

## Learn of Invisible Foe

# All Post Military Personnel to Attend Six Hour Chemical Warfare Course

Close to 3000 Camp Roberts officers and men will be indoctrinated with the latest scoop on war-waging by germs, bases, and alpha, beta, and gamma emanations, in a six hour course being given under the direction of the post Chemical Warfare section.

## Medal of Honor

By Armed Forces Press Service

PFC William Thompson ignored the order to retreat in a fierce enemy attack near Haman, Korea, Aug. 6, 1950. He continued to man his machine gun and covered his company until he was killed.

The Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded posthumously to PFC Thompson. His courageous defense gave Co. M, 24th Inf. Rgt., 25th Inf. Div., the necessary time to take up improved defensive positions.

Company M had been ordered to move to an assembly area from its position of supporting a task force. When it reached the area a large group of the enemy attacked.

Company M's commanding officer ordered his machine guns to open fire. When one failed to fire the other continued to operate. PFC Thompson was on the second gun.

He was ordered to withdraw with the others when the attack mounted. His CO reported that "PFC Thompson said he had been hit and was not going to move back, but would cover the rest of the men. Then if he could not get out, he would 'take a lot of the enemy' with him." When the unit moved he still remained at his gun.

## Accident Report

- 2 days since last military disabling injury.
- 12 days since last civilian disabling injury.
- 5 days since last army motor accident.
- 2 days since last fatality.
- days since last fire.

## Col. L. W. Merriam To Study In Paris

Colonel Lauren W. Merriam, commanding officer, Division Trains, Camp Roberts, is being sent to Paris, France, for a ten month course at the Ecole Supérieure de Guerre (Senior War College).

Colonel Merriam, a 1933 graduate of West Point, served on the Army language detail to France in 1937. He instructed languages at West Point from 1938 to 1941, served in Europe during the last war, and has studied and instructed at the Army Command and General Staff College.

Permanent Party Personnel in combat command will be given the Radiological, Biological, and Chemical Warfare instruction under the tutelage of their own combat commands, while hospital and special and general staff personnel will be taught by Post Chemical instructors.

The approximately 2000 men in the latter category are being taught in classes of 200, one being completed weekly. Thus, it should take about 10 weeks to complete the program.

Commencing the week of 24 September, four to six hours of instruction weekly will be given at night for those whose jobs make it difficult for them to attend in the daytime, such as hospital and motor pool workers.

The course, according to Lt. Clifford Statker, Post Chemical Officer, consists of recognition of and individual protective measures against the various forms of disease, gases, or radioactive poisons that an enemy might use against us.

The last two hours are given at the gas chamber, and includes a trip through the chamber with the M-3 training mask.

Only those persons who have taken a unit chemical officer's course or attended a special chemical, biological, and radiological school, or completed an Army Training Program which includes such instructions are exempt from the course now being given. Lt. Statker emphasized that proof of such training must be on the individuals records.

Anyone who has taken basic here in the past six months would have had such training, he added, since the course is identical with that given to trainees prior to the recent changeover to the present 10 hours of basic training on the subject.

## NSLI DIVIDENDS STILL ON WAY TO MANY HOLDERS

Washington (AFPS) — With one-third of the checks due National Service Life Insurance policy holders in this year's dividend mailed, the VA is now planning a new dividend for next year.

The Veterans Administration said recently that 2,854,114 checks totaling \$235,513,449.21 were mailed out through August 21. The entire dividend will come to about \$685 million on about eight million policies. Most policyholders may expect their dividend checks about three months after each policy's anniversary date.

Members of the Armed Forces may expect a longer delay due to the change-over to free insurance, recently authorized by Congress.

This year's dividend (the second) covering the period from 1948 to 1951, will be the last "special" one. From now on "regular" dividends will be paid each year.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS



FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM in Korea, Capt. John E. Emerson is shown receiving the Distinguished Service Cross from Brig. Gen. Frank H. Partridge, 7th Armored Division Commander, during recent ceremonies here. Capt. Emerson who is presently Installation Intelligence Officer, was cited for his service with the 2nd Division where he led his company in a daring bayonet attack near Kujenk-Dong. At right, Col. Paul Hollister, Chief of Staff holds the medal cast. At left is Lt. Col. F. Gaumnitz, G-2, and Lt. Col. Don Mason, G-1. (Signal Photo).

