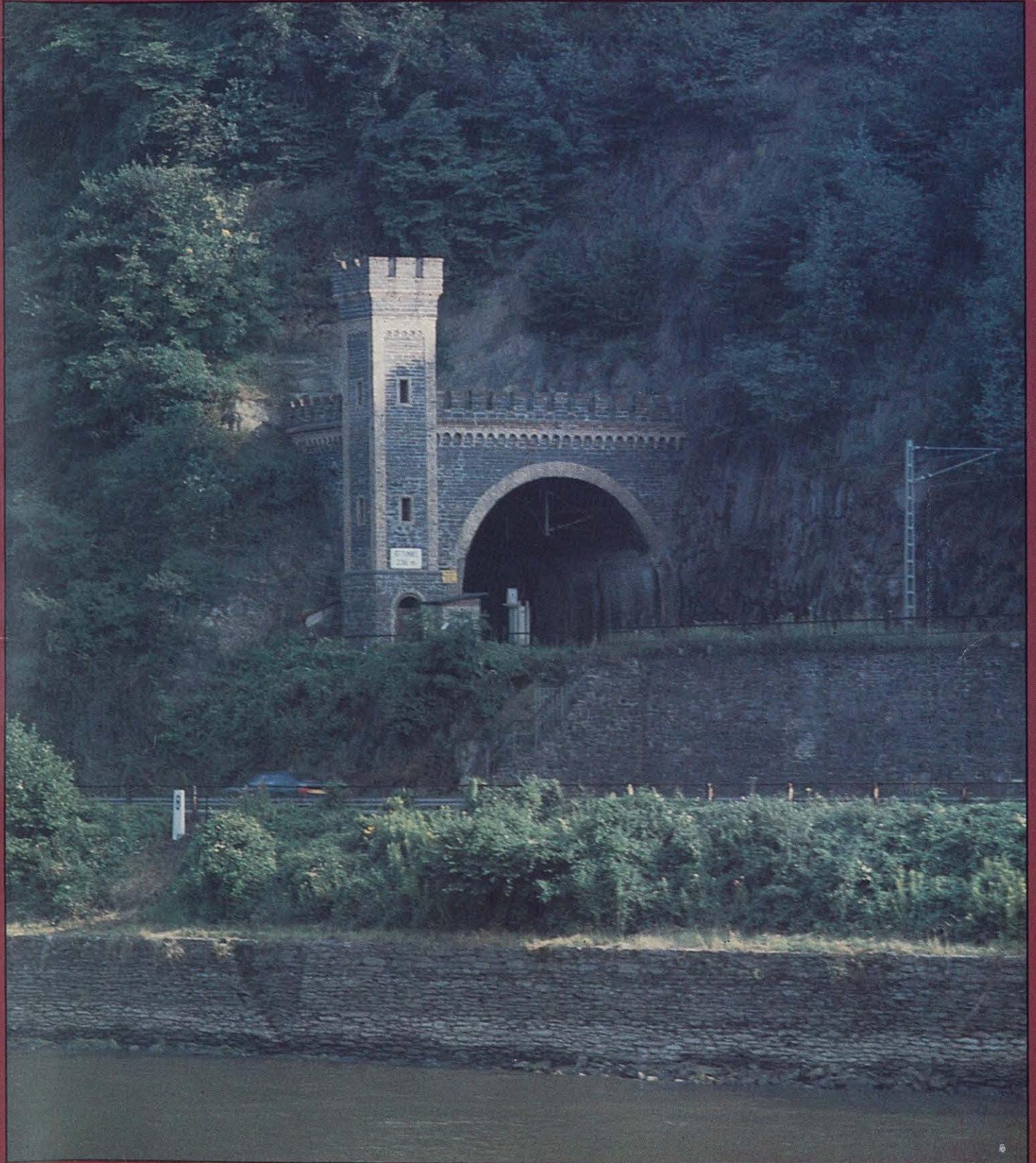


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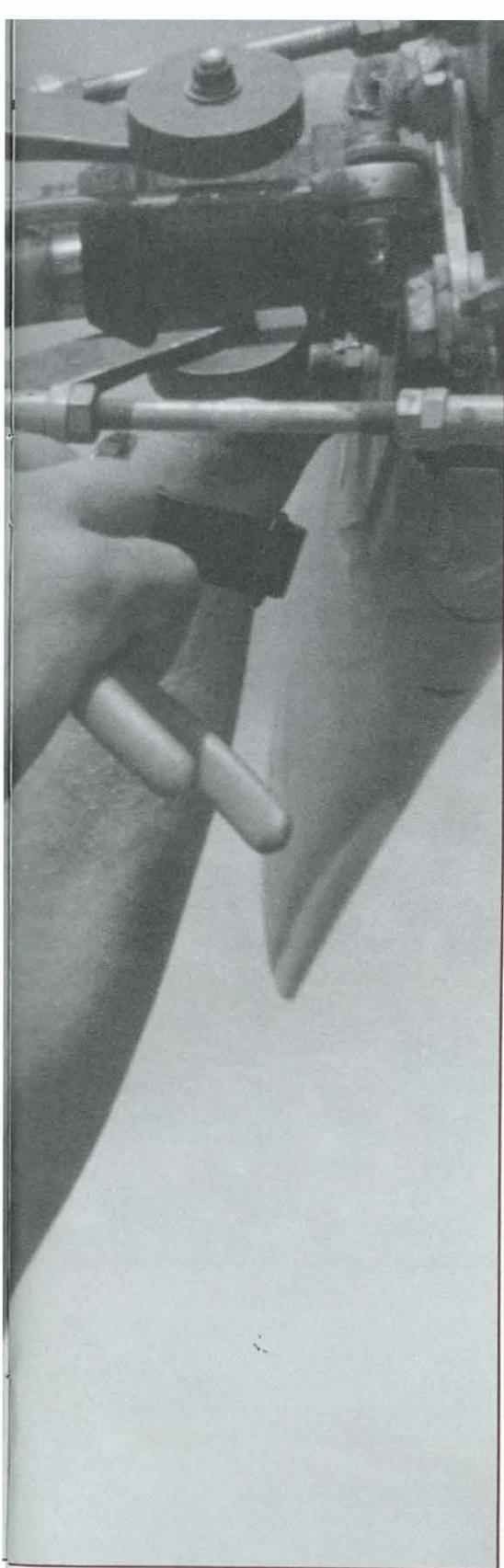
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COBRA — PFC Matt Grider adjusts the safety wiring on the tail rotor of a Cobra helicopter during annual training with Com



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(Photo by Sp4 Brian Lepley)



MAINTAINING THE 'BIRDS'

BY BRIAN LEPLEY
HQ STARC, OHARNG

The helicopters of the 107th Regimental Aviation Squadron are property claimed by many people.

The regiment and/or the squadron commander will say all 60 helicopters are his. The separate troop commanders have 10 helicopters each. Of course, the pilot really 'owns' it because he flies the bird. And the crew chief will tell you it really belongs to him since he must prep, clean and account for the 'copter.

Company G of the 107th puts in a claims as well and it's hard to ignore. As the service company responsible for keeping the aircraft flying, only they know the secrets of an engine that somehow defies gravity. Mysteries of Cobra weaponry are old hat to G Co. technicians. Their skills keep the pilots and crew chief in the air, allowing commanders to carry out missions.

Annual training for 1988 kept the men of Company G busy, mostly with unexpected maintenance, said CWO 4 Russ Carpenter, maintenance test pilot for the unit.

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AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN

Engineers Of 16th Bde Prepped For '89

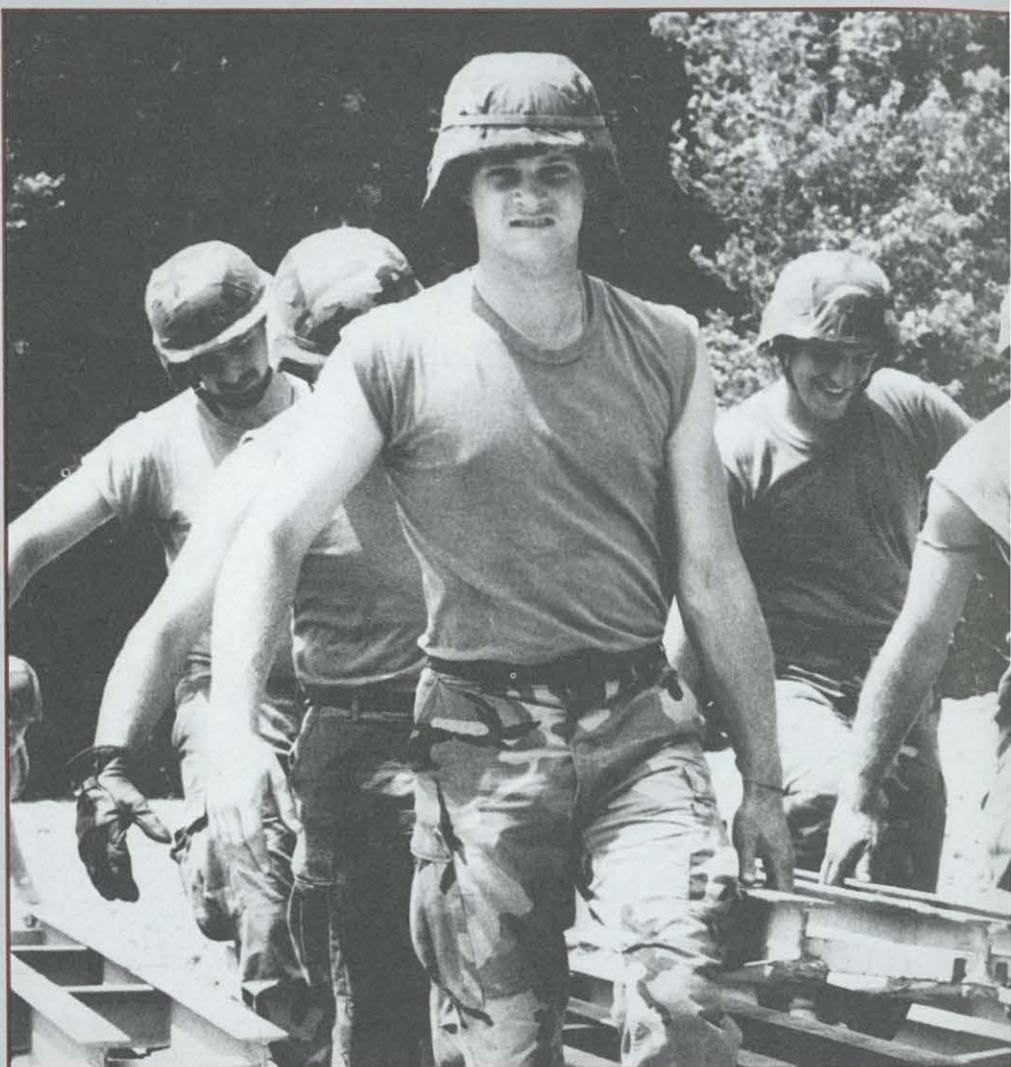
BY JIM ASHENHURST
HQ, 16th Engineer Brigade

More than 3,200 members of the 16th Engineer Brigade reached new heights, both literally and figuratively, during AT-88 at Camp Dawson, West Virginia.

Dubbed "OPERATION MOUNTAINEER" the brigade Annual Training was tailored specifically to prepare both engineers and support personnel for 1989 Training in Central America.

Planning for "OPERATION MOUNTAINEER" began in September 1987 when the 16th Engineer Brigade learned it had been selected by Fourth Army to be the primary engineer element for a major exercise. During a visit to Camp Dawson, brigade staff officers were immediately struck by the similarity of rugged terrain in West Virginia and the terrain of the proposed mission area. Upon learning from Camp Dawson staff personnel that several camp mountain roads had to be built, Ohio engineer annual training for 1988 and "OPERATION MOUNTAINEER" were born at 2,500 feet above sea level on a washed out logging road.

With the perfect terrain having been located and the engineer projects awaiting, Brig. Gen. Robert Lawson, Commander of the 16th Engineer Brigade, issued his guidance for AT-88. "I want our annual training to duplicate the anticipated Cen-



tral American mission in every possible way," he said. "Engineer work, safety procedures, PMCS, and all other facets of our training must be geared toward 'training up' for the exercise."

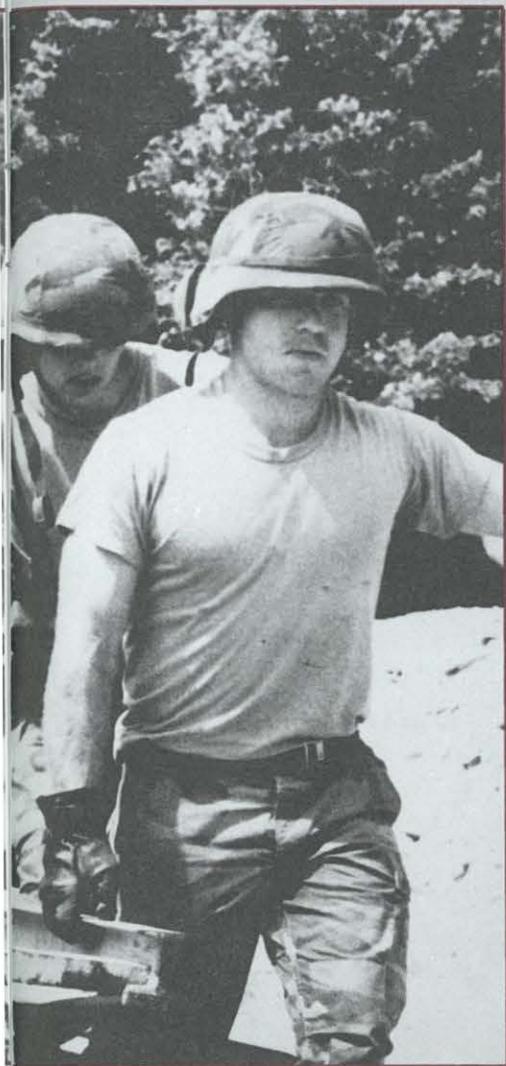
With a time, a place and the commander's guidance, the brigade, group and battalion staffs started planning a kind of annual training unlike any they had previously experienced.

