



**BOARDING UP**—First physical sign of the closing of the camp made its appearance this week in the form of nailed doors and off limits signs as members of Company D, 33rd Armored Engineer Battalion closed out their unit. Yesterday the last nail was driven, the final piece of equipment was turned in and the cadre were assigned to other units on the post. First Lieutenant Ralph E. Mears, commanding officer of the company, left, holds more nails as Pvt. Melvin Berry boards up the barracks. (Signal Photo)



# CAMP ROBERTS Parade

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## GEN. CHAMPENY RETIRES

### Division Parade Saturday Honors Retiring General

Brigadier General Arthur S. Champeny, assistant division commander, 7th Armored Division, will retire July 31st after 35 years in the U. S. Army. In honor of his retirement the entire division will pass in review Saturday, starting at 0820 hours.

Commander of troops will be Col. Irving Lehrfeld, 6100 Area Service Unit Commander and Deputy Post Commander.

The general began his career when he was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry at the 1st Training Camp, Fort Riley, Kan., in 1917.

During World War I, he was in service with the 356th Infantry, participating in the St. Mihiel offensive, Meuse Argonne offensive, and two defensive sectors in France. For this action he received the Distinguished Service Cross and the French Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre.

In 1942 he organized and commanded the 351st Infantry, 88th Division, trained it, and accompanied it to North Africa and Italy where they were in combat for over a year.

During this time he participated in the Grigona Sector, Rome offensive, Arno offensive and the push north from Florence. He was awarded the oak leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Cross for this action.

Returning stateside, he was assigned to the faculty of the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., as chief of the Tactical section. Upon completion of this duty, he was assigned as deputy commander, Replacement Training Command, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

In October, 1945, General Champeny was detailed to work with the Korean Military Advisory Group. He served with the military government there until 1947 in the capacities of Inspector, Korean Police; Director, Korean Police, Director of National Defense, Civil Administrator, Deputy Military Governor and Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff.

General Champeny organized the present Korean Army and Navy in 1946, signing the original commissions for its officers. Upon his return to the United States in February, 1948, he served with the New England Military District as training officer and chief of staff.

In July, 1950, he was ordered to Korea where he commanded the 24th Infantry, 25th Division in combat in the Haman perimeter. He was wounded in action during this time, but returned to duty as Seoul Area Commander, October, 1950, and was placed in command of the Civil Assistance Command from November, 1950, to January, 1951. While in Korea he received his third Distinguished Service Cross.

Returning to Japan in January, 1951, the general was assigned to duty as Inspector of Training of National Police Reserve and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Far East Command until July, 1950.

General Champeny was appointed Deputy Chief, Korean Military Advisory Group and Chief Advisor to the Replacement Training and School Command from July to October, 1951. He consolidated the Korean Service Schools at Kwanju and put the Korean training on a sound basis.

General Champeny was assigned as assistant division commander, 7th Armored Division at Camp Roberts in November, 1951.

### Lt. Col. Weigand Leaves To Attend Gen. Staff School

Lt. Col. Jack L. Weigand, recently appointed assistant division training director, will depart soon to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The former assistant chief of staff, G-3, is considered by many as the man who whipped Camp Roberts training to its position as the nation's best.

During his time as G-3, there have been numerous inspections



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and in each of these, training has been rated superior. And in all of them the G-3 section consistently has been singled out for special mention for its organization and efficiency.

In the most recent III Corps inspection, held last month, training was rated Superior and received a mathematical rating of 81.55 per cent.

Under the Colonel's direction, the attack course, attack on fortified positions, small arms course, perimeter defense, bayonet and bayonet assault course, the recoilless rifle moving target course and the numerous facilities in the area known as "Weigand Woods" were developed into the training show pieces they are today.

Foreseeing the need for field training of the most strenuous type, the training program was so arranged that one week of bivouac and tactical training is at the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation under actual field conditions. The Office of the Chief of Army Field Force was so impressed with this aspect of training that they have urged all training divisions to adopt the plan.

The particular pet of Col. Weigand has been the Division Faculty, where he served as chief before becoming G-3.

Here a polished and enthusiastic corps of instructors was so organized that each became a specialist in his line. Thus trained

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### Governor Visits Arizona Unit At Hunter-Liggett

Arizona's Governor Howard Pyle arrived Tuesday on an inspection tour of the 59th Regimental Combat Team, a reserve unit on duty from his home state which is now undergoing training at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation.

The Governor was welcomed by Maj. Gen. Frank H. Partridge, deputy commander, 6th Army; Brig. Arthur S. Champeny, assistant division commander, 7th Armored Division, Camp Roberts; Col. James C. Wood, 59th RCT commander; and M/Sgt. Max Connelly, a member of the Arizona House of Representatives.

Upon his arrival at the Hunter Liggett air-strip, the Governor was honored by a salute from the guns of the 498th Field Artillery Battalion and ruffles and flourishes by the 7th Armored Division band.

After viewing the training in progress and lunching with the soldiers in the field, the Governor stated, "I am more convinced than ever that you cannot beat the attitudes and accomplishments of the civilian soldier as he is trained in the United States. The training facilities of the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation and the Administration, and Logistical support provided by Camp Roberts are superb."

This is the first time that an Arizona governor has visited an Army reserve unit in summer training.

The 59th Combat Team will finish their two weeks of field training Saturday.



ARIZONA GOVERNOR Howard Pyle, left, inspects a member of his state's House of Representatives, M/Sgt. Max Connelly, first sergeant in the 59th Regimental Combat Team. Governor Pyle arrived Tuesday for a two-day inspection of the Arizona reserve unit. He was greeted by

left to right, Col. James W. Wood, commander of 59th, Brig. Gen. Arthur S. Champeny, assistant commander of the 7th Armored Division, and Maj. Gen. Frank H. Partridge, Deputy Commander of the Sixth Army. (Signal Photo)

### Post Exchange Warns Military Personnel - Protect Privileges

The Post Exchange will be 58 years old Saturday. PX officials greeted the anniversary of the founding of the organization with a warning to military personnel to "protect your PX privileges."

