

## Historical Sketch of Fort Belvoir, Virginia



MOUNT VERNON

PORT BELVOIR is located near Mt. Vernon, Virginia on ground once surveyed by our great American forefather and first President, George Washington.

Principal center of the United States Army Engineer training and experimentation, Belvoir, situated along the banks of the Potomac River, is divided by U. S. Highway

No. 1, which here, about eighteen miles South of the Nation's capital, trends east-west with the recently constructed ERTC, located on the North, and the permanent part of the post on the South. The reservation comprises more than 9600 acres.

First explored by Captain John Smith in 1608, the present area comprising Fort Belvoir was included in a grant made in 1688 by James II, of England, to Lord Culpepper.

The first Engineer Officer Training Camp of World War I was established at Fort Belvoir in May 1917. In August 1918 it was officially designated as a training center for Engineers. The reservation was then named Camp A. A. Humphreys, in honor of General Andrew A. Humphreys, well-known Engineer Officer in the Civil War and Chief of Engineers from 1866 to 1879.

Shortly after World War I, the post became the seat of the Engineer School, whose history dates back to the early part of the Nineteenth Century.

As principal Engineer post of the United States, Fort Belvoir, now commanded by Brigadier General E. H. Marks, includes the Engineer School, an Engineer Replacement Training Center, the Engineer Board, and a number of smaller units.



HEADQUARTERS-FORT BELVOIR





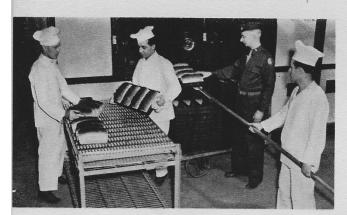
Troops arriving for basic training.

The Waacs arrive.

## MESS CALL!



Meat is stored at the refrigeration plant.



The post bakery provides the "staff of life."



Oh Boy-Chow!

