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HANDBOOK

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INFORMATION



REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTERS

CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON

ARKANSAS

Introduction

The purpose of this handbook is to tell the new soldier at Camp Robinson a few of the things he will want to know about his camp—such things as what type of camp it is, how late the Post Exchange remains open, what opportunities he has for promotion, and what he can do for recreation.

If you desire to send a copy home, as an easy way of telling about your new life here, extra copies, stamped, ready for mailing, can be obtained at your Post Exchange for six cents.

You are urged to keep a copy of your own, carry it in your pocket, at least during your early days in camp, and consult it frequently. There is an index in the back.

NAME

SERIAL NO.

PLATOON

COMPANY

BATTALION

REGIMENT

1ST LT EDWIN A THOMAS
COMPANY COMMANDER

LT COL ALLEN D RAYMOND
BATTALION COMMANDER

LT COL F HILLARD
REGIMENTAL COMMANDER

GEN F B MALLON
COMMANDING GENERAL

Camp Robinson

Camp Robinson is situated on wooded hills eight miles north of Little Rock, capital and largest city of Arkansas. Its site was occupied in World War I by bustling Camp Pike, where more than 75,000 men were in training at one time.

Little Rock is distinguished in the present war as the birthplace of General Douglas MacArthur and Lieutenant General Brehon Somerville.

The present camp was named for the late Senator Joseph T. Robinson, United States Senator from Arkansas for 24 years, and Majority Leader in the Senate until his death in 1937.

A small part of the old Camp Pike site was retained for public purposes after World War I, serving as training grounds for the Arkansas National Guard.

To this was added a tract of approximately 30,000 acres leased late in 1940. Tents, later to be replaced by the present hutments, rose for 25,000 men in 1940. Other quarters have been added since that time.

The first major occupant of the new camp was the 35th Division, National Guard troops called to Federal service.



Headquarters, Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center.

In January, 1942, the two Replacement Training Centers—Branch Immaterial and Medical—were established.

Many soldiers who have left Camp Robinson remember it now as a beautiful place. Its fine trees are unusual. It is fortunate in having the hospitable city of Little Rock as its nearest neighbor.

Replacement Training Centers

Two Replacement Training Centers occupy most of Camp Robinson. They are the Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center and the Medical Replacement Training Center.

Such centers are military establishments set up to give the new soldier basic training before he is sent on to the permanent service for which he is found to be best suited.

In his weeks at one of the centers at Camp Robinson the newly inducted man really becomes a soldier. He learns discipline and military courtesy. He learns how to protect himself in battle and, if in Branch Immaterial, he learns use of the weapons with which to protect himself.

Regular inspections teach him proper care of equipment. Drill makes prompt obedience to orders almost automatic. The physical training program makes him strong, hard, and healthy.

It is important for you, as a new soldier, to work hard during your basic training. The subjects taught now are taught later in greater detail in schools for non-commissioned and commissioned officers. A thorough mastery of them now will help you toward advancement. It will be valuable to you also in whatever branch of service you may find yourself later.

The Soldier's Handbook, a War Department publication which has been given you, can become a great help to you. It deals with subjects taught in your training. You cannot do better than to study its dis-

cussion on these subjects as you come to them in your training schedule. Use it frequently as a handy reference manual.

The Training Centers are divided into regiments and battalions.

Each battalion is headed by a commissioned officer, usually of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and is divided into companies of approximately 225 men—each headed by a commissioned officer (usually a Captain). The officer in charge of your company is your "Company Commander" and the officer at the head of the entire Training Center is your "Commanding General."

Each company is, in turn, divided into platoons—each commanded by a Lieutenant. A non-commissioned officer of the rank of Sergeant, with his assistants, the Corporals and Privates First Class, will be in charge of your barracks and responsible for much of your basic training.

The non-commissioned officers are the men you will hear referred to as the "cadre"—a term used to designate the permanent administrative and training personnel of your company.

In direct charge of all the men, and serving under the company commander and other company officers is the First Sergeant. Through him will pass many of your routine orders and assignments.

You will find your officers aware of the adjustment you are being called upon to make and ready at all times to cooperate with you in the solution of your problems. In turn, they expect that you will give your wholehearted cooperation in carrying out the progress of training.

Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center

If you are going to take your training in the Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center, you will normally be at Camp Robinson from eight to ten weeks. The actual training program is scheduled to last six to eight weeks.

During this time, you will be given a fundamental training in the basic phases of modern warfare, so that when you finish your course here you will be qualified for assignment to any branch, including Infantry, Artillery, Cavalry, Chemical Warfare, Engineers, Military Police, Quartermaster, Finance, Signal Corps, Ordnance and Air Force.

Basic Subjects

Military Courtesy and Discipline; Articles of War; Military Sanitation and First Aid; Defense Against Air and Mechanized Attack; Recognition of Aircraft and Mechanized Vehicles; Marches and Bivouacs; Extended Order; Interior Guard Duty; Dismounted Drill; Equipment, Clothing and Tent Pitching; Physical Training, and Mass Athletics; Inspection.

Technical Subjects

Bayonet; Rifle (Mechanical Training, Marksmanship and Technique of Fire); Automatic Rifle; Machine Gun; 60-mm Mortar; Hand Grenades.

Tactical Subjects

Tactical Training of the Soldier; Field Fortifications, Camouflage and Anti-Mechanized Measures; Elementary Map and Aerial Photograph Reading.

Medical Replacement Training Center

Medical soldiers do not bear arms, yet they are needed most where the fighting is hardest.

The purpose of training in the Medical Replacement Training Center is to give all medical soldiers a fundamental knowledge which will best enable them to protect themselves, and at the same time carry out their medical mission of conserving the Army's fighting strength.

Training in the Medical Replacement Training Center at Camp Robinson normally covers a period of eleven weeks. At the end of this time, enlisted men are ready to be sent to any of the various types of Army hospitals, to join medical units for field duty, or to be assigned to medical detachments directly serving combat troops.

To give them the necessary diversified knowledge for these possible duties, the medical training course here is separated into three sections, and includes the following subjects:

Basic Training

Articles of War; Military Discipline, Customs, and Courtesies; Personal and Sex Hygiene; First Aid, Equipment, Clothing and Shelter Tent Pitching; Individual Defense Against Chemical Attack; Individual Defense Against Air Attack; Individual Defense Against Mechanized Attack; Safeguarding Military Information; Interior Guard Duty; Organization and Function of the Arms; Dismounted Drill; Marches and Bivouacs; Physical Training; Hasty Entrenchments and Shelter.

