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# ORD TO GO

## Hospital Buildings At Huge Camp Santini Adequate for 'Line'

By CPL. WALT WHITAKER

Santini—the place which is expected to become soon the new home of ORD—today lies silently behind barred doors. Its important wartime service as one of the Army's largest cantonment hospitals ceased several months ago, and most of the double-story frame barracks and hospital wards of the camp are gathering the dust of inactivity.

Located approximately one mile from Mitchel Field's main gate, Santini is now the Field sub-post for the 104th AAFBU, a negro squadron who serve as maintenance and service crews for Mitchel Field. Nearly 100 buildings are now vacant and appear readily adaptable to ORD requirements.

Large groves of trees offer adequate shade and broad paved streets connect the camp area. Each barrack yet wears multi-colored wartime camouflage and is equipped with built-in latrine and heating facilities. Each area has recreational buildings and dayrooms.

While a large section of Santini was constructed as hospital wards with numerous connecting corridors, it might be readily adaptable to processing requirements. At present part of the camp is overgrown with grass and other general repairs will be necessary before it can be reopened.

Three gates are manned by the military police. In the corner of the camp nearest Mitchel Field, a bachelor officers' quarters is in operation, proving adequate barracks housing.

Mitchel Field proper is today the headquarters for the Air Defense Command and one of the most picturesque of east coast AAF installations. Within its ivy-covered buildings many important functions of the Air Force begin. The history of the field dates back to the early days of military aviation, preceding World War I.

Among the places of interest on the Field are the large two-story brick barracks for non-commissioned officers' quarters, large theaters, and a huge gymnasium of modern construction with ample opportunities for on-post recreation.

Mitchel's air field, frequently pictured in the newsreels, is well-known throughout the country. It is the scene of many historical flights and colorful Air Force events over a period of years.

The area of Santini is located just at the end of Mitchel's extensive air field. In the early days of

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LT. GEN. GEO. E. STRATEMEYER  
... ADC commander

## Permanent Star Given ADC Chief

Promotion to permanent grade of brigadier general has been approved by the U. S. Senate for George E. Stratemeyer, commanding general of the Air Defense Command.

Stratemeyer who holds the temporary wartime rank of lieutenant general was recommended for permanent one-star rank by President Truman recently in view of his outstanding war record and his present important assignment.

## ★ ★ ★ EXTRA! ★ ★ ★

The Rotator this week appears a day early in order that men of ORD will have the full story on transfer of their base, together with pictures of the new site, at the earliest possible time.

Cpl. Walt Whitaker, news editor, and Cpl. Ken Voigt, staff photographer, were sent on assignment to Mitchel Field and Camp Santini last weekend to bring back news and photographs appearing in this edition of your post newspaper.

Next issue of The Rotator will be published on Friday, August 9, resuming the regular schedule.

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## 4th Command Swap To Bring Base Under Air Defense Control

Transfer of ORD to Santini hospital at Mitchel Field, N. Y., is expected to involve another change of command for this base—the fourth change this year. During August the Air Defense Command will probably assume the control which has been directed by Air Training Command headquarters at Barksdale Field, La.

Headquarters of the Air Defense Command is situated at Mitchel Field. From there ADC stations throughout the country receive operational orders.

Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, commanding general of the ADC, and Maj. Gen. Stone, Command chief-of-staff, are located there. In addition the Command headquarters contains ADC Public Relations, Information and Education, Special Services, various command chiefs and departments.

Air Defense Command operates directly under the Headquarters AAF in Washington, in conjunction with the Tactical and Strategic Air Commands. During the past few weeks General Stratemeyer and General Ira C. Eaker, deputy AAF commander, have been taking part in the discussions of ORD's transfer.

The mission of the new command is an important development in peacetime aviation. Every activity of the Air Defense Command is being keyed to the defense of America, especially emphasizing the theme of Air Force Day—Air Power Is Peace Power.

To meet the ever possible threat of attack from across our Arctic frontier, the United States must maintain what General Carl Spaatz has called readiness of offense. The United States intends to maintain air power to warn any possible aggressor nation that we stand ready to meet any attack made on us, and to give the nation a force to fight back.

Under the ADC command is the 1st, 2nd, 5th, 10th, 11th, and 14th Air Forces, in addition to the training of Air National Guard, the Air Reserve, and other peacetime units of the AAF.

In the future the AAF must have available 1,500,000 trained officers and men if it meets the security commitments, according to General Stratemeyer. Present plans also call for 27 Air National Guard groups and 34 Air Reserve groups.

