

Atterbury Shifted to Fifth Army

A report current Wednesday that Camp Atterbury was to be transferred to the Fifth Army was confirmed today by an announcement from Fifth Army headquarters in Chicago.

The headquarters announced that, effective Jan. 1, the entire state of Indiana will be shifted from the Second Army area to the Fifth Army.

There was no indication whether the shift would have any effect on use of Camp Atterbury, which remains on an inactive status.

There also were reports Wednesday that the 11th Airborne division, at one time reportedly scheduled for Camp Atterbury, was returning to the United States from Japan and would be sent to Camp Campbell, Ky.

Report Is "Aired."

The 11th Airborne report was carried on a Cincinnati radio newscast and at least partially confirms reports that plans for Atterbury have been revamped.

Last summer the Army announced that Camp Atterbury would be reactivated around the first of 1949 and that a division would be moved into the Hoosier camp, probably an airborne unit. Recently reports from Washington indicated that plans for reactivation of Atterbury had been scrapped.

Camp Atterbury has been under the jurisdiction of the Second Army, which has headquarters at Baltimore, Md.

Others Shifted.

Other Indiana military activities to be shifted to the Fifth Army area include ROTC detachments; the Kingsbury ordnance plant at LaPorte, Indiana; Terre Haute's ordnance depot; the Jeffersonville quartermaster depot, and the Indiana arsenal in Charleston.

Indiana will become the thirteenth state in the Fifth army's jurisdiction. States now within this army area, already largest in the country, are Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Colorado, and Wyoming.

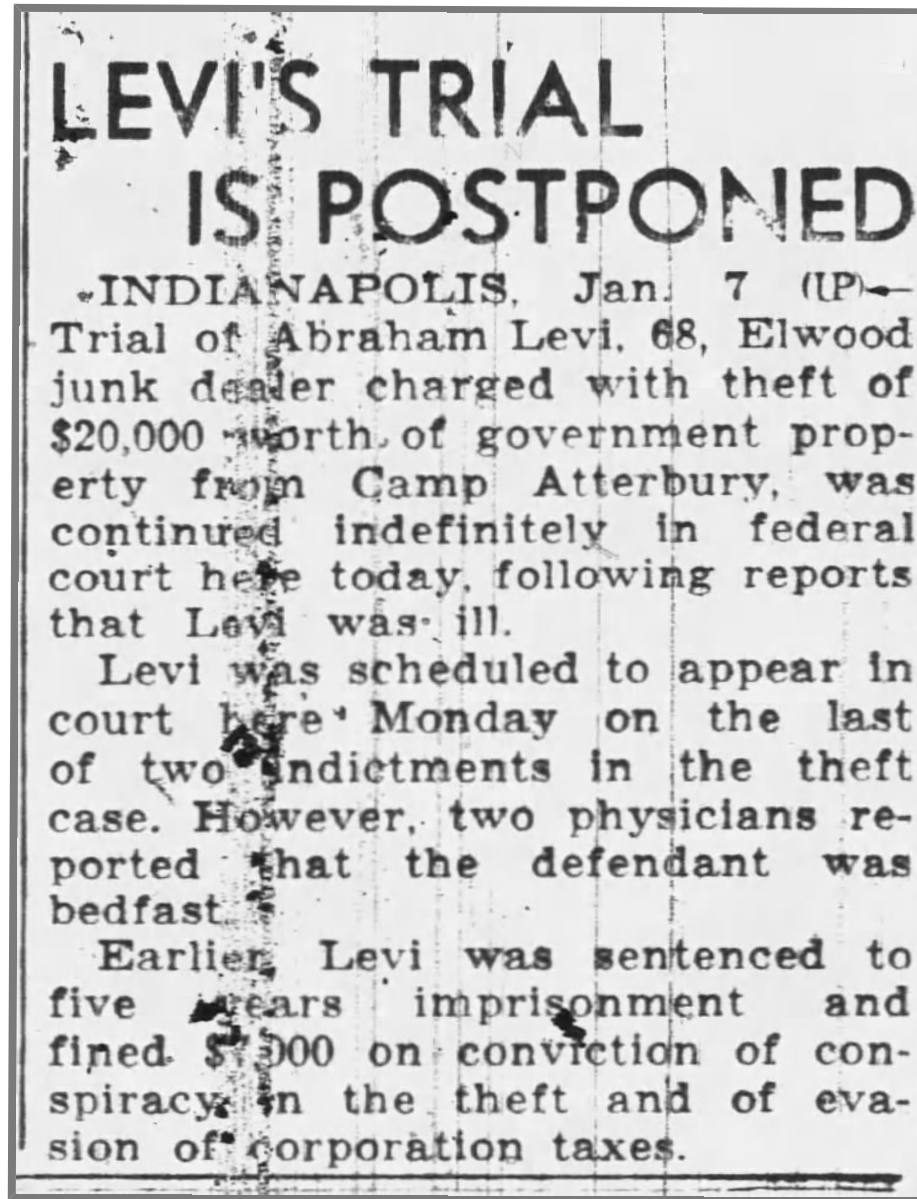
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FRENCH 'GRATITUDE' TRAIN ON WAY WEST

