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4 NEW BUILDINGS SLATED FOR OGMS

Technical Library, Maintenance Shops

Bids for construction of four new buildings at the U. S. Army Ordnance Guided Missile School will be opened Dec 19 at the Mobile District Office of the Corps of Army Engineers.

The new buildings are a technical library and three maintenance shops for training aids and electronic and special equipment. They are to be built of concrete blocks, with the library having brick facing. All will be air-conditioned except the special equipment shop. Bids are to include all necessary utility work, sidewalks, parking areas, grass and fences.

Their combined area is 40,320 square feet. All will be located in the northeast section of the Redstone Arsenal reservation.

Col. H. S. Newhall, Guided Missile School commandant, pointed out that the School now occupies 87 buildings with total space of 438,400 sq. ft. Three new classroom and laboratory buildings and two training shops will

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Congressman-Colonel From Indiana Spends Part of Active Duty Here

An Indiana Congressman who is on a week's active duty as a National Guard lieutenant-colonel was assigned briefly to Redstone Arsenal this week to study the Army's rocket and guided missile programs.

Rep. William G. Bray (R.-Ind.) spent Tuesday being briefed on activities at Redstone and the Army Ballistic Missile Agency and the Ordnance Guided Missile School.

Rep. Bray departed Huntsville Wednesday for Ft. Bliss, Texas, where he was to continue his active duty tour.

An Infantry officer whose decorations include the Silver Star, Rep. Bray is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and serves on several of its subcommittees, including those on Reserve and National Guard Affairs, Supply and Materiel, Real Estate and Construction, and Service Exchanges.

POST CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SLATED DEC. 20

The annual Redstone Arsenal Children's Christmas Party will be held in the Rocket Auditorium from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

All children, under 10 years old, of military personnel living on or off the post are invited. There'll be fun and gifts for all.

Maj. Lincoln B. Hunt will head the committee planning the event. Members of the committee will be: Mrs. John T. O'Keefe, representing the officers' wives; Mrs. Dorcas Drum, representing the NCO's wives; Chaplain (Capt.) Percival C. Lovseth, representing officers; and M/Sgt. R. W. Cunningham, representing NCO's.

Pvt. Rudolph Apruzzi Chosen As Soldier Of Month for ABMA

Pvt. Rudolph N. Apruzzi, 91st Ordnance Co. (R) was chosen ABMA Soldier of the Month for November in competition with representatives of other ABMA units.

Pvt. Apruzzi, born in Newark, N. J., joined the U. S. Army in October, 1956, after graduating from Westside High School in Newark. With the completion of basic training at Ft. Dix, N. J., he attended the Ordnance school at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and in September of this year was assigned to the 91st Ord. Co.



SCOUTS SEE REDSTONE—Nearly 500 Boy Scouts from nine counties of the Tennessee Valley Council were shown the Army's Redstone missile by the 217th Field Artillery Battalion during a rainy-day tour of Redstone Arsenal Saturday.

BIGGEST TOUR EVER

500 Scouts, Leaders 'Explore' Arsenal

Nearly 500 Boy Scouts and their leaders from North Alabama, braving sharp wind and steady rain, "explored" the Army's Redstone Arsenal Saturday.

They saw 10 of the Army's major rockets and missiles, witnessed a "firing site" demonstration of the 200-mile Redstone missile, and saw several small rockets perform in test flights.

The Scouts, members of the nine-county Tennessee Valley Council, visited the Arsenal as a reward for their performance in a special council-wide Rocket Roundup Program.

It was the largest tour ever conducted through the huge rocket center. Counties represented were Jackson, Limestone, Lauderdale, Colbert, Morgan, Cullman, Lawrence, Franklin, and Madison.

For the past three months every Cub pack, Scout Troop, and

Explorer unit of the Tennessee Valley Council has been working to "fire six missiles," that is, attain six major objectives in the Scouting program.

Each boy recruiting one new boy into the Scouting program during the Sept. 1—Dec. 1 period qualified for a "Rocket Crewman" award. Boys recruiting two new boys became "Rocket Commanders."

Individual and unit recognition was made with awards presented by Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, Redstone's deputy commanding general, in Rocket Auditorium at the beginning of the tour at 9 a. m. Gen. Shinkle was chairman of the Council's Rocket Roundup Program.

After the presentation of awards, the Arsenal visitors viewed a film in color on the Army's Corporal and Nike-Ajax guided (See 500 on Page 2)



A TALE OF TWO CITIES—Sgt. James L. Penrod, Jr. (left), an instructor in the Ordnance Guided Missile School, studies a map on which are prominently marked two cities named Huntsville — one in Alabama, of course, and the other his home town of Huntsville, Ohio. Sgt. Penrod may conclude his trip from one Huntsville to another and back by becoming an engineering graduate of Ohio State University and a commissioned Army officer—he recently won a rare appointment to complete his education at Army expense. Looking on in photo above above is Lt. Col. Ernest W. Eubank, Jr., assistant commandant of OGMS.

'REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALA.'

Post to Become PO Designation

Independent Branch of Huntsville PO Will Be Established January 1

"Redstone Arsenal, Ala." will become an official postal designation effective Jan. 1, when an independent branch of the Huntsville Post Office will be established at this installation.

The correct mailing addresses under the new set-up for the three major activities on the base will be:

Commanding General, U. S. Army Ordnance Arsenal, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Commanding General, U. S. Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Commandant, U. S. Army Ordnance Guided Missile School, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Currently, mail for all three organizations is addressed to them with "Huntsville, Ala." as the post office designation.

The independent arsenal branch post office will be under the jurisdiction of the Huntsville postmaster, L. G. Collier, and will be organized, equipped, manned, and operated by the U. S. Post Office Department. Under an agreement between the Department of Defense and the Post Office Department, the arsenal will provide the building (Bldg. No. 652) and utilities.

Establishment of the branch was necessitated by "changing military requirements occasioned by expansion of the installation and construction of quarters for military dependents," arsenal officials said. They added that "the (See POST PO on Page 2)

200 Chattanooga Students Visit Post

Almost 200 science students from Red Bank High School, Chattanooga, visited Redstone Arsenal yesterday.

The group saw a rocket motor fired at Thiokol Chemical Corporation, inspected the chemistry laboratories at the Rohm and Haas Company, and saw demonstrations of the Corporal and Nike-Ajax guided missiles at the Ordnance Guided Missile School.

They also were shown the instrument building and static test bays operated by Rocket Development Laboratories, and held a lively question and answer period at the end of the tour in Rocket Auditorium with James Fagan, an assistant chief in Research and Development Division, OML.

Detour for a Degree

HUNTSVILLE-TO-HUNTSVILLE TRIP FRUITFUL JOURNEY FOR SERGEANT

If he stops to think about it, a round trip between Huntsville, Alabama, and Huntsville, Ohio, may turn out to be one of the most fruitful journeys in the lifetime of Sgt. James L. Penrod, Jr., instructor at the U. S. Army Ordnance Guided Missile School.

He may conclude the 1,100-mile junket back to his Ohio home by becoming an engineering graduate of Ohio State University, a commissioned Army officer, and an expert in the fascinating new field of rockets and missiles — with the usually penny-conscious Army paying all his expenses.

It is doubtful, however, if 23-year-old Sgt. Penrod has stopped to do much outside thinking since he volunteered for the Army a short 28 months ago — appropriately enough on July 4th, 1955.

In that brief span, he has been promoted through five grades from plain private to sergeant, trained in several complicated phases of missile management and maintenance, become a missile

TOP DEFENSE OFFICIALS VISIT

Secretaries of Army, Air Force Head Party

Several of the United States' top defense officials, including the Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force, visited the Army Ballistic Missile Agency yesterday.

Arriving Tuesday morning for conferences were Secretary of the Army Wilbur Brucker; Secretary of the Air Force James H. Douglas; William Holaday, special assistant to the Secretary of Defense for guided missiles; and Under Secretary of the Army Charles Finucane.

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CHIEF OF STAFF OF ARMY VISITS

Gen. Taylor Tours Redstone and ABMA

The Chief of Staff of the U. S. Army, General Maxwell D. Taylor, visited Redstone Arsenal and the Army Ballistic Missile Agency Monday.

Gen. Taylor was briefed on Army rocket and guided missile programs by Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, Agency commander, and Maj. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Arsenal commander.

He toured laboratories in which Jupiter intermediate range ballistic missiles are being produced and saw work in progress on the Jupiter-C missile which will be employed to launch a scientific earth satellite as a contribution to the International Geophysical (See CHIEF OF STAFF on Pg. 2)

Collections in Post's UGF Drive \$82,318

Collections in the Arsenal's United Giver's Fund Drive were at \$82,318 Monday afternoon. This includes all military and civilian personnel in all agencies on the post, plus contractor personnel.

instructor, completed the equivalent of several college courses through the Armed Forces Extension Course Institute, married and become the father of a son and daughter — and won a rare appointment to complete his education at Ohio State at Army expense. The thinks the Army is a piece of cake.

The icing on the sergeant's cake is that he was forced to drop out of Ohio State in 1954 for financial reasons. He decided to face the inevitable boldly and volunteered for Army services. Now the Army returns him to Alma Mater.

Penrod, a stocky and personable young man, thinks there is nothing unusual in his good fortune in the Army. He says: "For many age the opportunities for advancement in the Army are endless."

Sgt. Penrod's rapid advance into the age of missile and space underlines what is taking place in the lives of individuals and (See DETOUR on Page 2)

The Redstone Rocket

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great volume of mail processed for the activities of the installation warranted this augmentation of our postal services."

The branch office is expected to facilitate the arsenal's postal service to a considerable degree. Under the new operation, incoming mail for all three installation activities — Redstone Arsenal, ABMA, and OGMS — will be delivered in bags directly from the mail-carrying transportation facilities (trains, planes, and buses) to the arsenal branch post office and sorted there for distribution, instead of being routed through the Huntsville Post Office. Similarly, outgoing arsenal mail will be picked up from the branch office, instead of from the Huntsville Post Office, and taken directly to mail-carrying transportation facilities.

All personal service features common to any U. S. Post Office will be available at the arsenal branch — such as sale of stamps and stamped paper, issuance and payment of money orders, and acceptance of articles for mailing. These services will be rendered daily except Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The postal service section of the branch office will be open to receive official mail from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the same days.

