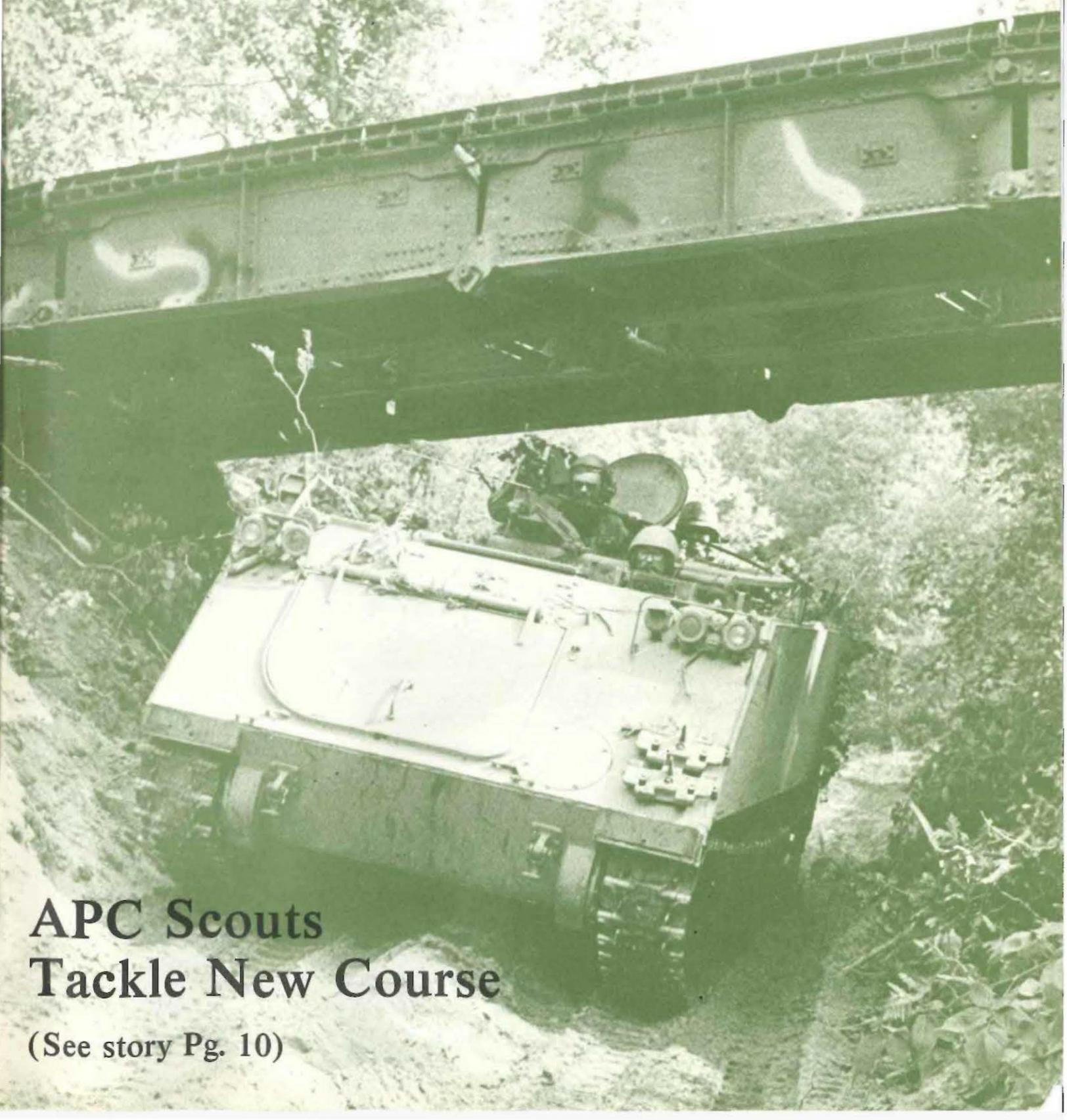


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The AG Speaks

Be All That You Can Be

By now we have all seen that TV commercial titled "BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE — JOIN THE ARMY."

While the commercial is an advertisement for joining the Army, the "Be all that you can be" is good advice for all of us, both Army and Air Guard, and equally good for all people everywhere.

We in the Ohio National Guard have many wonderful opportunities provided as a result of our membership. Tuition assistance, service schools, aviator training, state NCO and leadership schools, and officer candidate schools, both active and state, to name but a few. Are you taking advantage of these opportunities to "be all that you can be?"

In my visits to units and annual training, I talk to many enlisted members, NCO's and junior officers. One of my favorite questions is "Where do you plan to go in this unit?" That's somewhat like a parent asking their children what they want to be when they grow up. The question is not meant to be

interpreted in that manner. It is intended to focus their attention on their personal, long-range goals and intermediate objectives both in the Guard and in their civilian life. When I hear an officer say, "I want to command this unit, or I want your job," or a private or junior NCO say "I want to be the First Sergeant of this unit," I know I have met a person with a definite objective and "One who intends to be all that he can be."

I realize that many of you have definite civilian objectives and have joined the Guard to assist you in achieving these objectives. However, since most of you will be with the Ohio National Guard for a minimum of six years, I encourage you to establish objectives for your military career as you have for your civilian life. Leadership, training and assumption of responsibilities in the Guard will serve you well later in your civilian occupation.

"Be all that you can be" and the Ohio National Guard will benefit, too.

MG James C. Clem



Why We're Here ... Things We Defend

President Reagan addressed the Second U.N. General Assembly's Special Session on Disarmament held in New York on June 17, 1982. He spoke about how the United States' military power has been a force for peace. Excerpts follow.

The record of history is clear: Citizens of the United States resort to force reluctantly and only when they must. Our foreign policy, as President Eisenhower once said, ... is not difficult to state. We are for peace, first, last, and always, for very simple reasons. We know that it is only in a peaceful atmosphere, a peace with justice, one in which we can be confident, that America can prosper as we have known prosperity in the past.

To those who challenge the truth of those words let me point out that at the end of World War II, we were the only undamaged industrial power in the world. Our military supremacy was unquestioned. We had harnessed the atom and had the ability to unleash its destructive force anywhere in the world. In short, we could have achieved world domination, but that was contrary to the character of our people.

Instead, we wrote a new chapter in the history of mankind. We used our power and wealth to rebuild the war-ravaged economies of the world, both East and West, including those nations who had been our enemies. We took the initiative in creating such international institutions as this United Nations, where leaders of goodwill could come together to build bridges for peace and prosperity.

America has no territorial ambitions, we occupy no countries, and we have built no walls to lock our people in. Our commitment to self-determination, freedom and peace is the very soul of America. That commitment is as strong today as it ever was.

The United States has fought four wars in my lifetime. In each we struggled to defend freedom and democracy. We were never the aggressors. America's strength and, yes, her military power has been a force for peace, not conquest; for democracy, not despotism; for freedom, not tyranny. (TAKE HOME NEWS)

From the Asst. AG-Army

Accepting Responsibility For Your Position

During my period of service in the Ohio National Guard, which has covered the span of 35 years with a total service time of over 39 years, one of my basic unchangeable beliefs has been that the organization must always look good. Personal recognition and gain accomplished at the expense of the organization serves only one purpose and that is the destruction of the public image of the organization. This in turn destroys confidence in the system as well as the self-image of each individual.

What all this means is that each person occupying a position of leadership must accept the responsibility that established the reason for the position.

In a military organization, the reason for everything is our troops. This includes training (the bottom line is survival) and welfare. Under welfare, I would include morale, personal problems, pay, food, public relations, pride, career management and assistance and the multitude of other items that makes the difference that results in proud, well-motivated soldiers, who are accepted by peers, friends, family and the general public.

I now want to isolate the importance of public relations from the other considerations that have been mentioned. We can produce the finest, best trained and motivated soldiers possible but if we lock ourselves away from the rest of the world, no-

body will know it but us. Hence, we never develop the public support that is needed and results in the creation of a good "public image." In other words, we can become the best but the public has to believe that too. This is important in building stature but more importantly, develops a favorable recruiting environment.

IT IS NO ACCIDENT THAT OHIO IS THE ONLY STATE OF THE SIX LARGEST THAT IS OVER 100% STRENGTH.

My time of service to our country and in the military is rapidly coming to an end. I have always been proud to wear the uniform of our nation and have represented the Ohio National Guard with as much dignity and personal enthusiasm as I can muster. At the same time, much of my concern has been directed toward ensuring that the needs of our soldiers are met with immediate and corrective responses. I mention these things in the interest of bringing out certain facts that we must accept and practice.

Leadership must maintain a will as well as a desire to insure that a visible personal relations attitude is obvious to everyone. Those who are senior must imbue this in those who will lead in the future.

The focus is on our TROOPS and on the PUBLIC. It takes time and much personal effort. If we don't place top priority on these things, we will again find ourselves in the

situation of wondering why: we are not appreciated, our retention rate is low, a poor public perception of us exists, our self-image is poor, recruiting suffers, morale drops to a low level, etc., culminating in poorly trained and poorly motivated soldiers.

Defining the need and the responsibility is simple. Likewise, the solution is not difficult to define. Doing it is another matter. We must do it ourselves because, particularly in peacetime, nobody is going to do it for us. The stature, acceptance and reputation of the Ohio National Guard has never been better. We can walk the halls of education and industry with pride and confidence. People from all occupations are very supportive of the Guard. In many cases, we are being vigorously promoted by those who had no idea what the National Guard was all about until recently.

Training soldiers is not difficult. Getting them, keeping them, instilling pride in not only our troops, but also the public, is the real challenge because too often, we don't recognize that we have to work to make it happen. To be really effective, our leadership at all levels has to become personally involved. Motivated, well trained and proud soldiers go hand in hand with good public relations. We need a program but only people can make it work.

Brig. Gen. James M. Abraham

Letters

Editor:

When I first joined the Guard I was given quite a few guarantees. One of which was that after basic training I would be allowed to have my civilian job back. I left for basic training with this understanding.

When I returned from my training I reported to my employer. During my absence my immediate supervisor was changed so I reported to my new boss and was told my services were not needed. I felt this was unfair, since it was one of my guarantees. I called my unit commander, he in turn contacted the Adjutant General's Office (Sgt. Maj. William Pewther), and a representative, SFC Harold Leone, was with me the next day. We met and discussed the situation. SFC Leone contacted my employer and reminded her of her obligation to take me back and keep me for one year.

The following Monday I started working again. This true illustration is one example of one of the many ways the Guard works for you. If you have similar problems make your

commander aware of it. Believe me, I know from experience the Guard works for you.

Pvt. 2 Holly A. Barstow
Det 1 1416th TC (AVIM)

Editor:

The 112th Engineering Battalion of the Ohio National Guard has just completed two weeks of intensive training at Camp Grayling in Michigan. The purpose of this letter is to thank three gentlemen who went far beyond the call of duty to make the lives of the men and women training at Camp Grayling something more than just a two-week tour of duty.

Recreations officer, Maj. T. Chisnell and his assistants, SSgt. J. Flemons and Sgt. D. Jones from 5064th Garrison USAR, Detroit, Mich., put in many long hours scheduling and officiating softball games, as well as other recreational activities. Thanks to the tireless efforts of these three brothers in uni-

form, there was always something relaxing to look forward to after the hours of training.

For your many hours of work gentlemen, Co C, 112th Engineer Battalion offers a heart felt salute. Thank you for caring.

Sincerely,

SSgt. C.E. Bankhead
Athletics NCO
Co C, 112th Engr Bn

Correction!

Please excuse the errors on page 17, August issue of *Buckeye Guard*. As the story stated it was the 1485th Transportation Company in Covington that relocated, not the 148th. Also, the photo caption on the same page should have said the 54th Support members in protective masks, not the 1485th.

E I B

Only best infantry troops earn EIB

BY Sp4 CHUCK TRITT
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Last year during annual training, 200 men of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) tried to earn the Expert Infantry Badge (EIB).

Only eight made the grade.

This year, 150 men were put to the test. With the hands-on component of their Skills Qualification Tasks (SQT) on which they must score 100 per cent still facing them, only seven remain.

It wasn't that the men were ill-prepared. It's just that the standards are so high that only the best can earn the right to wear it.

"The EIB is more than just a decoration for the uniform," said SSgt. Stan Richards, NCO-in-charge and member of the 73rd Brigade's Operations and Training Section that administers the test.

"The EIB is the highest peace-time achievement an infantryman can earn. Wearing the EIB shows that a soldier has reached the ultimate state-of-the-art in infantry fighting ability," said Richards, a holder of both the EIB and Combat Infantry Badge (CIB). Richards credits what he learned in getting his EIB with later helping to save his own life in combat so that he had the opportunity to wear the CIB.

"We don't have to tell the men that they are doing themselves a favor by learning or sharpening these skills now," Richards said. "They already know that it may someday save their lives."

The first step toward the EIB is volunteering for the test and being recommended by the unit commander.

Next, several prerequisites must be fulfilled. These include qualifying as an expert with his service weapon, completing a full-pack 12-mile march in less than three hours, passing the Army Physical Readiness test, and scoring 100 per cent on the hands-on component of his SQT.