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## ARMY NEEDS FLIGHT CADETS

The army wants to make flyers out of some of its lieutenants.

That's the word out of Washington via Sixth Army this week, urging qualified lieutenants to submit applications to become army aviators.

Training is given at San Marcos Air Force Base, San Marcos, Texas, and at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and the field is wide open.

Even the prerequisites have been lowered. Time needed under subparagraphs 4a (3) and 4a (3) (b), SR 605-95-1 are reduced during the fiscal year of 1952 to six months active duty service other than as a student for reserve officers on extended active duty, and one year active duty service other than as a student for regular officers. Paragraphs 5f, SR 605-95-1 are amended to read, "Reserve component officers on active duty must initiate a request for a new category to be forwarded with the application, for three years active duty in accordance with SR 135-215-5. The effective date of the new category will be the date of entry into aviation flight training."

Applications go through channels to the Adjutant General.

## New Duty Hours

Effective Monday, 24 September new duty hours from 0800 to 1700 on weekdays and 0800 to 1200 noon Saturdays will go into effect for all Camp Roberts military personnel.

## LT. COL. DENISE IS COMPTROLLER

New Comptroller, replacing Lt. Col. Edward S. Tenney who recently left for FECOM, is Lt. Col. Frank L. Denise who took over the post 3 September, according to a 7th Armored Division PIO announcement.

Colonel Denise has been on extended active duty with the Department of Ordnance and Quartermaster since 1933. His home is Rochester, N. Y.

Immediately prior to his new title of Comptroller, he was executive officer with the Quartermaster section here.

## Exopine Umpires Observe Invasion "Southern Pines"

Back from Fort Bragg, North Carolina last week came 25 Camp Roberts officers. They had been invited, with about 700 others, to umpire EXOPINE, the army's Exercise Southern Pine, which began 13 August and ended on the 22nd.

The army's idea, according to Captain Allan D. Foster, one of the Camp Roberts umpires, was to find out if it could repel a skillful, well-equipped aggressor force bent on invading the U. S. via the southern coast.

More than 100,000 troops fought the battle from both sides. They included men from the 28th and 43rd National Guard Divisions; cloud-jumpers from the famed 82nd and 511th Airborne Divisions; and troops from the Third Cavalry Regiment.

The battle tested our defenses near Fort Bragg, and gave psychological warfare men a chance to try out their propaganda methods. It was not unusual for front-line soldiers to hear the voice of "Lorelei," the Axis-Sally of the operation, blasting from field public address systems and echoing along the fighting line. Her message always followed the same line: "Give up and be happy."

The U. S. forces did not give up, however, but crushed the invasion and repulsed the aggressors in less than a week-and-a-half.

## Gen. Burns Gets Legion of Honor For Korean Duty

The Legion of Merit award was presented here this week to Brigadier General John J. Burns, Commanding General, III Corps Artillery, Fort Lewis, Washington, by Major General William B. Kean, Commanding General, III Corps, according to a PIO announcement.

He received the award for "... exceptionally meritorious service as Eighth Army Artillery and G-3 Air Officer from July, 1950 to April, 1951. In the early days of the deployment of the Army from Japan to Korea, he acted as the personal representative of the army commander at Kokura, Japan, assembling and directing the movements of troop units supplies and equipment from Japanese ports. His outstanding accomplishment of this mission contributed materially to the ability of the Eighth Army to maintain a foothold in Korea.

## COORDINATED FIRE POWER

"As Army Artillery Officer, and G-3 Air Officer, General Burns, despite serious shortages of personnel and equipment, organized efficient artillery and air divisions of the G-3 section. He coordinated the fire power of field artillery, anti-aircraft artillery, warships and airplanes in close support of the swiftly changing tactical situations. During the Eighth Army's offensive operations in September his direction of Artillery and close-in air support was a major factor in breaking the enemy's defenses and bringing about his retreat.

