

## John DeBusk On Atomic Maneuvers

CAMP DESERT ROCK, Nev., Oct. 19—Private First Class John J. DeBusk, son of Mr. John DeBusk of Mt. Vernon is one of the 5000 men of the Armed Forces participating in Exercise Desert Rock.

He is a member of the 11th Airborne Division elements of which are currently attached to the III Corps. The Corps, which is Headquarters for the operation, is under the command of Major General William B. Kean.

“Desert Rock” is a training exercise conducted by the Army to familiarize ground troops with the tactics, organization and problems of atomic warfare. The exercise will take place at the Atomic Energy Commission’s Nevada test site, but it is separate from the scientific developmental work at the site.

Not all of the troops currently at Desert Rock will take part in the actual tests. A battalion of combat troops will establish battle positions, including entrenchments, barbed wire and emplacements of weapons. Prior to the actual detonation, the combat troops will withdraw to predetermined positions of safety. General Kean has stressed that the troops will not be exposed to unnecessary danger. “The Army is leaning over backward” to insure the safety of troops in the test maneuvers, the general stated.