

# Redstone First To Install New Pay System

## Finance Center Leads All Posts in Country

Redstone Arsenal became the first Army installation in the United States to convert to the Joint Uniform Military Pay System (JUMPS) according to LTC Thomas W. Fitzgerald, Chief Finance and Accounting Division.

More than 20,000 key punch cards, containing pay information on officers and enlisted men paid by Redstone F & A Center, were forwarded to the Army Finance Center, Indianapolis, Ind., on July 19, four days ahead of schedule.

COL Fitzgerald took the cards to Indianapolis and gave this report, "We were the first post to get our cards in. The 20,000 cards we submitted each contained approximately 50 different entries.

Redstone had only 11 cards out of 20,000 to be rejected from the computer and these 11 involved entries on seven different soldiers' records. These were only minor discrepancies and all Redstone personnel involved will be paid under JUMPS in August."

Mrs. Marietta Graves, Chief, Pay & Exam Branch, commented, "Since Redstone was first, Finance personnel in Indianapolis had no previous experience for comparison, but they were amazed at the low error rate with so many entries involved."

"The 29 per cent of Redstone personnel who elected the twice monthly pay option will receive their first mid-month pay on Sept. 15," said Mrs. Mona Moorer, Supervisor of the Military Pay Section.

Ed Keyes, Supervisor, JUMPS Control, stated, "All Redstone personnel not transferring before Nov., will receive their Aug. pay under the JUMPS systems."

COL James Goodwin, Comptroller, Army Missile Command, had these comments, "The Finance and Accounting Center was able to do such an outstanding job because they had complete command support and had a group of dedicated people in the Military Pay Branch."

"Even while they were preparing these 20,000 cards necessary for JUMPS, they maintained regular service to their customers. The 18 military and 18 civilians involved frequently worked 12 hour-days, seven days a week, to effect the conversion. They are to be commended on their low error rate for such a complex operation."

Prior to deadline, COL Fitzgerald added this bit of information, "I have been in touch with the Finance Center in Indianapolis and they tell me that other Army installations have submitted their JUMPS records and Redstone is still maintaining the best record for the least number of discrepancies."

# REDSTONE

## The ROCKET

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## SAFLOG Chief Gets Star

### In Support Unit Since Activation

COL Cecil W. Hospelhorn, Commander of the Army's Safeguard Logistics Command, was promoted to Brigadier General this week at a ceremony in his office at Research Park.

GEN Hospelhorn's stars were pinned on by MG John R. Guthrie, Deputy Commanding General for Materiel Requirements at the Army Materiel Command, who was assisted by Mrs. Hospelhorn.

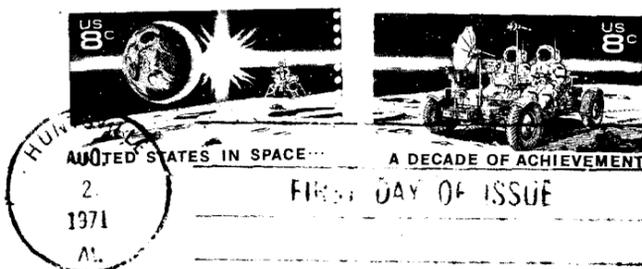
He has commanded SAFLOG since July 1969. Prior to that, he served as Director of Materiel Requirements for SAFLOG which was established in 1968 to provide logistic support to the Safeguard missile system.

Since it supports Safeguard only, SAFLOG had to develop unique new methods of materiel management and maintenance. SAFLOG also includes a depot in Glasgow, Montana.

GEN Hospelhorn is a graduate of Illinois State University and has a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University. He also is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Army War College and the Management Course for Executives at the University of Pittsburgh.

A native of Hudson, Ill., the new general has 28 years of Army service. His overseas assignments include Japan, Germany, Korea and Vietnam.

*Winton M. Blount*



The Redstone Rocket

U.S. Army Missile Command

Redstone Arsenal, AL 35808

RECEIVED ON DEADLINE—Winton M. Blount, Postmaster General of the United States, flew into Redstone Arsenal Airfield Monday for a visit to the Marshall Space Flight Center to dedicate First Day Issue of the stamps commemorating the first decade of Space flight by the U.S. The above cancellation resulted.

## Around-The-Clock Service Initiated

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The Post Hospital expanded its services this week and now offers medical service to all eligible personnel at a new walk-in clinic operating every day, around the clock.

The walk-in clinic is staffed to treat all emergencies and all types of medical illness. It provides services formerly performed by the outpatient clinic and emergency room. The walk-in clinic is on the ground floor, north wing, of the hospital, Bldg 112.

Personnel are encouraged to report for treatment during the day or early evening hours, but treatment will be available to active duty and retired military personnel and their dependents at any time.