"His later supervision of supporting weapons in operations against the Chinese Communist armies was of the same exceptional standard. Gen. Burns' professional skill, resourcefulness and devotion to duty made a major contribution to the success of the Eighth Army in Korea, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service."



OVER FOR THE KILL Goes Cpl. Fred Heafner of Leaders Course here. Balance, speed and self-assurance keynotes the Third Corps Bayonet Course as handpicked experts from throughout the Sixth Army train as future instructors.

## Military Justice Policy Altered On Minor Offenders

Soldiers charged with a minor offense may now be turned over to civil authorities for hearing, it was announced this week by Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing, Commanding General, Sixth Army.

The order is a reversal of Army policy put into effect 31 May under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Under the old policy, minor offenders were not turned over to civil authorities.

Major offenders were liable to civil justice under AR 600-320, and still are, providing: (1) Military officials are given a statement of the offenses charged to the soldier; (2) The military is given a list of witnesses expected to appear at the hearings; (3) A summary of the evidence to be presented is forwarded to the military; (4) Military officials get a statement of the maximum sentence that could be imposed, and; (5) A statement is issued by civil authorities that no expense would be incurred to either the government or the accused soldier in transportation from his post to the trial and back.

## Better Three Ways

Superior ratings in three end-of-cycle inspections went to product Company D, 23rd AIB members for superior condition of machine guns, sub-machine guns and rifles.

## Aircoach Travel Advisor Is Now Assigned to Post

Low-cost air transportation is now available to military personnel under a plan recently formulated by the Aircoach Transport Association and approved by the Military Traffic Service.

Under the plan, Army personnel may spend more time at home at a transportation cost always less than other air travel or first-class rail fares, and considerably less than the amount allowed GIs as travel allowance.

The plan was made possible by the ACTA, a national trade organization of air coach lines who received permission to establish representation on military installations in recognition of their carrier services to the Defense Department in moving troops and supplies to and from the Far East.

Camp Roberts ACTA representative is Mr. Jack Blacknoel who will be on hand in the Transportation Office, Building 875 from 0930 to 1530 through Fridays to advise and arrange schedules and reservations for all persons whether on orders or going home on furlough. Large group movements and special chartered planes may also be arranged by Mr. Blacknoel.

Meals are provided on all flights over three and a half hours, including ground time, and all ACTA aircraft have plush interiors and are equipped with reclining seats.

# Trainees Learn Exacting Art Of Blade Warfare

Each day under the hot Camp Roberts sun, men, who a few months ago were sipping cokes at a main street office, working a lathe at the local metal plant or holding hands with a pretty classmate, are learning to be the most ferocious soldiers this country has known.

These men are learning to scream and slash and slit and fear. But they are also learning to live. For in bayonet fighting there is no running away, no retreat, no mercy. Kill or be killed is law.

Each day these men, handpicked from training divisions and general reserve units in the Sixth Army area, are learning to be bayonet and close combat instructors under the skillful eye of Third Corps cadre.

They are being taught the most loathsome and bloodcurdling lessons of battle. But they know that battle is like that. They are being told so.

The course has been initiated by Maj. Gen. William B. Kean, Commanding General III Corps. The general believes that in the past proper stress was not paid to hand-to-hand combat, and that with skillful training any soldier can win the confidence and adroitness that is vital in steel-bladed warfare.

Directing the course is Col. Henry G. Sheen, G-2 Third Corps Headquarters, who was a bayonet instructor for the National Guard and reserve units in Washington, D. C. from 1929-1933. Col. Sheen also fought with the Marquis in World War II and experienced first hand close combat fighting.

The course is not meant for the squeamish. All types of hand-to-hand fighting are taught including judo, obstacle courses, night fighting and disarming an enemy. The emphasis is on a quick kill for a slow, noisy action can rouse an enemy and turn the tables on an attacker.

