

Air Force to Look Over Camp and Base

Freeman Field, Fort Ben to Be Considered for Academy Site.

The 45,000-acre Camp Atterbury, ten miles northwest of Columbus, and Atterbury Air force base at the north edge of the city, will be among sites to be inspected by the Air force in its search for a location for its proposed Air force academy.

The local sites were suggested by Ninth district representative in Congress Earl Wilson. Rep. Wilson also suggested Freeman field at Seymour, used by the Army during the war.

In all, five suggested sites in Indiana will be viewed by inspection teams to be sent out by the Air force.

In Inspect Fort Ben.

Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, is the newest site to be inspected. Others are Bunker Hill Naval Air station near Peru and a site in the vicinity of Richmond.

Over the country more than 100 sites have been recommended to the Air force. Practically every member of Congress has some suggested site in his district and the Air force has indicated it will send inspection teams to all sites offered.

The Air force academy will not be a flying school. It is planned as an academic training center for officers, like West Point and Annapolis.

The Air force wants to locate it near a center of 200,000 population or more and with proper social advantages, water, climate and public works.

YOUTHS' TERMS ARE SUSPENDED

Boys Who Stripped 4 Cars Here Plead Guilty and Get \$200 Fine.

Four Indianapolis youths were given 1 to 10-year suspended reformatory sentences today in Bartholomew circuit court and ordered to pay \$200 in damages for stripping four automobiles here the night of Oct. 29-30.

The four were to have stood trial today before Judge George W. Long, but instead entered pleas of guilty.

They were Fred Carroll, 19, Vechel Scott, 18, Wayne Cotton, 17, and Cossell Parrish, 16. Carroll, who is in the Army, had been in jail here since Oct. 31 after entering a plea of not guilty to grand larceny. The other three had been released on bond after pleading not guilty.

On pleas of guilty, Judge Long fined each one \$10 and costs today, gave them suspended 1 to 10 year sentences, disfranchised them for two years and ordered they pay \$200 to owners of the cars which they stripped.

All of the loot taken from the automobiles was recovered when the youths were taken into custody at Indianapolis.

Cars stripped here the night of Oct. 29-30 included those of Don Ude, 902 Chestnut street; Edward Carr, 914 Pearl street; Mrs. Darrell Johnson, 1522 Lawton avenue, and E. C. Hittle, 611 Sycamore street. Car radios, spare wheels, antenna

1950_01_04_Camp and Freeman Field looked over for Air Force Academy

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TO LEASE FARM LAND AT CAMP

2,522 Acres at Atterbury Reservation Available for 5-Year Periods.

A total of 2,522 acres of Camp Atterbury reservation are to be leased for farm purposes, according to an announcement by the district engineer's office, Corps of Engineers, Louisville.

The land will be leased for farm purposes on a 5-year basis, the leases extending from March 1, 1950, to Feb. 28, 1955.

The property to be leased is contained in 19 units, ranging in size from 80 acres to 231 acres. One person may bid on one or all of the units, but a separate bid must be entered on each unit, the engineer's office pointed out.

Sealed bids, in duplicate, will be received at the office of the post engineer, Building 949, at Camp Atterbury until 11 o'clock the morning of March 10, when the bids will be opened.

A representative of the district engineer's office at Louisville also will be at the post engineer's office at Atterbury on March 9 to meet with prospective bidders, furnish detailed information concerning lease provisions and accept sealed bids.

A. V. Keasling, Bartholomew county agricultural agent, also has been furnished detailed information on the bids. A map showing location of the units to be leased is available at the Atterbury post engineer's office.

Land has been leased at Atterbury previously for agricultural purposes and conditions of the new leases are similar to those formerly granted.

The land may be used for grazing or crops. Terms and conditions for utilization and maintenance of the land involving crop rotation, application of agricultural limestone, seeding, mowing and safety regulations have been established and set up as land use regulations for each lease unit.

1950_02_25_Acres to be leased at Camp.

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CAMP STATE'S BEST BID FOR AIR ACADEMY?

Atterbury Believed No. 1
Site in Indiana from En-
gineer's Standpoint.

SURVEY TEAM AT CAMP

Makes Tour of Installation
and Atterbury Air Base
Thursday.

Camp Atterbury was inspected Thursday by a survey team checking possible sites for a new Air force academy and it appears likely that the nearby camp will become Indiana's No. 1 bidder.

While members of the survey team did not commit themselves, representatives of the Inter-City Action committee on the camp said today it appeared big and idle Camp Atterbury would be listed from an engineering standpoint as the best site in Indiana.

"This only means that if it should be decided in Washington to locate the new academy in this state, Atterbury probably will be selected," said L. E. Reeves, chairman of the Inter-City committee.

Mr. Reeves, Joe L. Cummins and S. M. Baker, also members of the Inter-City committee, met with E. M. Darms and Carl T. Hancock of the U. S. Engineers at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Thursday morning.

Base as Auxiliary.
Mr. Cummins and Mr. Baker then accompanied the engineer representatives to Camp Atterbury and Atterbury Air force base where they conferred with the commanding officers and inspected the sites.

Use of Atterbury Air force base has been suggested only as an auxiliary for the air academy at Camp Atterbury.

The new Air academy will be similar to the Army and Navy schools at West Point and Annapolis. More than 200 sites all over the nation are under consideration.

Has Many Advantages.
It has been pointed out, however, that from an economical point of view it would be best to choose a site where many required facilities already exist. Camp Atterbury has many of the required facilities. And so do a number of other idle Army camps. But Atterbury has advantages that some Army camp sites do not have. It is located within a short distance of a large city—Indianapolis. It has all types of terrain, rolling, flat and hilly. It is located inland and is not far from the center of the nation's population.

Mr. Darms and Mr. Hancock visited Freeman field at Seymour on Wednesday. Freeman field is among Indiana sites under consideration. Others in Indiana are at Richmond, Fort Wayne and Bunker Hill.

Mr. Darms is in the real estate division and Mr. Hancock an engineer with the Louisville office of the U. S. Engineers.

1950_03_17_Camp Atterbury best yet for USAF Air Academy

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Cost of Moving Ship off Mudbank is \$178,100

WASHINGTON, March 17 (UP)—Moving the battleship Missouri off a Hampton Roads, Va., mudbank and repairing her cost the navy \$178,100.

Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, gave the figures to a Senate appropriations committee. As how the Missouri got stuck in the mud, Sherman said merely:

"It is indicated that an error in judgment took place."

1950_03_17_Cost to move USS Missouri off mud bank is \$178,000

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NORMAL LIFE AFTER ATOM ATTACK SEEN

Mining Aid Bill Killed By House

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—Supporters and opponents of a \$240,000,000 mining aid bill agreed today that it was killed and buried by a "hell bent" House economy bloc.

Chairman Clair Engle, D., Calif., of a house subcommittee which brought the Senate-approved bill to the floor said its rejection by the House late yesterday left no hope of reviving it in any form.

