

# TANK DESTROYER SCHOOL

## Camp Hood, Texas



# HANDBOOK

## FOR

# OFFICER CANDIDATES

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## FOREWORD

### THE TANK DESTROYERS

The members of Tank Destroyer units wear, upon their shoulders, insignia that symbolizes their aggressive *spirit* and tactical doctrine. Like the black panther, which stealthily stalks his prey and launches his killing attack from a point of vantage, Tank Destroyers seek, by vigorous close reconnaissance, *information* of enemy tanks and suitable firing positions to be occupied by well-timed movement. By smart, shrewd, tricky methods, even cautious at times, they strive for every advantage of information and choice of terrain. They strike and destroy by surprise and massed gun-fire.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT  
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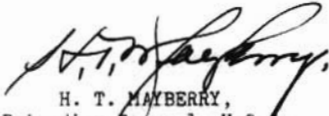
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Welcome to the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate School. May your stay here be most profitable to you.

You have been detailed to this school to undergo a course of training designed to fit you to become an officer. You are believed to possess those qualities and characteristics of a leader which must be possessed by the individual who aspires to be an officer. It is our purpose to determine whether or not you possess those basic qualifications of a leader, and to develop your military proficiency.

Your duties here will not be easy; the course is rugged and tough. You must realize this fact at the beginning of your work with us in order that you will not be left behind. You are here presented with a great opportunity, and it will be necessary that you apply yourself assiduously to make the most of it. It is only by sincere and earnest application that you can assimilate the course presented. Since you aspire to be an officer, make up your mind to be a good one. Extend yourself to your utmost in your training and studies.

Finally, remember above all, that it is the mission of this School to develop leaders capable of handling a Tank Destroyer platoon in combat.



H. T. MAYBERRY,  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.  
Commandant.



## HISTORY OF CAMP HOOD

Camp Hood was first conceived as an idea-- specially trained soldiers whose sole task and duty would be to SEEK, STRIKE, and DESTROY enemy tanks. In December, 1941, the Tank Destroyer Tactical and Firing Center was activated at Ft. Meade, Maryland, with one TD Battalion assigned to it for experimental purposes. Camp Hood was then in the process of being planned and constructed. During the early days in 1942, Camp Headquarters were in Temple; training was being carried on in the northern part of the reservation so as not to interfere with construction activities.

By the beginning of May an Officers' Orientation Course was begun in Gatesville. The first Officer Candidate Class reported on July 20th. These first few Classes used public buildings, abandoned CCC camps, and gymnasiums as barracks and classrooms.

From this meager beginning Camp Hood has grown to more than 158,000 acres, or over 253 square miles. The cantonment area includes approximately 5,000 buildings of every type and description. It has within its limits practically every kind of terrain which may be encountered on present-day battlefields.

Camp Hood is situated in the geographic center of Texas. It is 65 miles southwest of Waco, 28 miles west of Temple, and 80 miles north of Austin. In Temple are the Katy and Santa Fe Railroads, and the Greyhound and the Southwestern Bus Lines. Frequent bus schedules are maintained between Temple, Belton, and Camp.

The Center now covers all phases of TD activities. Many instruction and training programs are carried on within its boundaries. Raw recruits receive their basic training at Replacement Training Center; the individuals are welded into trained fighting teams, the TD Battalions, at Basic Unit Training Center and Advanced Unit Training Center. The TD School serves these centers by training specialists in motor repair and maintenance, demolition, radio operation and weapons. Orientation courses and advanced training for officers are given as a part of Student Officer Courses of TD School. This Officer Candidate School has for its purpose the commissioning as 2nd Lieutenants of enlisted men, warrant officers, and ROTC cadets trained in TD principles and tactics.



# THE OFFICER CANDIDATE

## CHARACTER AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

Leadership is a combination of qualities, inherent and acquired, which evoke respect, confidence, and a "will to do" from one's fellow men. A leader must know his work, be self-confident, determined and forceful, display initiative, and think rapidly in critical and unexpected situations.

