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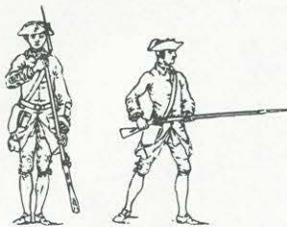
In the past year I have had the opportunity to visit many of you at your units. And I must tell you that you are doing super jobs! I am the proudest man in the state and I am proud to be part of the Ohio National Guard.

Today's Ohio National Guard did not just happen — it has evolved over a glorious 195-year history. Today's Ohio National Guard has grown since its beginning as a militia in Marietta on July 25, 1788.

We, in the Ohio National Guard, have a federal mission of unprecedented importance. Worldwide activities of the past few weeks remind us of the need for a strong military posture. It is important to place today's guard role in perspective.

We hear about the Soviet Threat in the world today. We view it as a fragile peace — one we need to maintain. While it is true we are not at war with any nation, that cannot be said of the Soviet Union. The Soviets are either directly involved or are providing direct military support for 24 wars in the Third World today: in the Middle East, South Asia, Africa, and South America.

While Third World turbulence is a cause for concern, the Soviet Threat remains the single most important challenge to peace in our time. The Soviets have been "arming themselves to the teeth," well in excess of their defense needs for the past 25 years. And beyond that, the quantities and kinds of equipment indicate a military on the offense rather than the defense. We, as a nation, need to understand this. We must be realistic in how we look at the threat and how we deal with it.



A famous Spanish philosopher once said "Nations don't distrust each other because they're armed. They're armed because they distrust each other."

The overt and covert actions of the Soviet Union are cause for distrust. They have proven time and again that given the opportunity, they can and do exploit the weak — politically, economically and militarily. It is clear that we must maintain a strong national defense to maintain peace, to quell exploitation and to deter war. Said another way, we can

maintain the peace by insuring we have a military no one wants to fight. If we can insure that the Soviets cannot fight a war on their terms and that their war aims could not be achieved, we will not have war.

Now, I know there are those who would say that total, unilateral disarmament is the only approach worth pursuing. It is indeed the best "School Book Solution", but it is not real world.

A strong defense is no different than a good insurance policy. We buy insurance for our homes, our families, our health and our retirements. Should we not be equally willing to buy the insurance to protect our most cherished and precious freedoms?

A strong defense is not cheap. But to the critics we must ask, "How much is our peace and freedom worth?" The price of peace and freedom has been paid — in dollars and lives — by the Ohio Guard since 1788. In the early days of our nation the Guard was the "insurance" we relied upon to maintain our way of life. Today, the Guard continues to play an increasingly major role in our national defense.

Many people in the country, in the military, and even in the Guard do not know how important a role the Guard plays. Today, the



Guard provides:

- 46% of Army combat units
- 66% of Air Force air defense
- 37% of Army support forces
- 70% of Air Force combat communication and air traffic control

As the defense needs of the country have increased, so have the missions of the Army and Air Guard. And, in each case we have proven ourselves capable of performing the tasks assigned.

We in the Guard realize there are practical limitations to the total number of missions the Guard can assume. But, we also realize the Guard's commitment to peace and freedom is strong and the Guard is willing to take on as many defense missions as practical.

While it would be easier on us all to have the old Guard missions and the new priorities, we also realize the Guard is committed to doing the most it can for defense. That kind of commitment begins with the individual guardmember. This is very important because each and every soldier and airman is an absolutely essential part of defense. All of the



specialties are necessary and integral to getting the job done.

We as the leaders and managers of the Guard must insure that every guardmember is acutely aware that he or she is necessary in accomplishing the mission.

I am proud to tell you that the Army and Air Guard are more combat ready today than at any other time in our history. We have made great progress; you have made great progress.

We are receiving new and more modern equipment. The Secretary of Defense's policy that "Those who fight first are equipped first" — is working, not well yet, but it is getting better. We are involved in new and innovative training.

We are getting good, hardworking people — the best of America's youth. We have a National Guard that is a leader in equal opportunity and affirmative action. Today in the Ohio National Guard we have 12.26% and 8.8% minorities in the Army and Air Guard, respectively. Six percent of the Ohio Army Guard and 10.9% of the Ohio Air Guard consist of female guardmembers. The most recent Army exclusions have caused some concern in the field, but I want to assure you that we will continue to provide maximum opportunities for women. Women will have a career in the Ohio National Guard.

I am proud to tell you that the minority officer programs are working. We are starting to see a number of minorities ascending the ranks and taking active roles in leading and managing the Ohio Guard. This is a very positive step forward — one we will work hard to improve upon.

Army and Air Guard units participated in numerous CONUS and overseas based exercises this year. A few of these included: REFORGER, Bold Eagle 84, Caravan Guard, Coronet Cove, Red Flag, Gunsmoke, and Coronet Castle. In all cases the units received the praise of their active component counterparts, and performed above expectations. These successes are indicative of the total force policy in action — Guard, Reserve and Active components working together — as a team.

Across the country, Army and Air Guard leaders are making the most of training time. They are challenging their people, they are conducting meaningful training, and, most importantly, they are improving individual and unit readiness. Adding to the training challenge is the influx of new modern equipment which has included:

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- 2 Black Hawks (Ohio was only one of two state Guard units to receive these)
- 5 AH-1S Cobra's designed to carry TOW missile
- 39 TOW's (heavy anti-tank weapon)
- 81 Dragon's (medium anti-tank weapon)
- 120 M-872 Semi-trailers (accompanying tractors will arrive soon)
- COMSEC decoders for RATT vans
- DAS III logistics computer system

With the reorganization and new training requirements resulting from this modernization, the time needed for training and the scope of training has mushroomed. To make the most of the time constraints, we have actively sought to increase the AGR program to augment the technician program. With the increased missions and training time compression, these full-time support personnel assist the commander in using unit training time most effectively.

As we all know, the technician maintenance program is without equal in the military today. This is due to the professionalism of the individuals involved, the stability of the work force, and the shared nature of the Guard. We are seeing these same traits appear in the other full-time programs. We believe they are clear indicators that full-time support personnel will be of great value in insuring the time and cost effectiveness of Guard training.

"Fraud, Waste, and Abuse" are words of our times — and rightfully so. We need and deserve the resources that we receive; in fact, we need more. But, we are also morally and ethically bound to insure that these resources are used properly. I urge each of you to accept the challenge to get the "biggest bang for the buck" possible. We should not be solely careful or cautious because we might be caught or reported about, but we should be prudent in the use of resources because it affects the combat readiness of our people and units.

With increasing resources, we all are facing a major challenge — the acceptance and management of change. The multitude of new systems, new training requirements, and new missions mandates that in our jobs we be creative, be flexible and be resourceful. Change is stressful, time-consuming and oftentimes hard on our personnel. We must

Cover Photo

READY SCOUT—Pvt. Jeff Steed of Troop F, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment prepares to fire while stopped to scout possible enemy activity. (Photo by SP4 RAY EBNER)

learn to accept change and deal with it effectively both as an organization and as individuals.

As I mentioned earlier, we are attracting good people into the Army and Air Guard. The challenge to each of us is to make them want to stay in the Guard, be a part of the change, contribute their skills, share in the training and be a vital part of our success. We can modernize, we can equip, and we can do many other positive things. But, without the individual soldier and airman it is all for naught. For it is not the National Guard that is America at its best, it is the members of the Guard who make the Guard, America at its best.

Part of being the best is being physically fit. I must report to you with pride that real progress has been made. But, we must continue to do better. A fit soldier or airman is a necessity of the modern military, and we must each set the personal examples. The benefits to be gained from fitness apply to both military and civilian life. Attention to physical fitness helps insure that in war we never have to hear "Had I been able to run up the hill," ... "I can't carry it any farther." ... and so on. It is our duty to ourselves and to those we lead. We need to ask ourselves, can and do we set the proper example?

Now I would like to turn to the future. Our history has been written. It is a rich and illustrious history of which we can all be justly proud. Ironically, it is the militia, or Guard as it is now known, that defended our freedom and continues to do so today. Yet, somewhere over time people have forgotten about or have never been told how important the Guard was then and is now.

As we move toward our goals in the Ohio National Guard, we need to be proud, and we need to be as ready as we can be. We also must let the public know who and what we are, that we are vitally important to the state and nation. And, that we are proud to be guardmembers. I ask each of you to accept the challenge to do your personal best in making the public aware of the Guard.

I believe that a famous Guardmember, George Washington, said it best: "There is nothing so likely to produce peace as to be well prepared to meet an enemy." We must maintain a military that no one wants to fight.

Raymond R. Galloway
Adjutant General

107th Troopers Get Realistic Training

Scout Course Tests Proficiency

BY DONALD R. LUNDY

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The three-man teams are poised at the starting gate. For them, a year's worth of training will be evaluated in the next four hours. They are, as the saying goes, tactically ready for a five-mile encounter that will test their abilities as recondo scouts. These enlisted men are the guys out front in a battle. It is up to them to find out for their unit the location and size of any enemy forces and to call in the appropriate action. That action could be artillery fire, a helicopter or tank assault, mortars, or other appropriate "fire missions."

The scouts are the front runners for a unit that has a formidable mission in combat. That unit is the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, which has its headquarters in Cleveland. The 107th's role in combat would be as a forward fighting element to provide protection for a 30,000-man force.

The scouts are charged with observing and reporting enemy action. For a critical assignment like that, it is natural that their training be high quality and consistent.

The 107th ACR has devised a basic but effective system to provide training for scouts in the regiment. During monthly drills, the scouts are trained in all tasks they are expected to know. At annual training each year, the ACR runs a scout squad proficiency course. A standardized evaluation procedure enables the regiment to know how the scouts have done and what they have learned during the year.

It's exciting, realistic training. For example, at Camp Grayling during annual training this year, the 107th used a five-mile course that included extensive route reconnaissance problems complete with opposing forces, minefields, firing M16 rifles and M60 machine guns in full MOPP-4 chemical warfare protective equipment and a chemical course during which they must evaluate different types of chemicals placed in their path. It is essential that they diagnose what's wrong and take the proper action quickly. They are scouting a course that will be used by their unit. That course must provide a quick, safe route for their troops to do whatever they are ordered to do.

SFC Howard Ehrhart of Huntsburg is NCOIC of the 107th Scout Proficiency Course. Ehrhart says he is proud of the way the regiment scouts respond to the training program. "We think it's the best way to provide the training that they need," he said.

For the 35 scout squads in the 107th, it's a test of their skill and endurance.

Maj. Thomas C. Beane, OIC of the Scout Proficiency Course during annual training this year, said he was extremely pleased with the success of the program.



