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Thoughts of A Trainee

It started the day that our mail man came,
And left me the letter that carried my name.
It wasn't from Maisie or Pearl or Flo,
It came from the board and it said I must go.

I packed up my grip and went on my way,
Things were exciting, at least that first day.
And then came a spot that they call Monterey,
Where came my first shots and my first Army pay.

Well, then, they clothed me, took my size to a "T",
And believe it or not they actually fitted me.
They fed me good chow, it was really O.K.
I worked for five days, then was sent on my way.

I was transferred to Roberts, travelled by train,
Made 30 an hour without any strain.
I got off at Camp and took a good look,
The things I thought then would fill up a book.

As I signed in as "Private" at Company "D",
I said to my feet — "We're both Infantry."
I was happy to be there and settled at last,
I figured that now time would go fast.

It passed fast all right, you can take it from me,
I'd just get in bed, and they'd blow "Reveille."
I'd fall in and fall out, make bed in a flash,
Then off to the mess hall for breakfast I'd dash.

Then back to the barracks for rifle and pack,
And to the ranges and then the hike back.
Or maybe a drill in the company street,
Just march for eight hours and then stand "retreat."

Slowly I learned the things that I should,
I cut out the crabbing, it did me no good.
I started enjoying some of the work,
Though I didn't admit it, I still was a "Jerk".

The 16 weeks' basic is over at last,
And all of my training is that of the past.
I've learned quite a bit, there's a lot that I've missed,
But I haven't been loafing, just listen to this:

I've fired the machine gun, used bayonets, too,
I've set up my pup tent and learned to like stew.
I've carried a rifle and dug a fox hole,
And made an attack with a stump for a goal.

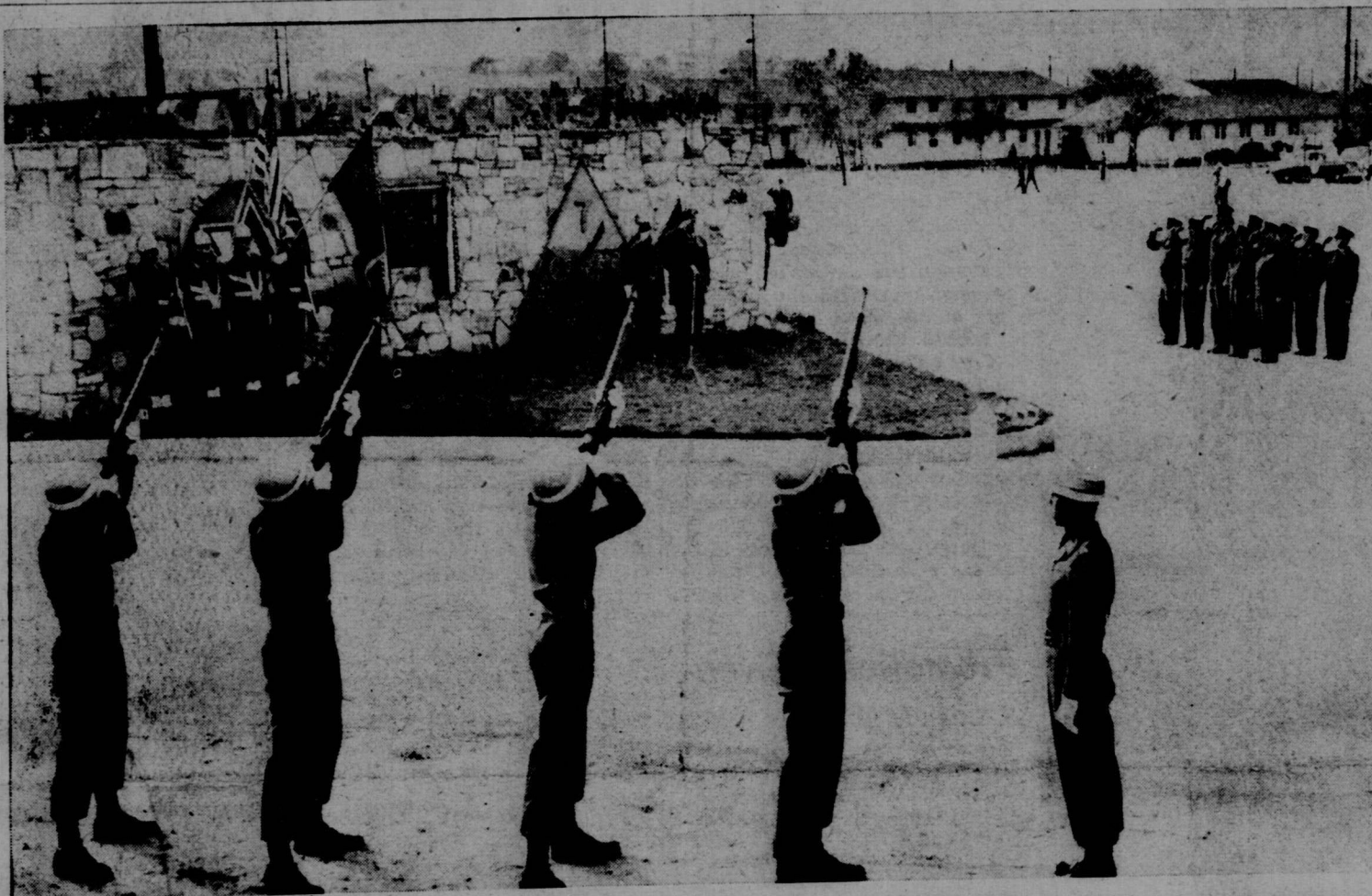
I've fired a pistol, made hits and some misses,
Gotten letters from home, which were signed "Love and
Kisses."

