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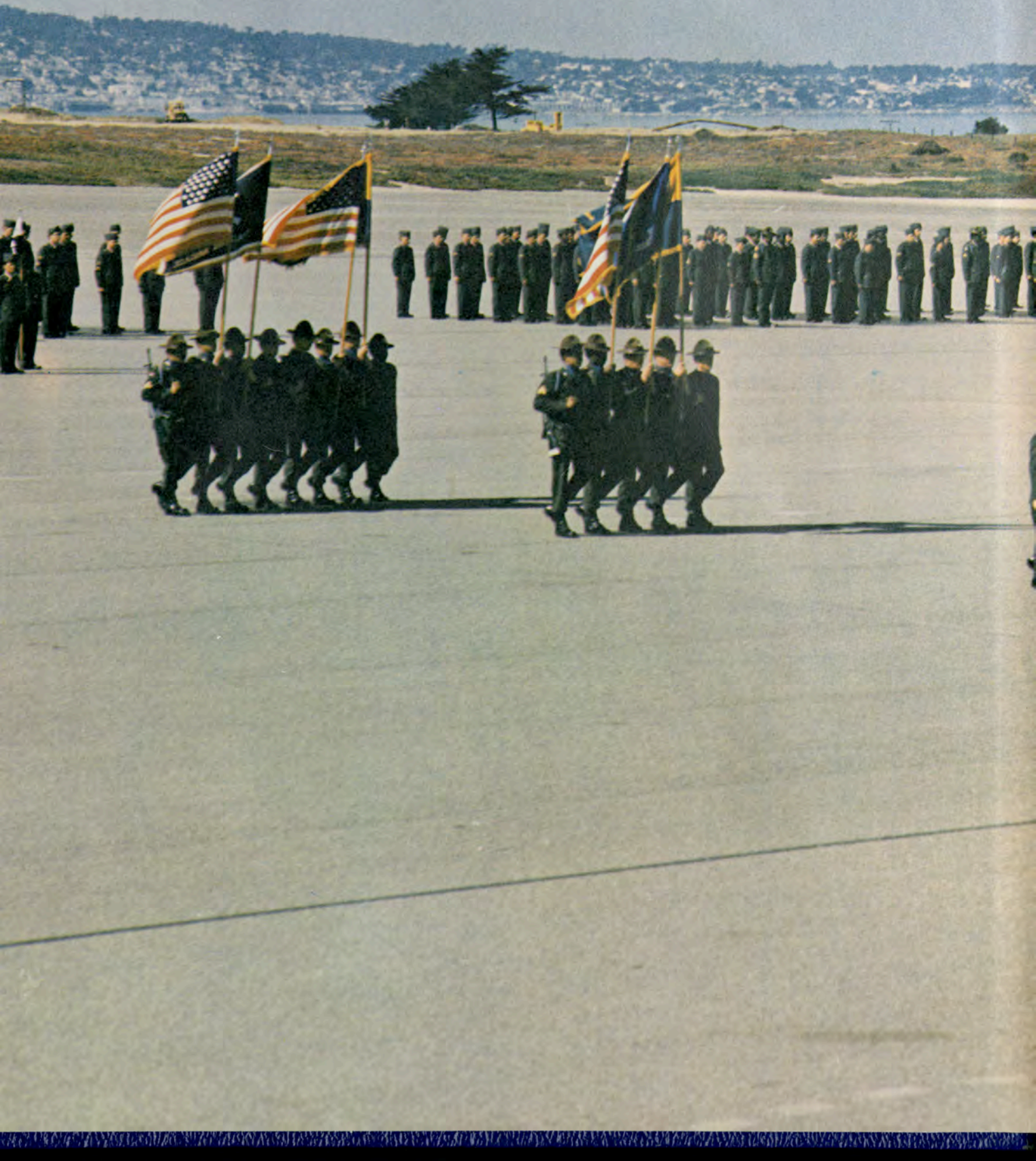
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Fort Ord was named after Major General Edward Cresap Ord, who served with Fremont's Army in the early California days as a lieutenant. Fort Ord covers more than 28,500 acres of rolling plains and rugged hills which make it ideal for its Infantry Training 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
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Community Service Center

