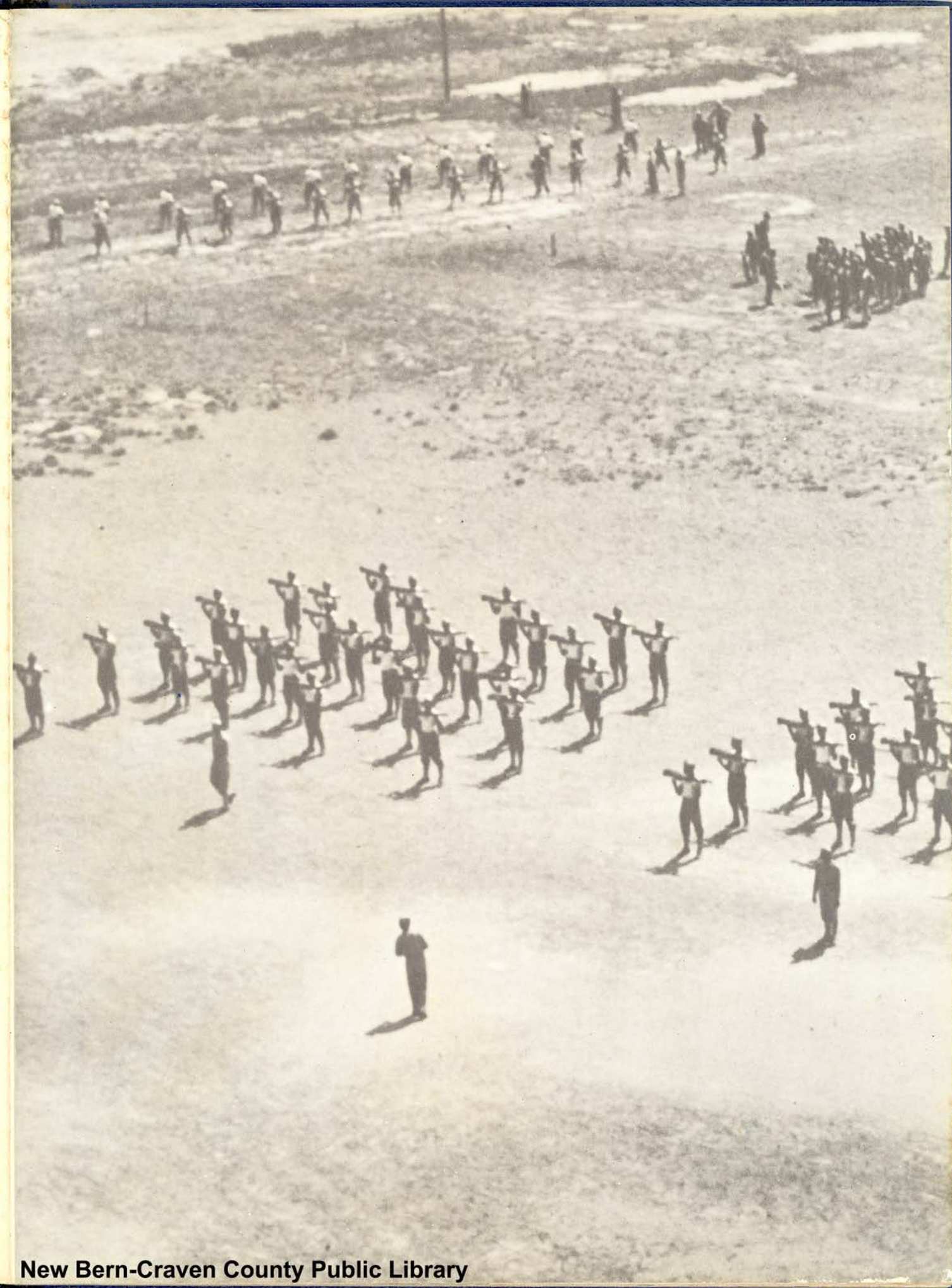


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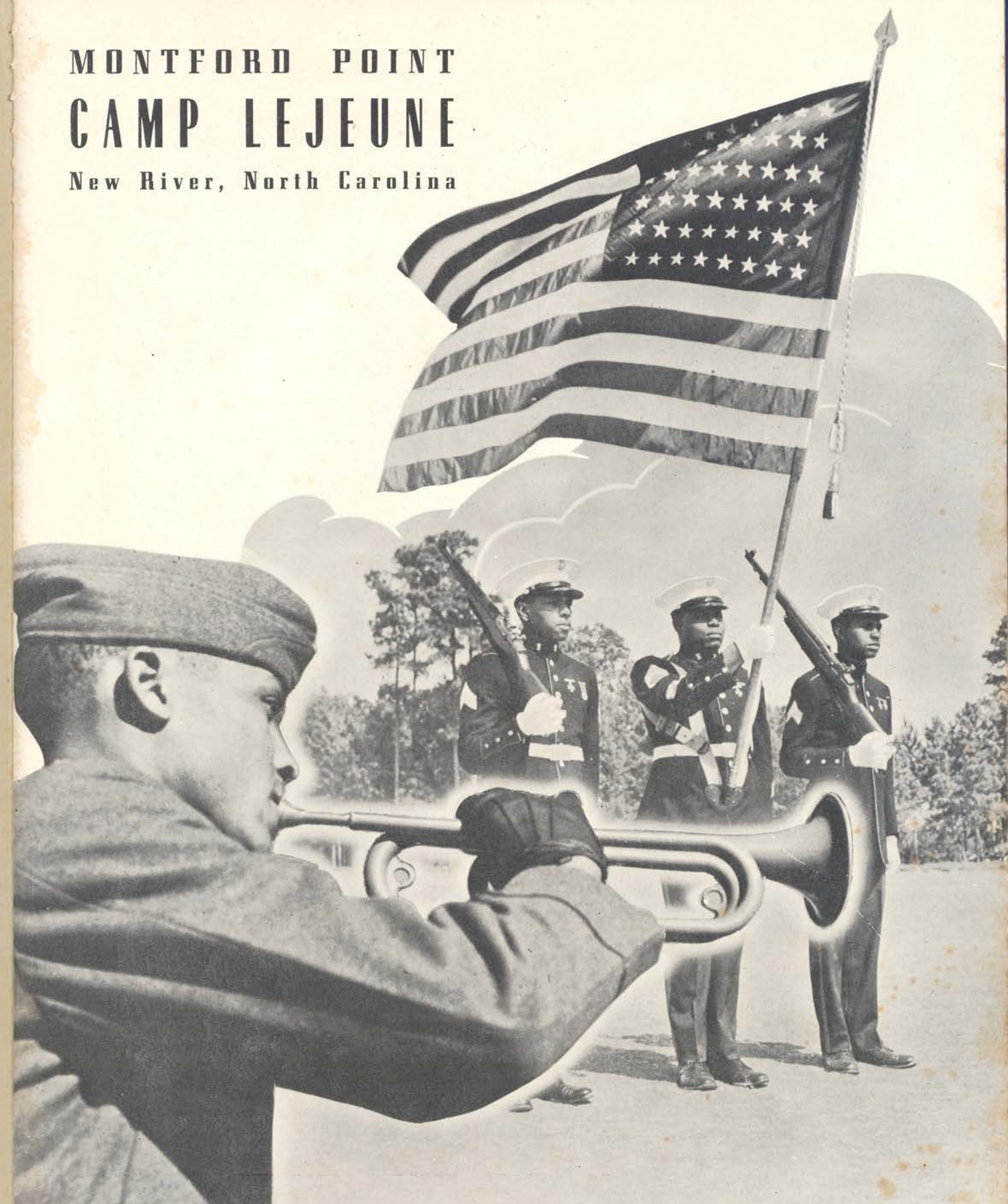
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Foreword. The men of Montford Point, like all Marines, are proud of the fact that they are a part of the greatest fighting organization on earth. This book is designed to give an insight as to how we live, work and play, train, and pass our hours for 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.



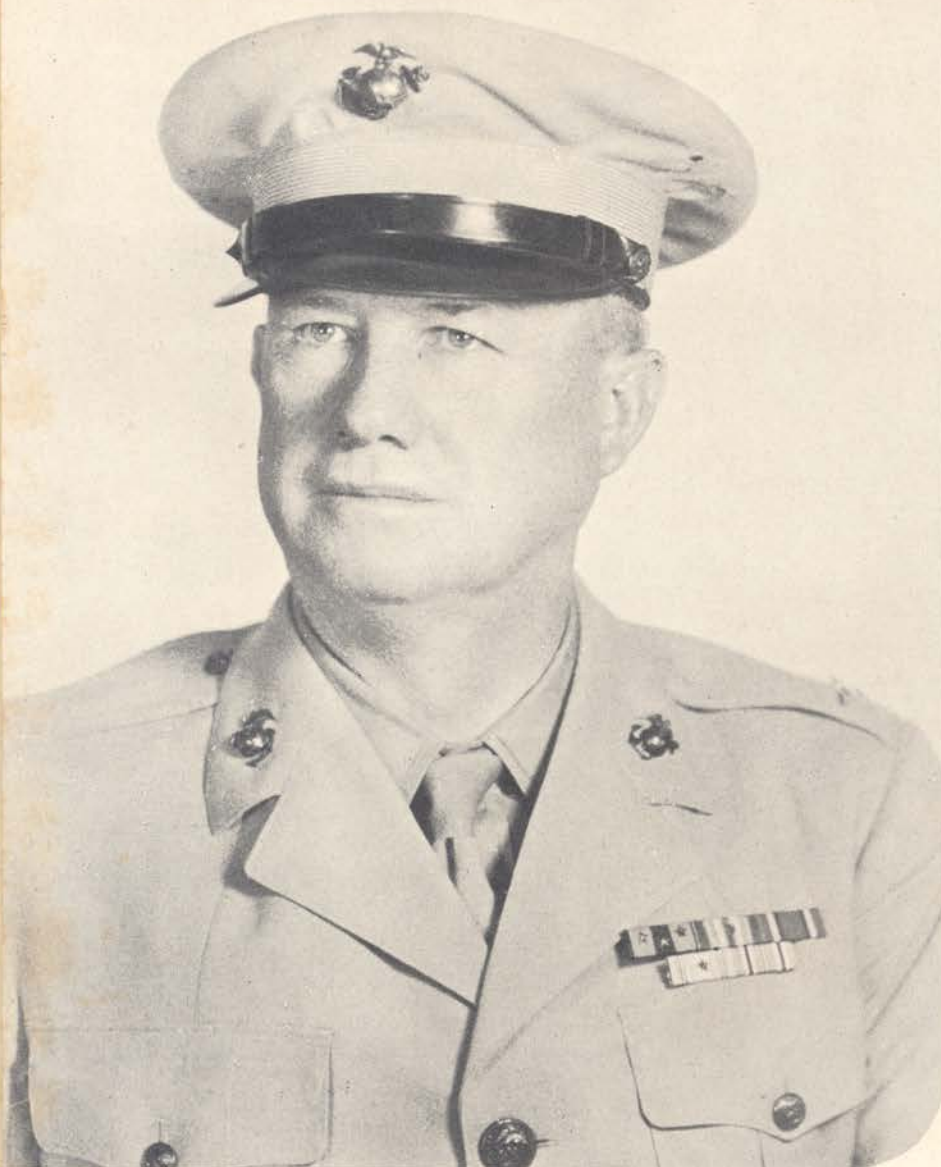
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LIEUTENANT GENERAL
ALEXANDER A. VANDEGRIFT
Commandant of the Marine Corps



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

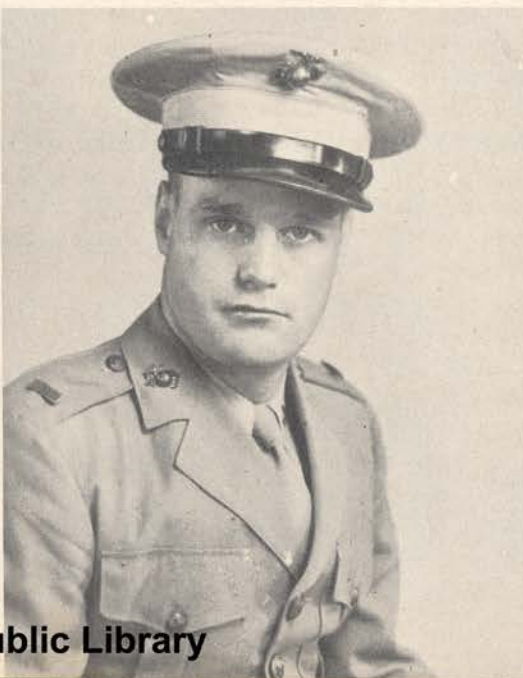


COMMISSIONED WARRANT OFFICER
J. D. KURNER
Adjutant

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.