Leadership is the most important factor sought in and DEMANDED from Officer Candidates. It is to be LEADERS that you are being trained and commissioned. In its broad sense, this encompasses a thorough knowledge of one's field and work, so that you, as officers, may truly LEAD in all phases of your future duties. Your men must instinctively look to you. To achieve this end, you must earn their respect for your knowledge, for your assumption of responsibility, and for your decisiveness of action. If you KNOW what you are doing, your self-confidence will inspire the confidence and respect of your men and be mirrored in their actions.

The strength of our army depends upon the caliber of its officers--they must be true LEADERS. NO CANDIDATE CAN BE COMMISSIONED WHO DOES NOT DISPLAY LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. Assume the role of leader. Be definite, forceful, direct; be self-confident, resourceful, assume responsibility. At all times, LOOK, ACT, AND BE THE LEADER.

Character and leadership are determined not only by your capabilities as a student in the class-



rooms and on the field, but also by your attitudes and general capabilities as expressed in formations, in barracks, and during drill and calisthenics which are as much a part of your schedule as formal instruction.

An officer sets the example for his troops to follow; his clothes fit -- are neat and clean; his shoes are shined; his hair cut and combed; he is shaved; and in general, he presents an appearance which can well provide an example for others. It is imperative that the potential officer present the same well-groomed appearance. Remember, sloppy men make sloppy soldiers.

The same standard of conduct is demanded of candidates which is expected of officers. You must always conduct yourself as an officer and a gentleman.

#### STATUS WHILE A CANDIDATE

While in attendance at this school, candidates will remove all insignia of grade and rating from their clothing so that they will all be considered on equal status. They will have the title of "Candidate" and will be addressed as "Mister." For official and pay purposes only, candidates will retain their grades and ratings unless reduced or disrated for disciplinary reasons. When attendance is from a station involving hazardous duty, such as foreign service, parachute jumping, or flying, the enlisted men, or warrant officers so classified will not receive the pay for such classifications while students at this school.

The prescribed distinctive insignia will be

worn by all officer candidates during the period they are in school. It will be worn on the left pocket of the shirt, and centered on the outside of the right sleeve on the blouse, field jacket, and overcoat, with the lowest point 4" above the lower edge.

#### RELIEF FROM SCHOOL

Releases from School and failures to be commissioned are about equally divided between academic failure and lack of leadership. An officer must master the tools of his trade; he must know his weapons and his tactics; to be an intelligent leader of men, he must know what he is doing. The candidate who fails to learn his job well cannot possibly qualify as a leader and an officer.

Conversely, the candidate may do well academically, but fail as a leader. His appearance and bearing do not intrinsically warrant attention; his physical coordination and adaptability do not place him in the fore; he doesn't "get on well" with his fellows; he hasn't the proper attitude toward his job; he can't adequately express his idea; he can't handle men, and he hasn't the stability to carry through a mission regardless of the circumstances. Such a candidate will not be commissioned.

Remember - you are being trained to lead troops. The army virtually entrusts the lives of its troops to its officers. To become an officer you must merit this trust.

# THE SCHOOL COURSE

## LENGTH & OUTLINE SCHEDULE OF COURSE OF INSTRUCTION AND SUBJECTS

This comprehensive course of study is designed to prepare the candidate for his task as a leader. The School curriculum consists of fourteen weeks of classroom instruction as well as field and practical work. The scheduled hours are summarized as follows:

GENERAL SUBJECTS (12 1/2%) - Company administration, military law, military courtesy and customs of the Service, first aid, mess management and chemical warfare.

AUTOMOTIVE (3 1/2%) - Maintenance, parts, installations and inspections of motor vehicles, and identification of tanks of friendly and enemy nations.

WEAPONS (31 1/2%) - Carbine Cal.30 M1, Thompson Sub-machine gun, Automatic pistol, Cal .45 and revolver Cal .45, grenades, machine guns, Cal .30 and Cal 50, Tank Destroyer 75mm, 37mm, and 3", aircraft identification, and anti-aircraft firing.

