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## Out There Shooting

on the battle fronts, on the ground or in the air, Lowry field soldiers trained at Camp Buffalo, high in the Rockies, are going to know every detail about their weapons. This scene, showing an instructor demonstrating the workings of a rifle sight, is typical of the daily courses at the camp. The camp was established especially for field, submachine gun and rifle training for the army air force soldiers and is producing remarkable results.—Photo by A. A. F. T. C.



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# CAMP BUFFALO NEAR DENVER

## REVIVED TO TRAIN LOWRY MEN

### Permanent Party Troops Are Taught Use of Rifles And Submachine Guns and How to Sustain Selves in Field at Site.

Camp Buffalo, rugged training site fifty-seven miles southwest of Denver, founded by army engineers in the middle '30s, has been revived and is now being used for field and rifle training by hundreds of army air force soldiers from Lowry field, Lowry authorities said Saturday. The camp, high in the Rockies, was reopened, field officials said, to familiarize enlisted men with rifles and submachine guns and to introduce them to conditions they may expect to find at army air force bases throughout the world.

The reopening of the camp, additionally in compliance with recent orders from air force headquarters in Washington directing commanders at United States fields to give their men intensive training under conditions simulating those found in combat zones.

#### USED TO TRAIN PERMANENT MEN.

Camp Buffalo differs from Camp Bizerte, in the plains twenty miles east of Lowry, in that it is used for training men from the station complement—that is, permanent party men assigned to the field as technicians or staff and administrative aids. At Bizerte are trained student-soldiers, temporarily attached to Lowry to attend the army air forces training command armament and photographic schools.

Brig. Gen. Albert L. Sneed, commanding general at Lowry and a firm believer in field training, inspected Camp Buffalo recently. General Sneed, who saw service in Australia in 1942, said "I was gratified to find the camp so ideally situated. It is a vital and necessary factor in the program to give our men field training and is especially beneficial to the permanent party personnel from this station."

The group now at Buffalo is from the Twenty-second base headquarters and air base squadron. Previously two groups from that squadron, vanguard of the Lowry open to reopen the camp, had trained there.

#### ALSO TRAIN MEN TO LIVE IN FIELD.

Basically, the training deals with the use of rifles and submachine guns and with factors associated with living in pup tents in the field. Firing is done with rifles and machine guns on both a short and a long range. The long range, 200 yards long, is situated against the side of a mountain and is regarded as the best in the state.

men don their masks and continue on their journey.

Similar attacks are made on the camp itself. The most dramatic of these was made last Sunday, when a new group of men had arrived. The old group was staging a review and parade in their honor, and at the height of the ceremonies, when platoons of the old group were marching past the spot where the new group stood, gas and smoke bombs were set off.

#### DENVER AIR ACE ADDRESSES CAMP.

A guest and speaker last Sunday was Maj. Carl E. Wurtele, Denver flying ace now recovering from wounds received fighting the Japs in the Pacific.

Commanding Camp Buffalo is Capt. Thomas E. Atchison, formerly of Los Angeles, now commanding officer of the Twenty-second base headquarters and air base squadron. Troop commander is First Lieut. Harold W. Everman, formerly of Tulsa, Okla. and an ex-enlisted man who has been in the army since 1933.

Not to be outdone by other military installations, the men training at the mountain site have founded and publish their own weekly paper—"Buffalo Eagle."

#### PROF. CECIL PUCKETT WILL RETURN TO D. U.

Cecil Puckett, who has been on the teaching staff of Indiana university the last year, will return to Denver university next fall. Chancellor Gates said Saturday. Professor Puckett has been appointed as director of the summer school at the school of commerce and head of the department of commercial education. He served on the Denver university faculty five years previous to his going to Indiana university. He is now serving for the second time as president of the department of business education of the National Education association.

# CONSTRUCTION MEN NEEDED BY CORPS OF ARMY ENGINEERS

The army corps of engineers needs construction workers, men who have experience in mechanics, pipe fitting, electricity, welding, carpentry and a vast number of related fields, an announcement from the Denver office of the corps said Saturday. Expansion of the overseas theaters has brought on multiplied tasks for the battalions of engineers charged with the problems of construction.

Construction men for whom induction is imminent can assure themselves of continuing their professions in the army by volunteering for service with the engineers. Complete information is available in the office of the district engineer in the Railway Exchange building or in the local army recruiting station.

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the best in the state.  
Pup tents are standard equip-  
ment at the camp and once the men  
arrive they are given instructions  
in their use. There are two men to  
each pup tent, which is set up  
against the side of a pine tree and  
then camouflaged.

There are no mess halls or bar-  
racks, mess kits are used.  
Once the group arrives at the  
camp, it is divided up into platoons,  
each of which goes on an all night  
bivouac during its stay there. When  
the platoon reaches its destination,  
it pitches camp. Guards and other  
details are picked, and soon the  
platoon becomes a self-sufficient  
unit, capable of sustaining itself for  
a short period. During the bivouac  
period, each man does his own  
cooking.

#### GAS ATTACKS LEND REALISM.

Lending further realism to the  
training are the gas attacks. Platoons  
on bivouac are regularly at-  
tacked with tear gas while march-  
ing in column thru the high moun-  
tain ranges surrounding Camp  
Buffalo, and men on the move thru  
little-used trails are constantly on  
the alert for any surprise attacks.  
All, of course, carry gas masks,  
and at the command, "Gas," the

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