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5TH INFANTRY DIVISION

FORT ORD CALIFORNIA

Heavy Mortar Company
Second Infantry Regiment
Within the covers of this book is a short, written pictorial presentation of a period of your life which was filled with events new and strange to you. It records the strenuous, tough life you experienced at Fort Ord. These are experiences that, as the years roll on, you will look back upon with satisfaction and great pride. During this period you prepared yourself to carry out your most serious obligation as a citizen of the United States of America.

You have qualified as an efficient and effective soldier, prepared now to take your place and carry your load as a member of a team within the United States Army. To accomplish this, you have set aside certain individual liberties and privileges but, as a disciplined and trained fighting man ready when called upon to defend your country, you have assumed added responsibilities. You are a better man because of these experiences for you have developed mentally, morally and physically. You have formed new friendships, many of which will prove to be life-long ones. You have acquired added prestige and honor as a loyal, patriotic American.

You arrived at Fort Ord as a civilian. You depart as a soldier basically trained as an infantryman and prepared to continue training as a member of an Army team. You are a qualified member of the Army. Take pride in the Army and walk proudly. You share the responsibility for the reputation of this Army, one with sacred traditions and a proud and glorious history established by our predecessors, the soldiers who defended our country so successfully in the past.

I trust we will serve again, both as soldiers and citizens. Whatever your endeavors, and wherever you go, may you walk with God.
Assistant Division Commander
BRIG. GEN. CYRUS A. DOLPH III

Commanding General, Fifth Division Artillery
BRIG. GEN. JOHN D. F. PHILLIPS

Chief of Staff
COL. THOMAS N. SIBLEY
Fort Ord, located in the historically rich and scenic Monterey Bay area, is one of the nation's permanent Army posts. It covers more than 28,600 acres, ranging from rolling plains to rugged hills that make it ideal for the post's Infantry training mission.

The post, named after Major General Edward Creasy Ord, is on the Monterey Bay, a few miles from the communities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Carmel on the peninsula, and 14 miles from Salinas, hub of a rich agricultural valley. San Francisco is 115 miles north of Fort Ord and Los Angeles is 340 miles southward.

General Ord achieved fame as an Indian fighter and Civil War commander. He served with Fremont's army and was a lieutenant when the present site of the near-by Presidio of Monterey was developed. He distinguished himself during the Civil War in the Battle of Iuka, operations against St. Petersburg and the capture of Fort Harrison.

Fort Ord's beginning dates back to 1917 when the government bought 15,324.5 acres for about $16,000 near what is now the post's East Garrison and it was known as the Gigling Reservation. The name Gigling was that of a German family that once lived in the area. It was bought primarily for use as a maneuver area and field artillery target range for the 11th Cavalry and the 78th Field Artillery which were then stationed at the Presidio of Monterey.

Except for a well and caretaker’s house in the center and a few camp-sites, no improvements were made on the Gigling Reservation until 1938.

The first real work on the reservation started under the direction of the late Colonel (later Major General) Homer M. Groninger. With the aid of the WPA he built a large camp about a mile east of the Gigling railroad spur and cleared brush areas for future construction.
In 1940, the WPA built concrete mess halls and wooden barracks and tent platforms in the East Garrison. During that same year, work began on the million dollar Soldiers' Club. It was a project that had been conceived by General Joseph Stilwell, then commanding the 7th Infantry Division. WPA grants and donations from soldiers helped finance the building which was completed in September, 1943.

On August 15, 1940 Camp Ord was renamed Fort Ord, becoming a permanent Army installation.

A building contract for almost $3,000,000 was awarded in August, 1940, to construct barracks in the present main garrison area for the newly activated 7th Infantry Division which began training in July at Camp Ord.

During World War II, the post was a staging area for many famous fighting divisions and units. Fort Ord was visited by the 35th, 43rd, 3rd, and 27th Divisions as well as many other smaller units. At one time more than 50,000 troops were on the installation, although the average strength was about 35,000.

