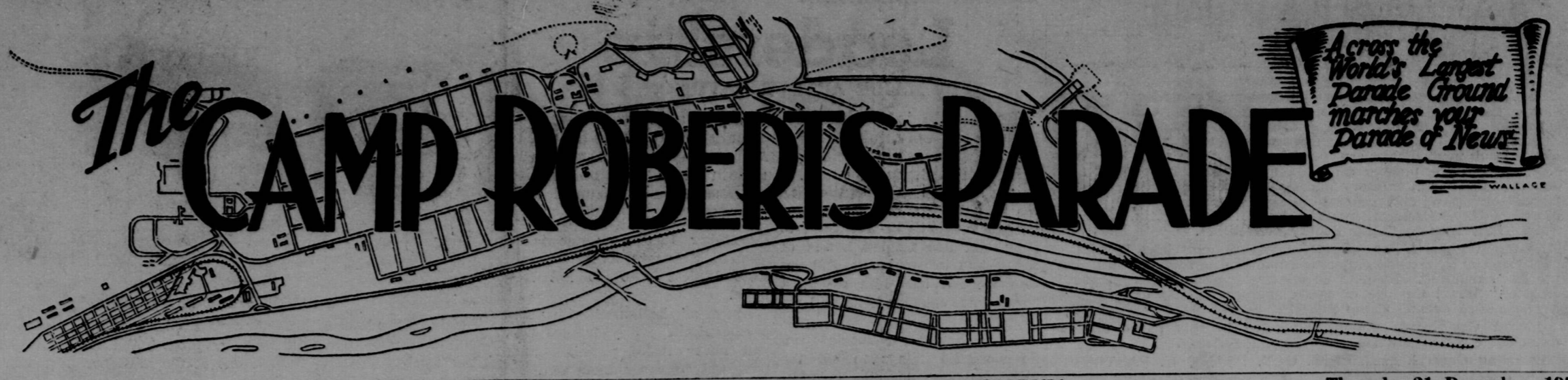


Wishing You and Yours the Season's Best



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FIVE DAY LEAVE OFFICIAL

Weekly News Parade

INTERNATIONAL: The Korean winter grew more and more bitter as the week wore along. The Chinese, reported Chicago News correspondent Fred Sparks, "were not as deadly as the cold. You might better understand the arch enemy—the cold—if I first tell you how one truckload of lads looked. . . Buried in their parkas, a dozen boys on the open truck were hard to distinguish from their few rolls of baggage. They were flopped out practically on top of each other, feet and arms crisscrossed. Their faces were almost black, the strange sort of blackness that comes with unshaven cheeks caked in dirt, prolonged exposure. One lad, shivering constantly, was half in, half out of his sleeping bag. Two of them hugged each other for warmth. Another had his feet wrapped in burlap, tied with a string." So came Christmas for our fighting men in Korea. . . All week long there was hope at Lake Success that somehow or other the Chinese delegation would soften enough to go along with a "Cease Fire" order at the 38th Parallel. The flame of hope blazed up again and again. . . Again and again it flickered. It was whispered that the Chinese were adamant, that they would be going home in mid-week. Sir Benegal Rau, India's welder of the bellows of conciliation, worked over his flame and at week's end the Chinese were still at the Waldorf-Astoria and still threatening to leave. . . Dean Acheson of State left for Brussels where, it was said, a European army would be formed before Mr. Acheson saw Washington again. President Truman reaffirmed his confidence in his Secretary of State but the wolves were still howling.

