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Fighting 38th Honors Commanding General

TRAINING EQUIPMENT



BRIGADIER GENERAL FRANK H. PARTRIDGE, Commander of the 7th Armored Division at Camp Roberts accepts the presentation of the newly-labeled helmet liner now worn by officers and cadre of the 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, from Major James R. Pendergrast, Commanding Officer of that unit.

Said Major Pendergrast in presenting the helmet liner to the General: "It is with great pride that we, members of the 'Fighting Thirty-Eighth' receive this visit from our Commanding General. Further we are deeply appreciative of the honor you have accorded us in adopting our recommended design for helmet liners to be worn by the Officers and Enlisted Cadre of the entire 7th Armored Division. In keeping with our enviable heritage, we, of the 'Sets the Pace' Battalion, the 38th Armored Infantry, intend to direct all our efforts towards adding to this glorious record. As a token of our esteem, I wish to present you with this helmet liner which we have prepared for your use."

General Partridge spoke briefly after the presentation, commented on training at Camp Roberts, pointed out that Army observers in Korea have credited conditioning and discipline with the responsibility for the success of Chinese Communist troops in Korea. He announced that *TIME* Magazine has selected as its man of the year, the American Combat Infantryman, and he urged that new soldiers strive to live up to this honor.

Left to right in the above photo are: 1st Lt. Roger B. Stolberg, General Partridge, Major Pendergrast, and Col. Nathan McLamb, CCC Commander.

Quartermaster Laundry Now In Business

With the opening of the million-dollar laundry here this week, Camp Roberts is equipped to do the washing for 40,000 to 50,000 men. The Post laundry can handle 20,000 bundles a week with its present staff working one shift per day.

The Type 5, Quartermaster Laundry in operation here is a complicated and gigantic operation. Fifty civilians are employed to run the machines under the direction of 1st Lt. W. B. Kerrick, Laundry Officer.

The plant operates 22 washing machines ranging in capacity from 50-60 pounds up to the giant machines that hold 360 pounds of soiled clothes.

Fourteen extractors of varying sizes are operated to spin-dry the washed clothes, blankets, sheets, ect. Four, 8-roller flatwork ironers roll out ironed and folded sheets at the rate of seven per minute. There are 154 press units in use to press shirts, trousers, and other wearing apparel.

A huge water softening process is capable of handling 3,000,000 gallons of hard water from the laundry's well, softening it so that a minimum of soap is needed for spotless washing.

Three steam-boilers supply hot water for the washing machines, and high-pressure steam to operate the press units.



DEMONSTRATING WEAPONS stocked in the Weapons and Equipment Pool are: SFC. William E. McCoy, San Francisco, holding the Bazooka; SFC. Raymond L. Ralph, demonstrating the Water-cooled 30 caliber machine gun; and Sgt. Douglas Smith, Miami, Florida, with the air-cooled 30 caliber machine gun

Division Weapons Equipment Pool Is Started Here

The Weapons and Equipment Pool for the 7th Armored Division here is a storehouse for 17,500 weapons of many sizes and calibers, signal equipment, tents, and other equipment used by an armored division.

What used to be First and Second Echelon maintenance, and is now called Unit Maintenance, is carried on here to keep the stocked weapons and equipment in first-class shape.

Acting as a central supply point for the entire division, the Weapons and Equipment Pool will furnish equipment for the men participating in the basic training program here. Rifles, and other paraphernalia used for training will be checked out to companies for their use during the training cycles after which it will be turned in for re-issue to another organization.

During the time the equipment is in use by training units, it will be inspected by the Weapons and Equipment Pool inspection team. Frequency of inspection varies with equipment issued. Some weapons will be inspected as many as twelve times during each basic training cycle.

A full staff to operate the Weapons and Equipment Pool will include five officers, sixty-two enlisted men and civilian workers. Supervision of the organization is charged to Captain James H. Sutton, from Seymour, Indiana.

