

## Honor Graduate Given Diploma



PRINCIPAL SPEAKER at the Leaders' Course graduation last Friday, Lt. Col. J. B. Bowers (left), executive officer of CCA, presented the diploma to the honor graduate (right), PFC Frank Housen, Jr. The graduating class, No. 70, consisted of 32 enlisted men. Class officers were Lt. S. Tuttle and Lt. R. Macera. Class NCO was Cpl. C. Selby. (Signal Photo.)

## CORPORAL ROBERTS

### General Partridge Lauds Bravery At Dedication

The rare courage shown by Corporal Harold W. Roberts in World War I was praised by Major General Frank H. Partridge, Commanding General, in a speech at Saturday's dedication of the plaque placed to the corporal's memory on the monument facing the Main Gate.

"The Commanding General said: 'On this occasion we honor Corporal Harold W. Roberts for whom this camp was named.

"From the meager information available, the story of this brave soldier is an inspiring one. By his rare courage on the battlefield he gave us an example of service above and beyond the call of duty. For his gallant deed he was given the nation's highest tribute, the posthumous award of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

"Corporal Roberts was born in San Francisco and we know that he was not an unusual person or outstanding in the early years of his life, because of the lack of information about this part of his life. We do know he was a small man rather slight of build. He was not a scholar but a very energetic person.

"Despite the fact that he excelled neither physically nor scholastically, he was filled with a zest for living and an active imagination.

"After a short trip through Mexico he enrolled in the University of California. While attending the university, war broke out in Europe and shortly after, the United States entered World War I. Anxious to do his part, Roberts enlisted in the Cavalry but soon transferred to the newly formed Tank Corps. He was trained as a tank driver and sent overseas. In France, Roberts joined Company A, 244th Tank Battalion, where his immediate commander was Lt. Col. George S. Patton, later to become General Patton of WWII fame.

"Roberts was well liked by his comrades and devoted to his job as tank driver. I would like to quote from a communication from Sergeant Virgil Morgan, the man whose life he saved under fire. . . 'Bob, as we called him, came to our company early last summer. Almost at once he was liked by everyone in the company—By his good work he soon made Corporal. There never proved to be a better soldier.'

"I'm sure you will agree that no greater compliment can be paid a soldier.

"Shortly after Roberts was promoted to corporal, his tank became engaged in what was to be his last battle. His company was advancing under heavy enemy

artillery fire and to quote again from Sergeant Morgan, 'We went along in the fight for about a mile when we saw on our left, a tank standing still. A doughboy came crawling along to our tank. Bob opened his door and the doughboy yelled that the tank on the left was hit and wanted help. Off we went into the heart of the artillery barrage. Ahead was a clump of bushes which we thought was a machine gun nest. 'We plowed into the bushes and in a moment we were turned over. Our tank began to fill with water, for we had fallen into a tank trap. Only one door was available to get out and Bob pushed me out of that door. I tried to help him but our position came under heavy machine gun and artillery fire and I had to pull out. That was the last I saw of Bob.'

"This is the story of Corporal Harold W. Roberts, a soldier not unlike the many thousands that have undergone and are undergoing training here at Camp Roberts.

"By placing this plaque here to the memory of Corporal Roberts, we fervently hope to perpetuate his priceless devotion to man and to country; and as a means of inspiring those serving at Camp Roberts to realize fully their obligations to serve as well and bravely in preserving the freedoms for which he died that we might enjoy."

### Pre-fab Bunkers Aid U. S. Soldiers

Bunker building in Korea by the Army is now being done on an assembly-line basis.

Pre-fabricated bunkers, which provide emplacements strong enough to weather direct hits by enemy mortar and artillery shells, are being turned out by the Seventh Infantry Regiment's first battalion.

Logs for the bunkers are trucked in from a forest 20 miles to the rear. The logs are then sized, notched and built into bunker tops. They are next disassembled, marked and trucked forward to the companies, where holes have already been dug to required specifications.

The bunker parts are again assembled and the emplacement is sandbagged and covered with dirt. By using the protection and structural support of the earth, the bunkers are extremely hard to detect.

### Study Being Made For Guided Missiles

Washington (AFPS)—Intensive study is now being made by the Army to find what areas of the U.S. eventually will be defended by anti-aircraft units equipped with guided missiles.

The Army said that recent tests have justified plans for use of guided missiles in anti-aircraft battalions.