During the past year ORD has been under the command of the Personnel Distribution Command, 1st Air Force, Strategic Air Command, and Air Training Command.

## Mitchel Field Area To Be New Location

By CPL. WILLIAM H. BRADFIELD  
Rotator Editor

Climaxing a week of conferences with command and Headquarters AAF officials at Mitchel Field, Hempstead, N. Y., Col. H. K. Mooney announced Wednesday morning that plans are being made for transfer of ORD into the Air Defense Command and physical relocation of the base in the Mitchel Field vicinity.

An Associated Press dispatch was received Wednesday in Greensboro, quoting Col. James Parker, Mitchel Field CO, with a statement similar to that made by the ORD commander.

Colonel Mooney's announcement yesterday shattered wild rumors which have been flooding the base and city during recent weeks, resulting from speculation that Greensboro ORD might be moved to certain other permanent installations throughout the country.

Newsday, Hempstead daily newspaper, reported last week that Camp Santini hospital buildings—located one mile from Mitchel Field—will be prepared for use as the replacement depot. The paper quoted Col. Cleon E. Freeman, Mitchel executive officer, as saying that the ORD is scheduled to be functioning by about September 1. A total of 1,000 officers and enlisted men will be added to the Mitchel base personnel, the news story stated.

Another Hempstead newspaper, the Nassau Daily Review-Star, declared that "the entire Camp Santini area will be utilized to a maximum and in addition it will be necessary to use Camp Mills and possibly Fort Slocum for the overflow."



Camp Mills and Fort Slocum are among other installations located in the Mitchel Field area.

Colonel Mooney did not elaborate on plans for the ORD relocation Wednesday, but said that he was awaiting further information and would make a detailed statement at an early date.

While at Mitchel Field last weekend, the ORD commanding officer conferred with Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, deputy commander and chief of staff of the AAF, and Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer, commanding general of the Air Defense Command.

Capt. Mary Porter, unit personnel officer, stated Wednesday afternoon that no instructions have been issued regarding the disposition of personnel at such time as moving of ORD to New York might take place. Whether the relocation of the base would speed discharge for any ORD men was not known.





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## Farewell to Carolina

After much anxious waiting we at last know the news: ORD will move. While we may look forward to advantages that Mitchel Field will offer to the operation and administration of ORD, every man here can have regrets in leaving North Carolina.

There have been numerous examples of the friendship of people in Greensboro and this area which we shall miss.

It has been a pleasure to work with the people here, to find the co-operation which was often needed in the continuance of our job. The support that ORD's past projects have been given has been appreciated.

Some time remains before the base will be closed and its mission transferred elsewhere. In the remaining days we will continue to work together for the job isn't finished. It will not be finished even after we have left Greensboro.

However, it was well begun here—and well carried out. Whatever we are able to accomplish as we go ahead rests on what has been begun here.



"YIPES! OPERATIONS CROSSROADS!"



From this impressive headquarters at Mitchel Field future operations of ORD may be controlled. The contemplated move of the base to Long Island is expected to change its supervision from Air Training Command to the Air Defense Command. This building is typical of those at Mitchel.

## Base Will Transfer To Mitchel-Slocum Area; Families Barred From Accompanying GIs

ORD will be established in the Mitchel Field-Fort Slocum area by September 15 if present plans for moving the base work out. Col. H. K. Mooney, ORD's commanding officer, said in a statement Wednesday night. Col. Mooney also stated: "Between now and that time the number of men sent here for processing prior to going overseas will be gradually reduced."

"This move has been decided upon after a three months survey of army facilities on the east coast."

"It has been found impossible to re-locate the ORD on a permanent base. Actual location will be in wartime temporary sub-bases of Mitchel Field and not on the main post."

"The new site will be an area which had been tentatively approved for conversion to housing to alleviate the critical housing shortage around Mitchel Field. Establishment of the ORD will further aggravate this shortage in that area."

"This will mean that families of military personnel now stationed in

Greensboro will be unable to accompany their men. I informed the base commander at Mitchel Field of the approximate number of military personnel who would be transferred in an endeavor to effect a temporary expedient to permit some of the families to accompany their men in the move."

"Detailed plans of the move are being worked out at the present time."

### Food Handling Taught

Washington (CNS)—The Army announced it has sent 629 officers and men to school to learn the latest scientific principles of food preparation and how to do it themselves.