While the snow was still on the mountains, engineer reconnaissance parties began surveys of potential construction areas to find sites that most closely resembled the exercise area work sites. What fol-

lowed was the complex task of developing engineer plans, critical path work flow chart, bills of material, and the attention to all of the other details which would, in the end, equal eight weeks of meaningful training for four combat engineer battalions.

As planning progressed and enthusiasm mounted, someone, probably an S-3, said, "this just isn't tough enough for engineers, let's add a two-week engineer equipment operations school and install a rock quarry complete with a 75-ton a hour rock crusher!" The engineer plot thickened.

IN HIGH ENOUGH



West Virginia “Almost Heaven” For Construction Crews



Meanwhile, in the logistics office the “loggies” were contemplating the task of transporting, feeding, fueling, housing, showering, repairing and generally sustaining some 3,200 engineers, plus a rapidly expanding cast of support troops. From the onset it was apparent that AT-88 would be in a “bare-base” environment; scenic and friendly, but lacking the amenities of some other AT’s. Critical life support functions such as a food distribution point, showers, water, and fuel dispensing capability were not a part of the Camp Dawson package. Fortunately, a helpful camp staff and a supportive citizenry worked together with the

ENGINEERS from the Ohio National Guard put in many hard hours clearing roadways and constructing bridges in West Virginia this year. Soldiers from Company C, 216th Engineer Battalion, use teamwork to move a heavy piece of bridge into place (left); and a bulldozer operator clears a path for a roadway (above).

(Photos by SSgt. Michael A. Brill)

loggies to make life, well, as they say in West Virginia, almost heaven.

By late May, after six months of hectic planning, it all began to come together — in a big way. In less than a week, 50 pieces of heavy engineer equipment and all of the material and equipment that would be the 512th Engineer Battalion’s Engineer Equipment Operators School became a part of the Land-

scape near the towns of Thomas and Davis, West Virginia. In early June, 18 instructors and 72 support personnel were added; and with the arrival of 100 eager-to-learn engineer students on June 4, school was in session. The rigorous two-week

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'COMBAT' ENVIRONMENT

ARTEP Provides Realistic Training for Co. C of 148th

BY JEFFREY BLACKMORE
Company C, 1/148th Infantry Battalion

The infantry squad leader wipes the sweat from his camouflaged face with a quick swipe of his hand. He knows it has to be at least 100 degrees. He returns his grip to his M-16 Rifle.

Silently he moves through the woods, matching the stealth of the seven other members of his squad, knowing that even the slightest noise could bring the wrath of enemy fire.

Suddenly he is given the signal from his point man, who indicates he's spotted an enemy position directly to the front. The squad leader's heartbeat quickens. RAT-TAT-TAT! The quick rapport of enemy gunfire echoes through the woods letting him know his squad is no longer invisible to the enemy. "I'm hit!" yells the squad leader hearing the loud continuous beep from his Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) sensor. Seeing what has happened, the A-Team leader takes control.

In a flurry of loud voices and gun fire the infantry platoon moves forward and overruns the enemy position. Security is set up and a quick

sweep is made of the enemy position, with several enemy soldiers being captured.

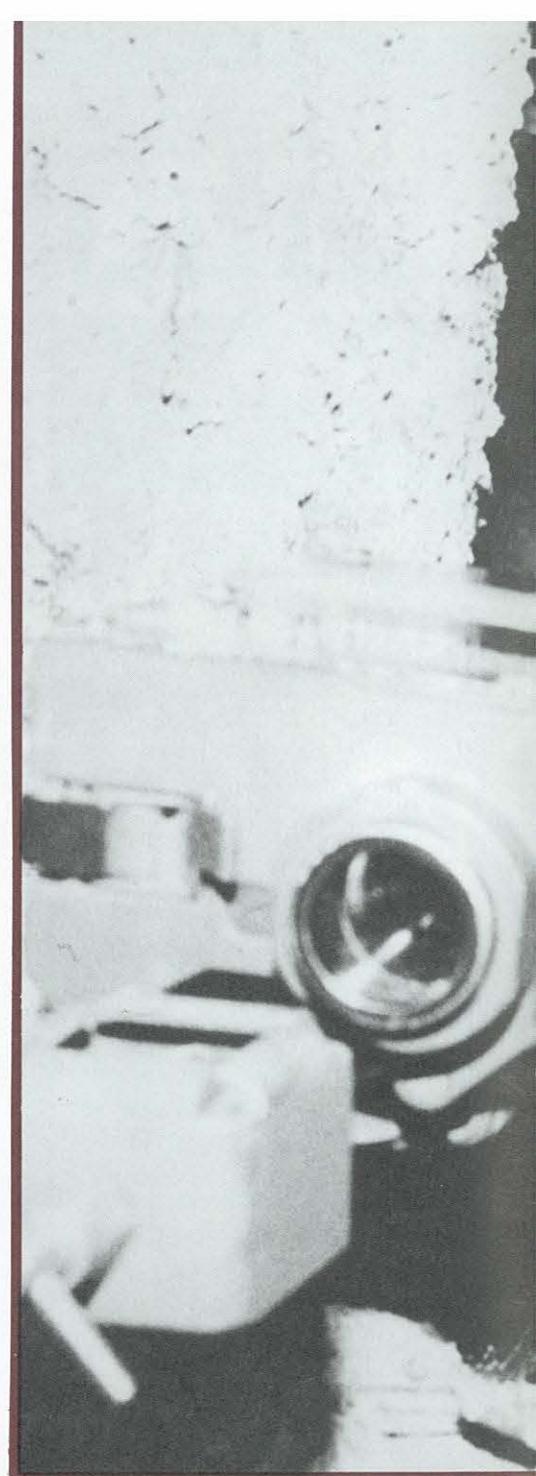
That was the scene as the rifle platoons of Company C, 148th Infantry Battalion underwent their Army Training and Evaluation Program (ARTEP) at Annual Training this year at Camp Grayling, Mich. During the 16 days of training, from July 23 - August 7, the citizen-soldiers from the Van Wert and Defiance areas of Northwest Ohio won the honor of being selected best company in the 148th Infantry Battalion.

Upon arrival at Grayling, the soldiers of C Company packed for movement to the field, where they stayed for 10 days in a simulated combat environment. To engage in combat you must have enemy troops. The Regular Army's 10th Mountain Division along with members of the Ohio Guard's 166th Infantry Battalion gladly carried out the role of enemy soldiers. Their mission was to constantly harass and ambush the forces of Company C.

The ARTEP is used to evaluate a platoon's performance in combat tasks. Evaluators from the Army's

10th Mountain Division gave all company platoons very good marks. During the ARTEP the rifle platoons made extensive use of the MILES. The system adds realism and tension to the training.

To get a break from the field training, soldiers from Charlie Company used the 148th Infantry Battalion's Field Rest and Relaxation Center. The center, first operated in 1987, allows the field-weary soldier a four-





ENEMY IN SIGHT — Pvt. Stephen Goins Jr. of Company C(-) 1/148th Infantry, Van Wert, sights in an enemy soldier during the unit's 10 day field exercise at Camp Grayling, Mich. Goins is using with MILES gear which was used extensively during the unit's field and ARTEP Training.

(Photo by Sgt. Jeffrey Blackmore)

hour break from the arduous field training. Hot dogs, video movies, pop, and athletic equipment for the soldiers make their stay more interesting.

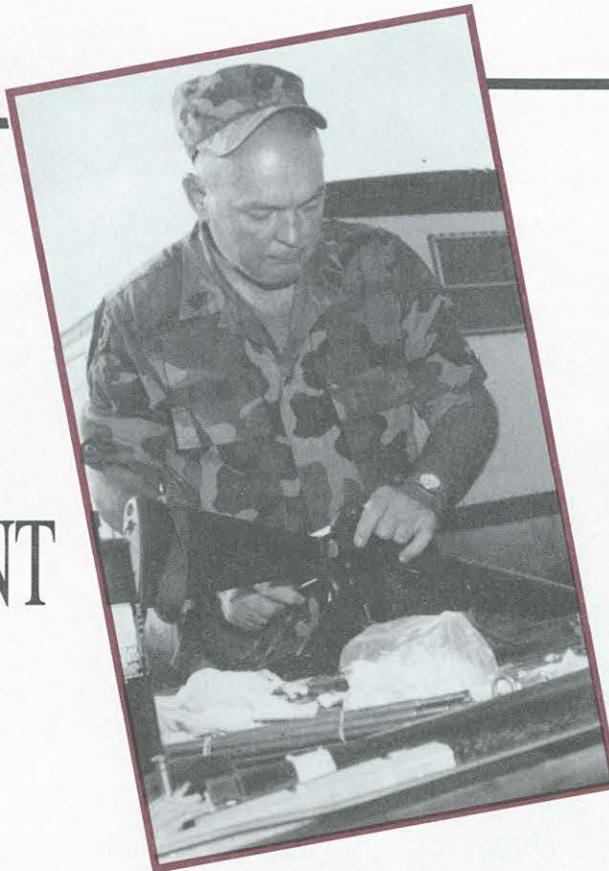
On the final day at Camp Grayling the 148th Infantry Battalion conducted its annual awards ceremony to honor outstanding achievements at Annual Training 1988. Company C received the award for Best Company in the 148th Infantry Battalion.

First Lieutenant Joseph A. Harvey, company commander; and Company First Sergeant Phillip W. Hutchins, accepted the award.

The unit's food service section received the award for the best in the battalion, with Food Service Sergeant Jeff Dreyer accepting the award for his section which operated two cooks short over the AT period and still produced outstanding food.

In an unprecedented honor, the company's 3rd Rifle Platoon received for the second year in a row, the award for best rifle platoon in the 148th and the Colonel Clyde Gutzwiller Award for being the best rifle platoon in the 73rd Infantry Brigade. If the platoon receives the Gutzwiller award next year it will be retired and permanently retained at the platoon's home station in Defiance. ●

BATTLE SKILLS: A DIFFERENT KIND OF LEARNING



BY BUDDY GARRETT
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"There were times when I wanted to throw my helmet on the ground, jump up and down on it and make it into a pie plate. But I couldn't. I came here to be an example, and you just don't do that."

He is Sgt. Maj. Richard E. Evans Jr., command sergeant major for the 737th Maintenance Battalion, Ohio Army National Guard. He is 57 years old, the oldest soldier to graduate from the physically and mentally demanding Battle Skills school, Arkansas Army National Guard, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, Ark.

Born in Daytona, Fla., now living at Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Evans has completed 39 years of military service.

"I had gotten out of the system — gone inactive — now, coming back, I was too old and had too many years to go through the Sergeant Majors' Academy."

But he found no such restrictions on the relatively new Battle Skills course. Open to noncommissioned

officers, E-5 through E-9, Battle Skills teaches the technical aspects of squad and platoon weapons use on firing ranges and in combat-like scenarios. Mock battles are staged using MILES — multiple integrated laser engagement system. The course opened July 1984. Each class is two weeks long.

"I had to lose 47 pounds in 50 days (before attending the course)," said Evans. "I did it." That is when Evans decided he should do more than just go through the course. He saw himself as an example for others. He came to Arkansas with only the money an E-5 would probably bring. He did everything he could to make the money stretch through the course.

"I washed my BDUs (battle dress uniforms) by walking into the shower with everything on," he said.

He admits he might have acted strange for a senior NCO, but he wanted to dispel any concerns that, as a sergeant major, he would pull rank, take special privileges or expect to be treated differently.

"I was a little skeptical, a little nervous," said SSgt. Jim Anderson,

D Company 1st Battalion 184th Infantry from Auburn, Calif.

"He didn't look like a sergeant major," said Sgt. Trent Holt, shaking his head. The Oklahoma Army National Guard soldier from Detachment 1, Company B, 1st Battalion 180th Infantry added, "I guess it was because he was acting like a regular guy."

But the men of Battle Skills' 2nd Squad 1st Platoon soon learned Evans was a "regular guy."

"I figured he'd expect special treatment," said Sgt. Robert Gilstrap, Detachment 1 Company A 203rd Engineer Battalion out of Neosho, Mo. "Instead, he became the motivator for the team."

Holt said what impressed him was "when (Evans) volunteered to carry the spare barrel bag." That added 30 pounds to the already 60-pounds of equipment each platoon member lugged around in the blistering heat.

"He never lagged behind," added Anderson. "He carried more than his share."

Evans had another reason for being "one of the guys."

"How can I justify running an outfit if I haven't 'been there' to know what they need. You can't lead the pack if you're not with the pack."

He is quick to admit there were days when he was tired . . . disgusted. "I had to force myself to keep on," he said.

And he forced himself to hold back, even when his experience told him the squad was doing something wrong.

"It was difficult not to take over," he said. But each NCO taking the lead had to carry the squad in his own way; otherwise, nobody would have learned from his own mistakes. Experience is still the best teacher in many situations.

"Our squad was the best in the platoon," Evans said, complimenting the other nine men he grubbed and grunted with.

He also complimented course instructors saying they had made him "a confirmed disciple" of battle skills training.

"This course should be as

mandatory as PLDC, BNOG or ANOG," he said. "One of the problems we have (in the Army) is if support units — the primary targets of the enemy — don't know these skills, they die.

"Everyone expects a soldier to learn in basic training how to survive. They don't learn this level in basic. We ought to be teaching survival skills first (after basic), then teach advanced NCO skills.

"ANOG is the meringue on the pie with the cherry on top," he said. ANOG, he believes, would be made more understandable if soldiers had Battle Skills first.

"This course is not perfect," he said. "It could use a few changes. But when you walk away from here, you walk away better than when you came. And I know if you've been trained the way I've been trained, I can count on you. I can say: 'Come here, do this job' and I know you'll do it." But, too often, he contends, soldiers' training is not being used back at the home unit.

"You go to school, get all fired up, and when you get back to the unit you're told, 'Forget it, this is the way we do it.' Whoever's saying that . . . that's the person you need to send to this course.

"When we waste a fired up kid — and I was as guilty as anybody else — we've got to start doing things differently."

Battle Skills, Evans said, is a different kind of learning. "When you're humpin' the hills, setting up a perimeter, and spend all day trying to stay alive just to have somebody shoot you as you're about to crawl into a bunker, it gets to you. This course teaches you how to survive."