The Mail and Records Units on the installation will not be affected by the changeover — except that they will then be able to process mail faster and more often. The post's internal official messenger service will continue.

Some modification and expansion of Bldg. 652 is planned to accommodate the new branch office.

4 NEW

(Continued From Page 1) total space of 222,786 sq. ft. are presently under construction in a \$5,250,000 program.

"The new buildings will boost the total building space soon to be occupied by the Ordnance

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throughout the Army itself as weapons become complex marvels of science and technology.

At the end of World War II, Penrod was a 10-year-old youngster on his parent's modest farm outside Huntsville, Ohio. His father combined farming with the teaching of vocational agriculture at the local high school — and still does.

In 1945 the Army was only beginning to explore the field of missiles. Today both the Army and Penrod have made a miraculous transition. Both are geared for the needs of an increasingly science-minded civilization.

At Ohio State, Penrod and his wife, Betty Jean, and their two children, Betty Lynne 2, and infant Donald, will live together in his trailer as he pursues his education in the new fashion.

He will be a kind of super Army cadet. The Army will pay his salary, provide financial allowances for his food and quarters, stand the cost of tuition, books, supplies and laboratory necessities, and issue him clothing if he so desires.

The young sergeant will enjoy privileges that no West Point cadet can ever contemplate while in school. He will be with his family, live at home — and can even grow a moustache and carry an umbrella and stay out till all hours — things denied to the gray-clad cadets.

What's more, Penrod will not be obliged to take Reserve Officer Training Courses and stand drills and formations. He's already in the Army and is specifically ordered to study and pass his courses. When he gets his degree in electronics engineering two years from now, he will possibly find a commission waiting for him in an Army that will be more interested than ever in missiles.

His wife will be pulling at his side as he pursues his new career. In fact, it may be that Betty Jean Penrod provided the spark that turned her spouse toward electronics. She is from Magnetic Springs, Ohio.

Guided Missile School to 730,000 square feet, reflecting the increasing importance of the Army's only activity devoted exclusively to guided missile training," he said.

Col. Newhall said eight additional buildings with space of 128,000 sq. ft. are already planned for 1959-60 and will bring the School's building area to about 850,000 sq. ft.

Waitress: Select your pie, please.
Customer: Is it compulsory?
Waitress: No, it's mince and raspberry.

(Continued From Page 1) missiles, showing their development, manufacture, and firing by troops in the field. They also saw a composite film on all of the Army's rockets and missiles.

The 217th Field Artillery Missile Battalion (Redstone), of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, erected a Redstone missile near the airstrip and demonstrated some of the properties of liquid oxygen, one of the missile's fuel components. The 217th, now in training at the Ordnance Guided Missile School, is the Army's first unit for handling the Redstone in the field.

In Redstone's Demonstration Laboratory, the Scouts saw a display of small rockets and full-size missiles, which included a Corporal, Hermes, Nike-Ajax, Nike-Hercules, Lacrosse, Hawk, and Dart.

The rocket firing demonstration was conducted at Range 1 by Redstone's Rocket Development Laboratories. Featured were an air-to-air rocket developed at Redstone, a propaganda leaflet rocket, and a barrage of 10 M17 rockets fired from a multitube launcher at half-second intervals.

CHIEF OF STAFF

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Year. On his departure from the Redstone Army airfield, Gen. Taylor issued the following statement:

"I leave here very much encouraged by what I have seen and heard during my visit to Redstone Arsenal and the Missile Agency. The work being accomplished is important and impressive. The evidence of scientific competence is on all sides.

Speaking briefly to staff officers and top civilian officials, Gen. Taylor said:

"You are providing the country with weapons of ranges from a few thousand yards to 1,500 miles with a destructive capability which exceeds the dreams of soldiers in the past. The real purpose of these weapons is to deter war. The more powerful they are, the more widely dispersed among our forces, the greater deterrence they provide and the more assurance of the maintenance of peace.

"I count on you to bring these weapons forward in the best interest of the United States."



GEN. HICKEY VISITS ABMA—Lt. Gen. Thomas F. Hickey, commanding general, Third U.S. Army, with headquarters at Ft. McPherson, Ga., visited the Army Ballistic Missile Agency last week. He is shown here, at left, with Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, Agency commander, while observing the fabrication of Jupiter IRBMs in an Agency laboratory. Gen. Hickey also heard presentations on training of the 40th Field Artillery Missile Group (Heavy), first Army unit which will field the Redstone Ballistic Missile System. The group is in training at the Agency. Gen. Hickey was briefed on progress achieved in development of the Jupiter Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile also.

Soldiers' Mascot 'Kitty' to Bring Black Panther

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—Soldiers of the 47th Infantry here expect soon to be the owners of the U.S. Army's biggest, blackest cat.

A Massachusetts dealer in wild animals, assured the "Panther" unit that he'd bring back a fine cub from his current jungle safari.

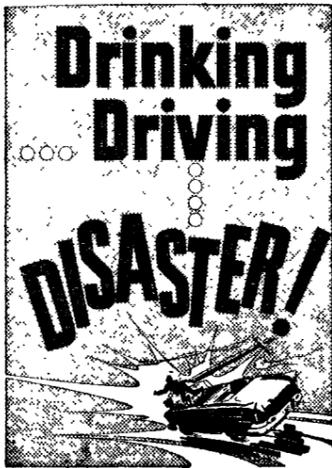
This promise caps a six-month panther hunt that began when the 47th was reorganized with the

Fourth Division's change to a pentomic outfit.

The search for a mascot to match the unit's nickname began enthusiastically but soon encountered all sorts of difficulties. Panthers are scarce, expensive, and they must be completely germ-free to get through customs.

So soldiers of the 47th tossed \$1000 into the panther "kitty," and quarters of a rockery and den are now abuilding. Carpenters have one thought in mind: "Make it strong!"

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RETIREES FROM ARMY—Chief Warrant Officer Ralph V. Holst (center, rear) has retired from active Army service after more than 20 years. He was the supply officer for Troop Command until his release. CWO Holst started his military career at Ft. Riley, Kans. During his service, he has been stationed at many posts in the U. S. and was a member of the Army of Occupation in Germany at the end of World War II. The retirement ceremony was held in the office of Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, deputy commanding general of the Arsenal, with Mr. Holst's family present. Back row (left to right) are: Gen. Shinkle, Mr. Holst and Mrs. Holst. In the front row are (left to right): Larry, 12; Richard, 14; Wesley, 8; and Claudia, 11.



YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW—And finds out at the Army Engineer Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., which is sponsoring tours for high school students through the research and development laboratories to encourage interest in scientific careers. Here Betsy Meyer of Mount Vernon (Va.) High School inspects the end-result of Army scientific research—the sniperscope soldiers use for night firing.

Army's Joe Poluka Finds Names Makes News — Also Jokes

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Meet Master Sergeant Joe Poluka of the 564th Field Artillery Battalion training section here — pronounced "Joe Palooka" like in the comics.

Poluka has first claim to the name and the pronunciation. It was given him by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poluka of (206 Carleton Avenue) Hazelton, Pa., in November, 1923. This was before the late Ham Fisher's creative talents developed the clean-livin', hard-fightin', continual heavyweight champion cartoon character.

One of Poluka's earliest troubles with his name was when he took a shortcut through the railroad yards to a swimming hole and was caught by a policeman. "What's your name, kid?" demanded the officer.

"I'm Joe Poluka," he answered. The policeman decided he was a wise guy and Joe thought he was headed for jail. But Joe's father produced a birth certificate and that crisis was averted.

In the following years, jokes about his name became routine and then Joe fell in love. His future father-in-law demanded ironclad proof that the young suitor had an honest name, as well as intentions. But the ever-ready birth certificate won the father and Joe got the girl.

Five-Foot Soldier Assays Tops on Digging Foxholes

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Rabbits and gophers are in for a surprise of Korea of and when Private Philip E. Risley of (36 Terrence St.) Springfield, Mass., has need for a hurry-up foxhole.

Risley, due to ship overseas, stretches the tape to just a shade above five feet and has many problems getting his army clothes to fit, but when it comes to digging a foxhole he claims to be the fastest in the Army.

With his stature and being in a hurry, it might be that he will commandeer the burrow of a gopher or rabbit should the occasion arise.

Move over Brer Rabbit — this is now Risley's residence!

Millions of persons each year clip the advertising coupons which appear in newspapers or magazines. But not Joe Poluka—not any more.

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Although Sergeant Joe has dark hair and the comic strip character is a blond, they have one thing in common—both are big husky men in the heavyweight class. But Sergeant Joe has never been in a boxing ring; sparring with the amateur humorists in his life is exercise enough.

Pickpockets have to have nerves of steel.

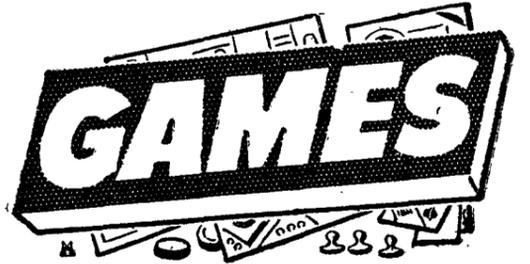
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HONORED FOR IRANIAN JOB—Outstanding service in training the Iranian Army in use of modern weapons has won a certificate of achievement for Capt. Paul C. Ward, (left), student officer at the Ordnance Guided Missile School. The certificate, signed by Maj. Gen. J. F. R. Seitz of the U. S. Military Advisory Group in Iran, cited Capt. Ward for displaying "much initiative, aggressive guidance and practical knowledge" in his duties with the Iranians. The certificate was presented to Ward by Lt. Col. Ernest W. Ewbank, Jr., (right), assistant commandant of the Missile School. A native of McArthur, Ohio, Capt. Ward began his military career as a Navy gunner's mate in 1937, and won his Army commission in World War II, participating in the liberation of the Philippines. He was stationed in Iran during the first eight months of this year. At the same time, Col. Ewbank announced promotion of Charles L. Noble to warrant officer from sergeant and his assignment as an instructor in the Nike Guided Missile maintenance supervision course. Noble is a native of Shreveport, La., with 13 years of Army service in Europe and the Pacific. He and his wife live on Route 1, near Madison.

