

## ROOKIES ARRIVE AT ATTERBURY

Camp Completes First Week as Reception Center Under New Set-up.

"You'll be sorry!" That greeting, familiar to every soldier on his first day in the Army, is being heard for the first time, too, at Camp Atterbury as the rookies arrive at the camp's new reception center, which completed its first full week today.

All selectees inducted into the Army in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky are now being sent to the Atterbury reception center for the shift from civilian to soldier. The center processes approximately 9,000 selectees a month.

The reception center and reception station were moved to Atterbury from Fort Benjamin Harrison a week ago, without interruption of induction activities.

The reception station, established a year ago for return of men from overseas, is in operation on a big scale at its new site in Camp Atterbury and more than 1,100 men were received at Atterbury in one shipment from overseas this week. All were on their way home for visits the next day.

### On Way in 24 Hours.

Upon arrival of the veterans at the reception station they are checked in, given a maximum partial payment, supplied with necessary clothing and re-assigned. Twenty-four hours later they are on their way to a new station with orders calling for a 21-day delay en route. Transportation is arranged to take them as near as possible to their homes.

More than 3,000 men a month go through this station. Men due to return to the country are sent in groups from the theater of war to the station nearest the place where they wish to take a furlough or leave.

At present the 1534th Service unit, which includes the reception center and station, is composed of six companies, A, B, C, D, M and Headquarters. The reception center was activated at Fort Harrison in November, 1940, and at first had a capacity of 1,000 men, with 250 new soldiers being processed daily. When the induction rate hit its peak in the late months of 1943, from 1,000 to 1,500 men were being processed every day.

### Get 'Combat Chow.'

The new soldiers arriving at the Atterbury reception center are having a look at "combat chow" immediately upon reaching the center as a combat feeding school has been set up in the reception center area and more than 1,000 men are being fed daily under simulated field conditions.

Combat feeding under all possible conditions is being taught the 106th Division mess personnel outdoors and the course is believed to be the first of its kind in this country.

The course covers all phases of cooking and baking, including work on all rations from "A" to "K" and dehydrated foods. The 1-month training is under supervision of Lt. R. J. Krosser, commanding officer of the bakers' and cooks' school. Cooking is done both outdoors and under tents.

# 1944\_09\_09 Reception Center up and running

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