SCOUTS READY FOR ANYTHING—Scouts from the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment are ready for any enemy chemical warfare. They are proceeding through the regimental scout course at Camp Grayling, Mich. The entire contingent of scouts in the 107th trained on the scout course during AT. (Photo by SP4 RAY EBNER)

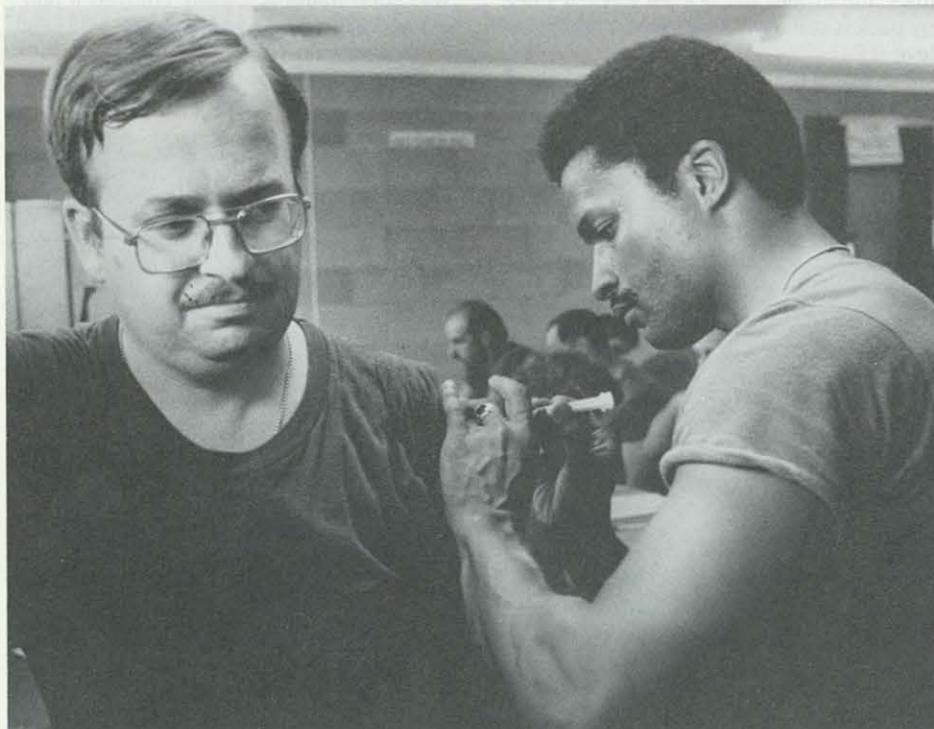
MOBEX

BY PEGGY HANLEY

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CHECK UP—Lt. Col. William Shields, attached to Company B, 237th Support Battalion examines a patient processing through MOBEX. He is assisted by Sp4 Vickie A. Motok, dental specialist. (Photo by SSGT. KEN WHITE)



MAKING HIS POINT—PFC Thomas G. Price, Company B, 237th Support Battalion gives an injection to Capt. George N. Boyer, Company Commander to update his medical record. (Photo by SSGT. KEN WHITE)

Members of Company A and Company B, 237th Support Battalion conducted mobilization exercises (MOBEX) as part of annual training at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Mobilization training is nothing new for them. In fact, it is an ongoing part of their mission to perform administrative actions for the 73D Infantry Brigade (Separate) such as updating financial and medical records, performing physical examinations and checking Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) qualification.

"The MOBEX training at Camp Atterbury was unique in terms of numbers of individuals processed for mobilization," said Col. James R. Williams, Deputy Brigade Commander for the 73D.

Over 1300 soldiers went through a series of 12 stations where administrative, medical and legal records were reviewed and updated to determine eligibility for duty should the brigade be activated.

"Having this large of a number allows the brigade to validate Forces Command (FORSCOM) Mobilization procedures with regard to the 73D's ability to rapidly and effectively mobilize," said Williams.

"Also, we gain the advantage of having about one-third of the brigade's records updated—a task normally handled within the unit," he added.

The administrative support provided by Company A during the mobilization exercise consisted of legal counseling, checking identification cards and tags, and insuring that Military Personnel Records Jackets (MPRJ) and Personnel Financial Records were complete.

Company B reviewed medical records and performed physicals when needed. "We have to medically qualify a soldier before deployment," said Sp4 Metri Williams, NCOIC of Medical Records.

"The 237th has been preparing for MOBEX for the past year," said 2nd Lt. Joseph Showalter. Members of the two companies have traveled throughout the state working with brigade units during weekend drills performing the personnel actions that would be required in the event of mobilization.

"The entire MOBEX operation has been 100 percent on target," noted Showalter. A few stations were switched during the first week to allow for a more efficient flow of traffic.

"The soldiers of these companies have a sense of purpose—their training is demanding. I am pleased with their performance," said Maj. John Donnellan, Brigade Adjutant General.

Troops Enjoy 2-Day 'Adventure'

BY BRIAN BLODGETT

Det. 1, Company B, 166th Infantry Battalion

Adventure weekend, a trip to Mount Everest or a ride down the mighty Colorado River, not exactly, but to the 120 members of Company B, 166th Infantry Battalion it was an adventure all its own.

As the men gathered at their respective armories in both Marysville and Delaware one could feel the excitement in the air. It may have only been 8 a.m. but the men were ready to go. They had been looking forward to this weekend for the past several months.

"This weekend is a reward for doing especially well at Summer Camp '82 in Grayling and again six months later at Winter Camp '83 held at Camp Ripley, Minn. We have the best company in the 73D Brigade and the ratings show it," said 1st Lt. Terry Kundert, the company commander.

By 9:00 a.m. the men were at their respective training sites along the Scioto River and at Owens Quarry in Delaware County, ready to begin a challenging day of training. The training was broken down into three separate sections; River Crossing, Rappelling, and NBC. Each block of instruction lasted approximately four hours and the platoon size groups rotated through each section during the weekend.

The most challenging class to many was the rappelling. The class was centered around a demonstration conducted by 2nd Lt. David Hosler and retired MSgt. Ken Davenport of the Rangers. The instructors showed the proper way to tie a 'Swiss seat', and techniques used in rappelling off a cliff. After tying several Swiss seats and attending a safety

briefing the men were allowed to rappel down the cliff under the guidance of the training NCO's. "This is entirely voluntary, if you wish to try it you can and if not then you can just watch those who do," said Hosler.

Safety was especially stressed; everyone was checked before they approached the cliff and then carefully watched by the training NCO's. Soon a rope bridge across the corner of the quarry was also in use as the men hung suspended in the air, while working their way hand-over-hand along the 40 foot bridge.

To others, especially to non-swimmers, the River Crossing class was the most challenging. During this class the men were instructed on how to make a raft. This wasn't an ordinary wooden raft but one made out of a soldier's equipment; his rifle, rucksack, bootlaces, and his poncho. Two men combined together to form a raft by spreading a poncho, putting all of their gear inside, and then folding up the edges and tying it tight, then putting this inside the second poncho and doing the same.

"Believe it or not, it will float," said Sgt. Douglas Webb, "and it will also keep everything inside dry if it is tied right." As the raft was put in the water and two men began to swim across the river with it, Sgt. Daniel West expressed his concern, "It better keep the inside's dry, someone threw my rucksack in it." After being in the water for around 40 minutes and back and forth across the river four times, the insides did not get wet. "It's dry, my pack is still dry," said West, "I don't believe it."

These men then proceeded to learn about the rubber pontoon raft. After a short class

two of the rafts were hurriedly inflated and then the 240 lb. raft was launched into the river. As 12 men climbed into each raft they were expecting a nice leisurely float down the Scioto but the illusion was shattered as 2nd Lt. Jeffery Smith began to lead the boats up river instead of down, making it twice as hard.

The third part of the training was the NBC class. This is the area which is most familiar to the guardsmen, yet a very important aspect of training that many take for granted. Every guardmember should be able to correctly put on their protective mask but how many can correctly put on their MOPP suits in eight minutes, the maximum time it should take?

After a class conducted by Sgt. Donald Seitz who stressed the importance of knowing how to wear the suit and the protection that it can give an individual when in a chemical or biological environment the men began to dress themselves in the MOPP suits. Once fully clothed the temperature inside the suit is around 15 degrees warmer than on the outside.

"The United States policy concerning the use of Biological and Chemical agents is that chemical agents will not be used first by U.S. Armed Forces and that under no circumstances will biological agents be used by the United States," said Seitz. "The Soviets do not have this policy," he said.

PFC Johnathan Johnston on his way home from drill summed up the weekend, "This was good training; I really enjoyed it and I learned a lot. Along with the new skills, Sgt. Seitz's class on NBC really made me think. I never thought much about NBC, now I will."



ON RAPPEL!—Sp4 Ray Gruett of Company B, 166th Infantry Battalion prepares for descent under the guidance of a trained instructor. (Photo by SP4 BRIAN BLODGETT)



CHECK POINT—Sergeant Larry Gardner, Headquarters Company, 16th Engineer Brigade calls in his sector status by field telephone from his perimeter foxhole. The unit lived in a field environment for two weeks during annual training 1983 at Camp Grayling, Michigan. (Photo by CAPT. THOMAS CHUPKA)

“Survivability” Is Key Word Engineers Train In Field

BY JON J. FLESHMAN
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Dusty roads and a baking sun by day; kamikaze mosquitoes and lumpy sleeping bags by night; and always the threat of gas attacks and aggressor infiltration. All those elements could be found on Wilson Hill at Camp Grayling. That was the environment in which Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 16th Engineer Brigade operated for their two weeks of annual training.

Their mission was to command and control from the field all units assigned to the Brigade. Camouflaged offices within tents surrounded by concertina wire, C-rations for lunch, pup tents among the trees, and nights that seemed so short were all a part of the “five-star” survivability training accommodations.

Perimeter defenses included two-man foxholes dug to the depth of the tallest man.

“It’s definitely been different, said Sp4 Beverlee Stevens, a tactical wire communica-

tions specialist. We never were involved in anything like this. Last year at annual training we were in the field for only three days. The bulk of Headquarters Company training was conducted on the main post.”

Besides performing her communication tasks, Stevens stood guard duty in battle dress with an M16A1 rifle for 12 hours at a time under a cruel sun. She challenged all visitors to the area with the first part of a two-part password, and waited for the correct response before allowing them beyond her checkpoint.

In addition to its regular duties at the sectional level, the Headquarters Company participated in special training and field exercises. NBC protective clothing was worn at MOPP 4 level in sweltering heat. A tactical night move was successfully made using only the blackout lights on the vehicles.

The company received a taste of helicopter night flying and enjoyed a panorama of Grayling from the air when they were ferried to and from Bear Lake by the 281st Aviation Company, U.S. Army Reserve.

When asked what was in store for the

troops at the lake, 2nd Plt. Sgt. Wayne Howard smiled slightly and said, “Surprise water training!” When asked to explain what he meant, Howard smiled slightly again and said, “Be surprised at whatever.” (Howard will never be accused of passing secrets to the enemy).

At the lake, Operations Officer Maj. William Hall instructed the company in the art of building expedient flotation devices. Besides demonstrating the two-person poncho raft, Hall showed the utility of such common items as empty gas cans, canteens and waterproof sleeping bag sacks as flotation devices.

Legal clerk Pvt. Julie Summercamp got her surprise when she volunteered to act as a casualty and test the buoyancy of the sapling and air mattress stretcher. She stayed high and dry until the stretcher bearers tipped her off to demonstrate what happens when the casualty is not tied in securely.

It was well after midnight before the troops of Headquarters Company were back from the “surprise” water exercise and sleeping in their five-star accommodations.

Wheeled vehicle mechanic/recovery specialist Sgt. Joel Bowman was impressed with the women who trained alongside him. Part of Bowman’s job in the S-2 section was to test the perimeter defenses by attempting to infiltrate the camp. “Some of the females out here are really gung ho, Bowman said. I low-crawled them to death and they enjoyed it.”

Administration supervisor SFC Walter Loy, a prior Marine Corps infantryman, said, “Most of the people in Headquarters Company are not prior service and this is the first time they’ve been in the field for this long of a period.”

