

On the Firing Line With Combat Command Reserve



DOG AND CHARLEY Companies of the 95th Tank Battalion (heavy) firing light machine guns on the 1000 inch range at Camp Roberts. Top picture, hands raised, indicates ready to fire. Center picture, fire aburst of six. Lower picture, mark targets. Class was given by Weapons Committee of Division Faculty, assisted by the Cadre and officers of Dog and Charles Companies of the Reserve Command, commanded by Lt. Col. Don A. Mason. (Shannon Photo.)

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OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

One of the greatest heritages we Americans possess is the right to seek redress. The American way of life is based upon the dignity of the individual. Commanders of all echelons should recognize the importance of this great principle in dealing with their subordinates. The achievements which have made America great have been due to concerted effort and teamwork. Teamwork means organization and organization means the highest possible morale and esprit. Morale and esprit are impossible without mutual respect and understanding—respect for the rights of every member of the team. There will be times when a team captain will have to fight for the rights of the members of his team. In any situation where we deal with human beings, we will be faced with various problems, many of which will be complex. All of these problems can be quickly solved "on the spot" if approached in due time and in the proper manner.

It is incumbent upon all commanders to listen to the problems and complaints of their subordinates and to assist in every way in seeking a proper solution. Many of these problems may appear trivial to some of us at first sight but we must remember that a trivial problem to one person may be a serious and complex one to another. All of our every-day problems could well be settled before they take on complex proportions, thus we would eliminate some of the complaints now being received, including the long arduous task of investigations.

In furtherance of this principal, AR 20-5 provides that every person under military control has a right to go to his immediate Commanding Officer and present his problems or complaints and it is expected that they will be diligently handled with dispatch by all commanders concerned.

The regulation further provides that any person under military control who has a problem or feels that he has not been accorded proper and just treatment may present his problems or complaints direct to the Inspector General of this command. No retaliatory action of any sort will be taken against an individual for registering a complaint in good faith. Indeed, this principle is our great American heritage! Let us perpetuate this heritage by working together as one great team!

FRANK H. PARTRIDGE
Brig. Gen. USA
Commanding

At Your Chapel
WEST GARRISON

PROTESTANT
SUNDAY
MORNING WORSHIP—
Chapel No. 10900
Chapel No. 21100
Chapel No. 31000
Hosp. Chapel*1000
Chapel No. 4*1100
Chapel No. 51100
Chapel No. 61900
*Communion held first Sunday of each month.

WEEKDAY
Midweek Service, Wednesday, Chapel 51900
Choir Rehearsal, Tuesday, Chapel 31900

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES
SUNDAY—
Episcopal Communion, Chapel No. 6, Sunday0900
Lutheran Communion, Chapel No. 5, Sunday0900
WEEKDAY—
Pentecostal, Thursday, Chapel 30930
Latter Day Saints, Chapel No. 6, Wednesday 1900

Christian Science, Chapel No. 6, Thursday1930
Seventh Day Adventist, Chapel No. 6, Saturday0930
Jewish Chapel 6, Tuesday1900
Rabbi Freund Chapel 6 Tuesday1400-1730
Rabbi Freund, Chapel 6, Wednesday0800-1200

ROMAN CATHOLIC
SUNDAY
Mass, Hosp. Chapel0900
Mass, Chapel No. 20900
Mass, Chapel No. 41000
Mass, Chapel No. 61000
Mass, Chapel No. 31100
WEEKDAY
Mass, Daily Chapel No. 21800
Mass, Daily Chapel No. 61210
Novena Devotions and Benediction Wed., Chapel No. 2 2900
Chapel No. 21830
Confession, Saturday, Chapel No. 21900-2030
Confessions, Saturday, Chapel No. 61900-2030
Confessions heard up to five minutes before Masses.

EAST GARRISON

PROTESTANT
SUNDAY—
Morning Worship, Chapel No. 25*0900
Morning Worship, Chapel No. 28*1100
Hymn Sing, Chapel No. 28 1730
*Communion held first Sunday of each month.

CHapel LOCATIONS
Chapel 1 (Bldg. 1014) B and Main
Chapel 2 (Bldg. 2016) B and 11th.
Chapel 3 (Bldg. 3029) 6th and D
Chapel 4 (Bldg. 4014) 11th and J
Chapel 5 (Bldg. 5014) 16th and G
Chapel 6 (Bldg. 6030) 17 and G
Chapel 25 (Bldg. 25021) 63rd and O
Chapel 28 (Bldg. 28019) 52nd and O

Thirty Day Leave

Captain P. Scofield, Ordnance Automotive Officer, left last week to spend thirty days with his wife who is ill in Riverside, California.

