

# The CAMP ROBERTS PARADE

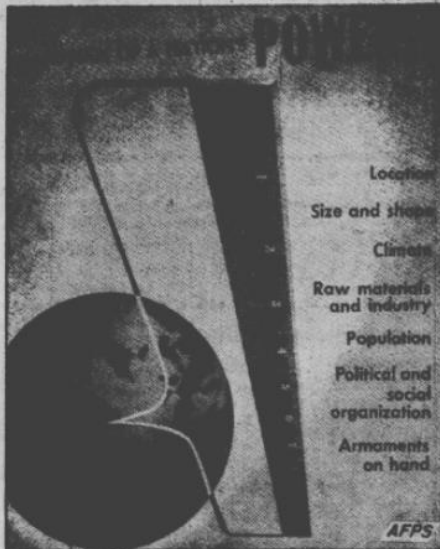
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## Command Conference



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Population  
Political and social organization  
Armaments on hand

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MEASURING NATION'S STRENGTH is the subject of this week's Command Conference. The talk encompasses the reasons why some nations are weak while others are strong, tells some of the ways to determine whether we actually are strong enough to overcome the dangers that threaten our country, and gives soldiers a yardstick by which to estimate our strength.

## Army Is Settling Estates of Six Who Died Here

Any person or persons having claims against, or owing debts to the estate of the late Sergeant Jerome Sneed, NG 3829963, Corporal Tommy L. McMullen, NG 742053, Corporal Peter J. Valry, NG 28231969, Private First Class Harry W. Ketterer, NG 34-9844, Private First Class Martin Spears, ER 34319283, from company B, 1402nd Engineer Combat Battalion, will contact Lieutenant Benton C. Blake, 0977333, Summary Court Officer, East Garrison, Extension 4.

Any person or persons having claims against, or owing debts to the estate of the late Private Elder L. Kelley, US 56145117, from 7th Replacement Company, will contact 2nd Lieutenant Randall Flore, 02029429, Infantry, Summary Court Officer, extension 41.

## SIGNAL CORPS HAS LAUNCHED REFRESHERS

Washington—To assure faultless operation, the Army Signal Corps has launched an intensive program of instruction for communication personnel in the importance and technique of maintaining and operating such equipment.

"Maintenance advisory teams" have been established at all Signal Corps depots and Signal Sections of Army General Depots that have a supply mission.

The teams are composed of highly skilled electronics technicians selected for the ability to teach as well as their technical knowledge.

The teams are touring the country, visiting Army installations and helping units solve their communications maintenance problems. Emphasis is placed on having equipment at peak performance and ready for combat at all times.

## New Commissary Scheduled For April Opening

Camp Roberts will soon sport its own "cash and carry" market with the opening of the new Commissary in Warehouse 910, 2 April. Hours will be 0900 to 1600 weekdays, and it will remain closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

According to 1st Lt. Leroy Gardella, Subsistence Officer, the Commissary will be fully equipped with a complete fresh vegetable, meat, and grocery department.

Eligible patrons are all Military Personnel and dependants authorized to live off-post. Servicemen in uniform who do not have Commissary cards may buy such items as are stocked in the PX's. All persons wearing civilian clothes must show a card.

The Commissary cards may be obtained from the Provost Marshal's Office, Building 6039 near Gate No. 1. Available now, the cards may be had by presenting Separate Rations Orders at the PMO.

Children under 16 will not be permitted to enter the Commissary. A waiting room will be available, but patrons are requested to make other arrangements for the care of children since personnel are not available to watch them.

## Open Field Offices For Map Service

Louisville, Ky.—The Army Map Service has opened its first office here, Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, Chief of Army Engineers has announced.

This office, the first of several to be placed in operation, will work directly under the Commanding Officer of the Army Map Service in Washington.

A second unit, at Kansas City, Mo., is scheduled to open about April 1. Each office will employ about 150 locally recruited personnel.

## Accident Report

- 5 days since last military injury.
- 5 days since last civilian disabling injury.
- 5 days since last army motor vehicle accident.
- 7 days since last fatality.
- 1 day since last fire.

## Aviation Proves Important Tactical Division Component

### Light Planes Play Stellar New Roles

Aviation is assuming an increasingly important role as a regular component of ground force units. Today, light planes are standard equipment with Transportation Corps, Infantry and Field Artillery units at Tactical Division level.

Aircraft has also been authorized for such units as separate Tank Battalions, Engineer, Signal, Infantry, and Armored Cavalry units.

In Combat, these light planes have become invaluable in observation and patrol of the battlefield, registering and adjusting artillery fire, reconnoitering enemy positions, spotting gun placements, fuel dumps, convoys, etc.

They also have proven useful in emergency liaison, resupply, and evacuation of wounded.

Planes may also be employed in telephone wirelaying, checking camouflage, messenger and courier service, transport of personnel, column control, route reconnaissance of aerial direction of fighter bombers, aerial photography, and emergency rescue.

Particular emphasis has been placed upon the latter function in the present Korean conflict. Helicopters have proven invaluable on the battlefield, and the Army is rapidly expanding its helicopter service as tactical ground support.

