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MONTFORD POINT  
CAMP LEJEUNE

*New River, North Carolina*



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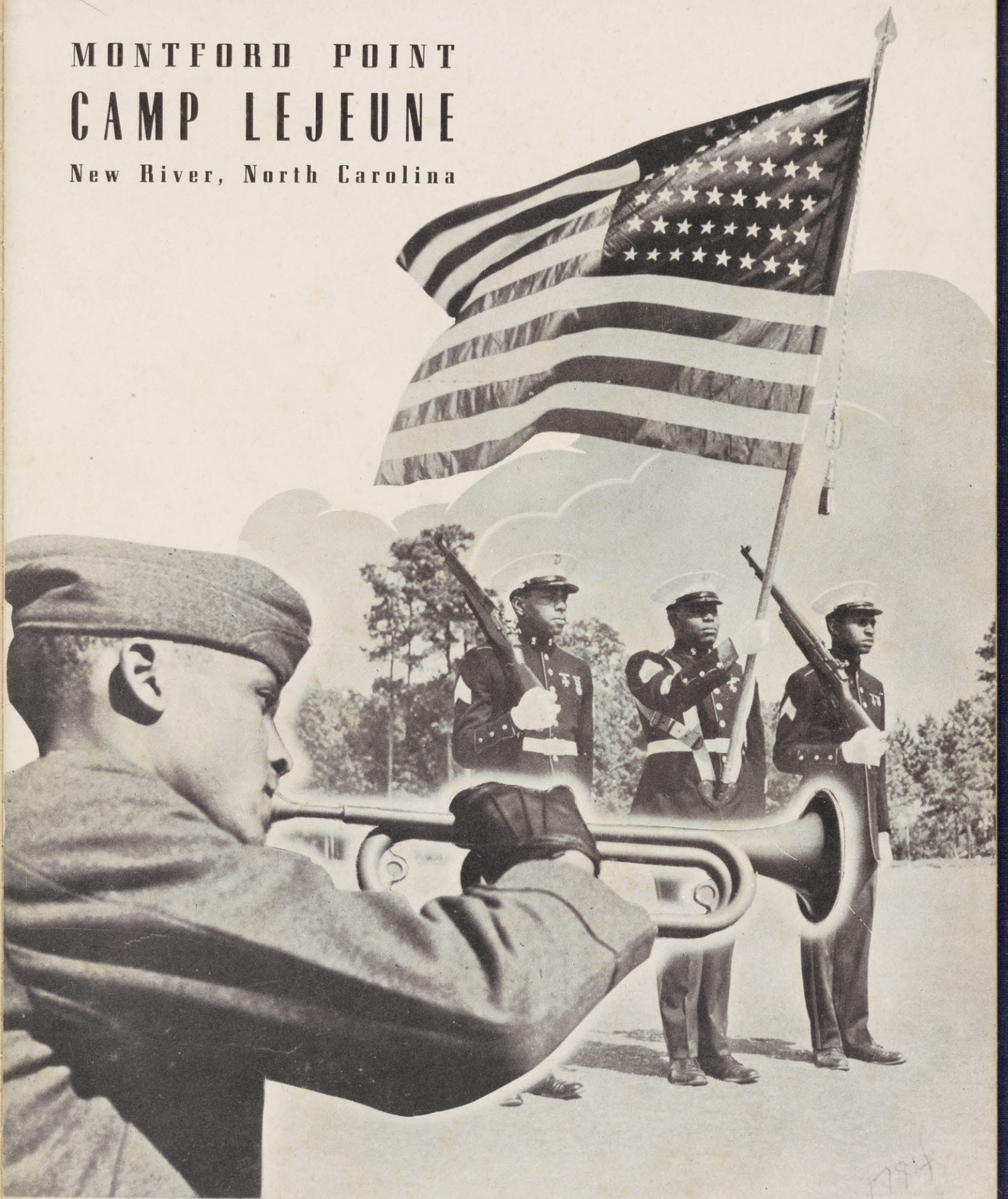
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**Foreword.** The men of Montford Point, like all Marines, are proud of the fact that they are a part of the greatest fighting organization on earth. This book is designed to give an insight as to how we live, work and play, train, and pass our hours for recreation; of the medical and dental care we receive and of the religious life that is constantly kept before us. To actually appreciate Montford Point Camp one would have to spend a while here going from one area to the other, inspecting schools, drill fields, theaters and every thing else that makes up the camp, but this as we know is impossible. If we can convey, through this booklet, to the many thousands of people who have sons, husbands, sweethearts and loved ones in the service, the spirit that makes every Marine proud that he is a Marine, then we can feel that our effort is worthwhile.







# SNAPSHOTS



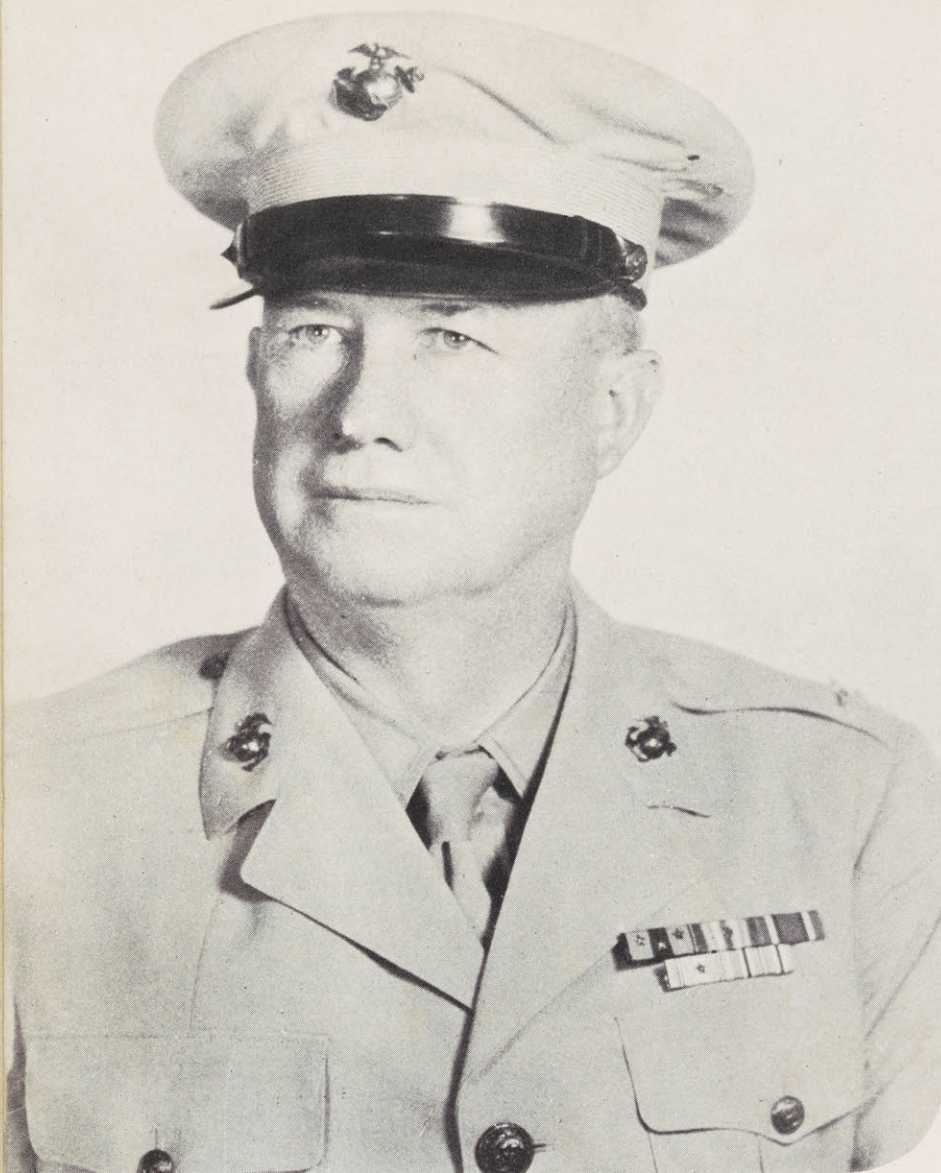


LIEUTENANT GENERAL  
ALEXANDER A. VANDEGRIFT  
*Commandant of the Marine Corps*



MAJOR GENERAL HENRY L. LARSEN  
*Commanding General, Camp Lejeune*





COLONEL SAMUEL A. WOODS, JR.  
*Commanding Officer,  
Montford Point Camp*

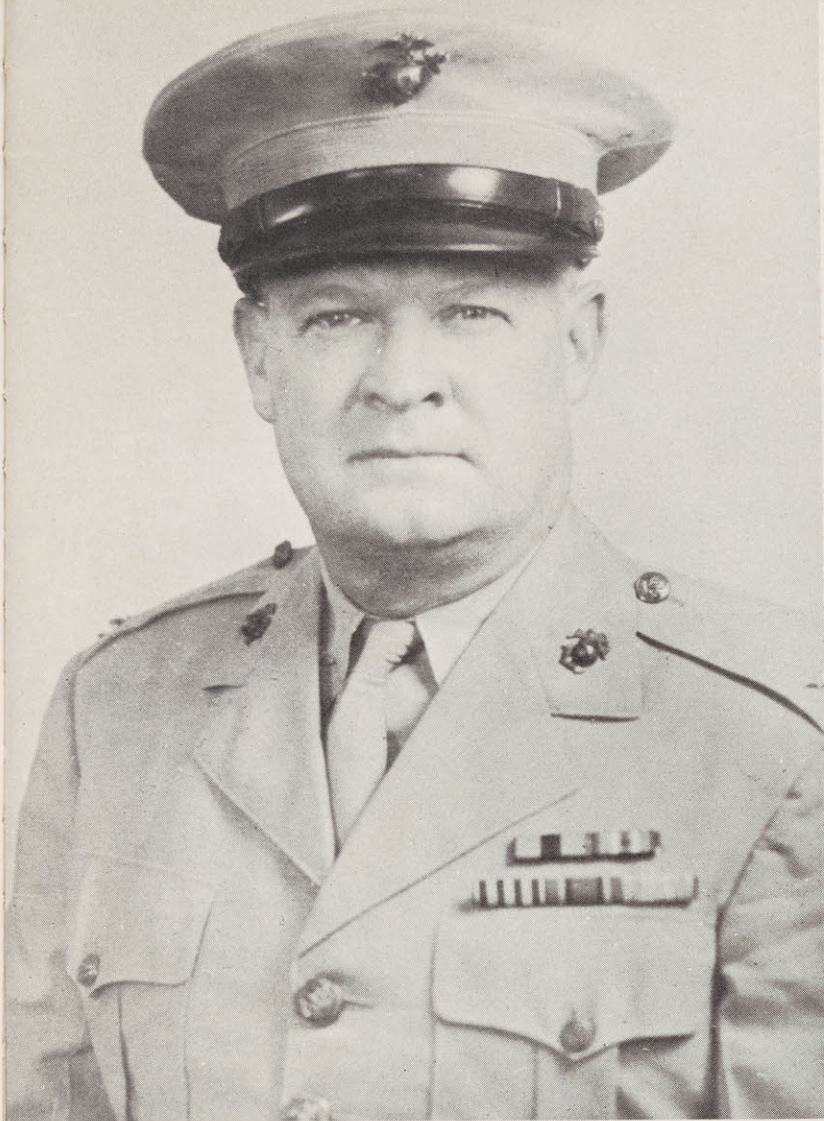
*A message from* COLONEL S. A. WOODS, JR.

I have watched Montford Point Camp grow from one hundred and twenty huts with only a handful of men to five complete areas with a large number of men. It has been a pleasure indeed to observe these men enter the camp as raw recruits, and, with weeks of hard work and training, season into Marines who can accept responsibility, do a job well, and make an invaluable contribution to the war effort. I know when the time for the real test arrives, the Montford Point Marines will uphold the glorious tradition of the Corps.



MONTFORD POINT CAMP

# STAFF



COLONEL W. BAYNARD ONLEY, SR.  
*Executive Officer*

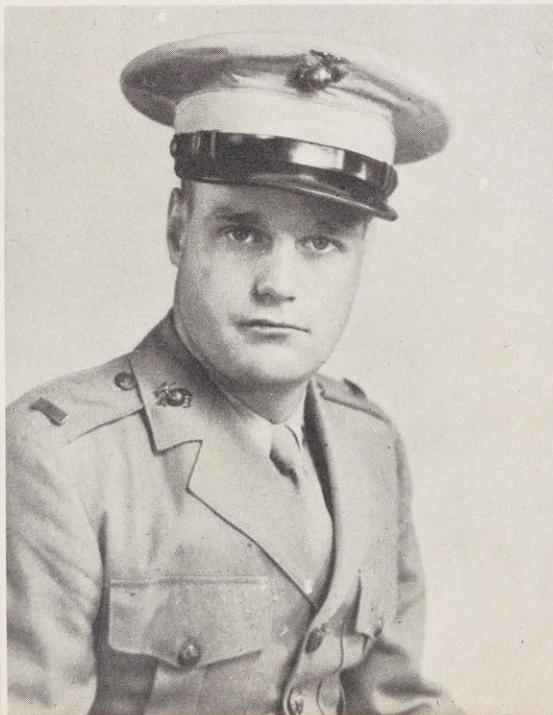


COMMISSIONED WARRANT OFFICER  
J. D. KURNER  
*Adjutant*

MAJOR FREDERICK BELTON  
MPC - 1 - 3



LIEUTENANT JAMES C. LITTLE  
MPC - 2



MAJOR L. J. DOLLMAN, JR.  
MPC - 4





# *History of* MONTFORD POINT



War brings about sudden and swift changes. Montford Point Camp has been no exception. From a row of neatly lined, collapsible green huts to a vast, sprawling reservation covering the "Point" entirely and including a former CCC camp area, Montford Point Camp has grown—not step by step, but by leaps and bounds.

Howard Perry of Charlotte, N. C., was the first to get here. Shortly afterwards the "Special Duty" Platoon was formed. Then came the "Mighty First," the "Mighty Second" and the "Mighty Third." Those were the days of the "Mighties." Those were the days! The "DI's" were "old timers." They had come through Boot Camp at "PI" when times were hard. They remembered those days, and reminded us of them. They caused us to leave our footprints in many places upon Montford Point's "Sands of time." They will not be forgotten.

In June of 1943 came the Stewards Branch Battalion. Shortly afterwards came the Commandant's inspection which, in the words of the Commanding Officer, was "passed with flying colors".

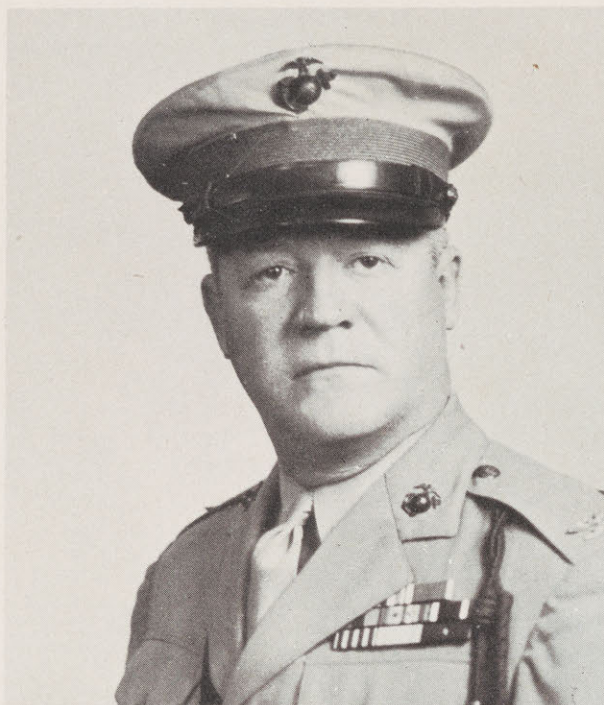
History making events at Montford Point Camp have been too numerous to mention, for almost every event at Montford Point has been history-making. Even Montford Point itself. There have been the usual "ups" and "downs", and "growing pains" which are to be found in any young and growing organization. Yet, thus far have we come; and we shall go on. The progress of Montford Point Camp had been characterized by a sincere desire on the part of all concerned to make this Camp a highly successful organization. Particularly has this been true in the case of the men responsible for its guidance and direction. It is too early to tabulate the final results; many sands have yet to shift, many dunes will rise and fall ere this story shall be complete. We shall look to the future for even greater things than we have achieved in the past.