New food service schools are being held at nine posts, replacing what were known as "bakers and cooks schools" during World War II. Maj. E. J. Byrne, head of the Quartermaster Corps' new food service branch, said there's nothing wrong with Army food—"it's the way it's cooked."

## City of Greensboro Asked Transfer--But Housing's Scarce in Nassau, Too

Although War Department officials first recommended the finding of a new location for ORD last April, it was not long afterward that Mayor C. M. Vanstory, Jr., of Greensboro, wired Rep. Carl T. Durham in Washington to do whatever he could to have ORD moved.

Mayor Vanstory's telegram, sent in early May, brought into the open a campaign by Greensboro veterans resulting from a more-than-severe housing shortage.

Congressman Durham replied that he understood a survey of military installations in this area had been made with recommendations for abandonment or further use. This list, he said, included ORD.

Later, AAF Headquarters announced that the base would be needed indefinitely, but Mayor Vanstory announced that the matter "would not be dropped."

Three veterans organizations declared publicly that they were backing the mayor's stand.

During June and early July, efforts to have the base removed continued, though quietly.

Meanwhile, at Hempstead, N. Y., a similar housing shortage developed during the summer months. Nassau County and Hempstead officials had sought conversion of Camp Santini barracks into what they expected would accommodate from 160 to 180 family housing units for World War II veterans.

Approval had already been granted by the state housing commission of a \$400,000 allotment to remodel the buildings.

Although the Army's announcement that Santini would still be needed had forestalled any further action to obtain civilian use of the barracks, Nassau County Executive J. Russell Sprague last week attempted to reassure homeless veter-

ans that the County was still prepared to follow plans for the housing development, should the Army again declare the property surplus.

High town and county officials, however, were blasted by the commander of the Hempstead American Legion Post for "playing political football" with the deal.

James W. Marshalsea, the Legion commander, told members of the organization that officials "had deliberately delayed the project for political reasons and had sold veterans and civilians down the river."

Officials knew, Marshalsea said, that plans for the project had to be completed before June 30, since the Federal Public Housing Authority, first agency consulted in the matter, had set that deadline for allocation of funds to this area. Full cooperation in pushing the housing program was received from that agency and from Mitchel Field, he said, adding that Army authorities "had reasons for forcing the issue and did every thing in their power to complete arrangements with the town."

The whole thing fell through, Marshalsea declared, because the political heads knew that the funds would be withdrawn and stalled until it was too late, then "stepped in with the state appropriation without having an official okay from Washington."



MAYOR C. M. VANSTORY, JR.  
...the matter wasn't dropped

## G'boro Mayor Issues 41 Months of Faithful AAF Duty Statement On Move Is Mark Established by ORD Base

In an interview with a Rotator reporter at 9 o'clock Wednesday night, Mayor C. M. Vanstory issued the following statement:

"I wish the personnel of ORD to understand my position. The camp has meant a lot to this city, and all through the war years we have tried to be good hosts. I am happy to say there has been no friction between the military and civilian population and the camp officials have always been eager to cooperate with us."

"It was only after cessation of hostilities and the thousands of local boys began to return that we felt obligated to undertake a move to do all we could to provide a place for them to live. To those closest to the picture, it appeared that some of the barracks at the camp, if available, would provide the quickest solution to the housing problem. Perhaps Greensboro's housing situation is no more critical than in other parts of the country but with other Army installations available we felt that we could make some move locally that would give us immediate relief."

"Those who are charged with the responsibilities of the city's affairs want the camp personnel to regard this as your second home and to come back to see us either as a visitor or a permanent resident in later years."

Teacher: "Bobby, give me the principal parts of the verb to swim."

Bobby: "Swim, swim, swim."

Teacher: "Good, now try dim."

Bobby: "Dim, damn—say, are you kidding me?"

Forty-one months of outstanding service is the record that ORD has compiled. From the time that the first group of overflow personnel sent here from the crowded Atlantic City to the time that the last men pass through the blue and gold gates, records will continue to be broken. From the time that the base was established here back in March of 1943, more than 200,000 officers and men have been turned out by the processing line.

That first small contingent of men was the first group of some 87,427 men who were trained here to fill their jobs in the Air Forces of the United States.

In a 35-phase schedule, Basic Training Center No. Ten turned the befuddled civilian into one of the world's greatest soldiers. Soldiers, who after they completed their training at Greensboro went to the various battlefronts of the world to establish one of the most efficient fighting machines in history.