NEW YORK, Feb. 7 (UP)—The final section of the French gratitude train, carrying six cars for New England states and 27 for the West, will leave the Erie railroad's Jersey City yards at 6 p. m. today.

Flatcars carrying the "40 and 8" French boxcars for New England will be switched to the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad late tonight at Maybrook, N. Y.

The remainder of the train will arrive in Chicago on Friday after dropping off cars for Ohio, Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky and Michigan en route. The train will make stops en route at Binghamton, Oneonta, Albany, Utica, Rome, Syracuse and Buffalo, N. Y.; Erie, Pa.; Ashtabula, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio; Elkhart and South Bend, Ind.

1949)02_07_French train brings 40 & 8 boxcars to Indiana

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VA IS URGED TO OPEN WAKEMAN

**Ralph Schuder Suggests At-
terbury Hospital Be
Used for Vets.**

Ralph Schuder, member of the committee on hospitalization of the local post of the American Legion, appeared in Indianapolis Saturday at a state Legion hearing on the lack of facilities for veterans hospitalization.

Mr. Schuder made an appeal for the use of Wakeman hospital at Camp Atterbury in caring for the more than 1,000 Hoosier veterans applying for hospitalization but unable to get in because of lack of facilities.

The local representative called attention of officials of the Legion and Veterans administration that Wakeman has everything that is needed. He added that the 1,900 bed institution could be made ready for use within a comparatively short time when compared to the time needed to build a new hospital.

It was brought out that with an \$11,000,000 appropriation for the purpose the Veterans administration had been unable to get any bidders on the proposed 500-bed VA hospital in Indianapolis.

Mr. Schuder expressed the belief that with a fraction of the cost of a new hospital Wakeman could be remodelled to care for as many as 3,000 patients.

The only argument against use of Wakeman, he said, is its location.

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Guard Unit Is Rated 'Superior'

This city's National Guard artillery unit—Service battery, 524th Field Artillery battalion—was inspected Tuesday night by Brig. Gen. Jesse McIntosh, commanding general of Indiana's 38th Division, and given a "superior" rating.

It was the local unit's first command inspection by the division general and was held at the armory here.

Each year the commanding officer of the division inspects one unit of each battalion to determine status of training and personnel. This year the Service battery was selected as the unit to be inspected in the 524th F. A. battalion.

Various training classes were inspected by General McIntosh, accompanied by staff officers, battalion officers and Regular Army instructors.

The classes and local instructors in charge were first aid, Lt. Charles Mullins; motors, Lt. John H. Roberts; supply, Warrant Officer Lester Davis; mess management, Sgt. First Class Billy Greenfield; drivers, Master Sgt. Oscar Hartley, and ammunition section, Lt. Mullins. Capt. Harold M. Huffman is battery commander.

Other Officers Present.

Present with General McIntosh for the inspection were Maj. John B. Hench, Indianapolis, and Lt. Clyde V. Wright, Plainfield, members of his staff; Maj. George I. Taylor, Indianapolis, instructor for 38th Division artillery; Lt. Col. George A. Roberts, Bloomington, commanding officer of 524th Field Artillery battalion; Maj. Ray Wampler and Lt. Robert E. Kirk, both of Bloomington, members of the 524th staff; Capt. W. A. Carmichael, Shelbyville, Army instructor with First battalion, 132nd Infantry; Sgt. Albert C. Eldredge and Sgt. First Class Leston Riley, instructors, both of Indianapolis.