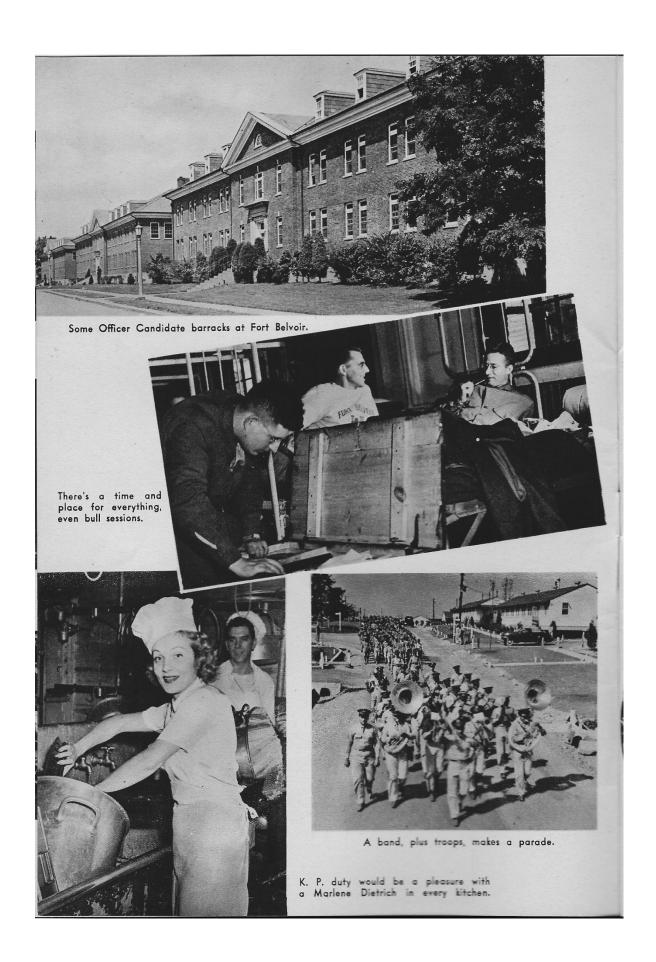


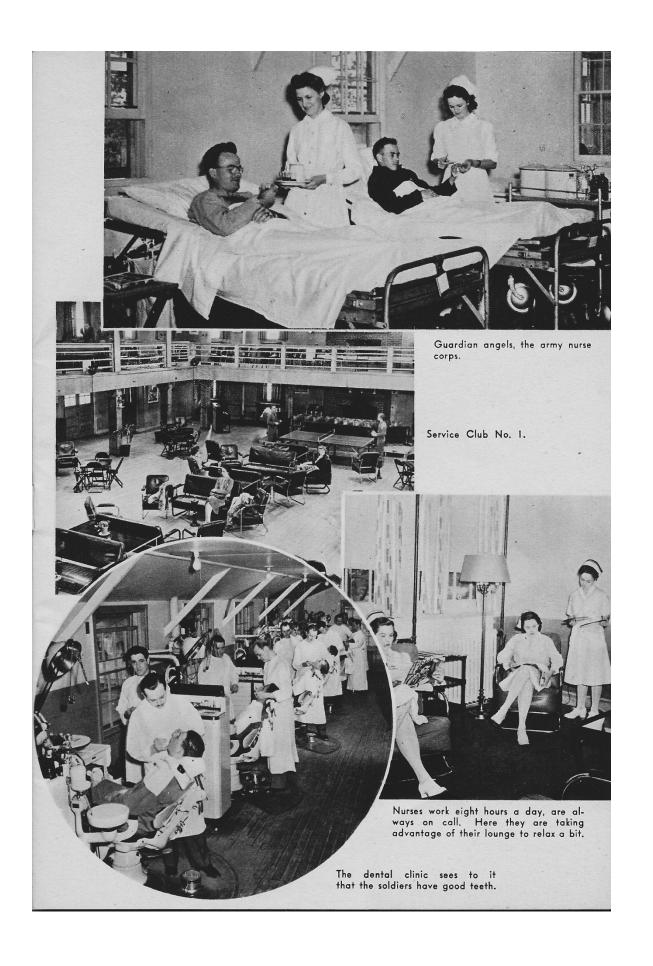
One of the mess halls.

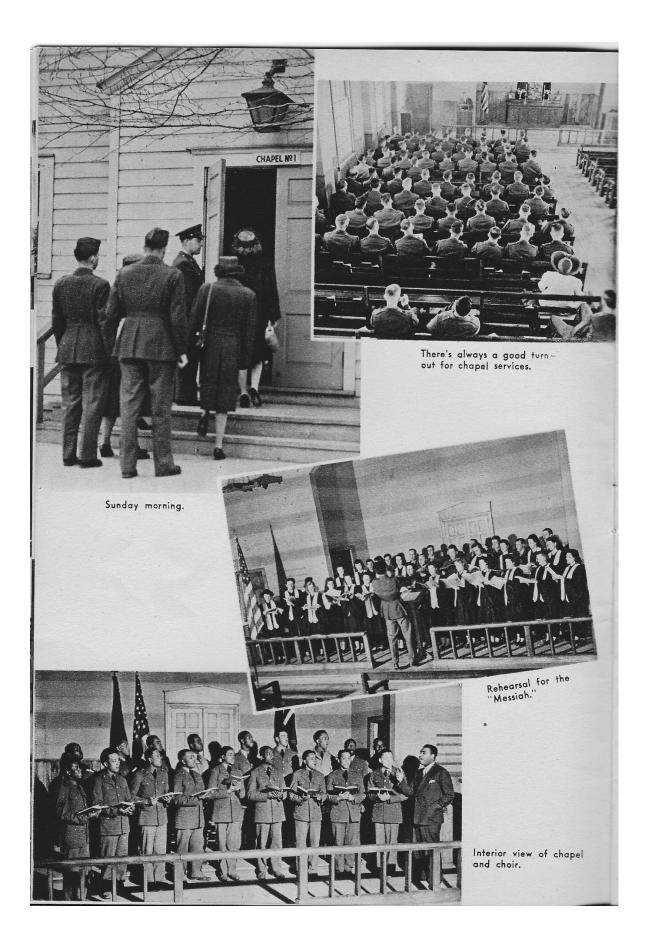
A meal being served in the field.

