

Camp Hood

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Welcome to Camp Hood...

The advanced training program at Camp Hood is necessarily intensive, but camp army life is not all work. Camp Hood has an elaborate program to help enlisted personnel get the most from leisure hours.

This pocket guide to Camp Hood, prepared with the assistance of the Camp Public Relations Officer, is designed to help military personnel become acquainted with Camp Hood, and the recreational facilities which are here.

It is the wish of every company commander that his men realize the seriousness of advanced training, and at the same time enjoy the many "fun" activities at the camp. Each regiment and battalion has a special services officer who is there for the express purpose of giving information and to help formulate activities plans. Call upon these officers for more detailed information concerning the activities listed in this book.

If extra copies of this book are desired for mailing home, please ask for them at either of the Telephone Centers listed on Pages 18 and 19.

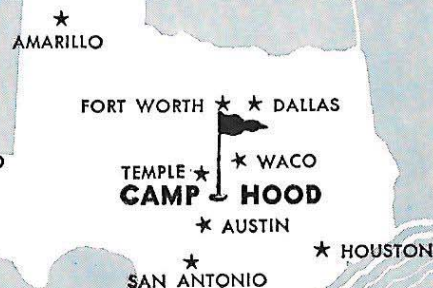
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About Camp Hood

Like the state which contains it, Camp Hood is big. Everything about it is big ... its cantonment area ... its training program ... its mission.

Camp Hood covers 160,000 acres of rugged Texas soil, midway between Dallas and San Antonio, 160 miles from each.

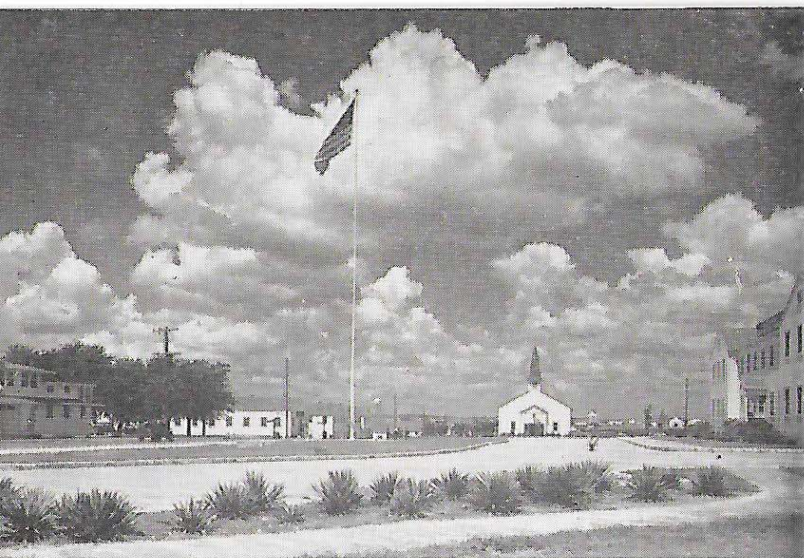


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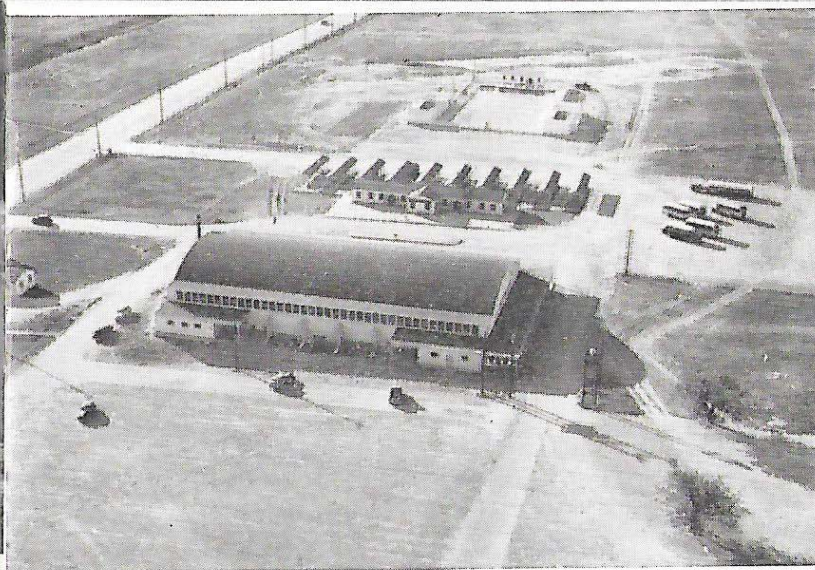
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About Camp Hood