Though the long days wore down some people and at times tempers got a little short, Loy said, “I think everyone handled it really well. Most everybody came prepared for it and ready to pull long shifts.”

Bowman, who shared a foxhole with Loy, agreed. “The meals out here have been good. Sanitation facilities were well kept and the waterbags were always filled.”

Both men said the sun and the insects were the real headaches. “The mosquitos and spiders were really bad out here,” Loy said.

They praised the motor pool, headed by Sgt. William Collmar, for keeping the vehicles operational, and supply for meeting all their needs.

Bowman and Loy noted that the officers joined the troops in the rigors of their extended field experience.

When the field weary men and women of Headquarters Company returned to the extravagant luxuries of the Grayling post, their training was not quite over. The next day they rose with the roosters for their physical training test.

After completing survivability training, push-ups, sit-ups and a run should only be described in two words — DUCK SOUP.

Engineers in MOPP Training

BY RON GLOER

Company D, 612th Engineer Battalion

National guardmembers from Sandusky and other area cities joined forces to successfully complete their missions during their two week annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich.

A major highlight during the two week training was a visit by four West German Army Officers from Bundeswehr. They visited the tactical sites of the 612th Engineers. They were Lt. Col. Dieter Dohm of Engineer Command (ENCOM) 800, a native of Cologne, West Germany; Lt. Col. Erwin Straschewski, chief engineer of Military District 3, a native of Reichenau; and MSgts. Uli Lisson of Schwelm, and Klaus Meier of Dusseldorf, both members of ENCOM 800. The purpose

of their tour was to coordinate their training with our training to better our NATO forces. (see story pg.)

During the two week stay at Camp Grayling, the troops of Co. D were tested and evaluated to see how effective their monthly training had been over the past year.

One of the key training events was the wearing of a Mission Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) uniform which is worn in the event of a Nuclear, Biological or Chemical warfare agent attack. Sgt. Watson Harvey, the NBC-NCOIC of Delta Company, trained and tested the troops in an NBC environment. Harvey is a welder for the Ford Motor Company in Sandusky.

Capt. Steve Stohla, the head football coach at Wynford High School, Bucyrus, and the

Delta Company Commander said, "The MOPP training for the troops is necessary in case of federal activation. We need to take a gradual approach to the training in the MOPP uniform because of the heat and the stress factor the uniform brings on."

Common tasks of an engineer involve infantry skills, demolitions training, communications skills, first aid application, maintenance, and knowing proper defense in Nuclear, Biological and Chemical warfare, and Guerilla warfare. The building and construction of bridges and antiaircraft or Hawk Missile sites, is an engineers major task during a combat environment.

These tasks take place day and night during field training and are closely monitored by the command of the 612th.



PUMPING IRON—Members of the 612th Engineer Battalion carry components of the M4T6 bridge near Howe Lake during oppressive summer temperatures. (Photo by SSGT. DON SCHELL)

MPs

Forced Evacuation in Flooded Area

BY JOHN KACHENMEISTER

323rd Military Police Company

Members of the Ohio National Guard's 323rd Military Police Company got direct experience at rapid tactical movement when flooding forced the evacuation of their headquarters building on Niagara Road at Camp Perry.

"The water started rising about 8:30 in the morning, and within an hour we had four to

five inches on the floor," said SSgt. Lewis Walterschied, a squad leader with the 323rd.

By mid-afternoon, however, the water had subsided and only an inch remained on the floor. By the next day the 323rd had moved back in from their temporary command post in Building 1. Poor drainage in that area of the post caused a large, shallow lake to be formed after the heavy rain.

"Fortunately we had warnings from the previous unit that flooding could occur, and we were able to get everything off the floor," Walterschied said.

The detachment of the Toledo-based company was spending its Annual Training period at Camp Perry to provide Law Enforcement services to the National Rifle Matches. The detachment is led by 2nd Lt. Thomas Wilds.



BREATH OF FRESH AIR—SSgt. Janice Stokes, Training Manager, 251st Combat Communications Group, exits the gas chamber followed by TSgt. Richard Blank and other participants in the Academy of Combat Communicators. SSgt. Stokes' familiarization with the training will enable her to better inform future participants what to expect. (Photo by MSGT. JOHN ZELNIK)



TANK THREAT—MSgt. Jim Minich (left) and TSgt. Bill Craddock prepare to move an M60A1 tank from the Unit Training Equipment Site. The tank added realism to a night perimeter security defense problem. (Photo by MSGT. JOHN ZELNIK)

'Mobility' Key For 251st Communicators

BY MARK L. STOUT

251st Combat Communications Group

Members from 251st Combat Communications Group, Springfield, Ohio, converged upon the Army Training Center at Camp Atterbury, Ind. New training courses for mobility and for Morse code began with great enthusiasm and ended with even greater success and achievement. The courses were developed by members from throughout the Group to satisfy Air Force requirements in a professional and cost-efficient manner.

Mobility training provided trainees with an intensified 7-day schedule of hands-on activity which is vital to tactical communicators. The course, which has come to be known throughout the group as the Academy of Combat Communicators, was led by MSgt. Minich of the 235th Air Traffic Control Flight, Fort Wayne, Ind. Minich served as Commandant and was ably assisted by TSgt. Phil Lambers, 251st headquarters; TSgt. Bill Craddock of the 263rd Combat Communications Squadron, Badin, N.C.; TSgts. Bill Martineau, Bill Auckerman, and Bruce Fuller of the 269th Combat Communications Squadron, Springfield, Ohio; and A1C Jim Tolle, also from the headquarters.

Minich's commitment to the success of this pilot program was evidenced both by the planning of the course and by the quality of its execution. Minich said, "Trainees new to the world of the combat communicator gained an acute awareness of "mobility" and they developed a confidence which will enhance the group's readiness."

MSgt. John Harmon of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Springfield, conducted chemical warfare training and 178th security police personnel acted as range instructors for M-16 rifle qualification.

At another Atterbury location, more 251st personnel — radio operators from the six states represented within the 251st — gained proficiency in the unique language of "dits and dahs", the International Morse code. SMSgt. Robert Summer, of the 269th, CMBTCS, developed this two-week course. The 22 trainees spent many long hours learning the code and developing speed and accuracy in this system of telegraphic communication.

Both courses taught at Atterbury this past summer proved to be highly effective in improving the total force readiness posture of the 251st.

“Load ‘em up!”

Getting from point A to point B

BY DOUG DANKWORTH
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In a war the finest fighting force in the world cannot defend its homeland unless the soldiers are able to get themselves and their equipment to the battle quickly.

Last August members of the 73D Infantry Brigade (Sep) got a glimpse of the difficulty they would encounter in moving hundreds of vehicles (along with equipment and supplies) to a battlefield.

Selected soldiers from 15 units traveled from their annual training site at Camp Atterbury, Ind., to attend a new transportation school at nearby Fort Benjamin Harrison.

“If we mobilize we’re either going to move by rail or by air. We’re training for both ways here,” said Capt. Michael Cook, an operations and training specialist for the 73D.

Approximately 160 of the 73D’s infantrymen, artillerymen, cavalrymen, engineers and support personnel attended the two day school in which they drove 2½- and 5-ton

cargo and dump trucks, along with track vehicles, on and off railroad cars. They also learned how to load and unload aircraft using a mock C-130 transportation plane.

Loading involves skilled drivers, but also skilled ground guides. “The three ground guides (soldiers guiding the driver at the front and rear of a vehicle) are more important than the drivers,” Cook said.

Along with the actual loading, students learned to prepare vehicles and equipment for shipment, how to balance weights for shipping, and the different combinations of vehicles that can fit onto railroad cars and aircraft.

“It takes confidence and skill to drive that truck onto that 10-foot wide railroad car,” Cook said.

And Army Maj. Gregory Ganslen, installation transportation officer at Fort Harrison, was assured that the students were prepared for the potentially dangerous loading and unloading since they practiced extensively on the ground before doing the real thing.

“We don’t put the drivers up on the railroad cars until we’re sure they have the driving skill and confidence,” he said.

The Army set up the school and the Army Reserve conducted it.

“The Army thought it out and let us add on to it,” said Maj. Paul Hipsher, of the Reserve’s 451st Field Depot at Fort Harrison.

Hipsher was principle instructor in the railroad training.

“This is truly the one Army concept. The Army, Reserve, and the National Guard are all doing this together,” Hipsher added.

The school was developed and conducted for the first time at Fort Harrison this summer. “It was basically designed for the Mobex (mobilization exercise) that the task force is going through,” Cook said.

The school was designed to be a kind of school for teachers.

“There is no complete unit here at the school,” Cook said. “The primary objective of this training is to teach the trainers so they can take the knowledge back to their units to teach others.”

Stress

BY GRETCHEN NICOL
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Stress is defined by Webster as “a force exerted upon a body that tends to strain or deform its shape.” For us it can be physical, emotional, positive or negative; examples include: job loss, promotion, marriage, vacation, illness, birth of a child.

Our normal life cycle is one of change and challenge and we address each as it arrives. Stress can be a motivating factor, essential to our well-being and without it we would be dead!

A balance of stress keeps us at peak performance (mental, social and physical). As we move into overload we often feel depressed or anxious with resultant inefficiency and inactivity.

To assist in maintenance or restoration of balance some of the following techniques may be helpful.

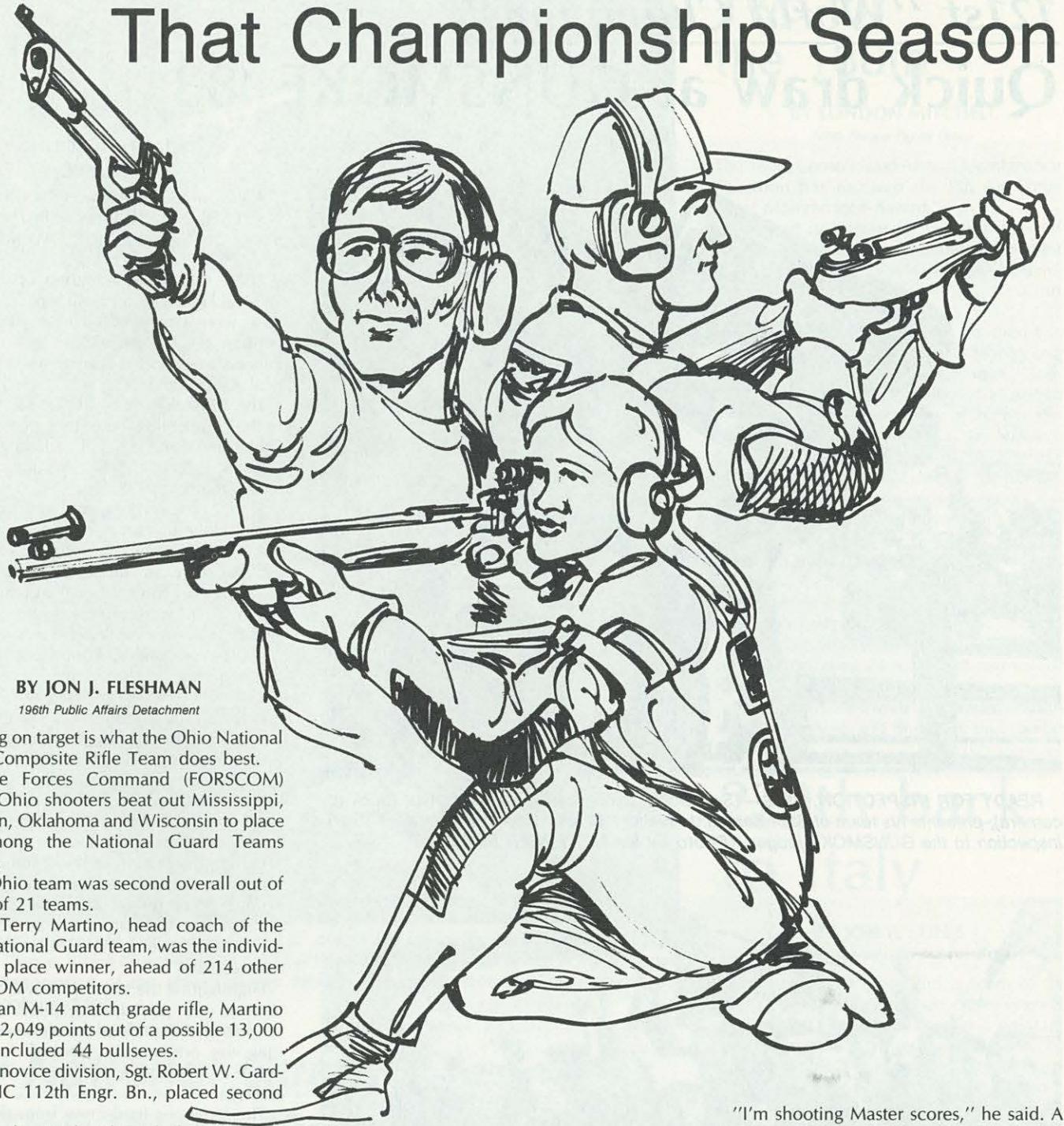
1. Get adequate sleep.
2. Talk over thoughts and concerns with friends, family, clergy, health professionals or others.
3. Do regular exercise. Whatever you enjoy, even walking, for at least 15 minutes every day.
4. Take time to slow down, reflect and