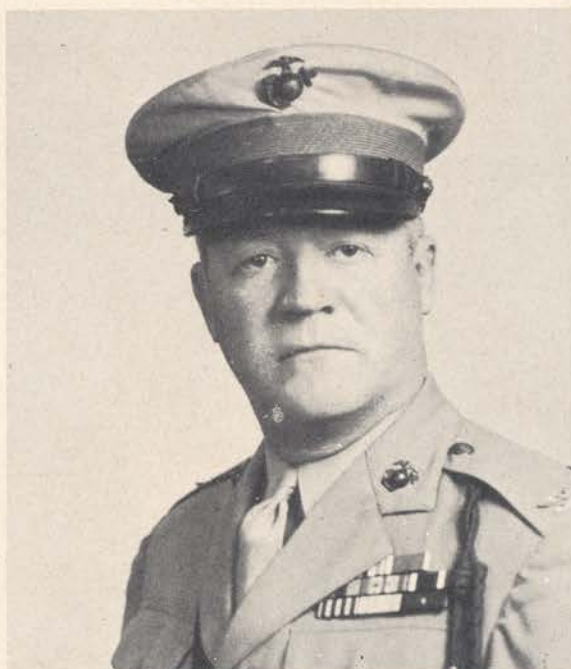
In June of 1943 came the Stewards Branch Battalion. Shortly afterwards came the Commandant's inspection which, in the words of the Commanding Officer, was "passed with flying colors".

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



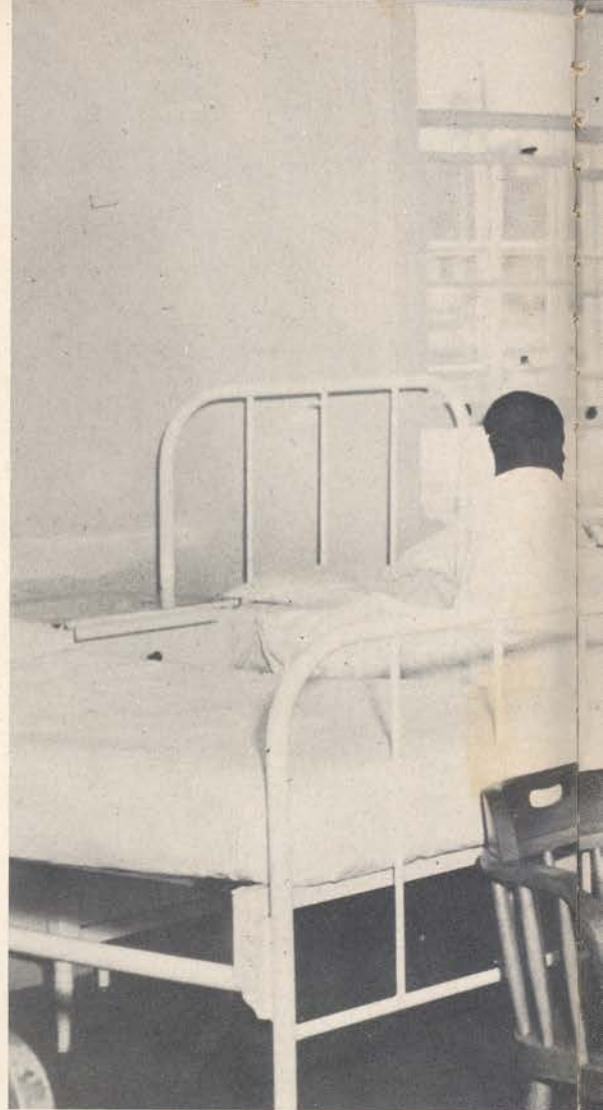
LT. COL. WILLIAM D. HARDEN
Commanding Officer
Headquarters Battalion



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



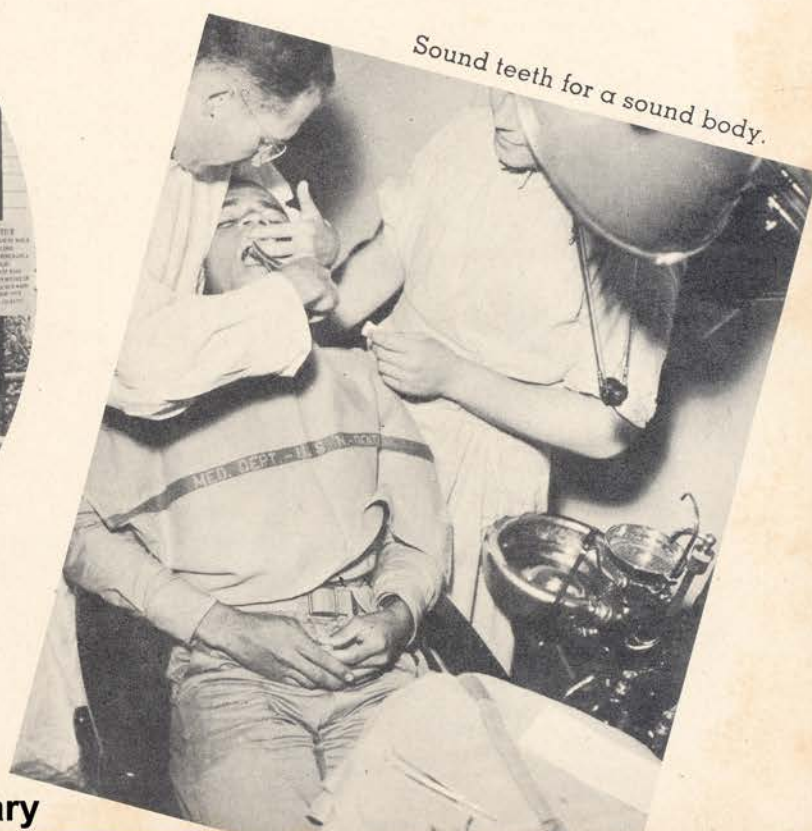
LT. JAMES G. LOGUE, JR.
*7th Separate Infantry
Battalion*



Feeling much better now, thanks!



Leaving sick bay.



Sound teeth for a sound body.

RELIGION



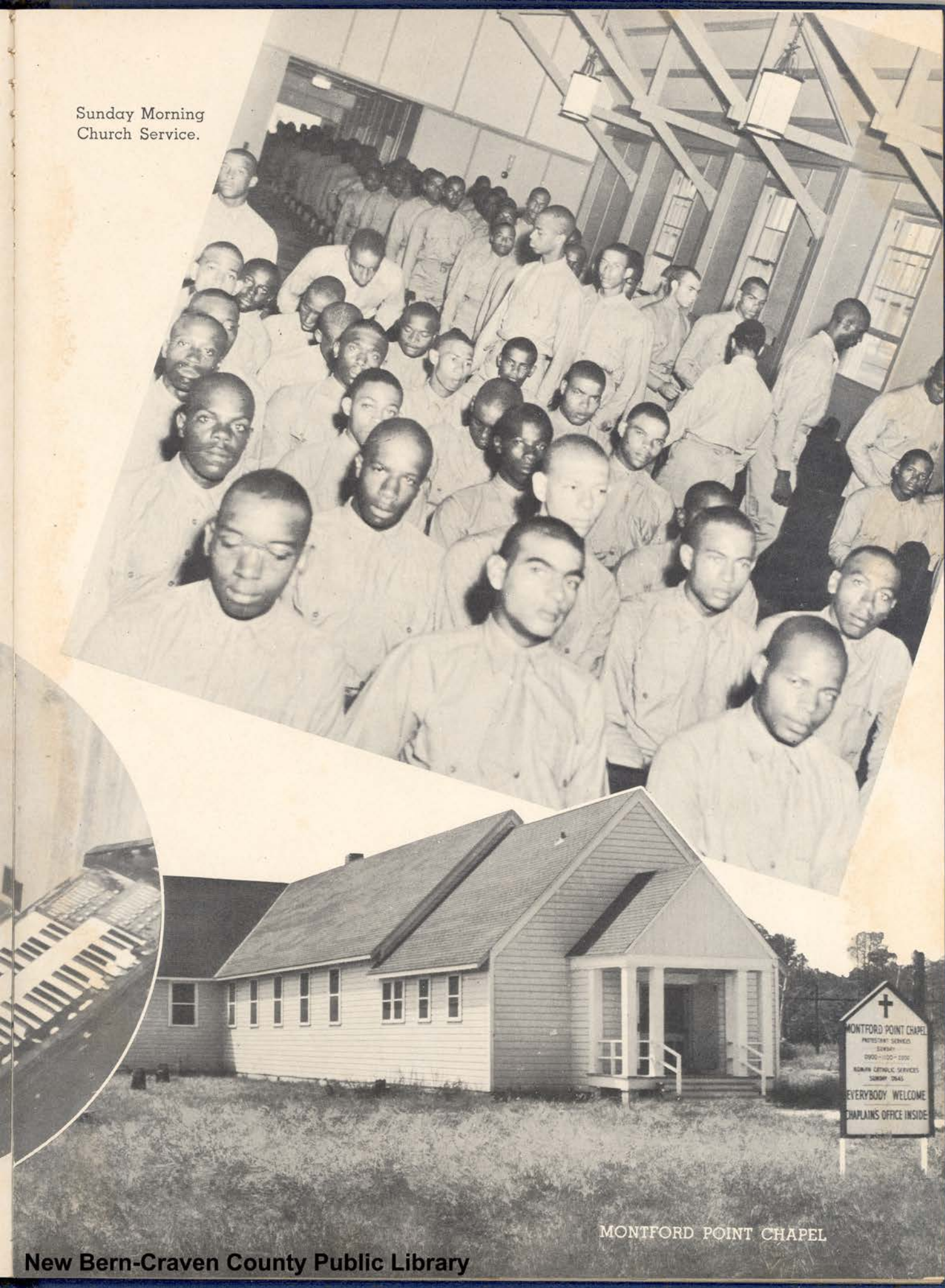
Chaplain Frederick Volbeda
Protestant Chaplain

Chaplain M. A. Downey
Catholic Chaplain



SERGEANT WALKER MANLEY
Church Organist

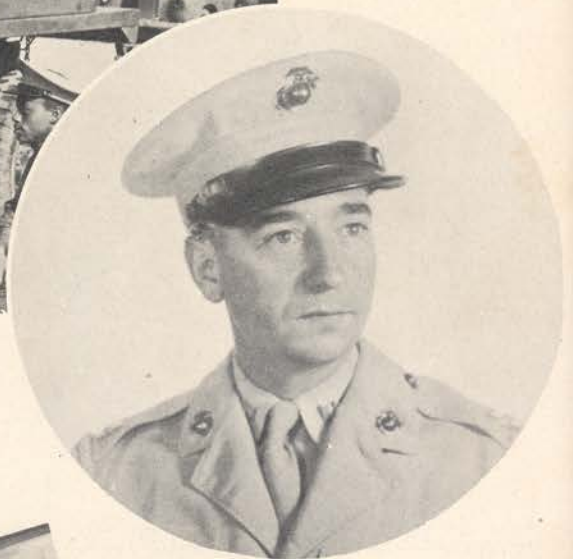
Sunday Morning
Church Service.



