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COLONEL JAMES LOCKETT

CAMP LOCKETT was named for a cavalry officer whose brilliant career began when he entered the United States Military Academy on July 1, 1875, ended with his retirement (at his own request) on June 30, 1919, after forty-four years of service.

His services and duties were many. He served variously as Commander of Indian Scouts, in charge of Indian (Apache) affairs; commanded mounted troops successfully against Philipine insurgents; commanded cavalry regiments, posts, and schools in many states.

Twice Colonel Lockett was awarded the coveted Silver Star; cited "for gallantry in action against the insurgent forces at Manila, P. I., February 5, 1899" and again at Marilao, Luzon, P. I., March 27, 1899.

Colonel Lockett died May 4, 1933 at Coronado, California. From the 1934 Annual Report of the Association of Graduates, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, "... Colonel Lockett was a dignified man with a very high sense of honor. His standard of

Colonel Waldron J. Cheyney, Infantry, has been the Post Commander since the Camp opened.





Sketch by Fred A. Eddy

living and military attainment were of a high order and he not only lived up to them himself but demanded the same high standard in others. He was loyal to his subordinates, demanding quick and intelligent response but backing them to the limit. Colonel Lockett had a great respect for the personal rights of others, he was fair in his opinions and decisions and was greatly admired and respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was considered by high command as one of our outstanding cavalry leaders..."

Brig. General Thoburn K. Brown, Cav., Commander of the Tactical Troops.



HISTORY OF CAMP LOCKETT, CALIFORNIA



CHANTICLEER . . . from reveille to taps he calls the orders.

CAMP LOCKETT'S site was chosen for a cavalry camp as far back as 1878 when sixteen troopers wearing the blue uniform of the United States "Yankees" bivouacked for several months in this small Mexican Border valley. At that time it took a week to get to San Diego; choicest acres of bottom land sold for \$5 an acre; smugglers and belligerent Indians were problems.

"E" Troop of the 11th Cavalry was stationed here in 1918 and since then there have been a succession of horse soldiers stationed at this strategic junction where road and railroad return to the United States after dipping into Baja California en route from San Diego to Yuma.

Ground was broken for the present Camp on June 23, 1941. The 11th Cavalry's march from its temporary base at Camp Seeley to Camp Lockett began two days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.*

* in the Army Now", (Dodd, Mead & Co.) provides a realistic picture of this march and of the Camp.

Camp Lockett is a horse cavalry camp. The surrounding terrain offers unparalleled opportunities to test man, beast and mechanized carriers over a variety of terrain that includes heavily wooded underbrush, desert sand, miles of barren rocky wastelands, streams to be forded, and other geographic hazards identical to those which confront Cavalry troopers in battle conditions.

Climatically this is a region of extremes. There is summer heat of 115°; freezing temperature in winter. Long dry spells alternate with cloudbursts.

Some of our buildings are classed as "semi-permanent cantonments," and others as "Theatre of Operations type." Men sleep in beds with sheets, pillows, blankets, comforters. There are modern cooking facilities, hot and cold running water, swimming pools, stores, well equipped hospitals, laboratories.

There are also periods of sleeping "in the field" under pup tents near picket lines where a man's daytime mount is heard champing and neighing; long cavalry marches over seemingly impenetrable wastelands. There are days on the rifle range, machine gun range, in the corral and stable, in class rooms studying map reading, chemical warfare, soldier lore.

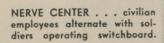
The purpose of this publication is to provide the friends of Camp Lockett soldiers with a picture of the Post and its activities.

Here is Camp Lockett, at work and at play...





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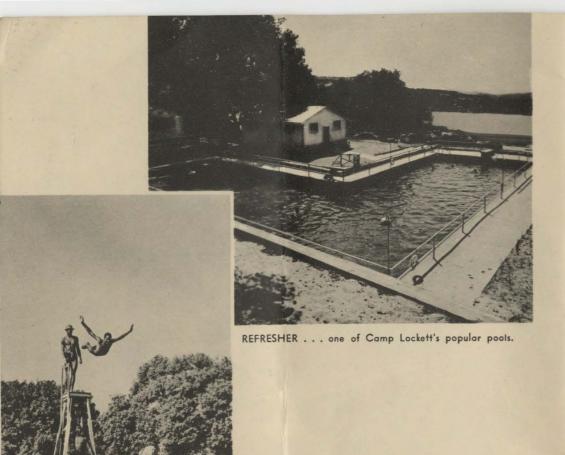
MERRITT BOWL . . . vast seating capacity for movies, USO shows, ather entertainment.