Finally, the soldier must complete the EIB round-out tests. These include a concealment exercise, and the calling in and adjusting mortar fire. In addition, a competitor for the EIB must complete both the day and night compass course.

There is no written section to the EIB testing. All parts are purely practical application of infantry skills.

"Passing the EIB testing requires a dedicated individual," Richards said. "Receiving the EIB proves that a soldier can withstand both physical and mental stress."

The Command Sergeant Major, Robert J. Goodson agrees with Richards.

"The men who pass the EIB testing are more than just ordinary soldiers," Goodson said. "They have proven themselves to be the very best at what they do."



A member of the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate) leads the pack during a 12-mile forced march at Camp Grayling, Mich. (Photo by Sp4 Chuck Tritt)

Air Guard wins first place trophy at Loadeo

BY TSgt. NED E. MARTIN
121st Tac Ftr Wing

After two days of what can only be described as "intense" competition, Ohio's 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker Air National Guard base, took home the first place trophy in "Loadeo '82", the Air National Guard's first A-7 weapons loading competition. Held at Buckley ANG base, Colo., the contest featured load crews and aircraft from 13 of the 15 A-7 units in the Air Guard.

Colorado's 140th TFW, hosts for the competition, took second place, followed by Michigan's 127th TFW, Selfridge ANG base, in third. The weapons meet was the brainchild of Lt. Col. Arvey Mason, 140th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander, who saw the need for the contest last year when his unit was preparing for

the worldwide air-to-ground gunnery competition called Gunsmoke '81.

"It occurred to me that we needed an ongoing competition within the Air Guard A-7 community as a means of keeping the competitive edge honed for all units," said Mason. "I have a strong desire for the Air Guard to dominate all areas of the Gunsmoke competition for years to come."

Rules for the contest paralleled those used in the Gunsmoke contest with only minor variations. Each three-man load crew scored on two ammunition loadings using four inert MK82 (500-pound) bombs. Crews were also evaluated on the condition of tool kits as well as personal appearance. The goal was to earn the maximum of 2,650 points.

Violations of safety or loading procedures cost crew anywhere from 10 to 250 points. The 11-man judging team for the competi-

tions was made up primarily of active duty weapons instructors from nearby Lowry AFB. Other evaluators came from non-participating A-7 units and the National Guard Bureau.

In addition to those already mentioned, other units taking part in the competition included: the 112th Tactical Fighter Group, Pittsburgh, Pa., 114th TFG, Sioux Falls, S.D., 132nd TFG, Des Moines, Iowa, 138th TFG, Tulsa, Okla., and the 150th TFG, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Also competing were: 156th TFG, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 169th TFG, McEntire ANG Base, S.C., 180th TFG, Toledo, Ohio, 185th TFG, Sioux City, S.D., and 192nd TFG, Richmond, Va.

In addition to team trophies, members of each winning team also received individual trophies.

Oldest vet recognized

BY SFC NANCY M. CLEVENGER
HHD, Worthington

The Ohio National Guard spent a day at the Ohio State Fair honoring veterans from across the state.

The program, which drew 76 entrants after a call went out for Ohio's "Oldest Vet Yet" was held in the grandstand with hundreds of spectators, along with many military organizations represented. The entrants ranged in age from 33 to 92. Over 50 veterans came to take part in the activities in which the "Oldest Vet" in attendance is given special honors.

Scott H. Wack, a former member of Company A, 308th Military Police, U.S. Army and a resident of the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, was presented with a plaque by Maj. Gen. Robert Teater on behalf of the Adjutant General.

Wack stated, "Nothing could make me happier or prouder than to receive this plaque." When asked how his years as a soldier were, he smiled and said, "I was just ready to be made sergeant when the Armistice was signed. I never received any awards or decorations. I was just a good soldier."

The day's activities included a prestigious presentation of the Armed Forces flags by a color guard coordinated by the 160th Air Refueling Group. Members of the military color guard included: SFC Ruth Kinney, HHD, Worthington and her son Petty Officer Steven Lane from the U.S. Navy, and Sgt. James Rogers from the 160th ARFG and his son Corporal Donald Rogers, U.S. Marines. The other color guard members were: Sgt. Douglas Sission, Petty Officer Larry Slagle, Sgt. Donald Hughes, Chief Carl Rericha and Sgt. Mike Kight.

The 122nd Army National Guard Band provided the music throughout the program. There were also jet and helicopter flyovers which delighted the audience. Martin Petree, WMNI Radio, was master of ceremonies.



A large crowd turned out to cheer on Scot Wack as he was named Ohio's Oldest Vet Yet at this year's State Fair. (Photo By SFC N. Cleveneger)

Artillery trades in old 105s for 'ugly black sticks'

BY SFC DANNY FLAUGHER and
SSgt. TOM WOOTEN

HHD 11136th Field Artillery Battalion

In 1954, the 1st Battalion of the 136th Field Artillery received the first of their M101 A1 105mm Howitzers to be used for training. Now, 28 years and thousands of fired artillery rounds later, the 136th Field Artillery Battalion has given up the M101s and has received 18-M102 105mm Howitzers. Six Howitzers have been issued to each battery.

The M102 Howitzer is a lightweight, towed weapon. Some of the members have jokingly nicknamed it the "ugly black stick!" The M102 has a low silhouette when placed in the firing position. It can be airlifted,

dropped by parachute, or can be towed into position by a 2½ ton truck.

The new Howitzers employ a roller tire and firing platform, permitting a 360 degree traversing capability. It has a variable recoil system which eliminates the need for a recoil pit since it is staked into firing position, allowing the weapon to be emplaced in a minimum amount of time.

The M102 requires an eight-man crew, as did the M101 Howitzer. It has a maximum effective range of 11,500 meters or over seven miles. It also has self-illuminated firing control devices which give it night lighting capability.

Other important features include the fire control equipment which is divided into

three categories: (1) indirect fire control instruments, (2) direct fire control instruments, and (3) miscellaneous fire control equipment. The indirect fire control system, mounted on the left side of the weapon, is used to fire on targets not visible from the weapon.

The direct fire control system, mounted on the right side of the Howitzer, is used to fire on targets visible from the weapon.

The miscellaneous fire control equipment contains the fire control quadrant, infinity aiming reference collimator, instrument lights, power supply, remote control light sources and fuze setters. This group also contains an alignment device, aiming post and aiming post lights.

Air Guard pitches tent with Army

BY Sp4 CHUCK TRITT
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Other Ohio Air National Guard units may spend two weeks at an Air Force base somewhere in the world training with their active duty counterparts. Some may use their annual training time to fly missions in and around the State.

"In this unit, we dress up in funny clothes and go camping in the woods," said Capt. Patrick J. Easton of the 164th Weather Flight.

This is rather unusual behavior for an Air Guard unit, but the 164th is in a unique situation.

The unit was attached to the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) over three years ago to provide weather and climatological information. It is the only Air Guard unit in Ohio permanently attached to an Army Guard unit.

Normally, the unit drills at the Air Guard base in Mansfield. However, during their annual training period, the 12-member unit goes right along with the infantry brigade.

"We must be able to set up tents, fire weapons used by the infantry and generally, take care of ourselves in a combat situation," explained Lt. Col. W. B. Bauer, the flight commander.

"Since we do go to the field with the infantrymen, we are more aware of the effects of our forecasts. Now when we say it's going to rain, we know that the troops in the field, including us, are going to get wet. We are no longer working in an air-conditioned build-



CHECKING THE WIND . . . Air Guard Sgt. Mike Denchik of the 164th Weather Flight measures the wind speed after first determining its direction. (Photo by Spec. 4 Chuck Tritt)

ing looking out the window at the weather," Bauer said. "Since we, too, are in the field sharing the same miseries, the weather conditions are more than just our job."

Because of their unique position with the Army Guard unit, the Weather Flight members put up with some good natured ribbing from other Air Guardmembers, particularly since they were issued the new Battle Dress camouflage uniforms.

"During our regular drills at Mansfield, people bump into us and say, 'Sorry, I thought you were a bush,'" Easton laughed.

But the information they provide to aviation and field commanders in the 73rd Brigade is less than a laughing matter. Ac-

cording to Maj. John Spoff, intelligence officer, the most important use of the information the Weather Flight provides is in support of the Aviation Section.

"The maximum load that can be lifted by a helicopter depends somewhat on atmospheric conditions," Spoff said. "On hot, humid days, the helicopter cannot lift as much as on cool, dry days.

"Also, if the weather is forecasted to be really bad, we can ground the helicopters until the danger is past," he said.

Ground commanders depend upon the Weather Flight for forecasts so that their troops take to the field all the gear they may need.

BY 2nd LT. STEVEN HOLCOMB

This year at Annual Training, members of the 54th Rear Area Operations Center (RAOC), Worthington, were very interested in coming up with a way to earn money for Muscular Dystrophy. Someone mentioned that long distance runs to raise money were popular, and so the 1st Annual 54th Support Center Muscular Dystrophy Fun Run was planned.

The run was staged on August 7th, with invitations to participate sent to all units at Camp Grayling, Mich. It consisted of a 5-kilometer run around a course set up at the camp.

The race began shortly after 9:00 a.m. by Capt. Tim Schultz of the 54th. Cheers of encouragement from the onlookers sent the runners off to what would prove to be an exciting race that saw several lead changes. Second Lieutenant Doug Yost, who the pre-

vious day had finished 2nd place in the Command and Control Headquarters 4-mile run, surged into the lead and set a blistering pace. Unfortunately, the earlier run had taken its toll and this member of the 54th's Area Damage Control Section was forced to drop out at the halfway point due to a knee injury. After several lead changes, 2nd Lt. Brien Dickson, also of the 54th, moved out into the forefront.

Cheers of excitement by the crowd and sponsors heralded the runners as they crossed the finish line. Dickson was awarded a trophy by the Center Commander, Lt. Col. Benjamin Rowe. Certificates were awarded to the top finishers in various age groups.

The crowd, runners and controllers had a great deal of fun. More importantly, the 54th had made a contribution to a worthwhile organization. A total of \$50 was raised by the run in what is hoped will become an annual event.

54th - RAOC distance runs for charity

Tomcik most decorated Guardsman

BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS
Company A, 237th Support Battalion

"... for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force . . ." (Distinguished Service Cross Citation).

It isn't uncommon for the recipient of a Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) to receive the honor posthumously. Many do not survive the action that earned them the DSC, one of our nation's highest wartime military decorations.

But Maj. Dennis C. Tomcik, Operations Officer for the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate), not only accepted the citation signed by Gen. Creighton W. Abrams in February 1969; he was back a few months later in May to receive his second DSC. Combined with his other awards and decorations, including nine bronze stars (four for valor), one purple heart, an Army Commendation Medal for valor and two Air Medals, Tomcik is believed to be the most decorated soldier in the Ohio National Guard.

It's a claim the 35-year-old major doesn't dispute, yet tries to down-play when pressed to elaborate.

"We all had a job to do in Vietnam," he explained, gesturing at the modestly framed DSC citations that provide the only relief from the maps and charts that dot the walls of his office at the 73rd Brigade Headquarters on Sullivan Avenue in Columbus. "It wasn't a matter of intentionally being heroic. It was more like being in the wrong place at the right time."

Tomcik graduated from the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., in 1967, and assigned to the 9th Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam with Company B, 3/47th Infantry Battalion.

He was awarded his first DSC for actions on October 13, 1968. Then a 1st Lieutenant, Tomcik was a platoon leader in an air assault action against an enemy company. With his unit pinned down by enemy fire, Tomcik



Maj. Dennis C. Tomcik, 73rd Infantry Brigade. Tomcik may be one of the most decorated members of the Ohio Army National Guard. (By SSgt. Davida Matthews)

moved forward and single-handedly destroyed two enemy positions. Still under heavy fire, he returned to his men to obtain a machine gun, then set up return fire forward of the main body of the platoon while directing in gunship fire within 25 meters of his position. Later, with a 5-man squad under his leadership, Tomcik and his men over-ran and destroyed six more enemy bunkers.

Less than three months later, Tomcik earned his second DSC while leading an 8-man reconnaissance-in-force mission into enemy territory. He and one other moved ahead to investigate a deserted village. As they were exiting a hut, they came face-to-face with three heavily armed enemy soldiers, the advance for a company-size unit.

With Tomcik providing cover fire, both men attempted to withdraw. They reached a deep, swift-running stream where Tomcik set up a defensive position while the other attempted to cross. When his partner began

to flounder, Tomcik saved the man from drowning despite heavy enemy fire. Both were able to return to their unit to pass along the vital information they had obtained.

When he returned to the U.S., Tomcik was assigned as the Leadership Instructor at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning. He applied for and was accepted to attend airborne training, then volunteered for a second tour of duty in Vietnam.

After his return and a four-year break in service, Tomcik joined the Ohio Army National Guard, first serving with the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Later, he accepted an assignment to the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) where he is currently serving as the Operations Officer.

"I feel lucky to be in the Brigade," Tomcik said. "I'm constantly impressed with the strong leadership at all levels and the quality of people in the Guard. Their dedication to doing a good job just can't be beat."

112th in Germany

BY Pvt. 2 JAMES BROWNING, JR.
112th Transportation Bn

The 112th Transportation Battalion (MT) recently went to Kaiserslautern, West Germany, for its two-week annual training period.

