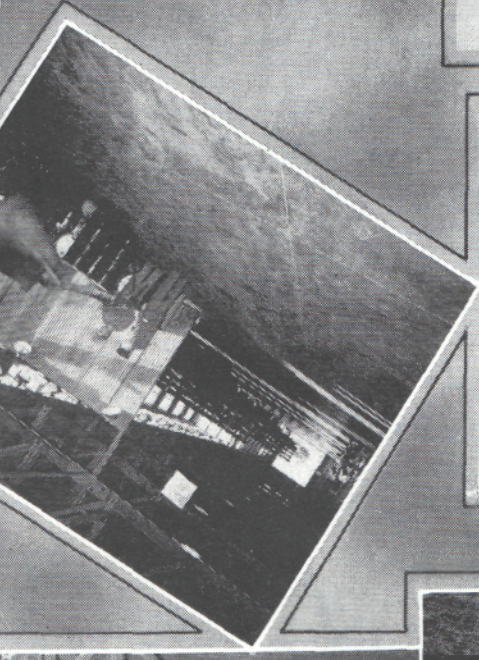
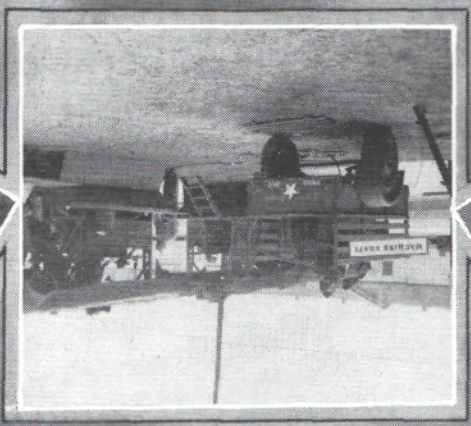
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A Soldier's Best Friend Is His Jeep



Repair Shops



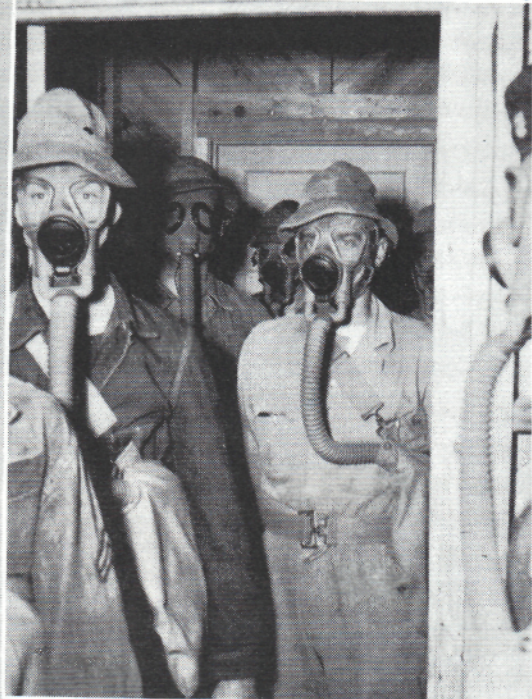


Gas Mask Repair Department



Inside the Gas Chamber

Chemical Warfare



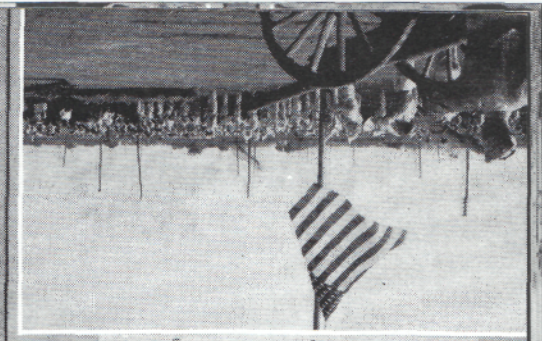
Gas Mask Drill

Cellophane Gas Protection Bags

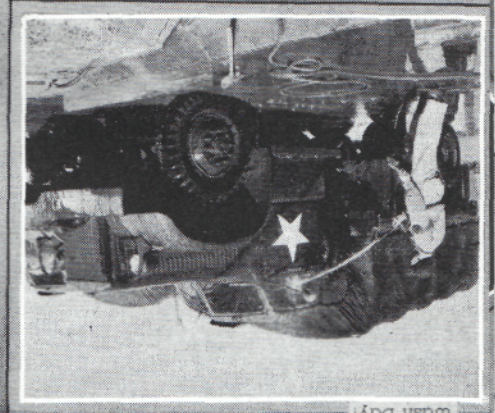


"Be Sure It's Tight"

