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ACTIVITY AT FORT TO PICK UP NEXT WEEK

Third Officer Is Named For Post

Preparations to receive personnel and otherwise prepare for the resultation of Ft. Huachuca should run considerable momentum in about another week.

A week from tomorrow, Jan. 22, Col. Earle F. Cook, chief of staff to the new commanding general of Ft. Huachuca, Brig. Gen. Emil Leitner, is expected to take up his new post here.

The first troops and civilian related bodies experts will arrive late this month or early February. Toward the last of the month a civilian employment office will be set up on the post.

Because of the local interest in new employment opportunities at the post, the information was received that civilians may obtain Civil Service Applications, known as Form 57s, from either the post office or the post employment office when it opens.

Other pertinent information concerning the post was provided as the new commanding general, Gen. Leitner, Col. Cook, Col. David M. Dunne and other officers inspected facilities here yesterday.

General Leitner is expected to take over active command of the fort in about two months.

According to word received here today from U. S. Sen. Barry Goldwater, Col. Albert J. Mauldbaum will be the commanding officer of the Electronic Warfare Center.

The fort is expected to reach a peak strength of 7,500 soldiers and 1,000 civilians in about 18 months. From present information the fort will be kept on a permanent basis.

The Fort Huachuca operation will be the only operation of its type in the nation. Men will test electronics equipment for both the army and the air force. No work on guided missiles will be included. A great deal of the work will be classified "top secret."

Any large number of personnel will not begin arriving until the Sixth Army officially reactivates the post. When a full complement is established, about half the personnel will be in service and operations, the other half, trainees who will engage in field problems under simulated combat conditions, testing equipment so new that much of it has not left the factories yet. The type of work at the fort will be with light aircraft and electronic gear.

The Signal Corps Laboratories and school will remain at Ft. Monmouth.

Personnel receiving specialized training at Fort Huachuca will be sent to other military installations in the country. Operations will take some time it developing so that it appears the Arizona National Guard will be able to use the post for training this summer.

Other high lending areas, the fort will be open to the public as any military base normally is.

One of the first offices to be placed in operation, perhaps Feb. 1, will be that of the public information officer.

General Leitner arrived yesterday at 2:25 p. m. at Libby Field at the fort aboard a U. S. Air Force C-47. After spending the day at the fort, he left this morning for Phoenix to confer with Gov. Howard Pyle.

General Leitner entered the Army in 1917 as a private. He was admitted to the United States Military Academy in 1920, and upon his graduation in 1924, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps. He has served in that branch of the Army ever since.

The general served in Europe during World War II and was liaison officer of the Eighth Army in Korea. He is presently chief deputy signal officer to the 9th Signal Corps, Pentagon, Wash.

The Reporter's executive officer, Col. Cook, first met the general in 1934 at Ft. Monmouth but their assignments have placed them in different organizations since.

Col. Cook entered the army in 1931 as a second lieutenant following graduation from West Point. He joined the Signal Corps in 1935. During World War II he saw service in Europe and commanded the Army Security Agency, originally the Signal Intelligence Agency.

The past 18 months the colonel has served as commander of the White Sands, N. M., Signal Corps Agency. He is a graduate of the Army War College.

Col Mauldbaum, commanding officer of the Electronics Warfare Center at Ft. Huachuca, is a 1930 graduate of the U. S. Military Academy with immediate assignment to the Signal Corps. His most recent post has been that of commanding officer of the Signal Corps Electronics Warfare Center at Ft. Monmouth.

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