It was announced that Service battery personnel will complete small arms firing on the Camp Atterbury ranges June 5. Members spent last weekend at Atterbury and will complete range work at the next session.

Two new recruits also were announced. They are Robert Mouser and Arlington Griffith, both of Columbus.

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106TH DIVISION PLANS REUNION

**Infantry Unit Which Trained
at Atterbury to Meet in
Chicago July 29-31.**

The 1949 convention of the 106th Infantry division which trained at Camp Atterbury will be held in Chicago July 29 to 31.

Local members who plan to attend are to make reservations with Edward Luzzie, convention chairman, 3824 South Woodlawn, Chicago, 15.

Registration will be held Friday, July 29, on the same day as the meeting of directors and chapter delegates. The Chicago chapter will hold open house and informal parties for all early arrivals.

Registration also will be held Saturday. A business session will follow a dinner at 1 o'clock. The Auxiliary will meet that afternoon. A dinner and dance will be held Saturday night.

Memorial services for deceased members will be held Sunday. Showing of combat motion pictures of the Ardennes campaign will be held Sunday morning. A dinner will be held at noon.

Directors will be elected Sunday afternoon, followed by showing of more combat motion pictures. New officers will be elected.

1949_07_15_106th Division plans reunion in Chicago

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BASE FIRE CREWS BATTLE FLAMES AT LOCAL FIELD

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tection for the Corps of Engineers. He spent two years with the Troop Carrier command and has been director of fire protection for the tactical air command since 1946.

Work Is Commended.

Mr. Odell heaped praise on the fire fighters who took part in the "graduation" exercise demonstration Wednesday and stated that the demonstration was almost a perfect success.

"We aren't interested so much in the amount of time required to completely extinguish the flames in the crashes but in keeping the cockpit cool and in how long it takes us to perfect a rescue and "safe a life," Mr. Odell stated.

Capt. Lem Y. Belote, air installation officer and fire marshal at Atterbury Air Force base, also praised the demonstration and Mr. Odell for the manner in which he had offered actual experience to the fire-fighting team. "The only way to train fire fighters is to let them handle an actual fire. You can tell them everything in the books, but it doesn't do too much good unless they have actual practice with the flames," Captain Belote stated.

Chief St. John stated that the base fire department and city fire department have a verbal agreement on fires that might break out. The base fire department is at the disposal of the city any time it might be needed.

The fire chief is conducting adequate inspections to eliminate fire hazards at the base, and, to date, no fires have broken out.

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Base Fire Crews Battle Flames In 'Operation Crash Landing'

By ROBERT D. MOORE.

Classes in combating crash landing fires in airplanes, conducted the past two weeks at Atterbury Air Force base by the fire protection engineer from the Tenth Air Force reached a climax Wednesday afternoon when two airplanes were set on fire and modern fire-fighting equipment of the base fire department put to use before some 100 members of the 437th Troop Carrier wing, now in two weeks' active training here.

Some 50 enlisted men, including about 15 who have made the trip from Benjamin Harrison base in Indianapolis each day, have been undergoing daily instructions under the tutelage of Paul Odell, Tenth Air Force fire protection engineer, who has had 16 years of fire-fighting experience.

Graduation Exercises.

Wednesday's "operation crash-landing" served to demonstrate to the airmen the fire-fighting tactics employed in crash landings and also was a sort of graduation exercises for the volunteer and hand-picked men who have been taking the incendiary training.

An F-51 fighter plane and a B-25 medium bomber, both junked planes, served as the "dummies" in the demonstration. Some 100 gallons of unusable gasoline was poured on the planes and fired by the fire-

fighting team.

Employed in putting out the flames was a class 155 fog-foam crash fire truck, one of the largest crash trucks in use by the Air Force and one of six pieces of motorized fire equipment at the base fire department.

The main object of the demonstration was primarily in keeping the cockpit cool in order that a life could be saved and a rescue made. Approximately 18 seconds after the planes were fired, the fire-fighting crew had the flames sufficiently under control that the cockpit could be reached by a rescue worker.

1,000-Gallon Capacity.

The fog-foam truck used in the demonstration carries a capacity of 1,000 gallons of water. On the top are two turrets and running from the tank are three hand lines that pump between 600 and 700 pounds per square inch. The truck itself dispenses 250 gallons per minute, little for an actual fire truck but a very great amount for a crash truck.