"It was strictly the economy boys," he said.

Rep. Christian Herter, R., Mass., who led the opposition, agreed that the "economy vote" was the big factor in defeating the measure.

"The vote," he added, "also partly shows an unhappiness at the way subsidies are working out elsewhere and a leanness of starting new ones."

The measure would have authorized a three-year program to stimulate exploration for and conservation of U. S. strategic minerals.

Engle had woeeful predictions about the effect of the defeat on defense planning.

"These fellows on the economy barge will not appropriate \$15,000,000,000 for tanks and airplanes and ships," he said. "And we won't have any manganese for steel, no chrome, no copper, no lead, no nothing."

If the economy bloc should hold yesterday's strength and close ranks, he said the forthcoming general appropriation bill "will get sluggish."

FOREIGN POLICY—President Truman's foreign policy program in Congress seemed to be bogging down as a result of criticism of the state department. Congress has not passed one important proposal in almost three months and there was no indication it would speed up action in the near future.

Most of the measures have been bottled up in committees by GOP attacks on U. S. policy in Asia and alleged Communism in the state department.

AVOIDS PEOPLE, WRECKS CYCLE

Man Slides into Parked Cars to Keep from Hitting Pedestrians.

Four traffic accidents were investigated by city police Thursday, one involving a motorcycle which slid into two parked cars and another a motor-scooter and a truck, but no one was injured.

At 11:35 o'clock Thursday morning Charles E. Riley, 605 Union street, riding a motorcycle east on Fourth street made a right turn to go south on Washington street. He cut the cycle to avoid persons walking across the street. The cycle skidded on the wet pavement and struck a parked 1948 Chevrolet coupe of Calvin Franklin, Columbus. The left side of the parked car was damaged an estimated \$50, police said.

A tender of a Buick of Marlon Bush, east of Columbus, also parked, was scratched. Damage to the motorcycle, a 1945 Indian, was



MUST STAND TRIAL—Capt. W. D. Brown, skipper of the battleship Missouri, will be court-martialed, along with two other officers, for the grounding of the "Big Mo" in Hampton Roads last Jan. 17. Cmdr. John R. Millett, operations officer, and Lieut.-Cmdr. Frank G. Norris, Jr., navigator, also face trial. The three will be tried in three separate courts-martial at Norfolk, Va., beginning March 27.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. HOELTKE

Rites to Be Held Saturday for Wife of Chris Hoeltke.

Mrs. Hulda E. Hoeltke, 67, wife of Chris Hoeltke, 740 Maple street, died at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Bartholomew county hospital.

She had been ill for some time and suffered a cerebral hemorrhage at noon Thursday, when she was taken to the hospital.

She was a member of the Lutheran church, and was born in Chicago. She spent her early life in Indianapolis and the past 14 years in Columbus.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Planigan, Reed and Inlow funeral home by Rev. A. E. Brauer. Burial will be in Garland Brook cemetery. The casket is open at the funeral home.

Surviving with her husband are a stepson, Alfred Hoeltke, Columbus; a step-daughter, Mrs. Fred Lohmeyer, Columbus; a sister, Mrs. Julia McConnell, Florida, several nieces and nephews.

Passenger in Drunk Driver's Car Killed

WANATAH, Ind., March 17 (AP)—The driver of a car which left Ind. 43 south of here, rolled over four times and killed a passenger was held on a drunken driving charge today, authorities said.

Louis Stoltz, 50, Wanatah, died in the accident and police jailed Edward Rinken, 21, also of Wanatah. Rinken was uninjured in the accident which occurred, police said, as the car was speeding.

Expert Makes Prediction for Congressmen Planning A-Bomb Defense.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 17 (UP)—The atomic energy commission said today that survivors of an atomic bomb attack can expect to live, a "reasonably normal life" thereafter, without fear of drastic radiation after-effects.

Dr. Shields Warren, director of the AEC division of biology and medicine, said there are two possible exceptions to this general rule. He said the survivors may develop eye cataracts at a later date and may be more susceptible than before to leukemia.

Warren's statement was made before the joint congressional atomic energy committee. The legislators are studying the state of the nation's civil defense against atomic attack.

"With the exception of a certain number of individuals who will develop cataracts, those surviving the acute effects of irradiation from an atomic explosion can, on the basis of present knowledge, expect a reasonably normal life thereafter," Warren said.

The commission, appearing before the committee at the first open session in months, also disclosed it has developed a new and cheap Geiger counter. It would help civilians detect dangerous amounts of radiation after an A-bomb attack.

Warren based his statements on studies of the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki who suffered blast-torn's first—and thus far only—atomic attacks. He said the cataracts were noted this fall by Dr. David Cogan, Harvard university ophthalmologist.

"So far there has been no detectable increase in the incidence of deformities among the progeny of persons known to have suffered irradiation at Nagasaki and Hiroshima," Warren said.

He added, however, that it is "possible" there may be "genetic changes" in the second and third generations.

"But we hope not to any great extent," Warren said.

"In addition, it is possible that there will be a somewhat higher incidence of leukemia (a cancer-like blood disease) in the irradiated survivors than occurs in the population as a whole."

Warren said that the commission has developed a number of "useful" medical measures against atomic attack.

He said they include:

1. Use before an attack of female sex hormones, substances which temporarily suppress the blood cell building activities of the bone marrow, and some types of amino acids.

2. Shielding the body or parts of the body (particularly the spleen) and somehow reducing the amount of oxygen being breathed at the time of an attack. He said that "a few feet of earth or concrete" may be "satisfactory" for shielding purposes and that research on reducing the oxygen supply for individuals at the time of an attack is now going on.

3. After a "mild-lethal dose of irradiation," he said, practical measures include: complete rest for several weeks; use of antibiotics; transfusions of whole blood and plasma; and the use of anti-heparin substances to combat hemorrhage.

Warren said a great deal of basic research is still necessary to determine precisely how "high dosage irradiation" damages the body.

1950_03_17_People able to live normal lives after A-Bomb attack

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Camp Readied for Summer Training

Busy Season Ahead at Atterbury and Local Air Base.

Nearby Camp Atterbury and Atterbury Air field are being made ready for the start of summer training programs and considerable repair and maintenance work is slated at Camp Atterbury.

The Ohio National Guard's 37th Division is scheduled to move into Camp Atterbury for its 2-week summer training on June 15 while the Air Reserve summer program will swing into action at Atterbury Air field on May 27.

The 512th Troop Carrier wing from Reading, Pa., will be the first unit to go on active duty at the local air base. The 612th will be here from May 27 to June 10, according to Col. James A. Ronin, commanding officer at the base.

Bids were opened this week at Camp Atterbury for two maintenance projects at the big Hoosier camp, according to Col. James A. Murphy, camp commander.

Local Firm Low.