May 1, 1944, saw the change in mission of the base from a basic training center to an overseas replacement depot. Just two months later, the post was added to the Personnel Distribution Command, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky.

Primary function of the base after PDC took over was to take AAF personnel, many of whom had taken their basic training at this base just a few months before, were completely processed and refreshed in the ABC's of soldiering.

Victory in Europe assured, still

another function was added to the tasks to be performed. Redistribution Station No. 5 was established here on February 12, 1945, to aid in the vital work of rapidly placing men in more accessible points as the focusing of fighting shifted to the Orient. Later, shortly after V-J day, on September 17, 1945, another mission was assigned to this station—that of assisting in the expeditious separation of personnel as they became eligible for discharge. Separation continued to the swift pace of 32,200 qualified men. Having so successfully completed the missions of redistribution and separation, the base closed down these functions of its many-phased program on February 15, 1946.

Thus, after almost three and one-half years of faithful service to the government of the United States, one of the nation's greatest bases will soon close its gates.

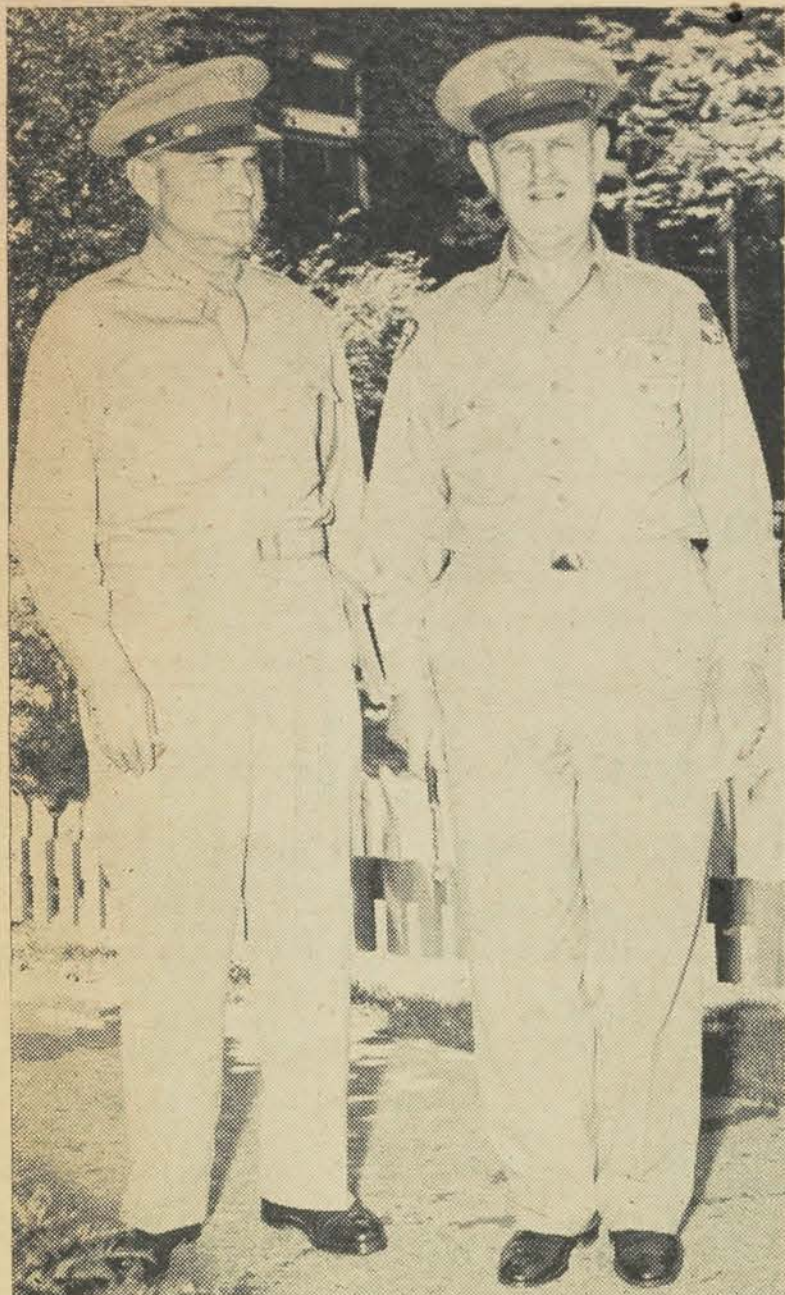
### May Return To Infantry

Captain Mary L. Porter, Unit Personnel Officer has disclosed that, according to a new War Department Circular No. 204, all men who hold the Combat Infantry Badge who are assigned to the Air Corps at this present time may transfer to the Infantry.