Following World War II, activity at Fort Ord assumed a slower pace. It became the home of the 4th Replacement Training Center in 1947. That was the framework for the re-activated 4th Infantry Division organized shortly afterward. Soon the 4th found itself in the role of training soldiers for the Korean conflict. In September, 1950, however, the 4th moved to Fort Benning, Ga., and the 6th Infantry Division was re-activated here.

In 1949 Congress appropriated more than $26,000,000 in funds to provide the post with permanent buildings in place of temporary ones built during the war years. The building program got under way toward the latter part of that year.
The 5th Infantry Red Diamond division was organized on 1 December 1917 at Camp Logan, Texas, and moved overseas during May 1918 to see action in the Anlouis, St. Die, and Villedroy-Haye sectors of Lorraine and in the St. Michel and Meuse-Argonne operations. After the Armistice the division occupied Luxembourg, returning to the United States in July 1919 for demobilization.

The division came into being again on 24 October 1939 upon activation at Fort McClellan, Ala. It shifted to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., in May 1940, and to Fort Custer, Mich., in December 1940, and took part in the Tennessee maneuvers August-October 1941. In September 1941 the 10th Inf. was sent to Iceland to be joined later in 1941 and 1942 by the remainder of the division. In August 1943 the 5th division moved to the British Iles.

After extensive preparations and training the division landed on Utah Beach 9 July 1944, and four days later took up defensive positions in the vicinity of Caumont. Launching a successful attack at Vidouville, the division drove on southeast of St. Lo, attacked and captured Angers, pushed across the Seine River at Fontenay-le-Comte and across the Marne to seize Rheims 30 August and positions east of Verdun. The Red Diamond division then prepared for the assault on Metz. In mid-September, a bridgehead was established and secured across the Moselle River, south of Metz in the face of very heavy opposition. On 9 November, Metz was reduced after a heavy 10-day battle.

The division crossed the German border 4 December 1944, captured Lauterbach, and elements reached the west bank of the Saar before moving to assembly areas. On 16 December the Germans launched their winter offensive and the division was thrown in against the southern flanks of the Bulge, helping to reduce it by the end of January 1945. In February and March the division drove across the northeast of the Saar, cracked through the Siegfried Line, reached and crossed the Rhine River, and continued on to Frankfurt-am-Main clearing and policing the town and its environs. In April the division took part in clearing the Ruhr pocket and drove across the Czechoslovak border on 1 May, reaching Volary and Cimpeck as the war in Europe ended. The division (nicknamed "Red Devils" by the Nazis) had credited 270 days in combat.

Returning to the United States the division was inactivated at Camp Campbell, Ky., on 20 September 1946. It was reactivated 15 July 1947 at Fort Jackson, S. C., and served as a basic training division until was inactivated 30 April 1950. Again the division was reactivated as a basic training division at Indiantown Gap, Pa., on 6 April 1951, and later inactivated on 1 September 1953. Finally the Red Diamond division was reactivated on 25 May 1954 at Augsburg, Germany, to serve as part of the US forces in Europe under NATO.

While serving in Southern Bavaria, the division constantly underwent field training to remain at the peak of combat readiness. As a portion of the US military might available to NATO the division participated in extensive maneuvers and unit training exercises.

During January, February, and March 1956, the 5th changed places with the 11th Airborne Division as part of "Operation Gyroscope" coming to Fort Ord, Calif.
THE TRANSITION

The transition from civilian to soldier is achieved with amazing swiftness. Immediately the new arrival is fully clothed and equipped; his hair is promptly cut; he is immunized against disease. In brief, he is quickly prepared to begin learning the trade of the U.S. infantryman.
NEW SKILLS.