Soldiers Club—Gen. Joseph Stillwell Hall



Chapel

Bowling Alley



SERVICE CLUB



POST EXCHANGE



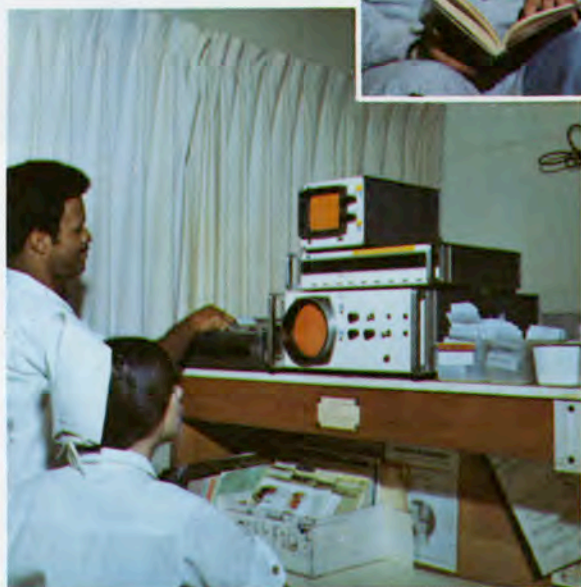


24 Hour Snack Bar





HOSPITAL





BEACH RANGE





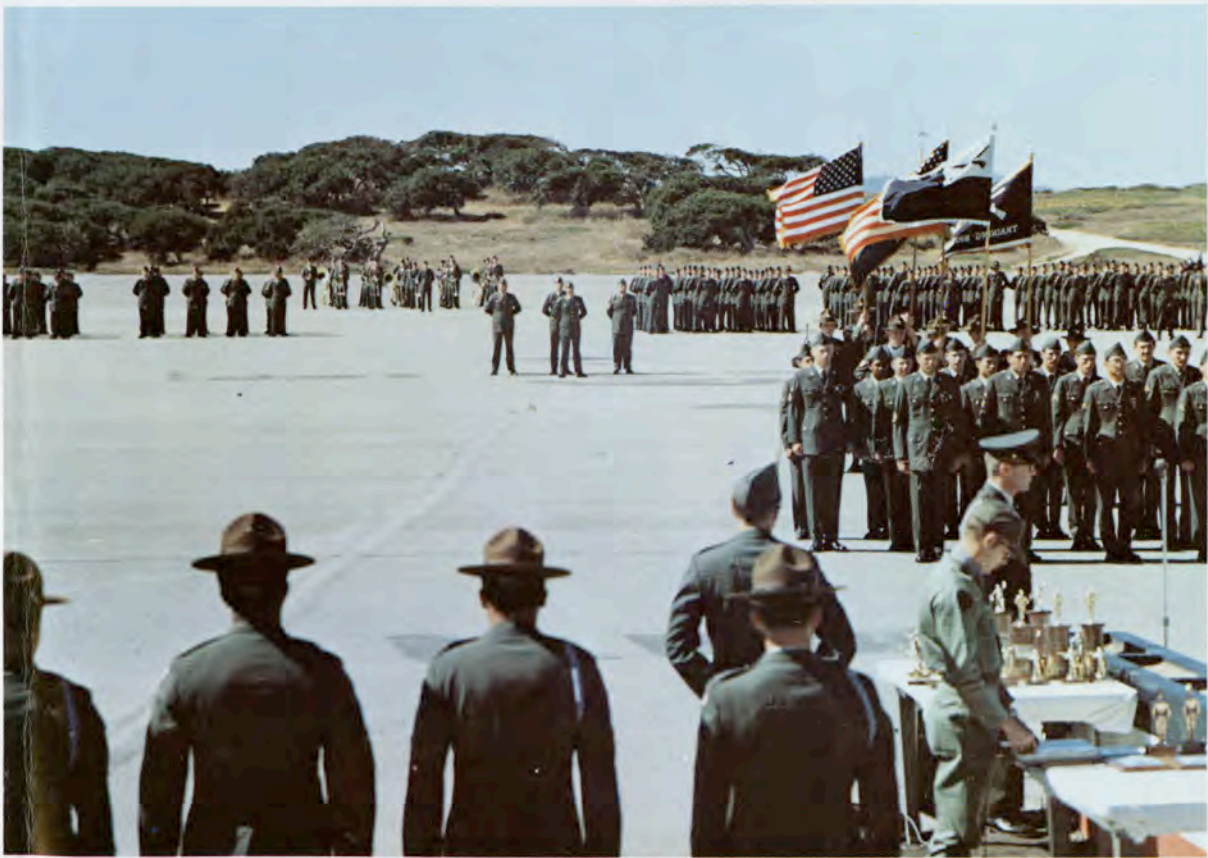


INFANTRY WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION

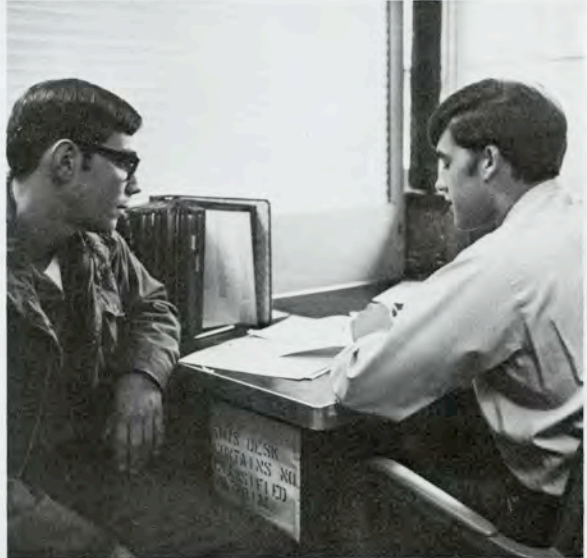


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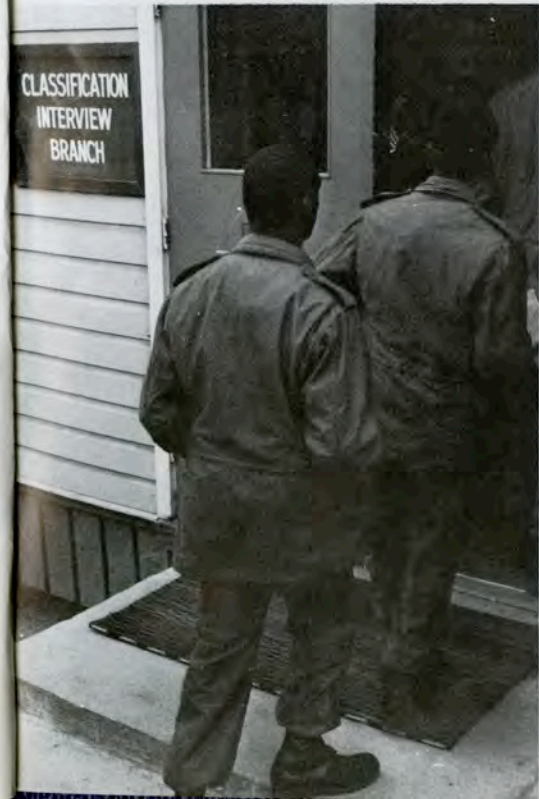