Some of the supplies and weapons stocked here are: Machine guns, carbines, mortars, pistols, Grenade launchers, rocket launchers, cooking outfits, lanterns, entrenching equipment, gas masks, rifle scopes, tents, switchboards, public address systems, radio transmitters and receivers.

The Weapons and Equipment Pool went into operation here the day the 7th Armored Division was activated.

This week the personnel are busy removing machine guns, and rocket launchers from their shipping crates; unpacking and

Paso Night School Offers Classes For Soldiers

The first of a series of off-post classes will start next week at the Paso Robles Evening High School. Service men and women and civilians can register for the class offerings or request classes by registering at the high school office Thursday and Friday of this week from 7 to 9 p.m. or in the Education Center of TI&E, Building No. 3044, from 0800 to 1700. Classes will last about 10 weeks as this is the evening school's second term for their school year.

The present plans call for courses in basic mathematics, typing, shorthand, woodshop health and physical development, automatic driving techniques World History and First Aid. Other course can be requested and will be established if a minimum of twenty register for the subject.

A fee of one dollar will be collected during the second class meeting. Soldiers enrolling through USAFI will pay the initial fee of two dollars and take a course completion test for credit following the final meeting of the class.

All classes will need an enrollment of twenty to start the course and the subject will be discontinued when attendance drops below the minimum. California credentialed teachers will direct the instruction.

Individuals registering will be notified personally of the first meeting of their class.

Illegal Sales Halted

H. W. Guthrie, Paso Robles Jeweler, wrote to Lt. Col. C. E. Cheney last week: "There is a definite leak some place which you may or may not be able to plug."

"This afternoon one of the civilian employees at the camp came into my store with a Ranson lighter which he had purchased at the Post Exchange this morning and wanted it engraved. He had paid \$4.50 for the lighter. We have the same number in our store priced by Ranson to sell for \$6.50 and which costs us \$3.90."

"We are just wondering whether he had some soldier buy this lighter or whether he purchased it himself."

Colonel Cheney had this to say: "Immediately upon receipt of Mr. Guthrie's letter, I took the opportunity of contacting him to ascertain the name of the civilian involved. With the information supplied by Mr. Guthrie, the case was turned over to the proper authorities to investigate, and it was ascertained that the civilian employee had purchased the lighter from a soldier; and I wish to take this opportunity of assuring you that full disciplinary action was taken against the soldier involved, and we are giving this case full publicity in our Camp Roberts newspaper, in order that all civilians and military personnel will know what action will be expected in future cases of this nature."



DASHED AND BATTERED is this 1937 Ford after it missed a turn at 5th and J Streets, below Division Hill at Camp Roberts at approximately 1900 on New Year's Day. The careening automobile skidded approximately 150 feet before it wrapped itself around the power pole and sheared it off at the base. The driver of the car, and its only occupant at the time of the accident, was Sergeant Richard E. Bailey, Stationed here at the Hospital Detachment. When this story was written, 14 hours after the accident, Sergeant Bailey was still unconscious at the Post Hospital.

MARKING SYSTEM

An efficient clothes marking system is set up to insure that clothing washed will be channeled back to its owner. A stamping machine marks each item with the first letter of the last name of its owner, and the last four numbers of his serial number. The clothing is then sorted; the shirts in one pile, the socks in another, the colored clothing somewhere else.

When these piles have accumulated sufficiently, they are made into what is called a "lot." A lot consists of several score of bundles, and is run through as a unit of laundry.

The "lot" is stuffed into washing machines where soap, and soft water are added, and agitators gently roll and squeeze the dirt out in approximately 18 minutes of chunking and tumbling. If the clothes are to be bleued, they are so treated in the washing stage.

Then, the lot is dropped into the extractors. These rotary centrifugal machines whirl the clothes around at 3,400 revolutions per minute, forcing the water out of the clothes, and leaving them damp enough to iron.

The flatwork ironers and the smaller press units take over after the spin-drying stage, completing the drying, ironing, and folding the finished laundry.