# OTHER OFFICERS OF MONTFORD POINT CAMP



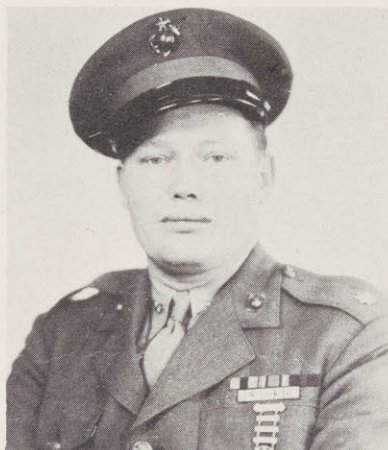
LT. COL. HARRY A. TRAFFERT  
Executive Officer  
7th Separate Infantry Battalion



COLONEL H. M. H. FLEMING  
Commanding Officer  
7th Separate Infantry Battalion



CAPTAIN E. L. CLAIRE  
Paymaster



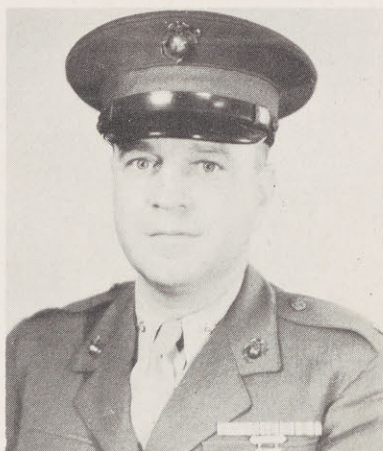
LT. COL. ROBERT L. MCKEE  
Executive Officer  
52nd Defense Battalion



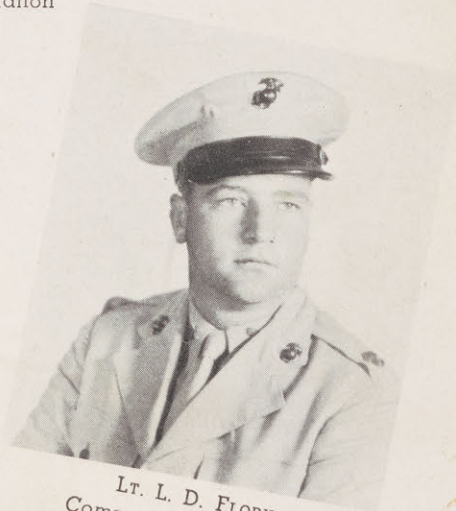
COLONEL AUGUSTUS W. COCKRELL  
Commanding Officer  
52nd Defense Battalion



MAJOR DEWEY A. ROUTH  
Provost Marshal

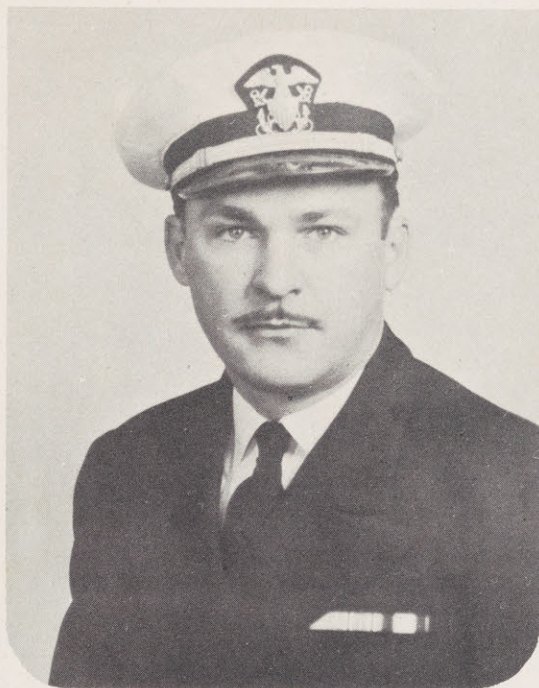


LT. COL. WILLIAM D. HARDEN  
Commanding Officer  
Headquarters Battalion



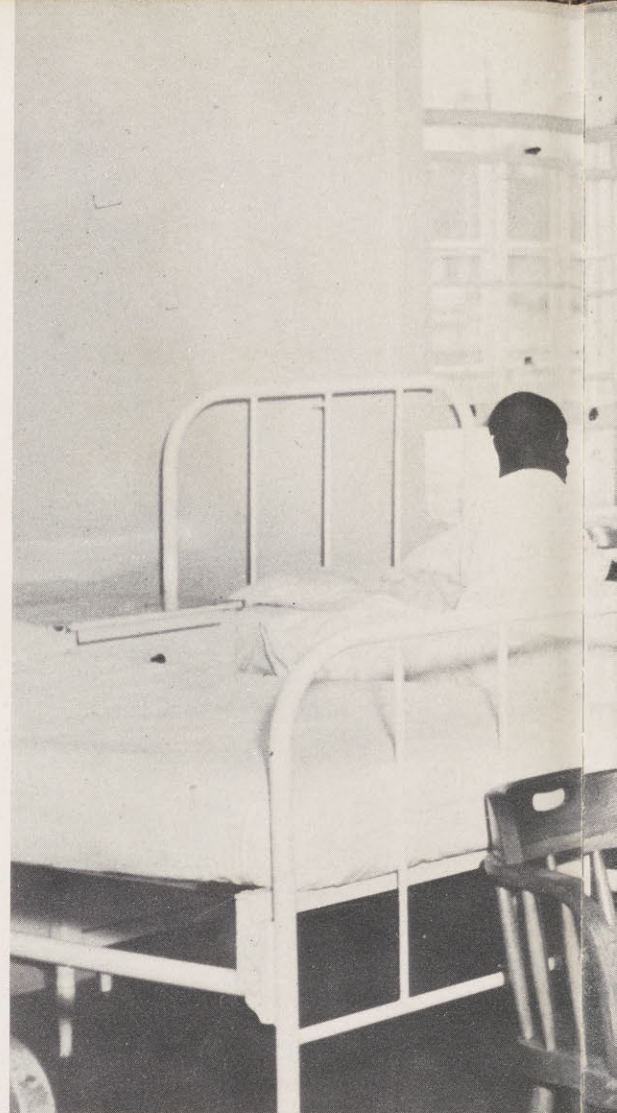
LT. L. D. FLORY  
Communications Officer





LT. COMMANDER S. J. DONOVAN  
*Senior Medical Officer*

# SICK BAY



## OTHER MEDICAL OFFICERS



LT. COMMANDER R. F. SMITH  
*Assistant Medical Officer*



LT. CHARLES T. RICKER  
*52nd Defense Battalion*



LT. JAMES G. LOGUE, JR.  
*7th Separate Infantry  
Battalion*

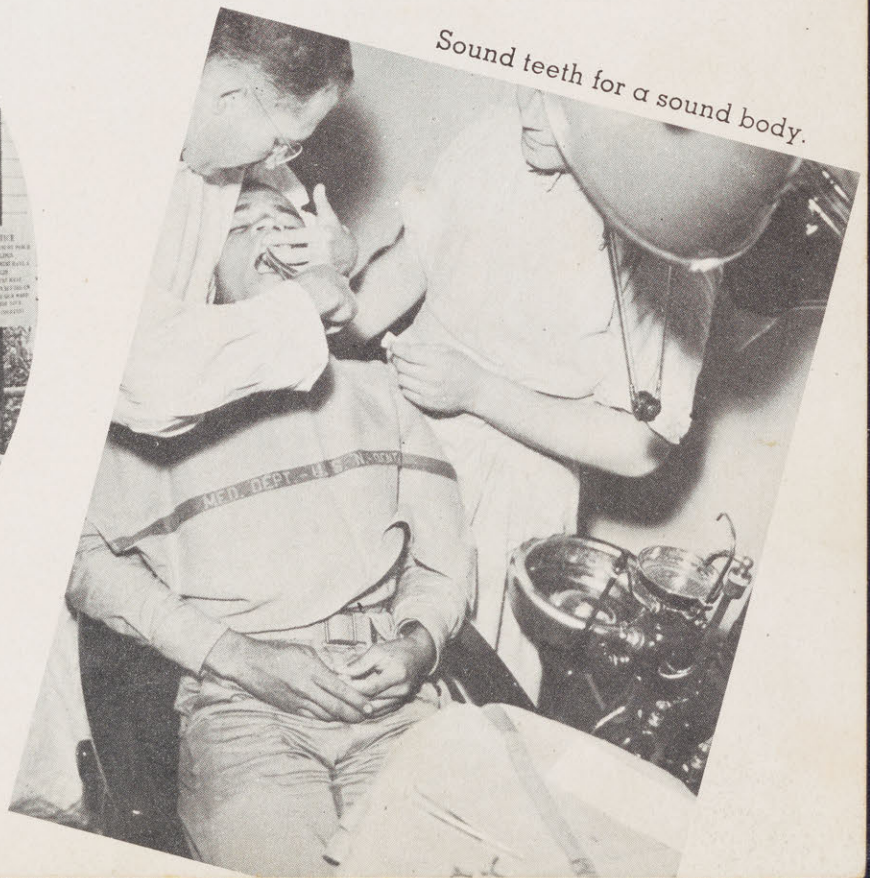




Feeling much better now, thanks!



Leaving sick bay.



Sound teeth for a sound body.





Chaplain Frederick Volbeda  
Protestant Chaplain

Chaplain M. A. Downey  
Catholic Chaplain



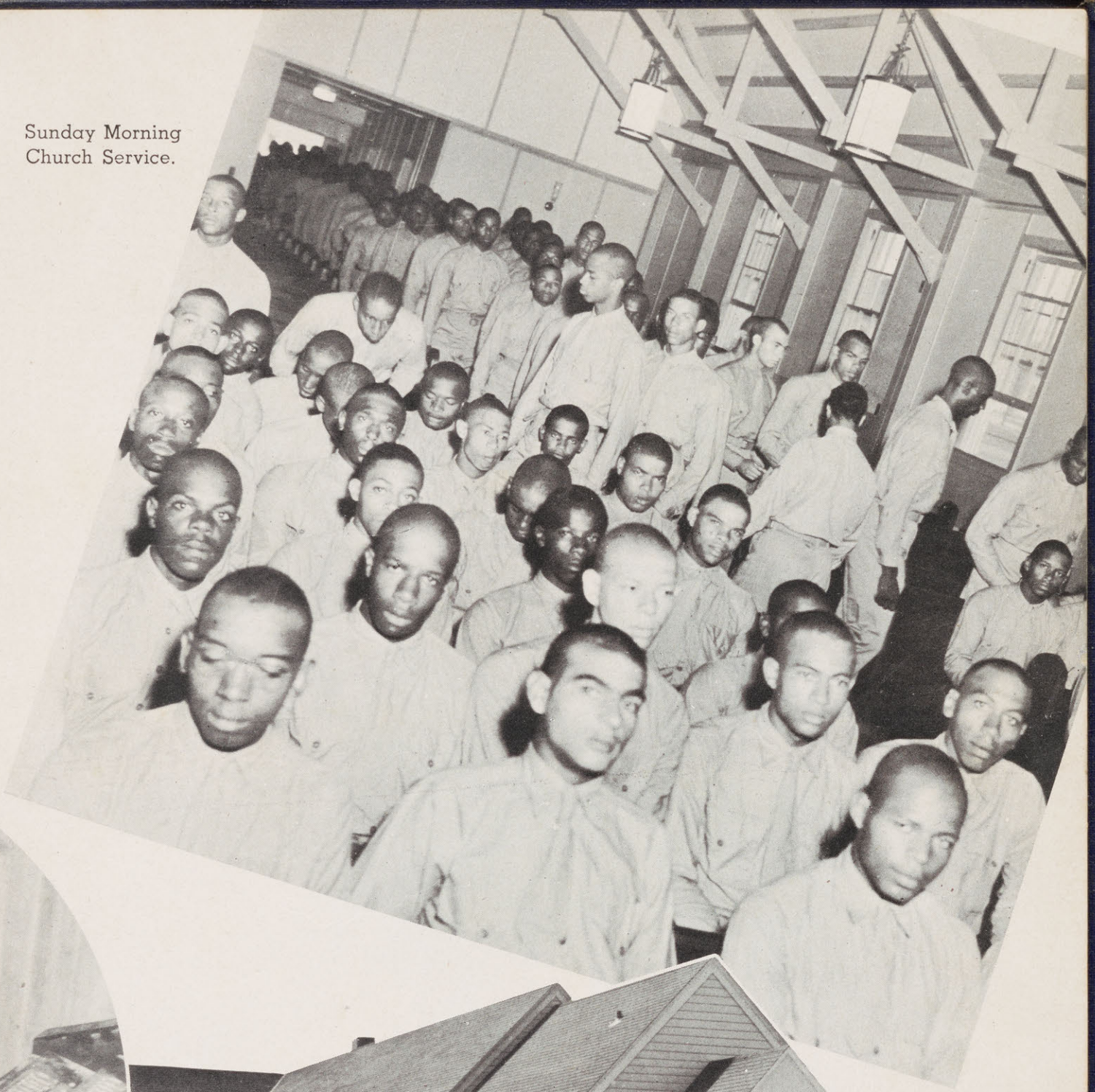
# RELIGION



SERGEANT WALKER MANLEY  
Church Organist



Sunday Morning  
Church Service.



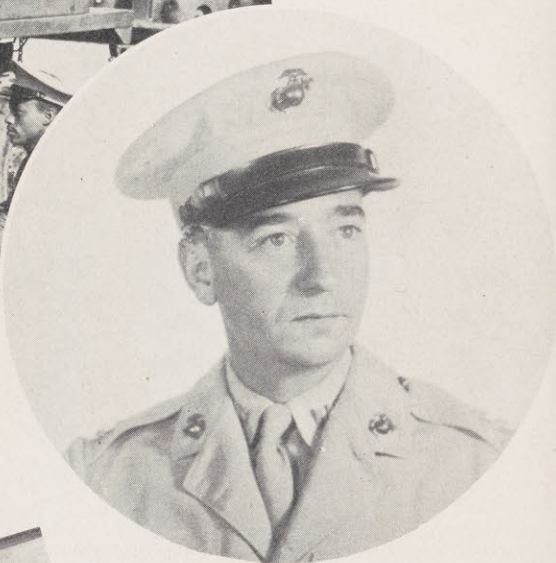
MONTFORD POINT CHAPEL





The Sergeant gives instructions.

# MOTOR TRANSPORT



CAPTAIN J. H. HOLTORF  
MT - Officer



Class in mechanics.

Refueling jeep.

Part of Equipment.

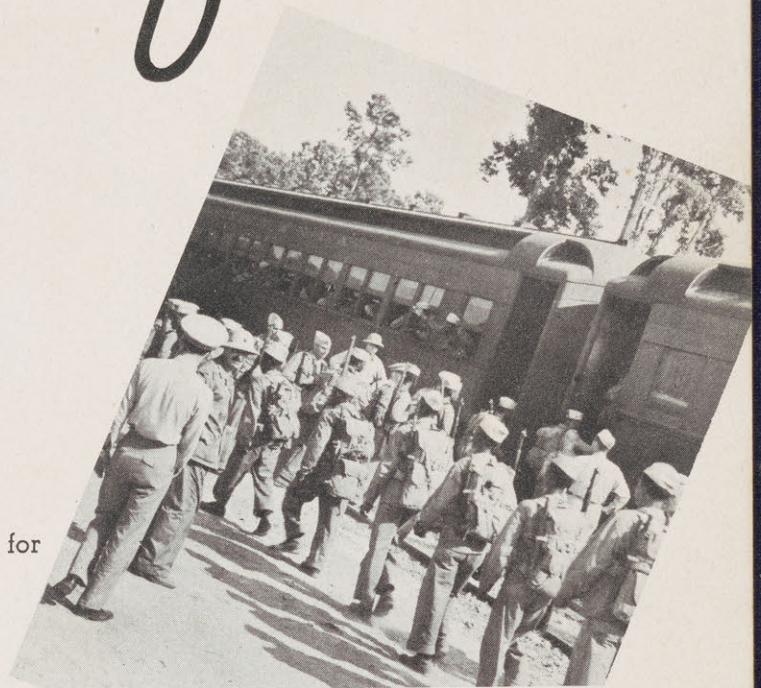




# Life AT MONTFORD POINT



Partial view of camp.