relax. Use two to 30 minutes a day to do one or more of the following. a) listen to soothing music, b) take a warm bath, c) daydream and “be” anywhere you enjoy. Imagine the sights, sounds and feelings of being there.

5. Worry cessation. Most all worries DON’T happen. For the “shoulds” and “what ifs” plan your reactions then forget it. Don’t over-react, i.e. do not make a mountain out of a mole hill.
6. Time management. a) log everything you do and the time it takes to do it for three to seven days, b) evaluate it, c) plan and organize your schedule using this information, d) allow for some flexibility, e) be sure to include “play time.”

Take the time to listen to yourself. Periodically assess your life’s balance. You will actually increase your stamina and vigor and your time will be used more productively and goals will be met in a more effective and relaxed way. Allow yourself to enjoy life. You deserve it!

That Championship Season



BY JON J. FLESHMAN
196th Public Affairs Detachment

Staying on target is what the Ohio National Guard Composite Rifle Team does best.

At the Forces Command (FORSCOM) match, Ohio shooters beat out Mississippi, Michigan, Oklahoma and Wisconsin to place first among the National Guard Teams entered.

The Ohio team was second overall out of a field of 21 teams.

TSgt. Terry Martino, head coach of the Ohio National Guard team, was the individual first place winner, ahead of 214 other FORSCOM competitors.

With an M-14 match grade rifle, Martino scored 12,049 points out of a possible 13,000 — that included 44 bullseyes.

In the novice division, Sgt. Robert W. Gardner, HHC 112th Engr. Bn., placed second overall.

When the smoke cleared, the Ohio National Guard's 10-member team brought home 16 individual trophies from the FORSCOM match at Camp Robinson, Arkansas.

At the Ohio Service Rifle Championships at Camp Perry in May, Martino once again was the individual winner.

Ohio Guard sharpshooters struck again at the Indiana Regional Match held at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, in July. The Ohio team won first place for the second year in a row.

"Most people in the National Guard don't know we have this program," TSgt. James Sayre said. "Only 40 people showed up for try outs for the new season."

Sayre said try outs held in March at Camp

Perry are open to all Guardmembers — male and female, officer and enlisted. The season runs through October.

The team practices every weekend in March at Camp Perry, and then two weekends a month from April through September. Interested Guardmembers can also try out for the team any time it holds a practice or competes in a match.

To get on the team Sayre said, all it takes is dedication and a little bit of raw talent.

"If somebody has a little bit of raw talent we have the coaching talent to turn them into a good shooter," Sayre said.

Sayre joined four years ago and went from Marksman to Expert in two years.

"I'm shooting Master scores," he said. A Master score is more than 93 points out of a possible 100.

The outfit the National Guard loans individual team members is worth about \$1,500, Sayre said. Besides the M-14 match rifle, it includes a shooting coat, stool, gun case, scope and free bullets.

The team member may take the equipment home to have it handy for additional practice.

As a member of the Rifle Team, Sayre said Guardmembers get the chance to shoot against the best shooters in the world.

For more information about the Ohio National Guard Composite Rifle Team contact TSgt. James Sayre, 121st CAM Sq. Rickenbacker ANG, OH 43217. Phone: (614) 492-3526.

121st "World Champions" Quick draw at GUNSMOKE '83

BY JAMES T. BOLING

121st Tactical Fighter Wing

A victorious team returned recently from Nellis AFB, Nevada, armed with a brand new trophy designating them "World Champions."

These Ohio guardmembers of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker ANG Base, were winners of the maintenance competition at GUNSMOKE '83, a world-wide gunnery meet hosted every two years by Tactical Air Command.

The 121st flew the A-7D Corsair II fighter in the competition against the finest tactical fighter aircraft in the world, including the F-16 Fighting Falcon, the F-4 Phantom and the A-10 Thunderbolt II.

The 121st team competed against the best in the United States Air Force. In addition, the Tactical Air Command, Pacific Air Forces, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Alaskan Air Command, the Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard were represented.

Sixteen teams were selected by preliminary Air Force competitions throughout the world. Winners were designated in three categories; Maintenance, Weapons Load and Delivery, and the flying portion of the competition.

The 121st maintenance team was named the top maintenance crew in the entire competition. Under constant scrutiny by the judging panel during each day's missions, the team accumulated 5,978 points out of a possible 6,000.

During the last two days of the competition, the team executed perfectly, losing not a single point. In taking top overall honors, the maintenance team also was recognized as the best among the A-7D units in the competition.

Highlighting the team spirit was a victory toast to the participating pilots who acknowledged the role of the aircrews in winning the preliminary shoot-off for GUNSMOKE, held earlier this year in Savannah, Georgia.

The weapons load crew from the 121st finished fifth in the overall loading competition and was named top A-7D load team while top honors in weapons loading competition went to the 23rd Tactical Fighter Wing, England AFB, Louisiana.

In flying competition, the overall team winner was the 50th Tactical Fighter Wing, Hahn Air Base, Germany. The pilots of the 121st finished eighth in the standings.

Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force General Charles Gabriel in remarks to GUNSMOKE '83 participants said, "I am proud of the way you conducted yourselves, especially the maintenance crews. These are the best looking aircraft I've ever seen. You've proven you can maintain the most sophisticated aircraft in the sky."



READY FOR INSPECTION, SIRs—TSgt. Bob Panian, load crew supervisor (back to camera), presents his team of Staff Sergeants Walter Ball and Jeffrey Ray for AFR 35-10 inspection to the GUNSMOKE judges. (Photo by MAJ. STEPHEN KOPER)



GUNSMOKE TOAST—Members of the world championship maintenance team were welcomed home by hundreds of well-wishers when they returned from GUNSMOKE '83. The team raises a triumphant toast as they enjoy the spoils of their victory. (Photo by TSGT. TOM FOLEY)

Two for the 180th

BY LONDON MITCHELL

180th Tactical Fighter Group

The 180th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron has received the 9th Air Force "Best Maintenance Award."

The unit has amassed two and one-half years of continuously maintaining the highest possible combat readiness rating. During the period the unit passed over its 10,000th accident-free sortie.

The 180th has already been honored this year with the Ohio Flying Safety Trophy and the U.S. Air Force Flight Safety Plaque. "Both of these awards can be attributed in part to the outstanding performance of the maintenance organization," said Maj. Jay Nielsen, Chief of Maintenance Control.

Maj. Nielsen said that despite the numerous domestic and overseas deployments, the unit was able to maintain a flyable aircraft rate of over 70 percent while performing approximately 3,000 sorties annually.

Criteria for the award included: maintenance performance, safety, inspection results and deployment performance. Included in the competition were all Ninth Air Force gained units including 23 Air Guard and six Air Reserve units.

Nielsen says the award signifies a real team accomplishment, and the entire unit can be proud.

220th back to Italy

BY JON F. STIERS

220th Engineering Installation Squadron

On Sunday, October 2nd, a team of six 220th Engineering Squadron cable/antenna and ground crewmen boarded a Military Airlift Command flight and headed to Italy for annual training. The team consisting of Team Chief TSgt's. Harold Westfall, Dale Williams, SSgts. Steve Jones, Okey Clay, Mike Black and Sgt. Greg Lowe worked out of Aviono Air Base, at the foot of the Italian Swiss Alps.

The 220th was tasked earlier in the year to install three 1097 RADOME antennas and two ANGRC 171 radios for use in the European Communications Network.

The crew experienced an unexpected delay when they found themselves in the midst of a Chemical Warfare Emergency Exercise. While they were exempt from the full-scale mock alert which included sirens, protective masks, and MOPP gear, supply channels were slowed.

Active duty Air Force personnel from the 1836th Engineering Installation and Italian civilian engineers assisted the 220th in the completion of the mission.



DISTINGUISHED FLYING—Col. Daniel G. Arnold proudly holds the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque, which he accepted in behalf of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group at the National Guard Association of the United States Annual General Conference held recently in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Air National Guard 179th Wins Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque

BY EVERETT E. MORRIS

179th Tactical Airlift Group

The 179th Tactical Airlift Group, Mansfield, was recently presented the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque. As one of the five outstanding flying units in the Air Guard, the 179th received the award for excellent accident-free flying hours. In July, the 179th completed 60,000 accident-free flying hours.

Award selection focused mainly on flying safety, operational-readiness of aircraft and aircrews, reenlistment, training goals and unit manning levels.

The Mansfield-Lahm Airport based unit has won previous national recognition for its accomplishments. Two U.S. Air Force awards have been presented to the 179th: one for flying safety and one for recognition as an outstanding unit.

Working as one unit in Germany

BY CHUCK TRITT

196th Public Affairs Detachment

The 1416th Transportation Company (Aviation Maintenance), Worthington, spent two weeks of Annual Training (AT) in West Germany this summer. In all, 305 members of the unit worked with the 70th Transportation Battalion at Coleman Barracks near Mannheim.

The unit is scheduled to return to Germany once every three years for Annual Training.

"I really enjoyed the 1416th's stay," said Maj. Steve Flanigen, commander of Company B, 70th Transportation Battalion. "We appreciate all the work they did. I was impressed by the quality of work and am certain that this unit could carry out it's federal mission. We will now look more favorably on the next Guard unit assigned with us for Annual Training," said Flanigen.

"This was a difficult task. I think all the members of the unit did a good job, said Capt. Roger West, commander of the 1416th. Everything went better than we expected."