### DSC, Medals Given At Parade

A Distinguished Service Cross, a Silver Star Medal and two Bronze Star Medals were presented to four Korean veterans at the Organization Day Parade Saturday by Major General Frank H. Partridge.

The presentation was made before the massed ranks of the 7th Armored Division and thousands of civilian and military guests.

The award winners were: Distinguished Service Cross, M/Sgt. Aron E. Cook; Silver Star Medal, SFC Harry L. Nelson; Bronze Star Medal, Capt. Harlan V. Francis; and Bronze Star Medal, Cpl. Jack L. Duckett.

"A Soldier's Newspaper"

# The CAMP ROBERTS PARADE

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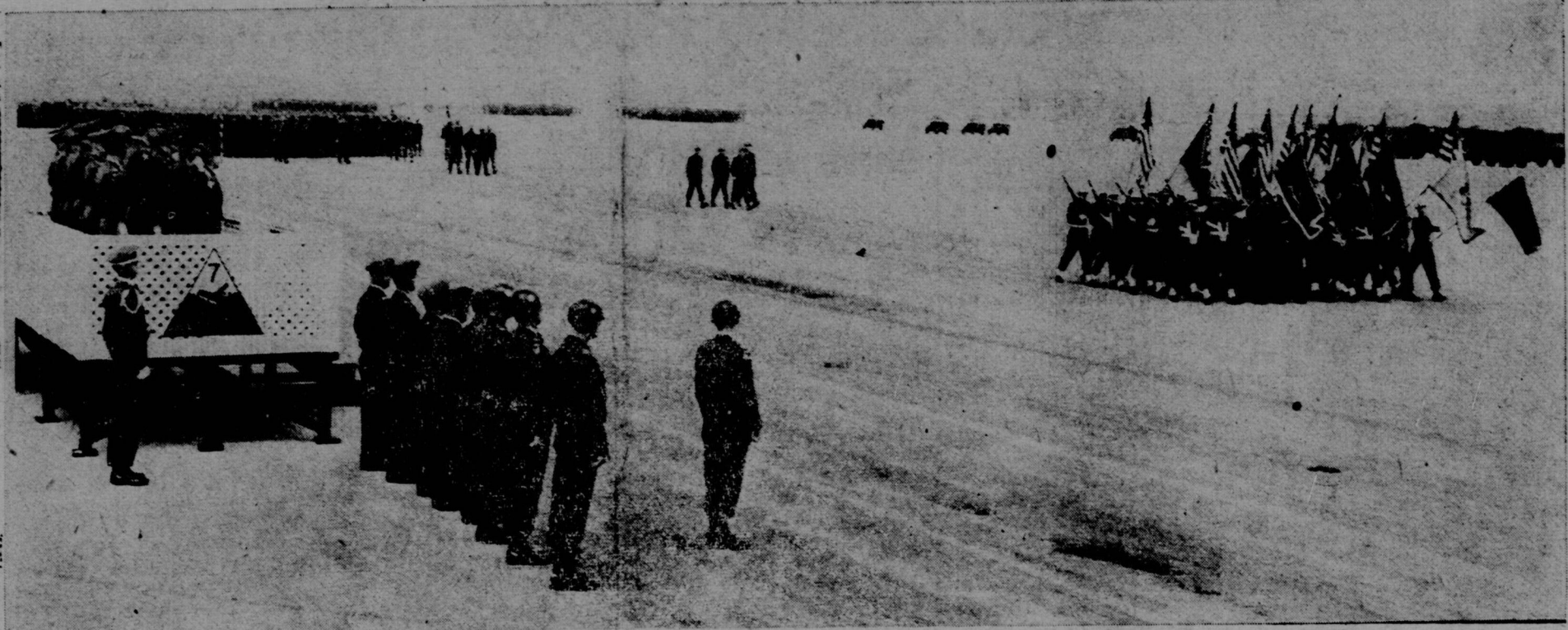
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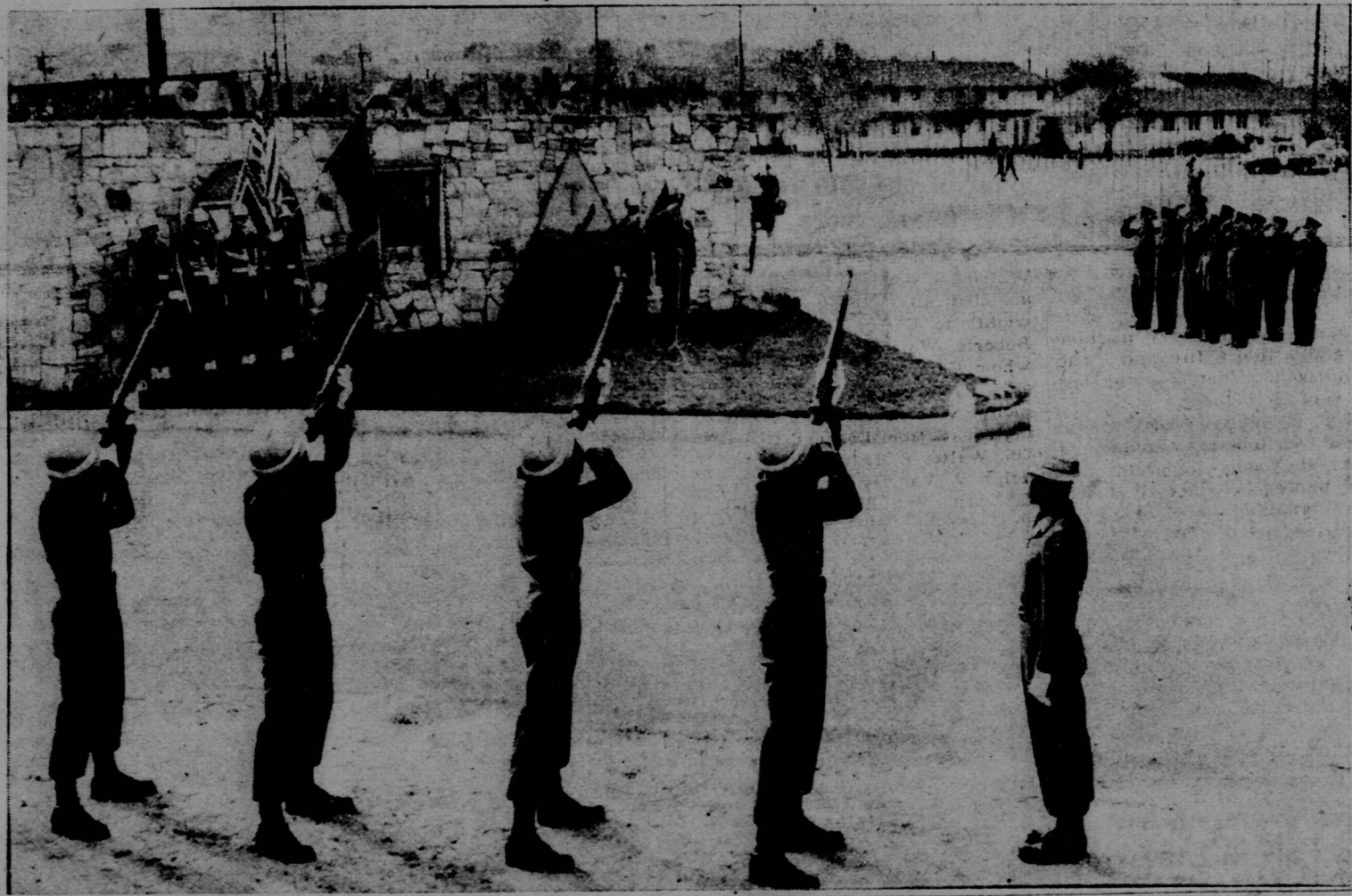
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## Personnel, Visitors Celebrate Organization Day