Maj. Gen. Edward H. White, Chief of Army and Air Force Exchange Service, said that currently a few groups are campaigning for the curtailment of the exchange privilege on the grounds that it is being abused.

"While we dispute this," he said, "but the best way to answer such criticism is to make certain that we live scrupulously within the regulations concerning the PX."

He listed three steps which all military personnel can take to assure that they do not violate Service regulations on exchanges.

The steps are to support the identification card system by always showing the proper ID card when not in uniform, to refuse to resell exchange purchased merchandise and to refrain from antagonizing civilian merchants by boasting of PX prices in their presence.

The complaint by a "small segment of civilian merchants" about the PX is in sharp contrast to the beginning of the organization.

Soldiers of the Army of 1895 belonged to small, scattered units patrolling the lonely areas around Fort Laramie, Dodge City and along the Rio Grande.

They were many weeks riding from regular shops of any kind and were forced to buy any personal items from "sutlers," who frequently overcharged and cheated them.

To overcome this problem, they banded together and formed caentes. Each member put money into a common fund which was used to buy merchandise wholesale. Any profit resulting from the exchange was used for recreation purposes.

In time the attention of the War Department was drawn to the plan. It was put into operation July 25, 1895.

### Lt. Col. Ernst Leaves Roberts For Staff School

Lt. Col. Carl J. Ernst, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, for the past year and a half, has been reassigned to the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The Colonel, a native of Nebraska, but now from Berkeley,



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California, will officially step out of his post Saturday. He will report to school to take the Associate Command and General Staff Officers' course on August 24.

There have been three Semi-Annual Inspections since Colonel Ernst took over the G-1 post in January, 1952, and in each case, inspectors have rated the administration section as "Superior."

Colonel Ernst started his Army career in January, 1941, when he entered the service as a 1st Lieutenant, having received his commission as an ROTC officer from the University of Nebraska, his Alma Mater.

During the war he served in the Pacific for a year and a half, fighting in the Luzon, Leyte and Okinawa operations as executive officer and later commanding officer of the 780th Amphibious Tank Battalion.

He received the Bronze Star during the Leyte campaign and on Okinawa he was decorated with the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.

Discharged in 1946, the Colonel stayed out of the harness for two years, but came back in 1948 to join the 4th Infantry Division.

In September, 1951, his unit, the 59th Amphibious Tank and Tractor Battalion, led the spectacular Inchon landing. After returning from overseas, he was assigned to Camp Roberts in October, 1951, as Executive Officer of Combat Command A.

### 4 Korea Vets Receive Awards

Brig. Gen. Arthur S. Champeny, assistant division commander, presented decorations to four Korea veterans at a Leaders' Course retreat review Friday.

The General pinned on three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart award in ceremonies honoring the four non-commissioned officers.

Bronze Stars were given Cpls. Abran L. Garcia, Franklin Pridmore and Billy L. Cummings.

M/Sgt. Robert C. Starkey, first sergeant of Headquarters Company, 7th Armored Division, was awarded the Purple Heart.

Corporal Garcia was presented the Bronze Star for valor for his part in assaulting an enemy position August 15, 1952. In the citation the Corporal was commended for moving forward to direct a deadly volume of fire on the enemy, withdrawing a security group in the withdrawal and carrying a wounded comrade to friendly positions.

General Champeny was the reviewing officer of the retreat ceremony. Commander of troops was Capt. Paul H. Bachelor, chief of the Tactical Department.

### 10,000th Donor Is Week's Target Of Blood Center

The Blood Donor Center took aim at two targets this week with the hope of scoring a center bull on both.

The first shot was taken on the goal of blasting last month's record 2230-pint blood collection figure and breaking the post's quota for the fifth straight month.

A second volley was aimed at collecting this year's 10,000th pint. Although 1,079 pints of blood was donated at the Center in the first three-day collection period of July, more than half of the month's goal of 2240 pints was still to be met.

Maj. Chester T. Hino, coordinator of the Blood Donor Center, expected more than 1120 pints to be collected on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

He was sure that the second goal of collecting the 10,000th pint would be met, but he was a little more cautious in estimating the chances of breaking last month's all-time record.

If a new record is to be set this month, the Major said, about 50 pints must be collected from civilians working on the post.

A free transportation plan was expected to help bring more civilian donors to the Center. The Paso Robles Taxi Cab Association agreed three weeks ago to provide free transportation to civilians working on post from their office to the Center and back on blood collection days.

Between the hours of 1000 and 1630 on these days, a civilian will get free transportation from his job to the Center by calling 782, the taxi dispatch office near the main gate.

After the donation, blood donor personnel will call the taxi office and the donor will be taken back to work.

### School to Honor Grad No. 5,000

The Division's Radio and Wire Schools will mark the graduation of their 5000th student in ceremonies tomorrow afternoon.

Members of Field Wire Class 80 will bring the total of wiremen to graduate from the school since its opening in 1951 to 2663.

Radio, the other specialist school organized under the 7th Quartermaster Battalion, has graduated 2343 students in the two years.

For Class 80, Friday's graduation will climax an eight-week course, a fortnight of which was spent in field work at Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation. Six weeks of the training are spent in the school area.

Radio is a 12-week course designed to teach men how to become radio operators.

### Hunter-Liggett Personnel Top This Week's AER Fund Drive

Hunter-Liggett permanent personnel gave themselves the role as the top organization in the camp's Army Emergency Relief drive for funds this week by contributing an average of more than a dollar a man.