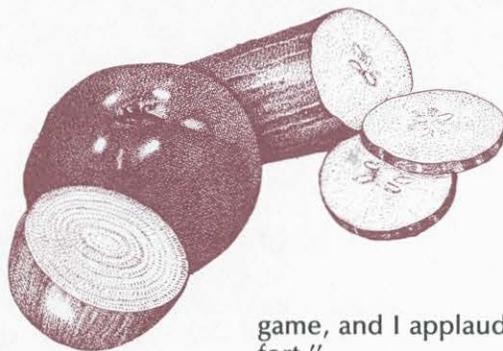
It's a tough course, but as Evans said, "If I did it, there's no reason somebody half my age and twice my stamina can't. No excuse!"

There's only one way to survive in battle: The same way soldiers get through Battle Skills; the same way a 57-year old sergeant major from Ohio got through the course

... "He toughed it out," said a young troop. "He just toughed it out." ●

CHARLIE CO.

MESS HALL



BY MIKE BURRIS
73rd Infantry Brigade

Life in a mess section means long hours. It is often hot and uncomfortable, the paperwork is mountainous, and one of the things soldiers complain about often and loudly is food. If the food isn't good, unit morale may suffer.

One of the most effective ways for a unit to take care of its soldiers is to make sure the food is good and that there is enough for everyone. Good food and plenty of it is essential to Company C, 237th Support Battalion. Charlie Company's mess section recently was selected as runner-up in the prestigious Phillip A. Connelly Food Service Competition for Fourth Army.

Lt. Gen. Frederick J. Brown, Fourth Army Commander said, "Being selected as runner-up in the Phillip A. Connelly Food Service Competition reflects true dedication, professionalism and exceptional leadership in the area of food service operations."

Ohio Adjutant, Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, also praised Charlie Company's mess section, "My observations at last year's Annual Training made evident the fact that operations of field kitchens need much improvement if the quality of food and the level within units is to reach an acceptable standard. Charlie Company, 237th Support Battalion seems to be well ahead of the

game, and I applaud you for this effort."

A guest at Charlie Company's field mess operation during A.T. was the Ohio Army National Guard's Assistant Adjutant General, Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Schulte. He took time out from his busy schedule to enjoy lunch with Charlie Company. "I've seen a lot of mess halls over the year and Charlie Company, 237th Support Battalion has consistently been the best," Schulte said.

The tremendous amount of pride felt by the 73rd Brigade is expressed by its commander, Brig. Gen. James R. Williams. "Your unit has proven itself to be the best field mess in the Ohio Army National Guard and the second best in the entire Fourth Army Area. This accomplishment brings credit upon your unit, your battalion and our brigade. I congratulate each member of your mess section for being an important part of such an outstanding team."

The best mess section in the Ohio Army National Guard works together as a cohesive, efficient team, headed by SFC Kenneth H. Bullock. Bullock is assisted by SSgt. Ivan Vaughn, SSgt. James R. Barber, Sgt. Willard Holloway, Sp4 James L. Barger and Sp4 Leigh Beckett. Bullock who plans to retire soon, has trained Vaughn to take over.

"Our mess hall is so good because of commitment, starting with two super NCOs who won't settle for second best," said 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Neace. "They always try their darndest for the troops." ●



1st. Sgt. Marsha Tate, PFC Dan Troia of HQ STARC, OHARNG

ON COURSE

26-week school improves managerial skills and adds new insights for female first shirt.

BY KELLI D. BLACKWELL
HQ STARC, OHARNG

She's the only female first sergeant in the history of the Ohio Army National Guard. But that doesn't matter. She recently graduated from a 26-week sergeants major course, where the male/female ratio was 429:21.

"One thing I enjoy most about the course was the fact that, even though I was a reserve component soldier, I wasn't treated as such. Everyone was treated equally. It didn't matter if you were male or female," stated 1st Sgt. Marsha L. Tate, of HQ STARC (-Det 1-4), Columbus, Ohio.

Tate attended the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy, S, S&F Battalion Sergeants Major Course from February 1 to June 24. "The sergeants major course is the capstone of NCO course studies," she said. Tate attended the eight-week first sergeants course before she was promoted to the rank of first sergeant in January 1986.

The course was broken down to five semesters: Group Process; Military Studies; Resource Management, which studied promotions and reductions, and supply, maintenance and personnel managements; Leadership, which studied Maslow's hierarchy of needs, general psychology, counseling on drug and alcohol abuse, human rights and equal opportunity, and basic military leadership. "The Army's philosophy on leadership has changed," Tate said. "They don't call it *leadership*, they call it *management*; because you're not leading people, you're managing them."

Tate said their class had a variety of guest lecturers, to include an open discussion seminar with command sergeants major and battalion commanders.

The sergeants major course offered more than advanced NCO training. It also offered personal improvement. Its graduates were entitled to 18 semester hours of

college credit in areas such as political science, psychology and management. Tate added, "On Tuesdays and Thursdays individuals who didn't have an associate degree, or the equivalent, attended college courses for two hours." Those who had degrees used that time to work on special projects.

Since the active Army and reserve components were working and learning together, the first sergeant was given the opportunity to see how the National Guard fits in with today's Army:

"Reserve components would make up the major strength of the Army if we were to go to war again. Reserve components make up about 55 percent of the combat forces. The National Guard makes up the greater percentage of the components," Tate said.

"The national Guard would have a major role in a federal mobilization. I think it's very important that Guard personnel are aware of this, and that they get the right perspective as far as our training on IDT (Inactive Duty Training) status. We're not training just to have something to do; we're training because we have a mission if the ballon ever goes up. Our philosophy is to train as you would to fight in combat."

Tate said the course has made her a better training NCO and first sergeant. "I've improved my managerial skills, my insight and my overall understanding of soldiers' problems," she said. "Sometimes you sit in your office and develop a one-track mind. Say, if a soldier has a problem like attending drill. The first thing that may come to mind is, 'He's not a satisfactory participant.' Well, that soldier could have extenuating circumstances that would keep him from attending. You've got to understand that. Sometimes we forget where we came from. We came up through those ranks. too."

Reflecting on the sergeants major course, the first sergeant said, "I enjoyed the opportunity to share different experiences with other E-8s and E-9s. You learn a lot through the interaction in the classrooms. But If I learned anything, I'll always keep in mind where I came from."

F84F Thunderstreak Brought Back To Life By Air Guard Team



The F84F when found in 1984. The team that decided to bring it "back to life" included MSgt. R.J. Brown, SMSgt. Jim Hughes, SMSgt. Danny Howser, MSgt. Gene Ford and TSgt. Sam Pollock.

(Photo by MSgt. R.J. Brown)

Hiding in dense thicket for 20 years ... sunken in two feet of mud ... what is it but an F84F THUNDERSTREAK. This historic plane was found in 1984. It became a restoration project of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing when officials at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, agreed to turn it over to the wing. The supersonic F-84F was flown by the 121st in the late 1950's and the early 1960's. Volunteers from the Paint and Sheet Metal shops, Repair and Reclamation, Flight Line, Weapons and Quality Control sections spent many hours putting it back together. The plane will be located near the Rickenbacker Museum in an area designated for historical aircraft. ●



PREPARING FOR LIFT — Dan Howser, Gene Ford and Jim Hughes get F84F ready for helicopter liftoff (above); restored; "Sleeping Beauty" at 121st hangar (bottom).



SABER SAREX TESTS 178th

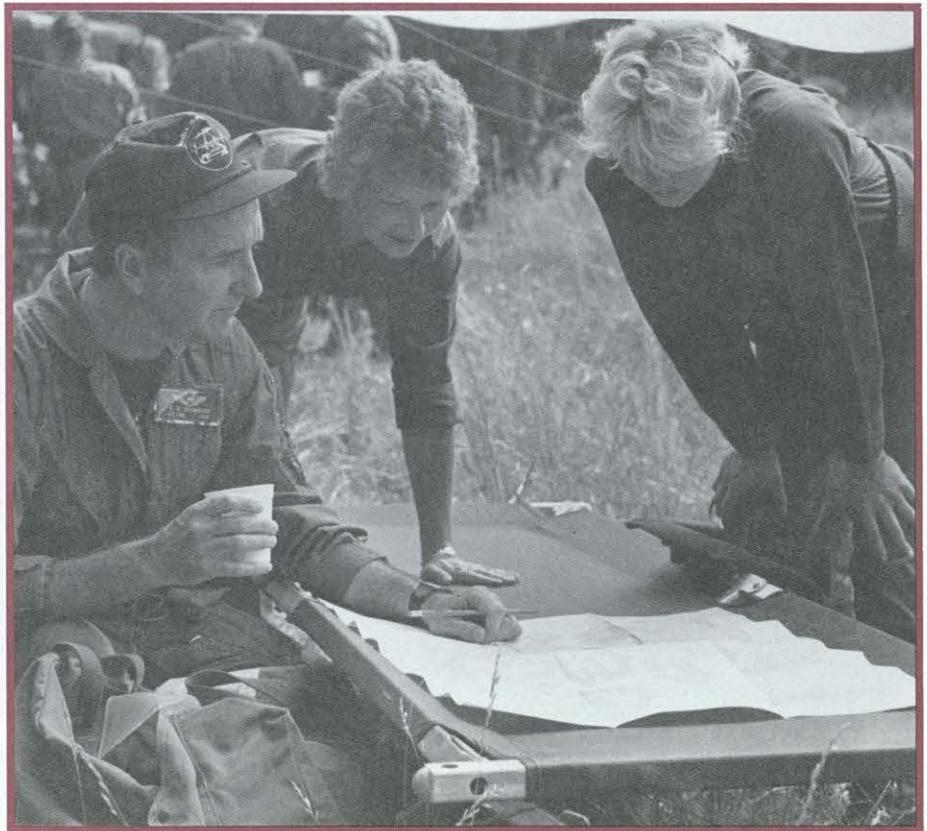
**Pike State Forest
Used As Training Area**

BY JAMES WOOD
178th Tactical Fighter Group

The pilot was returning from a strike mission when he received several hits from small arms fire. His A-7 Corsair was severely damaged and he was forced to eject about four miles behind the Forward Edge of the Battle Area (FEBA) in enemy territory. The ejection was normal and he was not injured; however he had earlier released his survival kit due to an anticipated tree landing and had with him only those items in his survival vest. His immediate problem was to navigate through a high threat area while evading enemy patrols and to eventually make contact with friendly civilians (partisans) who would assist him in being rescued. He might also be assisted by subsequent A-7 missions scheduled by his unit. His rescue would be accomplished by helicopters assigned to an Army unit located 14 kilometers from his base.

Pilot Skills Tested

That was the scenario used in SA-



SABER SAREX 88 — Airman Kathy Garman and SSgt. Laura Musgrove look on as Lt. Col. Roger Drummond plots a course through the selected area for evasion and routing to the safe area.

(Photo by SSgt. Joe Stahl)

BER SAREX 88 which was held on June 10-12, 1988. Note: the name SABER SAREX 88 is derived from the unit call sign SABER and the word SAREX is an acronym derived from the terms survival and recovery exercise. The hills of Pike State Forest, south of Bainbridge in southern Ohio, provided the setting. The exercise was designed to enhance the skills of the pilots of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group to survive, escape and evade and effect rescue from a hostile environment. Fourteen pilots, five intelligence personnel and two apprentice life support technicians of the 178th underwent hostile environment experience training in the grueling, two-day exercise.

The exercise began on Friday when life support personnel, led by Lt. Col. Ralph P. Anderson, 178th Deputy Commander for Operations, and Chief Master Sergeant Jim Wood, 178th

Life Support Manager, traveled to Pike State Forest to establish a base camp and helicopter landing zone. They set up training aids, temporary classrooms and facilities for preparing food and shelter for instructors and students.

On Saturday morning, pilots and intelligence personnel were briefed and Springfield ANG Base, by Maj Mike Bogumill on the objective of the exercise, the overall scenario, the threats they were likely to encounter and safety considerations. The participants were then airlifted from Springfield to the Pike Forest exercise area by helicopters from the Ohio National Guard's 107th Regimental Aviation Squadron (RAS). This simulated their A-7 mission and subsequent ejection. They then began planning their escape and evasion tactics under the watchful eye of the life support instructors. The 178th instructors, MSgt Jim Couch, TSgt Cassandra Channels,

TSgt Mike Cheever, and SSgts Scott McKenzie and Steve Norris are all graduates of the Combat Survival school at Fairchild AFB, WA.

The instructors armed the survivors with a few facts, including that they could link up with friendly partisans at Edger cemetery approximately 3½ miles across the wooded terrain. They were told to avoid civilization, evade the aggressor and that they would be directed by the partisans to a rescue point. In order to receive assistance from the partisans, they would have to prove who they were and by an authentication process.

In the meantime, two 4-man aggressor patrols consisting of the 178th Weapons System Security Flight (WSSF) personnel led by Maj Paul Geiger, U.S. Army Reserve, and MSgt Rod Peters, 178 WSSF Operations NCO were getting into position to intercept and attempt to capture the survivors.

As the survivors progressed through the escape and evasion route, they were instructed in the use of their survival equipment, escape and evasion techniques, navigation, heat stress and dehydration awareness, camouflage techniques, procedures for radio contact with the partisans, friendly aircraft and rescue helicopters procedures, map orientation, and procedures for directing aircraft to their position.

The survivors vectored a flight of A-7's to their position to attack a nearby enemy convoy, and to escort the rescue helicopters to an extraction point. The rescue helicopters, directed by the A-7 "Sandy" leader, landed and picked up the survivors, then were escorted by the A-7s to the Base Camp.

After the exercise was over, it was reviewed and critiqued by the instructors, aggressors and survivors. Everyone agreed the training was the most realistic since basic survival school and appreciated the opportunity for the "hands on" approach as opposed to classroom demonstrations and lectures.

While SABER SAREX 88 was conducted for the benefit of all the pilots of the 178 TFG, it was a TOTAL FORCE effort and experience. Members of the Ohio Army National

Guard, 906th Tactical Fighter Group (Air Force Reserve), and U.S. Army Reserve, as well as 178 TFG personnel, combined their talents to produce a highly effective training program. Col. Richard E. Higgins, Commander of the 178 TFG, praised the Life Support personnel for their imagination, initiative and professional spirit in developing and conducting the training.

"It is a significant contribution to the fighter pilots ability to not only survive the initial shock of the ejection process, but to also evade and return to freedom," he said.