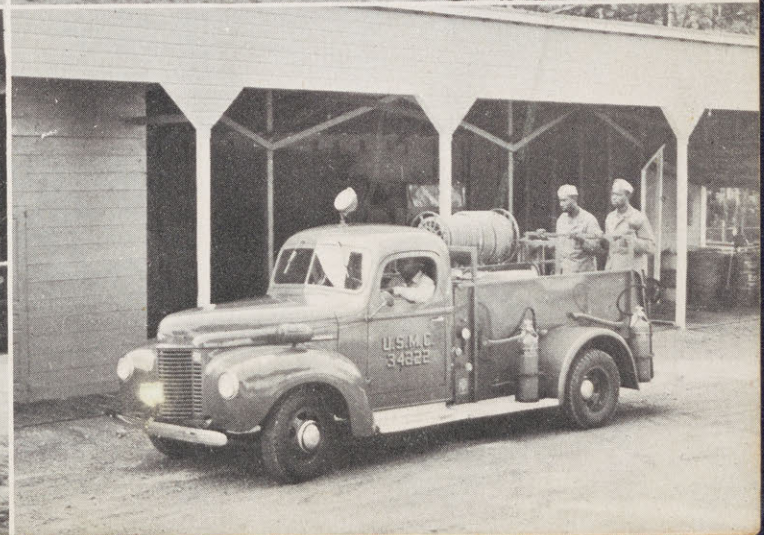
Troops leaving for  
ports unknown.

Librarian at work.

Troops on the march.

Main entrance.

Fire-fighting equipment.

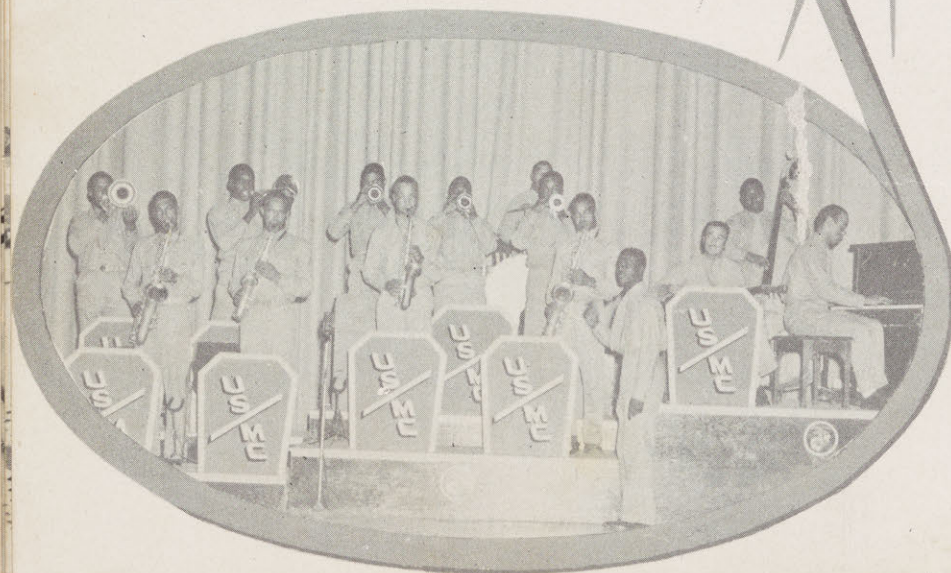




The Montford Point Band.



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The Dance Orchestra.



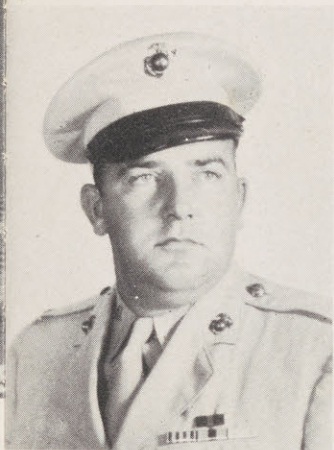
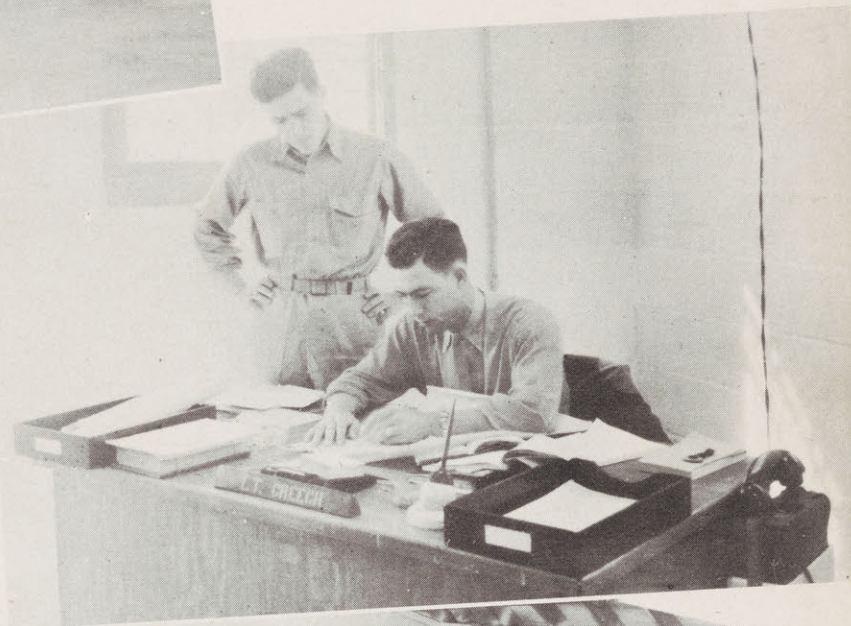
# PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION SECTION

Men are tested and interviewed here to determine where they can best serve. A man is classified according to training and previous experience.

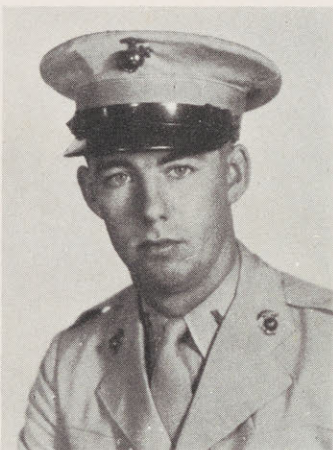


Interviews.

Officers discussing plans.



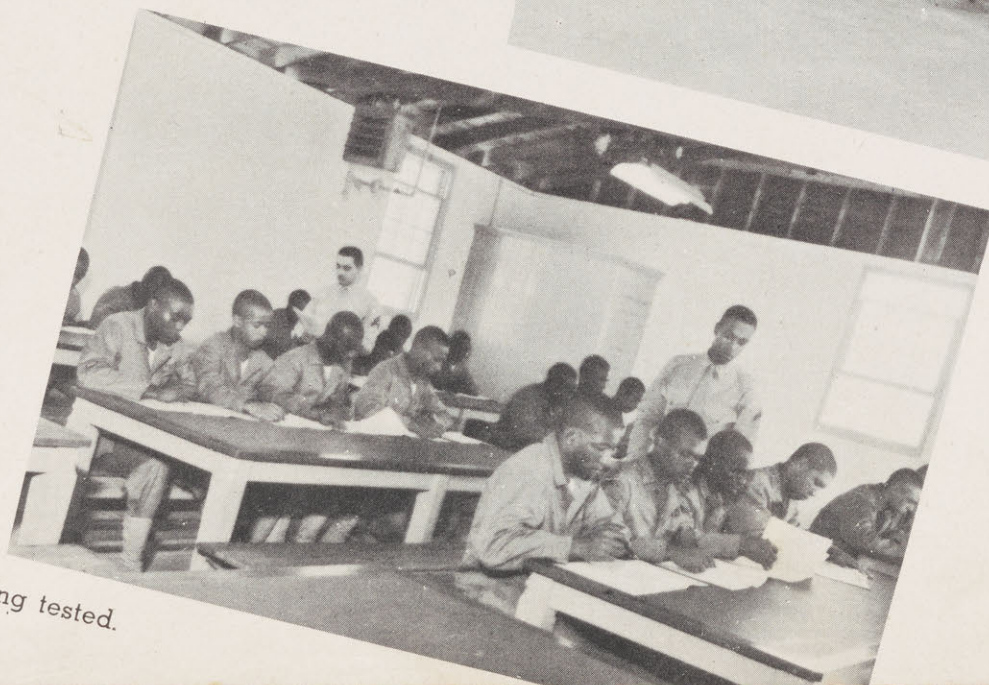
CAPTAIN HARRIS H. BARNES, JR.  
Classification Officer



LT. JUDSON Y. CREECH  
Asst. Classification Officer

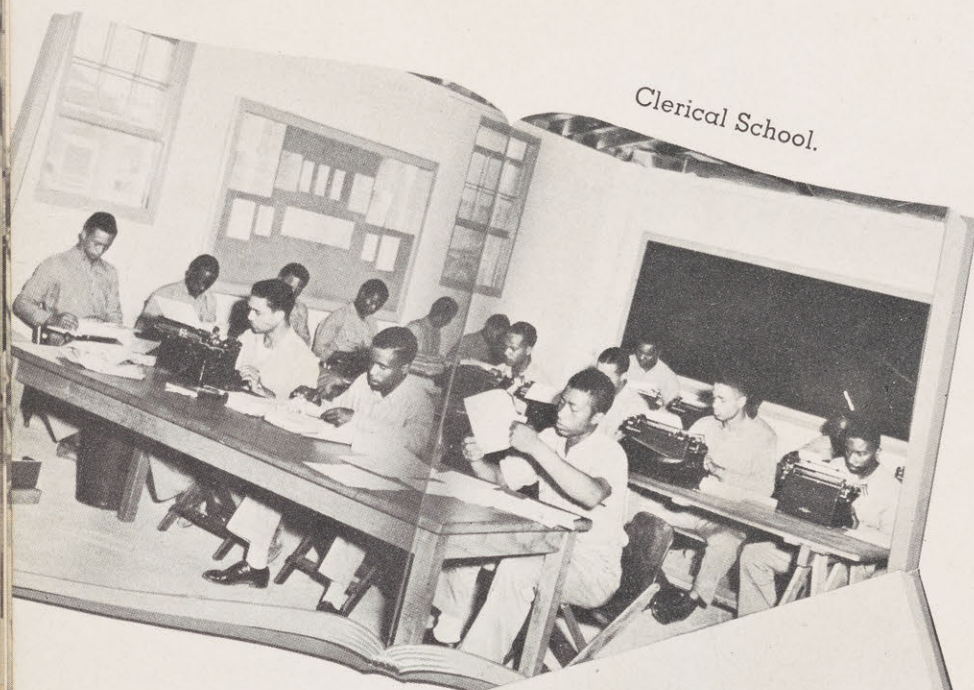


Coding - Filing - Office.

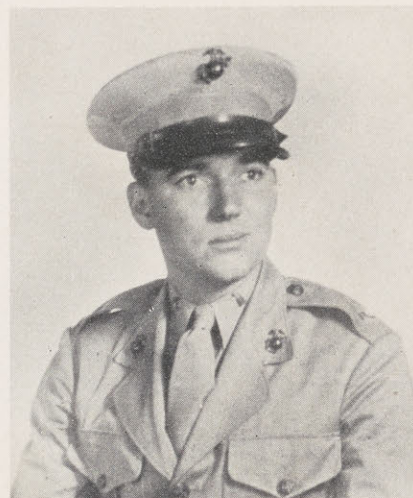


Men being tested.





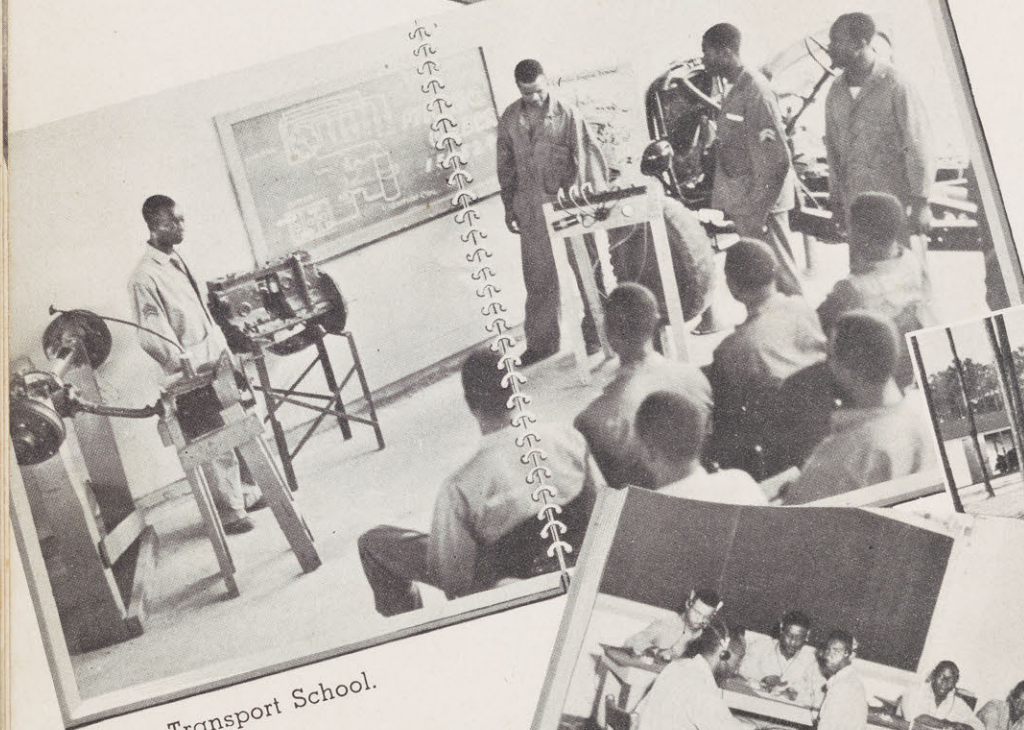
Clerical School.



LIEUTENANT W. J. FORLINES  
Schools Officer

# SCHOOL DAYS

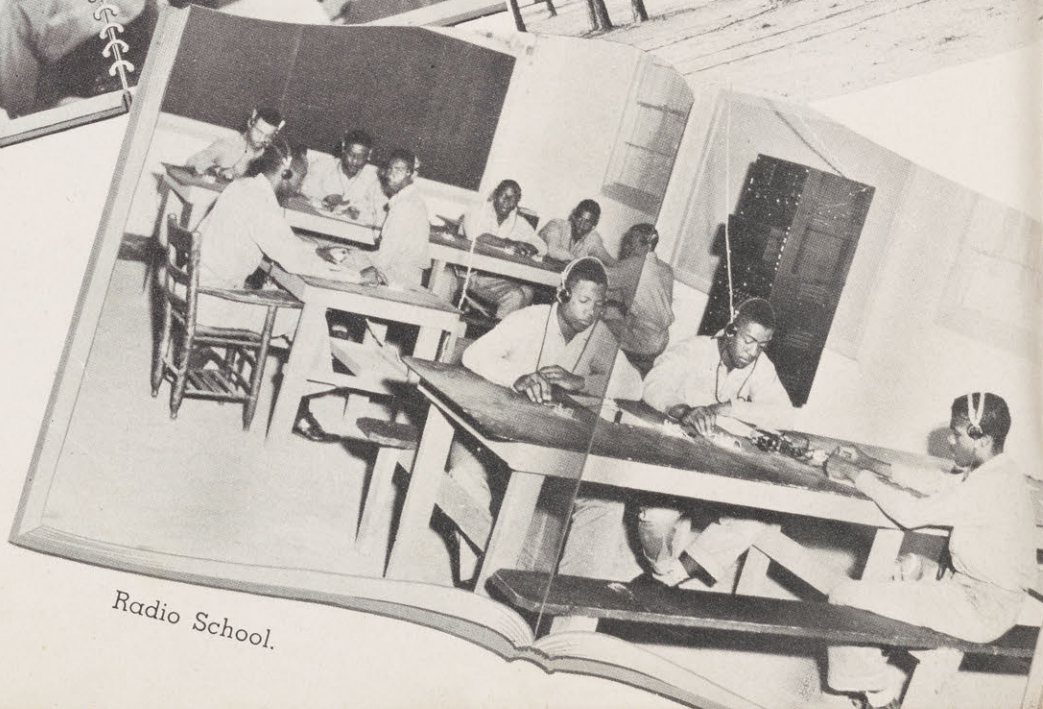
Off to school, Marine  
Corps style.