MONTFORD POINT CHAPEL



The Sergeant gives instructions.



CAPTAIN J. H. HOLTORF
MT - Officer

MOTOR TRANSPORT



Class in mechanics.

Refueling jeep.

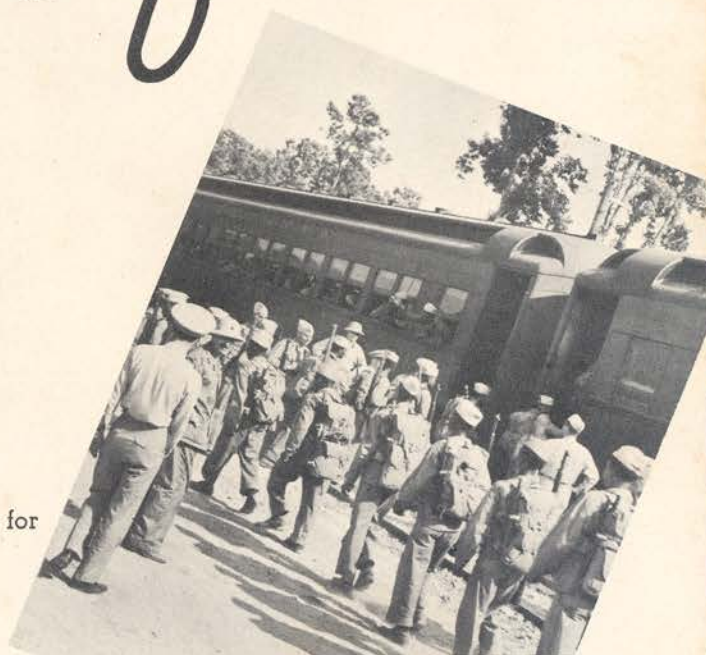
Part of Equipment.





Partial view of camp.

Life AT MONTFORD POINT



Troops leaving for
ports unknown.

Librarian at work.

Troops on the march.

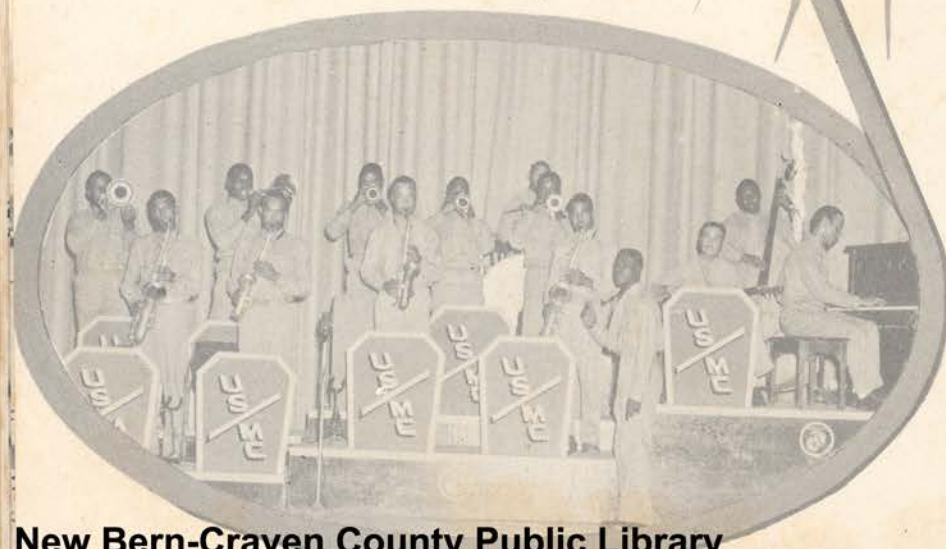
Main entrance.

Fire-fighting equipment.



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The Montford Point Band.



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.

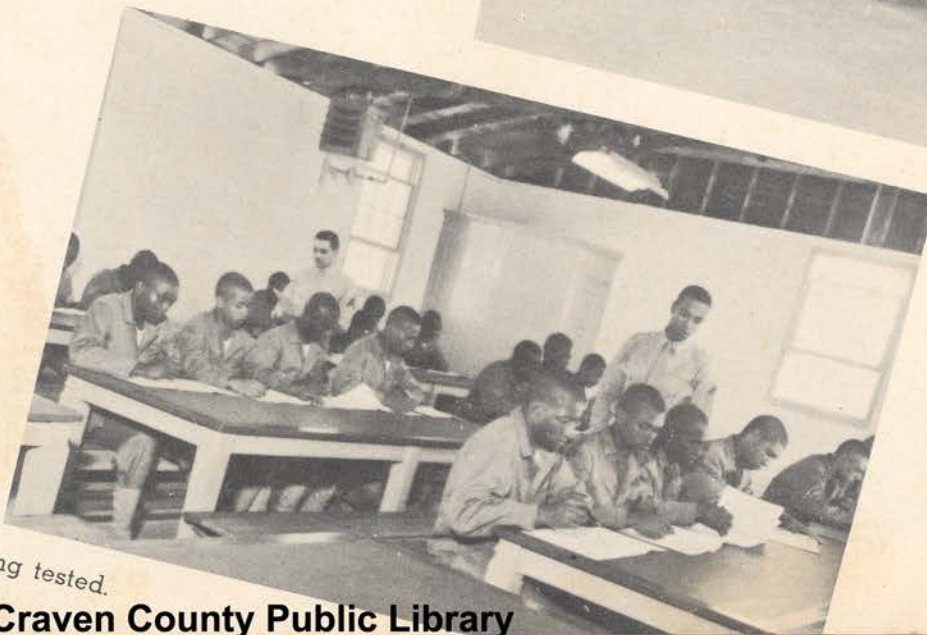


CAPTAIN HARRIS H. BARNES, JR.
Classification Officer

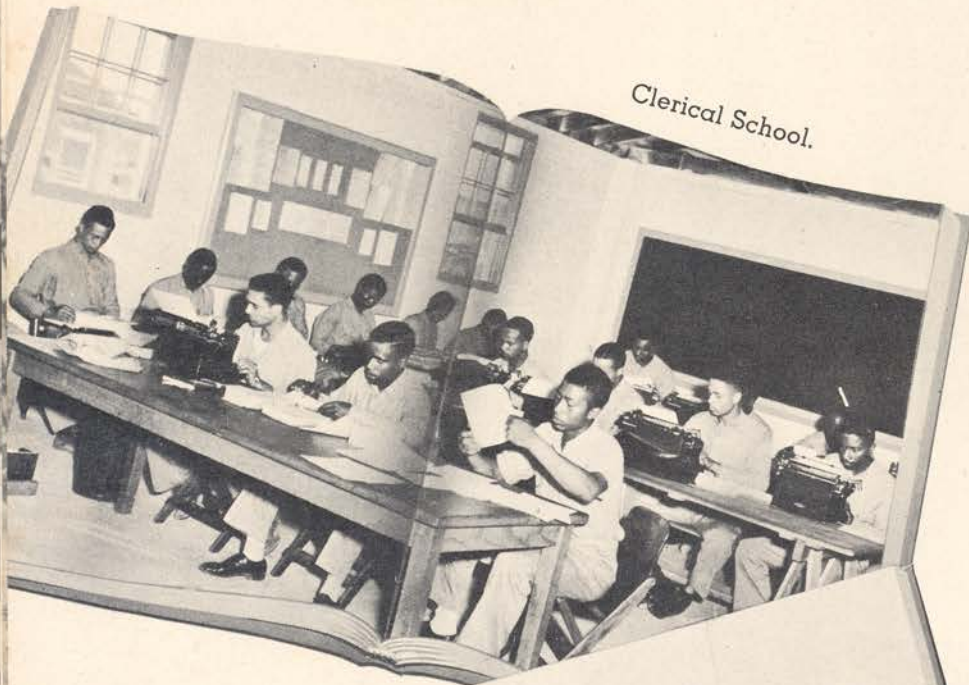
LT. JUDSON Y. CREECH
Asst. Classification Officer



Coding - Filing - Office.



Men being tested.



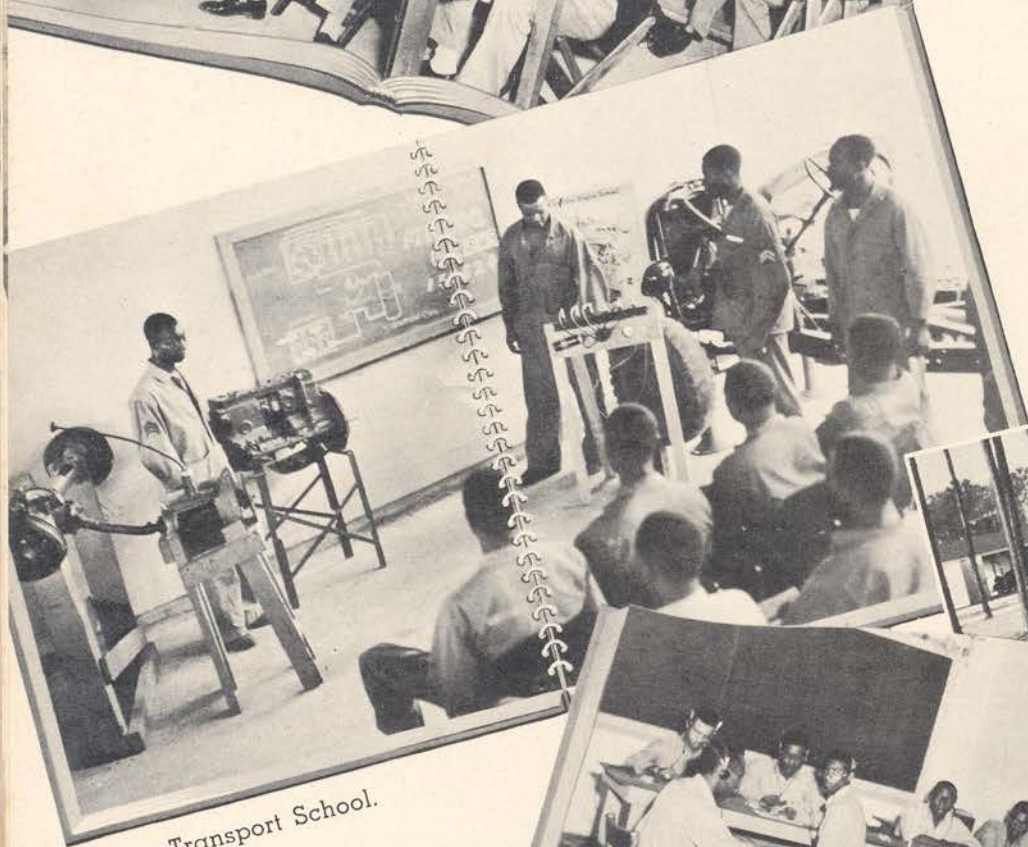
Clerical School.