While on active duty, the Middletown Guardsmen were involved with their counterparts from the Active Army, which was the 53rd Transportation Battalion.

A big difference this year was the transportation to their active Army counterparts. Instead of the convoys the 112th had grown accustomed to, the 112th experienced the

long flight which eventually took them to the United States Army Europe (USAREUR).

"Every Ohio Guard unit is committed to a federal mission," 1st Sgt. Calvin Meadows said, "and that's what our training was all about." The training the 112th experienced helped polish their skills and maintain proficiency according to Army standards.

While in Germany, the 112th encountered carnivals, mountains, autobahns, castles and beautiful forests, but realized the importance of the United States Army's role in Europe. About 220,000 U.S. Army men and women, or one-fifth of all Active Army

soldiers, stand ready beside our NATO allies "to preserve a way of life." The 112th were happy to take part with their counterparts of the Active Army.

The highlight of this year's AT was the border tour along Czechoslovakia. After witnessing the "iron curtain" the 112th realized the reason for being there, and to be combat ready.

The HHD 112th Transportation Battalion (MT) is located on South Main Street, in Middletown, Ohio.

Signal Platoon finds getting there half the battle

BY Sgt. FORREST S. GOSSETT
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Pulling their vans up a steep hill which was carved into the Camp Grayling, Mich. landscape by the last of the great glaciers several centuries ago, members of the 299th Signal Platoon, 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate), found themselves and their vehicles stuck axle-deep in sand.

About 40 minutes later, SSGt. R. W. Smith's section, with the help of an active Army adviser, SFC Robert Wilson from Fort Gordon, Ga., figured a way to get the vans and trailers out of the sand — they attached chains to a tree and revved the engine to its limit. Finally, after about 20 minutes, they were out.

Though somewhat unusual, the problem was indicative of the type members of the 299th face on annual training (AT) and regular weekend training.

Working with what their adviser calls "first-generation" microwave (meaning it dates back to the Korean War), the unit's multichannel communications section must maintain state-of-the-art knowledge in signal operations.

"Considering the equipment they have to work with, these guys can match most active Army signal units," said Wilson, the adviser.

The 299th is responsible for providing the 73rd with communications to higher headquarters in a combat or training situation. Much of their work and equipment is classified at varying levels.

'Considering the equipment they have to work with, these guys can match most Army signal units' — SFC Robert Wilson

The 299th is the only numbered signal unit in the Ohio Army National Guard. Unlike many units, they are overstrength. Way overstrength. The unit has 13 more people than called for in its authorized 51 slots.

For 2nd Lt. John Kaylor, who assumed command of the platoon in May, that's a thankful blessing for his first AT period with the unit.

"I was asked to take over the platoon back in March," he said. "At the time, I thought they meant after AT. Then I was told it would be in May. It was somewhat of a shock, but I've never had this many people before. When I was in charge of a commo platoon, we were only about 50 percent strength — barely enough to get the job done. It will be interesting to see how we do."

Kaylor's charges are taking to heart the Army's Battalion Training Management System (BTMS) that encourages delegation of



299th members pull their trucks out of axle-deep sand. (Photo by Sgt. Forrest Gossett)

training authority to the lowest possible level in the chain of command.

For instance, Smith, the section leader, was allowing his assistant to direct setting up the multichannel antenna.

"I know how to do this, and so does he," said Smith. "But I've got more experience in the field. We believe very strongly in this unit and in allowing our junior and inexperienced people to lead the training. I am evaluating him, I am being evaluated and the person evaluating me is being evaluated. Sure, it's time consuming, but I'll tell you this, it's very effective."

Another major phase of training this year for the 299th was "ComSec" — communications security. ComSec is just what it im-

plies — making certain communications are secure.

According to Sgt. Mike Harshman, training NCO for the 299th, operators are being reminded about the basics of security.

"Really, anyone ought to know this stuff. They know not to stay on any line for more than 20 seconds, they know to use the proper keys for the day and many other things," he said. "Of course, we make certain other people using our channels are following security procedures, too. A lot of people using the phone system don't realize that we can, and do, monitor all calls. That means we hear when the phones are being used to talk about last night's club date."



OMA officer candidates are being ferried to their training site by members of the USAR Special Forces during Combined Arms exercises at Alum Creek Reservoir near Columbus.

OMA not in over its head

Officer candidates get their feet wet in stream crossing class

BY Sp4 JON FLESHMAN

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Ohio Military Academy officer candidates got more than just their boots wet during the stream crossing techniques phase of their combined arms training at Alum Creek Reservoir near Columbus.

The 57 officer hopefuls of Class XXX assembled on the muddy banks of a secluded inlet and were given a sequence of instructions and demonstrations by senior TAC officer Capt. William Hall and other staff members from OMA. After each technique was explained and demonstrated the candidates took to the water to prove to themselves that the methods really did work.

The candidates quickly learned that their personal military equipment can be very useful in constructing expedient floatation devices to overcome water obstacles while on patrol.

Two ponchos, properly wrapped and tied with bootlaces, can become a watertight raft that keeps your gear dry and you afloat as you paddle to the opposite bank. Five to eight emptied canteens strung together, or a five-gallon water container, will give a soldier adequate buoyancy to get across a river. Hall successfully demonstrated that even a fatigue shirt can be put to good use as a floatation device.

TESTING THEIR TWO-MAN PONCHO RAFT are OMA officer candidates Lennox Mitchell (left) and Robert Null. Inside the tightly wrapped bootlace tied ponchos are their uniforms and field gear. The candidates were putting into practice what they learned during the Stream Crossing Techniques phase of their Combined Arms training at Alum Creek Reservoir near Columbus. (Photo by Sp4 Jon Fleshman)

Hall knotted the sleeves at their ends, turned the shirt back to front, and buttoned the top button behind his neck as one would a giant bib at a lobster dinner. Holding the bottom corners of the shirt with each hand, he backed into the water. With one hand he began to splash water so that air bubbles came under the fabric and began to inflate it. Enough air was trapped in the knotted sleeves and between his chest and the back of the shirt to keep him afloat.

An excellent way to get an entire patrol safely across a deep, wide, fast-moving stream was demonstrated in the use of a single-rope bridge. This technique requires a long length of half-inch nylon line, snap links and six-foot lengths of line for each individual's sling.

The rope bridge is made by first securing one end of the line to an object, a tree will

do, on one side of the bank. The patrol's strongest swimmer knots the other end of the line around his waist and heads for the opposite bank. There he makes fast the end to another secure object.

The soldiers waiting to cross, tie the short lines around their waists using the bowline knot. At the free end of their lines a second bowline is tied into which is clipped a snap link. Facing the current, the soldier clips into the line already in place across the stream and moves into the water. He moves across the stream with one hand on either side of the free-running snap link.

The non-swimmers among the candidates participating in the exercises soon discovered for themselves that the stream crossing techniques were effective and reliable in overcoming potentially hazardous water obstacles.





Scouts from the 73D Infantry Brigade (Sep) move carefully down a road at Camp Grayling, Mich., during the Brigade's annual training. (Photo by Spec. 4 James Day)

Infantry Scouts use skill to survive

BY Sp4 CHUCK TRITT
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They have one of the most dangerous jobs in the modern Army, glamorized by such programs as "Rat Patrol." They are the infantry scouts, working alone or in small groups to attempt to infiltrate the enemy to gather information.

"These men have one of the most exposed jobs in the Army," said Capt. George Figula, assistant intelligence officer for the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) which recently completed training at Camp Grayling, Mich. Since scouts usually report their findings to the intelligence section of a command, the Brigade Intelligence Section is responsible for their training.

During annual training, all three scout platoons within the Brigade, involving approximately 15 vehicles and 50 men, are evaluated. Observers grade the platoons' responses when confronted with a problem. Like most Army testing, the evaluations are considered either a "go" or a "no-go" with little room for error.

"Ideally, the scouts move into an area until they make contact with the enemy, gather whatever information they can, then

get out, preferably unnoticed by the enemy," Figula said.

The Brigade scouts travel in three-man teams in quarter-ton jeeps, usually in groups of two vehicles for added protection. The lead vehicle checks for the enemy while the second provides covering fire should the first "make contact." When information is required quickly or a shortage of manpower forces a scout to work alone, the tension level increases dramatically, according to Figula. "Scouts learn to work as a team, to rely on each other for protection. When they have to go out alone, they have reason to be nervous," he said.

Other than their jeeps and weapons, the only other piece of equipment the scouts use is a radio to coordinate their attempts to locate the enemy and report back their findings. The radios may also be their key to survival if they are discovered.

"The scouts must depend upon their radios to call in artillery or air support if they need to pull back in a hurry," Figula explained. "When the enemy is hot on your tail, the glamour goes away fast. It comes down to using every skill and trick in the book they've learned — not only to complete their mission, but also to survive."

APC scouts tackle new course

By Sp4 D.S. DANKWORTH
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The solitude of the Michigan wilderness is shattered when a diesel roar approaches. Tree limbs crack, a 30-foot pine tree crashes to the ground and a 10-ton metal monster appears at the edge of the sandy path.

"You should have taken it down!" a camouflaged soldier shouts to the young driver of the Ohio National Guard armored personnel carrier (APC). The specialist 4, who is a course instructor, then turns to the middle-aged crew chief standing behind a mounted machine gun in the carrier's turret. "You've got to stay off that radio as much as possible. Use those hand signals!"

Members of the Ohio National Guard's 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment did in early August what they have done year after year,—spent their two-week annual training period at Camp Grayling, Mich. But the regiment's APC scouts experienced a diffe-

rent dimension in training when they tackled the camp's grueling new scout proficiency course.

Capt. Michael Stoiber, commanding officer of the 107th's Troop E, said the cavalry scouts — advance soldiers on APCs — have dealt in separate exercises with some of the "problems" facing them on the new course. The new course, however, puts all the problems together.

"We've neglected our scouts over the past few years, concentrating on our tanks (training)," he said. "But this is a good course. It's graded to let the commanding officers and scouts know where they're at (in training)."

At the start of the course, members of Troop L from Painesville, Ohio, anxiously waited for their turn to put their APCs into action. The course takes even the most experienced scouts four or five hours to complete.

The cavalrymen on one of the vehicles vary in age and in their civilian interests.

Sp4 Philip Cottos, 23, and 34-year-old Sgt. Jim Sloban, are the infantry scouts — the runners — in the rear of the heavily armored carrier. Cottos, who doesn't say much, likes sports. Sloban is a chemist, and he says his civilian job requires little physical labor. "I mess with test tubes all day," the father of three says.

The driver of the 750-horsepower APC, 24-year-old Pvt. 2 James Nicholson, is the

newest member to the military of the crew. Everyone in the group besides Nicholson has seen prior military service, and, "I just got out of boot camp in March," Nicholson said grinning.

A short way down the course a simulator explodes on the path. Armed aggressors then "attack" in makeshift uniforms. The course assistant instructor, who won't even be on the vehicle in real combat, is now the most important element in the crew's training. Sp4 Chuck McNemar of the 107th sits on top of the APC and gives the crew members instant feedback concerning their responses to course obstacles.

The crews also go through two "dismount phases" and establish an operations post where they can direct mortar fire, before going on the course's night phase.

During the fast-paced course, the soldiers may be too busy to notice, but Army evaluators slip in and out of areas watching the performance of the troops.

"I like working with these guys," said Sgt. Daniel Kilmer, from the Army's 10th Cavalry's 194th Brigade based at Fort Knox, Ky. When asked if he was a Guardmember, Kilmer faked a shudder and grinned, "I'm regular Army all the way." But Kilmer did say that he found the Guard troops "out here working 100 percent."

"I think for the first time doing it ... they're doing a damn good job."

LASER system keeps us "MILES" ahead

BY SSgt. DAVIDA MATTHEWS
Co A, 237th Support Battalion

The dry snap of a twig was the soldier's first warning that his position had been discovered and the enemy was now behind him. Before his half-turn was completed, a continuous buzz sounded from a device attached to his uniform. With a sigh, the "dead" soldier slipped a key from his rifle to deactivate the device and his weapon at the same time.

The soldier was "killed" by a system called MILES, short for Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System. During their annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich., in August, members of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) used the laser device on a number of weapon systems and in a variety of situations.

MILES uses low level, eye-safe laser light to simulate live fire and can be used with

M60 machine guns, individual weapons such as the M16 rifle, and the TOW missile system. When the operator aims and fires the weapon at a target equipped with a detector, the detection device emits a short tone or buzz for a near miss, and a continuous tone for a hit.

"With this system we can conduct realistic missions because we have real time feedback, just as if a bullet was fired," said MSgt. Hans Woesner, with the Brigade Operations and Training Section. "The soldier or operator has immediate knowledge of the results of his actions. He remains alive when he performs correctly and gets "killed" when he does not."

By the same token, Woesner explained that when troops are getting "killed" off at an alarming pace, it becomes pretty obvious to

a commander that either his actions are not appropriate or that his troops may need additional training in certain infantry skills.

"MILES becomes invaluable to commanders because they get a realistic picture of the rate at which casualties occur when they take a specific action without anyone getting hurt," Woesner said.

