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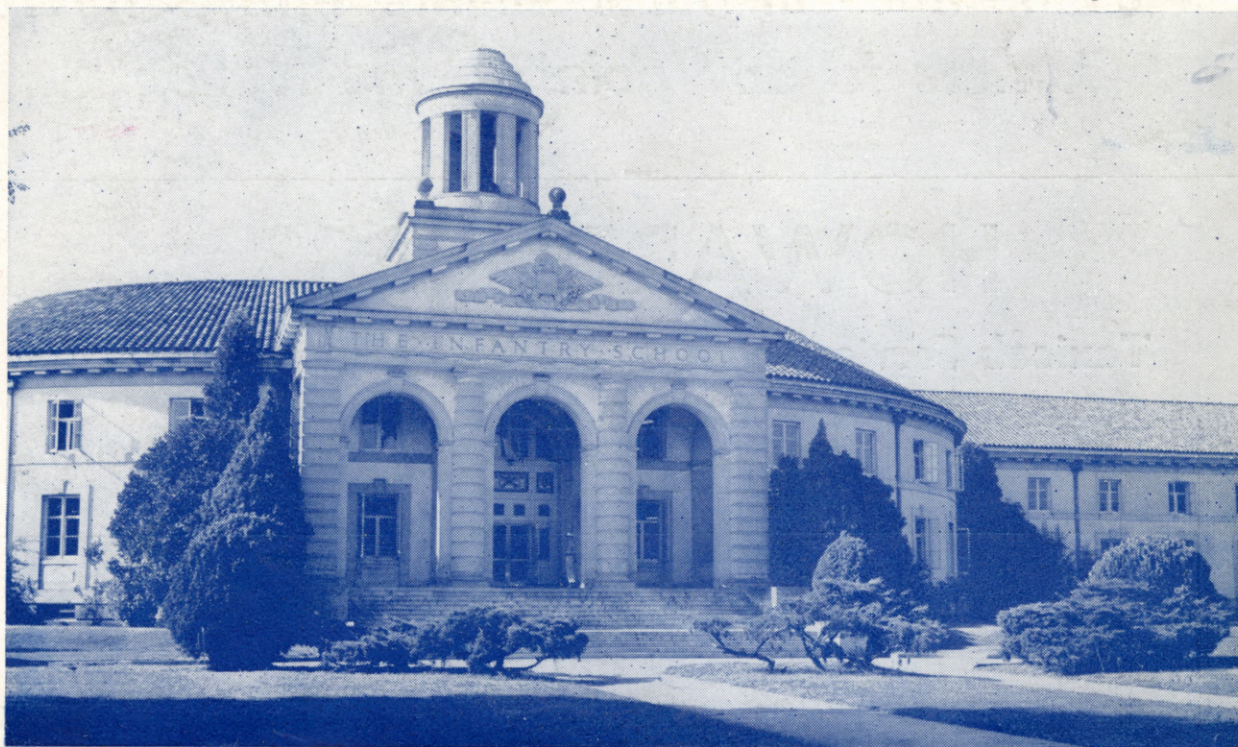
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Fort Benning has grown from its original 97,000 acres in 1918 to its present 182,000 acres. The Infantry School expanded concurrently and its curriculum today has been expanded to train officers of Allied nations.

Under the provisions of the Mutual Defense Assistance Act and other programs, students of 58 nations have studied at The Infantry School. Fort Benning has become one of the most cosmopolitan military installations in the world.

The reservation which lies within two counties in Georgia and one in Alabama was designated a permanent post in 1922. With a large sum of money appropriated by Congress for construction, tents and temporary buildings began disappearing to be replaced with permanent buildings, which proved instrumental in making Fort Benning one of the most beautiful military posts in the world.

By 1938 practically all the buildings were of steel, brick and concrete, approximately 1500 structures in all, consisting of modern barracks, schools, apartment houses and individual quarters for married officers and enlisted men.

With the coming of World War II another great expansion in construction took place. Shelter for the hundreds of thousands of men, who were to pass through Fort Benning during the war years, had to be erected. Many scores of modern cantonment - type buildings were thrown up at a cost of nearly 15 million dollars.

Sand Hill and Harmony Church became major training areas to accommodate the wartime population of the post, which reached 100,000. Together with the Main Post area, Sand Hill and Harmony Church gave Fort Benning three principal sections.

With the fall of the German and Japanese forces the post continued operations in full gear though on a reduced scale, ready to swing into full operation if called upon. Called upon it was with the outbreak of hostilities in Korea and Fort Benning was ready.

Today with a highly technical peacetime Army, The Infantry School performs not only its primary mission of training the Infantryman but also acts as an experimental station for devising and testing new ideas and concepts of ground warfare.

The basic organization of The Infantry School is not unlike any civilian college. There are different departments for each phase of instruction such as tactics, weapons and communications.

Each department maintains its own staff of instructors, who are called upon to lecture or lead demonstrations in their special fields. Under this system rank is subordinate to knowledge and experience. Although non - technical officer courses usually have commissioned instructors, it is not unusual to see a private first class explain an advanced communications principle to a highly attentive major.

At present Infantry instruction at Fort Benning encompasses everything from basic training for the greenest enlistees to regimental staff level instruction for senior officers.

John Smith, who was inducted after his graduation from college, may have taken his basic training

with the Third Infantry Division in the Sand Hill area.

With his excellent soldierly bearing and his fine educational background, Smith may have qualified for Officer Candidate School. He then will be assigned to The IS's OC battalion for 22 weeks of training that will test to the fullest his native physical and mental ability in addition to his capacity for leadership.

After graduation 2nd Lt. Smith will remain at The Infantry School where he will undergo training primarily designed to thoroughly familiarize with him with his first primary duty as a commissioned officer in the Infantry, that of a platoon leader. Completing the basic officers course, Lt. Smith will then receive his first regular duty assignment with a combat ready regiment.

Feeling the need for additional realistic combat training 1st Lt. Smith volunteers for Ranger training, the most compact physically exhausting eight-week course the Army has to offer. He arrives back at The Infantry School for two weeks of preliminary training which includes extensive physical training and hand to hand combat.

Before graduation Smith will have been trained in Jungle warfare in the swamps of Florida and

received mountain combat instructions in the hills of North Georgia.

Returning to his company, Capt. Smith once again is assigned to Fort Benning as a student. This time he takes the associate Infantry company officer course, 15 weeks of instruction to prepare him for future assignment as a company commander or a battalion staff duty officer. Classes in weapons and tactics are especially stressed in this course.

After seven years of military service, Major Smith makes his final visit to The Infantry School as a student. Here for more than seven months he will study problems that will qualify him to be a battalion commander or a regimental staff officer. Here tactics with emphasis on map problems is the prime method of instruction.

The field is the main classroom at Fort Benning. School policy believes that though a man might be able to answer every problem on paper it is still necessary for him to prove his ability under simulated battle conditions.

Though the training of officers may be the largest single function at Fort Benning, it definitely does not constitute the entire picture.

Enlisted men comprise the largest percentage of the Ranger, airborne and other mixed courses.