One of the first lessons the trainee learns is pride in the uniform. Similarly, inside his barracks, he learns the importance of teamwork and cooperation, both of which will prove indispensable in the training ahead.
NEW LODGING
If the first few days of the new soldier’s life are strenuous, the eight weeks ahead will not be much different. For the trainee has many things to
learn. He must learn the machine-gun, the bayonet, the M-1 rifle, chemical warfare and a long list of allied subjects as well.
MILITARY DRILL

Immediately upon the trainee’s arrival, training in military drill begins. Fundamentals come first. They involve movements of arms and legs. Next the trainee must learn to drill in unison with his squad. By degrees, then, he advances to platoon and company drill, battalion and regiment. Here, too, teamwork is foremost.
PHYSICAL TRAINING

Good morale is closely related to physical fitness. Because, the well-conditioned soldier has confidence in his own ability and in that of his unit. Thus physical training is an integral part of the trainee’s life.
The soldier must be ever alert to the possibility of enemy gas attack. For this reason every trainee learns to identify various chemical agents; he learns their characteristics as well as the proper protective measures against such agents. During instructions the importance of the gas mask is repeatedly emphasized. So also is the swift application of first aid.
Training in map reading and compass is designed with two purposes in mind: first, to enable the soldier to properly orient himself at all times; and second, to enable him to move from one geographical location to another when conditions demand.
The rifle caliber .30, M-1 is the basic arm of the United States infantryman. So the trainee must concentrate on mastering this weapon. In order to do so he devotes approximately a fourth of his time learning to fire the M-1. Though weighing only
nine pounds, the M-1 is highly accurate at long range and capable of great firepower. Instructions in care and use begin logically with assembly and disassembly.
Sighting & Aiming

From the classroom the trainee moves out to the Rifle Instruction Circle (RIC). Here he begins to learn the four basic firing positions—standing, kneeling, sitting and prone.

Before going on the range the soldier must know what to look for when he peers through the sights of his M-1. Further preliminary instructions include sight pictures, triangulization boards and how to use the sighting and aiming bar.
and Positions
After the RIC the next phase of rifle training is enacted on the 1,000-inch range. Here for the first time the trainee uses live ammunition. And here he begins to apply principles learned in previous drills.
RANGES

The real test of the trainee's proficiency with the M-1 takes place on the known-distance range. Now he formally qualifies for record at distances of 200, 300 and 500 yards. All he has learned—correct breathing, trigger squeeze, proper positions—is brought into play.

Blackening sights  The score
Transition

With firing on the known-distance range behind him, the trainee is now ready for marksmanship in the field. Transition firing presents new problems under new conditions. Gone is the familiar bull’s-eye. Now the trainee is confronted with life-sized targets that leap up without warning, at unexpected distances. On the transition range accuracy alone is not enough. It must be coupled with instant reflexes.
Firing

There it is!
The carbine offers the ground soldier a comparatively light rapid-firing weapon characterized by accuracy at close range. Training in the care and use of the carbine is similar to that for the M-1.
Communications are the nerves of an army. Trainees must be familiar with at least the problems involved in establishing them. Instructions in signal communications cover the use of the field telephone, sound power phone and the handle-talkie. They also include how to lay telephone wire under combat conditions.
The rocket launcher is operated by two men functioning as a team. All trainees must be familiar with the launcher; for it furnishes the ground...
soldier with a weapon of tremendous striking force, one especially potent against hostile tanks and armored vehicles.

A perspective view of the firing line
In attack the mission of the infantryman is to close with the enemy and either capture or destroy him. This principle is the nucleus of instructions in close combat.

Crawling cautiously forward — then the assault
In conjunction the trainee is taught the value of teamwork and firepower when attacking an objective. He learns how to utilize supporting fire and terrain as well.

