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Fort Bragg, N.C.....Erected in honor of paratroopers everywhere, this impressive statue was unveiled at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the Headquarters of the Strategic Army Corps.

Lieutenant General T. J. H. Trapnell presided at the dedication ceremony which was attended by distinguished civilian and military friends and associates of the elite Airborne. Veteran troopers of the famed 82d and 101st Airborne Divisions, Special Forces and other paratroop commands, formed the guard of honor as Mrs. William C. Lee, widow of paratrooper pioneer General Lee, unveiled the TROOPER.

Over a year in the making, the statue weighs about 2500 pounds and stands over fifteen feet tall above the pedestal. The "AIRBORNE TROOPER" is located at the junction of the Knox Street entrance to Fort Bragg, "Home of the Airborne" and along Highway 87, an historic route to Florida. The traveling public and interested visitors can stop at this roadside monument for a pleasant pause and find an excellent background for family snapshots.

The sculptress is Mrs. Samuel L. Hiebert, wife of Fort Bragg's Deputy Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Hiebert. She studied art in Europe, Japan and New York under the respected tutelage of Herr Grave and M. Y. Sakate. Kenneth J. Knutson and Zintars Zamelis assisted Mrs. Hiebert

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in both sculpture and technical construction.

The supporting materials of the statue are primarily of steel. The basic details are outlined in steel mesh. The primary coat is of polyester resin with chopped glass fibers. The secondary and final coat is epoxy resin proportioned with ground glass fibers and bronze powder. The basic outline of the boots, helmet and entrenching tool was made piecemeal from wrought iron.

"30"

PHOTO CAPTION

FORT BRAGG, N.C. Statue unveiled, "In honor of The Airborne Trooper whose Courage, Dedication, and Traditions make him the World's Finest Fighting Man."