I've prayed for the week-ends so that I could take off,
I've played lots of sports, I've won and I've lost.

I've charged up a hill, then back down again,
I've thrown hand grenades, made believe I've killed men,
I've shot up some targets and some landscapes, too,
Had a lot of good laughs, now it's finally through.

Though I swore once I leave here, I'll never come back,
I guess if they hollered, I'd reach for my pack.
I was really confused 'cause they set such a pace,
But thinking it over, now I like the go'darn place.

ANONYMOUS
(Reprinted From Our 1941 Files)



A Word To All...

HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH ARMORED DIVISION
Camp Roberts, California

29 October 1953

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF CAMP ROBERTS:

I wish to use this space in the last issue of the Camp Roberts PARADE to tell you of the deep feeling of satisfaction it has given me to command such a fine organization as the 7th Armored Division:

You can all be proud of the work you have done to prepare new soldiers to assume their responsibilities as combat infantrymen.

Our reward is the knowledge that these young men have left Camp Roberts armed with every bit of knowledge we could pack into their brief sixteen week stay.

I hope we shall meet again.

Good luck and God speed.

Sincerely,

R. J. Sink

Major General, USA
Commanding.

This is the Last ...!

The Camp Roberts PARADE winds up three years of publication today.

Started during the hectic days of reactivation in October, 1950, the Army's weekly has served as an information source for thousands of trainees and civilians.

However a newspaper cannot operate independently. It must have assistance, and we would like to thank the many individuals and departments who have helped us produce what we think is a topnotch weekly.

For this issue which incidentally was "put to bed" in as short a time as possible, we are grateful to Cpl. Gene Vike for sketches, the Signal Photo Lab, Shannon Photo Service, and our very efficient secretary, Mrs. Helen English.

Perhaps we'll meet many of you somewhere in our future travels—if not—it's been fun.

Be Seein' You . . .

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A PICTORIAL REVIEW OF CAMP ROBERTS



