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Top EEO Institute In Session

Commanders and civilian personnel officials from seven Army Materiel Command activities in the South met here today to open a two-day Equal Opportunity Institute.

The Institute is one of several being held throughout the country to inform participants of EEO program requirements and policy as part of the Army's positive action in assuring equal employment opportunities for members of minority groups.

Joining members of the Missile Command and Safeguard Logistics Command in the Institute are delegations representing the Army Aeronautical Depot Maintenance Center, Red River Army Depot, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Anniston Army Depot, Atlanta Army Depot, Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot and Charleston Army Depot.

Sessions are scheduled in the Officers Open Mess.

Troops Suspend Pershing Firing

Pershing's through for 1970.

7th U.S. Army troops launched four missiles from Black Mesa, near Blanding, Utah, last week to complete the fall series of Pershing missile firings.

Launched under simulated tactical conditions, all missiles landed successfully on White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

It was the third time this fall that the Army fired four missiles within minutes of each other.

Next firings of the Army's most powerful battlefield missile will take place in the spring of 1971.

The Pershing program is managed by the Army Missile Command under Col. R.P. Hazard, Project Manager.



HONOR GRADUATE—SSgt. John E. Hunter of the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, was named recently as the honor graduate at the Third Army's Noncommissioned Officer Academy at Fort McClellan, Ala. The sergeant is assigned to Co. A, School Brigade, at Redstone Arsenal.

John Medaris To Be At Chapel Sunday Shillelagh Gunners Score Again

Maj. Gen. John Bruce Medaris (Ret.) who directed America's first launches into space will speak at the Redstone Post Chapel at 7 p.m. Sunday.

He is now a fully ordained priest in the Episcopal Church, an occupation he chose after retirement from his Army career.

Reverend Medaris is in the Hunt-
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Army Shillelagh gunners have done it again.

Soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas, just recently demonstrated the unerring accuracy of the Shillelagh missile system by shooting at—and hitting—an Army helmet located more than a mile away.

Among observers for the demonstration of sharpshooting
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Local Firms To Make TOW

The U.S. Army Missile Command Monday awarded a \$14.3 million contract to Chrysler's Huntsville Space Operations to produce missiles for the Army's TOW weapon system.

It was the single largest Missile Command contract ever awarded to a Huntsville based company.

All missile manufacturing done under the 14-month contract will be performed in Huntsville.

A.E. Douyard, Manager of Chrysler's Huntsville Space Operations, said his company will be hiring some additional people.

"We'll probably begin hiring in the spring," Douyard said, "and most likely will add about 100 employees to the payroll by fall."

Chrysler was competitively selected by the Army in January 1969 as an alternate producer of missiles with Hughes Aircraft Company of Culver City, Calif., developer of the TOW system.

Lt. Col. Robert W. Huntzinger, TOW Project Manager at the Army Missile Command, said:

"The Army will decide in 1972, which company is to receive a multi-million dollar contract, based on competitive bidding, for further production of missiles."

Thiokol's Huntsville Division, under contract to Chrysler, will be doing final assembly on the TOW, including explosives loading. When missiles leave the Thiokol plant, they'll be ready for shipment to soldiers in the field.

John H. Goodloe, vice president and general manager, said Thiokol could possibly hire about 20 people as a result of the Chrysler contract.

TOW is the first Army missile to be completely produced and fired in the Huntsville community. The Chrysler-produced missiles are tested at Redstone Arsenal.

Capable of being fired from a
(See TOW on Page 3)

Army Uses Model To Estimate Cost

Thrifty householders and the Army have something important in common—money management.

Householders often prepare a schedule of expected annual expenses—in other words, a budget to use as a guideline, against which they check what has been spent for living expenses.

Army Missile Command cost analysts and estimators take a much longer view than the family man when putting down expenses connected with buying missile systems. Their estimates extend 15 to 25 years to cover the entire life of a missile—but the information is used in much the same way as the family man uses his budget.

It's a convenient and authoritative reference for com-

paring estimated costs with what is spent due to changes which normally occur.

In the past, the Missile Command Comptroller and Director of Programs—the moneymen—has been responsible for preparing life cycle cost estimates, but usually only those about certain aspects of programs.

Under PROMAP-70, the Army's program for finding better ways to buy its hardware, improvements have been made in the way cost estimates are prepared to more fully reflect all of the factors which influence costs. The estimate includes alternative ways of doing things and examine sensitive areas in each alternative.

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Col. Branson Begins New Career

Col. Roy E. Branson, Deputy Director of the Arsenal Support Operations Directorate retired from the Army last week after nearly 31 years of active military duty. Before leaving for his Jacksonville Alabama, farm and a new career as a probation officer,

Col. Branson reflected on his Army days

"I grew up on a farm near Raymondville, Missouri, back in the depression years." "I didn't have any money for college after I graduated from high school; so I enlisted in the Army when I was 18 years old."

"At that time an Army private made 21 dollars a month. Now I know that doesn't sound like much, but it was the most money I had ever had in my life. And it was sufficient to buy all the things I needed plus a little extra. You can't say the same about 21 dollars now."

Col. Branson took basic training at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii in 1940. He was there on December 7, 1941.

"We heard a noise and ran outside. Just as I reached the

bottom of the barracks steps, a Zero thundered overhead so low



COL. ROY E. BRANSON

that the Rising Sun seemed to fill the sky. There were at least 400 planes, and they tore our Island all to pieces.

"I sincerely believe that the Japanese made the biggest tactical mistake of the Pacific War by not invading the islands after the air attack. We couldn't have fought back because they thoroughly destroyed everything we had to fight with."

In 1942, Branson attended Officers Candidate School, and received his commission. He commanded a 4.2 mortar company in Europe. The company made it overseas in time for D-Day.

"I've liked being at Redstone," said Branson. "I can't believe that it's time to leave. You plan for retirement and you fully expect it, but when the time comes it's like the first day of school or getting

married. You don't really know what to expect."

Branson, his wife Kay and their 16 year old daughter, Debbie, will live on their farm in Jacksonville. Col. Branson, remembering his childhood, doesn't like farms, but young Debbie is quite a horsewoman, and he bought the farm because of her.

The Bransons have a son, Roy Jr., who is studying biochemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Branson has agreed to be probation officer of the Anniston, Alabama, Juvenile court.

"I need to be where I can work with people," said Branson. "I feel that every individual should care for his fellow man. I believe that all days are good, that all jobs are good and that all people are good. It's just that some are better than
(See Col. Branson on Page 3)

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Rocket Ruminations

If dirt were trumps, what hands you would hold.

-Lamb

Contractor Develops New Launcher For Firebees

A new mobile zero-length launch platform for Firebee aerial targets has been designed, constructed and successfully tested by Teledyne Ryan Aeronautical at White Sands, New Mexico.

Developed initially for target launchings during Army Hawk missile systems tests at Fort Greely, Alaska, this winter, the platform is devoid of the rails normally used to guide Firebees into a flight trajectory.

Only one-third the weight of standard launch platforms, the new "mini-launcher" consists of a bed mounted on wheels, with upright stanchions on either side. A hold-back bar secures the Firebee in launch mode until sufficient propulsion is generated for flight.

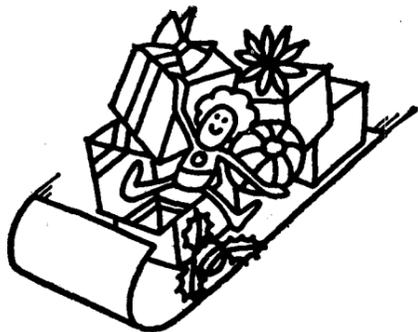
The new launcher is capable of being fully integrated into typical Firebee pre-flight procedures, prior to movement to the actual launch site. Instead of transporting targets to the site for mounting, Firebees to be used in Alaska this winter can be mounted on the launcher in an area protected from the bitter cold, and the integrated system then transported to the launch site in a near flight-ready condition.

This was a major consideration in operational planning for Firebee support of the Arctic tests, since the extreme sub-zero temperatures limit personnel exposure to the weather. The Army's plans call for Firebee launchings and Hawk missile firings only when temperatures are under 25 degrees below zero.

Three of the newly developed launchers will be transported to the Army's Arctic Test Center at Fort Greely for the Hawk tests, which will mark the first time in more than 10 years that Firebees have been flown in sub-zero weather.

Work on the Firebee launcher was done under an Army Missile Command contract. The program is managed by the Missile Command's Air Defense Control and Targets Product Office headed by LTC R.P. Loshbough.

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AUSA Has Membership Campaign Underway Here

A campaign is underway to increase membership in the Tennessee Valley Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army.

C. C. Lee, chapter president, said it was decided to hold the drive because membership had dropped from a peak of more than 4100 last year to about 2400.

"During the campaign emphasis will be placed on recruiting corporate members from the business community and new individual memberships form Huntsville and other towns and cities in the Tennessee Valley as well as new Army military and civilian members," Lee said.