Contracts have not been let, but

Columbus Asphalt corporation was low bidder on blacktop re-surfacing of major roads through the camp's cantonment area. The local firm, headed by Paul A. Teegarden, of this city was low by \$25.40. The amount of the bid was not disclosed, but the entire re-surfacing program is expected to run close to \$50,000.

Bids also were opened on replacement of timbers in a trestle on the railroad spur into the camp. Central Engineering and Construction company of Indianapolis was low bidder on this project.

Considerable other work is planned at Camp Atterbury. Bids will be received April 26 on installation of new doors and siding on 18 warehouses and on May 5 for painting of 71 buildings at the camp currently in use.

Indiana's 38th National Guard division, including the two Columbus units, will be in training at Atterbury this summer from July 30 to Aug. 14.

Spring renovation also is under way at the Atterbury Air field here. This work is being done by the base personnel and includes painting and repair of buildings in preparation for the Air Reservists.

1950_04_26_Camp readied for summer training. Also Atterbury Air base

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Guard Begins Training Here

CAMP ATTERBURY, June 20—The 37th Infantry Division of the Ohio National Guard was swinging head-long into extensive two-weeks training today following their arrival at Camp Atterbury during the weekend.

The 145th Infantry Regiment and the 135th Field Artillery Battalion started Monday on a three-day field problem.

To Begin Aug. 13

Non-divisional units of the Ohio National Guard will start their training period at Camp Atterbury after Aug. 13, when the Indiana National Guard completes its activities there.

Troops arrived during the weekend on special trains and in convoys, and include 110 units from 56 Ohio cities and towns, under command of Major Gen. Leo M. Kriber.

1950_06_20_Ohio Guard begins training here

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Airport Building Bids To be Opened Today

Sealed bids for a number of buildings on Freeman Municipal Airport were to opened and read today by the Seymour Aviation Commission and a Civil Aeronautics Administration representative.

A number of bids were received prior to the deadline for submission of bids at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon at the office of the city clerk-treasurer. Twenty-five buildings of several different sizes were included in the group offered for sale. Successful bidders will have 120 days from date of bid acceptance to remove the property from the premises.

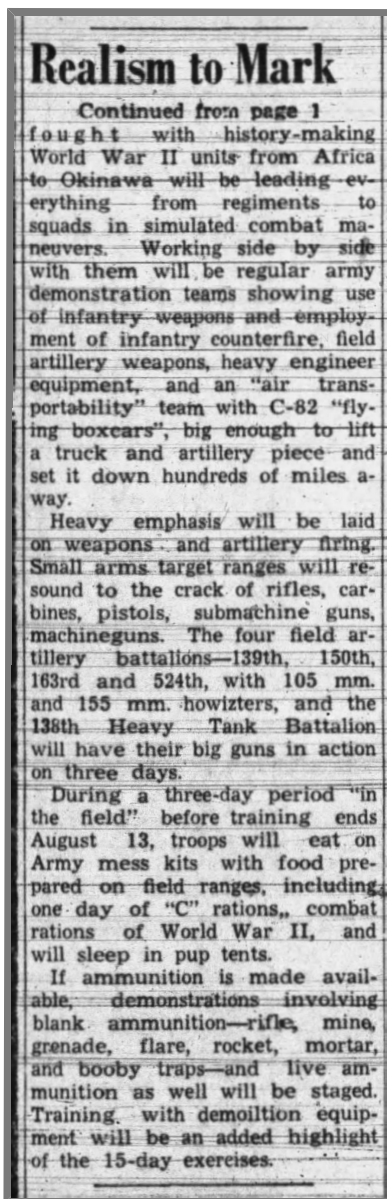
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Realism to Mark Guard Training

Realism will keynote 1950 summer training for the Indiana National Guard's 38th Infantry Division, Guard officials announced today at Indianapolis. The division includes Company B, 138th Heavy Tank Battalion, of Seymour.

Major responsibility for training of the state's biggest military force will fall on the shoulders of more than 1,500 division officers and non-commissioned officers with World War II experience, and five regular army demonstration teams of picked men.

With the opening of the 38th Division's 15-day training period July 30 at Camp Atterbury near Columbus, three infantry regiments, four artillery and one tank battalions, engineers and other supporting troops which make up a crack, modern infantry division swing into an intensive training schedule set up to promote the combat efficiency of the unit and the individual.

The officers and non-coms who
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7,000 GUARDS BEGIN TRAINING AT ATTERBURY

Two Columbus Units Move
into Camp Sunday
Morning.

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., July 31 (UP) — With the Korean war as a backdrop, some 7,000 soldiers of the 38th Indiana National Guard (Cyclone) division answered their first bugle call today, signaling the beginning of an annual 15-day training period.

Nearly 100 of the total guardsmen constituted two Bartholomew county units—service Battery of the 82nd Field Artillery Battalion under the command of Capt. Harold Huffman and Company C of the 152nd Infantry Regiment headed by Capt. Marshall Prather.

The two local units, minus nine men who went the middle of last week to prepare the way for the remainder, pulled up stakes at the local armory at midnight Saturday for the short motor-convoy haul to the spacious Hoosier military reservation.

From 65 Cities.

The troops, from some 65 Hoosier communities and comprising more than 100 units, rolled out of their bunks at 8:30 a. m. to answer their first reveille.

For the next two weeks they'll concentrate on military strategy, on firing ranges, maneuvers and such intricate problems as defense against atomic warfare.

The all-Hoosier division, a fourth of which is composed of battle-hardened world war two veterans, moved into this sprawling military base during the weekend.

Knowing that their division may be called up for active duty in the near future, they looked grim and determined as they set up headquarters. No time was wasted as many units went on machine gun, rifle and pistol ranges.

Others were busy with studies in tactics, supply problems, and drills.

Division officers will go through a course on atomic weapons and defense against a-bomb attacks. Enlisted men were scheduled to get the same instructions later.

Lt. Col. Richard G. Stewart, Indianapolis, division supply officer, announced that plans to break out the Army's famed "C" ration for one of the three-days' maneuver were cancelled. He said the rations "are needed elsewhere."

The most popular off-duty spots were the camp's swimming pool, movie theaters and post exchanges. Officials also said there were plans for a division softball tournament.

Governor Schricker, Maj. Gen. Jesse McIntosh, Tipton, commanding officer of the 38th, and State Adjutant Gen. Robinson Hitchcock will review the division parade Aug. 11, two days before the troops head for home.

1950_07_31_7,000 Guards begin training at Atterbury

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PHONY CHECK PASSER HELD

Camp Atterbury Deserter Admits Passing 270 Bogus Checks.

ZANESVILLE, O., Aug. 1 (UP)—A 35-year-old Indianapolis man who told authorities he deserted Camp Atterbury in 1947, has admitted passing 270 phony checks with a total value of \$15,498 in five states since early 1948, detective Capt. Robert Snelling said today.

Snelling said Edward Taylor, who also went by the name of Paul Reed, Detroit, admitted cashing the false checks in Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee. Taylor was charged with forgery in connection with passing two checks here and was police court later today.

