

TRAINEES'
Guide BOOK



ANTIAIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT TRAINING
CENTER, CAMP CALLAN, CALIFORNIA

Welcome to Camp Callan

This booklet is presented to all of you who are new arrivals at Camp Callan in order to acquaint you with your home for the next few months.

It tells something about the activities in which you will be engaged and informs you as to certain of your duties and privileges.

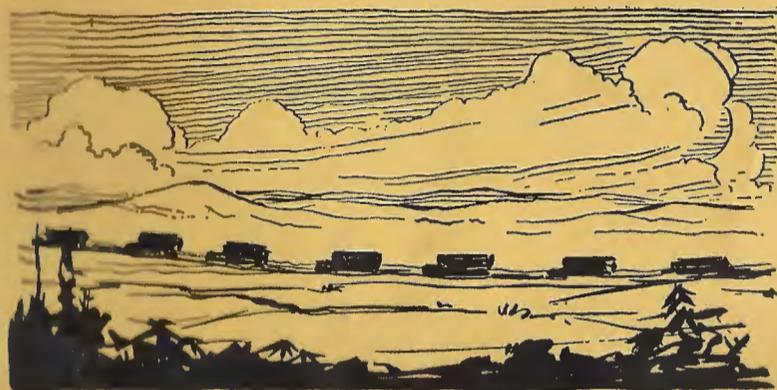
You have only recently relinquished a certain amount of the personal liberty and freedom you enjoyed in civil life to do things your own way, in order that you might learn and practice "team play" as a part of what will soon be the most powerful "team" of its kind in the world today, namely, the Army of the United States.

We hope that you will seek every opportunity to learn and train and that you will also take advantage of the facilities for healthful and pleasant recreation in order to maintain mind and body in the best possible condition.

May your stay in Camp Callan be both profitable and pleasant.

F. P. HARDAWAY,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commanding.

Camp Callan, California.



Introducing You to Camp Callan, California

STRETCHING for three miles along the shore of the Pacific, just fifteen miles north of the city of San Diego, in sunny California, are several hundred buildings providing the finest of army housing, recreational and training facilities for Antiaircraft Artillerymen. This is your camp . . . Camp Callan . . . replacement training center for Antiaircraft Artillery.

Originally a replacement training center for the Coast Artillery Corps, Camp Callan was named in honor of the late Gen. Robert A. Callan, a most distinguished coast artillery officer.

Construction of the camp was begun in late November, 1940, and on January 14, 1941 the first enlisted detachment, consisting of Regular Army personnel of the service section, arrived at their new quarters and participated in the flag raising ceremonies at the new camp.

In many respects Camp Callan resembles a city, with its own government, courts, police force, utilities, recreation centers, stores, churches and streets. As a "citizen" of the camp, it is your privilege to make full use of the camp's many facilities provided expressly for your welfare.



Your Assignment On your arrival at Camp Callan you will be assigned to a training battery and battalion. The battalion is headed by a commissioned officer, usually a Lieutenant Colonel, and is divided into four batteries of approximately 280 men each, with a battery commander, usually a Captain, in charge of each battery.

The battery is divided into four platoons, each headed by a Sergeant, who, with his assistants, the corporals and privates-

first-class, is in charge of your barracks and responsible for your basic training in drill formations and the manual of arms. These non-commissioned officers comprise the "cadre," a term used to designate the nucleus or framework of the battery.

The battery commander is assisted by other commissioned officers and a non-commissioned officer of the First Sergeant grade through whom will come many of your routine orders and assignments.

You will find your officers to be cognizant of the adjustment you are being called upon to make in your army life, and ready at all times to cooperate with you in the solution of your problems. In turn, they will expect your whole-hearted cooperation in carrying out the program of training.

A Chaplain is normally assigned to each battalion. Don't hesitate to consult him about any personal problem that may worry you.

The Training Program

Antiaircraft training, broad in scope, is much too varied to be fully dealt with here. Suffice it to say that you will be thoroughly grounded in basic military matters, such as drill formations, marching, small arms marksmanship, and in addition, you will receive intensive instruction in the operation of the principal arm of your battery, whether it be automatic weapons, antiaircraft guns or searchlights.

