

Battle Royal

Cost Consciousness vs. Army Enemy Cost Un-Consciousness

Conservation of resources and material does not stop with turning off the water tap and extinguishing lights when they're not needed. Often small, seemingly minor items mount in expense and senseless waste until they suddenly strike an astounding figure in actual dollars and cents.

6100 ASU Tops Dime Drive As Total Hits \$6,515.12

Soldiers and civilians of Camp Roberts gave their dimes, quarters and dollars to the amount of \$6,515.12 for the 1952 March of Dimes fund raising campaign, according to Lt. Col. John C. Coughlin, Deputy Chief of Staff and Campaign Chairman. The total was well over the expected level and Brig. Gen. Frank H. Partridge, Commanding General, stated, "I am indeed pleased to note the splendid support given to this worthy project by the soldiers and civilians of this command."

Leading the 7th Armored Division in the fund raising was the 6100 ASU with \$1,901.93. In second place, with a total of \$1,156.15, was the Reserve Command. Combat Command B collected \$711.55 to finish in third place, while Combat Command A took fourth with \$562.96. Members of the Leaders Course collected \$478.33 to round out the top five money collecting organizations.

The drive, which ran practically the entire month of January and ended on 5 Feb., was conducted in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo county campaign, coordinated by County Chairman Eugene Lane.

Awarded Second Cluster to DSM

The official scroll and cluster for the first Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Service Medal was received by Brigadier General John C. Guthrie, this week.

General Guthrie, then chief of staff for X Corps, had been presented with the medal by Major General Williston Palmer, Commanding General X Corps, who arranged a special ceremony in order that he might present General Guthrie with the medal before he left Korea for his present assignment at Camp Roberts. Now assistant division commander with the 7th Armored Division General Guthrie was cited for successfully coordinating the operation of the X Corps staff during the Communists' Spring offensive and the subsequent United Nations drive north of the 38th parallel.

"General Guthrie's superior technical knowledge and the soundness with which the Corps commander's basic decisions were moulded into operational plans and directives contributed in a high degree to the success of the United Nations campaign in Korea," the citation relates.

The decoration, the third highest American military award, is conferred for "exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service in a position of great responsibility."

New Draft Rule

An amendment to the UMT and Service Act made it clear this week that any draftee, inducted into the army prior to 19 June 1951, could avoid six years' of compulsory reserve time by serving an extra nine months of active duty on completion of the present 24-month draft period.

The new regulation stipulated that by serving a total of 33 months total draft time, instead of the required 24 months, a draftee would be free from any reserve obligations on completion of active duty.

If the extension was requested between the 21st month and the 24th month, the total active service required to free a man of reserve obligations was the time already served, plus an additional 12 months; thus making a maximum possible time of 36 months served to clear a draftee of reserve obligations.

Take this as an example: During a single quarterly period in 1951 (the months of July, August and September), the bill for breakage in 60 training companies was \$1,084! During the same period, the bills for droppage totaled up to \$1,200! A soldier dropped a cup in some mess hall—minor damage, what's one cup? But when it had all been totaled up, that carelessness had cost the government and the taxpayers twelve hundred dollars!

STAGGERING TOTAL

1st Lt. Jack C. Smith, head of G-4's Services and Supplies section, points out that the individual tends to ignore the mass effect and excuses his carelessness with a shrugged "what's so important about one cup or one chair or one measly typewriter?" The taxpayer is covering the cost of each and every "small" item and the total comes to staggering sums.

In an effort to emphasize cost and savings, Lt. Smith has adopted the practise of price tagging office equipment. This local move is a part of a continuing program instituted at the direction of Secretary of the Army Frank Pace Jr., "to emphasize supply economy from the time a soldier enters basic training through all phases of Army life."

The fact that a seemingly inexpensive-looking calculating machine costs \$726 is brought to the attention of the user through a price tag. A familiar standard typewriter is bought for \$93.40 and that old wastebasket that is so cheerfully misused is worth \$1.82 in hard cash.

Lt. Smith said if the individual who thoughtlessly bounces on his bed, breaking several springs, or the person who uses valuable and expensive bond paper to doodle and scribble on, would stop and give thought to his actions, he would see that he is taking money out of his own pocket and throwing it away.

Less waste would free more funds for the muscles of war, tanks, guns, planes, and the savings would show up in lower taxes. The individual is a soldier AND a taxpayer—he has a double responsibility to be cost- and conservation conscious.

