

ORGANIZATION
★ DAY ★

22 NOVEMBER
★ 1952 ★



TO BE DEDICATED this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Major General Frank H. Partridge, Commanding General, this plaque on the monument facing the main gate will honor the memory of Corporal Harold W. Roberts for whom Camp Roberts was named. Organization Day, marking the second anniversary of the re-activation of the 7th Armored Division on November 24, 1950, is an apt time for the dedication of the plaque and monument, for Corporal Roberts won lasting fame in armored combat in World War I. A member of Company A, 344th Battalion, Tank Corps, Corporal Roberts gave his life to save that of a fellow soldier during a battle on the Western Front. The plaque reads:

"In memory of Corporal Harold W. Roberts for whom Camp Roberts was named. Corporal Roberts, a native Californian, was awarded posthumously the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic action during a tank battle in Montrebeau Woods, France, October, 1918. Camp Roberts, built in 1941, is a tribute to that soldier and an enduring reminder to those who pass through its gates of the courageous men who have fought to preserve freedom for this nation." Flanking the plaque are insignia of (left) the Sixth Army and (right) the 7th Armored Division. (Shannon Photo).

"DUTY WELL DONE"
Year's Progress Noted
By Commanding General

Major General Frank H. Partridge, Commanding General, has sent the following message to personnel of Camp Roberts on the occasion of Organization Day. The commanding general praised the accomplishments of Camp Roberts personnel during the past year and urged everyone on post to do his utmost to make the coming year even more successful.

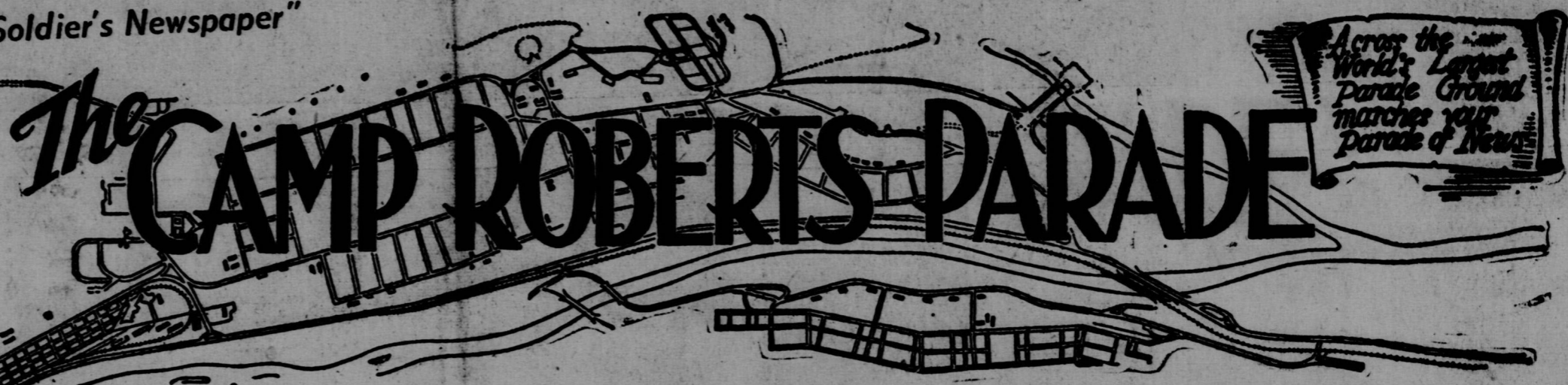
The general's message is as follows:

"The past year has been a period of substantial progress in the history of the 7th Armored Division. To bring about such progress was not an easy task. Despite the never ending loss of our essential personnel, all ranks have cheerfully and energetically worked together to further our mission for producing well trained Infantry replacements and specialists. The words of praise uttered by the many visitors from high places are solid evidence of duty well done.

"While we have good reason to be proud of the year's accomplishments, let us not become complacent, but instead look forward to making the coming year a more successful one.