CAMP HOOD—one of the largest military establishments in the United States—was activated on September 18, 1942, as the Tank Destroyer Center. More recently it has become a training center for other branches of the service as well, and is now a redeployment center. At Camp Hood are the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Tank Destroyer Center, 11th Special Troops of the Fourth Army, and units of the Army Service Forces.

The camp was named for General John B. Hood, an 1853 West Point graduate. It covers 160,000 acres of rolling hills and verdant valleys in the heart of central Texas. Old Fort Gates, built in 1849 to protect pioneers from the Indians, was on the site of what is now north camp.



CAMP HOOD is traversed by a series of escarpments, streams, ridges and hills. Through the southern half of this area runs Cowhouse Creek, whose banks are lined with cedar, cypress, pecan, liveoak, scrub oak, and mesquite trees.

One of the oldest cemeteries in Texas was established at Sugar Loaf over 100 years ago, and many of the pioneers buried here were the victims of Indian depredations. Four were killed in the Riggs Massacre of 1859, and on one of the headstones was this inscription: "John and Jane Riggs, Murdered by Comanche Indians March 16, 1859." On another stone was one of the most interesting epitaphs in central Texas: "Sacred to the Memory of Sarah Scoggin, born 1779, died January 12, 1882—Gone to Meet Her Eighteen Children and Her Three Husbands."

THE south camp reservation originally covered 108,000 acres. Later 52,000 additional acres were acquired. This extended the combined reservation north to within four miles of the city limits of Gatesville. The Government also acquired 17,000 acres adjoining the southern boundary of the original reservation.

Camp Hood is a City within Itself!

You have your own water supply furnishing four million gallons a day at south camp with an emergency supply of three million gallons from which to draw, and three million gallons a day at north camp. • You have your own electrical distribution system.



• You have one of the largest and finest laundries in the Eighth Service Command. • You have two of the finest bakeries in the Command. • You have two cold storage plants. • You have two large hospitals. The one at south camp has fifteen miles of



covered corridors. • You have ten dental clinics. • You have two of the largest dry cleaning establishments in the Southwest. • You have two large commissaries. • There is a furniture repair shop. • You have two veterinarians. • Camp



Hood broadcasts twice a week over the networks. The programs are presented by the Camp public relations office and the participants are military personnel. • Camp Hood comprises 300 square miles of land. • There are nearly 300 miles of paved roads on the reservation. • There are 1,465 telephones in camp.



• It is 28 miles from north to south camp, and only an impact area separates them. • 90,000 soldiers can live here. • Your post office is the largest in the Eighth Service Command with its 15,000 square feet, and it handles more than thirty-two million pieces of mail a year. • Cowhouse Creek, which runs through



the impact area, was so called because herds of wild cattle used the overhanging cliffs, which line its banks, as shelter from summer sun and winter wind. • The murals in the service clubs



were painted by soldiers stationed at one time or another at Camp Hood. • There are 5,500 buildings in the camp. • There are nearly 4,000 civilian employees in the camp. • Salado and Leon rivers on the reservation were named by the Spanish



who chose some significant point as their reason. Salado means, literally, salty, and Leon (lion) was so named because its roar, when swollen by rain, is lion-like. • You have your own newspaper which has distributed as many as 50,000 copies per week. It is the Camp Hood News, which is recognized as the enlisted man's newspaper.