The hand grenade is used in close.
The bayonet is essentially an offensive weapon; so aggressiveness is the watchword throughout. Skill with the bayonet promotes confidence and enables the soldier to defend himself, disarm his enemy and destroy him.
TRAINING

The bayonet charge
HAND GRENADES

The hand grenade is essentially a close combat weapon. Trainees receive intensive schooling in the three types of grenades—fragmentation, concussion and smoke.
RIFLE GRENADERS

Gunpowder instead of muscle is the propelling force behind the rifle grenade. Its range and impact are therefore greater than those of the hand grenade. Capable of both high angle fire and flat trajectory fire, the rifle grenade greatly intensifies the infantryman’s firepower.
The squad is the basic tactical military unit. Accordingly each member of the squad must be well trained in the rudiments of ground warfare. All trainees practice maneuvering day and night with their squads. Battle conditions are closely simulated.
TACTICS
High rate of fire is a characteristic of the light machine gun, caliber .30. Extremely mobile, it gives the infantryman a powerful weapon on either defense or offense. Training covers field-stripping, heads-spacing and actual firing.
FIELD SANITATION

Life in the field can be relatively pleasant—provided certain rules are observed. All trainees must learn to maintain standards of cleanliness and sanitation, even under adverse conditions. The health and comfort of troops depend on observance of such standards.
CHOW
IN THE FIELD

Today food served by the army is both healthful and appetizing. During the more active phases of training nothing is so welcome to the soldier as sight of the field kitchen with steaming hot chow.
CAMOUFLAGE & CONCEALMENT

Foliage, shadows, terrain—these are the basic tools used in effective camouflage and concealment. By means of lecture and practice in the field trainees learn how to camouflage positions, vehicles, and emplacements. They learn valuable tricks and deceptions which fool the enemy and lead to his destruction.
The trainee must learn how to adjust himself to life in the field. Bivouac is useful in this respect since it embraces the full scope of outdoor life. It shows the trainee first-hand what conditions in the field are like and teaches him how to cope with such conditions.
M I N E S A N D

Probing for mines with bayonets

Ignorance of mines and booby traps can be hazardous. Thus all trainees must be familiar with the characteristics and uses of these weapons. After lecture and
BOOBY TRAPS

How to make a booby-trap out of a grenade

demonstration, trainees practice in the field. They learn how to detect enemy mines and booby traps and they learn how to neutralize them.

The mine detector in operation
INFEILTRATION COURSE

Navigating warily under barbed wire

The Infiltration Course as viewed by the machine-gunner
Each trainee must pass through the infiltration course. Here he crawls cautiously forward on his stomach while machine-gun bullets sail overhead. Introduced to the sound and smell of battle on the infiltration course, the soldier is thus steeled against the initial shock of combat.
The Army maintains a reasonable balance between work and play. Excellent recreational facilities are available on post. They include libraries, tennis courts, golf courses, gymnasiums, baseball diamonds and gridirons. After the first four weeks, passes into town are a welcome break in the routine.
ACTIVITIES

The Post Library is well stocked
Sports within the Army are traditionally popular; and competition is keen. The will-to-win promoted by athletics is characteristic of the soldier.
In order to withstand the rigors of ground warfare, the soldier must have determination, stamina and well-conditioned body. Physical training tests decide if the trainee is thus qualified.
Proficiency tests are a concentrated capsule review of the soldier's basic training. They indicate whether or not the trainee has absorbed the fundamentals of the infantryman's trade. Having successfully passed these tests, the soldier is then ready for more technical and advanced training.
Frequent inspections cover barracks, equipment, clothing and the trainee himself. Inspections help maintain the high standards characteristic of the military profession. They advance morale and so the general effectiveness of the soldier.
PASS IN REVIEW
When the trainee completes his basic training his service record is brought up to date and his equipment thoroughly checked. Meanwhile he stands by for the next assignment, ready for stateside duty or work overseas. In either case he departs a qualified member of the United States Army.
FAREWELL FORT ORD
THE SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, though dedicated throughout our lives to the cause of peace, we now begin to learn the course of war. In Your Name, and in defense of Your doctrines, we now exchange the pen for the sword, the book for the gun, the warm and friendly comforts of home for the cold and trying hardships of the field.