The Medical Department Activity also made the following changes effective this week to improve service:

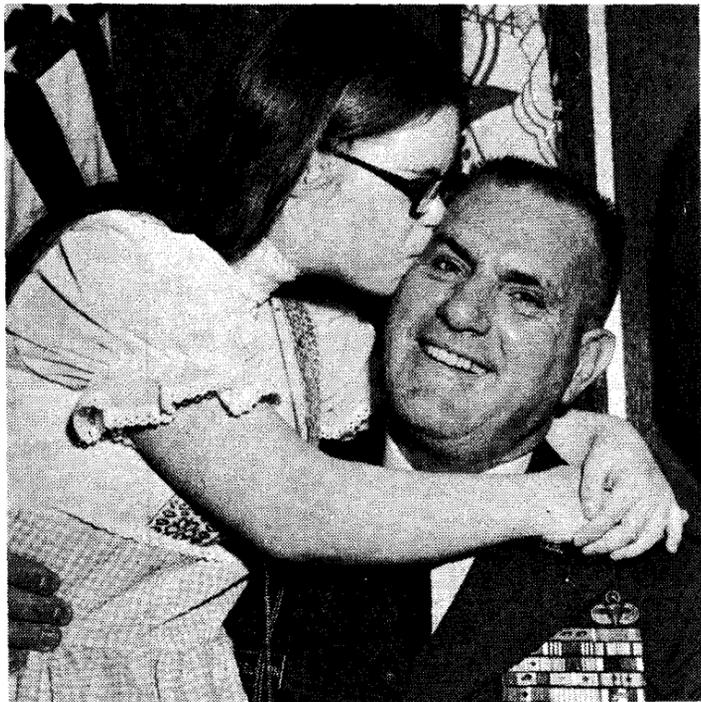
—Specialty clinics, including surgical, orthopedic, internal medicine, OB-GYN and pediatric (See AROUND on page 5)

### Let The Game Warden Do It

All personnel have been asked to notify the Deputy Game Warden's Office (876-8912) whenever cats, dogs, foxes, or coyotes are observed running loose on the Arsenal.

Information that should be reported is: type of animal, number in pack, time observed and the location. The report should be made promptly, and if possible, one person should remain in the vicinity while another makes the report.

In making the request the Deputy Game Warden emphasized that, under no circumstance should an attempt be made to capture or destroy the animal. That job should be left for trained personnel of his office.



KISS FOR THE GENERAL—Barbara Hospelhorn gives her daddy, Brig. Gen. Cecil W. Hospelhorn, a big hug and kiss immediately following his promotion Monday. Gen. Hospelhorn was promoted to his new rank during ceremonies in his headquarters in the Safeguard Building.



TOPS ON JUMPS—LTC Thomas W. Fitzgerald, holds 11 key punch cards out to Mrs. Mona Moorer, and Ed Keyes. These were the only discrepancies on over 20,000 cards submitted to the Army Finance Center, Indianapolis, Ind. Redstone was the first Army installation in the U.S. to go on the Joint Uniform Military Pay System (JUMPS) and has the lowest error rate of any organization in the system.

# The Redstone Rocket

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## Rocket Ruminations

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# Answers

**(Editor's Note: The MICOM Information Office provides direct, factual answers for job-related questions of Missile Command military and civilian personnel. Questions may be submitted by telephone or in writing. Dial 876-4161 or 876-4400, give your name, organization telephone number, and question. You will be telephoned the answer as soon as possible. If you prefer, submit the question in writing giving name, organization and telephone number, to the MICOM Information Office, Rm. A-134, Bldg. 5250. An answer will be telephoned to you. Questions and answers of general interest will be selected for publication in the Rocket. (Names will be withheld.)**

**QUESTION: What is the procedure for changing job title and series?**

**ANSWER:** If an employee feels that his job title and series are incorrect, he should discuss the problem with his supervisor. If the supervisor agrees with the employee, the supervisor should initiate a Standard Form 52, Request for Personnel Action, stating the reasons for proposed change. If the supervisor does not agree with the employee, but the employee still desires to have his position re-evaluated, he should initiate a job evaluation complaint. Procedures for initiating a job evaluation complaint are available in MIR 690-5.

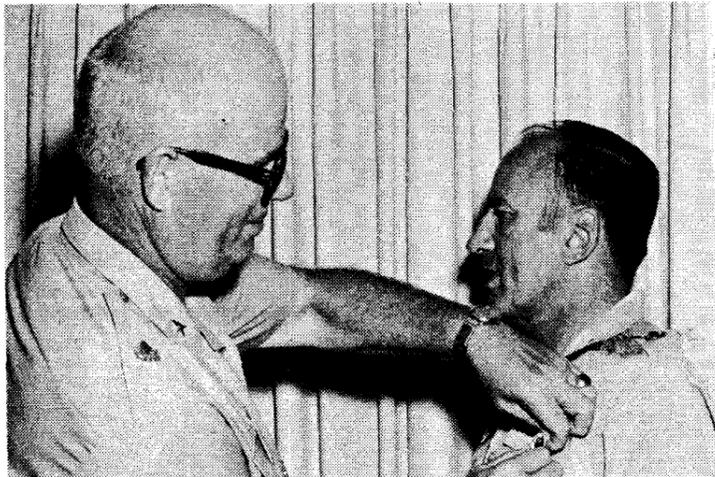
**QUESTION: Were Civil Service Regulations and the Merit Promotion Plan followed in raising the grades of the three top secretaries in the SAM-D and Lance Project Offices? Why weren't these jobs advertised? Can any secretarial job be upgraded without a desk audit or without its being advertised? In a RIF situation, if these people were promoted without competition, will they be allowed to displace individuals who were not permitted to compete for their jobs?**

**ANSWER:** Federal Personnel Manual Regulation 335, Par. 4-2 states that a career promotion may be made without current competition when the employee's position is reconstituted in a higher grade because of the accretion of additional duties and responsibilities of General Officer and Deputy positions.

During a reduction-in-force, employees who are promoted without competition have the same rights as those promoted through competition.