ARRIVING





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CLOTHING

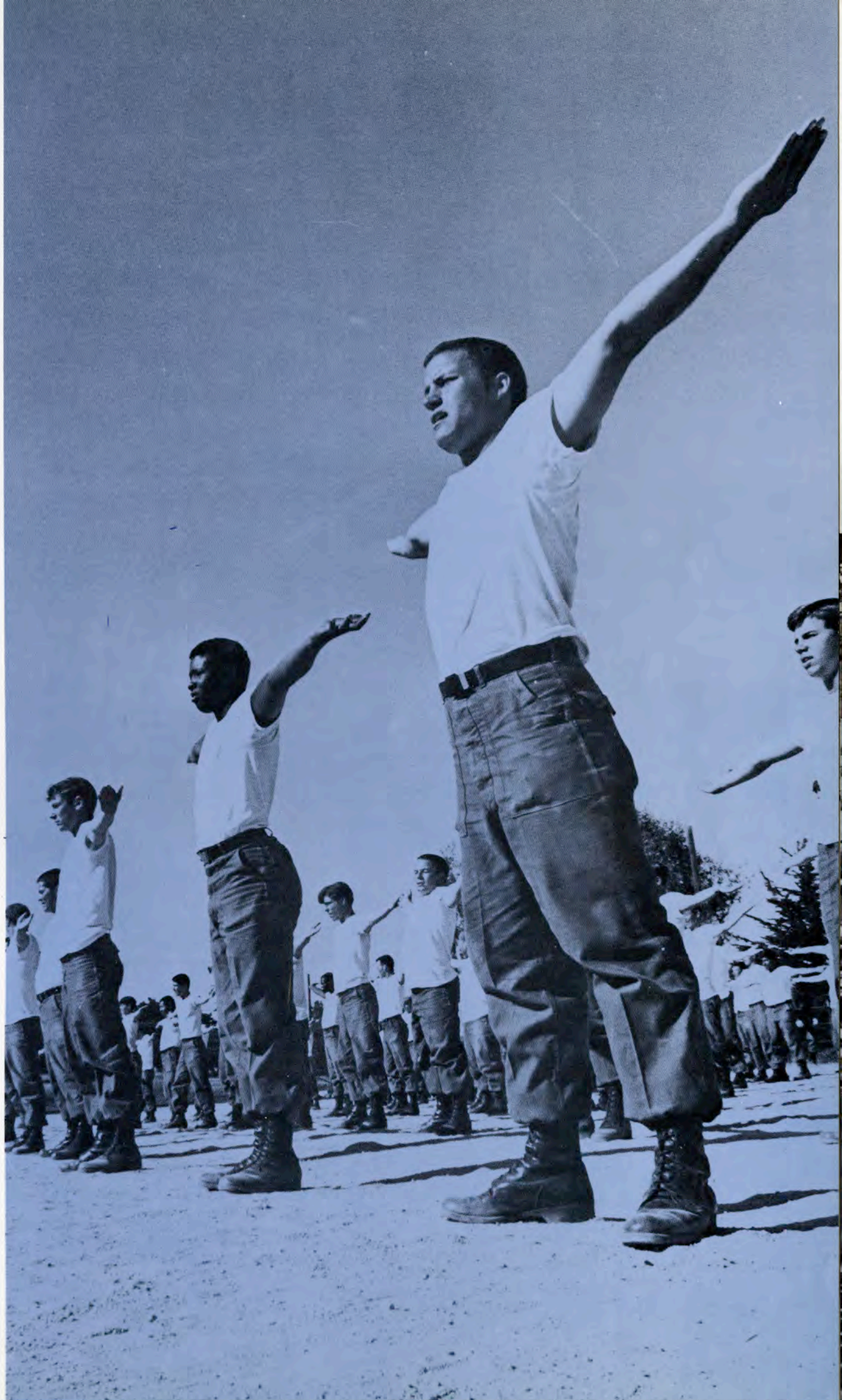


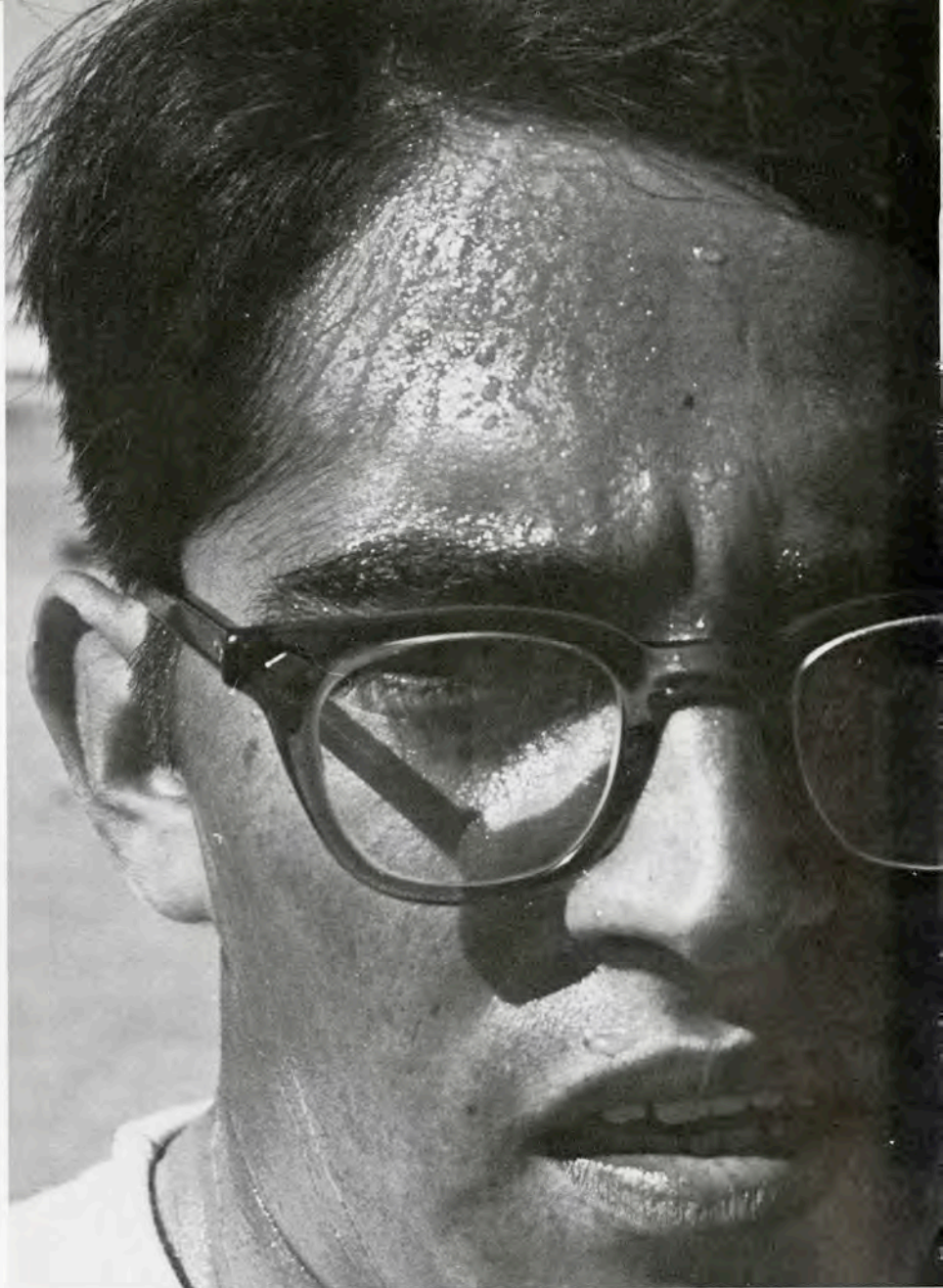


DRILL AND CEREMONIES





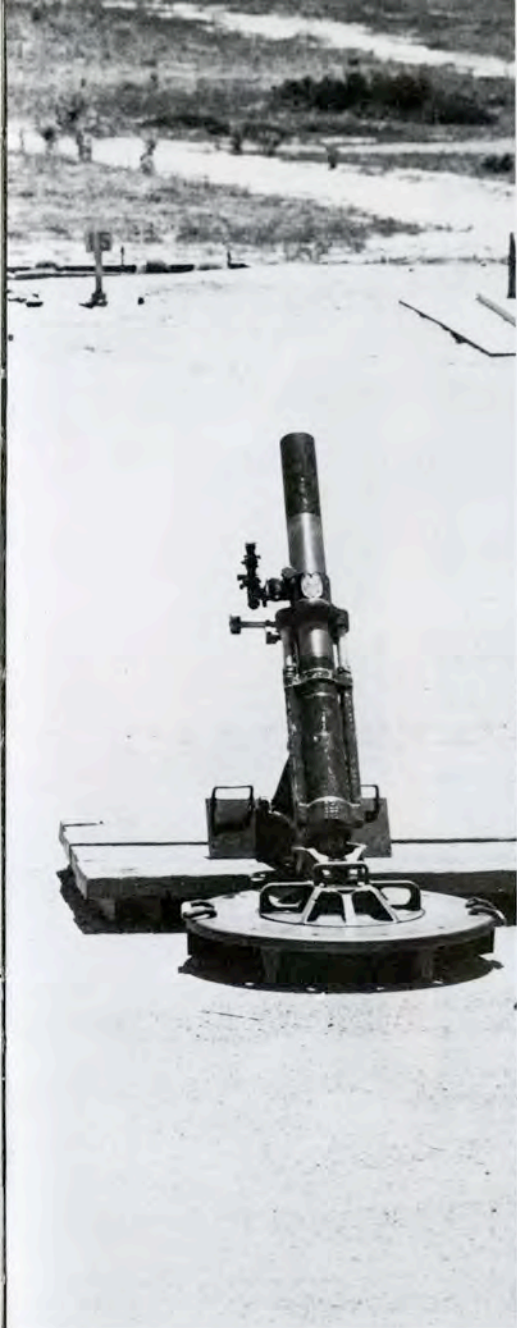






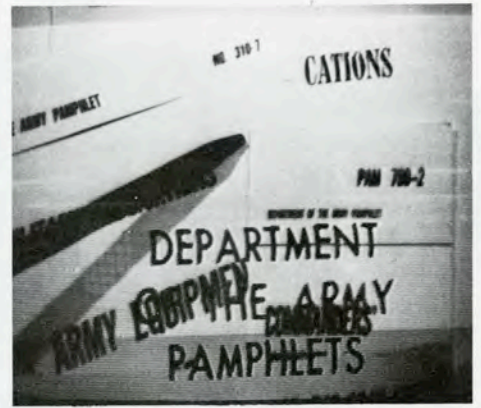