The 41-man unit donated a total of \$47 as the drive entered the final two weeks with \$7,377.64 in the kitty. A total of \$240.98 was collected this week.

A Special Service show is scheduled for August 1 to raise money for the drive, held once a year to raise funds necessary to permit AER to operate without incurring a deficit. No appropriation is made by the government to care for the emergency financial needs of members of the Army and their families.

Last year the post campaign netted \$15,799.57 for the AER and Army Relief Society, an organization set up in 1900 to aid needy widows and orphans of Regular Army personnel. Ten percent of the contribution in the joint drive goes to ARS.

AER provides assistance to members of the Army and their families whenever faced with an emergency beyond the soldier's ability to meet. Help is usually given in the form of no-interest, low payment loans. In some cases an outright grant of funds is awarded.

The American Red Cross assumes primary responsibility for the emergency needs of Army personnel. However, AER works closely with that organization to help in cases in which the ARC is unable to act.

Some of the more common cases in which the AER fund has been put to work are nonreceipt of pay, allotment or allowance, loss of pay, acute illness when government facilities for treatment or hospitalization are not available, funeral expenses or dependents' travel expenses due to emergencies and payment of initial rent or payment to prevent eviction.

Fund officials advise that if a soldier living on post finds he is in need of funds in an emergency he should see his company commander. Then contact his AER officer or Red Cross Field Director to discuss the problem.

Last year the local fund came to the aid of 1,044 persons with more than \$65,000 in loans and \$850 in outright grants. Since the organization's inception in 1942, more than 200,000 persons have been helped with more than \$24 million.



HONOR GRADUATE Pvt. Donald L. Duha, left, smilingly accepts the congratulations of runner-up Pvt. Robert Rogers at last week's Leaders' Course graduation. Guest speaker was Brig. Gen. Arthur S. Champeny, Assistant Division Commander, who will be honored by the entire 7th Armored Division Saturday in retirement ceremonies. (Signal Photo)

### Deputy Comptroller Presented Award

Eugene B. Smith, Deputy Comptroller, was presented with a Certificate of Achievement this week for the outstanding performance of his work.

He has held the post of Deputy Comptroller since May, 1951, when he was promoted from Civilian Personnel Officer.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

"Take Heed - Speed Kills!"

By Major Robert E. Klewin
You may have seen this sign along the highway, one of many efforts to curb the appalling accident rate on our highways today.

choose to ignore the warnings. In the frantic effort to "get somewhere or be someone" we may cut the corners on His commandments.

To satisfy our personal desires we may flout every moral commandment in the Book. We may feel that the rules do not apply to us, that we can ignore or go beyond the warnings of God with impunity.

Paul corrects us in a hurry. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." The life lived without God, without regard for His laws, the life that has no time to slow down for a moment, to offer God a word of thanks; that cannot be "restricted" or delayed in its attempt to taste all by the teachings of Christianity; that cannot be bothered by such things as sin, forgiveness, faith in Christ, is on a freeway to trouble.

Neither God's warnings nor His promises do good to those who feel they do not apply to them. They're in a hurry! The minutes lost to God are too precious. In order to save them a life is lost! Rather high odds—a lifetime for eternity.



"I SEE IT," says PFC Lewis Mitchell as the small peg moves forward. The place-your-nose-in-the-slot and stare-at-the-wall routine is part of the driver's test. Here Pvt. Curtis Caruth is checking the prospective driver's field of vision, one of the five physical tests he must pass to get a license to drive a vehicle on post.

Perfect Driver Near Impossible But Section Demands Next Best

By CPL John Kendall

The perfect Military Driver, like the average man, is harder to find than caviar at a boiler-makers' picnic.

In theory, this driver is the ultimate omelette of a human and a machine with reaction time of a mongoose, eyesight of an eagle and depth perception of a . . . of a . . . of an instrument that measures depth.

The Post Driver Testing Section is still hoping to find the guy. They want to put him in a time capsule or mummify him for study by future generations.

While they are looking for the perfect driver, however, they have to content themselves with demanding that lesser mortals meet the standards set up by the Army for its vehicle drivers, and that's enough to keep five men busy all day, everyday.

The Testing Section, headed by Sgt. Robert Hicks, is authorized to test 17 persons a day. They work at capacity rate with a two-week waiting period from request to test.

Anyone who remembers taking a driver's test in civilian life probably recalls that he spent possibly an hour going through the whole process. Or, in some states, maybe the test consisted of filling

out a form and paying a fee.

Not so in the Army. The post driving test takes most of the day and consists of testing eyesight, depth perception, field of vision, reaction time and knowledge of driving. Oh, yes, there's a little matter of passing a test for color blindness too.

The process starts about 0800 in the morning with a lecture by PFC Charles Brack on the California Vehicle Code.

He is followed on stage by Sergeant Hicks, who instructs the group in filling out a trip ticket and accident form.

After that comes a 40-question test on driving knowledge. The testee must get 31 right to pass.

Then Porto-Clinic — "the complete psychophysical driving test unit"—or so the manufacturer says, takes over. Actually it's a compact, harmless looking device that tests for everything but the prospective driver's allergy.

Little white eye charts fit primly into slots in the side of the machine. Twenty feet away, the testee sits in a chair and is tested for 20-20 vision. While he's sitting there he lines up two pegs with a cord attached to the machine in a test of depth perception. He has five tries. In order to pass he must

line up the pegs so they are not more than an inch apart.

Sergeant Hicks says most of the men fail on this part of the test.

After identifying the color of small balls of yarn from his 20-foot vantage point, the testee moves closer to that little marvel of efficiency—the Porto-Clinic.

Snuggled in the front of the machine are three lights—like a traffic signal they are red, amber and green.