In addition, there are highly technical courses offered to enlisted men only in such varied subjects as communications, automotive supervision and radio maintenance. Realizing the non-commissioned officers have the all-important job of dealing directly with the troops, courses of an advanced nature on leadership for NCO's were established by the school. There is also an abbreviated class in simi-subjects instituted for National Guard NCO's.

During the coming school year about 13,000 students will be enrolled in one of the courses at The Infantry School, five officers for every two enlisted men. This figure, however, is still only a fraction of the number of students who will study and train at Fort Benning throughout the year.

Last summer more than 1,800 cadets of the Reserve Officers Training Corps completed six weeks of field training at The Infantry Center. These cadets recently had completed their junior year of college. Upon graduation most of them will qualify for Reserve Army commissions, while a few will qualify as Regular Army officers as tendered distinguished military students.

Every year The Infantry Center is host to many Army Reserve units that become activated for two weeks of concentrated field work. Whenever possible these units are attached to permanently stationed organizations at Fort Benning for this training.

Remaining a mammoth military post of about 65,000 population, Fort Benning today proudly fulfills its mission at home and training ground for the finest fighting force the world has ever known, the U. S. Infantry.

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10th Becomes 2nd At Fort Benning Rites

THE 10th Infantry Division became the Second Infantry Division with colorful ceremonies at Fort Benning Saturday morning, June 14.

With the division's future commander and hundreds of its new members looking on, the Second's colors were unfurled on sun-baked Weatherby Field in Benning's Sand Hill area.

A few minutes earlier, the 10th Division colors were cased, symbolizing the retirement of the 10th from active service and the transfer of its men and equipment to the Second Division.

Thus, the 10th Division ended its brief stay at Fort Benning which began last February in an exchange of stations with the Third Infantry Division.

The 10th Division had been in Germany three years before turning over its North Atlantic Treaty Organization duties to the Third Division.

Prior to yesterday's ceremony, the Second Division had existed on paper only since last November.

Ten 40-man platoons passed in review before Lt. Gen. Clark Ruffner, Third Army commander, and Brig. Gen. Miller O. Perry, present division commander, during the ceremony.

The change-over ceremony began with a 15-gun salute and ended with a flyover featuring three helicopters and nine L-19 planes. The occasion came to an end less than an hour before thundershowers drenched the Sand Hill area.

The three helicopters, each trailing a sign, gave the ceremonial review a colorful twist.

On their first approach across Weatherby Field, the helicopter signs carried the message "Good-bye Mountaineer," with the second sign bearing the 10th Division insignia.

When the helicopter turned and passed the reviewing stand again, the first and third signs said "Welcome Indianhead," with the second displaying the Second Division shoulder patch.

Gen. Ruffner, who commanded the Second Division during some

of the bitterest fighting in Korea, spoke briefly during the change-over ceremony, welcoming the new Second Division to the Third Army.

Present in the reviewing stand was Maj. Gen. Robert H. Wienecke, who will take command of the Second Division next month. Wienecke is now deputy assistant chief of staff for intelligence.

Altogether, three former Second Division commanders were present at the ceremony. In addition to Ruffner, they were Maj. Gen. Paul L. Freeman Jr., Fort Benning commander, and Lt. Gen. (ret.) Edward M. Almond.

Two former 10th Division commanders were on hand. They were Brig. Gen. (ret.) Marcus B. Bell of Columbus and Maj. Gen. (ret.) L. J. Whitlock, who was the 10th's first commander.

Representing the Second Division Assn. were Col. (ret.) C. J. Hirschfelder, president, and B. Steve Schweake, publisher of "The Indianhead."

A number of local officials and retired generals witnessed the

change-over from the reviewing stand.

After the ceremony, a luncheon was held at the Main Officers Open Mess.

This was the second deactivation for the 15-year-old 10th Division. The 10th became inactive after World War I and was reactivated in 1948 at Fort Riley, Kans., as a training division.

The Second Division, organized in 1917, helped drive German armies out of France in both World War I and World War II. The Indianhead division was the first American unit to leave the United States to participate in the Korean fighting.

The Second Division became a paper organization last year after its units were moved from Fort Lewis, Wash., to Alaska.

Reactivation of the Second and deactivation of the 10th is in line with Army policy of keeping its oldest units on the active list.

A number of the division's units—including four of its five battle groups—received new designations in the switch.

INFANTRY SCHOOL ENROLLS 5,000th ALLIED STUDENT

A Pakistani Army officer, Lt. Col. Muhammad Ishaq, recently became the 5,000th Allied student to attend the Infantry School since the program began in 1950.

One of the 10 Pakistani students taking courses at The Infantry School, Col. Ishaq is in the U. S. for the first time to take the school's advance officers course. He is a member of class No. 3 scheduled to graduate Dec. 18.

Commissioned from The Pakistani Military Academy in June, 1942, Col. Ishaq served in the Burma Theater during World War II and was cited for conspicuous service during operations.

He was graduated from the Command and Staff College in Quetta in 1950 and served as a brigade major for two years with an active Infantry brigade. Before coming to Fort Benning he was assistant adjutant general in general headquarters, Pakistan Army.

Following outbreak of the Korean conflict a Mutual Assistance Program was established to implement the foreign aid program. The system provided for the training of Allied officers and enlisted men from countries throughout the world with which the U. S. had entered into various pacts, such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, Baghdad Pact, and the Inter-American Defense Board.

The first Allied students were graduated Aug. 30, 1950. Since that time 5,000 Allied students from 58 different countries have participated in practically every leader-type course offered by The Infantry School.

In addition to the Mutual Assistance Program, there is a non-military plan by which countries not receiving military aid from the U. S. can send students to The Infantry School. Under this plan the

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BENNING OPENS RESERVIST CAMP, WITH 8,000 TO TRAIN, ENDING AUGUST 1

NEARLY 8,000 ROTC cadets and Army Reservists are scheduled to train at Fort Benning this summer. The 1958 Reserve Officer Training Corps encampment for approximately 1,400 cadets opened with official ceremonies June 23 in the Harmony Church area. The camp ends Aug. 1.

About 6,500 Reservists will train at the post for two-week periods beginning July 6 and continuing through Aug. 31.

Col. Carl R. Hill, professor of military science and tactics at the University of Georgia, is deputy camp commander for the Fort Benning ROTC cadet encampment. Major Gen. Paul L. Freeman Jr., Infantry Center commander, is camp commander.

The advance party for the ROTC camp arrived early in June. The cadre, officers and non-commissioned officers to conduct the camp arrived June 11.

Reservists will be satellited on

light medical, transportation, artillery and engineer support units at Fort Benning. However, the theme for Reservists this year is to conduct their operations as independently as possible, according to officials.

Reserve training at the post is under the direction of the Civilian Components Section at The Infantry Center, commanded by Lt. Col. W. J. Gillespie.

The Civilian Components Section is supplying a special staff for the ROTC camp and will have the responsibility for overall training of Reserve component units and schools.

The 1,400 ROTC cadets will represent 33 colleges and universities. Arriving from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, South Carolina, Connecticut, Texas and Puerto Rico, the student cadets will be billeted in the Harmony Church area.

151st MARKS FOURTH YEAR ENGR. CORPS BIRTHDAY

THE 151st Engineer Group marked its fourth year and the 183rd anniversary of Army Corps of Engineers with ceremonies June 20.