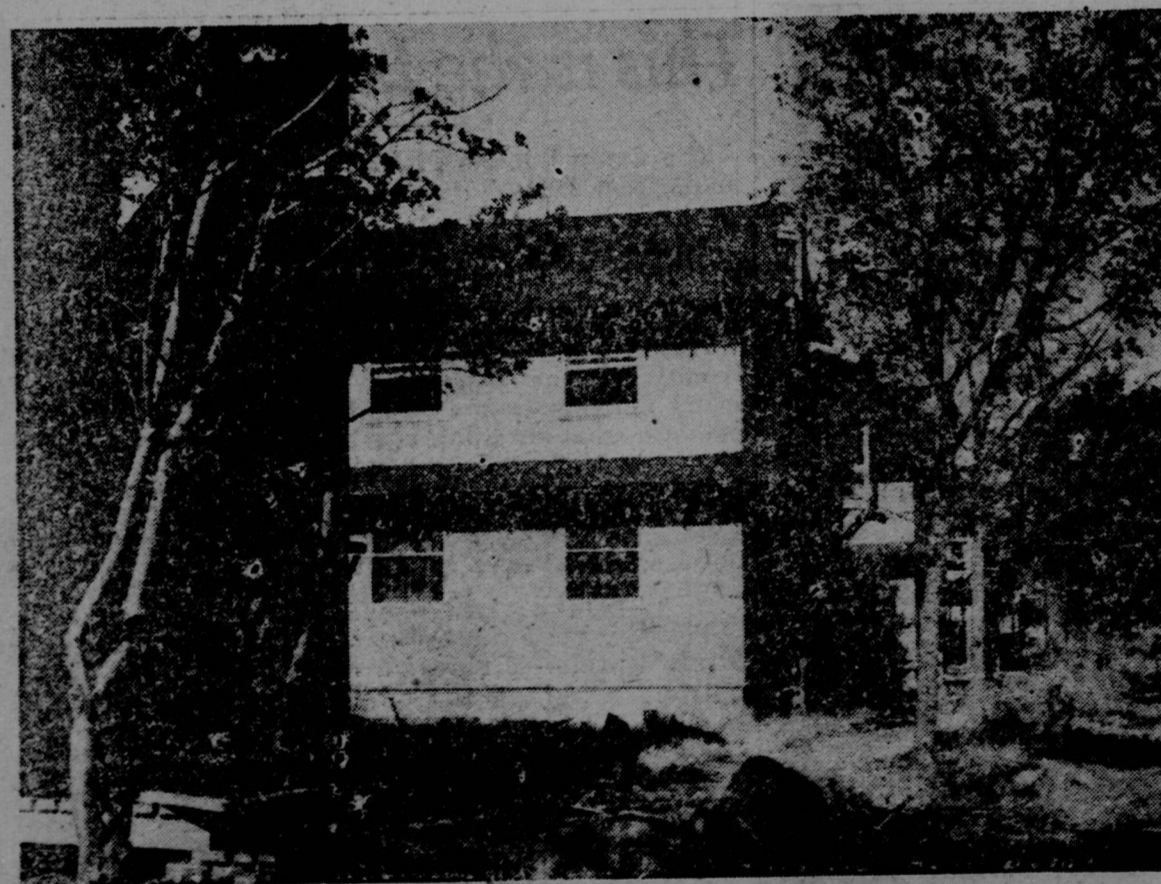
NEWLY ARRIVED TRAINEES VIEW THE REACTIVATED POST.



DEPARTING PERSONNEL DRAW THEIR TRAVEL PAY.



WEEDS, WEEDS AND MORE WEEDS TO CLEAR AWAY.



THE OLD LOOK OF 1950 UNDERWENT A CHANGE.



DEACTIVATION AND THE NEW LOOK OF 1953.

News Of The Week

Efficiency Awards

Five civilians this week received recognition for their suggestions to improve efficiency. Major General R. F. Sink, Commanding General, 7th Armored Division, presented the awards in the last ceremony prior to the deactivation of the post.

Ronald Eldred, Ordnance, received \$275 in cash, a certificate and medal, for his development of a moving car target. A suggestion to install a sheet spreader and finger roll by Fred E. Moore, laundry office, resulted in his receiving \$100 in cash, a certificate and medal.

There were three awards in the engineer section. Ralph Thiel received \$50 in cash and a certificate

for his idea of using portable roller conveyors for the transfer of boxes of food to and from cold storage rooms.

Charles Eylar received \$25 in cash and a certificate for his idea concerning the installation of a pressure-reducing regulator on by-pass gas vapor lines. He also shared a \$100 joint award with Edward J. Erler for an idea concerning the conversion of Ray oil burners to gas.

Since the start of the suggestion program in 1951, 135 medals, certificates and cash awards have been presented, according to Mrs. Mary S. Franchi, executive secretary of the efficiency awards committee.

Promotions Given

A total of 406 men are wearing new stripes as the result of promotions this month. Only one man, David Sims, 23rd Transportation Truck Company, became a master sergeant.

Six new sergeants first class include Raymond D. Ibbs, and Joe Robbins, Hq. and Hq. Company, 6100 ASU; John H. Ah Nee, Hq., 7th Armored Division; John A. McClelland and Edgar A. Beasley, 23rd Transportation Truck Company; and Hobart Hicks, Transportation Company, 6100 ASU.

Corporals promoted to sergeant numbered 25 men. They include John D. Kendall, Joel W. Lazenby, and Norman G. Million, Hq. Company, 7th Armored Division; James F. Floyd, Company A, 77th AIB; Joseph F. Abbott, Company A, 17th MTB.