Stair Stumbler Suffers

Bruises on the lips, and cuts about the face mark Tony Vargas, Company B, 23rd AIB this week after he fell while negotiating a stairway on post.

CCB Fete At San Miguel USO Draws Big Crowd

More than a 100 men of Combat Command B had their night to shine at the San Miguel USO last Wednesday, when the Club gave a special party for the Command.

This week the USO will have the special party night for Command A.

Andrew Sacino and his trio from the 7th Armored Division Band gave out with sweet and fast tunes for ballroom dancing. With Sgt. Charles Amussen as singer and master of ceremonies, entertainment was provided by soloist Pvt. Tony Coletti and pianist Pvt. Ian Bernard. Impromptu impersonations and songs were rendered by Pvt. John Ling of CCB. The entertainment program was arranged through the cooperation of Lt. John Pritchett of Special Services.

The ladies of San Miguel again provided delicious cakes and cookies which were served with punch and coffee to the boys of CCB.

The convoy trip was in charge of Lt. Rhodiak of CCB.

Geo. Michael Kafakis

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Zachary G. Kafakis, at the U. S. Army Hospital here, 26 March, 1951. Mrs. Berdina B. Kafakis, the mother, announced the name of the baby, George Michael. He weighed 7 pounds eleven ounces.

Chaplain's Message
"INTEMPERANCE"

By CHAPLAIN (1ST LT.) JOHN D. BENSON

During World War II there was a young soldier on his way home for furlough. While on the train, he had indulged too freely with several of his companions. He had wired his fiancée to meet him at the Union Station. By the time that he reached his home town, he was definitely drunk. As the train pulled in, he hoped and prayed that something, anything, might keep her from being at the station. He did not want her to see him in that condition. But there she was, waiting at the gate as he came staggering along the platform. When she saw his condition, she called a cab, pushed him into it, told the driver his address, slammed the door, and stalked off.

Everyday of his furlough the young man tried to get in touch with his intended. But in vain. Finally she relented to the extent of writing him a letter and also giving him another chance. In that letter she wrote: 'Jim, I would much rather receive one of those terrible telegrams from the War Department saying 'Missing in action,' or even 'Killed in action' than ever to see you again in that state you were in at the station. Needless to say, the young man concluded that his intended wife was too precious to lose for a few drinks.

All our natural appetites are good in themselves. God planted them in us. They are important and necessary in maintaining life and health. But let those inborn desires run wild, and they ruin not only the soul but even the body itself.

Man has a natural desire for drink, even intoxicating drink, which can have a useful purpose in promoting health and social life. But when that desire gets out of control, nothing but disaster can result. Drink is not evil in itself. It is man's abuse that makes it evil. Intemperance undermines character and robs man of his human dignity. It steals his self-respect and the respect of others. It makes him like a mere animal rather than a human being. To solve our problems—it doesn't.

We have a great responsibility to ourselves, our loved ones, our army and our country. Recognize the danger signal and don't drink to excess.

Master Sergeant Richard Dickson has 9 discharges from the Army. He never got a good conduct medal, but was always rated excellent.

Sodawasser Honored
Diplomas Awarded First 69 Men To Graduate From Food School

Diplomas were formally presented by Col. John C. Butner, Deputy Post Commander, to 69 graduating members of the first Food Service School class here last week. The impressive ceremonies opened with a prayer by Chaplain (Maj.) George D. Lessley, followed by a short talk by Capt. Frank A. Gisondi.

School Commandant, who introduced Col. Butner for presentation of Honor Awards and Diplomas.

Pvt. Louis A. Sodawasser, Co. A, Armored Infantry, was presented with a beautiful pen and pencil set for being top man in the class.

The graduation program ended with Benediction pronounced by Chaplain Lessley. The 93rd Army Band, under the direction of WOJG Dewitt H. Mytinger, provided the music.

The eight-week courses are broken into two weeks of theoretical (classroom) training, and six weeks of actual work in one of the nine training messes located throughout the post.

Due to the extreme shortage of Mess Personnel, a new class of 50 men is due to begin here every two weeks. Principle requirement for attendance is the desire to cook.

The Food Service School is open to all men, trainees or post cadre, who have an Aptitude Area III score of 80 or more and who meet the physical qualifications.

Interested personnel may apply through their training Officer, or through the Post School Officer. All men in the first class were assigned to post Mess Halls, and were permitted to take a ten-day leave before reporting for their new duties.