In the past chapter membership has been made up principally of civilian and military personnel of local Army organizations.

Chairman of the membership drive is P.K. Schaeppi with Gregory Moshkoff as vice chairman.

Schaeppi has named various area chairmen as follows:

Corporate membership, Brig. Gen. R.B. Spragins (USA Ret.); Women's Division, Josephine Smith; Past Membership, Jack Neal; Campaign Literature, Jack Neal;

Missile Command, Col. E.J. McGinnis; Safeguard System Command, Jerry Bowman; Huntsville Division, Corps of Engineers, Lt. Col. K.D. Moore; Safeguard Logistics Command, Lt. Col. R.H. Vereen; Missile and Munitions Center & School, Col. J. M. McCabe, Military, and Bob Kinch, civilian;

Huntsville Division, Glenn

Hearn; Retired military Personnel, Wordie Slade; East Communities, Charles Sneed; West Communities, Tom Johnson.

East Communities consist of Albertville, Arab, Fayetteville (Tenn.), Guntersville, New Hope, Scotsboro, Owens Cross Road and Gurley;

West Communities consist of Ardmore, Athens, Decatur, Hartselle and Madison.

Josephine Smith, Chairman of the Women's Division, has named Julia Smith as co-chairman. Area chairmen named during an organizational meeting last Monday are:

Supply & Maintenance Directorate, National Inventory Control Point, Marion Czachowski, National Maintenance Point, Mary Jane Hearn; Procurement & Production Directorate, Mattie Ballou; Research & Engineering Directorate, Mary Hoots; Metrology & Calibrations Center, Ruth Milner; Medical Department Activities, Jo Nell Byrd; Management Information Systems Directorate, Betty Samec;

Air Defense Command, Jane Pitts; Directorate of Arsenal Support Operations, Harriet Gee; SAFSCOM, Mary Anderson; AMMCS, Lee Ann Barnett; and Corps of Engineers, Marge Jerge.

For MICOM, Col. McGinnis has names an Operations Staff as follows: Coordinator, Abner McNaron; Reports Chairman, Horace Williams; and Union Advisor, Ed McDermott.

Chairmen for MICOM elements

are: General Support Staff Offices, Julia Smith; Air Defense Systems, Maj. K. N. Brown; Land Combat Systems, Maj. R.L. Coon; Comptroller & Director of Programs, Ed Summers; Chapparral, Charlie Barber; MIS Directorate, Ann Daniels; R&E Directorate, Col. V.F. Wallis; P&P Directorate, Harry Heppler; S&M Directorate, Enoch Sparks.

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Army Uses

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PROMAP 70

The goal is to develop a complete life cycle cost estimate for each weapon system, improve the process through lessons learned from each progressive study, and to train cost analysts in the conduct of cost studies.

The staff of the Comptroller and Director of Programs has progressed through three phases in the Improved Cost Estimate (ICE) series.

Under the first phase, a base estimate for Lance was completed and later updated. The Cost Analysis Office of the Comptroller's organization managed the base estimate and updating was the responsibility of the project

office, with assistance from the Cost Analysis people.

In the second phase, the staff worked with the project manager to complete an ICE study on Improved Hawk. For the third phase, project managers of TOW and Dragon are preparing the ICE with guidance and support from the Cost Analysis staff.

In addition to the ICE studies, the Cost Analysis staff has another PROMAP-70 task identified as the Cost Analysis Profile.

The profile described for Army Materiel Command headquarters cost analysis as performed by the Missile Command directorates, project offices and the Comptroller shows how they interface with each other. A profile supplement followed which addressed the Army Materiel Command's objectives of establishing a cost estimate control data center, identifying personnel needed to perform cost analyses, placing cost analysts in project offices, developing a cost analysis data base, and training people to do the work. In essence, this task has been devoted to implementing improvements in the cost analysis community determined to be needed as a result of the profile analysis at Army Materiel Command.

One of the main efforts is development of a sound data base—a wealth of documented information on weapons costs. The Missile Command had developed an automated cost model which was recently chosen as the AMC automated Cost Data Base model

Medaris

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sville area at the invitation of the Order of St. Luke, the Physician, to conduct a healing mission. The Order of St. Luke is an interdenominational organization dedicated to making whole the physical and spiritual man.

Other speaking engagements for Reverend Medaris will be at St. Lukes Lutheran Church Sunday morning and the Faith Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

He will be honored at lunch Monday at noon at the Redstone Officers Open Mess.

The services, including the one in the Post Chapel, are open to the public.

for use throughout the Army Materiel Command complex. All major subcommands were directed to use the model for Phase III studies.

With the increasing emphasis on cost analyses and estimates, the Comptroller is maintaining a five-year training program for each analyst. Both formal and on-the-job training are pursued.

"Ten years ago, each element knew its expenses, but there was no way to tie all of the pieces together. No one knew the total costs for a system worldwide. Now we're able to consolidate all of the information in one place," Al Norman, chief of the Comptroller's Cost Analysis Office, said.

"PROMAP-70 has been a real help to us because it has focused high level attention on the importance of our efforts," the task director, Jim Ratliff, observed.

SHILLELAGH

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was Stanley R. Resor, Secretary of the Army.

Actually, the helmet shot was only one of three Shillelagh firings. Two other missiles were fired at moving targets and scored direct hits also.

Shillelagh firings were among other firepower demonstrations for Secretary Resor who also saw successful firings from a 106mm recoilless rifle, a 105mm gun and machine guns.

After the display of firepower, Secretary Resor reportedly shook hands with gunners and thanked them for "... a remarkable demonstration."

Shillelagh is a gun-launched guided missile system for Army combat vehicles. It is highly effective against moving or stationary targets.

The Shillelagh program is managed by the Army Missile Command, Col. Robert J. Proudfoot is Project Manager.

TOW

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ground emplacement or mounted on a variety of vehicles, TOW can reach out more than a mile to destroy any known enemy armor or knock out field fortifications.

In the Army's arsenal, TOW is replacing the 106 mm recoilless rifle as well as ENTAC and SS-11 missiles.

The Missile Command's Procurement and Production Directorate, headed by Col. J.T. Haynes, negotiated the contract for the Army.

Col. Branson

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others. "If you understand people for what they are, respect people for what they are, and have compassion for everyone, you have found the true secret for success and happiness."

New Helicopter For Army-Navy Contracted

ST. LOUIS, MO., November 20—Eight aircraft manufacturers have received requests for quotations on the first phase development of a heavy lift helicopter for use by the Army and Navy.

This first phase or step—the Advanced Technology Components Development Program—solicits cost and technical guidance on the design, development, testing, and demonstration of components for a heavy lift helicopter.

The proposed helicopter would be used to move heavy or bulky supplies and equipment. Design lift capability will be about 22.5 tons, more than twice that of present U.S. helicopters.

The Army and Navy had initially asked for separate heavy lift helicopters. The programs were combined by the Secretary of Defense, with the Army assigned developmental responsibility, with full Navy participation in the program.

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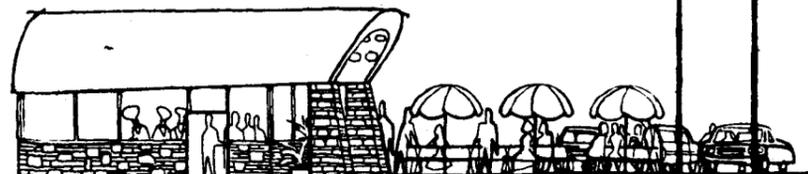
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DASO Holds EEO Seminar

A growing number of people at the Army Missile Command became aware of what the Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) program is all about as the result of a recent day-long seminar sponsored by the Arsenal Support Operations Directorate at Redstone Arsenal.

The seminar, planned specifically for supervisors, in the Directorate made attendees fully aware of the need for broader training and communications.

The goal of EEO is for every person in Federal employment to be afforded an equal opportunity for development, advancement and job security. It is the responsibility of supervisors to insure that a fair, impartial and equitable program is made available to all.

Following are some of the impressions made on seminar attendees.

"Management must get the word to all personnel," T.J. Taylor, a Post Engineer supervisor, stressed. "Training is urgently needed so everyone knows and understands steps that should be taken below the management level. It's absolutely essential."

"If everyone understood the problems, then they'd be easier to solve," Mildred Pinion from the Post Engineer, said.

One participant from the Consolidated Supply Division, Jesse Draper, said he felt that people, who hadn't gotten the meaning of EEO, found out that it is a way of life, and the only answer is for complete education about the program.

The openness of the seminar, the free exchange of ideas, especially impressed Alice Forehand from the Comptroller and Director of Programs office. "People weren't a bit limited or inhibited in their comments," she said.