ARMY'S DELUGE GUN, NOW TESTING, SMOTHERS HOT FIRES IN COLD CLIMES

FORT CHURCHILL, Canada — Army engineers report successful tests of a gadget which will solve a hot problem in the Arctic: how to fight a fuel fire at 40 degrees below zero.

The device is a small tripod-mounted fire extinguisher which somewhat resembles a machine gun. It sprays a high-pressure stream of white foam which smothers a roaring blaze in a few minutes.

Members of the Corps of Engineers Arctic Field Team commanded by Major George C. Ray Jr., of (2719 Amherst) Kalamazoo, Mich., call it a deluge gun. Officially, the commercially manufactured portable extinguisher is designated Fuel Storage Fire Protection Set number one.

Fuel in the far north means survival. Northern military installations like Fort Churchill—and especially radar stations far-

ther north along the DEW-line—depend on fuel oil for heat, light, and power. Loss of the fuel supply by fire would result in more than inconvenience.

Standard Army fire-protection equipment will not function in the extreme Arctic temperatures. Hoses crack, liquid foam freezes, and controls often cannot be operated by men wearing heavy gloves.

The deluge gun provides a fire-fighting tool which will help insure continued successful operation of vital Arctic installations.

Army Hospitality Proves to Be 'Quit-Claim Deed'

ULM, Germany — A U. S. Army claims officers approached a German farmer, whose garden had been damaged by a maneuvering Patton tank.

"How much," asked Lieutenant John J. Cowan of (2417 Upland St.) Chester, Pa., "does the U. S. Army owe you?"

"Nothing," said Richard Willin. "When my children attended a party given by your organization they had a wonderful time. I therefore cannot ask you to pay for a few vegetables."

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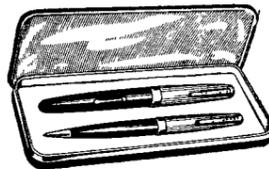
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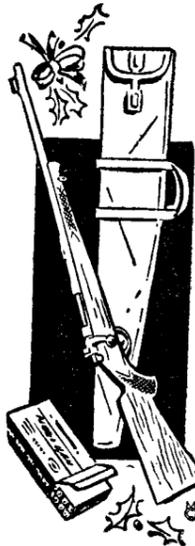
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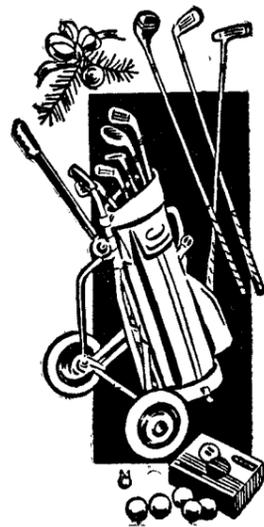
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A DOG AND HIS 'LOOT'—"Valdi," a prize-winning long-haired Dachshund, poses with his proud owners, M/Sgt. and Mrs. Edmond H. Larson of Redstone Arsenal, and the collection of 50 ribbons and trophies he's won in dog shows throughout the country.

SGT. LARSON'S 'VALDI' BOASTS STRING OF PRIZES IN DOG SHOWS

M/Sgt. Edmond H. Larson of Redstone Arsenal's Field Maintenance Office has a lot of "shaggy dog" stories to tell — about the exploits of his prize-winning long-haired Dachshund named "Valdi," an unusual animal that's now won a total of 50 ribbons in dog shows throughout the country.

In fact, "Valdi," has fared so well in competitions that Sgt. Larson and his wife, Margaret, place the monetary value of their three-year-old pet at "well over \$3,000."

Brought from Germany by the Larsons, the dog's full official name is "Champion Hasso Vorr. Habichtshof," which in German means "King of the Forest."

Registered by the American Kennel Club, "Valdi" boasts a beautiful coat of sweeping red-

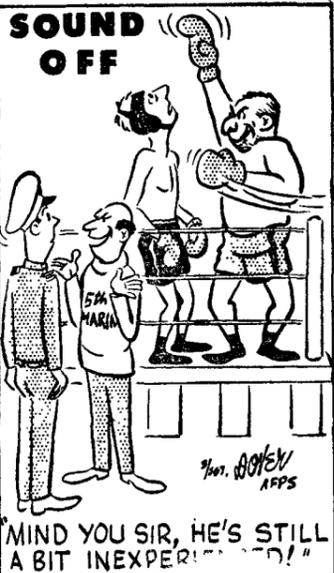
dish fur and looks like an Irish setter — except he's "built" considerably closer to the ground.

Ft. Eustis Firemen Learn by Building A Better Firetrap

FORT EUSTIS, Va.—The Fort Eustis Fire Department sets its own fires.

It's all part of a practical training course for post firemen, according to Chief William B. Reeves.

The post fire fighters work in



a tower with rooms cluttered with obstacles such as are ordinarily found in a house. When the tower is swirling with smoke from a fire in the bottom, the practice begins.

This realistic "atmosphere" familiarizes the firemen with their tools and techniques under conditions they will encounter on the job.

The tower in which they work was built by the firemen themselves with scrap materials. It is the only such practice fire tower in use on a military reservation, Chief Reeves declares.

The department also uses salvage and scrap material to construct numerous training aids to use in instructing post personnel in fire fighting methods.

And the men like their work. Of the 34 firemen now with the department, 26 have been employed since October, 1950, when the changeover from military to civil service personnel occurred.

In addition to the regular crew, 30 auxiliary firemen are provided on a rotation basis by the various post commands. Auxiliary crew members undergo an intensive 40-hour training course.

They learn to operate the pumper trucks, smoke masks, nozzles and hoses, chemical and foam apparatus, pumps and the telephone switchboard. First aid

training is also a part of the course.

Realistic and rigorous training has paid off.

Fire losses have been practically nil since Fort Eustis firemen began starting their own fires in order to learn how to put them out — and to teach post personnel to prevent them.

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COMBAT-READY ARMY TANKERS RUN ANNUAL PROFICIENCY TEST

BELSEN-HOHNE, Germany — U. S. Army tank guns are booming on British Army ranges near here.

Ton after ton of ammunition is being fired through the gun barrels of 200 American tanks as thousands of combat-ready American armor men take their annual proficiency tests.

Although they spend half their time in the field on maneuvers and tactical problems or on smaller ranges where firing is limited, only once each year can they

"shoot the works." That is when they come to this sprawling reservation where they can fire any kind of ammunition at almost any range without being concerned about endangering other troops, civilians or property.

Since March 26, tank soldiers of the Seventh Army have been arriving here. The largest group wears the "Hell on Wheels" patch of the Second Armored Division. Others are from infantry divisions and smaller armor outfits.

The mad medley of high velocity tank cannon and machineguns began April 3. It was scheduled to continue through May 27.

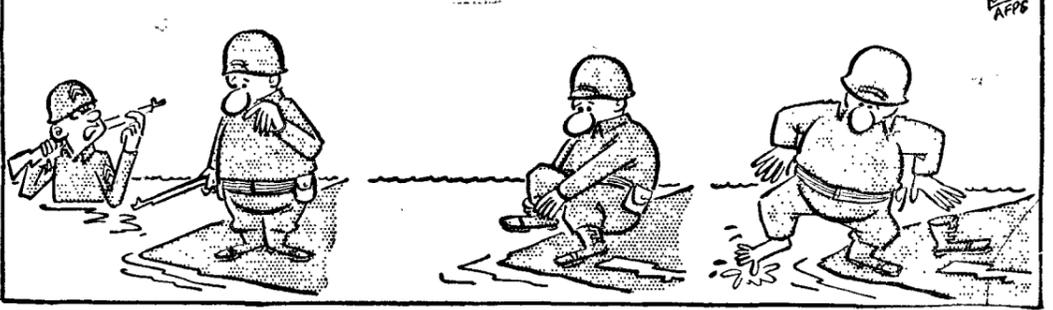
Many of the tank commanders and gunners are proving to the amazement of official NATO visitors that they can spot a target, range on it, fire a shot, and score a "kill" in a matter of seconds. But the fast, deadly accuracy is no surprise to the tankers who practice using their power turrets, range-finders and precision sights the year 'round.

This year, for the first time, they are using the Army's newest medium-gun tank, the Patton M-48, with its hard hitting 90mm cannon. The fleet Walker Bulldog M-41 light-gun tank is there, too. Not only are they firing from stationary positions on a firing line, but they also are running a combat course in which they fire under almost every conceivable battle situation.

Only two crewmen are graded on the tests — the tank commander and gunner. The driver and ammunition loader are permanent and assist in the states.

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coaxially with the main gun—are fired at home installations and must be passed successfully before a tank can qualify for the Belsen-Hohne series.

The four Belsen-Hohne tests are fired with the tank's cannon.

In the first, the crew fires at targets 1,500 yards away; in the second, at unknown-range targets from 800 to 2,000 yards away. The third is fired at targets moving from eight to 15 miles an hour at unknown distances between 700 and 1,500 yards. Finally, gunners simulate night-firing conditions and fire from previously gathered data using "blindfolded" sights.

Then comes the battle run. With machinegun spraying and cannon blasting, the tank roars down a mile-long course. Explosive charges — simulating artillery and mortar fire — explode around the machine, throwing dirt and jarring the crew.

Suddenly, silhouettes of tanks, anti-tank guns, and trucks spring up on the left and right and in front, and seconds later drop down again. It takes quick and accurate shots to knock them out, and only a well-trained and alert tankner can score well on the battle run.

The final exams at Belsen-Hohne wind up a year of training

Battalion in U.S. Keeps German Playground Going

FORT MEADE, Md.—The children of Bayreuth will benefit from the generosity of the First Battalion, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment here. The battalion's helping hand is extending across the Atlantic to the German city it left behind a year ago.

A money order for \$800 was sent recently to the mayor of Bayreuth to be used for the maintenance of playground equipment given to the city's children as a farewell gesture.

The anniversary contribution to purchase additional equipment and to repair the old will prove to the children of Bayreuth that the men in khaki have not forgotten them.

