

271 ORDNANCE NOW AT CAMP

Automotive Maintenance Unit Arrives From Camp Campbell

CAMP ATTERBURY, Sept. 4—The 271st Ordnance Co., a medium automotive maintenance unit, is another new member of the Camp Atterbury family, arriving here from Camp Campbell, Ky., the past week. The unit is commanded by Capt. Thomas Fleming, III.

Doing third echelon maintenance work it backs up the combat troops, and is the mainstay which keeps the vehicles in working condition. The company will operate with the 106th Division, 772nd Tank Bn., and the 822nd Tank Destroyer Bn. here.

After spending four months at its activation center, Camp Breckinridge, Ky., the men proceeded to Camp McCoy, Wis., and during the summer months of 1943 maneuvered in the South.

In the words of Capt. Fleming: "Our primary purpose is to maintain the excellent fighting condition of the Army's vehicles."

The captain hails from Pasadena, Calif., and was commissioned in the field artillery reserve after graduation from Stanford University in 1939. Called to active duty in October, 1940, he was in the Production Division of the Fire Control and Artillery of the Chief Ordnance Department at Washington, D.C., until 1942. The captain graduated from a two months' artillery course at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., in April, 1943. It was at Camp McCoy that he became commanding officer.

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