

FIFTH REPLACEMENT DEPOT  
APO 711

We take this opportunity to welcome you to the Fifth Replacement Depot. In a few words, we want to tell you about the Depot - a little of its background, our present mission, and about the facilities available for your comfort and recreation.

The Fifth Replacement Depot was activated in November of 1942 at Camp Columbia, Brisbane, Australia. Colonel George L. Smith assumed command in February of 1943 and has headed the Depot since. We moved forward to Goodenough Island, then up to Oro Bay, New Guinea. All this time, thousands of officers and men were received, processed and assigned to the Armies, Corps, and Divisions. In January of this year, the 12th Replacement Battalion, - (one of the 4 battalions in the Depot), was attached to the invasion force that carried out the Lingayen operation, the first landing of American troops on the island of Luzon

in this war. The Depot moved up from Oro Bay to Manila the early part of March, this year - shortly after the city had been liberated.

The camp is situated on the Madrigal estate. We are about 23 kilometers south of Manila and approximately 5 kilometers from Laguna de Bay - the large lake visible from high ground here. The 11th Airborne and 1st Cavalry Divisions shared the task of clearing the enemy from Manila and this area. The surrounding villages are called Barrios. The civilians in this area consist mostly of farmers who cultivate the rice fields, help in the orchards, and work in the larger sugar refineries in the district. When we arrived here, all that greeted the eye was rice paddy land. Within hearing distance of the big guns that were pushing southward, we set out to build from the ground up. The Depot, as you see it today, represents countless hours of planning and toil.



The Allied forces have provided specialized personnel to act as reception groups within the Depot. Together, our mission now is to take care of the necessary details and speed you on your way homeward. One thing we want to emphasize. Every one of us here at the Depot is at YOUR SERVICE. All our efforts will be concentrated on making your stay here as pleasant and as short as possible.



Here's a preview of some of the things to be accomplished before you're on your way home:

Drawing of 3 complete sets of clothes. Laundry facilities will be provided.



Physical examination - so that we can assure you of being in good health, and if needed, take the necessary steps to get you into good condition.

You will receive the required injections.


It will be necessary to fill out various forms and be interviewed, so that a complete up-to-date record can be made. The proper filling out of these forms will be of the utmost importance to you.

Now, for a short tour of the Depot (a map of the camp area and its facilities is reproduced in this booklet)




Entering the main camp road, you very readily come upon the Depot Chapel. This was constructed entirely from native materials. The Depot has 3 chaplains - Catholic, Protestant and Jewish. In addition, there are chaplains from the British Empire forces in each reception camp. These chaplains are available to you any time of the day or night. A schedule of religious services is posted on every company bulletin board.

You will find that we have centralized all the agencies who will assist you in every way possible with your individual and personal problems.



Each battalion has a combination Red Cross canteen and Rest Exchange. Many, but not all of the articles in the PX will be available to you at no cost, and the canteen will serve coffee, tea, and doughnuts.

The Depot Information and Education building, you will note from the map, is centrally located between the 46th, 12th, and 43rd Battalions. Here you may catch up on the developments in the global war that brought final victory and peace to the world. The building has many displays, a large library, and plenty of room for reading and writing in a quiet atmosphere.



The latest news and developments will be brought to you daily by the 711 NEWS (publish-

ed by Depot I & E Section), as well as the Free Philippines, and the daily Pacifican - newspapers published in Manila. In each company, there are a number of radio receivers which will also be a source of up-to-the-minute news and entertainment.

For your entertainment, the Depot Special Service Section operates the Main Theater and a theater in each battalion. The latest movies are shown nightly. Stage shows featuring big name bands and headline entertainers are scheduled for performances at the Depot. Sufficient advance notice will be given so that you know who is coming and when.



Each battalion has its own sports field and sporting equipment. The Depot has also constructed a main athletic field, where exhibition games are played between the Depot team and teams from units in the vicinity.

Meals will be served at regular hours. In addition, the mess hall will remain open at all times for personnel desiring to eat.