Plans are already in progress for a rousing reunion with the children when the battalion "gyroscopes" back to Bayreuth.

for the Army's armor men in Europe and help to keep them ready for any emergency.

At present 135,000 U.S. soldiers have more than 10 years service, and the reenlistment rate of men who have already served at least two hitches — most of them invaluable non-commissioned officers — is now running over 90 per cent of those eligible.

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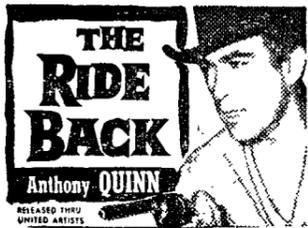
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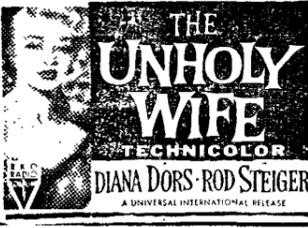
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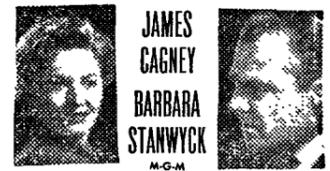
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ARMY'S CONCERN FOR CORPORAL PAYS OFF IN GOODWILL IN LEBANON

HONOLULU, T. H. — Army Corporal Khalid Rishani was on duty with the 25th Infantry Division here when he received the cable informing him of the death of his father in Choueifat, Lebanon.

The eldest son of a Moslem family, Rishani knew that his presence was required before his father's estate could be settled. And his family would expect him to attend the burial rites.

His grief was intensified by the knowledge that it was utterly unlikely he could ever get to Lebanon.

Although an American citizen with a master's degree in international relations from Southern Illinois University, Rishani simply didn't know that sometimes the Army does have a heart. The events of the next few days were to reveal just how big that heart is.

In his grief, the 60mm mortar squad commander went to talk with First Lieutenant (Chaplain) William M. Alexander of (3245 Plymouth St.) Jacksonville, Fla., regimental chaplain of the 14th Infantry (Golden Dragons) Regiment.

Events moved swiftly. Chaplain Alexander took Rishani's problem to First Lieutenant William F. Saul of the Adjutant General's section of the 25th Division headquarters. The aid of Captain Boris Gergeff of Headquarters, U. S. Army in the Pacific, was enlisted.

They launched a concerted onslaught against red tape.

Emergency morale leave was granted.

Department of the Army permission to fly him through Saigon, Indo China, thence to India, Saudi Arabia, Cairo and Lebanon was obtained.

Space aboard a Military Air Transport Service plane was requested and granted.

The Governor's Office and the Clerk of the Circuit Court cooperated to obtain the necessary

passport. Public Health officials rushed through the necessary immunization records.

Rishani reached home in time to stand beside his mother at the funeral rites for his father, an American citizen who served with the U. S. Army in World War I. And in the far-off village of Choueifat, Lebanon, in the explosive Middle East, everyone heard the story.

The Army's concern for a corporal paid unexpected dividends by earning an inestimable amount of goodwill.

"This one act," President W. A. Stoltzfus, president of Presbyterian Beirut College for Women, wrote Chaplain Alexander, "has done more in building up friendly relations between the United States and the country here than much of the activity that is carried on specifically for that purpose."

Reservist Center Is Neighborhood Church on Sunday

WILMINGTON, Del. — It does not seem to make too much sense at first, but it is a fact that a classroom for Army Reserve rifle instruction here also serves for a weekly Sunday School meeting.

Furthermore, in adjoining rooms of the Robert H. Kirkood Army Reserve Training Center there are other church services and meetings. On Sunday the training center rings with hymns, prayers and children's voices.

Three denominations in Wilmington hold their services in this Army Reserve Training Center—Catholics of St. John's Parish, a congregation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, and St. Philips Evangelical Lutheran Church.

On Sunday morning more than 800 Catholics hear mass in the drill-assembly hall. Forty-one Latter Day Saints, who formerly had to travel 20 miles to Elkton, now hold their services here. The Lutherans have even organized a fully-robed choir.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Kirkood, senior instructor, of (105 S. 7th St.) Leisburg, Pa., recognizing the need of these religious groups, made the Center available to them.

All three denominations are eagerly anticipating the erection of their own churches. Meanwhile the Army is happy to fill the breach, and nearly 900 Wilmingtonians now have a church "Army-style."

The Army Reserve will construct more than 1700 training centers in cities and towns throughout the U. S. by 1960.

Wantads Get Results



SPEAKER — Sen. John Sparkman will speak on "Scientists, Sputniks, and Security" at the Holmes Street Methodist Church Thursday night. The dinner meeting of the Alabama Chapter of the American Institute of Chemists will start at 7 p.m. For reservations, call Martin Williams, Ext. 3795. The church nursery will be open. More than 200 scientists, engineers, and their wives from five states, are expected to attend.



VOLUNTEERS GIVE SCIENCE HAND; LIVE ON C-RATIONS IN ARCTIC TEST

FORT CHURCHILL, Canada—Can the Army's present combat ration provide sufficient energy for soldiers undergoing strenuous field training in Arctic weather?

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These are some of the questions which may be answered by a joint U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps-Medical Corps nutritional study completed at this Canadian Army post recently. Since January, 26 men from Fort Lee, Va., volunteers all, have been constantly in the field near this far-northern post. They have eaten nothing but the standard combat rations, made grueling marches, hauled sleds over ice and snow, and slept in sleeping bags in tents. They have participated in a series of physiological tests designed to measure changes in their body throughout the period.

Each soldier was allowed to eat as much as he wished. Samples of each ration were carefully weighed and analyzed for nutritional components — the portion

of the ration which the soldier did not eat was analyzed in the same way. Thus actual daily food intake was known and recorded.

Daily weigh-ins were required of each soldier upon arising, after breakfast, and again at the conclusion of his strenuous field activities. Weight changes gave the scientists some idea of the man's nutritional status and his general physical condition.

Periodically, each man was weighed under water to determine his body density, which in turn showed his actual gain or loss of weight. These and other scientific measurements will eventually answer many of the nutritional questions posed by the Army Nutrition Laboratory and the Environmental Protection Division, Quartermaster Research and Development Command.

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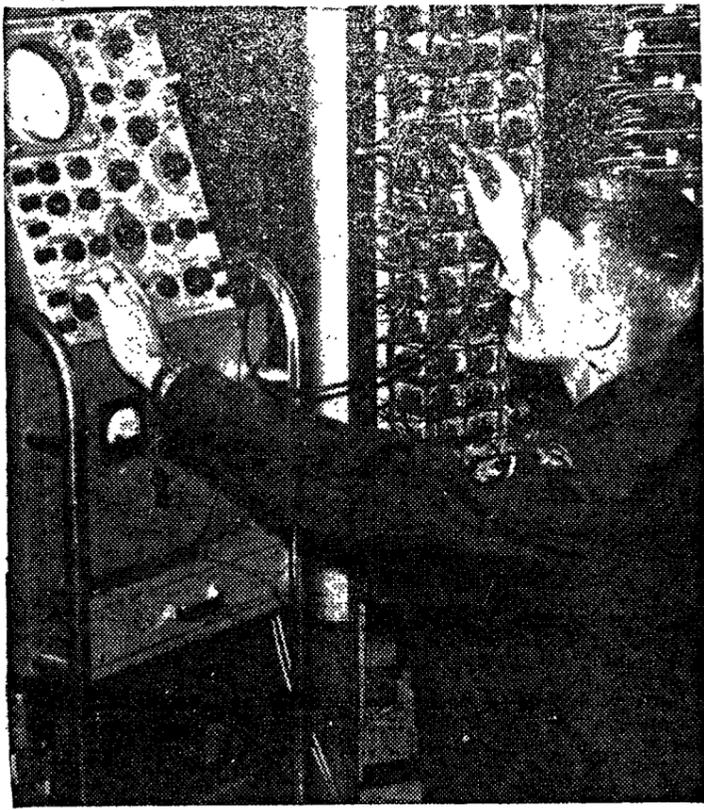
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"THINK-MACHINE"—Specialist Second Class Marion A. Sanders of Whigham, Ga., checks the "nerves"—wiring, that is—of the Army Chemical Center's electrical "brain" at Edgewood, Md. It is used to evaluate the effectiveness of certain types of munitions. (Soldiers in the field still think for themselves.)

STUMPED? ARMY CHEMICAL CORPS 'BRAIN' GIVES ANSWERS IN FLASH

EDGEWOOD, Md. — The Army Chemical Center is never stumped for an answer. Experts at the center haven't thrown away their slide rules, but they've found an easier way to get fast replies to tough questions. It's an electronic "brain" whose memory for figures and commands beats an elephant's by a mile. The computer does more work in a year than the four mathematicians who feed it problems could figure in their heads in a lifetime.

tories employ the "brain" to evaluate the effectiveness of certain types of munitions. In a hypothetical problem, the machine might be asked to compare the concealment potential of many small, widely scattered smoke bombs versus a few big smoke pots in a given area under certain wind and temperature conditions. Such a comparison might include as many variables as there are different kinds of weather. The variables may be stored up on a memory drum and magnetic tape. Commands are fed into

German Takes New, Happier Look at U.S.

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — Captain Fred O. Tempel, 38-year-old German Army war veteran, has returned here for what he describes as the "most unexpected development of my entire military career." Ten years ago, Tempel spent eight weeks at this Army installation as a prisoner of war; he came back as a member of the Associate Transportation Officers Advance Class — the first German officer to attend classes at the Transportation Center. A paratrooper and anti-aircraft artilleryman, the captain was captured in 1944 and spent the remainder of the war at various Army camps in this country. He returned to Germany in 1946, and attended Mannheim University. Since 1949, he has served with the West German Service Unit as commander of the liaison detachment in his native Heidelberg. Temple is one of 30 German officers now studying various military specialties in this country. He has no previous experience in Army transportation but is learning fast. "I shall be assigned probably, to teach a transportation unit in West Germany when I graduate," he said. "I am truly grateful for this opportunity to see your country from a different standpoint," the former prisoner continued. The members of his class, it might be added, speak many languages. Tempel is the only German officer, but the class roster includes representatives from South Korea, Denmark, Iran, Japan, The Netherlands, Thailand, Pakistan, Venezuela and Formosa.

the computer by means of an electric typewriter. There's a catch: answers have to be fed into the machine, as well as questions. The machine picks the correct one.