Higgins also expressed his appreciation to all who supported the exercise and to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for its cooperation in making the Pike State Forest available. ●

RESCUE!

Survivors are retrieved by members of the 107 RAS and airlifted to base camp.

(Photo by SSgt. Joe Stahl)



GUARDING in GERMAN- TOWN

Creek Corsair 88

Photos by
TSGT. Jerry Anthony
121st MSF

"Real World Environment" became just that this year for 75 members of the 121st Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio National Guard.

The 121st, along with other Air Guard tactical fighter units from New Mexico and Iowa, participated in a two-week deployment to West Germany for exercise "Creek Corsair 88." The exercise was designed to familiarize air crews. Maintenance personnel and other support people with operating from overseas bases, and to acquaint them with flight procedures used in the Federal Republic of West Germany.

"Flying in Germany is different than flying in the United States," said Lt. Col. Thomas Powers, director of operations. "There are many more small towns, and the weather is usually hazy with low visibility. The rules for flying in Germany are also different. The air traffic is much more congested."

Maj. Hugh Sloan, intelligence officer for the 121st, and a member of the seven-person team that planned the exercise, said Creek Corsair provided a real world framework into

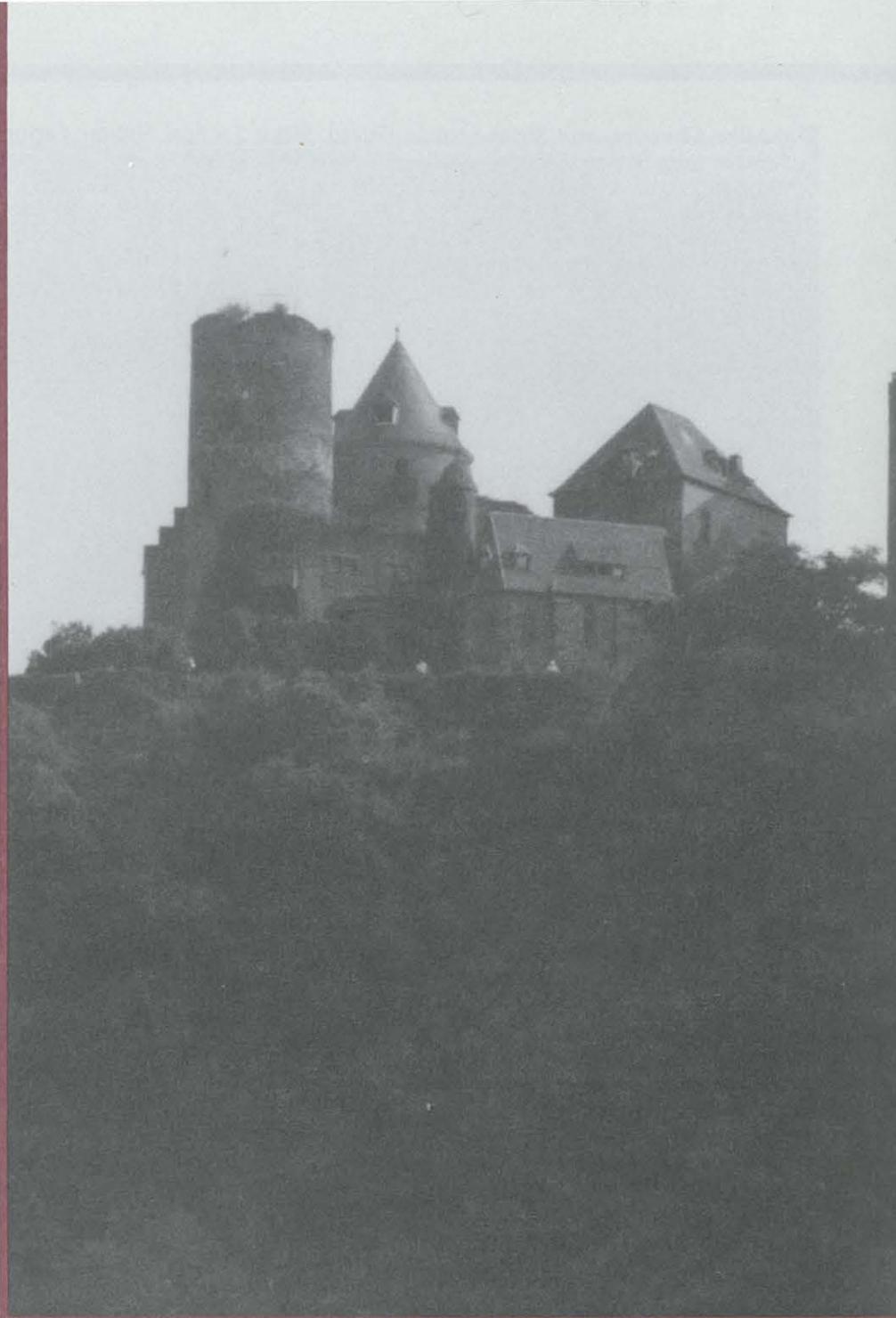
which the Air Force and Air Guard fit a considerable amount of planning, flying and support training.

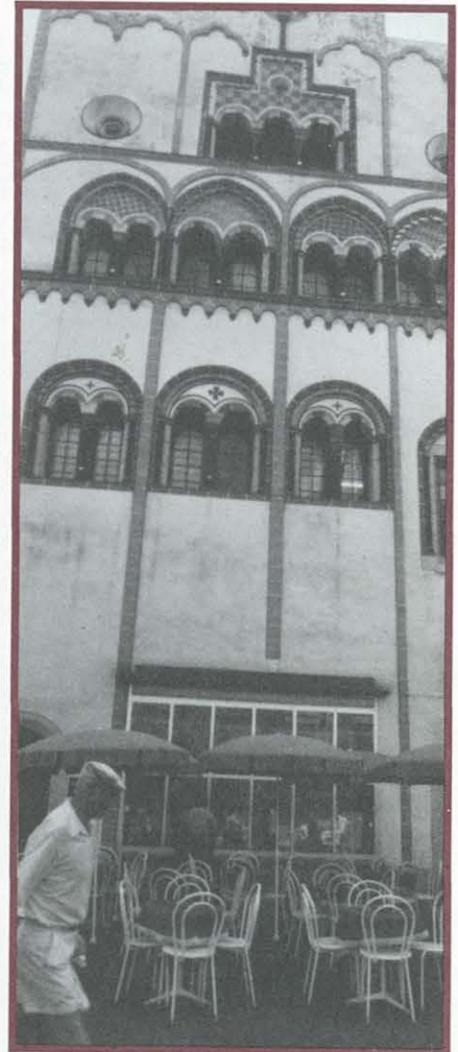
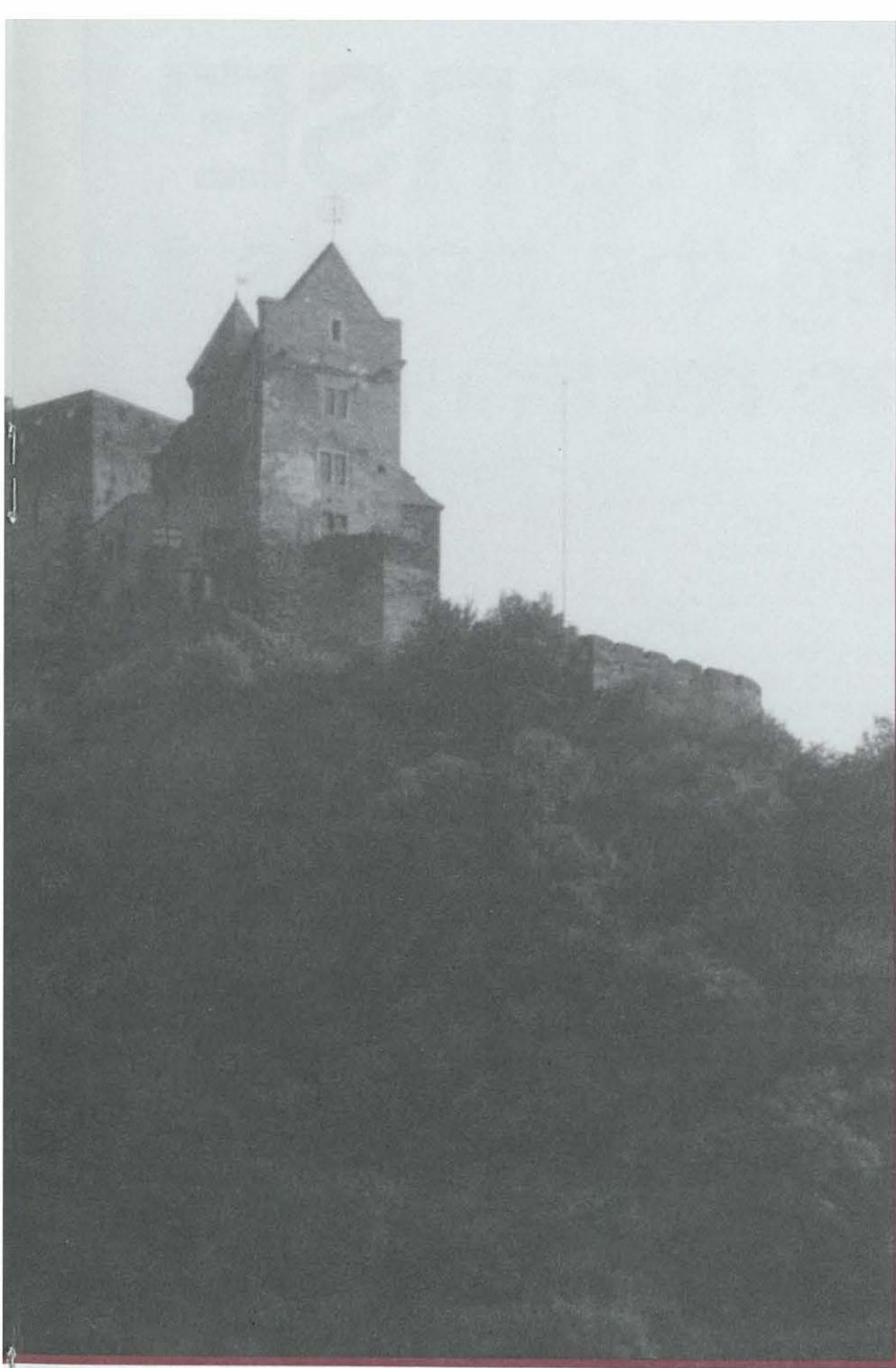
Sloan said there is no substitute for the on-site training in Germany. "You simply cannot simulate this training environment," he noted.

The units in the exercise operated from Spangdahlem Air Force Base, which may have been a different setting, but demanded the same standards from crew chief, SSgt. Steve Green. The technician with the 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance

Squadron, said, "There are differences here. We operate from open ramps at home instead of revetments. And here the aircraft are spread out over a mile. You have to be aware of what you are doing."

Capt. Thomas Botchie, a pilot with the 121st, said Creek Corsair provided an excellent opportunity for younger pilots to get experience with the F4's and "to get a package (six to eight aircraft flying together) to an area to get bombs to a target." ●





Old German buildings provide dramatic skyline (left); early-morning stroller passes outdoor cafe (above); fighter aircraft await orders for takeoff (below). (Photos courtesy 121st Tactical Fighter Group)



'PACKHORSE'

meeting the needs of the regiment

BY THOMAS D. GRANDY
HQ STARC, OHARNG

Wars are fought by soldiers. Soldiers who, whether in tanks, battleships, jets, or on foot, manipulate their machines of war to ward off aggressors and protect our most valuable asset; our freedom.

Wars are won by soldiers who, in peacetime, understand all aspects of their mission and train as professionals.

Wars are easily lost by forces not properly supplied and maintained.

As of August, 1987, the Ohio Army National Guard's 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment became one of the few of its kind to proclaim self-sufficiency with the addition of the "Packhorse" Regimental Support Squadron.

Yet in its infancy, the Support Squadron promises to make the 107th ACR a more effective fighting force by supplying and maintaining it with greater speed and accuracy.

The Squadron spent its first annual training as a functional part of the 107th this past summer at Camp Grayling, Michigan and although not at 100% strength, proved to be successful at being providers.

Made up of a headquarters troop, supply and transportation company, maintenance troop, and a medical troop, the "Packhorse" Squadron can meet virtually every need of the regiment.

"We can do about anything in the way of supply of rations, fuel, ammunition, water, equipment, and repair parts," said Sgt. Mike J. Wood, Operations NCO. "In addition, we can fix weapons systems, vehicles, radios and computers with a twenty-four to forty-eight hour turnaround."

One of the most unique aspects of the Squadron is the Supply and Transportation Company, comprised of truck drivers, crane operators, ammunitions specialists, water purification specialists, and a graveyard registration specialist, is from West Virginia and yet part of the Ohio Armored Cavalry Regiment.

The medical troop, as part of the unit, would be closer to the front lines than a M.A.S.H. would be. Consisting of nurses, medics, physicians, dentists, and health inspectors, the troop could provide immediate minimal aid for injured troops and dispatch more severe injuries back to division level.

The squadron, though lacking a doctrine for its operations are adapting bits and pieces of training manuals used by several active-army components with missions similar to theirs and finding out what works best for them.

With the responsibility of providing for over 4,000 soldiers and their machines, the Regimental Support Squadron has its work cut out for it.