When a soldier or target such as a personnel carrier is hit by MILES, the continuous buzzer can either be deactivated by the "casualty" which in turn deactivates his weapon, or by a controller with a key.

"With MILES," Woesner said, "a casualty can be brought back to life for purposes of the war game with a turn of the key, enabling missions to be played and replayed numerous times during the course of a training period."

In Germany 1487th duty tour opens eyes

BY MSgt. DONALD LUNDY
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Three East German soldiers on foot patrol saunter along a riverside pathway. Suddenly they spot a contingent of American adversaries barely 50 meters away. The encounter is brief. Both sides shoot away at each other. Fortunately for all concerned they are only shooting pictures. All realize there could be a time when they are not so fortunate.

Many Americans hear about the infamous "Iron Curtain." Only a few get a first-hand look at the barrier that has become perhaps the world's best known border separating two political systems.

The encounter described above took place near the border camp of Hof just a few kilometers from where the East German, Czechoslovakian and West German borders meet. The Americans spoken of above were members of the 1487th Transportation Company, Ohio Army National Guard. The unit was in West Germany for a two-week active duty tour, training with the active Army's 181st Transportation Battalion.

The border tour, hosted by the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment which has responsibility for patrolling the border in that area of Germany, was long and arduous. Members of the 1487th woke up at 3 a.m. for the four-hour bus ride to the border. But the two-hour tour proved to be a memorable experience.

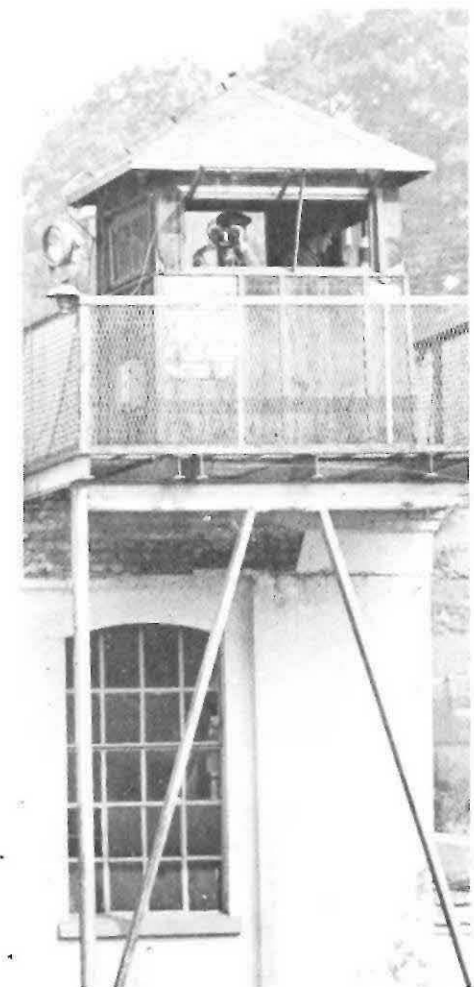
Miles of 10-foot-high concrete wall, steel

mesh fencing, fortified observation towers manned 24 hours a day and soldiers on foot patrol all served to point up the vivid reality of the role of the United States as a major defender of European interests. Since it was erected in 1963, 17,000 have escaped from East Germany and Czechoslovakia and other countries on the communist side of the Iron Curtain. That's why the Warsaw Pact nations continue to spend money to improve their fortified barrier. Along most of the border there are two fences separated by an area that has been plowed and dotted with land mines.

"It's really something. I wish everybody back home could see it. It would make them appreciate home more," said SSgt. James Watts of Moraine, Ohio. Watts is a senior truck driver with the Eaton Detachment of the 1487th Transportation Company, which is headquartered in Mansfield, Ohio.

"It kind of makes you sick," said Sp5 Charles Wathen, a cook with the Eaton Detachment. It's hard to imagine people can be that cold and hard, fencing people in; but I wouldn't have missed it for the world."

1st Lt. Terry L. McQuillan of Shelby, commander of the 1487th, said, "The experience of the border tour will be with these men and women for a long time. I'm happy our host unit was able to arrange the tour for us."



Eyes of Border Guard stay on Ohio National Guardmembers.

73D Infantry Brigade women branch out into non-traditional job roles

BY Sp4 JIM DAY
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Despite a congressional ruling that bars women from holding combat related jobs in the military, over 130 women have found non-combatant type jobs with the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate).

As might be expected, most hold administrative or medical related jobs. But there are exceptions. Three such examples are: Pvt. 2 Cindy DeWitt, a helicopter refueler; Sp4 Nancy Martin, a motor sergeant; and, Sp4 Nancy Rush, a military policewoman.

The job of refueling helicopters has the potential for danger because it entails working with highly combustible jet fuel. Pvt. 2 Cindy DeWitt of the Brigade Headquarters Company Aviation Section discovered this only after she got to Advanced Individual Training (AIT). She now has settled into her 76-W (Petroleum Specialist) position and enjoys her job.

Every day up to 5,000 gallons of fuel must be cleaned by pumping it from a storage tank, passing it through a series of filters, then returning it to the storage tank.

"If even a tiny bit of dirt is in the fuel, it could cause serious problems with the aircraft," DeWitt said.

Along with this duty, her main job is refueling helicopters.

"Basically, it's pumping gas but we have many safeguards and precautions to take for our own safety and the safety of the helicopter crew," she said.

One hidden benefit of her job soon became apparent — she had to cut down on her smoking.

"Whenever you feel like smoking a cigarette, you have to walk away from the fueling area," she said. "It's just easier not to smoke."

Sp4 Nancy Martin is the motor sergeant for Company A, 237th Support Battalion, an E-6 slot she has held since she was a private first class.

The motor pool was in a poor state of health when she took over.

"All the tools and training manuals were missing and most of the paper work was incorrect," Martin said. "It wasn't surprising that the motor pool never fared well in Inspector General (IG) inspections."

Apparently Martin's technique for running a motor pool works. The last two IGs have been rated outstanding and the motor pool is now "running smoothly."

2nd Lt. Tyrone Ware, the company's

executive officer, says that he has to give her minimum guidance.

"With Martin's attention to detail, the motor pool basically runs itself," he said, adding that he only steps in when special problems arise.

Even before she became the motor sergeant, Martin experienced the challenge of working in a military motor pool.

"When I first came to the unit, I was given a vehicle with a master cylinder that needed replacing," she said. She knew she was being tested for more than just her mechanical skills.

"I knew I was given a job to do to see if I was really serious about the Guard and this job," she explained.

Now she is in complete charge of maintaining the company's seven vehicles.

To PFC Nancy Rush, a member of the Brigade's Headquarters Company, Military Police Section, the training she received in the Guard is a definite asset in her civilian career as a guard at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, Ohio. Perhaps the biggest benefit she has received was the opportunity to experience the restrictive life of a trainee during basic and observe the drill instructors in action.

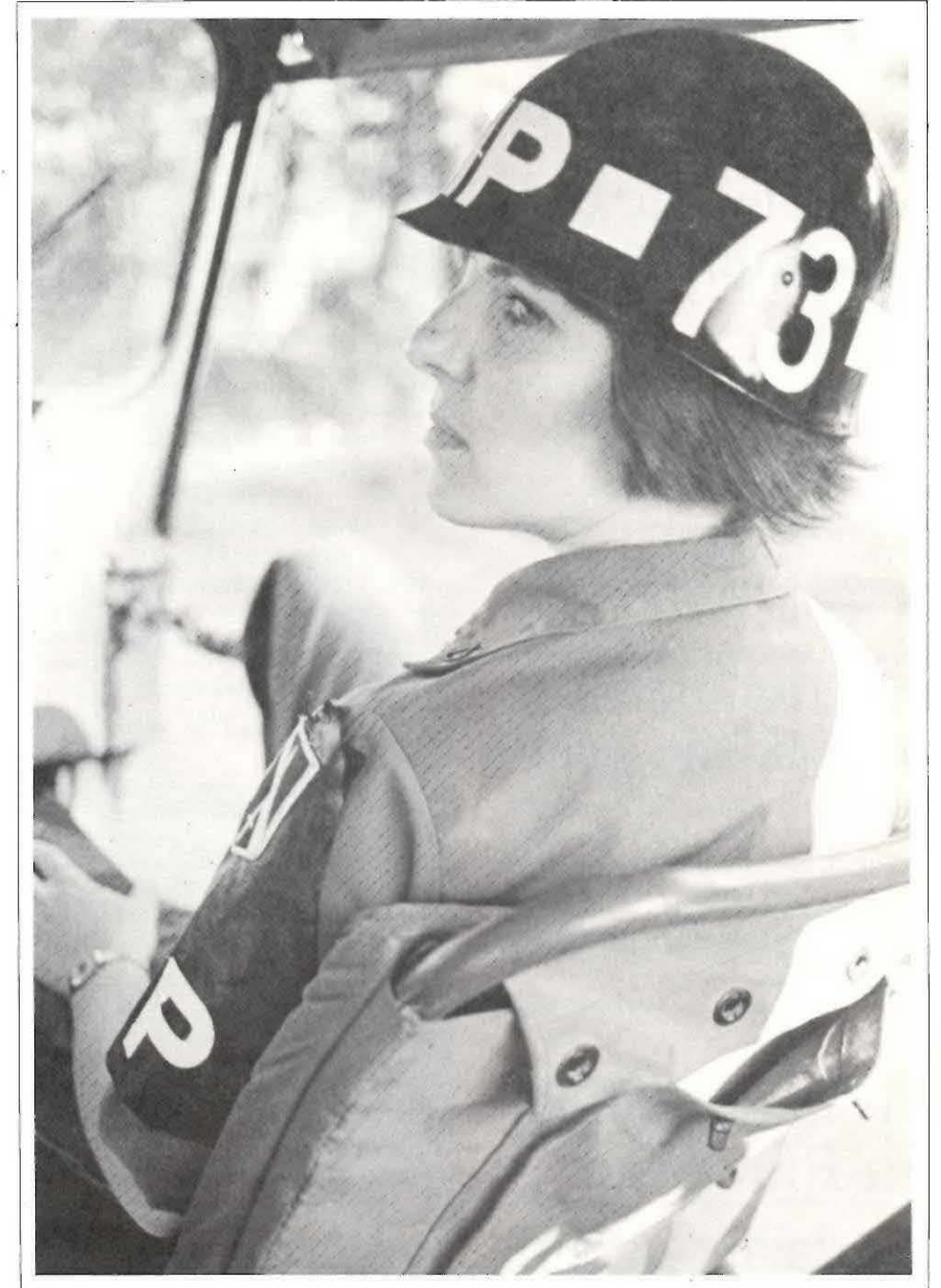
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Pvt. Cindy DeWitt with her generator used in refueling helicopters.



On the job



Sp4 Nancy Rush, top photo, patrols on Military Police duty in a jeep at Camp Grayling, Mich. Sp4 Nancy Martin, left photo, walks through the motor pool area at Camp Grayling as she prepares to work on vehicles. (Photos by Sp4 Jim Day)

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"I studied their techniques and found that a little consideration from them produced much better results from the trainees," she said.

These women are three examples of the dedicated people who are in the Guard. These "weekend warriors" are important to the National Guard no matter what their sex happens to be.

BY Sgt. TOM TILSON
837th Engr. Co.

Muscles flexed at annual training

There are some things a guardmember just can't perfect in one weekend a month. Training with heavily armored tracked vehicles is one of them.

Such is the problem facing the 837th Engineer Company, an element of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate). There just isn't a lot of wide open space to maneuver the large, heavy vehicles.

The engineers are assigned three armored vehicles, one of which is an Armored Vehicle Launch Bridge (AVLB). An extension bridge is based on the body and drive system of the M-60 tank, minus the turret and main gun. Through a series of hydraulic-controlled contortions, the folded bridge is

extended over obstacles such as a stream or ravine. When the bridge is in place, the main body of the AVLB disengages, allowing track or wheeled vehicles to cross, then crosses its own bridge to recover it from the other side.

"For safety's sake, a more durable structure is necessary if there is a continued need to cross at that particular point," explained Sgt. Tom Tilson, the assistant demolition NCO. "That task would fall to our bridge building platoon."

The AVLB is highly suited to the needs of fast-moving infantry units found in the 73rd Brigade but the problem still exists concerning space to develop operator efficiency.

"We teach the use of the AVLB in classroom situations but annual training is really our big chance to become proficient in its use," Tilson said.

BY Sgt. AUDREY BUCKLEY
HHC, 371st Spt. Grp.

Support Group makes the grade

HHC 371st Support Group, Kettering, has been awarded the Army National Guard Superior Unit Award for training year 1981.

This was awarded by the Chief, National Guard Bureau, acknowledging the superior performance, dedication and professionalism displayed by all members of the unit.

The requirements for consideration of this award include a monthly average assigned strength of 95 percent of authorized strength throughout the year, attain an attendance of 95 percent of assigned strength, including constructive attendance at AT, achieve train-

ing readiness objectives as specified in FORSCOM Regulation 350-2 and others as listed in National Guard Regulation 672-1.

