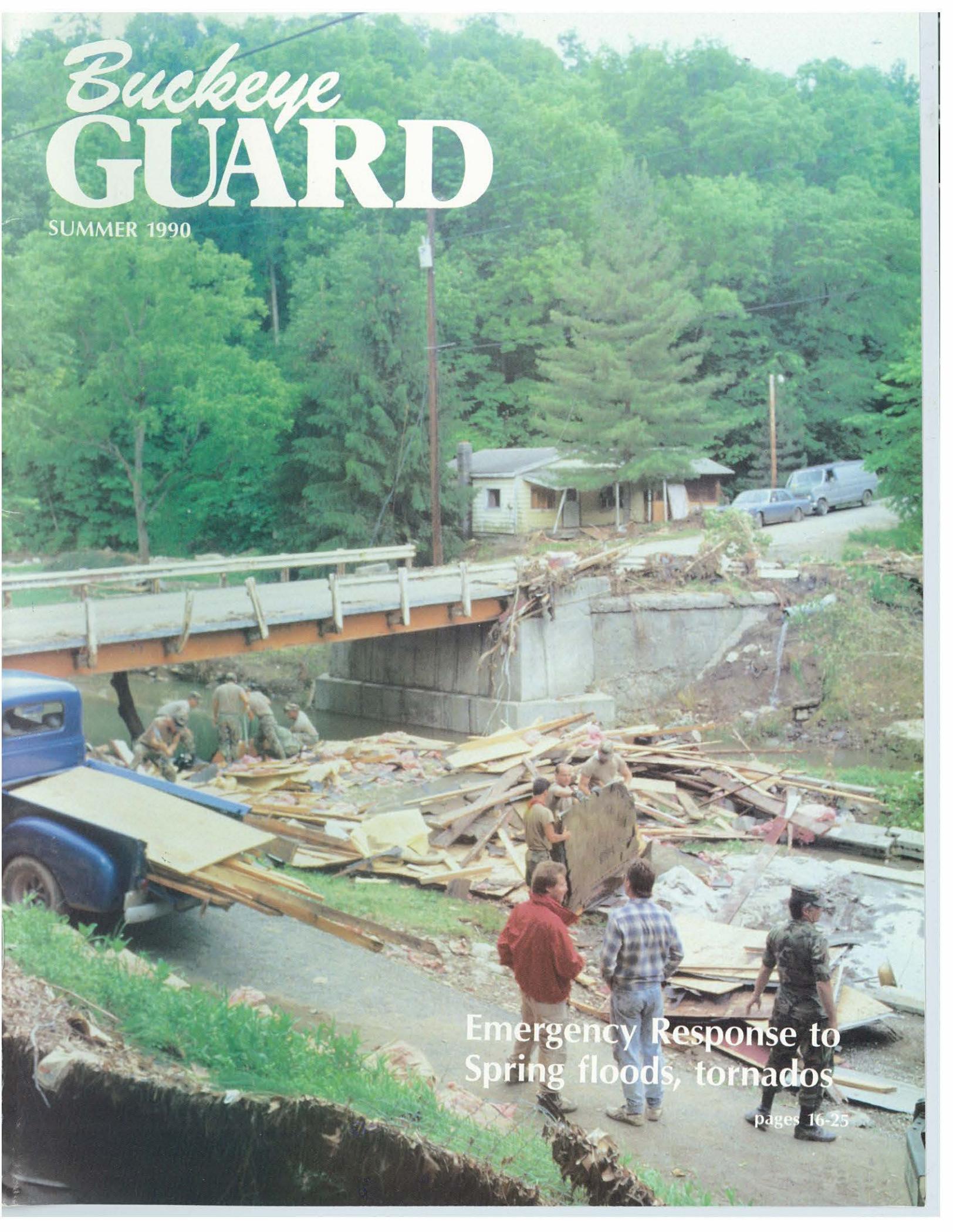


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**Ohio guardmembers called to assist in Belmont county work around the clock to clear debris.**

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In the Spring issue of the Buckeye Guard, a full-time unit support member (FTUS) questioned why state awards are not received when requested. A Buckeye Guard staff member researched the subject; this is what he discovered.

A spokesperson for State Property at Beightler Armory acknowledged that there have been problems filling the requests in a timely manner. He stated that their internal system for meeting the demand needs improvement.

Two internal system actions are underway which will help correct the problem.

Adding another person to the State Property staff is being considered. This person would concentrate on filling state award orders. In addition, a large supply of state awards is due in that will cover all back logged requests and provide State Property with an ample shelf stock for future orders.

**Editor**

## Correction

On March 1, 1990, State income tax withholding became effective for Ohio Air National Guard members. The Army is investigating the possibility of withholding State income taxes for Army Guard members but a final decision has not been determined.

On August 22, 1990, President George W. Bush authorized the Secretary of Defense to call members of the Selected Reserve, to include members of the National Guard, to active duty status. The following is the official announcement of the call-up.

"Today, the President of the United States, acting under the authority of Title 10, Section 673B of the United States Code, authorized the Secretary of Defense to call members of the Selected Reserve to active duty status."

These Reservists will support operation Desert Shield by joining active duty units deployed in and around the Arabian Peninsula or filling critical military support vacancies in the United States or elsewhere and reflects the administration's serious commitment to the stability of the Persian Gulf region.

The President's decision does not reflect any change to his stated mission: to deter Iraqi aggression against Saudi Arabia; if deterrence fails, to defend Saudi Arabia; and to help enhance defense capabilities of friendly countries in the region enforcing sanctions.

The call-up of specific Selected Reserve units supports this mission, while enabling the Department of Defense to maintain other ongoing defense missions worldwide."

There will be more information on the Persian Gulf situation and the National Guard call-up in the next issue of the Buckeye Guard.

### MAJOR RESERVE CALLS TO ACTIVE DUTY FEDERAL SERVICE SINCE WORLD WAR II

KOREAN CALL UP—1 July 1950-26 July 1953

AUTHORIZED BY—Presidential Proclamation No. 2914 of 16 December 1950 in which President Truman proclaimed a state of emergency.

Reservists were called to active duty for a period of 24 months under the provisions of this proclamation.

A total of 938,379 reservists were called to active duty.

BERLIN CALL UP—1 Oct 1961-31 Aug 1963

AUTHORIZED BY—Joint Resolution (Public Law 87-117) of 1 Aug 1961. The resolution authorized the President to call 250,000 Ready Reservists to active duty for one year, as units or individuals. Members were called between 1 Oct and 1 Nov 1961. Those who reported and served did so between 1 Oct 1961 and 31 Aug 1962.

A total of 155,800 were called. Of that number 147,849 actually reported and/or served.

KOREAN AND VIETNAM CALL UP—25 Jan 1968-15 Dec 1969

AUTHORIZED BY — Executive Order 11392 of 25 Jan 1968 and Executive Order 11406 of 10 Apr 1968, both signed by President Johnson.

A total of 25,280 reservists were called to active duty.

## Guard Profiles



**Name:** Richard L. Wehling

**Age:** 47

**Occupation:** State Army Command Sergeant Major

**Life has taught me:** When you set to achieve, play by the rules—don't make your own—and then don't allow yourself to fail.

**If I could have just one day all to myself, I would:** spend it on photography in nature settings.

**The one film I would like to have starred in is:** Patton

**When no one's looking I:** girl watch

**When I was little I wanted to be:** an Ohio State Highway Patrolman

**The worst advice I ever received was:** Don't worry about it - it will take care of itself!

**The best advice I ever received was:** Most humans are God-fearing, honest, fair, hard-working souls, but an effective leader will support them and then check, check, check.

**If I could dine out with anyone, past or present, I would invite:** Mahatma Gandhi

**The best moment in my life happened when I:** Became a "Dad" on each of the five occasions.

**My favorite book:** An Autobiography of Lee Iacocca

**My favorite movie:** The Robe

**If I could leave today's guardmembers with one piece of advice it would be:** Never accept complacency in yourself or others; always strive for improvement.

## SHOOTERS CORNER

By VINCENT P. JIGA  
State Marksmanship Coordinator

We have finished the State Marksmanship season for TY90 and are moving toward the culmination of the National Guard shooting season, the Wilson Matches. This match is held each fall at Camp Robinson, Ark. It pits the best shooters from each of the states against each other.

We will be sending five teams this year. Three combat teams and two precision teams. The combat teams were selected at our State Outdoors Championships in April and June. The winning teams in each discipline, Rifle, Pistol and Machinegun is selected to attend the Wilson Matches. This year the winning teams were the 612th Engineer Battalion- Pistol, the 112th Engineer Battalion- Rifle and the 4th Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Squadron-Machinegun

The two precision teams are made up of rifle and pistol shooters selected from any unit based on their individual skill. If any of these teams score in the top 50

percent at the Wilson Match, they will be invited to shoot in the 4th Army Championships at Camp Perry in 1991.

The state shooting program has grown this year. Between the indoor and outdoor matches we have had a total of 262 different soldiers and airmen participate. I wish to thank those commanders who have had unit members participate. I wish to challenge all commanders to get your people interested in shooting. We are including clinics and instructors with all our matches. We will send a better shooter back to you to help assist in training your other soldiers.

If you need additional information concerning the shooting program or are interested in shooting on the precision teams, please contact me at 614-889-7424.

The next matches held will be the Indoor Rifle and Pistol Matches that will be held early next year. Dates will be announced soon.

### MATCH RESULTS

#### State Outdoor Rifle Championship Match

Match Winner	MSgt Wilson R. Clabaugh	200th RHCES
1st Open	SSgt Thomas E. Kwiatkowski	200th RHCES
2nd Open	SGT Terrance M. Maher	HHC 112th Engr Bn
3rd Open	SSgt Roy A. Schrader	200th RHCES
1st Novice	SGT Douglas W. Richards	Det 1 214th Maint. Co
2nd Novice	SPC Georgeos C. Pardos	HHB 136 FA Bn
3rd Novice	SGT Robert E. Roffe	HHC 112th Engr Bn
4th Novice	SGT Jon T. Gurry	372d Maint. Co
5th Novice	SPC Ronald Overstreet	237th PSC

#### Combat Infantry Team Match

Winner	54th RAOC
2nd Place	112th Engr Bn
3rd Place	1/137AV Bn

#### Combat Rifle Team Match

Winner	112th Engr Bn
2nd Place	137th S & S Bn
3rd Place	54 RAOC

#### State Machinegun Championship Match

Match Winner	SPC Georgeos C. Pardos	HHB 136th FA Bn
1st Open	SPC Steve E. Yoders	HHT 4/107th ACR
2nd Open	SGT Joseph G. Gild	TRP Q 4/107th SCR
3rd Open	SPC Donald K. Morris	372d Maint. Co
1st Novice	PFC Trevor H. Cooke	Co A 112th Engr Bn
2nd Novice	SPC Eric B. Grzdewski	838th MP Co
3rd Novice	PFC Mark A. Link	323rd MP Co
4th Novice	SPC Terrance S. Longstreet	135th MP Co
5th Novice	SSG Donald A. Mack	372d Maint. Co

#### Machinegun Team Match

Winner	4/107th ACR
2nd Place	437th MP Bn Gold
3rd Place	437th MP Bn Blue

# MEDICAL BRIGADE TAKES TO THE STREETS FOR TRAINING



*Soldiers from the 112th Med. Bde. study a mock-up of Smithville before heading out into its streets. (Photo by Brent Williams, 112th Med. Bde.)*

## STORY AND PHOTOS BY BRENT WILLIAMS 112th Med Bde

The battle zone took on a distinct urban appearance for the soldiers of the 112th Medical Brigade when they traveled to Fort Pickett this summer.

Fort Pickett is the setting for Smithville, a city unlike most urban developments. It has no electricity and no inhabitants, but it has many visitors. Just ask the men and women of the 112th, who practiced urban warfare in the tunnels and sewers of the deserted city.

The 112th Medical Brigade left Ohio on June 9, for annual training at Fort Lee, Virginia. From there, the brigade traveled to Fort Pickett for two days of Military Operations in Urban Terrain training.