The testee sits on another chair, comfort is the rule of the day at the testing center, and places his feet on a board in front of him rigged to simulate the position in a car.

The testor clicks a switch, and the amber light flicks off and on. Then the red light goes on, and the prospective driver jams his foot on the brake. He has 10 tries and must average .40 of a second to pass.

A test for field vision is next. The testee fits his nose in a slot of the Porto-Clinic and stares at a white spot on the wall. The testor pulls a string which slowly brings a small bar into the field of vision of the testee. This is measured and must be within prescribed limits.

Then for the practical experience, the field test men—PFC Norris Glosson and Pvt. Curtis Caruth—take the survivors out near Gate 9.

There the group is tested one by one on how well they drive a ton and a half truck. The testors ride with the prospective drivers with a check list in hand that takes off points for everything but breathing.

If the driver fortuitously rests his left arm on the window, off come points. If he forgets to check the windshield wipers, he loses points, and so it goes.

The little unthinking habits that a driver picks up in the more casual civilian world are recorded. But if the testee watches himself and doesn't let too many of them slip in during the road and parking test, he'll pass okay.

He probably won't be the perfect Military Driver who never forgets, but he will be a competent driver.

TIC & NOTES

"Ignorance of the law is no excuse!"

It's an old and hard saying, but it is expected of you today as much as it was ages ago.

Make sure your conduct at all times falls within the laws of decency and of military regulations. Of course the first step is knowledge of the law.

To emphasize to everyone the nature of the laws acting upon servicemen, the safeguards within the law which protect the individual, and the punishments for those found guilty; all these will be presented by your Information Officer next week at TIC.

Don't be slow! Go, man, go to TIC to hear about "You and the Law."

PHASED MINIMUM STANDARD QUESTIONS

1. What is indicated by the white or red piping on the shoulder seam of the Navy enlisted man's uniform?

2. What color braid indicates membership in the Chemical Warfare Service?

3. This insignia indicates what Arm and Service?

4. If your home state collects an income tax from its citizens, do you have to pay this tax while you are in the Army?

5. How many types of court martials are there? (Answers on Page Four)

CHP Cracks Down On Traffic Violators

The "Flying Squad," a special unit of the California Highway Patrol, is operating in the vicinity of Camp Roberts.

This squad travels around the state cracking down on traffic violators in a concentrated area for a time and then moves on.

On the heels of the announcement of the operation of the unit is a new Defense Department regulation outlining the policies which commanding officers will carry out.

Military offenders who are driving private vehicles may be punished in civil courts and drivers of official vehicles may be delivered to civil authorities for prosecution of traffic violations.

Army COs were directed in a recent order to cooperate closely with local civil authorities in conducting educational and training campaigns to promote highway safety, reduce accidents and provide for adequate enforcement of traffic laws.

Co. B, 129th Scores 89.7 In Proficiency

Two companies finished basic training last week and took the proficiency test at "Last Chance Gulch."

Placing first were the men of Company B, 129th Armored Ordnance Maintenance battalion, with a composite score of 89.7%. The other company was Company B, 38th Armored Infantry battalion, with a composite score of 88.8%.

Army Plans Six-Year Program Of New Equipment, Weapons

WASHINGTON (APPS) — The Army has an awe-inspiring program of new weapons and equipment to be carried out during the next six years, budget hearings before the House Appropriations committee have revealed.

All of the new devices are still in the development or pre-production stages, but Army spokesmen consider them extremely promising for future use.

Among the new developments are the BAT (Battalion Anti-Tank) recoilless rifle which is expected to out-perform present anti-tank weapons; an entire new family of long-range artillery pieces, headed by a 155 mm. howitzer which can traverse 360 degrees instead of the 155s present 60.

Other developments include the ONTOS, better known to Army officials as "The Thing," a vehicle chassis that can carry just about any of the Army's heavy weapons; and a new launcher-gun developed for the Air Force which can penetrate a bomber and fires at low muzzle velocity rate.

One of the innovations—a new lightweight rifle—may eventually replace the M-1 Garand rifle. Actually, the Army reveals that the choice for the rifle has narrowed down to the T-44 and the Belgian FN. The selected rifle model could also replace the submachine gun, the carbine and the BAR.

The Transportation Corps is testing a five-ton version of the WWII DUKW; a five-ton six by six truck with both plastic and steel bodies; and a 10-ton tractor as a tank transporter.

A complete laundry, consisting of the washer, extractor, water heater, and drying unit, is one of the support vehicles the Quartermaster Corps has developed.

New Corps of Engineer equipment includes a snow packer for northern air bases and their runways; armored bulldozers; and a new fighting light, an 18-inch spotlight for armored vehicles.

The Engineers will also have a 600 foot two-lane floating bridge; a 60-foot bridge launched from an armored vehicle under fire without exposing any of the crew; a steam outboard motor which eliminates the noisy "putt-putts" during night assaults; and dry-gap bridging equipment for tanks.

The Signal Corps will get some of its newer developments into production. Lightweight field telephones, new teletypewriters and fire directional control setups are among them.

The testimony also unveiled a family of anti-tank mines, both metallic and non-metallic, which provide thorough destruction of an enemy tank. Conversely, new mine-detecting devices will blossom forth.

Nylon fatigues are also being tested by the Army QM Corps. Longer wear is the byword in this case.

The subject of body-armor—one of the real "finds" of the Korean conflict—also comes in for attention. Freedom of movement will highlight new items of body armor.

Two new types of ammunition have also been disclosed. The M-26 hand grenade, two-thirds as light as present models, can be thrown further and more accurately, with a greater killing potential.

The other type is an enlarged version of a shotgun shell—a canister of small steel balls. This ammunition can be fired from 57 and 105 mm. weapons and is especially effective in hindering the advance of a mass of enemy troops.