You will probably spend at least one hour daily on the drill ground in the practice of formations and manual of arms. A number of you will be designated from time to time as acting sergeants and corporals for the purpose of developing new leaders among the trainees. You will have all the duties and authority of regular sergeants and corporals but you will wear the insignia on an arm band instead of on your sleeve and there will be no increase in pay.

After considerable training in the handling and care of your rifle, a .30 calibre Springfield, you will be accorded the opportunity of testing your marksmanship on the rifle range, and after much preparation you will be tested in the nomenclature and actual operation of the principal arm for your second class gunner rating.

At the conclusion of the first few weeks of training, certain of your numbers will be selected on the basis of aptitude tests, experience in civilian life and other qualifications, for instruction in the Enlisted Specialists School. This school offers a wide variety of subjects designed to train cooks, clerks, automobile and artillery mechanics, buglers, telephone men, meteorologists, radio technicians, truck drivers and many other mechanical and professional specialists.

Another part of your program at Camp Callan will be the performance of certain duties, you may think of them as chores, such as KP or kitchen police work, table-waiting and the like. But it should be noted that these tasks are quite equitably divided and none should occur with such frequency as to hamper you in the program of instruction or to prove burdensome. Your assignments to these duties will be made by the non-commissioned officers from the rosters of your platoon and battery.

You will be given a rifle, bayonet, canteen, gas mask, helmet and certain other equipment to use while you are in camp. This equipment will be turned in when you leave Callan, therefore be sure to keep it in first-class condition. If you don't you are apt to get week-end duty instead of a pass, even while you are in camp.

You will also be given clothing. This also is government property and you will be charged for clothing lost or damaged through neglect.



Your Weapons The 90 millimeter gun is the most efficient heavy anti-aircraft weapon ever developed. Its fire power is great, its accuracy uncanny and it has a fighting range of nearly six miles.

Most versatile and newest of our weapons is the 40 millimeter gun. With it the gunner can keep a bead on any target no matter what its speed. It can be used for either single shot or automatic firing. Effective at short as well as long range, its fire can be directed against tanks or other mechanized units or ground installations.

For low flying attack, the 50 calibre machine gun, also an automatic weapon, fires bullets half an inch in diameter at the rate of 600 a minute. It is adaptable, like the 40 millimeter, against air or ground forces.

The 30 calibre machine gun is the army standby for almost any sort of fighting, and may be used for anti-aircraft defense at close range.

The searchlight, also an anti-aircraft weapon, is used to illuminate enemy planes at night either for our anti-aircraft weapons or to aid our own fighter planes in finding and attacking the enemy planes.

Other equipment besides these principal anti-aircraft arms are the director, which computes firing data for the gunners; power and control units, sound locators and other detecting devices, observation instruments and many others.

With these tools of the trade, the anti-aircraft gunner can either bring down a huge percentage of enemy aircraft or force the enemy pilot to remain so high that he can not do effective damage.

Your Day First call is sounded at 6 a. m. each day except Sunday. On the Sabbath a late call is sounded at 7 a. m. At 6:15 each weekday morning you will "fall out" in front of your barracks for roll call and, usually, a short session of calisthenics. Between the first early morning taste of the out-of-doors and breakfast, time is provided for completing your toilet, making your bed and cleaning the barracks.

Breakfast is served, as are all meals, in the mess hall of your own battery, and at 7:30 a. m. the actual program of the day commences. This will normally begin with an assembly for a news broadcast over the camp's public address system, followed by fifty minutes of infantry drill formations and manual of arms.

The remainder of the day is spent in lecture courses and actual practice of the theory taught in the classes. Recall from work to dinner is at 11:45 a. m. In the afternoon, recall is sounded at 4:30 o'clock, followed by retreat at 5 o'clock and supper immediately thereafter.

Lights are out in the barracks at 9 p. m., though "bed check" (the hour at which you are expected to be in your bunk) is not until 11 p. m. Sole exceptions to the 11 o'clock bed check are on Saturday night, when the hour is midnight and on pay day when a check is made at midnight.

On Wednesday afternoons, military training is put aside for mass calisthenics and participation in baseball, football, etc. On Saturday, the work day ends at noon unless you are assigned to some special detail.

Activities Life in an army camp must be balanced in the manner of a fine timepiece. Work, play and relaxation—these are cogs which must be carefully synchronized.