The city of Smithville was built by Army engineers and comprises of many vacant

buildings, with main streets, and concrete structures. The buildings contain hidden tunnels, the streets have accessible sewers, and there is plenty of materials for barricades.

The exercise participants received initial classes before dividing into aggressors and opposing forces. After the briefings, the soldiers suited in their Multiple Integrated Laser Equipment System (MILES) gear and prepared for war.

The battle began with the opposing forces setting up sniper positions and barricades, while trying to stay close to the tunnel system for easy access and escape. Their primary mission; stay alive and hold the city.

The aggressors responded by sending a reconnaissance team to Smithville, try-

## 112th holds conference, dining out

BY BRENT WILLIAMS  
112 Med Bde

ing to create a foothold and establish an information relay to their command post.

Hour after hour the battle rages, in the streets, behind the barricades, on top of buildings. Slowly, from hidden locations all over town, tired and sometimes angry soldiers leave their cover as the siren on their receptor belts shrieks through the quiet. They've been hit and are out of the action.

After two days, the 112th called a truce and moved out of the action of Smithville, back to a more traditional battle ground as they returned to Fort Lee to take their part in the Fort's LOGEX 1990.

LOGEX, or Logistical Exercise, is an annual event held at Fort Lee and operates on an international scale. It is the Department of Defense combat service support command post exercise. Along with Army Guard members, those participating were active Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, and Coast Guard personnel. Thirteen allied nations were involved. These military members combined efforts to sustain combat operations in a large scale war.

From June 14 to June 22, the 112th interlocked with many components and provided them with medical support and assistance. LOGEX provides an opportunity for the military to operate and function under assimilated conditions of a war.

Issues such as casualties, fuel, transportation, medical attention, supplies and support are addressed. LOGEX 90 is the 43rd exercise of its kind, originating in the 1940's as a special training in map reading.

On June 23, the 112th Medical Brigade pulled out of Fort Lee and headed back to Ohio. Annual training 1990 was over, the missions successfully completed.

During those two weeks the 112th trained realistically to respond to real world and real war situations. Capt. Bryce Allmon, Brigade Adjutant, summed up annual training by saying, "We must insure that the soldiers in the brigade are prepared to handle any crisis that may arise whether the battle zone is a jungle or a loading dock."

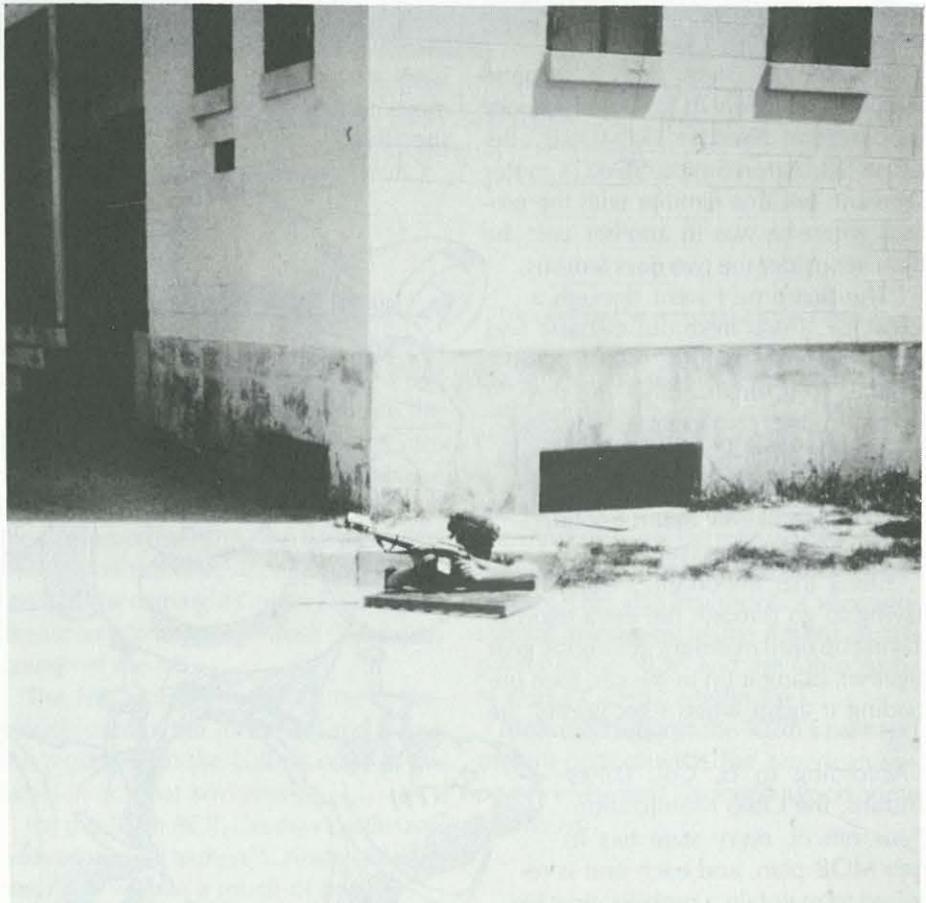
"There's peace breaking out all over the world," said Lt. Col. Lawrence Cook, 112th Medical Brigade, during a recent conference in Columbus. Cook continued, saying that world change and peaceful reform means much change in military structure. This look into the future was the primary focus of the 4th Annual Army Medical Department conference held recently in Columbus. The two day meeting was held for those in the health care field to discuss ideas and common concerns.

The annual health care workshop consisted of more than 18 speakers who addressed health issues pertaining to everything from AIDS testing to combat casualty care. Approximately 85 medical members of the Army, Navy, Ohio Army and Air National Guard and the Kentucky National Guard were in attendance.

Because of recent world events, the 112th Medical Brigade and other military components are discussing and exploring possibilities for the future. Medical Force 2000, a new doctrine designed to provide health service support in air-land battle for the year 2000, was one national plan discussed at the conference.

The conference continued on a lighter note with the 112th Medical Brigade Regimental dining out. 1st Lt. Gordon Roberts was the featured speaker during the event. His message to more than 200 people present was one of education and pride.

Roberts said that Americans must not take for granted the great freedoms we enjoy. Sometimes there is a price to pay for all the gifts that seem inherent to being American.



Pfc. Craig Shipman uses a sewer as cover during Urban Warfare Training. (Photo by Brent Williams, 112th Med. Bde.)

# Ohio Guard practices for the 'real thing'

BY LORI KING  
196th PAD

Never mind the sore arms, the mounds of paperwork, the frantic search for missing TA-50 gear, the heavy duffle bags, and the overall state of mass confusion.

For two days every one, three or five years, depending on which level of a mobilization readiness or overseas deployment training cycle a unit is subject to, all duties cease and a drill floor is flooded by soldiers with shots to endure, equipment to account for and lots of questions to answer.

No matter the size of a unit, its soldiers should be familiar with the Ohio Mobilization Plan (OMP), a document geared to prepare a unit to move out at a moment's notice.

Recently the State Area Command (STARC) underwent its first Readiness for Mobilization Exercise (REMOBE). Because Sgt. Aaron Smith, STARC's motor sergeant, became familiar with the process when he was in another unit, he didn't consider the two days tedious.

"The first time I went through a REMOBE, I was fresh out of basic and I was used to hauling (duffle bags) around, so it didn't bother me then," Smith recalled. "Now that I understand what a REMOBE is, it gives me a sensation, a queezy feeling in my stomach because I know that it (mobilization) could become real.

"Being that important, I don't mind having to go through the extra effort of staying up until midnight getting my gear together, piling it up in the car, then unloading it again when I get home," he said.

According to Lt. Col. James Chubbs, the Ohio Mobilization Plans officer, every state has its own MOB plan, and each unit is required to maintain a mobilization file.

There are two ways of ensuring units are maintaining files — unannounced

MOB file visits, an evaluation process which involves a yes or no checklist; and four levels of exercises the state of Ohio uses.

The exercises are the REMOBE, the Mobilization Deployment Exercise (MODRE), the annual STARC Exercise and the Emergency Mobilization Deployment Readiness Exercise. Most of the exercises take about two days.

Chubb explained that the REMOBE and MODRE give the evaluators a snap shot of a unit's mobilization preparedness status, time being a critical factor.

"We no longer rate a unit, but evaluate it by utilizing its mobility criteria data evaluation. Can a unit mobilize on the date it's scheduled? Is it capable of movement to its MOB station by the time specified?"

Chubb emphasized that activation is

not restricted to war or adverse situations abroad. It could also be in support of natural disasters.

"Don't look at the work involved in preparing for mobilization from a world perspective alone, but consider Ohio and its communities," he said. "Look at Shadyside, a good example of the importance of mobilization. Soldiers were digging through rubble and potentially saving lives.

"We don't look hard enough at the Ohio application, which is as important as the federal level."

He said the MOB files provide clear, defined terms outlining the requirements for successful mission accomplishment. The alert roster and directions for assembly, loading and support are all in the files.

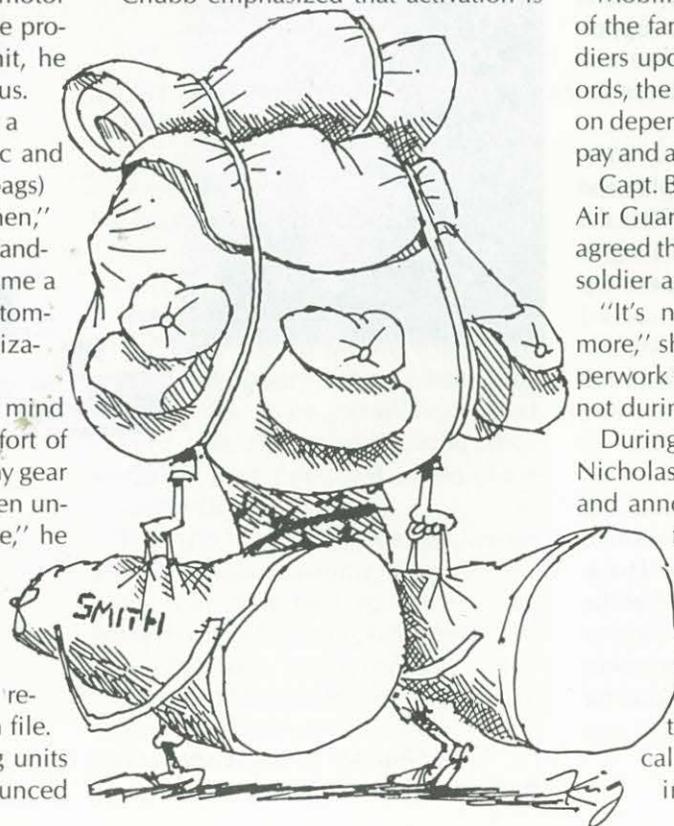
Mobilization also includes the welfare of the family members. Besides the soldiers updating their own shots and records, the MOB file includes information on dependent ID cards, SGLI forms, sure pay and allotments, and family care plans.

Capt. Barbara Terry, the state Army and Air Guard family program coordinator, agreed that the exercises are for both the soldier and family readiness.

"It's not a one-sided program anymore," she said. "The burden of the paperwork is prepared before deployment, not during or after."

During STARC's REMOBE, 1st Sgt. Nicholas Kurlas leaned back in his chair and announced he had yet to hear the first complaint of the day.

"I have seen nothing but team effort from the STARC inspection team and the troops," he said. "They realize our Training and mission are focused on that time when we would be called to perform skills we learned in defense of our country."



# 107th ACR

## M1 Abrams finds new home in Ohio Guard

BY JIM HALL  
196th PAD

It's official, The M1 Abrams battle tank has a new home in the Ohio Army National Guard (OHARNG).

The M1 Abrams battle tank became an official part of the OHARNG inventory of equipment following a turnover ceremony between the Guard and General Dynamics Corporation at Camp Grayling, Michigan on August 2. Ohio Adjutant General, Major General Richard C. Alexander, received the M1 into the OHARNG from General Dynamics Land Systems Vice President of Manufacturing, Charles M. Hall.