Seven men of the fire-fighting crew operated the truck. These included one driver, two turret men, three on the hand lines and two rescue workers.

Used to control the flames and to prevent a flashback that would endanger the lives of the fire-fighters was a chemical foam coming from one of the

two turrets. The foam, which blankets the area and acts in a suffocation role to eliminate the oxygen, was picked up through a pick-up tube from a separate container and mixed with the water in correct proportions. The water and the chemical creates a mechanical foam bubble.

Four for Crashes.

Four pieces of the motorized equipment are used primarily for crash fire fighting, while the remaining two are used entirely for structural fire-fighting. The class 155 truck is the largest at the local base. All of the trucks, however, are used both for on and off base crashes.

Chief of the Atterbury Air Force base fire department is Kenneth St. John of Seymour, a brother of Joe St. John, a member of the Columbus city fire department. Chief St. John assisted in conducting the instruction classes. Former chief of the base fire department at Freeman field, Chief St. John has been here since January, 1945.

Mr. Odell came to the local Air base for the instruction period labelled as one of the best fire fighting instructors in the country. He has been employed by the government in a fire-fighting and tutoring capacity since 1941. During this time he spent two years in Canada and Alaska as head of the fire pro-

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LOCAL GUARDS OFF SATURDAY FOR ATTERBURY

5 Officers, 100 Enlisted Men to Begin 15 Days of Field Training.

PLAN 3 - DAY BIVOUAC

Local Units to Join 100 Others from Indiana in 2-Week Maneuvers.

Officers and men of the two local National Guard units will leave by motor convoy at 11 o'clock Saturday night for Camp Atterbury where they will encamp for 15 days with some 7,000 other Atterbury National Guardsmen taking the prescribed 15-day field training in all phases of army training.

Three officers and 88 enlisted men of service battery, 824th Field Artillery battalion, and two officers and 47 enlisted men of Company C, 152nd Infantry regiment, both components of the famed 38th "Cyclone" division, will leave from Columbus army for the training starting July 31 and ending at midnight Aug. 14.

While Army discipline and field training will be the order of the day during the 15-day period, highlight of the 38th division's field training period at Atterbury will be a 3-day field maneuver featuring tactical and simulated combat conditions on the platoon level.

Join 100 Other Units.

The two local units will join approximately 100 other guard units of the division and will spend their 3-day bivouac and training period Aug. 10 to 12.

The subjects scheduled for the training period are those considered most important in perfecting the combat efficiency of the individual and unit by getting to practical use knowledge acquired during the weekly army training periods.

Brig. Gen. Jesse E. McIntosh, commanding general of the division, has announced that the 15-day field training program will include 104 hours of training, including 104 hours of movement to and from Camp Atterbury.

The division's almost 7,000 citizen-soldiers will get up at 5:45 o'clock in the morning, train eight hours daily Monday through Friday and four hours on Saturday, with Sunday off.

Roster is Released.

Roster of the 824th Field Artillery battalion was released today. Officers making the 15-day field training will be commanding officer Captain Harold M. Hoffman, First Lt. Charles W. Mullins and Warrant Officer (JG) Lester E. Davis.

Enlisted men of the 824th are Master Sergeants Herbert K. Dressel and Oscar J. Harvill; Sergeants First Class Wayne Russell and Billy C. Greenfield; Sergeants Darrell A. Dye, James T. Givens, Gerald E. Perry, Clarence E. Tolen, Donald E. Walters and Cecil E. Whittington.

Corporals Delmon R. Harringer, Lester K. Behrman, Billy G. Caldwell, Bobby K. Calhoun, William B. Doty, Donald E. Fonner, John W. Fox, Arlington E. Griffith, Lewis V. Holley, Clyde C. Marsh, James L. Olmstead, Jammie E. Phillips, Herbert A. Schaefer, Donald L. Spurgeon, Keith E. Spurgeon, Dean Walker, Jr. and Donald G. Wirtz.

Private First Class Robert L. Baxter, Marshall E. Blair, Charles E. Chouse, Joe Everroad, Jr., Harold K. Sloughston, Robert M. Sutherland and Donald L. Winn.