"All soldier and civilian members join me in extending a hearty welcome to the many visitors to the camp on this our second Organization Day."

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Camp Roberts, California.

TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
9:00 A.M.	OPENING OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT DISPLAY. THESE DISPLAYS MAY BE VIEWED UNTIL 11:30 A.M.	Main Parade Ground
10:00 A.M.	SERVICE CLUB NO. 1 WILL HOLD OPEN HOUSE UNTIL 11:00 P.M.	Service Club No. 1
10:30 A.M.	THE 7TH ARMORED DIVISION WILL PASS IN REVIEW.	Main Parade Ground
12:00 Noon	FAMILIES AND GUESTS OF PERSONNEL ARE INVITED TO HAVE THEIR NOON MEAL AT UNIT MESSAGES. THE PRICE WILL BE 45 CENTS PER PERSON.	Unit Messes
	FAMILIES AND GUESTS OF OFFICERS ARE INVITED TO THE OFFICERS CLUB WHERE NOON MEALS WILL BE SERVED FOR 60 CENTS.	Officers Club
3:00 P.M.	A BRONZE PLAQUE WILL BE DEDICATED TO CORPORAL ROBERTS AT THE MAIN GATE. MAJOR GENERAL FRANK H. PARTRIDGE, COMMANDING GENERAL, WILL MAKE THE FORMAL DEDICATION. THERE WILL BE A GUARD OF HONOR, AND A THREE VOLLEY SALUTE WILL BE FIRED.	Gate No. 1
4:00 P.M.	A PORTRAIT OF CORPORAL ROBERTS WILL BE PRESENTED AT SERVICE CLUB NO. 1. AN ENLISTED MAN, A DSC HOLDER WILL PRESENT THE PORTRAIT TO THE SERVICE CLUB HOSTESS.	Service Club No. 1
6:30 P.M.	FEATURING A GUEST STAR FROM THE MOVIE CAPITAL, A HOLLYWOOD VARIETY SHOW WILL BE PRESENTED.	Theater No. 1
8:00 P.M.	NEW NCO CLUB WILL BE DEDICATED.	NCO Club
8:30 P.M.	THE CAMP ROBERTS RAIDERS WILL MEET CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO IN A BASKETBALL GAME.	Sports Arena
8:45 P.M.	OFFICERS WILL BE HOSTS AT A MILITARY BALL TO COMMEMORATE ORGANIZATION DAY.	Officers Club
8:45 P.M.	HARVEST CHORAL CONCERT WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE 95TH ENGINEER CHORAL GROUP.	Service Club No. 1

ORGANIZATION DAY

Division Anniversary
To Be Observed By Post

Camp Roberts is holding "open house" today as personnel of the post commemorate the second anniversary of the reactivation of the 7th Armored Division.

The day, officially known as "Organization Day," marks the end of the second year of the 7th Armored Division's service. The division was actually reactivated on 24 November 1950, but the anniversary is being observed today since Saturday is a more convenient time for both guests and personnel of the post.

First event of the day will be the opening of Weapons and Equipment displays at 9:00 A.M. on the main parade ground. These displays will be on view until 11:30 A.M.

The 7th Armored Division will pass in review on the main parade ground at 10:30.

During the morning visitors may also inspect Service Club No. 1 which will hold an open house starting at 10:00 A. M.

At noon families and guests of personnel are invited to eat at unit messes. The cost will be 45 cents per person. Families and guests of officers may have their noon meal at the Officers Club for 60 cents per person.

Events of the afternoon will center around Corporal Harold W. Roberts, World War I hero, for whom Camp Roberts was named. Maj. Gen. Frank H. Partridge, Commanding General, will formally dedicate a bronze plaque to Corporal Roberts at the main gate at 3:00 P.M.

Later in the afternoon, at 4:00 P.M., a portrait of Corporal Roberts will be presented at Service Club No. 1. The presentation will be made by an enlisted man, a Distinguished Service Cross holder.