All field maintenance of Army aircraft—formerly an Air Force function—has been assigned to the Ordnance Department with air items of supply furnished by Technical Service.

Personnel for Army Aviation are, for the most part, being trained in Army schools. Selected Officers are given basic flight training by the Air Force after which they are sent to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for two and one-half months training in the tactical phases of Army Aviation.

Some pilots are selected to attend the Helicopter Pilot Training Course where they learn helicopter flight and maintenance. After flight school, pilots are transferred to Fort Sill for additional training in tactical uses of the helicopter.

At present Enlisted men who qualify as pilots—hold a Civilian private or commercial license—and who meet physical and aptitude area requirements may be accepted to attend the nineteen week Helicopter Flight Course at San Marcos, Texas and Fort Sill.

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### Who's Who In Defense



GEN. J. LAWTON COLLINS  
Chief of Staff, U. S. Army

By Armed Forces Press Service  
Appointed Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, August 16, 1949.

Born in New Orleans, La., May 1, 1896. . . Graduated from U. S. Military Academy Class of 1917 with Bachelor of Science degree. Commanded battalion of 18th Infantry in Germany, 1919. . . Assistant Chief of Staff, Plans and Training, American Forces in Germany, 1920-1921.

Graduated from Infantry School Fort Benning, Ga., 1928. . . Command and General Staff School Fort Leavenworth, Kan., 1933. . . Army Industrial College, Washington, D. C., 1937. . . Army War College, Washington, D. C., 1938.

Served as Chief of Staff for Military Intelligence in the Philippine Division. . . Assigned duty in Office of the Secretary, War Department General Staff, Washington, D. C., 1940. . . Chief of Staff, VII Army Corps. . . Chief of Staff to General Delos C. Emons after Pearl Harbor.

Named Commanding General, 25th Infantry Division, May, 1942. . . Participated in battle of Guadalcanal and New Georgia campaign.

Commanded VII Corps on D-Day in Normandy. . . Captured Cherbourg with its German army and navy commanders, Von Schlieben and Henneke. . . Captured Aachen, Germany.

Appointed Deputy Commanding General and Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Washington, D. C., August, 1945. . . Director of Information of the War Department December 1945. . . Deputy Chief of Staff, U. S. Army, September, 1947.

Holds Distinguished Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Legion of Merit (one oak leaf cluster), Silver Star (one oak leaf cluster). . . Seven foreign decorations.

### Post Aviation Aids Troops Training

The principal mission of the Post Aviation Section is that of training and courier service, according to Capt. Oran B. Jolley, 7th Division Aviation Officer.

The light planes fly daily simulated strafing and bombing missions over trainees in maneuver and bivouac areas. This touch of realism is invaluable in training the art of dispersal in case of air attack.

The pilots make reports to the individual companies on the effectiveness of their dispersment. Training planes will eventually be used also for checking camouflage in bivouac, etc.

Post aviation also plays an important role as liaison with other headquarters and is available for emergency supply flights.

Although only three planes—two place Aronica L-16s—are presently housed on the East Garrison Field, a minimum of 12 aircraft, including new Cessna 1-19s and Helicopters, will eventually be supplied the Air Section.

In the Aviation Section with Capt. Jolley is Capt. William H. Thomas of 1402 Combat Eng. Bn. Three other Officers are assigned to the Section but are presently attending the Helicopter Training Course.

In the "ground crew" are four enlisted men: Cpl. George H. Black, Cpl. Herman Punke, and Pfc. Robert E. Hawkins, all of Hq. Co. 7th Armored Div. They are the Division Air Mechanics. Cpl. Bobbie Hall, 1402 CER, is Mechanic for the Combat Engineers.

Capt. Jolley was originally with the 317th Parachute Combat team when the Infantry TOE was reorganized authorizing light plane pilots. He went to Flight Training School and received his wings in 1946.

From there he served with the 11th Airborne Division in Japan until 1948 when he was transferred to the Military Department of the University of Illinois. Recalled to flight duty with the reactivation of the 7th Division, he was assigned here as Division Aviation Officer.

Capt. Thomas entered the Air Force in 1943 serving through most of the war with the 332 Fighter Group. Altogether he has flown a total of 70 missions in the European Theatre claiming

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## HONOR GUARD FOR GENERAL HALSEY



by Army trainees, was complete.

## Light Planes Play Stellar New Roles

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Upon graduating, pilots will receive Warrant Officer ratings.

The Army also has a Mechanics School to supply maintenance personnel for ground aviation units. A serious shortage of qualified mechanics exists, and applications are being accepted for both the light plane and helicopter Mechanics school.

In order to qualify for the respective eleven and six week courses, applicants must be under the grade of Sgt. and have a score of over 100 in Aptitude Area 8 (Mechanical Aptitude).

Further information on the above schools may be had from Capt. Theodore Verdugo, Schools Officer, G-3 Section.

Helicopters have been wired with loud speakers and effectively used for propaganda purposes in Korea. In one instance a "hopper copter" became the first plane to capture an enemy unit when it talked a Communist supply convoy into surrender and then led it safely across enemy lines into UN hands.

Well Spun Mr Shutter