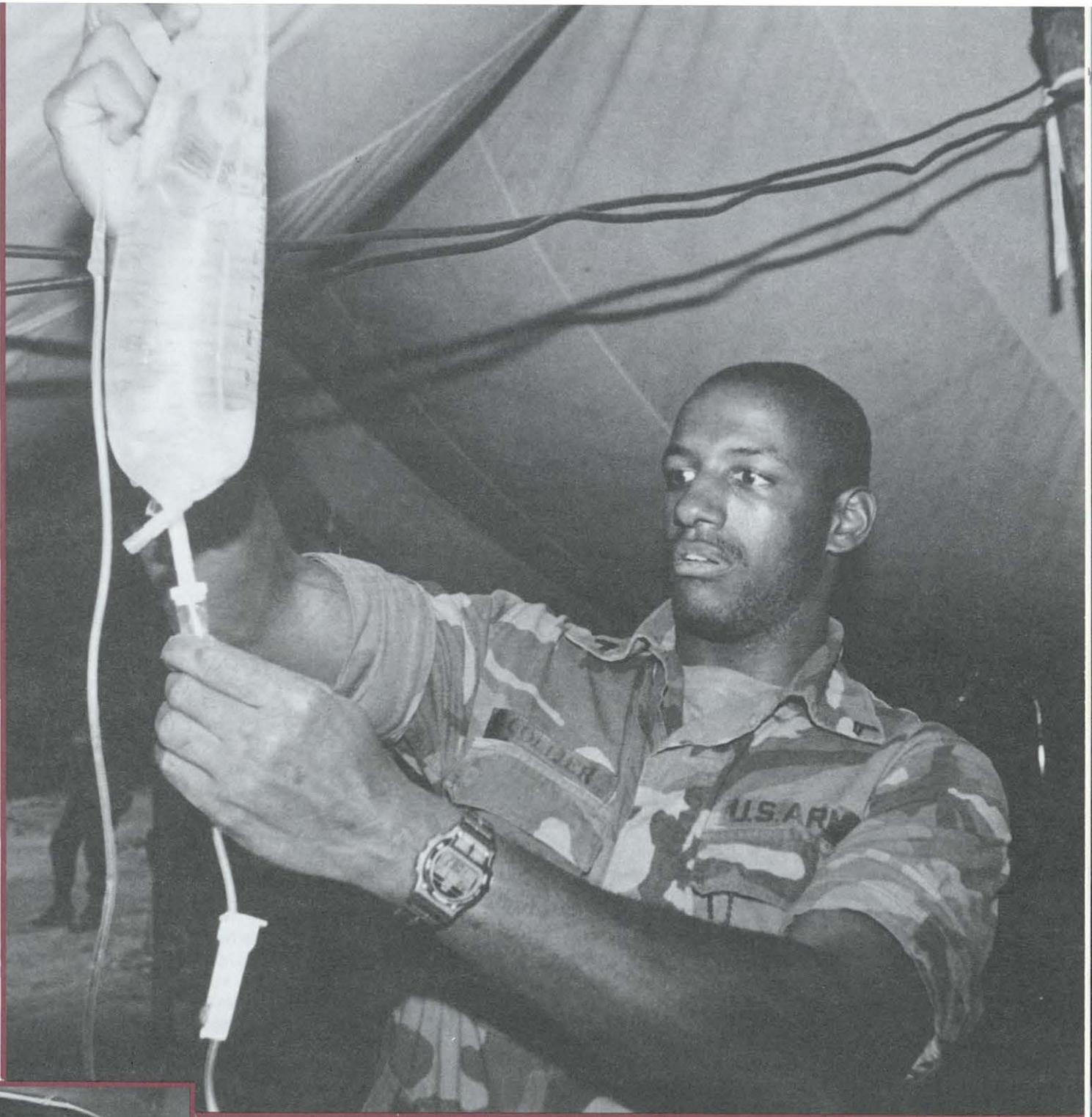
However, it is a job that will eventually become even faster when, through the addition of computers, automation will make a call for supply and its distribution almost instantaneous.

The squadron's logo is named after the packhorses of the old cavalry days. And though their missions of supplying the beans and bolts for the cavalry are the same, the Ohio Army National Guard's Regimental Support Squadron brings with it a proud, new meaning to the term "Packhorse!"



SP4 John A. Mascari, a field radio repairman with the Regimental Support Squadron, reels in commo wire during Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Michigan.

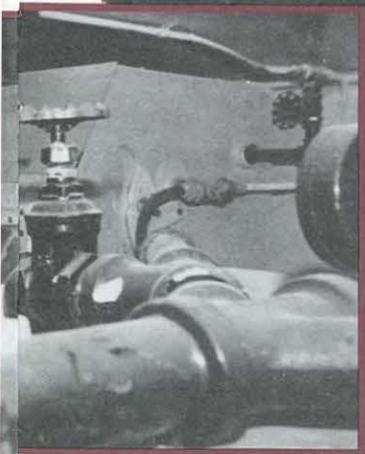


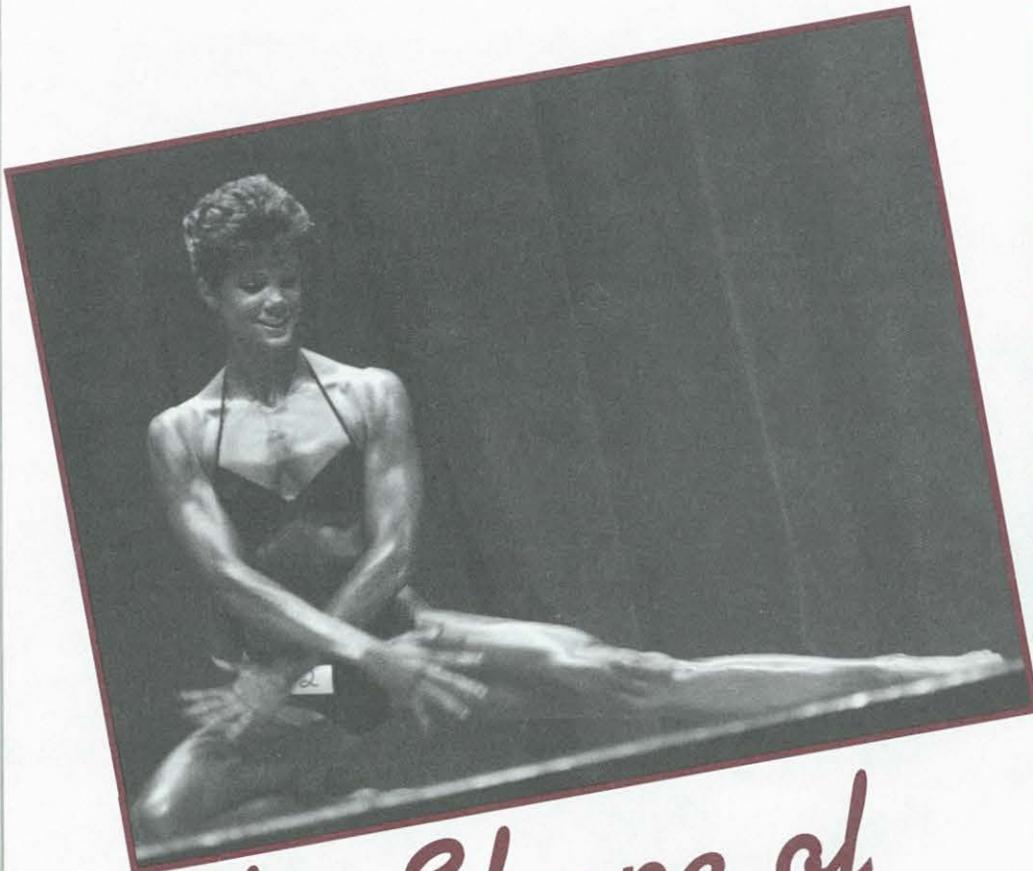


▲ Cpl. Kevin Collier, a licensed practical nurse with the 107th's Medical C-Troop, prepares an IV solution for use on a patient in a field hospital during Annual Training in Camp Grayling, Michigan.

▲ SP4 Kevin R. Wong, a water purification specialist with the West Virginia Supply and Transportation A Company, adjusts the raw water pressure gauges that allow the amount of water into the purification truck from the source.

(Photos by Sgt. Thomas D. Grandy)





The Shape of Things to Come

BY KELLI D. BLACKWELL
HQ STARC, OHARNG

Body building isn't just a man's sport anymore. No longer is it only men building their muscles. When women weight train, they, too, build their muscles, lose their fat, but, keep their femininity. Sgt. Jennifer Day, assistant training NCO of HQ STARC (-Det 1-4), Columbus, is a professional body builder, who works out on weights daily, and recently won the title of "Ms. Columbus" in an August competition — all this at 109 pounds.

She's found that, for her, body building is the best method of keeping in shape.

"Two years ago, I used to run and do monsterobics, which is 1½ hours of strenuous aerobics, but my body wasn't changing. I wasn't losing any weight. So, I tried weight lifting, and in about a month's time I lost an inch

off my waist and my legs, and I said, 'This is it!'"

Day has competed in two body building competitions. Her first was July 23, at the 5th Annual Gold's Classic, where she placed second in her weight class. On August 20, she participated in two contests. At the Ohio Grand Prix she placed second in her weight class, and at the Mr./Ms. Teenage Columbus, she placed first in her weight, and first overall.

Weight training takes a lot of time and dedication. While training for competitions, Day maintains a strict diet, with a daily intake of 1600 calories. "I eat five meals a day, with all of them containing complex carbohydrates, and three meals consisting of protein.

Her diet consists of cereals, egg whites, vegetables, and poultry or fish. No spices or butter are used, and while training for competition, she eliminates dairy products.

"I work out for three days, focusing on a different body part each time, and on the fourth day I'm suppose to rest, but during competition, I practice posing."

Day said many people ask her advice on how to lose weight and tone up. "You must be dedicated, and have the desire to do something about your weight," she said. "Some people say they're going on a diet and then give up after a week, because they didn't lose any weight. Well, in a week's time, you're not going to lose weight. It takes a long time to get to where you want to be."

With a body building magazine tossed aside on her desk, and a backpack stuffed with towels and gym clothes on the floor, Day remains physically busy, riding her bike to work three days a week and leading her office in afternoon PT every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

"Being in the military has geared me to work on keeping fit more often," she said. "A few years ago when I was at PLDC, we would run everyday. I was having the worst time because I felt so out of shape. It made me realize that you have to be fit at all times. To me, military and body building go hand-in-hand. Both require discipline, and in both, you should be physically fit. We've got to be ready if we ever become mobilized. "Total fitness is important; not just muscle fitness." ●

H U M M W V



BY ARIA ALA-U-DINI
196th Public Affairs Detachment

It's not any more powerful than a locomotive or any faster than a speeding bullet, but the High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) is the Ohio Army National Guard's newest super vehicle.

Soon, 571 HMMWVs are scheduled to be distributed to units in 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 73d Infantry Brigade, and 437th Military Police Battalion.

Built in Indiana, this new wonder machine has changed the way most people look at tactical vehicles.

"It's a wonderful vehicle," explained MSgt. Richard F. Weasner, who was NCOIC of the HMMWV Training Course at Troop Command's Annual Training in Camp Grayling, Mich.

"It's a scout vehicle, a vehicle for combat, and an ambulance," Weasner said. "The Army has never had a vehicle like this."

Powered by an impressive 6.2 liter, V-8 engine, that cranks out 150-horsepower, this versatile machine can cruise comfortably on any type of road surface.

According to Maj. James C. Wilder, the HMMWV has one of the most ad-

vanced suspension systems of any car in the world.

"The exceptional design of it really allows you to go places where you wouldn't dream of taking a jeep," Wilder said.

The HMMWV also has a 16-inch ground clearance that allows it to go just about anywhere.

Its mammoth 36-inch wheels also come with magnesium "run-flat" inserts that allow the vehicle to travel for 30 miles at 30-MPH.

"In other words, if you have a flat, you can keep on going, and get out of there. Not even a flat will slow this thing down."

Wilder said because of the "run-flat" insert, the HMMWVs do not come with spare tires, thus leaving more room for the troops to carry equipment.

The HMMWV is replacing the M-880 5/4 ton vehicles, Gamma-Goats, M-274 Mules, and the aging-but-reliable M-151 1/4 ton jeeps, Wilder said.

According to Wilder, sometime in the near future, the Guard will also be getting the new M-997, a four-liter ambulance version of the HMMWV.

One unique feature the M-997 offers is that it is fully air-conditioned.

Since the engine and drive system on all HMMWV models are the same, Weasner said organizational maintenance shops will also appreciate these vehicles, since they will no longer need to stock four or five different types of parts.

This can also save the Guard time and money since mechanics will no longer need to be trained on different maintenance systems.

"And since the Army is trying to go to all diesel family, the HMMWV is a nice addition to it," Weasner added.

Sgt. Richard R. Ramley, an instructor at the HMMWV drivers course at Camp Grayling, said most of the reaction he received from his students was positive, but they did have one major problem.

"Because this thing is so wide, drivers can't tell where the right fender is," Ramley said.

Wilder also said another thing people have complained about is the fact that the roof on all of them leaks water, but the Army does not consider that a big issue.

"It was never designed not to leak. It's not supposed to be a limousine to take your daughter out to get married in, it's a tactical vehicle." ●



Akron Ceremony Honors Guard Visionary

BY DON LUNDY
Buckeye Guard Editor

The modern-day structure that incorporates the National Guard as a vital part of the United States military forces owes a major debt to Charles Dick of Akron, Ohio.

Getting centralized support from the federal government for the respective "state militias" was spearheaded from 1899-1903 by Congressman Dick. From a Washington, D.C. vantage point, and from the perspective of a man who led National Guard troops into battle during the Spanish-American War, Dick was prepared for the

task. Following the war in 1902, Dick rose to the rank of major general in command of the "Ohio Division."

In Congress, Dick was appointed Chairman of the House Militia Committee. In 1902, he also was elected President of the National Guard Association of the United States. Legislation enacted by Congress in 1903 officially made the National Guard the successor to the old militia.

Many dignitaries are buried in Glendale Cemetery in Akron, including members of the family of Charles Dick.

On August 27, 1988, Lt. Gen.

Herbert Temple, chief of the National Guard Bureau; Ohio Adjutant General Richard C. Alexander and state and local officials participated in a ceremony honoring the memory of Dick's contributions.

Maj. Gen. Bruce Jacobs (ret.), publisher of National Guard Magazine for the National Guard Association of the United States, served as master of ceremonies for the event. A memorial plaque was unveiled and Jacobs announced the creation of the Charles Dick Medal of Merit, which will be awarded to those who significantly contribute to the values and goals of the National Guard. ●

I want to be a Warrant Officer....

BOB GABRIEL
State Recruiting & Retention Office

For some unknown reason, a myriad of perceptions exist in the field on how to become a warrant officer. It has been rumored by some junior NCO's that the secret has been hidden away in a crypto file, right there with the plans for the atom bomb and the secret for making mountain grown coffee. The truth is not nearly so glamorous. This article is an attempt to clarify the misconceptions that loom over this subject.

Army warrant officers are members of the officer corps since their appointment, by warrant, comes from the Secretary of the Army. The French and English armies had warrant officers before us (as in U.S.); and our Navy and Coast Guard have had warrant officers since 1790.