STOP!—Pvt. Evan Grenfell slams on the brakes as the red light flashes on the control box. To pass the reaction time test, part of the driver's examination, he must average .40 of a second in 10 tries. PFC Charles Brack, member of the Driver's Testing Section, records the attempts.

WAC of the WEEK

This man's Army is accredited with many humane moves and personally satisfying actions in its long and illustrious history.

And Sgt. Rose Re, of the Hospital's Central Supply, will verify that.

For in 1950, while on duty at Frankfurt, Germany, she was given leave to visit Italy during the holy year festivities and was able to locate her father, whom she had not seen for 32 years.

She explains that she left her father 32 years ago, coming to the United States and New York with her mother and brother. Her father was in the Italian Army at the time and stayed in the old country.

It took her several days to find her father, looking through five towns in Northern Italy, where she was born. They didn't recognize each other when she found him in Paetto, a small town in the province of Aleandria, but she believes it is one of the happiest moments in her life.

She rejoined in New York, her adopted home town, in 1949, and is almost certain that she will make the Army her career.

Sgt. Re has seen duty at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., Fort Dix, Md., and Murphy General Hospital, Mass.

She wears the American Theater of Operations, World War II Victory, American Campaign, Occupation of Germany ribbons and the Good Conduct Medal with two loops.



SGT. ROSE RE

Guam Liberation Recalled By Four

The island of Guam was liberated from the Japanese on July 21, 1944. Four natives of the Pacific island now stationed here remember that happy event and the unhappy years of living under the Japanese.

On December 8th and 9th, 1941, Guam was bombed continually by the Japanese and on December 10th, the island was invaded. Cpl. Francisco Mesa, an assistant instructor at Division Faculty, recalls hiding in the back country until he was forced to work on airfields.

PFC Antonio Okiyama, Dispensary F, whose brother is a member of the Guam legislature, sums up his years on Japanese-occupied Guam as "very rough." The big problem was to find enough to eat. That has changed, of course, now that the island is again part of the United States, he explains.

Both men enlisted in Guam, Cpl. Mesa in October, 1950, and PFC Okiyama in August, 1951. They also served with the 40th Infantry Division in Japan and Korea. Cpl. Mesa was assigned to Camp Roberts in October, 1952, and PFC Okiyama in April of this year.

Two other Guamanians, who recall the occupation of their island, are also stationed here. They are Corporals Vicente Munoz and Gregorio Rivera, Div. Pac.

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can move from one specialist to another so that their entire training program is a series of high level instruction.

For Col. Weigand, this completes a cycle at Camp Roberts. In 1942 he was assigned here as a basic trainee. Nine years later, in June of 1951 he returned as a lieutenant colonel to become chief of Division Faculty. In January of 1952 he was assigned Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, Plans and Training.

Top Doctors Picked

Seventeen top civilian physicians have been selected by DA to serve as senior civilian consultants to the Surgeon General of the Army. These specialists head a field of over 1,600 physicians throughout the country now being considered for appointment as consultants to surgeon generals of various Army areas and for Army hospitals.

Coonskinners

HIGH COMPANY OF WEEK Company C, 38th Armored Infantry Battalion.

PVT. AL B. JOHNSON First Place Battery A, 494th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. From West Memphis, Arkansas. Score — 234.

Qualification — Expert.

PVT. NORMAN MUECKE Second Place (Tie) Company C, 38th Armored Infantry Battalion. From Galveston, Texas. Score — 228.

Qualification — Expert.

PVT. THOMAS H. BEACE Second Place (Tie) Company A, 129th Armored Ordnance Maintenance Battalion. From San Valiente, California. Score — 222.

Qualification — Expert.



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Thousands of Part-Time Scholars Try Army's Troop School System

Washington — Spare-time scholars in uniform—soldiers bent on furthering their education—joined the Army's Troop Education school system by the thousands during the past year.

Soldier participation in the Army's education program reached 280,661 by January of 1953.

Soldier enrollment in the United States Armed Forces Institute courses, group-study classes, and classes conducted by co-operating civilian schools stood at 177,015 at that time.

Of these, 11,839 enrollments were on the basic level (up to fifth grade), 3,276 on the intermediate level (up to eighth grade), 110,825 on the high school level, and 51,095 on the college level.

For the total participation figure, the enrollment total was added to the figure 103,646—representing tests administered during the first quarter of fiscal year 1953.

Cumulative figures since January, 1950, show that 96,196 soldiers have completed tests successfully on the high school level.

Another 20,224 finished the equivalent of one year of college by passing General Educational Development tests on that level. To 80,292 soldiers went fourth and fifth grade certificates during the past three years, while 17,149 eighth grade certificates were awarded.

In bringing the books to students, the Army has introduced the "little red school house" to the lands of the igloo, thatched hut, hacienda, chateau and pagoda.

The Army now is operating 251 education centers overseas and 152 in the United States.

The world-wide school program offers interested soldiers academic and vocational courses ranging from grammar school to college levels.

Except for basic education and English language training for personnel who cannot speak English well enough to absorb military training successfully, participation in Army Troop Education activities is voluntary.

Generally, instruction is given during off-duty time, but on the basic level attendance is mandatory and classes may be on duty time. The basic course is for personnel who have not completed the fifth grade or who cannot write or speak English with the fluency of an adult who has completed the fifth grade—ANF.

USAFI Unit Here

Sixth Army's mobile education unit arrived here yesterday for a full week of selling USAFI courses and offering advice and information on educational opportunities to be gained by enrolling in USAFI.

In charge of the traveling education center is M/Sgt. Thomas H. McComas. His assistant is Cpl. Robert J. Stevenson.