**QUESTION: The Redstone Rocket, June 2, issue carried a news story about the Advanced System Concepts Office of the Research, Development, Engineering and Missile Systems Laboratories seeking a name for a new forward area air defense missile system. Was a name selected?**

**ANSWER:** More than 700 suggested names were submitted locally. These were narrowed to 20 names, and then to five from which the Commanding General selected a name which has been submitted to the Office, Chief of Research and Development, Department of the Army, for approval. Public announcement of the name selected will be made at the appropriate time.



**OFFICER HONORED**—Col. Robert H. Edger (right) is decorated with a Legion of Merit by BG Ross R. Condit, Jr., for his outstanding performance as chief of the Combat Development Command Maintenance Agency Missile and Munitions Division. Col. Edger, who retired at the end of July, has been replaced as chief by Lt. Col. Donald P. Kelly, Jr. General Condit commands the U.S. Army Combat Development Command's Personnel and Logistics Systems Group at Fort Lee, Va.

## Retire Early Plan Extended

The Civil Service Commission has extended the opportunity for Missile Command personnel to choose early retirement under the discontinued service annuity plan. This means that anyone with 20 years of creditable service who is at least age 50, or anyone with 25 years of creditable service at any age, may elect to retire.

A reduction of two percent per year is made from the annuity for each year a person is under age 55. No reduction is made for individuals age 55 or older.

The plan was first used at the Missile Command during the Reduction in Force process last year, and served to reduce the number of persons who might have been affected.

In a letter from Maj. Gen. Edwin I. Donley, MICOM Commanding General, which was distributed to all personnel last week, he said that since employment restrictions will exist at MICOM through June 30, 1972, certain employees are still eligible for discontinued service annuity.

THE 'S HAVE IT



## Military Careers Ended by 28 Soldiers

Long and honorable military careers of twenty-eight Redstone Arsenal soldiers came to a close last week with their retirements from the active service.

Eight officers, two warrant officers and 18 enlisted men were honored at the regular monthly retreat ceremony held on Thursday.

Brig. Gen. Bates C. Burnell, Division Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer Division, Huntsville, was the reviewing officer and the 55th Army Band presented a brief concert prior to the parade.

Twelve of the retirees completed their careers in assignments with the Missile Command, one was with the Safeguard Systems Command, another with the Redstone Army Hospital. The remainder were with The Army's Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Missile Command officers at their farewell ceremony were, Col. Eugene J. Phelps, Lt. Col. Robert H. Sandstrone, Lt. Col. Stephen P. Palko and Maj James C. Triplett.

Enlisted personnel ending their careers with the Missile Command were, Sergeants First Class Walter J. Bernaski, Frank H. Claxton, Ollian E. Jackson and Robert E. Kurtz; and Staff Sergeants, Erskine F. Appleton, Robert L. Cutler and Charles F. Baker.

Lt. Col. Homer Ambrose, Jr., left the service from the Safeguard Systems Command, and SFC Anthony Passero's last assignment was with the Hospital at the Arsenal.

Officers assigned to the School were, Col. Norman L. Holland, and Lt. Col. James M. Schiavo. CW3 Everett V. White and CW2 Owen D. Manley also closed out their careers at the School.

Enlisted retirees from USAMM-CS were: Sergeant Major Charles W. Rodeen; Master Sergeants Richard J. Horan and Roland H. Morgan; Sergeants First Class Robert Z. Konizeski and James Sharpe; Staff Sergeants Elias Joines, Jr., James M. Mical and Owen D. Shifflett; and SP6 Eugene N. Boney.

## Airlines Say Wear Uniform

Sorry, Soldier, if you go standby on commercial airlines and fly on reduced fare while on pass or leave, wearing the uniform is necessary.

It may seem silly to have to carry along extra clothes to be able to get the cheaper rate but a recent news release of the Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, the Department of Defense organization that looks into such matters, explains:

Discussions were held with airline representatives regarding possible elimination of this rule;

Commercial air carriers are sympathetic regarding inconvenience to members of the Armed Forces but they pointed out that

immediate identification was needed for a number of privileges being extended them. Examples are:

Being provided space aboard aircraft before civilian standby travelers;

Being placed in first class though traveling on standby basis;

Being given preference over civilian standbys if there are not enough meals aboard to serve all passengers.

Airline officials emphasized that identification of military standbys becomes particularly critical at flight departure because of the limited time available after it is known that standby seats are available.

## Disposal Sale Set Next Week

An auction sale of surplus government property will be held at Redstone Arsenal Property Disposal Vehicle Yard, Thursday, Aug. 12.

The sale will begin at 9:30 a.m., but registration is to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Employees and military personnel are eligible to buy at the sale. They may inspect the property beginning Aug. 5. Hours of inspection will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., daily excepting week ends, until the sale date.

More than 130 separate items are offered for sale. The property includes trucks, sedans, trailers, farm tractors, farm wagons, lime spreaders, bicycles, beds, clothing, tires, hydraulic cylinders, metal drums and exhaust fans.

Purchased items must be removed from the Arsenal within a week.

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After Long Years

# Merits Far Outdo Demerits

Colonel Norman L. Holland, who retired last week as director of individual training at the Missile and Munitions Center and School took time out recently to look back over his 30 years in the Army, and to try to look into the future, both for himself and for the service he so dearly loved.

"Time out" it was, too, for in spite of only six work days remaining, his desk was still covered with paperwork. He was planning, he said, to work through his last day as if he were staying on for several more years. Then, the following day, he intended to come in and clean out his desk.