The late afternoon and evening will be taken up with a varied program of entertainment and recreation.

First event will be a Hollywood variety show to be presented at 8:30 at Theater No. 1. The show will feature as guest star Debbie Reynolds from the movie capital. The new NCO Club will be dedicated at 8:00 P.M.

Officers will be hosts at a military ball in the Officers Club at 8:45 P.M. and at the same hour a Harvest Choral Concert will be presented at Service Club No. 1 by the 95th Engineer Choral Group.

Post Personnel
Top Sixth Army
In Giving Blood

First year of the Armed Forces Blood Donor Program finds Camp Roberts topping the list of Sixth Army posts with 13,558 pints through the month of September.

Second in the year's collection is Camp Stoneman running close behind with 13,280 pints.

In the race which began October, 1951, Roberts usually leads the eight-state area with highest monthly donations. It dropped to second spot for September, however, with only 471 pints, compared to Stoneman's 1,915.

Starting off the program's second year, Camp Roberts personnel did a little better by giving 637 pints.

Sixth Army donations for the year totaled 104,470 pints, or about 87 per cent of the goal of one pint a year for all military personnel and civilian employees.

Officials point out that collections during the past four months have fallen short of the first eight months' average record and that the September donations of 4,687 pints were less than one-half of the amount needed to reach the Sixth Army quota.

Following Roberts and Camp Stoneman in highest yearly totals are: Fort Lewis (including Madigan Army Hospital), 12,378; Fort Ord (including the Army Language School), 11,693; Presidio of San Francisco, 4,945; Fort Lawton, 4,467; Fort Huachuca, 4,113; Fort Worden, 3,739; San Francisco Port of Embarkation (including Fort Mason and Oakland Army Base), 3,136; and Sharpe General Depot, 2,982.

Next donation at Camp Roberts may be given 24-25 Nov. at U. S. Army Hospital area. Quota for the post is 900 pints.

DISTINGUISHED RECORD

Division Had Big Part
In World War II Combat

The 7th Armored Division boasts a distinguished record in combat in the European Theater during World War II.

An offensive sweep across France, stonewall defense of St. Vith, reduction of the Ruhr pocket and a final dash to the Baltic are all part of the 7th combat record. First action was the capture of Chartres, August 16-18. The Division then took Dreux, Melun, and Chateau-Thierry in a rapid advance, crossing the Seine River (first Allied division to do so).

Plunging across the Marne, Aisne and Meuse Rivers, the 7th next took storied Verdun by the end of the month, dashed to the Moselle, established a bridgehead and wheeled into Holland by October to guard the vital British-Canadian right flank in the drive on Antwerp.

The 7th beat off a Nazi counter-attack near Meijel, Oct. 27-29, though outnumbered, saving the Antwerp approaches campaign. Poised, after a brief rest, for a thrust into the heart of Germany from Linnich on the Roer, the 7th had to be shifted quickly to St. Vith, Dec. 16, to stave off von Rundstedt's offensive.

The Division felt the weight of the German push toward Liege and held fast, forcing the Germans to bypass that line. Late in the month, the Germans tried again and this time, the 7th withdrew across the Salm.

On Christmas eve, the 7th rushed to plug a gap near Mankay and by the end of the month, threw the Germans permanently out of the town. After a breather, the Division retook St. Vith.

General Eisenhower wrote a letter to General Hasbrouck (7th Commander) expressing personal appreciation of the "magnificent job" done by the 7th at St. Vith.

"Lucky Seventh", from March 1945 to V-E Day triumphantly toured Germany from Remagen bridgehead via the Dill River, the Eden See Dam, the Ruhr, and the Elbe River to the Baltic Sea, where they met the Russians.

The Seventh had averaged more than 20 miles a day since their commitment to combat.

Officers put the figure at approximately 30 per cent—a substantial number, considering the papers that had to be filled out.