At the beginning of each day's operation, the machine is run through a procedure which tests whether it is working properly. The machine sends back the test figures, and—if everything is running according to form—concludes with the written statement: "Sure it works, stupid!"

This answer, like the test figures, is cut onto the magnetic tape of the machine's memory drum. But it makes this retort only if it is working properly.

The Chemical Center's sensitive "brain" is tireless—if kept cool. A large air-conditioning unit accomplishes this purpose.

Is the complicated mechanism injured if the wrong commands are fed into it? Edgar S. Williams of (2531 McCulloch Street) Baltimore, Md., mathematician at the Center responsible for the operation of the computer, says no.

"The machine wouldn't be damaged even if fed commands at random by a child," he declared. "It's memory can be erased with a push button and a short code to permit it to start on a new problem with a clean slate."

There is one handicap, however. The electronic computer isn't portable?

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Jumpmaster Responsible on Air Drop

FORT BRAGG, N. C. — Leaping out the open door of a "Flying Boxcar," a 130-mile-an-hour wind drawing strange lines on his face, is a man carrying a rare responsibility.

On Sergeant First Class William D. Waugh's command, 40 paratroopers will disappear through the door. Aided by his experience, training and presence of mind, 40 troopers will land uninjured and combat-ready on the drop zone below. Waugh, of (42 Henry St.) Plains, Pa., is a jumpmaster — a key man in the 82nd Airborne Division.

Whether an officer or, like Waugh, a top NCO, once orders designate him the jumpmaster he and he alone must do the job. His authority cannot be delegated.

And from the time the manifest list is made up until the jumpers — usually 40—assemble after the descent, these men are the responsibility of the graduate jumpmaster.

Jumpmaster Waugh's job begins at the marshalling area, where the group meets for a briefing by the pilot.

Meanwhile his men are jumping from mock-ups of "Boxcars" and practicing landing falls from a platform. Every soldier makes a practice exit and fall, whether he is jumping for the first time or wears the wings with star and wreath of a 65-jump master-parachutist.

With the men gathered around a map and blackboard, Waugh, a ten-year Army veteran including combat in Korea, has little trouble holding their attention.

"Direction of flight is northeast to southwest. The wind on the ground . . ."

Here the troopers, most of whom have dragged behind a chute in a high wind, listen even more closely. ". . . is five miles an hour." Someone nods. Unless the wind increases no one will drag today.

Then the red-capped riggers issue parachutes and reserves. With chutes on, the men file past Waugh who, a few seconds for each, checks the equipment.

There are five mistakes, they teach in jumpmaster school, that

a jumper is apt to make in putting on a chute. Waugh, himself an instructor in the school, can check all five more quickly than he can recite them. But he doesn't skip any when it only takes one to kill a man.

In the plane the troopers obey his every command as law.

"Get ready!" The men stand and pivot toward the rear of the plane, facing the jumpmaster, who stands between the two open doors.

"Hook up!" He signals three times with his right hand, the motion of a man sounding a train whistle.

"Check equipment!" The jumpers pull on static lines, tug at helmet straps.

"Sound off!"

Waugh cocks a hand behind his ear. The "okay" call continues down the line. Satisfied that each man is ready, he leans out and looks for the drop zone. The red light on the tail turns green.

"Go!" He taps the first jumper. The trooper's "hup thousand" is lost in a "phfft" as he disappears into the prop blast. Less than a minute later Waugh takes a quick glance around the empty plane. Then he too goes out.

On the ground, the paratroopers fold up chutes and head for the assembly area, marked with a flag or flare. Once they reach it, Waugh's job as jumpmaster is finished.

Two weeks of expert tutelage in the division's jumpmaster school under instructors like Waugh prepare 82d jumpmasters for their responsibility.

The school believes in training from the ground up. The students most of them veteran jumpers, don't object to the repetition of fundamentals.

"I've been out of jump school a long time," one said, "and they have thought up some better ways of doing just about everything since."

Newer to most of the students are classes on aerial delivery. The soldiers who jump must be supplied.

Some equipment the jumper can carry himself. A general purpose (GP) bag holds as much as 65 pounds of ammunition or other supplies. Heavy equipment rides to earth on cargo chutes. From theory to practice, students study the monorail device that jettisons this cargo.

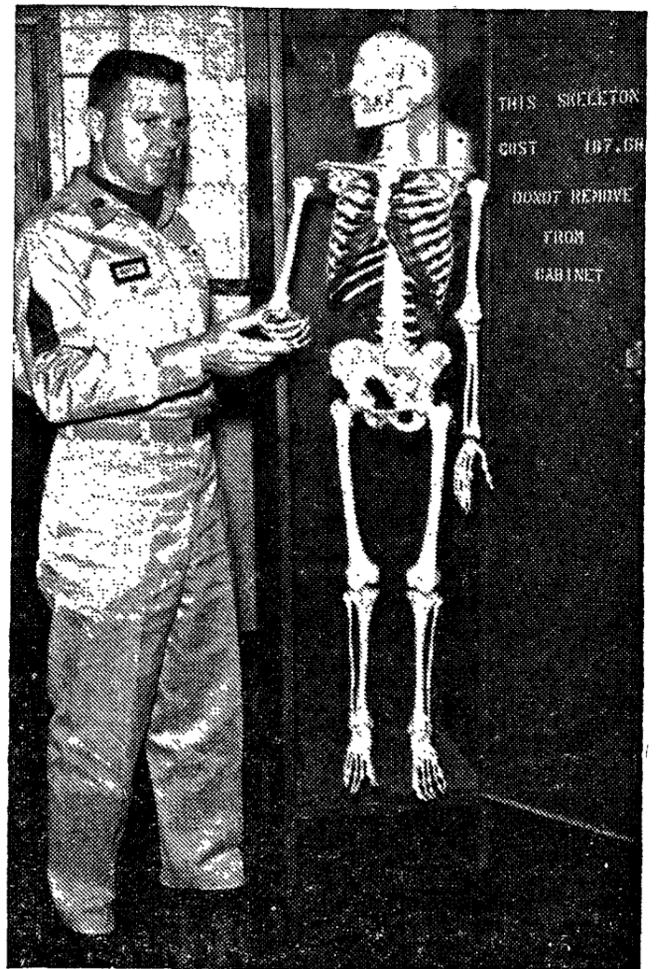
The class on malfunctions and entanglements is one that is conducted with as little practice in the air as possible.

Waugh, originally from Bastrop, Tex., where his mother, Mrs. J. H. Waugh, still lives, says his biggest headache isn't getting troopers to jump. It's keeping them from piling out in an airborne mob scene. Crowding, jumpmasters know, increases the chances of entanglement and injury.

As Waugh puts it, "Any man, unless he's a stretcher case, can jump from an airplane. But in the Airborne they expect you to get up and walk away."

He might have added that they expect men like himself to make sure you can.

About 35,000 young Americans between the ages of 17 and 18½ have enlisted in the Army Reserve for six-months active duty training at a Regular Army camp, and 7½ years Ready Reserve in their home town units.



SKELETON IN LOCKER—Master Sergeant James W. McNell of Houston, Tex., uses a ghostly visual aid during his schooling at the Army Medical Service School at San Antonio. The new advanced course for non-coms experienced in medical specialties prepares them for leadership responsibilities in the nuclear age.

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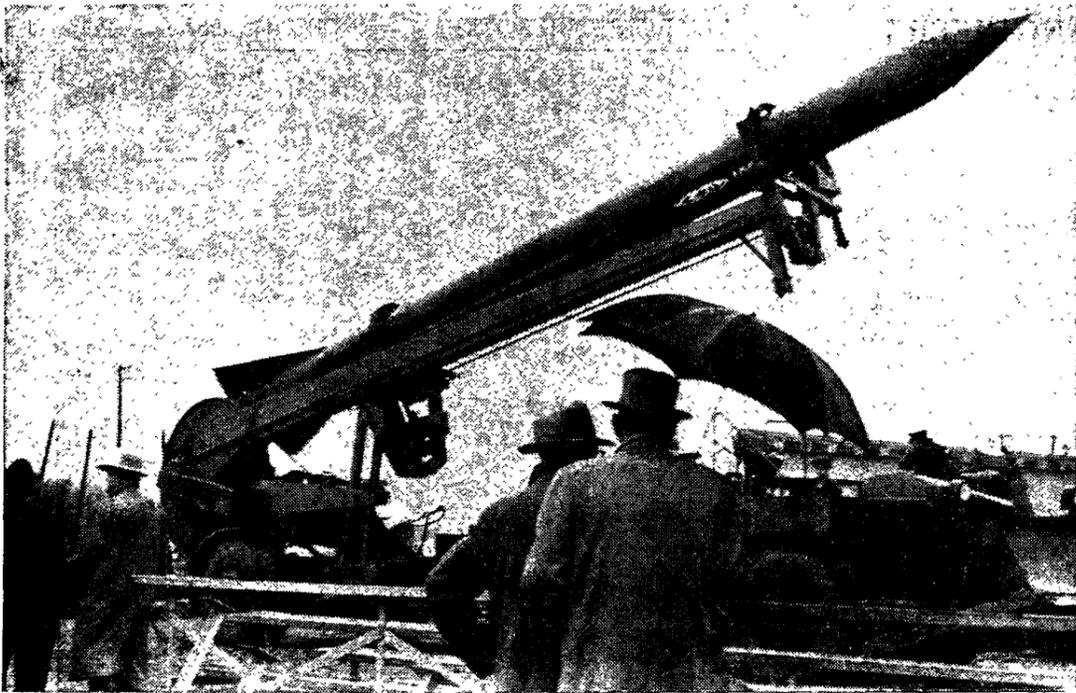
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ALL-WEATHER MISSILE—Members of the 32nd Ordnance Detachment at the Ordnance Guided Missile School demonstrated for the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce last week that the Corporal is an all-weather guided missile. SFC Robert Wines and his crewmen ignored a downpour of rain, while the 150 visitors retreated to the shelter of buses — except the two gentlemen under the umbrella. (Photo by Rex Evers)

FIELD SERVICE BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	W	L
Crackers	29½	22½
Blue Streaks	29	23
Honest Johns	26½	25½
Peons	25	27
Buzzards	25	27
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Hawks	24	28
Expeditors	24	28

200 Games
Tack — 224
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"Missilemen" Lead In Volley-ball Play

The "Missilemen" were leading the YMCA Volley-ball League as of Monday, with a record of two victories and no losses.