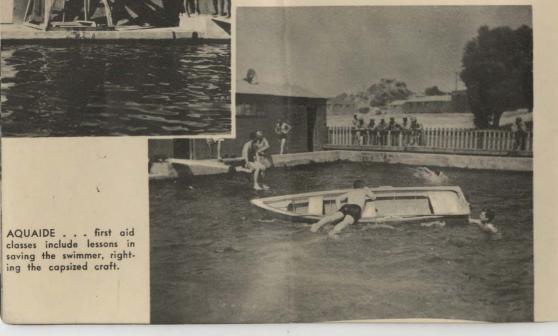


SONGSTERS . . . Sunday services are enhanced by talented choir.





FLYER . . . he swoops to swim.







PASS . . . soldiers leaving on passes, furloughs, are rigidly inspected.

FRIEND . . . Red Cross is ever ready to loan money, sympathize, give advice.



SOLIDARITY . . . Mexican customs official and Camp Lockett M. P. inspect International Border.

SAN DIEGO



SPORTOKINGS . . . horse racing in nearby Old Mexico, attracts many cavalry men.

P. X.... one of the several army operated Exchanges that cater to soldiers' needs and fancies.

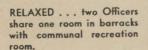
NEARBY RECREATION

LANDMARK . . . historic old Missions preserve San Diego's "Old World" flavor.





CLUB... Officers entertain family and friends at sizable Officers' Club.



TALLY-HO . . . an old cavalry tradition revived.





(above) GAS . . . these enter the gas chamber to test equipment and training under "as if" conditions.

(right) PREPARATION
... rifle gets the onceover before inspection.

CLEANLINESS troopers enjoy hot and cold running water either in or adjacent to all barracks.

(below) SCHOOL . . . radio is one of many subjects taught in school, employed in maneuvers.