Headquarters, 46th Support Group, Fort Bragg, N.C. also awarded the 371st a Certificate of Appreciation "for demonstrating that the 'One Army' concept is indeed valid and viable. Your outstanding display of professional competence, enthusiasm and dedication while on Annual Training with the 46th Support Group from March 20 to April 3, 1982, proves that we have an able and proud counterpart to call upon should the need arise. Your consistent quest for excellence resulted in a very successful Annual Training."

BY DEPT. OF ARMY

Military Police go European

Several members of the 437th Military Police Battalion, Youngstown, Ohio, attended a two-week staff orientation training conference in Frankfurt, Germany. Maj. Walter M. Duzzny, commander of the 437th, along with Majors William L. Burpee and Clair M. Carlin, and CSM Ralph E. Dean, were assigned to the Fifth U.S. Army Corps Headquarters and 2nd Military Police Group in Frankfurt for the training exercise.

Duzzny said, "The training received will enable our units to be better prepared for

their Federal mission of deployment in the event of mobilization by Congress and by the President during a national emergency."

Burpee, executive officer of the 437th MP Battalion said that, "The information received from the 2nd MP Group in Frankfurt and other military police units already assigned to Europe will enable us to better train and prepare our individual soldiers." The 437th Military Police Battalion is the command headquarters for military police units in Youngstown, Warren, Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio.

BY Sp4 JAMES HIMES
26th Engineer Co

Show of unity by Engineers

In a show of unity between the civilian community and a National Guard unit, the city of Brook Park, Ohio, and the 26th Engineer Company (ACR), whose armory is located in Brook Park, joined together in a recent homecoming/open house celebration.

For three days, 30 volunteer members of the 26th worked in National Guard display booths at the Brook Park Homecoming Days Celebration.

Much credit for the successful accomplishment is due to National Guard recruiter Sgt. James Phillips. Acting as liaison between his home city of Brook Park and the 26th, Phillips secured prime space for a booth, displays and a shooting gallery.

Air guard fire fighters visit Ohio

BY SSgt. LORI DONIERE
180th Tactical Fighter Group

Actual hands-on fire-fighting and rescue training highlighted "Engine '82," an annual training exercise for fire-fighters of the 102nd Civil Engineering Squadron, Massachusetts Air National Guard, at the unique fire training center at the Toledo Air National Guard Base.

The Massachusetts guardsmen were the latest fire-fighters to train at the Toledo facility, operated by the 180th Tactical Fighter Group. At the training center the guardsmen are able to participate in all aspects of structural fire training and rescue. The training center has burn buildings, classrooms and pit-fire areas.

During Engine '82, the Toledo Guardsmen, acting as trainers, set actual structural fires in various locations around the training area. The Toledo Guardsmen also portrayed fire victims.

The emergency situations staged for the Massachusetts fire-fighters included a gas explosion, dense smoke fires, and an automobile-full-dozer crash.

The Ohio and Massachusetts Guardsmen participating in Engine '82 expressed their enthusiasm for training of this type. Some members of the 102nd commented that before Engine '82 they had never experienced actual fire-rescue situations.

"Although it's a lot of hard work, the men really enjoyed the training," said 102nd Fire Chief Ray Porter. "It was actually a lot of fun. The operation is so good, I wish we could take the fire training facility back home with us."



Massachusetts Air Guard fire fighters train at the unique fire training center at the Toledo Air National Guard Base. The center includes facilities for structural fire training and rescue. (Photo By SSgt. Phil King)

Rickenbacker Air Base 'attacked' during air show

BY CAPT. STEVE FRIED
160th Air Refueling Group

The gates opened at 9:00 a.m. on July 24th and the Second Annual Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker Memorial Open House was under way. Before the gates closed, approximately 70,000 people saw the "Battle for Rickenbacker" field, a simulated assault on an enemy held position using Air and Army tactics, and the display of more than 30 pieces of military equipment.

The open house, which raises money to maintain the non-profit Eddie Rickenbacker Museum, enabled central Ohioans to see their Guard and Reserve forces in action.

The Army Guard's 210th Air Defense Artillery, Kettering, Ohio, demonstration of the Army Remote Control Aerial Target (AR-CAT) which operated in conjunction with the M-42 "Duster" tank was followed by the Rickenbacker Memorial Air Race.

After the race, the military air show began,

highlighted by a flyover of a KC-135 aerial refueling tanker from the 160th Air Refueling Group in a refueling position with A-7D fighters from the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing. The KC-135, with Maj. Winfred Carroll, pilot; Capt. William Seattle, co-pilot; Maj. Charles Jentes, navigator; and MSgt. Al Bliss, boom operator, simulated the long range refueling of fighters in case of overseas deployment.

The main battle then started for Rickenbacker field with an A-7D fighter attack to clean out the landing zone for a troop drop. Then UC-123 "Providers" from the 907th Tactical Airlift Group sprayed the area with defoliant (simulated, of course) to clear the way for an air-drop of the 77th Pathfinders, Ohio National Guard and members of the 11th Special Forces, Green Berets, U.S. Army Reserve, which parachuted from C-130 "Hercules" of Ohio Air Guard's 179th Tactical Airlift Group.

Then, with an OA-37 "Dragonfly" observation plane directing the attack, the 121st A-7s returned for additional close air support of the ground troops and to cover UH-1 "Huey" and UH-58 "observation" helicopters while they brought in additional assault troops. With the additional troops and then with an air-land resupply of more troops and artillery, the enemy is soon overrun. Rickenbacker is, once again, in friendly hands.

With the battle over, the crowd returned to the static displays of aircraft, including a C-5A "Galaxy" the largest flying plane in the world, tanks and military hardware.

As Brig. Gen. Edward J. Power, assistant adjutant general of the Air Guard said, "Anyone who thinks that Rickenbacker is closed down has never been out here to see what we do."

Plans are now under way for the 3rd Annual Open House for next summer.

NBC Training vital to be prepared for modern battlefield

BY SFC NANCY M. CLEVENGER

HHD, Worthington

"More emphasis should be put on NBC (nuclear, biological and chemical) training. Everybody thinks NUKE," stated 2nd Lt. Frank Lawson during an exercise being held by the state NBC School at Camp Perry, Ohio. Lawson went on to say, "This (NBC) training should be brought out in the units, let the troops become familiar with what can happen during an attack and how to protect themselves."

This is exactly what Lt. Col. Harold Lyon, state chemical officer, in charge of the NBC School, is trying to do. The class, the second of its kind for Ohio, included not only Ohio National Guard members from across the state, but also members of the 83RD AR-COM. Administrative support for the school was provided by the Ohio Military Academy personnel, and Sgt. Maj. L. D. Ball, Headquarters Company, 112th Medical Brigade, was the NCOIC.

Lyon said, "One of the main reasons for holding this type of training is so that the students can go back to their individual units and assist the NBC personnel in training the rest of their troops." He added, "Everyone is familiar with the term NUKE and it is time we teach our troops how to survive in an NBC environment. No one wants to think about these types of situations, but we must familiarize our troops with the most up-to-date equipment and techniques to save themselves and the troops around them."

Classes held during the two week school involved the nature and effects of NBC warfare, the proper way to wear the MOPP suits and equipment (items worn include rubber

More emphasis should be put on NBC—Lawson

boots, gloves, protective mask and hood), how to give atropine shots if necessary, radio operations and map reading, and actual simulations of a nuclear and chemical attack on the students.

During the second week of training a field exercise was held in which all students had to actually wear their MOPP suits for 24 hours. This is not an easy task as most will tell

you. "One of the dangers," stated MSgt. Tom Cotton, 112th Medical Brigade and an instructor, "is that of heat exhaustion. The suits are cumbersome and hot. This can fatigue the soldier so that he must be aware at all times to watch for signs of heat exhaustion. The students are taught what to watch for and what to do in the event of heat exhaustion."

Ball explained there are four levels of

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MOPP. MOPP 1 is the wearing of just the uniform. MOPP 2 includes wearing the boots, if a MOPP 3 level the M17 Protective Mask with hood is added, and a MOPP 4 situation includes wearing gloves.

SSgt. Paul Herman, Co B 112th Engineers, was in charge of setting the M10 remote alarm systems throughout the training area. These systems detect the presence of any foreign odor and alert the troops immediately upon detection. The alarms can be set so that a shrill buzzing sound can be heard when chemical agents are detected, or in a tactical situation, it can be set to give off a small buzzing sound, or if complete silence is needed, a red flashing light is seen. Herman said, "These systems are so sensitive that if a match was lit the odor from the match would immediately set it off." The M10 chemical alarm systems can also be mounted on a vehicle, or carried with your field gear.

Toward daylight the alarms did go off. A detectable substance was released so that the soldiers would immediately go to a state of MOPP 3 and put on their protective masks.

One soldier stated, "Getting used to wearing the mask was hard for me because I was misjudging my distances." He said the viewing area brings things closer than they really are.

Teams of four went out in jeeps to designated areas that had been contaminated with different types of training agents, went to a MOPP 4 alert, and had to locate the areas of contamination, and take samples to determine what type of nuclear, biological

or chemical agent had been used in the area.

After making a determination each team then went to the EDS or Equipment Decontamination Site. The first phase of the EDS was the slurry point which had a pit dug deep enough to hold a decontaminating solution and would go above the wheels of the vehicle. The vehicles drove into the pit where they rotated the vehicle back and forth in the solution, removing as much con-

taminate as possible.

The vehicle was then taken to the rinse point where a M12A1 water flow and heat control system was mounted on a 2½ ton truck. Pvt. 2 Shawn Homer and PFC Tod Broski, both from the 26th Engineer Company in Brook Park, attended the school to operate this equipment.

The vehicle then proceeded on to a wash site where the team dismounted from the vehicle and actually washed it down thoroughly, then used a litmus type paper to test the vehicle for any signs of contamination. If the vehicle was 'clean' the team proceeded on to the PDS (Personnel Decontamination Site).

Participating in this real life exercise, many of the soldiers had mixed feelings. Sp5 Susan Sebetto, 416th Engineers, said, "It's not nearly as scary once you've been through the course. Before I took it (the course) I thought it was frightening until I learned how to protect myself, and that the military is doing something about preparing us." She added, "If you're not prepared it's so deadly — so fatal. Now I know what I have to do and I feel confident in myself and my equipment."

Warrant Officer Challis, a recently appointed NBC officer with the 83RD said, "I feel the main deterrent to Russia is the fact that we can use the MOPP equipment and that we do have confidence in it, knowing we can survive." He added, "The most valuable thing we have learned is the adaptability to conditions of the chemical environment in the field for survival."

Mears reflects on Vietnam

BY Sp4 CHUCK TRITT

196th Public Affairs Detachment

If CWO Don Mears is asked if there is anything special about himself, he would probably pause and then mention that he has been in the aviation section of the 73rd Infantry Brigade longer than any other pilot. He probably would not mention the two times he crashed while an Army aviator in Vietnam. That is the kind of guy Mears is, very low key.

Mears grew up on a farm near Bowling Green, and attended Findlay College.

He had joined the Army in 1969 when his draft deferment ran out after college. He attended basic training and flight school, and in March of 1970, he went to Vietnam. Mears was assigned to Company C, 158th Aviation Bn. The 158th is part of the famed 101st Airborne Division that often trains with the 73rd Infantry Brigade.

Mears' first crash occurred in 1970, soon after he arrived in Vietnam.

"I was co-pilot that day. We were to fly an emergency resupply and med-a-vac for an ARVN (South Vietnamese Army) unit that had been trapped on a ridge for some time. The landing zone was simply a hole cut into the jungle. As we hovered up, just reaching the tree top level, we took a rocket propelled grenade in our fuel tank. We were on fire but managed to crash land the aircraft in a bomb crater in the valley at the foot of the ridge. We pulled the wounded men and a machine gun from the flaming helicopter before it

exploded," said Mears.

The helicopter crew then defended themselves until they were rescued by another helicopter.

Mears was not seriously hurt in the crash.

His second crash occurred in 1971.

"We were called out late one stormy night to search for a unit that had lost radio contact with their headquarters. We were flying completely by instruments when something happened and we crashed," said Mears.

Mears was badly hurt in the second crash.

"I was sent home for treatment after the second one," said Mears.

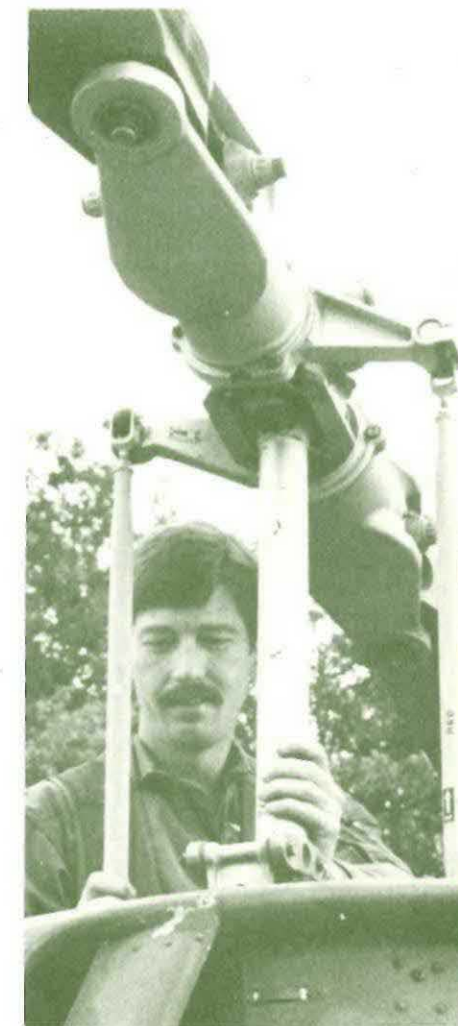
At the time Mears said that he would never fly again.