Technical and Medical Subjects

Anatomy and Physiology; Nomenclature and Care of Organizational Equipment; Field Medical Records; Treatment of Gas Casualties; Transportation of Sick and Wounded; Extended Order Drill; Ambulances (Loading and Unloading); Removal of Casualties from Airplanes and Tanks; Field Sanitation and Sanitary Appliances; Materia Medica and Pharmacy; Medical and Surgical Nursing; Heavy Tent Pitching; Organization and Function of Medical Units; Emergency Medical Treatment; Splints and Splinting; Bandaging and Dressing.

Tactical Training

Troop Movements by Motor; Movements by Rail; Individual Security and Scouting and Patrolling; Map and Aerial Photograph Reading; Night Operations; Communications in Combat; Technical and Tactical Employment of Medical Field Units; Training Tests and Inspections.

Other Units Stationed at Camp Robinson

The two Replacement Training Centers include the largest percentage of military personnel at Camp Robinson. The other three main groups of troops stationed here are the Eighth Service Command, hospital units and some units of the Second Army.

The Eighth Service Command is responsible for the administration and operation of such camp services and activities as Quartermaster, Medical, Maintenance of Utilities, Ordnance, Finance, Signal, Reception Center, Fire Department, Post Exchanges, and Military Police.

Units of the Second Army are stationed here for training purposes.

General Information

Military Courtesy

The military salute is a custom that has been in use among soldiers for centuries and is generally practiced in the armed forces throughout the world today.

The salute has two functions: To render respect and to serve as an act of recognition between military personnel. In the Army of the United States it is a privilege enjoyed only by members of the military service in good standing.

The salute is required at all times out of doors, not only within the limits of camp, but also on the streets downtown, whenever you meet and recognize an officer.

The distance for recognition is usually considered to be not more than 30 paces. Those entitled to the salute are commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

You will salute officers in motor vehicles, whether passengers or drivers.

Indoors, you are not required to salute except when reporting to or before addressing an officer.

If an officer enters your hutment the first person to see him calls "Attention" and everyone rises and remains at attention until the officer orders "rest," or departs.

The foregoing are just a few highlights of the regulations that constitute military courtesy. Detailed information on this important subject may be obtained from your Soldier's Handbook, paragraphs 31 to 34 inclusive.

If you are in doubt about any phase of this subject, do not hesitate to ask your officers or non-commissioned officers. They will be glad to give you the correct information.

The Uniform

All items of the uniform which you will be required to wear are furnished you by the Government. Wearing of the uniform of the Army of the United States is an honor and a privilege. Keep yours clean and well pressed.

You should present a neat and soldierly appearance at all times, and particularly when moving among civilians, since it will increase their confidence in you as a member of the fighting forces.

You are required to wear the uniform at all times when out of quarters, except that conventional athletic clothing may be worn on the way to and from athletic games and while engaged therein.

Class "A" uniform, whether cotton khaki or wool O. D., depending on the season, must always be worn when off the post. With the woolen uniform, the service coat must always be worn when off the post.

Identification tags will be worn at all times.

Outer clothing will always be buttoned.

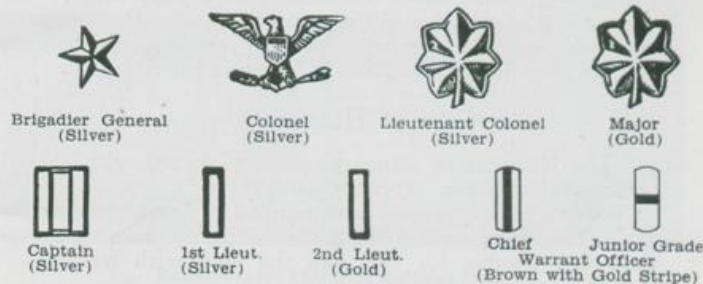
The field jacket will not be worn off the post.

Mixing cotton and wool uniforms and wearing civilian or other non-regulation items with the uniform are prohibited. The cotton shirt may be worn under the service coat, however.

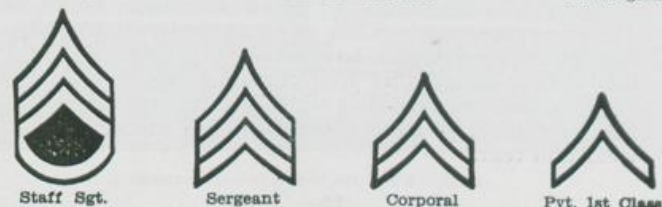
Personal Appearance

Keep your hair trimmed and combed, face shaven, person and clothing clean, clothes pressed and but-

INSIGNIA OF OFFICERS ARE WORN ON THEIR SHIRT COLLAR AND SERVICE CAP AND WHEN WEARING THE SERVICE COAT, ON THE SHOULDER STRAPS.



CHEVRONS OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ARE WORN ON SLEEVES.



toned, shoes shined and carry yourself with a military bearing.

You will shave every day. If the latrines are crowded in the morning, shave in the evening or at noon—but shave every day.

If your shoes need repairing, you will be authorized at designated times to take them to your supply room for that purpose without cost to you. Be sure to put the name of your organization, your serial number and your initials in them in indelible pencil or ink.

Care of Hutments

The hutment to which you are assigned will be your regular home. Treat it as such.

Hutments are swept and mopped at least once a day. Plenty of pressure on the mopstick will save time and trouble for you and the men with whom you live.

Clothes will be hung in a certain manner (according to a chart hung in each hutment); shoes left under the bunks will always be laced and polished; bunks must be arranged in a certain manner (also equipment and foot lockers); and beds must be made at all times during the day.

Lights are turned out at "tattoo." There must be no talking or unnecessary noise after that time.

Loss of Equipment

The property which the government issues to you does not belong to you, but to the government. You hold it in trust and it is your responsibility.

You must replace that which you lose or damage, but, of course, you are not responsible for ordinary wear and tear.



Hutments Like This Have Replaced Tents.



Interior View of One of the New Hutments.

Free Time

Unless you are notified to the contrary by your superiors, your time is free every evening from 5:45 (Retreat) to 11:00 o'clock (Taps). A considerable part of this time, however, will go to care of your equipment and clothing.

A bed check is made at 11:00 p. m. every night except Saturday when it is made at 12:00 o'clock.

On occasions you may, upon application, be granted a pass by your company commander to be absent from bed check.