WEAPONS DEMONSTRATIONS











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INDIVIDUAL COMBAT TRAINING





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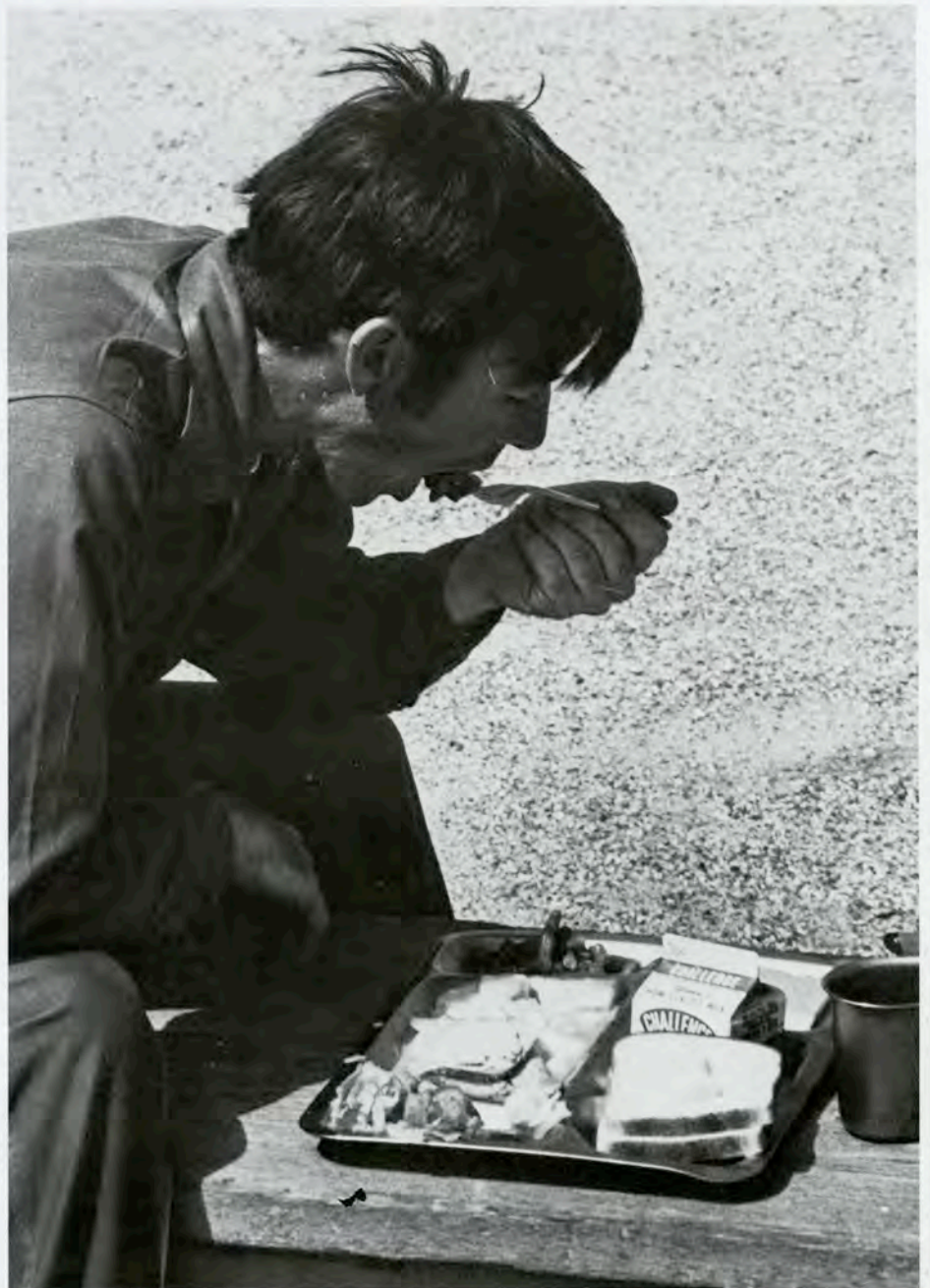
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IN THE SUN





RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP



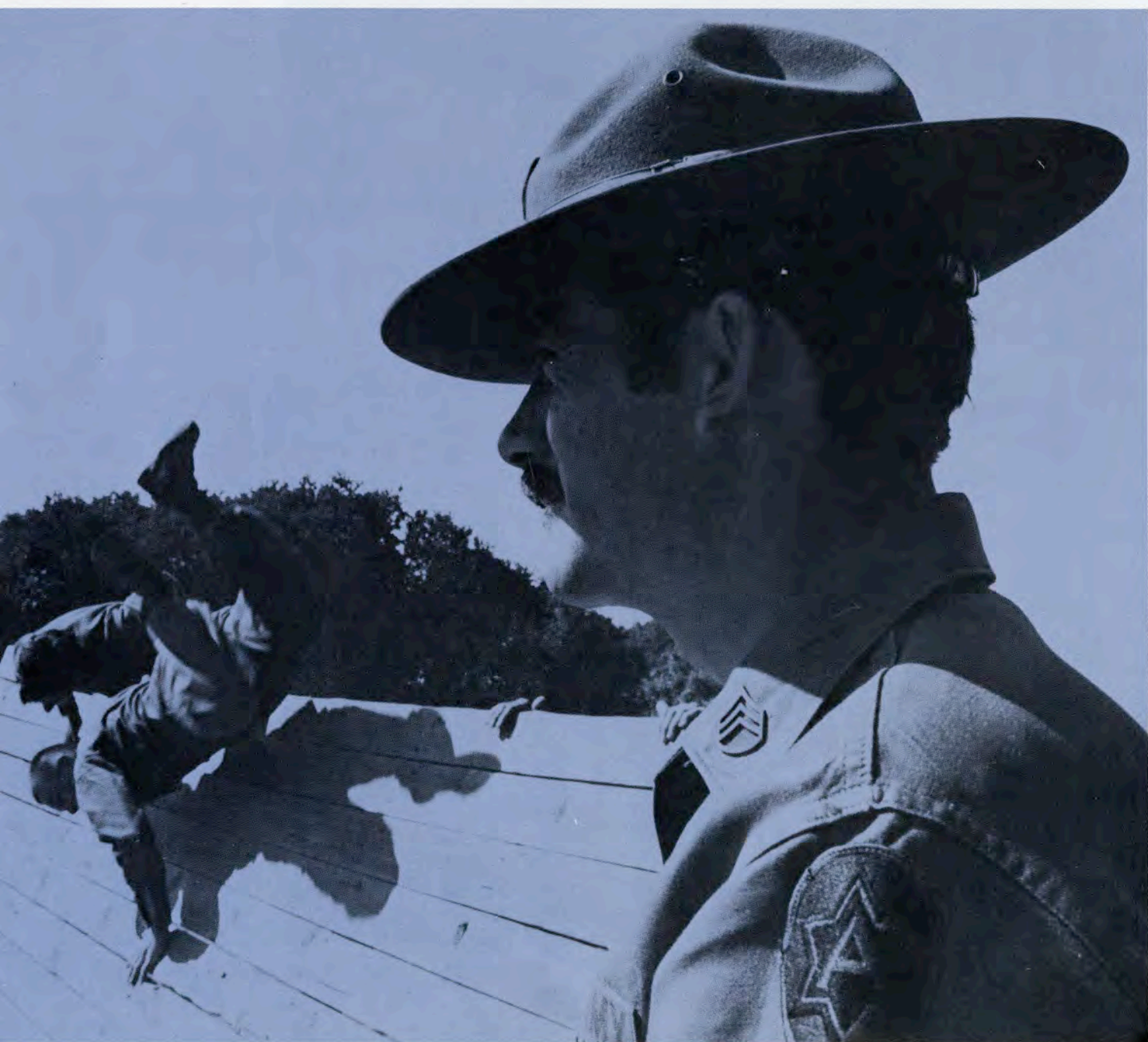




The drill sergeant teaches the fundamentals of military life. He instills in the trainee a sense of loyalty to his fellow soldiers and to his country. By personal example he inspires respect for his profession.

The Army instructor imparts to the trainee the military knowledge and special skills that are essential to the men of today's Army.

These professionals are the backbone of the Army.



TO THE NEW SOLDIER

This book is about you and your comrades in arms. It portrays your transition from civilian to soldier—a change which has been experienced by millions of other Americans before you. It marks your own successful entrance into the finest Army in the world and the continuation of an almost 200 year old American Army tradition.

Today, as in the past, our Army is only as good as its individual members. Your record thus far indicates that you are a worthy addition to the Army and that you will contribute to its proud traditions. As you progress with your Army career, apply and expand upon the knowledge and skills you have gained during these few weeks of Basic Combat Training.

This Pictorial Review Book should bring forth many memories in the years to come, both in military and civilian life.