CIVILIAN VISITORS — some 2,000 of them—passed through the gates last Saturday morning to join with personnel of Camp Roberts in celebrating Organization Day, the second anniversary of the re-activation of the 7th Armored Division. Almost all of them, plus about 1,000 military spectators, watched the impressive spectacle of the division passing in review on the main Parade Ground (above). In the middle of the afternoon, staff members and other post personnel were present as Major General Frank H. Partridge, Commanding General, dedicated the monument (right) to Corporal Harold W. Roberts, World War I hero for whom Camp Roberts was named. Participating in the ceremony were a seven man firing squad from Leaders' Course (Cpl. Walter E. Thiede, PFC Rudolph V. Van Dyke, Pvt. Billy E. Dorn, Pvt. Billy H. Fuller, Pvt. Frank O. Terry, Pvt. Jimmy B. Kinder, and Pvt. Harold W. Gilden) and a five man color guard (M/Sgt. Henry J. Elam, Cpl. David Brown, Cpl. Calvin Matthew, Cpl. Charles Miller, and Cpl. Charles Selby). Other events of the day included noon meals at unit messes and the Officers Club, the presentation of the portrait of Corporal Roberts at Service Club No. 1, the dedication of the new NCO Club, and a wide variety of entertainment. (Shannon Photos.)