PIONEER (8 1/2%) - Maps and map reading, aerial photos, camouflage, explosives, demolitions, reconnaissance, and tools and equipment.

COMMUNICATION (2%) - Radio transmission and technique, codes and ciphers.

TACTICS (22%) - Employment of Tank Destroyer units, marches, combat intelligence, reconnaissance, combat orders, duties of various officers, supply, security,

air-ground liaison, enemy employment of armored forces, logistics, methods of training and instruction, and current events.

MISCELLANEOUS (20%) - Study Periods, physical training, parades, time reserved for the Commandant, and time allotted to the Officer Candidate School Regiment.

The courses are presented approximately in the above sequence, and are taught by the classroom-conference method, by training films, demonstrations, and practical work, both on the field and in the classroom. Graded tests are given frequently to judge whether the candidate understands the subject matter and to better impress upon his mind the more important facts and features of each course.

The twelfth week of the course will be a field period with all student officers and non-commissioned officers in actual command. Combat area conditions and precautions will be strictly practiced in all phases of the bivouac, the march, and the problems. Company officers will function only as supervisors and instructors.

#### COMMAND AND PHYSICAL TRAINING

Command and physical training periods are held frequently throughout the course. Candidates are detailed as instructors in accordance with platoon drill notices which are placed on the barracks bulletin boards prior to the drill period. The command training periods provide for four separate assignments divided equally among the four assigned candidates. The physical training periods provide for five separate assignments, four being definitely

pre-assigned and the fifth conducted by a candidate selected from the balance of the platoon at the time the assignment is to be performed. A candidate may be selected for more than one assignment.

Candidates should prepare thoroughly for an assignment or possible assignment, and must keep within the allotted time. The scheduled training should be conducted effectively in a vigorous and aggressive manner. The candidate will be graded by one or more company officers on his conduct of the training exercise. His preparation, his manner of explanation and direction, his voice and bearing, and the responses of the platoon to his commands are important considerations for the company officers in their evaluation of the candidates as a leader and as a potential officer.

#### MARCHING AND RETREAT PARADES

Candidates will be required to double time at all times when not in formation within the Regimental area, with the exception of one hour after each meal. When proceeding as a group, candidates will march in formation under command of their student officers. Formations will double time across all intersections. Candidates, whether proceeding individually or in formation, will at all times proceed along the left side of the road so as to face the oncoming traffic.

Retreat Parades are held three times weekly at the Regimental Parade Grounds. These parades are conducted entirely by the Officer Candidates and are reviewed by Regimental or guest Officers. The Candidates are graded on their efficiency, conduct, and appearance both in formation and as student officers. Parade formations and regulations are set forth in the Infantry Drill Regulations, FM 22-5, Page 197.

## STUDY PERIODS

Instruction by practical work, lecture, and discussion is supplemented by the study of training and field manuals, directives, "poop sheets," and other written matter. The Study Period consists of an hour of supervised study in a classroom, under the direction of an instructor in the subject currently being taught. The candidates march to the classroom in formation, but will not return in formation. Attendance is compulsory for the scheduled hour. Students may continue to study after the expiration of the period; the instructor will remain if a sufficient number are present.

Candidates will be absolutely quiet and will not smoke. They may ask questions by approaching the instructor quietly so as not to disturb the remainder of the class.

## GRADES

Candidates are required to maintain a satisfactory grade academically and to display those qualities of character, ability, and leadership required of an officer. Graded Tests (GTs) are marked Excellent (Ex), Satisfactory (S), or Unsatisfactory (U), and are scored 95-100 for Excellent, 70-94 for Satisfactory, and below 70 for Unsatisfactory. The academic average is computed by weighting the scores on a basis which considers both the importance of the subject and the number of hours devoted to it.

In determining leadership qualities each candidate is considered individually. No pattern or arbitrary standard is applied, but rather he is care-

fully studied in the light of those factors of leadership which have been set forth under that heading.