However, if granted such a pass, you must be off the streets of Little Rock by 11:30 p. m., except on Saturday night, when the time is extended to 2:00 a. m. Sunday morning.

Passes and Furloughs

A pass is a written permit issued through your company commander, authorizing you to be absent from camp for a short period. In the Replacement Centers, passes are not issued during drill hours except in emergencies.

Passes are a **privilege** extended to the soldier, and must not be considered a right which may be demanded.

Furloughs are written permits obtained through your company commander, authorizing you to be absent from camp for a period longer than three days.

You are not eligible to receive a furlough while you are taking your basic training except in cases of emergency.

If an emergency should arise, such as death or serious illness, your immediate family should notify the local county unit of the Red Cross at once. Such

notification will speed up action on your request for an emergency furlough.

Verification of serious illness or death by the Red Cross is necessary before an emergency furlough may be granted.

Your family, in notifying the Red Cross, should report the name and address of the person ill or deceased, the telephone number at or nearest the home, and the name of the attending doctor.

The communication telling you of the emergency should state that the Red Cross has already been notified.

Pay Day

Normally the last day of each month is pay day. You are paid in cash and to receive your pay you must have signed the payroll earlier in the month when notified to do so by your company commander.

Insurance

Under a special Act of Congress, from \$1,000 to \$10,000 worth of insurance is offered to soldiers at low rates.

Application for this insurance, however, must be made within 120 days after your induction into the service. If you wait beyond this time you will have to take a complete physical examination to qualify for the insurance.

Inform your company commander that you want insurance, and he will direct you how and where to get it.

If you have a life insurance policy when you are inducted into service, and are unable to pay the premiums, application may be made to the Veteran's

Administration and the premiums will be paid for you for the period you are in service. Then, after your discharge, you have a year's time to repay these premiums to the Veteran's Administration.

War Bonds

War Bonds offer you a means of saving some of your pay and of providing for your own and your relatives' future protection.

The monthly payment plan permits you to reserve a certain amount of your pay each month toward purchase of these bonds.

You may make a minimum reservation of \$1.25. This may be increased in multiples of \$1.25.

Your first sergeant will be glad to help you arrange the deductions.

War Savings Stamps are sold at the Post Exchange and at the Post Office. "Class E" War Bonds may be purchased at the Post Office.

Automobiles

Men who are taking their basic training are not permitted to have automobiles. Friends and relatives are welcome to drive into camp to see them, however.

Between 5:00 a. m. and 12:00 midnight any vehicle is admitted to camp unless barred for cause, or unless the presence of its occupants is found undesirable.

The speed limit in camp is 30 miles an hour. Speed must be reduced to 10 miles when passing troops or crowded areas. Parking anywhere except in designated areas is prohibited.

Walking

Men walking in the camp area, when not in formation, must walk on the left side of the street, facing oncoming traffic.

Thumbing

Thumbing or hitch-hiking rides from passing motorists is prohibited by Army Regulations. It is regarded as conduct unbecoming to a military man in the service of the United States.

Religious Services

There is a chapel located in every regimental area in the Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Cen-



One of Camp Robinson's Many Chapels.

ter and in five of the eight battalion areas of the Medical Replacement Training Center.

Enlisted men are welcome to attend services in any of the chapels. Catholic, Jewish and Protestant services are conducted regularly in these chapels as well as the churches located in Greater Little Rock.

A complete schedule of all services can be found in the "Camp Robinson News," or posted on your company bulletin board.

The Chaplain is the friend and adviser of the soldier and may be consulted on any subject at any time. He is eager to serve you and will be glad to have you call on him.



A Model Mess Hall.

The Mess

You will hear more talk about food perhaps than about any other subject discussed at camp. The food you will eat is the best food served any army in the world.

At Camp Robinson the rations for each day are designated by dietary experts, who keep a careful eye to a proper balance in your diet.

Careful attention is given to sanitation. Your mess hall table is scrubbed with hot, soapy water after each meal. The mess hall floor is scrubbed at least once each day and is swept after each meal. All food handlers are given physical examinations once each month and kitchens and mess halls are inspected rigorously.

Civil Law

The new soldier is reminded that he must obey the civil law just as other citizens. The Military Police will enforce all of the regulations governing soldiers' conduct, even off the reservation, but the uniform grants you no immunity from other police in case of transgressions.

Public Relations

The friendliest relationship exists between Camp Robinson and the civilian population of Little Rock. The many acts of kindness and hospitality of these citizens will help to make your stay here more pleasant.

You should show your appreciation by making every effort to be a credit to the uniform you wear. Remember that the misconduct of a few reflects on the reputation of all.

Civil Relief Act

Under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 military personnel may be relieved temporarily of certain civil obligations such as insurance premiums and various taxes.

You may obtain further information on this Act and how to apply for its relief at your company orderly room.

Visitors

Your friends and relatives are welcome to visit Camp Robinson on Sundays or holidays and during off-hours on other days. They will be shown every possible courtesy. However, the showing of visitors through the various camp facilities will not be allowed to disrupt training activities.

The Guest House and Service Club are equipped to take care of visitors and to assist them in locating enlisted personnel. Whenever possible, you should arrange to meet incoming visitors at these places.

Women are not allowed in the regimental, battalion, or company areas without the permission of the organization commander. If you desire to show relatives or friends your day room or hutment, express permission must be obtained from your company commander.

Borrowing Money

The borrowing or lending of money between the permanent personnel and the enlisted men undergoing training is absolutely forbidden.

Opportunities For Promotion

There is an excellent opportunity for qualified enlisted men to advance in the Army as officers and non-commissioned officers.

In the Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center, men are selected at the end of every training period to attend a special school for non-commissioned officers.

In both Centers, enlisted men are often retained after they have received their training to become part of the regular cadre, or permanent instructional and administrative staff.

Others leave Camp Robinson and are promoted within a short time after they have been assigned to their permanent units.

YOU are under the constant observation of commissioned and non-commissioned officers during your stay at Camp Robinson. If you show interest in your work, willingness to work, a ready obedience to orders, and soldierly bearing, there will be every opportunity for you to advance in both rank and pay.

After the first few weeks of the training cycle, outstanding men will be selected in your company for lance ratings. These men have many of the duties of regular corporals and sergeants. Their insignia is worn on arm bands instead of sleeves, and they receive no increase in pay. An appointment to a lance rating is the earliest possible recognition of your ability and offers you an opportunity for valuable training in leadership.