"HELL ON WHEELS"
"UNDER THE HOOD"





Religious —Chapels are located conveniently throughout Camp Hood. Catholic, Jewish and Protestant services are conducted regularly. The chaplains are available 24 hours a day and are eager to render any service they can. Thousands of soldiers attend church services regularly at the various chapels.

A complete list of chapels is published in the ~~Camp Hood News~~ each week and also is posted on orderly room bulletin boards.

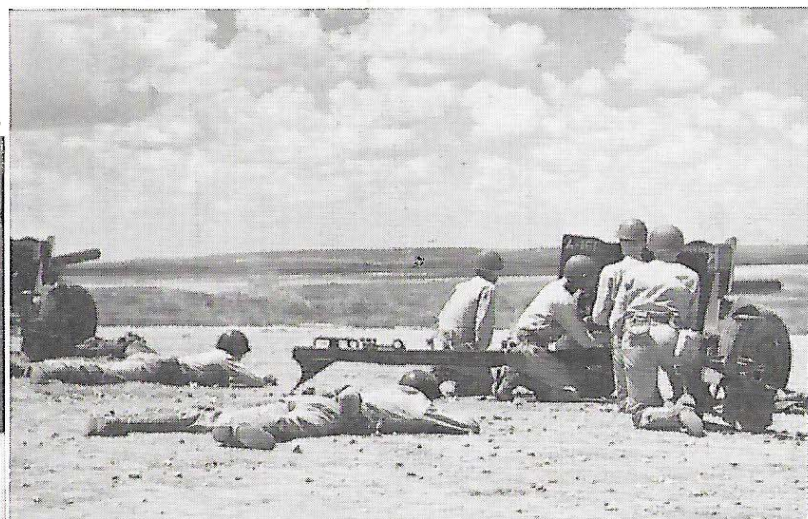
Red Cross. —The many services rendered by the American Red Cross include the granting of emergency loans, investigation of requests for emergency furloughs and the rendering of advice on other matters. The Red Cross workers prefer that the men discuss their problems with company commanders before enlisting their aid.

At south camp Red Cross headquarters is in building 644 on Hood Road at the rear of the Hood Road Theater. At north camp, the Red Cross is in building 10402, at 18th Street and G Avenue.

Hospital —Camp Hood's hospitals are large, fully equipped and staffed by capable Army doctors. Every soldier who needs hospitalization will receive the best care and treatment. Dental clinics are located conveniently throughout the cantonment area, and each regimental area has a dispensary for routine treatment.

Legal Aid —If legal advice is needed, the Staff Judge Advocate at camp headquarters will be glad to be of assistance.

Laundry —Laundry service is available to all enlisted men at a flat rate of ~~\$1.50~~ ^{\$1.85} a month. There is a limit of 25 pieces of GI clothing per week per soldier. Laundry is picked up at the various company or detachment supply rooms. The supply sergeants will explain the preparation of the bundles.



Recreational Facilities

Camp Hood's Special Service installations are the largest in the Army. There are no charges for any of the activities listed here.

Service Clubs—There are ^{15 ONE} five conveniently located service clubs throughout the camp. These clubs have dances every Tuesday and Thursday nights and often on Saturday and Sunday. Each club is equipped with bingo, table games, movies, table tennis, music and has regular variety program schedules. Each club has a lending library and reading room. There is a cafeteria and a soda fountain in each. The locations are:

162nd Street at Headquarters Avenue.

37th Street at South Avenue.

161st Street behind 162nd Street Service Club (for colored troops).

North Camp

Leon Drive between 21st and 23rd Streets.

12th Street and Headquarters Avenue.

The Officers' Club:

50th Street on Circle Drive.

26th Street and Academic Drive.

North Camp

Leon Drive between 18th and 20th Streets.

Headquarters Avenue and 8th Street.

Swimming Pools—Camp Hood has four swimming pools with recreational swimming every evening after 6 o'clock.

Bowling Alleys—There are three bowling alleys which are open from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m. every day.

Recreation Buildings—There are 244 recreation halls scattered throughout the regimental areas. These are equipped with large stages for theatrical and musical entertainments; basketball, volleyball and badminton courts; and boxing rings. Athletic equipment may be borrowed from each battalion's special service officer, who maintains a schedule for the use of the recreation halls.