## Corporal Roberts' Monument Dedicated



## HUMANITARIAN CAUSE

### Clothing Drive Underway To Assist South Koreans

A concentrated drive to collect clothing for South Korean civilians was begun at Camp Roberts last week under the direction of Lieutenant Colonel Lemuel F. Pratt.

The idea for the drive originated with Colonel Daniel P. Norman, former Division Artillery Commander, who is now serving with the Eighth Army in Korea.

Col. Norman, in a letter to Sergeant Louis F. Joseph, appealed for cast-off usable clothing of any type for distribution in Korea. Sgt. Joseph forwarded the letter to Major General Frank H. Partridge, who appointed Col. Pratt to head the drive.

### Father Meets Son As Letter Gets KP

It could only happen in the Army—and only occasionally at that! M/Sgt. Walter E. Hand, is Mess Sergeant for Mess Hall No. 3, Company "A," 57th Recon Bn., Leaders Course. And was he surprised last week when his son, Pvt. Charles W. Hand, reported for KP!

M/Sgt. Hand will have been in the service for 24 years as of 26 December 1952 and holds the Bronze Star with "V" device. His son came in the Army 19 June 1952, and is now in Company "C," 57th Recon Bn.

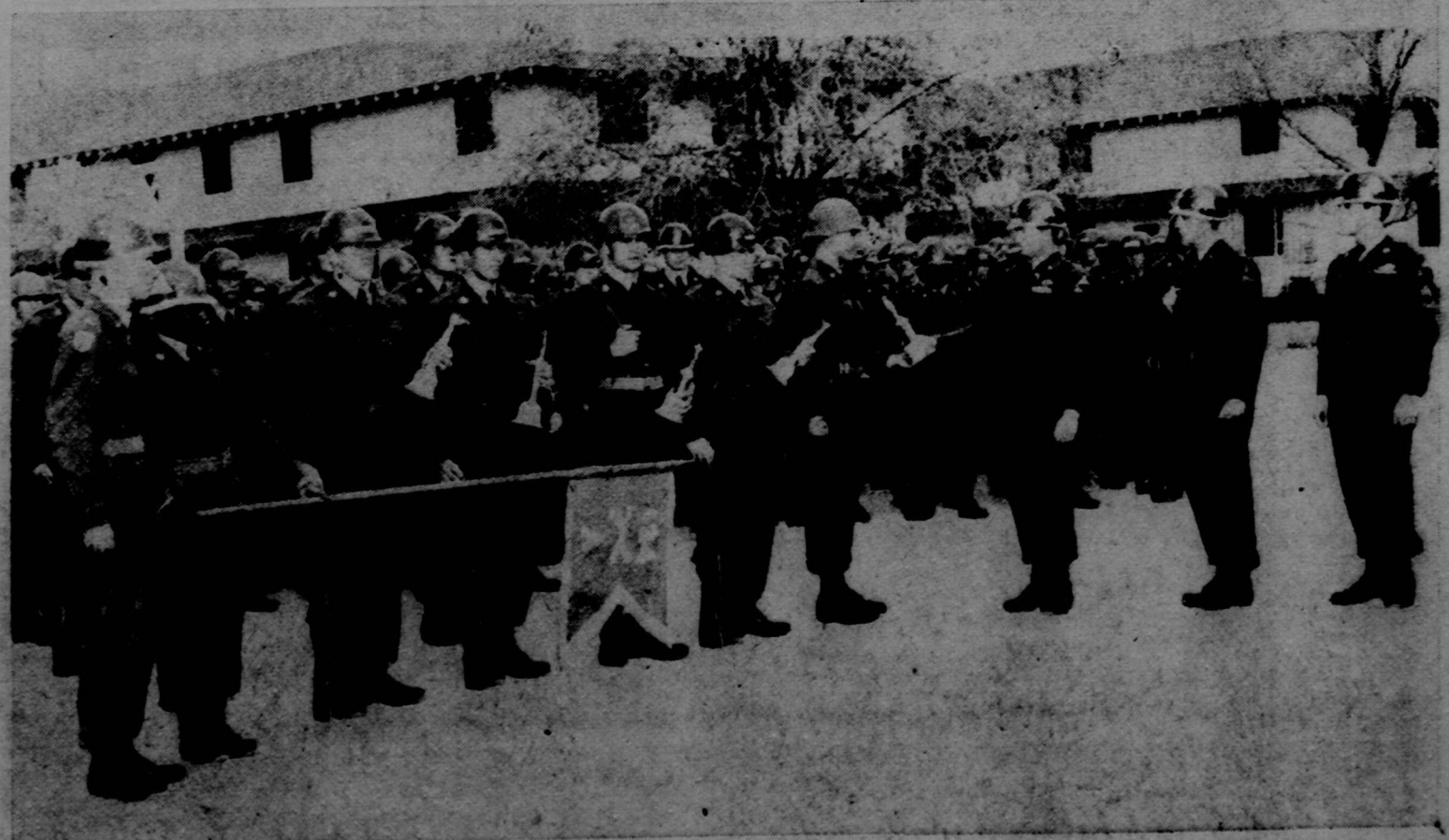
Plans for the drive included a contest between all the companies on the Post to bring in clothing. Winning company will get a free trip to Los Angeles to see a Los Angeles Rams football game. The contest ends 12 December.