Motor Transport School.



# SCHOOL DAYS

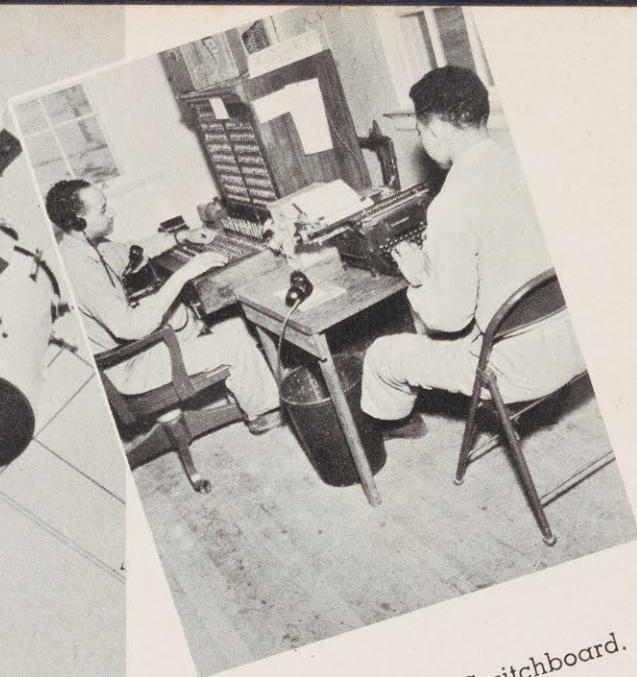


Radio School.



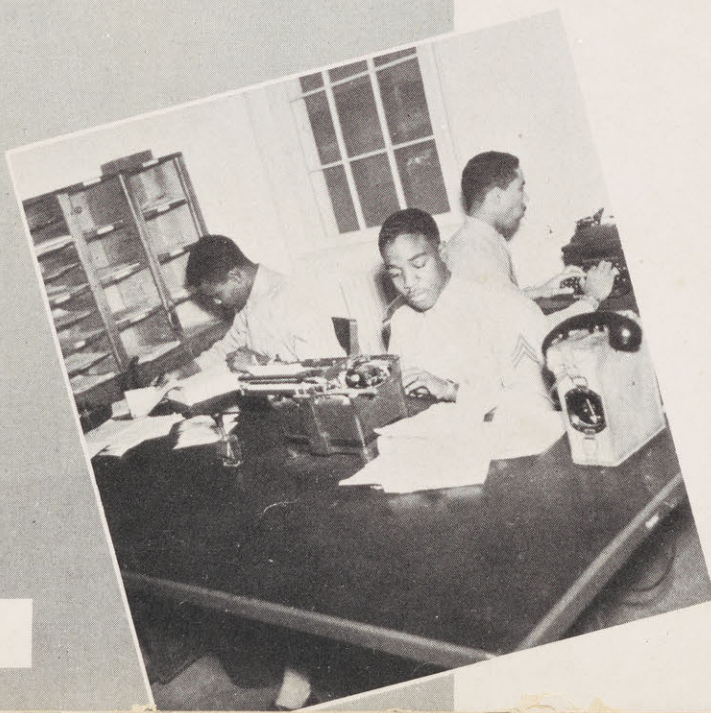


Stringing telephone wire.



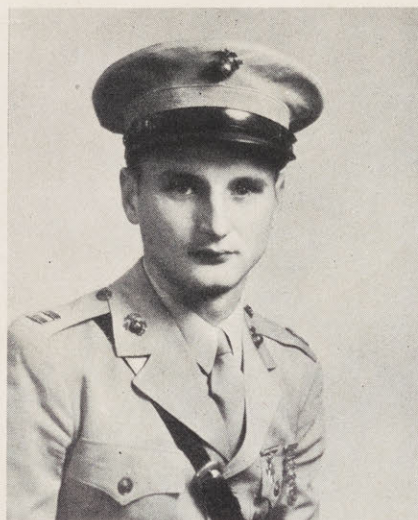
Switchboard.

# COMMUNICATIONS



Message Center.

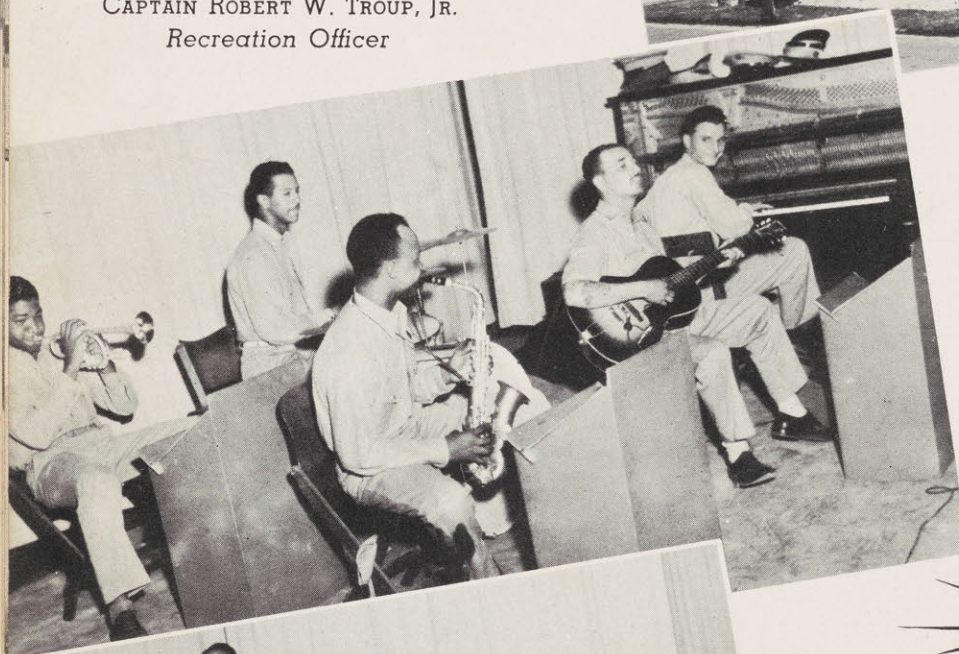




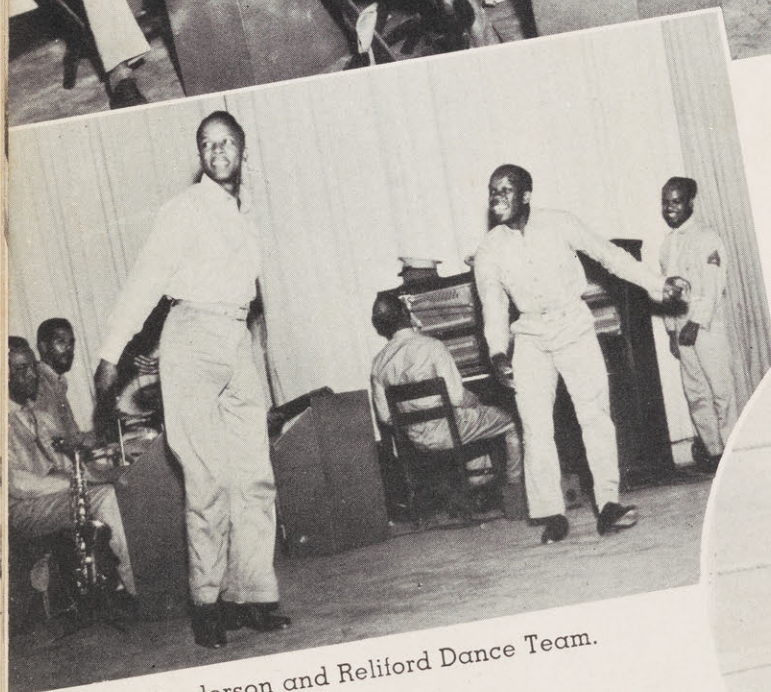
CAPTAIN ROBERT W. TROUP, JR.  
Recreation Officer



Recreation Hall and Library.

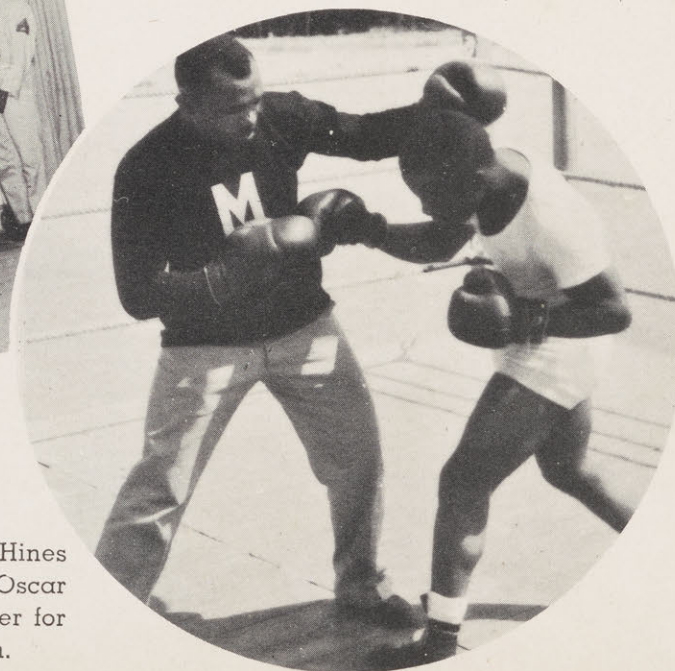


Jam Session.



Henderson and Reliford Dance Team.

Boxing Instructor, Sgt. Hines Thomas, and Corporal Oscar Wright, one time contender for world's lightweight crown.

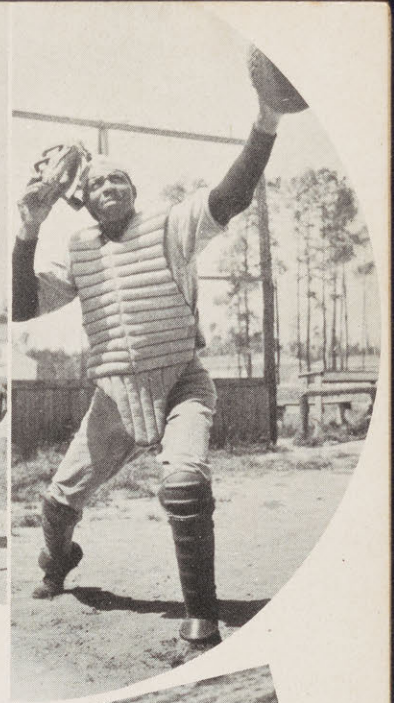


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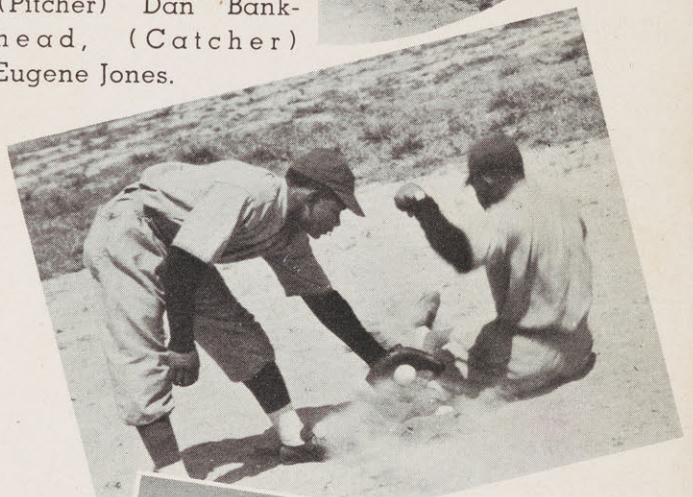




Lieutenant Sharit, officer-in-charge of baseball, talks over the situation.



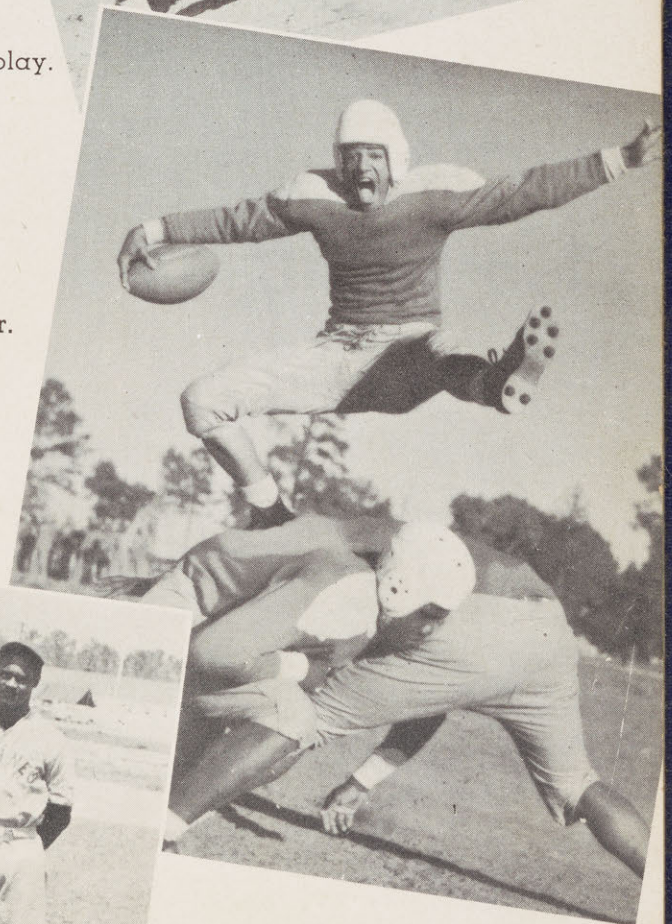
Winning Battery:  
(Pitcher) Dan Bankhead, (Catcher) Eugene Jones.



A close play.

# E A T I O N

Up in the air.



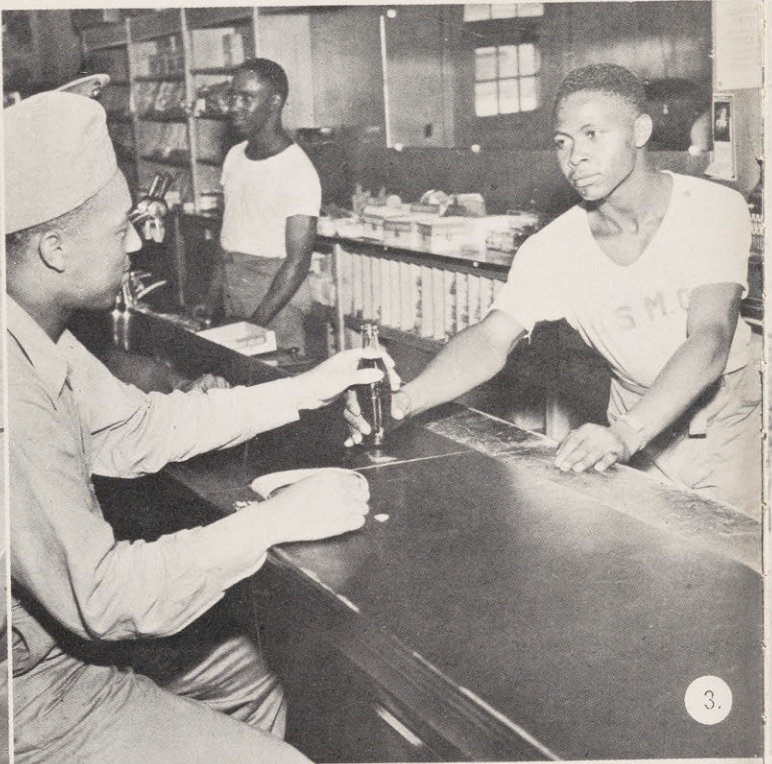
Baseball Team—1943.