The 151st Engineer Group was designated June 11, 1954. Corps of Engineers was 183 years old June 16.

Day-long ceremonies and events were held, including post-wide engineer displays, NCO review at Gordon Field at 9:30 a. m., unit and individual drill competition immediately following the review, open house at each of the units of 151st Engineer Group, from 1 to 5 p. m., a regularly - scheduled baseball game between the 151st Engineer Group and The School Brigade at 2 p. m. at Gowdy Field and an Engineer Officers' Dinner Dance.

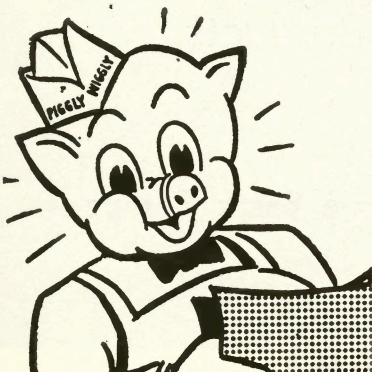
Each of these events reflected the glorious heritage of the Corps of Engineers which dates back to June 16, 1775, when the Continental Congress passed a resolution pro-

viding for one chief engineer of the Grand Army, with two assistants.

At the onset of the Revolutionary War, the need was foreseen for military engineers who had knowledge of construction, attack and defense of fortified places. Because of the lack of engineering qualifications among the troops of the Continental Army and the resultant shortage of engineers, Gen. George Washington's plea for an organized and well-trained unit of engineers was answered on Dec. 27, 1776, when Congress passed a resolution authorizing him to organize a Corps of Engineers.

The first mission of the corps was to increase the combat power of the field forces by works of construction and destruction. This mission, though it remains basic to the engineers, has since then been expanded to coincide with the ever-increasingly modern methods of warfare.

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Benning June 13 for a six - day orientation on Infantry tactics and procedures.

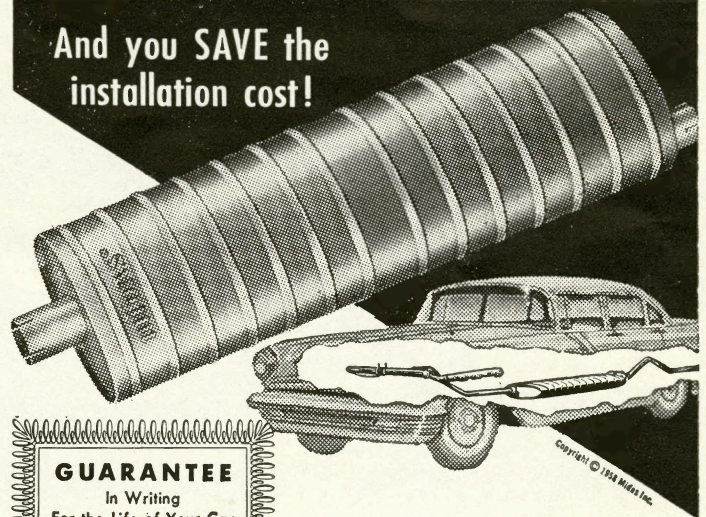
The 599-man class participated and viewed demonstrations of the latest weapons, Ranger, airborne and leadership techniques.

Discussing future warfare, Gen. Freeman emphasized, "The Infan-

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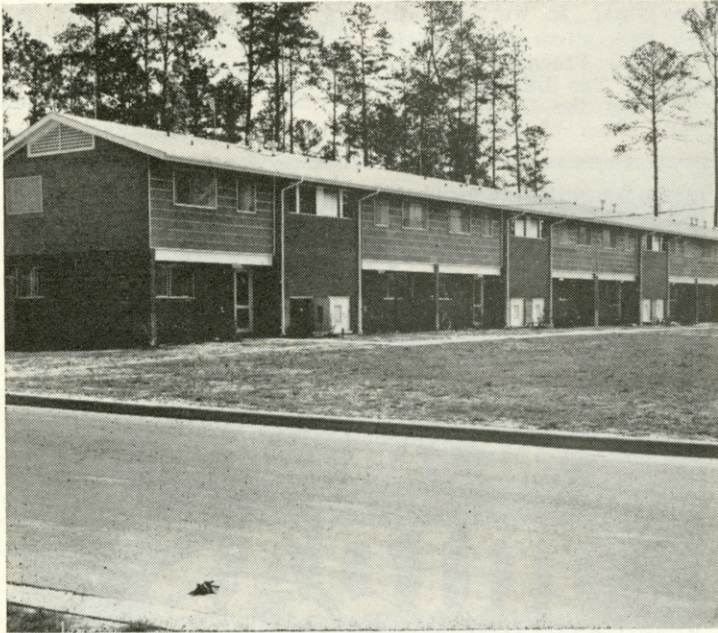
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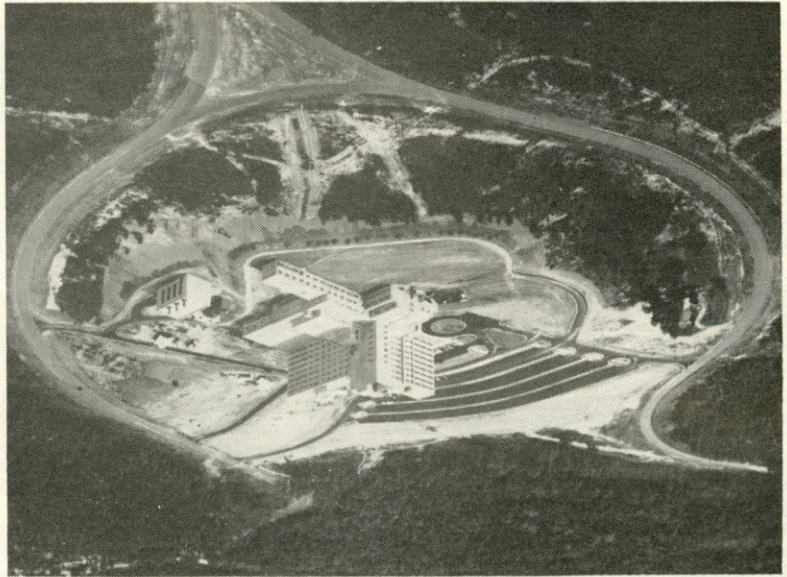
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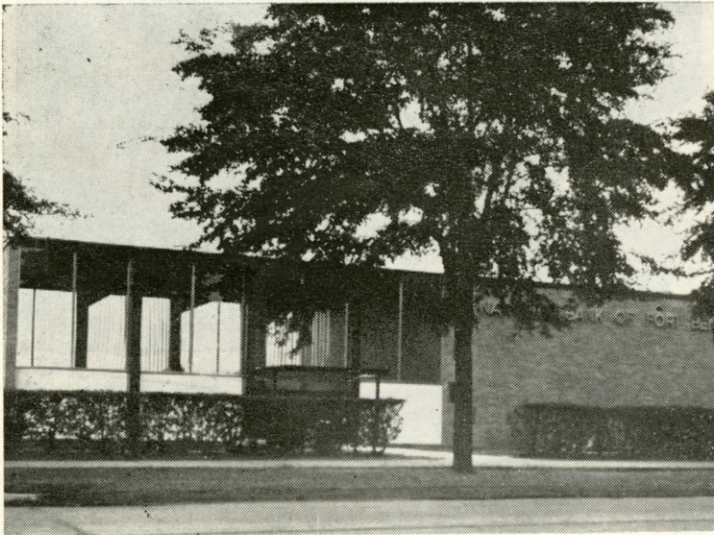
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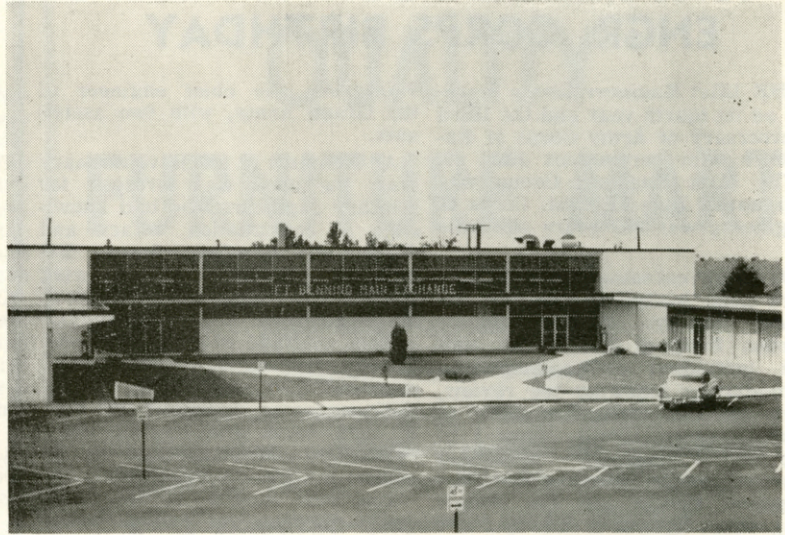
A building in the \$12 million Capehart Housing Project, Fort Benning. Brick and concrete block in this project furnished by Bickerstaff Clay Products Co.