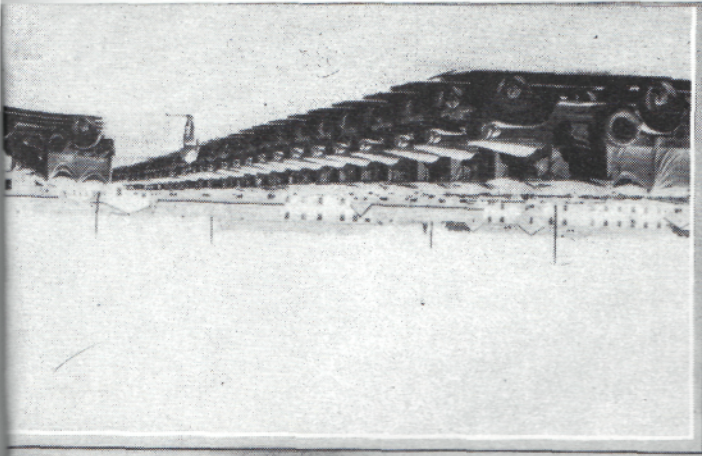
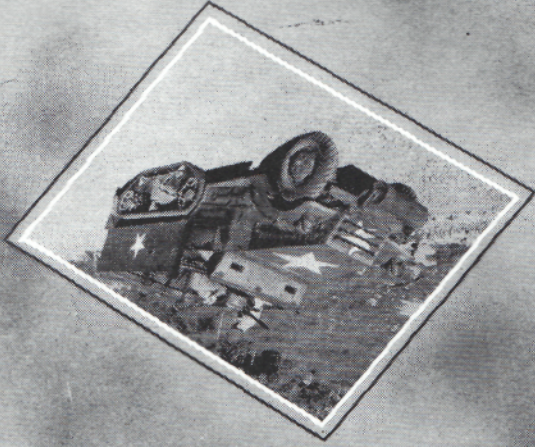




Retreat Ceremony at the Muskogee Fair



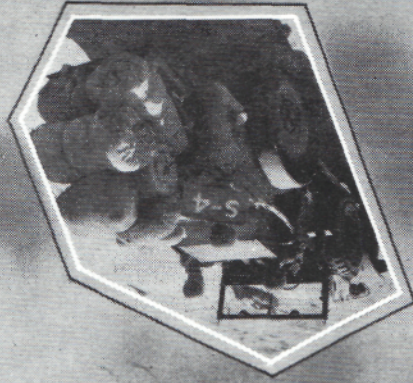
Wash Day!