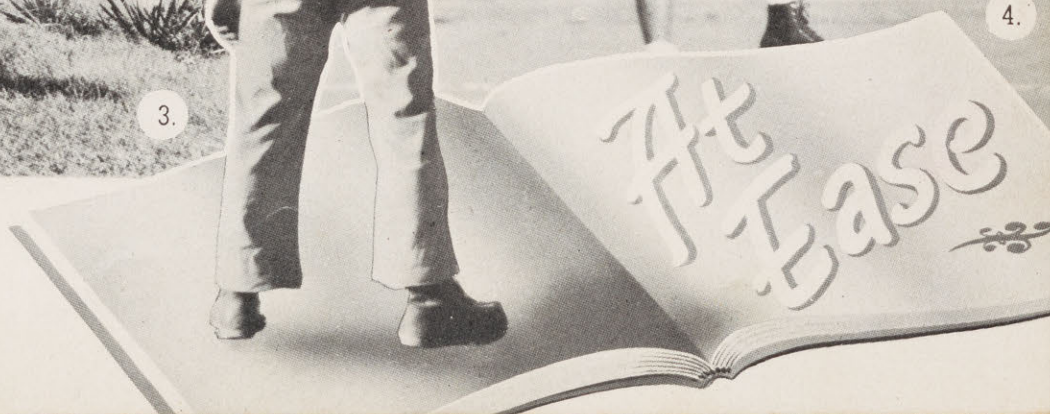
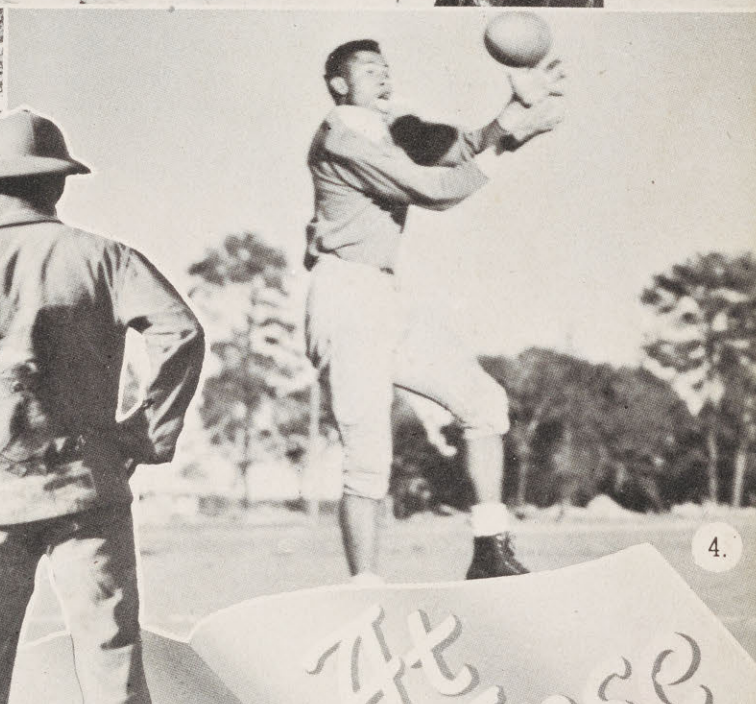
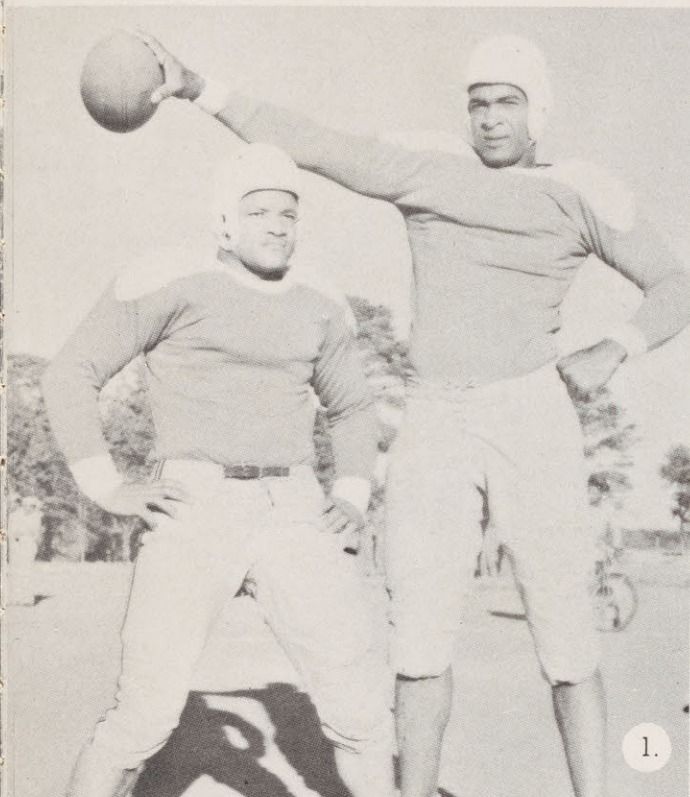


1. Post Exchange; 2. "Hoist the mainsail!";  
3. One Coke, coming up!; 4. Boxing Team;  
5. No gas worries here.

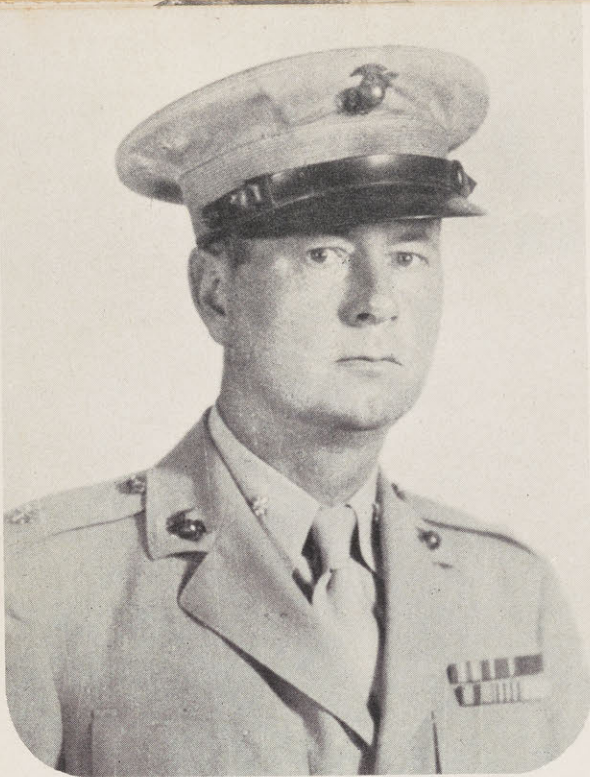




1. Man Mountain and Tiny; 2. Oh! For a nibble!; 3. The bay; 4. Almost perfect.



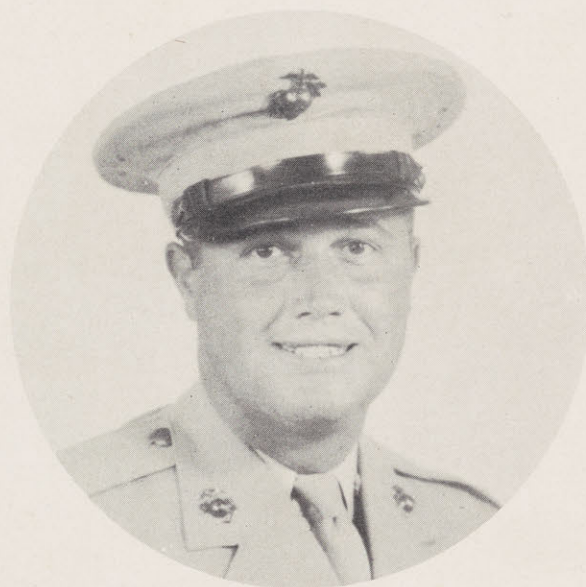




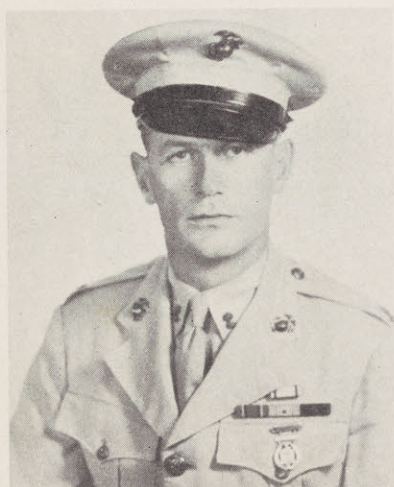
LT. COLONEL T. A. HOLDAHL  
*Commanding Officer*

In the Recruit Depot Battalion, every Marine receives his primary training. Under the competent guidance of skilled drill instructors green "boots" are woven into polished Marines. Twenty-four long days at Montford Point and twenty-one days at the Rifle Range, and a man emerges fully appreciative of why the Marines are known as "the greatest fighting force in the world."

## RECRUIT DEPOT BATTALION



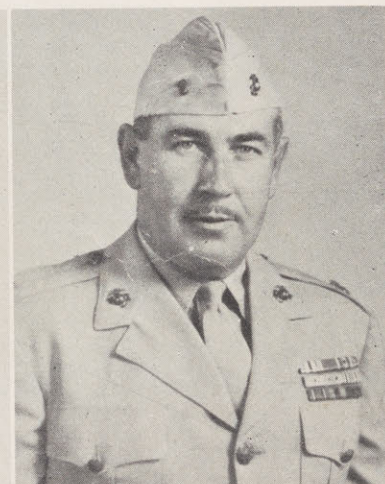
MAJOR PAUL A. REBOLA  
*Executive Officer*



LIEUTENANT GEORGE A. CRAPSER  
*Plans and Training Officer*



LIEUTENANT A. A. COMPTON  
*Officer-in-charge of  
Rifle Range*



MARINE GUNNER E. C. HENSON  
*Officer-in-charge of  
Recruit Training*





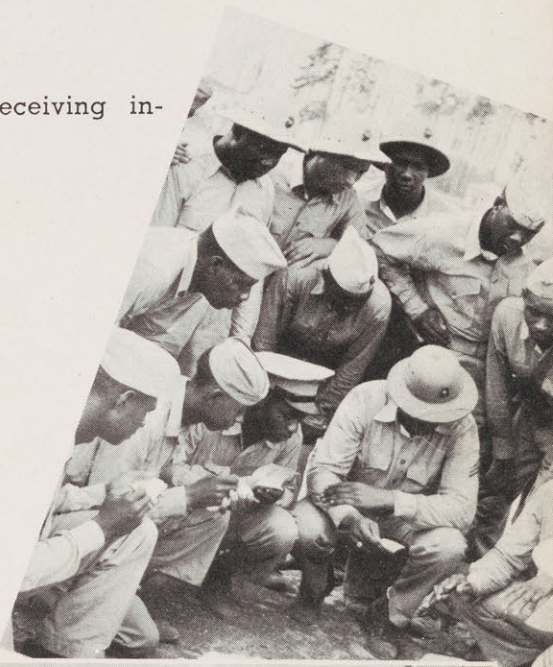
Acting Field Sergeant Major John Pridgen gives orders.



Pl. Sgt. A. L. Ghazlo instructs judo.

Drill instructors receiving instructions.

Staff Personnel.

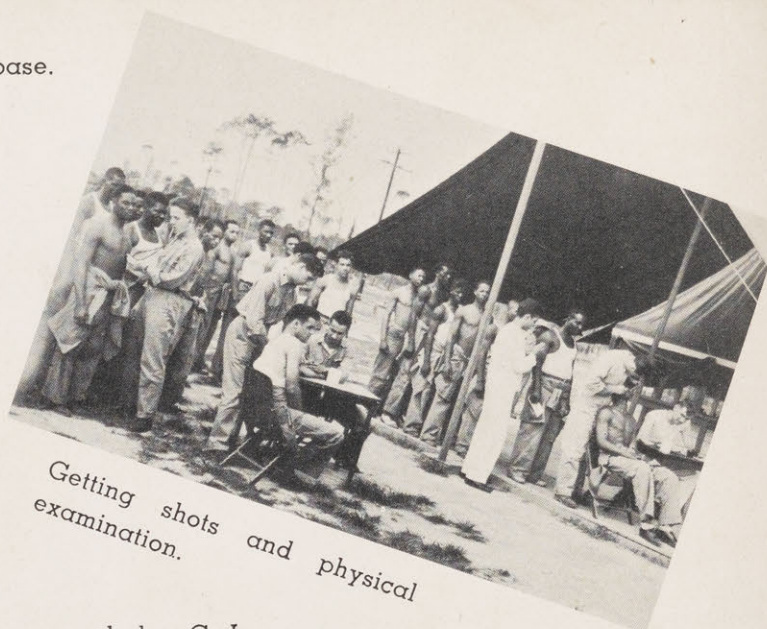


Clerks at work.





Boots arriving at base.



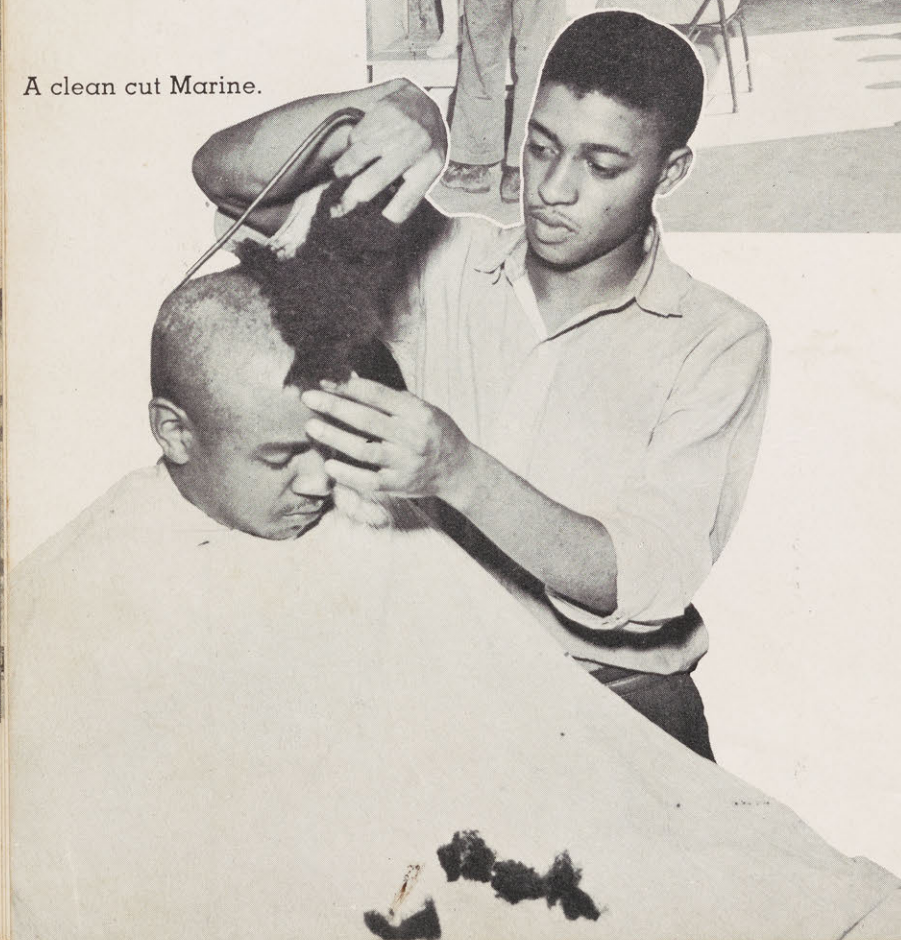
Getting shots and physical examination.

A new wardrobe, G. I.



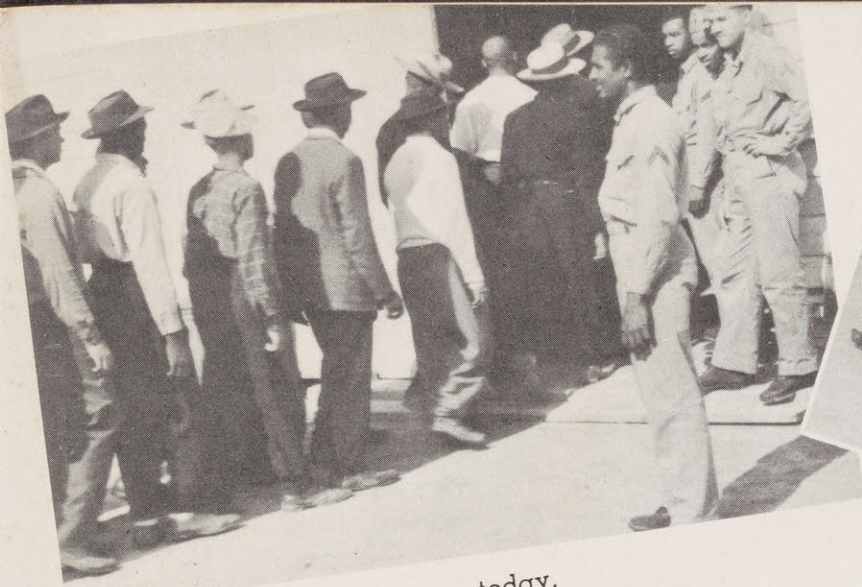
# BOOT CAMP

A clean cut Marine.