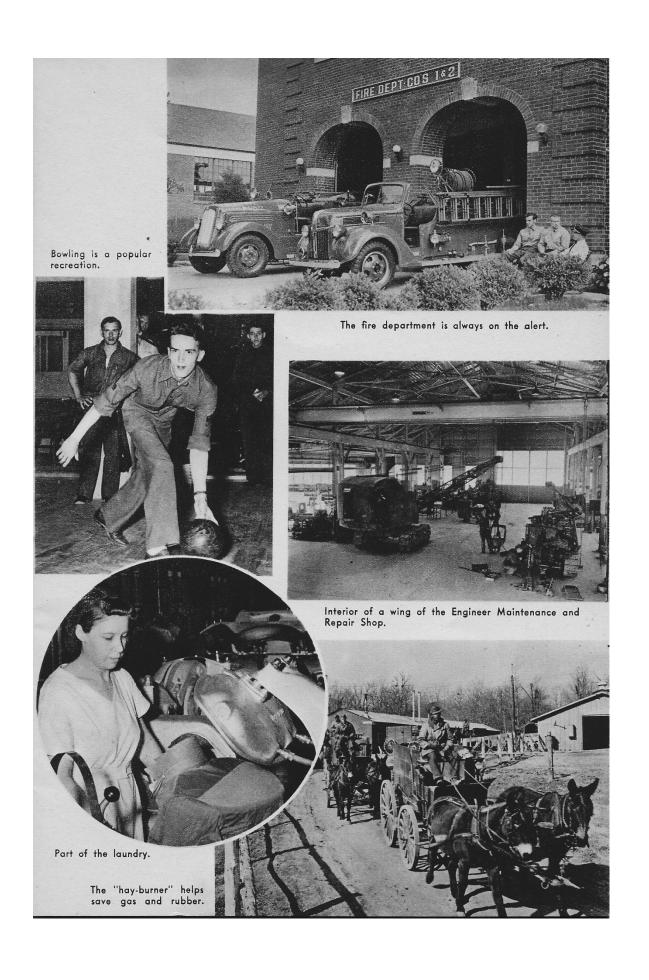










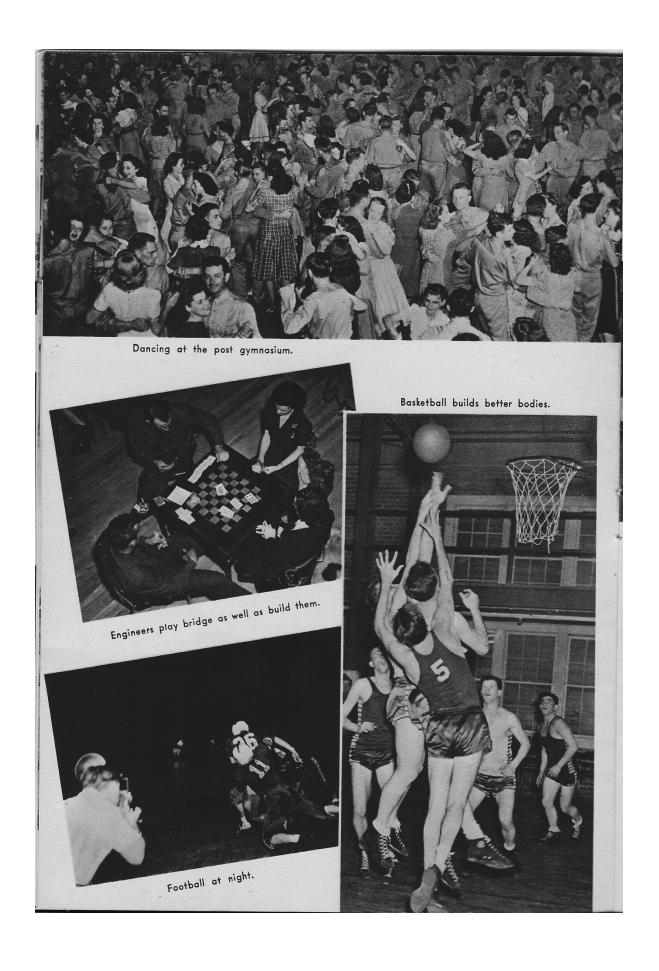






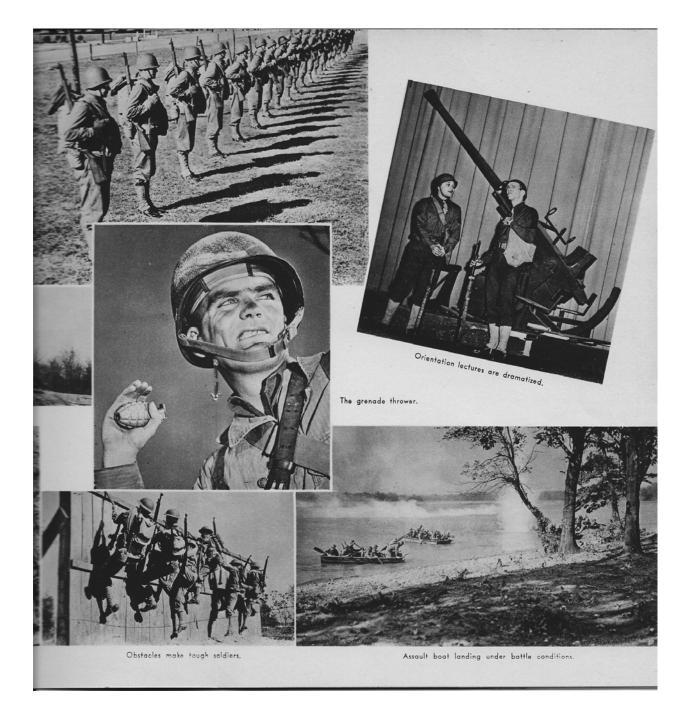
A close-up of the brass