Officer Candidate Schools

The Army is looking for potential officers. If you believe you have the requisite qualifications of

leadership and education, you will have every opportunity to make application through your Company Commander for attendance at an Officer Candidate School.

Candidates are sent from both Replacement Training Centers to practically all schools for officer candidates of the various branches of the service.

A large number of men within the Medical Replacement Training Center apply for attendance at the Medical Administrative School at Camp Barkeley, Texas. In the Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center, most of the applicants go into the Infantry Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and the others are accepted for training in one of the officer candidate schools of the various arms and services of the Army. It is well to remember that if you apply for officer training in a service branch of the Army you must have the definite qualifications in regard to education and experience to be accepted.

Providing you have been tentatively accepted by a board of officers, you will be sent to an officer candidate preparatory school at the end of your basic training. After the completion of the school, you will be returned to your company. If you are in the BIRTC you must conclusively prove your worth in practical work before you are finally accepted for training. Candidates from the MRTC who have been accepted and have successfully completed the preparatory course will be assigned to an Officer Candidate School shortly after they have finished the course.

If you pass all the preparatory requirements and successfully complete the three months' course at the Officer Candidate School, you will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army of the United States.

Failure to be selected by the reviewing board of officers does not mean that you do not have the opportunity to reapply at a later date.

Bakers and Cooks School

The Army's continuing need for good cooks presents an opportunity for advancement to the new soldier with experience in cooking or baking or with an interest in these fields.

At Camp Robinson the Sub-school for Bakers and Cooks, a branch of the parent Service Command School at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, has an average enrollment of 200 students. Men finishing their basic training are eligible for its two-month course.

The school also offers a one-month course on the work of the mess sergeant. This, however, is open only to men who have graduated as first cooks.

Services and Privileges

Post Exchange

There is a Post Exchange near your organization in which there may be found an ample stock of toilet articles, magazines, writing materials, tobacco, candy, ice cream, soft drinks and sandwiches. Each exchange also contains a barber shop and a tailor shop. The tailor shop makes repairs to and presses uniforms. It also acts as an agent for laundry and dry cleaning service.

The Post Exchange is an Army-operated organization, with the lowest possible prices on all items. Payment for purchases may be in cash or with Post Exchange coupons (commonly called canteen checks).

Canteen checks are certificates of credit which may be purchased for cash from your company commander, or for cash at any of the post exchanges.

Profits of the Exchange are distributed to the funds of the various companies, where they are spent for the benefit of the enlisted men.

The two main post exchanges (see map) are open from 9:00 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. on weekdays, from 9:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. on Saturdays, and from 12 noon to 9:30 p. m. Sunday.

All other Exchanges (except the one in Station Hospital) are open from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p. m., and from 4:30 p. m. to 9:30 p. m. daily (they remain open until 10:00 p. m. on Saturdays) and from 12:00 noon to 9:30 p. m. Sunday.

Tailor shops in the two main exchanges are open from 9:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. daily; in other exchanges they close at 7:30 p. m. They are closed on Sunday. At the two main exchanges laundry service is provided from 9:00 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. daily.

Barber shops in all exchanges are open from 9:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. on weekdays; and from 12:00 noon to 9:30 p. m. on Sundays.

Hours of the Station Hospital exchange's tailor shop and barber shop vary somewhat. They are as follows: tailor shop, open 9:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. weekdays, closed Sundays; barber shop, open 9:00 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. weekdays, closed Sundays.

Dry Cleaning and Pressing

Remember that articles of woolen uniforms cannot be washed. When soiled, they must be dry cleaned and pressed. This service is available through your company supply sergeant and must be paid for

in cash when the clothes are returned. The most convenient service for clothes that require only pressing is furnished by the Post Exchange Tailor Shop.

Laundry

Laundry is normally sent out from your company once every week. You will be given laundry slips which must be filled out neatly and accurately before being turned over to the company supply sergeant with your laundry. Any difference in the items returned to you should be reported immediately to the supply sergeant.

The charges for laundry are nominal. Payments for laundry must be made in cash.

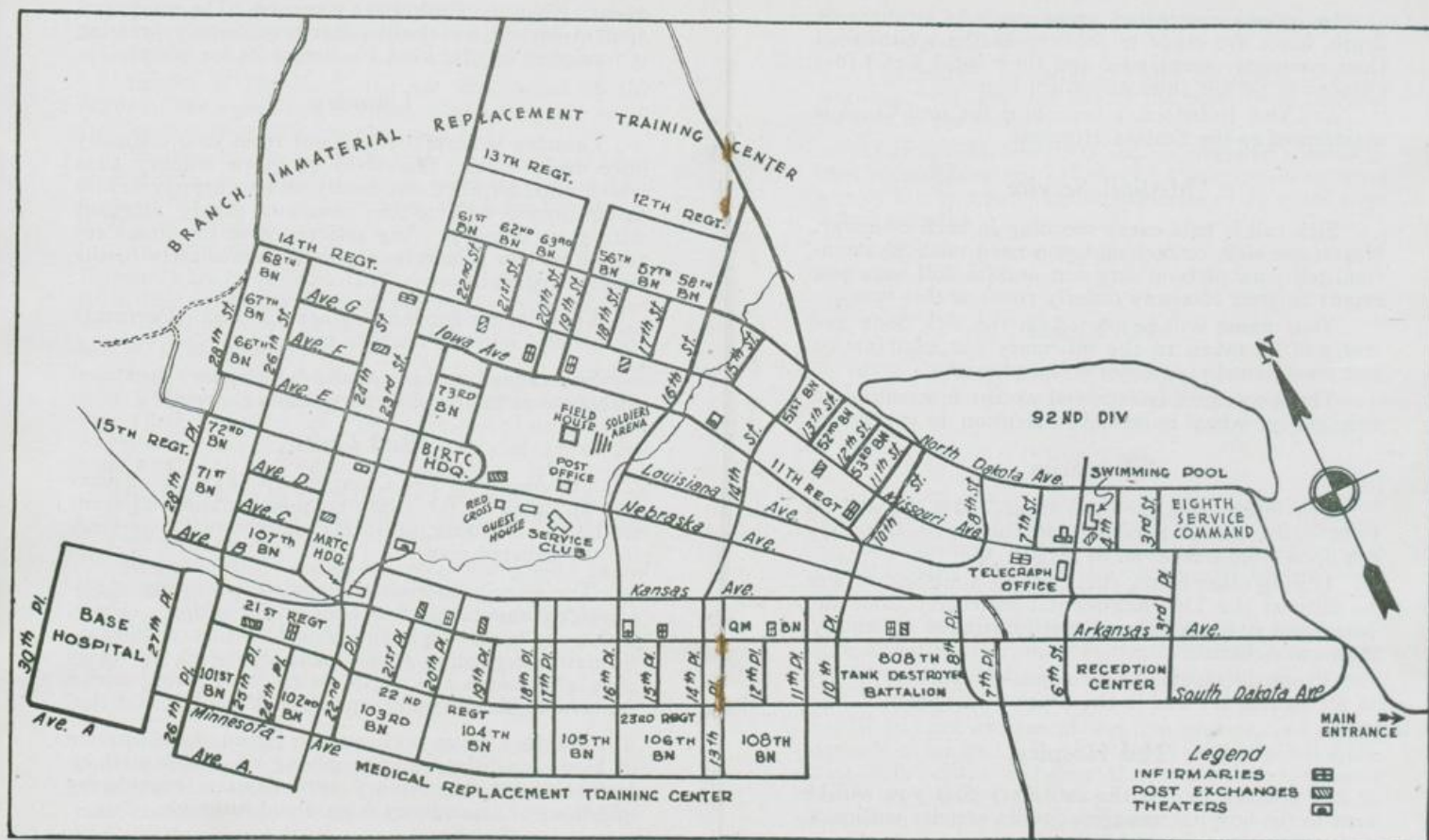
Sheets and pillow cases, which are laundered without cost to you, are changed once a week.

