

**CAMP
CROWDER**



FACTS ABOUT CAMP CROWDER

Located in the heart of the picturesque Ozark Mountain region, Camp Crowder is the home of the Central Signal Corps Training Center, largest signal corps training center in the world. The post was named for General Enoch Herbert Crowder, native Missourian, who attained fame as the author of the Selective Service Act of the first World War and who, as Provost Marshal General, was responsible for its successful administration. He served as Judge Advocate General and was for a time professor of military tactics at the University of Missouri. General Crowder predicted, on the day of the first World Armistice, "We have stopped too soon . . . we should never have stopped until we were in Berlin. It will not be 25 years until we will have to do this all over again." He was honored as a distinguished soldier, lawyer, statesman, diplomat and administrator and is well described by the simple words on his tombstone in Arlington Cemetery: "*A military man who understood the spirit of a free people.*"

Ground was broken at Camp Crowder August 30, 1941, on what was then rolling farm land, dotted with small orchards, corn fields and modest farm homes. The first troops moved in December 2, just five days before the Pearl Harbor attack. With the declaration of war, work on the project was speeded and the serious business of training troops in ever greater numbers got immediately under way.

Nearest town to Camp Crowder is Neosho, Newton county seat, six miles north of the post, with a pre-war population of about 5,000. Larger towns of Carthage (population approximately 10,000) and Joplin, (population approximately 40,000) lie some twenty miles further north and may be reached by bus service.

The region around Camp Crowder is one famed for its folk-lore and recreational facilities, particularly hunting and fishing.

General Information

Post Exchange: The Post Exchange has twenty-two branches, including three beauty parlors, for WACS and Civilian Women Employees, located at various points around the post so that they are easily accessible from all quarters. The Post Exchange sells supplies, cigarettes, candy and fountain drinks, magazines, and all the articles soldiers find desirable for comfort and convenience. All articles are sold at lower prices than those prevailing in most city stores. The Post Exchange also operates two cafeterias in the civilian women workers' dormitory area and in Building 2325.

Post Newspaper: The Camp Crowder Message, published weekly, carries post news concerning activities of the men, feature stories and pictures, as well as schedules of religious services and announcements concerning entertainments for soldiers, both at the post and in near-by towns. Approximately 15,500 copies are distributed free to the men each Thursday. The Daily Information Bulletin, posted on all bulletin boards, contains all official announcements and an entertainment calendar. A daily bulletin of condensed war news also is posted.

Service Clubs: Camp Crowder has four Service Clubs, each with its own Guest House for soldiers' guests. Service Clubs one and two have large cafeterias, auditoriums or ball rooms and libraries. Service Clubs three and four have rooms for dancing and other entertainment, reading rooms and cafeterias. All facilities are open to enlisted men. The Service Clubs have lounges, women's powder rooms, writing tables, facilities for indoor games, telephone booths and rooms available for parties. Each club has a principal hostess and assistants. The Clubs are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. Some form of entertainment is provided every evening for soldiers and their guests. The Guest Houses are open and accommodations are offered at nominal rates to relatives and friends of men at Camp. A three-day limit is placed on

visits. To establish a convenient meeting point, guests of soldiers are asked to meet them at the Service Clubs rather than elsewhere on the post.

Company Day Rooms: All companies have day rooms, furnished with couches and lounge chairs, writing desks and game facilities supplementing Service Club facilities.

Post Office: A general post office, located in Headquarters area, is open from 8 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. daily, and from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on Sundays. All postal facilities, including stamps, money orders, parcel post and War stamps and bonds, are handled. A branch post office (Building 3002) is open daily from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m., and from 12:30 until 8:30 p.m., but is closed on Sundays. Another branch post office (Building 3542) is open daily, except Sunday, from 1 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Theatres: There are six theatres, presenting first-run motion pictures every evening and matinees on Sundays and holidays. Programs and time schedules are announced in the Daily Information Bulletin and the Camp Crowder Message. Admission charge is 15 cents in cash, or 12 cents by coupon book. Theatres No. 3 and No. 6 seat about 400 persons, and the other four about 1050 each.

Laundry: Laundry for officers and enlisted men is done on the post in one of the largest laundries in the country. Service is weekly and the charge to enlisted men is set at \$1.50 a month.