NATIONAL: The President spoke to the nation on Friday evening and on Saturday morning a National Emergency was proclaimed. Even before Mr. Truman spoke, the House passed a \$17,809,304,424.00 emergency appropriation bill and sent it across to the Senate. The military establishment will receive over 16 billion of the appropriation. Another billion is earmarked for the Atomic Energy Commission. . . Aiken and Barnwell counties in South Carolina discovered, finally, what the "Great Secret" was, 250,000 acres of agricultural and timber land bordering the Savannah River, 20 miles southeast of Augusta, Georgia, are to be taken over by a mammoth Atomic Energy Commission plant. The people are to be moved elsewhere, highways are to be blocked off, railroads re-routed. . . Harry Gold, biochemist and traitor, last week received his sentence, 30 years. Gold gratefully told reporters "I have received scrupulously fair treatment. I made a terrible mistake . . . but there is puny inadequacy in any words telling how deep and horrible is my remorse."

LOCAL: There are THREE shopping days left before Christmas. The weather continues to be climate—except in the early mornings—and some enemy has sent this department a Texas lemon which is certainly larger than many California grapefruit. Candor requires this admission but not even the traditional wild horses will force us to say more than that this monstrous fruit is certainly vastly more sour than any grapefruit, California, Texas, or even Florida. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

XMAS FIRE HAZARDS NEED EXTRA CARE

The approaching holiday season with the many planned social activities will greatly increase fire hazards due to the use of flammable materials for decorative purposes. In order to reduce these potential hazards to a minimum, the following precautions will be observed, according to Fire Chief Gus Alphin.

Candles must not be used for decorative purposes, and flammable decorations, including Christmas trees must be flame-proofed. The Fire Department is equipped to handle the fire-proofing of trees, etc. For this service call Ext. 50.

Electrical devices such as tree lighting sets or any electrical appliances will be of the type approved by the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Decorative materials will not be placed in contact with electric lamps.

Exit signs will not be covered by decorations. Extra precautions will be observed during gatherings in places of public assembly to maintain unobstructed aisles at all times. Exit doors must not be blocked by chairs, tables or other temporary obstructions.

Fire department personnel will (Continued on Page 3)

Finance Officer Offers Tip On Money Problems

As a matter of convenience, it is suggested that all officers who can conveniently do so, have their monthly pay placed to their credit in a bank. Any bank in the United States may be designated and checks will be mailed to the bank by the Finance Officer. Upon receipt of checks it is customary that banks will mail a copy of the deposit slip to the officer concerned.

The procedure outlined above eliminates the necessity for individuals to visit the bank located on the Post on pay day. Payment of obligations, and forwarding of funds to dependents by personal check saves money order fees. Cash for current needs of the individual officer could be obtained by cashing checks at the post banking facility.

For those officers who insist on receiving checks personally, it is anticipated that the Post Commander will authorize delivery to be made by certain designated officers as outlined in paragraph 12c, AR 35-120. These officers will pick up checks for the organizations indicated in their orders, thus avoiding the necessity for individual officers to call at (Continued on Page 3)



Xmas Special Offered By Roberts Review

A host of Hollywood musical stars will be featured with Camp Roberts personnel in the next few days over local radio stations, with several special Christmas programs.

Beginning this evening Thursday 21 December at 8:30 P.M., a new thirty minute radio show will be heard over the two local Mutual-Don Lee affiliates, KVEC San Luis Obispo and KPRL in Paso Robles. This show, an enlargement of the original "Camp Roberts In Review" is the first of a new series of programs designed to both entertain and inform local listeners.

"Camp Roberts In Review" is written and produced for the Army by the Camp Roberts Public Information Office under the supervision of Lt. Eugene H. Lansing. The show is directed by Sgt Dale Harper, written by Cpl. Noel Rubaloff and announced by Cpl. Bob Baker.

This evening the following artists will be featured on "Camp Roberts In Review": Jo Stafford, Curt Massey and Martha Tilton. Jo Stafford may be heard on the "Club 15" show over CBS, while Curt Massey and Martha Tilton star on the "Curt Massey Show" over the same network.

In addition an address will be made by Brigadier General Frank H. Partridge, Camp Roberts Post Commander. Also on the show will be the "Stardusters", a dance combo from the 93rd Army Band, tenor vocalist Cpl. Wes Butler and Private Dave Ketchum as Master of Ceremonies.