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\$30 Million Benning Building, 16 Months

FORT BENNING'S building program of more than \$30 million from January, 1957, through April, 1958 under the supervision of the Savannah District Corps of Engineers and the U. S. Army Infantry Center Engineer Section, surpasses all previous construction records.

Of this total \$29,081,171.20 was contracted through and supervised by the Savannah engineers who normally handle the large construction projects. In 1957 \$13,508,853.72 in construction was initiated, the main project of which was the \$12 million Capehart Housing development. During the same year \$4,645,708.08 in projects was completed. For the first third of 1958 \$352,084.57 in building contracts were started. Completed this year is one of the highlights of Fort Benning's building program, the \$6 million Army hospital which will be dedicated in July to the late Major Gen. Joseph I. Martin.

The largest project initiated in the last year and a half is the construction of the Capehart Housing composed of 1,000 units. The Williams Construction Company of Columbus, Ga., began work on the

development in January, 1957, and completed 374 units in February, 1958. Total cost of this project is \$12,436,885. It is scheduled for completion in November, 1958.

Construction of the Martin Army Hospital which began in 1956 is another multimillion dollar project. The modern five-wing edifice is completely air-conditioned, has its own boiler system and a mammoth parking area that provides adequate space for all types of vehicles at any hour. The hospital was built by the Jordan Contracting Company of Columbus at a revised estimated cost of \$6,386,085.54.

The elevators for the structure were installed by the General Elevator Company at a cost of \$267,739.

Landscaping of the hospital area was let to the Symmes Nursery of Atlanta for \$10,890.50. This work began in January, 1958, and was completed in March.

The \$4,425,695.53 Kelly Hill enlisted men's barracks contract was handled by the Ivey Brothers Construction Company of Atlanta. The starting date was in July, 1956. The project is scheduled for com-

pletion September 14, 1958. The building calls for eight 326-man billets.

Also in the million dollar project bracket was the construction of a family housing unit by the Jordan Company for \$1,322,594.48, which began in January, 1956, and was completed in May, 1957.

Also completed in May, 1957, was the construction of the main Post Exchange by the Williams Construction Company at a bid price of \$361,365.27.

Other projects completed in 1957 include a light aircraft hangar and miscellaneous facilities by the Williams Company at a cost of \$179,534.16, and motor park facilities in Kelly Hill constructed by the Jordan Company for \$363,703.10. The Jordan Company also constructed a motor park near the jump tower area for \$270,407.54.

The Buck Construction Company of Columbus erected miscellaneous buildings including PX's and dispensaries at a cost of \$572,036.08 and also a BOQ (bachelor officers quarters) for \$188,966.55. Both projects were started in the summer of 1956.

The Jordan Company completed

the construction of a \$433,931.79 enlisted men's barracks in the south area of the post in November, 1957. The same company also began construction of 16 battalion classrooms in February, 1957, and completed this project a year later for \$461,026.05.

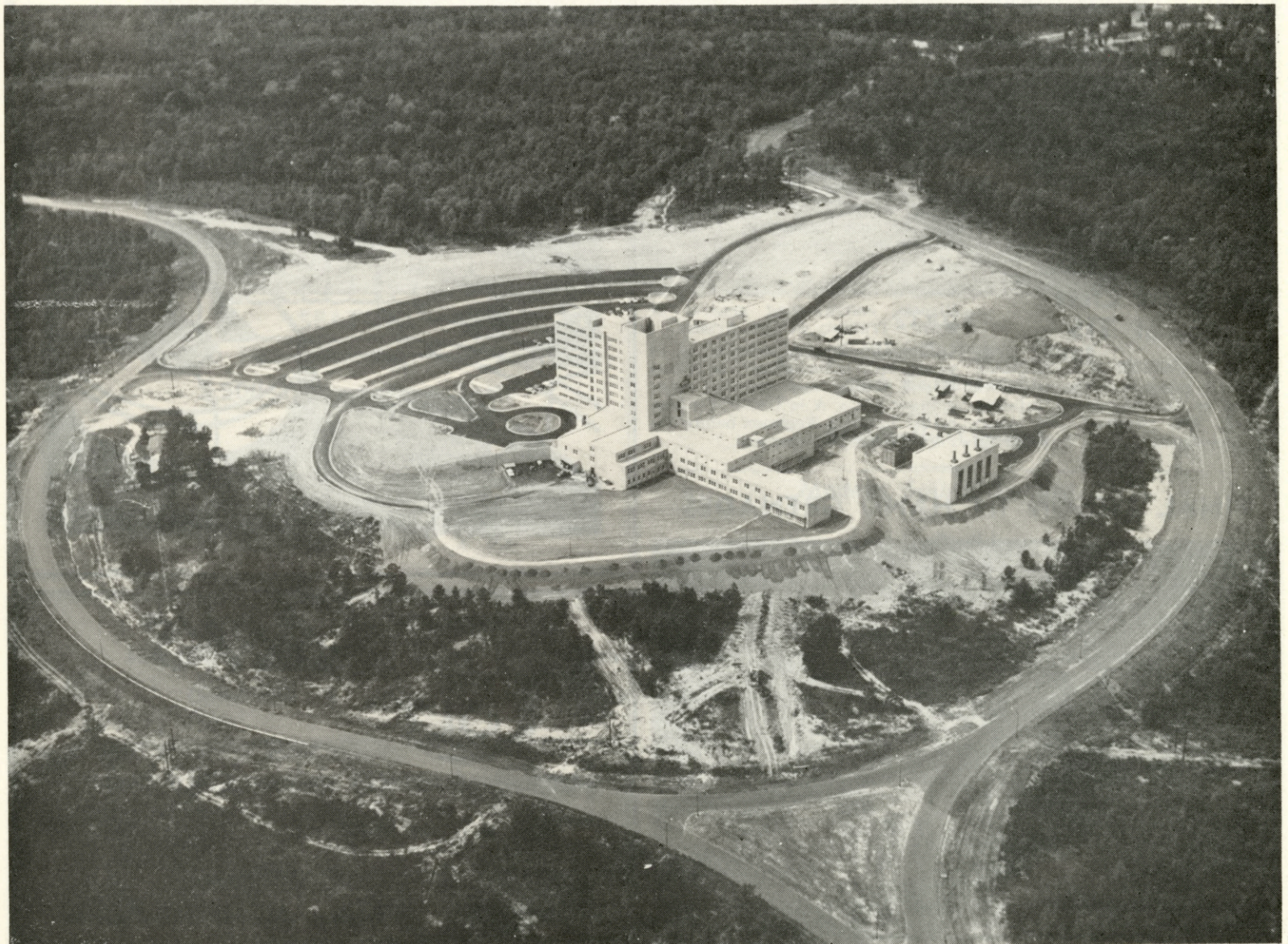
The Williams Company constructed additional enlisted men's barracks at Kelly Hill for \$448,172.85. Work started in July, 1956, and was completed August, 1957.