Ohio's "Always First, Always Ready" 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment (107th ACR) is the new home of the M1, and the ceremony was held during the 107th's annual training at Camp Grayling, July 28-August 11.

Addressing an audience which included more than 30 Ohio dignitaries and local officials, on-hand to observe the 107th annual training, General Alexander said, "This is an important event for the 107th; it's an important event for the Ohio Army National Guard; it certainly is an important event for the soldiers of the 107th; and we are motivated by the fact that we now have the M1 in our inventory of equipment.

"I hope that you, the VIPs, will take back to your communities the way we feel about this tank, the role of the Guard, the way we feel about the Army family, and the way we feel about the need to stay ready in an ever-changing world. We feel very good about all of this."



With skilled tank drivers like Pfc. Thomas Stevens (pictured) and other crew members, the M1 brings more power to its new home, the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment. (Photo by Jim Hall, 196th PAD)

In addition to the turnover ceremony and other training activities, the Ohio VIPs witnessed a live-fire demonstration of the M1.

While the August ceremony makes the M1 an official part of the OHARNG inventory of equipment, it's already become a familiar piece of firepower to many of the soldiers of the 107th who have received training on the tank since January. They received the training at Gowen Field, Idaho, during an intensive three-week orientation course of the M1.

The M1 replaces the M48 tanks previously used by the 107th ACR and places the regiment on the cutting edge of the latest in combat armament.

For the 107th ACR, the new battle tank adds extra clout to their "...Always Ready" status, as well as a touch of pride.

"Accepting the very latest in technology—the very latest in weapons technology—the M1 Abrams tank, is a very proud moment for us in the regiment," 107th ACR Commander, Colonel John S. Martin said.

"I can assure you that the soldiers in this regiment are in a very high stage of morale and esprit de corps, because we are fielding the very best and latest in weapons technology. This also represents a very substantial investment by the American taxpayers in the 107th and the Ohio Army National Guard," Martin said.

Measured against the 107th's past and present performance, the American taxpayer's investment has found a good home for the M1.

# 160th engineers help Border Patrol out of

BY STEVE WILSON  
160TH AREFG

The combined efforts of six Air National Guard units have completed two badly needed U.S. Border Patrol stations in Uvalde and Brackettville, Texas.

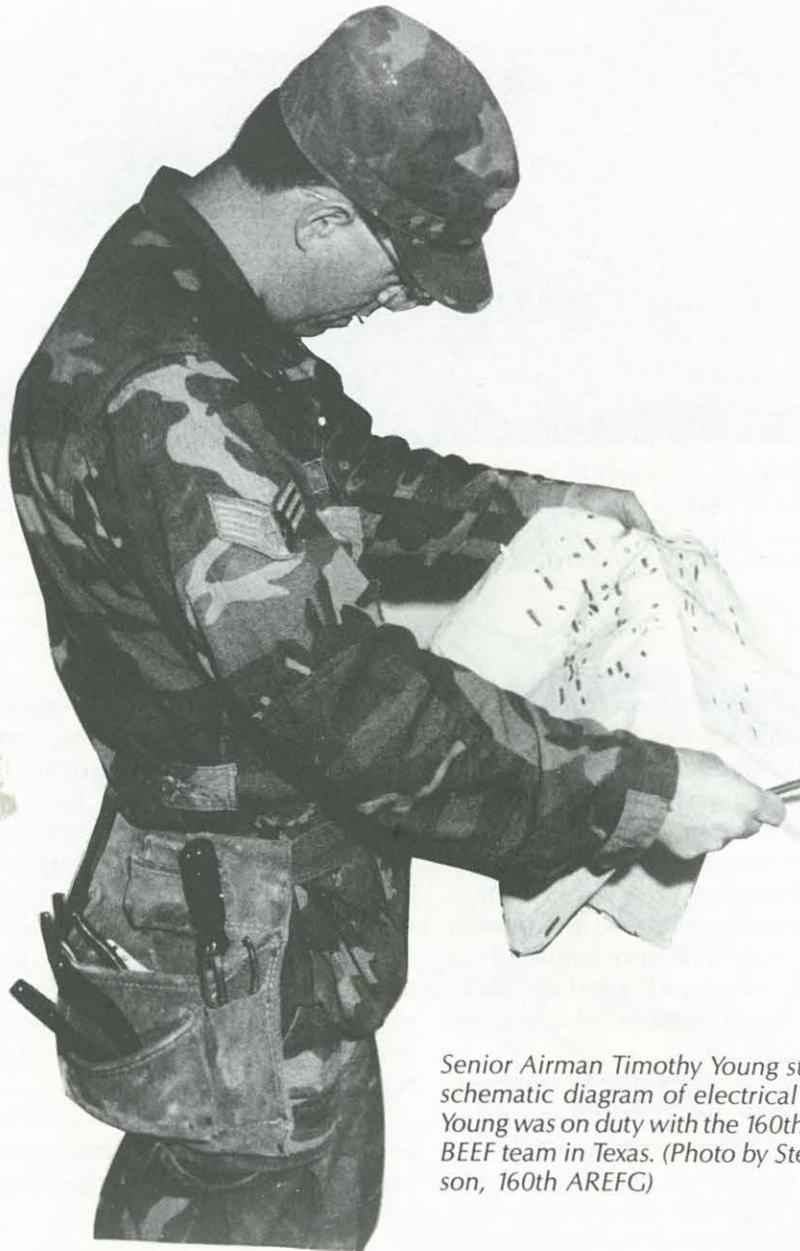
The 160th Civil Engineering Squadron, 160th Air Refueling Group, Rickenbacker ANGB, deployed to Texas on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1990. During the next two weeks, the 160th PRIME BEEF (Base Engineering Emergency Force) team became an integral part of a mosaic of personnel and plan changes. Expertise from Air National Guard units from New York, Illinois, Michigan, California and Texas all contributed to the success of the project.

Imagine 35 Border Patrol Agents working out of an 800 square foot building where up to 93 illegal aliens are processed in a single day. With the increasing number of "crossings" from Mexico and other Latin American countries, the job has become enormous. In its infancy, five agents were based in a small house in a residential area of Uvalde.

The new buildings, 40 miles apart, are identical. Designed to streamline the processing system, the over 8,000 square feet has been carefully partitioned to provide a professional work environment.

The reasons are varied, but mostly economic. The U.S. Border Patrol is not only responsible for capturing and processing individuals who enter the United States illegally, but also must return them safely to their native country. The Air National Guard's combined resources have produced results and savings.

Taxpayer dollars have been saved, and the Guard members have received on-the-job training which keeps them at their peak efficiency. According to the 160th CES commander, Lt. Col. Mark T. Ward, "Working



*Senior Airman Timothy Young studies a schematic diagram of electrical wiring. Young was on duty with the 160th PRIME BEEF team in Texas. (Photo by Steve Wilson, 160th AREFG)*

## 'tight' spot

on projects that are desperately needed, like these buildings, they (the workers) develop a real sense of pride, and that is motivation."

Guidance was offered by two U.S. Border Patrol agents, who worked with each team as it "rotated" in and out of the assignment.

Approximately 4,500 man-hours were expended by the 160th CES. The entire project, both buildings, would have cost an estimated 1.1 million dollars. The end result of the Guard project saved the government over a half a million dollars. The final costs for each building totaled just \$300,000.

On-the-job training is an important by-product of a mission like the Uvalde/Brackettville projects. Those who knew each other well and not so well, were suddenly together for a common purpose, helping each other even if it meant working out of their normal job specialty. Most of these Guard professionals work completely different jobs as civilians, but during their Texas deployment, their minds were on the "here and now."

Assistant Chief Border Patrol Agent, Terry J. McIntosh, presented each 160th CES team with a plaque for its contribution to the project.

He stressed that this first time effort to utilize various state Guard units for federal construction projects has been successful. Fifty-eight thousand square miles are patrolled by the Texas arm of the U.S. Border Patrol. The total number of personnel employed by the agency is 530. Of that number, 360 are agents. That's over 10 percent of the total of 3,200 agents in the entire U.S. For Texas, it calculates to over 161 square miles of responsibility for each agent. That's a big job, even for Texas.

Ohio, and the 160th PRIME BEEF team, have made that job a little easier.



Staff Sgt. Gregory K. Channel (L) and Staff Sgt. Leonard R. Conrad mix concrete during annual training in Texas. (Photo by Steve Wilson, 160th AREFG)

## 160th AREFG in Spain for NATO exercises

STORY AND PHOTO BY ANN-MARIA NOLAND 160th AREFG

Total Force became more than just a policy to 214 Ohio Air Guardmembers this spring. The men and women, members



An F-16 prepares to refuel from an Ohio KC 135E Stratotanker during exercises in Spain. The 160th AREFG tanker deployed to Spain in support of joint U.S. Air Forces Europe and NATO exercises.

of the 160th Air Refueling Group, deployed to Spain in support of a joint U.S. Air Forces Europe and NATO exercise.

According to Col. Richard Seidt, 160th commander, this was the first time the unit worked with active duty units in this type of exercise. The Air National Guard members from Rickenbacker ANGB participated in operation Open Gate April 28 through May 12.

The 160th's KC 135E Stratotankers refueled F-15s, F-16s, and F-111s in support of maritime attack missions and air-to-air combat missions during the 10 flying days of the exercise. Aircrews flew 163.3 hours during 31 sorties and off-loaded 1,584,400 pounds of fuel to 323 receivers.

Support personnel worked hard ensuring the aircraft were ready to fly. Unit members also assisted with tours of the 160th's aircraft given for local dignitaries, the Moron Girls Orphanage and members of the active duty units participating in the exercise.

"The deployment to Moron AB, Spain was a great success," Seidt said. "The 160th showed what a vital part of the Total Force Policy the Guard is."

# 37th Division: Fiftieth anniversary of mobilization



**BY ROBERT WALKER**  
**Historian**

This year marks the fiftieth Anniversary of the mobilization of the Ohio National Guard. On October 15, 1940, the officers and men of the Ohio National Guard's 37th Division (less the 37th Tank Company and Companies F and I of the 112th Medical Regiment) reported to their hometown armories for what was supposed to be a one-year tour of duty. These men would not return to their homes until five-years later.

More than nine thousand Ohioans responded to that first call. They would be followed in the next five months by every other unit of the Ohio National Guard—Air, Cavalry, Medical, Tank, Infantry—over 2,100 more Ohioans.

These Ohio National Guardsmen, volunteers everyone, were sent to tent cities

around the country for training. The "one year" was extended to 18 months and on December 7, 1941, extended again to the "duration and six months."

The Ohio soldiers were reorganized, leaving the 37th Infantry Division shy of one of its regiments and shifting the 37th Tank Company to a tank battalion made up of Guardsmen from Wisconsin, Illinois and Kentucky.

The 37th Infantry Division was the fifth United States Army division to be sent overseas after Pearl Harbor.

National Guardsmen, including members of what had been the 37th Tank Company, Ohio National Guard, then a part of the 192nd Tank Battalion, were trapped on Bataan and spent three hellish years as prisoners of the Japanese.

National Guardsmen would storm Fortress Europe on D-Day, June 6, 1944, in Normandy. They would fly over Ploesti. They

would take Manila. They would take all the Germans had to offer and what the Japanese, with all their fanaticism, could throw.

The commander of the 37th Infantry Division, Major General Robert Beightler, was the only Guard Division commander who would retain the command of his division throughout World War II.

These Ohio National Guardsmen won three Congressional Medals of Honor. They were given field commissions by the hundreds and gave their lives by the thousands.

It has always been thus in this country. The embattled farmer of poetic fame, threw

down his plow, picked up his long rifle, and faced the armed might of Great Britain. They, and their 1940 descendants, even to this very day, have willingly and cheerfully, left their homes, shops, mills, stores, desks, books even pulpits to join their militia, now National Guard.

Since World War II, the Ohio National Guard has been called to Active Federal duty a number of times. That is our role, that is our heritage, and that is the reason for our existence.