325 Pounds up and down



A Half-track on Patrol



Checking Machine Gun Movable Targets

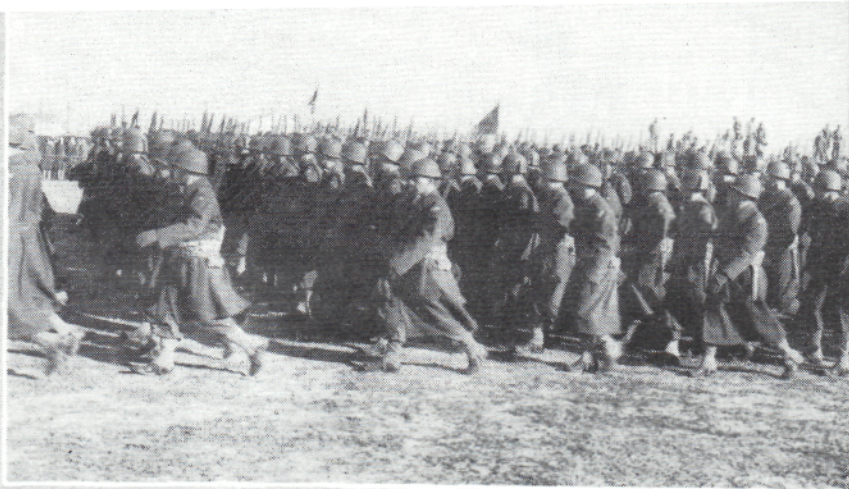


The Arkansas on a Rampage





Night Problem



Passing in Review



A Woods Home for Four



Digging a Fox-Hole



Molotov Cocktail Hits the Mark

Enemy Village for Practice Attacks



A Tent-Pitching Class



Scouting Patrol



Commando Tactics



Browning Automatic Rifle Practice



Banks, too

Two National Banks of Muskogee Maintain

Sub-offices at Camp Gruber

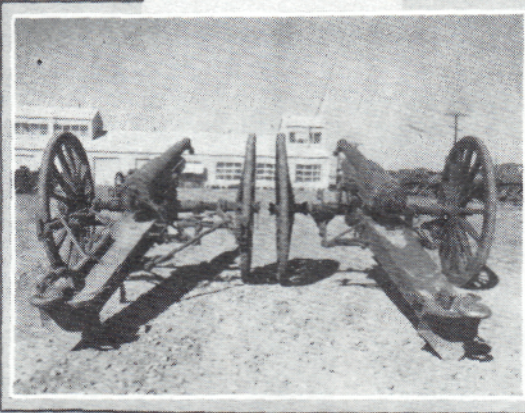


Two Camp-owned Busses Operate Inside Camp

Time for an Airing



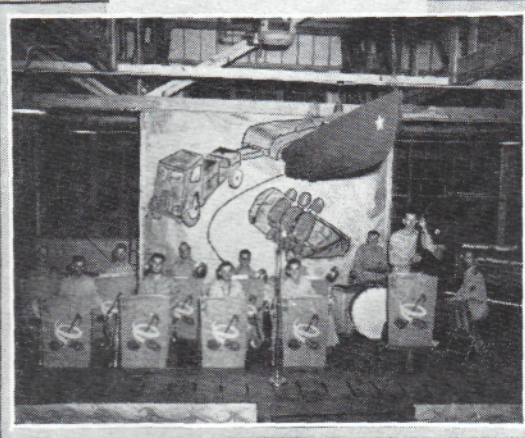
Ceremonial Salute Guns



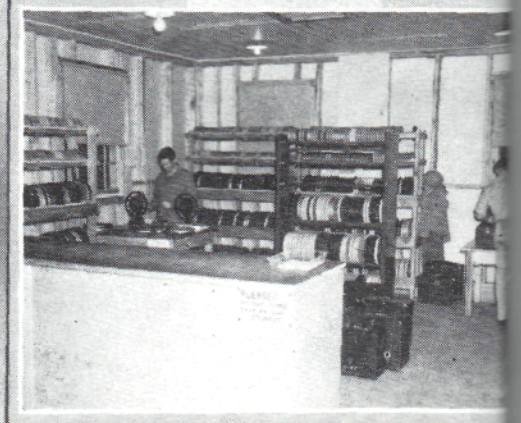
The Red Cross Serves



Swing Band at Engineers' Party



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CAMP GRUBER
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MILITARY PERSONNEL
CIVILIAN TRANSIENTS
and BUS TRAFFIC
KEEP
TO
RIGHT

CLAIMS OFFICER
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DO NOT USE
THIS ENTRANCE TO
QUARTERMASTER
OFFICE
USE EAST ENTRANCE

SPORTS
ARENA

SHOW STARTS 6:45 PM
SECOND SHOW 8:45 PM
SUNDAY MATINEE 2:30 PM

DANGER
AIRCRAFT OPERATING
KEEP OFF FIELD

TIRE	PLY	AIR PRESSURE
400x18	4	18-20"
450x18	4	18-20"
600x16	6	35"
650x16	4	30"
650x16	6	35"
700x20	8	55"
750x20	8	55"
750x16	6	40"
750x16	8	45"
825x20	10	60"
1000x20	12	70"
20x2.25 BICYCLES	22	"
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STOP

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