All men who qualify and are interested in transferring should contact the first sergeant in their respective orderly rooms.

"I'd like to see you inhale."  
"I'd like to see you there, too."





Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, deputy AAF commander, and Lt. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer pause for Rotator Photographer Ken Voigt as they exit from ADC headquarters at Mitchel Field, N. Y., following conferences on ORD's transfer. Col. H. K. Mooney of ORD and Col. James Parker, commanding officer of Mitchel Field, also took part in the discussions.

## WD Reports Action To Carolina Senator

The War Department announcement from Washington said simply that the ORD "will be placed on inactive status September 1."

According to the Associated Press, the War Department reported the action to Senator Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina. Senator Bailey's aide said that only a small staff will be kept at Greensboro to police the base until the army takes further action.

Associated Press also said the change was being made because of the proximity of the Mitchel Field area to the port of New York.

Col. James Parker, commanding officer of Mitchel Field, who broke the first definite news of the move to the AP, said a closed area of barracks and a hospital adjoining Mitchel Field would become the new ORD.

## Santini---

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the war the land was leased to the government by a citizen of a nearby community whose name it bears. There was constructed Santini hospital to which AAF combat wounded were flown from European battlefronts.

As the war came to an end, Santini's operations were necessarily slowed. During the past few months it has gradually been inactivated and at present a complement of about 700 men constitutes Santini's entire population.

Members of Col. H. K. Mooney's staff will fly to Mitchel Field on Sunday for a critical inspection of Santini. Possibilities of using Camp Kilmer, N. J., as an overflow unit will also be investigated.

If GIs could read  
What girls thought,  
There'd be more dating  
Than there ought.



The camera catches a typical view of a street in Camp Santini with its white picket fences, electric power lines, and cantonment barracks. Essential

facilities for the operation of ORD are readily available in this moderate climate and ideal location in the Empire State.

## Hempstead: Town of Varied Interests Will Give GIs 'Time of Their Lives'

Forty-five minutes from Broadway and the crowded concourse of Pennsylvania station, New York, lies the busy city of Hempstead, Long Island. It is one of the oldest towns in America with a vivid history dating back to the 1600's; today, an environment of famed Mitchel Field.

The new home of ORD will be located on the outskirts of Hempstead. Nearby are summer resorts

and recreation centers, while the usual industrial development has been neglected to keep Hempstead a residential city. Most of its citizens are commuters who travel between their jobs in New York City and the Island.

Rapid bus service connects the town with Mitchel Field and Santini, and other sections of the Island. Hempstead is centrally lo-

cated on a main branch of the Long Island railroad on which electric trains make frequent 25 mile trips into the City. Approximately 100 trains daily leave on this route.

Along Main Street in Hempstead, one finds branches of leading city department stores in an excellent shopping district. Three theaters show a variety of the latest movies and the town USO offers many recreational opportunities. Within the vicinity is the State Lake Park with sports and boating available.

Like Greensboro there is a nearby woman's college, Adelphi, located in Garden City. The town is to the north of Hempstead in an exclusive residential section. In Hempstead itself is located Hofstra college, a co-ed school.

Long famous as a resort center, Long Island has a number of beaches which are unsurpassed. Perhaps most famous is Jones Beach, approximately 15 miles from Mitchel Field on the Island's south shore. Long Beach, Point Lookout, and other places are popular for swimming and yachting.

Throughout the year Long Island offers a fair climate. In winter ice skating, hockey, steddling, and other winter sports are enjoyed. Night life is not confined to the City, however, since night clubs are not rare in Long Island, and wine, women, and song are plentiful.

In all consideration, life on the Island should be adequate to fill a GI's need, to make a happy home for ORD men.

Negro personnel with no prior service are not eligible for enlistment in the regular army, according to a new regulation from Barksdale just received here. Negroes who have been in the AUS and who qualify under one of 53 specific military occupational specialties with not less than six months in that MOS may be accepted; negroes with regular army time can re-enlist regardless of MOS.

## Transfer Will Hit Small Business Man

Loss of the base here will have a tremendous effect on Greensboro business—taxicab operators, grocery men, landlords, bakers, theatre operators, dry cleaners and laundrymen—all will feel the effects.