To have every soldier at Camp Callan an active participant in one or more athletic activities is the aim of the camp athletic officer. Upon arrival the new trainee automatically becomes a member of the San Diego Army-Navy Y. M. C. A. Every Callan soldier is accorded free membership privileges.

Baseball, volleyball, touch football and basketball are the order for Wednesday afternoons. Commissioned officers are in charge of each battery's athletic program and arrange competitive play between organizations. Many platoons organize teams in the minor sports, such as horseshoe tournaments,



bowling, ping-pong, tennis, boxing, wrestling, rifle and pistol team competition.

Each battalion has its own fully-equipped recreation hall, where you may write letters, play billiards, table tennis, listen to the radio, read or "just relax." Special talent shows are held each week in the "rec" halls and any trainee possessing the ability to entertain is always welcome to occupy the spotlight.

Opportunities for study and improvement or to pursue your favorite hobby are offered in weekly meetings of the Speech Club, Handicraft Class, Spanish Class, Camera Club, etc.

Service Club One of the largest buildings in camp is the Service Club, located at East boulevard and 14th street. The club includes a large hall, where dances, concerts and other programs are arranged by the Camp Hostesses, a complete cafeteria serving hot noon and evening meals, a soda fountain and a well-stocked library.



Furnished with comfortable chairs, powerful radio and grand piano, the Service Club is a center of leisure-time activity for the trainees. Mrs. Helen Bennett Priest is the popular Senior Hostess.

Service Club hours are from noon until 10 p. m. daily, with the library open the same hours except Friday evenings, when it is closed during battalion dances. The library has available more than 8500 volumes, 100 periodicals and some 25 newspapers, and trainees may relax in

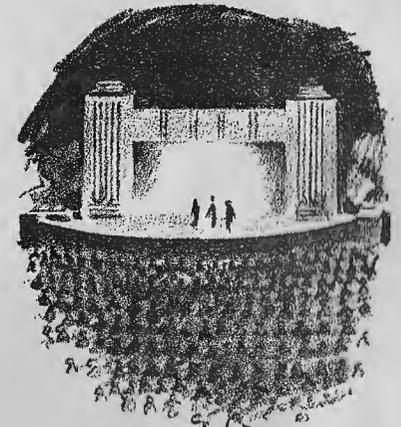
comfortable chairs and smoke if they wish while enjoying the works of Shakespeare or the latest picture pulps.

Located nearby and operated in conjunction with the Service Club is the Guest House, where a limited number of parents, friends or relatives of Callan men may stay on short visits to the camp. Reasonable rates for rooms range from 50 to 75 cents per night. Reservations must be made well in advance.

Camp Theaters Large and well-equipped are Callan's two motion picture theaters. The largest is located on West boulevard at 11th street and presents two shows daily at 5:30 and 7:30 p. m. No. 2 is located on East boulevard near Camp Headquarters and presents the same programs as No. 1 at 6 and 8 p. m. daily. Matinees are given each Saturday and Sunday. Price of admission is 15 cents.

The theaters are also used for special programs and broadcasts, though, when weather permits, the outdoor theater in Block 11 is used for large stage productions. Recent guest stars at Callan were Bob Hope, Kay Kyser, Mary Martin, Jack Benny, Eddie Cantor, Judy Canova, Carol Landis, Kay Francis and many other notables.