"The training here exceeded all our expectations, said SFC Andy Mays, unit administrator for the 1416th. Nearly all the feedback from the 70th has been good. I think we may have impressed some people here. Before we arrived Maj. Flanigen was skeptical of what we could do, but since we've started working he has been praising us," continued Mays.

Not all the training the troops received was

military in nature.

"We gave nearly all the troops the middle weekend off to learn about Germany, said West. About 150 people left the Mannheim area for the weekend. Everyone made it back by the midnight Sunday deadline we had set."

Transportation was provided by the 70th Transportation Bn. and the Coleman Barracks Recreation, Travel and Tourism Office for troops that chose to stay in Mannheim.

The 1416th is unusual because it is made up of two detachments. One detachment works out of Worthington, while the other is from the Akron-Canton area. As a result there are two almost separate command structures in the unit.

"During this AT we have proven that the two halves of this unit can come together and function as a single unit," said Mays.

The unit has risen to the demands of more advanced work while in Germany. The unit's members are limited in the types of work they can perform in Ohio because their home maintenance facilities are not authorized to perform advanced levels of maintenance. At the facilities of the 70th Trans. Bn. the unit members could perform all the work for which they were qualified.

The 70th began projecting work loads and planning jobs about a month before the 1416th's arrival so there would be plenty of work for the unit.

"They were well prepared for the extra work force," said Mays.

Planning for this year's AT required about 12 months. A stateside AT only requires about three months planning for the unit, according to Mays. There was also 3 to 4 times more paper work as compared to a stateside AT.

"Our biggest worry before this camp was how we were going to integrate all the members of our unit into Company B, 70th Transportation Battalion. We were concerned that we would not be able to provide adequate training for this many people. But our planning seems to have paid-off," said Mays.

Another area of concern was how to account for all the members of the unit during movements to and from Germany.

"We didn't want to lose anyone," said West. "We were also concerned about the shipment of the unit's tools to Germany. In fact, the tools were delayed and arrived only three or four days before the unit," he continued.

There are not many things that the unit will do differently when they return to Germany in three years according to West and Mays.

"We would like to have our movement scheduled earlier next time. On this trip we did not know when our flights would be leaving until about a week before departure. I think this might have given the troops the idea that we weren't in control of the situation," said West.

"We have learned to start the long lead-time preparations, like immunizations, earlier," said Mays.

Looking for Number Three

Back-to-back Eisenhower Trophy Winner

BY JON J. FLESHMAN

196th Public Affairs Detachment

A case of *deja vu*? No, it had happened before and was happening again.

The 684th Medical Company, was awarded the prestigious Eisenhower Trophy for the second consecutive year at a ceremony held at the Camp Grayling parade ground during annual training (AT) this summer.

The Eisenhower Trophy is awarded annually to the most outstanding company-size National Guard unit in each state.

A Guard unit must first win a Superior Unit Award from the National Guard Bureau to even qualify for the trophy. The unit's performance at AT and how it performs its ARTEP task, attendance at AT and during drills, unit strength, number of MOS qualified personnel on board, and the results of all inspections by the regular Army are some of the factors the Bureau considers in determining the recipients.

The 684th Medical Company is at 130 percent strength and last year had more than 90 percent of its personnel MOS qualified.

Guardmembers of the 684th bring to their Company a wealth of talent from their civilian occupations too. 1st Sgt. James Marshall said the Company is loaded with fire fighter paramedics, nurses and emergency medical technicians.

The 684th Medical Company is a clearing company. "Nobody knows what a clearing company is; it's about like a mini-M.A.S.H. company," Marshall explained.

Besides running the camp dispensary 24-hours a day with one platoon and coordinating operations with the 385th Ambulance Company and Flight Surgeon's Detachment, Marshall said the 684th set up two clearing platoons in a field environment. The three platoons rotated their duties between the field and the dispensary so that everyone trained in a variety of situations.

Marshall praised the three platoon ser-

geants, Jim Glier, Jim Fortney and Reggie Wagstaff for their leadership and hard work in support of the 684th's mission at Camp Grayling. "They're directly responsible for the platoon operations," Marshall said.

The Eisenhower Trophy was first presented in 1949, and is awarded each year on the basis of a unit's total performance during the previous year.

Capt. Corwin Belt, the current commander of the 684th, and 1st Sgt. Marshall accepted the award from Maj. Gen. Raymond Gallo-way, Ohio Adjutant General, on behalf of the company's former commander, Maj. Dick Belt. As the younger brother of the 684th's previous commander, Capt. Belt had many reasons to be proud.

The Company's executive officer, 2nd Lt. John Bonham, said the 684th is the only company-size unit to have ever won the award. Now it has won the trophy twice and the men and women of the 684th Medical Company are working hard on a triple crown.



GUARD COUPLE—Specialist 4 Stephanie Wallace talks on a field telephone during National Guard annual training at Camp Atterbury, Ind., while her husband Geoffrey, a private first class, looks on. Both are in the communications sections of Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 134th Engineer Group. (Photo by Sp6 RAY KRAFT)

Doing things together

BY DAN DARRAGH

HQ & HHC 134th Engineer Group

Geoffrey and Stephanie Wallace like to do things together.

That's why they got married a couple of years ago.

It's also why when Geoff decided to join the Ohio National Guard, Stephanie decided she wasn't going to be left behind on drill weekends and during summer camp.

The Wallaces are two of the newest members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 134th Engineer Group in Hamilton. Geoff, a private first class, is a radio-tele-type operator and his wife, a specialist fourth class, is a radio operator.

"That's because I never learned to type," jokes Stephanie.

Not only is the couple drilling together, they ran the Army's computers ragged, as they arranged things to attend both basic training (at Fort Dix, N.J.) and advanced individual training (at Fort Gordon, Ga.) together.

"We made a lot of requests and our recruiter, SSgt. Ronald Lancaster, made a lot of promises, and I can honestly say that he delivered on everything," said Stephanie.

She explained that her 30-year-old husband, a tool clerk at General Electric in Cin-

cinnati, had a long-time fascination with the military and wanted to join the Guard several years ago with his friend Sp4 Gary Jordan of the 134th.

"But then he met me and we started dating," she said.

"After we got married, he kept bringing the subject up, so I went to a recruiter with him, and he sold me, too."

Wallace said that joining the Guard was "one of the most thought-out decisions we ever made."

"It took us over two months and a lot of trips to the recruiter before we signed the papers," added Stephanie. "Every time we visited him we had two or three pages of questions we wanted answered."

Although Wallace is attending the University of Cincinnati and hopes to eventually become a sports broadcaster, and his wife is a registered nurse at Bethesda North Hospital in Cincinnati, they selected the radio field because, they said, it offered a different kind of challenge.

One of the immediate benefits of joining the Guard, says Wallace, is that his tuition costs at the University of Cincinnati are now paid for through the Guard's tuition program.

Both of the Wallaces' employers granted them leaves of absence to attend basic training and advanced individual training.

Dinner dance for Senior NCO's

Attention E-7's, E-8's and E-9's: The First Annual Spring Senior NCO Dinner Dance will be held Saturday, March 31, 1984 at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base Consolidated Club from 1800 to 0100 hours. Dress will be Dress Blues or Class "A" with Bow Tie for Army and Mess Dress Winter or Semi-Formal Dress for Air Guard personnel. The cost is \$25.00 per couple which includes Hors d'oeuvres and wine for toasting. Music will be provided by the 122nd Army National Guard Band. Make checks payable to: Sr. NCO Spring Dinner Dance, C/O SGM William Pewther, 2825 W. Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085. For further information call SGM Pewther at (614) 889-7023.

Are you sure you're insured

Army and Air National Guardmembers who have life insurance policies with private companies should check the extent of their coverage while serving in drill status or annual training.

Recently, three reservists were killed in a NATO exercise aircraft accident. Two of the soldiers had group accidental policies through their private employer. But because of exclusion clauses in their policies, the deaths of two were not covered. The exclusions concerned accidents while on full-time active duty or while aboard a military plane other than a military aircraft command aircraft.

Guardmembers are urged to check with their local insurance agent or company to learn the details of their personal coverage. While few policies specifically exclude coverage during periods of reserve training, many do not cover accidents involving military flying activities. According to a spokesperson from the American Council of Life Insurance, frequently, an insurance rider is available for an extra premium to cover such flying activities.

Coverage from Servicemen's Group Life Insurance, the policy guardmembers have as an automatic part of their military membership, remains in force regardless of what kind of flying or training activity engaged by the guardmember.

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Open house makes friends

Community relations and the 'Guard'



BECKLEY AT BECKLEY AIRPORT—Henry A. Beckley discusses avionics with Colonel Richard E. Higgins, Commanding Officer of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group located in Springfield, during a recent open house held at the newly named Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport, named in honor of Beckley. (Photo by SSgt. KEN WHITE)

BY KENT TAYLOR

196th Public Affairs Detachment

An open house does not usually provoke much serious thought, but to the 178th Tactical Fighter Group in Springfield it means a better chance for survival.

The 178th was on the list for permanent deactivation because of military spending cutbacks, recalled Maj. Teb Baines, Public Affairs Officer for the Group. Fortunately, the unit survived, but the possibility of extinction led to a massive public awareness campaign which is still going strong. Although the campaign started out as a local proposal, it soon blossomed to the national level. Federal observance of the "National Guard" day and renaming the airport after a local citizen are two examples of the campaign's results.

On Oct. the 7th, 1983 the Springfield airport was officially renamed the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport in honor of Henry A. Beckley, a native of Springfield.

Beckley learned to fly with the French and later served as a Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps with the American Expeditionary Forces, WWI. He was also a member of the original airport advisory board which was instrumental in relocating the then called 162nd Tactical Fighter Squadron from Dayton International Airport to Springfield.