Two projects started in March, 1957, were the construction of an off-site utility for the Capehart Housing, completed in December by the Jordan Company at a cost of \$460,622.63 and an administrative building and storehouse also completed in December by the Buck Construction Company for \$44,373.61.

In April, 1957, the Fred Carpenter Plumbing Company of Columbus began work on a \$105,946.43 addition to the central heating plant at Kelly Hill.

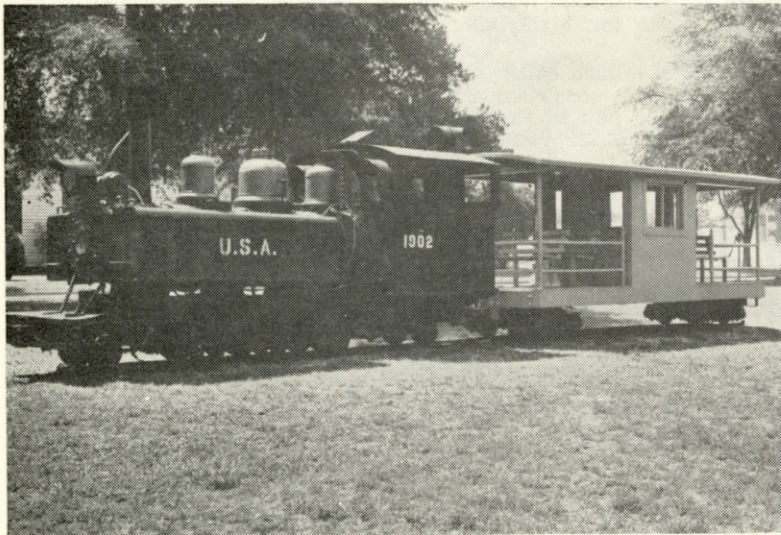
Two contracts were let in March, 1958, one being the construction of a motor park at Kelly Hill by the Jordan Company at a bid price of

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Martin Army Hospital constructed at Fort Benning in 1957 cost over \$6 million. The structure has five wings, its own heating plant and ample parking space. Jordan Contracting Co., Columbus, Ga., Builder.—U.S. Army Photo.

'CHATTAHOOCHEE CHOO-CHOO' A BENNING INSTITUTION



"Chattahoochee Choo Choo" played a memorable role at Fort Benning before and during World War II.—U.S. Army Photo.

LOCATED on the corner of Sigerfoos and Vibbert Avenue at Fort Benning is a small locomotive resembling a "Tunerville Trolley" which played a memorable part in The Infantry Center's training activities before and during World War II.

During World War II these little locomotives, with their quaint little cars, were used to transport officer candidates and other personnel to various training areas throughout the vast reservation.

The tiny trains were affectionately dubbed the "Chattahoochee Choo-Choos" by the men who used them.

Men of the U. S. Army who at-

tended the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning will remember their first glimpse of these little locomotives. They will remember their first days in the OCS reception center when these trains came by the barracks carrying candidates.

After chugging around the post for about a quarter of a century, the train was retired to a site in front of the Fish and Game Maintenance Office in 1946. It remained there until the latter part of 1956 when it was repaired and moved to its present location.

Almost any afternoon when school is out, droves of children find the old locomotive a choice site for their games.

Fort Knox Cites Student of TIS

CAPT. ROBERT E. FURMAN, newly assigned to the Advanced Course in Fort Benning's Infantry School, has received the Army Commendation Ribbon with Metal

Pendant from Major Gen. Paul A. Disney, commanding general of Knox's Training Center, Armor.

Capt. Furman, a veteran of 16 years' service including World War II and Korea, was company commander of Co. A in USATCA's Specialist Training Regiment before the Fort Benning assignment.

FINAL LESSON IN HAND GRENADES



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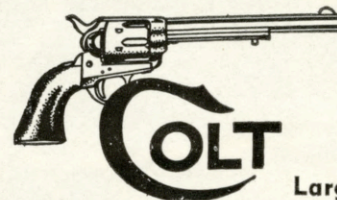
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TOURS SHOW UNITED STATES TO ALLIED TIS STUDENTS

ALLIED students attending the Infantry School are becoming acquainted with a broad cross-section of the American public and our country's way of life through a series of visits to Fort Benning and civilian organizations and businesses.

The program is sponsored by the school's Allied Liaison Section in conjunction with the Citizens-Military-Council of Fort Benning-Columbus-Phenix City.

During recent months students from 23 nations throughout the world have been given the opportunity to participate in tours of the Ledger-Enquirer newspaper plant, WRBL television station, the Coca-Cola and Nehi Bottling Companies, Wells Dairies, Tom Huston Peanut Company and model farms in Georgia and Alabama.

Orientation visits conducted on the post have included the Fort Benning Children's Schools and the Third U. S. Army Training Aids Sub-Center.

Eighty officers from 19 Allied countries—Austria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Guatemala, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Republic of Vietnam, Spain,

Thailand, Turkey and West Germany—traveled to New Orleans, La., last Thanksgiving to spend the holidays. The Allied Liaison Section supervised the trip and arranged for housing at Camp Leroy Johnson, La.

The New Orleans tour proved so popular that another bus trip to the Crescent City for Allied students was made on Memorial Day weekend.

A party of 25 Allied students visited Bellingrath Gardens and Mobile, Ala., recently. Groups frequently visit Ida Cason Calloway Gardens at Pine Mountain, Ga.