Raymond Thornhill from the Post Engineer said that a lot of people, especially in the field, know in a general way what is going on in the EEO program, but don't quite understand it. "Personally, I hadn't realized how some people feel, and then too, the seminar made me aware of some of my own failings," he commented.

"It was real good and worthwhile, and I learned a lot," Thomas Frazier from the Maintenance Support Division, said.

Col. Preston B. Cannady, director of the sponsoring Directorate said he felt that the seminar was the best way to establish communications. "We needed to have frank discussions to find out what people are thinking and why to get things said that needed saying," the Colonel explained.

The morning session of the seminar included three speakers who presented objective views on various aspects of EEO. They were Dr. Donald E. Tartar, professor of Sociology at the University of Alabama in Huntsville; Frank Matthews, regional Federal EEO representative from the Civil Service Commission; and Jane Wakeford, from the Labor

Department who spoke on the Federal Women's program.

Several people noted "This meant we heard from a top black man, a woman who has 'arrived' in her career, and a sociologist."

During the afternoon, attendees

were divided into groups and given case studies to discuss and comment on.

Arrangements for the seminar, attended by approximately 60 persons, were made by Harriet Gee and James Butts of the

Aliens Must Register In January

The Immigration and Nationality Act requires all aliens in the United States and its possessions, with few exceptions, to report annually their addresses to the Attorney General during the month of January.

Aliens temporarily absent from the United States during the month of January should not report their temporary addresses but must report permanent addresses within 10 days of return to this country.

Cards with which this report can be made are available at any United States post office during

January and at offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice at any time. The cards should be filled out and returned to the clerk from whom received.

The act provides serious penalties for willful failure to submit this report. Compliance with this requirement is, therefore, of importance to all aliens in the Armed Forces of the United States and to members of the Armed Forces having relatives who are not citizens but residents of this country.

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A number of EEO counselors from other: Missile Command Directorates, Arleta Martin and John Nelson from the Civilian Personnel Office, and J.T. Temple, Missile Command Special

Assistant for Equal Opportunity, attended and assisted at the seminar.

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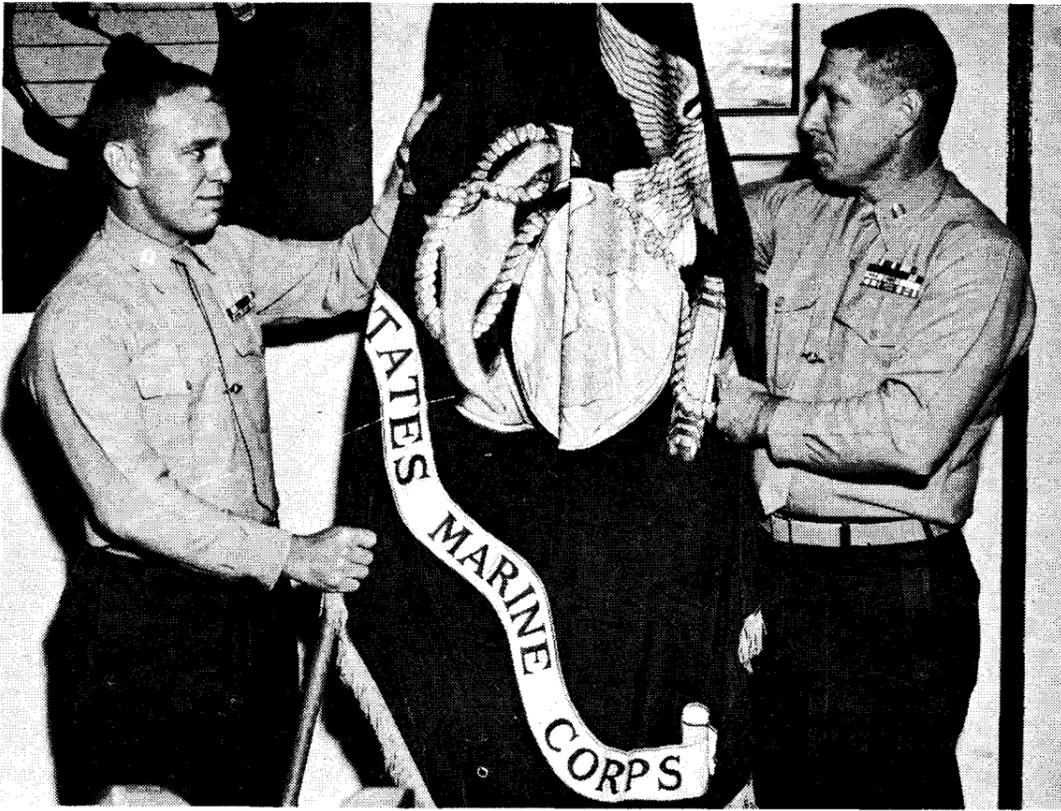
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"The Cajuns", a country-western show band, will appear at the Service Club on Sunday Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

Charles Aaron and Sue Wilburn, featured vocalists for the group have appeared on stage throughout Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky. Both singers have hit records. Their latest recording is Nashville Soule, and promises to be another hit. Charles has starred in a comedy movie titled "Turn My Britches".

Enlisted men and their guests are invited to attend.



CHANGE OF COMMAND—The passing of the flag signified that the U.S. Marine Corps Admin. Detachment at the Missile and Munitions Center and School has a new officer in charge, effective today. He is CPT Charles B. Brake (right) former executive officer of the detachment, and is shown accepting the Corps' colors from CPT Jeffrey L. Johnson (left), who has served as officer in charge since February, 1969. The detachment currently is made up of some 40 leathernecks being trained at MMCS.

Capt. Morrow Addresses MMCS Graduating Class

Ninety servicemen from the armed forces of six allied nations as well as the United States received diplomas Wednesday in graduation ceremonies at the U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Their diplomas signified that the men had successfully completed courses of instruction qualifying them to serve their respective nations in the highly technical fields of missile systems repair, ammunition renovation and ammunition record-keeping.

The graduates included men from Germany, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Denmark and the Republic of Vietnam, as well as 74 U.S. Army enlisted men and two U.S. Marine Corps officers.

Guest speaker at the graduation was Capt. Garcia E. Morrow, guided missile officer with the Army's Safeguard System Command. Morrow urged the graduates to take maximum advantage of the opportunities to

further their education while in the Army.

"The Army's program of education," Morrow explained, "is



CAPT. GARCIA E. MORROW

based on the conviction that continuing education is essential if military personnel are to achieve

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Special recognition was given to six of the graduates for finishing first in their respective courses. Cited as honor graduates were Pfc Conley J. Dutreix of Luling, La., Pfc Hubert L. Barksdale, Little Rock, Ark., Pfc Jay N. Krogh of Carroll, Iowa, Sp 6 Theodore G. McCall, Jr. from Topeka, Kan., Sgt. Viggo Lemche of Denmark, and Cpt. Alfonso Pardo de Santayana of Spain.

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The pamphlet also lists the various amounts which beneficiaries are required to pay as their legal share of the costs for medical services obtained outside of uniformed services facilities.

SCHOOL WIVES LUNCH

The Missile and Munitions Center and School Officer's Wives Bi-Monthly Luncheon will take place at noon, December 15 in the ballroom of the Redstone Officers Open Mess.

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Redstone Youths Take Grid Title In Georgia

The Arsenal's youth football season came to a close last week-end when the Redstone Rockets travelled to Roswell, Ga., and brought home the championship trophy in the 95-pound division of the 2nd annual Chattahoochee Youth Bowl.

The bowl game is an invitational sponsored by the Jaycees in the Atlanta area and represented the first out-of-state game for an Arsenal youth team.

The Rockets were matched with the Vols from Forest Park, Ga., and came away with a 17-14 victory after the two teams had battled to a 14-14 deadlock. The Arsenal youths got the victory by taking all of the penetration statistics.

The Rockets scored first after recovering a Vol fumble at the Redstone 49. Keeping the ball

on the ground, the Rockets moved 51 yards for the score with Mickey Huffman diving over from the one. Ronnie Hollingsworth tacked on the two-point conversion on a keeper play.

But the Vols bounced back and crossed into paydirt twice in the second period to take a 14-8 halftime lead.

Hollingsworth got the equalizer back with the second half kickoff. Taking the ball at his own 30, Hollingsworth found an opening up the middle and scampered all the way for the touchdown. The point was missed leaving the score tied.

The rest of the game was a defensive duel with neither team being able to mount much of an attack. The Vols took to the air in an effort to get the lead touchdown but Huffman made two timely interceptions that kept the game even.

The victory came on a penetration setup with the Rockets picking up a point each for, most first downs, greatest total yardage and the number of penetrations inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

In addition to the championship trophy, Hollingsworth brought home a handsome cup of his own after being named Most Valuable Player.

Rocket players voted best lineman of the year honors to Steve McKnight and called Kiki Males the best back. Over the long season, the Rockets won 17 games while losing two and tying another pair.