At this time we pray for strength to follow in the footsteps of the founding fathers in proclaiming anew the right to live, to work, and worship in freedom. Guide us so that we may train and grow into men endowed with courage, steeped in honor, rooted in deep patriotism, and consecrated to the Divine principles of human rights. Imbue us with a greater love and respect for Your Holy Name. And in all things teach us to conduct ourselves so to merit Your continued favor upon us, our homes and our nation.

Be Thou ever near us in all our endeavors and finally, through Thy Grace, grant us peace and victory. Amen.
Your first few months in the Army have been spent with the 2d Infantry. We sincerely hope that as you look back on that stay, through this book, that it brings many fond and pleasant memories to your mind.

While training at Fort Ord is demanding of the individual, we feel that it is outstanding training. We know that when you joined your new organization after leaving us that you were properly trained and ready to accept your new responsibilities. Accept these responsibilities, seek to learn more and improve yourself, and your military service will be rewarding and of great future benefit to you.

Good luck to you in your future assignments and God-speed.

HENRY K. BENSON
Colonel Infantry
Commanding
HISTORY OF THE 2nd

The 2d Infantry was authorized by Act of March 3, 1791; organized, trained and sent into the first of many Indian Campaigns on Nov 4, 1791. This first action was the battle of Maumee Forks, Ohio which was followed by intermittent action for the following eight years. In 1799 a period of building and exploring became the lot of the 2d Infantry. Noteworthy at this time is the fact that Zebulon M. Pike was assigned to the 2d Infantry—the same intrepid individual for whom Pike’s Peak, Colorado is named.

In 1803 President Thomas Jefferson foresaw trouble with Laussat, French Governor of the Louisiana Territory. To forestall this trouble, he sent for four companies of the 2d Infantry who oversaw the transaction of the Louisiana Purchase between Governor Laussat and Governor William C. C. Claiborne.

During the War of 1812, the Regiment participated with great valor and success in six major battles including the decisive defeat of the British at New Orleans and the brilliant defense of Ft. Bowyer, Alabama where 130 infantrymen of the 2d Infantry withstood the siege of 1300 British troops and four vessels of war.

Following the War of 1812 came the Black Hawk War and in 1838, a decisive victory over the Seminole Indians in Florida. On March 8, 1847 the 2d Infantry participated in the capture of Vera Cruz during the Mexican War. In swift succession followed Cerro Gordo, San Antonio, Contreras, Churubusco, Chapultepec and Molina del Rey. At the capture of Chapultepec, wood was taken from the Mexican flagstaff to replace the broken Sgt. Major’s Baton presented to the Regiment in 1843 by Lt. Col. Bennett Riley. This baton is presently on exhibit in the 2d Infantry Trophy Room.

After the Mexican War the 2d Infantry went to California, Idaho and Oregon to protect gold seekers from molestation by the Indians. This duty completed, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas (named for Maj. Henry Leavenworth, 2d Inf. 1815-1818) became the home station for training duties. On 30 April 1861 President Lincoln sent word to the Commander of the 2d Infantry to recruit and enlist a minimum of 10,000 men “for the protection of the interests of the United States.” This opened the phase of duties of the 2d during the Civil War.

The close of the Civil War found the 2d Infantry depleted to a total of less than 100 officers and men through combat actions which included twenty-three major engagements with the enemy such as both battles of Bull Run, Gettysburg and many others. In 1877 the Regiment was again sent west to quell an uprising of the Nez Perce Indians. In April 1898 the 2d Infantry went to Cuba to take part in the Spanish American War. During the battle of San Juan Hill, Colonel “Teddy” Roosevelt wrote a friend concerning the 2d Infantry, to wit: “As fine a lot of men as ever came together and worth any three regiments of state troops.” The battle of Santiago concluded the War and the 2d Infantry was sent home, only to be sent to the Philippine Islands to quell the Insurrection.