In exchange for learning about the U. S., Allied students are presenting a series of "This Is My Country" programs at Service Club No. 1.

The series of personal glimpses of the homelands of these visitors to our country was inaugurated last November with a talk by Major Mir Ijaz Mahmood of the Frontier Force Regiment of Pakistan.

Some of the Allied officers have addressed organizations in the surrounding civilian community. One of these recent lectures was by Lt. Col. Harrish C. Rai of India, who illustrated his comments with slides.

AN ACTIVE RELIGIOUS PROGRAM CONDUCTED AT BENNING

FORT BENNING'S active religious program is conducted through the services of 15 chaplains, 19 chapels and a Jewish Center under the supervision of the U. S. Army Infantry Center's Chaplains Section.

Eight chapels are located in the main post area, five in the Harmony Church area, five in the Sand Hill area, and one in the Kelly Hill area. A Jewish Center, one of the few of its kind, is in the hospital area.

Services are conducted for Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Christian Scientists and Latter Day Saints (Reorganized).

A general Protestant Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:30 a. m. with classes for nursery through adult level. Special bus transportation is available. A Protestant director of Christian education directs and co-ordinates activities of the Sunday School.

A newly instituted support to Fort Benning's religious program, the director of Christian education serves as counselor on problems of Christian education and is available for home visiting. Her general duties are comparable to those of a director in a large city church.

Among the general Protestant religious activities is a home visitation program conducted by a volunteer lay group. Its primary functions are to provide a religious welcome and information on religious activities and schedules to new arrivals.

Newly organized and operating actively is the Protestant Women

of the Chapels, a service group of Fort Benning women. Its membership, activities and organization are similar to women's service clubs in civilian churches.

Other programs include the Officers' Christian Union, special Sunday evening film services at the Infantry Center Protestant Chapel and an Infantry Center Chapel Choir.

Jewish activities include a Jewish Married Couples Club and a Tuesday evening study group. Other services and events are observed and commemorated on various occasions.

Among Catholic activities and organizations are the Altar Guild, the women's Sodality, and the men's Holy Name Society.

The Episcopal mission, St. Michael's, has its own services, Sunday School and choir. It also has a Women's Auxiliary and the Lay Readers.

Catechism classes are conducted in the Catholic chapel program and by the Lutheran group.

Heading Fort Benning's expansive religious program is Chaplain (Col.) Albert C. Wildman of Charlotte, N. C., Infantry Center chaplain.

Italian Officers Visit TIS

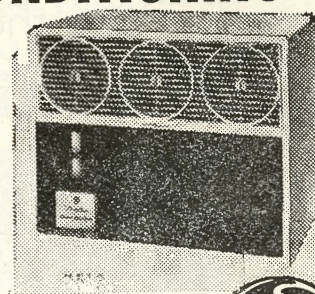
MAJOR GEN. EMILIANO SCOTTI, Italian Army director general of officer personnel, headed a party of 15 Italian officers who visited the Infantry School May 21 to 24.

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General Canham Stresses Importance Of Preparedness

EMPHASIZING the necessity for National Guard and Army Reserve Infantry units "trained and ready to go at the drop of a hat," Major Gen. Charles D. W. Canham, commanding general of XI U. S. Army Corps (Reserve), spoke at graduation ceremonies May 28 for the Infantry School's associate officers advanced class No. 4.

The 137-man class consisted of guardsmen and reservists and Allied students from seven nations. Honor graduate of the group was Capt. Charles E. Widmer, S-4 of 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania National Guard.

"I have the greatest respect for our civilian soldiers. This country has never relied on a large standing Army. It is increasingly important that our civilian components be ready," Gen. Canham said.

"You must be prepared for a nuclear war or a so-called brush war, for you are the ones who must bear the brunt in the event

either happens," the speaker told the Infantrymen.

"Never lose sight of the fact that in our lifetime there's always going to be a demand for the men on the ground with the rifle in his hand and a bayonet on the end of it. We must maintain a strong force in being that has the moral stamina to get in and close with the enemy," he declared.

The two-star general pointed out, "We need a more rugged individual than we ever have in the history of the Army and we need the educated man." He added that successful men in both civilian and military life "have never stopped learning."

"We need individuals in the Army today who are continually striving for bigger and better things. The gate is wide open to get to the top," Gen. Canham said.

"Remember that a commander makes or breaks his unit," he added. "You are dealing with the most precious commodity in the world—human life. It's important that you take steps to help mold the young men coming up. Be just and firm, but let them realize that they have a serious job ahead," he said.

Benning Visited By 40 Students Of Oglethorpe

FORTY students from Oglethorpe, Ga., School visited Fort Benning June 3.

Each year a group of students from the school visits Columbus for tours through various industries in the city, and for the first time, a conducted tour of the post was among their activities.

Included in their trip to Fort Benning were visits to the new Martin Army Hospital, Lawson Army Airfield, airborne training tower area and the Third Army Food Service Field mess.

Post Visited by WACs Director

DIRECTOR of the Women's Army Corps., Col. Mary Louise Milligan, recently visited Fort Benning for a first-hand look at activities of the Infantry Center WAC Detachment.

She was accompanied by Lt. Col. Lillian F. Foushee, WAC staff adviser for Third U. S. Army, Fort McPherson, Ga.

The two conferred with Brig. Gen. John F. Ruggles, commanding general of The Infantry Center during the temporary absence of Major Gen. Paul L. Freeman, Jr., June 3 and was honored at an official luncheon June 4 in the Main Officers' Mess.

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BENNING MEDICAL PROGRAM ONE OF MOST COMPREHENSIVE OF ANY MILITARY POST

FORT BENNING'S medical service program is one of the most active, most comprehensive medical operations of any military post in the country. Turned over to the government by the contractors in April and due for occupancy in July is the five-wing, ultra-modern, Army Hospital, erected by the Jordan Contracting Company of Columbus, Ga., under the supervision of the Savannah District Corps of Engineers.

The modern concrete edifice including furnishings, and equipment will come to a total cost of more than \$7 1-2 million. The construction of the building itself was \$6,386,086.54. The elevators installed by the General Elevator Co. cost \$267,739.00, while the landscaping was let to the Symmes Nursery of Atlanta, Ga., for \$10,890.50.

The Martin Army Hospital to be officially dedicated to the late Major General Joseph I. Martin, graduate of The Infantry School and leader in the Army Medical Corps, will be completely air-conditioned and equipped with the most modern equipment.

The hospital will be equipped with an inter-com nurse call system, pneumatic tube delivery, color television and a supersonic sound wave needle washing machine.

Under the command of Col. Robert B. Skinner of Richmond, Va., post surgeon and commander of the hospital, the highly qualified medical staff, supported by competent nurses, technicians and an administrative staff carry out Fort Benning's extensive health program. At present the hospital staff consists of 50 medical officers, 14 interns, 90 nurses, 18 Medical Service Corps officers, 10 Army medical specialists, 2 warrant officers, 466 enlisted personnel and 245 civilians.