The "Wind Tunnel" team and the Thiokol team had each lost their only games played to date.

The "Missilemen" will meet the "Wind Tunnel" squad in a game Friday night at the "Y."

Another team is still needed to

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the average young veteran is earning \$500 more per year than the equivalent non-veteran.

compete in the league, YMCA officials pointed out. Anyone interested in playing is asked to contact "Y" officials at JE 4-7131.

Service Club Schedule

POST GYMNASIUM OPERATING HOURS

Monday thru Friday 1400-2200
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CRAFT SHOP OPERATING HOURS

Wednesday thru Friday 1730-2200
Saturday and Holidays 0800-1630
Sunday 1230-1930
Monday and Tuesday —Closed

Pistol Club Fires In 8 Matches at Arab

At the pistol matches held Sunday afternoon at the Arab National Guard Armory, members of the Redstone Arsenal Pistol Club fired the .22 caliber pistol and .38 caliber revolver in eight different matches.

Capt. George H. Adams won the .38 caliber aggregate with 839 out of 900 and won the grand aggregate with 1670 out of 1800. Robert Ekis won the .22 caliber aggregate with 832 out of a possible 900.

SP3 Thomas E. Rickman won the rapid fire .22 caliber match with 196 out of 200.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 11 Dec., "The Admirable Crichton" starring Kenneth More, Diane Cilento, and Cecil Parker (Family) Time, 1830 and 2030.

Thursday and Friday, 12 and 13 Dec., "April Love" starring Pat Boone, and Srirley Jones (Family). Time, 1830 and 2030.

Saturday, 14 Dec., "The Far Horizons" starring Fred MacMurray, Charlton Heston, Donna Reed and Barbara Hale (Family). Time, 1000.

Saturday, 14 Dec., "Ride a Violent Mile," starring John Agar and Penny Edwards (Mature).

Post Basketball Team Meets Rucker Squad Thurs., Fri.

The Redstone Rockets Basketball team will play the Fort Rucker squad at the Post Gym Thursday night and again Friday night.

Both games will start at 7:30 p. m.

Time 1830 and 2030.

Sunday, 15 Dec., "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (Mature) Time, 1400, 1830 and 2030.

Monday, 16 Dec., "Love Slaves of the Amazon" (Mature) Time, 1830 and 2030.

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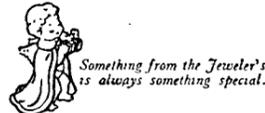
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WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N.M. — The men who blow up the Proving Ground's misbehaving missiles don't compromise with safety.

Because of the quick-thinking action of the Missile Flight Surveillance Office more than 5000 missile firings since 1947 have resulted in no injuries, deaths or property damage on or off the range.

Headed by Nate Wagner, the Missile Flight Surveillance Officer, a team of 20 men who don't claim to be infallible but who don't make the same mistake twice, has destroyed several hundred missiles in flight. They point out that although the number seems high, the destroyed missiles are test items in process of development, as White Sands is primarily a research and test installation.

Missile flight safety is a new field and Wagner and his men have had to write the book as they went along, designing and installing equipment based on their own experiments. It also takes courage and confidence, they have found, to flick a switch ending the flight of a missile representing thousands of dollars in equipment and research.

Two early incidents pointed the need for halting missiles in flight. In May, 1947, a modified V-2 went wild and landed in Juarez, Mexico. Later the same year a V-2 wandered off to the vicinity of Alamogordo, N. M. Fortunately there were no casualties in either case.

These instances, however, emphasized the sobering fact that casualties could have resulted.

About this time New Mexico A & M. College agreed to provide and operate, under guidance of Proving Ground personnel, a system to prevent a missile from over-leaping the range boundaries. In 1950 the technical operation of the range safety system was assumed by Proving Ground personnel.

Each missile launched at the Integrated Range, whether an Army, Navy, or Air Force project, must satisfy the safety requirements of the Flight Surveillance Office.

Any missile capable of leaving the range must be equipped with a flight safety system, either a built-in part of the missile itself or a specially-built "safety package" provided by Flight Surveil-



SAFETY PLOTTERS—Following the path of an Army missile on a plotting board at White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., are George Meredith (left) and Private First Class George F. Lamprecht of Peoria, Ill. If the missile leaves its flight path it can be exploded harmlessly by a flip of a switch.

lance. * * * Flight Surveillance personnel keep an eye on a missile's flight by studying its movement on a plotting board. Radar tracking a missile feeds back data which is converted by special computers to an automatic plotting board equipped with a map of the entire 100-by-40-mile range, marked to show the "safe" area for a missile flight.

A pen moving over this board duplicates the movement of the missile while another corresponds to the path of the drone target. When the two lines meet a hit is indicated.

Flight surveillance plots in advance the expected flight path of the missile and maximum allowable deviation. If the pen duplicating the movement of the missile shows it is passing outside the safe area, a switch is thrown to touch off the safety device inside the missile.

All Flight Surveillance personnel are experienced engineers, physicists or mathematicians, picked for ability to work under pressure.

To the few experts who complain that perhaps missiles are being made too safe, resulting in improper functioning of other equipment, Wagner points out that no missile has failed to perform properly because of safety requirements of his office.

**JEWISH WELFARE BOARD ORGANIZES
ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE HERE**

The Jewish Welfare Board Armed Services Committee, Huntsville Chapter, was organized recently with Irwin Goodman as chairman, according to an announcement by Meyer N. Kronenberg of Birmingham, Alabama state chairman for the JWB-Armed Services Division.

Leon Goldberg, USO-JWB area director, participated in the organizational activities at which an inspirational message was delivered by Rabbi Abraham Feinstein of Chattanooga.

The purpose of the Huntsville JWB-Armed Services Committee will be to mobilize resources of the Jewish community of Huntsville, to render religious, cultural, social, and other morale-building services to members of Redstone Arsenal, and to cooperate with the National Jewish Welfare Board in its total services to members of the Armed Forces.

The National Jewish Welfare Board is the officially accredited agency for religious, welfare, and morale services to the Jewish men and women in the American armed forces. It is one of the member agencies of USO.

Also organized at Redstone Arsenal was a JWB-Servicemen's Committee representing military personnel and dependents, which group work in cooperation with the Post Chaplain, the Huntsville JWB-Armed Services Committee,

and the USO-JWB area director, in planning and determining programs and activities.

Brig. Gen. Eugene Oberdorfer, Ga. N. G. (Ret.), Third Army area chairman of the JWB-Armed Services Div. announced that provisions have been made by the Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy for the endorsement of Rabbi Abraham Feinstein of the Jewish Synagogue in Chattanooga, to serve as auxiliary chaplain at Redstone Arsenal. By arrangements with the Post Chaplain, Rabbi Feinstein will be conducting services once a month at the Post Chapel. The next such service will be held on Dec. 9 in connection with the Festival of Chanukah. Following Rabbi Feinstein's services, there will be a discussion, with SP-3 Robert Cherry, chairman of the Servicemen's committee, conducting.

Following the Chanukah Services and discussion, there will be a social hour in the Chapel Social Room, compliments of the Huntsville JWB-Armed Services Committee, and Chanukah gifts will be distributed, compliments of the "Serv-a" Camp Committee (a project of the Women's Division of the National Jewish Welfare Board).

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At the Service Club

FLASH-flash! Beep and beep-beep! Here's the latest news bulletin from Claus' workshop. Friday the 13th is a lucky, lucky day for all you fun-loving, let's get-away-from-it-all SC fans. The Christmas season officially starts with the Annual Christmas Ball here at Redstone.

Old Santy-pardon, Sandy, has planned and is making an out-of-this-world setting for the great night of fun and frivolity. He has struggled for weeks with wire and cardboard to make the beautiful mammoth mobile — the likes of which you have never seen. Helpful little helpers dart about madly at his beck and call, creating an unequalled scene of activity.

Providing an appropriate background to the evening's entertainment will be a seven-piece orchestra to fill the wonderland with crisp, jivy, and heart-warming music. Completing the evening's greatest expectations will be beautifully gowned girls, who will be here to dance the merry hours away with you. Rockets, school, details, and other routine matters will be forgotten once you have entered the magic circle of the Christmas spirit.

No Vanguard project this! No, sir, we will get off the ground at precisely 2000 hours and at 2015 we'll be whirling merrily away and ignoring any sort of gravitational pull toward reality.

As I promised you, the SC news will be brief. Of course, you know about Bingo on Monday and Duplicate Bridge of Wednesday, and Coffee Call each night. Drop around the SC often — we miss you. And if you have an old spare moment lying around, Sandy could use your help. These union

hours are ruining his staff and what we need are volunteers. Call for coffee.

MURIEL

Four Speakers Share Rostrum at Meeting Of Toastmasters Club

The Mason-Dixon Toastmasters Club, at its regular meeting Dec. 2, heard the Toastmaster of the evening, Pat Martignoni, introduce four speakers.

Skip Sherrill described the past history and growth of Super Service Motor Freight, with whose local branch he is associated; Harvey Fritz pointed out to the group the dangers connected with excessive speed on the highway; Bob Cloyd outlined the separate roles played by line and staff in a typical organization and illustrated the relationship between the two necessary for good management; Dick Ely, giving his final speech in Toastmastering's basic training program, told the club of the benefits he had derived from speaking before the group. The cup for the evening's best speaker was given to Skip Sherrill and Dick Ely. General evaluator was Lee Cropp.

The remainder of the program featured a tape recording of a portion of a news broadcast by Grady Reeves, WBHP radio announcer, reporting on the 33rd anniversary of Toastmaster Clubs, recently celebrated in Huntsville. Table Topics, conducted by Lee "Squire" Paris, consisted of elaborations on a theme supplied by a newspaper clipping.