Captain Wilbur D. Conrad, Supply Officer, Post Ordnance, left on emergency leave last Thursday to be with his father who is ill in Spokane, Washington.

Reserve Command Boasts Brilliant Background

The Reserve Command at Camp Roberts has a tradition of service behind its name. It was originated in 1943 at Ft. Benning, Georgia, did battle on the Normandy Beachhead, in Northern France, at Ardennes-Alsace, the Rhineland, and in Central Europe.

The unit was cited twice in orders of the day of the Belgian Army for its action at Ardennes and St. Vith. It was awarded the Belgian *Reuzegere*, and the French *Croix de Guerre*.

Here at Camp Roberts, the new Reserve Command is prepared to live up to the rigid traditions set by its illustrious predecessor of WWII. It is actively training men here to be the kind of fighting warriors that can bring aggressive warfare back home to an aggressor.

Although it is not yet operating at full capacity, Reserve Command has the potential training facilities to whip 3,000 fighting men into shape for combat. Infantrymen training under this command get 14 weeks basic training. Others get 6 weeks basic training and further work in specialized fields necessary to the function of a modern army.

In 6 weeks the men are qualified for a POR board, according to Sgt. Garrett, PIO NCO, Reserve Command. They have learned in that time to fire almost all of the weapons used in infantry warfare, and have been grounded in the practice of squad tactics for combat maneuvering.

The trainees fire the BAR, 60 mm and 81 mm mortars, 50 caliber machine guns, and rifle grenades. They learn to throw hand grenades, and launch rockets at marauding tanks.

Commanded by Lt. Col. Mason, the Reserve Command, or Combat Command Reserve, as it's called formally is primarily a replacement force for Combat Commands in action.

Dick James Has Replaced Andy Wilson For S. P.

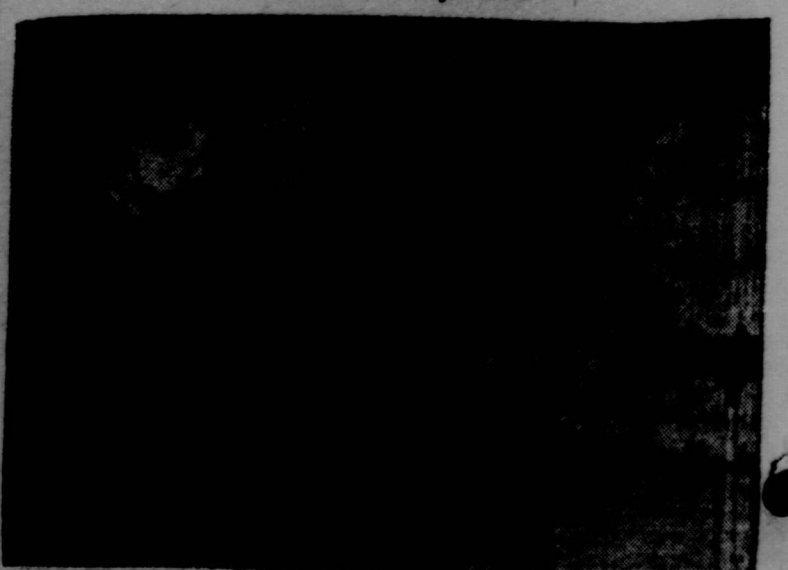
Mr. Richard H. James was recently assigned here as Southern Pacific Railway's Passenger Agent representing the Western Military Bureau. The travel agent is on hand to advise post personnel on both private and government transportation problems. For information call Ext. 79.

Pocahontas To Continue Music And Fun Nights

Two members of the Pocahontas Lodge of Paso Robles visited the men in the Camp Roberts Neuro-Psychiatric wards last Friday night, bringing cakes and decks of cards for the patients. Plans are being made by Mrs. Frank Morley, and Mrs. Sally Calaway, the visitors, to provide a record player for use in the confined quarters occupied by these patients. Every other Tuesday night will be reserved for musical entertainment of the men here.

Mrs. Moneta Muse, Mesa, Arizona, went to work at the Fiscal office here last week. She is the wife of 2nd Lt. H.H. Muse, Quartermaster.

Tank Experts



WARRANT OFFICER Frank Conbill, Major Walter E. Swartout, and Captain Carl Pontell (above left to right) inspect the track suspension system of a tank in the vehicle ordnance shop at Camp Roberts, Calif. The officers are part of a Sixth Army ordnance inspection team that will spend the next two or three weeks at the 7th Armored Division training center checking weapons and vehicles.