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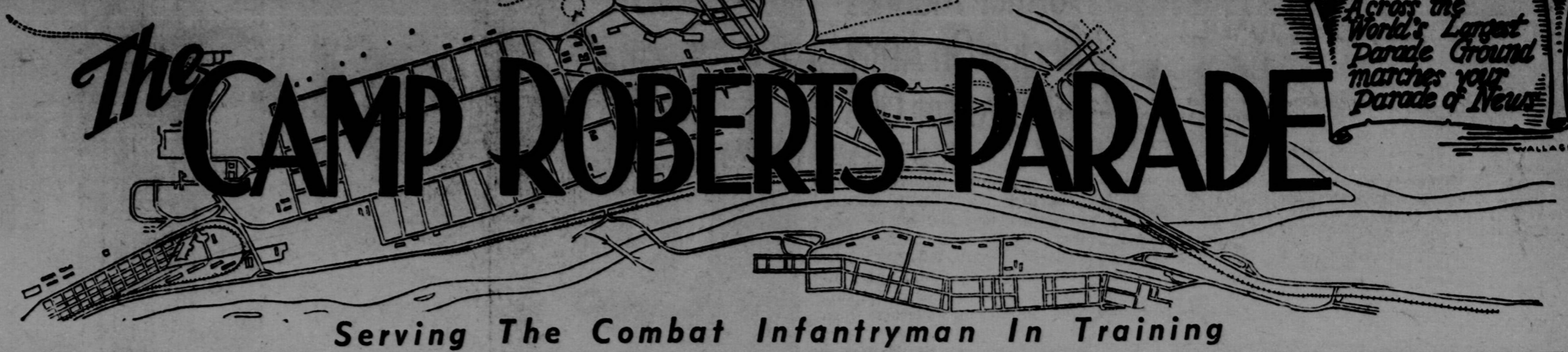
COMMANDER LEAVES—Col. Daniel P. Norman, commanding officer of Division Artillery, will leave the 7th Armored Division on 28 May for re-assignment in the Far East Command. Col. Norman has been commanding Divarty since 3 May 1951. He entered the service in 1923 at Fort Meade, Va. Prior to his assignment at Camp Roberts, Col. Norman was an instructor with the Louisiana National Guard for three years. His successor has not yet been named. (Signal Photo.)

New Rule Stresses Safety While On Pass

Washington—In order to assure the safety of Army personnel, a new special regulation on safety gives Commanders the right to take the following factors into consideration when granting passes or leaves.

1. Distance to be traveled and mode of conveyance to be used during absence from duty.
2. Whether duration of absence allows sufficient time to accomplish plans safely.

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WATCH YOUR HEAD is the keyword as the powerful 81 mm. mortar "sounds off" on Mortar 1 Range. Serving as crew during the firing demonstration are (left to right) Cpl. Earl

Klinger, Division Faculty Mortar Group; SFC Ralph L. Sinescos, Co. D, 48th AIB; and 1st Lt. Charles W. Allbritton, senior instructor of Faculty's Mortar Group. (Signal Photo.)

Centuries Old, But Still Murderous The Mortar Speaks In A Loud Voice

Aggressor Force Joins Div. Faculty

Major Samuel E. McClure, Chief of Division Faculty, announced last week that the Aggressor Force has been incorporated into a Faculty department and in the future will operate under direct control of that organization.

The Aggressor detachment, numbering some 115 enlisted men and two officers, has completed moving its gear and equipment from its former East Garrison location to Faculty quarters in West Garrison.

With the increase in men and equipment, Faculty has enlarged its headquarters area by moving into buildings 317 and 319 in the hospital area. Building 317 is now Weapons Committee headquarters and 319 houses the Tactics, Battle Indocination and General Subjects Committees. With the addition of the Aggressors, Faculty now numbers close to 600 officers and enlisted men.

Colorful Ritual

San Miguel Mission was the scene of confirmation services last week for 36 men from Camp Roberts. The 7th Armored Division soldiers were confirmed into the Catholic Church by Bishop A. J. Willinger and afterwards attended celebrations and a buffet supper at the San Miguel USO.

(Ed. note: This is the fourth article in a series on Camp Roberts' firing ranges).

From 1st Lt. Waldron H. Parker, head of the Mortar Group of Division Faculty's Weapons Committee, down through all the instructors of that section, there is the knowledge and understanding that the weapon they teach is an intricate one and requires a good deal of time to master by the trainee.

There is also the realization that the necessary time is not available!

The country is girding itself quickly to meet the grave challenge of international situations and therefore certain details must be sacrificed. The teaching of expert mortarmen is one of these in the 7th Armored Division's training setup.

THEY CAN—AND DO

Eul, Lt. Parker, 1st Lt. Charles W. Allbritton, chief field instructor, 1st Lt. Dwight W. Priest and 1st Lt. William T. Howard, both 81 mm mortar instructors, also realize that in the time made available to them they can—and do—turn out men with a basic working knowledge of the weapon and with sufficient background to enable them to further their marksmanship and ability when they join line companies.

The 76-hour course on both the 60mm and the 81 mm stress fundamentals. The basic workings of the weapons are taught—teamwork—for mortar operations is stressed and familiarization of firing is the product of 20 hours on the firing ranges.