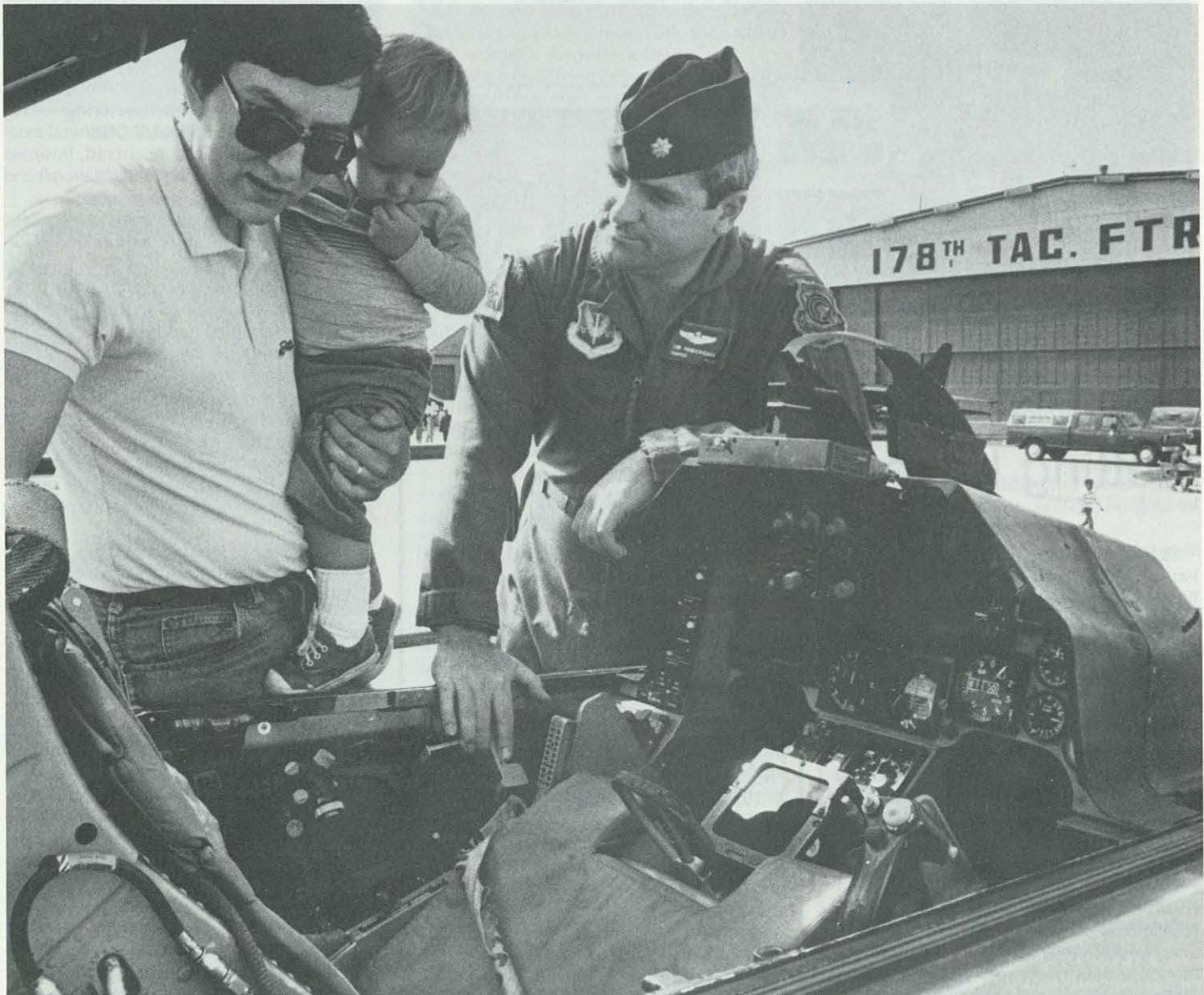
An open house with static displays and combat simulations was another part of the campaign to increase the local communities awareness of the National Guard, both locally and nationally. Aircraft were brought in from active Air Force bases as well as from Army and Air Guard installations across the country.

An annual military charity banquet and dance is jointly sponsored by the 178th and local merchants. The 178th also maintains an active membership in the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. With a total of 295 full time employees working at the airport, the 178th has a major impact on the local economy. According to Col. Richard Higgins, commander of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, the majority of improvements made to the airport have been brought on by the Air National Guard. "Activities with the community on an annual basis not only assist with recruiting and retention but also foster local support which could help prevent the possibility of deactivation," said Higgins.

Col. Higgins believes that efforts like those of the 178th TFG help the community and National Guard develop a stronger respect for the common link between citizen and soldier in communities throughout the state.



DAGGER AT REST—The sleekness of a F-106 Delta Dagger captures the attention of one of the many families who attended the Springfield open house. (Photo by SSgt. KEN WHITE)



NERVE CENTER—Fighter Pilot, Major James G. Robicheaux, 63rd TAC Fighter Squadron, McDill AFB, Florida, shows Dennis O'Brien and son Simon, 2 years old, of Springfield, Ohio, the cockpit of the F-16 Falcon. (Photo by SSgt. KEN WHITE)

Buckeye Briefs

Aviation Career Day

BY MISS BECKY ANN HADEN

State Public Affairs Office Staff

Over 800 high school juniors, seniors and college students met an astronaut, flew a jet, shot a machine gun and learned how to repair aircraft all in one September afternoon.

The Dublin-Worthington, Ohio Rotary International Club held their 7th Annual Aviation Career Day at the Ohio Division of Aviation, Don Scott Field, Worthington. The event acquainted students with career opportunities in the aviation industry.

Astronaut Captain Larry Ross was the guest speaker. He has been training as a missions specialist on future space shuttle flight crews.

Advice on career opportunities in the aviation industry from five different industry sectors — civil aviation, military aviation, research and development, airport operations, air traffic control and manufacturing — was provided by career specialists. General aviation business and pleasure aircraft, business turboprop and jet aircraft, military aircraft and crop dusting aircraft were exhibited.

The students were given three tour options. On the Aeronautical & Astronautical Research Laboratory tour, they saw research projects on air foils, spacecraft re-entry problems, jet engine testing models. The Flight Simulator permitted hands-on simulated flying with computer controlled video screen (a video game enthusiast's challenge). Many chose the Ohio National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility #2 tour which consisted of a Mobile Intensive Care Unit, Cobra Helicopter gunship, and a display of an armament simulator which gave the students the opportunity to maneuver the controls of a machine gun.

At the close of the days activities, the students left with another career objective for their future endeavors.

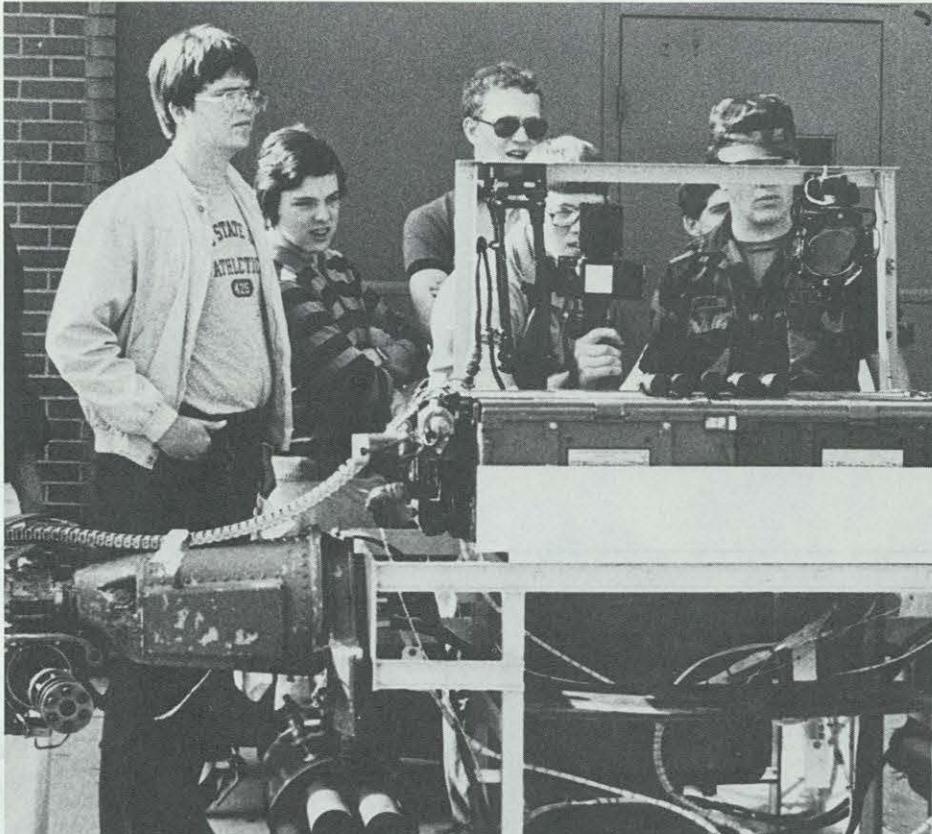
Engineers Train Air Force Personnel

BY CHARLES A. DOLL

HHC 372nd Engineer Battalion

Serene Nation-I a three-week exercise involving more than 400 Air Force service members at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base recently concluded with officials praising the outcome.

A variety of training exercises including performing minimum operating air strip repair capabilities, conducting security and convoy operations were performed. Members of the 372nd Engineer Battalion provided instruction in work party security, reaction to enemy attack and other related subjects.



READY, AIM, FIRE—Students observe an armament simulator and operate the controls of machine guns at the Aviation Career Day. (Photo by MISS BECKY ANN HADEN)

From the editor

Getting better

Starting with the August *Buckeye Guard* issue, mailing labels for Ohio Army National Guardmembers were obtained from the SIDPERS automated personnel system instead of the JUMPS payroll computer system. Labels for Ohio Air National Guardmembers continue to be provided by the major flying units. When we used the JUMPS system, guardmembers who received checks through direct deposit at their bank, did not receive a magazine. Now, every Ohio National Guardmember should receive one magazine. If you are not receiving a copy it indicates that your unit personnel records probably do not contain your current mailing address. You should review your records and ask the unit administrator to forward current information to SIDPERS Branch on AGOH Form 600-24 (officer) or 600-19 (enlisted). If you are receiving more than one copy, we request your patience while we continue to screen names which we previously needed to maintain in a special mailing system.

Change of Command

BY RIK STEERE

196th Public Affairs Detachment

Lt. Col. John E. Martin recently assumed command of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment in a ceremony at Regimental Headquarters in Cleveland. Martin replaces Col. Richard J. Lander, who will become Ohio National Guard's State Finance Officer. Maj. Gen. Robert Teater also participated in the ceremony.

Martin began his military career when he joined the 82nd Airborne Division in 1955. He graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1958 and has held many positions in the Ohio National Guard.

Martin has received many awards during his military career, including the Parachutists Badge and the Ohio Special Service Medal with Star.

Lander has 36 years of military experience. As a civilian, Lander is Superintendent of Sales and Customer Service for the Packard Electric Division of General Motors Corporation.

Buckeye Briefs

Heroism



SFC DANIEL GRIFFIN

BY SANDRA DARVAS

HHC 112th Engineer Battalion

During his annual training at Camp Perry, Ohio, SFC Daniel Griffin of HHC 112th Engineer Battalion heard a loud explosion as he drove past one of the ranges. Upon further investigation, he found a fellow guardsman severely injured by an artillery simulator that had exploded in his hand.

Griffin administered first aid to stem the flow of blood and treated the young soldier for shock. He then obtained a vehicle and assisted in moving the guardsman to nearby McGruder Hospital in Port Clinton where the victim went directly into surgery.

Without the quick thinking and immediate reaction on the part of Griffin, his fellow guardsman very possibly would have died.

In recognition for this selfless act, Griffin was awarded the Department of the Army Achievement Medal by Lt. Col. John Jenkins, commander of the 112th Engineer Battalion during ceremonies held at Camp Perry.

Best shop in Ohio

Organizational Maintenance Shop #5 in Canton, Ohio, was named the best shop in Ohio for fiscal year 1983. CWO 4 Charles W. Peterson, the shop foreman, accepted the award from Col. James Feisley, the State Maintenance Officer. The award was presented at the recent shop chief's meeting in Newark.

The shops were judged on equipment maintenance, facility neatness, shop supply and administration and operating efficiency.

The shop will now be eligible to compete in nationwide competitions.

Proud Shooters

BY BRIAN BLODGETT

Det 1, Co. B, 1/166th Infantry Battalion

Weapons and skill qualification testing (SQT) are two very important aspects of a soldier's life. Every soldier must SQT qualify in their MOS with a score of at least Marksman with their individual weapon. Detachment 1, Company B of the 166th Infantry Battalion went to Fort Knox, Kentucky with these two goals in mind.

Before qualifying, the soldiers were given a safety briefing and assigned to a firing lane. Each lane contained six targets which were between fifty and three hundred meters away. Over the next several minutes, these targets would pop up forty times while the soldiers tried to knock them back down.