Robert L. Hutton and Franklin

Pridmore, Company B, 87th Recon Battalion; Fred E. Hill, Jr., and Charles Taylor, Hq. 7th Armored Division; Robert P. Scott, 507th Replacement Company; Harry L. Baccus, dental detachment, 6100 ASU.

Dan Keitt, Jr., 23rd Transportation Truck Company; Howard L. Gladden and Carlos F. Brumley, Transportation Company, 6100 ASU.

Jack S. Croddy, James W. Bear, John F. Shoemaker, Gordon S. Jones, Billy L. Allen and Silas J. Smith, Hq. and Hq., 6100 ASU; Wallace H. Nolin and Walter E. Bachorski, division band; Deloy B. Moore, Hq. and Hq. Company, CCB; and Darrell M. Beckstead and Jack J. Trochie, Company D, 87th Recon battalion.

In addition to the above, 277 men became corporals and 97 men were promoted to PFC.

Final Graduation

Ceremonies for the last Leaders' Course class were held Tuesday afternoon with Major General R. F. Sink, Commanding General, 7th Armored division, the guest speaker.

Top student among the 31 men in class 110 was Pvt. Roy A. Bayford, whose home town is Santa Cruz, Calif.

Invocation and benediction

were given by Chaplain (Major) Robert E. Klewin. The division band played several appropriate selections.

Since the opening of Leaders' Course in February, 1951, 3,465 men, have graduated, including the final class. The present commandant is Major Carl D. Armentrout.

Bank Closing

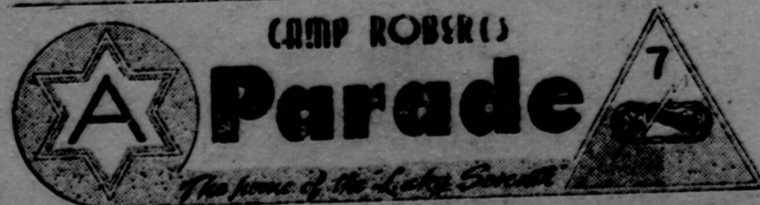
The Camp Roberts branch of the Bank of America will be closed for business November 13.

New hours went into effect at the Western Union Telegraph office, Bldg. 5009, this week. It will now be open Monday through Saturday from 0900 to 1200 and

from 1300 to 1800 hours. Western Union will be closed on Sundays and holidays.

UNIFORM

All military personnel are reminded that the wool, OD uniform will be worn at this station effective Sunday, November 1.