The mortar is probably the oldest

est weapon of modern infantry warfare. But age has increased rather than decreased its effectiveness. Various estimations have placed the figures of between 60 and 80 per cent of battlefield casualties on the effectiveness of the infantryman's "portable artillery piece."

The mortar, whose long history dates back to the 14th Century, provides the majority of actual front-line fire. Regular artillery is mostly used for behind the lines work and often terrain features hamper rifle and machine gun fire.

But nothing hampers the mortar. Within its range, running from the 330 of the 61, to the much greater range of the 4.2—the infantryman's "big Stick"—the mortar provides a silent, deadly weapon that is perhaps the most demoralizing feature of front line warfare.

WORLD'S BEST

Mortarmen of experience like M/Sgt. Eugene F. Spradlin, who wears the starred combat badge of WWII and Korea, speak of the ability of the Germans and of the Chinese with awe, but match American mortar marksmanship against the world's best.

Combat mortarmen like M/Sgt. Marvin H. Sealander, SFC Francis L. Carey, Mortar Group Operations Sgt.; Sgt. Earl D. Starboard, Cpl. Glenn Mellow or the 81mm experts, Sgts. James L. Husk and James R. Holgate, pass on their bitterly learned experience to the men who are going to man the lines.

The trainee learns the duties of a mortar crew observer, he learns

what a base point is and what it means to "register on a base point". He is given an M10 aiming post with alidade and it becomes a weapon in his hands on the ranges.

Then he learns the other duties of the crew. He works as a gun-

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Educators Confer

Local Secondary School Group To Check Educational Facilities

Camp Roberts will be the scene of the next bi-monthly meeting of the California Association of Secondary School Administrators when principals and superintendents of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara County Schools gather here next Monday, February 18.

The educators will be here at the invitation of the Camp Roberts Army Education Center and prior to holding their meeting, will visit various training areas and inspect the facilities provided by this post for further educational studies for its men.

Primary among the educational opportunities is the United States Armed Forces Institute, or U. S. A. F. I. which provides more than 5000 academic and vocational courses, from which it is possible to attain two years college credit. Personnel in all branches of the service may enroll at a very nominal cost.

These courses are available to Camp Roberts personnel through the post Education Center.

Among the educators who will visit the camp are:

Mr. Howard Glanton, Shandon Union High School, Principal; Mr. Otis Hornaday, Coast Union High School, Cambria Superintendent; Mr. Eimond Bullard, Templeton Union High, Superintendent; Mr. Vern Rauch, San Luis Obispo Jr. High, principal; Mr. Clair Hopkins, Arroyo Grande Union High, Superintendent and Mr. Harry Tyler, Santa Maria Union, Superintendent.

Also Mr. David Florell, Lampoc Union High, Superintendent; Mr. Edward Kaufman, Lampoc Union High, Principal; Mr. Hal Hann, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School, Santa Ynez, Superintendent; Mr. Olvin E. Rhodes, San Luis Obispo County Schools; Mr. Myer Crumb, San Luis Obispo County Schools, Director of Industrial Services; William D. McGowan, San Luis Obispo County Schools, Coordinator of Secondary Education.

Also Mr. J. W. Regier, San Luis Obispo High School, Superintendent of High School; Mr. Spencer Scott, Principal Adult Evening School, Paso Robles; Mr. Paul McKusick, Paso Robles School for Boys; Mr. W. H. Carter, Paso Robles School for Boys and Mr. Robert Orr.

Plan Improved Facilities For Post Restaurants

Sweeping changes in the operation of on post civilian restaurants were announced this week by the P. X. and Quartermaster sections.

The civilian cafeteria at building 810 would close, while the operators, Tiny Piper Catering Service, moved their entire operation to the Service Clubs.

Service Club No. 1, which normally served evening meals only, would serve three meals a day, including breakfast and the restaurant would open from 0630 to 2300 hours.

P. X. officials said Tiny Piper's contract would expire 15 February, but in the interim the company would supplement a proposed new contract with Mutual Food Crafts of Los Angeles.

Once the contract had been awarded it was hoped a new civilian restaurant would be opened at building 3037, the official said.

The existing Bar-B-Q restaurant at building 3064, on the east side of the parade ground, would continue to operate.

The changes follow a post policy of reviewing contract renewals to P. X. civilian concessions.

Ministerial Association Visits Camp Roberts

Nine visiting ministers of the Paso Robles Ministerial Association came to Camp Roberts last week for a good look at the army. They left later with a better understanding of army methods, educational and spiritual facilities which they will apply in their local church services.

The ministers, the guests of Camp Roberts chaplains, toured the ranges, watched a fire power demonstration and visited the various recreational services on post.



BEST CHOW, BEST MESS is the honor of Co. B, 17th MTB. Here Col. Paul G. Hollister, Chief of Staff, 7th Armored Division presents the best mess award to Major Cornell B. Bryhn,

CO, 17th MTB Bn. At right is Lt. Harvey Jewell, food service officer for the battalion. (Signal Photo.)