Field House—On Headquarters Avenue near Hood Road is the Field House, which is used for dances, concerts, variety and dramatic shows, USO programs, athletic events and other large attendance activities. Accommodating 5,000 people, the Field House is usually chosen for dances with "big name" bands which are frequently held at Camp Hood.

Football Fields—There are 11 of these.

Baseball Diamonds—There are 21 baseball diamonds throughout Camp Hood.

Tennis—Camp Hood has four concrete tennis courts which may be reserved through camp Special Services.

Golf—Camp Hood has a nine-hole golf course at the athletic center on South Hood Road across from the Field House. Golf clubs are available at a low rental charge.

Softball—Camp Hood has 158 softball diamonds throughout the camp.

Basket Ball—There are 12 indoor basketball courts and 60 outdoor basketball courts.

Boxing—There are ten indoor boxing rings and two door rings.

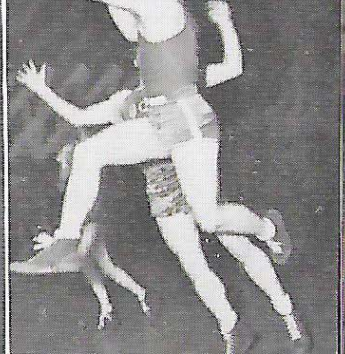
Track—Camp Hood has facilities for track meets consisting of a one-quarter mile and a 220-yard straightaways.

Arts and Crafts—The camp has two arts and crafts work shops. There are instructors for beginners, and adequate facilities for those who wish to develop useful hobbies.

Volley Ball—The camp is proud of its 200 volley ball courts throughout its regimental areas.

Horseshoe Pitching—There are 40 horseshoe pitching courts throughout the camp.

Handball—Camp Hood has two indoor handball courts.



You are invited to use the Telephone Centers in 37th Street and 162nd Street Service Clubs

Skilled operators are on duty during the busy hours to help you with your long distance calls.

Here are some suggestions that may help get your call through:

1. You may call person-to-person or station-to-station. On a person-to-person call, give the operator the name of the person to whom you wish to talk.

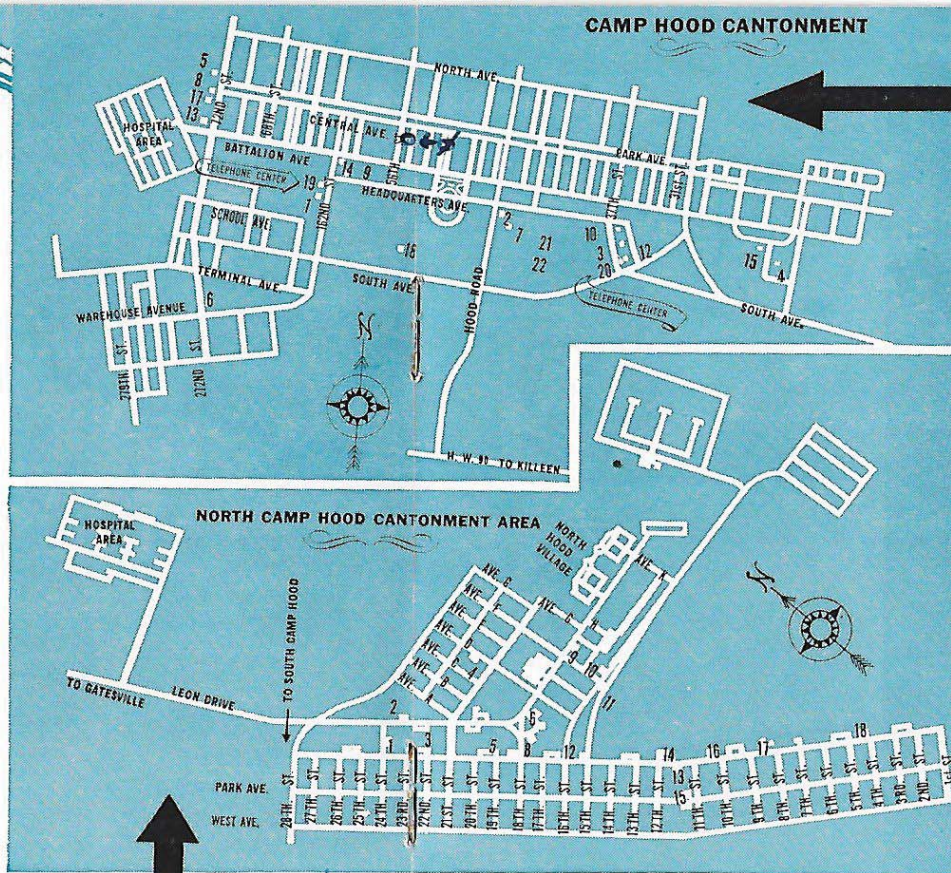
If you're reasonably sure that person will be near the telephone, or if you'll talk to anyone who answers, we recommend the cheaper station-to-station call, in which you ask the operator for the desired telephone back home.

