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Contreras, Wenceslao, J.

OFFICER CANDIDATE AT GEORGIA CAMP

Wenceslao J. Contreras to Try for
Commission—Lehigh Student.

Camp Stewart, Ga., Oct. 20 (Special to the Globe-Times)—A Mexican-born soldier who has been serving in the army of the United States has been selected as an officer candidate from Camp Stewart.

He is Sergeant Wenceslao J. Contreras, a native of Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico. Born there on September 28, 1916, he came to the United States in the Spring of 1924, with his mother and father. His father settled at Bethlehem, where he is employed in the steel mills.

Sergeant Contreras, who took out his first papers for citizenship three years ago and received them last April, is very happy that he was selected by the local candidate board to attend the anti-aircraft school at Camp Davis, N. C. He begins a three months AA course this week.



SGT. WENCESLAO CONTRERAS

He has now spent 15 months in the army, the last two months of it as a communications sergeant in an anti-aircraft unit here. Sergeant Contreras is enthusiastic in his liking for the army life.

At the communications school he made a rating of "excellent." He was all but due to graduate from Lehigh University when inducted into the army on June 28, 1941, at New Cumberland, Pa.

Besides almost finishing college, Sergeant Contreras has done numerous other things in his 26 years of life. He has been a telephone and switchboard operator, a photographer, a radio technician and a surveyor.

Sergeant Contreras has several aunts and uncles and other relatives at Saltillo, Mexico and also at the Hacienda Valle Umbroso near San Luis Potosi. His father is Julian Contreras and his mother is Augustina Contreras. They live at 1811 East Third Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

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