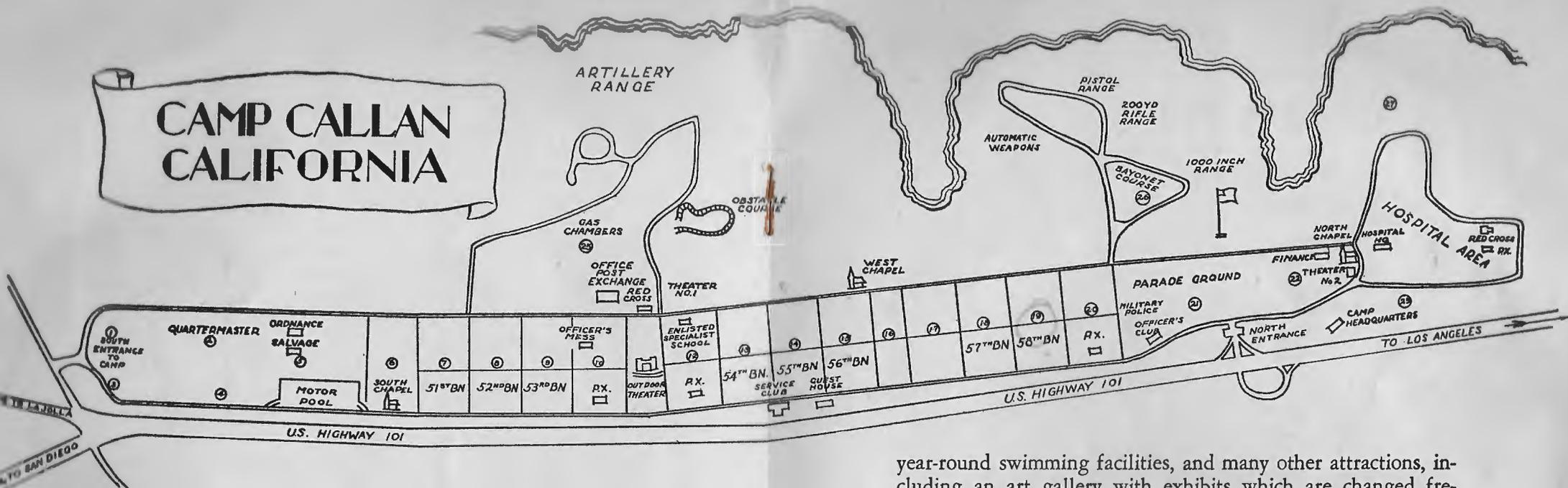
The outdoor theater is also used for boxing matches, band concerts and lectures; other programs are frequently arranged by the recreation and athletic officers.



Post Exchanges Five conveniently-located Post Exchanges are operated in camp. They may be found in Blocks 6, 10, 12, 20 and 23. In each PX a complete line of essential items is carried—toilet articles, tobacco, magazines, confections, clothing items, etc. Soft drinks, hot soups, sandwiches, sodas, sundaes and other snacks are served. Prices are reasonable and your battery fund shares in the profits.

At each PX there are tailoring and barber shops. A tap room in Block 10 and a gas station on East boulevard are also parts of the Post Exchange system. The tap room is open nightly until 10 o'clock, while the gas station (for use only by properly registered cars) operates daily except Sunday, from 9:30 a. m. until 6 p. m. Post Exchange hours are subject to change. Watch the daily bulletin and the camp newspaper, *The Range Finder*, for exact opening and closing hours.

CAMP CALLAN CALIFORNIA



Pleasure Trips

In *The Range Finder* you will find advertisements and articles describing outstanding attractions in and around Camp Callan. In addition, watch your Bulletin Board in your barracks, check with the Service Club employees or with the attendants at the U. S. O. clubhouse in La Jolla or the Army-Navy Y. M. C. A. in San Diego.

The San Diego region is replete with natural wonders and historic shrines which you will not want to miss during your stay at Callan. The harbor front, the ancient sailing vessel *Star of India*, the splendid zoo in Balboa park, the charming little Church of the Roses at Chula Vista, the picturesque village of Tijuana and the strand connecting Coronado and the mainland are only a few of the highlights of the San Diego section of California.

La Jolla, recognized as one of the most delightful seaside communities of the Pacific coast, is the nearest community to Camp Callan. It is a noted summer and winter resort and boasts of some of the most beautiful homes and estates, best

year-round swimming facilities, and many other attractions, including an art gallery with exhibits which are changed frequently, a museum and aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and a tower at the summit of a nearby mountain where one of the most splendid views in all southern California may be had.

In this region may be found libraries, dance halls, night clubs, theaters, pier fishing, golf, tennis, riding and other athletic facilities, anything almost which the tourist, as well as the soldier stationed here, might wish. You will have the opportunity to see California during your stay at Camp Callan if you use your time wisely.

Private Cars

Because of the acute traffic problem which would result, it has been necessary to limit the operation of privately-owned automobiles in camp to properly-registered vehicles of commissioned and non-commissioned officers and those of soldiers permanently stationed in camp.

Visitors, however, are welcome to bring their cars to camp, either at the North or South gate, upon identification.