section of group II Band.

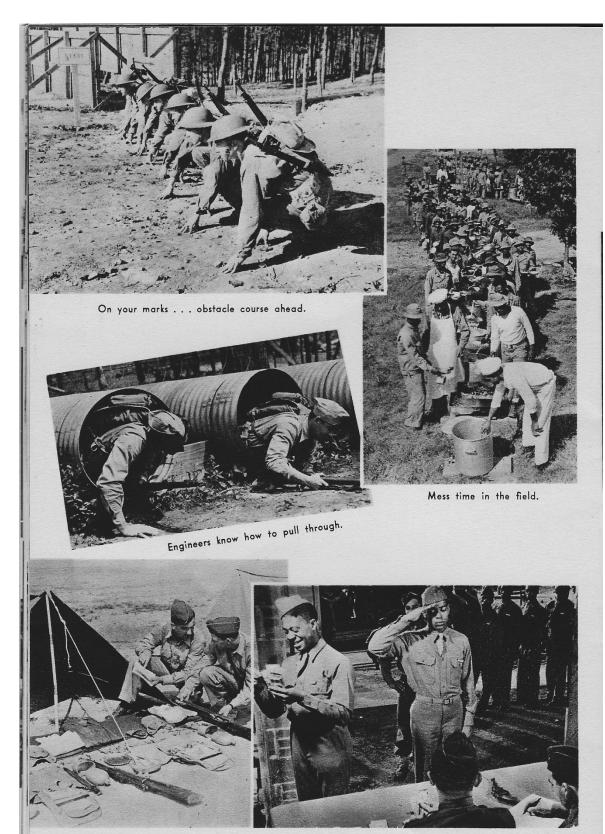












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The best day in the month . . .