PHYSICAL TRAINING



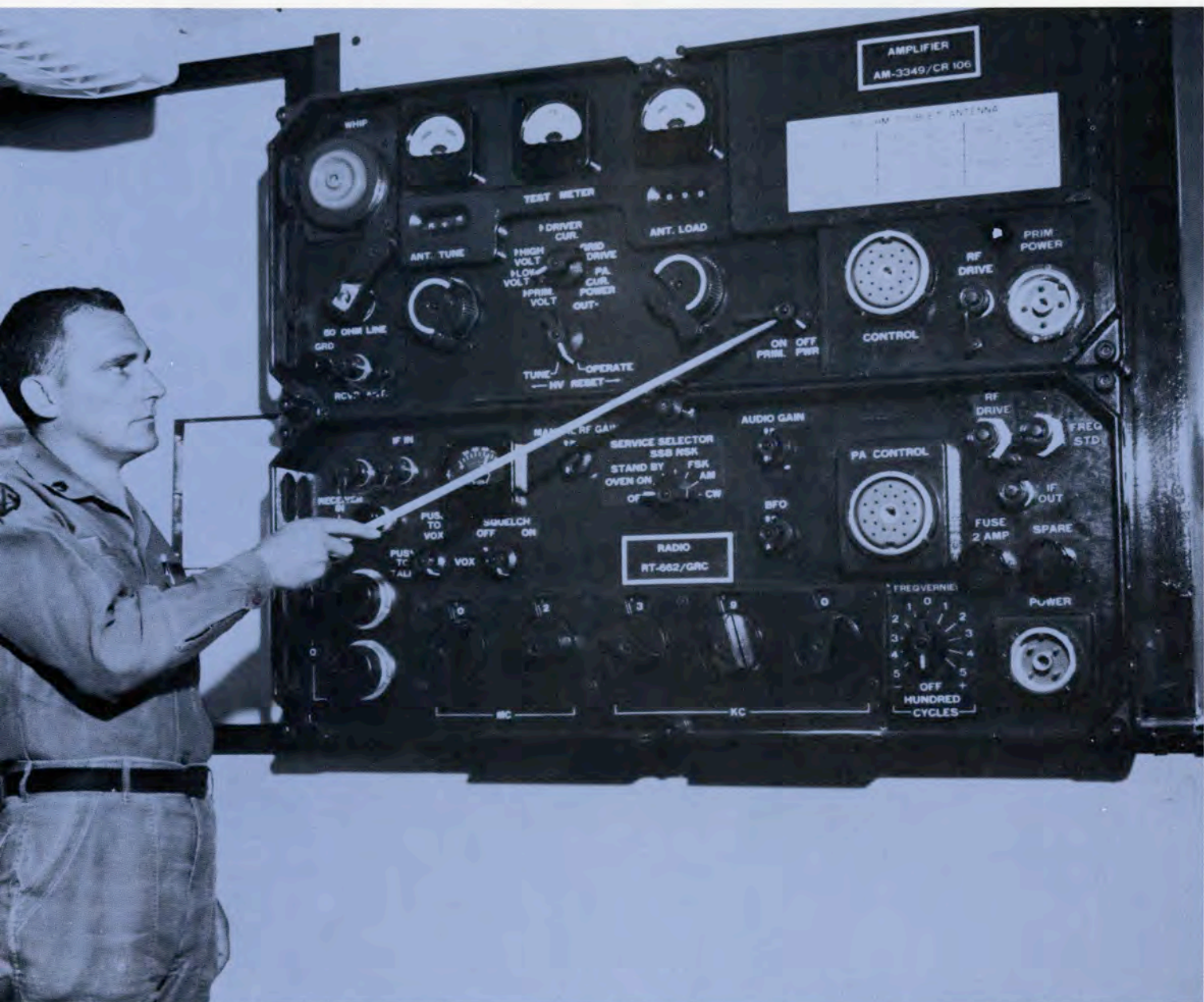


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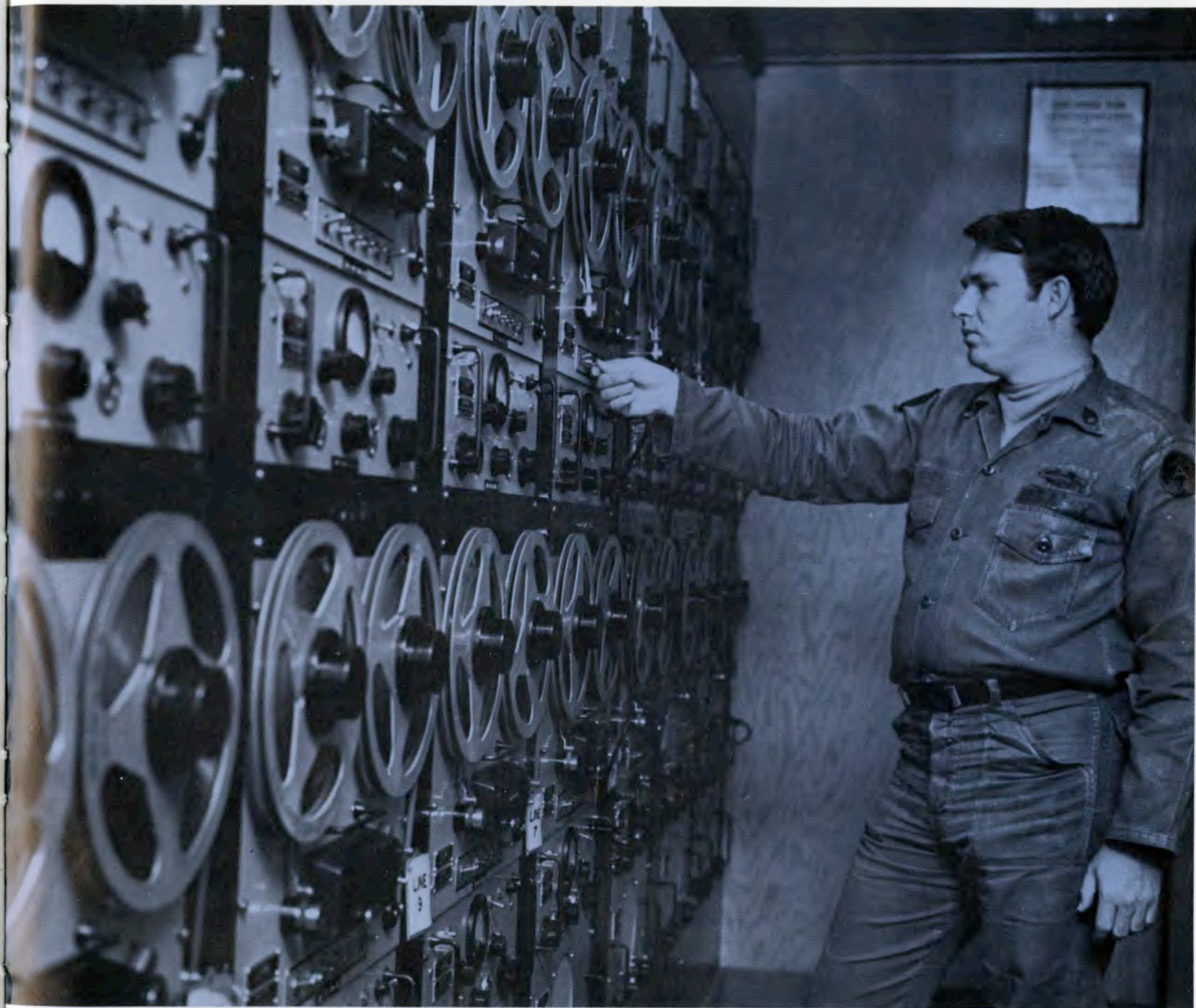
FIELD KITCHEN