A survey conducted by The Rotator several months ago showed an average of just a little over \$5,000,000 a month exposed to Greensboro business life based on an average of civilian and military payrolls and commercial accounts during the first four months of 1946. The base was at greater strength then than in recent weeks, however.

It will mean a change for landlords with GI tenants such as the landlord reported to the Rotator this week. Renting a room to a corporal and his wife the landlord cut the weekly rent back to the original \$10 a week when OPA was restored but was charging the pair \$5 a week for electricity and water. The rent, while OPA was out, was \$17.50 a week for a room with kitchen privileges.

As a rule, however, Greensboro landlords cooperated, even with OPA temporarily out of action.

"You look sweet enough to eat,"  
He whispered soft and low,  
"I am," she said quite hungrily,  
"Where do you want to go."

## FUTURE OF PERMPARTY

What future is in store for the 3,200 permanent party military personnel and the hundreds of civilian employees on the post as a result of the move?

No decision has yet been made on just who will go where, why and when. That will all come in the busy weeks ahead, according to Col. H. K. Mooney, post commander.

Many details remain to be yet worked out. Many conferences by staff officers on problems created by transfer of this huge base to New York state will occur both here and at the new site.

## Attend Texas MP School

Capt. Harry P. Romanoff, post intelligence officer, and Lt. George F. Brame, assistant intelligence officer left last week for San Antonio, Texas, where they will attend Military Police investigators School.

Captain Romanoff has been assigned to the Post Intelligence Office for the past year, and has been in charge there since Major Martin Mallette was discharged in May. The two officers will attend the special school for a period of six weeks, then will return to duty at Greensboro.

Lt. Dale W. Burkhead, post historical officer, has been placed in charge of the department during Captain Romanoff's absence.



Above is a view of main street, Hempstead, L. I., nearest town to Santini and Mitchel Field, showing a Mitchel Field bus loading at a bus stop. The town is approximately four miles from the field and houses excellent USO, entertainment, and shopping facilities.



It may safely be predicted that this will be one of the busiest spots in Hempstead, L. I., within two months. The picture shows the Long Island railroad station from which electric trains will rush ORD personnel to downtown New York in 45 minutes. Two GIs from Mitchel Field are seen in the doorway as they await the next express to Penn Station and a weekend in the world's largest city. A round trip ticket costs one dollar, and 100 trains daily make the trip. New York offers many free soldier entertainments.



## This Week's Theater Bill

### Post Theaters

Daily schedule: Theaters Nos. 1 and 2, 6:25 and 8:25 p.m. Theater No. 3 (Main) 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Sunday matinees: Nos. 1 and 2 begin at 2:00 p.m.; No. 3 at 2:30 p.m. All evening performances remain the same.

Uniform regulations are enforced at the Main theater, No. 3. Wear Class "A" or Class "B" clothing; no fatigues admitted.

Theater No. 1 is located in the 500 block, near the Squadron "V" area; Theater No. 2 is in the 900 block; Theater No. 3, which is the post's Main theater, is in the 100 block, Squadron "A" area.

### THEATERS No. 1 and 3

#### SATURDAY

"Danger Woman"—Brenda Joyce and Don Porter.

#### SUN.-MON.

"The Big Sleep"—Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall.

#### TUESDAY

"Rendezvous With Annie"—Eddie Albert and Gail Patrick.

#### WEDNESDAY

"Her Adventurous Night"—Dennis O'Keefe and Helen Walker.

#### THURS.-FRI.

"Two Guys From Milwaukee"—Dennis Morgan, Jack Carson, Joan Leslie and Janis Paige.

### THEATER No. 2

#### SAT.-SUN.

"Crack Up"—Pat O'Brien and Claire Trevor.

#### MONDAY

"Danger Woman"—Brenda Joyce and Don Porter.

"Shadows Over Chinatown"—Sidney Toler and Victor Sen Yung.

#### TUES.-WED.

"The Big Sleep"—Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall.

#### THURSDAY

"Rendezvous With Annie"—Eddie Albert and Gail Patrick.

#### FRIDAY

"Her Adventurous Night"—Dennis O'Keefe and Helen Walker.

## Greensboro Theaters

### CAROLINA

#### NOW PLAYING

"Easy To Wed"—Van Johnson and Esther Williams.

#### SUN.-MON.-TUES.

"Boys Ranch"—"Butch" Jenkins and James Craig.

#### WED.-THURS.-FRI.

"Without Reservations"—Claudette Colbert and John Wayne.