The schedule today, 0900-1200 1300-1700 Div/Trains 1000-2300 CCA; Friday, 0900-1200 Div/Trains 1300-1700 CCB, 1900-2300 Reserve Command; Saturday, all day at the post bulletin board near Service Club 1; Monday, 0900-1300 507th Regt. Co., and 96th EGB, 1300-1700 hours, Headquarters Company, 7th Armored Division.

On July 29 through July 31st, the unit will be at Hunter-Liggitt Military Reservation.

When the unit was here in January, over 300 individuals took out a total of 261 courses, including university extension, self-teaching and correspondence.

Budget Cut Forces Release of Many

Washington (APPS) — Several thousand Reserve Officers will be released from active duty in the next 12 months as a result of budget cuts.

The exact number who will be affected has not been calculated but it will involve officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The Navy said that it would make its reductions in supporting services before but would not cut manning levels in the active fleets.

The AF has already announced plans to release 4,500 officers and may increase that number. The Army simply stated that it expects to release a substantial number of Reserve Officers but did not elaborate.

# In This Corner.....

By PVT. ELLIOT M. BARON  
Sports Editor

## No Better Tools

Some one once defined golf as a game where you try to knock a little white ball into a hole with tools that are ily designed for the purpose.

For some this is true. Me, for example. I've often thought of trying my luck with other tools—such as a pool cue on the greens—but I doubt if that would help my game much either.

But then there are others. Watch Pvt. Dick Yost on a golf course some time and you will begin to doubt that definition of golf printed above. The way Yost handles them, I can't think of any tools better designed for the job of knocking that little white ball into the cup.

Yost, low medalist in the recent Post golf tournament held at Morro Bay, was low medalist in last week's Sixth Army golf championships and led the way to a repeat victory of the Sixth Army championship by the Camp Roberts golf team.

Last week at the Presidio of San Francisco, Yost mastered the tricky seaside course to come in four under par, just eight strokes ahead of second place Lt. Ken Towns of Fort Lewis, Wash. Towns, a native of San Francisco, was National Publunx champion in 1949.

Pvt. Les Howatt of 7th QM, who was runner-up to Yost in the Post golf tournament, finished third at Sixth Army. So he will join Yost and Lt. Towns, M/Sgt. George De Rosia of the Presidio and Lt. Jack O'Connell of Fort Lewis on the Sixth Army representation to the All-Army golf championships to be held at the world famous Pebble Beach golf course in Monterey, July 27-31.

For Yost and Howatt, this will be like old times. For these two Camp Roberts golfers grew up in the same neighborhood in Portland, Ore. They went to the same schools together and they played golf together from the beginning.

Last week they played for Camp Roberts in the Sixth Army tournament and next week they will be representing Sixth Army in the All-Army golf championships. This week they are playing in the Pacific-Northwest Amateur tournament.

And since these boys are doing right well with the tools they have at this game of golf, I recommend we let it go at that.

## Post Baseball at Last

Now that the Post baseball league is drawing to a close, we finally will get around to picking a Post team.

Up until now, the camp has been represented in off-post games by the various regimental nines. Only twice has a Post all-star team been gathered together, with both games being played against the Fort Ord Braves. We won the first one in a benefit game at Paso Robles and we lost the second game at Fort Ord.

But now tournament time is drawing near and a post team must be organized for the Southern Division preliminaries of the Sixth Army championships, which will be played at Fort Ord on August 10-15.

The Sixth Army championships also will be played at Fort Ord on August 24-29.

It is doubtful whether the Post team can overcome the power laden Fort Ord Warriors, odds on favorite for the Sixth Army title, but if the boys are on they can give them a pretty good tussle.

There are enough ball players here at the Post to make a very good minor league club, probably of AA or even AAA caliber. We have a \$35,000 bonus first sacker in Pvt. Joe Porter of CCA and a \$50,000 bonus player in Pvt. John Blanchard, CCB's catcher and outfielder.

There are a couple of heavy hitters in 7th QM named Pvts. Bruce Blevins and Merrill Schelich. And there are plenty of pretty talented chuckers in the league. A couple of them have been playing a little extra ball on weekends for King City and Santa Maria.

Too bad, we won't be able to see any of the tournament ball; it should be darned good.



# CAMP ROBERTS Parade Of Sports



## Yost Busts Par To Lead Roberts Golfers to Title

Golfers from Camp Roberts won the Sixth Army golf championship for the second consecutive year at the Presidio of San Francisco last week.

They placed 23 strokes ahead of second place Fort Lewis, Wash. Presidio of San Francisco finished third by six strokes followed by last place Fort Lawton, Wash.

Spearheaded by the sensational sub-par play of Pvt. Dick Yost, the Roberts team held a commanding lead throughout the four day 72 hole medal play tournament.

Pvt. Yost mastered the tricky greens and narrow fairways by carving out a 72 hole total of 284, four under par, over the Presidio's treacherous ocean side layout to walk off with medalist honors.

The other Roberts men who helped bring back the Sixth Army crown were PFC Harold Freer and Privates Les Howatt, Bob Meuchel, Dave Samuelson and Ray Costello.

Second Lieutenant Ken Towns of Fort Lewis, Wash., shot a scorching 67 Friday for five under par and the best round of the tournament. But he wound up with a 292 total, just eight strokes behind Yost.



PVT. YOST

Private Les Howatt of 7th QM finished third by combining a pair of 77's with an 80 and a 79 for a total of 313. M/Sgt. George De Rosia of San Francisco and Lt. Jack O'Connell of Fort Lewis, Wash., tied for fourth at 315.

These five medalists, Yost and Howatt from Camp Roberts, Towns and O'Connell of Fort Lewis and De Rosia from the Presidio will represent Sixth Army in the All-Army golf championships at the world famous Pebble Beach golf course, Monterey, July 27-31.

