



UNITED STATES ARMY

tricky pontoon floats etc, each one with 4 and 5 feet of water to check your unlucky slips. They never fail to produce the full effect of the Mormon baptism. By the time you have finished with the last monkey act you are convinced that you are the monkey, aptly interspersed are rock piles to break your ankle, wood piles, deep holes, barb wire entanglements, foot bridges, hand bridges, rope and plank walking, ladders, deep trenches and many other creation of imagination.

One rather interesting and practical obstacle is the facsimile of a troop boat with landing accommodations. It consist of merely racing up one side on a 40' ^{rope} ladder and down the other side on a rope net. The interesting element about this construction is the presence of a rafts suspended on water at the base of the ship. It require one to jump from land on to one of these bobbing rafts before making the ascent up the rope ladder. If you fail to keep your balance you are likely to become a goldfish. After you emerge from the last trench at the conclusion of this course you are met by an officer who will generally say "we must do this more often."

With the obstacle course now behind you (more properly all over you) we assemble and after segregation the dead and drowned continue on our way.

A chance to invade the countryside is one of the most pleasant (and practically the only chance) aspect of my training. However, as far as physical conditioning is concerned I feel as though I had already made the jump on Berkeley.