2. You may call collect, if you wish.

3. Reduced rates start at 6 p.m. weekdays and are in effect all day Sunday.

Busiest hours on long distance lines are from 7 p.m. to midnight. To avoid delays, call before that time, or afterwards, if you can

Lull Mackbee
Camp Telephone Manager



**KEY TO MAP
NORTH CAMP HOOD**

1. Theatre
2. Library
3. Service Club
4. Theater
5. Theater
6. B.T.C.

7. Camp Headquarters
8. T. D. R. T. C.
9. Red Cross
10. Entraining Shed
11. Central Bus Depot
12. Theater

13. Library
14. Service Club
15. Central Recreation Hall
16. Theater
17. Officers' Club
18. Theater

**KEY TO MAP
SOUTH CAMP HOOD**

1. 162nd St. Theater
2. Hood Road Theater
3. 37th St. Theater
4. 24th St. Theater
5. 72nd St. Theater
6. 272nd St. Theater
7. Field House
8. Colored Guest House
9. 162nd St. Guest House
10. 37th St. Guest House
11. 162nd St. Service Club
12. 37th St. Service Club
13. Colored Service Club, 72nd St.
14. Colored Service Club, 161st St.
15. 26th St. Officers' Club
16. 50th St. Officers' Club
17. Colored Officers' Club
18. Swimming Pool
19. Telephone Center (in 162nd St. Service Club)
20. Telephone Center (in 37th St. Service Club)
21. Central Bus Station
22. Swimming Pool

Theaters—Camp Hood's War Department theaters feature first run pictures. Weekly schedules of theater attractions are posted on organization bulletin boards. Admission is 15 cents. Each theater offers two complete shows nightly, with matinees on Sunday afternoons.

Guest Houses—Adjacent to the service clubs are guest houses where families and friends of soldiers may stay for two nights at 50 cents per person per night. Meals may be obtained at the service clubs' cafeterias. Applications for accommodations in the guest houses may be made in advance through the hostesses.

Panther Park—The City of Lampasas has turned over to Camp Hood the use of a 150-acre park, now known as Panther Park. A large service club, a spacious dance floor, swimming pool, athletic facilities, a roller skating rink, and a cafeteria patterned after the service club cafes, are among the many features available to enlisted personnel.

There are barracks for enlisted men and women. A charge of 25 cents a night is made for the use of these sleeping accommodations.