# Return to Vietnam

## One veteran's story

**BY CLARK FULLER**  
**Lt. Col. U.S. Army (retired)**

On July 1, 1990 I followed up on my decision to retire from the Army and board a commercial flight bound for Vietnam. After completing nearly 23 years of active duty military service, I'm not sure why I wanted to make the trip, but there was a gnawing inside myself that just wouldn't let go.

Having completed a military career that required duty in numerous locations around the world, the Vietnam chapter of my life had, somehow, remained a blur. Since returning to the states from Vietnam some 20 years ago, I have endured all the hype concerning the war and have patiently listened to numerous viewpoints from the news media, the politicians, and other veterans who had served there. As time passed, the war stories became more unreal and I had difficulty recalling events as I knew them. I wanted to return and separate fact from fiction within my own mind.

Vietnam is not what it used to be. For example, Vietnam, and Ho Chi Minh city in particular, is clean, orderly, and contrasts quite sharply with the days U.S. troops were there. Bicycles and motorcycles are still everywhere, but the tanks, armored personnel carriers, sidearms and uniformed soldiers are noticeably absent.

I traveled upcountry to the combat operating areas of the 1st Infantry Division (Lai Khe, Anloc) and the 25th Infantry Division (Cu Chi) and found the roadways mostly paved and fairly well maintained! The burned out hulks of all the trucks, buses and armored vehicles that had fallen victim to the mines and rocket propelled grenades (RPGs) have, for the most part, been removed and are nowhere to be found. The rubber trees that dominated the 1st Inf. Div. Headquarters at Lai Khe are still there, but the only evidence that

reveals a major basecamp had once been there are the concrete remains of the headwalls to the drainage ditches. And where are the bomb craters from all those B-52s? Time, erosion and farmer activities have reclaimed many of them and vegetation has camouflaged most of the rest.

At Anloc (Binh Long), where in 1972 some of the most ferocious fighting of the war took place, you can still see the devastation. Through the memories of fighting

over the same ground myself, I can faintly see the ghosts who rustle the leaves in the trees. Monuments and expansive cemeteries dot some of the hillsides. A hotel and restaurant dominate what, at one time, would have been very strategic terrain. Now, it is difficult to conjure up the blood that was spilled and all the suffering that took place here.

Up the road at Quan Loi base camp, where the 1st Division launched many campaigns "into the bush", and where GIs fought and died, the only telltale signs that the U.S. Army was once there are the remains of the old airstrip—a little bit of tarmac and a little bit of laterite. Vegetation and erosion have claimed the rest. Ghosts live here too.

My cousin and I were in Vietnam together in 1969. He died at Cu Chi. The expanse of tunnels, dug by the Vietcong, that contributed to his death are still there. Preserved by the government, they are now

an attraction for visitors and a monument to the ingenuity of Ho Chi Minh's army. The complex is impressive. It covers enough ground to hide an entire army. There are field kitchens, hospitals, communications centers and a maze of tunnels that extend for tens of kilometers. No wonder the U.S. 25th Inf. Div. took so many casualties trying to extricate the enemy from their hiding places.

Vietnam has changed. It wasn't the way I remembered it, and it wasn't the way I expected it to be. On the whole, I think it is better. Most of the Vietnamese are fond of Americans, but occasionally you will encounter a few who still harbor bitter memories and are not as forgiving. Obtaining a visa for Vietnam in either Thailand or the Philippines can be quite an ordeal. Traveling within Vietnam itself can only be done with government permission, or, as they say, "you will be punished". Nonetheless, it can be done.



*Clark Fuller with local residents at An Loc.*

### Editor's Note:

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He has produced a videotape of color slides of his experience and will share information on visa and travel requirements to interested parties. For more information, contact Clark Fuller, P.O. Box 1291, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

# 73rd trains in urban environment

BY MICHAEL BURRIS  
Det 1 237th Support Battalion

The rain fell in a grim mist, making the training areas of the old fort look like a black and white movie set.

Two soldiers moved in rhythmic precision, taking their positions within the two-story structure, weapons at their ready. Suddenly the ominous sound of an automatic weapon punctuates the cold dampness from deep within the building.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas E. Hooker and Sgt. Rod Ehrman, of C Company, 148th Infantry Battalion, are participating in Military Operations Urban Terrain training at Fort Custer, Mich.

Systematically, the two soldiers proceed from room to room, throwing open doors, careful not to reveal their silhouettes as they pass the many open windows throughout the building, seeking the source of the automatic burst.

Across the road, other soldiers from C Company are using the Multi-Integrated Laser Engagement System as opposing forces try to activate the high-pitched sound that signifies a kill.

The clash between the enemies and C Company produces a shoot-out as orders are shouted out and positions that have at least temporarily been lost are desperately fought for.

About a mile from that battle, Capt. Paul Meyers coaxes, cajoles and consoles his soldiers as one by one they rappel down a 90-foot tower.

Meyers is a model of concentration as he instills confidence with caution to every soldier who descends the wet, wooden tower in the mist that has now become a steady downpour.

In his husky voice Meyers tells another soldier "I will not allow you to be hurt on my tower. Everyone who jumps will be safe or I haven't done my job."



Sgt. John Barrett prepares to rappel 90 feet to the ground from a UH-1H "Huey" helicopter. (Photo by Lori King, 196th Public Affairs Det.)



Pvt. 2 Nick Sartini, 224th Chem. Co., floods the area with smoke from a newly modeled smoke generator. The smoke was to simulate a chemical attack against a 73rd Inf. Brigade unit. (Photo by Lori King, 196th Public Affairs Det.)



Weapons ready, Sgt. Rod Ehrman and Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Hooker prepare for military operations urban terrain training at Ft. Custer. (Photo by Michael Burris, Det 1, 237th Support Bn)

# Pathfinders jump on chance to use airborne skills

Story and Photo by LORI KING  
196th PAD

His dad said jump on Father's Day... but it didn't happen.

Not because Pfc. Jerry L. Mellinger didn't want to jump. After all, it has been his dream to go Airborne ever since he was a boy.

Not because the young pathfinder wanted to disobey his father, who was a special forces trooper before he was born and who was ultimately responsible for his love for combat training.

And certainly not because he wanted to appease his mother's wishes of him forgetting his dream and going on to doing something safe, because she thought that lifestyle too dangerous, too dirty, too wet



Under the watchful eyes of Pfc. Mark Hightower, 121st Chem. Det., Capt. Richard Musser, 837th Eng. Co. commander, gets into MOPP gear during a decontamination class. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Burris, Det 1, 237th Support Bn)

and too miserable for her little baby. If it was up to her, he would have never even taken that first jump at Fort Benning Airborne school nearly two years ago.

Nope, it was the windy weather this time which prevented Mellinger and his comrades of the 77th Pathfinders from jumping from the ski, high above the burned forest of Camp Grayling, on Father's Day.

"When I called my dad on Father's Day and told him I wasn't jumping, he was depressed, because he knew what it felt like," said Mellinger, an Ohio State architecture student.

Mellinger is just one of six airborne pathfinders in the 77th Pathfinders, which he describes as a team.

"I don't like the Rambo style because it doesn't show teamwork, which is what it takes to make our unit function successfully," he said. "One good aspect about this group is there is so much knowledge in what few people we have. We depend on each other for different jobs."

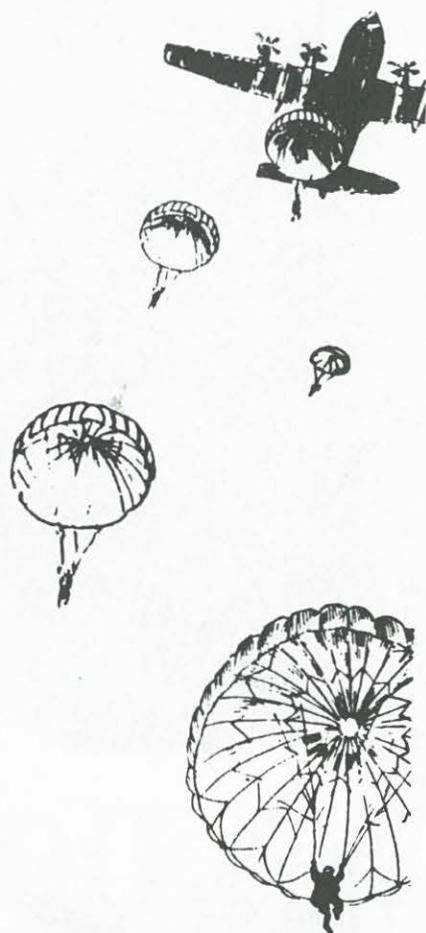
The non-commissioned officer in charge of the pathfinders, Staff Sgt. Jim McCambridge, said he looks for very good infantrymen with brains in their heads and wits about them. "Not the Rambo-type," he emphasized.

"Our soldiers are highly motivated and work very hard," he said. "There's no rank in the unit, but the men like what they do and we're a close-knit group which is essential since our missions are about the most dangerous in the National Guard.

"There is no room for error," he added, "meaning we operate by Benning standards and we won't compromise them. A Rambo-type would get someone killed."

Meanwhile, the pathfinders continue their three-fold mission: conducting swing load operations, conducting search and rescue missions and selecting, setting up and operating drop and landing zones.

As for that jump... maybe next Father's Day.....



LORI KING  
196th PAD

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches became delicacies recently when two NCOs handed them out during field exercises.

Staff Sgt. Jim Terry, Co. B, 1st Bn., 147 Inf., and Staff Sgt. David Risher, of Headquarters, 147 Inf., offered 200 cases of pop, 2,000 candy bars, 1,000 bags of popcorn and 1,000 sandwiches to the battalion as part of a morale booster.

"It was hot and the troops, being infantry in the field, went crazy over them," said Risher. "There's nothing better in the afternoon than a cold Mountain Dew or Pepsi!"

The NCOs have been making refreshment runs since 1982, and enjoy the reactions from the troops.

"At first they felt appreciative, but as time went by, it became a source of pride — when another unit would ask, "Why don't we get these types of refreshments?"



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## Heavy rains, tornados bring devastation to Ohio

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*"I called my wife the other day and she asked me how bad it was here. I told her, 'Imagine having a sandbox and a mound of sand, then run your finger down the hill,'" the officer said as he swerved his finger down the air. "'Then take a five-gallon bucket of water and dump it on top of the sand.' My wife said, 'That would wash everything away!' I told her, 'Exactly.'"*—  
CW2 Billy Ray Woodall, HQ 216th Battalion, Portsmouth.