Privates George H. Conner, Elmo V. Correll, Francis G. Davidson, Thomas L. Lawless, Darrell D. Milnes, Bobby G. Mouser, Leon Mouser, Norman L. Sprague, Charles R. Tittle, Albert C. Wade and Carl W. Young.

Recruits George D. Black, Lester K. Harker, James M. Harris, Jack F. Jones, Edward F. Ogilvie, Thompson and Rhasteen Winfred.

1949_07_28)Columbus NG off for Atterbury and 15 days of training

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1949_08_04_Flying Boxcars drop parachutists on Camp Atterbury

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Local Guard Unit Active In Training Maneuvers Of Heavy Tank Battalion

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The supply sergeant of the Company is Robert L. Cockrum, 701 West Oak. He was in charge of seeing that the company had plenty of everything they might need in their training—everything from guns and radars to soap and soap. Working with Capt. Owens and carrying out a large portion of the management of the Company is 1st Lt. Floyd W. Taskey, 805 North Pine.

In the Battalion mess hall the dining hall for you uninitiated Sgt. Robert Hovener, 113, Seymour, was the 1st Cook and backhouse of the organization. "A typical noon meal turned out by Sgt. Hovener and his aides consisted of generous portions of meat loaf, boiled potatoes, green beans, lettuce and tomato salad and plenty of cooling lemonade for the hot and thirsty throats. Of course there was plenty of bread and butter and the meal was topped off with a desert of sliced peaches.


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Everybody in Jackson county's Company B had a chance to "cowboy" the huge tanks. Under the guidance of regular army tank drivers and instructors, the local guardsmen learned the "ins and outs" of the 46-ton mammoths. Here the members of Company B are getting ready to start out on the drive course that included plenty of curves and deep ditches.



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Not only did the members of Company B have to learn to master the heavy tanks across rough ground, they also had to learn what to do in order to keep the tanks rolling. Shown here after a lecture on "First Echelet Maintenance" Jackson county guardsmen are examining the different parts of tanks. In the foreground is one of the tanks operated by Company B and regularly stationed at Freeman Field.




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"Good shooting!" says Pfc. Earl Luckey, 307 Highland, Seymour (right) as he inspects the target fired by Pfc. Willis Wehniller, 123 Seymour. Pfc. Wehniller is shown holding the M-3 sub-machine gun after finishing the firing course with Pfc. Luckey acting as his coach.

Complete Weapons Training Given To Company B Personnel At Atterbury

When Jackson County's Company B returns from Camp Atterbury and the two-weeks' summer training course, all of them, from the highest officer to the newest recruit, will be familiar with all types of personal weapons they might ever use in actual tank warfare.

Although most of the Company had already qualified for record with the 45 caliber automatic pistol and 30 caliber carbine, those who had not were given a thorough and complete course in the use and maintenance of these two weapons and shot the qualification target.

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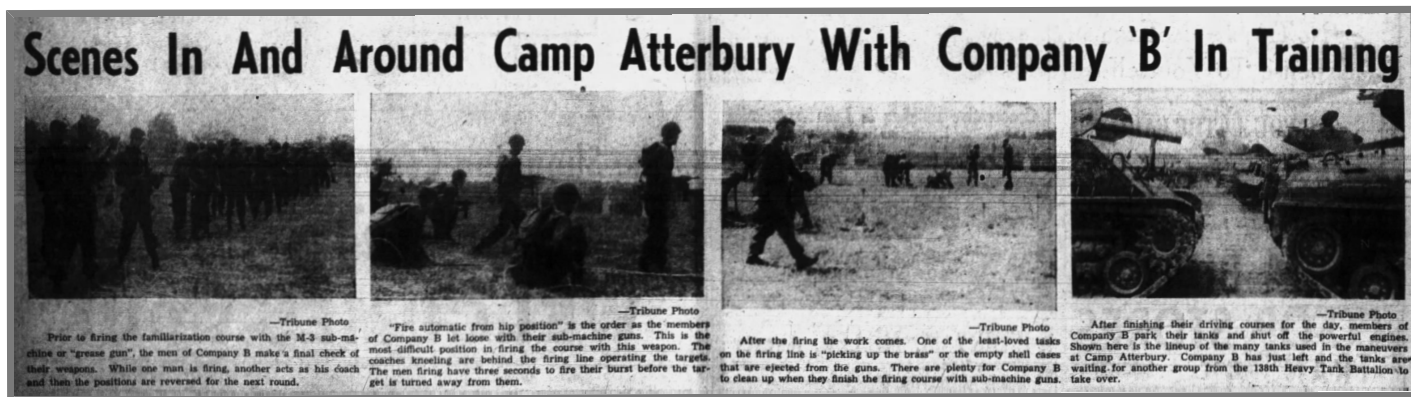
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It's "inspection arms" as three members of Company B prepare to go on guard duty. Commanding officer of Company B, Capt. John N. Owens, 712 North Park street, Seymour, inspects them with Capt. John M. Lewis, 297 Emerson Drive, Seymour (far left) looking on. Capt. Lewis is the 138th Battalion Communications Officer. Shown at the right is 1st Sgt. Raymond E. Hinton, RA, Seymour, making sure his men come up to standards. The guardsmen standing the inspection are (left to right) Pfc. Lawrence M. Knott, Brownstown; Pfc. Kevin Himmelsheier and his brother Pfc. David Himmelsheier, 22-A Ridgeway.