From the start the killer instinct is encouraged. The student is taught to attack with determination and confidence. Any half-hearted attempt would be fatal and hesitation, maneuvering or fencing is taboo.

The four essentials of a good bayonet fighter are balance, speed, strength and endurance, all equally important. By proper training the movements become instinctive, but the will to fight must be there.

This will is brought out and strengthened by hours of hard work and the infallible psychology that practice makes perfect.

## HEY KIDS!

# It's Back To School Time For "Army Brats" Abroad

Washington—From Tokyo to Berlin and Austria to Trieste, Service kids soon will join their civilian "cousins" in the long trek back to school.

To prepare for this migration, the Army has readied more than 150 American dependents schools in overseas areas, where every effort will be made by the Army and its teachers to assure each child an educational opportunity, equal, if not superior, to that available at home.

The group of 75, first contingent in a total of 225 going to Europe for the coming school year, will be given assignments in various of the 67 elementary and seven high schools established in Austria, Germany and Trieste. Another group of 114 is going to the Far East to teach in Okinawa, the Philippines and Japan.—(AFPS)

Across the World's Largest Ground marches your Parade of News



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE



POINTING OUT SOME OF THE main plans on a map of a proposed athletic plant for Camp Roberts is Mr. La Mar Price (center) of the Post Engineers. Extreme interest is registered by his two subjects, Morrie Viromontes (right) and Wil Concklin, both from the Athletic Section of Special Services who will play an important part in the later stages of building. The draft includes a baseball and softball diamond, a quarter-mile track, and a football field. (Signal Photo).

New Athletic Plant, Mitt Tourney Promise Brighter Sports Future

Plans Call For Track Football, Baseball Field

The last link in the chain of a complete athletic set-up here is rapidly being pounded into place to the tune of steadily chugging tractors and dirt-slinging bulldozers. With a fine gym and swimming pool already constructed, the camp's athletic facilities will be completed when the last shovelful of turf is smoothed into place in the combination track, football, softball and baseball lay-out now undergoing construction at the north end of the parade ground.

Expected to be finished sometime this fall, the field, lying between Theatre No. 1 and the Central Service Club, will feature a grassed football field with pop-up sprinklers, surrounded by a graded 440 yard running track. This will be located at the west end of the field and will run in a north-south direction.

The baseball diamond fits into place at the northeast corner of the field, with the softball layout just south of it. The hardball field will be turfed, while the softball lot will have a skinned infield.

Right now the field is being graded, then top soil will be added, grass planted, and the entire area fenced. Later plans call for the addition of portable bleachers for the convenience of spectators.

Since qualified Army personnel are being urged to get into shape for next year's Olympic track try-outs and the All-Army track meet, the construction of the cinder-path will be a boon to local spikesters who have heretofore had no place to train.

Football railbirds are keeping their fingers crossed, hoping that completion of the gridiron will lead to the fielding of a Roberts eleven in '52, while bat and ball addicts will shed no tears over leaving Windbreak field and its choking dust-storms far behind.

Final Baseball Standings table with columns for Team, Won, Lost. Teams listed include CCA, CCR, CCB, Divarty, and 6100 ASU.

Eight Roberts Boxing Kings To Be Decided

An all-post boxing tournament to select a camp champion in all weight divisions will commence at the Sports Arena, 20 September. The championship tourney, which will be held every Thursday evening following, will be a single elimination affair.

At the present time regimental units of Camp Roberts are hurriedly selecting their own representatives for the big tourney. Each unit will be allowed two boxers in each weight division. Entry deadline is 15 September.

Special Service officials have listed the following classes to be contested: Flyweight (112) Bantamweight (118) Featherweight (126) Lightweight (135) Welterweight (147) Middleweight (160) Light Heavyweight (175) and Heavyweight over 175.

Winners of the tourney will be proclaimed Camp Roberts champions, but must be open for challenge at any time. The tourney champs will receive gold medals while those in possession of the crown at the time of any off-camp engagements will make the trip.