LIEUTENANT W. J. FORLINES
Schools Officer

SCHOOL DAYS

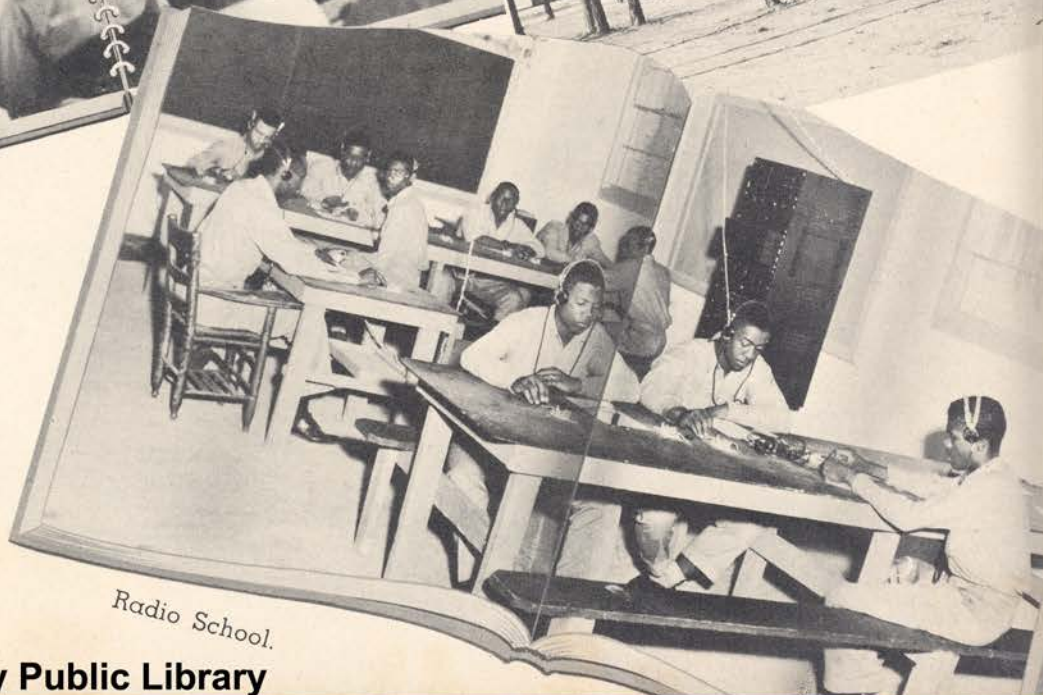
Off to school, Marine
Corps style.



Motor Transport School.



SCHOOL DAYS



Radio School.

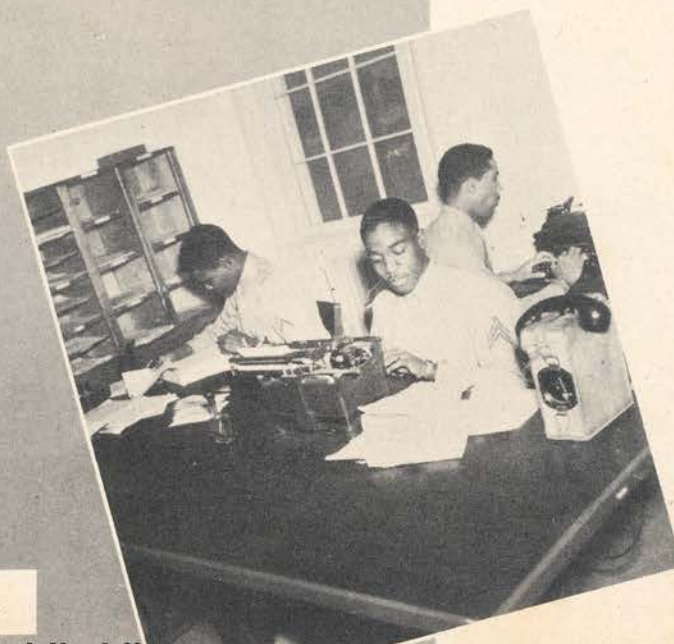


Stringing telephone wire.

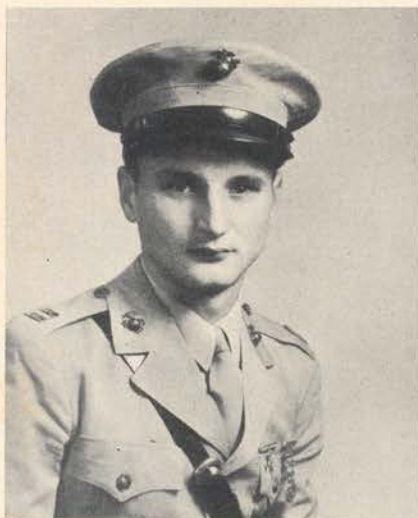


Switchboard.

COMMUNICATIONS



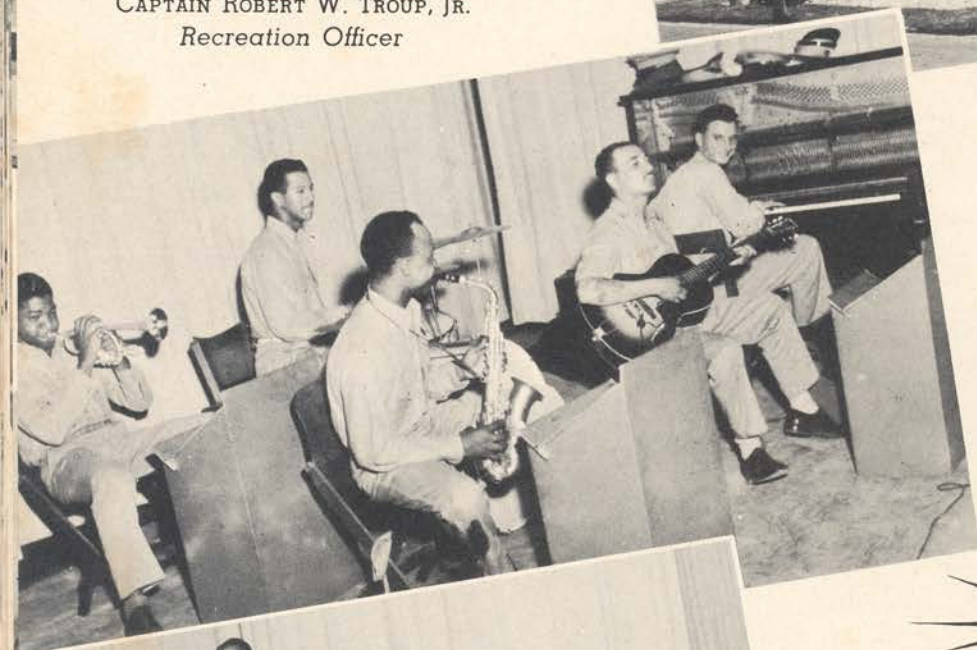
Message Center.



CAPTAIN ROBERT W. TROUP, JR.
Recreation Officer

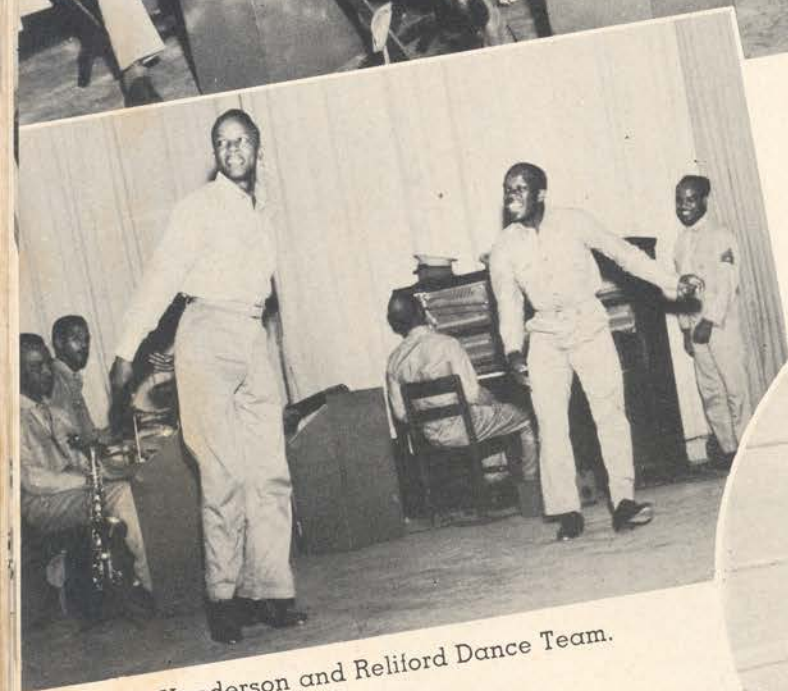


Recreation Hall and Library.

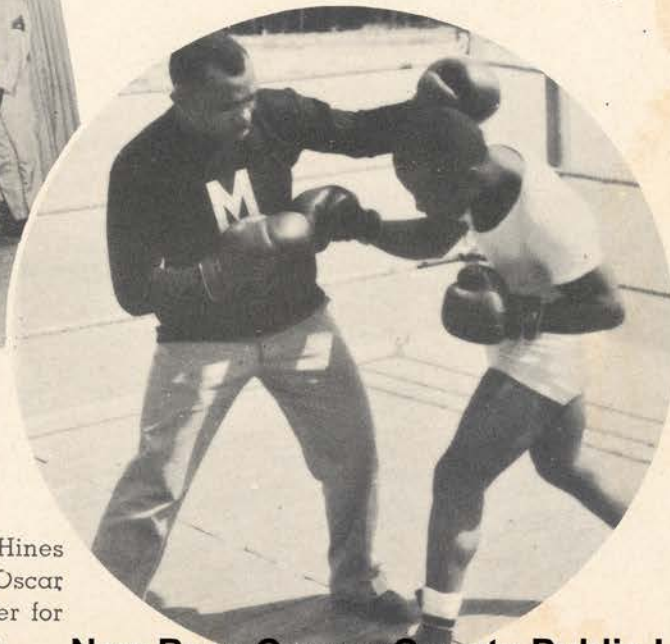


Jam Session.