As Holland rocked back in his chair and expressed his feelings about his service, it seemed as though he were making a final reckoning in the ledger book for his Army career. One of his remarks even suggested such a process:

"I find a minimum of red entries and a maximum of black entries," he said. "I regret not one day of my military career." His blue eyes did not waver.

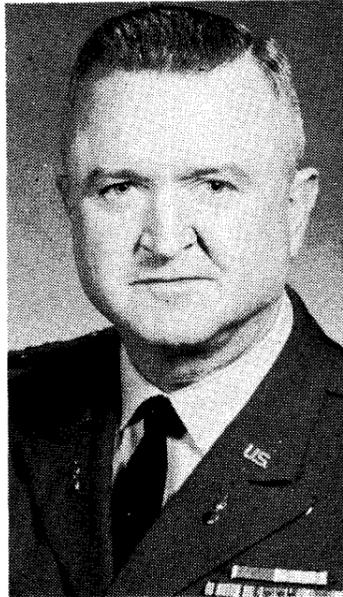
In spite of unqualified positive feelings, wasn't there a sense of relief at the thought of taking off the yoke after so many years? Holland shook his head. "By necessity, I'll have to start a new career at the age of 52," he said. "I'm not afraid of tackling a new assignment, but I feel that being employed by the Army for only 30 years is not using enough of a man's potential."

"I'd sign up for another 30

years right now if it were possible.

"I don't think our country can go on forever carrying the tremendous expense of pensions for retired career people whose life expectancies keep getting longer and longer."

It turns out that a man who has virtually nothing of a negative sort to say about his entire Army career had not made up his mind



COL NORMAN HOLLAND

to be a soldier from boyhood.

"A military career had been the last thing in my thoughts," Holland recalled. "War was imminent and I couldn't get a job. That's what motivated me to volunteer. I did so with the idea of joining for a year and then getting out."

That was January, 1941. The Army then had a one-year option to attract enlisted volunteers. After volunteering, however, Holland found he couldn't get into the specialty he wanted on a one year tour. He began to hear that the United States would probably become involved in the widening European conflict. That would mean an indefinite extension of service for everyone, so Holland volunteered for a three-year enlistment.

The U. S. Army in 1941 was still an organization in which a man could, given the right circumstances, go from private to first sergeant practically overnight. The time span between Holland's days as a private and

his promotion to first sergeant was a mere 11 months.

As a 22-year-old first sergeant, Holland figures he must have been one of the youngest of that rank in the Army at the time. Things like that didn't happen just because the right people liked you, though.

"While other fellows were out having a good time, I spent most of my evenings as an enlisted man back at the office learning my job," he remarked.

Soon after his rapid jump in rank, the United States in the meantime having entered the war, Holland decided to apply for Officer Candidate School. One of the clerks in Holland's unit convinced him to seek the commission.

Holland became a 90-day wonder in May of '42 when he received his gold lieutenant's bars. His World War II years were spent as an ordnance maintenance officer. He participated in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and Italy. In Italy, he was in the Anzio-Nettuno Beachhead landing force.

After the war, Holland served in a dozen different assignments, several of which involved instruction or administration in the field of ordnance schooling. When he came to MMCS and took over as director of individual training in November, 1957, his experience had prepared him for a position of heavy responsibility administering the training of thousands of soldiers each year.

Nearly four years later, having seen the equivalent of a couple divisions of students come and go at MMCS, he was asked if the soldier of the future might not be typified by the MMCS soldier with 40 or 50 weeks of specialized training.

"No, I don't believe he will," Holland said. "We're going more toward the 'what' rather than the 'why' approach in support training. That is, we will teach a soldier what to do when a certain condition is indicated by his test equipment — almost like following a cookbook. He won't have to be so much an analyst who can diagnose troubles and understand why something isn't working. Instead, his equipment and manuals will isolate the problems and tell him what to do to correct it."

Holland feels that the 1971-model soldier doesn't differ greatly from that of his civilian

counterpart.

"The quality of the Army is only as high as that of the source of the people who make it up," he pointed out. "The source of our people is the civilian community. If a person is bad when he comes in, the chances are he's going to be bad while he's in. The character traits that are molded over 18 or 20 years aren't usually changed so radically by a military experience of two or three years.

"But on the whole we turn out a far better man than we receive."

As for the Army's overall image, he believes that it is "even better right now than when I came in." The prestige of the Army is going to have its ups and downs, he explained. "We're bound to take a few black eyes now and then but its something that will disappear naturally. We shouldn't try to force it." "If we do our job properly, the public will recognize it and respond accordingly," he said.

A question about his own future brought Holland back to immediate and personal considerations. He spoke of the necessity of launching a new career, but was uncertain what it will be.

The security of his own family is not the only point involved in

that decision. While stationed in Korea, he and his wife had taken on the financial responsibility for putting a Korean orphan girl through college.

"She's a senior at Yon Sei University now, majoring in music," he said. "She has a beautiful voice, too. It's going to put a squeeze on us to carry through that commitment on a retirement, but we do intend to do so."

Holland said goodbye last week to his fellow soldiers and co-workers from the Directorate of Individual Training. He referred to them as "the DIT family," told them he left with "fond regrets," and summed up his personal attitude toward his Army years with an aphorism.

"The military life is like any other honorable profession—it is that which you make of it from an individual standpoint."