### THE HONOR SYSTEM

The HONOR of an officer is the cornerstone upon which our army is built. His word is unquestioned. This trust and confidence in an officer's word and upon his integrity is necessary for the efficient operation of our army. The code of Honor of an officer in the Army of the United States will govern the Honor System as applied to graded tests and to the daily ethics of the officer candidate.

The Honor Code will be supervised by an Honor Committee consisting of one candidate from each platoon. The initial committee members will be appointed by the Commanding Officer, OCS Regiment, and will serve until the end of the fifth week, at which time the candidates will elect their own representatives.

This Honor Committee will function under the guidance of a School Officer who will act as committee President. It will meet at the call of the President, at which time suggestions and recommendations for its operation, and development may be made and any violations by Candidates discussed and considered.

Graded Tests will be taken under the Honor System. The instructor usually and regularly in charge of the class will be present to answer questions and to administer the necessary details of the test. Though not a police officer, he will report any noticeable violations of honor. In taking a Graded

Test, the candidates will make the following certification: "I certify that I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance; nor have I used unauthorized texts or notes in the solution of this test."

#### STUDENT OFFICERS

Companies are organized into platoons and squads, with the candidates acting as company commander, platoon leaders, and non-commissioned officers. Assignments are made semi-weekly, on Mondays and Thursdays, and are rotated among the candidates. In this manner each student acts as a company officer or non-commissioned officer and thus familiarizes himself with these duties. The candidate is judged upon his ability and efficiency in performing and carrying out his assignments. This is an important factor in determining his leadership and officer capabilities.

The Infantry Drill Regulations, FM 22-5, pages 68 through 85, sets forth the procedure for forming the company and the duties and positions of the various company officers and non-commissioned officers. These pages should be carefully studied and each assignment thoroughly understood by every candidate.

The student company commander also marches the company to and from classes and submits the absentee report to each class instructor. The 1st Sergeant calls the absentee report to the Officer of the Day at the reveille formation and submits the report to the company orderly room.



## COMPANY OFFICERS

The company officers consist of the Company Commander and at least three lieutenants; one lieutenant in charge of each platoon. Platoon officers act as guides, advisors and as inspecting officers for their platoons, in addition to their duties as observers in assisting in the determination of Candidate leadership abilities.

One or more officers will accompany each class in all scheduled instruction. They will observe the candidates in all class activities.

## DEMERITS

Demerits cover breaches in discipline of Officer training and are imposed for delinquencies and minor infractions of rules and regulations. Officer Candidates are expected to conduct themselves as gentlemen and voluntarily live up to and observe the same code of ethics that is required of commissioned officers. Offenses of a serious nature will be investigated and acted upon by a Board of Officers appointed by the Commandant. Those found guilty will be relieved from school, or subjected to such other action as the Commandant may direct, including trial by courts-martial.

Candidates who violate these rules and regulations challenge the general welfare and well-being of the student body. They fail to display traits and habits which are essential to success as commissioned officers. Violations are regarded as the inability or reluctance by offending Candidates to conform or adapt themselves to discipline, and reflect directly on their potential value as officers.

Class 1. (11 or more demerits)

1. Improper conduct, reflecting on character.
2. Improper conduct, reflecting discredit on the service.
3. Insubordinations.
4. Intentional absence from prescribed limits or duty.
5. Serious intentional offenses (not classified).

Class 2. (7-10 demerits)

1. Culpable neglect of duty.
2. Culpable failure to obey orders or regulations.
3. Destroying, wasting, or injuring public property (intentional).
4. Derelictions that are conspicuous and therefore tend to excite unfavorable comment regarding discipline.
5. Indifference of any kind.
6. Intentional failure to perform any duty.
7. Responsible Candidate failing to maintain order or discipline.
8. Late return from week-end pass.

Class 3. (3-6 demerits)

1. Unintentional discourtesies or ill manners.
2. Possession of unauthorized articles.
3. Destroying, wasting or injuring public property through carelessness or neglect.
4. Unintentional failure to comply with specific instruction, published memoranda, or Daily Bulletin.
5. Careless performance of duty.
6. Unnecessary disturbance during prescribed Study Periods or in quarters after Taps.