Kellogg Sweeps B Tennis Meet

Irv Kellogg, who retired from the Federal service earlier this year, showed he still knows his way around the tennis court recently when he completely dominated the B Division fall tournament.

Kellogg defeated Emil Luft, 0-6, 9-7, 9-7, for the singles title and then teamed with Charles McBrearty to add the doubles crown at the expense of Luft and Don Combs, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Eight players on the B ladder competed in the double elimination tournament sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Fund. The



IN TIE FOR LEAD—The Missile Command entry in the Huntsville Women's Basketball League entered the second round of league play this week tied for the lead with the State Farm girls. The MICOM girls, playing under the sponsorship of the Civilian Welfare Fund, won four games while losing only an overtime contest to Fashion Two-Twenty. They will be playing Safeguard at the Joe Bradley School gym next Monday. The MICOM team members are shown following their win over State Farm. They are: front row, left to right, Linda Melton, Gladys Hill, Joyce Ingram, Sandra Harrison, Wyonelle Pennington and Paula Legg. In the back row are, Helen Smith, Coach Jack Bissinger, Donna Hudson, Carole Bissinger, Marina McClure and Sandy Seymour.

DIABETES SOCIETY

The Lay Diabetes Society will meet at 7:30 tonight in Room 325 of the Madison County Court House.

The meeting was delayed a week because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The meeting will be a social with possible presentation of results from the Diabetes Detection Drive held recently.

meet was conducted over an eight-week period with the finals staged on November 22.

Kellogg marched through the singles play scoring wins over Jim Burt and Combs to reach the finals. Luft dropped an early match to Combs but came back to defeat him to earn the challenge round berth opposite Kellogg.

In doubles it was the other way around with the Kellogg-McBrearty duo suffering an early loss but coming back for the crown.

They defeated the Combs-Luft tandem, 6-4, 7-9, 6-3, to square the set and then repeated in the final match.

Barnes Grabs Scoring Honor

Gil Vitale showed his heels to the rest of the S&M Bowling League again last week but C. O. Barnes rated Bowler of the Week by virtue of a greater handicapped total.

After shooting a 585 the week before, Vitale came back with a 578 this time around to make it two weeks in a row that he has turned in the league's premier scratch total. Included in his run were games of 212 and 200.

The Pinspotters also got a 542 from Richard Pingry but still only broke even with the Oliver Graves-led U-Tote-Um quintet.

Barnes turned in a scratch total of 512 that was enough to give him a handicapped 644 count that helped Reba's get a split with the Auto Center. Garland Kinslow shot a 535 for the same team while Gene Martin topped the Center with 524.

The front running Bushwackers stayed in front despite dropping three out of four to Lot-O-Pins and MID took over second by winning three from the King Pins.

Ted Blake hit for 525 in pacing the Lot-O-Pins while Jerry Cutchner was the top Bushwacker.

MID took their lead from Richard Burton who totaled 534 while John Haward rapped a 527 for the King Pins.

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After All-Out War Comes The Party

"Winning is not the whole thing—but playing is," says 2LT Roger Caron, a member of Redstone's Rugby Football Club. Rugby, the old-English forerunner of American Football, is indeed the "Whole thing" on Saturday afternoons for several officers and enlisted men from the Missile and Munitions Center and School (MMCS). Five officers and two enlisted men make up seven of the starting fifteen on Redstone's Rugby Club.

Rugby is not like football or soccer, but resembles both. Like football, points are scored by kicking the ball between the goal posts or physically carrying it across the goal and "touching" the ball to the ground. (Hence the name "touchdown"! Like soccer, the action is continuous. There are no rests or time outs and the only relaxation is half time. Even the rugby ball is a combination of soccer and football. It is more oblong than a soccer ball and more round than a football.

Knocked Down
Like football, mayhem reigns supreme. A tackle in Rugby has three requirements: First, the ball carrier must be knocked down

the ground. Second, physical contact must be maintained with the ball carrier by a member of the opposing team.

And third, the ball itself must be touching the ground. (When the ball carrier is tackled, he is required to release the ball.) It is not uncommon to see the hapless ball carrier smothered under fifteen or twenty opponents and team mates. And rugby players wear no padding at all

"There's got to be a safer way to spend a Saturday afternoon!" exclaimed a young MMCS soldier.

Rugby enthusiasts insist that the game is a lot safer than it looks. "The injuries, if there are

any, are usually very minor," said LT Caron. "Blocking is illegal in Rugby and this is where most of your serious mishaps occur in American football," added Caron. "A background in football is helpful and love of physical contact is essential," he added.

Rugby is rich with tradition. It's unabashed "all out war" on the field. But after the game comes the "party." The host team provides ample food and beverage and good will is everywhere. This is traditionally an all male gathering where many bawdy "old-English rugby songs" are sung.

The Redstone Rugby Club is a colorful group and there are many nicknames. For instance, Johnny "Blimp" Johnson packs 235 pounds on a solid 5' 10" frame. Roger "Ramjet" Caron is a speedy wing forward, similar to a linebacker, and muscular Jim "Popeye" Chiarizio plays the equivalent of a football fullback. Even Richard Glendenning, the team attendant and touch judge, answers to the name of "Bones!"

Civilians Too

Membership in Redstone's rugby club is by no means restricted to soldiers on Redstone Arsenal. The team has many civilian members that work on and off post. The club currently has a roster of 45 men to draw from, but there is room for more.

The procedure for joining is simple. First attend a Wednesday evening practice at the rugby field adjacent to School Brigade, MMCS. Then you "watch" a league game the following Saturday, and finally, play the third weekend.

"If rugby's not your game, you'll find out in a hurry!" said LT Caron.

"If you enjoy football, you'll almost surely enjoy rugby," he added.

The major rules of rugby are fairly easy to grasp. The most important thing to remember is to "keep the game moving." A forward pass or forward lateral is illegal. A ball carrier that has been pushed out of bounds creates a "line-out." Six players form two lines parallel to each other 5 yards from the out of bounds marker.

A player throws the ball in the "line of touch," a clear space between the two lines. The team that gains possession immediately pitches the ball out to speedy halfbacks who attempt to run up field.

Sometimes a "pile-up" of fifteen or twenty players can render the ball "immobile." This creates a "set scrum" where opponents line up head-to-head and shove when the ball is thrown between the two lines. The "hooker," one on each team, attempts to kick the ball to his team mates.

Touched Down

There are fifteen players on each side consisting of eight "scrum," or linemen and seven "backs." A score, or "try" occurs when the ball is carried across the goal and "touched down." A



"Pitch Out"

"try" is worth three points. The scoring team can get two "extra points" if they succeed in kicking the ball through the uprights.

U.S. Marshals Being Sought

The U.S. Civil Service Commission, Huntsville Area Office is accepting applications for Deputy United States Marshal, grade GS-6. The starting salary is \$7294 a year.

The positions to be filled are located in Birmingham, Alabama. Similar positions in other parts of North Alabama may also be filled.

To qualify an applicant must have had four years of appropriate experience, education, or training. He must be a male American citizen, age 21 or over, 5'7" tall, weigh a minimum of 126 pounds, height and weight proportionate, in good health and of good moral character.

Receipt of applications will be suspended on December 14, 1970. For detailed information concerning these positions, contact the Federal Job Information Center in Huntsville.

Redstone's rugby club has been established for six years. There is a good chance of funds being allocated to the club from the City Council of Huntsville making rugby a part of Huntsville's official recreational activities.

Redstone's league schedule is formidable. College opponents include Auburn, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, and Georgia. Teams like Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, and Birmingham have rugby clubs similar to Redstone's.

Redstone's Rugby Club plays a fall and a spring schedule. The fall season is virtually over with only a tournament in Memphis this weekend and a game against Atlanta's Rugby Club remaining.

The "spring" season stretches from the 6th of February through May 15th. A highlight will be the Mardi Gras Tournament in New Orleans on the 20th and 21st of February, 1971.



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POW—MIA Letter To Hanoi Reproduced

A number of Rocket readers have expressed an interest in participating in a national "letters to Hanoi" campaign being promoted on behalf of U. S. Servicemen who are prisoners of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia.

The letter, reprinted on this page in Vietnamese from the Nov. 2 issue of Armed Forces Journal, originally appeared in the San Diego Union. In promoting participation in this effort, The Journal urged readers to write to North Vietnamese President Ton Duc Thang before Christmas, or to clip, sign and send the reprinted letter. Individually written letters should be confined to remarks concerning the humanitarian treatment of prisoners. In either case, letters should be mailed to: Ton Duc Thang, President, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam, carrying \$.25 U.S. postage.

Alternately, the letter may be sent with \$.06 U.S. postage to: POW-MIA, Washington, D. C. 20002, the address for the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, which has been the focal point for numerous programs started throughout the country on behalf of U.S. POWs-MIAs.