TV REGULAR AT CLUB SUNDAY

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SIXTH ANNIVERSARY FOR ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE—An open house in their new quarters and the sixth anniversary of Army Community Service were celebrated together last week by the group that runs the office on Redstone. Volunteers received awards and the anniversary cake was cut. Volunteers, top row, left to right, and their awards, are: Mrs. Michael Banks, training certificate; Mrs. Jack

Green, 400-hour certificate; and Mrs. Don Conn, training certificate. In lower left, are Mrs. Daniel Slate who earned her ACS uniform and 50-hour pin and Col. A.J. Forsythe who presented the award. On the right, Mrs. Forsythe cuts the cake with the assistance of Mrs. Robert Stengel, volunteer supervisor, and recipient of a 400-hour certificate. In the background is Capt. Andrea Davies, ACS coordinator.

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# LTC Kelly Heads CDC Agency In Third Tour

Lt. Col. Donald P. Kelly, Jr., replaced Col. Robert H. Edger as chief of the Combat Development Command Maintenance Agency (CDCMA) Missile and Munitions Division last week.

The new chief holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he was the distinguished ROTC graduate. In 1967 the twenty-year veteran attended the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Five years of Kelly's varied military career have been served at Redstone. From 1954 until 1956 while assigned to the U. S. Army Ordnance Missile Command, the lieutenant colonel served as the Guided Missile Liaison Officer for the Field Service Division.

From 1958 until 1961, again assigned to the Ordnance Missile Command, Kelly served as the Staff Officer for the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Research and Development.

Just prior to being assigned as chief of the CDCMA, Missile and Munitions Division, Kelly was serving as chief, Weapons and Mobility Branch, USACD-CMA at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Kelly has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal, the Legion of Merit Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal during his military career. His overseas assignments include tours in Korea, Germany, and Vietnam.

Col. Edger, a graduate of the U. S. Army Military Academy, retires at the end of July after 20 years of service.

In recognition of his outstand-



LTC KELLY

ing service as chief of CDCMA Missile and Munitions Division since 1967, the retiring chief was decorated with the Legion of Merit.

Brig. Gen. Ross R. Condit, Jr., commanding general, USACDC Personnel and Logistics Systems Group, Fort Lee, Virginia, Personally decorated Edger.

During his distinguished military career, the Legion of Merit recipient was project manager for development of the M14 rifle at Rock Island, Illinois, from June, 1962, until October, 1963, and project manager for the 175mm and 8-inch Self-Propelled Howitzer's development from October, 1963, until June, 1965.

### GED TEST

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Though the situation is startlingly real, the atomic blast is not. The nuclear blast is simulated, but the soldiers of the Unit Training Command at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School react as if it was the real thing.

The blast, detonated by explosive ordnance specialists, is just part of the training for reserve units during their annual refresher stint at the training center.

Unit Training Command goes to great lengths to make the training realistic for units who "come to school" at MMCS each year.

During the field exercise phase of their training, the troops are warned to be on the alert. They're given a briefing on the hypothetical situation surrounding their field exercise. Part of that briefing is that the military situation around them has reached the point at which nuclear attack seems imminent.

When the attack comes, the men know what to do.

They know they have only a few seconds to "hit it" when the flash of the explosion cues them. The death-dealing shock wave of the blast travels at about the speed of sound, somewhat slower than the light from the flash.

Once the massive shock wave has passed, the men take whatever steps they can to protect

themselves and their equipment from fallout.

When the fallout danger subsides, they will be ready to go on with their mission, having kept personnel and equipment losses to a minimum.

According to key members of the Unit Training Command on the scene, the men reacted well. In a real attack, their casualties would have been minimal.

They know what they must do, and have shown they can do it.

### ARMIES MERGE

The merger of 4th and 5th Armies, long in the making, became effective July 1. The new organization, designated at 4th Army, is headquartered at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.

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**DESCRIBES HOSPITAL PLAN**—Lt. Col. James M. Feltis, Jr., medical detachment commander at Redstone Arsenal, prepares for the MMCS television presentation outlining the new walk-in clinic started at Redstone August 2. Helping get the word out to MMCS personnel is SP5 Bill Hayes, information specialist at the MMCS Information Office.

## Incoming Wives Given Red Carpet Treatment

It makes no difference whether an Army wife is seeing her first post when she comes to Redstone or has been to many posts during her husband's career, the welcoming coffee sponsored every month by Army Community Service is a big help according to Redstone newcomers who went to the July meeting.

Purpose of the informal meeting, held the third Monday every month at the Service Club, is to acquaint wives with the benefits available to them at Redstone and in the surrounding community.

Another wife who has lived on or near several posts said she learned a lot at the meeting. "It was good to find out about medical services here - for me, that was the best part of the information they gave us," she said.

Army Community Service volunteers call on new arrivals on post, phone and send letters to off-post residents to invite them to the meeting.

Transportation, if needed, is provided, and baby sitting service is part of the invitation.

One young wife, who is new to Army life, said, "It's a good way to meet people, especially if one lives off-post as I do. I especially liked the bus tour at the end of the meeting." The tour takes the group around the Arsenal to show them where various facilities are located.

### RETIRING?

If you are planning to retire from the military service and are wondering about a second career. Your Retirement Services Officer may have the answer. The telephone number is 876-8664. The Building number is 3484.

## Cost Cutting Continues Despite Office Change

A management improvement program instituted while assigned to one Missile Command directorate and continued in another has resulted in the award of the Meritorious Service Medal to Maj. David K. Smith.

The award was presented to Maj. Smith last week by Col. V.V. Wallis, deputy director of the Research, Development, Engineering and Missile Systems Laboratory Directorate.