While in Vietnam, Mears earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Army Commendation Medal and several other awards.

"I would have made the Army a career but as the war wound down the Army found itself with more pilots than it needed. I could tell that advancement in an Army career would be slow at best, so I decided to get out," said Mears.

Mears is now an IRS agent, but hastens to add, "I'm one of the guys in the white hats. My job involves the review of private employee retirement programs to be sure that they meet IRS government standards. Part of the job involves assuring that the money that goes into these programs goes to the employees."

Mears now lives in Cincinnati with his wife Kathy.



Don Mears checks out his helicopter before take off. (Photo by Sp4 Chuck Tritt)

Grin and bear it

BY 2nd Lt. ARTHUR HARDY

196th Public Affairs Detachment

Besides the tangible benefit of a two-week drill check, annual training provided other opportunities and benefits to members of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate).

While at Camp Grayling at the end of August, several medical units such as the Brigade Headquarters Medical Platoon, used the time to catch up their unit members' shot records, administering inoculations and boosters as needed.

Also, the Dental Section from Company B, 237th Support Battalion, tried to spruce up the Brigade's smile by providing routine care whenever time permitted.

"Our primary mission during annual training is to attend to dental injuries received in the course of training," said dentist Lt. Col. Paul Unverferth. "However, the majority of our work usually proves to be routine care."

Unverferth and another dentist, Capt. Mike Jung, chalked up impressive figures, treating an average of 25 patients per day

during the two week training period. With the cost of an average exam with x-rays from a civilian dentist teetering at around \$50, the value of the dental care alone received during summer camp was well into the thousands of dollars range.

While it is money well "spent," the Dental Section would just as soon not be so busy during annual training.

"One of the best things soldiers can do is to practice preventative maintenance on their teeth just as they do for the rest of their bodies," said Sp5 James Colvin, a dental assistant.

He advises that just as you perform PT (Physical Training) on your body, you should do the same for your teeth by brushing and flossing regularly.

When not at annual training, the Dental Section spends their drills traveling around to Brigade units at the request of the commanders, to provide not only routine care for the troops, but also training sessions on the importance of tooth care.



SMILE... Lt. Col. Paul Unverferth assisted by Pvt. 2 Betsy Armentrout, examines member of the 73D Infantry Brigade (Sep) during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich. (Photo by Spec. 4 James Day)

Medics' ambulance a first

By Sp4 DOUG DANKWORTH
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Peacetime casualties from the Ohio Army National Guard could stand a better chance of survival than troops from other states now that the Buckeye soldiers have a "mobile intensive care" ambulance, reportedly the first of its kind nationwide.

Members of the aviation life support flight surgeons detachment of the 107th Armored Cavalry's Attack Helicopter Group based in Worthington, recently acquired more than \$9,000 in donations to have an Army box ambulance converted to a mobile paramedic unit.

"It's a first for the National Guard," said SSgt. Michael Robeano of the detachment. "It's the first box ambulance in the Guard that has been converted to an intensive care unit."

Starting from the top of the "cracker box" pickup truck he told how the ambulance has two rows of flashing lights, which conventional Army ambulances need but do not

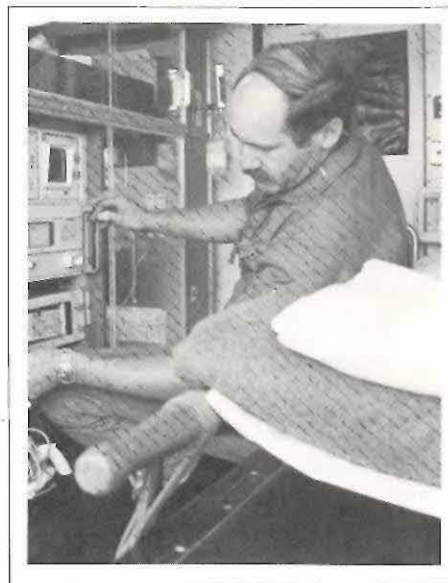
have to get through civilian traffic.

The vehicle has a two-patient capability and includes two separate oxygen systems, plus portable oxygen equipment. It also has an EKG paper readout, and a mounted and portable heart monitor defibrillator. The defibrillator is used on patients with heart failure.

Another part of the vehicle's equipment is its heart-lung resuscitator (HLR) unit. "That automatically does CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) and gives the oxygen, which allows the medic to keep his hands free," Robeano said. He pointed out that the machine can perform the functions more effectively than a human in a moving vehicle.

"We also carry a full compliment of trauma treating equipment," he said. And the unit works under a doctor's written guidelines.

The ambulance also has an electronic siren and public address system, a military FM communications system, a 16-channel "tunable" scanner, a fire band radio, and a 40-channel CB radio.



SSgt. Michael Robeano demonstrates equipment in new ambulance. (Photo By SSgt. Dave Swavel)

"Because of the tunable scanner we never miss a call," he said. The ambulance has two electrical systems.

Robeano said a crew of three works with the vehicle. That includes a driver who is an EMT and another EMT, plus a paramedic.

of leadership which keeps the communication's channel open and the atmosphere friendly. Teamwork on the part of the individual soldiers also added to more intensive training with a more relaxed attitude; no one was made to feel inadequate. When one would finish a task, they would help the other complete theirs.

An example of good leadership was shown during a two day period of bad weather. Many of the other units had to send their people to sick call, but C Company had no one report there. The Plt. Sgt., Harry Deveny, rotated his soldiers in and out of the weather in groups so that each soldier could get warm and dry before going back out. He made sure the troops had adequate rest at no expense to the mission. The assigned mission continued throughout the two day period and the troops kept well.

Charlie company stays Guard because of the people who care.

Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, Ohio Adjutant General, notes the 180th "has maintained the highest standards of leadership, dedication and professionalism."

Brig. Gen. Ed Power, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, writes, "The award clearly establishes the 180th and all those who belong to it as the leaders in Ohio."

Earlier this year the 180th was honored with the Alan P. Tappan Award as the Outstanding Ohio Air Guard unit and also received the Tactical Fighter Flying Safety Award for the second consecutive year.

BY SSgt. DENNIS L. SHEPPARD
Co C 612th Engineer Battalion

Company C 612th Engineer Battalion (Combat) contributes their successful annual training to the comradeship, willingness to work together for a common goal, and dedication to doing the best job possible by the members of the 612th.

SSgt. Dennis Sheppard says the reason their training all comes together is because of the civilian experience of their members which contributes to a well organized leadership role by the NCOs in the unit. Many of their members own their own businesses, operate large farms or are construction workers. This experience, along with that of their prior service members who served in Vietnam or Korea, gives the engineers both civilian and military experience unsurpassed in many units.

The squad leaders and platoon sergeants are given much credit for presenting the type

BY TSgt. LONDON MITCHELL
180th TAC Ftr Grp

The Secretary of the Air Force has approved the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard. Maj. Gen. John Conaway, director, Air National Guard, comments in a letter to the 180th, "Having earned this coveted award clearly reflects the outstanding professional skills, leadership and dedication of all members of the group. We in the Air Directorate are proud of the exemplary accomplishments of the 180th."

NCOs demand teamwork

Air Guard shines

Wives Club spirit supports Guard

Warm hospitality, fellowship and a spirit of welcome were the order of the day as the Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club held its annual Friendship Tea on Sept. 28.

Tea chairwoman, Karin Easley had arranged the use of the Germania Club, on South Front Street, in German Village, and it proved to be a delightful spot!

The gathering had a decidedly continental flavor, combined beautifully with autumn flowers and lots of good food! It was very good to see old friends and to have so many new faces in the crowd. Very special thanks go to Karin, to the Germania for opening its doors to our group, and to the Board members who hosted the Tea.

Much work has been done, this past summer, to arrange programs and meeting places for the enjoyment and convenience of all OWC members.

Schedule of Events

Below is a thumbnail sketch of the year's schedule. For those who did not pick up a copy at the tea, or receive one by mail, you may wish to save this page for future reference. The meetings will be as follows:

Oct. 26 Annual Salad Buffet at Beightler Armory, OCS Dining Room, at noon.

Nov. 19 Holiday Auction, this time on a Friday evening, with husbands included in the festivities! Monte Carlo Ristorante, 6:30 p.m.

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BY SUSAN BROWN

December No Meeting — Happy Holidays!

Jan. 25 "A Look at Columbus," DCSC Officer's Club. Social hour 11:30 a.m., luncheon 12:30 p.m. Babysitting is available at DCSC nursery.

Feb. 22 "Gems of the World," by Argo & Lehne Jewelers. Luncheon at the Kahiki Restaurant. Babysitting available at nearby DCSC nursery.

Mar. 22 "Who and What's New at the Columbus Zoo," DCSC Officers' Club. Babysitting available at the nursery.

Apr. 26 Needlecraft demonstration and workshop, DCSC Officers' Club. Babysitting available at the nursery.

May 26 Luncheon at Ohio Village, with the installation of officers. Note: This is a Wednesday. No babysitting is available at the Village.

Letter From President

The following message from OWC President, Rita Dura, sums up, very well, the tone and spirit of the year before us. Sounds great, doesn't it? Make this the year you activate your OWC membership.

Our year is under way and we all are looking forward to seeing you at the Oct. 26 luncheon and meeting. We have scheduled this as our salad buffet. Each of us brings a salad and our own table service, and do we ever have a banquet! So much good food!

This will be our first business meeting of the year. We will be bringing you up-to-date on the club's records and activities. We will be hearing about the arrangements for our annual auction in November, this year to be an evening gala at the Monte Carlo Ristorante, escorted by our husbands.

The ONGOWC exists for us wives as a social organization. It serves that purpose very well, but it goes even further. It's a small, but significant, way to show our husbands that we do support them as individuals serving in the Guard, and that we support the entire Guard effort. This moral support is needed very much by the Guardsman, and by his wife as well. Won't you come join us? Call Nita Elliott at 614-451-8588, or me at 614-891-9602 for information and for reservations. See you the 26th!

President Rita Dura

Enlisted Association benefits Guardmembers now

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works and is the most cost-effective military force and should be expanded.

If we can accomplish the aforementioned in a decade with our small numbers, think what could be possible with every Ohio National Guard member being a member of the Association. Then we would have that CLOUT called Strength in Numbers. The National Enlisted Association is urging and supporting the following:

— Improvement of equipment and facilities.

— Full funding of existing authority for enlistment and reenlistment bonuses and educational assistance.

— Elimination of inequities existing between active, reserve and National Guard (i.e. hazardous duty incentive pay, credit for civil service for Title 32 active duty, etc.).

— Improvement of commissary privileges.

— Elimination of retirement point ceiling.

— Reduce age for National Guard retirement.

— Increase in aid to survivors benefits.

— Improvement of medical benefits for National Guard personnel and survivors.

— Introduction of distinctive National Guard license plate bill in early '83.

We need your support as an Enlisted Association member. If you would like to join one of the teams working for you, legislation, by-laws, public relations, just to name a few, send your name and address to ONGEA, PO Box 215, Dublin, OH 43017 and I will have someone contact you.

If you would like one of the officers of the Association to speak with your unit members just drop a note to the address above and I will arrange to have this done through your unit commander and first sergeant.

I invite you to JOIN or RENEW your membership today and help us to help you get those added benefits.

CARL S. BICANOVSKY, CSM
President, ONGEA

Conference sets limits for decorations

Criteria for the Hall of Fame and the Distinguished Service Award are as follows:

HALL OF FAME

1. Persons eligible: Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel who have served in the Ohio National Guard.

2. When eligible for nomination: A person shall become eligible for nomination in the Hall of Fame three (3) years after retirement from the Armed Services, or three (3) years after death, whichever comes first. A member of the Ohio National Guard who is awarded the Medal of Honor while serving in a National Guard status or on extended active duty from the Ohio National Guard may be inducted into the Hall of Fame at any time.

3. Period of service to be considered: Nominations for the Hall of Fame shall cover the entire military and civilian service of the nominee.

4. Standards for selection: The standard of service rendered and recognition among peers achieved which would justify selection for the Hall of Fame must have been above and beyond that normally considered as outstanding or exemplary. The service must have been such as to have brought great credit to the United States, the State of Ohio and the Ohio National Guard.

Sustained exceptional performance of all duties, the institution of innovative programs which were unique to their time frame, the enhancement of the combat effectiveness of the Ohio National Guard and the enhancement of public support of the Guard are types of service to be considered. Decorations and awards of the United States and the State of Ohio should be included in the statement of service. No person should be nominated or selected for the Hall of Fame solely because that person compares favorably with one or more previous inductees.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1. Persons eligible: Any person military or civilian.