U. S. O. Centers: There are U.S.O. centers in the near-by towns, where varied entertainment is offered soldiers and dances usually are held on Saturday nights with girl guests and hostesses from the surrounding area. The Neosho U.S.O. center is housed in a new building two blocks west of the public square. A second center is located in the Armory Building, Brank and Jefferson streets. The Joplin center is at 310 Wall Street, and in Carthage at 127 East Sixth Street. Women's divisions in Neosho and Joplin keep lists of rooms available for women guests of soldiers, and help to entertain visitors. The Neosho women's division is un-

der Y.W.C.A. direction, and the Joplin women's unit is conducted with Traveler's Aid supervision in the Union bus station. Neosho also has a Masonic Service Center on the east side of the public square, open to soldiers and guests, and a Baptist Service Center at 212 South Washington Street.

Transportation: Regular bus service, direct from the post, is maintained to Neosho, Joplin and Carthage. Joplin also may be reached by Kansas City Southern Railway, from either the Camp Crowder or the Neosho station. There is bus service to each of the Service Clubs.

Religious Services: There are sixteen chapels and sixteen chaplains assigned to the post, with Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Christian Science services held regularly. Religious services are also held in the hospital, at the guard house, and by radio broadcast.

American Red Cross: A Red Cross office is established on the post with a field director and seven assistant directors, ready to serve any soldiers who are in need of help. The Red Cross also maintains a staff in the recreation building, hospital area.

Hospital: Camp Crowder maintains a large and well-staffed hospital, and in addition fifteen infirmaries conveniently located throughout the camp, and three dental clinics.

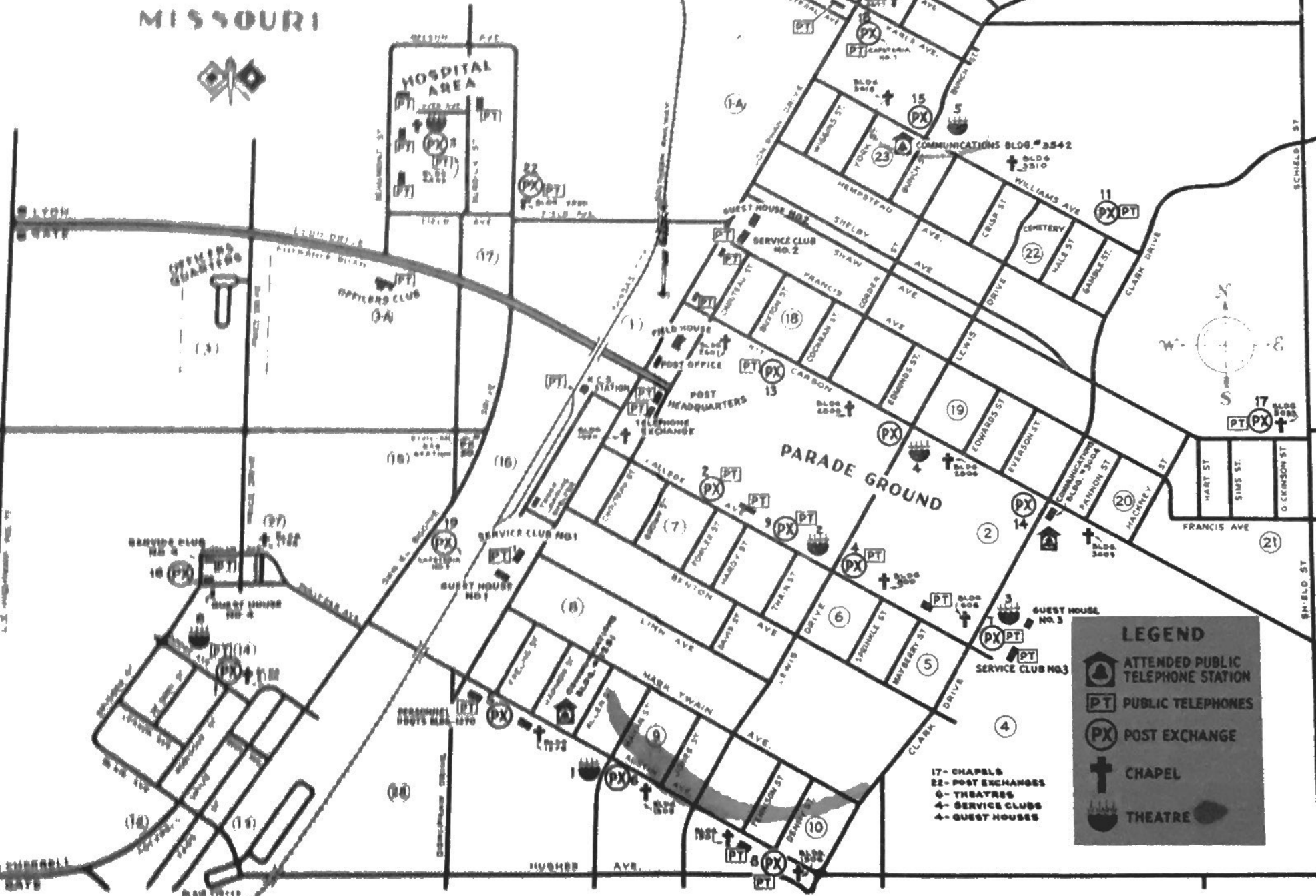
Army Emergency Relief: Funds for necessary relief for soldiers and their families are administered through an Army Emergency Relief secretary in Post Headquarters. The funds are contributed largely by soldiers.