On 10 January there will be a stage show at Theater One put on by 20th Century Fox Studio of Hollywood. Admission to the show will be by donating one piece of clothing for Korea.

This project is not only a Post project, but a community drive as well. There is a contest underway at Paso Robles High School between the classes to bring in clothing. Winning class will receive a trophy from Gen. Partridge.

Military personnel and civilians in the local area are urged to participate in this humanitarian cause. Special containers are placed at both gates for the convenience of contributors.

## Best Soldier, High Marksmen Win Trophies



BEST SOLDIER—First Lieutenant Byron G. Mitchell, Commanding Officer, Battery "A," 434th AFA Battalion, presents a trophy to Private Monico L. Cisneros for being the best soldier in the basic training cycle. Trophies were also presented to the four high M-1 rifle scores. The awards were made last Saturday before the company. Pictured from left to right are: Lt. William J. Burgett; Sgt. Carl Haskell, Field

Sergeant; Pvt. William H. Tumelson, tie for second with the M-1; Pvt. Spencer C. Platt, tie for high score with the M-1; Pvt. Robert J. Cummins, tie for second with the M-1; Pvt. Joseph A. Canavan, tie for high score with the M-1; Pvt. Cisneros; Lt. Mitchell; 2nd Lt. Harry G. Nicolls, Executive Officer; and SFC Ronald Young, First Sergeant.

(Shannon Photo.)

## Truck Unit Wins Superior Rating In Inspection

In the semi-annual Field Forces and III Corps Inspection held this week in East Garrison, the 26th Transportation Battalion (Truck) received a superior rating.

The inspecting team from III Corps was under the direction of Colonel Tandy. Major General Ira P. Swift, Commanding General, III Corps, was present at the inspection, and stated that he was favorably impressed with the entire battalion.

The inspection covered training, personnel and administration, food service, logistics, and intelligence.

In the ratings, Headquarters and Headquarters Company received a 89.3; 23rd Truck Company—86.9; and 31st Truck Company—87.8.

The critique for the inspection was held in Theater Four last Wednesday morning with Major General Frank H. Partridge and his staff attending.

The 26th Transportation Battalion is under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Martin W. Sullivan.

The company commanders in the battalion are Captain George Y. Johnson, 23rd Truck Company; Captain Graham Makin, 31st Truck Company; and First Lieutenant Jesse D. Thomas, Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

Lt. Thomas is also Battalion S1 and S2. Captain Myron Rosenthal is S3 operations officer and Captain Robert Clour is training officer. Captain Fred A. Shuron is S4, and Captain Raymond A. Farrington is maintenance officer. WOJG Angelo A. DiMuzio is personnel officer.

The mission of the battalion is to lend operational support to CCB.

## 85,000 Guardsmen Back In Civil Life

Washington (AFPS)—More than 85,000 of the 100,000 Army National Guardsmen ordered to active duty to meet the emergency created by the Korean conflict have returned to civilian life.

Organized and trained as an integral part of the Armed Forces for immediate service in event of aggression, the National Guard almost doubled the number of regular divisions in service prior to the Korean conflict.