2. When eligible for nomination: A person is eligible for nomination for the Distinguished Service Award at any time.

3. Period of time considered: The Distinguished Service Award may be given for a single act or for performance over an extended period of time. See paragraph 4.

4. Standards of selection: a. An individual must have accomplished an outstanding achievement on behalf of the Ohio National Guard.

b. Outstanding performance by the individual must have been such as to clearly identify the person as having played a key role in the accomplishment of which the award is to be given. Superior performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, speciality or assignment experience of an individual are not considered adequate basis for this award.

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c. Although a single accomplishment may be deemed qualification for this award if it is of sufficient significance and character, particular consideration should be given to those individuals who have contributed outstanding service on a sustained basis. Personal dedication and self-sacrifice may be regarded as factors deserving consideration.

d. Civilians who assist the Ohio National Guard by their actions and support may be considered for the award.

Nominations for the Hall of Fame or the Distinguished Service Award are submitted as follows: Anyone may submit nominations for the awards. Nominations should be submitted in writing, original and one copy, to the Secretary, Ohio National Guard Association, who will forward all nominations to the Awards Committee. Nominations shall be accompanied by a proposed text of the award citation. Nominations which are rejected by the Awards Committee may be resubmitted with additional facts and supporting documents.

Awards Committee:

	Term ending
Brig. Gen. Herbert B. Eagon (Ret)	1983
Lt. Col. Jack Sanford	1984
Col. Clyde E. Gutzwiller	1985
Col. Charles G. Lees (Ret)	1986
Maj. Gen. Harry L. Cochran, Jr.	1987

Nominations for the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service Award should be submitted so as to reach the Secretary, Ohio National Guard Association by January 31, 1983. Send the nominations to Col. Roger Truax, Ohio National Guard Association, 2825 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085.

Ohio National Guard Association to Continue Scholarship Program

The Ohio National Guard Association will continue its Scholarship Program in 1983. Tentatively six scholarships totaling \$3,000 will be awarded to deserving students who are dependents of Guard personnel or are members of the Guard.

More information will be coming through unit channels in the future, or you can receive an application now by writing to: Maj. Charles R. Kinder, 7355 Stillwell-Beckett Rd., Oxford, Ohio 45056.

Applications must be received by March 15, 1983.

The 1982 Scholarship Grant winners selected by the Scholarship Grant Committee are as follows: Joni L. Wickiser, a junior at Ashland College and a laboratory technician with the 179th Tactical Dispensary, Ohio Air National Guard, has been awarded \$500. Wickiser has maintained a 4.0 for the past three semesters. She is a 4-H horse club advisor, a student of karate, and works part-time as a waitress at Lyn Way Restaurant.

Stephanie P. Young received a \$1,000 scholarship. She is the daughter of MSgt. David Young of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group. Young, senior class president at London High School, is a member of the National Honor Society, co-editor of the school newspaper, and was an exchange student to the Philippines during the summer of 1981.

Barbara Ellen Thurman, a member of Headquarters Company, 416th Engineer Group at Walbridge, is a sophomore at Bowling Green State University in the school of nursing. Thurman was awarded \$500 and upon graduation intends to enter a Bible college which will prepare her for her eventual goal as a missionary.

Anne M. Lawson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Robert Lawson, HHD, Worthington, is the recipient of \$500. Lawson is a junior at Ohio State University where she is pursuing a BA degree in classics, and preparing for medical school. She has been a volunteer at Children's Hospital the past two years, is active in intramural sports at OSU and has been accepted to Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-medical honor society.

Another \$1,000 recipient is Leeroy F. Cotton, the son of Lt. Col. David L. Cotton of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield. Cotton has been accepted at Kent State University where he'll major in biology with emphasis on environmental science. Cotton, an honors graduate at Malabar High School received the most improved award in varsity baseball, is an eagle scout, a member of the national honor society and was selected for "Who's Who Among America's High School Students."

Karen L. Ricketts, a \$500 recipient and the daughter of SFC Ronnie Ricketts of Headquarters Battery, 2/174th Air Defense Artillery, has been accepted at Ohio State University. Ricketts, a member of the national honor society at Grove City high school, is also active in marching band, ski club, drama and track. She has been selected for the Ohio Honors Chorale, having won 14 superior ratings at district and state music contests, and has been honored in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

73D Infantry Brigade (Sep) Awards

The strength of the competition influences the value of any award. When a unit or individual is honored by the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate) with its more than 40 company-size and separate units and over 4,000 members, you can be sure that the award winners are the best at what they do.

At the end of annual training recently, the following units and Brigade members received the following honors:

Soldier of the Year, McMillen Trophy: PFC Dale P. Heitkamp, Co. A, 1/148th Inf. Bn.
NCO of the Year, Bentley Award: SFC Michael R. Kelly, HHC, 1/148th Inf. Bn.

Best Battalion Staff, Skalkos Trophy: 1/148th Inf. Bn.

Readiness Award, Goodson Trophy: HHC, 1/148th Inf. Bn.

Humanitarian Service, Teater Award: Capt. William R. Stratton and Plt. Sgt. Gary D. Strayer, Co. A, 1/148th Inf. Bn.

Best Field Kitchen: Co. C, 1/148th Inf. Bn.

Best Company Size Unit, Patchen Trophy: Battery C, 1/136th Field Artillery

Best 81mm Mortar Gun Crew, Folk Trophy: 1st Sqdn., Co. A, 1/147th Inf. Bn.

Best 4.2 Mortar Crew, Stephenson Trophy: Combat Support Company, 1/147th

Inf. Bn.

Best TOW Crew, Roy Trophy: 2nd Crew (Crew chief, Sgt. Dennis Johnson), Combat Support Company, 1/147th Inf. Bn.

Best Rifle Platoon, Gutzwiller Trophy: 2nd Plat., Co. B, 1/147th Inf. Bn.

Best Brigade TOW Gunner: PFC Wilbur Witt, 1st Sqdn., Co. B, 1/147th Inf. Bn.

Best Medical Unit, Thomas Trophy: Co. B, 237th Spt. Bn.

Best Unit Newsletter, Snyder Trophy: Co. B, 237th Spt. Bn.

Best Scout Platoon: Combat Support Company, 1/166th Inf. Bn.

Ohio Guard Wins National Pistol Match

The Ohio National Guard has recently won the prestigious Winston P. Wilson National Guard Pistol championship at Little Rock, Ark., after a week of stiff competition from teams representing 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Enroute to the championship Ohio won the center fire match (1141-40x), placed second in the .45 Caliber match (119-34x) and third in the Patton Team Trophy Match (1722). Consistent team effort was the key to winning the championship.

Team members representing Ohio at this match were: Team captain SFC Charles Kwiatkowski, Team coach SSgt. Larry Titus and shooters SSgt. James Lenardson, SSgt. Ronald Benge, Sgt. Kenneth Strohm and SSgt. Walter Wilfong. Individual shooters were SSgt. James Fall and Sgt. Richard Merz.

Lenardson continued his winning ways by capturing the individual championship with a score of 3500-145x out of a possible 3600. Lenardson went head-to-head with current

record holder SSgt. Joseph Pascarella of Texas and several other nationally ranked shooters in winning the championship.

In the rifle matches the Ohio team improved over last year and finished 12th out of the 42 states competing. SSgt. George Haley, HHC 1/166th Infantry set a new record of 198-9x in winning the 600-yard slow fire match (prone). Team members representing Ohio in this match were: Team captain TSgt. James Sayre, TSgt. Terry McCandlish, SSgt. David Beveridge, Sgt. Marvin Cox, TSgt. Robert Eberly, Sgt. Robert Gradner, SSgt. George Haley, Sgt. John Paskan, Sp4 John Penhorwood, Sgt. Richard Roberts, Sp4 Raymond Schramm and Sgt. Robert Wilhite.

During the 2nd week of the matches the combat matches were held and again Ohio was well represented. The Combat Pistol team from 1st Battalion 166th Infantry finished 2nd overall. Only 14 points behind the winning Vermont team. Team members were SFC Stephen Paver, SSgts. David Smith,

Crandle Gillenwater, Roger Curnutte, Sp4 Robert Graham, Cpl. Ronald Cordial, Sp4 William Graham and Sp4 Terrence McGowan. Paver was second in Individual Match 1, the winner of Match 2, finished second in Match 3, second place in the open position aggregate, and third in the open dual aggregate.

The Combat Rifle Team from the 200th CES finished in 5th place. Team members are: TSgt. William Pifer, SSgt. Andres Palacios, SSgt. Orville Platte, TSgt. Robert Parks, SSgt. Thomas Kwiatkowski, SrA Roy Schrader, Sgt. Michael Mancini, SSgt. Charles McClain, SSgt. Terry Eishen and SrA James Hollers. Eishen finished second in the new shooter, 100-yard match, third in the new shooter, 400-yard match, second in new shooter, excellence in competition match, and got second in both the new shooter long range aggregate and individual grand aggregate matches.

Grand Snake Tradition Upheld by MPs

BY Sp4 D.S. DANKWORTH

196th Public Affairs Detachment

Members of Warren's Military Police unit of the Ohio Army National Guard know that the enlisted men rule over the officers one day each year when the famed "Grand Snake" comes to town.

But the 45 MPs from the 324th MP Company who trained at Camp Grayling, Mich., July 31 through Aug. 15, didn't expect to see the snake at camp.

The Grand Snake ceremony has been a tradition in the unit for 15 years; a tradition that includes pride, fraternity and a bizarre ritual.

"It's a morale builder within the company, and it has established a lot of esprit de corps in the unit," said the company's command-

ing officer, 1st Lt. Jim Poptic of Newton Falls.

Members of the unit started the tradition in 1967 to initiate new MPs and to allow certain soldiers to enter the company as honorary members.

It's also a time for the corporal and below to get back at the sergeants and officers, said the Grand Snake himself, SSgt. Charles Grounds, of Warren.

The ceremony is held annually, but the snake's appearance at the camp in the northern part of Michigan's lower peninsula in early August was the result of Guard Capt. Vince Jiga's bragging about his former days as a Marine, Grounds said.

"It was a spur of the moment thing," he added. Jiga, who works in the Ohio Guard's command and control headquarters in

Worthington, consented and good-naturedly endured the nearly three-hour ceremony.

When the snake council finished its deliberation, the ketsup-splattered Jiga was ordered to crawl through the pit 11 times.

The 6-foot-5-inch Poptic, who also is a former Marine, then requested that four of the pit "laps" be rescinded.

But the Grand Snake, robed in a military blanket and wearing a jungle hat, does not speak aloud. And after hearing the whispered verdict, the snake's interpreter and brother, SSgt. Thomas Grounds, announced the decision.

"The Grand Snake has compromised and has taken away two laps."

All About People-

Congratulations to the following members of HHD, Ohio ARNG, Worthington receiving promotions: SFC **HAROLD HOUGH**, Sp5 **JOHN EVANS** and Sp5 **MARK McMULLEN**.

Command and Control Headquarters, Worthington, recently promoted Sp5 **JAN ROBERTS**.

Promotions to SFC were given to **THOMAS CRAIGHEAD** and **DAVID MORTON** of 54th Support Center (RAOC), Worthington. **MARY JIMINEZ** was promoted to Pvt. 2.

Members of Company A 112th Engineer Battalion, Wooster recently promoted were: **JAMES BALL** and **WILLIAM SHEPHERD** to PFC, **PAUL PRITCHETT**, **CLINTON BRENNEMAN** and **LORAN ECKLEY** to Sp4s. Soldier of the Month for July was Pvt. 2 **MARK BOWEN**.

HHD 112th Medical Brigade, Worthington, extends best wishes to the following personnel on their recent promotions: **PETER SQUEGLIA** to Maj., **LYNN ALLEN** to SSgt., **JAMES LOHR** and **KAREN WHICHARD** to PFCs.

Congratulations to the members of HHD 112th Medical Brigade, Worthington on their being awarded the Army Achievement Medal. Recipients were: Cols **PAUL KOPSCH** and **JAY GRABER**; Lt. Cols **RAYMOND CLIFFORD**, **JOHN DESMONE**, **STAVROS MEIMARIDIS** and **THEODORE STULTS**; Maj. **JAMES CLARK**, **LARRY COOK**, **PAUL FENDER** and **PETER SQUEGLIA**; Sgts. Maj. **WARREN MYERS** and **L.D. BALL**; MSgts **ROBERT BROWN**, **LOUIE COTTON**, **JAMES FRAZER** and **RODNEY NEWELL**; SFCs **BILL CORNWELL**, **THOMAS STEPANOVSKY**, **ROBERT ALESHIRE**, **DON MONTGOMERY** and **ROBERT EBERHARD**; SSgt. **HOMER REED**; Sgts. **TIMOTHY McNEMAR** and **JOHN ALLBARY**; Sp4s **SCOTT WOELLERT**, **THOMAS McCLOSKEY** and **MONA KILBARGER**. Congratulations to Lt. Col. **THEODORE STULTS** for his receiving the honorary Meritorious Service Medal.