Your Health

The large and well-equipped Station Hospital at the north end of camp has complete facilities for the treatment of all ailments. The dental clinic, which is a part of the hospital, has the personnel for periodic dental inspections of the trainees and the repair of their teeth.



For your convenience there are infirmaries in Block 10, 12 and 20. At the time of the daily sick call, which is announced at each battalion, you will request the First Sergeant for permission to see the doctor, and the Sergeant will fill out the proper forms and send you to the nearest infirmary. Illness at other hours does not, of course, necessitate your waiting for sick call. The infirmaries and sick call are essentially for the purpose of taking care of your minor ailments. You should feel responsible for reporting any symptoms

that might endanger your health or the health of your associates.

The regular hours, the good army food and the daily exercise which is a part of the routine training at Callan, are intended to improve or maintain the trainee in tip-top physical condition, but if anything throws you out of gear physically, you should feel it your duty and obligation to report the facts at once to your non-commissioned officer.

In the trainee's course at Camp Callan you really cannot afford to miss any time for hospitalization, and it will pay you to get back to duty as soon as possible in order to hold your own with your fellow trainees.

Camp Callan's motto is "Train Right to Win the Fight" and the best services of every Callanite are required.

Every trainee should leave Camp Callan a much better man in every way than he was at the time of his arrival in camp.

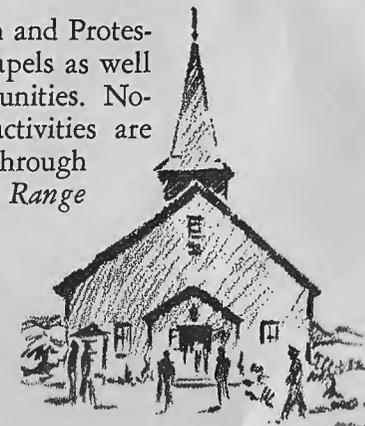
Religious Services

Beacons of peace in this military community where men prepare for war are three commodious, restful chapels and one miniature chapel. Each is an eloquent though silent reminder of the freedom which soldiers of America are pledged to defend.

South Chapel is located in Block 6 at East boulevard; West Chapel at 14th street and West boulevard; North Chapel on West boulevard directly opposite the Station Hospital, and the Chapel of St. Joan of Arc at the foot of 10th street on West boulevard.

Religious services for Catholic, Jewish and Protestant men are conducted in the camp chapels as well as in the churches of neighboring communities. Notices of services and other religious activities are issued by the camp chaplains both through posted bulletins and the columns of *The Range Finder*, as well as over the camp's public address system.

Bear in mind that the chaplains are here not only to conduct religious services but to help you solve problems in which you feel the need of guidance or consultation. No hesitation need be felt in seeking advice from these officers on any perplexing personal matter.



Phones and Wires

The camp telegraph office is located in Block 22 on East boulevard. Incoming wires will be telephoned to you at your battery office. You may send telegrams from the camp office or from any pay-telephone station.

Incoming long distance calls will be received at your battery headquarters office, while outgoing calls may be made from the public pay telephone booths in all recreation halls, PX's, Service Club and elsewhere in camp. A local telephone office is located in Block 10, where you will be assisted in placing calls.

Pay Day

Pay day is the last day of the month. Soon after your arrival you will be issued a Pay Book, which is the soldier's individual pay record. Guard this book with your life, as it means money to you.

News of the Camp

Published weekly (every Friday) and distributed without charge to officers and enlisted men; mailed, too, to thousands of homes and families, is *The Range Finder*, a full-size, eight-page, seven-column newspaper, one of the finest of all the army newspapers of the country.

The Range Finder is written by and for the men of the camp, and anyone of journalistic bent is invited to submit material for use in the newspaper columns. Ask your non-commissioned officers how you may become a reporter for *The Range Finder*. Anything unusual, interesting or humorous that you see or hear about, may be translated into words or cartoons, if you are handy with a pencil, and sub-

mitted to the editorial office of the camp newspaper.

Passes, Leaves, Furloughs

During your first week you are expected to remain in camp. Thereafter, it will be possible to visit neighboring San Diego and suburban communities after retreat (5 p. m.), and Saturday afternoons and Sundays. The number of passes issued for such trips at any one time is necessarily restricted and the percentage of men granted passes fluctuates with the needs of the command.