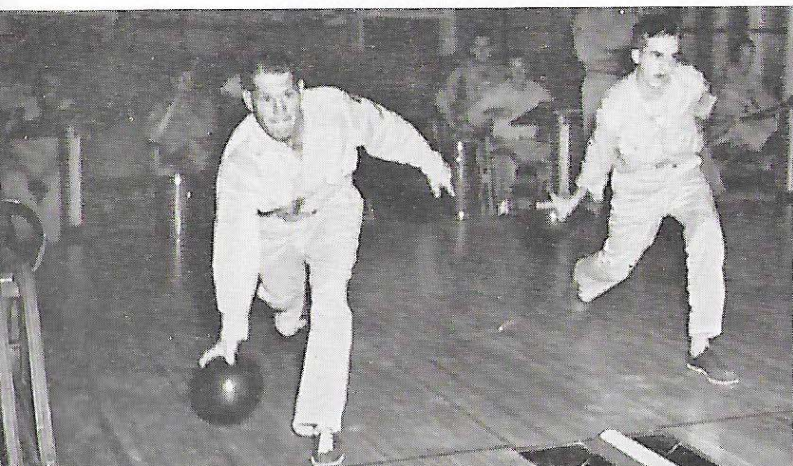
Panther Park is 50 minutes from south camp and an hour and a half from north camp. Direct transportation facilities are maintained to the park. Arrangements may be made through battalion or regimental special services officers.

Automobiles—Automobiles may be kept at camp, but regulations must be complied with. Cars should be registered with the Provost Marshal's office and receive a car tag which must be placed on the license plate. Public liability insurance for \$5,000 for each person and \$10,000 for each accident, and \$5,000 for property damage are required before car tags will be issued.

Transportation—In south camp, the central bus station is on Hood Road just off Headquarters Avenue, behind the Field House. Here intra-camp buses may be boarded. Buses going from camp to nearby communities also load at this point. Information may be obtained at the central bus station on bus schedules for three-day pass or furlough trips.

Enlisted men from Camp Hood who plan to travel by train should call the Chief of the Transportation Section, telephone 438 or 439. The entire trip will be planned through the assistance of this section.

In north camp, an entraining shed is on 15th Street and Avenue F. The Cotton Belt Railroad has daily schedules of trains leaving Camp Hood for Waco, and special train service is maintained on Saturdays and Sundays.



NEARBY TOWNS

Belton—A nice home-town place with a large USO. Theaters, restaurants, stores and soda fountains are first class. Direct bus service from Camp.

Killeen—Though small, Killeen has a good USO. Restaurants and drug store soft-drink counters are always ready to greet you. Bus service from Camp.

Temple—A beautiful city, home of the Army's McCloskey General Hospital. Restaurants, theaters, shops and beer parlors extend a special welcome to Camp Hood soldiers. Direct bus service from Camp.

Gatesville—Four miles from North Camp, has four motion picture theaters. Restaurants and drug stores are approved by the Central Texas Board of Health to cater to military personnel. Municipally-owned Raby Park swimming pool offers cool summer entertainment and a fine USO offers the best in off-duty recreation.

Waco has a large USO with a Saturday night dance as a regular feature. Shows, restaurants and many stores have arranged special hours to accommodate the thousands of soldiers who go to Waco over the week-end. The Special Services Office maintains a tent city at the Cotton Palace grounds, inside the Waco city limits, where soldiers may bunk overnight for 25 cents. Fast daily train service from North Camp Hood is maintained with convenient schedules. Direct bus service from Camp. Hotel facilities are overcrowded.

McGregor is 20 miles from North Camp, on the highway to Waco. Regular bus service from Camp.

Lampasas is chiefly noted by men of Camp Hood as the home of Panther Park. Regular bus schedules from North Camp Hood and Gatesville.

Austin—Nearly 80 miles south of Camp Hood, is the capital of Texas and home of the University of Texas. Three USO clubs, historical museums, art galleries, good hotels and restaurants are among Austin's friendly attractions to soldiers. Hotels are overcrowded on week-ends. Transportation via Waco or Temple.

San Antonio—Picturesque metropolis of south Texas, is about 160 miles southwest of Camp Hood. Famed as a winter resort, San Antonio also is an important military center. Much of Texas' colorful history transpired in and near San Antonio. The Alamo, "cradle of Texas Liberty," many historic missions, and the large Mexican settlement are among the city's attractions to visitors.

Dallas and Fort Worth are approximately 160 miles north of Camp Hood and are accessible by train or bus. Both cities offer numerous attractions to soldiers.

