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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)
SERVICE CLUB
POST EXCHANGE
INFANTRY WEAPONS DEMONSTRATION
GRADUATION
ARRIVING
ARRIVING
DRILL AND CEREMONIES
WEAPONS DEMONSTRATIONS
T.V. AS TEACHING AID
FIRST AID
CONFIDENCE COURSE
OBSTACLE COURSE
LAND NAVIGATION
INDIVIDUAL COMBAT TRAINING
GRENADES
TO THROW FROM
THE STANDING POSITION

1. STAND
2. PULL PIN
3. THROW

THE STANDING POSITION

PULL PIN
THROW
CONFIDENCE COURSE
“PICNIC”
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
FIELD KITCHEN
RADIO OPERATORS 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! 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 'til 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 garved 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!
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.
MAJOR GENERAL HAROLD G. MOORE
Commanding General

Harold Gregory Moore was born in Bardstown, Kentucky, February 13, 1922. He graduated from St. Joseph's Preparatory School in 1940. After two years at George Washington University he was appointed to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1945. After completing parachute school in December 1945 he was assigned to 11th Airborne Division in Japan. In 1948 he returned to the United States and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was awarded Master Parachutist wings in 1950.

Moore was assigned as company commander with 17th Infantry Regiment in Korea in 1952. Later he served as regimental operations officer and was promoted from captain to major in April 1953. In Korea he participated in several battles including Pork Chop Hill.

From 1953 to 1956 he was a faculty member at the U.S. Military Academy as instructor in infantry tactics. The next assignment was to the Air Mobility Division, Office of the Chief of Research and Development in the Pentagon. Here, from 1957 to 1960 he monitored research and development of aerial delivery equipment. Then came NATO duty in Oslo, Norway, on the Operations staff of Headquarters Allied Forces of Northern Europe.

In June 1964 Col Moore was given command of 2nd Battalion, 33rd Infantry, 11th Air Assault Division, Fort Benning, Ga. When the 11th Air Assault Division was inactivated in July 1965 his battalion was redesignated the 1st Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division (Air Mobile). In August the 1st Infantry was sent to Vietnam. In November 1965 the battalion attacked and decisively defeated a North Vietnam regiment in the historic battle of the Lai Khe Valley.

In December 1965 Col Moore was given command of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division. This unit fought in several battles before Col. Moore left Vietnam in July 1966.

From September 1966 to August 1967 Moore served as chief at the Vietnam Section in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. After eleven months as a Fellow at the Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, he served on the staff and faculty of the Army War College for two months. Upon being selected for promotion to Brigadier General he was transferred to the Pentagon. There he served as deputy director of plans, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of the Army, from August 1968 to June 1969.

General Moore assumed the position of assistant chief of staff for Plans and Operations (G-3), 8th U.S. Army in June 1969. He became commanding general, 7th U.S. Infantry Division in May 1970, and a year later, 1 May 1971, was assigned as commanding general, U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry and Fort Ord.

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM LOYD WEBB, JR.
Deputy Commanding General

William Lloyd Webb, Jr. was born in Mineral Wells, Texas, September 30, 1925. He attended Texas A & M College for two and a half years before being appointed to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. After graduating from the Academy in 1947 as a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry, he attended the Ground General School at Fort Riley, Kansas, and went on to the Officer's Basic Course at the Armor School at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

General Webb's first assignment took him to Japan for two years as a company officer and a battalion staff officer with the 7th Cavalry Regiment. Upon promotion to Captain, he was given command of Company F, 7th Cavalry Regiment (Infantry) in Korea, where he received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal for Valor.

In 1951 he returned to the United States as an instructor and later a unit commander for the Officer Candidate School, Fort Riley, Kansas. This assignment was followed by the Advanced Armored Officer's School at Fort Knox, Kentucky, from which he graduated in 1953.