Saturday overnight passes may be obtained upon proper application to your battery commander through the first sergeant. There may, however, be restrictions against such passes at any time.

In exceptional cases 3-day passes may be granted by camp headquarters, but only in dire emergency will longer leaves be granted. Before leaving the camp be sure that you have fulfilled the simple requirements laid down for such absences, or you may involve yourself in considerable difficulty. A properly authorized pass is the equivalent of an insurance policy in many respects.

Transportation

While you are restricted in operating your personal vehicle in camp, you will have little difficulty in reaching neighboring communities. Buses to San Diego and La Jolla are operated on regular schedules by the Santa Fe and Greyhound lines, leaving the Block 10 PX. Returning, the buses stop at each battalion area to discharge passengers. Fare is 40 cents for the round trip if ticket is purchased at the PX prior to departure; otherwise 25 cents each way.

The camp bus, operated by the Camp Quartermaster, is routed along East boulevard from the south gate to the hospital at the north end of camp. Army buses are also operated during the summer between the camp and La Jolla Shores beach for those who like to swim.

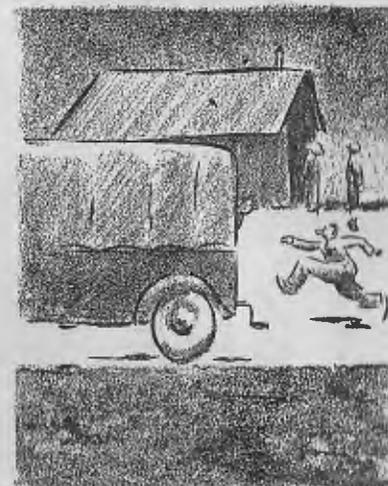
Schedules of all bus services, both private and Army, are posted on the bulletin board in your barracks. More complete travel information is available at the Block 10 PX. And, by the way, it will pay you to read your bulletin board once or twice each day to keep in touch with affairs of the camp. Here everything of importance to your new way of life may be found in bulletin form.

Off-the-Post Advice

As a Camp Callan trainee and a member of the U. S. Army, you will wish to conduct yourself accordingly when away from camp. You will remember to be neat in your dress and to wear the prescribed uniform.

Hitch-hiking is a dangerous practice. It is against the law and contrary to military regulations. U. S. O. waiting stations are available at prominent locations for those desiring transportation.

In order to avoid accidents, all members of the command are advised to walk on the sidewalk where available, or on the left



side of the road facing oncoming traffic. This is particularly important at night.

Acceptance of rides offered by motorists is all right. In accepting rides, be courteous. Do not smoke unless invited and refrain from unnecessary talking and laughing. You are a guest of the driver and the least you can do is to act like a gentleman and a soldier.

Red Cross

The American Red Cross offices—one at West boulevard in Block 10 and another at the Station Hospital—function as a part of the Military Welfare Service of American Red Cross. Their purpose is to help solve the problems which arise in the lives of the men of the enlisted personnel.

The services of the Red Cross are many and varied and you will find the workers ready and willing to be of service to you.

Restricted Area

The area west of West boulevard, with the exception of the picnic area in rear of Post Exchange headquarters, is off limits for civilians, and no one, either civilian or soldier, is allowed in this area except on duty.

Dog Tag

Your identification tags, or dog tags as they are called, must be worn at all times. If, for any reason, you have not been given your dog tags, inform your Battery Clerk at once.

Cashing Checks

The Bank of America maintains a branch in the Postoffice building on West boulevard at 10th street, which is open on Wednesdays, Fridays and paydays from 3 to 7 p. m. Checks less than \$20 may also be cashed at the camp PX.

Military Courtesy

The Military salute is a custom which has been in use among soldiers for centuries and is practiced in armed forces throughout the world today. It is a method of showing respect as well as a means of recognition between military personnel.

The salute is required at all times out of doors, not only in camp but in civilian areas, whenever you meet and recognize an officer. The distance for recognition is about 30 paces. Those entitled to the salute of enlisted men are commissioned officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, as well as commissioned nurses and warrant officers.

Indoors, you are not required to salute except when reporting to or before addressing an officer. If an officer enters your barracks or approaches your group the first person to see him calls "Attention" and everyone rises and remains at attention until the officer orders "rest" or departs.