The massive Texas Capitol, in Austin, is surrounded by beautifully landscaped grounds.

Photo by Ellison, Austin



PUBLIC TELEPHONE SERVICE



Wherever you see this sign, you'll find a public telephone to serve you. For your convenience, there are 100 telephones through Camp Hood and North Camp Hood. Most of them are in Post Exchanges and Service Clubs.

Attended Telephone Centers—Camp Hood has two Telephone Centers, where experienced operators are on duty during the busy hours each evening and all day on Sundays to help you complete your calls. These Telephone Centers are in the Library reading rooms of the 37th Street and the 162nd Street Service Clubs in Camp Hood.

The operators are glad to make change for you and to do all within their power to get your calls through. These telephones are available at all hours the buildings are open.

Operators are on duty at Camp Hood's Telephone Centers to help soldiers complete personal telephone calls.

Photograph by U. S. Army Signal Corps



Telephone Centers also are maintained in the Waco and Austin USO Centers for the convenience of soldiers who wish to make local or long distance telephone calls while visiting in these cities.

Camp Telephone Managers—Ed Mockbee is the full-time civilian camp telephone manager for Camp Hood and Bill Enders is assistant camp manager. Both are experienced telephone men... Mockbee has 22 years of service with the telephone company, while Enders has been doing telephone work for more than 15 years.

The duties of these camp managers are to assist you with your telephone problems, and to arrange the public telephones in the Camp so they will serve you and the other men most effectively.

When you have telephone problems, comments, or criticisms, please feel free to call on Mr. Mockbee or Mr. Enders. You will find them glad to help you.



ED MOCKBEE

How You May Be Reached by Telephone

Just in case your folks need to reach you by telephone, please let them know how you can be called.

Your correct mailing address is sufficient information, as it includes your complete name, company, and battalion. All incoming calls are handled by the official P.B.X. board. When you are notified who is calling you, go at once to any Public Telephone and call the operator or number given you.



BILL ENDERS

ABOUT THESE DELAYS ON

Long Distance Calls!

THE end of the war did not bring an end to delays on long distance telephone calls. Instead, the daily volume of long distance traffic has gone even higher.

During the war, telephone factories were busy turning out communications equipment and electrical weapons for the armed forces. This is as it should have been. There was neither the time nor the materials to manufacture the additional lines and central office equipment needed to keep pace with the ever-increasing volume of long distance traffic.

WITH few additions possible to the long distance telephone plant, the volume of calls skyrocketed. Nearly three times as many long distance calls were made in 1944 as in 1940—and 1940 was a busy year for long distance!

Telephone factories, now that the war is won, again are making long distance lines, cables and central office equipment. But it takes time to manufacture and install this complicated long distance equipment.

IN THE meantime, delays on many long distance calls—especially during the rush hours—are unavoidable. If your call is delayed, please remember that we are doing the best we can with the facilities we have. And for your patience and understanding, “Thank You.”



This is a part of the Camp Hood telephone switchboard, where official calls as well as personal calls from soldiers are handled.



TELEPHONE SUGGESTIONS

You can help us give you better telephone service if you will observe the following suggestions:

1. Try to avoid the busiest hours of the day, particularly after 7:00 each evening. Also, avoid the pay-day rush. Unless your long distance call is urgent, please wait three or four days after pay-day to make it.
2. Choose between the cheaper Station-to-Station service and the higher-priced Person-to-Person call.
3. Find out the rate, so you can have the correct amount of change when you make a call from a public telephone. Typical rates to cities in all sections of the country are listed inside the back cover of this booklet. It will save time if you will have the correct change in nickels, dimes, and quarters.
4. Place your call by number if you know it. You will help us to give you faster service. Out-of-town directories are available at the Telephone Centers in Camp Hood.
5. If your call does not go through immediately, please wait outside the booth, or place your call again later, whichever the operator asks you to do.
6. If a call for someone else comes through while you are in the booth, please call him to the telephone. It will not delay your call.
7. Please be brief. You can help us handle the load of long distance calls by limiting your conversation to five minutes or less, especially during the evening rush hours and on Sundays.