### NATIONAL

#### NOW PLAYING

"City For Conquest"—Anne Sheridan and James Cagney.

#### SUN.-MON.-TUES.-WED.

"Badman's Territories"—Randolph Scott and Ann Richards.

#### THUR.-FRI.

"Bowery Bombshell"—Leo Gorcey and Huntz Hall.

### IMPERIAL

#### FRI.-SAT.

"Drifting Along"—Johnny Mack Brown.

#### SUN.-MON.

"Easy To Wed"—(Heldover) Van Johnson and Esther Williams.

#### TUESDAY

"Red Dragon"—Sidney Toler and Benson Fong.

#### WED.-THURS.

"My Reputation"—Barbara Stanwyck and George Brent.

#### FRI.-SAT.

"Galloping Thunder"—Charles Starrett and Smiley Burnette.

### CRITERION

#### SUN.-MON.

"Jesse James"—Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda and Randolph Scott.

#### TUESDAY

"Frisco Kid"—James Cagney and Margaret Lindsay.

#### WED.-THURS.

"One Way To Love"—Willard Parker and Marguerite Chapman.

"Swing Parade Of 1946"—Gail Storm and Phil Reagan.

#### FRI.-SAT.

"The Strange Mister Gregory"—Edmund Lowe and Jeanne Rogers.

"Gentleman With Guns"—Buster Crabbe.

The GI was very romantic. He held the lovely creature close to him and whispered in her ear: "Darling I love you as no one ever loved before."

"I can't see much difference," she replied.



"Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina"—and that's just where ORD—formerly BTC No. 10—has been since its activation in March, 1943. Shown in the above pilot's eye view are the warehouses, drill fields, clubs, barracks, etc., which have provided a home for thousands of officers and enlisted men who have made brief or extensive

stays here during these three and a half years. After a tour of various army installations earlier this year, Rep. Thomas E. Martin of Iowa stated, "The Greensboro base is one of the best organized and best carried out processing functions I have seen in my entire inspection of these camps."

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Several weeks ago, when it was apparent that the shortage of housing facilities in Greensboro was becoming desperate, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Veterans Committee and the Disabled American Veterans joined with the Mayor of Greensboro in an effort to expedite the closing of the AAF ORD. This effort was undertaken in the sincere belief that the ORD activities could be performed with equal or greater efficiency at some permanent Army post in this area. Furthermore, it was our understanding that the AAF did not contemplate a permanent installation here and that facilities becoming available on permanent Army posts would be more comfortable for AAF ORD personnel.

It has come to our attention that our position in this matter has been misunderstood by some civilians in Greensboro and some military personnel at ORD, who felt that the returning veterans resented the presence of military personnel in Greensboro.

We wish to take this opportunity to assure all concerned that it has never been our desire to advocate the transfer of military personnel from Greensboro unless the effectiveness of their work and the comfort of their quarters might be improved.

We wish to commend both the soldiers of ORD and their officers for their morale and conduct under trying conditions in Greensboro. As former members of the Armed Forces, we are aware of the difficulties involved in maintaining *Esprit de Corps* when the stimulus of the "shooting war" is gone.

We have regretted the fact that the crowded conditions of our city have not permitted us to extend hospitality in the quantity or quality we would wish, and it is our hope that any former ORD personnel who return to our city in the future may find conditions less crowded.

It is our intention to continue our efforts to alleviate the desperate housing shortage here by every possible means, including recommendation for transfer of AAF ORD facilities to some permanent Army installation.

Meanwhile, we wish to express our appreciation for the splendid cooperation we have received from the military personnel now stationed at the AAF ORD.

H. J. DAVIS,  
Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars.  
STANLEY W. EASTY, JR.,  
Chairman, American Veterans Committee.  
WILLIAM R. LEWIS,  
Commander, Disabled American Veterans.

## The Chapel Bell

### CATHOLIC MASSES

#### SUNDAY

8 A. M. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.

9:00 A. M. Hospital (Red Cross Day Room).

11 A. M. Chapel No. 4, Bldg. T-504.

5:30 P. M. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.

#### WEEKDAY MASS

11:50 A. M. Daily, Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.

7:00 P. M. Monday nights. Novena and Benediction. Chapel No. 1 Bldg. T-106.

Catholic Chaplain's Office. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.

Confessions before and after all masses and every night at 7:15 in Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.