Warrant officers first made their appearance in the U.S. Army in 1918. Since then, they have served in

every campaign in which the Army has participated. Today, warrant officers fulfill an important leadership role, serving as specialists in 71 military occupational specialties.

The technicalities of becoming a warrant officer are contained in National Guard Regulation 600-101. To keep from turning potential warrants off, an information sheet has been compiled and is available from my office upon request. Contact us at 1-800-282-7310. That's a toll-free call. Ask for the Warrant Officer Applicant Checklist.

The Ohio Army National Guard now has some 70 warrant officer vacancies. Those who are interested and meet the requirements must find a vacant slot. This can be done at the unit by reviewing the monthly SIDPERS strength report which indicated vacancies in specific units. After spotting a vacancy, the interested person should contact the unit

directly to discuss the possibilities of filling the slot.

There are several considerations when approaching a unit to request to fill a vacant warrant officer slot:

- Make sure the chain of command of the current unit is aware of the applicant's intentions.
- Be aware of what the MOS is for the vacant slot and the time required to complete warrant officer candidate school and the technical education phase of training.
- Be aware of the future professional and civilian educational requirements of being a warrant officer.

If you are serious about becoming a warrant officer, check out the possibilities. Commanders and unit administrative personnel need dedicated soldiers to fill and maintain the assigned level of warrant officers in the Ohio Army National Guard. ●

AIN'T NO MOUNTAIN HIGH ENOUGH

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course honed the skills of operators of bulldozers, graders and other types of engineer equipment with emphasis on maintenance, maintenance, and more maintenance. The Equipment Operators School set the tone and established the momentum for "OPERATION MOUNTAINEER" and it was all, so to speak, uphill and downhill for the rest of the summer.

From mid-June until late-August a procession of Ohio National Guard units rotated in and out of West Virginia. For two weeks each, the 216th, 372nd, 112th, and 612th Engineer Battalions took turns at the training challenges presented at Camp Dawson. To facilitate continuity and momentum on the job site, a task force of personnel from the 134th and 416th Engineer Groups each served as training site headquarters during an overlapping period of two months.

Construction training missions in West Virginia not only involved the normal preparation and construction of bivouac sites, but also included clearing and grubbing several kilometers of new road; upgrading and widening over 15 kilometers of unpaved surface road; installing more than 40 culverts; blasting, hauling and crushing over 20,000 tons of quarry material; scraping and removing several hundred cubic yards of flood debris; and tearing down and rebuilding a rifle range. The surveying and design work for each of the projects mentioned was a monumental task in itself.

To say the engineers had a great AT would be true, but it would miss

telling the whole story by a long shot. Working diligently, although sometimes unnoticed, were hundreds of supporting players, representing numerous Ohio Guard units and units of the the 83rd AR-COM U.S. Army Reserve Command. The equipment was delivered and returned by elements of the 112th Transportation Battalion. Direct Support (DS) maintenance was always available from the "Goodwrenches" of the 214th Maintenance Company. Fresh water was produced by the 641st Quartermaster Detachment. Sore muscles and blistered hands were attended by the 684th Medical Company and the 2291st U.S. Army Hospital. The list of "always needed" but "not always seen" supporting players goes on and on.

Lessons learned from each battalion training cycle were passed to the follow-on training units. Invaluable lessons relating to equipment maintenance, quarry and crusher operations, leader technical skills and equipment capabilities provided a platform for dealing with similar problems expected to be encountered in 1989.

When the dust settled and the after action reports were in, the results impressed even the most skeptical observers, but the real question to be answered was: "Are the soldiers of the 16th Engineer Brigade ready for the challenge?"

Brig. Gen. Robert Lawson and Col. James Caldwell, Commander of the exercise task force, have to agree that there "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" to stop the ENGINEERS. ●

MAINTAIN the "BIRDS"

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"The unscheduled maintenance was very heavy, some things that were totally unexpected," Carpenter said. One helicopter was struck by lightning while on the ground and repairs couldn't be accomplished at Camp Graying.

"The lightning bolt magnetized the entire engine so it had to be replaced," Sgt. Ken Ramos, a technician, said. "We had to ship the aircraft to Canton by C-130."

Another emergency forced a bird down in the impact zone.

"We flew out there, found out what was wrong, went for the parts and tools and flew back to repair it, getting it back in the air in less than four hours," the technician said.

Weekend drills for the unit are unique because the company's mission, maintenance of squadron helicopters, require them to be two places at once. Troops B, C, D and Headquarters and their birds are stationed at the Akron-Canton Airport. Troops E and F, and their 'copters, are in Columbus. Troop A is split between Canton and Columbus. So is Company G.

"Because the squadron and the helicopters are located at two Army flight facilities, we have to split the company between the locations to take care of all the aircraft," Said Capt. Rick Hall, G. Company commander. "Each drill weekend, technicians from each unit drill at the other location. Myself and 1st Sgt. (William) Richards are at both airfields each drill. One of us is always at one of the facilities."

Ramos, based at the Columbus airfield, has visited Canton twice this year.

"We do this so we aren't strangers when summer camp starts," he said. "Each drill a group of us will go to the other site. It's something we do for our good and it makes a difference when we have to work together."

Annual training is when two airfields' worth of helicopters and technicians come together and the mission of keeping 'our' helicopters operating is accomplished. Everyone has 'their' bird but Company G has the last word on whether it gets off the ground. ●



HONORED GUESTS — Attending the official dedication ceremony for the Motts Military Museum were (from left) United States Medal of Honor winner and retired Army Sergeant First Class, Ronald Rosser; Ohio's Adjutant General, Richard C. Alexander; Brig. Gen. (Ret.) James Abraham, former Assistant Adjutant General for Army, Ohio National Guard; Col. Robert Stone of the 83rd Army Reserve Command; Col. Gordon Campbell, commander of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, and Col. William Easley, commander of the 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker ANGB.

(Photo By SFC Donald R. Lundy)

BY RON CAPANIRO AND
WALLACE BOWEN
HQ, 73d Infantry Brigade

Military Memories

Memorabilia Preserves History

In an article published Sep. 28, 1988, in the Columbus Dispatch, Mr. Warren Motts of Groveport, Ohio, was the subject of a feature article concerning his collection of military items that trace America's military history. Mr. Motts has turned the bottom floor of his home into an official, light-protected, humidity-controlled, tax-exempt museum.

The 47-year-old Motts, a well known commercial photographer, and a former member of the Ohio National Guard, had a formal dedication ceremony for the Motts Military Museum on Saturday, Oct. 1, 1988.

The collection contains 1,075 groupings of military items Motts said he has no idea how many individual pieces he has. The material includes memorabilia dating from the Civil War to the modern-day military. The display cases contain such items as the map used and signed by the radar operator who radioed the first warning of unidentified aircraft approaching Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Mr. Motts request for assistance from the Ohio Guard was supported by Ohio Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander.

Members of Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 73d Infantry brigade, the 77th Infantry Pathfinder Detachment, and Combat Support Company, 1/166th Infantry Battalion, were tasked with the responsibility of providing support.

On Friday, Sep. 30, SFC Wallace Bowen, Sgt. Ron Capaniro, SPC Timothy O'Neal and APC Gordon Henderson of the 73d Brigade erected a GP Medium Tent to be used during the ceremony.

On the day of the ceremony, members of the 73d Headquarters Military Police Platoon, SFC Leo Morgan, PFC David Herriott, and PFC Jeffrey Gohring, and TCC operator, Sgt. Derek Straiton, along with PFC John Leach of the 77th Pathfinder Detachment, and Sgt. Michael Whitesell, SPC Michael Gumm, and PFC Jeffrey Hysinger of Combat Support Company, 1/166th Infantry Battalion, arrived to set up static displays. The crew also included David Bowen, age 13, son of SFC Wallace Bowen.

The displays included a Pathfinder

Camp Site, consisting of an M60 Machinegun, M203, a L.A.W., Starlight Scope, and a grenade exhibit.

SFC Leo Morgan arrived in his Military Police uniform worn while he was a member of the Active Army in Germany in the 1960s.

Members of the 166th Infantry Battalion provided an M60-mounted Gun Jeep, and a TOW-mounted HMMWV. Sgt. Straiton manned a communication vehicle on display.

The ceremony included flyovers by Army Guard helicopters and A-7 jets from the Ohio Air National Guard.

Guests attending included Maj. Gen. Alexander; Brig. Gen. (Retired) James Abraham; Ohioan Ronald Rosser, who won the U.S. Medal of Honor while serving with the Army in Korea; former prisoners of war, and other decorated veterans.

The museum can be toured by contacting Mr. Motts at (614) 837-5781. It is located at 5671 Ebright Road, Groveport. Tours are by appointment only. ●

Hike for Hospice

BY KELLI D. BLACKWELL
HQ STARC, OHARNG

It was a warm and sunny Sunday afternoon, and a perfect day for a walk. On September 11, 170 Ohio National Guardmembers strolled the sidewalks of downtown Columbus with approximately 300 civilians, to show support and earn pledges for the Second Annual Hike for Hospice of Columbus.

Hospice of Columbus is a program developed for in-home care of terminally ill patients and their families. With the aid of Hospice, patients are able to live their remaining time at home. "We provide comprehensive care for the patient and family, and work to meet the patient's physical, emotional and spiritual needs," said Jo Hollander, director of Hospice of Columbus.

Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Schulte, and Channel 4 Sportscaster Jimmy Crum, gave the countdown to start the hike. Escorted by two patrolmen on horseback, the walkers were on their way. A handful jogged the 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) route, while others walked and chatted with friends or family members about work, the kids, or whatever, to pass the time. Two elderly men walked at a vigorous pace exchanging old war stories, and a mother and daughter paired up for their first charity walk together.

"My daughter goes on all of these hikes — The March of Dimes, all of them. This is my first time. The Hike for Hospice is for a good cause, because you never know when you'll get sick. I got \$203 in pledges, and that's not bad for an old lady," said Pat Gieger, of Columbus.

The 16th Engineer Brigade supplied a water buffalo and helped civilian volunteers hand out cups of water, apples and oranges at various locations throughout the route.



HIKERS — Maj. John Kirkpatrick and CWO 2 Luaine Lindsey were two of the 170 members of the Ohio National Guard who participated in the 1988 Hike For Hospice.

(Photo By Sgt. Thomas Grandy)

Lenardson 1988 National Champ

Technical Sergeant James R. Lenardson won the top prize in pistol shooting and realized a 20 year-dream in the process.

Lenardson, an Air National Guardsman from the 180th Tactical Fighter Group, Toledo, is the 1988 National Pistol Champion. He outshot more than 1,000 other competitors in the National Matches at Camp Perry to claim the top title with a score of 2643-119x out of a possible 2,700 points, which was a combined aggregate of the .22 Caliber, Center Fire and .45 Caliber Championships.

Lenardson, a member of the All National Guard Shooting Squad, has earned numerous other shooting honors during his career, including: High Air Force competitor in the Nationals 1986-1987; 1975 National Indoor Champion; 13 National Records; Interservice Champion and holder of the Distinguished Pistol Badge, awarded in 1982.

Rickenbacker Squad Wins Over-35 Title

Dramatic come-from-behind softball coupled with solid defense and timely hitting gave Rickenbacker ANG Base first place in the 23rd Annual Air National Guard Over-35-Slowpitch Softball Tournament.

The tournament was hosted by the 149th TFG in San Antonio, Tx., Aug. 17 - 20. Twenty-two teams competed in the over 35 division.

The Rickenbacker team, composed of personnel from the 160th Air Refueling Group and 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, won six straight enroute to the championship. They defeated the 162nd TFG from Pittsburgh, Pa. 11 - 4 in the final game.

Dave Klosterman and Mike Lewis each contributed outstanding pitching performances. John Flor, who plays shortstop, was the tournament's MVP.

Flor said, "It was a team effort. At one time or another, everyone on the team got a hit to get a rally going or made a defensive play that stopped a rally by the other team."

In 15 years of competition, the team has placed first five times and placed second three times. Only once since 1973 has the team finished out of the top ten. They plan to defend their title next year in Sioux Falls, S.D. ●

In his almost 20 appearances at Camp Perry, only the top award had eluded Lenardson. He said he was "relieved" when he earned his victory because he had "worn out the second and third rungs of the championship ladder."

In civilian life, Lenardson is Director of Plant Operations for the Spartan Chemical Company in Toledo. He makes the sport of shooting a family affair, traveling to the matches with his wife, Penny, and two sons.

The Ohio Guardsman became only the second Guardsman in the history of the matches to win the National Pistol crown. The title was first won by Sergeant First Class Joseph Pascarella, an Army Guardsman from Texas in 1980 and again in 1981.

Mansfield Lahm Unit Wins Energy Conservation Award

The Ohio Air National Guard's 179th Tactical Airlift Group was selected as a \$25,000 winner in the 1988 Air National Guard Energy Conservation Monetary Award.

This marks the second consecutive year that the Mansfield Lahm unit has been a winner in energy conservation. Last year, the 179th received a \$50,000 award in the same competition.

The 179th is commanded by Col. Fred N. Larson.

In addition to a congratulatory letter from Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway to Ohio Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, the 179th was lauded for its efforts to save energy by Brig. Gen. Robert E. Preston, Ohio's Assistant Adjutant General for Air.

107th's Scott Is 20 Millionth Recipient of "GI Bill"

Steven C. Scott, a member of the 107th Armored Cavalry, recently was recognized as the 20th million recipient of benefits through the "GI Bill" from the Veterans Administration.

Scott, also a recipient of the Ohio Guard's Tuition Grant Program, attends Ohio State University. At OSU, he is a junior business administration major.

Scott served two years in the U.S. Army. While on active duty, he paid \$100 a month for 12 months into a Montgomery GI Bill educational fund, to which the Army also contributed. Those contributions now entitle Scott as a veteran to receive education benefits of \$583 a month from the VA.



Maj. Dennis Gill, a pilot with the 180th Tactical Group, receives an American flag from Ohio Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur. Gill directed his

crashing aircraft to an isolated area before ejecting, avoiding collision with people and buildings.

Photo by SMSgt Bob Barker

Gill's Action Commended

Maj. Dennis Gill, a pilot with the Toledo Air National Guard, was presented an American flag that had flown over the Capitol, by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur.