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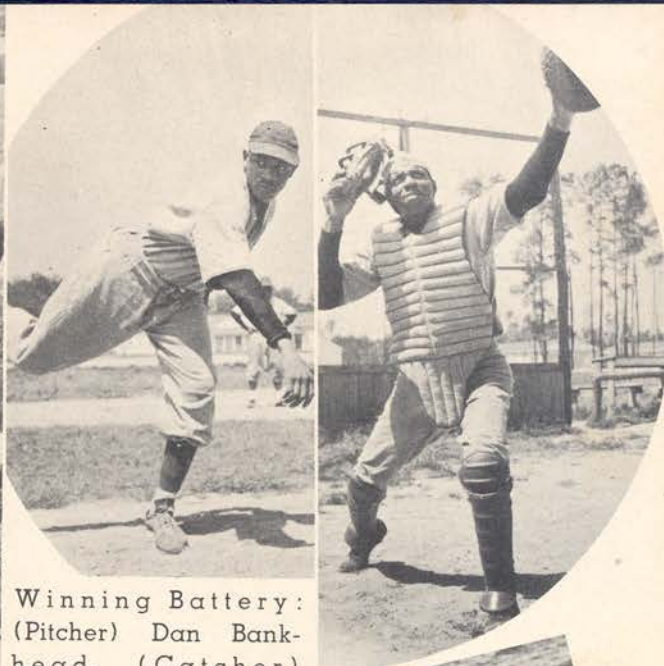
Henderson and Reliford Dance Team.



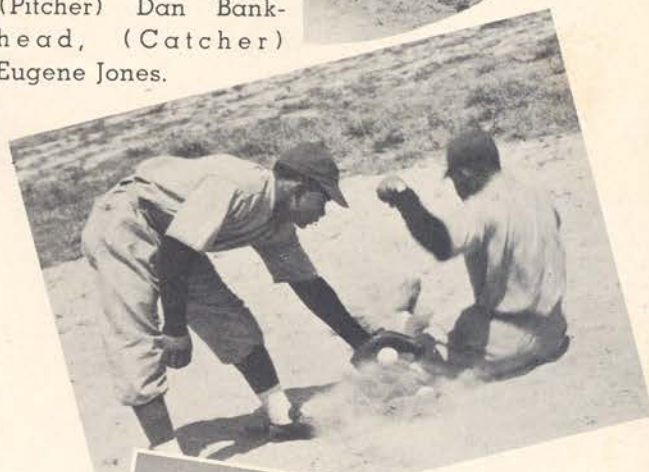
Boxing Instructor, Sgt. Hines Thomas, and Corporal Oscar Wright, one time contender for world's lightweight crown.



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.

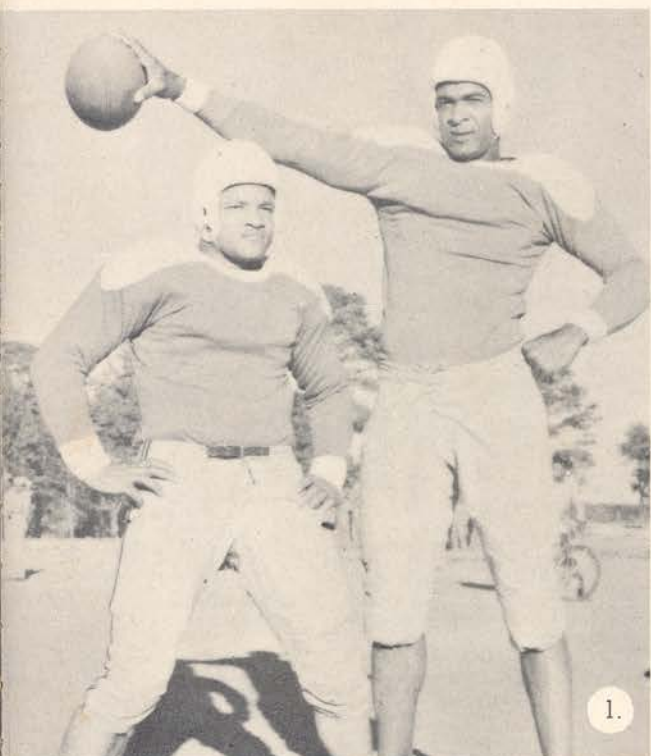




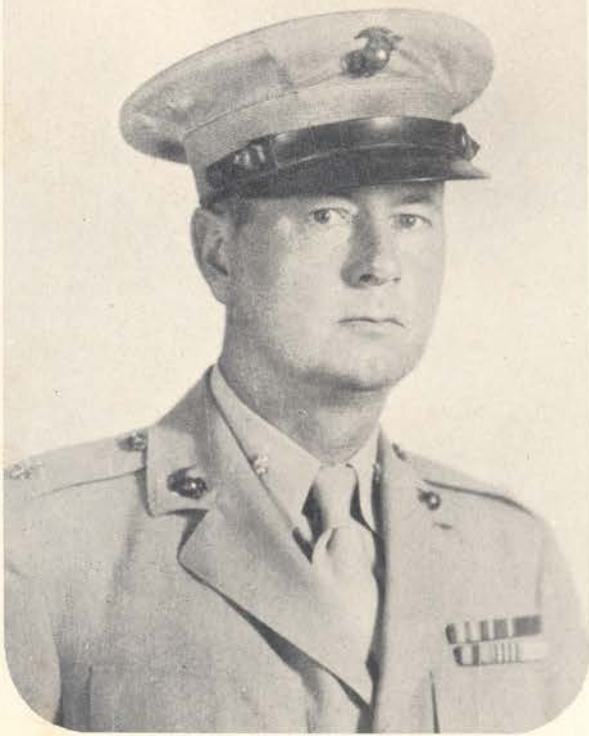
1. Post Exchange; 2. "Hoist the mainsail!";
3. One Coke, coming up!; 4. Boxing Team;
5. No gas worries here.



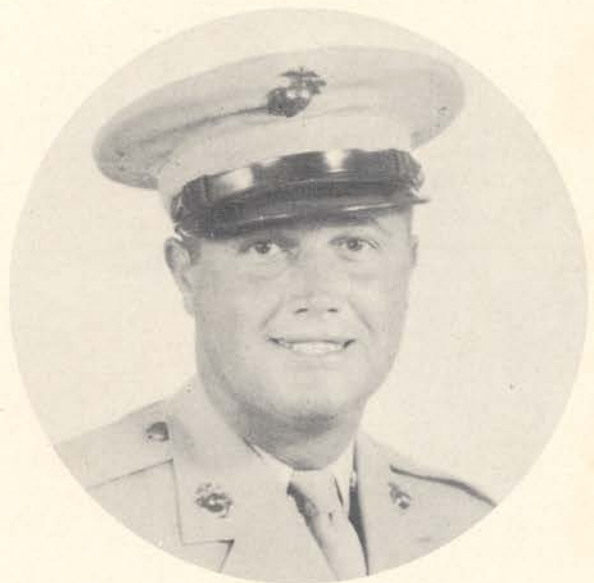
1. Man Mountain and Tiny; 2. Oh! For a nibble!; 3. The bay; 4. Almost perfect.



RECRUIT DEPOT BATTALION



LT. COLONEL T. A. HOLDAHL
Commanding Officer



MAJOR PAUL A. REBOLA
Executive 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."



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.



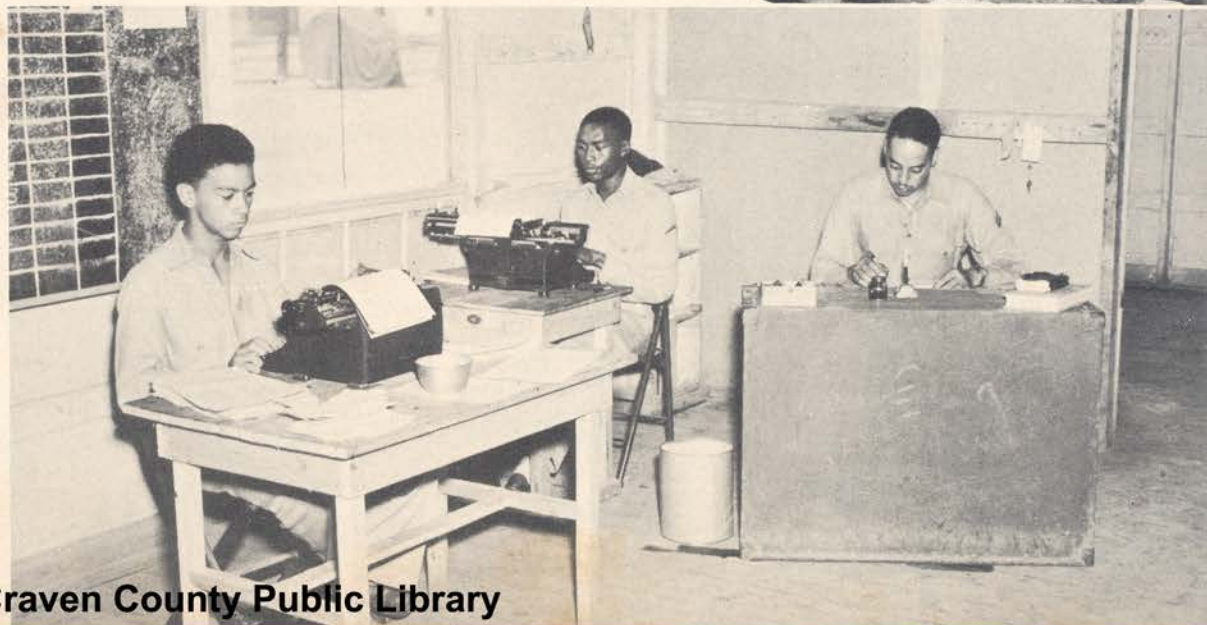
Pl. Sgt. A. L. Ghazlo instructs judo.

Drill instructors receiving instructions.

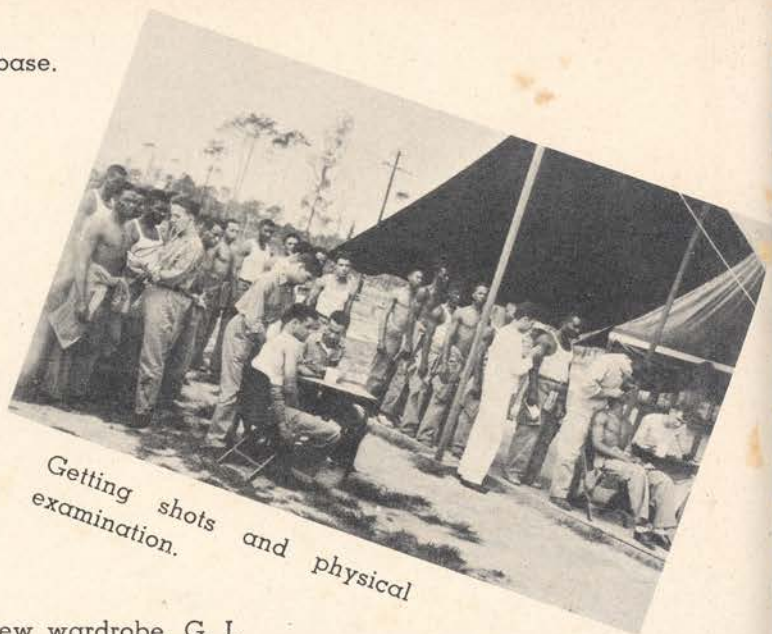


Staff Personnel.

Clerks at work.



Boots arriving at base.