7. Asleep in class. (4 demerits - all cases).
8. Violation of uniform regulations.
9. Being "off limits" outside of barracks.
10. General inattention.
11. Not being in bed at bed check.
12. Unclassified, unintentional, lesser offenses.

Class 4. (2 demerits)

1. Dirty, torn, or missing articles of equipment or clothing.
2. Lateness for any formation.
3. Explanation of Delinquency not in accord with instructions.
4. Failure to "sign out" or "sign in" when on written pass.
5. Failure to return pass when signing "in."

Class 5. (1 demerit)

1. Articles in room not arranged as prescribed.
2. Being unshaven.
3. Unintentional failure to salute.
4. Buttons not buttoned or missing.
5. Lock of foot-locker not locked (except when ordered open for inspection - then locker not open).
6. Need of haircut (military type).
7. Bed improperly made.
8. Shoes not shined.
9. Talking or smoking in ranks or in class.
10. Failure to initial delinquency list.
11. Misspelled word or words in Explanation of Delinquency.
12. Delinquencies, very trivial, (not classified).

Candidates acting in command capacities will note and report any delinquencies to the Company Commander. Each report will specify the time, place, and nature of the offense as well as the name and capacity of the candidate making the report. The Company Commander will post a Delinquency List on the company bulletin board daily (except Sunday) at 1100 hours. Candidates whose names appear thereon will place their initials in the space provided and indicate whether they wish to appeal. An explanation of the delinquency charged will be submitted to the orderly room by 0800 hours of the following day. The Company Commander will then award the demerits and re-post the list.

The candidates may appeal awards of demerits in the first three classes. Appeals from Class 1 demerits must be written in official communication form and addressed to the Commandant of the Tank Destroyer School, and forwarded through channels; Class 2 and 3 awards are appealed to the Regimental Commander by answering, "Yes," in the proper column.

Delinquency explanations must be brief, grammatical, spelled correctly, and free from slang -- (e.g., gigs, flunked, ain't, G.I.). The reason for delinquency is wanted, not an excuse or apology.

#### CANDIDATE RATINGS

As a supplement to ratings by company officers, the students rate all men in their platoon, excepting themselves, at the end of the 5th and 9th weeks. Ratings must not be popularity contests. They are designed to assist the officers in better evaluating the candidates, and also to give the potential officer experience in rating men, which will be im-

portant to him when, as an officer, he must rate and select his junior officers and non-commissioned officers. It should be considered as a duty of the most serious nature.

#### CANDIDATES' REQUIRED STANDARD, GENERAL CONDUCT

The candidate must always conduct himself as an officer. His bearing must be military, he must have poise, carry himself like a soldier, be clean and neat in person and apparel. His personality must be positive and forceful, and his voice must be clear, strong, and distinct.

His actions must be soldierly and gentlemanly. The phrase "an officer and a gentleman" must always be kept in mind and put to practice by the candidate.

This regiment prides itself on its appearance, and upon the appearance and conduct of its men. Every candidate is expected to do his share in maintaining our standard. To this end, military courtesy, especially the courtesies of the salute, will be rendered on every appropriate occasion.

# REGULATIONS

## PASSES AND FURLOUGHS

Candidates are restricted to camp during their first two weeks. Thereafter weekend passes may be issued by the Company Commander. Pass regulations will be strictly adhered to.

Furloughs will be granted only in cases of emergency. A ten-day delay in reporting is usually granted to the newly commissioned officer.

## AUTOMOBILES

Automobiles may be kept in Camp if the permission of the Regimental Commander is obtained and they are registered with the Provost Marshal's Office. All vehicles must pass a mechanical inspection and the applicant produce satisfactory evidence of \$10,000 Public Liability and \$5000 Property Damage Insurance. Keys will be turned in to the company commander and obtained from him whenever the candidate is on pass. Students are charged with knowledge and observance of Post and State Traffic Regulations.