The Rocket is reprinting this letter for the benefit of its readers who may be interested. Participation in the campaign is an individual personal matter and not a Department of the Army directed project.

An English translation of the letter follows:

To the Honorable Ton Duc Thang:

We take this means of appealing to you on a situation which is close to the hearts of all Americans. This issue is not whether Americans should be in Vietnam or whether

we should pull all our troops out immediately. The issue is not whether you are right and we are wrong or that we are right and you are wrong.

The issue is the 450 American Servicemen who are held in your prison camps. Another 1,150 are listed as missing and possibly some are your prisoners.

Their situation is our united concern.

Both the "doves and the hawks" of America feel deeply about them and their welfare. We ask you to consider their immediate release. They have no military value to you. They can't hurt or hamper your war effort and no longer would help ours.

These men, like your soldiers, do not institute policy but merely serve as soldiers have done since time began. Like your men, they performed their duty and were willing to sacrifice for their

country. Like your soldiers, they left their homes and families not because they wanted to but because their country called on them.

Patriotism is not limited to the men of Vietnam or to the men of America but is the privilege of all men. They fight under their flag whether it be red, white and blue or red, yellow and blue.

Your supporters in this country could take satisfaction from the release of the prisoners. This, more than anything else would demonstrate that you, too, do not seek revenge against men who did their duty. This, too, would show the world that compassion, not punishment, can lead to peace.

The arguments of your critics that human life means nothing to you would be baseless if you allowed just peace by acting quickly to the appeal.

If your heart contains mercy and

your soul compassion and if you truly seek to help the cause of peace, you have an opportunity to achieve these images in the eyes of the world.

The feeling here is that you don't care about the individual; that his needs and wants and desires don't matter; that life is not sacred to you.

Your actions can give lie to these beliefs. An act of amnesty toward American prisoners would show the world that you are concerned with life and that all life is sacred.

Family ties in America are strong and all Americans want these men reunited with their families. Some fathers have never seen their children. Some are missing the joy of watching them grow.

And, the children, they live with a constant dream and hope that they may again be a whole family. Few men in the history of the

world have been given the opportunity that you now have.

History can record you as a man of compassion; a man who respected human life and held it in high value; a man who held that family life is paramount providing a measure of peace to many families.

Return these men to their families and the world would hail you. Retain them and your supporters can't help but wonder about your sincerity and motives.

We address you not as one enemy to another but as one human to another.

As citizens of the United States we have no power to offer anything as individuals but good will in exchange for the men you hold. We have no power to make threats if you don't.

We only have hope, hope that you will heed the pleas and restore these men to their families.

Thỉnh thưa Ngài Tôn Đức Thắng:

Chúng tôi dùng hình thức kêu gọi này để bày tỏ lòng kính trọng và sự ngưỡng mộ của chúng tôi đối với những người lính Mỹ. Sự thất bại của việc này không phải là người Mỹ phải có mặt ở Việt Nam hay người Mỹ phải rút lui về quê hương của họ. Chúng tôi không phải là người có lý hay chúng tôi không có lý, hoặc chúng tôi hành động hợp lý hay Ngài hành động bất hợp lý.

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Sống yêu nước không phải chỉ dành cho người Việt hay người Mỹ mà là đặc quyền của mọi người. Họ chiến đấu dưới lá cờ của họ dù nó là đỏ, trắng và xanh, hay bạc và vàng.

Những người ủng hộ Ngài ở Mỹ cũng có thể hài lòng về việc Ngài phóng thích tù binh. Việc đó cũng tỏ ra là Ngài không trả thù những người đã thi hành nhiệm vụ của họ. Việc đó cũng cho thế giới rõ rằng lòng thương, chứ không phải sự trừng phạt, có thể đưa tới hòa bình.

Nếu Ngài đáp ứng mau lẹ lời kêu gọi này thì Ngài sẽ đánh tan đê堡 lời chỉ trích Ngài.

Chúng tôi sống vì con người, chúng tôi có nghĩa lý gì với Ngài. Ngài Ngài có lòng thương và thực sự muốn tìm kiếm hòa bình thì đây là dịp để Ngài thể hiện hình ảnh ấy trước dư luận thế giới.

Người Mỹ cảm thấy rằng Ngài không quan tâm tới cá nhân, cũng như câu trả lời muốn của nó, và mạng sống chúng tôi là linh thiêng. Hành động của Ngài sẽ đánh tan ý nghĩ đó. Sự an xá tù binh Mỹ sẽ tỏ cho thế giới rằng Ngài quan tâm tới sinh mạng linh thiêng của con người.

Giấy liên lạc gia đình ở Mỹ rất mạnh và mọi người Mỹ muốn các tù binh đó được tái hợp với gia đình họ. Nhiều người cha chưa hề được thấy con họ và nhìn chúng lớn lên. Con họ luôn luôn mong mỏi sự tái hợp.

Trong lịch sử thế giới, ít năm nào có được dịp may như Ngài hiện có. Lịch sử sẽ ghi nhận Ngài là người có lòng thương, đã kính trọng và nêu cao sinh mạng con người, đã coi đời sống gia đình là tuyệt đỉnh và đã giúp sự yên ổn cho nhiều gia đình.

Thế giới sẽ tụng hô Ngài nếu các tù binh được sum họp với gia đình. Nếu Ngài còn giam giữ họ thì các người ủng hộ Ngài sẽ nghi ngờ lòng thành thật và ý định của Ngài.

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Chúng tôi chỉ hy vọng; hy vọng rằng Ngài sẽ lắng tâm đến lời thỉnh cầu này và giao trả tù binh về với gia đình họ.

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After a Thanksgiving break leagues swung back into action throughout the Huntsville Bowling Association. At the Redstone Lanes, only two leagues saw action with only one reporting the results.

The No-Tap Tournament is still in progress at Redstone. Thus far there have been 24 singles entries, eight double entries and four mixed doubles entries.

In league action, the Delta 88s managed to keep its head above the water and maintain a small lead in the School Brigade loop. The 88s took three from the HAWK Division, while second place Retired swept four from the leathernecks. Willie Wiggins shot a 542 to lead the 88 attack while Larry Makanani missed an honor roll set in pacing the Retired victory.

CHALLENGER HOT

In other action, Half 'n' Half took three from Nike Acquisition, Five Aces, led by George Matt's 584 set manhandled Company A. Continuing the action Co. B received stellar performances from Charlie Rodeen and Oliver Graves for a four point sweep over the 200th Ord. Det. while the hot shots from Hq. Co. dumped 249th Ord. Det. Gordon Challenburg shot a 220 game enroute to a sizzling 598 to lead the

contenders. Finally, Co. C swept SSD and Nike Track and Ammo split.

In No-Tap, Bob Porter shot a 696 to take the lead in the men's singles division. The other top bowlers in that event are Willie Wiggins 668, W. Bean 652, Harley Gray 650, William Delchamps 623.

In the doubles event the Harley Gray-Pete Henderson combination leads the group with a 1340 followed by William Delchamps and George Schmeltz (1234) and Jerry Loyd and Christian Heinnaman at 1233.

PORTERS OUT FRONT

In the mixed doubles event Marge and Bob Porter's 1304 is the top score while the 1233 pinfall of Erno Schiro and Larry Makanani is the second highest.

The cost of entry is \$1.50. The tournament will close December 20. Prize fund will be returned 100 per cent. Depending upon the number of entries the refund is based on a 1-8 basis.

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HIGHS AND LOWS

Junious Clouse 520-215, Richard Everhart 537-201, George Matt 584-216, Ed Gorzynski 588-



WINS BRONZE STAR—Sp 5 Gary Smith (left) is awarded the Bronze Star Medal during a recent ceremony at Redstone Arsenal. Making the presentation is Col. A.E. Miller, Chief of the Personnel and Training Office at the Army Missile Command. The young Hixton, Tenn., soldier was cited for "... meritorious service against a hostile force in Vietnam." He is now assigned as a personnel management specialist with enlisted personnel at the Missile Command.

UTC Receives Its Colors During School Ceremony

The distinguished unit flag was awarded to the U. S. Army Unit Training Command in ceremonies at the Post Theatre.

The distinguishing flag was approved by the Institute of Heraldry late last year.

The reviewing officer for the ceremonies was the commandant of the U. S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, Col. Gilbert P. Levy. The reviewing party also included the assistant commandant, Col. Anthony Stahelski.

The flag was presented to the command by Col. Levy with the commander of UTC Col. Joseph DeSantis, accepting.

The distinguishing flag has a crimson base, for Ordnance, trimmed in yellow with the shoulder sleeve insignia of MMCS centered. In the upper fly end a monogrammed "UTC" is embroidered in yellow.

Unit Training Command was organized as a separate unit June 1967. Prior to that time the mission of the command was conducted by an instructional department of MMCS called Department of Unit Training.