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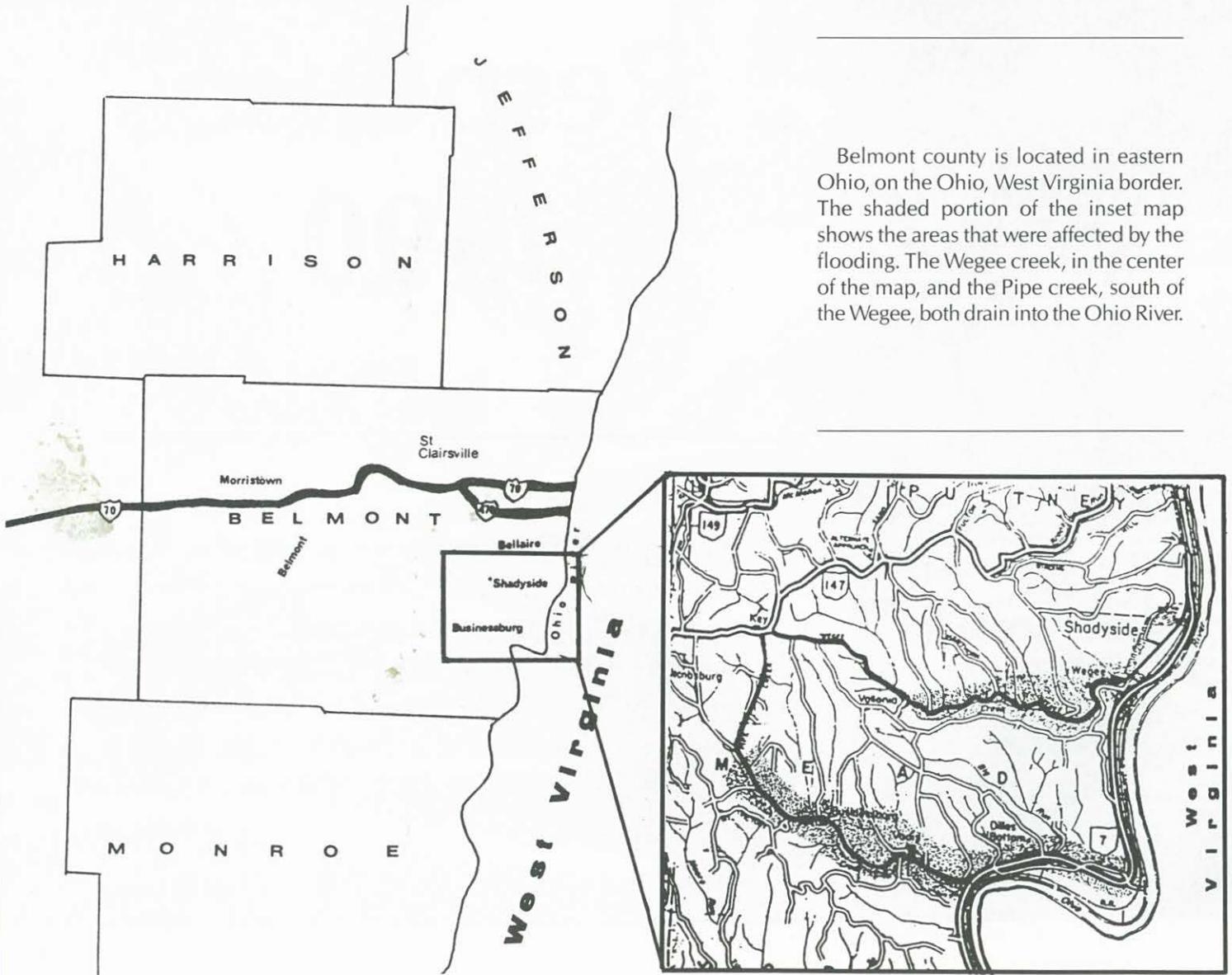
BY JAMES T. BOLING  
State Public Affairs Officer

On the night of Thursday, June 14, central and eastern Ohio was deluged by severe storms which resulted in extensive flood damage in Franklin, Licking, Jefferson, Harrison and Belmont counties. The storms destroyed or damaged over 1,050 homes, pouring five and one-half inches of rain on unsuspecting residents in less than two hours. The Pipe and Wegee Creek areas of Mead Township, near the small town of Shadyside in Belmont County, suffered the worst effects—339 homes destroyed and 26 fatalities.

The state's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Columbus received a request for assistance from Belmont County at 9:15 p.m. that night. By early Friday morning, reports of massive damage, fatalities and missing people filtered into the EOC. Ohio Emergency Management Agency and National Guard liaisons were dispatched to Belmont County to assess immediate response resource needs. Governor Celeste and the Adjutant General conducted an aerial survey of the area and pledged full support to the community in responding to the disaster.

By Friday afternoon, an initial element of 50 National Guardsmen, Army Reservists from the area and fire departments from West Virginia and towns along the Ohio River were on site to assist in search and rescue efforts. Initial reports listed 16 dead and 60 missing.

By Saturday afternoon, more than 150 National Guardsmen and a combat engineer company with 200 pieces of equipment teamed with rescue teams from the Wheeling, W.Va., Shadyside, Martins Ferry, Bellaire and Carlington Fire Departments; the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio

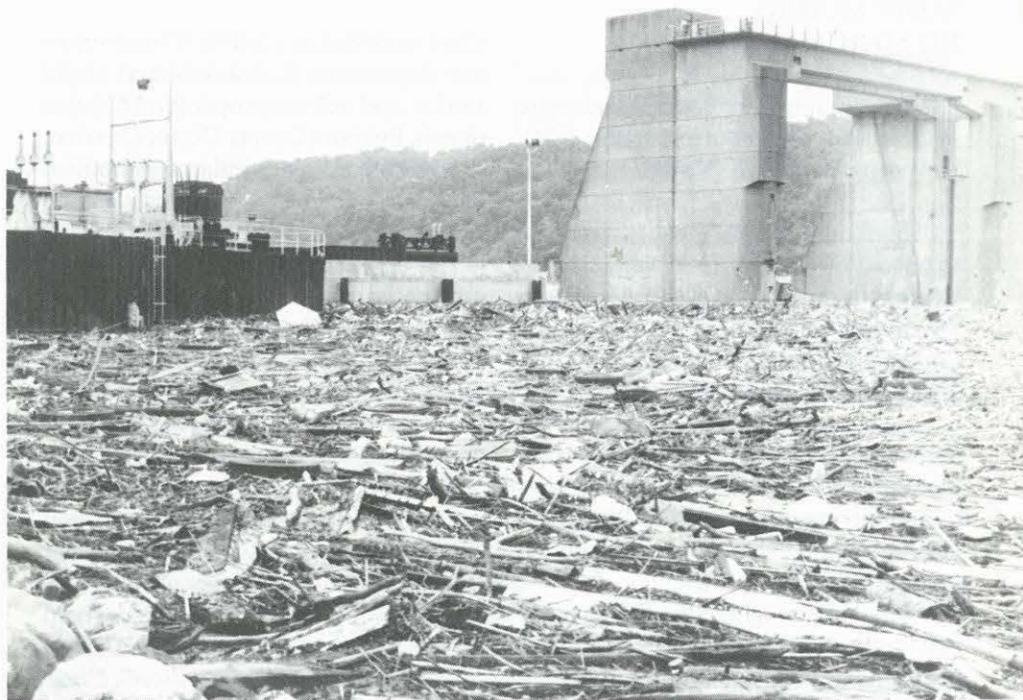


Belmont county is located in eastern Ohio, on the Ohio, West Virginia border. The shaded portion of the inset map shows the areas that were affected by the flooding. The Wegee creek, in the center of the map, and the Pipe creek, south of the Wegee, both drain into the Ohio River.

Department of Transportation, Belmont County Sheriff's Dept. and National Guard military police in a massive search and rescue effort. Special dog teams from Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and Athens, Ohio were airlifted in to join in the search by the 179th Tactical Airlift Group of the Ohio National Guard. Regional Red Cross teams from around the country arrived and opened mass care centers in two Shadyside schools and began the enormous undertaking of distributing food, clothing, temporary shelter and first aid to displaced residents as well as emergency response personnel. With the arrival of an additional 200 National Guardsmen on Sunday, the search, rescue and recovery team swelled to more than 700 people. Recovery operations continued in Shadyside with the 216th Engineer Battalion providing most of the personnel and equipment for cleanup of the Pipe and Wegee Creek areas.

Guardmembers from the 372nd Engineer Battalion, Kettering, continued cleanup in the area during their Annual Training from July 21 through August 4.

The coordination of all search, rescue and recovery elements involved in the Shadyside response fell to one man. Mark Badia, fire chief for the town of Shadyside, oversaw all aspects of the operation. Badia worked tirelessly for nearly a week following the disaster directing search and rescue efforts among all agencies while National Guard engineers concentrated on removing critical obstructions from waterways in the event of more heavy rain. With the passing of time, search and rescue efforts transitioned to recovery operations in both the Pipe and Wegee Creek areas and down the Ohio River.



An interesting sidebar to the rescue and recovery operation is that all local government officials involved in the response, including Chief Badia, are part-time public officials. Just like the Guard, city councilmen, township trustees and county officials put their regular jobs aside for as long as it took to mitigate the disaster.

The entire Shadyside disaster response effort was a classic example in cooperation of federal, state, local government and private citizens banding together for the common good. The people who came to the aid of Shadyside from all agencies could not help but feel a sense of belonging—to the effort—and to the community.

*Fifteen acres of debris accumulated at the Hannibal Locks and Dam.*

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## Wall of water sweeps through Pipe Creek, Wegee communities

**BOBBY MULLINS**  
**HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)**

*"This is the single worst natural disaster in Ohio since the Xenia tornado in 1974."*  
Governor Richard F. Celeste

"Shortly after 9 p.m. the sky just seemed to open up," said Francis Wagoner, a lifetime resident of the Wegee Creek area. In the next hour, 5½ inches of rain fell on the Wegee and Pipe Creek communities. These sparsely populated areas located on the outskirts of Shadyside get their names from the creeks that run through them for approximately seven miles before emptying into the Ohio River. The creeks run parallel to each other and are spaced five miles apart.

On the tragic night of the flood, water began to collect so rapidly that the entire valley in each community became one large creek bed. Almost simultaneously, the swelling streams began their destructive course at their uppermost reaches. At points only a few hundred yards from the head of the creeks, the banks that had remained intact for decades began to give way. After only a mile or two of collecting water, the awesome power of the flooded creeks began to sweep homes from their foundations.

Automobiles and farm machinery became just a part of the enormous amount of debris that continued toward the more heavily populated areas downstream. Hundreds of uprooted trees lost their roots to the churning water. Animals had little chance for survival in the rapidly rising tide.

Debris at certain points on the creeks would hold the water back for a brief instant before the backup of more water would break it loose and send an even bigger charge of water and debris toward the mouths of the creeks. One hundred yards up Wegee Creek from the Ohio River, the wall of water left debris on top of a bridge 25 feet above the normal level.

Within minutes of the flooding, calls began to come in for help. Shadyside Fire

Chief Mark Badia called his 40-man volunteer department into service and began rescue and recovery operations immediately. Belmont County Disaster Services Coordinator Dick Quinlan was notified and he called all available resources to converge on the area.

The next day's light brought an even greater horror to the residents of the communities. The homes where families and friends once lived had disappeared in the night's flooding. Seventy homes had been completely destroyed and 85 had heavy damage. Realization that many people were still missing brought grief and despair to a community which only a few hours before had known a peaceful existence.

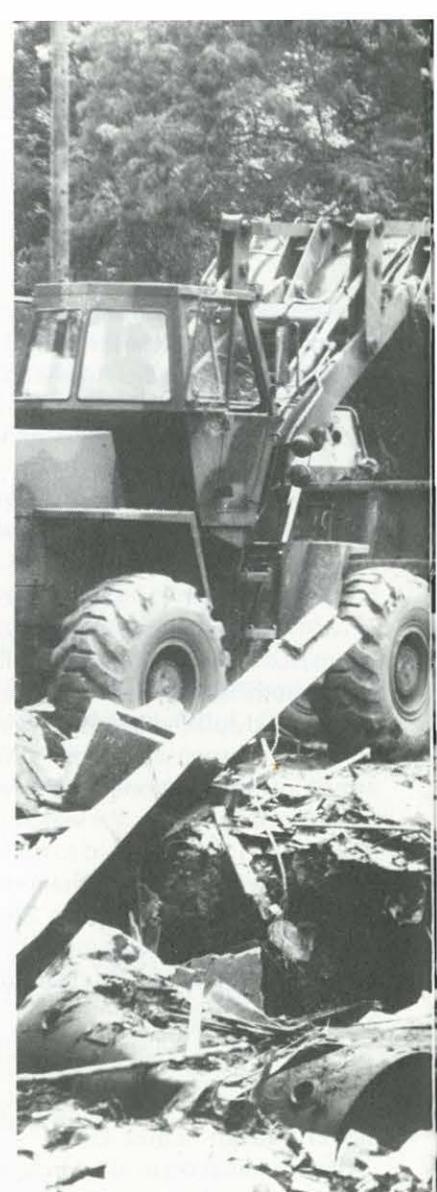
A call went out to Gov. Celeste for help. Ohio's Adjutant General Richard C. Alexander ordered the Ohio National Guard into action. The 2nd Battalion, 147th Air-Defense Artillery set up a command post near the Shadyside Fire Department. The onsite commander, Lt. Col. James Wilder, began deploying Army Guard soldiers as they arrived to support local officials.