Division Has
Trained More
Than 47,000 Men

Over 47,000 men have been trained at Camp Roberts by the 7th Armored Division during the period between the division's re-activation on 24 November 1950 and 31 October of this year.

The actual total of trainees processed at the camp is 47,874, a figure which includes all basic trainees except those who have gone to SCARWAF.

Many of these trainees have received, in addition to their basic training, specialized instruction.

The totals who have been put through the various specialized training courses are as follows:

- Leaders' Course2,336
- Radio School1,436
- Field Wire School1,837
- Cook School1,877
- SCARWAF1,793

Voters In Korea
Total 78,000 Men

About 78,000 men, or 30 per cent of personnel in Korea voted in the recent presidential election. It appears from the number of cards mailed requesting ballots.

Ballots were passed out to all men on the peninsula, and about 60 per cent mailed them to their commanders. However, it is impossible to determine exactly how many soldiers received ballots and mailed them out again.

HERE'S HOW WE TRAIN AT ROBERTS



Night infiltration teaches reality of warfare.



"Fire a burst of six" sounds familiar on machine gun range.



Communication is essential to a moving army.



Lucky 7th Club affords relaxation and recreation.

High Standards Prepare Soldiers For World's Best Fighting Team



Reach high, soldier.

A recruit comes to Camp Roberts. He's just left the ranks of civilians, and he's a little scared. Maybe he's a little tough and brave, but really deep inside he has a feeling of uncertainty. Or perhaps he's arrogant and cynical—or simply indifferent.

But whatever his feeling, he's now in the Army, and the Army has sent him to Camp Roberts for basic training.

Then, suddenly, he begins to become a soldier. He goes to classes and learns the purpose, conduct, and traditions of a soldier; he learns Army organization and procedures. Soon he is given an M-1 rifle and taught how to fire it as an expert. Mastering his primary weapon, he then learns to use carbines, machine guns, rocket launchers, hand grenades and an arsenal of other military tools. And he learns methods of warfare: infiltration, squad tactics, protective measures—many ways of fighting.

Not all is drudgery, of course. He has numerous opportunities for diversion and self-betterment in varied recreational, educational, and religious activities.

But finally, after long weeks of work, he's trained for combat. Now he's confident—both in his weapons and in his own ability. He's ready to fight successfully in the greatest Army and for the finest country in the world.

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Combat fighters must be tough.



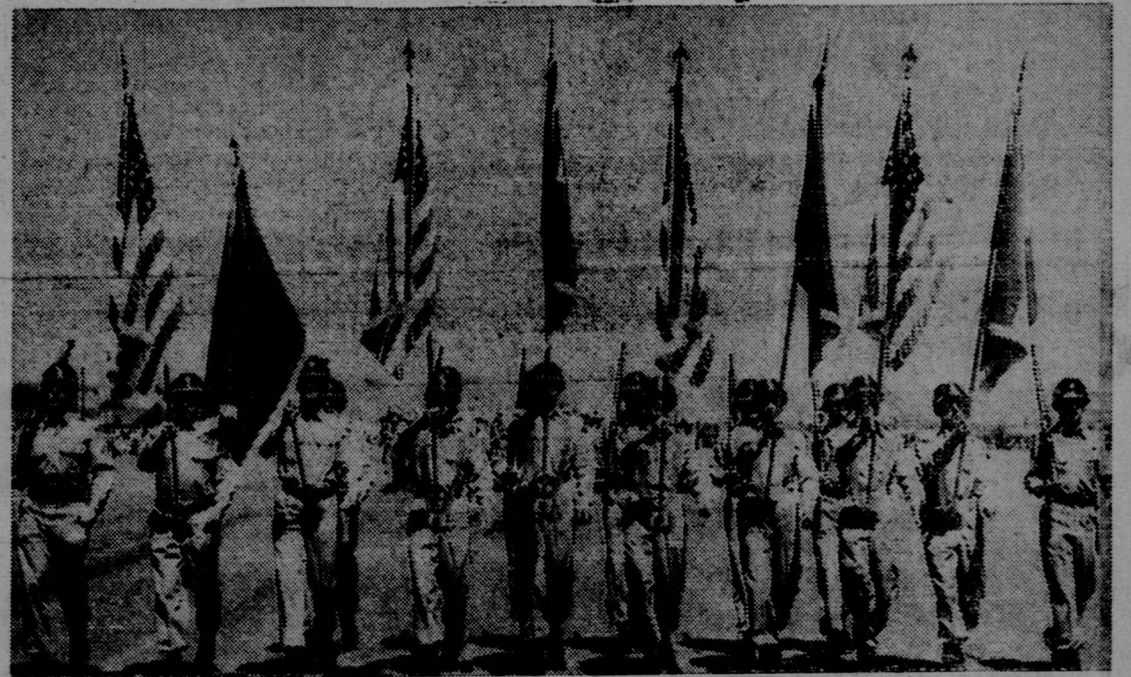
Graduation is climax of Leaders' Course.