This week Pvts. Yost and Howatt are competing in the Pacific Northwest amateur.

The two are neighbors from Portland, Ore., and both learned to play golf about the same time.



THEY SMILE LIKE CHAMPS but the Post baseball season isn't over yet. Coming down to the wire, these members of the 7th Quartermaster Bn. baseball team are neck and neck with CCA. The two teams may have to meet in a playoff to decide the title. Front row, left to right, Pvts. Don Gustafson, Keith Johnson, Gus Peterson

and Sampson Straub. Second row, left to right, Pvts. Jim Flynn, James Chanquet, Merrill Schelich and Bruce Blevins. Back row, left to right, Cpl. Dick Weigand, Pvts. Whitney Ulrich, Loren Werning, Cpl. Cliff Nall (manager), Pvts. John Payne, Jerry Powell, Dallas Wolfe. (Signal Photo)

## 6100 ASU Takes 1st Round Lead In 1953 Post Tennis Tournament

6100 Area Service Unit, defending Post tennis champ, got off to a flying start to retain the title after Tuesday's first round results in the 1953 Post tennis tournament.

The ASU twosome of John Gerlach and William Walter breezed through their opening round matches. Gerlach, a three year letterman from Stanford university, downed Joe Watkins of Division Trains in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1. Walter had a bit more difficulty in outsting Don Wolf of Division Faculty, 6-3, 6-4.

Combat Command B kept pace with the defending titleholders by winning both its singles matches. John Hess turned back Dave O'Neill of Division Artillery, 6-2, 6-2, while his partner Al Titelbaum subdued Harvey Harstene of 7th Quartermaster, 6-3, 6-1.

Other opening round results found top seeded Vasti Bradley of Division Faculty whitewashing Jack Golden of Reserve Com-

mand, 6-0, 6-0. Robert Brans of Combat Command A beat William Weeks of 7th QM, 6-2, 6-1; Ed Baines of DivTrains blasted ResCom's Richard McCutchen, 6-1, 6-1, and Bob Haibersleben of CCA trounced DivArty's Ed Fee, 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles play began yesterday along with second round singles matches. The purpose of the single elimination type tournament is to establish the Post team champions as well as the individual post champions to represent Camp Roberts in the Sixth Army tournaments.

Each command is authorized to enter four contestants, two for singles competition and one doubles team, however, a team of two contestants may enter the tournament.

The player or team taking two out of three sets will be considered the winner, except in the finals

where it will require three out of five sets to win.

Scoring of team points in both the singles and doubles play is set up on the following basis:

One point for a win the first round, progressively increasing one point for each round. For example, two points for a win in the second round, three points for the third round, four points for the fourth round and five points for the fifth round.

Points are awarded for a first round by if the contestant wins the second round. Points also are awarded for a forfeit.

All the necessary equipment is furnished to the entrants. Racquets and balls are supplied by Special Services and tennis shoes are available at the Sports Arena.

At the conclusion of play Friday, team and individual trophies will be awarded the winners and the six outstanding players in the tournament will be selected to represent Camp Roberts in the Sixth Army preliminaries to be held at this post, July 29 to Aug. 1.

Three men and three women will be entered from Camp Roberts.

The Sixth Army tennis tournament will be held at Madigan Army hospital, Washington, August 11-15.

## WARMIN' THE BENCH

## Near Immortal Quits Baseball

By HUGH BAIRD, JO3, USN (AFPS Sports Writer)

Buried in the sport pages of a west coast newspaper the other day was a small story headed, "Near Immortal Hurler Quits Baseball."

The hurler in question is Bill Bevins, the former Yankee right-

## 6100 Explosion Dumps DivArty

An eight run explosion in the third inning and some fine relief pitching by Pvt. Carl Rounds and 6100 ASU knocked off Division Artillery, 9-7, last week.

The winners collected only six hits, but 12 walks issued by DivArty hurlers, Pvs. Bob Turk and Jerry Hinrichson, proved to make the difference.

Trailing 3-1 in the third inning, 6100 bunched four walks and four hits to produce eight big runs. They scored their first mark in the second on a walk to Pvt. Don Green and a triple to right center by Pvt. Ron LaPointe.

Green started on the hill for 6100 and was tagged for three runs on five hits in three innings before being ejected from the game in a dispute over a play at second base.

Private Rounds took over the pitching chores and aside from Pvt. Jerry Hinrichson's three run homer in the fifth, stymied the DivArty guns the remaining four innings. He struck out six in gaining his third league victory against two losses.

hand, who came within one batter of entering baseball's stat group.

The scene was Ebberts Field during the dramatic fourth game of the 1947 World Series between the Yanks and Dodgers. With the Yanks leading 2-1 going into the ninth, the near capacity crowd awaited tensely as Bevins bore down to within one pitch of a world series no-hitter. Cookie Lavagetto was batting for Eddie Stanky. Al Gionfrido and Eddie Miksis were leading off second and first courtesy of free passes.

Lavagetto rapped a double off the wall to whip the Yanks 3-2 and stop Bevins short of lasting fame.

The big hurler dropped out of sight after that, sometimes popping up in bonanzas in various places. I remember seeing him in West Haven, Conn., his arm looked strong—most of all he appeared to have regained his confidence.

The Cincinnati Reds drafted him in 1951 when he won 20 games for Salem of the Western International League. However, the sore arm came back to haunt him again and his return stay in the majors was ended.

The rest of the story includes the last two steps down the ladder—the San Francisco Seals and the Salem club again.

## ResCom Topples DivTrains, 8 to 4

Reserve Command toppled the one-time league leader, Division Trains, out of contention for the Post league title last week, 8-4.