The medical department is responsible for the health and well being of all Fort Benning personnel and their dependents. Medical personnel are entrusted in carrying out the health program here at the U. S. Army Infantry Center, conducting all physical examinations, supervising the sanitation of the soldiers environment, inspecting all food and providing facilities for the treatment of the sick or wounded. The hospital staff in 1957 treated 11,602 bed patients, 438,000 out-patients and gave some 45,000 physical examinations.

Fort Benning's hospital does not concentrate on serious cases alone. Soldiers whose condition is such as to warrant excuse from duty are normally hospitalized and a complete check is made before the man reports back to duty. In receiving the mild as well as serious cases, early isolation thus lessens the opportunity for the spread of infectious disease and, by such early treatment, lowering the hospitalization rate.

Aside from receiving the utmost

in medical attention, the comfort and morale of the convalescing soldier is enhanced considerably by the Red Cross staff at the hospital, who constantly arrange for recreational activities and assist the patient in their welfare problems.

The Armed Forces Radio Service Station, WFBS has gone a long way in providing the necessary "morale" medicine. The station operates 14 hours a day, presenting the latest musical arrangements and programs. A tie-in with channels of major networks brings to the patient a variety of programs.

In addition to the hospital there are dispensaries for Fort Benning personnel and their dependents at Harmony Church, Sand Hill and the main post area. Here "sick call" is held daily. Minor cases are treated in the dispensary and those requiring hospitalization are sent to the hospital where they receive every possible attention from a well organized and expertly qualified professional staff to treat any possible condition arising.

Maintenance Keeps 826th Tanks Moving

TAKE a turtle and turn him on his back. Something of the same spectacle occurs when a fighting M-48 tank of the 826th Tank Battalion is disabled by mechanical failure. Its belligerence is at once

transformed into passivity.

The mission of the Armored Maintenance Section, which is comprised of expert personnel from the 826th itself and from the 154th Transportation Company attached to it, is to keep tanks, personnel carriers and certain wheeled vehicles of the Assault Gun Section of the 14th Infantry and the Reconnaissance Platoon of the 29th Infantry at maximum battle-readiness—to prevent the turtle from turning, so to speak. This is no trifling job.

According to WO Carl F. Gunderson, "D" maintenance on one tank alone requires 64 mechanic man-hours and 124 crew man-hours. Assisted by Sfc. Charles W. Wmth and Sgt. Clinton G. Alderman, WO Gunderson supervises the removal and servicing, for instance, of the 850th h.p. engines which power the M-48s.

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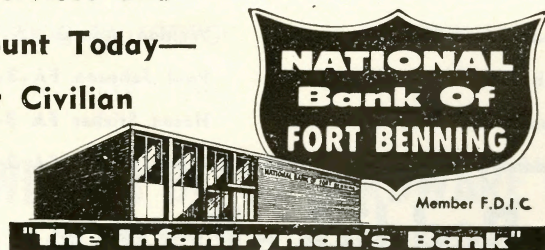
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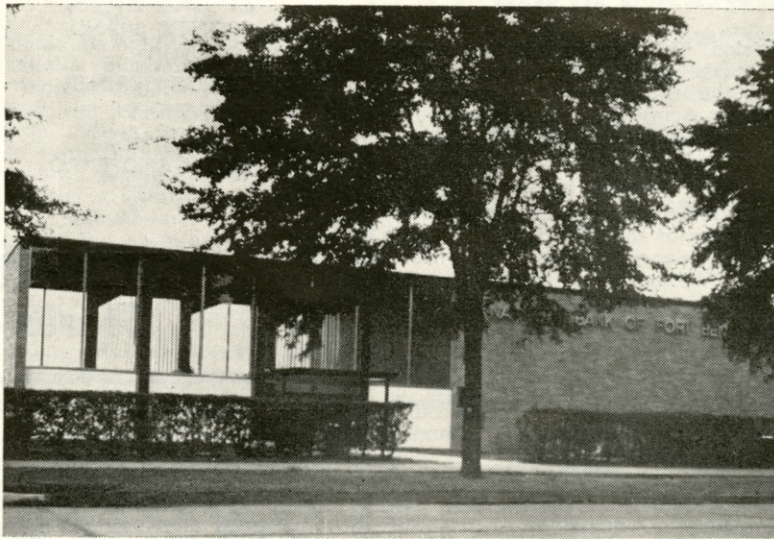
Banks and Banking at Fort Benning

WITH the completion of the National Bank of Fort Benning it can be said that the U. S. Army Infantry Center offers one of the most comprehensive banking services to its personnel.

Facilities are available at Fort Benning through the National Bank of Fort Benning and branch offices of two Columbus banks. These banks are all centrally situated on the Main Post, only minutes from key post business installations — the Main Post bus terminal, PX and commissary, cafeteria, post office and Main Post Theater, among others.

The National Bank of Fort Benning occupies a new, modern building on Wold Avenue, directly opposite the Main Library. It is open six days a week, with hours specifically tailored for the convenience of post personnel. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the bank is open from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 p. m. until 7 p. m., and on Saturdays from 10 a. m. until 12 noon.

Since this is a national, not a military bank, the bank's facilities are available to both military and civilians. Complete services offered include checking accounts, commercial banking, three per cent savings accounts, safe deposit boxes, night depository, in-



The National Bank at Fort Benning, one of three banks serving The Infantry Center.—U.S. Army Photo.

dividual and business loans of all kinds, travelers checks, money orders, cashier checks and government bonds. Also offered is bank-by-mail service from anywhere in the world. The bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System and all deposits there are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The National Bank of Fort Benning has ample off-street parking in its private parking lot. It be-

gan operation in July 1957, when the new air - conditioned building was completed. The bank is owned by stockholders who are Regular, Reserve and retired Army personnel, including both officers and enlisted men. Bank officers are Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Manton S. Eddy, who is chairman of the board, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Charles W. Pence, president of the bank; William A. Lyman, executive vice - president and cashier, and E. G. Sparks and

L. M. McDowell Jr., assistant cashiers.

The First National Bank of Columbus and the Columbus Bank and Trust Company both maintain air - conditioned offices at the Finance and Accounting Office, Building No. 161 on Vibbert Avenue, cater - cornered across the street from the United States Post Office at Fort Benning, and only two minutes from the bus station. Both bank's offices are open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m. They are open on Friday afternoons from 4 p. m. until 6 p. m. but are closed on Saturdays.

The First National Bank and the Columbus Bank and Trust Company also offer complete downtown and suburban banking facilities for added convenience to depositors. Complete bank services include checking and savings accounts, Christmas Club savings, loans of all types, banking by mail, 24-hour depository and government bonds. Both banks are members of the Federal Reserve System and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and have been serving personnel at Fort Benning ever since the post was established.

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MAJOR GENERAL PAUL LAMAR FREEMAN, Jr. Commanding General of the U. S. Army Infantry Center and Commandant of the U. S. Army Infantry School assumed command at Fort Benning May 2, 1958.

Gen. Freeman assumed command of The Infantry Center following his assignment as senior member of the Weapons System Evaluation Group, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Gen. Freeman, 1929 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., was born in Manila, Philippine Islands, June 29, 1907, the son of an Army officer. An alumnus of The Infantry School he attended the company officers course in 1932 and the Infantry Tank School in 1937.