The clean laundry is sorted, placed in catalog order on marked shelves ready for pickup and final delivery back to its owner.

While the Post Laundry is set up to handle laundry for 40,000 to 50,000 men now, it washed clothes and sheets for 70,000 men here during the last war. The facilities are ample for a great expansion with the addition of more employees, and more than one working shift at the plant.

ARMY CHOW CHIEF RATES AS AUTHORITY

Chicago—A civilian scientist with 33 years' experience as a technologist is the new director of a great system of armed forces laboratories in Chicago which are constantly at work to provide more nourishing and more appetizing food for American soldiers wherever they may be.

He is Dr. Donald K. Tressler, who on Dec. 8 left a Connecticut firm of food consultants which he founded and headed to become scientific director of the Quartermaster Food and Container Institute for the armed forces.

The institute is to food what a proving ground is to new weapons. Most of the experts at the institute spend their time concocting new and more tasty rations, while the others think up ways to spoil them or damage the containers.

Whenever a new food product is developed or an old one improved, employees of the quartermaster depot sample the concoction and report their views. If enough of them like it, the test ration is shipped to army camps, where soldiers get a chance to comment on it.

If the product is generally approved, the "wreckers" go to work. They put it into refrigerators where the temperature never rises above 40 deg. below zero and in rooms where the temperature is 100 deg. and the humidity is 90 per cent.

They turn box smashers, tins can rusters and other instruments which duplicate all of the outrages found in the supply lines or in actual combat loose upon whatever type of container the new food comes in. If the container and its contents come through as fit as the day they were made, the new ration is ready for production.

Such methods have brought Army field rations—the type a soldier eats cold in a front-line foxhole—far beyond the World War II meat and beans, pork luncheon meat and canned ham and eggs.

Weekly News Parade

INTERNATIONAL: Few regrets were expressed around the world as 1950, passed into history. Famine, Pestilence, War, and Death, the grim "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," rode abroad and people everywhere "feared with a great fear" 1951 seemed to offer only the slimmest hopes of peace . . . Red China hurled her legions south toward beleaguered Seoul on the eve of the new year and embattled U. S. forces braced themselves for the new shock . . . General Walton Walker, killed in a jeep accident, was posthumously awarded four stars and laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery . . . Lt. General Matthew Bunker Ridgeway who until last week was deputy to Army Chief of Staff J. Lawton Collins flew to Korea to take over General Walker's post at the head of Eighth Army . . . In Indo-China French forces suffered serious reverses but were cheered by the arrival of "substantial" supplies for war materials from America . . . The missing "Stone of Scone" continued as a source of embarrassment for Scotland Yard. All England muttered about "childish horseplay." All Scotland chuckled merrily . . .

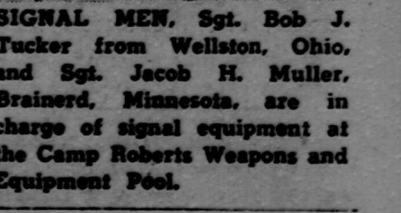
NATIONAL: The nation bade a good riddance to 1950 and waited apprehensively for the holiday accident toll to be tallied up. The National Safety Council predicted that 330 people would die in traffic alone. The Christmas weekend had seen 724 fatalities. What would be the New Year weekend total be? Surprisingly, the figure was well under half the Christmas toll. Violent death came to 334 persons over the relatively sane and sober New Year . . . The House unanimously voted three billion dollars for civil defense and the Senate prepared to complete congressional action on Tuesday . . . "Time" selects as its Man-of-the-Year 'Name: American. Occupation: Fighting Man" and spoke out in behalf of G. I.