Red Cross

The American Red Cross, which has its headquarters at Camp in the white colonial building adjacent to the Guest House, performs many valuable services for the enlisted man.

The principal activities include the locating of relatives, arrangements for relief of the soldier's family, assistance in solving business problems, furnishing information regarding government provisions for insurance, allotments and death claims, and giving advice concerning the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

The Red Cross services also include investigation of home conditions and supplying of confidential information for the military authorities in considering questions of dependency release and furlough.



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In serious emergency cases, such as sickness or death, loans are made to soldiers on the approval of their company commander and their local Red Cross chapter to permit them to return home.

At Camp Robinson, a branch of the Red Cross is maintained at the Station Hospital.

Medical Service

Sick call is held every morning in each company. If you are sick, or feel that you need medical attention, tell your platoon sergeant and he will have you report to your company orderly room at this time.

Your name will be placed on the sick book and you will be taken to the infirmary for examination and treatment by an experienced physician.

This procedure is followed except in cases of an emergency, when immediate attention is given.

Infirmarys

The infirmarys are open from 7:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. daily, except Sundays and holidays, when they are open from 8:00 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.

During other hours, there will be a medical officer on duty at the 13th Regimental Infirmary, 20th and Iowa, and at the 103rd and 104th Battalion Infirmary, 20th and Arkansas.

Prophylactic stations are open 24 hours of the day in all infirmarys and in the Station Hospital.

The Hospital

If you are told at the infirmary that you will be sent to the hospital, take your toilet articles with you.

Everything else—pajamas, bathrobe, towels—will be furnished you there.

The Station Hospital at Camp Robinson is large, well-equipped, and has one of the best Army hospital records in the country.

During 1941, the 1,500-bed hospital had a remarkable record, treating 347 cases of pneumonia without loss of life, and handling 20,490 cases of all types with only 14 deaths.

You will receive the best possible medical care at Camp Robinson.

Dental Care

If you require dental care, report for sick call and arrangements will be made for you to receive treatment.

Eye Care

If you feel that you are in need of optical care or that you possibly require glasses, report for sick call. At the infirmary it will be determined whether you should be sent to the Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic located at the Station Hospital.

In the event that you have never worn glasses before, and it is determined at the clinic that your vision is below Army standard, the government will furnish you with glasses.

If you are at present wearing glasses, and should damage them, and it is determined at the optical clinic that your vision is below the Army standard, new lenses or a new frame or entire new glasses will be furnished you by the government.

Mail

There is a mail call twice daily in every company. Packages are delivered along with letters. Notifications of insured packages and registered letters will also be delivered at mail call; these notices will tell you where the packages and letters may be obtained.

The Camp Post Office is open weekdays from 8:00 a. m. to 8:00 p. m. and Sundays from 8:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m. It furnishes services such as registering mail, insuring parcels, cashing and issuing money orders. No money orders are sold or cashed, nor are packages insured on Sunday. Persons cashing money orders must have proper identification, such as draft registration cards, driver's license or identification tags. You may purchase War Savings Bonds and Stamps at this office.

There is no special delivery service within Army camps, so advise your correspondents to send their letters by regular or air mail since special delivery stamps will not expedite the delivery of the letter to you.

It is also urged that you advise your friends and relatives not to send money in ordinary letters. When transmitting money, a money order should be purchased, or if currency is included, the letter should be registered. Previous to your transfer from this camp, it is suggested that you write to your family and friends to stop writing you until you notify them of your new address.

Sending Mail Free

All officers, enlisted men and Army nurses are privileged to send their mail free. This includes letters and postcards, but neither air mail nor packages. You cannot send free mail to Canada or Mexico.

To take advantage of this, there is a certain form which you must follow:

Your return address must be in the upper left hand corner and must include in your own handwriting, not printed or typed, your rank and name on the first line, followed by your serial number; on the second line, your organization (company, detachment, battalion, and regiment, as the case may be); on the third line, "Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas"; and on the fourth line, "U. S. Army."

In the upper right hand corner where you would ordinarily place a stamp, write in your own handwriting "Free."

Your envelope, properly addressed, should look like this:

<i>Det. Joe K. Smith (670612)</i> <i>Co. D, 62nd En., 13th Inf. Regt</i> <i>Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas</i> <i>U. S. Army</i>	<i>Free</i>
MRS. J. E. SMITH	
5318 ROSA AVENUE	
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	

Air mail letters require the regular rate of postage, but special delivery letters require only the special delivery stamp. No 3-cent stamp is necessary. The en-

velope is addressed exactly as outlined in the preceding paragraph and the special delivery stamp is placed to the left of the word "Free."

Air mail stamps are good for air mail ONLY. Do not use them on regular letters or packages.