RADIO OPERATORS COURSE

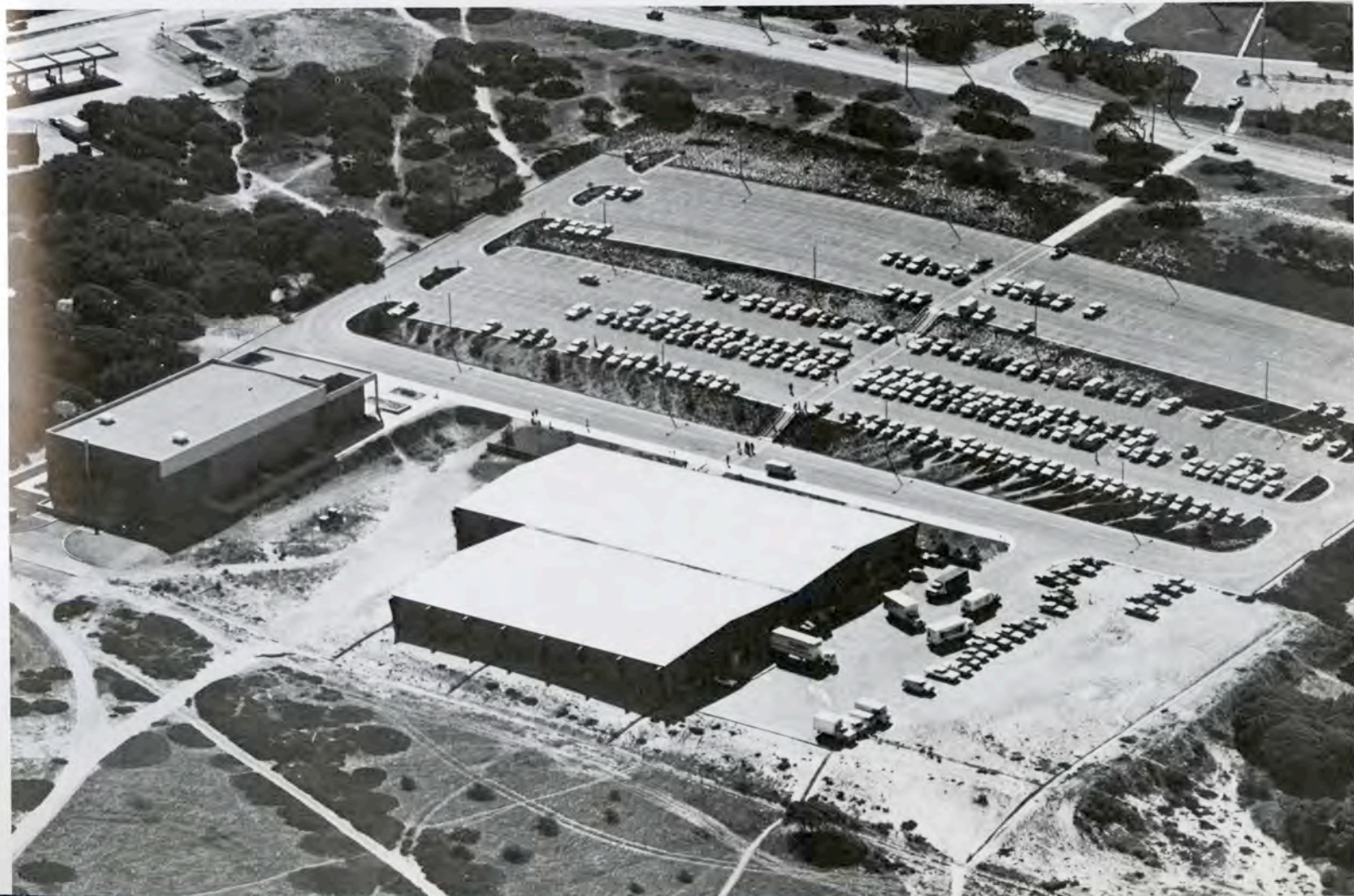






Golf Course

Theatre—Post Exchange

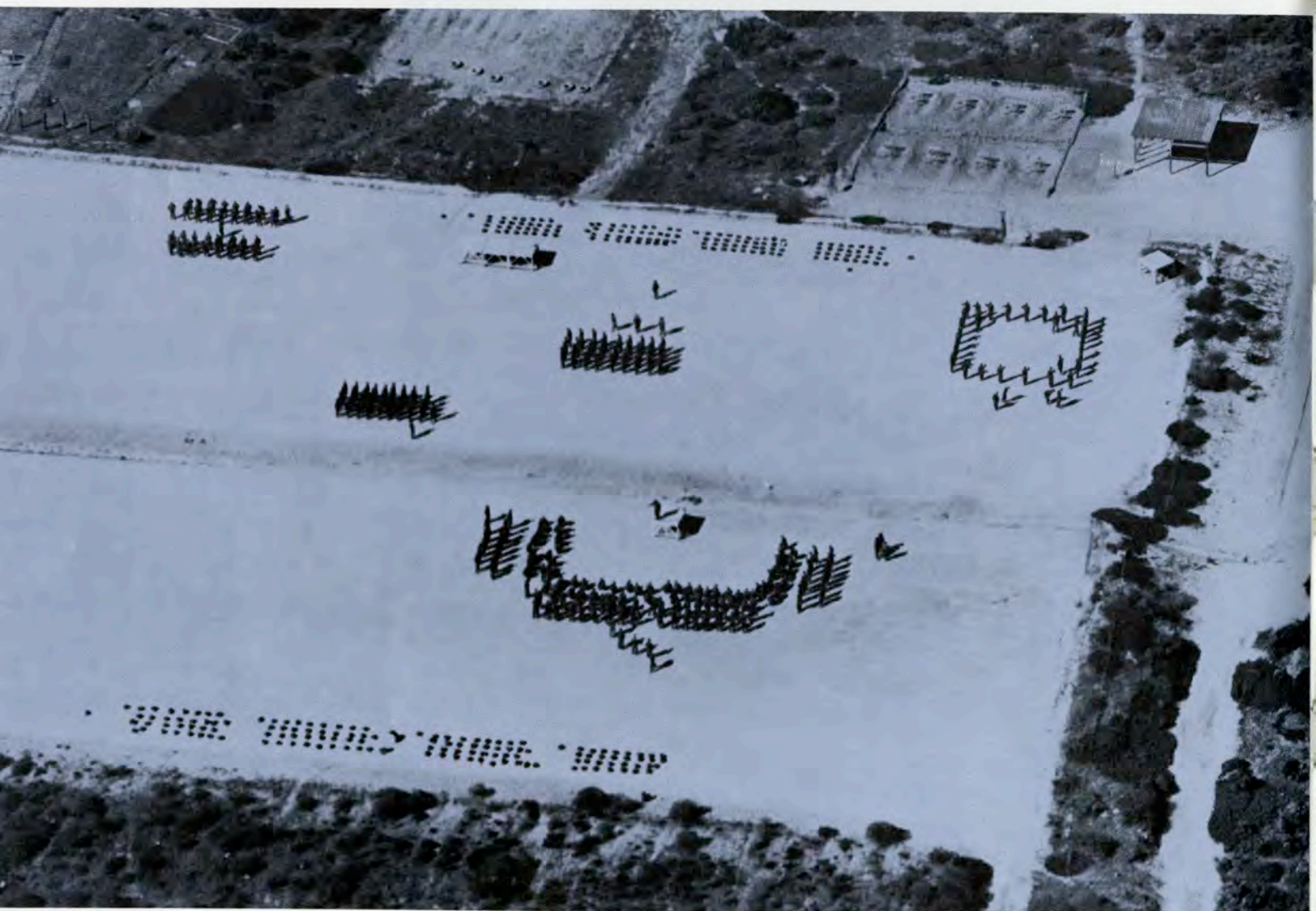






Hospital





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! For two centuries I have kept our Nation safe, purchasing freedom with my blood. To tyrants, I am the day of reckoning; to the suppressed, the hope for the future. Where the fighting is thick, there am I... I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I was there from the beginning, meeting the enemy face to face, will to will. My bleeding feet stained the snow at Valley Forge; my frozen hands pulled Washington across the Delaware. At Yorktown, the sunlight glinted from the sword and I, begrimed and battered... saw a Nation born.

Hardship... and glory I have known. At New Orleans, I fought beyond the hostile hour, showed the fury of my long rifle... and came of age, I am the Infantry!

Westward I pushed with wagon trains... moved and empire across the plains... extended freedom's borders and tamed the wild frontier, I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I was with Scott at Vera Cruz... hunted the guerrilla in the mountain passes... and scaled the high plateau. The fighting was done when I ended my march many miles from the old Alamo.

From Bull Run to Appomattox, I fought and bled. Both Blue and grey were my colors then. Two masters I served and united them strong... proved that this nation could right a wrong... and long endure. I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

I led the charge up San Juan Hill... scaled the walls of old Tientsin... and stalked the Moro in the steaming jungle still... always the vanguard. I am the Infantry!

At Chateau-Thierry, first over the top, then I stood like a rock on the Marne. It was I who cracked the Hindenburg Line... in the Argonne, I broke the Kaiser's spine... and didn't come back 'till it was "over, over there." I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!

A generation older at Bataan, I briefly bowed, but then I vowed to return. Assaulted the African shore... learned my lesson the hard way in the desert sands... pressed my buttons into the beach at Anzio... and bounced into Rome with determination and resolve. I am the Infantry!