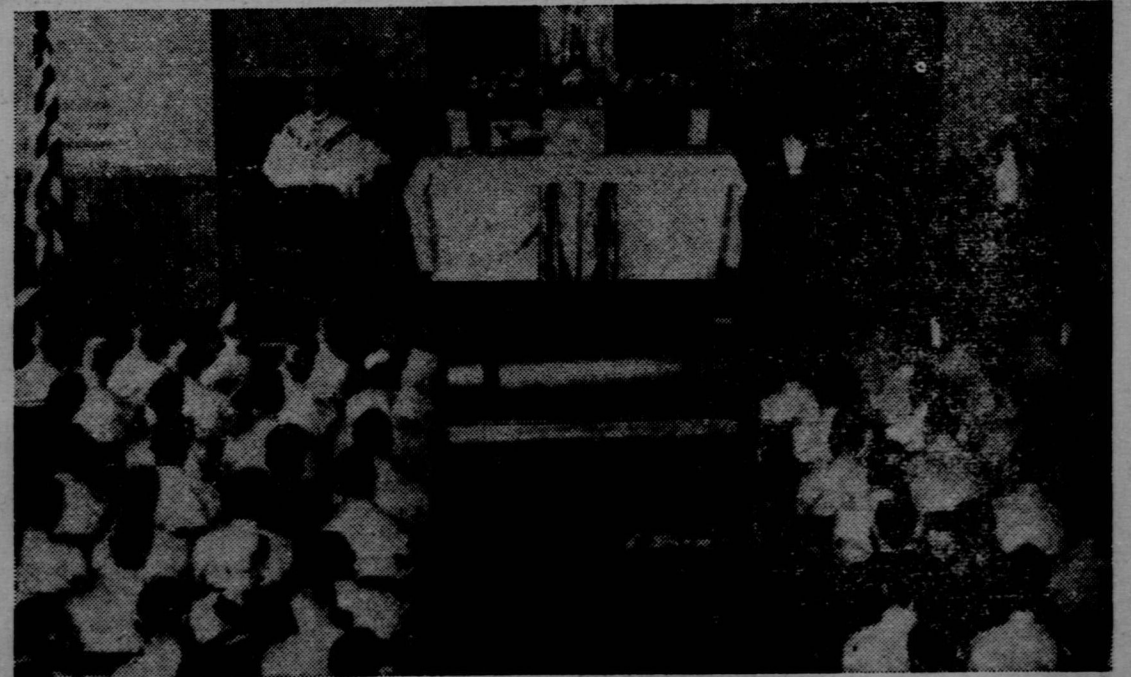
Trainees receive best of instruction.



Tank-infantry teams spell danger to enemy.



U. S. soldiers take pride in their colors.



Ten chapels provide many worship services.



And chow time is always welcome—anywhere.