Your special delivery envelope, properly addressed, should look like this:

<i>Post Jas H. Smith (070612)</i> <i>C. O. 62nd Div, 13th Inf Regt</i> <i>Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas</i> <i>U S Army</i>	SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMP	<i>Free</i>
MISS HELEN BURKE		
2126 WEST 7TH STREET		
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI		

Checks and Money Orders

Checks up to \$10 will be cashed at your post exchange if indorsed by your company commander, and if you present evidence of your identity, such as automobile driver's license, Social Security card, camp assignment, or at least two other means of establishing identity. "Dog tags" are not sufficient.

Checks up to \$50 will be cashed at the main Post Exchange OFFICE if similar requirements are met. Proper identification also is required when cashing money orders at the Post Office.

Express

A Camp Express Office is located in Warehouse 102, 10th and Louisiana Avenue, and is open from 9:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. daily except Sunday.

Express which is sent to you will be delivered to your orderly room.

If you wish to send a package by express, take it to your orderly room where the express driver will pick it up.

Express money orders are cashed at the express office.

Telephones and Telegrams

There are telephones conveniently located in every Recreation Hall and in the Service Club for both local and long distance calls.

Calls to Little Rock are 5 cents.

PERSONAL TELEPHONE CALLS OVER THE CAMP TELEPHONE SYSTEM ARE PROHIBITED. In an emergency, however, you can be reached for a long distance call through the telephone in your company orderly room, provided the call is prepaid. There is a special operator at the Service Club to handle outgoing long-distance calls.

Telegrams sent to you are received at the Camp Telegraph Office. The message is phoned to your company, where it is passed on to you; the telegram itself is delivered in a later mail call.

Notice of money sent by telegram will be delivered to you but you must present the notice and receive the money at the Little Rock office of the telegraph company.

You may send telegrams, either collect or prepaid, by going to the Camp Telegraph Office (corner of Missouri Avenue and 6th Street), which is open

until 11:00 p. m. on week nights and from 8 a. m. to 11 p. m. on Sundays.

You may also phone the Little Rock telegraph offices and send your message collect or pay for it over the pay telephone.

Bus Service

Busses run to and from Little Rock approximately every 15 minutes during the day, more frequently from 5:30 p. m. until 12:30 a. m., and every hour during the remainder of the night (leaving Little Rock on the half hour).

One-way fare is 15 cents. Round-trip tickets may be purchased for 25 cents at all post exchanges and at the two main bus stops in town, the bus station at Main and Markham in Little Rock, and at the Argenta Drug Store, 4th and Main, in North Little Rock.

Busses enter camp by either Arkansas or Missouri Avenues. Each bus enters by one street, makes a complete circuit of camp, then leaves by the other. There is an additional bus marked "Base Hospital" that goes past Camp Headquarters, the Service Club and Guest House, BIRTC Headquarters, and the Base Hospital. This bus makes a complete circle of camp. It can be used as a local bus in that you may ride from one place to another within the limits of camp by paying a 6c fare. You may learn the route of a bus by asking the driver or the supervisor on duty at the bus station.

There are also several taxicab companies which will furnish transportation between town and camp.

Camp Newspaper

The "Camp Robinson News" is one of the best Army newspapers published. It is distributed free to

the enlisted men throughout camp every Friday through the orderly rooms of the various companies and detachments. Additional copies may be obtained from the Public Relations Office, Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center Headquarters.

There is an opportunity for soldiers in the Replacement Training Centers to gain positions on the staff. Contributions—humorous anecdotes, interesting personalities, unusual occurrences, athletic events, cartoons and photographs—should be submitted to the Public Relations Office, BIRTC Headquarters, Building 420.

Deadline for Friday's issue is Wednesday noon. Last-minute news may be phoned to Station 23.

Radio Broadcasts

There are numerous broadcasts from and about Camp Robinson over the three Little Rock radio stations.

The "Camp Robinson Bulletin Board" is a short program at 12:30 p. m. every day over Station KGH1. 1230 kcys., giving incidents and events of particular interest to soldiers in camp.

"This Is Camp Robinson," at 5:25 p. m. over KARK, 920 kcys., is a daily news and interview broadcast from Lloyd England Hall.

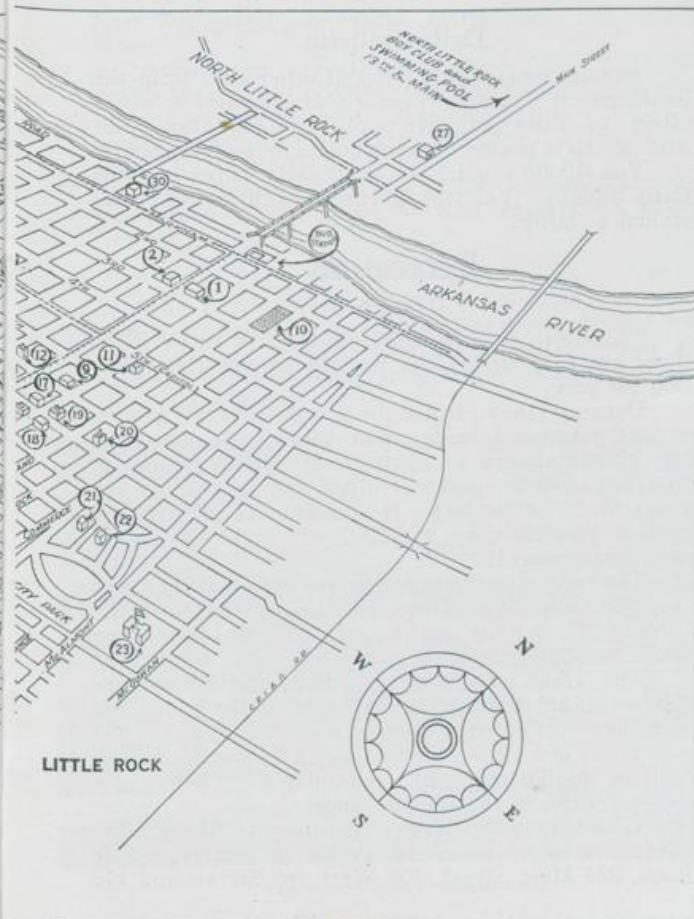
Camp variety shows are featured over KLRA. 1420 kcys.

All programs are under the direction of the Camp Public Relations Office. Any enlisted men in the Replacement Training Centers who have experience, talent, or interest in participating in radio work are urged to contact the Training Centers Public Relations Offices.