Over the Fresno CBS outlet KPFR, another thirty minute show will be aired 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 23 December. This show will spotlight Bob Crosby and the Andrew Sisters, also starred on "Club 15".

Both of these programs are special Christmas radio shows on which the men and women of Camp Roberts along with some of radio's top stars will wish their friends in the surrounding communities a very Merry Christmas, and will add their hopes for a joyous and peaceful New Year.

Don't forget, this evening at 8:30 P.M., over KPRL-KVEC "Camp Roberts in Review" with a host of stars ready to entertain you, 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 23 December the gang from "Club 15" will be on hand to provide a good time for everyone.

Christmas This Year

Hard pressed by great hordes of enemy, surrounded by death and destruction, with life, freedom and democracy on the balance scales for justice, this Christmas will be but a dream for many GIs.

In the occupation armies, in Europe, rock-like islands in the far Pacific, in South America and the far north, things will be somewhat better. Especially for lucky ones with family and friends close by. But in these distant places it will still for the many be but a dream of Christmases past and a hope for those to come.

At training camps in the States as well as other installations that those trainees depend on to supply their training needs, Christmas plans will be cancelled or at least curtailed and many a Christmas dinner will be hastily eaten so that industry and GIs alike may return to the endless tasks that will insure the reality of dreams and the permanency of future Christmases.

An America Christmas is synonymous with family, the festivities, parties, dances, the giving of presents are only icing on the big cake. The Big Cake . . . its that moment when surrounded by our dear ones we bow our heads and give fervent thanks to God for the last best hope on earth . . . these United States.



Post Engineers Aid ASAF In Plan For Troop Play

An off-post USO-type program for the military personnel of Camp Roberts and their families was forecasted in an announcement today by Colonel John Butler and that the Federal Recreation Building at San Miguel will be reopened and operated by the Associated Services for the Armed Forces. ASAF is the National Organization replacing USO in the present emergency.

John H. Reardon, former USO Associate Director at Monterey, has already arrived at San Miguel and will be director of the new program. Mr. Reardon has had eight years of experience in USO work, having been a wartime director of USO clubs at Bangor, Maine and Holyoke, Mass., and organizer and director of the USO program for Veteran and Military Hospital in the Boston area.

The Post Engineers, under the direction of Lt. Col. H. H. Howell, has already repaired the roof of the San Miguel building. Furnishings and equipment purchasing has been initiated by Colonel A. J. Smalley, Special Services Officer.

The building, according to present plans, will have a big and homey lounge, a well-equipped snack bar, special game room, a comfortable library and writing area, and a large social hall. A full program of recreation and entertainment will be inaugurated, Mr. Reardon said, and such cultural, educational, and social activities and individual services as are required to meet the needs of the men and women of Camp Roberts and their families.

Accident Report

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

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

At this season, when peace on earth and good will toward men should be uppermost in our minds, the tragic situation confronting our forces in Korea necessitates usual measures here at home. Accordingly, the Department of the Army has found it necessary to curtail leaves that interfere too seriously with the training of its forces. In view of the threat to the future existence of our free civilization, I am sure you can all understand the necessity of keeping leaves at a minimum during training.

However, under instructions recently received from the Department of the Army, and summarized as a separate item on this page, it will be possible for many of you to visit with friends and relatives at least on Christmas or prior to New Years. And although your leave period must be shorter than what you may have originally planned, I know you will agree that this disappointment is small when compared to the extreme sacrifices now being made by our gallant forces in Korea.

For those remaining in camp, recreational and entertainment programs have been especially planned for off-duty periods. All are urged to take full advantage of them.