Members of the 838th Military Police Company, the 324th MP Co. and the 437th MP Co. went into the affected areas and secured all roads into the Wegee and Pipe Creek areas.

"We were notified on Friday, June 15, at 1300 hours. The official order was handed down at 1800 hours and we were on site at 2230 hours," Capt. Melanie Viano, from the 437th, said. "By 0200 on June 16, all points were manned and secure." After being on duty for 36 hours without sleep, individuals were divided into two shifts of 12 hours each.

Viano added, "Most of my soldiers were either called from their homes or off their jobs."

"I never realized the capabilities of the Ohio National Guard until I saw them in action," Badia said. "The amount of caring they brought to Shadyside has caused us to call them a part of our family. I will never forget what they have done for us."

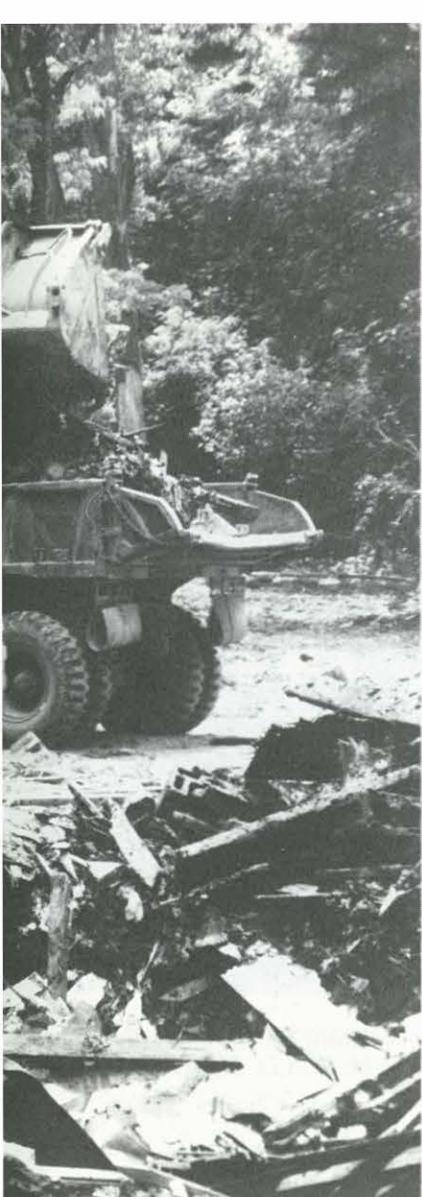


Ohio Guard engineers use heavy equipment to clear debris.



National Guard engineers took advantage of cooler weather by working around the clock to clear the rubble.

# Ohio Guard helps with clean-up



Equipment to load and haul debris.

**KELLI D. BLACKWELL**  
HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)

Residents of Shadyside and Belmont county are slowly piecing their lives back together after a torrential storm and flash flood ripped through the area June 14, destroying hundreds of homes and killing 26 people.

Engineer battalions of the Ohio Army National Guard are aiding Belmont county by removing tons of debris from the creeks and land, and repairing roads and bridges.

"We (the National Guard) will be here as long as we can provide support to the local government," said Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander. According to the adjutant general, Guard troops will perform annual training periods there until the devastated areas are clean.

"During a normal AT at Grayling, we dig up holes and put up bridges. Then we spend the second week making it look like we never touched it," said CW2 Billy Woodall, property book officer of HQ 216th Battalion located in Portsmouth. "The training is necessary, but the work the engineers are doing here is being put to good use."

The 216th engineers and the 1193rd panel bridge builders constructed two Bailey bridges during their annual training June 16 through July 5.

Company Commander, Capt. Tris Cooper of Company A, 216th said the double-single bridge at Pipe Creek took about six hours to build. "Usually after a Bailey bridge is constructed, the officer-in-charge drives his vehicle over it to declare its completeness. Well, we waived that right to a three- or four-year-old girl who had a little, red

battery-operated jeep. We had to wait for more materials to come, and were getting close to her bedtime, but her parents let her stay up. When we finished, she was the first to drive back and forth, back and forth across the bridge. She was a cutie."

Cooper said the girl's home was one of a few houses that had no access to the main roads without a bridge. Some residents further up the valley, near Tar and Cumberland Runs, were isolated from town for a few days because of washed out roads.

Reflecting back, Cooper said, "It's nice

## Residents of Shadyside and Belmont are slowly piecing their lives back together.

to be able to do something for the folks of Ohio. They (the guardmembers) feel good about being here; no doubt about it."

Spec. Matthew Murphy, bridge builder of the 1193rd Panel Bridge company said, "In my four years of being in the Guard, this is the first time we've built a bridge for a purpose." The

bridge at Wegee was constructed June 30. Bailey bridges can be completely constructed in two to five hours. Both bridges will remain in place until they are replaced by permanent bridges provided by the state.

While pulling out tires and scraps of splintered homes from the woods, Spec. Matthew Ulmer of the 1193rd found a light bulb laying on the ground still intact. He picked it up and shook his head in disbelief. "Houses were demolished, and this light bulb made it. You know, when I see all of this debris, and see people's homes and lives scattered across the ground, it makes me thankful for what I have at home."

Guardmembers of the 372nd Engineer Battalion in Kettering continued clean-up efforts in Shadyside July 21 through August 4.



Ohio guardmembers use hand held power tools to clear debris from the flooded creeks.

(Photos by Bob Mullins, Kelli D. Blackwell, and Ray Graham)

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## National Guard, relief agencies come to the aid of Shadyside

BY KELLI D. BLACKWELL  
HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)

Look around. Steel beams lie twisted like pretzels in the now-calm creek beds. Forest trees lie uprooted and stripped of their bark. Cars, trucks and splinters of homes are crushed against trees or washed atop banks of neighbors' yards, or perhaps caught in the locks and dam of the Ohio River.

A black splotch that stains the porch roof of a plantation-style house gives spectators an idea of how high the water rose. The house sits on a hill. From the mark above the roof to Wegee Creek Road measures 25 feet.

Just around a curve a horse lies dead on its side. Its left hind leg ripped from its body. Death's stench fills the air. The magnitude of the flood's destruction leaves people in awe.

Twenty-six people were killed and more than 300 homes were destroyed or damaged when 5½ inches of rain fell in an hour's time in parts of Belmont county and Shadyside, Thursday night, June 14.

Help from the town poured in almost as quickly as the waters that caused the destruction. Jefferson Elementary School, located a block away from one of the affected areas, opened and became the emergency relief shelter. By Saturday, June 16, half of the gymnasium and three of the school's classrooms were stacked with donated clothes, shoes and toys. Neighbors brought home-cooked meals, local grocers donated truckloads of food and supplies, and the Pepsi Company provided truckloads of bottled water.

The Salvation Army came. The American Red Cross came. Disaster relief agencies

came. The governor and adjutant general came. The Army Reserve and the Ohio Army National Guard came, too.

Guardmembers of the 112th Engineer Battalion and the 216th Engineer Battalion worked along with the Ohio Department of Transportation and Shadyside Fire Department in the search and rescue of flood victims, and removal of heavy debris. One of their immediate concerns was clearing the creek beds to alleviate the possibility of another flood if a storm were to occur.

For the first three nights the National Guard worked around the clock, changing shifts until 2 a.m. Cooler weather and less traffic allowed more productivity during night operations.

"A lot of times during an annual training you have to motivate the guys," said 2nd Lt. Bryan Prosch, officer in charge of 216th, Company A, Lancaster. "But this time they think ahead. They're on top of things. You look and see all the loss of lives and property around here." He paused. "It's sometimes too incomprehensible. It's been an emotional time for all of us."

Prosch said with all the debris that needs to be cleared, it's difficult to stop the men from working.

"Yeah, we get tired, but we keep our energy up just by helping these people," said Sgt. Gerald Walker, assistant squad leader of 216th, Company B, Ironton.

Walker said he and a couple of his friends would go to Shadyside High School after they were off duty to help sort and pass out donated clothes and household items.

"I'd rather be here helping than anywhere else for an AT," he said. "This is what the Guard should be about: helping people in the state who need it."



Local citizens, guardmembers bow their heads for July 3. (Photo by Kelli D. Blackwell, HQ STARC)

By having units of the National Guard perform their annual training in Belmont county, the state and flood victims will save thousands of dollars by postponing or avoiding the need to hire private general contractors.

Another motivational booster is the show of appreciation and gratitude for the Guard's being there. A daily supply of home-baked goods were given to the soldiers, a couple of salons offered free haircuts, kids asked for autographs.

"The townspeople have been real nice," Walker said. "When you go by they smile, throw a hand up and wave at you. Folks come out and tell us, 'You're doing a good job.' That helps a lot."

On Sunday evening, July 1, the town of Shadyside celebrated a "National Guard

# Co A, 216th assist in search and rescue

BY J.D. BIROS  
196th PAD

Members of the Ohio Army National Guard were activated by the state June 2nd and 3rd to assist with efforts to locate one of two flood victims in Ross County.

Twenty members of Co. A, 216th Engineer Battalion, Chillicothe, provided help and relief for volunteers combing a ten-mile stretch of Paint Creek in search of suspected drowning victim Karen McFadden.

After heavy rains during Memorial Day weekend caused flooding along rivers and creeks in southern Ohio, Guard assistance was requested.

On May 29, the Scioto Township Volunteer Fire Department received a call at 3 p.m. that two girls had fallen into the flooded Paint Creek, said Lt. Dan Newberry.

Newberry said the two girls were attempting to cross a flooded trail when they were swept away by turbulent currents.

A farmer heard cries for help and raced along the rising creek trying to keep up with the drowning girls, but was out-matched by the rushing water, Newberry said.

Dive teams were notified, and 17 volunteer fire departments responded, starting a round-the-clock search effort.

On May 30, trained dog teams from West Virginia found one victim, but the search continued for the other, Newberry said.

"We walked the banks the other day, but we just didn't have enough manpower to cover what we should have been covering," he said.

The volunteers asked the Ross County Sheriff to call the National Guard for assistance.

Newberry said the volunteers decided the Guard could provide more people for the search effort and relief for people who had manned the bridges for four days.

The volunteers tried to cover most of the wash out areas, but they thought the search would be more complete, with the Guard helping cover all the areas, Newberry said.

Staff Sgt. Steve Chenault, Co A, 216th Engineer Battalion, said the request came Saturday morning, and Adjutant General Richard C. Alexander activated 20 guardmembers.

Chenault, a Springfield Township volunteer firefighter who had been with the search team three days explained the Guard's involvement. Four guardmembers were placed on each side of the creek walking upstream to the drowning site and four on each side walking downstream to the mouth of the Scioto River from the command center on the Paint Street bridge, he said.

**Editor's Note:** On June 11, the body of Karen McFadden was recovered from the Paint Creek by Ross County Sheriff's Department personnel. She had been missing since May 29.



the invocation during the awards ceremony on (-Det 1-5)

Appreciation Day." Hundreds of people gathered at Shadyside's football stadium for a potluck dinner and softball games. A local band provided entertainment. The 216th Engineer Battalion made a grand entrance by marching a parade, with the color guard leading the way.

The 216th surprised Mayor Anita Wiley by presenting a plaque to her and the town. The plaque had a background of the state of Ohio. Engraved on gold plates were the cities that make up the battalion. A small heart was inscribed next to Shadyside.

"It reads, 'One Moment in Time, Connected Forever,'" Wiley said. "Without the support from the National Guard and the Shadyside Fire Department, we would have never been able to get through this. ... In honor of Shadyside, I thank you."

# Emergency Response 1990

## Ohio EMA:

### At the forefront of disaster

KELLI D. BLACKWELL  
HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)

Heavy rains, high winds, floods, and tornados have tormented the state of Ohio this season, causing death, destruction, and millions of dollars in damages to homes and businesses. When disasters strike, the Ohio Emergency Management strikes back.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is located in the basement of Beightler Armory, Columbus.