TO FAIR PARK
SWIMMING POOL
AND GOLF COURSE
OUT 12TH ST



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| 1. USO Club, 223 Main St. | 16. First Presbyterian Church |
| 2. USO Club, 108 West 3rd | 17. Masonic Temple |
| 3. 2d Presb'terian, 3d & Gaines | 18. Little Rock Boys' Club |
| 4. Ch'ch of Christ, 4th & State | 19. Second Baptist Church |
| 5. State Capitol Building | 20. First Lutheran Church |
| 6. U. S. Post Office | 21. Little Rock Museum |
| 7. Temple B'nai Israel | 22. Gen M'Arthur's Birthplace |
| 8. Y.M.C.A., 6th & Broadway | 23. University Hospital |
| 9. USO Club, 112 E. 7th | 24. First Baptist Church |
| 10. Territorial Capitol | 25. Greek Orthodox Cathedral |
| 11. Christ Episcopal Church | 26. Trinity Episcopal Church |
| 12. St. Andrew's Cathedral | 27. USO Club, Main St., N.L.R. |
| 13. City Library | 28. 1st Church Christ, Sci'tist |
| 14. First Methodist Church | 29. First Christian Church |
| 15. Temple Agudath Achim | 30. Robinson Mem. Auditor'm |



Daily Bulletin

Announcements, official and otherwise, from the Replacement Training Center's Headquarters which affect the entire camp are published in the Daily Bulletin which is posted on your company bulletin board.

You should acquire the habit early of reading this Daily Bulletin. You will find announcements of recreational activities.

Recreation

USO

"Where to go in town?" In Greater Little Rock there are four USO clubs to help answer this question for you.

Dancing (they furnish the girls); informal groups to play ping-pong, bridge, pinochle, bingo; photography clubs; classes in Spanish, art, music, dancing, shorthand, public-speaking—these and many more are yours for the attending. If you want to play tennis, golf, or go swimming, the USO will make the necessary arrangements.

They are eager to give you any information about the many recreational facilities that Little Rock affords you, such as parks, golf courses, swimming pools, baseball games, etc.

The USO maintains an Employment Guidance Service to aid in securing employment for wives and dependents of enlisted men.

There is a USO Bulletin posted on your company bulletin board every week, containing a list of the various activities in the various clubs.

Whatever your desires or interests, these USO Clubs are eager to be of service to you: in Little Rock, 223 Main Street, 108 West 3rd Street, and 112

East 7th Street; in North Little Rock, 209 Main Street.

Aside from recreational facilities, the USO Club at 223 Main street provides free notary service; mails, insures and registers packages, and arranges for free legal advice. Free notary service also is given at the USO Club in North Little Rock.

In addition to the USO Clubs, various other organizations and churches provide recreational facilities for enlisted men.

Service Club

The Service Club, located on Nebraska Avenue just west of 16th Street, is an ideal meeting place for soldiers from different parts of Camp Robinson, as well as a convenient and attractive place to meet relatives and friends.



The Service Club's Shaded Lawn.



Inside the Service Club. Here the Enlisted Man Can Meet His Guests.

A few features of the Service Club are its ballroom, library, and cafeteria.

When the ballroom is not being used for dances, it is equipped for playing ping-pong, cards, checkers, chess, etc., or simply for writing letters or lounging.

The library has more than 8,000 volumes, ranging from modern best-sellers and the classics to a large selection of up-to-date technical books. Soldiers may draw them freely from the library.

Good, moderately priced meals are served in the cafeteria and soft drinks and refreshments are available at the soda fountain located there.

The Service Club proper, and the library, are open every day from 11:00 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. The cafeteria is open from 7:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m. every

day except Tuesdays and Fridays when, because of the dances scheduled on these nights, it remains open until 11:00 p. m. Service of food in the cafeteria is suspended one-half hour before closing time.

Dances

Enlisted men's dances are held in the Service Club each Tuesday and Friday evening for specific organi-



The Service Club's Patio, Cool for Summer Recreation.

zations (regiments, battalions, etc.). You will be notified when a dance is being held for your unit. Only members of your organization may attend. "Open" dances, available to all soldiers, are held on Thursday and Sunday evenings.

Attractive girls from in and around Little Rock attend these dances. The orchestras are composed of enlisted men.

Information on other dances held for the soldiers in Little Rock can be obtained from the USO. Among these is a popular dance held each Saturday evening at the Robinson Memorial Auditorium. The charge for enlisted men is 25 cents.

Guest House

Your relatives and friends who come to Camp Robinson will be glad to know that they may remain overnight in camp at the Guest House, located adjacent to the Service Club.

The rooms are clean and pleasant, and the charges are 75 cents per person for each night. Guests may obtain their meals at the Service Club cafeteria. There is a lounge provided where the enlisted man and his guests may visit.

Due to the great demand for accommodations, reservations should be made well in advance. Guests are permitted to stay only two nights at a time.

Field House

Camp Robinson's new Field House is open every day, including Sunday, from 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 p. m., for use by enlisted men when they are off duty.

This building, which is located north of the Service Club (see map), has complete shower and locker room facilities, and is sufficiently large to accommodate three basketball games at the same time.

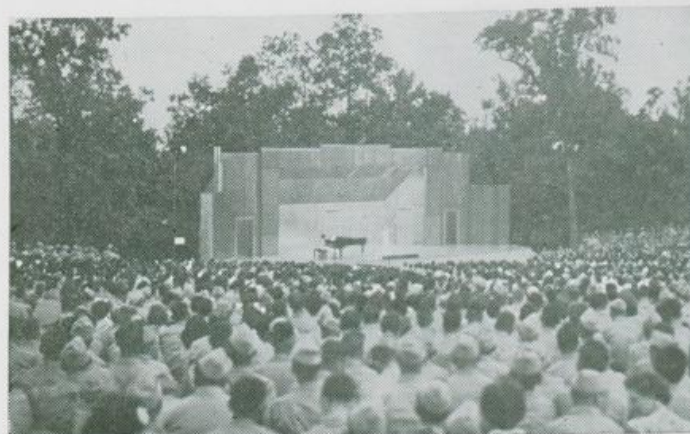
In addition to basketball, it is equipped for boxing, wrestling, badminton, volley ball, indoor baseball, archery, and other types of gymnastics. Competent instructors are there at all times to supervise these activities, as well as to assist soldiers who are interested in jiu-jitsu or weight lifting.

There are plenty of bleachers for spectators at inter-unit athletic contests, which may be arranged by your officers through the Athletic and Recreation Officer.

Many of the USO stage show productions are held in the Field House, and the Sunday afternoon tea dances are sometimes held there.

