

490th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, Camp Cooke, California, April 1944. The verso was annotated with names by George Lawrence Buhler, who is on the top (4th) row, 8th from left. (incorrectly identified as 7th)

Camp Cooke was built during WWII in 1941. Camp Cooke served as a major armored and infantry training center. It remained Camp Cooke through the war and the Korean War. In 1957, the Army transferred the installation to the Air Force, and in 1958 it was renamed Vandenberg Air Force Base. Today it is called Vandenberg Space Force Base; focused on space launches and missile testing.