Joe as follows, "The man of 1950 was not a statesman. Dean Acheson and his fellow diplomats of the free world had, 1950, notably failed to stop the march of Communism. Nor was 1950's man a general . . . nor a scientist . . . nor an industrialist . . . nor a scholar . . . As the year ended, 1950's man seemed to be an American in the bitterly unwelcome role of fighting man. It was a role the American had sought, either as an individual or as a nation. The U. S. fighting man was not civilization's crusader, but destiny's draftee." . . . In Korea last week, the fastest operational U. S. jet-fighter got its first trial in combat, and the pilots shot down seven enemy planes. Americans were pleased with their new fighting ship, the North American F-86 Sabres, and seemed to breathe rather more easily . . . In Chicago, Bushman, the famed Zoo gorilla, died at the age of 22. Pre-school-age children were fascinated by Bushman. Each year they gave him a birthday party. Bushman never ate his cake, however, preferring to throw it at photographers. This, the children approved heartily . . .

LOCAL: The weather continued cold . . . Conveniently, inasmuch as the post's TI&E hours were concerned with the subject of "Stop That Rumor," the city of Birmingham, Alabama went haywire on hearing that the water supply was poisoned. No basis for the story. Another rumor.

Accident Report

1 day since last military injury.
32 days since last civilian disabling injury.
25 days since last army motor vehicle accident.
8 days since last fatality.
3 days since last fire.



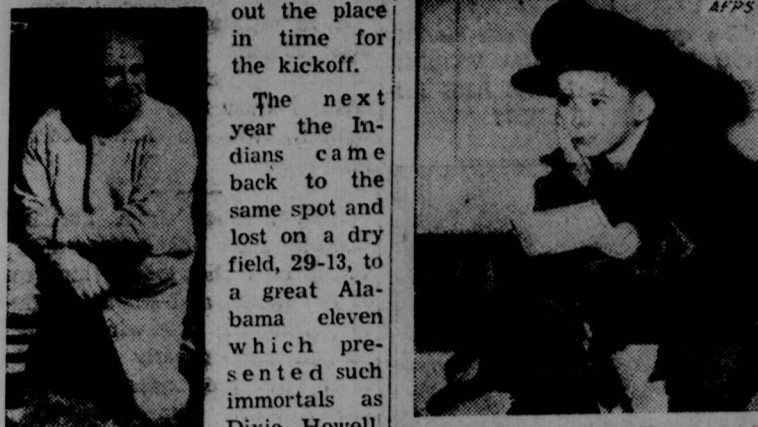
SIGNAL MEN, Sgt. Bob J. Tucker from Wellston, Ohio, and Sgt. Jacob H. Muller, Brainerd, Minnesota, are in charge of signal equipment at the Camp Roberts Weapons and Equipment Pool.

assembling, as well as inspecting newly-arrived rifles, and cleaning them prior to issuance at company level.

Much of the physical work done at the Weapons and Equipment Pool this week is being performed by recruits sent here from Fort Ord, and not yet assigned to a basic training cycle. The recruits, together with assigned personnel, are rapidly putting the Weapon and Equipment Pool at Camp Roberts in first class shape for its big job of division supply for the 7th Armored Division.



Back in January 1, 1934, Stanford brought a team into the Rose Bowl and proceeded to drop a game to Columbia...



The next year the Indians came back to the same spot and lost on a dry field, 29-13, to a great Alabama eleven...

As they prepare for Michigan, California's Golden Bears are in much the same kind of psychological boat. California dropped a 20-13 decision to Northwestern...

These circumstances are facts added up to the probability that California will beat Michigan by at least seven points.

I've seen 'em all except for a couple of games during World War II... Brick Muller's 53 yard pass to Brodie Stephens...

Harvard's 7-6 victory over Oregon 1920 when Eddie Casey was expected to be the big noise with his field goal kicking...

In 1925 Notre Dame's great aggregation of the Four Horsemen and Seven Mules which won 27-10 as Stanford's Ernie Nevers put on a show at full the likes of which has never been seen since...

The next year came the all-time Rose Bowl thriller between Alabama and Washington, with the Tide a one point winner, 20-19, over the Huskies...

By DEKE HOULGATE

Athletic Council Formed to Aid Sports Program

An Athletic Council made up of representatives from principle post units is being organized in accordance with plans approved this week...