Soldiers' Arena

The new open-air theater beside the Field House offers seats for 10,000 persons. It is available for matches, lectures and concerts, weather conditions permitting.



The Soldiers' Arena

Theaters

There are five War Department theaters at Camp Robinson, locations of which are indicated on the map in this booklet. The newest motion pictures are shown. There is also a theater for colored troops.

There are two shows nightly. At Lloyd England Hall (Theater No. 1) and Garland Hall (Theater No. 3) these begin at 5:45 and 7:45 p. m.; at Cleburne Hall (Theater No. 2), Albert Pike Hall (Theater No. 4) and Victory Hall (Theater No. 5) at 6:30 and 8:30 p. m.

There are matinees on Sunday, beginning at 2:00 p. m. at Lloyd England and Garland Halls and at 2:45 p. m. at Cleburne, Albert Pike and Victory Halls.



Five Theaters, Like This One, Present the Newest Pictures.

Current pictures and times of shows at the various theaters are posted on your company bulletin board. Theaters also are used during the day for instructional pictures and lectures and occasionally for free USO shows.

The admission price to all theaters is 15 cents cash or 12 cents if movie coupons are used. Theater coupon books may be purchased for cash at theaters, post exchanges, theater cashier booths, theater office at Lloyd England Hall, or at your company payable. The coupon books cost \$1.20 and contain 10 admission coupons.

Keep a movie coupon book in your possession at all times. The admission coupons which you purchase at Camp Robinson are good for admission to War Department theaters the world over.

Athletics

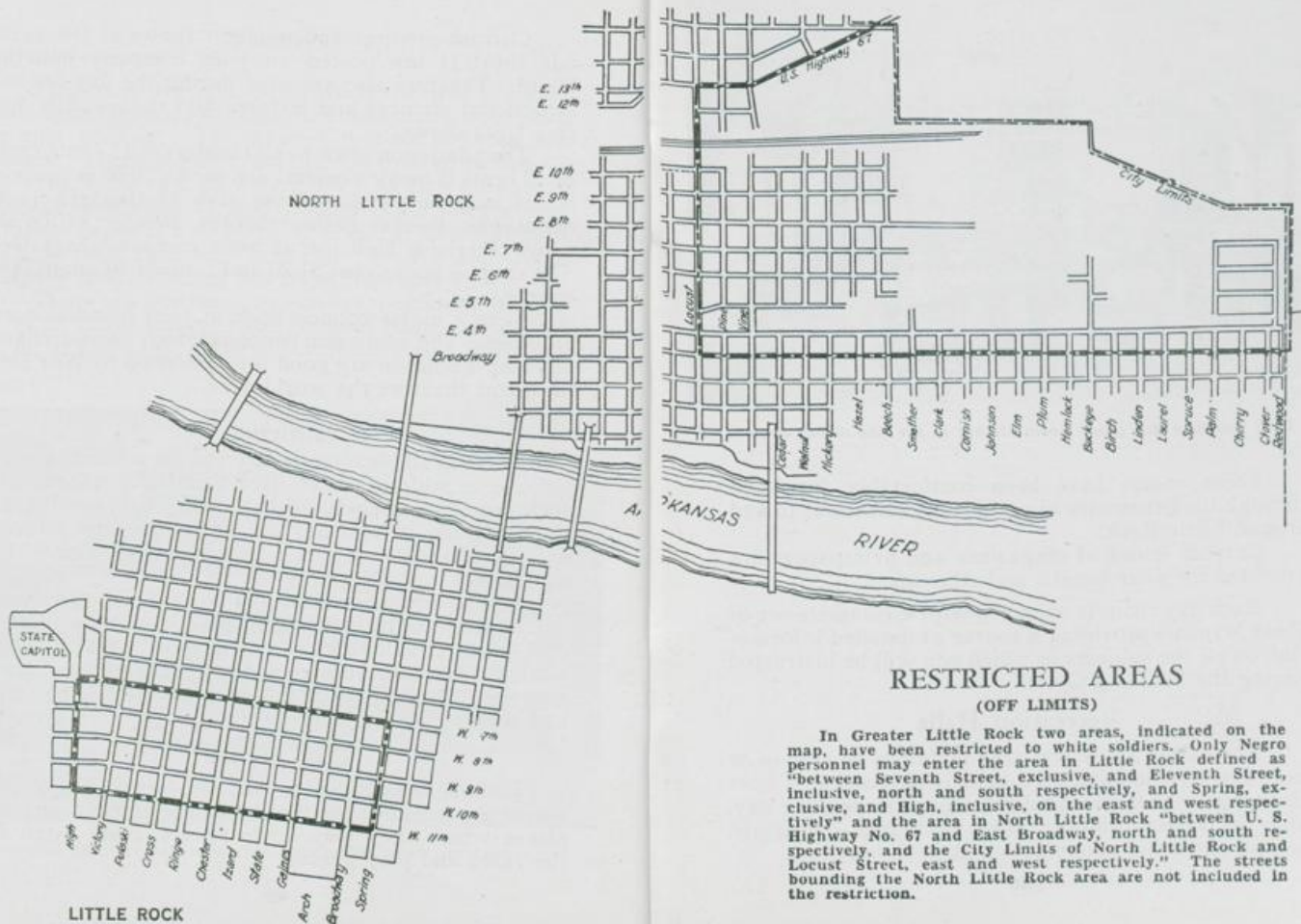
There is ample opportunity for the soldier to participate in athletics in his free time. Equipment for such games as baseball, softball, volley ball, and horseshoe pitching is kept at your company supply room or orderly room and you may take it out simply by signing for it.

Similar equipment is available at the Field House.

A program of inter-company competition is carried on in virtually all games, the more popular being softball, baseball, soccer, volley ball, and horseshoe pitching. Regimental teams play each other in softball leagues.

Day Rooms

Each company has its own day room. These day rooms are intended for the use of the enlisted man as places where they may write letters, read, listen to the radio and play games.





Each Company Has a Day Room Similar to the One Shown Here.

These rooms have been comfortably furnished through the generosity of various organizations in and around Little Rock.

Current issues of magazines and newspapers are provided for your benefit and enjoyment.

Each day room is equipped with a complete set of Field Manuals providing a source of detailed information on all the subjects in which you will be instructed during the Training Cycle.

Recreation Halls

Recreation Halls are large buildings located in or near every regimental area, usually adjacent to a Post Exchange. They are used for classes during the day, and for variety shows, plays, orchestra rehearsals, boxing and other group activities in the evening.

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