

# Architects Said Blueprinting America's Atomic-Age Army

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Fort Ord, Calif.—(U.P.)—Amer-

ica's atomic age Army, a trim, fast-moving team with a minimum of manpower and a maximum of firepower, is being blueprinted here by an expert group of military architects with their eyes on the future.

These are the men of the U.S. Army's combat developments and experimentation center, commanded by Brig. Gen. Frederick W. Gibb, one of the nation's top military planners.

Their job: to tear up the outdated texts of military tactics and write a new book on how the infantry must operate against the enemy in an atomic battle.

Gibb, a soft-spoken, 48-year-old West Pointer, said today he will start next month with the first actual field tests of new tactics on the sprawling 191,000-acre Hunter Liggett military reservation south of here.

**Guinea Pig Troops**  
Using the men of Fort Ord's 10th Regimental Combat Team as guinea pig troops, Gibb and his staff of about 100 military experts and civilian scientists will take their troops into the field for a series of mock-war exercises.

"We propose to start the experiments with platoon and company-sized units and gradually work up to battalion, regiment and full division operations," Gibb said.

In the hills and canyons of Hunter Liggett they will skirmish over and over with different types of unit organization, weapons and techniques until they can decide which combination can fight, survive and win the war of atomic cannon and nuclear missiles.

"These will be controlled field tests," Gibb said. "You might view them as a huge laboratory-in-action."

**New Tactics**  
The new tactics, the general explained, are being built around the so-called "pentagon concept" which was recently announced by the Pentagon. It calls for whittled-down divisions of five regiments each, with the maximum killing power per man and the nimble mobility of a guerrilla band.

This eliminates the old concept of masses of men backed by masses of materiel with as short as possible supply lines.

The new Army will be made up of small, self-sufficient groups which will rely chiefly on airplane or helicopter for mobility. It will operate in a greatly expanded combat zone to achieve the dispersal necessary to hold down atomic casualties.

Each unit, be it platoon or division-sized, must be able to jump quickly to the attack from relatively far behind the front line in order to follow up an atomic blow at the enemy with an infantry mop-up. Then it must as quickly disperse again to keep from offering the enemy a concentrated target.

Gibb said the new Army's equipment was being tailored also for quick transportation. Its heaviest vehicles and weapons must be capable of being transported by airplane or helicopter and dropped by parachute where they are needed.

**Present Equipment**  
At present, the military planner said, the Army is working with a combination of old-style weapons, gunpowder artillery and the latest 280 millimeter

atomic cannon and ground-to-ground missiles with atomic warheads.

To whisk units from zone to zone, the Army is developing improved helicopters and light-weight, high-speed tracked personnel carriers which can double in brass as mobile artillery.

Improved communications is another major factor which the Fort Ord group will test. The old jeep messenger and landline telephone are on their way out. In their place is coming such innovations as airborne television cameras capable of relaying back to infantry headquarters a

TV picture of enemy troop concentrations and movements miles away.

One thing is certain to be held over for the new Army, Gibb said. That is the old footsoldier's standby—the foxhole.

"The foxhole is here to stay," Gen. Gibb said. "It will be the most important protection the soldier has in nuclear battle."

In fact, he said, the new Army is even coming up with an improvement. It is experimenting with various types of foxhole covers with a specially-treated cloth designed to protect the soldier from radiation and fall-out.

## FOR MEN ONLY

Christchurch, N. Z.—(U.P.)—The Antarctic is for men only, the United States ruled today. Dr. Laurence M. Gould, director of the U.S. International Geophysical Year program, said he has refused several applications from women journalists to visit geophysical year bases.

## THIEF STEALS DOOR

Detroit—(U.P.)—Charles Trimble, 33, heard a noise at his side door and went to investigate but found the door gone. He told police Sunday he saw a man running down the alley with the door but was unable to catch him.

Salem, Ore., is the Pacific northwest's largest fruit and vegetable canning center with upwards of five million cases per year.

## Two Jackson County Schools Receive Standard Ratings

The Griffin Creek school and the Applegate school have received standard ratings from the state department of education as a result of a recent evaluation, according to Cliff Mekvold, county school superintendent.

A rating of standard indicates that the school and community have developed a program of education and supplied proper buildings and materials, meeting all requirements of the state board of education.

**Frequent Examinations**  
A school is not declared standard for any definite period of time but will be re-examined from time to time in light of changing standards and conditions, it was explained. If the

official appraisal shows serious weaknesses in facilities, organization, instruction, or administration of a school, opportunity is given to the district to correct the condition before any change is made in the status of the school.

Few schools in Jackson county have achieved a fully standard

rating, Mekvold said. A school must be either standard, standard with advice, or conditionally standard in order to receive state basic school support.

**Other Ratings**  
He pointed out that a school rated standard with advice has met to the extent of the potential of the district at the time of the survey, but certain utili-

mate adjustments are necessary to meet all the requirements for unqualified standardization. A school so rated holds the legal status of a fully standard school provided the school continues to make an effort with advice from the state department of education to secure further needed improvement.

A conditionally standard school is one that has failed to meet the requirements for standardization in certain fundamental respects, but the local school board and other local administrative officers have agreed to a plan providing for improvements within a reasonable time, provided the plan is accepted by the superintendent of public instruction.

## JOHNNY APPLESEED

Anaheim, Calif.—(U.P.)—Bonnie Fields, an elementary school teacher, must appear in court today on a charge of throwing trash on a city street. A pupil brought her an apple which she ate as she drove home. She threw the core out the window and was arrested.

## SMOKE-FILLED POOLROOMS

Stanton, Calif.—(U.P.)—The city no longer will be run from a pool table. The City Council, which has been meeting for a year around a pool table in temporary quarters at the fire house, has leased facilities for city offices.



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## Upholstery Class At Rogue River Planned for Adults

Rogue River—A planning session for an upholstery class for adults will be held Saturday, January 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Foothills Community hall, located just to the rear of the Foothills store.

This class is being sponsored by the adult education division of the state department of education in cooperation with Rogue River school district No. 35. Mrs. Mae Frye of the vocational department in Eugene will be the instructor. The classes will be held on five consecutive days, from 3 to 9 p.m. each day, and the fee will be approximately \$7.75.

Those interested in this class should call the high school, JU 2-3206 or GR 6-5131, according to John B. Harr, superintendent of Rogue River schools.

Adult classes in tailoring and cake decorating will be offered in February if enough interest is indicated. These classes will be held in the Rogue River Civic club building and the instructor will be Mrs. Orma Farnham.

The fee for these classes will be approximately \$7.00, depending upon the number enrolled. Those interested in these classes should call the high school.