Taylor, Capt. Snelling said, admitted cashing 107 phony checks in 17 Indiana towns with a total value of \$6,200, including 75 in Indianapolis; 68 checks in 22 Ohio towns with total value of \$4,000; 40 checks in nine Michigan towns with total value of \$2,300; 36 checks in 14 Kentucky towns with total value of \$2,100; and 19 checks in four Tennessee towns with total value of \$1,200.

Taylor was arrested by the Ohio highway patrol at Cambridge, O., Friday afternoon a local grocer notified police he had cashed a phony check for him. He was returned here and confessed his widespread operations during police questioning.

Capt. Snelling said a check writing machine and a typewriter were found in Taylor's automobile.

Most of Taylor's victims, the detective said, were small grocers and liquor stores.

The prisoner also told police he had jumped \$1,900 bond at Indianapolis on a charge of forgery. He is being held under \$8,000 bond.

1950_08_01_Camp Atterbury deserter passes phoney checks

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GUARDS TO HAVE CHURCH SERVICE

Worship Planned at 6 Areas
at Camp Atterbury Sun-Morning.

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., Aug. 5 (Special)—Under the direction of Lt. Col. Fred J. Westendorf, 38th division chaplain and director of Central Catholic high school in Fort Wayne, Protestant and Catholic Sunday church services have been scheduled for Indiana National Guardsmen attending a two-week training encampment at Camp Atterbury.

Assisting Lt. Col. Westendorf are 12 Indiana National Guard chaplains and three Army reserve chaplains. This year marks the first time reserve chaplains have assisted with religious services during the 2-week summer training camp.

Two Protestant and Catholic services have been scheduled for men in six different areas throughout Camp Atterbury.

National Guard chaplains assisting in the religious program at the two-week camp include Major John M. Sayre, assistant division chaplain and pastor of the Methodist church in Beech Grove; Major Jasper C. Havens, 38th Division artillery and pastor of the Brightwood Christian church in Indianapolis; Major Anthony L. McLaughlin, 151st Infantry regiment and head of the St. Mary's Parish at Danville; Major Milton R. Davis, 151st Infantry regiment, pastor of the Richmond Presbyterian church; and Major Ralph G. Hoffman, 293rd Infantry regiment and pastor of the St. Dominic church in Bremen.

Others are Robert J. Fosselman, 113th Medical battalion and head of the Catholic parish at Reynolds; First Lieut. James F. Hill, 152nd Infantry regiment and pastor of the St. Peter's church in Linton; Capt. Ivan C. Ross, 293rd Infantry regiment and pastor at Middleboro; Capt. Louis Duroy, 113th Engineer Combat battalion and pastor of the Sacred Heart church in East Chicago; Capt. John Breedlove, 152nd Infantry division and pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Rushville; and Capt. L. K. Thompson, pastor of the Bel Aire Methodist church in Indianapolis.

Reserve chaplains assigned to the 38th Infantry division headquarters include Capt. James L. Johnson, pastor of the Maine street Lutheran church in New Albany; Major Russell C. Prohl, pastor of the Seymour Redeemer Lutheran church; and Major Val Thompson, pastor of the Troub Memorial Presbyterian church in Indianapolis.

With the exception of four National Guard chaplains, all pastors attached to the all-Hoosier "Cyclone" Division saw service in the last world war.

150_08_05_Guards to have Church services in 6 different areas

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Camp To Be Ready By Sept. 10

Word was received today from Fifth Army headquarters that Camp Atterbury northwest of Columbus is being readied for 20,000 troops by Sept. 10.

This marked the first time that any official date or number of military personnel had been released.

The Indiana Military District office also advised that the camp is being readied to handle a "total present capacity" of 25,000 by Oct. 1.

Announcement came two weeks ago that the camp would be reactivated with the arrival of the Pennsylvania National Guard's 28th division "sometime next month," but no official release had indicated any date.

Col. James A. Murphy, camp commander, estimated a week ago that the troops would start arriving "around Sept. 7."

A report also indicated that few field grade officers have arrived for brief stays at the camp, mainly searching for housing facilities for their families when they come to stay.

Work Progressing.

Work at the 43,000 military layout is going ahead at full steam with everything being done to give the camp a complete renovation.

Work on the exterior and interior of the mess halls and barracks, number one on the priority list, is making satisfactory progress.

Col. Murphy indicated earlier that all the work on the camp cannot possibly be completed by the time the first troops arrive. The main things, however, will be accomplished, and the finishing touches will be applied after the 8th moves in.

Hiring on the civilian level is still big doings at post headquarters with workers being put on the job almost as fast as they arrive.

Workers being hired now will form most of the station complement to man the big camp even after troops arrive.

Applications for employment at the camp are being accepted daily at the local employment office. Workers are advised that this will save a lot of standing in line once they get to the camp.

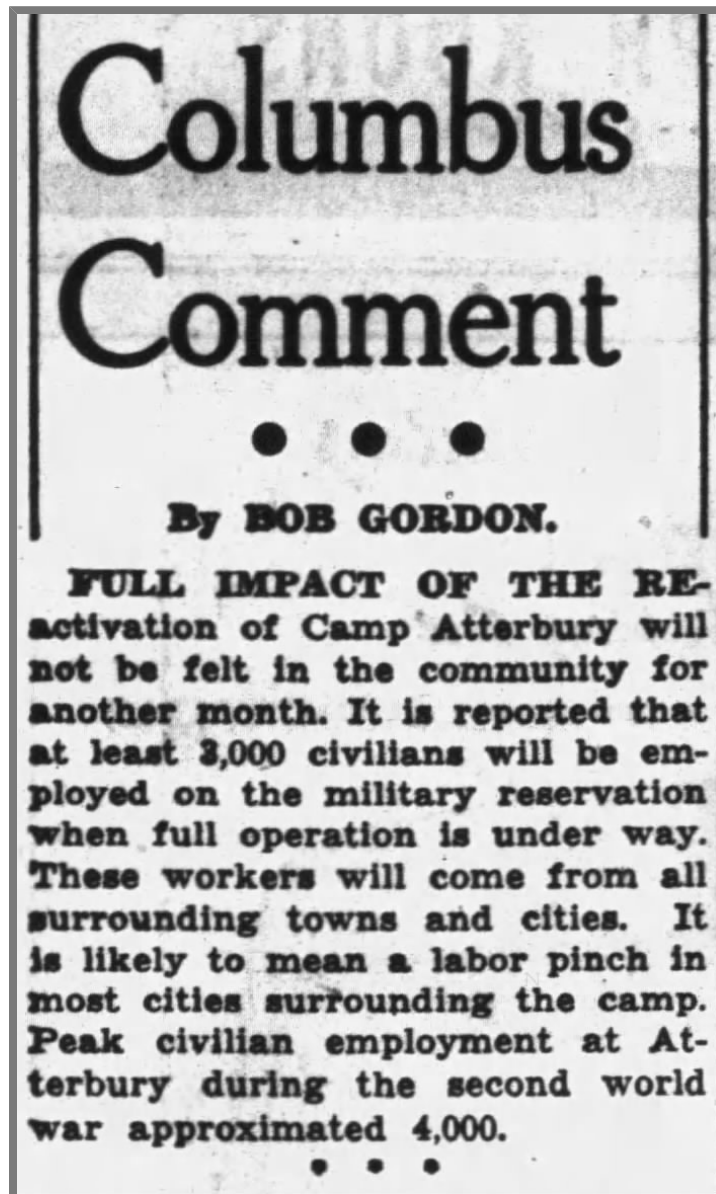
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Parade Ends Guards' Stay At Atterbury

National Guardsmen of Indiana's 38th division including Service Battery of the 524th Field artillery and Company C of the 152nd Infantry broke camp today for their step back into civilian life after two week's rugged field training at Camp Atterbury.