Gill was the pilot of an A-7D jet fighter that crashed June 22, 1988, one-half mile east of Toledo Express Airport. Gill directed the aircraft toward an isolated area before safely ejecting. There were no injuries.

"In all the debris and flames, nothing was more important than knowing that its pilot had ejected to safety and the plane had spared

many people on the ground from potential disaster," said Kaptur.

"We are fortunate to have such an experienced and committed individual in the ranks of the Ohio Air National Guard. Major Gill, you are to be commended for your discipline as a pilot. You have my highest praise."

Gill had begun to experience engine problems on his final approach to the airport. The nature of the problems remains under investigation.

Maj. Gill is a resident of Sylvania Township.

179th Dedicates Memorial at Mansfield

As part of the celebration of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group's 40th Anniversary, a memorial was dedicated at Mansfield Lahm Airport, the group's headquarters.

"This effort really was a base-wide effort," said Senior Master Sergeant Jim Kreis, project head for the memorial. "About a year ago, Colonel Larson asked the NCO Academy Graduates Association if it would help in securing a memorial." Col. Fred Larson is the 179th commander.

After design work was completed,

needed financial support came from the NCO Academy Graduates Spouses Association, and from Richland County businesses and civilian groups. All labor on the project was donated by 179th personnel.

The memorial inscription, written by Chief Master Sergeant Ralph E. Lozier and Master Sergeant Mark S. Kline, reads:

"This memorial is dedicated to those who have gone before, presently serve, and will in the future secure the spirit of the Minuteman."



GUARD IS TOPS — The Ohio National Guard was recognized by the American Red Cross for being highest donor among state, county and city agencies in Franklin County during 1987. Members of the Ohio Adjutant General's Department, civilian and military employees, donated 233 pints of blood to claim the top honor. Ms. Evelyn Pringle of the Red Cross presents the plaque to Adjutant General Richard C. Alexander and MSgt. Dennis Walter with Beightler Armory employees gathered for the presentation.

(Photo By Mr. Joseph Hofbauer)

Troop E, 2/107th Has New Look

BY KEVIN MORRIS

Troop, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Annual training took on a different meaning for Troop E, 2/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment this year.

The unit has a new commander, Capt. Edward Jones; a new Executive Officer, 1st Lt. Dave Taflan; two new scout platoon leaders, three new ROTC cadets, and many new NCOs.

One of the main thrusts for the unit at Annual Training was to strengthen the relationships between the troop and their new leaders.

Senior NCOs worked to help the new officers and continued their work with younger enlisted personnel.

First Scout Platoon Sergeant James Keyser "is one of the most knowledgeable, experienced and dedicated NCOs I've met," said PFC Mick Kramer. "He's honest and tells us exactly how we are doing."

Another young enlisted man, PFC Jay Coffman, had this to say about 1st Lt. Richard Niehe, the Third Scout Platoon Leader: "He really cares about us. He always is asking how we are and what we think of the training. He listens."

Unit Esprit De Corps is improving, as the new leadership under Capt. Jones, and the senior NCOs under the guidance of First Sergeant Jerry Williams work together to make the unit better.

NCO Grads Are Top Chapter

Chapter 23, Air National Guard NCO Academy Graduates Association at Mansfield recently received the Outstanding Chapter award in Region 6, made up of 18 chapters from seven states.

Chapter 23 also received a 3rd place for its efforts in civic actions, and a 4th place in the parade of chapters, encompassing the areas of patriotism, and civic and community involvement.

Chief Master Sergeant Dale Echelberger of Chapter 23 was elected President of the National Chapter of the Air National Guard NCO Academy Graduates Association.

Boss Helps Guard Cook

In appreciation of support to members of the Ohio Army National Guard, Capt. Daniel Tack and Sgt. Wes Dellinger of the 213th Maintenance Company (Heavy Equipment)(GS) in Camp Perry, Port Clinton, Ohio, presented an Employer Support Certificate to Mr. Steve Gumbert, manager of Vanson's Restaurant, in Monroeville, Ohio.

Dellinger works as a chef for Vanson's Restaurant and also holds the position of a cook for the 213th. To spice up special occasions, Gumbert allows Dellinger to use a beautiful fountain, assorted beverages, and holiday tablecloths to make holiday meals at the armory more festive. Gumbert has worked with Dellinger by adjusting work schedules to accommodate drill attendance. This sometimes poses a conflict since weekends are the restaurant's busiest times.

Vanson's Restaurant is located on Route 20 West, and is widely known by Guardmembers enroute to Camp Perry or Camp Grayling Michigan. Vanson's is famous for its home-baked pies, pastries, and breads.

The 213th Maintenance Company's presentation of the certificate to Mr. Gumbert is its way of saying thank you for his support and understanding to the Ohio National Guard.

437th MP's Honor Two Employers

The 437th Military Police Battalion, in Youngstown, recently honored two local employers whose positive attitudes and personnel policies contribute to the Ohio National Guard's readiness.

Sp4 Rosalie Bland presented her boss, Cindy Renner from the Youngstown Developmental Center, a Department of Defense Certificate of Appreciation Aug. 13. Bland is an investigator with the battalion.

SFC Gerald Paysor presented a Certificate of Appreciation to his employer, the Honorable Ann Aldrich, of the Federal Court House, in Cleveland Aug. 17.

People

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 16TH ENGINEER BRIGADE

Promotions

MSgt.: Alva M. Reid, Jr.
SFC: Larry W. Gardner
PFC: Peter D. Gereluk

Awards

Army Commendation Medal: Capt.
Albert Halle III

COMPANY F (ATK HEL) REGIMENTAL AVIATION SQUADRON 107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

Promotions

1st Lt.: Jack Arnett
CWO 4: Wayne Dennis
CWO 3: George Harrison
CWO 2: Brad Anspaugh, Tim
McCartney
Sgt.: Ray Sander

TROOP E 2/107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

Promotions

SSgt.: Jeffrey B. Leslie
Sgt.: James R. Ferre, David A.
Grubbs, Edward L. Haines, Jr., Paul
E. Hoot, Gregory S. Martin, Michael
C. Zenovic
Sp4: Mark A. Villono
PFC: Jay P. Coffman, William E.
Ferry, Damon A. Frantz, Richard K.
Germano, Jr., Todd A. Waggoner,
Brian C. Zwick
Pvt. 2: Colin H. Peters

Awards

Army Achievement Medal: SFC
Robert L. Roberson, SSgts. Howard
A. Dunham and William L.
Blackburn, Sgt. David A. Peffer

HOWITZER BATTERY 2/107TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT

Promotions

Capt.: Jeffrey Robb
SSgt.: Ralph Handcock, David
Kempel, Edward Springer
Sgt.: Michael Householder
Sp4: Bradley Luyster, Michael
Warren, David Corbi, Thomas
Morris, Kenneth Rigby
PFC: Dana Smith, Donald Brady,
Anthony Sigmund, Wesley Steed

121ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

Promotions

CMSgt.: Johan Coffing
SMSgt.: David Turner, Nicky Cook
MSgt.: George Wallace, Daniel
Walsh, Ralph Smith, Larry Mitchell,
Mark Hoppes
TSgt.: Dennis Lott, Timothy
Wheeler, Gary Tipton, Richard
Hughes
SSgt.: Nancy Bissett, Barry Piar
SrA: Jennifer Marshall, Robert
Buherts, Timothy Harding, Ronald
Botkins, Bart Barok, Paul Semeraro
A1C: Edward Emerson, Michael
Schaefer, David Secrest, Kelly
Sullivan, Morris Turkelson III, Paul
Baltzer, Jonathan Davis, David
Dudgeon, Jason Francis, Timothy
Jones, Timothy Matyac, Matthew A.
Parsons
Amn.: Scott Fyfee, Todd Steiner,
David Norris

122ND ARMY NATIONAL GUARD BAND

Promotions

SFC: Fred Ahlborn
Sp4: Pearl Smith, Mark Goodwin,
Frank Milicia, Deborah Bryant

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 134TH ENGINEER GROUP

Awards

Army Commendation Medal: Sgt.
Faith T. Gould
Ohio Commendation Medal: Sp4
Elizabeth Montgomery

COMPANY D (-Det 1) 137TH AVIATION BATTALION

Promotions

SSgt.: Richard D. Critchfield,
Michael J. Hite
Sgt.: Lori J. Brenner, Brian E.
Dowds, Robert S. Peterson, Zachary
S. McKethan
Sp4: Patrick D. Gant, Curtis C.
Kaiser, Daniel S. Imke, Ann Marie
Conrad, Don E. DeHays
PFC: Robert P. Cherepko, James R.
Costlow, Bruce A. Sater, Jeffrey J.
Collins, Carl O. Dawson, Virna A.
Ware, Roger A. Vetter
Pvt. 2: Kenneth M. Chapin, Patrick
S. Chute, David M. Marcum, Marc
C. Newton, Shawn D. Richey,
Ronald W. White, Matthew C. Dailey

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 1/147TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Promotions

SSgt.: William Pierman, Stanley
Foley
Sp4: Richard Stratman, John Stiner,
Floyd Schierholt, Robert Hodapp,
Joseph Gundler
PFC: Bryan Cliffe, Anthony Wilson,
Dean Frank

Awards

Army Achievement Medal: PSgt.
Garry Cutright, Sgt. Willard Sick

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 1/148TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Promotions

Sgt.: Neal T. Carr

Awards

Army Commendation Medal: SSgt.
Larry D. Combs, first oak leaf
cluster.
Army Achievement Medal: Sp4
Aubrey L. Smith

COMPANY A (-) 1/148TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Promotions

SSgt.: Michael L. Biller, Robert L.
Cotrell

210TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY DETACHMENT

Promotions

SSgt.: Chavis Morse

213TH MAINTENANCE COMPANY

Promotions

1st Lt.: Glenn Wirth, Dana Shockley
Sp4: Scott Sutorius
PFC: Gary Bremer, Doug Kustra,
Chris Webb

COMPANY B (- Det 1) 216TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions

1st Sgt.: William R. Conn
PSgt.: Larry J. Farmer
SFC: James R. Stout
SSgt.: Kenneth Holtzapfel
Sgt.: Charles D. Herron, William S.
Gilley
Sp4: Richard L. Owens
Cpl.: Joseph E. Monroe
PFC: David W. Hilderbrand

COMPANY B (-) 1/148TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Promotions

SSgt.: Jeffery M. Devries, Michael L. Caris

DETACHMENT 1, COMPANY C, 1/148TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Promotions

SSgt.: Michael L. Burlingame
Sgt.: Kevin M. Coble

COMPANY C (-) 1/148TH INFANTRY BATTALION

Promotions

Sgt.: George R. Collins, Richard G. Reed, Steven T. Workman
Sp4: Scott A. Danylchuk, Clifford H. Tarlton III
PFC: Kurt L. Leatherman, Robbie T. Wistner
Pvt. 2: Stephen J. Goins Jr., Robert L. Phillips, Charles T. Schreiber

160th AIR REFUELING GROUP

Promotions

Col.: Jerrold W. Brown
TSgt.: David M. Engle, Mark R. Springhetti, Melvin L. Taylor
SSgt.: James N. Brackbill, Donna A. McLean, Dorrie L. Shiflett
SrA: Jason E. Benton, Richard D. Hatcher, Robert L. Norris Jr., April R. Roberts, Robert E. Breeckner Jr., Renee L. Alexander, Shawn P. Carr, Quinea L. Repkey
A1C: Mark Boyce, Carey B. Frazier, Sheryl Grein, Edward S. Hensel, Darryl E. Murphy, Barry L. Vanhoose, Kevin Black, Rod A. Davis, Leslie F. Pelfrey, Carey Schneider, Dena A. Sterzinar, Wesley D. Weaver, Kem A. Wilson
Amn.: Cheryl L. Foley, Jennifer P. Niles, Richard C. Wagner

Awards

Meritorious Service Medal: Lt. Col. William R. Bower

SrA: Lucy L. Aleva, Jerry W. Bocock, Robert T. Castillo, Kelvin Hill, Kimberly R. Ison, Tammy J. McAfee, Thomas J. Reid Jr., Angela M. Smith, Scott Blaine, Anita Brewington, Samuel Clayborne II, Diana Dotson, John Faler, Janis Heistand, Joel Logan, Brian Norris, Daniel Schaefer, Kurt Waters, Lois Woods
A1C: James E. Glenn, Beth L. Hallam, James D. Hicks, Ottis G. Lemaster Jr., Wayne A. Sagraves, Craig Bard, Michelle Burd, Shellie Cassidy, Elena Chenault, Melissa Davis, Kendra Hayes, Jeffrey Leach, Lynn Littlejohn, William Peterie, Joseph Riley, Brenda Romanamador, Mark Tullock, Natalie Weng, Derek Bowens, John OBrien, Douglas Palcic
Amn.: Kimberly D. Chapman, Daniel R. Phelps

Awards

Air Force Commendation Medal: MSgts. John H. Ferguson, Max C. Holly, Robert C. Ziegenbusch, TSgt. Robert J. Taulbee

179TH TACTICAL AIRLIFT GROUP

Promotions

TSgt.: Charles Koehler, John Liederbach, Frederick Beer, Karen Limbach, Sandra Schwartz
SSgt.: Richard Hass, Ronald Dille, Steven Kleinknecht, James McCoy, Gary McCue, Christopher Morehead
SrA: Jennifer Dillon, Dawn Homerick, Richard Greszler, Karen Shell, Thomas Allman, Joseph Boshara, Brian Geregach, Scott Kiefer, John Luppino, Jeffery Catron, Kenneth Doty, Michael Kovinchick, John Moody, Eric Tata, Thomas Titus, Susan Wagner, Scott Williams, Holly Wyatt, Robert Pinkerton, Wayne Reiter, Richard Richwine, John Risner, Philip Yetzer
A1C: Tammy Dukich, Michael Jones, Lonnie Larowe, Sharon Robinson, Christina Bell, Bob Boughman, John Clark, Scott Jackson, Kenneth Kmetz, Kevin Locke, Eric Simmons
Amn.: Kelly Shaw, Melvin Meyers, Philip Brown