Before World War II Gen. Freeman served at various posts in the U. S. and in China. In 1939 he was a language student in Peking, China. During the war he served in the China-Burma-India Theater and was G-4 on Gen. Joseph Stilwell's Chinese - American combat staff.

In 1943 he returned to the U. S. as a member of the Joint War Plans Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Serving as adviser on the war in Asia to Gen. George Marshall he attended the historical meetings of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1944 in London, England and Quebec, Canada.

Returning to the Pacific Theater in late 1944, he served with the 77th Infantry Division and I Corps in the Philippine Islands liberation campaign.

For a period after the war Gen. Freeman was director of training with the Joint Brazil-U. S. Military Commission in Brazil. From 1948 to 1950 he was chief of the Latin American Branch, Operations Di-

vision, G-3 Section of the Army General Staff, Washington, D. C. At the same time he served as junior Army delegate to the Inter-American Defense Board Military Commission.

Wounded in Korea

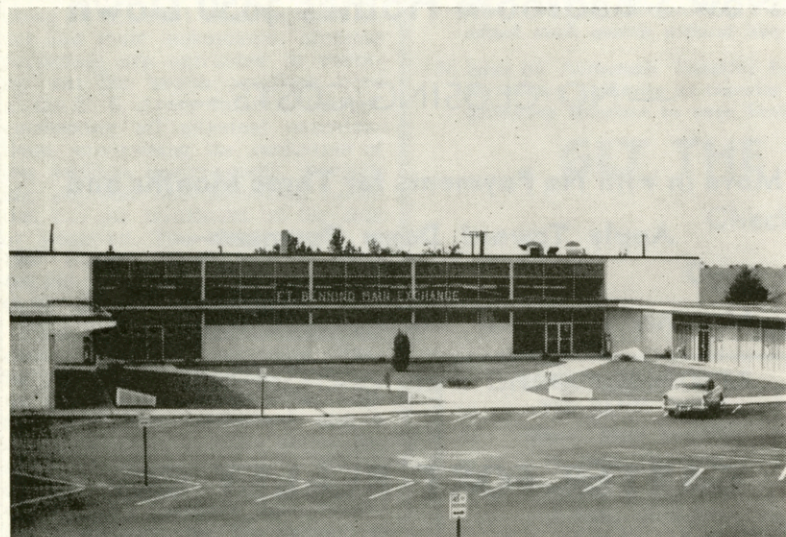
In 1950 he went to Korea as commander of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, Second Infantry Division. His regiment participated in the Naktong defensive and the first U. N. counter - offensive. In November 1950, the 23rd Regiment covered the withdrawal of the Eighth Army at Kunuri. Later in the February, 1951, battle of Chip-yong, Gen. Freeman was wounded and evacuated to the U. S.

After a brief tour with the Office of Chief of Information, Department of Army, Gen. Freeman attended the National War College in Washington in 1951 and was promoted to brigadier general in 1952. He then served as commander, Tactical Command, U. S. Forces in Austria. In January, 1953, he became special assistant to the chief of staff, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe.

From July 1953 to August 1955 he served as Deputy Director, Plans and Policies Division of the Joint Staff of the Commander in Chief, U. S. European Command. In September 1955 he was assigned Commanding General of the 2nd Infantry Division later 71st Infantry Division and later 4th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash. He held this post till January, 1957. It was in 1955 that he received his second star.

Among his decorations are the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Bar and three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal and Purple Heart. His foreign awards include the French Legion of Honor, French Croix de Guerre and Brazilian Order of Merit.

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Sport and recreational activities include baseball, basketball, football, swimming, boxing, track, volleyball, bowling, golf, tennis, hunting and fishing table tennis, horseshoes and handball.

Among the numerous sports activities conducted at the post is the Annual Fall Handicap Golf Tournament at the Fort Benning Country Club golf course, which is a 27-hole course. A nine-hole course in the Sand Hill area is primarily for enlisted personnel.

A highlight in the sporting scene at Fort Benning is the Third U. S. Army Small Games Tournament, which is played at Gowdy Field and Briant Wells Field House on a rotation basis with other installations in the area.

Tennis enthusiasts will find modern tennis courts available and the Fort Benning Tennis Club the center for these activities. The club is a member of the U. S. and Southern Lawn Tennis Associations.

Football, a popular sport at Fort Benning, includes the Doughboy Football Little League which gives the youngsters at the post a chance to learn the fundamentals of the game and receive early the true concepts of sportsmanship through friendly, competitive and supervised games.

For adults there are regimental football teams but no post team.

The U. S. Army National AAU swimming and diving competition finds the swimming pools the try-out scene for these events.

For those who would rather hit a small ball with their hand than hit a big ball with a bat the Indi-

vidual Handball Tournament is available annually.

Horseanship, once an art necessary for the complete education of the soldier, is active in a modern form through the activities of the Fort Benning Hunt Club. The club has a stable of horses where initial and advanced classes in the skill of the equestrian are taught. Membership in this club is by an initiation fee plus monthly dues. Horses may be boarded or hired by arrangement with club officials.

Many athletic events, including the leading tournaments, are played in the Briant Wells Field House. It contains an indoor swimming pool, handball court, two basketball courts and a complete gymnasium with adequate spectator seats. It is named in honor of Major Gen. Briant Wells, former commandant of the U. S. Army Infantry School and one time athletic instructor at Fort Benning.

Doughboy Stadium, which was built entirely by voluntary soldier labor in 1924-1925, is a tribute to dead comrades of World War I. Contributions for the construction of the 10,000 - capacity stadium were made by every Infantry unit in the Army at that time. Numerous individuals made contributions while others came from schools throughout the U. S. Countless college and professional football stars have played here.

Another prominent meeting place for athletic events at Fort Benning is Gowdy Field, named for Hank Gowdy, the first major league baseball player to enlist voluntarily during World War I. He returned to Fort Benning after re-entering the Army in World War II, as Special Services officer until his retirement in 1944. It is considered one of the better baseball fields in this section of the country and was paid for by excess funds collected for the construction of Doughboy Stadium.

TROOPS ON TACTICAL MANEUVERS



Infantry troops at Fort Benning on tactical maneuvers.—U.S. Army Photo.

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BRIG. GEN. JOHN F. RUGGLES
Deputy Commanding General of
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manding general.
A native of Lyndonville, Vt.,

Gen. Ruggles was graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., in 1931. Assigned to the 26th Infantry at Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., in 1935, he began a two-year tour with the 31st Infantry in Manila, Philippines.

After being graduated from the U.S. Army Infantry School's regular officers course in 1938, he joined the 13th Infantry at Fort Devens, Mass., traveling to the Canal Zone with that unit the following year.

The one-star general served as an instructor in The Infantry School in 1942 and 1943, then joined the 22nd Infantry Regiment of the Fourth Infantry Division in England. Gen. Ruggles served as executive officer and commander of the regiment, participating in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe campaigns.

He completed the Command and General Staff College course at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., in 1946 before assuming duties in the Operations Section of Army Ground Forces headquarters, Fort Monroe, Va. His next assignment was with the Department of the Army's Organization and Training Division.

A 1951 graduate of the Army War

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