During the business portion of



GETS MOVIE OFFERS—Marianna Dotson, wife of Maj. Raymon S. Dotson, has been offered parts in three movies to be produced by United Artists of Hollywood next Spring. The movies are: "The Bold Woman," to be filmed in April; "The Brain of Frankenstein," which she has declined; and a third one, to be filmed in June and July, not yet given a title. Maj. Dotson is chief of the Field Maintenance Office at Redstone.

FOLK'S DON'T 'WORRY STRAIGHT,' ACCORDING TO THIS SAFETY POEM

(Editor's note: The following poem was recently published in the National Safety News and was submitted to The Rocket by the arsenal's Safety Office.)

Living is so complicated these days folks don't worry straight. We:

Worry about the Russians — then get run over by a neighbor.

Worry about radioactive fallout — then get poisoned spraying the flowers.

Worry about the kids running in front of cars — then drag them across the street on the red light.

Worry about crashing in an airplane — the fall of a ladder painting the house.

Worry about getting enough exercise — then drive two blocks for a pack of cigarettes.

Worry about getting the car greased ever 1,000 miles — then never get a medical checkup.

Worry about the kids getting proper nourishment — then leave household poisons lying around for them to snack on.

Worry about retirement — then do everything we can to keep from lasting that long.

Worry about H bombs — then

the meeting, the members voted to have no meetings Dec. 23 and 30. An application for membership was received from Charles Cason. It was announced that a special Christmas program would be presented Dec. 16.

blow our heads off lighting a stove.

Worry about polio — then get crippled by a power lawn mower or home-shop tool.

Worry about tornadoes — then get liquidated in a whirlwind-force auto collision.

Worry about who will win the World Series — then not even vote for someone to win the Presidency.

Worry about winning a football pool — then gamble on our lives with nary a thought.

It's all right to think about the spectacular and the unusual—but it's the ordinary things and occurrences that kill you.

YMCA Selling Yule Trees to Send Boys To Camp in Summer

"The tree you buy at the 'Y' helps a boy go to camp."

That's the slogan for this year's sale of Christmas trees sponsored by the Central YMCA in Huntsville. Last year, over 100 boys — who otherwise wouldn't have been able to attend Summer camp — were sent by the 'Y' with proceeds from tree sales.

The trees went on sale last Saturday for this season and will be sold through Dec. 24 at two locations — next to the YMCA (203 S. Green) and at the parking lot of the First National Bank Branch on Madison Street. Both spruce and cedar trees, of various sizes and prices, are available, YMCA officials pointed out.

GIRL SCOUTS GET BADGES

Graduation certificates and first-aid badges were awarded to 20 Redstone Arsenal girl scouts recently for completion of the junior grade first-aid course conducted by Lt. Col. Eugene B. Dattres.

SCOUTS PLANT TREES

Fifty pine saplings were planted by the Redstone Arsenal girl scouts around their hut on Squirrel Hill last week. The saplings were donated by Lt. Col. Lee B. James.

Luther Adams Gives Best Speech at Meet Of Toastmasters Club

Luther Adams, Personnel Office, Redstone Arsenal, won the cup for delivering the best speech, "Training," at a recent meeting of the Huntsville Toastmasters Club.

This was an unnumbered speech designed to incorporate all of the major training factors of Toastmastering. Other speakers for the evening included John Aberg, "Skiing," and Phil Youngblood, "A Current Parado."

A panel evaluation in respect to: "As I saw you," "As I heard you," and "As I reacted to you," was led by Gene McClard. Other panel members were Frank Holmes, Clifford Kiley, and Jimmy Bailey.

Guests for the evening were George Kissinger, a newcomer to Huntsville, Burl Galloway, Thurmann Burns, Al Flynn, and Lloyd Swann.

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ABMA GUARD OF THE MONTH — Maj. L. W. Sheeran (left), chief of the Intelligence and Security Office at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, presents a plaque to Theodore J. McDonald (right), of the ABMA civilian guard force during a recent ceremony in Maj. Sheeran's office. McDonald was chosen guard of the month for November. Witnessing the ceremony is Capt. Melvin C. Lamb, a supervisor of the ABMA security guards.

Homesick Soldiers In Berlin Contact Friends Via Mars

BERLIN, Germany — Troops stationed in Berlin, 100 miles behind the iron curtain, can contact friends and relatives by visiting MARS.

It's really simpler than it sounds for "MARS" is the popular contraction for "Military Affiliate Radio System," and not the fiery planet in the sky.

The set is under technical guidance of a handful of Signal Corps "hams." Two of the operators, Sergeant Landry Hargrove of (32-45 Grand Ave.) Beaumont, Tex., and Private First Class Norman S. Wisnisky of (110 Main St.) Dickson City, Pa., keep the MARS beam humming from 8 a.m. through 10:30 p.m. each day.

Messages of hello and goodbye, holiday greetings and personal bits flow in and out of Berlin to points all over the globe — to Argentina, Barcelona, Dublin, London, Genoa, Canada, French Morocco and oddly-named Barrel-in-Furnace (England).

They go to hometowns like Wooster, Ohio, Leaksville, N. C., New Hartford, N. Y., Miami Beach and San Francisco — any

spot on earth with a "ham" set powerful enough to be picked up by the Berlin unit.

A soldier merely skims through the Call Book at MARS to locate the nearest amateur in his state. The MARS radio then tries to make contact.

If atmospheric conditions prevent getting through, a written copy of the message is kept by MARS and later attempts are made when conditions are more favorable. European contacts, especially to military units, are virtually guaranteed.

Soldiers from New York state have the best deal — contact with the Empire State is made daily.

Members of the MARS crew like to tell about a new contact made recently — a soft, sultry voice from Baltimore — who melts away part of the iron curtain each time she signs off, purring "Hope I see you on the frequencies again." Needless to say, the Baltimore-Berlin beam is favored by the operators.

Did you hear of the girl who was so discreet that, before entering a revolving door, she carefully chose the people she went around with?



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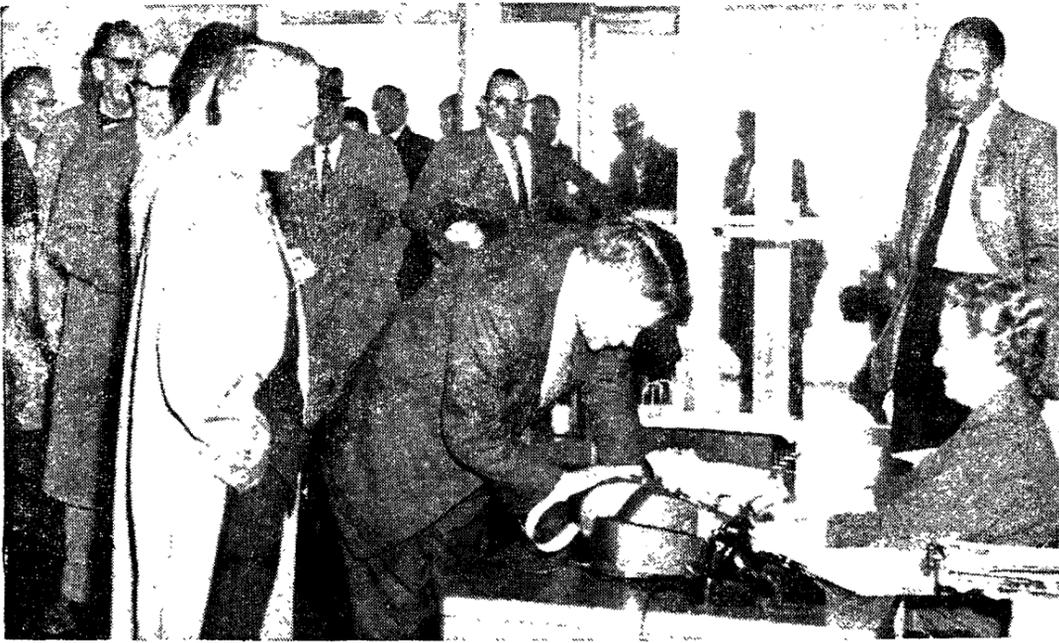
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Nike Missiles Protect Key U. S. Cities

Nike site at Lorton, Va., guards Washington, D. C., area

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

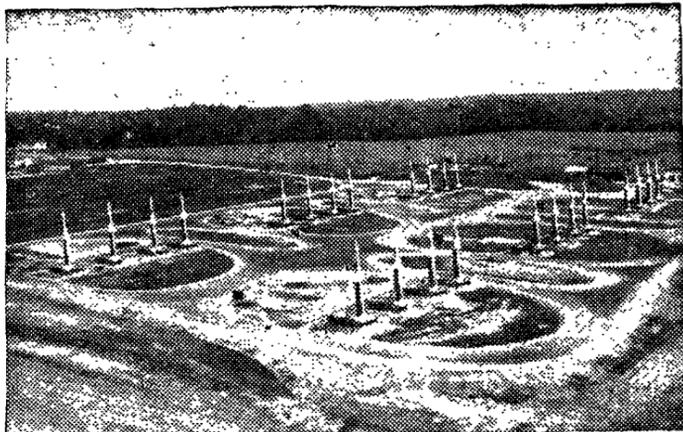
Four decades of Army experience with anti-aircraft artillery weapons form the foundation for the Nike guided missile system protecting America's key industrial areas against aerial attack.

Anti-aircraft artillery units, established Oct. 10, 1917, during WWI, in 40 years have grown from "balloon guns" and converted field artillery pieces to the present-day missile defense system built by the Army Air Defense Command.

Now the Army's second-largest combat-ready command, ARADCOM, headquartered at Ent AFB, Colo., shares the mission of air defense of the US with other services under the Continental Air Defense Command, directly responsible to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Nike, named for the winged Greek goddess of victory, is a family of ground-based supersonic missiles designed to outspeed, out-climb, and out-maneuver attacking aircraft.

The original member of the family, the Nike-Ajax, brought about dramatic changes in ground defense against aerial bombard-



ment, according to Army experts.

The two-stage missile's electronic command guidance system gives it the capability to "out-think" as well as out-perform any bomber, for Nike continues to follow commands after launching, changing course to compensate for evasive action of enemy planes and blasting them from the skies miles from potential targets.