It recognized work accomplishments covering a two-year period starting in June 1969 when Maj. Smith was assigned to the Supply and Maintenance Directorate as a logistics officer in the National Inventory Control Point.

The officer has since transferred to RDE&MSL where he is a team leader in the Advanced Systems Concept Office.

The citation accompanying the Medal said Maj. Smith, "Maintained highly efficient management improvements during a period of personnel turbulence and realized validated cost savings of \$8,243,100 which

was 264 per cent of the assigned goal."

The Award further cited Maj. Smith for services since assuming his present position. He was credited with instituting a management program assuring progress ahead of schedule for the management of Air Defense suppression system requirement.

## No Decal Cars Target of MPs

An upswing of automobiles without decals being operated on the Arsenal has resulted in the Internal Security Division's tightening of enforcement.

Such an automobile is of concern because of the unknown factors about the car, especially whether or not it has liability insurance coverage.

Decals for vehicles may be obtained at the Provost Marshal between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays, and between 1:00 and 4:15 on Mondays. Once obtained the decal becomes a permanent permit for only that vehicle and must be affixed to it on the driver's side, front and rear bumper.

Information necessary to obtain a decal is a driver's license, vehicle bill of sale or license, tag receipt, and certification of liability insurance coverage of minimum amount 10-25.

If the automobile is sold and a decal is desired for a new vehicle, the old decal scrapings are required as evidence that the old numbers were destroyed. Other information, such as changing vehicle color, must be reported as events occur.

Persons bringing vehicles onto the Arsenal have a period of 72 hours to register it in order to obtain decals. Temporary visitor passes can be obtained, usually from an MP at a gate, until registration can be accomplished.



**Attends Safety Meet**—Robert H. Seavers, Chief, Post Safety Office, will attend a safety conference in Montgomery, Thursday. The event, called by Governor George C. Wallace, is to familiarize attendees with Public Law 91-596 which concerns occupational safety and health. Seavers is a member of the Governor's Traffic Safety Council and of the State Federal Coordinating Committee.

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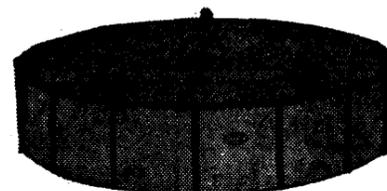


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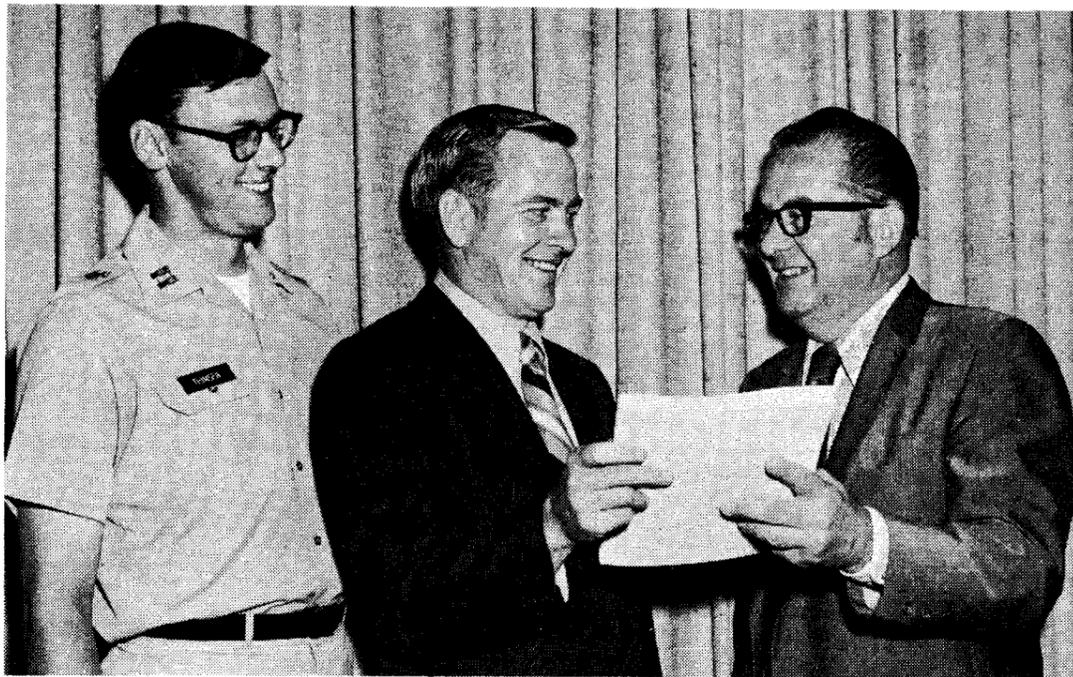
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FIRST TIME—Looking at a Lance contract which marks the first "breakout" of major Lance items are Capt. J.J. Thimsen, contract negotiator (left), William Hattaway, a procurement analyst in the Lance Project Office and N.E. Schaefer, contracting officer.

## Education Up Grade Is A Must

Education was cited as the key to the Modern Volunteer Army during the Friday morning graduation at the U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

"For a more professional Army, which is the VOLAR goal, we're going to have to raise the educational level of everybody from the Private to the General," said Major Ronald Finkbeiner, chief of the Administration and Operations for the Directorate of Individual Training.

He went on to tell the graduates that they will have to make use of on-the-job training, military and civilian schooling to reach the level of professionalism necessary for the Volunteer Army objective.

Private First Class Joe Ferguson of Route 2, Trinity, Ala., was among the 66 graduates. Ferguson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ferguson of Trinity, Ala.