The English channel, stout beach defenses and the hedgerows could not hold me... I broke out to St. Lo, unbent the Bulge... vaulted the Rhine... and swarmed the Heartland. Hitler's dream and the Third Reich were dead.

In the Pacific, from island to island I hopped... hit the beaches and chopped through swamp and jungle... I set the Rising Sun. I am the Infantry!

In Korea, I gathered my strength around Pusan... swept across the frozen Han... outflanked the Reds at Inchon... and marched to the Yalu. FOLLOW ME!

Around the world, I stand... ever forward. Over Lebanon's sands, my rifle steady aimed... and calm returned. At Berlin's gate, I scorned the Wall of Shame. I am the Infantry!

My bayonet... on the wings of power... keeps the peace worldwide. And despots, falsely garbed in freedom's mantle, falter... hide. My ally in the paddies and the forest... I teach, I aid, I lead. FOLLOW ME!

Where brave men fight... there fight I. In freedom's cause... I die. From Concord Bridge to Heartbreak Ridge, from the Arctic to the Mekong... the Queen of Battle!

Always read... then, now and forever, I am the Infantry! FOLLOW ME!





AMERICAN SPIRIT HONOR MEDAL

The American Spirit Honor Medal is a medallion provided under the auspices of the Citizens Committee for the Army, Navy and Air Force Incorporated. In December 1940, a group of patriotic civilians established the "Citizens Committee" for the purpose of providing men serving in the Armed Forces articles not otherwise available to them. First used in World War II, in what was then known as the Second Corps area, the American Spirit Honor Medal was an award for outstanding service. Early in 1950, the four military services requested that the Citizens Committee again furnish the medal as an award for the Outstanding Recruit upon completion of his basic training. Reinstated at Fort Ord early in 1967, the American Spirit Honor Medal is awarded weekly to the individual among all the graduating basic trainees at Fort Ord who displays in greatest measure those qualities of leadership best expressing the American spirit, honor, initiative, loyalty and high example to comrades in arms.