HERE WE GO AGAIN—Little Elmer Slonsker, Jr. dressed in his Dad's combat boots...

ROCK WIELDER HITS SOLDIER, TAKES HIS CAR

Lonnie Courtney, soldier, received a hero's welcome in reverse when he came to Southern California from Camp Cooke yesterday...



IS SURPRISED—Ava Norring, this week's G. I. Gee Whiz, is a word-slaughterer...

Annual Army Art April Approval

Plans for an All-Army art contest have been announced by Army Headquarters at Washington, D. C.

All Army personnel with over 90 days active duty are eligible to participate, and entries will be grouped into posters, cartoons, design painting and drawing...

Ten Grand For Collapsing Seats

Portable bleachers to the sum of \$10,000 have been ordered for the Post Gym and are due to arrive by 21 January, 1951.

For Participation Commanders Athletic Trophy Will Be Awarded For Intra-Mural Play

A Camp Commanders Athletic Participation Trophy will be established to encourage intra-post competition...

The first sports calendar month and year in competition for the trophy will begin 1 February, 1951.

Points will be awarded for the following sports: Softball, volleyball, football, cross country, obstacle course, track, swimming, boxing, tennis, basketball, touch football, badminton, and table tennis.

Boom-Boom!



PIN-UP GALS: Ann Miller goes for both the army and the navy, but gives her a brass band of either service and she's happy...

Hospital Briefs

By M/SGT. TOM CURREWT

Is a feud newsworthy? Even if the reporter has to create the hassle, it seems to be accepted journalism.

For the lead parts in the play I chose the two inevitable "lady killers" in every outfit. We shall call them Pfc. George W. Wombolt and Cpl. Don Freeman...

Freeman: "George W. Wombolt is a dedicated individual, WAC welfare in mind, and known affectionately as G. W. W. Note-worthy among his accomplishments was his field work used as case history material for FM 0001, 'Care and Handling of WAC, M-1.'"

He left the Army in January, 1949, when he decided the WAC's weren't nearly as lonely as the girls back in Hyshan, Montana...

Most people wouldn't have thought of this angle but I called in Wombolt and told him that Freeman was saying things about him and had even approached me about getting them into print...

NEW SUITS FOR POST SWISHERS

The Post and WAC Basketball teams will soon boast new suits according to Athletic Officer, Lt. Robert C. Cantwell.

BASKETBALL HEADED FOR TIGHT FINISH

Time is rapidly running out on the 18 teams in the Post Intra-mural Basketball league as the championship play-offs between the winners of the two leagues draws near...

The race has begun to narrow down to a dog fight finish in both leagues with several teams still in the running for championship laurels...

The Medics and 373rd P. B. are currently leading the Nationals with identical 6 and 1 records.

In the American League, the 6100 GR. I Falcons appear to be in the drivers seat with 5 straight wins and no defeats to remain the undefeated team in both leagues.

If, however, one of these teams should spring a surprise, the 1402 Hqs. team, who have already succumbed to the Falcons, might very well throw the race into a dead heat.

The next few weeks should furnish some interesting results as these teams battle for positions, and the caliber of basketball resulting should be well worth the price of admission.

Here's a Long, Long Tale of Woe

Too long in a fox hole becomes boring. Tow Longs in a foxhole makes for company. But three Longs makes a crowd.

That was the contention of Cpl. Malcolm R. Long, Marine MP attached to the 7th Marines while in the vicinity of Chosin reservoir in Korea.

