

MILITARY POLICE WILL NOT REMAIN AT FORT ONTARIO

Pre-Basic Training of Special
Importance Will Be Given
at Post

War department sources informed the Palladium-Times by telephone from Washington today, that Fort Ontario has been discontinued as a training center for military police, and in the future will give pre-basic training to a large number of men.

Details of the program are lacking, but will be made public in the near future, the announcement stated. Several high ranking officers at the post have received special training for this work, a new service unit, under the command of Lieut. Col. Ralph M. Manter has been formed and the program will be of special importance from a military standpoint.

Some of the trainees have already arrived at the post. The War Department explained that many of them have language and other training difficulties which require a special program, but that all trainees compare in intelligence and ability with any group of American soldiers.

Fort Ontario has been a training center for military police for more than a year, and this work has been carried on under the direction of Col. Willis Shippam, commanding. In 1940, it was expanded into a one regiment post, and two full regiments of anti-aircraft trained there before Pearl Harbor. Last summer a battalion of an anti-aircraft regiment was in training at the post.

The new program is expected to keep the post operating at full capacity.