The units were scheduled to arrive home today from training described by their commanding general as the "finest on record."

Maj. Gen. Jesse E. McIntosh, division commander, labelled the training period the finest since the group was reactivated more than three years ago.

"Every enlisted man and every officer did his part," the commander said. "The personnel of the division have gone about their training duties seriously and capably. We are all better soldiers than when we arrived here two weeks ago."

Members of the division paraded their might Friday evening before high military and civilian officials.

Governor Henry F. Schricker was on hand as the division's khaki-clad units paraded by for 90 minutes.

He joined Gen. McIntosh in heaping praise on the division, stating that it was probably the finest training period the division ever has had.

More than 2,500 civilians lined the parade field to watch the review—about four times the crowd that has attended such reviews in the past.

The review capped off two weeks of rugged training which included the serious business of range firing with all types of weapons and a 3-day bivouac during which time the troops lived in the field under assimilated battle conditions.

The big question in the minds of everyone of the 38th division men was just how long they would get to remain in civilian duds once they donned them again.

Speculation among the men was that the entire unit would be mobilized into active service before Christmas. However, the department of defense in Washington today said no more National Guard divisions would be called into service unless the world situation worsens.

Some 3,000 Ohio guardsmen are scheduled to arrive Monday and set up quarters in barracks vacated by the Hoosier part-time soldiers.

The 13 non-divisional units of the Buckeye 37th division, which went through summer maneuvers here early last month, will spend two weeks on the firing ranges in the field.

1950_08_12_Parade ends Guards stay at Atterbury

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ACTION GROUP TO MEET AGAIN

Several from Here to Attend Meeting on Atterbury at Franklin.

Another meeting of the Inter-City Action committee on Camp Atterbury has been planned for Thursday afternoon as the date for the invasion of the spacious military reservation by troops of Pennsylvania's 28th division draws nearer.

The committee will meet at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce to reconsider problems that have been discussed before and work out new problems that have arisen in the past few weeks.

Certain to get most of the attention are the two biggest problems, housing and recreation.

Representatives will be present from all surrounding cities, including Indianapolis.

Several from the Columbus Chamber of Commerce will attend, including L. E. Reeves, chairman of the committee.

1950-08_30_Acton group to meet on Atterbury problems

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Chamber Flooded by Housing Requests

30 Letters a Day Pouring into Office Asking for Quarters.

Reminiscent of the days of the last war when the busiest spot in town was the housing department of the Chamber of Commerce, this bracket is once again getting a full-scale workout.

Stephen M. Baker, executive vice-president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, sent out a call today to all residents with available rooms, houses or apartments to list them with the local Chamber.

"To give you an idea of the demand for housing now," Mr. Baker stated, "We used to get about 30 requests a month at the Chamber for living facilities. Now we get 30 a day."

These requests are coming mainly from the officers who will be coming to Atterbury with Pennsylvania's 28th division early next month. Some, however, are coming from Atterbury Air force base and a few from civilians.

10,000 Troops Due?

The situation is made even more critical due to the fact that many civilians who had planned to make a move had put it off until the present situation arose.

No definite word has been received as to the strength of the Pennsylvania National Guard division when they arrive at Atterbury.

However, speculation places the strength at around 10,000, and it has been estimated that nearly half of these men will live off the post if facilities are available.

At the present time, the housing department of the local Chamber of Commerce has but one apartment and some 20 rooms on the list. Other towns surrounding the spacious 43,000 acre military reservation are only slightly better off.

In Columbus, as in the other towns neighboring Atterbury, many home owners are shifting around, attempting to make apartments in their home available. As soon as these are completed, they should be listed with the Chamber of Commerce.

Hospital Men Arrive.

An Atterbury spokesman stated today that more and more calls for housing facilities are being received at post headquarters.

A number of the forward echelon troops, mainly those who will man United States Army hospital at, Camp Atterbury, have arrived and are seeking living facilities for themselves and their families off the post.

These troops also have taken over their own area and are in charge of the repair work now being completed at the hospital.

At the same time, Capt. William Krause, director of personnel at Atterbury, announced that work in the area is still proceeding at full steam.

Hiring, he pointed out, is meeting all expectations and some men and women are still being added to the payrolls in all fields. Applications are being accepted for all types of workers.

"We are just now catching our breath and finding out where we are," Capt. Krause stated.

The office of Colonel James A. Murphy, camp commander, still has received no official word as to when the 28th will move in lock, stock and duffel bag. Officials, however, are expecting them in around Sept. 10.

Capt. Krause also pointed out that many of the civilians hired to rehabilitate the camp will be kept on the station complement. The station complement size is dictated by the Fifth army headquarters and will not be known until an order is sent down.

Cattle Rustlers Make Haul in Brown County

According to a report received by Columbus police radio, nine head of cattle were stolen this morning near Needmore in Brown county.

The cattle were taken about 3 o'clock this morning.

The missing cattle included a red and white faced calf, weighing 250 pounds; red and white faced steer, weighing 450 pounds; red steer, weighing 700 pounds; heifer, 600 pounds; white faced steer, 500 pounds; black Angus cow, 600 pounds; two medium heifers and a red steer, weight unknown.

1950_08_30_Chamber flooded by housing requests from Atterbury

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Bodies of 33 Soldiers Killed In Train Wreck Returned Home

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Sept. 14 (AP)—Thirty-three soldiers who left here last Sunday to serve their country return home today in flag-draped coffins.

The Wyoming valley, its heart heavy with grief, was ready to receive them.

A funeral train bearing the caskets of the victims of the Isleta, O., train wreck last Monday will arrive at the Lehigh valley station from West Lafayette, O.

The station is the one in which the soldiers just four days ago said goodbye to families and friends on departing for army training at Camp Atterbury, Ind. Their troop train was rammed in the rear the next day by a Pennsylvania railroad flyer near New-

comerstown, O.

Buddies Escort Dead.