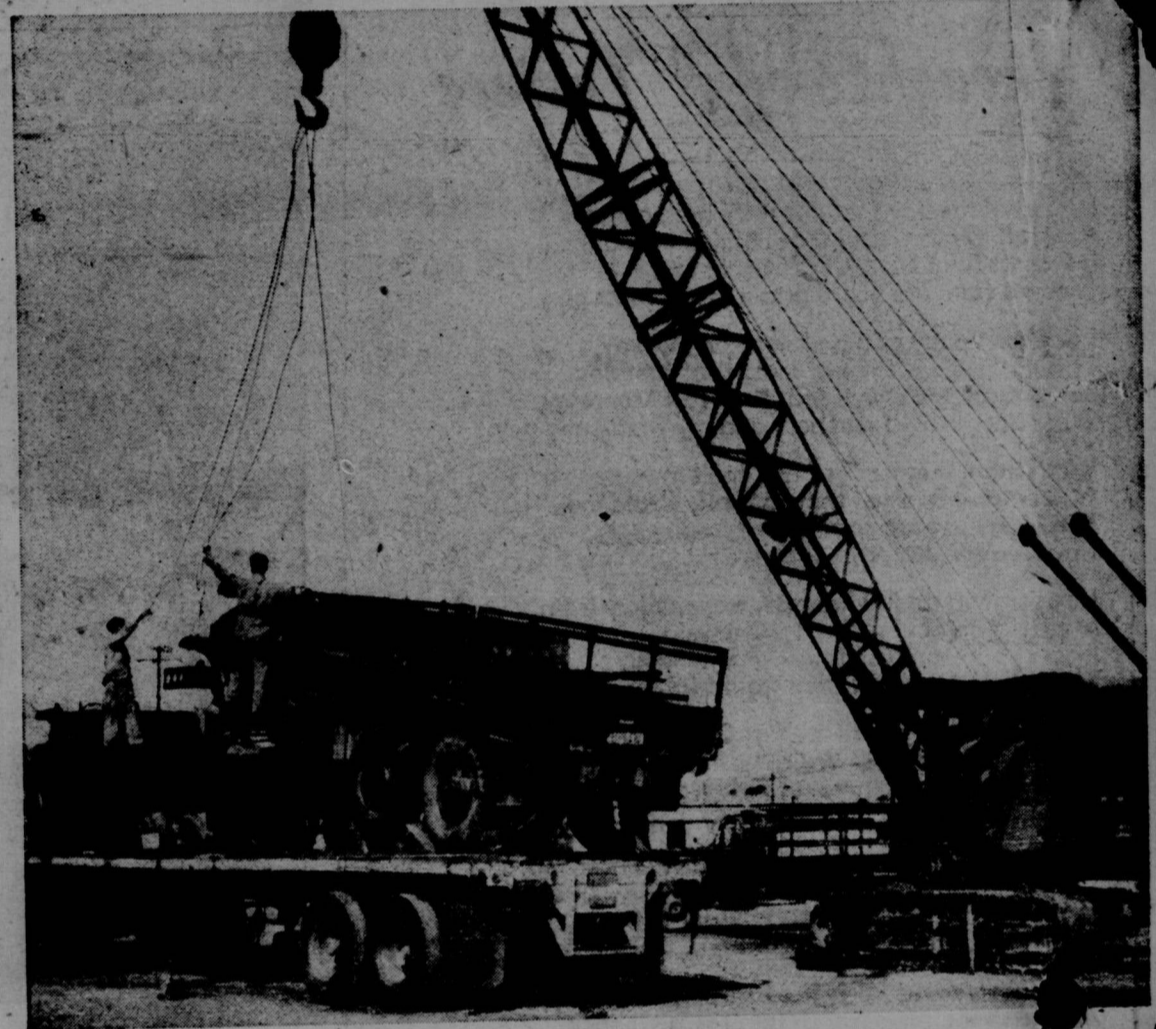


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LOADING UP FOR SHIPMENT TO OTHER POSTS.



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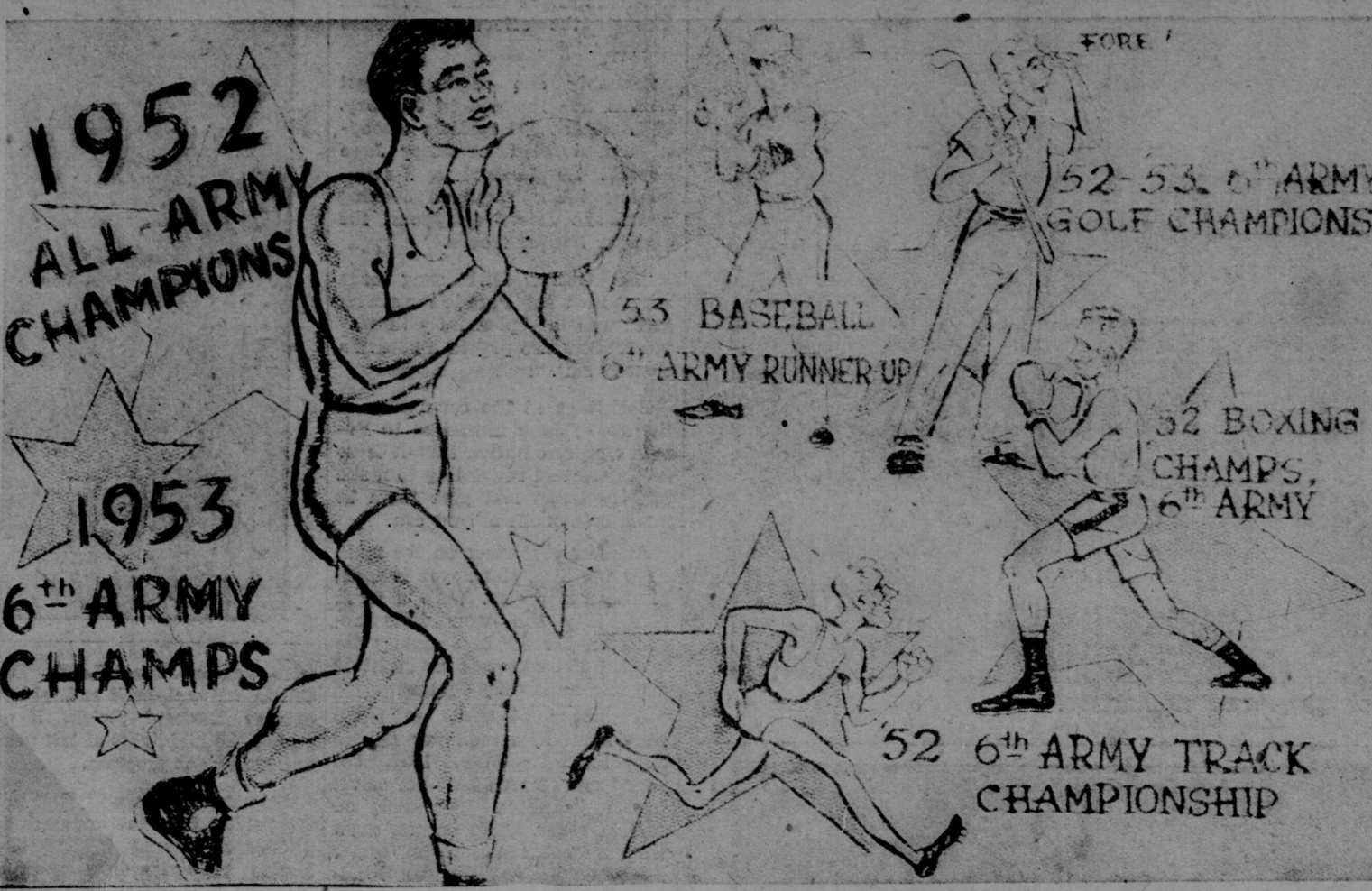


