

**PAUL G. ROBARDS  
IS COMMISSIONED  
AS 2ND LIEUTENANT**

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**GRADUATES FROM OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL AT CAMP BARKELEY, TEXAS**

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Among those who this week received commissions as second lieutenants in the Medical Administrative Corps at the Camp Barkeley Officer Candidate school graduation was Lt. Paul Gordon Robards, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ohmer Robards, of Newton.

This ceremony marked the completion of four months of training for the graduates of Class XXX. Week long periods in the field give the men thorough experience in the techniques of field medical evacuation of casualties, and an opportunity to practice classroom strategy and tactics in the field.

In the field training the candidates are given exercises which they must solve on their own initiative, designed to build self-confidence in their ability to lead men in operations during combat. Academic training includes the subjects of medical administration, supply, sanitation, first aid, chemical warfare, tactics, training and logistics.

Brig. Gen. Roy C. Heflebower, Commanding General of the Officer Candidate school and the Medical Replacement Training Center, delivered the graduation address, while Lt. Col. August H. Groeschel, assistant commandant, presided at the ceremonies. Capt. Willard E. Thompson, school executive officer delivered the oath of office to the new officers.