Officers are required to return your salute, as an expression of their recognition of your good standing in the military service.

Saluting is only one requirement of military courtesy. Information on this important subject may be found in your Soldier's Handbook. If you are in doubt about any phase of this or any other army subject, do not hesitate to ask your officers or non-commissioned officers.

To Be An Officer

The demand for officers in all branches of the Army is constantly increasing and your chances of attending one of the numerous Officer Candidate Schools are very good if you will apply yourself. Thousands of young officers have received their basic training at Callan.

If your education and record justify, your battery commander will recommend your application for the school of your choice at completion of the 8-week training period. Text books which will help you qualify for the school are available at the library. "Math" and "Trig" refresher courses are conducted at the Enlisted Specialists School and at some of the batteries.

You will discover that hard work and ambition are just as essential in the Army as in civilian life if you wish to advance.

Letters From Home

The camp postoffice is located on West boulevard at 10th street. Mail leaves several times daily on posted schedules.

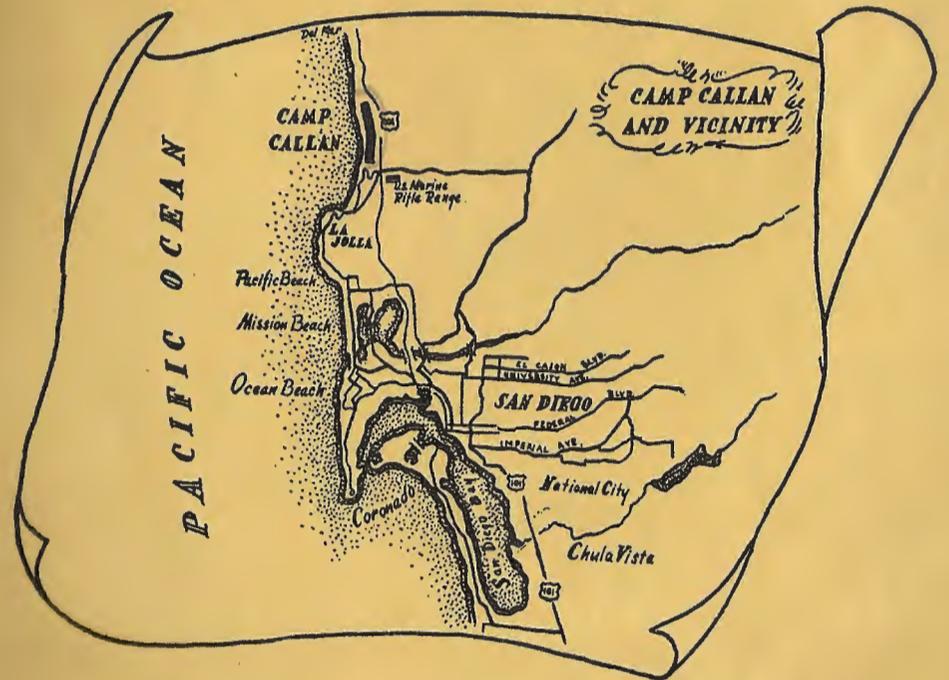
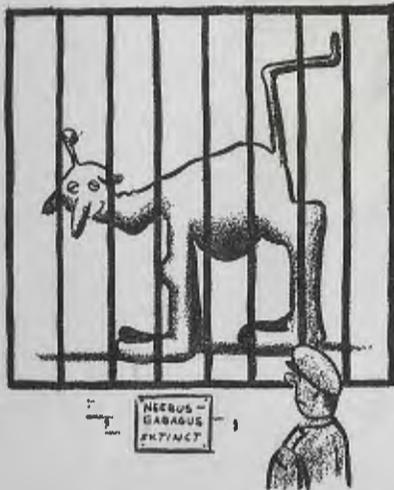
Collections of mail are made from a box in each barracks by the battery mail orderly and promptly forwarded to the postoffice.

Mail call is twice each day, when incoming mail is distributed by the mail orderly. It is important that you notify your regular correspondents, publishers and others of your complete address, including name, battery, and battalion.

Ordinary letters may be mailed free by service men, by writing the word "Free" in pen or pencil in the stamp

corner of the envelope. Be sure to write (not print) your name, grade, battery, battalion, camp and U. S. Army in the upper left hand corner, also.

So ends the tale.



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