ONE OF THE LAST TRAINING COMPANIES.



TRACK STARS Ollie Wright and Norm Price hold trophies won in the 1952 Post meet. This pair went on to lead the Roberts Track and Field team to the Sixth Army title...

CAMP ROBERTS Parade Of Sports



CHAMPIONSHIP FORM which brought him the Sixth Army golf title this year is shown by PFC Dick Yost. His four under par card paced the Roberts golf team...

Seven Major Athletic Titles Brand Camp Roberts 'Post of Champions'

The title "Post of Champions" is not earned or accomplished in one day, one week or a month. No one single man or team can bring such a title to a post, regardless of size or disposition. But the fighting spirit and the dogged determination of the many athletes who have paraded through the gates of Camp Roberts since its reactivation in September of 1950 won glory and honor under the patch of the 7th Armored Division...

Army championships hands down in the tourney held at the Sports Arena here. A third title was added to the growing list the same month. The Post Track and Field team piled up 72 1/2 points to win the Sixth Army title in a meet held at Hartnell College, near Salinas. In August, the fourth major championship of 1952 was won by the golf team. The 1953 version of the basketball team, the Raiders, started out like the proverbial lion and appeared in the early months to be heading for a repeat of its winning All-Army performance of 1952.

PIGSKIN PARADE Special Services, PIO, Parade Wind Up in Tie

Special Services football predictors picked eight winners and the PARADE seven to gain a three-way tie with PIO for the 1953 Pigskin Parade football guessing title. The contest, which normally runs through the entire football season, ends at the six-week mark this year due to inactivation of the PARADE. But it couldn't have had a more thrilling finish had it been planned this way. PIO, which claimed top spot most of the season, led the PARADE by one game and Special Services by two going into the last week, but selected only six winners to create the tie. Special Services, in the basement for the first week, climaxed its steady climb to the top by missing only two games—Michigan State's loss to Purdue and Michigan's defeat by Minnesota. Their margin of victory was an upset pick—they favored Penn over Navy and the Quakers came through. The PARADE missed three—Michigan's loss, Michigan State's loss and Navy's defeat, while PIO missed Baylor's win over Texas A&M plus the three big upsets. Division Faculty and 6100 ASU broke the tape in a dead heat for fourth place. Both units erred on four games to end up with 43-17 records. Sixth place went to Combat Command B. By guessing seven winners the CCB crystal ballers finished with a season total of 41 correct and 19 incorrect guesses. The WACs jumped out of the cellar this week by picking six winners to garner seventh place in the final standings. Picking four winners, the Hill tumbled to last place, one game behind the WACs. The PARADE was defending champion.