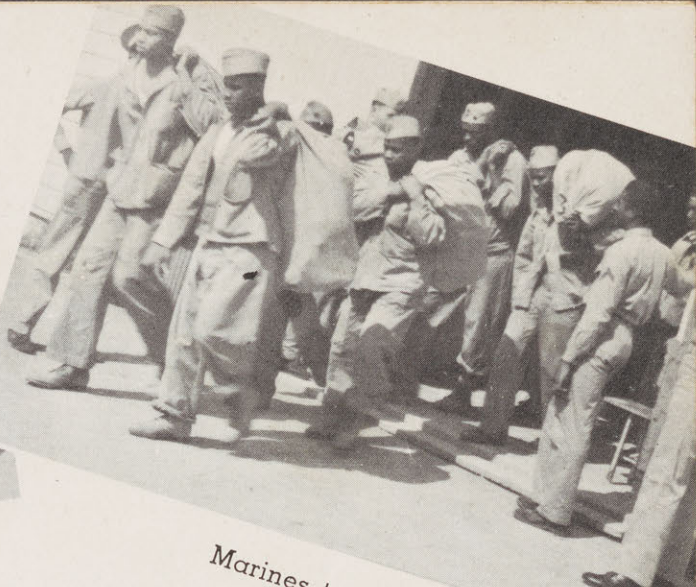


Any size shoe, but one style.





Civilians today.



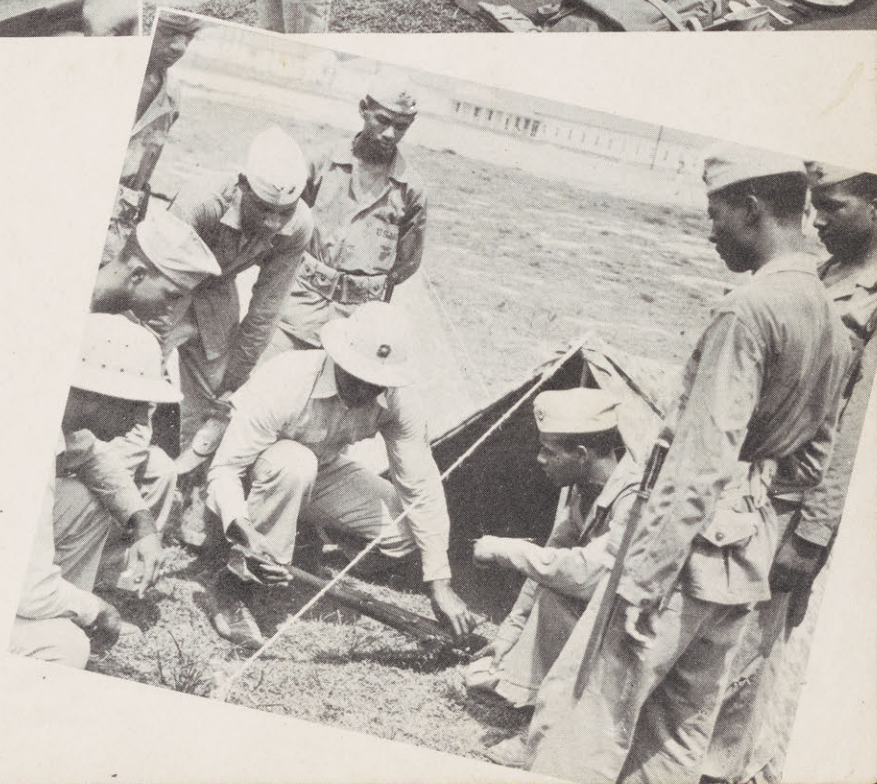
Marines tomorrow.



Left: Cleaning M - 1 Rifle.



Right: Inspection of equipment.



Pitching tents by the numbers.





Physical drill starts the day off right.



Up and on shoulder.



Drilling teaches discipline.

# REVEILLE

Boot camp is the period in a Marine's life time that will always be remembered. The transition from civilian to military life is started. During the period, men learn discipline, marksmanship, the art of judo and self-defense, and how to be good marines.





Bayonet fighting.



## HAND TO HAND

# COMBAT

The art of self-defense is taught every Marine. Experience has warned us to be prepared. Platoon Sergeant A. L. Ghazlo is showing the men every trick so that when the Marines land they will have the situation well in hand.

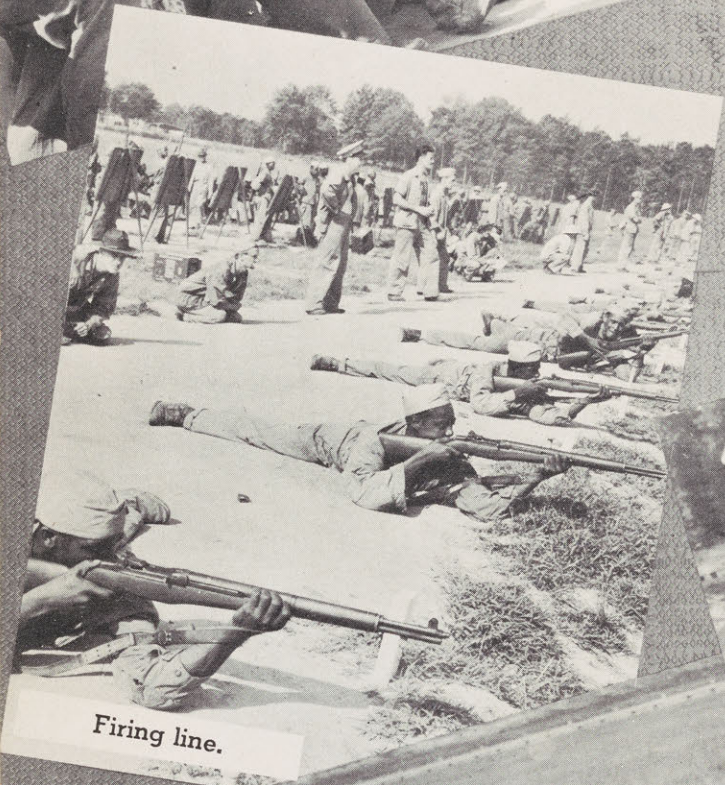




Awaiting next relay.



Marking up score.



Firing line.



Snapping in.



Firing from 300 yard line.

## ON THE RIFLE RANGE

The Marine Corps has always been known for its expert rifle shots. Extensive training is given to keep the standards high.





Men about to enter landing boats.



Sailing away.

# EMBARKATION AND DEBARKATION

All over.

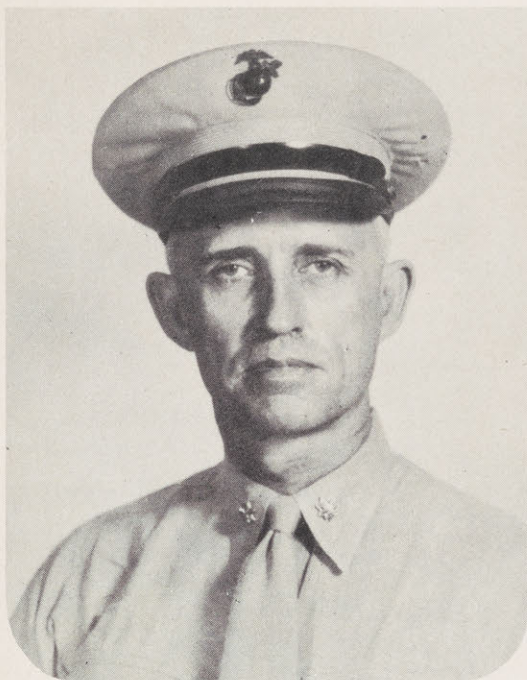


Ready to ride.





# THE FIFTY-FIRST DEFENSE BATTALION

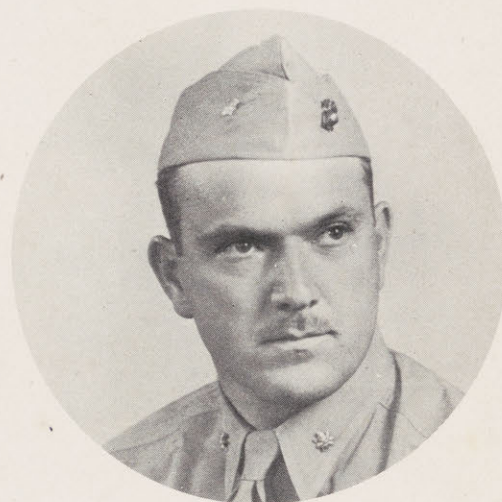


LT. COLONEL FLOYD A. STEPHENSON  
*Commanding Officer*  
51st Defense Battalion



THE 51st BATTLE BLAZE  
Field: Red; Numerals  
and Letters: White; Gun:  
Royal Blue.

LT. COLONEL GOULD P. GROVES  
*Executive Officer*  
51st Defense Battalion

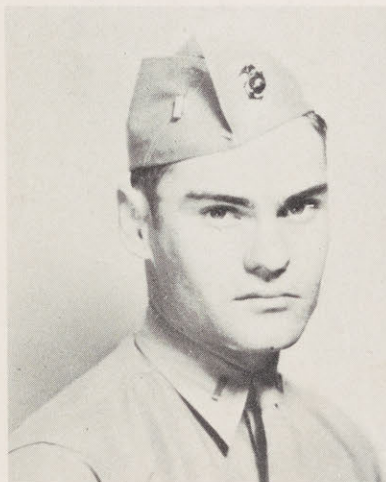


18 August, 1942, the 51st was organized and the groundwork for the training for combat duty of a battalion of colored marines was laid. The history of the battalion since that time can be divided into three distinct phases.

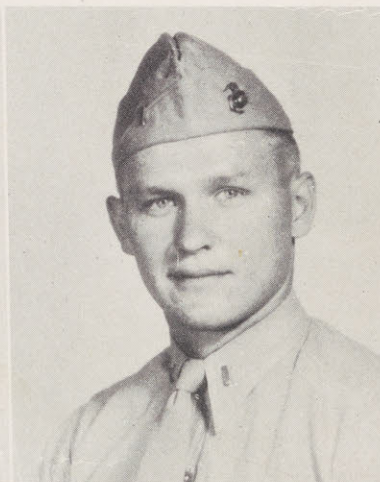
From mid-August, 1942, when the first member of the 51st came to Montford Point to mid-December, 1942, an intensive period of training was carried out. During this time 17 platoons completed recruit training.

This period of activity was followed by one of inactivity during which the Stewards' Branch, depot companies and the removal of the tank platoon caused some to doubt that there would be Negro combat marines. It was during this period that the 90s, the 155s, Special Weapons, the Rifle Company and the Pack Howitzer Battery were organized. The latter two units were detached in June, 1943.

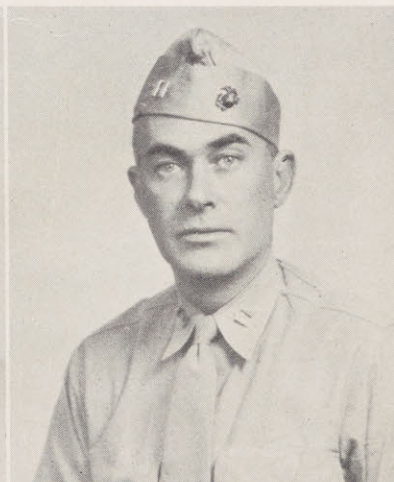
On 7 June, 1943, the battalion was reorganized and a few weeks later it was placed on a training schedule for overseas combat duty. Since that time the 51st has been making rapid progress and has become the pace setter and yardstick by which the advancement of Negroes in the Marine Corps can be measured.



2ND LT. ROBERT A. OWENS  
*Adjutant*

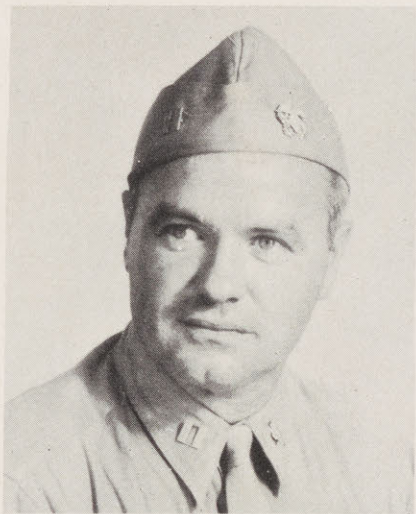


1ST LT. HERBERT E. L. ZASTROW  
*Operations Officer*

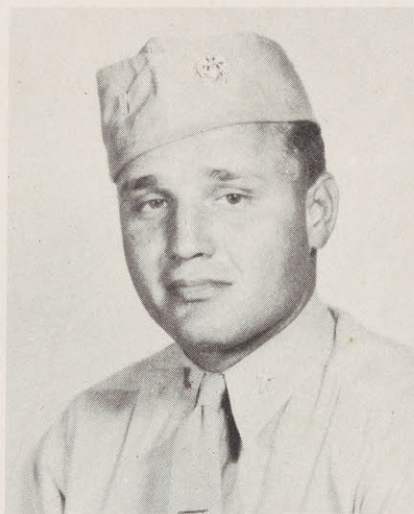


CAPTAIN EUGENE P. BRADY  
*Quartermaster*

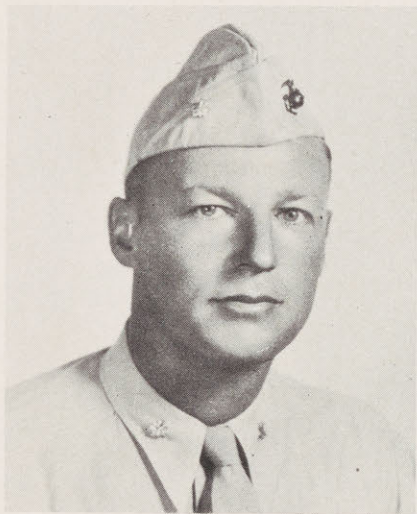




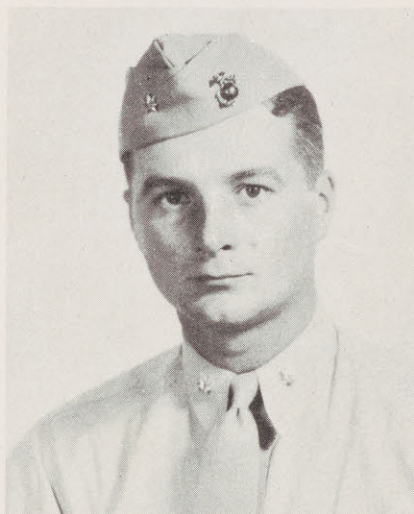
LIEUTENANT U. R. FINNERTY  
*Surgeon*



LT. W. E. EVERHEART  
*Chaplain*



MAJOR T. H. STAFFORD, JR.  
*Commanding Seacoast  
Artillery*



MAJOR RICHARD L. BOLL  
*Commanding Anti-Aircraft  
Artillery*



MAJOR JOHN H. GILL  
*Commanding Special  
Weapons*





Ready, willing, and able.



Anti-aircraft machine gun.





Batting .400.



Big Bertha's little sister.





Observing seacoast artillery target practice.