## UNIFORMS

Uniform "A"  
(Service Uniform)

1. Helmet liner
2. Decorations, medals, & ribbons
3. Gloves (when conditions require)
4. Khaki necktie
5. Shirt, OD wool, or khaki cotton

6. Socks, plain, tan (or brown with low shoes)
7. Trousers, Service
8. Shoes, low or high
9. Identification tags

- A. Raincoat, overcoat, or overshoes may be worn under appropriate weather conditions.
- B. The service cap or garrison cap may be worn when not in formation or engaged in instruction, after Retreat and on Sunday.
- C. The service coat and belt may be worn with the winter uniform.
- D. When khaki cotton shirt is worn with winter uniform, service coat must be worn.
- E. Either the OD wool shirt without coat or the field jacket may be worn off the Post.
- F. Coats, overcoats, and jackets will be buttoned when worn.

Uniform "B"  
(Garrison Uniform)

1. Helmet Liner
2. Shirt, OD wool or khaki cotton
3. Khaki necktie
4. Shoes, low or high
5. Socks, plain, tan, (or brown with low shoes)
6. Trousers, Service
7. Identification tags

- A. Raincoat, overcoat or overshoes may be worn under appropriate weather conditions.
- B. The service cap or garrison cap may be worn when not in formation or engaged in instruction after Retreat and on Sunday.

Uniform "C"  
(Field Uniform)

- 1. Helmet Liner
- 2. Shirt, OD wool or khaki cotton
- 3. Service shoes, high
- 4. Socks
- 5. Service Trousers, OD wool or khaki cotton
- 6. Web Field Equipment (when prescribed)
- 7. Canvas leggings
- 8. Gloves (when conditions prescribe)
- 9. Arms (as prescribed)
- 10. Gas mask (when prescribed)
- 11. Goggles (when prescribed)
- 12. Identification tags

- A. Raincoat, overcoat, or overshoes may be worn under appropriate weather conditions.
- B. The service cap or garrison cap may be worn when not in formation or engaged in instruction, after Retreat and on Sundays.

Uniform "D"  
(Work Uniform)

- 1. Helmet liner
- 2. High Shoes
- 3. Fatigue trousers



4. Fatigue shirt
  5. Gloves (when conditions require)
  6. Socks
  7. Identification tags
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- A. Coveralls may be worn in place of fatigue shirt and trousers.
  - B. Raincoat, overcoat, or overshoes may be worn under appropriate weather conditions.

#### RESIGNATIONS

Candidates may resign from School upon their own written request submitted through channels. Volunteer Officer Candidates have the option, when resigning or upon relief from School, of relief from active duty in the army. If the candidate does not request relief from active duty within 10 days after being offered the option, he will be retained in the service for the duration of the war plus 6 months.

Candidates who are relieved from School for any reason are disposed of in accordance with current Army Regulations.

#### FIRE REGULATIONS

It is important that the utmost precautions be exercised to prevent fires. To this end, the following rules will be strictly observed. Violators will be summarily dealt with. Fire extinguishers are advantageously placed in all buildings--each candidate should familiarize himself with their locations and become familiar with their operation and use. Available water buckets will be used freely to supplement the fire extinguishers.

- A. Boiler rooms are "Off-limits" to all candidates.
- B. Radios and other electric appliances will be disconnected while troops are away from barracks.
- C. Paper will not be thrown in butt cans.
- D. Fire Drills and Alarms

(1) Any person discovering a fire will immediately give the alarm by calling repeatedly in a loud voice, "FIRE, First (or other) Company Area." He will then proceed rapidly to the nearest fire alarm box, and when answered, give the location of the fire. (If a telephone is closer he will use that, dial 400, and report the location of the fire to the fire department.)

(2) All candidates hearing the alarm "Fire" will repeat the alarm in a loud voice, indicating the approximate area. Candidates in the immediate vicinity of the fire will assist in extinguishing the fire with means locally available.

(3) All candidates not in the immediate vicinity of the fire, and those not actively engaged in extinguishing it, will form in the usual assembly position in the company area and await orders.

(4) Upon the sounding of the alarm all electric appliances will immediately be disconnected.