Nike-Hercules, an advanced version of the Ajax, is larger and faster and can reach further and higher to make a "kill". The new-

er missile, soon to become operational, will deliver either a conventional or atomic warhead, which will enable it to destroy entire fleets of bombers as well as any nuclear weapons arming them.

Until the advent of the Nike family, anti-aircraft artillery was confined to defending air space in the immediate area of gun emplacements. The missile now gives the ground-based artillerymen new "mobility" previously impossible from fixed positions.

"The provision of anti-aircraft defense is one of the most important missions assigned to the Army," Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Chief of Staff, has said. "We have had the job for some 40 years,

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during which we have conducted our side of the critical duel between the defensive weapons on the ground and the offensive aircraft in the air. Fortunately, we have always been able to keep a little ahead of the airplane as performances have increased . . ."

Coming along behind the Nike-Ajax, he said, is the Nike-Hercules, which is capable of defeating aircraft of even greater performance than now exist.

"I would emphasize," Gen. Taylor added, "that Nike is not a single weapon, but is a family of weapons in which the new evolves naturally from the experiences gained from the old."

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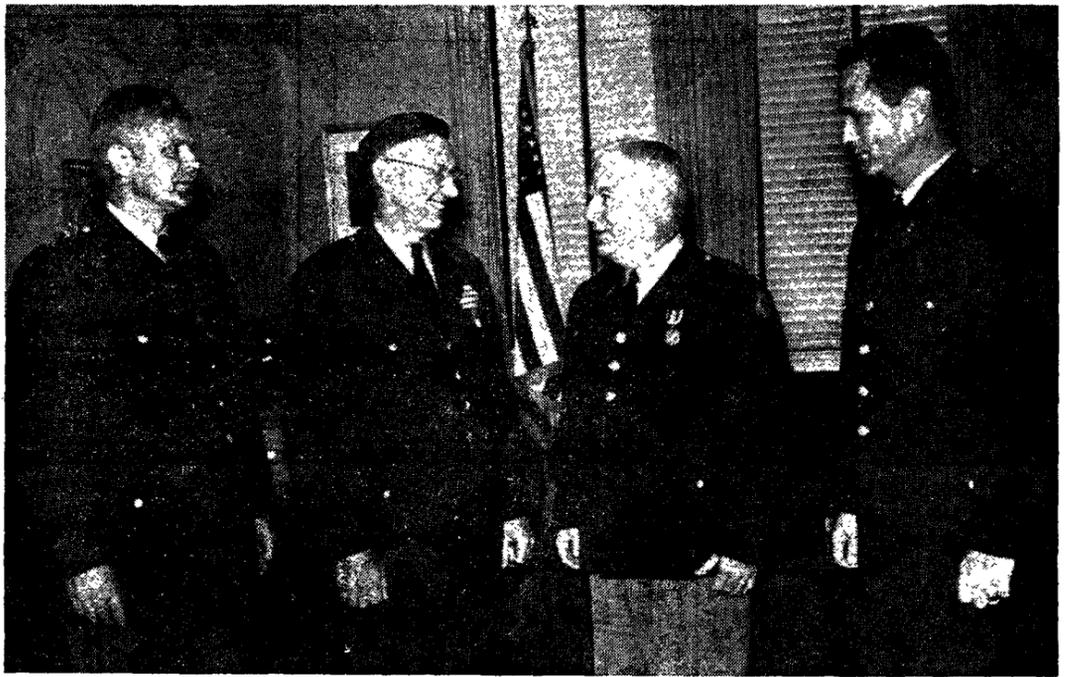
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COL. HOGAN RECEIVES COMMENDATION — Lt. Col. Arthur J. Hogan, (second from right), Provost Marshal at Redstone Arsenal since August, 1954, received a cluster to his Commendation Ribbon during a recent ceremony in the office of Maj. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, commanding general of the Arsenal. With the colonel (left to right) are: Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, deputy RSA commanding general; Gen. Toftoy; and Col. Keith T. O'Keefe, deputy post commander. Col. Hogan was relieved from active duty on Dec. 1.

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Col. Hogan Cited For His Work Before Leaving Active Duty

Lt. Col. Arthur J. Hogan received a cluster to his Commendation Ribbon before his recent release from active duty at Redstone Arsenal where he has been serving as Provost Marshal.

Col. Hogan is a former reporter with the Boston Evening American and legislative reporter at the State House in Boston.

A member of the armed forces since July, 1942, the colonel has served in China, Korea, and Okinawa, earning the Bronze Star

A small boy dashed into the house, holding a dead rat by the tail. His mother, chatting with their minister, gasped.

"Don't worry, Mom," reassured the boy. "He's dead. I bashed him and pounded him and beat him until . . ." Suddenly aware of the minister, the boy continued gently, ". . . until God called him home."

Figures may not lie, but girdles keep a lot of them from telling the truth.

Medal from the United States and the Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Star, the second highest military award the Korean government bestows.

Col. and Mrs. Hogan plan to remain in the Huntsville area for some time. Their 16-year-old son, Arthur, Jr., is a freshman at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C.

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His subject will be "Management Problems with Case Histories." The meeting will be held at Hotel Russel Erskine beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Worrel has had considerable management services to both government and industry. His presentation will be keyed to the interests of the local membership. **Wantads Get Results**



PRESENTS ADDRESS — John P. Hallows, Jr., of the Research Laboratories, R and DD, OML, presented an invited talk entitled "The Relay Servomechanism" at the seminar conducted recently by the Engineering Sciences Department at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. Hallows was the guest of Dr. Leo V. Kline, formerly a member of the staff of Research Laboratories and presently a member of the staff of Purdue University.

Small Noises

By PFC JACK KELSO, AUS (AFPS Staff Write)

Determined to prevent her husband from having his final Sunday bottle of beer, a woman in Amarillo, Texas smashed her car through a saloon doorway, tore out 12 feet of wall and most of the bar, stepped out into the wreckage-strewn shambles and clubbed her husband over the head.

A do-it-yourself fan in Bloomington, Ind., bought his wife a new gas range and decided to install it. When he turned on the range he had a four-burner water fountain.

A householder in Memphis, Tenn., was upset because not only had a car crashed into his living room, but when the driver got out he said: "Why don't you forget the whole thing? It was just an accident."

Arrested and sentenced for the 67th time for being drunk, a Montana man said resignedly: "They're giving me life imprisonment on the installment plan."

A motorist in Salt Lake City was surprised to find a robber had forced open the locked left door of his car to steal a blanket, chain and three bushels of apples. The motorist had left the car's right door unlocked.

A nine-year-old boy in Pittsfield, Mass., asked by police why he had committed a \$319 burglary, said: "I needed the lettuce."



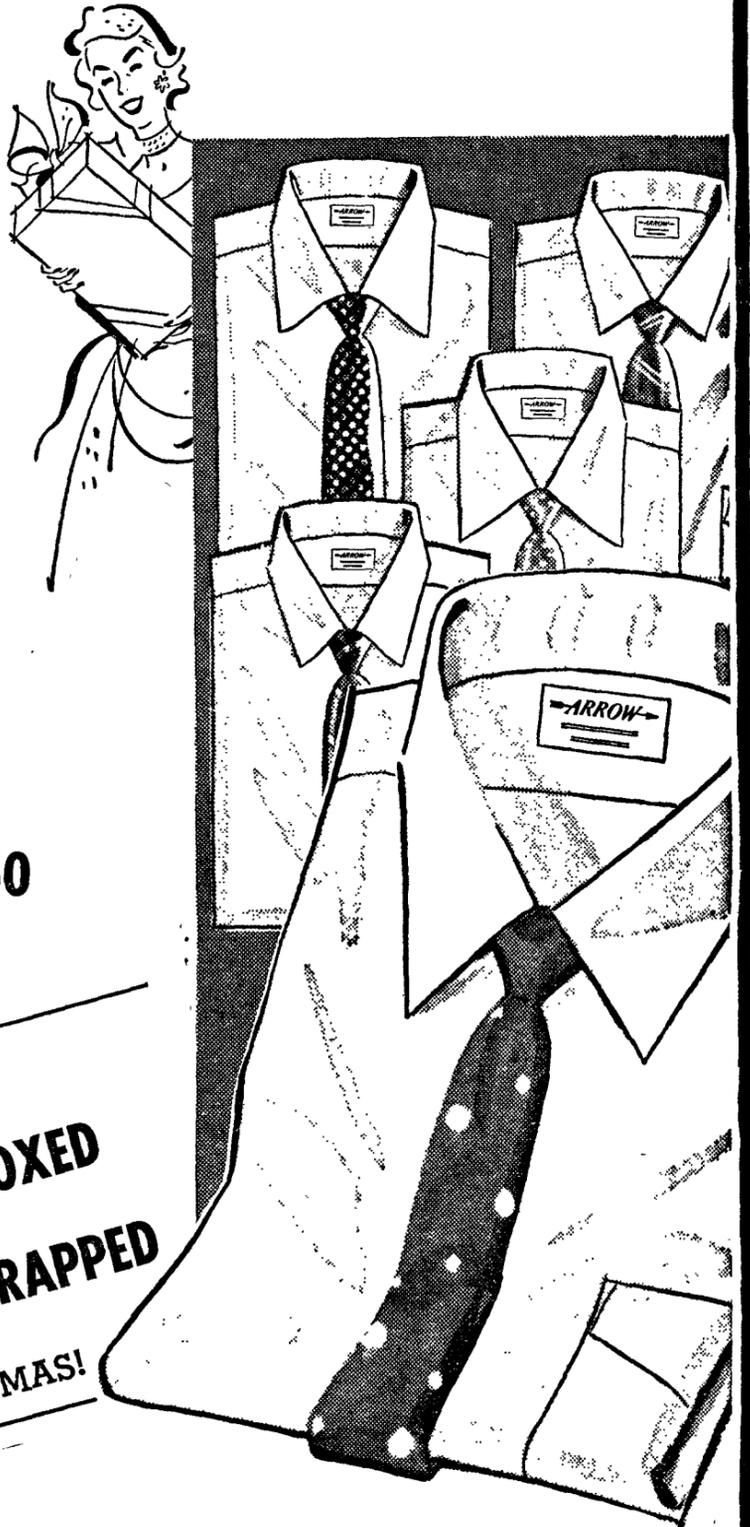
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