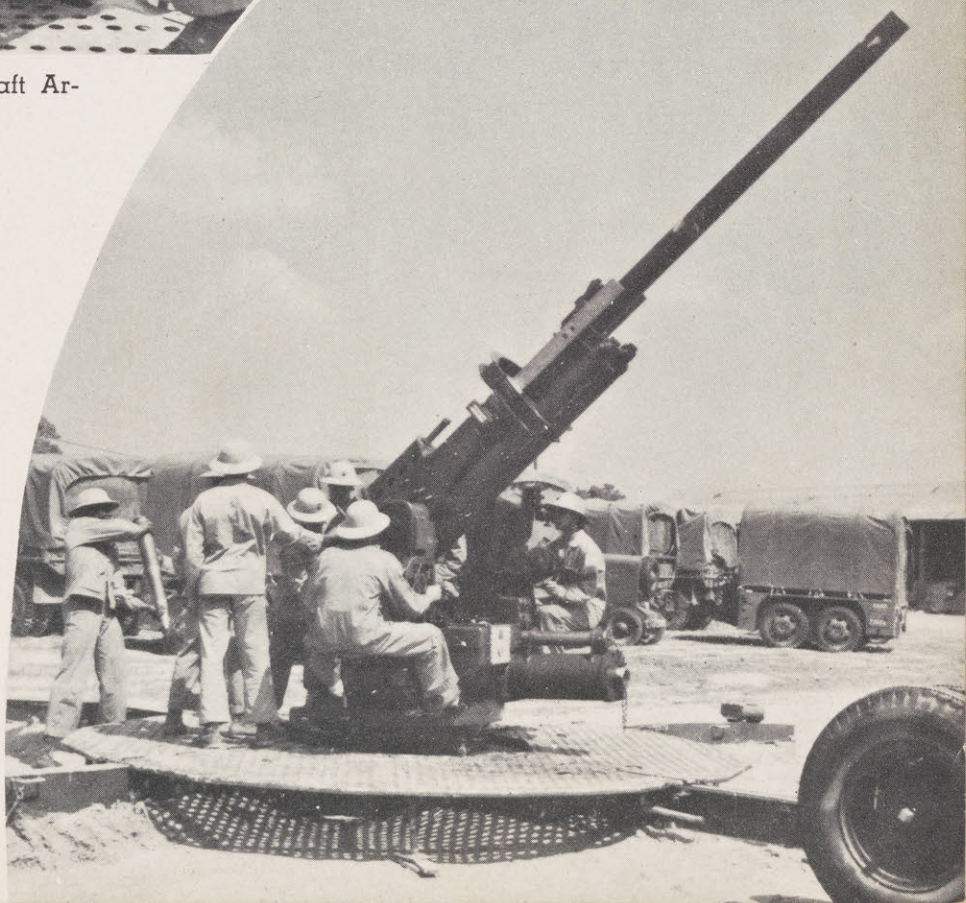
Seacoast artillery firecontrol center.







Service of the piece, Anti-Aircraft Artillery.



Jap Skyscraper.



Holy Communion in the field.



Color Guard receiving colors.



Silent sentinels.







MAJOR ALBERT O. MADDEN  
*Commanding Officer*

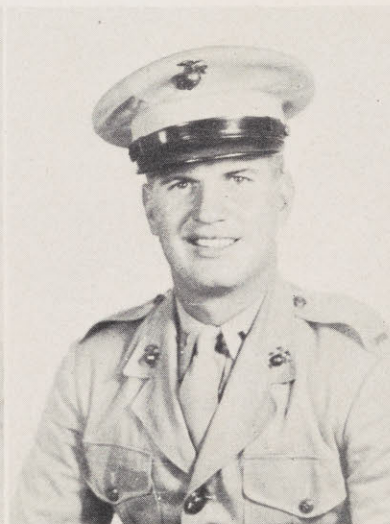
# STEWARDS BRANCH BATTALION

The Stewards Branch Battalion was organized in June, 1943, to train cooks, bakers, butchers and stewards for messes throughout the Marine Corps. Facilities are adequate for the training of men in sufficient numbers for all demands.

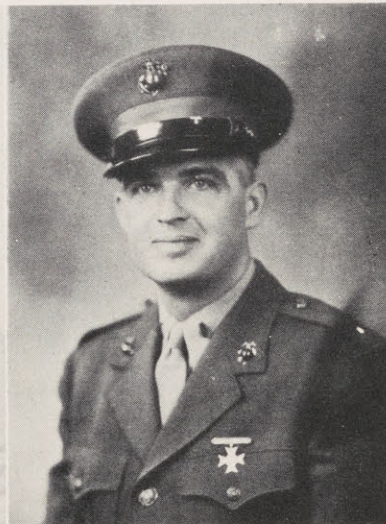
## *Officers of the Steward Branch Battalion*



LIEUTENANT R. W. HUGHES  
*Officer-in-charge of  
Bachelor Officer Quarters*



LIEUTENANT W. A. HODERICK  
*Schools Officer*



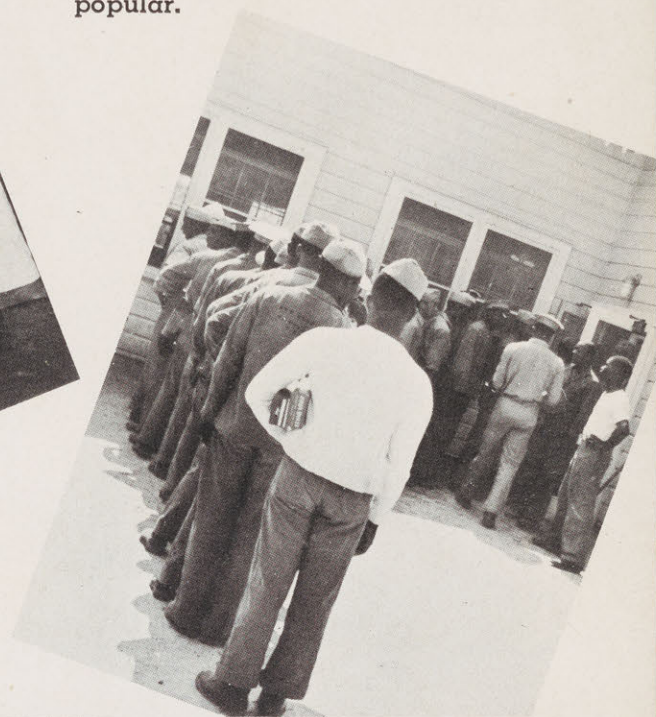
LIEUTENANT TWIGGS D.  
RANDALL  
*Mess Officer*



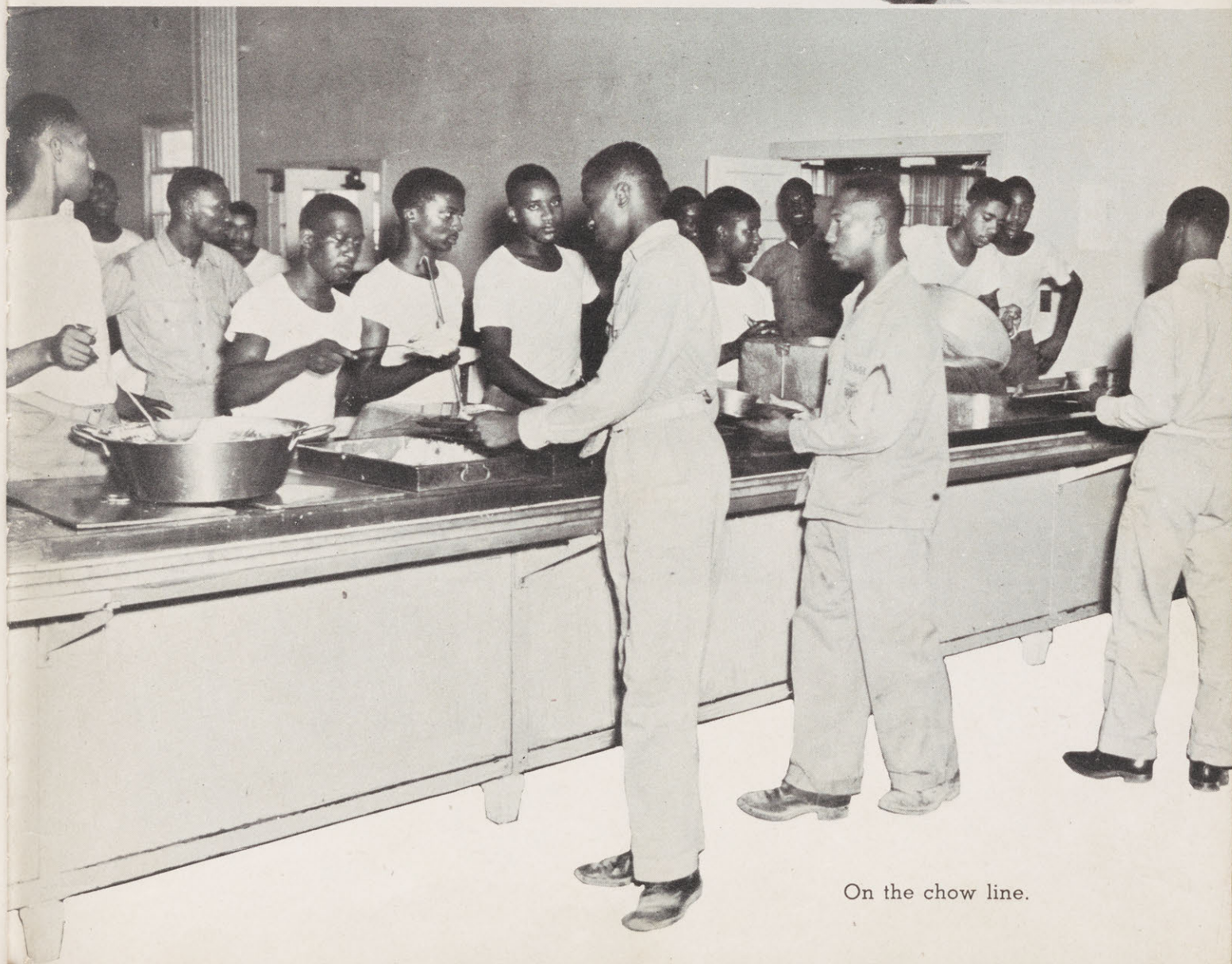


Preparing a meal.

It was once said an army travels on its stomach. How true that is no one really knows but it is an established fact that chow call is about the most popular.

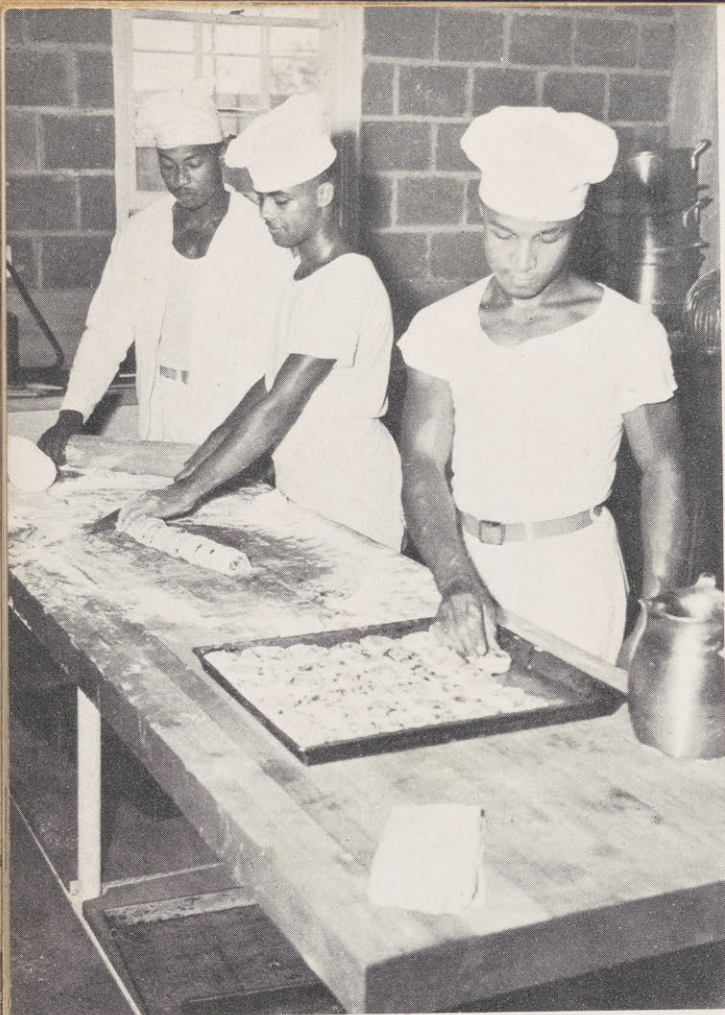


Chow formation.

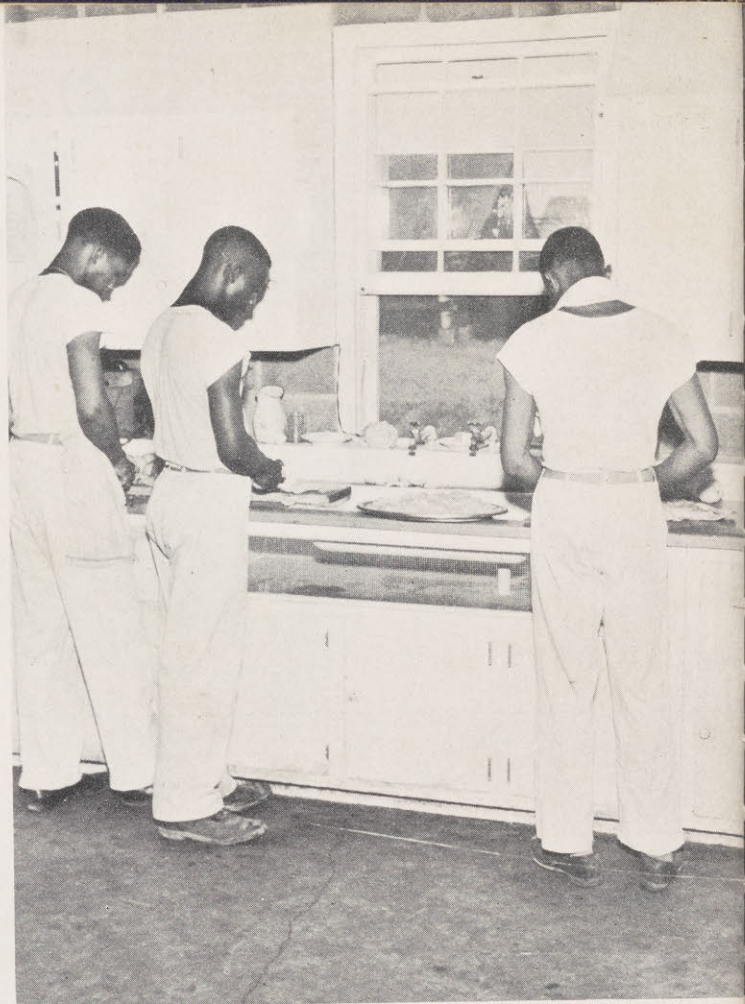


On the chow line.

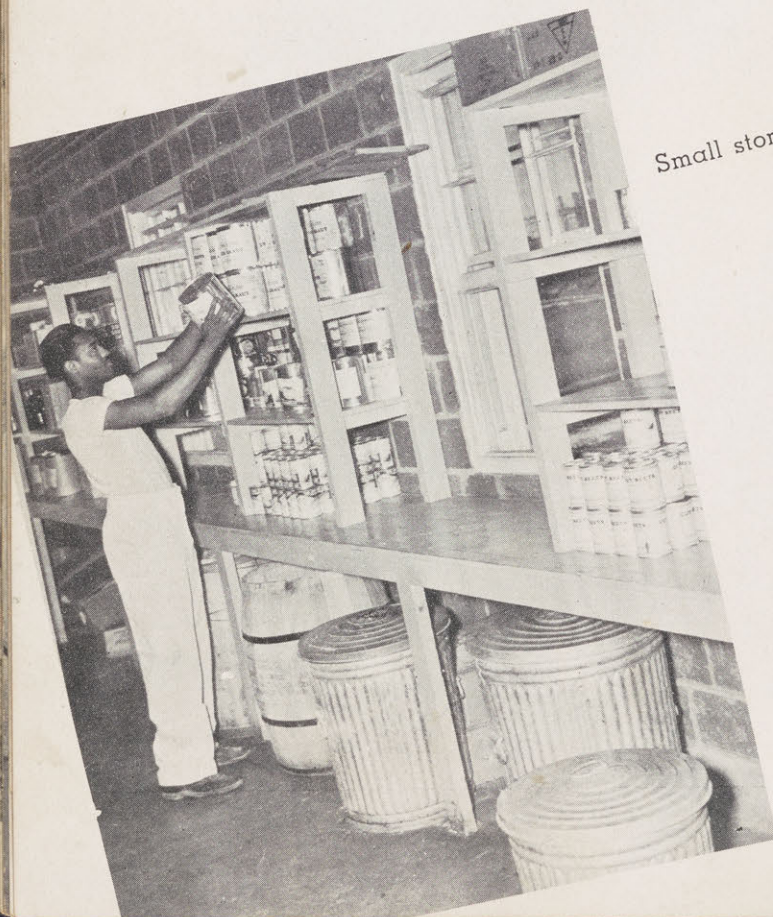




Baker Shop.