FINAL STANDINGS table with columns W, L and rows for PIO, Parade, Special Services, 6100 ASU, Division Faculty, Combat Command B, WACs, The Hill.

'Mighty Lou' Gets Our Bid For Fame Here At Roberts

SGT. LOU JOSEPH, short and muscular ex-University of Nevada basketball star, created himself one of lasting and national spots in the history of Roberts athletics. Joseph, acting as player-coach of the basketball fives for the last two seasons, was greatly instrumental in guiding the 1952 team to the Sixth Army and All-Army title. He returned in the same capacity on Jan. 1 of this year, coaching the Raiders as they regained their sixth Army title and came within a breath of retaining their All-Army crown.



BASKETBALL CHAMPS of the Sixth Army are smiling after annexing the title. The nucleus of this team, composed entirely of Division Artillery bucketeers, went on to win the All-Army basketball championship. Champs are: (1st row, left to right) Bob Seymour, Coach Lou Joseph, Col. Daniel P. Norman, commanding officer, DivArty, Lt. Dan Marley, DivArty A & B captain, Ralph Carr, and Bob Arthur. (2nd row, left to right) Ben Clark, Jim Walsh, Will Mackey, Perry McClellan, Norm Price and Dave Caldwell. Ed Hale, Frank Kusner, Scott Stangell and Mel Clark (not pictured) joined the nucleus of this team as it won the All-Army laurels in four straight games at San Antonio, Texas.



CRACK BOXING TEAM from Camp Roberts posed for the cameraman before walking away with the 1952 Sixth Army title at the local Sports Arena. From left to right, bottom row, are Norm Walker, lightweight; Walter Smith, flyweight; Sammy LeCross, welterweight; Max Unomoto, bantamweight. Back row, left to right, Len Walker, center welterweight; John Garrity, featherweight; John Hanson, middleweight, and Walter Russell, light heavyweight. All but Len Walker, Garrity, and Hanson emerged from the tournament as Sixth Army individual champions in their respective weight classes. Pat Noppi, veteran boxing instructor, managed the victorious team.

REMEMBER WHEN? MAYBE THIS REVIEW WILL HELP



HORACE HEIDT'S TROUPE OF TALENTED TEENAGERS.

If there's ever a convention of men and women formerly stationed at Camp Roberts one of the most talked about things will no doubt be the Saturday stage shows.

Since the opening of the post in 1950, many entertainment personalities have been presented through the efforts of Special Services.

Probably one of the biggest crowds was the one in January, 1952, when 7,300 soldiers whooped and howled at sultry Jane Russell. Resplendent in a shimmering black sequined evening gown, she didn't disappoint the glamour hungry troops.

"The Outlaw Girl" sang three songs in what Parade's reporter said was a "pleasantly throaty voice." She also played a role in a comedy skit.

Backstage at the conclusion of the show, Jane remarked to Parade's representative that it is so important and rewarding to make soldiers laugh and give them as much enjoyment as you can.

Another performer on the same show was film star Joyce Holden, blonde and pretty. With a fresh personality she won wide acclaim for her skit of a slightly demented girl who had an invisible dog and an invisible piano.

A number of visits to camp were made by screen star Debbie Reynolds. In May, 1951, the young star teamed with her movie co-star, Carleton Carpenter, on several songs. Also on the show were comic Keenan Wynn, singer Benay Venuta and deadpan vocalist Virginia O'Brien.

Wearing a beautiful glowing red velvet lace gown, Debbie radiated almost as much brightness as the stage's spotlight when she made another appearance here in April of last year.

With personality bubbling, dynamic Debbie tossed pert comments to a wolf-eyed audience, then softly, sentimentally sang the romantic ballad, "Love Walked Out."

Organization day in November, 1952, saw her return once again. Those here in August, 1952, remember well the Hollywood show



with luscious Janet Leigh, Tony Curtis and well-built and talented chirper Barbara Ruick. It was one of the highlights of last year's entertainment program.

Selecting a rather shy but willing soldier from the audience, the glamorous Miss Leigh handed him a glass of water on a plate, informing the soldier that the object was for him to hold the glass filled with water without spilling any while she went through a few intimate caresses singing to him, "I've Got a Crush on You."

By the time the song was over, both looked as though they should have brought their raincoats.

Armed Forces Day in May, 1952, gave lovely star Sally Forrest a chance to present a thrilling dance interpretation that was a product of her own choreographic ingenuity. She was attired in a costume that enhanced

her beauty and evoked much praise from the starry-eyed troops.