After the qualifying began, the noise of the rifles and the enthusiastic yells from the soldiers could be heard as the targets fell. Later that morning, the enthusiasm could still be heard as comments were made on the targets hit or missed.

Those who had M203 grenade launchers received dual qualification on the M16 rifle and the M203. At Easy Gap range, each person was given six practice and twelve high explosive grenades. The soldiers moved into their fighting positions and began selecting their targets, — a bunker and two old tanks. Puffs of smoke near the targets meant a miss, while a bright flash indicated a direct hit had been made.

After dinner that evening, the soldiers returned to various mess halls to show their superiors what they knew. As each soldier finished the exam, they returned to the barracks and a comfortable bed. They were tired, but they did a good job that day and were proud of it.

73rd Soldier of Year

Sgt. Terry Watkins, Co. B, 1/147th Infantry Battalion has been selected 'Soldier of the Year' by the 73d Infantry Brigade, Ohio Army National Guard, according to 73d Bde. CSM Robert Goodson.

The selection board for 'Soldier of the Year' is comprised of sergeant majors from the battalions within the 73d Brigade. The award was presented in October by Sgt. Maj. Goodson at the 73d Brigade Dance.

Sgt. Watkins resides in Hamilton, Ohio with his wife Kathy and two children. He is employed as a production facilitator at the General Electric Company and is a student at Southern Ohio College.

Libby-Owens-Ford first for flag

Libby-Owens-Ford has become one of the first firms in the nation, and the first in Ohio, to receive an Employers Support of the Guard Reserve Flag from the National Committee on Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Don McKone, chairman and chief executive officer of LOF, received the flag from Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce President J. Michael Porter during a ceremony near the flagpole in front of the LOF headquarters. Mr. Porter made the presentation on behalf of the National Committee which operates Employer Support programs in the Toledo area.

The flag is being presented to a select number of firms across the nation who have made special efforts to support their employees who are Guardmembers and Reservists, according to Kenneth K. "Kim" Boyd, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee.

BDU Wear Policy

BY STU SEARS

196th Public Affairs Detachment

In an effort to clear up any confusion about wear of the battle dress uniform known as the BDU, and the field jacket, the Army has issued this reminder.

The following items are authorized for wear on the BDU:

- subdued pin-on insignia of grade
- subdued pin-on, or sew-on insignia of branch (Officers only)
- subdued shoulder sleeve insignia of current and former wartime unit
- subdued ranger, President's hundred, or special forces tab (one only)
- bib type branch of service scarves or camouflage scarf (in a garrison ceremonial environment)
- brassards
- nametape (stamped or embroidered sew-on)

U.S. Army distinguishing tape (woven or embroidered sew-on)

- special Military Police markings
- subdued embroidered sew-on combat and special skills badges
- subdued embroidered sew-on drill sergeant, recruiter, and career counselor badges.

On the BDU cap, you may wear pin-on or embroidered sew-on insignia of grade.

These items are also authorized for wear on the field jacket along with combat leaders identification (green tabs).

All About People-

Troop G, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Members of Troop G, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Cleveland recently promoted are as follows: Sp4 **MALCOLM STEWART**, PFC's **LOUIS HERNANDEZ**, **ALLEN SMITH**, **ANTHONY WALKER**, **QUINTIN WHITE** and **SHERMAN WILLIAMS**, Pvts. **MICHAEL SANDERS**, **BRIAN ALBERT**, **ROBERT KELLY** and **JOHN MONTGOMERY**.

Howitzer Battery 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Howitzer Battery recently selected SSgt. **DAVID GILL** as Soldier of the Year. Gill is employed by Babcock and Wilcox Tublar Products, Alliance.

Company M, 3/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Pvt. 2 **KEVIN BACHTEL** of Newcomers-town has been selected as Soldier of the Month of October.

HHC 112th Engineer Battalion

In September, Capt. **FREDERICK WIATROWSKI** a resident of Bay Village, officially accepted Command of the Headquarters Company 112th Engineer Battalion in Brook Park.

Army Achievement Medals were presented to SFC's **DANIEL GRIFFIN**, **VICTOR SOKOLOWSKI**, **DALE ODY**, **WO KENNETH KOSTAR** and Capt. **DAVID WRIKEMAN**.

Headquarters 1/136th Field Artillery

Promotions were received by the following members of Headquarters 1/136th Field Artillery, Columbus: PFCs **BYRON BURK**, **DAVID CONNER**, **JAMES CORNELLY**, **PAUL DORSAM**, **ROBERT PENCE**, **JOSH ROBERTS** and **SCOTT YOUNG**; Sgts. **RALPH PENCE** and **JAMES TIMMONS**; Sp6 **JEFFREY SWEARINGEN** and SSgt. **WILLIAM WILLIS**. Congratulations on your promotions!

Battery A 1/136th Field Artillery

Change of Command ceremonies were held in October for Battery Commander, 1st Lt. **JEFFREY MINICH**, Exec. Officer, 1st Lt. **FRED EISERT** and Fire Direction Officer, 2nd Lt. **STEVEN SCHEMINE**.

HHC 1/148th Infantry Battalion

Lt. Col. **LELAND C. PREDMORE** was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in ceremonies conducted at Camp Perry, Ohio in September. He was the commander of 1/148th Infantry, in Lima from December 1979 - August 1983. His new position is as the Civil Affairs Officer at Brigade Headquarters.

Company D 372nd Engineer Battalion

Army Achievement Medals were recently presented to the following members of Company D: SSgts. **RAYMOND G. BROWN** and **RANDAL POWERS**, Plt. Sgts. **JAMES OAKLY** and **LAWRENCE SIMPSON**, 2nd Lts. **SEAN CANTY** and **DENNIS HARDIN**.

Recent promotions were awarded to the following individuals: to PFCs, **JEFFERY MULLEN**, **BRUCE HOCHWALT**, **GILBERT KYLE**, **ROBERT STICKELMAN**, **JERRY KIDWELL**, **ROBERT BLAMLISH**, **WILLIAM HATFIELD**, **WALTER MARTIN**, **DAVID MICHAEL**, **ANDREW STONE**, **DANIEL WALSH**, **MARK WALSH** and **THOMAS WILKERSON**; to Cpls., **KENDALL McCALL**, **JOHN RICHARDSON** and **GEOFF GEORGOPOULOS**; to Sp4s, **JEFFERY MUNSEY**, **RONALD GROSS**, **MICHAEL HALL**, **DAVID MERRIL**, **EARL CARMICHAEL**, **THOMAS CHOATE**, **DANA CONLEY** and **DALE STRONG**; to Sgts., **PATRICK BAKER**, **JOHN EVANS**, **CLARK SPENCE** and **LEROY MELLOTTTE**; to SSgt. **KENNETH LEWIS** and SFC **RAYMOND BROWN**.

416th Engineer Group

2nd Lt. **CHRISTOPHER KIESWETTER** has been selected as the Outstanding Junior Officer of 416th Engineer Group. He was presented the Col. Louis Sowell Memorial Award by Brig. Gen. David Wayt, commander of the Guard's 16th Engineer Brigade at Camp Perry.

Kieswetter is assigned to 112th Combat Engineer Battalion in Brook Park as construction equipment platoon leader.

180th Tactical Fighter Group

Lt. Col. **EDWARD KOPP**, 180th Combat Support Squadron commander, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. He was cited for improving productivity in all areas under his command through a program of goal establishment and follow-up during the period from October, 1979 to May, 1983.

251st Combat Communications Group

ROBERT L. ABLES was recently promoted to TSgt.

Headquarters 372nd Engineer Battalion

In August a Hail & Fairwell was held at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Hailed were Maj. **ROGER E. ROWE**, new Battalion commander, and Cpt. **CALVIN CAMPBELL**, new Engineer Equipment Officer. Fairwelled were Lt. Col. **ROBERT F. RICE** and Cpt. **KENNETH ABEL**. Lt. Col. **RICE** was awarded a Minuteman Plaque from the 372nd Engineer Battalion and a Cross Saber Plaque from the 372nd Engineer family.

Detachment 1, Company B, 1/166th Infantry Battalion

Recent promotions received by members of Detachment 1 are as follows: PFC **KEVIN QUINN**, Sgt. **DAVID SEE** and SFC **DOUGLAS WEBB**.

213th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Co.

Soldier of the Month for September was Pvt. 2 **RICHARD HARRISON, JR.** Soldier of the Month for October was Pvt. 2 **SUSAN RENZETTI**. Promotions received by members of 213th Heavy Equipment Maintenance in September were: to Sp4, **JON T. CLOSE**, **CHRISTOPHER FREDERICK** and **DAVID GOODING**; to PFCs, **MATTHEW PUMPHRY**, **RYAN SIMBOLI**, **JAMES KEATON, JR.**, **MICHAEL PEITZ**, and **ROBERT K. POPE**.

Headquarters 237th Support Battalion

The Army Achievement Medal was awarded to the following members of Headquarters 237th Support Battalion, Springfield; to PFC, **BRADLEY BAAS**, **JAMES BLAKESLEE**, **JOHN HUGHES**, **ANDREW SEELIG**, and **TIMOTHY SHIPE**; to Sp4, **RICHARD COSGRAY**, **GREGORY DONNAL**, **SUZANNE MILLER**, **GARY THOMPSON** and **MARTY WICKS**; to Sgt. **RONNIE FLEMING**; to SSgt. **DENNIS RIGBY**; and to SFC **JAMES TURNER**. Congratulations!

CSC 1/148th Infantry Battalion

Plt. Sgt. **LISLE LISTON** was chosen Outstanding NCO for 1983. Plt. Sgt. Liston has driven 90 miles to Findlay, Ohio each drill weekend for 18 years. He resides in Ashland with his wife and son.

160th Air Refueling Group

160th Air Refueling Group, Columbus recently promoted the following: to SSgt., **TERI McCLOUD** and **DAVID PUTNAM**; to SrA, **VIKI HOWARD** and **BARY MURPHY**; to A1C, **PATRICK FEASEL** and to Amn., **JULIA WILLIAMS**.

121st Tactical Fighter Wing

The 121st extends best wishes to the personnel listed below on their recent promotions. Promoted to TSgt.; **FRANK D. BELL**; to SSgt., **WILLIAM CHAFFIN**, **GARY A. HUNT**, **MARY L. KOSKO**, **JOHN W. McHUGH** and **DONALD L. NOAH**; to Sgt., **SCOTT DUNLAP**, **BRENT FRIDLEY**, **MICHAEL GINGRAS**, **CHARLES KITTS**, **DAVID MARSHALL**, **ERIC MASTERS**, **CAROLYN NYE**, **RICKY PENNINGTON**, **JAMES PICKENS**, **MICHAEL ROBERTS**, **JANET SARGENT**, **STEVEN TURKELSON** and **TIMOTHY WHEELER**; to SrA, **DONALD INGRAM** and **KIMBERLY NEUTZLING**; to A1C, **JORG KALTENEGER** and to Amn., **JOSEPH DIXON**.

People-



SUPREME SACRIFICE—Governor Richard F. Celeste, Maj. Gen. Raymond Galloway, The Adjutant General, and General Richard Carey (Ret.) USMC, Director, Ohio Department of Liquor Control extend condolences to families and friends of the Marines killed in Beirut, Lebanon. (Photo by MISS BECKY ANN HADEN)

MARINES Remembered

BY MISS BECKY ANN HADEN

Staff, Public Affairs Office

"If I am inclined to doubt, steady my faith; if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again . . ." are hallowed words of The Marine's Prayer delivered on October 27 at an Ohio Ecumenical Memorial Service held in memory of Ohio soldiers who were killed in the Beirut bombing. The service remembered the supreme sacrifice given by Marine Lance Corporals Marc L. Cole of Ludlow Falls; Virgil Hamilton of Painesville; Ronald Meuer of St. Paris; and Navy Hospitalman Bryan L. Earle of Painesville.

