

**HANG ON!** . . . No one around Camp Cooke is needle proof, as an unhappy GI, Pvt. Robert Hunter, 2055 Lomita boulevard, gets it from both sides. At left is Sgt. Robert V. Thom, of Harbor City. Medic at right is Cpl. Gary L. Dawson of 1900 Plaza del Amo. Hunter is getting a typhus and cholera shot before leaving for Japan.—(Herald photo)



**EVERYBODY TURNS TO** . . . All are busy, even the commanding officer, Captain Merle Gilb, of the 578th Combat Engineers, as the unit prepares gear for packing for shipment to Japan later this month.—(Herald photo)

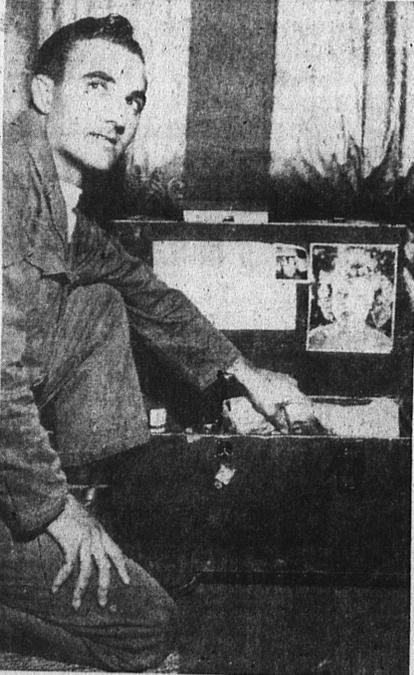
# 578th Packing Up: Japan Bound . . .



**ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS** . . . Outside battalion headquarters, Sergeant-major Roy McCaskey, 1913 Cabrillo avenue, gives jeep driver Pvt. Sunao Omatsu, 3501 Torrance boulevard, a message to deliver to one of the company commanders in the local combat battalion.—(Herald photo)



**POPULAR GUY** . . . Around Camp Cooke Pvt. Thor E. Myhre, 22702 Hawthorne boulevard, is a popular GI. And for good reason. He is the mail clerk of the 578th Engineers.—(Herald photo).



**OFF TO JAPAN** . . . Master Sergeant Don Townsend, 2320 Gramercy avenue, packs his foot locker under the watchful eye of Mrs. Townsend.—(Herald photo)



**HE'S READY** . . . Sgt. Charles Hill, of 1656 West 224th street, checks out his last piece of equipment to outfit him for the trip to Japan later this month. Like Sgt. Hill, most of the outfit has drawn full equipment for the overseas assignment.—(Herald photo)



**HOME ON THE RANGE** . . . These combat engineers have learned to be as much at home on the firing range with their sub-machineguns as they are with tools they use to build bridges, roads, and bomb shelters. Returning from a trip to the Camp Cooke range are (left to right) Cpl. Glenn D. Gibbons, formerly of Torrance; Cpl. Jimmie Turner, 1860 Plaza del Amo; Pvt. Bob Bellhouse, 3430 Emerald street; and Pvt. Elton Russell, 1735 Date avenue.—(Herald photo)



**RIFLEMEN, TOO** . . . Knowing how to build bridges is not the only skill required of men in the 578th Combat Engineers. Once built, bridges have to be held and to help them accomplish this the men learn to fire a sub-machine gun—one of the Army's newer weapons. Returning from a practice session on the range is Pfc. Wilfred Guadian, 324 Arlington avenue (left), a member of the bridge platoon, and Pfc. Carlos Castillo, of Lomita, a member of the supply section of the National Guard battalion.—(Herald photo)



**THE PAUSE** . . . Having a Coke during a break in the big packing job at Camp Cooke is Pfc. Mike Iorio Jr., of 1413 West 216th street. Iorio is a member of Company A of the 578th and is just about ready for that trip to Japan, he reports.—(Herald photo.)



**DIVINE DIVINITY** . . . "Right out of Heaven," says Pfc. Carl Armagost, 1617 West 224th street, as he munches a piece of home-made candy. Armagost is a member of the water supply detail and will help quench the thirst of the 578th when the battalion arrives overseas.—(Herald photo)



**HE GETS AN 'A'** . . . So says Lt. A. R. Kopp, medical officer of the 578th (right), as he completes a blood test on Pvt. Salvador Gonzales, 2219 1/2 West 203rd street. Blood typing of all men is just one of a thousand details which must be accomplished before the local National Guard unit can leave Camp Cooke for Japan.—(Herald photo).



**ABOUT HERE!** . . . Major General Daniel Huddelson (seated), commanding general of the 40th Division of the California National Guard, discusses with Major Worth Larkin, public information officer of the division, a possible location in Japan where members of the 40th, including the local 578th Combat Engineer Battalion, will be sent when they sail for the Orient later this month.—(Herald photo)