She was honored during her stay by being named the "Sweetheart of the 7th Armored Division."

It was at the start of World War II, that ace funnyman Bob Hope made one of his first appearances before an all-soldier audience at Camp Roberts.

The post holds a sentimental spot in Hope's heart. He played here most recently in June, 1952, tape-recording his radio show.

His barbs at the Army, such as saluting an officer in a haphazard manner (you can never tell when I might be drafted) were met with roaring laughter.

Also on the bill were Jane Russell in a return engagement, and Les Brown and his orchestra.

Still more names pop up.

Beautiful Anne Bancroft, from the cast of "Don't Bother to Knock," appeared here in July, 1952. In the same year, TV comic Hank McCune did his bit several times, as well as Horace Heidt and his talented teenagers, movie star Jody Lawrence, singer Charlotte Austin, actress Cleo Moore and comedian Dave Ketchum, who was formerly stationed here.

Other past headliners include Jack Benny, Ann Blyth, April Stevens, Harpo Marx, Ralph Flanagan and his orchestra, Lawrence Welk and his "champagne music," singer-dancer Pat Wymore, Errol Flynn, Pat O'Brien and Ina Ray Hutton and her all-girl show.

The entertainment program has been wide and varied as witness the names, and is sure to hold fond memories for the thousands that have trained here.



ERROL FLYNN AND PAT O'BRIEN BROUGHT SEVERAL STARLETS.



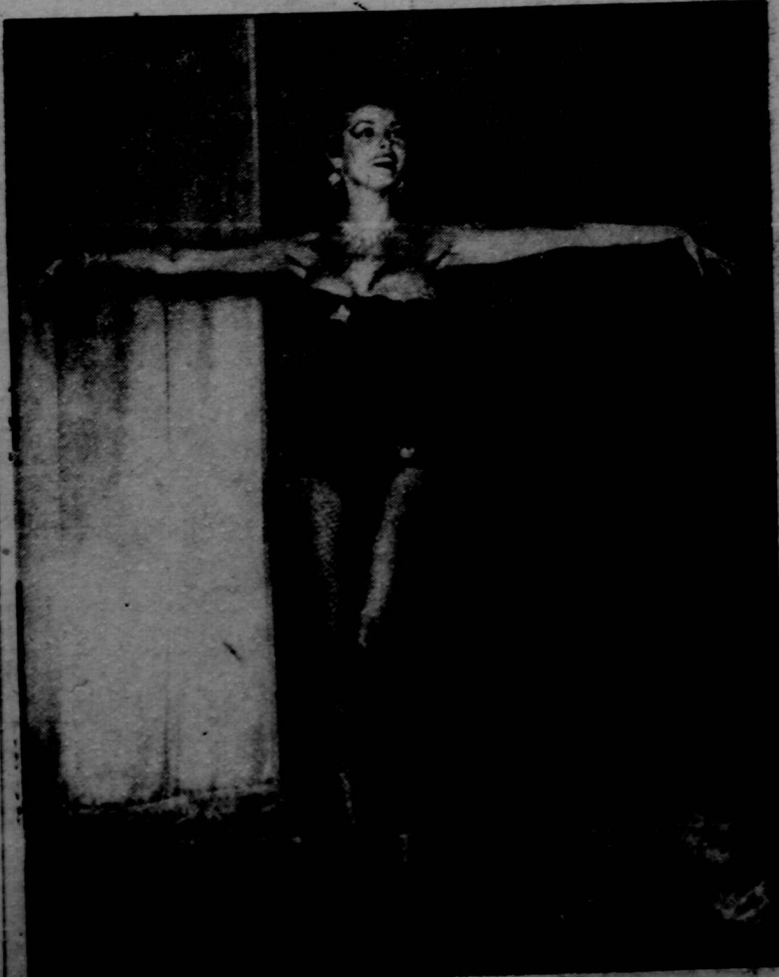
TWO ROBERTS SOLDIERS GIVE ANN BLYTH A HAND.



JACK BENNY JOKES WITH MUSICIAN FRANKIE REMLEY.



BOB HOPE AND JANE RUSSELL SCAN THEIR SCRIPTS.



JANET LEIGH BROUGHT DOWN THE HOUSE.



DEBBIE REYNOLDS SINGS FOR THE TROOPS.