After participating in twenty-seven separate engagements, it was again sent to the United States to remain only two years before being returned to the Philippines for occupation duty which lasted until 1908. In 1911 the regiment was sent to Hawaii where they performed guard duty on interned ships and acted as the provost force for Honolulu until 1918. Thus the first World War was the first war in which the United States participated without the 2d Infantry seeing combat action. Training assignments in the United States followed until 1942 when the 2d was sent to Reykjavik, Iceland with the mission of guarding the entire Western half of the Island. In 1943 they went to
INFANTRY REGIMENT

Ireland, Scotland and England to train for the forthcoming invasion of the continent. On July 6, 1944 the 2d landed on Omaha Beach and on 13 July S/Sgt. Bass, Service Company, 2d Infantry became the first person of the 5th Division to be killed in action.

The amazing total of 275 towns, 20 river crossings and the capture of 22,103 prisoners of war followed. The 2d Infantry lost a total of 3745 officers and men through battle causes. The armistice found the Regiment still advancing against the enemy in Volary, Czechoslovakia. Returning to the United States on 18 July 1945 they performed routine training missions until their deactivation in 1953. In May 1954 the regiment was reactivated in Munich, Germany where they compiled an outstanding record for occupation troops, winning the LeClerc Rifle firing trophy against international competition for three years in a row, compiling an all time reenlistment record for the European Command and being recognized as one of the outstanding regiments in Europe in combat training and effectiveness. On 18 February 1956 they returned to Fort Ord, California as a member of the newly constituted Gyroscope movements. Routine training of recruits followed to the present time.

During their long and glorious history, the 2d Infantry was awarded a total of 45 campaign streamers which are listed below.

CAMPAGNS

WAR OF 1812
Canada
Chippewa
Lundy's Lane
Alabama 1814

INDIAN WARS
Miami
Seminoles
California 1850, '51, '52
Nex Perces
Bannocks
Pine Ridge

MEXICAN WAR
Vera Cruz
Cerro Gordo
Contreras
Churubusco
Molino del Rey
Chapultepec

CIVIL WAR
Bull Run
Missouri 1861
Peninsula
Shiloh
Mississippi 1862
Virginia 1862, 1863
Monocassas

CIVIL WAR (con't.)
Antietam
Kentucky 1862
Fredericksburg
Murfreesboro
Chancellorsville
Tennessee 1863
Gettysburg
Chickamauga
Chattanooga
Georgia 1864
Wilderness
Spotylvania
Atlanta
Cold Harbor
Petersburg

WAR WITH SPAIN
Santiago
Philippine Insurrection
without inscription

WORLD WAR II
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
REGIMENTAL SYMBOLS

MOTTO

Noli Me Tangere
(Do Not Touch Me)

CREST—On a wreath of the colors a lion passant guardant or.

SHIELD—Or, on a saltire azure between in fess a cross patee and a five-bastioned fort gules and in base a giant cactus vert; two arrows in a quiver proper crossed with a bolo argent hilted sable.

INSIGNIA—The Canadian campaigns of the War of 1812 are shown by the lion crest. Service in the Civil War is shown by the blue cross, from the Confederate flag, and the red cross patee, the badge of the 18th Division, V Corps, in which the regiment served during the greater part of that war. Service in the Mexican War is shown by the cactus, in the Spanish War by the five-bastioned fort, the badge of the V Corps in Cuba. The Indian campaigns are shown by the arrows and quiver and the bolo is for service in the Philippine Insurrection.
BATTALION STAFFS

FIRST BATTALION
L. to R. Major David B. Wright, Executive Officer; Lt. Col. Earl E. Danley, Commanding Officer.

SECOND BATTALION
L. to R. Major Leonard Lowry, Executive Officer; Lt. Col. Marcus W. Adams, Commanding Officer.