Hopes are high that the local champions will be able to participate in the San Francisco Golden Gloves and the sectional AAU meeting as well as the Sixth Army tournament.

Officials of the local tournament will be selected by the tourney committee, which in itself is a representative from each regiment.

All bouts will be conducted on a basis of three two-minute rounds with the exception of the semi-finals and finals which will consist of three three-minute stanzas.

Present plans call for a tourney meeting at the Sports Arena at 0900 hours, 17 September, at which time drawings will be made by the committee.



COUNTY GAME WARDEN, Orbin Philbrick (center) shows novice army hunters Bill La Thorp and Warren Kraft some of the better deer spots in the vast Hunter Liggett area. Philbrick acted as an over-all guide for the pair. (Signal Photo).

sports-kraft

By WARREN KRAFT

A quartet of Camp Roberts' finest baseball players returned from the National Semi-Pro Baseball Tourney late last week in near triumphant fashion.

The four, Bill McDonald, Bill Taylor, Al Grunwald and Jim Gladd, sparked the Atwater (Calif.) Packers into the finals of the Wichita tourney before being doused by the champion Sitton (Texas) team 3-1.

Each year gaining more and more national recognition, the semi-pro tourney has now reached a point of standing equal to any play off of any league, save of course, the World Series.

This year's was by far the best as the tournament was heavily dotted with former major league stars now in the service, in addition to a number of first class service teams who entered as units.

The meeting as a whole was a glowing tribute to the many armed service commanders who realize the importance of sports in everyday living. The presence of key military personnel not only saved the tournament, but boosted it to newer heights.

And, ironically enough, the Sitton champions are made up of a group of medics out of San Antonio.

All total there were over 500 servicemen on the rosters of the different teams.

Individually speaking, the Roberts Aces turned in performances equal to the success of the club as a whole.

McDonald, who very oddly only received two pitching assignments won his first easily 11-4 over the Merle (Wis.) Rangers and then dropped a close one to Sitton 3-1.

Gladd, number one backstop at Camp Roberts, caught five of the seven games while Taylor and Grunwald compiled hitting averages of .375 and .300 respectively. Grunwald blasted two homers, Taylor one.

Also on the Atwater club were a pair of sharp sluggers from Ft. Ord, Jim Baxes and Dave Melton. Baxes, in particular was hot, slamming out three homers.

But probably the most notable point of interest was relayed by McDonald who was under the conviction that the Camp Roberts all-star team could have swept the tournament. Nor was the former Pittsburgh hurler impressed by any of the highly touted eastern service teams. "Bring 'em on" was his closing reply.

Louie Joseph NCO rec chief at Divarty scored with another "first" last week, this time demonstrating his journalistic abilities. Editor Joseph now writes, prints and distributes the Divarty "POOP," weekly organ aimed at the trainee. The "POOP" carries complete coverage of all athletic and recreation activities of the unit and will go a long way in welding the men of Divarty together.

A Deer, Deer Story! Bremen, Germany (AFPS)—Lt. Charles V. Trusty, stationed at American forces here, is the huntsman's huntsman. Hunting deer in the Harz mountains recently, Sgt. Trusty fired one shot and two deer fell. They were standing facing him in single file.

Local Golf Champ Meets Snead and Harrison, Saturday

Corporal Eli S. Bariteau, of Headquarters Company, 6100 ASU, and former California amateur golf champ, will team up with Ernie O. Pieper Jr., two-time former state champ, against Sammy Snead and "Dutch" Harrison in an exhibition golf match at the San Jose Country Club September 19. Snead and Harrison are two of the leading money winning golf professionals in the country.

The match will have added interest, and perhaps become a "friendly grudge fight" since Bariteau and Pieper last year met, and defeated Snead and Eddie Joseph by one up.

The contest is being sponsored by the San Jose Country Club in honor of National Youth Week.

