

Polo and Planes

don't mix.

Camden Military Academy is bounded by US Route 1, the Maine to Florida highway, now only an alternate for traffic on I-95—Main Street USA—and the Kershaw County Airport. CMA facilities include World War II structures built for Army Air Corps flying school use, renovation of which reflects a transformation from temporary wartime construction to fully renovated, substantial buildings. This year the county built a new air terminal for Woodward Field, the most significant addition to the facility since wealthy sportsman Ernest Woodward donated land for an airport in the 1920s to discourage pilots from landing their planes on his polo field, now part of Springdale Racecourse.

The City of Camden attracts tourists in numbers and is a mecca for horsemen, but principal interest in the town for the average cadet is the predictable fare at Burger King and McDonald's. Pictured here are scenes shot in the community, beyond self-contained CMA. Top left, then clockwise: Eric Gadlage and Will Rice stride toward fast food heaven, DeKalb Street, Camden. Col. Risher leads the Pledge of Allegiance during dedication ceremonies for the new airport terminal, October 1, the color guard proudly in attendance. Mike McCoy and Dana Lunsford pre-flight their Cessnas before the new terminal. Bertram Firestone, owner, watches excitedly as Mike Boiter and Scott Serpas assist Carolina Cup Racing Association Director Dale Thiel in placing a blanket of carnations over the neck of 1988 Colonial Cup winner Jimmy Lorenzo, Jonathan Smart up, November 27. It's a road not taken for Eric Gadlage, Ted Dailey, Evan Samli, and Jim Denton, just beyond the parade field.