The bodies were accompanied on the journey home by an honor escort of their "buddies" of the Wyoming valley's historic 109th Field Artillery battalion.

Thirty-three open army weapons carriers waited at the station to take the coffins on the slow, half-mile trip to the Kingston, Pa., armory. The route was identical to that over which the 109th traveled on its way to armed service.

The big guns of the 867th Armored Field Artillery battalion were set up to boom a solemn salute across the Susquehanna river which separates Wilkes-Barre from Kingston.

The cortege route was lined

with 1,000 Pennsylvania National Guardsmen wearing summer dress uniforms with combat boots, helmet liners, blue neckerchiefs and white gloves. They carried side-arms.

The public was barred from the armory, to leave the bereaved families alone with their dead kin.

Plans for a mass burial were abandoned, allowing each family to decide whether it wanted a private funeral service or one with full military honors.

The entire Wyoming valley was shrouded in sorrow. Flags flew at half staff, business houses closed and churches were crowded with worshippers offering prayers for the dead.

1950_09_14_Bodies of 33 soldiers killed in train crash
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Regular Army and National Guard officer enlistments were extended last July but it was only recently that the public law enacted by Congress was interpreted to include the enlisted men of the Guard.

Some Terms Expire.

Both Guard units, Company C of the 152nd Infantry regiment and Service Battery of the 524th Field Artillery Battalion, are benefitting by the ruling.

The Infantry Company, commanded by Capt. Marshall Prather, had 11 enlistments terminating between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 of this year.

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"Some would re-enlist anyway, but some wouldn't," he added.

Officers Are Named By Cemetery Association

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But the total tax rate to be paid by residents of the city of Columbus now figures at \$5.56½ for each \$100 assessed valuation, an increase of 32½ cents over the total rate of \$5.25 being paid at present.

The total county budget for 1951 now calls for a rate of \$1.03½, an increase of 25 cents over the present county rate of 78½ cents. This

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Odds Favor Continuation Of Rent Controls Here

Atterbury Official Urges
Ceilings — Mayor Issues
Statement.

Odds appeared heavily in favor of continued rent control in Columbus today after Col. James A. Murphy, commanding officer at nearby Camp Atterbury, urged that rent controls be clamped on towns in the Atterbury area.

Rent controls have remained in effect in Columbus, but have been removed in other neighboring cities.

"I would recommend that controls be continued here in view of the re-activation of Atterbury," Mayor Robert L. Stevenson said today.

"However," he added, "the question is one which must be decided by the city council and not by the mayor."

Last spring the Columbus council declined to act on a petition for decontrol of rents.

Mayor Disagrees.
In a statement issued Wednesday afternoon at Atterbury, Colonel Murphy said that many men of the 28th Infantry division, recent arrivals at the camp, have reported "outrageous price gouging" for homes and rooms for their families.

Mayor Stevenson pointed out that he did not believe Columbus should be included in this criticism as this city—the largest in the immediate Atterbury area—still has rent controls. New housing, however, is not under control.

He stated that six months ago he had been personally in favor of removing controls in Columbus, but that in view of the present influx of military personnel he felt controls were once again needed and should not be removed.

Under the present federal rent control law the Columbus council will be forced to a decision on the question before Jan. 1 unless special action is taken in Washington.

Expire Dec. 31.
Rent controls will expire here on Dec. 31 unless the city council votes for their continuation until June 30, 1951. Controls cannot be extended past next June 30 without further action by Congress.

Louis G. Schaefer, area rent director with the Indianapolis housing office, conferred here Wednesday with Mayor Stevenson and explained to him that controls would automatically expire in Columbus on Dec. 31 unless the council takes action.

Mr. Schaefer urged that the council not put off consideration of control extension until the last minute.

Colonel Murphy has forwarded a request to Washington asking the federal housing expediter to place the entire 50-mile radius area around Atterbury under a blanket defense area rent control order.

Franklin and Martinsville became the first to kick over the rent control traces when city council decisions took off the ceilings sometime ago.

Bloomington Out.
The last to follow suit was Bloomington where controls were removed by Tighe Woods, Federal Housing expediter, only Wednesday after action by the city council there.

A rent control head no longer maintains an office in Columbus but a man is sent from the area office in Indianapolis each Monday.

Colonel Murphy's plan would provide rent controls in Indianapolis, Shelbyville, Greensburg, Franklin, Edinburg, Greenwood, North Vernon, Martinsville, Bloom-

Sullivan To Head Foundation Drive

James Sullivan has been named general chairman of the forthcoming Foundation for Youth fund drive. His appointment and other key leaders in the annual drive to raise funds for the Boys and Girls clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts, Jive Kennel and Youth camp were announced today.

Mr. Sullivan is personnel manager of Reeves Pulley company. Gordon Ritter is assistant chairman.

Tom Henderson is a divisional chairman; Mrs. Edwin Crouch and Mrs. Carl Reeves, special gifts; Rev. William R. Lewis Jr., professional men; Joseph L. Cummins, corporations.

Orville Bridges was also named

as a divisional chairman. Meredith Lienberger was named non-residents chairman; Carl Reeves, industrial personnel; Richard B. Stoner, men's division; J. Harold Wand, men's organizations; Ernest R. Ritter, Jr., governmental employees.

Another divisional chairman is Edna Stonedisher. Serving with him are Mrs. John Rowell, women's division chairman; Miss Mary Kay Welmer, women's organizations; Claude Prichard, industrial personnel; Harley Freeman, merchants.

Under special divisions, chairmen are William R. Meyers, rural; John Prout, publicity; Henry Res, supplies and material.

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CYCLIST KILLED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14 (AP)—A 22-year-old mechanic, Willard L. Lockard, was killed last night when he rode his motorcycle into a parked truck. Lockard, returning home from work, was traveling at a high rate of speed.

ington and Columbus.

Controls removed by the council in Franklin and Martinsville would have to be reinstated by congressional action, but those in Bloomington removed by the expediter alone could be re-established by him.

Indiana representatives in Congress have promised immediate action.

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The total county budget for 1951 now calls for a rate of \$1.03, an increase of 25 cents over the present county rate of 78 cents. This increase accounts for 25 cents of the 32-cent boost in the total rate to be paid by Columbus city property-owners.

Eight and one-half cents of the boost in the county rate is a result of additional bonds for the new hospital addition. Another 4-cent rate is in the special bridge sinking fund being established, while a 2-cent hike is in the welfare department budget. The county hospital remodeling fund rate is down one-half cent. The remaining 10 cents of the increase is in the county general fund.

County Auditor James Albright pointed out that the tax rates are still only tentative and are subject to further changes in assessment evaluations and to final action by the state board of tax commission.

1950_09_14_Rent controls to remain

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RENT PICTURE GOES FROM BAD TO WORSE HERE

**Backlog of People Wanting
Homes, Apartments Con-
tinues to Pile Up.**

A thorn in the side of military personnel wherever they go is suitable housing for their families, and Columbus is proving no exception.