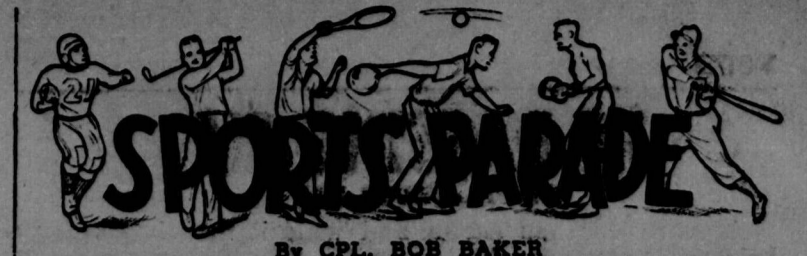
The Rockland, Mass., corporal was sharing his foxhole with Orthur R. Long when another man suddenly leaped in beside them.

"Who are you?" the two Longs inquired of the new arrival.

"Name's Ernest Long," came the reply.

The three spent a long night in the hole.

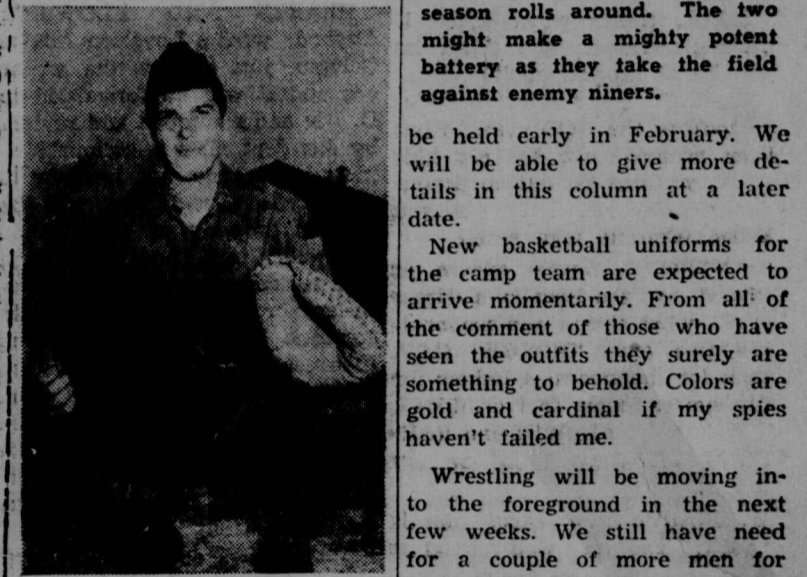
Sign over a cuspidor in a hotel: "If the atom bomb strikes, I'm going to meet yesterday's deadline with this story."



By CPL. BOB BAKER Athletic activity of a professional caliber is in the offing here at Camp Roberts.

Recent arrivals at Camp Roberts include two stars of the baseball world, both of them have been assigned to the 7th Armored Division.

The second lad, a "Bonus Baby" of the Pittsburg Pirates, is Rct. Bill MacDonald. This youngster last year chucked the Bucs to 8 wins and 10 losses.



LT. JAMES GLADD, A & R officer of Combat Command A in a familiar position ready to receive any athletic talent that might be headed his way.

With just a little more experience in the majors, Bill was expected to round into top form as a winning pitcher.

The parade of sports marches on and news of the basketball world is next on the agenda.

From the 14th thru the 17th of March, Camp Roberts will play host to the 6th Army Tournament. Reports from the Sports arena seem to indicate that the 6100 ASU group I team will be the outfit to beat in order to represent our fair camp in competition with some of the best army teams on the west coast.

A little reminder, that we are on our way into a new year. At this time of the season folks are prone to make resolutions regarding their conduct for the next twelve months.

Another appeal is being made for men interested or proficient in the art of judo. There is a staff of men at the Arena who will be giving judo lessons in the very near future, and all who are interested are asked to contact Pfc. Bob Cunningham for further details.

Crossword Puzzle with grid and clues for ACROSS and DOWN.

In order for us to decide which team is best qualified to compete under the Roberts banner, a regimental level tourney will be held early in February.

New basketball uniforms for the camp team are expected to arrive momentarily. From all of the comment of those who have seen the outfits they surely are something to behold.

Wrestling will be moving into the foreground in the next few weeks. We still have need for a couple of more men for the grunt-and-groan sport, and the Sports Arena is open for practice.