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1st Lt. Floyd W. Tiskey (left), 885 North Pine street, and Supply Sgt. Robert L. Cockrum, 701 West Oak street, look over the .45 caliber automatic pistols and .30 caliber carbines that have just been issued to Company B. These weapons will be kept permanently by the local organization.



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Plenty of good food was always ready for the guardsmen at "chow" time. Shown here filling their trays are Pfc. Lawrence M. Knott of Brownstown (left) and Sgt. Charles W. Griffith, Tampico. Behind the counter (left to right) are 1st Cook Sgt. Robert Hoeverner, R2, Seymour; Pfc. Robert Otto, 610 South Carter, Seymour; Pfc. Robert C. Kinworthy, Ewing; and Pfc. Clifford Lee, Ewing.



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Not all is work in the summer training period. Here is Sgt. Hubert L. Spieker, 615 West Tipton street, Seymour, taking it easy during a nonline rest period. In the barracks each of the men in training have individual bunks with bed linen and blankets supplied by the battalion headquarters.

Jackson County Guardsmen 'Cowboy' Massive 46-Ton Tanks At Atterbury

Most people have seen the regular auto engines do, they would soon be useless to their drivers and would refuse to perform the tremendous tasks asked of them. All tank drivers, like those of Jackson County's Company B, must be trained to know when their "babies" are operating like they should. They must know how to make the minor repairs and adjustments in case the tank should break down in field. Members of Company B, along with the "inspection arms" as three John N. Owens, 715 North Park left looking on. Capt. Lewis is 6101, making sure his men come Brownstown; Pfc. Ervin Himmel

Those tanks, although huge and massive, are extremely intricate and rather delicate mechanisms. Their powerful motors must be kept in the peak of condition. If allowed to run dry, as many of

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1949_08_12_More Co B 138th photos

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OHIO GOVERNOR TO VISIT GUARD

**Lausche to Be Guest at
Camp Atterbury Thurs-
day Afternoon.**

The 7,000 soldiers of Ohio's 37th "Buckeye" National Guard division were in their second week of training today at Camp Atterbury, while another 3,000 non-divisional units of the Ohio National Guard were starting their first week at the Hoosier camp.

The non-divisional units arrived at Atterbury over the weekend and will be in training for a 2-week period.

Guardsmen of the 37th Division were at Atterbury through last week and will wind up their annual summer encampment on Sunday of this week, leaving the non-divisional units in camp for the final week of their training.

Ohio's Gov. Frank Lausche of Cleveland is scheduled to arrive at Atterbury Thursday afternoon by plane and will inspect the Buckeye guardsmen at a review starting at 8 o'clock Friday morning.

Artillery of the 37th Division will go on the Atterbury range this week, having completed small arms training during the first week of the encampment.

The 37th Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Leo M. Kreber, who also is Ohio adjutant general, includes 145, 147 and 148 Infantry regiments and four Artillery battalions.

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TO BE MOSLEMS.

KARACHI, Pakistan, Aug. 22 (UP)—Prince Aly Khan has assured the supreme council of his father's Ismaili followers that any children born to him and Rita Hayworth will be brought up as Moslems.