As a matter of fact, figures released by the local housing department of the Chamber of Commerce show that the housing picture is turning from bad to worse.

And the worst is yet to come, according to authorities, with some 15,000 troops of Pennsylvania's 28th division now settled at Camp Atterbury.

Figures show that during the month of August, some 250 requests for houses and apartments were received here, an unheard-of demand on a city that barely has facilities to house its own 18,000 inhabitants.

Only 30 Filled.

Stephen M. Baker, executive vice-president of the local Chamber of Commerce, stated that no more than 30 of these requests could be filled, leaving a backlog of some 220 from the month of August to go with the sky-rocketing demand this month.

"The trouble with the whole thing," he stated, "is that the situation is getting much worse now that all the troops are at camp."

Heretofore, the majority of the requests for houses and apartments came from field and company grade officers who could find time to slip away from their jobs and come here house-hunting.

The enlisted men are now making their applications and will outnumber the officers greatly.

So far this month some 70 more requests have been entered on the "I-want-a-house" rolls at the Chamber and it shows no signs of letting up.

Will Get Worse.

"The situation can't help but get worse," Mr. Baker stated.

At the present time, a number of sleeping rooms are listed but the demand has been very slight for these.

Sleeping rooms, however, are expected to be grabbed off as soon as the military personnel realize that apartments and homes just aren't available in the Atterbury vicinity.

Mr. Baker reminded home owners again to list their availabilities with the Chamber, whether they be sleeping rooms, homes or apartments.

The situation appears to be little better in other towns surrounding the spacious camp and will probably result in most of the troops' families remaining at home in Pennsylvania and the men living in the barracks.

1950_09_14_Rent picture goes from bad to worse-28th at Atterbury-15,000 men

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THREE OFFICERS AND 33
men stepped off a train in Edin-
burg at 8:35 o'clock Wednesday
morning, the worst task of their
lives behind them. They formed
the honor guard which accom-
panied the 33 train wreck victims
back to their homes for burial.

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1950_09_21_# officers and 33 men form honor guard for the
28th killed in Ohio

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ABOUT 15 NEWSPAPERS AND
 wire services were on hand at
 28th Division headquarters at
 Camp Atterbury Wednesday morn-
 ing when commanding officer,
 Maj. Gen. Daniel B. Strickler, held
 his first formal press conference.
 A half dozen of the press repre-
 sentatives were from Philadelphia
 and other spots throughout the
 home state of the division. One
 of the interesting points brought
 out by questions asked by the
 Pennsy newspapermen concerned
 voting by the troops this fall. Gen-
 eral Strickler informed the re-
 porters that Pennsylvania had set
 up no provision for absentee vot-
 ing so the troops would simply
 lose their vote in the coming elec-
 tions. They were also very inter-
 ested in troop morale which the
 commanding officer reported "well
 above average." "They are pos-
 sessed with an exceptional eager-
 ness to learn," he pointed out.

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1950_09_21_1st press conference from 28th Div

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Railroad Pays \$67,924 To 327 Guardsmen

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., Sept. 21 (UP)—The Pennsylvania railroad has paid \$67,924 to 327 Pennsylvania soldiers who were injured or lost property in the troop train wreck which killed 33 of their comrades in Ohio last week.

R. W. Krumrine, assistant general claim agent for the railroad, announced today that a crew of 18 adjusters working here still had about 140 more minor claims to settle among men of the 28th division.

Krumrine said settlements ranged from \$10 to \$1,500, an average of about \$207 for every soldier.

The claims represent only minor injuries and loss of personal property.

1950_09_21_Railroad settles \$67,924 for the 33 killed 28th Div soldiers

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6 Injured Guards to Be Flown to Atterbury

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., Sept. 21 (UP)—Six Pennsylvania soldiers injured in last week's troop train wreck hoped for favorable flying weather today so plans to move them from Dayton, O., to Camp Atterbury could be carried out.

The men were scheduled to be flown here today from Wright-Patterson air force base hospital, where they have been since the wreck.

Six other wreck victims will remain at Wright-Patterson and four at Memorial hospital, Coshocton, O.

1950_09_21_Six injured 28th Div guards in the train w to Atterbury Hospital

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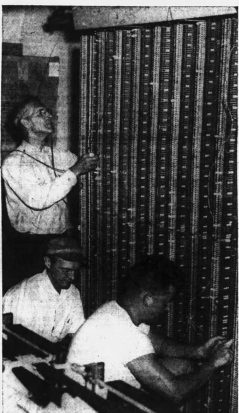
Camp Gets New Phone Exchange

Large enough to serve a good-sized city, an entirely new telephone system has been installed at Camp Atterbury—and in less than 30 days after the Army ordered it.

Employees of the local exchange of the Indiana Bell Telephone company worked with other telephone experts to rush the job to completion. Most of the phone system which formerly served the big Army camp during the war had not been used since its deactivation in 1946.



W. F. Wenzler, second from the left, Indiana Bell Telephone company's Columbus plant chief, checks the blueprint for the new telephone system at Camp Atterbury with F. H. Nelson, E. G. Garman and C. J. Bush of the Western Electric company.



Ralph Hedger, Indiana Bell installer at Columbus, is checking a terminal on the distribution frame of Camp Atterbury's new telephone system. W. W. Meeks, cable splicer, and George Grindstaff, splicer's helper, are testing cable.



Mrs. Martha Jones and Harvey Garrett, Indiana Bell messengers at the Camp Atterbury, are ready to handle a record volume of telephone calls in their new office at Camp Atterbury.

1950_09_27_Camp gets new telephone exchange

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Army Chief of Staff Given 17-Gun Salute During Visit to Atterbury

Seventeen guns boomed a salute this afternoon at Camp Atterbury as General J. Lawton Collins, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, paid an official visit to the reactivated military encampment.

Major General Daniel B. Stricker, commanding general of the 28th Infantry division, in training at the camp, and Col. James A. Murphey, the Atterbury commandant, met Gen. Collins' plane when it arrived in Indianapolis from Washington, D. C., and accompanied him to the camp.

General Collins was officially received at the Camp by an honor guard made up of four units of the 28th Infantry Division.

Addresses Troops

On arrival at the Camp, the Army Chief of Staff was received with full military honors. Following the ceremony he addressed several thousand officers and non-commissioned officers from the 28th Division and other units at Camp Atterbury on the subject of leadership.

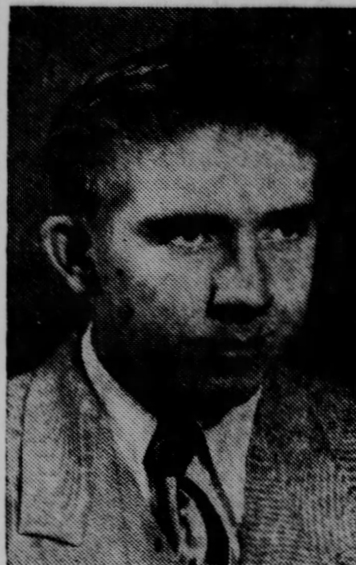
A reception for General Collins was held in the quadrangle facing 28th Division Headquarters, where Company "F" of the 110th Infantry Regiment and the 28th Division band was assembled.