Four honor graduates were recognized during the ceremony. First Lieutenant Robert T. Hansen of the Royal Danish Air Force led his class academically to win the honor graduate award for the Air Defense Missile Technician class. Specialist 4 Philip Hardaker and Charles D. McCall led their respective classes in the HAWK Missile and Launcher Repair courses. Specialist 4 Terrance



MAJ FINKBEINER McCarty, honor graduate for the Ammunition Storage Specialist course, received the Association of United States Army award for academic achievement. A student must achieve better than 96.0 overall average to qualify for the AUSA award.

## 'Visit By Mars' Slated By RCAA

"Visit By Mars" is the subject of the program to be presented by the Rocket City Astronomical Association on Friday evening.

Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger will be the speaker for the August Program to be held in the Planetarium. He is Associate Director for Science at the Marshall Space Flight Center.

The program will be concerned with the close approach of Mars to the Earth. On Aug. 11, the planet will be 35 million miles from Earth. The last occasion for the close approach was in 1924 and the next will not occur for 27 years.

## Post Theatre

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 TUES., Aug. 10  
**"Sunflower" (G)**  
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### NEW SERVICE

The Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce was recently designated as the Associate Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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General Henry A. Miley, Commanding General of the U. S. Army Materiel Command, in a recent letter to the field, has called the attention of AMC personnel to the excellent training in briefing techniques and conference leadership offered by Toastmasters/Toastmistress clubs.

General Miley said in part: "The ability to express one's self effectively before an audience is one of the most valuable assets anyone can have.

"The best way to learn the skills and techniques of this important function is to do and I can think of no better practice Regimen than that provided by the Toastmasters/Toastmistress club curriculum. These organizations are dedicated to self-development in communication skills and have made a significant contribution to the training of AMC personnel."

General Miley encouraged AMC personnel to visit Toastmaster and Toastmistress clubs and similar organizations on or near their installations in order to evaluate for themselves, their interest in the programs offered by the clubs.

He added: "I consider it appropriate for AMC commanders to furnish support to AMC Toastmaster/Toastmistress clubs, to take advantage of the skills of their memberships in teaching briefing techniques and conference leadership and to authorize their personnel to participate within the scope of existing regulations."

For the convenience of interested personnel — military and civilian—Toastmaster and Toastmistress clubs in this area, together with points of contact, follow:

**TOASTMASTERS CLUBS**  
**Albertville TM Club**  
 Meets—Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Linda's Fine Foods, Albertville  
 Contact—James T. Smith, 878-2676

## Lance Contract Goes To Canada

Major items of Lance missile equipment are being "broken out" from the prime contractor and purchased directly from a research and development subcontractor.

The Army Missile Command Monday awarded a \$3.5 million contract to Canadian Commercial Corporation in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, for FY72 procurement of Lance launch fixtures and adaptation kits.

CCC, an agency of the Canadian government, will contract with Orenda Limited, which developed the Lance lightweight launcher as a subcontractor to LTV's aerospace Corporation, Michigan Division.

This marks the first breakout procurement of Lance hardware and will result in a substantial cost savings, the Army said.

Lance is the Army's newest battlefield missile that is scheduled to replace the Sergeant and Honest John missile systems. Capable of carrying either a nuclear or conventional warhead, Lance has maximum ground mobility, a swim capability, can be transported by plane or air dropped.

The Lance program is managed at Redstone, under COL Robert J. Proudfoot, project manager. Vought Missiles and Space Company, Michigan Division, LTV Aerospace Corporation is prime contractor.

The Missile Command's Procurement and Production Directorate negotiated the contract for the Army.

**Athens—Limestone TM Club**  
 Meets—Every Thursday, 7 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Jilmar Restaurant, Athens  
 Contact—Wally McDow, 232-2600

**Decatur TM Club**  
 Meets—2nd and 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Bentleys Restaurant, Decatur  
 Contact—Ed Anderson, 353-8158

**Florence TM Club**  
 Meets—Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Holiday Inn, Florence  
 Contact—Bill Pennington, 764-2044

**Gadsden TM Club**  
 Meets—2nd and 4th Monday, Noon

(Luncheon Mtg)  
 Place—Holiday Inn, Gadsden  
 Contact—Dr. Sam Norris, 442-5213

**Huntsville TM Club**  
 Meets—Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Pepe's Restaurant  
 Contact—Clarence Ellis, 536-8763

**Mason Dixon TM Club**  
 Meets—Every Monday, 6:30 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Howard Johnson's, Huntsville  
 Contact—Charles Bendall, 837-6555

**Redstone TM Club**  
 Meets—Every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Country Kitchen, Huntsville

Contact—Dick White 852-3539

**Speakeasy TM Club**  
 Meets—1st and 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Ruby Nell Restaurant, Huntsville  
 Contact—Lyn Snider, 852-2698

**Statesman TM Club**  
 Meets—2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Cattfish Haven, Huntsville (Lacey's Spring)  
 Contact—Max Forbis, Phone 536-2643