SPORTS CALENDAR

The Sports Department of the PARADE reminds California sportsmen of the following general regulations which apply to current hunting and fishing:

DEER—Ends September 16 in Coast Range counties between Glenn-Mendocino, and Orange-Riverside. (Central and south coastal areas). Bag limit: 2 bucks. Season begins September 22 elsewhere.

BEARS—No closed season or bag limit in Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties. May be taken by firearms or bow and arrow only.

JACK RABBITS—No bag limit.

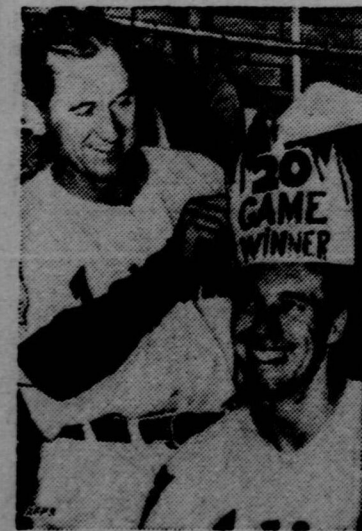
BRUSH AND COTTONTAIL RABBITS—Open season in Southern California districts 4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4 and 22. Opens November 18 elsewhere. Bag and possession limits: 4 per day.

DOVES—Ends September 30. White-wings may be taken in Imperial county between September 1 and September 15. Bag limit: 10 per day in the aggregate; Shooting hours: Noon to sunset, September 1; one-half hour before sunrise to sunset otherwise.

FROGS—Bag limit: 24 per day, 48 per week. Size limit: none under four inches from tip of nose to crotch. No license required.

TROUT—Ends October 31. Bag and possession limits: 15 trout, salmon, or whitefish, or combination. Angling hours: one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Local exceptions.

It Wasn't Easy



CLEVELAND INDIAN Manager Al Lopez crowns 20-game winner Bob Feller with his old title of pitching king. Feller shut out Washington, 6-0, to become first major leaguer to notch that number this year. He has turned the trick six times in 13 years.

Third Man Theme

Perhaps the durability record for referee is the mark hung out by Lou Bauman, 68, who died in 1949. He was the third man in the ring on 15,000 different occasions.

So You Think You Know Baseball?

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Occasionally an umpire, being only superhuman, makes a mistake. But can two umpires go wrong? Well two actually did in a 1951 game, up to a point described in this hypothetical presentation of a like situation.

Let's say the Boston Braves are leading Cincinnati, 5-3, at the start of the seventh. John Wyrostek, first man to bat for the Reds, slams a double off the left field wall, but in his haste does not touch first base.

As Wyrostek pulls up at second, the second-base umpire calls for the ball and examines it as he is required to do whenever it hits the fence. At that point the Braves' first baseman shouts for the ball, and the ump tosses it to him. The baseman steps on first and appeals to the umpire at first to declare Wyrostek out. That man in blue, having noticed Wyrostek's omission, obliges.

Though no protest was forthcoming in the actual game at this point, a Red complaint in our hypothetical contest would try the wisdom of a baseball Solomon. How would you rule on a Red protest?

Sports Lineup

Thursday, 13 September—Boxing, (Sports Arena, 2015 hours).

Friday, 14 September—Open.

Saturday, 15 September—Intra-regimental Sports Programs.

Sunday, 16 September—Intra-regimental Sports Programs.

Monday, 17 September—Volleyball Tournament, CCB vs. CCR and CCA vs. Div. Trains (Sports Arena, 1900 hours).

Tuesday, 18 September—6100 ASU vs. Divarty and CCB vs. Div. Trains (Sports Arena, 1900 hours).

Wednesday, 19 September—CCR vs. Divarty and CCA vs. 6100 ASU (Sports Arena, 1900 hours).

ANSWER

Under the circumstances the ball was dead and Wyrostek could not be out. (Section 5.10d, "The ball is dead . . . when the umpire wishes to examine the ball.")

For Wyrostek to be put out legally, play would have to be formally resumed by having the ball go to the pitcher, who then steps onto the rubber while the plate umpire calls "play" (section 5.11). At that point, the first baseman may properly ask for the ball and appeal for Wyrostek to be declared out.