General Webb's next three years were spent with United States Army, Europe. In Germany he served 18 months as a company commander, battalion executive officer, and battalion training officer for the 29th Tank Battalion, 2nd Armored Division. As a Major, he became the G-3 Training Officer, 2nd Armored Division, prior to becoming the Assistant Secretary General Staff, Headquarters USAFIR, in 1955-56.

In 1956 he attended the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and in 1957-58 attended the University of Pennsylvania where he obtained his MA in English Literature. General Webb was assigned to the United States Military Academy as an instructor in 1958, serving for two years as an English Instructor and a year as Associate Professor of the Department of English.

He was reassigned to Germany in 1961 to serve 18 months as Staff Officer for the Organization and Training Branch, DCSOPS, Headquarters USAFIR. During this assignment, he received a promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and assumed command of the 1st Reconnaissance Squadron, 14th Armored Cavalry, on the East-West border, from 1963 to 1964.

After completing the US Army War College in 1965, General Webb was retained as Assistant Director for the Department of Strategy. A year later he became Chief of the Plans and Policy Section, Directorate of Instruction, for two years. He was promoted to Colonel in 1967.


In September 1969, he was assigned to the United States Military Academy as Commanding Officer of the 4th Regiment, US Corps of Cadets, for 18 months before attending the Management Program for Executives at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. Then he returned to the Military Academy as Deputy Commandant of Cadets from May to August 1971.

On being selected for promotion to Brigadier General, he was transferred to Headquarters, United States Army Training Center, Infantry and Fort Ord, to become the Deputy Commanding General.
COL Richard R. Peabody
Brigade Commander

LTC Robert Nourse
Battalion Commander

COMPANY A
Commenced Training: 29 November 1971

FIRST BATTALION
FIRST BRIGADE
Completed Training: 4 February 1972

CPT Wallace P. Brown
Company Commander
SFC Rayford Bagley
Mess Steward

SSG Ephriam D. Scott
Assistant Mess Steward

SP6 Johnson
First Cook

SP6 Watson
First Cook

SP4 Rudolph Franklin
First Cook

SP4 Kroon
Cook

PFC Joseph La Paglia
Cook
SSG Collins and Outstanding Graduates

graduation
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body-building exercises designed to develop strength, endurance, agility, and coordination. These conditioning exercises are gradually intensified as he becomes adapted to his new environment.

During this initial phase, the trainee’s time is also devoted to drills and ceremonies, lessons in first aid, map reading and military justice. Character guidance classes, administered by Army chaplains, explain the interrelation of spiritual and patriotic values.

Hand-to-hand combat is introduced to teach the fundamentals of unarmed combat and to instill in each trainee confidence in his ability to protect himself from an armed or unarmed enemy without the use of weapons. Also taught are the basic skills of bayonet fighting. Intensive training is given in basic rifle marksmanship, and during the training period the recruit virtually lives with his rifle. At the end of this phase of his training he fires his weapon for qualification.

During the latter part of his training he goes into the field for bivouac where he receives tactical training, familiarization with hand grenades, and participates in live firing training exercises under simulated combat conditions.

Finally the trainee must take a graded test on all aspects of Basic Combat Training. When he passes this exacting test, his period of basic training is over. On the last day the new soldier parades for his graduation ceremony knowing he has mastered the fundamentals of soldiering.

But Basic Combat Training is not the end of the learning process. Next comes Advanced Training.

Depending upon the type of training they have chosen, or have been assigned to, most trainees will receive two weeks of leave between the basic and advanced cycles. Some men will return to Fort Ord. Others will be sent to posts throughout the country that specialize in subjects such as Infantry, Armor and Artillery. Some will become skilled in one of the Combat Support fields, such as mechanics, cooking, administration, and communications. Altogether the Army provides courses in some 625 subjects.

After Advanced Training, he is ready to take his place alongside his fellow soldiers in a unit, confident and fit to shoulder his share of responsibility as a soldier.