Promotions were received by the following members of 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker: A1C to **ERIC BERLIN**, **ANTHONY CLAPP** and **SUSAN STEPHENS**; SrA to **JESSE AKINS**, **JEFFREY ANDREWS**, **KIM DUNN**, **MARK GREATOROX**, **RICHARD LLOYD**, **JEFFREY LUCAS**, **JAMES PICKENS**, **JOHN RICHARDSON**, **KEVIN LIMING**, **ROBERT REED**, **GARY STOUT** and **GREGORY WEBER**; SSgt. to **ROBERT BAGENT**, **GERALD JOLLY**, **MARK KIMMEL**, **DAVID KUHN**, **GRADY SMITH**, **TRENA SMITH** and **GARDNER WATKINS**; TSgt. to **ALAN BLESS**, **LEO GRIMES** and **JAMES LARGENT**.

Detachment 1, Company C, 1/147th, Blanchester recently promoted: **JEFFREY A. BUTTS** to SSgt., **DARRELL L. NOLLEY** and **DENNIS E. McDANIEL** to Sgt., **ROBERT**

SANFREY to Sp4, and **JOHN W. STAPLETON** to Pvt. 2.

RANDOLPH C. AYERS, Detachment 1, 155th HEM Company, Chagrin Falls, was promoted to WO1.

Members of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Columbus, recently promoted were: **VERONICA GRAGO** and **STEPHEN McMANAWAY** to TSgt.; **GREGORY BENNETT**, **KENNETH BRONODOWSKI**, **MICHAEL CORRELL**, **LAUREL ELMORE**, **CARLA NARDI** and **GARY ROOT** to SSgt.; **LARRY HOWE**, **WARD KONRAD**, **JONATHAN MOORE**, **EDWARD MORAN**, **BRIAN REYNOLDS** and **BRUCE WEAVER** to SrA; **CHRISTINE BULACH**, **JOHN CABRERA** and **REX COLEMAN** to A1C.

The 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville promoted the following individuals: TSgt. **ROY A. SHUGART**, SSgts. **STEPHANIE MILLIGAN**, **RICKY MERCKLE** and **REBECCA WILSON**, SrAs **STEVEN JONES**, **GREGG MEADOWS** and **KEITH BLACK**, and **THEODORE GARRETT** to Sgt.

Congratulations to **DAVID PLUMMER** and **GARY PHILLIPS** of Company C (S&T) 237th Support Battalion, Oxford for being promoted to Sp5 and Sgt; **JAMES EVERSOLE**, **VICTORIA MOORE**, **TIMOTHY MULL**, **PAUL SEYMOUR** and **BONNIE STEWART** to Sp4s; **MICHAEL GENTRY**, **EDWARD LITTLE**, **TIMOTHY MORRIS**, **JOHN NAPIER** and **MICHAEL PENNINGTON** to PFCs.

SSgt. **ANTHONY SCHAFFER** of HHC 371st Support Group, Kettering was recently awarded the Ohio Commendation Medal in support of the Recruiting and Retention program. He was responsible for 18 non-prior service enlistees. 1st Sgt. **JAMES LYKINS** was promoted to his present rank.

The following members of Company C, 372nd Engineer Battalion, Lebanon have recently been promoted: to Sp4 **GREGORY COOMER**, **JAMES FRAUENKNECHT**, **CHARLES TAYLOR**, **ANDREW VONDERAHE**, **CASPER EVANS** and **FLOYD COLLINS**; to Sp5 **JAMES HEARD** and **CHARLES NAPIER**; to PFC **JOHN FAKES**, **OAKIE JOHNSON**, **EARL SANDERS**, **CHRISTOPHER SANDMAN**, **ROBERT SAYLOR** and **GERALD SCHNEIDER**.

Members of 837th Engineer Company, Lima recently promoted were: to Sp6 **ROBERT TOMASI**; to SSgt. **JERRY KRAMER**, **JEFFREY BARNES**, **KEITH COLLINS** and **STEVE SPENCER**; to Sgt. **DENNIS HARTZOG**, **RANDY AVERESCH**, **GEORGE SHABBLING**, **DAVID BROWN** and **JAMES SHRIDER**; to Sp4 **DARREN BASS**, **JOEY PHILLIPS**, **MARK BARTLEY**, **WILLIAM KOONTZ**, **DAVID BRINKMAN** and **BRYAN ENGLAND**; to PFC **JERRY NANCE**; to Cpl. **JOHN DAHILL** and **JAY ELWOOD** (lateral).

Promotions received by members of 1416th Transportation Company, Worthington were as follows: **WILLIAM ALDRICH**, **CRAIG BOURNE**, **GARY COONS**, **ROBERT FLYNT**, **DAVID KELLY**, **KIRK MANLEY**, **KENDRICK MORROW** and **ROBERT YANKA** to Sp4; **THOMAS GOAD**, **MICHELE HETRICK** and **ISAAC KINSER III** to PFC. Soldier of the Month of August was Sp4 **RANDALL L. MAYS** of the Avionics Platoon.

The last yearly meeting of the Central Ohio Chapter of the Enlisted Association of the U.S. Army saw two Ohio National Guard members recognized for outstanding accomplishments. Sp6 **CAROL SHORTRIDGE**, of the 54th Support Center was recognized as the most outstanding enlisted soldier from the Central Ohio area. PFC **PAUL FACEMIRE**, of Battery C (-), 2/174th Air Defense Artillery Battalion, Cambridge, was selected as the outstanding enlisted student of the 2078th USAR School.

JOHN E. BROWN has been recently promoted by the active Army to Sgt. Maj. Brown has been in the military over 20 years and is now serving as the senior enlisted advisor for the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) located on Sullivant Avenue in Columbus.

Sp5 **RICHARD A. KRAMER**, HHC, 371st Support Group, Kettering, has been selected as the "Outstanding Guardsmember" by the Ohio Area Command.

Kramer works in the maintenance section supervising and performing organizational maintenance on wheel vehicles, materials handling equipment (MHE), tactical power equipment and associated items in using direct and general support units. He has served with the 371st since his enlistment in October of 1977.

He is a member of the unit's Honor Guard. As a result of this selection, the Adjutant General has awarded Kramer a Certificate of Achievement, five days of State Active Duty base pay, basic allowance for subsistence and free use of a family housing unit at Camp Perry for five days.

Pvt. 2 **BETSY L. ARMENTROUT**, Co B 237th Support Battalion (Med), recently was named the Distinguished Honor Graduate from the U.S. Army's Dental Specialist School at the Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Capt. **GARY B. ENDERLE** of Heath, a member of the 737th Maintenance Battalion, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding job in organizing their training of battalion officers and senior NCOs.

BUCKEYE BRIEFS

Moorman Fighter Pilot of Year

Lt. Col. Raymond E. Moorman, Director of Operations for the Ohio Air National Guard's 178th Tactical Fighter Group at the Springfield Municipal Airport, recently received the Col. Andrew C. Lacy Award as the group's fighter pilot of the year.

Moorman currently flies the A-7D Corsair II attack aircraft, a single-seat, single-engine jet fighter. He is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours in fighters. He joined the Ohio ANG and earned his pilot wings in 1958.

Most members of the Guard train one weekend a month and two weeks a year. Moorman is employed full-time by the U.S. Air Force as a Budget Analyst, Tactical Systems Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Division, Wright-Patterson AFB.

Colonel Lacy, for whom the award is named, was Commander of the 178th for 17 years before retiring in 1977.

Render Honored

Sergeant First Class Alexander W. Render, HHT (-) 107th Armored Cavalry, Cleveland, was recently honored by the American Heart Association for his leadership role in support of the Cleveland Heart-a-Thon Run. Render coordinated the setting up of water stations, aid stations, food / drink delivery and runner pick-up for the 13.1-mile race.

BY Maj. Gordon Kurtz

Trench Digging By 220th

A four member team from the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron, Zanesville, recently returned from a 10 day tour at Sembach AFB, Germany where they hand dug, due to high voltage lines, a 140 ft. trench, and approximately 130 feet by a trencher to lay communications cable underground. The team consisted of team chief, MSgt. Harold Henthorn, SSgts. Elmer Spotti, Harry Swank, and A1C Ron Brame.

BY TSgt. Jon Stiers

Weapons Training

The 2/174th Air Defense Artillery Batteries from New Lexington, Zanesville, Caldwell, Cambridge, Steubenville, Marietta, Athens, and Logan, Ohio have completed their annual training for 1982. They trained at Camp Perry, Ohio the first week.

Training involved familiarization on the M-60 machinegun, M-203 grenade launcher, M-50 machinegun and nuclear, biological and chemical warfare exercises. The majority of their training is on the M-42 duster for air defense. The second week of their training was held in Camp Grayling, Mich. During this time they worked with the

38th Infantry Division from Indiana on tactical exercises involving nuclear, biological and chemical warfare, road marches, executing ADA missions in support of maneuver elements and providing critical asset defense, associated with their wartime mission.

By SSgt. Lawrence Wood

Graduates from Fort Bliss

Members of the Ohio Army National Guard recently graduated from Battery G, 4th Air Defense Artillery Training Battalion (FAW), 1st Air Defense Training Brigade at Fort Bliss, Tex. The twelve week intensive training course was designed to include Basic Training (BT) and Military Occupational Skills (MOS) training. Graduates were: John J. Brosovich III, Randy J. Evans, Glenn C. King, Vernon J. Morehouse, John W. Painter and Randall Redman.

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Commos Best

The director of the Air National Guard, Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway, Washington, D.C., has announced that the 251st Combat Communications Group, Springfield, is the recipient of the Air National Guard Communications-Electronics Trophy for 1982.

The trophy is a large silver globe mounted on a silver base and is presented annually to the Outstanding Communications-Electronic unit in the Air National Guard.

As a prelude to this honor, was the selection of the 251st as the Outstanding Communications-Electronics unit in the United States Air Force and recipient of the Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland Award.

1st Lt. MARK L. STOUT

"Herbie Floats Again!"

Herbie, the famous off-spring of Walt Disney's Herbie the Love Bug, made his second grand appearance at the 10th Annual Zane Trace Commemoration held in Zanesville. Herbie was entered in the "Anything That Floats, but isn't a Boat" contest, and came away with the second-place trophy. Herbie was viewed by thousands of Muskingum County citizens who lined the canal banks to see him in action, and he was on local television on two occasions during the three day event.

Herbie, representing the 220th Engineering Installation Squadron in Zanesville, was the brainchild of James Girton, 220th building superintendent, and the 220th EIS crew led by MSgts. Bob Mercer, Steve Butcher, John Johnson and SRA Gregg Meadows.

By TSgt. Jon F. Stiers

Walking Down Walls

Medical observers cheered as the first EST (Emergency Service Team) members successfully "climbed down" the outside wall of the base clinic. It was a display of skill and courage by members of the EST who are all members of the 121st Security Police Squadron, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, Ohio.

Twenty-three Air Guardsmen from the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, are almost finished with a rigorous 100-hour course which will result in certification as EST members.

This training is very similar to that received by civilian police officers who are members of SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) teams. The training is being conducted by TSgt. Dana Russell, a Gahanna, Ohio, police officer in civilian life who is officially certified as a qualified SWAT officer.

According to Russell, the 121st EST will be the first in the Ohio Air Guard. Its military mission is primarily counter terrorist, such as entering occupied buildings to rescue possible hostages and apprehending the terrorist. As Guardsmen, their skills could also be used to augment civilian law enforcement agencies and rescue teams if activated by the governor.

BY Maj. BOB BACHMANN

Soldiers Scoring 100% SQT

Additional soldiers scoring 100 percent on their skill qualification tests: Sp5 Richard L. Hemick and Sp4 Steven R. Hissong, 1486th Trans. Co., Kettering, 64C; Sp4 John Floyd Titcombe, HHC 371st Support Group, Kettering scored 100% SQT for 94B; SSgts. Richard Daniels, John Hite and Charles Hunt, HHD Ohio ARNG, Worthington, for OOE30; SFCs. Ronald Edwards, Charles Gery, Nicholas Kurlas, Jerry Lee, Christine Manning, Dennis Walter, Keith Pemberton and Robert Whalen, HHD Ohio ARNG, Worthington for OOE40; Sgts. Deborah Thompson and Richard Niehe, HHD Ohio ARNG, Worthington for OOE20; MSgts. Floyd Forgy and Guy R. Gennett, HHD Ohio ARNG, Worthington for OOE50; Sp4 Robert Carpenter, Sp5s Lyle Wetzel and Cecil Matse, 1484th Trans. Co., Dover for 64C; SFC Leland Unger, HHD 112th Trans. Bn., Middletown for 63B and SSgt. David Leonard, Det 1, 1487th Trans. Co., Eaton for 64C. Congratulations for a job well done.

Thanks to Gov. James Rhodes and to all the mayors throughout Ohio who have proclaimed October 7 Ohio National Guard Day. We also wish to thank all employers, family members and local citizens who took the time to say thanks to the Ohio National Guard.



How to Fold Sleeves on BDU



When wearing the new Battle Dress Uniform, the wrong side of the fabric is not supposed to show on the folded-up sleeve. When rolling the sleeves to avoid showing the wrong side of the fabric, and to present a neat appearance, you must:



- (1) pull the cuff of the sleeve to the armpit so that the inside is showing out.
- (2) make two folds toward the armpit leaving the cuff above the folds.
- (3) fold the cuff down over the folds you just made. The buttons and cuff flap should be showing.

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