Awards

Air Force Achievement Medal: TSgts. Julie Janes, Raymond Swank, SSgt. Michael Whitlach
Air Force Commendation Medal: Maj. Thomas Criqui, Capt. Willis Waldron, 1st Lts. Gary Landrum, Phillip Wojnarowski
SMSgts. Tim Bridgeman, Russell Leadbetter, MSgt. William Chase, TSgts. Charles Landis, Carl Stehle, Gerald Vanatta, SSgts. Dennis Gladden, Brent Sponsler

180TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP

Promotions

TSgt: Charles Juhasz, David Beckett, Francis Johnson, Johnny Carrillo, Gary Herren, Ronald Marrow, Lorin Zaner, James Brown, Carmen Steele, Gregg Biddle, Roger White, Richard Trabbic
SSgt.: Darrell Blausey, Richard Chapman, Robert Morrow, Arlen Miller, Bruce Boardman, John O'Donnell, Darryl Pelchat, Timothy Edmond, Pamela Jackson, Todd Audet, Vincent Kauffman, Steve Swanson
SrA: John Seiling, Amy Lause, Kenneth Sorg, Ann Trendel, Jeffrey Managhan, Cynthia Arredondo, Roberta Bunker, John Deraedt, Terry Dawley, Kelly Connell, Scott Duncan, Alexander Nemeth, David Maison, Kristina Holdren
A1C: Deanna Casey, Barry Fawcett, Robert Danner, Brandy Butler, Jay Mandell, Belinda Honigfort, Violet Shreves, Laurence Proshok, Annette Miclot, Scott Donnelly, Keith Cook, Mark Geiger, David Smith, Kevin Schwarzkopf, Roman Avila
Amn.: Thomas Dalton, Kent Bateson, Tracey Davis, Angela Haack, Nichole Jennings, Michael Constantino, Jeffrey Durand, Max Rippel

Awards

Air Force Commendation Medal: SMSgt. Thomas Sears, MSgts. Gerald Kulczak, Patricia Higley, SSgt. Terry L. Eishen
Air Force Achievement Medal: CMSgt. Gene P. Griss, SMSgt. David Dixon, MSgts. Harold W. Scheiner, Timothy W. Hipp, Thomas E. Coy, Kenneth W. Kipp, TSgts. Craig J. Morrin, Thomas W. Hussey, Clint E. Garber, Jamie L. Schoenlein, SSgt. Gerald D. Rehard

220TH ENGINEERING INSTALLATION SQUADRON

Promotions

SrA: Mark Douglas, Brent Moyer, Charles Taylor, Keith Voris, Frank L. Rock III

A1C: Mark H. Dopp, Brenda S. Downes, Robert C. Fulkerson, Scott A. Hall, Mark P. Kreiger Jr., Chris A. Strawn, Angelo P. Walden

251ST COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

Promotions

1st Lt.: Craig McCord
CMSgt.: Robert J. Goecke
MSgt.: Ronald B. White
Sgt.: Laura Lisch
A1C: Kristin N. Stromberg, Melissa A. Clevelle

Awards

Air Force Commendation Medal: 1st Lt. Hector Hernandez-Lopez, TSgt. Thomas Wineberg, SSgts. Scott Cook and Mark Neville

269TH COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

Promotions

Maj.: Christopher Cochran
Capt.: Gregory Gicale
TSgt.: Wayne N. Thomas, Guy A. Tuxhorn
SrA: Pamaela S. Davenport
A1C: Sally L. Powers, Russel J. Roysden

324TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

Promotions

SSgt.: John R. Dohn, Charles R. Patterson, Brian D. Huntley
Sgt.: John E. Buckler, Frank A. Constantino, Jeffrey L. Cramer, Howard E. Ice, Jason E. Johnson, William B. Kilbourne, Tim Yeager
Sp4: Jeffrey D. Vlad, Steven P. Barnum, Michael J. Hovis, Robert A. Douglas, David P. Sweeney, Tesa A. Wujick, Michael J. Wiseman, Teresa R. Brown
PFC: Brian C. Burbick, Raymond E. Dickson, David A. Sackett, Brian K.

Spackman, Barbara A. Miller, William C. Vanhorn
Pvt. 2: Richard C. Howell, William H. Meardith

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 371ST SUPPORT GROUP

Promotions

Maj.: Steve Grant, Jeff Bright
Capt.: Richard Hammond
SSgt.: Robert Gabringer, Clifford Wells

COMPANY C 372ND ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions

Sp4: James D. Borton
PFC: Matthew M. Cole, Paul G. Gundler, Michael A. Mikula, Scott C. Ross

COMPANY D 372ND ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions

Sgt.: Timothy Smith, Raymond Cooley, William Badgett, Ronald Shirley, Thomas Mockabee, Joseph Porter

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 612TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Awards

Army Commendation Medal: Capt. Thomas E. Barnhizer
Ohio Commendation Medal: Cpl. Lawrence S. Ice

COMPANY B 612TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Awards

Army Commendation Medal: SFC Daniel E. Weaver

COMPANY D 612TH ENGINEER BATTALION

Promotions

SSgt.: Mike Manzer
Sgt.: John Rapalee, Sloane Wieber, Richard Sherman
Sp4, Jeff Balduff, Todd Fehnrich, Paul Money, Jim Myers, Eric Napholz, Tracy Scott
Pvt. 2: Dean Huston, Scotty Miller

837TH ENGINEER COMPANY

Promotions

Sp4: John W. Dahill, Timothy L. Rhine, Phillip W. Ruark, Albert J. Stabelli, Robert J. Waterman
Cpl.: James L. Reis
PFC: Christopher J. Olsen

Awards

Army Achievement Medal: SSgts. Darrell Huber, Earl Knutzen, Paul Lawrence, Allan Painter, Sgts. Mark Bartley, William Koontz, Daniel Sheeley, Stephen This
Army Commendation Medal: Sp4 Donald Henline

1484TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Promotions

SSgt.: Frederick S. Riker
Sgt.: John M. Saylor, Gregory W. Wages
Sp4: Daniel J. Donato
PFC: Dale A. Edwards, Christina L. Craigie, Lloyd A. Hanlon, Bridget K. Patton, Susan E. Henry
Pvt. 2: Tony L. Callahan

1487TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Promotions

Sgt.: Paul F. Hebbeler
Sp4: Paula Jo Jurgens, Paul A. Kilby
PFC: Brian E. Watt, Robert M. Wade, Lawrence A. Schumacher, Margo J. Bolinger
Pvt. 2: Tia N. Ledford

BATTERY A 2/174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BATTALION

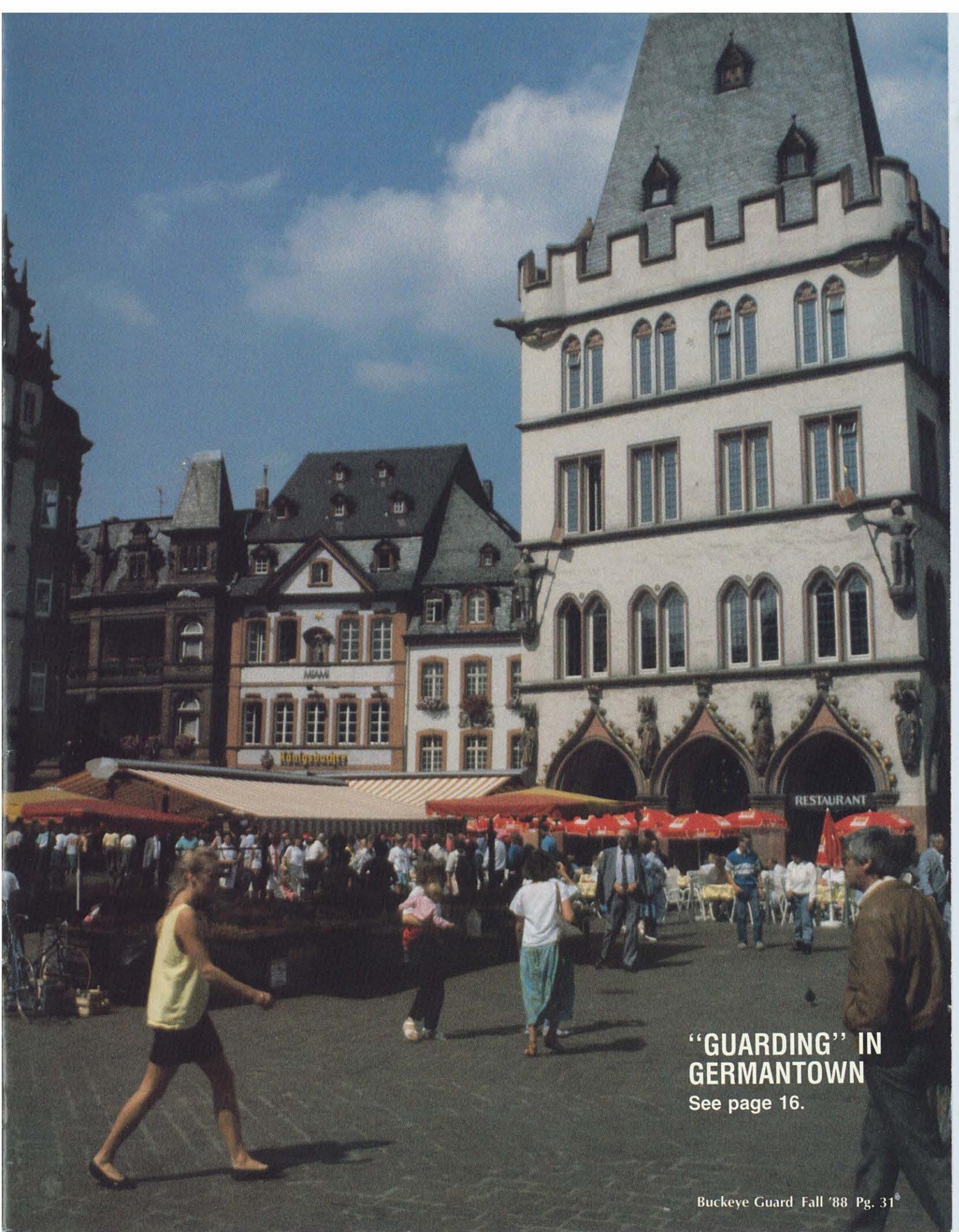
Promotions

SSgt.: Gregory E. Canan
Sgt.: David F. Grybosh

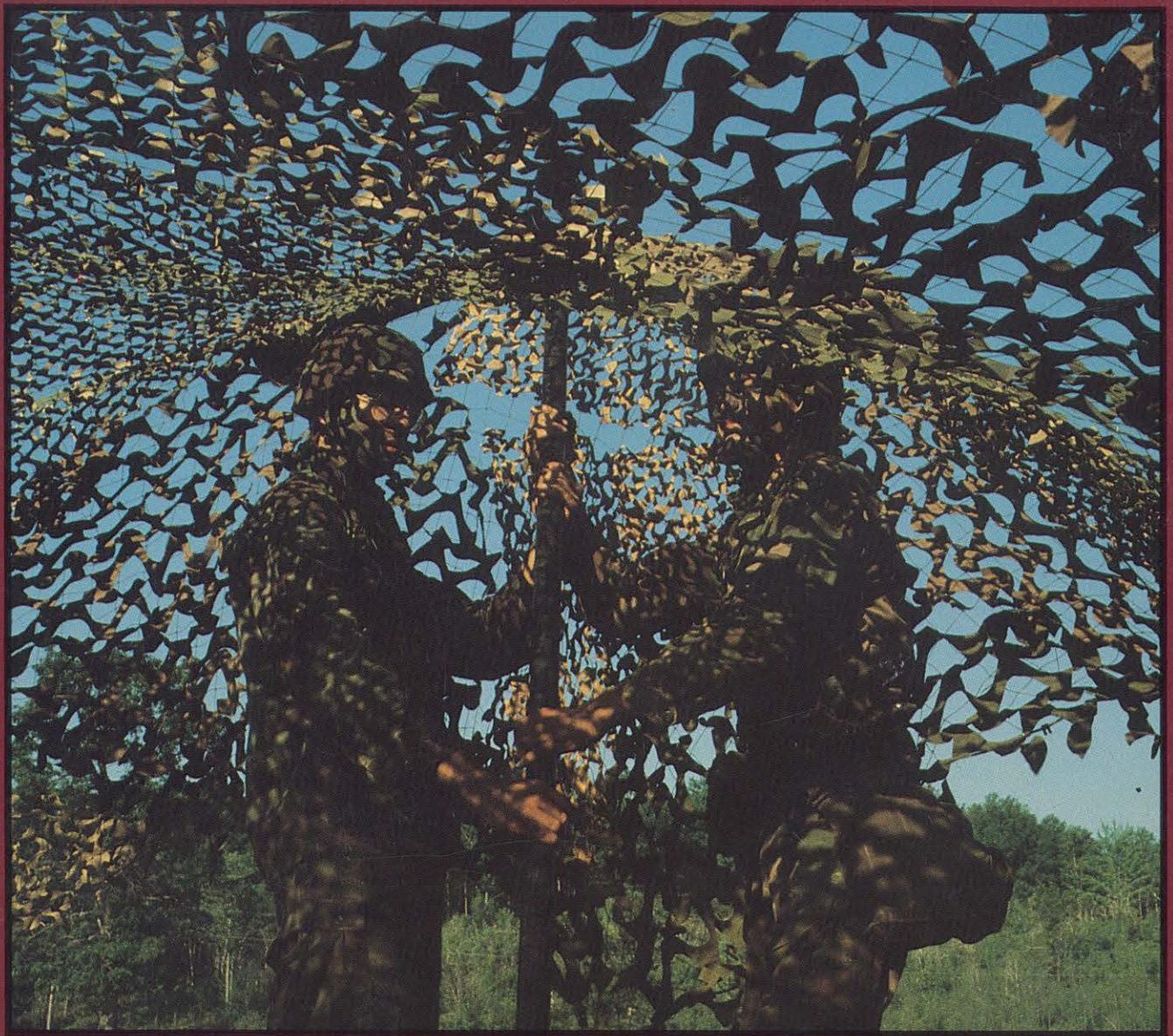
BATTERY B (-)2/174TH AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY BATTALION

Promotions

SSgt.: Daniel L. Bush
Sgt.: Richard L. Hyde, James A. Henery



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GERMANTOWN**
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SFC Dave Swavel, the photographer who took this picture, says there are three people in this picture. How many do you see?

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