216, Charles Rodeen 551-202, Jessie Hawthorne 525-212, Oliver Graves 551-211, Gordon Challenburg 589-220, Doug Leith 560-234, J. Gilley 524, Roy Henderson 532-203, James Arblaster 549-202, Larry Makanani 599-220/203, Willie Wiggins 542.

includes some 66 allied support units from allied nations.

UTC also conducts training for explosive ordnance units from across the nation. The units come to Redstone on an average of one per week. They are tested in all phases of explosive ordnance techniques.

A recent reorganization took place at USAUTC. The command was assigned to Third U. S. Army and attached to MMCS for administrative support and operational command.

Student Officers Seek Defense of Cage Crown

Once again it is time to lace up the ol' sneakers as the Arsenal gymnasium becomes filled with the shrill tweet of the referee's whistle and the thump-thump of the bouncing leather.

Basketball season has started and the Missile and Munitions Center and School is gung-ho.

Fifteen teams from the \$110 million global training center, including teams from Unit Training Command, will vie for championship of their respective leagues and a shot at the post championship. Joining the MMCS entries are three Missile Command squads.

The defending champions, Headquarters Company-Student Officer Company, will be trying to make it two in a row. The quintet won the championship last year in a thriller against the 249th MP Co., which is absent from competition this year.

The action on the hardwood got underway Monday evening after deadline time. Student Officer Company battled 1st ETC, 95th Cal. hosted 3rd ETC and Co. B warmed up against Co. A.

There will be three games played each night beginning at 6 p.m. with the other contests slated for 7:15 and 8:30.

The teams are organized into two leagues each with nine teams. The American Basketball Association is composed of HHC-SOC, Co. B, 95th Calibration, 4th ETC, MICOM, 3rd ETC, Co. A, 1st ETC and 227th Ord. Det.

Making up the National Basketball Association are Co. B, Dental Det., 249th Ord., USAUTC, 6th ETC, 9th ETC, Co. C, 5th ETC and 7th ETC.

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Sergeant Helps Students' Wives Find Employment

A sergeant at the Missile and Munitions Center and School is providing a unique service for wives of young enlisted students.

SSG Gary Smith, 9th Enlisted Training Company, 3rd Battalion, School Brigade, is a cadre platoon sergeant charged with the welfare of some 175 students enrolled in half a dozen missile maintenance courses of from 11 to 47 weeks in length.

Every month some 300 enlisted students arrive at the school for advanced training from basic training centers throughout the country. Many of them are accompanied by their families. The financial resources of these student families are often strained in meeting the high living costs of the Huntsville area.

Sgt. Smith noted that the budgeting problems encountered by

students' families frequently interfered with the duty performance normally expected from the young student-soldiers.

"In one instance," he said, "a private-reservist, on a short active duty tour, brought his wife and child, who soon left him when the soldier could not support them! His troubles were further compounded by demands of pre-service creditors and his progress in school was drastically affected. This particular problem was finally resolved by social agency assistance in the family's home area."

Smith soon observed that social agency assistance, although remedial, did not generally provide a permanent solution to the students' financial needs. Many of their wives were highly qualified. Some in critical



SANTA'S HELPER—Santa Claus gets his beard groomed by one of his pretty helpers. The young lady is one of several young wives of Missile and Munitions Center and School students who have been placed in employment as a result of the 3rd Battalion Student Aid Program, spearheaded by Staff Sgt. Gary Smith.

skills, and others even having university degrees. Local employers generally lacked interest in hiring these Army wives as they usually remain in the Huntsville area only a short time while their husbands attend school at MMCS.

Seeking a feasible solution to help the 3rd Battalion students' families, Smith soon discovered a local employment agency specializing in temporary help services. Most demands are for office work assignments in various Huntsville firms. The work can last from a few hours to several months.

The agency readily welcomed an opportunity to add qualified personnel to its placement roles. Arrangements were made for periodic testing and interviewing of new students' wives interested in part or full-time employment.

During a recent three-week period, out of 13 students' wives

assisted by Smith, seven obtained immediate placements. No fees are required for this service, as the accepted applicants are employed directly by the agency.

Moving further into the employment picture, Smith discovered the existence of other job opportunities within the local area.

A large Huntsville department store was persuaded to hire four students' wives, with a demand for more. These girls have been placed as models, sales clerks, gift wrappers, and in one case, Mrs. Charlotte Wood, wife of SP4 Connie L. Wood, Freedom, Okla., was placed as Santa Claus' helper! The store personnel manager, expressed a hope that several would be retained after the holiday season. At least one other department store executive has indicated an interest in future referrals from the battalion's new program, which has been in op-



ON THE JOB—A pretty young wife of a Missile and Munitions Center and School soldier prepares to tackle the typewriter at her new job. Through the efforts of Staff Sgt. Gary Smith and the 3rd Battalion, several young wives have been employed throughout the city of Huntsville.



TWO APPLICANTS are tested for dexterity at the typewriter. Staff Sgt. Gary Smith holds the stop watch. Sgt. Smith has been helping the wives of Missile and Munitions Center and School students obtain employment in clerical positions throughout the city of Huntsville.

eration for only two months.

Employment assistance for students' wives has become an optional service offered to new arrivals during their weekly orientation processing.

Sgt. Smith and the 3rd Battalion are highly pleased with the response obtained by their new unit-sponsored employment assistance program. He emphasized that he initially counsels his new student charges that "real success or failure in meeting family financial needs lies with the students themselves." As an additional help in carrying out this advice, Smith has offered assistance as needed to his students and their wives in organizing a family budget. He also has provided the wives with opportunities for practice typing sessions in preparation for the next employment placement tests.

Since the inception of 9th Enlisted Training Company's financial assistance program two months ago, approximately ten enlisted student families have been able to help themselves financially. Sgt. Smith pointed out that "the program is designed not only to help the student but to save the government money on potential course dropouts." In other words, "the Army takes care of its own." On behalf of all these families, we thank SSG Gary Smith for effort and initiative above and beyond the call of duty.

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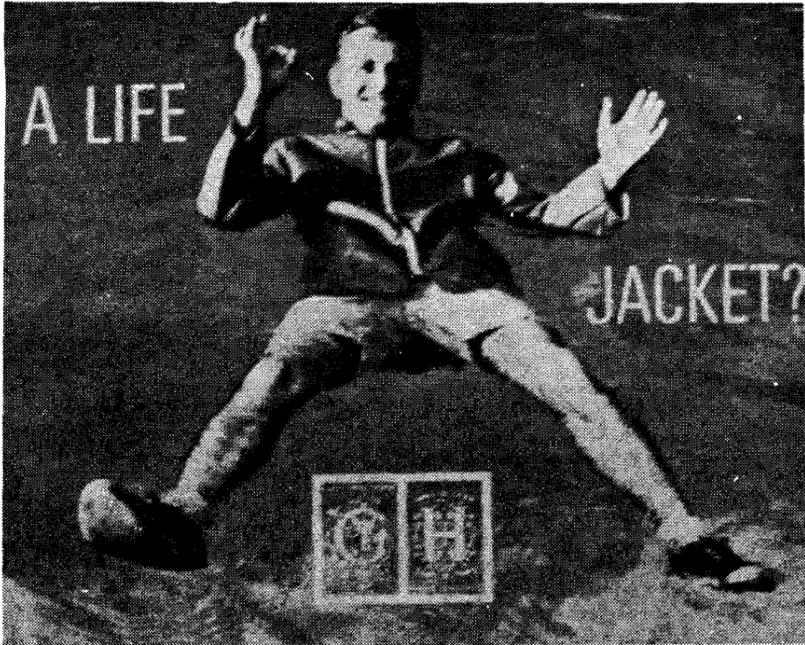
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EIGHT WITH ONE OATH
 A recently-graduated class of light air defense electronic repairmen from the 7th ETC has a unique distinction—a reenlistment average of .727. If that were a batting average it would be phenomenal, but even so it's probably some kind of record. Eight of the eleven men who recently graduated in class 11 of the 27F20 course took their re-up oaths simultaneously last week, with COL J. L. Keown, School Brigade commander, doing the honors. Signing for three more years each were PFCs Alvin D. Van Zee and Steve W. Weaver, and SP4s Patrick T. Hall, Charles L. Short, Kenneth R. Tracy, Ronald L. Mills, Thomas A. Lammers and Paul H. Moore.

What will the 7th ETC do for an sequel to that brilliant stroke? Wait til next week and you'll see!

and major staff offices of MMCS was given for LTC Horace Dennis, Jr., CPT Martin D. Monroe, CPT John S. Cochrane, 1LT Thomas K. Wetzel, 2LT James E. Furr, 2LT Bryan A. Cox, 2LT Michael Zagwoski, and CW2 Renold Quick.