1949_08_22_Rita Hayworth's children to be brought up as moslems.

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AIRMAN DANCE HELD AT BASE

Professional Talent Highlights Social Activity at Theatre.

Social activities for the month of August at Atterbury Army Air base were highlighted with an Airman's dance Saturday night at the base theater.

Entertainment by professional talent included an act, "Hey Presto," by Don and Thelma Greenwood of New York. It was a spectacular act of deception and magic. A dancer, Darlena, also performed.

Music for dancing was provided by Buddy Daugherty and his band from Bedford.

Some 200 airmen attended along with members of the Women's Air Force from Benjamin Harrison Air Base, Indianapolis; the Gaydettes, a Red Cross organization from Indianapolis, and a group of Columbus girls.

Similar monthly events are being planned for the airmen at the base, the Atterbury public relations office announced today.

1949_08_31_Dance for airmen at base

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Guards Picked up, Robbed by Bandits

Police are investigating reports that two armed bandits are roaming Road 31 between Columbus and Franklin preying on Camp Atterbury soldiers who are hitching rides.

During the past two nights police have received three reports of soldiers being picked up on the highway, held up and put out of the car.

At 8:12 o'clock Thursday night a soldier reported to police that he had been picked up by a motorist at the entrance of Atterbury, taken three miles south of Edinburg, robbed of \$5 at the point of a gun, and put out of the car.

About 7 o'clock Friday night two soldiers reported to state Pa-

trolman Fred McClain that they had been held up by a motorist who gave them a ride north of Columbus.

All the victims were from the Ohio National guard, training at Atterbury.

Police said that according to the reports from the victim two men were in the bandit car.

1949_08_31_Natl. Guardsmen picked up and robbed by bandits

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ACTION NEAR ON ATTERBURY

Big Camp, Fort Harrison May Be Transferred to Indiana Soon.

Further action toward possible transfer of Camp Atterbury and Fort Benjamin Harrison to the state of Indiana appeared near today following confirmation Tenth Air force headquarters will be moved from Indianapolis to Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, Mich.

Maj. Gen. Paul L. Williams, commanding general of the Tenth, disclosed ten days ago plans were being made for transfer of the headquarters to Michigan.

It was stated that as far as known the transfer would not have any effect on Atterbury Air Force base here, which would continue to be used as a center for reserve flight training.

However, the transfer may speed a decision on nearby Camp Atterbury.

Two proposals for the state to take over Fort Benjamin Harrison and Camp Atterbury have been submitted to Washington officials by Adj. Gen. Robinson Hitchcock of Indiana.

In Washington, Army sources at the Pentagon said disposition of the two military installations would be pretty much up to the Indiana National Guard. They added the Army will try to place at Fort Harrison a unit which will be a natural complement to Guard units already in existence.

All that has been disclosed of General Hitchcock's proposals for the state to take over Atterbury and Fort Harrison is that one plan would call for turning all of the two sites over to the state while the other plan would call for the Army to use a small part of each installation, letting the Guard use the remainder.

1949_10_25_Camp may soon be transferred to state

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Atterbury Puts Bid In for Air Academy

One of Two Leading Spots in Indiana Vying for Honor.

Camp Atterbury and Atterbury Air force base were back in the limelight today as among Indiana's leading contenders for location of a separate U. S. Air force academy.

Sen. Homer E. Capehart of Indiana stated at Indianapolis that he wanted all Indiana cities interested in having the proposed academy located near them to contact him.

The senator said the two leading spots for the academy in Indiana were Bunker Hill, a wartime Naval Air training station, being pushed by Peru, and Camp Atterbury with the nearby Atterbury Air force base.

Capehart said he received a let-

ter from air secretary W. Stuart Symington, advising him that a board to consider the location of the academy was being set up. Symington said Gen. Carl Spaatz would head the board.

Going to Fight For It.

"Symington suggests, inasmuch as I introduced the original legislation for a separate air academy," said Capehart, "that any city in Indiana interested in having the academy located there contact me, and I can tell them to proceed with filing information with the board."

"I'm going to fight like a demon to get this air force academy for Indiana," Capehart said.

"The preliminary party will visit all sites that have been recommended for the academy, and all sites that will be recommended in the future," Capehart quoted Symington's letter, "and you will be advised of the exact date when the itinerary of the party has been established."

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