Pvt. Connie Grob scattered nine hits as his Reserve Command teammates pounded Pvt. Bill Fuqua for 14 hits.

After trailing 4-2 in the third, ResCom exploded for five runs in the fourth inning and added another in the sixth to clinch the contest.

Pvts. Ron Maki and Bill Brown both clubbed out three for four to pace the winners at bat. Grob and Pvt. John Stratton added two hits apiece to aid the cause.

Shortstop Pvt. Charlie King was the DivTrains hitter to solve the offerings of Grob. He had a perfect night with three singles in three times at the plate.

Pvt. Ron Koopper, the DivTrains husky catcher, stole the wall busting honors for the losers with a two-run homer and a double in three trips.

Fastballer Grob added six strikeouts to his record and walked three batters while Fuqua struck out two and walked four.

The loss brings DivTrains' season's record to nine wins and five losses and puts them in the spoiler role for last night's game with the 7th Quartermaster battalion.

# CCA's Big Sticks Assure 1st Place In Post Baseball

Combat Command A's big bats have assured them of at least a tie for first place in the Post baseball league, which officially ends tonight.

At press time last night, with CCA one-half game out in front, 7th Quartermaster went against Division Trains in the crucial game of the season. If QM wins, the league is tied up and a playoff will be required between CCA and 7th QM next week. If Division Trains is able to knock off the powerful Quartermasters, then the league title will go to the defending champs from CCA.

In the last two games, the CCA stickers have gone quite mad at the plate and have scored 36 runs in the last 10 innings of play. Both of the last two games were called at the end of five innings because of the lopsided scores.

Saturday against Division Artillery, the CCA sluggers climbed all over Lt. Cless Hinckley and

reliever Pvt. Jack Turk for 19 runs on 16 hits and one error.

They scored two in the first, six in the third, eight in the fourth and three in the fifth. After that, DivArty, who had managed to score six runs on 12 hits and three errors, called the game.

For CCA, Pvt. Joe Porter, the \$35,000 bonus first sacker, got three for three; Pvt. Jack Holmquist got three for five, and Pvt. Al Mouton slammed out a home run and a single in four times at the plate.

Pvt. Joe Rivera, who came in to relieve starter Pvt. Harley Resch, received credit for the win.

Then on Tuesday night, the CCA bats went wild again, this time against Combat Command B. Three CCB hurlers couldn't stop the 19-hit onslaught which scored 17 runs.

Pvt. Ed Minnosse throttled the CCB batters with four hits and the game was called by CCB at the end of the fifth inning with the score 17 to 2.

For CCA, Pvt. Ed Palmquist hit four for four, Pvt. Jack Holmquist got four for five, Pvt. Don Watson got three for five, Pvt. John McNamara got two for three and Pvt. Bob Brans got two for three.

Pvt. Joe Porter hit a triple with two men on in the second as his contribution to the runaway.

## ANOTHER SLUGFEST

Friday night in another slugfest, 7th QM pounded Pvt. Dale Bithel of CCB for 14 runs on 11 hits and 2 errors. There were three home runs hit and the Quartermasters left 10 runners stranded on the base paths.

CCB manage to collect four runs on five hits and one error but they were never in serious contention for the ball game.

Pvt. Bruce Blevins slammed out two home runs for the Quartermasters, one in the fourth and another in the sixth. Pvt. Merrill Schelich, the league's home run king, followed Blevins' fourth inning home run with one of his own.

QM scored two in the first, four in the second, three in the fourth, two in the fifth and three in the sixth. They did not come to bat in the seventh.

Last night found Pvt. Whitney Ulrich, ace Quartermaster right hander, scheduled to go against Pvt. Bill Fuqua, Division Trains southpaw in the life or death struggle for QM.

If a playoff is required, it will be played next week in a two out of three game series. After that the Post All Star team will be selected to play in the upcoming Southern Division preliminaries of the Sixth Army. The tournament will be held at Fort Ord on August 10-15.

The Sixth Army championships will be played at Ord on August 24-29.

## He Never Touched It

Kingsport, Tenn. (AFPS) — A member of the Kingsport Cherokee baseball team accosted the scorer and asked why the morning paper hadn't credited him with a certain hit the night before.

"That was a typographical error," the scorer explained. "Whatta ya mean, typographical error? The third baseman didn't touch the ball."

## Baseball Standings

POST LEAGUE (As of July 21, 1953)					
	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Combat Command A	12	2	.857		
7th Quartermaster Bn.	11	2	.853	½	
Division Trains	9	5	.642	3	
Combat Command B	7	7	.500	5	
6100 ASU	7	8	.466	5½	
Reserve Command	6	8	.428	6½	
Division Artillery	3	10	.300	8½	
AMERICAN LEAGUE					
	W	L	Pct.	GB	
New York	61	27	.693		
Chicago	56	34	.622	6	
Boston	52	39	.571	10½	
Cleveland	50	38	.568	11	
Washington	43	47	.478	18	
Philadelphia	35	54	.393	26½	
St. Louis	33	59	.358	30	
Detroit	28	60	.318	35	
NATIONAL LEAGUE					
	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Brooklyn	55	32	.632		
Milwaukee	52	35	.598	3	
Philadelphia	48	37	.565	6	
New York	46	38	.548	7½	
St. Louis	46	40	.545	7½	
Cincinnati	40	49	.449	16	
Chicago	31	53	.369	23½	
Pittsburgh	29	65	.309	29	



TOP SEEDED PFC Vasti Bradley, Division Faculty, started out this year's Post tennis tournament, Tuesday, by whitewashing Reserve Command's Jack Golden, 6-0, 6-0. The tournament, which continues through tomorrow, is for the purpose of selecting the Post champions and the representatives to the Southern Division preliminaries to be held here July 28-August 1. (Signal Photo)

