



## **JAMES W. GREEN, JR.**

### **COLONEL**

#### **Commandant, Southern Signal Corps School**

Destined to have a phenomenal military career, Colonel James W. Green, Jr., a native Arkansan, was graduated with honors from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1927 and commissioned in the Signal Corps. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim W. Green, Little Rock, he received earlier education there.

His appointment as Commandant of the Southern Signal Corps School at Camp Murphy came shortly after the first anniversary of the camp's inception. It was Colonel Green who selected the site for the school and laid out its earliest plans.

Colonel Green's appointment from Washington followed reassignment of Colonel Hugh Mitchell, the school's first commandant, now on duty in the Southwest Pacific.

A full colonel at the age of 36 years, Camp Murphy's second commandant is one of the youngest men in the Army to hold a position of such importance. He was promoted to colonel in November, 1942.

Following completion of his West Point education, the Army sent the youthful officer to Yale University where he was awarded the Master of Science degree in 1928. He was then assigned as a student at the Signal Corps School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, but was made an instructor before he had finished his course as a student.

Leaving Monmouth, Colonel Green served three years in the Philippines, 1932-34, and while there installed some of the radio sets which were used in Bataan and Corregidor until the final days of resistance against the Japs in 1942.

His tour of duty in the Pacific was followed by service on the faculty of the Military Academy as Chemistry and Electricity instructor. He left to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Again Colonel Green went to Fort Monmouth as an instructor. Field manuals still studied by Signal Corps men were written by the young teacher. He was made director of the Department of Training Literature of the Signal Corps School there in 1940 and then prior to Pearl Harbor in 1941, a new Aircraft Warning section was set up and Major Green, as he was then, was put in charge. The day he was appointed for this new task, two officers reported to him as assistants. One was Lieutenant Colonel John A. Ord, now director of the training department, Southern Signal Corps School; the other was lieutenant Cary S. Daugherty, now also a school director and promoted in May, 1943, to the rank of lieutenant Colonel. Rapid expansion of the AW school and coming of actual war found the Fort Monmouth installation too small and Colonel Green was told to select a site and prepare himself to serve as Assistant Commandant of a new school. With other officers he conferred with the county engineer of Martin County and selected the present site of Camp Murphy. The engineer today is Captain John A. Stafford of the Post Engineer's staff at this station. Colonel Green has been extremely active and influential in conduct of affairs of the school since its organization and his promotion as Commandant and subsequently as Post Commander comes as a recognition of his highly effective work.