Salad making.



Small storeroom.



Class in table setting.



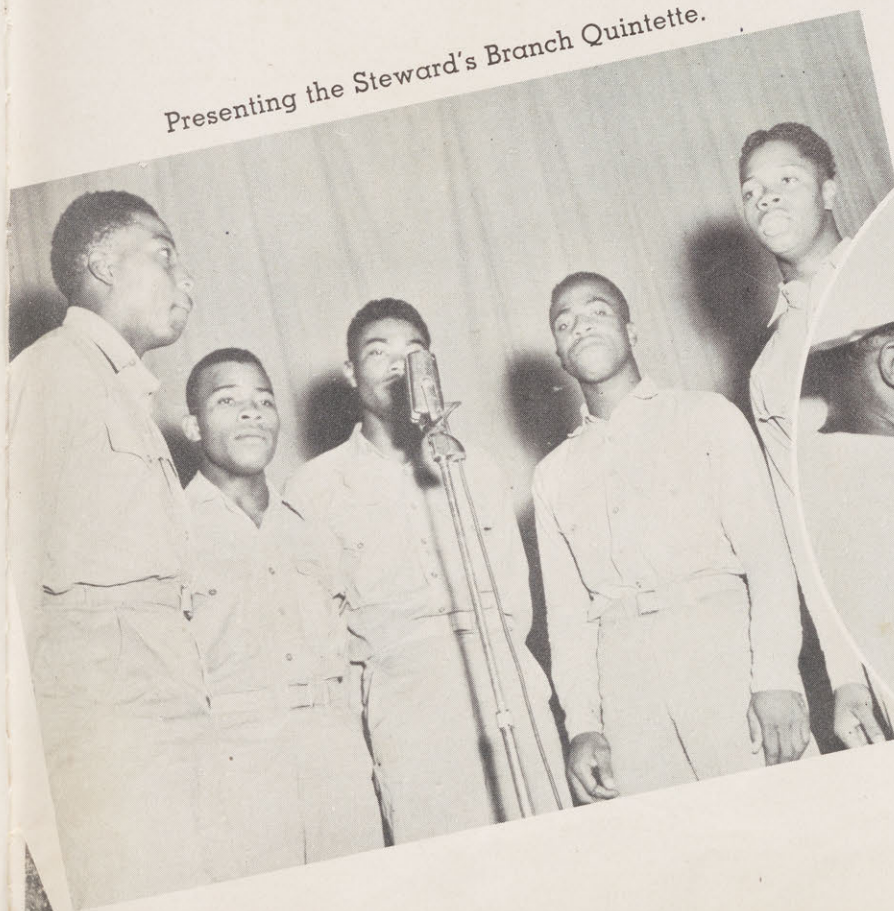


Polishing cutlery.



Chopping machine.

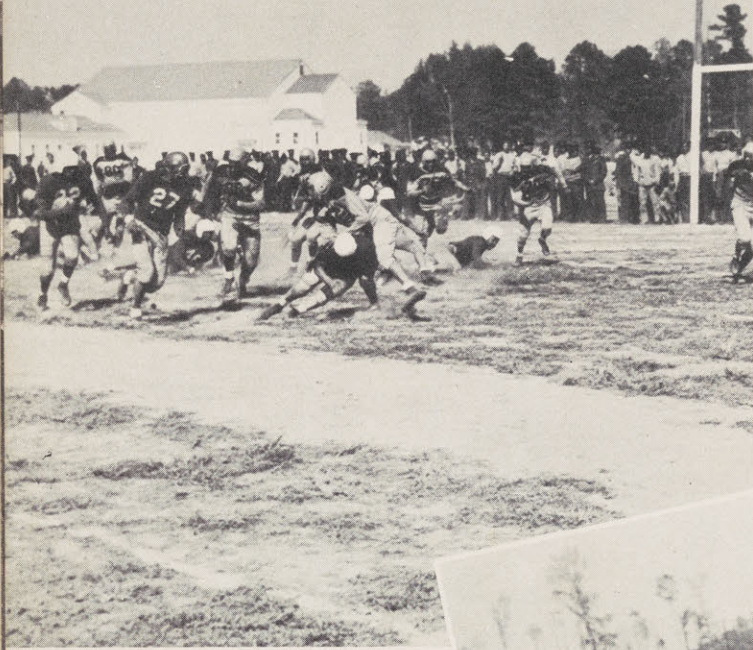
Presenting the Steward's Branch Quintette.



Keeping it cool.



Touchdown play.



Talking things over.



Sgt. Whitlock, hard kicking back of the 51st Defense Battalion team.





**Two views of Montford Point Camp**





# MILITARY POLICE



The brig.

M. P.'s on the go.



Checking out.





**SCHOOL ON  
THE PACK  
HOWITZER  
AT WORK**



**MALARIA CONTROL.**







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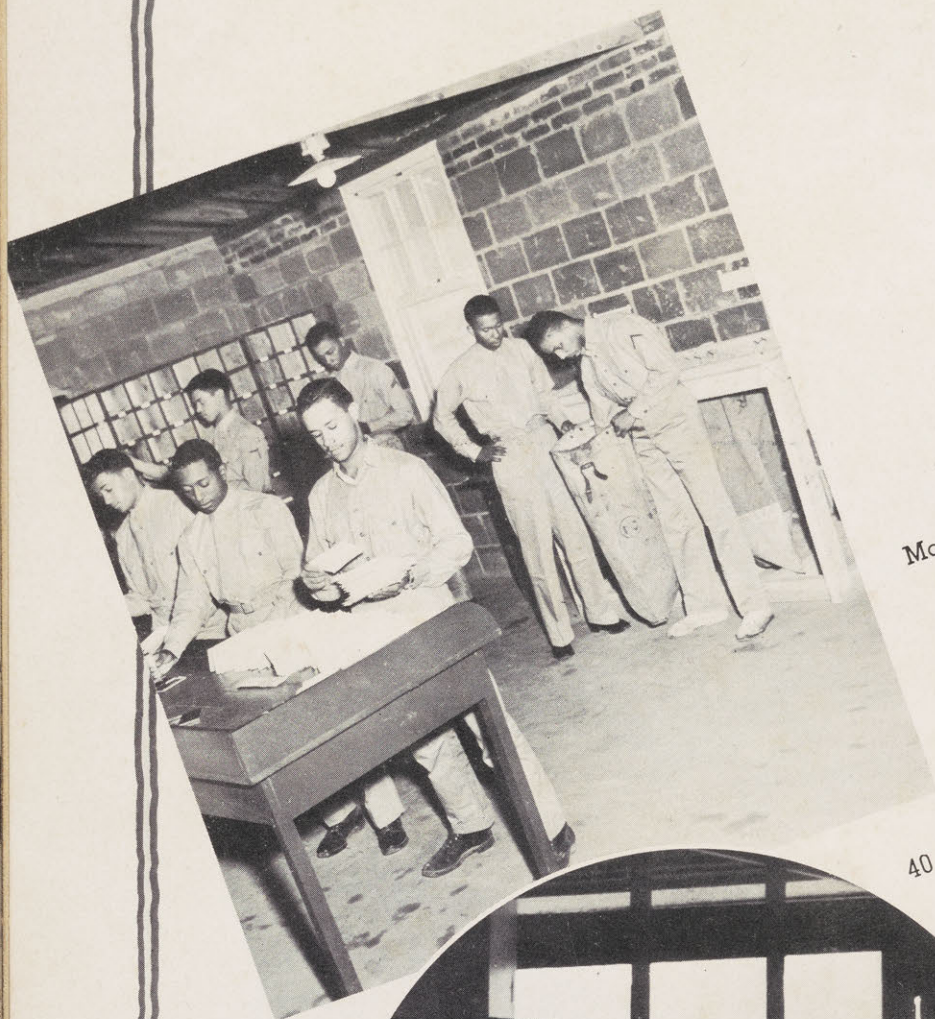


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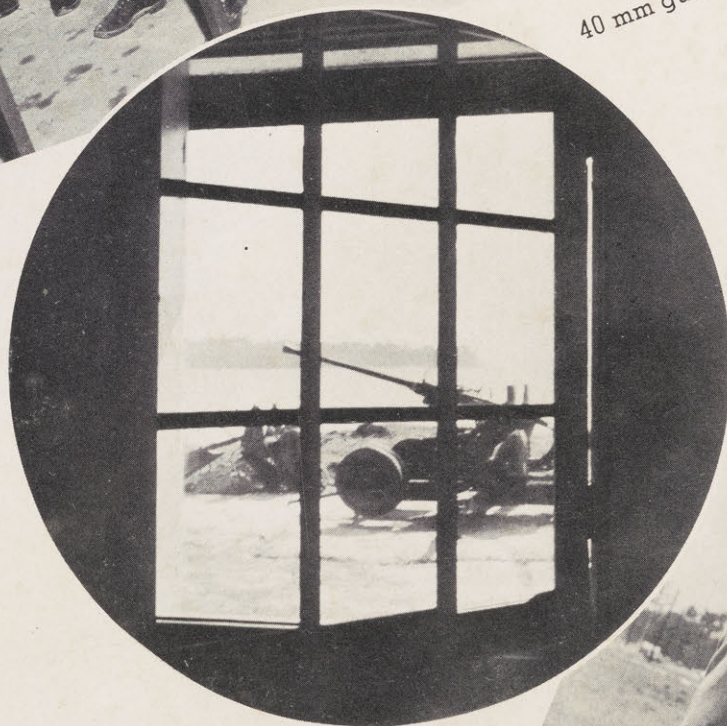




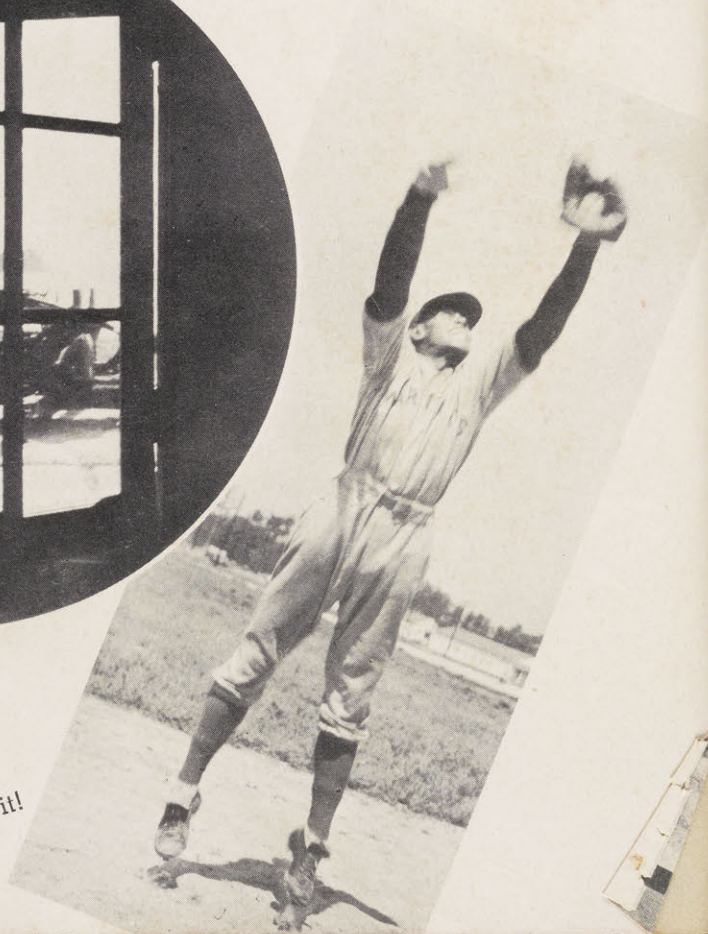




Mail call!

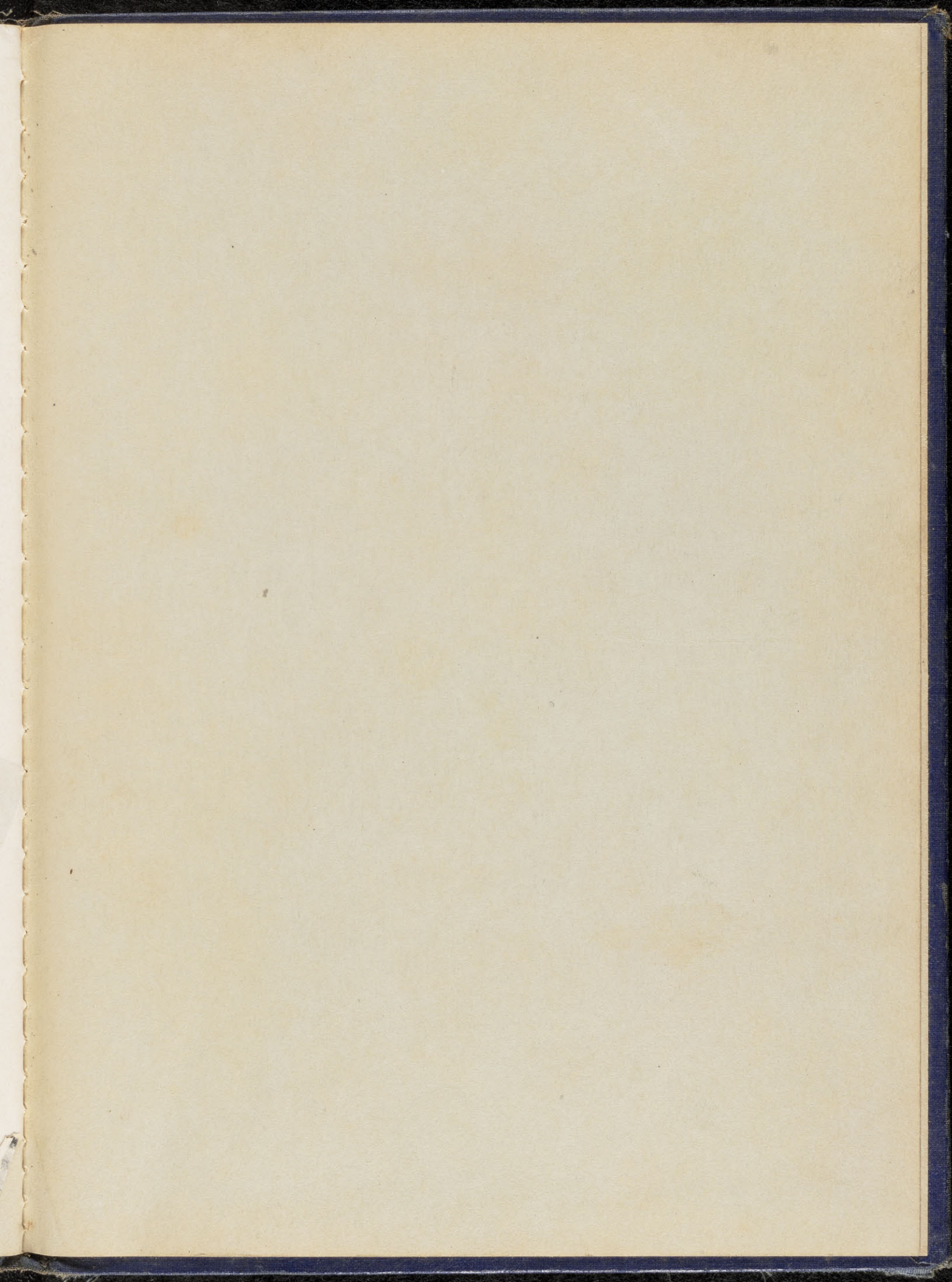


40 mm gun through a window pane.



Reach for it!







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