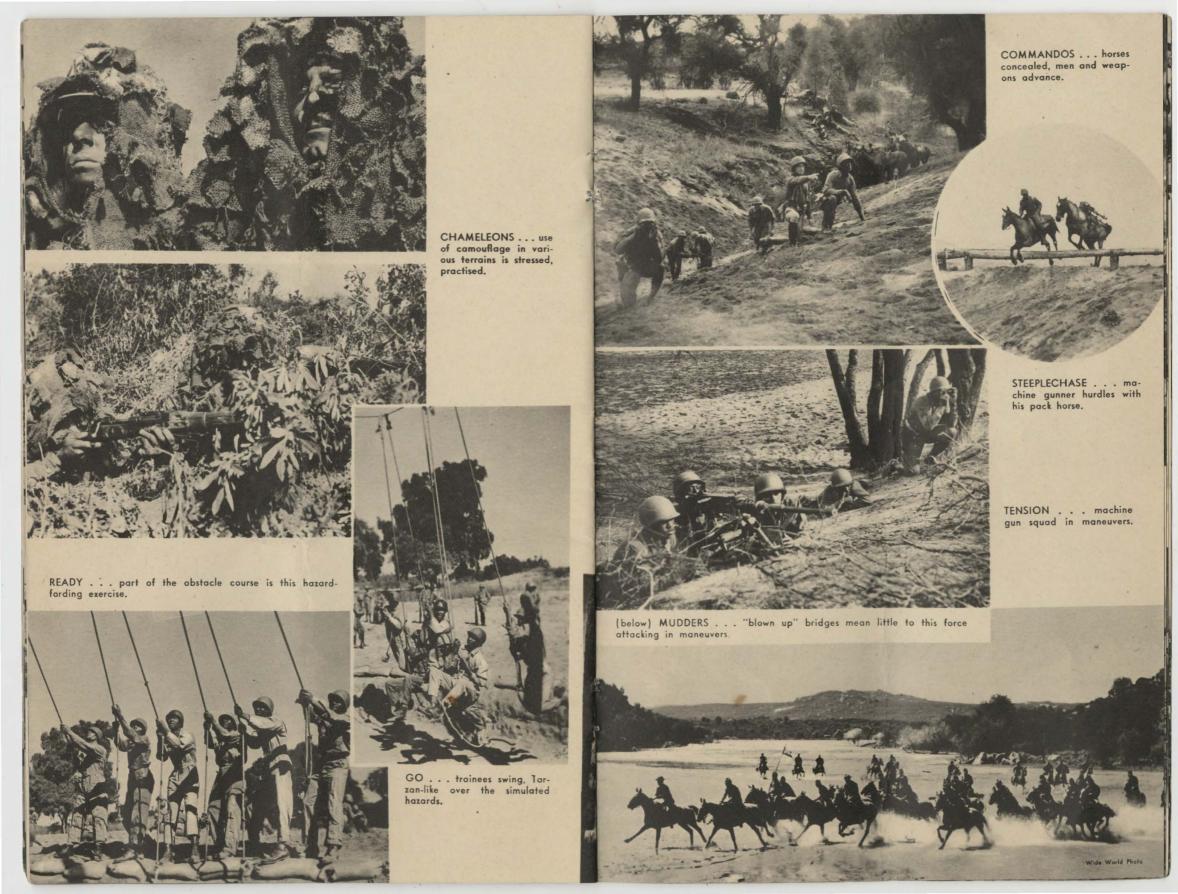


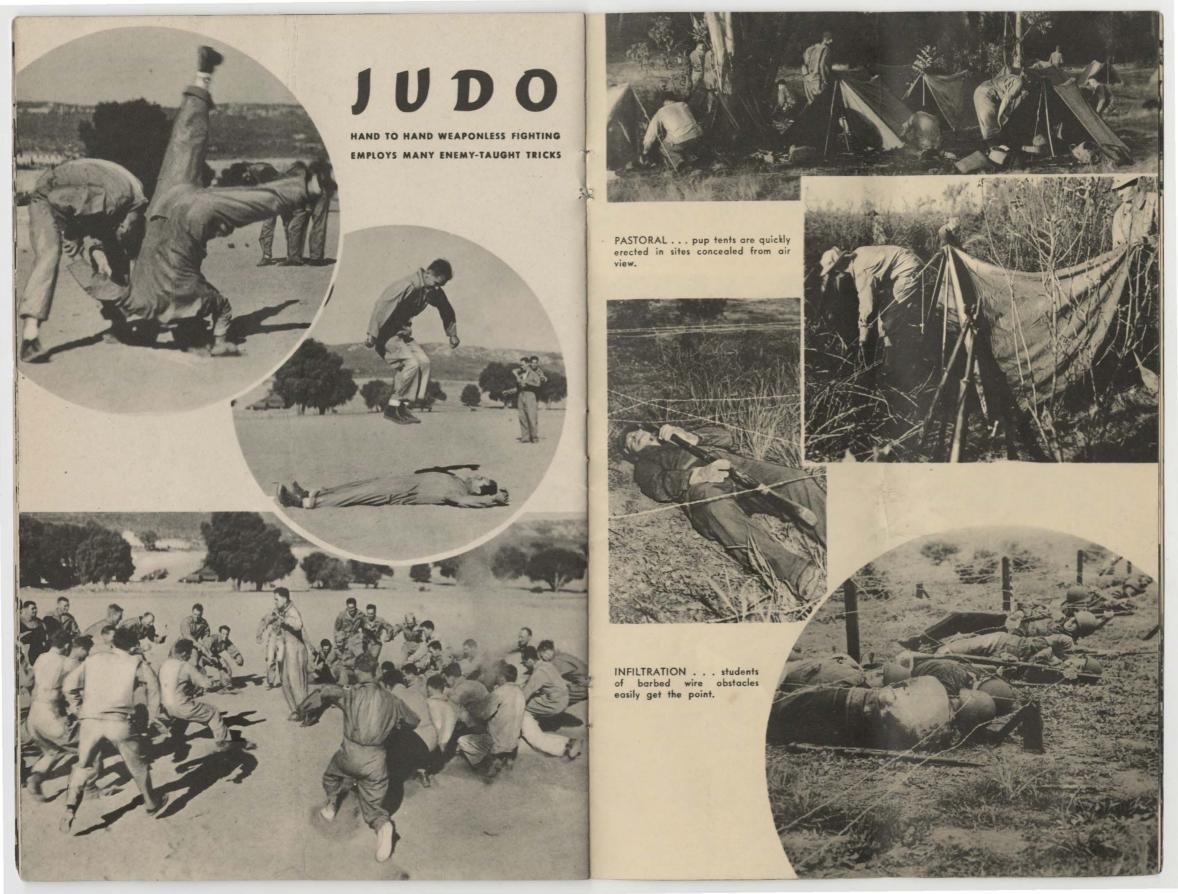


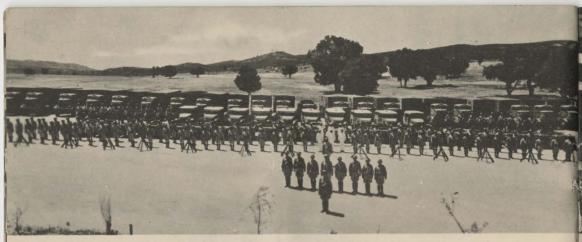
SUSTENANCE . . . no bugle need call these together.



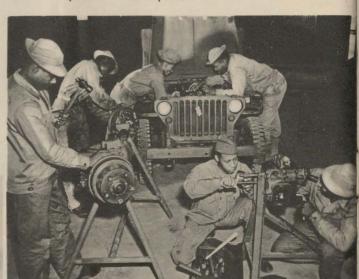








MECHANIZED . . . motor troop assemble for inspection.



(above and below) MAINTENANCE . . . machinery is overhauled, repaired by especially troined experts.



SMITHIES . . . each troop has its own blacksmith shop equipped to core for all its mounts' needs.



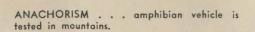
PLASMA . . . one docile mount contributes precious fluid to save another's life.



VETS . . . injured or ailing mounts receive trained, humane attention.