Your address while here at the Depot will be:

(Australian Personnel, Military and Civilian):

Number, Name and Rank (in case of  
civilian, no number or rank)  
Company Number, Camp Number  
3rd Australian PW Reception Group  
Australia

British Empire Military Personnel  
(Except Australian & Canadian)

Number, Name and Rank  
Liberated PW  
c/o Australian Base Post Office  
Melbourne, Australia



British Empire Civilian Personnel  
(Except Australian):

Name

Liberated Civilian  
c/o Australian Base Post Office  
Melbourne, Australia

Canadian Personnel:

Number Rank and Name

Canadian Repat. Liaison Group

c/o 5th Replacement Depot

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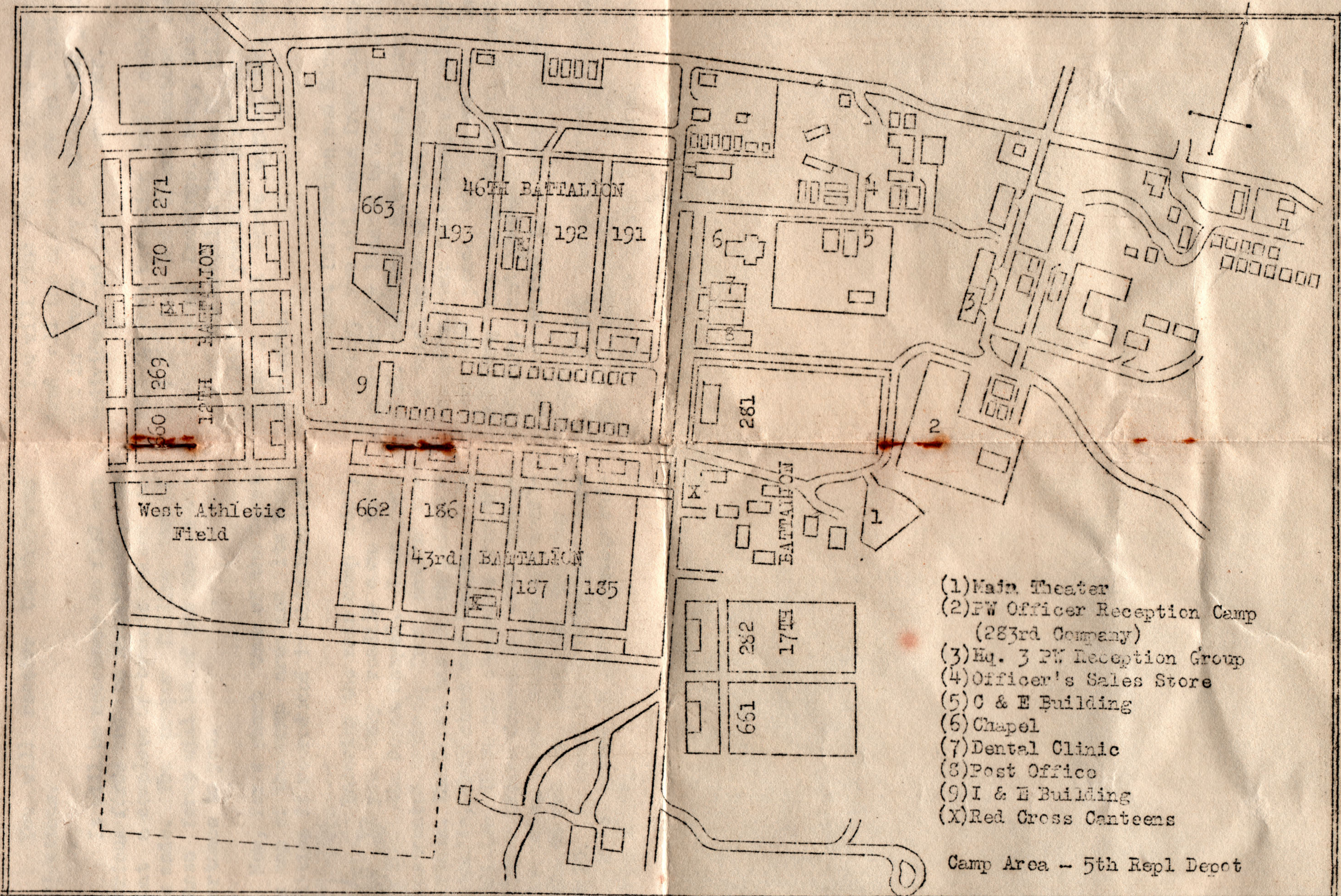
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Special trips to Tagaytay Ridge, Corregidor, and a tour of Manila will be arranged.

We know you're anxious to get home - and we're going to do our level best to start you **HOMeward BOUND** in the shortest possible time.



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- (1) Main Theater
- (2) PW Officer Reception Camp  
(283rd Company)
- (3) Eq. 3 PW Reception Group
- (4) Officer's Sales Store
- (5) C & E Building
- (6) Chapel
- (7) Dental Clinic
- (8) Post Office
- (9) I & E Building
- (X) Red Cross Canteens

Camp Area -- 5th Repl Depot