The 17-gun salute was fired for the visiting General by Battery B of the 109th Field Artillery Battalion.

The route from the entrance of the Camp to 28th Division Headquarters was lined with sentinels from Company "K" of the 110th Infantry Regiment.

General Collins will leave Camp Atterbury late Friday afternoon and travel to Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Enlists in Navy



Meredith R. Vandivier, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Vandivier, of Franklin, has enlisted in the Navy and will begin training October 23 at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He attended Franklin High School and at the time of enlistment was employed by the U. S. Rubber Company in Indianapolis.

58th Anniversary Observed Today by Greenwood Couple

1950_10_13_Army Chief of Staff Gen Lawton Collins visits camp

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WAKEMAN HOSPITAL TO GET CASUALTIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13 (INS)—
The Army Surgeon General's office
today named 14 army hospitals
which will receive Korean casual-
ties.

One of the 14 is Camp Atterbury's
Wakeman Hospital. There was no
estimate given of the number of
wounded men to be sent to any of
the hospitals.

1950_10_13_Wakeman to get Korean War casualties

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Local Irwin - Union To Have Camp Bank

**Branch at Atterbury to
Be Opened Friday,
Lauther Announces.**

With arrangements completed late yesterday with the Defense department and Camp Atterbury commandant, announcement was made today by S. E. Lauther, executive vice-president of the Irwin-Union Trust company, that the local bank will open a branch bank at Camp Atterbury.

The Irwin-Union branch, the only financial institution on the post, will serve the officers and enlisted men, and the more than 2,000 civilian personnel.

Adelbert Engle, cashier of the

local bank, will be in charge of setting up the branch. Assistants will be E. L. Sprague and Roy W. Otte of the local bank staff. Other employees will be Mrs. Martha Shewmon of Columbus and Mrs. Mary Norton of Franklin.

The Irwin-Union bank will be located in building No. 103, located at the rear of the post finance building near post headquarters.

It will be operated on a 5-day week.

Hours of operation will be from 11:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays; from 11:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. on Tuesdays and from 11:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. on Saturdays.

The Irwin-Union operated the branch at Atterbury during the second world war.

150_10_18_Irwin Union to open bank branch at Camp

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Inspection Team Visits Atterbury

**Maj. Gen. O'Daniel
Addresses Officers**

A seven member Army inspection team, led by Major General J. W. O'Daniel, arrived at Camp Atterbury Wednesday afternoon to inspect the training of the 28th Infantry Division.

The group came here from Fort Monroe, Va., by plane, and were met at Atterbury Air Force Base by Major General Daniel B. Strickler, commanding general of the 28th Division.

General O'Daniel is the newly-appointed Infantry Training Inspector for Army Field Forces and is here representing General Mark Clark, chief of the Army Field Forces.

To Inspect Units

General O'Daniel and General Strickler will make a personal inspection of many 28th Division units during the visit. General O'Daniel spoke at an assembly of all field grade officers of the Division Thursday morning.

The other officers on the inspection team are: Col. Malin Craig Jr., artillery inspector; Col. C. V. Bromley Jr., armor inspector; Lt. Col. G. P. Nichols and Lt. Col. G. E. Miller, both training representatives; Lt. Col. L. T. Bondshu, quartermaster representative; and Major J. C. Liggett, signal representative.

General O'Daniel, nicknamed "Iron Mike" while commanding the 3rd Division in World War II, has stated his intention of making the Army training "tough" while acting as chief inspector, and he is expected to make a rigid inspection of the 28th Division.

1950_10_26_Inspection team visits Atterbury

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90 Percent of 28th Division Will Leave on "Operation Jingle Bells"

Approximately 90 percent of the soldiers of the 28th Infantry Division will be able to take 10-day leaves over the Christmas holidays if they wish, Major General Daniel B. Strickler, the Division Commander, announced today.

After a conference with organization commanders from the division, General Strickler announced that the security detachments that will be needed at Camp Atterbury during the general holiday will require only about ten per cent of the Division strength. This number, he said, is expected to be made entirely of soldiers who volunteer to stay.

For the thousands of soldiers who will be going home under "Operation Jingle Bells," as the General has termed the exodus, efforts are being made to arrange special transportation.

Under the supervision of Lt. Col. George I. MacLeod who has taken charge of the operation, a survey will be taken of every soldier in the division to find his destination when on leave.

Plan Special Trains

Col. MacLeod said he will use this information to endeavor to plan for special trains direct from Camp Atterbury and Indianapolis to central points in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. In addition, Col. MacLeod said, he hopes to be able to get a special fare for the soldiers similar to that in effect during World War II when GI's could get a round-trip ticket for a one-way rate. These plans are being made only for rail transportation.

All division soldiers will have the option of taking furloughs for five, nine or ten days over the holidays. The 10-day leaves will begin December 22 and end at midnight,

January 1 when all soldiers must be back at Camp.

Although under normal conditions soldiers cannot take furlough time in advance of the two and one-half days which they accrue for each month of active duty, for the Christmas leave General Strickler announced that even newly-inducted selectees who have been in the Army only a few months will be able to take the full 10 days if they wish. This leave time will then be charged against their future service.

For the security detachments remaining at the Camp during the holidays, duty will consist mostly of maintaining guards and keeping furnaces going throughout the 28th Division areas. One detachment will be organized in each of the five regiment-size areas of the division, and the combined groups will be under the command of Lt. Col. Albert J. Yount.

General Strickler announced that all soldiers who remain at Camp during the holidays will be eligible to take 10-day furloughs at a later date.

As a final note, General Strickler advised mothers of all 28th Division soldiers not to mail any Christmas packages to Camp Atterbury. He cheerfully assured the homefolks, "Your boy will probably come home."

1950_11_22_90% of 28th Division will get leaves for Christmas

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Soldiers Injured In Shell Explosion

Atterbury Officials Announce Details

Five Camp Atterbury soldiers were injured, one seriously, in the explosion of a rocket launcher shell Thursday afternoon on the Post bazooka range.

The injured men, all from Tank Company, 112th Infantry, are in the Camp Atterbury Hospital. Cpl. James F. Merry, 19, of Erie, Pennsylvania, was listed as seriously injured, but hospital authorities Friday morning reported his condition as "satisfactory."

Others only slightly injured in the blast were: Pfc. Duane P. Eastman of McKeane, Pennsylvania; Cpl. Kenneth E. Joslin of Erie, Pennsylvania; Rct. John L. Heine of Bronx, New York, and Pfc. Richard A. Winslow of Conneaut, Ohio.

1950_12_29_Five soldiers injured in shell explosion

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