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Fort Ord was named after Major General Edward Cresap Ord, who served with Fremont's Army in the early California days as a lieutenant. Fort Ord covers more than 28,500 acres of rolling plains and rugged hills which make it ideal for its Infantry Training Center and Combat Support training missions. Located on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula, Fort Ord is 115 miles south of San Francisco and 340 miles north of Los Angeles.

Thousands of recruits, draftees, and reservists are trained in Fort Ord's four training brigades each year. The 1st and 3d Brigades conduct Basic Combat Training; the 2d Brigade provides Advanced Individual Training (Infantry); and the 4th Brigade conducts the following Combat Support Training courses: Basic Army Administration, Food Service, Basic Unit Supply, Automotive Mechanic's Helper, Field Communications, Light Wheel Vehicle Driver, and Radio Operator.

Even before the recruit enters formal basic combat training, he begins to get the "feel" of becoming a soldier at his first stop — the Reception Station at Fort Ord. This is where the new recruit is assigned as a member of a platoon of 48 men, under the command of a Drill Sergeant, an experienced non-commissioned officer who will lead, train and guide this platoon for the entire eight weeks of Basic Combat Training.

No one mistakes the identity of a drill sergeant because he is distinguished by his erect military bearing, his olive drab campaign hat, and his immaculate uniform which bears the crest and motto of Army Training Centers: "This We'll Defend." This motto, which is also inscribed on the Army Flag, depicts the determination, devotion and constant readiness of the American soldier.

During his time at the Reception Station, such terms as "Aptitude Test," "Classification Interview," "Language Qualification Test," "Clothing Issue," and "Preventive Medicine Orientations," become familiar words to the new soldier. Upon completion of this initial processing, he is assigned to a training company for eight weeks of Basic Combat Training.

There are five general categories of subjects presented during basic training. They are Administration, Command Information, General Military Subjects, Tactical Training, and Weapons Instruction.

In the first week the trainee finds that physical conditioning is one of the activities most stressed in basic training. Immediately he begins a series of (Continued inside back endsheet)
reception center and first meal
clothing issue
dental check
mess hall

service club

dayroom

library
marches and inspections
chapel

dependents school
2nd ave.
pacific grove
first aid
physical training
sighting-in

trainfire
individual tactical training
grenades

close combat course
food service school

long, proud history
shots
mess
marches
first aid

field mess
basic rifle marksmanship
basic rifle marksmanship
chemical, biological, radiological warfare
close combat course
individual tactical training
hand to hand combat
automatic rifle
hand grenades
mortars
recoilless rifle
radio operators course

communications course
information
office
radio section

chapel
light vehicle
drivers course
drill sergeants creed

I AM A DRILL SERGEANT DEDICATED TO TRAINING NEW SOLDIERS AND INFLUENCING THE OLD. I AM FOREVER CONSCIOUS OF EACH SOLDIER UNDER MY CHARGE, AND BY EXAMPLE WILL INSPIRE HIM TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS POSSIBLE.

I WILL STRIVE TO BE PATIENT, UNDERSTANDING, JUST AND FIRM. I WILL COMMEND THE DESERVING AND ENCOURAGE THE WAYWARD.

I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE TO MY COMMANDER FOR THE MORALE, DISCIPLINE AND EFFICIENCY OF MY MEN AND THEIR PERFORMANCE WILL REFLECT AN IMAGE OF ME.
I AM THE INFANTRY

I am the Infantry—Queen of Battle! I meet the enemy face to face ... will to will. For two centuries, I have been the bulwark of our Nation's defense ... I am the Infantry! Follow me!

Both hardship ... and glory, I have known. My bleeding feet stained the snow at Valley Forge. I pulled an oar to cross the icy Delaware ... tasted victory at Yorktown ... and saw our Nation born.

At New Orleans, I fought beyond the hostile hour ... discovered the fury of my long rifle ... and came of age. I am the Infantry!

I pushed westward with the Conestoga ... and marched with the pioneer across the plains ... to build outposts for freedom on the wild frontier. Follow me!

With Scott I went to Vera Cruz ... battled Santa Anna in the mountain passes ... and climbed the high plateau. I planted our flag in the Plaza of Mexico City.

From Bull Run to Appomattox my blood ran red. I fought for both the Blue and the Grey ... divided in conflict, I united in peace ...

I am the Infantry.

I left these shores with the sinking of the Maine ... led the charge up San Juan Hill ... and fought the Moro—and disease—in the Philippines. Across the Rio Grande, I chased the bandit, Villa. Follow me!

At Chateau-Thierry, I went over the top. I stood like a rock on the Marne ... cracked the Hindenburg Line ... and broke the back of the Hun in the Argonne. I didn't come back until it was "over, over there."

At Bataan and Corregidor, I bowed briefly, licked my wounds and vowed to return. I invaded Tunisia on the African shore ... dug my nails into the sand at Anzio ... and bounced into Rome with a flower in my helmet.

The Channel and the hedgerow could not hold me. I pushed back the "Bulge" ... vaulted the Rhine ... and seized the Heartland. The "Thousand-Year" Reich was dead.

From island to island, I hopped the Pacific ... hit the beaches ... and chopped my way through swamp and jungle. I kept my vow ... I did return ... I set the Rising Sun.

In Pusan perimeter I gathered my strength ... crossed the frozen Han ... marched to the Yalu. Along the 38th parallel ... and around the world, I made my stand.

Wherever brave men fight ... and die, for freedom, you will find me. I am the bulwark of our Nation's defense. I am always ready ... now, and forever. I am the Infantry—Queen of Battle! Follow Me!

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COMPANY A

Started Basic Training: 12 June 1967

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Brigade Commander

MAJ Milton R. Miller
Battalion Commander

THIRD BATTALION
THIRD BRIGADE

Graduated: 5 August 1967

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Company Commander
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Martin Almeraz
Andres Alvarez
David Armentor
John Bakke

John Bass
Richard Bauroth
Michael Berg
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