

# SOLDIER IS HELD AS JERSEY KILLER

Fort Dix Private in Jail to  
Await Trial for Murder in  
Duck Island Cases

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 7 (AP)—Private Clarence Hill, 33 years old, Hamilton Township Negro soldier, was arraigned today in Hamilton Township Police Court on six charges of murder in connection with the six Duck Island "lover's lane" slayings that occurred in 1938, 1939 and 1940.

Hill stood stolidly as Recorder Willard F. Grimm read the charges, signed by Detective Capt. Thomas Simpson of Hamilton Township, accusing him of "willfully and feloniously" killing the six persons. The soldier's counsel, Frank H. Wimberley, entered pleas of innocence for Hill.

Recorded Grimm remanded Hill, who was turned over to civil authorities late last week by Army officers at Fort Dix, to Mercer County jail without bail to await action of the Mercer County grand jury.

The slayings, all of which resulted from shotgun blasts, took place on or near Duck Island, bleak filled-in ground along the Delaware River in Hamilton Township, which adjoins Trenton.

The complaints against Hill charged him with the murders of three couples: Mary Mytovich, 16, and Vincenzo Tonzello, 20, on Nov. 8, 1938; Mrs. Katherine Werner, 36, and Frank Casper, 28, on Oct. 3, 1939, and Mrs. Carolina Morconi, 24, and Ludovicum J. Kovacs, 25, on Nov. 16, 1940.

Miss Mytovich was found fatally wounded and her escort, Tonzello, was found dead in his car on Duck Island by the police. Miss Mytovich died two days later in St. Francis Hospital, Trenton, after telling the police that a Negro had shot Tonzello when he refused demands for money, and then raped her and shot her.

The bodies of Mrs. Werner and Casper were found by a Trenton junk dealer who was scouring the island for junk.

The police said that Casper, an automobile mechanic, had been killed by a shot fired from close range. Part of Mrs. Werner's right arm was blown off and the police believed she was running away from the car when shot.

The last of the six victims, Mrs. Morconi and Kovacs, were found dead in Kovacs' automobile off Cypress Lane, three miles south and inland from Duck Island.

Hill, who was inducted into the Army eighteen months ago, is the father of two children.