CW2 RENOLD QUICK

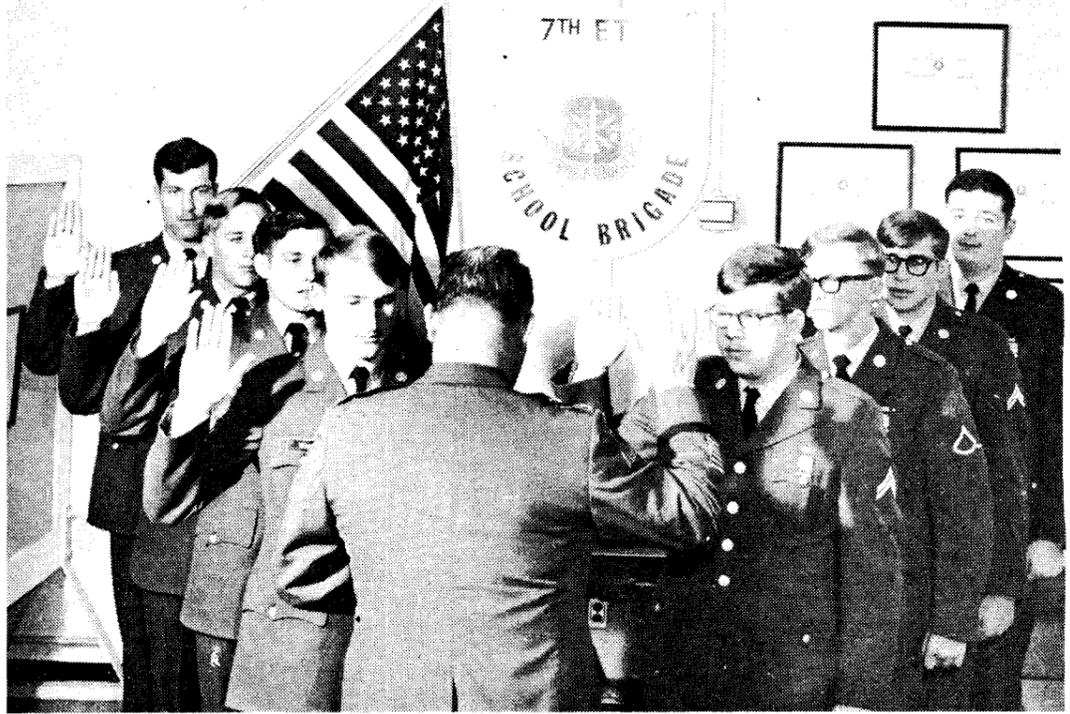
Col. Dennis has stepped into an assignment as special assistant to the director, Office of Doctrine and New Materiel. He comes to MMCS from Okinawa, where he served with the 30th Artillery Brigade as Ordnance Officer and Director of Logistics. Likewise assigned to D&NM are CPT Cochrane and 1LT Wetzel—Cochrane as Technical Officer in the Tech Research Branch and Wetzel as an editor of field manuals. As we mentioned a couple of columns ago, CPT Monroe has taken command of HHC, UTC.

Lieutenants Cox and Zagwoski have tackled instructor assignments with Officer Training Dept. Cox will be expounding the intricacies of the Nike-Hercules missile while Zagwoski will



LTC HORACE DENNIS

LEARNING THE ROPES
 Last week was orientation time for a group of recently-assigned officers. A three-day briefing and tour of the directorates



EIGHT TAKE THE OATH FOR THREE MORE—(Left to right) PFC Alvin D. Van Zee, Sp4 Patrick T. Hall, Sp4 Charles L. Short, Sp4 Kenneth R. Tracy, COL J.L. Keown (with back to camera), Sp4 Paul H. Moore, PFC Steve W. Weaver, Sp4 Thomas A. Lammers and Sp4 Ronald L. Mills.

be lecturing on the HAWK missile. The lone warrant officer of the group, Mr. Quick, has been given the post of chief of the electronic maintenance branch in Directorate of Logistics. He comes here from the 178th Maintenance Co. in Vietnam. And lastly, as we've mentioned before, 1LT Furr is working in the Office of the Secretary.

comes from Weymouth, Mass., and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Northeastern University in Boston.

On the enlisted side of the ledger, nine permanent party men sewed on their SP4 stripes last week. Our congratulations go to

Smith of the 249th Ord. Det., Gary L. Dedrickson and Gregory Overmoe of the 90th Ord. Det., and a trio from HHC, UTC — Donald J. Beach, Barry A. Dablock and Luther M. Hood.

A COUPLE OF GOODBYES

Two MMCS Certificates of Achievement were presented last week to men who have completed their active duty obligations and are setting off on new and, we hope, profitable endeavors in the civilian sector.

CPT Richard G. Kilcup was honored for his service to the Army while filling several posts with Missile Components Dept. He served continuously with MMCS since July, 1968, with his last assignment being chief of the Electronics Division under Missile Components. Kilcup comes from Johnston, R. I., has a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Rhode Island, and plans to resume work with Westinghouse Corp., where he was employed before entering the Army.



CPT RICHARD KILCUP

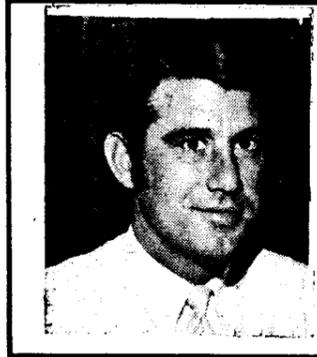
SP5 Ronald R. Bean was awarded his certificate for his meritorious service as company clerk at the MMCS Student Officer Company. He served in this position since 1968 and has returned to his hometown of Bay City, Tex.



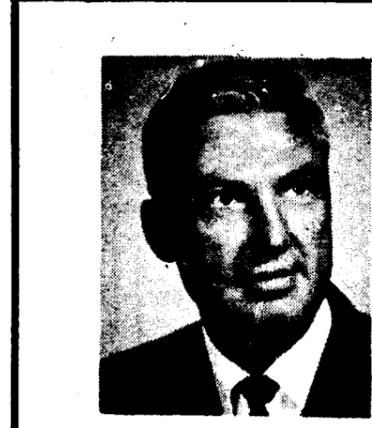
1LT JOSEPH BUSA

BARS AND STRIPES FOREVER
 Shiny new bars and bright yellow stripes keep coming down for determined MMCSers. Sometimes they come by the bushel basket, sometimes only by the handful, but they always seem to come through for those with patience. This week we have one officer receiving a pair of new silver bars. He's 1LT Joseph L. Busa, Jr., an instructor in Land Combat Missile Branch of OTD. Busa

former PFCs Ronald E. Weber, Co. B, Thomas E. Wolke, 3rd ETC, Michael Stevens of the 277th Ord. Det., UTC, Lloyd



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Weaver Collects Musical Instruments

During the day James R. Weaver is a project engineer with the Army Missile Command's Land Combat Support Systems, but in the

evening he pursues his hobby as a musical engineer.

While most people like to play or listen to music, Weaver is more



YOU PUSH THE FIRST VALVE DOWN—And the music goes round and round and it come out here... James R. Weaver, a project engineer with the Army Missile Command's Land Combat Support Systems, likes to study various musical instruments and the engineering and physics involved. Weaver is shown with his favorite coronet and some of the more than 30 instruments in his collection.

interested in the physics and engineering of the various instruments that causes them to produce a wide range of sounds.

In pursuing his hobby, Weaver has collected an odd assortment of instruments that include three banjos, three coronets, one bugle, an E Flat alto horn, a baritone horn, a ukelele, a potato bug mandolin, a push button accordion, an autoharp, six harmonicas, three fifes and numerous musical penny whistles.

Though he is not an accomplished musician on any particular instrument, he can play them all to a limited degree. Weaver enjoys all his instruments, but it doesn't take an observer long to discover that his first love is the coronet.

Actually Weaver learned to play the coronet, trumpet and the harmonica when he was in high school, but he got away from music during his tour of duty in the navy. During his days as a student at Georgia Tech, Weaver's roommate played the marimba, so he got his old harmonica out of mothballs and the two had some lively duets. Later he found an old coronet in a pawn shop and started playing the horn again.

When Weaver graduated from college and was serving as a substitute teacher in Lewisburg, Tenn., he maintained his interest

in music. He used to sit in on band practice even though he had no official connection with the band.

In May 1961, Weaver joined the Army missile team at Redstone Arsenal as an engineer in the Ground Support Equipment Laboratory and though his job changed he maintained a deep interest in the physics of musical instruments.

Some of his collections are old junk instruments that he picks up in pawn shops or from people who are wanting to get rid of them; Others are antiques that have an interesting history.

The oldest instrument in his collection is a push button accordion that came out in 1829 and was a forerunner of the concertina. Weaver purchased it at an auction in Tennessee and when he was checking it found a pencil inscription inside which read, "To Nattie Burton, Fall Creek Falls, Tenn., March 19, 1889." Despite its age, the old accordion has a good tone and he plays it frequently for his own entertainment.

