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This book records a new and important period in your life -- the time and effort given at Fort Ord in becoming a soldier in the United States Army.

You have learned to adjust your activities so that you are an efficient, effective, and independent member of the Army team. You have set aside certain individual liberties and privileges, but you have assumed added responsibilities as a disciplined and trained fighting man ready and willing to defend your homeland.

You have become a better man mentally, morally, and physically. You have found new friends that will stand by you throughout life, and you have acquired added prestige and honor as a loyal and patriotic American citizen.

You arrived at Fort Ord as a civilian; you depart as a soldier and an Infantryman. Walk proudly for you are now responsible for the reputation, tradition, and history of the finest Army in the world and that Army's mightiest branch -- the Infantry.

I hope we will serve together again as soldiers, as Infantrymen, and as defenders of our great Nation. Wherever you go may you walk with God.

E. K. WRIGHT
Major General, USA
Commanding
History
Of
FORT ORD

Military establishments are traditional to the residents of the colorful Monterey Peninsula. The picturesque Presidio of Monterey, first a Spanish and Mexican military establishment, has its history interwoven with that of the nation and of California.

In 1917 the Gigling Reservation, comprising 15,809 acres of sage brush and dwarf oak trees, was purchased as an artillery impact area for training soldiers stationed at the Presidio of Monterey.

Named in honor of Major General Edward Cresap Ord, who as a young second lieutenant was prominent in the early history of the region, Fort Ord was originally activated in 1940 under command of the late and renowned General Joseph W. Stilwell, known and beloved to thousands as "Vinegar Joe."

Countless thousands of America's young men received training at Fort Ord during the years of World War II. Upon cessation of hostilities the Fort was maintained as a military replacement center, but no large scale operations were undertaken on its 28,000 acres until July 1947 when the famous Fourth Infantry Division was reactivated. In October 1950, the Fourth Division left Fort Ord for Fort Benning, Georgia. It was replaced by the Sixth Infantry Division, comprised of some of the oldest units in the history of the nation, the 1st, 20th and 63rd Infantry Regiments.
The Sixth Division was originally organized November 26, 1917, at Fort McClellan, Alabama. After winning battle honors during World War I in Alsace, Meuse and the Argonne, it was inactivated at Camp Grant, Illinois, September 30, 1921.

In October 1939 the Sixth was reactivated at Fort Lewis, Washington. It was redesignated the Sixth Motorized Division April 9, 1942, and was later renamed the Sixth Infantry Division May 21, 1943.

After World War II service in New Guinea and Luzon, the unit was inactivated in Korea January 10, 1949. At the outbreak of the present emergency, the Sixth Infantry Division was returned to active service in October, 1950, at Fort Ord, California.

The First Infantry Regiment, one of the nation's oldest fighting units, was first constituted March 3, 1791. Its men have participated in every war in which our country has been engaged since that time. The regiment was assigned to the Sixth Infantry Division in October 1939.

The 20th Infantry Regiment was originally organized as the Second Battalion, 115th Infantry Regiment, for Civil War service May 4, 1861. It was expanded to the 20th Infantry Regiment in 1918. The 20th was assigned to the Sixth Division in October 1939.

The 63rd Infantry Regiment was organized in May 1917. It was demobilized in July 1922, and activated for World War II service in May 1941, at which time it was made a part of the Sixth Division.

The three Infantry regiments were deactivated in Korea in January 1949, along with the Sixth Division. Similarly the three units were reactivated at Fort Ord, October 1950.

The division artillery of the Sixth Infantry Division joined the unit at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, in October 1940. At present the division artillery supervises the Specialist Schools and the Leaders Course which are part of the division training program.
Theater

Field House
THE NEW LOOK

Mess Hall

Living Quarters Are Well Lighted and Roomy
Training Areas
Such As This One
Are Reached
by Marching

An Important Factor
in Clothing Issue,
Measurements Are
Made to Assure
a Proper Fit of
Shoes
Ready for Training

[Photo of a man in uniform standing on a platform, carrying a bag over his shoulder]
Goodbye, Civvies!

Conditioning
Open House

Future Soldiers

Parents and Friends Try Some Army Chow
M-1 RIFLE

The KD Range
Firing Week . . .
Hand Grenade Training...
LEADERS COURSE

At Work

... and Play
Parker Flats ... The Scene of Many Training Hours
Providing Entertainment at Open House
Inspection... GARRISON

AND FIELD
Infiltration

BY

NIGHT

AND DAY
Light

KD
Range
Firing
81 M.M. MORTARS

ON THE SQUARE
During off-duty hours the Service Club, Post Chapels, the Sports Arena, Post Library and Post Exchanges were available.