"This year, Ohio had the longest running, overlapping, intermixed types of disasters happen over a short period of time," said Calvin Taylor, chief of Operations and Training, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Columbus. "Really, this season has been hell!"

On June 6, six counties were devastated by flooding or tornados, and declared disasters. Two days later, five more counties were added to the list. By July 7, 25 counties in Ohio were state and/or federally recognized as disasters. Taylor noted that

Jefferson county was hit twice by severe weather in a 21 day period. Other counties also had more than one incident of extreme flooding.

Once EMA is notified by city or county officials, field operators and coordinators are dispatched to access damages in the affected county(ies). According to Taylor, other state agency representatives are either notified, put on standby, or activated, depending on the type and severity of disaster. An example of what agencies can be activated to aid in public or private assistance follows:

Governor  
Attorney General  
American Red Cross  
Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources  
Ohio Department of Health  
Ohio State Highway Patrol  
Ohio Department of Transportation  
Ohio Department of Human Services

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Ohio National Guard Military Support  
Ohio Department of Agriculture

"The Emergency Operation Center (EOC) becomes the operations center where activities are coordinated between agency representatives and disaster field operators/offices. Communication updates are maintained via telephones. If lines are down, radio communication or the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) is used.

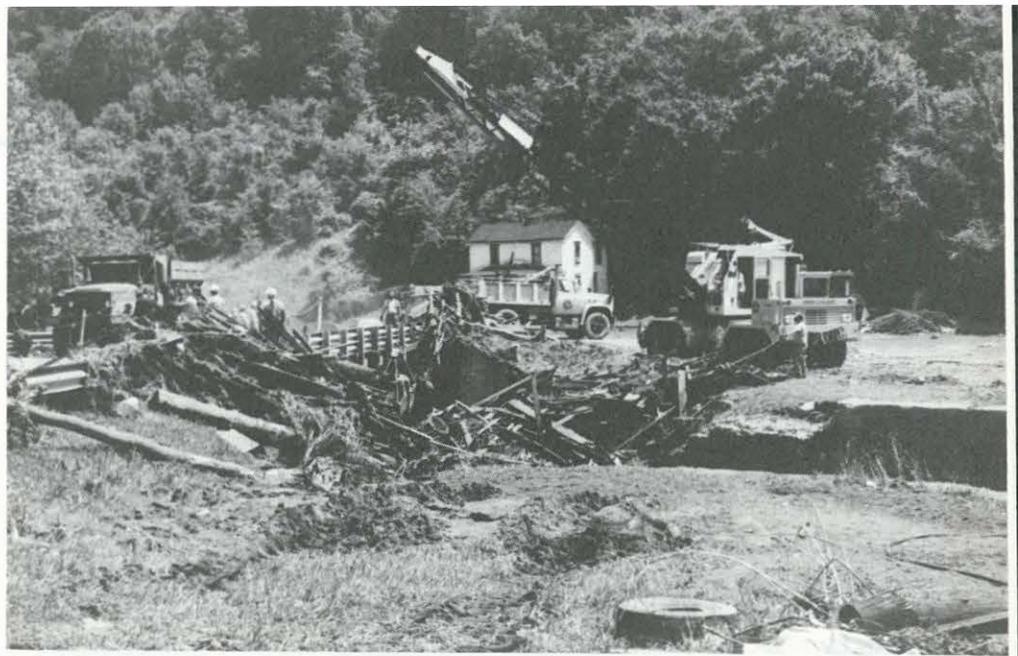
Dale Shipley is the deputy director of the Emergency Management Agency; James Williams is chief of staff. Shipley's office is responsible in notifying the governor of Ohio when an emergency occurs. If support from the National Guard is needed, a proclamation declaring an emergency must be signed by the governor. If a situation exceeds local government capabilities, the governor sends a proclamation to the White House, requesting federal aid. Once federally activated by the president, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representatives travel to the disaster site to perform damage assessment for financial relief grants. Presidential approval for federal assistance could occur in a period of hours or a few days, again, depending on the severity. Some federal agencies such as the American Red Cross can assist in disasters without presidential declaration.

Taylor said that the EOC phases down as the situation begins to return to normal or as the need for coordination is lessened. But, given another disaster, the Emergency Management Agency is always on call to assist the needs of the Ohio people.



# response

From May 28 to July 14, a seemingly continuous onslaught of floods and tornadoes sent Ohio reeling. In the span of 48 days, 25 counties were declared disaster areas. Some counties sustained damage from more than one incident. For example, Jefferson county sustained flood damage from flooding that occurred on three separate occasions.



<u>Date of Disaster</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Date of Disaster</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Reason</u>
May 28	Athens Hocking Lawrence Perry Franklin	Floods/ Severe Storms	May 28 cont.	Pike Ross Vinton Jackson	Floods
June 2	Butler Hamilton Clermont	Tornado	June 8	Licking Muskingum Fairfield (Buckeye Lake)	Floods
June 14	Jefferson Harrison Belmont Monroe Madison	Floods	June 22	Richland Morrow	Tornado
July 5	Vinton	Floods	July 12	Jefferson Licking	Floods
July 14	Jefferson Columbiana Mahoning Trumbull	Floods			



## Sgt. Maj. Jackson: Farewell to a soldier

As much as he enjoyed being a soldier, Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Jackson looked forward to retirement.

After more than 35 years of military experience, Jackson would finally be free to enjoy horse racing, traveling and in the fall, he would be in his familiar striped shirt refereeing high school football in his hometown of Ironton.

But that dream of a long and fulfilling retirement was cut short July 24 when lung cancer claimed his life.



Sgt. Maj. Charles Jackson

Jackson loved his job and he was at his best when he was visiting one of the companies of the 237th Support Battalion and taking care of his soldiers. He knew what it meant to be a soldier and he constantly sought to improve himself through Army extension courses.

He came up through the enlisted ranks, serving with the Army during the Korean conflict. He knew what it was like to be a private and perform KP, guard duty, physical training, skill qualification tests and all the hours of training soldiers must endure. Perhaps that was the reason he

related to soldiers so well. He was one of them.

Col. Harry B. Shaw III worked with Jackson for many years. Shaw remembers Jackson as a first sergeant with Company B (medical) in the battalion. "When I came to B company, Jackson had just become first sergeant. Our strength was down to about 67 percent and we needed leadership. I gave him a free hand to make changes as needed. He brought the unit together and no one worked harder than the first sergeant.

He led by example. He was always the first person up in the morning, always had a clean pressed uniform and he expected the same from his soldiers," Shaw said.

"We worked well together and I'm going to miss his friendship," he added.

Jackson will be missed by the soldiers of the 237th Support Battalion. Maj. Richard Cooper, executive officer of the 237th said, "He really believed in taking care of the soldiers and by doing that he earned their respect."

—Michael Burris, Det 1 237th Support Battalion



## Ohio shooters domin

Ohio National Guard rifle shooters dominated the team matches at the Fourth U.S. Army Reserve Component Championships April 17-28 at Camp Perry.

In the combat rifle competition the 200th REDHORSE Civil Engineering Squadron of Camp Perry claimed the winning trophies for all three team matches; the Precision Combat Rifle Team Match, the Combat Rifle Team Match and the Combat Rifle Team Aggregate.

The 200th also claimed 20 of the 77 individual awards. Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Kwiatkowski was the match winner of the 300-yard rapid fire match, the 400-yard slow fire match, the short range aggregate match and the long range aggregate match. Staff Sgt. Orville E. Platte won the 100-yard sustained fire match.

Team members were Master Sgt. Wilson R. Clabaugh, Tech. Sgt. Terry L. Eishen, Staff Sgts. Thomas E. Kwiatkowski, Orville E. Platte, Jose R. Rodriguez and Sgt. Lawrence J. Krasnieuski.

Strohm was 1st Novice in five of the seven individual matches while Martino won 1st Open in two individual matches.



Precision Rifle Team

## Ohio church receives employer support award

The National Guard Bureau recognized a southeastern church recently for outstanding contribution to the spiritual well-being of men and women of the armed forces. The New Life Lutheran church received an employer support award from NGB for supporting their pastor John E. Jackson in his ministry with the Ohio National Guard. Jackson, chaplain for the 16th Engineer Brigade, served a KPUP tour in Korea and coordinated chaplain coverage for the Ohio National Guard's efforts in Honduras. The award was presented to the congregation's president, David Seamon, by Brig. Gen. Robert Lawson, commander, 16th Engineer Brigade.

## ate 4th Army matches

In the National Match Rifle phase the Ohio team won three of the five team trophies. These included the Short Range Team Match, the National Match Course Team Match and the Rifle Team Match Aggregate Championship. The team matches were hard fought between the Ohio and Minnesota teams. Minnesota won the Long Range Team Match 1063-15x to Ohio's 1042-17x. Ohio came back in the Short Range Team Match and beat Minnesota with a score of 1686-35x to 1661-31x. So going into the National Match Course, Ohio was ahead by 4 points. We won by a score of 2725-35x to 2722-52x. The difference in the 6000 point Rifle Team Match Aggregate was a scant 7 points.

In the individual matches Tech. Sgt. Terry L. Martino of the 121st CAM Squadron won the 1st Open Class shooter overall and Staff Sgt. Kenneth F. Strohm of the 200th RHCS won the 1st Novice Class shooters overall.

—Vincent P. Jiga

State Marksmanship Coordinator



## Discover Card Services supervisor is a "PRO"

Recently, Evelyn Tolliver, and an employee of Discover Card Services, received the "MY BOSS IS A PRO" certificate from Sgt. Rosana Sanders a full-time employee with Discover.

Sgt. Sanders applied for the award through her unit, Det 4 HQ STARC (JT Task Force), to the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NCESGR). Co-presenter and guest speaker, Col Herbert B. Eagon Jr., commander of the 73rd Infantry Division (separate), OHARNG, addressed the nearly 400 employees and commended Discover for its employee support programs.

Tolliver supervises the seven person unit, in the recovery department, where Sanders works as a legal assistant. "Last year Rosana was gone 14 production days, for military training, and the unit covered for her," Tolliver said. "They really work as a team."

"Last year I was on annual training and Evelyn was concerned about my pay at Discover," Sanders said. "...its a good feeling to have a supportive boss." Tolliver's understanding of Rosana's situation most likely stems from the fact her husband is a former Guardsman.

Sanders admitted, "I really didn't think the committee would send the award. I thought they'd be too picky." But NCESGR is a Department of Defense (DOD) organization who recognized employers who support membership in National Guard and Reserve forces. If you would like to recognize your boss, contact your unit or write: AWARDS OFFICER, NCESGR, SUITE 414, 1111 20TH ST. N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036-3407, or call: 1-800-336-4590.

—Robert Jennings, 196th PAD



Combat Rifle Team

## Ohio Military Academy ready for TY 91

With a few changes in the Academy's scheduled courses along with some new personnel on board, TY 91 is sure to be one of our best training years ever.

If you're interested in career advancement, but haven't completed your NCO

Education requirements, now is the time to get in your application for schools. The Ohio Military Academy has one of the most solid, experienced programs available. Our NCOES instructors don't wear smoky bear hats and they won't drop you for push ups. What they will do is give you some of the best NCO instruction available.

The OCS program has been revised in accordance with some new guidance from the Infantry School at Fort Benning. It hasn't gotten any easier, but it does include more "adventure" training. If you're up to the challenge, OCS class XXXIX is just around the corner.

Our goal for 1991 is to serve the soldier. If your unit is interested in any special training (land navigation, ATMS, NCOERS, etc...) give us a call.

If you have any suggestions or ideas on how OMA can better serve the Ohio National Guard, send it directly to us. We want your input.

For more information on the programs offered and class schedules, contact OMA at 614-492-3580 or 614-492-3581.

BY LARRY RINEHART,  
Ohio Military Academy

## Air Guard sweeps softball tourney

The Ohio Air National Guard walked away from the Third Annual Ohio National Guard Enlisted Association Softball Tournament with a clean sweep.