Radio Broadcasting: The post presents special radio broadcasts, with talent at the post, through co-operation with near-by radio stations.

Field House: A large Field House, seating 5,000 persons, is used for large scale activities, athletic events, and special programs such as visiting "name" bands. Three basketball games may be conducted simultaneously on the floor of this building.

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- ATTENDED PUBLIC TELEPHONE STATION
- PUBLIC TELEPHONES
- POST EXCHANGE
- CHAPEL
- THEATRE

17- CHAPELS
 22- POST EXCHANGES
 6- THEATRES
 4- SERVICE CLUBS
 4- GUEST HOUSES

Public Telephone Service



Wherever you see this sign, you'll find a public telephone to serve you. For your convenience, these telephones are located at various places around the camp where many of you are accustomed to gather in

your leisure time: post exchanges, the Service Clubs, recreation buildings and day rooms.

Attended Public Telephones: There are three Communications Buildings, where public telephones with booths are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week: Building 3542, on Williams St., near theatre No. 5. Building 3004, corner of Clark Drive and Kit Carson Ave., near PX No. 14. Building 1251-1252 on Austin Ave., just west and across the street from Theatre No. 1. During all busy hours, which includes all evenings and all day Sunday, experienced telephone operators are on duty at these points. These trained operators are glad to place your calls for you, to make change, to help you locate the telephone number you wish from the large library of out-of-town telephone directories, and to do all in their power to get your calls through. Branch Post Offices and Telegraph Offices are located either in these same buildings or next door. Select the one nearest you, when you wish to place a telephone call, send a telegram or buy a money order.

Camp Telephone Manager and Assistant Manager: C. V. Hughes, who has had more than 30 years of telephone experience, is the full time civilian camp telephone manager at Camp Crowder, and in order to provide the best possible service to the men and women here, Mr. Hughes has added an assistant camp telephone manager, Kenneth L. Kemmerer, who has been a telephone man for more than 25 years. Their duties are to assist you in your telephone problems and to arrange for public telephones on the post, so that they will serve you and the other men most effectively. If you have any questions, suggestions, or criticisms, Mr. Hughes or Mr. Kemmerer will be glad to receive them. Their offices are in Building 3542, on Williams Street.

Some Delays During the Busiest Hours

We're sorry about delays on calls. We'd like to handle all of them promptly, but at some hours, particularly after 7 p.m., the volume is so great that some delays are bound to occur. Calls to the far distant cities are the ones most likely to be delayed. Reduced rates are in effect all day on Sundays. Calls spread over the weekends can help to relieve the after 7 p.m. periods.

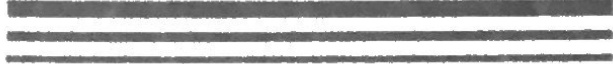
Telephone Materials Are Scarce

In ordinary times we'd build enough lines and install the equipment to handle all the calls the American people want to make. But these are wartimes, and the materials needed for the telephone system are now needed for munitions.

Copper is the key material in the telephone system. No other metal can be used as successfully to carry telephone conversations. But copper is also used for cartridges. When you shoot a machine gun for four minutes, for example, you shoot away 30 pounds of copper—enough to build a telephone line a mile and a half long! So we are having to get along with the telephone lines we already have. We've made the choice now to "Shoot more and talk less!"



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