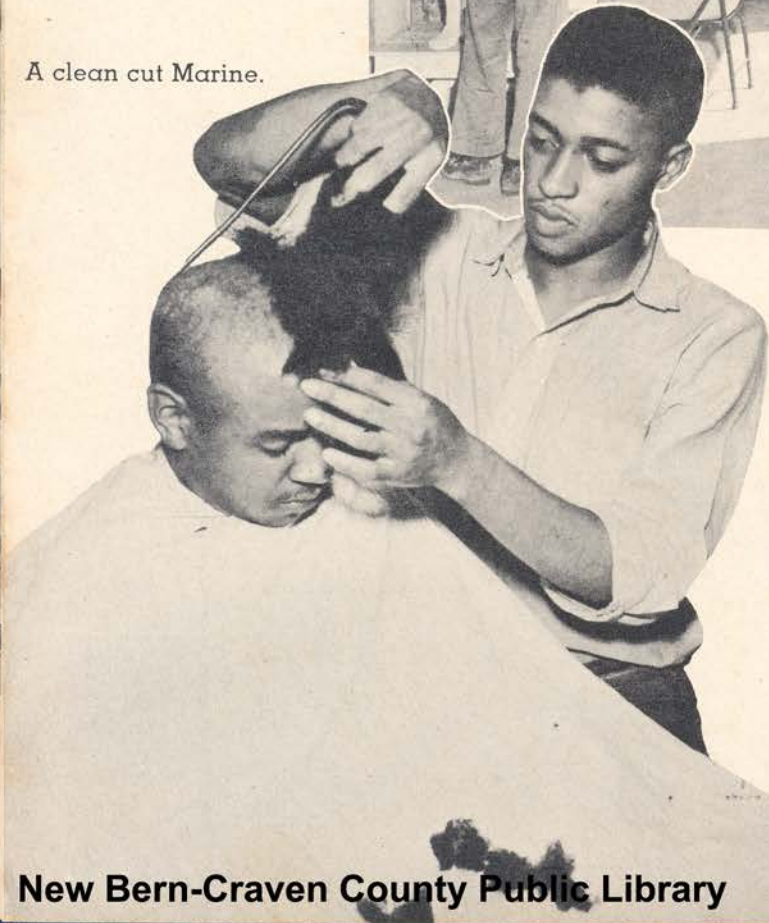
Getting shots and physical examination.

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.

REVEILLE



Physical drill starts the day off right.



Up and on shoulder.



Drilling teaches discipline.

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

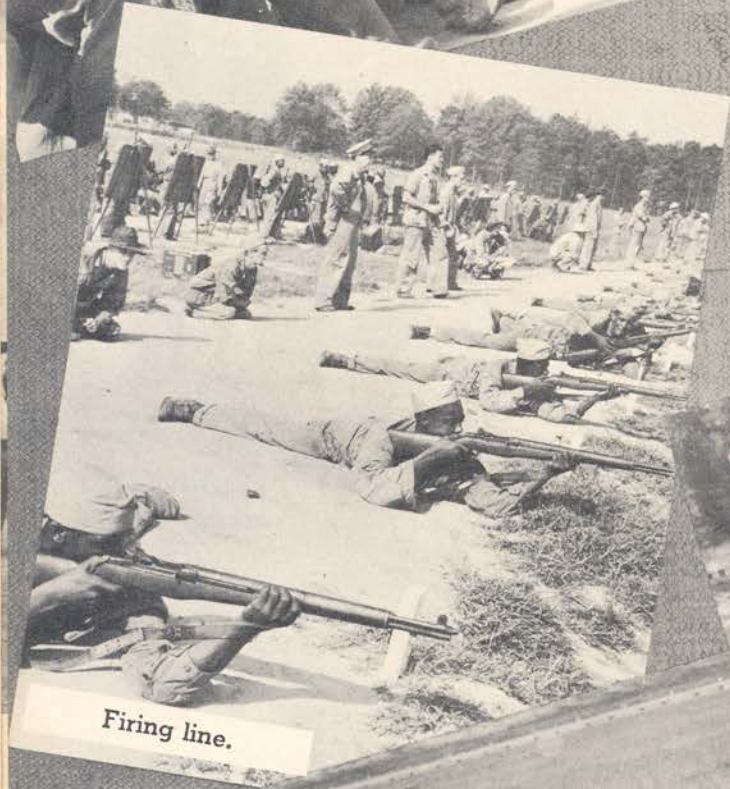
The art of self-defense is taught every Marine. Experience has warned us to be prepared. Platoon Sergeant A. L. Ghazlo is showing the men every trick so that when the Marines land they will have the situation well in hand.



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.



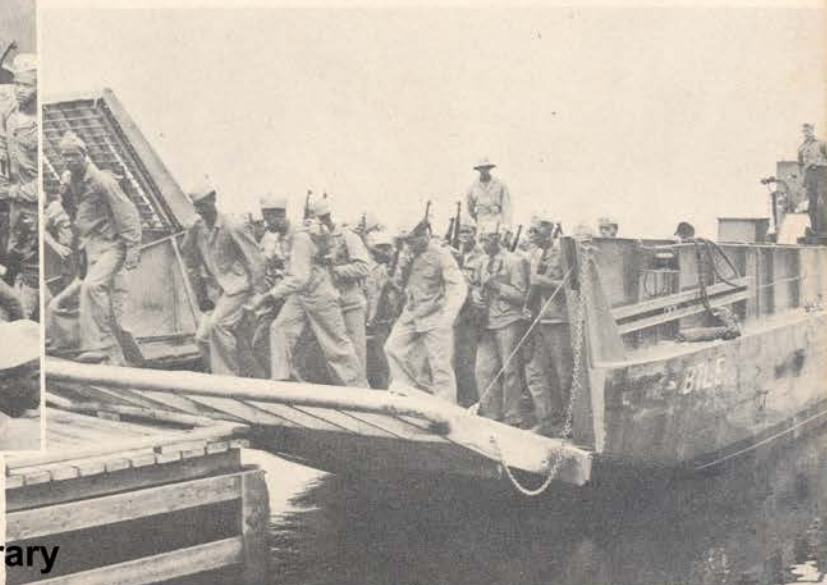
Sailing away.

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



2ND LT. ROBERT A. OWENS
Adjutant



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



CAPTAIN EUGENE P. BRADY
Quartermaster

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.

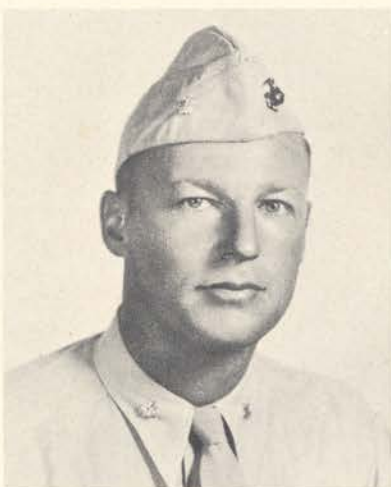
On 7 June, 1943, the battalion was reorganized and a few weeks later it was placed on a training schedule for overseas combat duty. Since that time the 51st has been making rapid progress and has become the pace setter and yardstick by which the advancement of Negroes in the Marine Corps can be measured.



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.