SHOES . . . the bottoms get top attention.



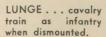




FULL FIELD . . . cavalry inspections require special care, equipment.



SADDLERY . . . special schools train men to work with leather; repair saddles, and bridles.







MORTAR . . . four man team prepares to "lob one over" a hill to the enemy's position.



GRIM . . . bayonet practisers suit expression to business.



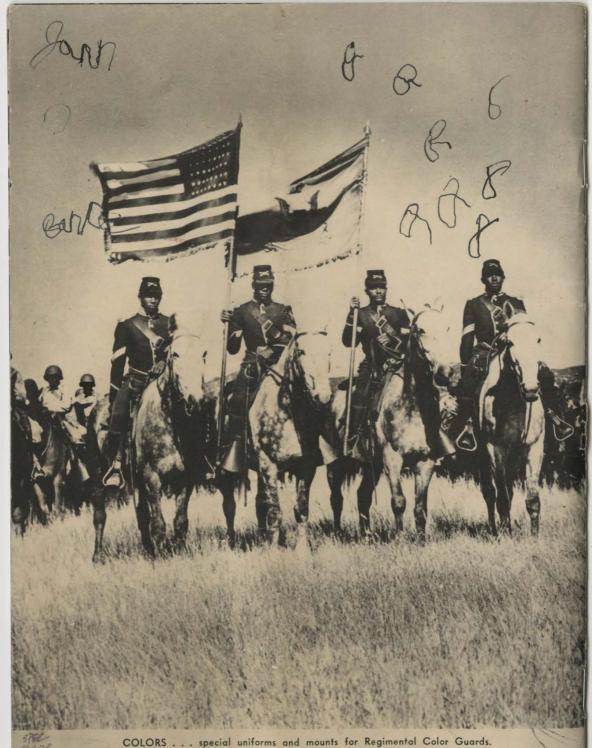
SIGHTING . . . mechanical aids to pistol training.



ANTI-STRAFERS . . . even half ton trucks are armed with heavy calibre machine guns.

ULTIMO . . . in horse cavalry camps the work piles up incessantly.





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