The USAF afforded us the opportunity to further our education through the courses it maintained.
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Lone Cypress, on Famous 17-mile Drive, Near Fort Ord

18th Green on World-Famous Pebble Beach Golf Course

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—Monterey, California
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COMPANY

63rd

INFANTRY

REGIMENT

5 APRIL '54
TO
29 MAY '54
Abolina, Ivars
Alexander, Floyd B.
Anderson, Edward
Arakaki, Walter K.
Asato, Charles A.
Attakai, Jack

Au, Ernest M.
Austin, Donald
Baca, Raymond L.
Bacon, Donald R.
Barnett, Jerome
Basford, Phillip T.

Bass, John D.
Beeman, Don L.
Benson, Frank
Besaw, Ronald L.
Blindo, Samuel J.
Bishop, Donald L.

Bissen, Norbert B.
Blades, Elmer F.
Blevins, Jim L.
Bolthoff, George A., Jr.
Braxwell, Lee O. E.
Brewer, Frank W.

"How" Passes in Review . . .
on Armed Forces Day
Emerson, Jerry R.
Evans, Robert W.
Feltz, Jerry J.
Fellinger, Joseph H.
Fern, Manford H.
Ferrell, Lloyd

Fischbeck, Larry
Flaus, Henry T.
Florendo, John
Flores, Ray G.
Flow, Granville M.
Fry, Charley M.

Garcia, Armando
Garcia, Jose R.
Garrish, Ray G.
Gent, Arthur P.
Gentry, Nathan N.
Gibson, William D.

Gina, Earl A.
Gold, William
Gomez, George
Gonzalez, Guadalupe
Goodwin, Francis E.
Grangeruth, James

Physical Training
Isam, Glenn O.
Jackson, Paul
Jason, Victor F.
Johnson, Dick
Kalelka, Anthony R.
Kamahele, Clarence A.

Kamahele, Johnny
Kanada, Morito
Karnath, Jim
Kennedy, John P.
Kimball, John B.
King, Herman K., Jr.

Kobayashi, Tadashi
Kreft, James R.
Kushi, Francis K.
Lanini, Leo
Lanning, Jim
Lee, Qu Tai

Lee, William Y. S.
LeVegue, Charles A.
Lindsey, Robert
Linscott, Don W.
Loggins, William
Lowe, Perry L.

MINE WARFARE
Prestia, Keith R.
Rabanal, Orino
Rainey, Alvie E.
Rains, Glen E.
Ramsdell, C. Arthur
Rappa, Anthony R.

Ray, Robert E.
Regalado, Alberto C.
Renek, Lawrence E.
Richins, Dean K.
Ritchie, Frederick M.
Robinson, Glenn J.

Robinson, James M.
Robinson, Michael C.
Rocha, Jackie
Rodgers, Donald E.
Rodriguez, Ben
Rodriguez, Gilbert F.

Romero, Celestino
Romero, Jose
Rosas, Gilbert
Rundell, Richard E.
Saaavedra, Arthur Q.
Salas, John J.
Stephens, David R.
Stewart, Donald E.
Sutton, Ross P.
St. Martin, Robert J.
Storrie, Kenneth
Summers, George K.

Sutton, William W.
Sweet, Albert C.
Sweet, Clarence E., Jr.
Taylor, Samuel F.
Terry, Hershel L.
Tiegs, Ronald

Tokmakian, Howard
Trewella, William L.
Tsukuda, Tom
Turner, Bob
Uchino, Francis A.
Vander Aar, John

Van Moorelehen, Walter R.
Vaughn, Leroy D.
Versammen, Charles F.
Verschoot, Allen T.
Wagner, Daniel G.
Wallendorff, Grant W.

First Aid Class
in the Boondocks
Muscle-Building and Teamwork is Derived from Contest Between Groups to Oust Opponents from Pit
Dismounted Drill
Ammo Detail

There it is!

H-63rd Trains with the Light Machine Gun

Orientation Area
Immunization Shots
A View of Army Life by Friends and Relatives
It Was a Day of Interest to All
Co "H"—63rd
Moves Into
M-1 Rifle
Firing
on the
KD Range
Many Techniques Are Learned While on the Transition Range
We Were Not Always Near the Mess Hall . . . but We Ate Just the Same
On Bivouac
Hand Grenade Practice
Rocket Launchers
Autographs
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