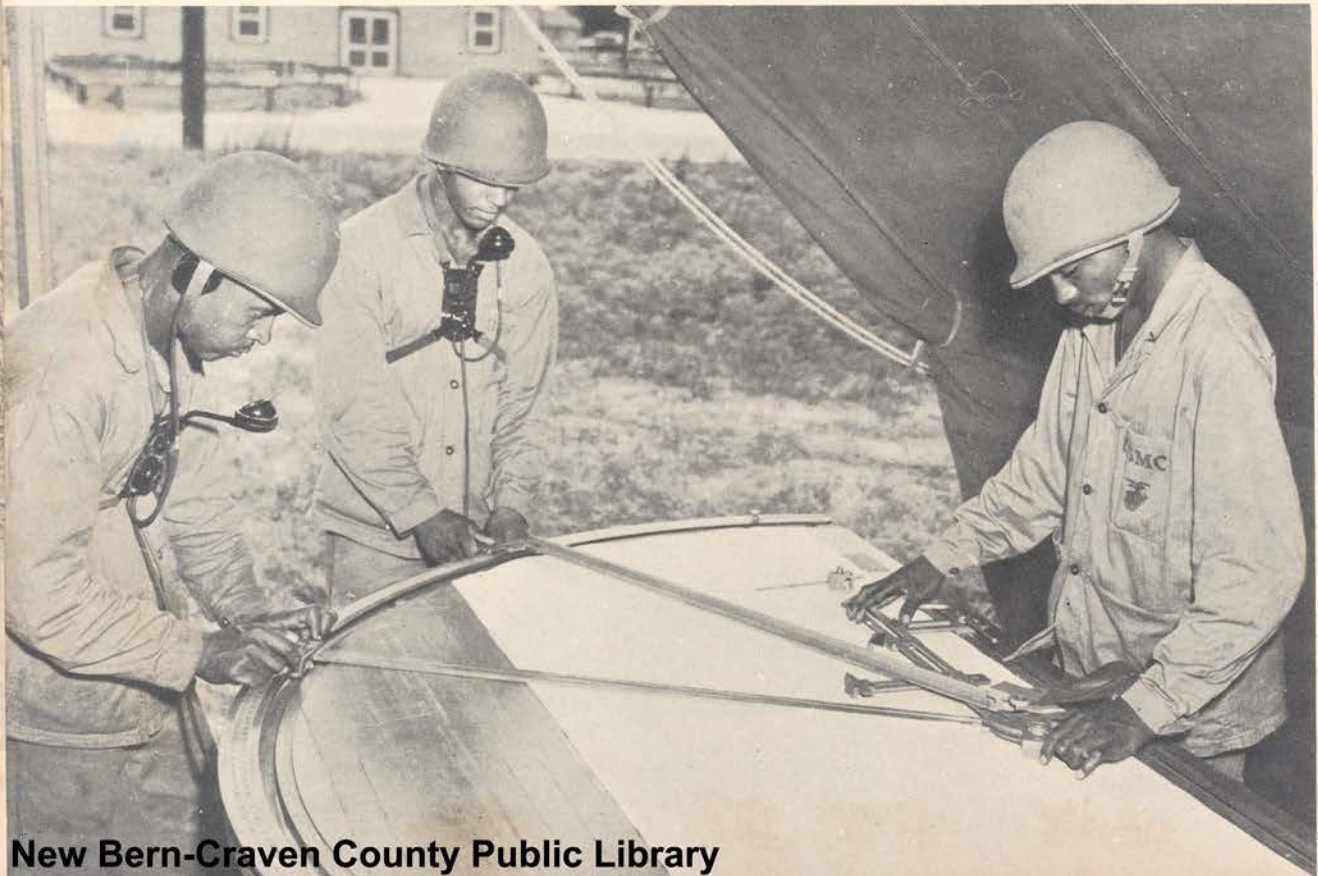


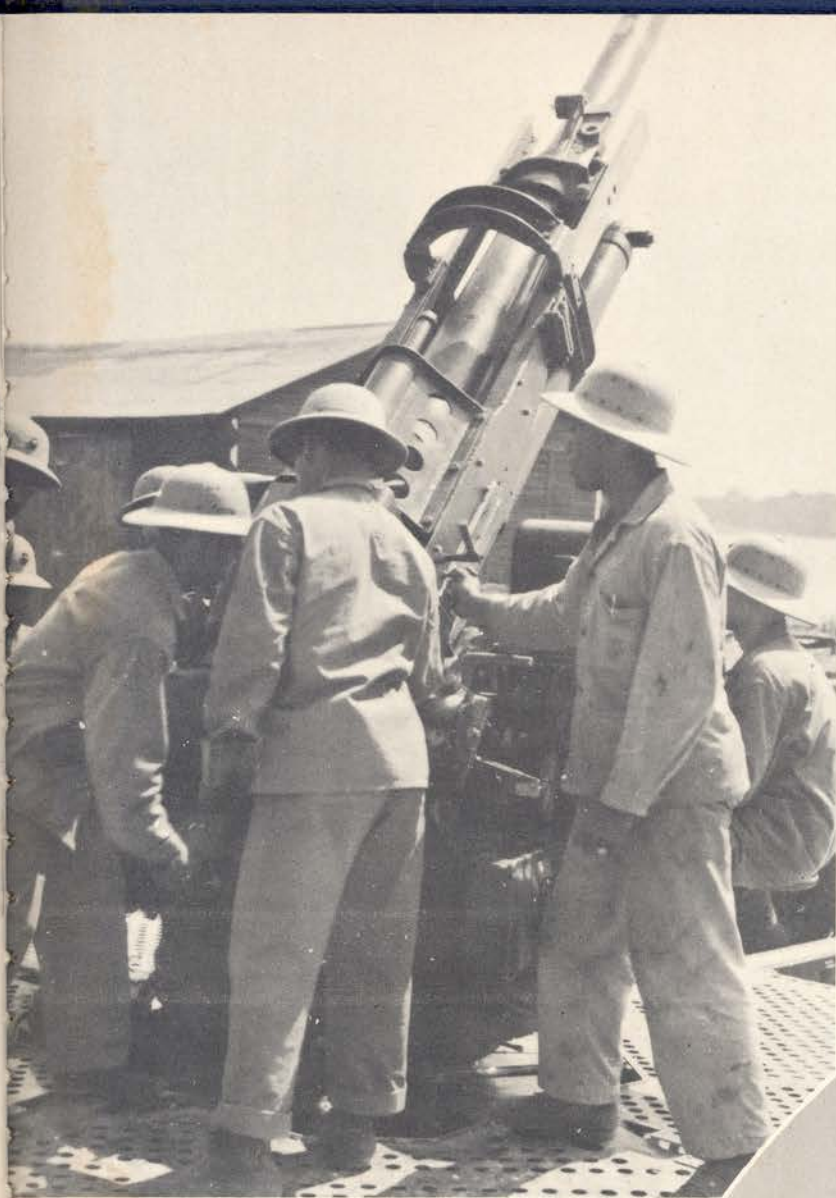
Big Bertha's little sister.



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

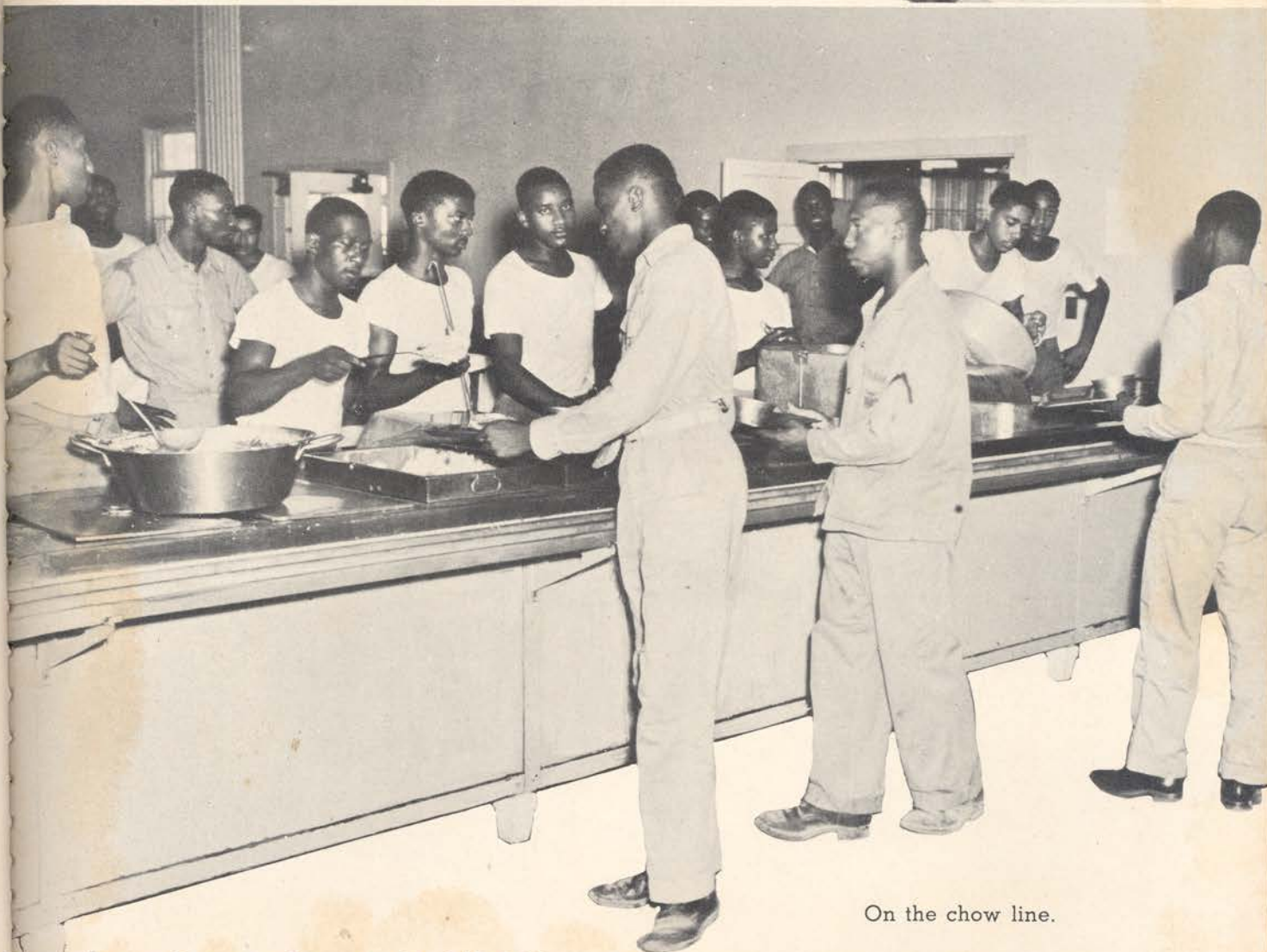


Preparing a meal.

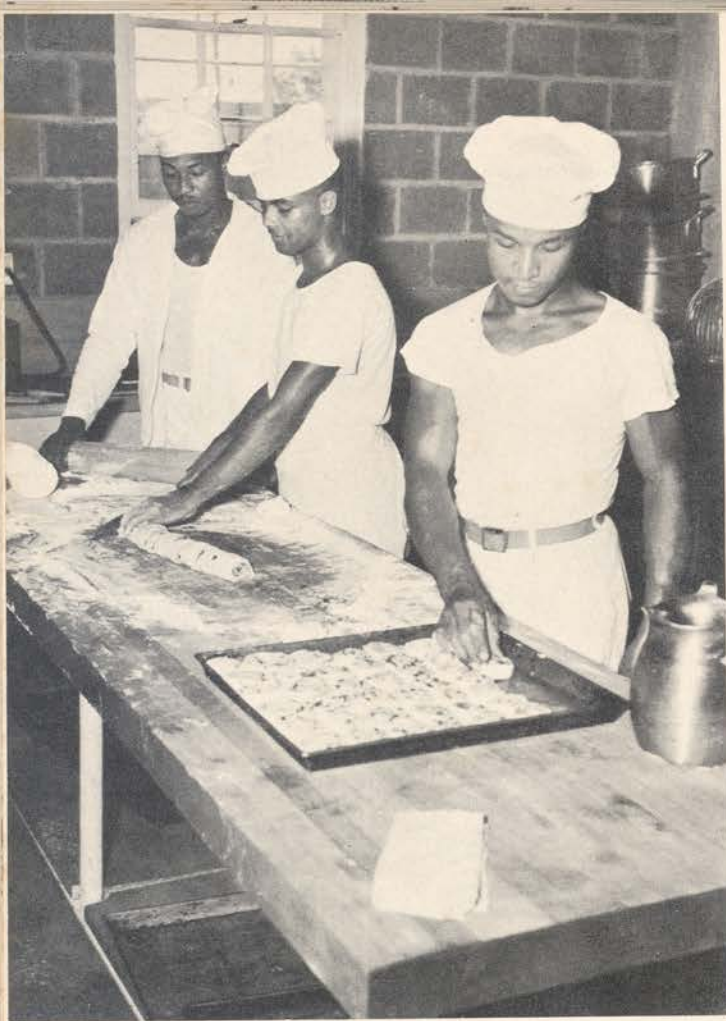
It was once said an army travels on its stomach. How true that is no one really knows but it is an established fact that chow call is about the most popular.



Chow formation.



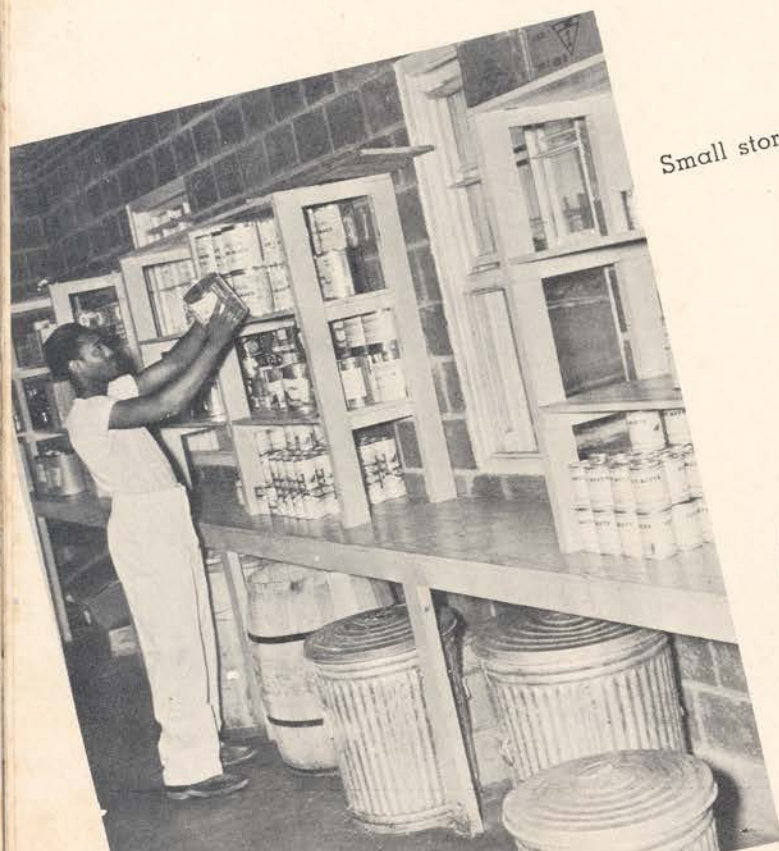
On the chow line.



Baker Shop.



Salad making.



Small storeroom.



Class in table setting.