## DUDS

Any metallic fragment or object on the ground in an impact area is considered to be a "dud." Any candidate touching or picking up a "dud" will be subject to immediate dismissal from the School.

## MESS HALL

The ordinary courtesies of the dinner table will be observed in the Mess Hall. Candidates will march to the Mess Hall in formation and will enter in two single files. Places will be taken in proper order until the table is filled and seats will be assumed at the command "SEATS", given by the last man at the table. Until such command is given, the candidates will remain at their places in the position of attention. A candidate will not leave the table until everyone else has finished his meal. Informal departure may then be made. A gentleman will refill any serving container which he has emptied and will make extensive use of the terms "Please" and "Thank you."

## BOOK STORE - LIBRARY - PX - OFFICERS' CLOTHING STORE

The Book Store is located in the rear of the TD School Headquarters. All student supplies, pamphlets, and military publications may be purchased here. It is open until 2000 hours every evening and until 1200 hours on Sunday.

The TD School Library consists of books and magazines on military, scientific, and technical subjects. It should be freely used to supplement formal instruction. The library, located in TDS Headquarters, is open daily until 2100 hours, and until 1700 hours on Saturday. It is closed on Sundays.

Our regiment has its own Post Exchange located on Battalion Avenue at 20th Street. This is the only Exchange in the Camp which does not have a guard posted. In order to maintain it at the OC School standard it is necessary that each candidate do his part in keeping it orderly and clean. The butt cans will be used only to dispose of matches and cigarettes; papers and bottles will be placed in the receptacles furnished for those purposes; neither the floor nor the box stands will be used as seats.

The Officers' Clothing Store stocks all necessary clothing and equipment for officers. The candidate has priority for the purchase of his necessary clothing and equipment for graduation.

The U. S. Government allows each commissioned officer \$250 for purchase of uniforms and equipment. It is expected that each candidate will spend at least that sum to purchase all necessary clothing and equipment, both winter and summer, upon being commissioned.

#### MAIL AND TELEPHONE SERVICE

Mail is distributed each day by the unit mail clerk. Registered and insured mail may be obtained by the unit orderly by endorsement of the receipt to him. The regimental post office is located in the east portion of the Personnel Building directly behind Regimental Headquarters, and is open each evening until 1900 hours. Money orders and stamps are not for sale in the regimental post office, but may be purchased in the sub-station located on Battalion Avenue and 26th Street. Mail boxes are conveniently located throughout the company areas. Your correct mailing address is:

Candidate John Smith  
\_\_\_\_ Company, OCS Regiment  
Camp Hood, Texas.

Due to the extremely limited number of telephones it is not possible to furnish service to the candidates. They will inform their friends and relatives not to telephone them except for extreme emergencies. For only such cases will the regimental phones be available to them. Public telephones are located in the 26th Street Post Exchange.

#### CLEANING AND LAUNDRY SERVICE

Laundry is collected once each week and is returned approximately five days later. It should be turned in to the Supply Sergeant in accordance with instructions on the Company bulletin board. Cleaning service, mending, and alterations are available in the Post Exchange.

#### CHAPEL SERVICES

Religious services are conducted at the Chapel on Battalion Avenue, west of 26th Street. Chapel bulletins are posted in the Barracks each week and should be consulted for the time and place of denominational services.

#### THEATER

The area theater is on 24th Street south of Battalion Avenue. There are two showings daily, at 1915 and 2115 hours. On Sunday there is a matinee showing at 1430 hours in addition to the regular evening runs.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS AND ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF OFFICES

The Red Cross and the Army Emergency Relief offices are available to aid the soldier in case of an emergency when money or other help is needed. If a critical situation should arise wherein either office can be of assistance to you, the Company Commander should be consulted.

## RECREATION FACILITIES

The Officer Candidate Recreation Building on Battalion Avenue is for the Officer Candidate and his guests only. Recreation facilities, including ping-pong tables, a radio, phonograph, writing equipment, and reading matter are available.

Candidates may use the OCS Recreation Building on Central Avenue only after the Study Period and on weekends.