Another of his old instruments is a banjo that was listed in the 1908 Sears Roebuck catalog as selling for \$2.25 and Weaver pointed out that today the pegs and strings for it cost two or three times more than the original was brand new. One of the most unique in-

struments in his collection is the fretless banjo of the type used by the old mountaineers back in the hills. Weaver explained that the Mountaineers didn't know how to use the frets, so they filed them off and just fingered the strings on the smooth neck of the banjo. This type playing produced a tinny and hollow ringing tone that is associated with old Mountaineer banjo players and totally unlike the modern sounds of today.

Weaver is always on the lookout for old instruments to add to his collection. Auctioneers, pawn shop owners, antique collectors and friends usually provide leads or give him instruments that they feel he might want.

With a husband who collects and plays many instruments, an 11 year old daughter who plays clarinet in the school band and a 15 year old daughter who plays piano, Mrs. Weaver says the one thing they don't have around the house is peace and quiet.

SADDLE CLUB PARTY

The Redstone Saddle Club will hold the annual Christmas party at the Club House Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

Members planning to attend should call Mrs. J.W. Young, 837-6921, or Mrs. M.J. Dooley, 837-6595.

NCO Military Ball Plans Set

The strains of the Grand March from Aida will resound throughout the main ballroom of the Redstone Arsenal Noncommissioned Officers Open Mess Saturday, Dec. 11, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Grand March is one of the highlights of the 2nd Annual Military Ball to be held at the club. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with the formal festivities beginning with the march.

The March will replace the

traditional receiving line and personnel desiring to participate may do so.

After the Grand March the pomp and circumstance of a formal military ball will continue with the posting of the Colors, the Traditional Toasts and the invocation. The crowning of the queen of the ball and the cutting of the traditional cake will conclude the ceremonies.

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After the formal festivities it will be swing and sway with the 55th U.S. Army Dance Band until closing time.

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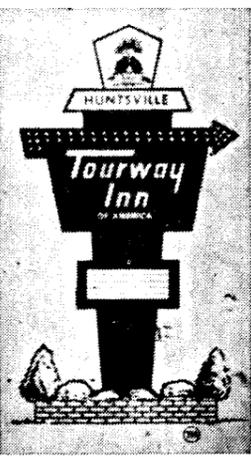
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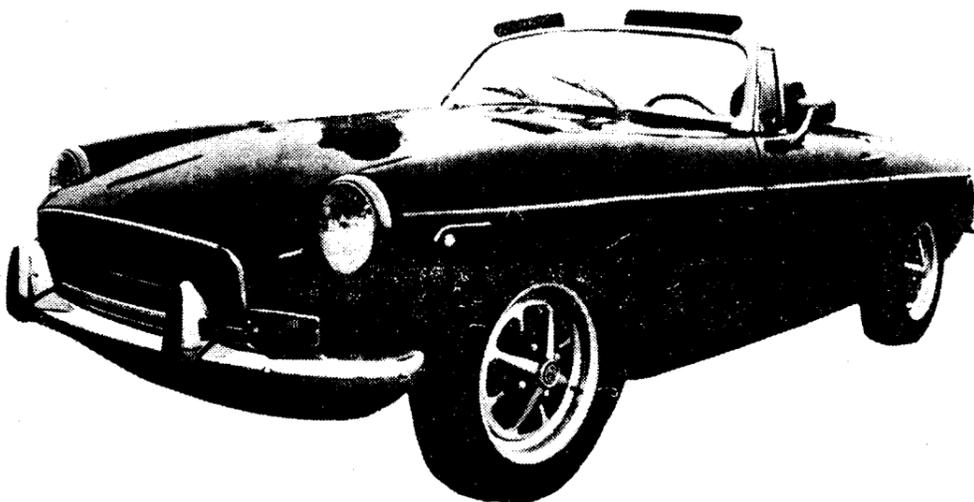
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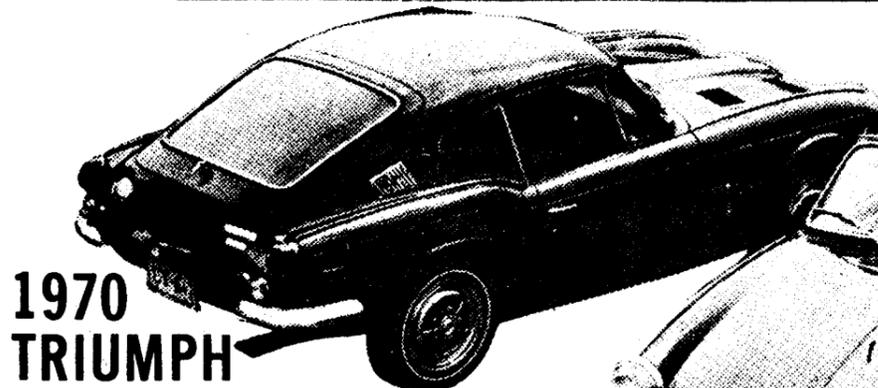
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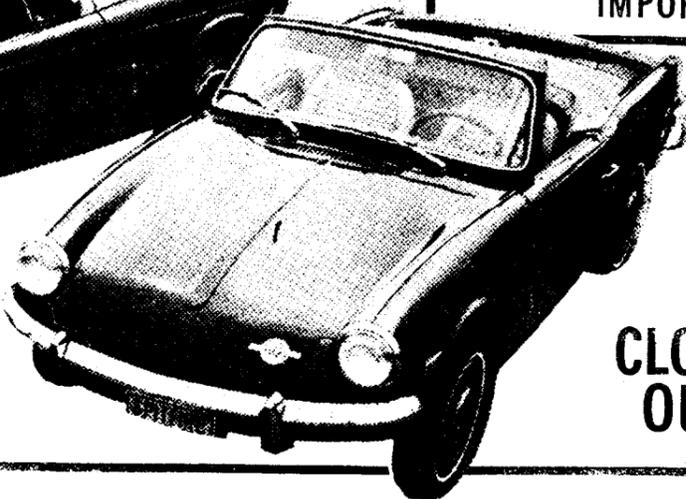


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'County Fair' Shop Center Slated Here

A \$1 million mini-shopping center will open around March 1 in Huntsville offering specialty shops and exotic gifts to the shopping public.

Plans for the new venture, The County Fair, to be located at the old Town House Motel on South Memorial Parkway, were announced Wednesday night by a group of Huntsville merchants.

The new shopping center will feature some 40 to 50 specialty shops and restaurants, including a Gay 90s saloon.

The shopping center will have a carnival and international atmosphere with rides and foreign shops as focal points of the center.

Gene Blocker, executive vice-president of County Fair, said the new center will offer a whole new range of shopping possibilities to local citizens and should draw trade from the Tri-Cities and other areas of North Alabama.

Blocker said that about 40 shops are in the process of formal leasing arrangements and that more are expected to be signed in the near future.

Included in the unusual shopping center will be such features as an ornate carousel, a ferris wheel, and a flea market.

Jack McCulley, secretary-treasurer of the new concern, said that upwards of 200 people will be employed initially in the mini-shopping center. "The carnival atmosphere and international flavor should add to the center's attraction," he said.

Plans call for bands to play in the gazebo in the summer and for high school dances in the parking areas.

The Huntsville-based corporation building the center is shooting for a March 1 opening date.

Officers for the County Fair are Houston P. Johnson, president; Gene C. Blocker, executive vice-president; Jack McCulley, secretary-treasurer; and James W. Hodges Jr., vice-president.

The advisory board of the County Fair includes, Charles C. Richardson, president of the Peoples National Bank; Pat Miller Jr., president of the City Council; Dean Matthews, director, Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments; Jack Patterson, president of Underground Atlanta; Roy E. Winegardner, executive, Holiday Inns of America; Aubrey Lammons, Huntsville attorney; Walter McKeegan, architect, art director, Hollywood, Calif.; and Richard Haas, manager, Construction Market Development Operation of the General Electric Corp., Louisville, Ky.

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The early release period will fall between Dec. 19, 1970 and Jan. 3, 1971. In general, it is anticipated that these early separations will be accomplished about one or two weeks earlier than normal separation dates. The release program applies only to servicemen and women stationed in the continental United States or in oversea areas which are also their permanent areas of residence (commonwealths, trusts, dependencies, Alaska or Ha-

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Holiday leave period is from 0700 hours Dec. 19, 1970 through 1700 hours Jan. 3, 1971. Commanders have been authorized and urged to exercise liberal leave policies

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Open house will be held on the farm from 1:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M., Sunday afternoon, November 29. A jeep and trucks will be on hand to drive anyone over the farm to see each tract.

Plats will be available at our office and on the farm at open house.

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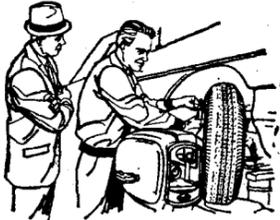
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