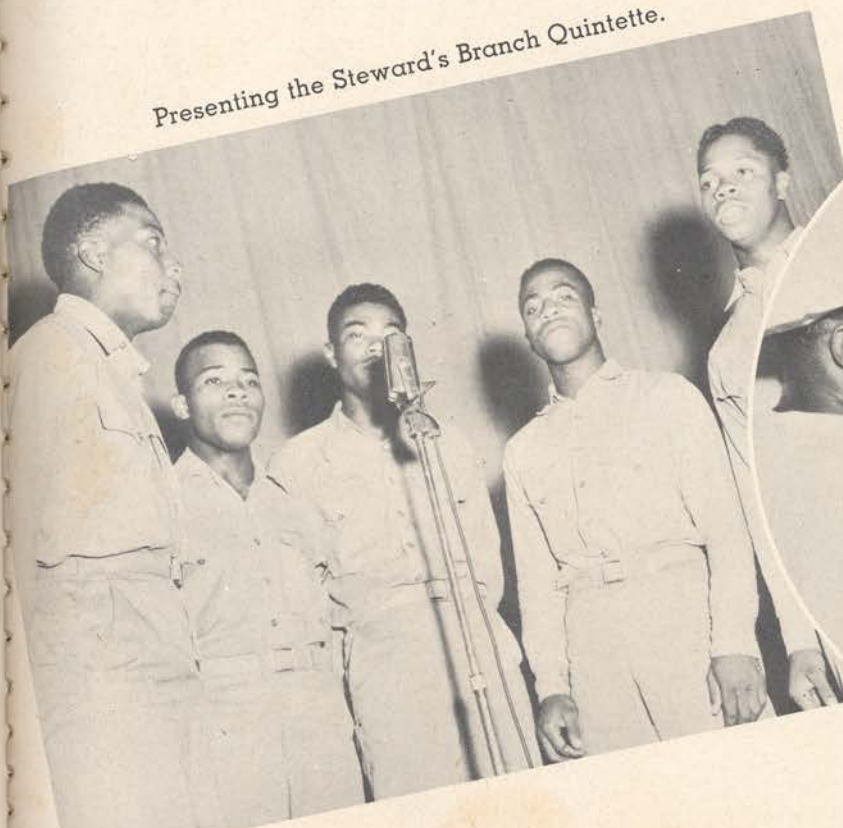


Polishing cutlery.



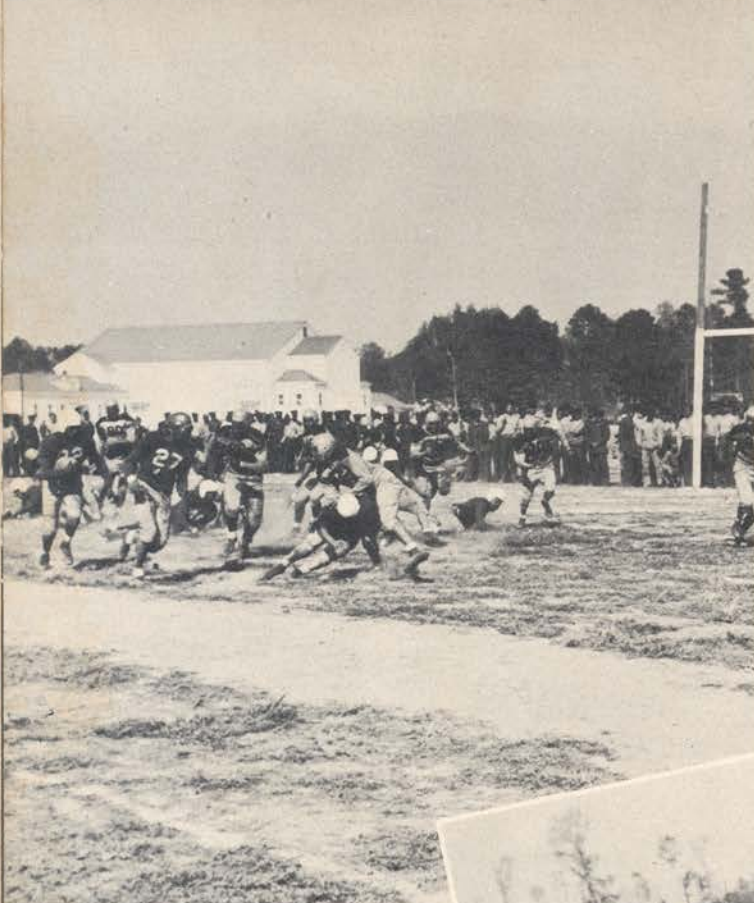
Chopping machine.

Presenting the Steward's Branch Quintette.

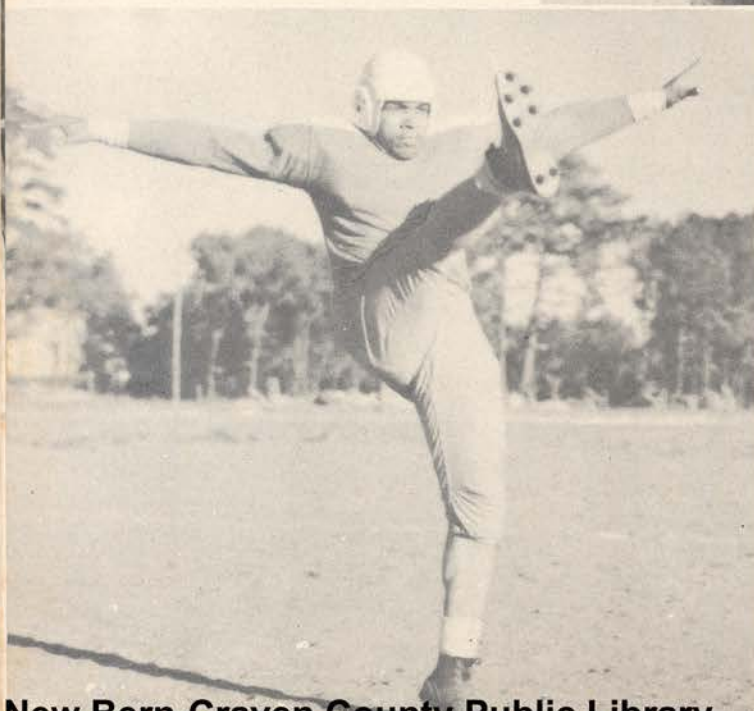


Keeping it cool.

Touchdown play.



Talking things over.



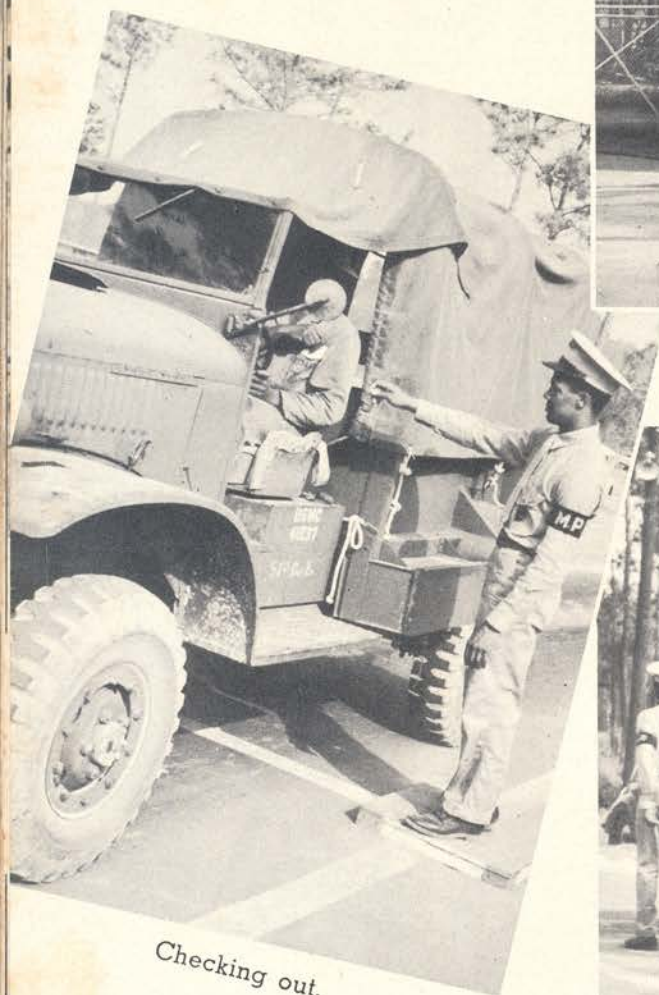
Sgt. Whitlock, hard kicking back of the 51st Defense Battalion team.



Two views of Montford Point Camp



MILITARY POLICE



Checking out.



The brig.

M. P.'s on the go.



**SCHOOL ON
THE PACK
HOWITZER
AT WORK**



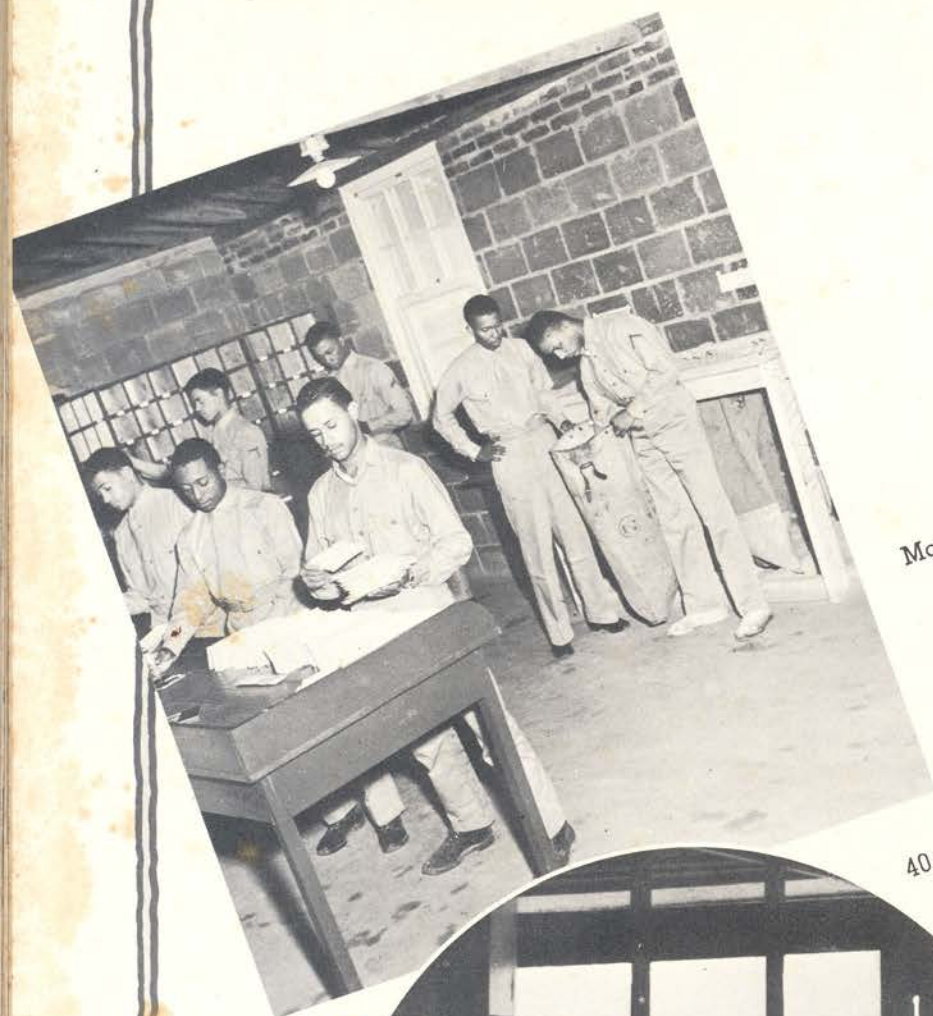
MALARIA CONTROL.



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SNAPSHOTS





Mail call!



40 mm gun through a window pane.



Reach for it!

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