The Trinity Episcopal Church across the street from the State Capital swelled with families and friends, dozens of military members from all branches of service and from the active, reserve and national guard components. Governor Richard F. Celeste was escorted into the church by Major General Raymond R. Galloway, The Adjutant General of Ohio, and Lieutenant General Richard Carey (Retired, USMC), Director of the Ohio Department of Liquor Control. Notable among participants was the presence of Coach Woody Hayes, an ardent military supporter.

Governor Celeste offered his condolence to family and friends of Marines killed in Beirut. Earlier that day, Governor Celeste telephoned families of Ohio soldiers killed in Beirut. General Carey's reading of The Marine's Prayer was followed by the muted echo of taps played by SSgt. Rossiter Chapplear of the 122nd Ohio Army National Guard Band.

160th Air Refueling Group

The following personnel of 160th Air Refueling Group added another stripe: TSgts. **STEVE CUMMINS, HAROLD ELKINS, RUSSELL MORGAN, BRUCE REYNOLDS, RICHARD RUNYON, JAMES SWYERS** and **DAVID YOUNG**; SSgts. **DEBORAH McIVER** and **DANIEL SINZINGER** and Amn. **DARYL HENNESSY**.

Technician awards were presented to TSgt. **JAMES W. KOVIC** and MSgt. **KENNETH REED** for suggestions they made.

Six individuals received the Air Medal for outstanding performance and airmanship. They were recognized for a special, classified mission at Mildenhall Air Base, Royal Air Force, United Kingdom. They were: Capt. **JOHN CAMPBELL**, Capt. **LAWRENCE McFADDEN**, MSgt. **HENRY HOADLEY** (awarded posthumously), TSgts. **RICHARD BAIRD, WALTER MOORE** and **FRANK REESE**. The Air Force Commendation Medal was presented to CWO **EDGAR M. BRYAN** and Capt. **ELLIS BOLING**. At the ceremony TSgt. **DAVID TUSSEY** was recognized for being named the Outstanding Airman of the Year for 1983. SSgt. **DAVID JIVIDEN** received his Community College of the Air Force diploma awarding him an Associate degree in Applied Science. Also recognized were TSgt. **HAROLD WEBER**, Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter, and SrA **JONATHAN MOORE**, Outstanding Airman of the Quarter. These two were selected for the period of April-June 1983.

HHC 371st Support Group

Congratulations to the following individuals from HHC 371st Support Group on their promotions. They are: Sgt. Maj. **DONALD WASHINGTON**, MSgts. **DAVID EVANS, MILLARD SHELTON, JR.**, and **JERRY WIGGINS**, SFCs **JAMES HARNES, ROBERT SMITH** and **THEODORE CHENAULT**, Sp4s **MARK CAMPBELL, TOD EBETINO, ROBERT GABRINGER** and **TIMOTHY MOORE**, and PFCs **TONYA HUCKABY, LADONNA STEPP** and **BARBARA TEYBER**.

Cordles "Guard Family"

The Cordles are truly a "Guard Family".

The Cordles, members of the 1416th Transportation Company, appeared before the promotion board on the same day. While Jerry was promoted to Sergeant, Elizabeth was promoted to Specialist 5.

On drill weekends they drive to work together. Jerry serves in the army aviation facility as an OH-58 helicopter repairman while Elizabeth maintains personnel files in Beightler Armory as an administration specialist.

The Guardmembers noticed each other on the way to Annual Training in the summer of 1981. "We met enroute to Corpus Christi, Texas, on a C-130," Elizabeth said.

Jerry, like his wife, is enthusiastic about serving together in the same unit in the National Guard.

Guthrie Honored

BY CHUCK TRITT

196th Public Affairs Detachment

George P. Guthrie, Sr., a former Ohio National Guard Officer and the Architect of the Beightler Armory in Worthington, was recently inducted into The Ohio State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Guthrie, known as "Phin" to his teammates, lettered in 1924, 1925 and 1926 as a member of the OSU track team. He was one of the foremost hurdlers of his time. He won NCAA, AAU and Big Ten titles during his athletic career. He was a member of the 1924 Olympic team.

Colonel Guthrie served in the Ohio National Guard and on active duty during World War II. He served with the 37th Division and retired in the spring of 1964.

UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio National Guard Officers' Association



SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ohio National Guard Association will continue its Scholarship Program in 1984. (This is not the National Guard Tuition Assistance Scholarship). Scholarships totalling \$4,000 will be awarded to deserving applicants. All Ohio National Guardmembers, or any person who is the son or daughter, spouse or legal dependent of an active or retired member of the Ohio National Guard is eligible to apply.

More information will be distributed in the future, or you can receive details and an application form by writing to Major Bradford Stokes, Attn: ONGA Scholarship, 460 Ridgedale Dr. N., Worthington, OH 43085. Completed applications must be received by March 15, 1984.

HALL OF FAME

Once again, nominations are solicited for the Hall of Fame and Distinguished Service Awards. Selected persons will be honored at the 1984 ONGA Conference. Criteria for these prestigious awards are as follows:

1. Officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel who have served in the Ohio National Guard are eligible.
2. A person shall become eligible for nomination 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. Nominations for the Hall of Fame shall cover the entire military and civilian service of the nominee.
4. The standard of service rendered and recognition among peers achieved which would justify selection must have been above and beyond that normally considered as outstanding or exemplary. This service must have been such as to have brought great credit to the United States, the State of Ohio and the Ohio National Guard.

Sustaining 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 solely because that person compares favorably with one or more previous inductees.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1. Any person, military or civilian, is eligible.
2. A person is eligible for nomination at any time.
3. This Award may be given for a single act or for performance over an extended period of time.
 - 4.a. An individual must have accomplished an outstanding achievement on behalf of the Ohio National Guard.
 - 4.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, specialty or assignment experience of an individual are not considered adequate basis.
 - 4.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.
 - 4.d. Civilians who assist the Ohio National Guard by their actions and support may be considered for the award.

NOMINATIONS

The proposed citation should not exceed 800 words for the Hall of Fame and not more than 500 words for the Distinguished Service Award. The language used should be such as will be readily understood by news media and the general public. Acronyms and military jargon are to be avoided. Citations used in connection with awards previously made to the nominee may be quoted. The full text of these and other supporting documents may be attached for the consideration of the Awards Committee. A suggested outline follows:

1. Date and place of birth.

2. Date and circumstances of entry into military service.
3. Chronological listing of career high-points to include:
 - duty assignments and commands,
 - promotions,
 - noteworthy actions or accomplishments,
 - excerpts from previous citations, and
4. Conclusion.

Anyone may submit nominations for the awards. Nominations, along with a proposed award citation text, should be submitted to The Ohio National Guard Association, Attn.: Awards Committee, 2825 W. Granville Road, Worthington, Ohio 43085. All submissions should be received by February 28, 1984.

CONFERENCES

The 105th NGAUS Conference was attended in Indianapolis, Indiana by a delegation selected from Ohio. Many interesting topics concerning the status and future of National Guard programs were addressed by numerous speakers. Congratulations are extended to Captain Michael Snow of the Ohio Army National Guard who was elected as the NGAUS Area II junior officer representative.

Almost every benefit we as National Guardmembers enjoy today has come through the legislative efforts of the National Guard Association of the United States. These benefits include drill pay, retirement, insurance, survivor benefits, the technician program, armories, equipment and weapons.

Mark your calendars now to attend one of the future national conferences.

12-14 Oct. 84	New York City
23-25 Sept. 85	Louisville
29 Sept. - 1 Oct. 86	Nashville
28-30 Sept. 87	Portland

The trustees, officers, committee chairpersons and active members of your Ohio National Guard Association have been busy planning future ONGA Conferences as follows:

1985	Stouffers—Dublin
1986	Deer Creek State Park Lodge

The 1984 Conference is scheduled for 4-5 May at Deer Creek State Park Lodge. Details will be announced at a later date.

DINNER DANCE

This year's annual winter dinner dance for ONGA members and their guests will be held at Milano Party House located just east of Karl Road on Schrock Road in Columbus. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 1984. Details will be mailed to ONGA members.

VOICE / ONGEA

Enlisted Association Supports National Agenda

A new year is beginning. We have made much progress on the National level, but on the State level we may have many challenges ahead.

The ONGEA subscribes to the following 1983-84 positions along with the EANGUS:

- Support the revitalization of the defense posture of our Nation and State.
- Strengthen and modernize the Total Force.
- Support the view that the Reserve Com-

ponents have the ability to increase their role in the Total Force, if provided the man-power and equipment commensurate with the mission.

- Direct attention to substantial increases in the size and quality of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR).
- Support HR 486, which would create the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.
- Support the continuation of Selective Service Registration.

• Support Legislation and legislative efforts to improve the equipment status of the Reserve Forces.

- Encourage passage of legislation (HR 1376, 1400, 1494, 1495, 1496, 1497).

EANGUS/ONGEA will also encourage the passage of legislation to grant aviation incentive pay to members of the Selective Reserve, grant members of the Selective Reserve full hazardous duty incentive pay, and eliminate the 60 point restriction on retirement credit for National Guard and Reserve members.

Wives Club News

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

Going, Going, Gone

The Officers' Wives' Club met recently for the best attended, most enjoyed event of the season, the annual Holiday Auction. This sale is the single fund-raiser of the year and is well supported. Much creativity and many hours of work go into the beautiful items brought for sale and each year the assortment is more inviting. The auction was entertaining, the bidding brisk, and our funds for the year's operation are in the bank. Thanks to all who worked to make this event a success, most especially Auction Chairwoman, Debby Ebert.

January will bring another popular event.

Once each year OWC has a salad buffet at Beightler Armory. January 24 is the date, twelve noon is the hour, and home made salads are the menu of the day. Bring your favorite salad and table service. Also bring a copy of your salad recipe, especially if it is an unusual one.

The February 28 meeting at the DCSC will be highlighted by a style show presented by "Hit n Miss". You won't want to miss this one!

Ohio Guard wives were well represented at the annual NGAUS Conference in Indianapolis, in October. Hoosier hospitality was

warm and visiting ladies were treated to a wide variety of entertaining events. Highlights in the program included brunch at a dinner theater and a trip to the famous Indianapolis Speedway. As always, it is a special joy to meet with Guard wives from all fifty states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Our home states and backgrounds are widely divergent. Our lifestyles and goals, however, are all Guard oriented, providing a strong bond with one another. From the lovely ladies of Hawaii, with orchids in their hair, to the peppy women from New York, working to advertise the 1984 conference, each had her own measure of dedication to the National Guard.

Please remember, to be an active part of your Ohio Guard Wives group, just join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month.



OWC Officers and board members hosted the Friendship Tea, in September, at Rickenbacker. (L to R) Joan Thomas, Karin Easley, Lisa Allen, Debby Ebert, Barb Bythewood, Susan Brown, Lana Powers, Rita Dura and Ellen Campbell. (Photo by SUSAN BROWN)

February — Black History Month



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