### PROTESTANT SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

9 A. M. Episcopal Holy Communion. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.

10 A. M. Morning Worship. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.

10:00 A. M. Morning Worship. Chapel No. 4, Bldg. T-504.

10:00 A. M. Morning Worship, Hospital (Red Cross Day Room).

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

7:00 P. M. Tuesday, Prayer Service. Chapel No. 3, Bldg. T-605.

7:00 P. M. Wednesday, (Christian Science). Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.

7:00 P. M. Thursday, Christian Service Men's League. Chapel No. 3, Bldg. T-605.

Protestant Chaplain's Office. Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

7:00 P. M. Wednesday. Prayer Service and discussion group. Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.

JEWISH SERVICES

7:30 P. M. Friday, Sabbath Eve Service. Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.

7:30 P. M. Wednesday, Discussion Group. Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.

Jewish Chaplain's Office. Chapel No. 5, Bldg. T-402.

A Chaplain is on duty each night in Chapel No. 1, Bldg. T-106 from 6:30 to 9:00 P. M.

## ORDealings

## Hi-lights on the Big Story

To all of its friends at the McCulloch Press and of the Greensboro Daily News and Record, The Rotator says "adieu," expresses its gratitude for their wonderful cooperation and guidance, and leaves this edition of The Rotator as a parting gift. About one more edition, a 16-page, we hope, and that's all, boys.

The day the big story popped The Greensboro Record carried this editorial after receiving a letter from local commanders of veterans' organizations in explanation of their attitude toward ORD on the acute housing shortage here. Quote:

"These officials, as stated in their communication, joined with the mayor of Greensboro in an effort to have the camp closed with the idea of thus relieving the housing shortage."

"This proposition—to get the camp closed—was considerably agitated some weeks ago, but this newspaper was not among the agitators. We believe the camp should be allowed to remain here in Greensboro, without protest or molestation, just as long as the War Department feels there is need for it."

"It should not surprise us if ORD personnel feels a bit resentful and chagrined at moves to have the camp moved out of the city."

"There was a housing shortage in Greensboro before ORD was established here. It is seriously doubted that the removal of the camp would do much in the way of housing relief."

"Greensboro seemed happy and glad enough to get the camp located here. O tempora! O mores!"

Greensboro's ABC station, WGBG, was the first public medium in this area to flash the news that ORD was moving to the Mitchel Field area. It carried the story in its 12:30 p.m. newscast before the afternoon papers yesterday hit the streets.

This isn't sour grapes but—

The Rotator could have broken this story two weeks ago but regulations prohibited publicity on the subject and stipulated the official announcement would have to come from Washington.

Actually, however, the first news came from Mitchel Field and then Washington.

In preparation for the big news, The Rotator sent a section of its staff to Mitchel Field last weekend for a tour of Santini, Mitchel, Air

Defense Command headquarters, and talks with Col. Mooney between conferences with top-ranking AAF officers.

That is the story behind the special stories and pictures in today's special edition of The Rotator—Corps. Walter Whitaker and Corp. Ken Voigt are the men who got them.

The scene in the city news room of Greensboro's two big dailies Wednesday night was, to put mildly, slightly confused as the big story broke and expanded with every passing hour.

Is the army going to have any further use for the big base with the Army Air Forces abandoning it?

Nobody but the War Department in Washington knew the answer.

The Cones, owners of the property on which ORD stands and is rented to the government for \$1 a year, had as yet no definite plans.

Moving of ORD, according to Ceasar Cone, has no immediate effect upon the status of the lease with future plans for the land as yet unannounced by the War Department. It will be probably a matter of months before the property is turned back to its owners.

One effect of the move—Greensboro may go back to no movies on Sunday and stricter observance of the "blue" laws—customs and traditions in this area were relaxed when the army came to town, according to recent newspaper stories.

Long a town where ardent swains in uniform outnumbered the fair sex in astronomical ratio, the shoe will now be on the other foot in Greensboro with the moving of ORD.

GIs will transfer their affections to college gals and other species of women with a Long Island brogue—alas, you fair damsels at the Woman's College—we're sorry we have to go.

And what about those ever-faithful hostesses seen at the ORD officers' club night after night?

Truly, the manpower shortage in Greensboro will be something to see.

In a telegram received from Barksdale Field, training command headquarters, an informative bit of information states that "individuals who are qualified for reenlistment under current regulations and who are serving in Regular Army enlistments of one year, 18 months, and two years may extend that enlistment to three years by executing the oath of extension of enlistment."