Even during times of adversity, it is traditional that the Christmas season be a joyous climax to the closing year. So let's make this one as merry as we can possibly make it. To everyone at Camp Roberts, a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

FRANK H. PARTRIDGE
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

SPLIT LEAVE WILL GIVE TRAINEES EVEN BREAK

Although the Christmas leave policy has changed frequently of late keeping pace with the international events, it once more has changed to allow you to leave camp for part of the holidays—when specifically authorized—for a five-day period.

Information just received authorized leave as follows: 50 per cent of the Command must be present during the entire holiday period, that is, from 23 December 1950 to 1 January 1951 inclusive.

Here is how the leave policy will work: 50 per cent of the Command will leave on 23 December 1950 and return by midnight on 27 December 1950. On 28 December 1950 the remaining 50 per cent may leave, with a schedule return by midnight 1 January 1951. Under this arrangement it is the duty of all persons granted leave to return promptly on schedule and thereby permit the remaining 50 per cent to avail themselves of similar leave.

There can be no deviation from the above policy except in exceptional circumstances approved by the Commanding General.

Big Savings On Holiday Tickets For Roberts G. I.'s

The Government has announced the lifting of the 15 per cent Federal tax on all round-trip bus or rail tickets for Military Personnel. This "furlough" cut will be effective over the Holiday Season and until 10 January, 1951. Tickets will be honored until 15 January.

A serviceman may save \$56.21 on a round-trip ticket to New York, according to Mr. A. D. Wilson, Rail Representative. Coast travelers save \$3.60 to Portland from here.

Similar savings are offered by bus lines. Mr. Larry Youngman, Ext. 323, is Depot Manager for Greyhound.

Further information on rail transportation may be had by contacting Mr. Wilson at Ext. 79.

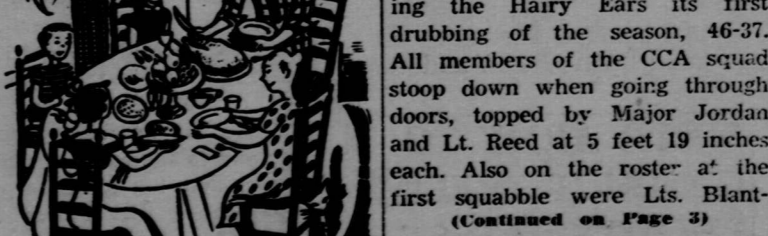
Combat Command A Adding New Training Schedules Weekly

Under the impetus of the nation's intensive training policy for new recruits, Combat Command A is adding new training programs each week with the weekly arrival of recruits. This week finds the "old soldiers" of A Company, 38th Armored Infantry Bn. in their third week of training.

The assignment of Major George B. Jordan as commanding officer of the 23rd AIB.

In addition to the training duties, the old Army game has caught up with A and C companies of the 23rd with the addition of interior guard details to their daily schedules.

Sportswise, Combat Command A has entered the Roberts picture with a thud. Now included in the Camp National basketball league, the CCA Officers quieted drew the league-leading 373rd Panel Bridge squad for its initial tilt, the CCA dribblers handing the Hairy Ears its first drubbing of the season, 46-37. All members of the CCA squad stoop down when going through doors, topped by Major Jordan and Lt. Reed at 5 feet 19 inches each. Also on the roster at the first squabble were Lts. Blant-



First EM Receives Direct Commission

First enlisted man to receive a direct Reserve Commission here was Pfc. John Havey of Hdq. Co., 6100 ASU, who became 2nd Lt. in the Ordnance Department, according to orders received here Tuesday, 12 December. He immediately applied for extended active duty.

"Reading the handwriting on the wall," said Havey, "I decided to apply in August just before I was called back." In Europe with the 60th Division during the war, he received his Commission in accordance with Cir. 306, Par. 5, dated 1948.

A graduate of the University of Arizona at Tucson where he majored in Business and Accounting, Pfc. Havey now works in the Stock Records Section of Post Ordnance.

Hailing from Tucson, he worked as an accountant before his return to active duty with the Army.



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