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Telephone Rates from Camp Hood

Rates quoted below are for a three-minute conversation. These rates apply on calls from South Camp Hood. Calls from North Camp Hood may cost slightly more or less than the rates shown.

TO:	Station-to-Station		Person-to-Person	
	Week-Days	Nights and Sundays	Week-Days	Nights and Sundays
Abilene, Texas.....	\$1.00	\$.65	\$1.40	\$1.00
Akron, Ohio.....	2.65	2.00	3.50	2.90
Albuquerque, New Mexico.....	1.95	1.45	2.55	2.05
Amarillo, Texas.....	1.65	1.05	2.15	1.55
Atlanta, Georgia.....	2.30	1.70	3.05	2.45
Austin, Texas.....	.55	.45	.80	.70
Baltimore, Maryland.....	2.80	2.20	3.75	3.15
Belton, Texas.....	.25	.25	.40	.40
Boston, Massachusetts.....	2.95	2.30	4.00	3.40
Charleston, South Carolina.....	2.55	1.95	3.45	2.80
Chicago, Illinois.....	2.45	1.80	3.30	2.70
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	2.45	1.80	3.30	2.70
Corpus Christi, Texas.....	1.25	.75	1.70	1.20
Dallas, Texas.....	.95	.55	1.30	.95
Denver, Colorado.....	2.20	1.55	2.95	2.30
Des Moines, Iowa.....	2.25	1.65	3.00	2.40
Detroit, Michigan.....	2.65	2.00	3.50	2.90
El Paso, Texas.....	1.90	1.30	2.50	1.95
Helena, Montana.....	2.80	2.20	3.75	3.15
Houston, Texas.....	1.05	.70	1.45	1.05
Jackson, Mississippi.....	1.65	1.15	2.20	1.70
Kansas City, Missouri.....	1.90	1.40	2.50	2.00
Little Rock, Arkansas.....	1.50	1.00	2.00	1.50
Los Angeles, California.....	2.75	2.15	3.65	3.00
Louisville, Kentucky.....	2.30	1.70	3.05	2.45
Nashville, Tennessee.....	2.15	1.55	2.80	2.25
New Orleans, Louisiana.....	1.65	1.15	2.20	1.70
New York, New York.....	2.90	2.25	3.90	3.25
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	1.25	.80	1.70	1.25
Omaha, Nebraska.....	2.15	1.55	2.80	2.25
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.....	2.80	2.20	3.75	3.15
Phoenix, Arizona.....	2.40	1.75	3.20	2.55
Portland, Oregon.....	3.00	2.40	4.15	3.50
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.....	2.70	2.05	3.55	2.95
Richmond, Virginia.....	2.75	2.15	3.65	3.00
St. Louis, Missouri.....	2.05	1.50	2.75	2.20
St. Paul, Minnesota.....	2.50	1.90	3.40	2.75
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	2.55	1.95	3.45	2.80
San Antonio, Texas.....	.90	.50	1.25	.90
San Francisco, California.....	2.95	2.30	4.00	3.40
Tampa, Florida.....	2.45	1.80	3.30	2.70
Tempe, Texas.....	.30	.30	.45	.45
Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	1.40	.95	1.80	1.40
Waco, Texas.....	.50	.45	.70	.65
Wichita Falls, Texas.....	1.15	.70	1.50	1.05

These rates include the Federal tax of 25 per cent on calls costing 25 cents or more.

IT IS A TREMENDOUS TASK to manufacture and install thousands of miles of complex long distance cable . . . thousands of units of intricate, made-to-order central office equipment. It is a big job that had to be postponed until the War was won, because telephone factories were making Radar, combat telephones, electrical gun directors, and communications equipment that has seen service on every battle front.



IT IS A BIG JOB THAT TAKES TIME. Everything possible is being done to speed the installation of new equipment required to handle promptly this nation's increasing volume of long distance calls. In the meantime, delays are unavoidable on many calls—especially during the rush hours.