Scribe Proves Some Truth In Liggett Deer Fantasies

(Ed. Note: After listening patiently for two weeks of wide spread publicity about the bountiful deer at Hunter Liggett, PARADE'S Sports Editor tried a novel experience; he went himself. Great pains were taken to find another guinea pig of equal inexperience so that the hunt would be a true gauge of the possibilities of ANY and ALL who might like to try their luck.)

By WARREN KRAFT PARADE Sports Editor

Darkness had reached an all-time dark and I was by far, sleeper than I had ever had the misfortune of being. Nevertheless this was the Great Experiment, this was to be proof to the outside world, this was the day that one Bill LaThorpe, a two-timer, and one "Possible" Kraft, strictly a novice, were to bring home the venison from Hunter Liggett.

The necessities had been completed. Hunting licence cost \$3, deer tags \$1.00. The red cap required came as compliments of good ole Fresno State, team of '49. And last, but most important, we had received the permission and well wishes of Col. Phillip H. Hill, Provost Marshall. We were on our way and there was no turning back!

We left Roberts at 0530 so the day began to break as we sped toward the Hunter Liggett headquarters, where we were checked before actually entering the hunting area. Here the CQ, equally sleepy, showed us the boundaries of our hunting area and bade us "now scam!"

It is here I feel I should make a minor admission. We had fortunately acquired the services of San Luis Obispo County Game Warden, Orbin Philbrick, who had consented to make the trip to point out some of the tricks of nature in aiding the deers cause, so that this information might be relayed to the reader.

As it was, the thing he pointed out much more readily, and to our great satisfaction, was the deer themselves. Deer at 500 yards, with weeds half high, aren't easy to see—but Philbrick could do it. Anyway, we reached the hunt-

ing area at approximately 0630 which, legally speaking, was all we needed. The first corner we rounded we thought we had hit pay dirt. For there, a "scant" 500 yards away, quietly nibbling on the grass were deer—three of them.

A closer inspection revealed what was to come up time and time again, that the deer weren't only deer, they were does. In every valley, on every hill and around every bend, there they were—does.

It must have been an hour later that we were first assured that Noah didn't get crossed up when he selected two of the fleet footed animals for the Ark. It was around an identical corner that continually revealed the feminine gender that we got our first glimpse—and shot—at a legal target.

Deer are inquisitive, but not dumb, and this boy knew what the score was, so off he went. LaThorpe was first out and had a shell in the chamber first so naturally got first crack. By this time the buck had extended his lead from 50 to about 100 yards and was just about to disappear into a ravine when LaThorpe cracked down with our only shot at this gentleman, and it was slightly high.

At the same time however, "Eagle eye" Philbrick spotted two more swarthy men of leisure high atop a distant ridge some 500 yards away. Between the two of us we got four shots before they, too, scampered away.

Then, following shortly, we received three more alarms as we met head-on with knowing bucks. But each time they were gone before we could blink twice. The idea is to be ready, I know, but how ready can you get?

On another occasion we each cut loose with three more shots at moving targets from between 250 to 400 yards. Again to no avail. I'm just beginning to think this isn't my sport when LaThorpe gives the wonderful cry to our driver, "Stop." There, partly hidden behind a tree, and only 50 yards away was a very eligible three-pointer. LaThorpe called

Inter-regimental Volleyball Conflab Starts Next Week

Volleyball gets its official start next week at Camp Roberts with the commencement of the inter-regimental tournament 17 September at the Sports Arena.

The tourney will be single-round-robin with points being awarded accordingly for the Commanders Cup.

All play will take place in the Sports Arena with matches to start promptly at 1900 hours on the day of the scheduled contest. Teams not ready to play by 1915 hours must forfeit the match.

Each match will consist of five games, with the team first winning three declared the winner.



AGAIN TO THE RESCUE is Warden Philbrick (right) who here demonstrates the finer points of "cleaning" a buck to owner Bill La Thorpe. (Signal Photo).