THIRD BATTALION
L. to R. Major Hubert M. Nance, Executive Officer; Lt. Col. Richard J. Byrne, Commanding Officer.
HEAVY MORTAR COMPANY
SECOND INFANTRY REGIMENT

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Reconnaissance Officer

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Platoon Leader

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Company Clerk

SFC CARL C. HARRELL  
Supply Sergeant

SFC JAMES E. BILLINGS and COOKS  
Mess Steward

SGT. DONALD R. BULEY  
Instructor

Platoon Sergeants
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AND
INOCULATIONS
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BAYONET TRAINING
GO ARMY...

AND GROW!

Yes... soldiers grow in the Army!
With basic done, each member of
this graduating class leaves a bigger man.
A man who has grown in self-confidence,
in team spirit, in know-how. And with
his new assignment, each man will
continue to grow, enjoying new oppor-
tunities—broadening horizons. The
following pages show how this class will
make time, not mark time, in the Army!
ARMY SCHOOLS teach more different kinds of subjects than perhaps any other single school, college or university in the world. In the vast network of Army technical schools, over 500 courses are offered—everything from accounting to welding. Those trainees taking technical courses are taught by top professionals. In their classrooms and laboratories, they use the most modern equipment in the world. Still other trainees are taught on the job itself. They learn by *doing*.

Whichever training a soldier is given, one thing is certain—he will grow into an expert in his field, with the skill that assures a job well done.
JOB TRAINING

Focusing on a Medical Career

Mechanics tune up for a smooth running job
THE ARMY PROVIDES many travel opportunities. Assignments taking a soldier to various parts of this country may be only a prelude to a tour overseas... where a soldier will have ample time to really explore an exciting foreign land. Wherever his duty takes him, he will see new sights, learn new customs, make new friends. Traveling and observing different ways of life give a soldier a new perspective on his own.
GROWTH THROUGH EDUCATION

There are three Army roads to knowledge. First—the United States Armed Forces Institute, which conducts the largest correspondence school in the world. Through USAFI, thousands of soldiers finish their high school education. A second Army program offers courses at many civilian schools and colleges which may be attended in off-duty time. An ambitious soldier may even get his college diploma by this method. Finally, there are Education Centers in hundreds of Army camps and posts, daily teaching subjects the soldiers themselves have chosen. Through these three programs, soldiers have an opportunity to carry their education just as far as they wish.
THE SPIRITUAL and moral character development of every soldier is extremely important to the Army. The opportunity for a soldier to worship in his own religious faith is a fundamental part of Army life. Many active programs are conducted by Protestant, Catholic and Jewish chaplains. There is always a sympathetic counselor ready to help any soldier with his religious or personal problems.

In addition, Army discipline builds the moral fiber of each soldier. It is discipline that develops self-control, self-respect, and self-reliance—discipline that creates clean-minded, clean-living soldiers.

The Army’s character guidance program, with its strong spiritual and moral foundation, serves as a valuable lesson in developing good citizenship in every soldier.
GROWTH THROUGH LEADERSHIP

The Army is eager to develop young officers from enlisted ranks. Its Officer Candidate Courses are always open to properly qualified enlisted men. While every soldier cannot become an officer, each man has an equal chance and each will be given promotions as they are merited. With every step up the ladder, a soldier becomes capable of handling greater responsibility. His self-confidence increases and so does his stature as a leader. He knows what it means to "Go Army ... and grow!"
TO THE PARENTS:

CONGRATULATIONS! With the completion of his basic training, your son has taken an important step forward. He will now have the chance to grow in the many areas we have already indicated. When he comes back to you, he'll be a bigger person in every way. You'll notice the difference and be proud of him. And should he reenlist at the end of his present term, he will be eligible for any opportunities he may now have missed. He will have an opportunity to choose his technical training, his branch of service or his travel—new opportunities to plan a rewarding service career.

The next time your son is home, why not discuss the possibilities of an Army career with him? Weigh the pros and cons together. Compare his prospects in civilian life with the many benefits the Army offers... benefits that increase with service. The Army provides a rich and rewarding future... a career worthy of the most serious consideration by both you and your son.