The Young Guns, a combined 121st Tactical Fighter Wing and 160th Air Refueling Group team took home the first place trophy with a tournament record of three wins and one loss.

Team manager Denny Lambright said the Rickenbacker team came together with spectacular defense and timely hitting to

win the tournament.

"We have high hopes of doing very well at the National Tournament in York, Pennsylvania," Lambright said. The team placed second in the nationals last year.

Second place went to the Rickenbacker 35 and Over team, also with three wins and one loss. Manager John Flor said although his team had beaten the Young Guns earlier in the tournament, their bats suddenly became quiet in the wake of the 12-3 loss.



121st TFW/160th AREFG Young Guns.

The final standings were:

**First:** 121 TFW/160th AREFG Young Guns

**Second:** 121 TFW/160th AREFG 35 and Over

**Third:** 178th TFG, Springfield ANGB

**Fourth:** 179th TAG, Mansfield-Lahm AP

Other teams that participated were:

237th Co C (Medical), Beightler Armory

385th Medical Co, Tiffin

1487 Transportation Co, Eaton

54th Support Center, Beightler Armory

216th Engineer Bn, Co A, Chillicothe

123rd and 124th TCS, Blue Ash ANGB

## big guns 'play' Marion



The 1/136th "A" Btry., Marion, provided thundering finales to the '1812 Overture' and 'Stars and Stripes Forever' at an outdoor concert. They accompanied an orchestra with their 105mm howitzers during an Ashland amphitheater performance on August 5, 1990. Before the show, Sgt. Eli D. Fairchild (left) and Spec. Todd C. Wilson (right) were on hand along with other unit members to explain gunnery practices to the public. (Photo by Spec. Trent Weaver)

## Jubilee box lands at Toledo ANG Base



Col. John Smith, commander of the 180th Tactical Fighter Wing, prepares to make the first call from the British phone booth.

A traditional red telephone booth from England, complete with gold crown, was dedicated in August at its new home, the Toledo Air National Guard Base. The phone booth, called a Jubilee Box, was a gift from British Telecom as a token of friendship following deployments by the 180th Tactical Fighter Groups to RAF Sculthorpe in 1983, 1986 and 1989.

"The booth has been completely refurbished by British Telecom," said Senior Master Sgt. Robert Barker, who made the original contact with British Telecom. "Ohio Bell has installed a working pay phone in the Jubilee Box. To our knowledge, this is the first Jubilee Box brought to the United States that is operational."

Col. John Smith, commander of the 180th TFG, made the first call from the booth. That call went overseas to British Telecom's office in Colchester.

## 216th activated for Shadyside crisis

Members of the 216th Combat Engineers received a strange call this past Father's Day, June 17.

It was an order of activation. Instead of performing their annual training at a later scheduled date, the unit was activated in response to the flash flood at Shadyside.

The next day 276 personnel were at the Wegee and Pipe Creek areas, removing debris to a remote site.

"We have many new pieces of equipment and this has given us the chance to train in a real environment," said Col. Lynn Coriell, commander of the 216th. "In my 20 years, this is the best training we have ever had. We have experienced command control, NCO leadership, operator training, critical maintenance and missions."

"Last year's mission to Honduras was gratifying but now we were able to do something for the residents of Ohio."

When the engineers moved out of Shadyside July 5, they had logged over 30,000 man hours and had hauled over 3,000 loads of debris out of the area.

BY BOBBY MULLINS  
HQ STARC (-Det 1-5)

## Guard engineer honored at Bowling Green U.

A guardmember with the 16th Engineer Brigade was honored as one of Bowling Green State University's top teachers this year.

Lt. Col. John Erion, the brigade's Construction Management Officer, was recognized by the Undergraduate Student Government as one of the university's top teachers for the 89-90 school year. Erion, the interim chairman of the technology systems program in the College of Technology, is an assistant professor of construction management. Erion and his wife Staff Sgt. Jana Erion, chaplain's assistant, 112th Med. Bde., have been members of the Ohio National Guard for four years.

PORT CLINTON, OHIO—Major General William K. Suter, The Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army, was this year's luncheon speaker for The Fifth Annual Ohio Military Reserve (OMR) Judge Advocate General's Seminar held on June 2, at the Catawba Island Club.

General Suter, who has actively served the armed forces for over 24 years, briefed 45 military lawyers on the subject of recent federal litigation involving the United States Armed Forces.

"We were honored to obtain General Suter as a guest speaker for this year's event," said Brigadier General Fred Lick, Jr., OMR, and this year's seminar host. "General Suter is a top legal officer of the U.S. Army on all legal matters, and we were pleased he found time to visit with us." Lick added.

Seminar participants included members of the Judge Advocate General Corps from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard Reserve, Ohio National Guard and the Ohio Military Reserve.



Brig. Gen. Fred Lick, Jr., Ohio Military Reserve and JAG Seminar host, is joined by guest speaker Maj. Gen. William K. Suter, the Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army, and Maj. Gen. Miles Durfey, U.S. Air Force (ret.)



Sgt. 1st Class James Cato, Sgt. Scott Dobler and Sgt. 1st Class Fred Ahlborn 'work the tubas' during Tour '90. (Photo by Lonnie Kirby, 122d Army Band)

## 122d Army Band: Tour '90

BY ROBERT JENNINGS  
196th PAD

For most units of the Ohio Army National Guard Annual Training means long convoys, heavy equipment, explosives, tactical exercises and opposing forces (OPFOR). But for the 122d Ohio Army National Guard Band Annual Training is much different. Convoys are a passenger bus, panel truck and U-Haul moving van; smiling faces replace camouflaged OPFOR and the explosions you hear come from tubas, saxophones, trumpets and drums.

Unlike most units, who have limited training locations, the 122D Army Band performs all over Ohio. During AT '90 the unit performed in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo and various other cities. A statewide tour is to let the public know who we are, said WO1 David F. Bruner, Commander of the 122D Army Band. "We train just like any other unit, one weekend a month and two weeks in the summer; but that doesn't give us much exposure outside the military."

"Who are these guys, they're great!" shouted one onlooker at the Dayton courthouse square, during a midday concert.

"It seems that when civilians see soldiers unloading vehicles and setting up equipment they're inclined to stick around because of its novelty," suggested Bruner.

Once the band captures the attention of its audience, Mr. Bruner, whose official title is Bandmaster, enlightens the audience about the band, its structure and the types of music it plays. When an audience comes to listen to a military band they expect to hear marches and the 122D doesn't let them down. The band offers various renditions of Military marches and ends all of its concerts by standing up, instruments in hand, and performing the crowd pleaser, "The Army Goes Rolling Along", by H.W. Arberg.

But the band has something for everyone. During tour '90 it added a medley of New Kids on the Block tunes and can shift from "One Moment In Time", by Whitney Houston, to John Philip Sousa's, "The Stars and Stripes Forever".

"Even though there were many logistical problems, in making a statewide tour we were able to perform every mission successfully," said Brass Group leader Sgt. 1st Class James Cato. The Band made great musical progress and several NCO's gained new leadership skills.

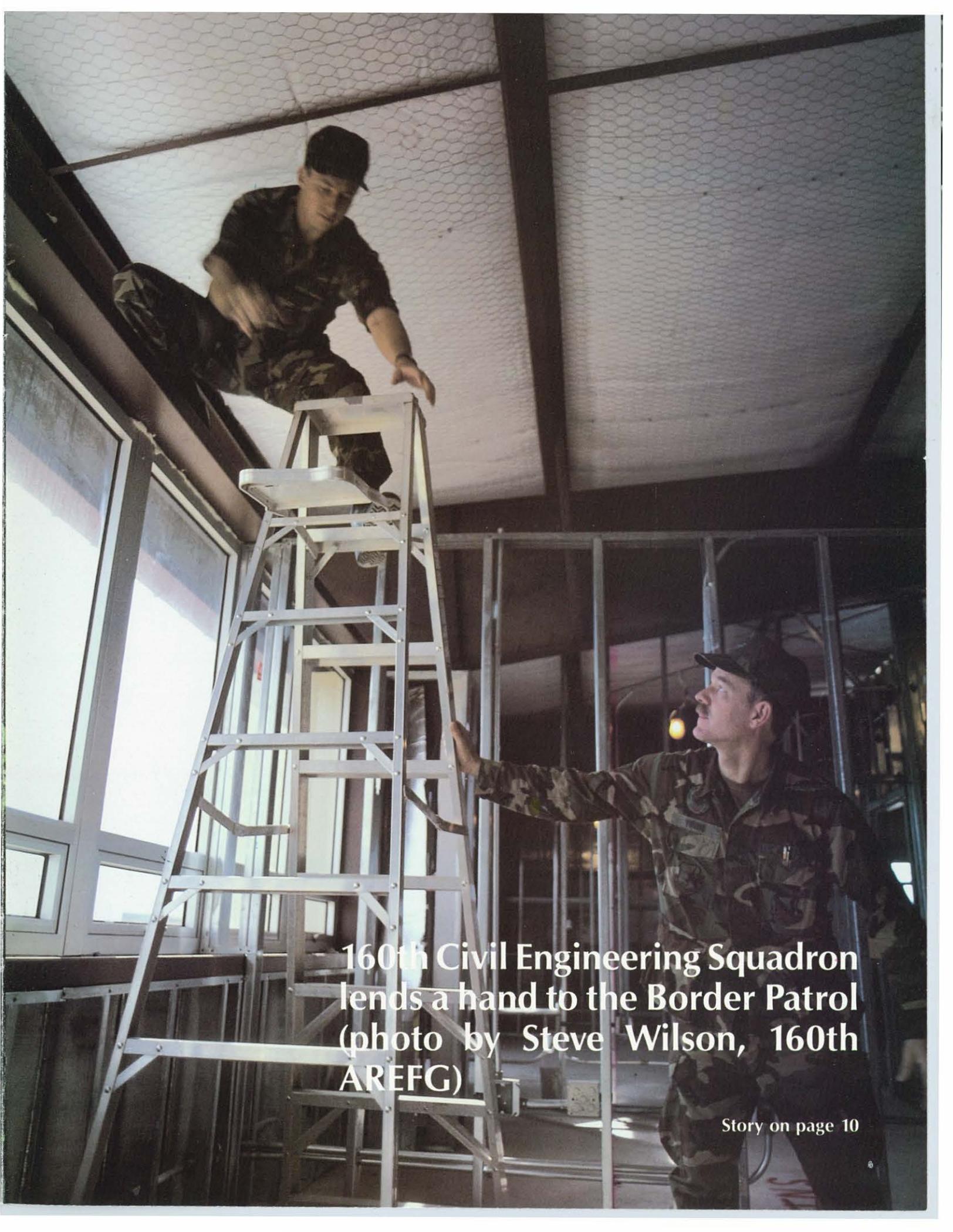
"It's ironic that people don't think of us as a 'real' unit," said Spec Pearl Smith, Clarinet player. "We have as many training requirements as any other unit. We spent one day of our annual training on the firing range and Common Task Training is performed during all IDT periods. Because our secondary mission is to augment Military Police we have to take our training seriously," stated Smith.

Spec David Narcross, trumpet player, said "Being a member of the 122D is one of the greatest honors of my life. I've had the opportunity to work with some great professionals. The unit works as a team and we do more than just play music."

Although Goodwill and public awareness is an objective of the band during its tours, the band also uses its public appearances to recruit future bandmembers. Mr. Bruner offers open invitations to audition for the band. So, if you like being a soldier but your weapon of choice plays music, stop the convoy and tour with the 122D Army Band.



Spec. Dave Mruzek, saxaphonist with the 122d Army Band. (Photo by Lonnie Kirby, 122d Army Band)



**160th Civil Engineering Squadron  
lends a hand to the Border Patrol  
(photo by Steve Wilson, 160th  
AREFG)**

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*Maj. Gen. Alexander addresses the crowd during the awards ceremony at Shadyside. Military and civilian personnel were recognized for their efforts during the Shadyside crisis. (photo by David Olmstead, 2/174 ADA (HAWK) Bn)*

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