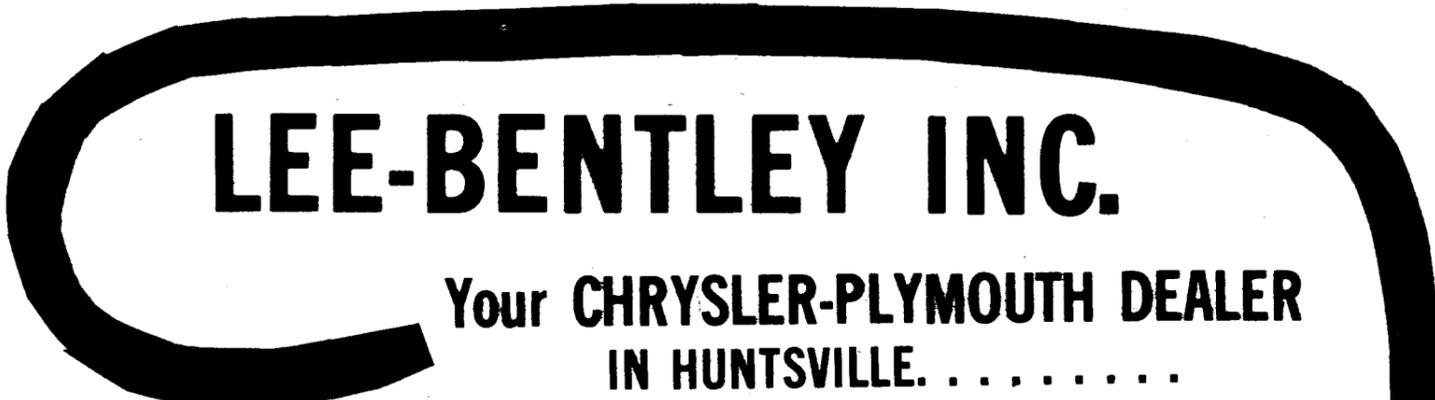
**Top Forty TM Club**  
 Meets—1st and 3rd Tuesday 6:30 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Pepe's Restaurant, Huntsville  
 Contact—Tom McCormack, 536-8380

**TOASTMISTRESS CLUBS**

**Huntsville TMC Club**  
 Meets—1st and 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Russel Erskine Hotel, Huntsville  
 Contact—Eileen Hallock, 881-3476

**Redstone TMS Club**  
 Meets—1st and 3rd Wednesday, 11 a.m. (Dinner Mtg)  
 Place—Redstone Officers Club, Redstone Arsenal  
 Contact—Nancy Seward, 232-6881

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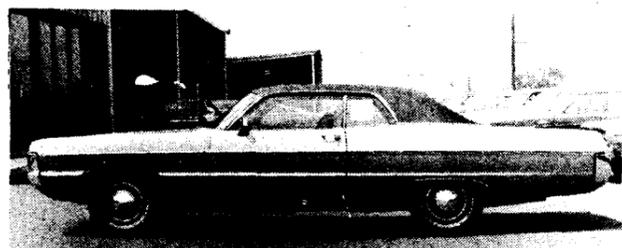
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**NAMES IN THE NEWS**

SP5 Jerry Berg

Topping this week's list of decorations awarded to MMCSers are two Meritorious Service Medals. They were accepted by a retiring officer and NCO from the Ammunition Department team. And all five of last week's awardees, incidentally, were honored for their contributions while assigned to MMCS.

LTC James M. Schiavo was one of the MSM recipients, and was awarded the medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster for his outstanding service over the past



**LTC SCHIAVO**

11 months as chief of the General Ammunition Division. Among other achievements, Schiavo was credited with reducing the division's student attrition rate due to academic deficiencies from 4.9 per cent to 1.3 per cent. Originally from Stamford, Conn., Schiavo finished up his Army career of more than 24 years and has returned to his hometown.

The other Meritorious Service Medal was presented to SGM Charles W. Rodeen in recognition of his accomplishments as



**SGM RODEEN**

chief instructor of Ammunition Department. Rodeen has been here at the school since May, 1968, and served in the chief instructor post from January, 1969, through last Friday. He was cited in the award for developing procedures which significantly improved student attendance and performance. The sergeant major's retirement home is Seattle, Wash.

**ARCOMS FOR THREE**

CPT James R. Henderson, SFC John L. Sansing and SP5 Walter L. Creekmore last week added the Army Commendation Medal

to their collections of decorations received. In Sansing's case it was the second award of the medal, so he added an Oak Leaf Cluster. CPT Henderson's outstanding

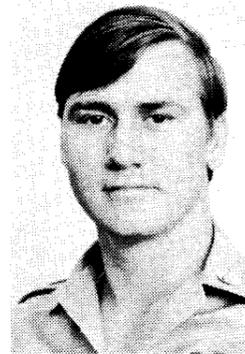


**CPT HENDERSON**

duty as land combat missile operations officer and as commander of the 4th ETC was the reason for his receiving the ARCOM. He was cited for the period of May, 1970, through May of this year. Henderson is currently working toward a Master of Arts degree at Florence State University in preparation for an ROTC instructing position there. He earned his Bachelor's degree there in 1964.

SFC Sansing's service to MMCS was in the capacity of administrative NCO-in-charge for the Admin-Operations Division of DIT. According to the citation accompanying the medal, Sansing's guidance as advisor to the chief of that division resulted in many improvements to DIT in the area of personnel matters. The sergeant retired as of last month with over 20 years of service and plans to make the Huntsville area his retirement home.

The third ARCOM went to SP5 Creekmore for his devoted duty to the S-2/3 Section of School Brigade Headquarters. Creekmore came to the School in December, 1968, and finished up



**SP5 CREEKMORE**

his active Army service last Friday. A native of Hughes, Ark., he is returning there with plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. We might sum it up with "Redstone Ranger to become Razorback Root-er."

**C&GS GRADUATE**

A distinction we don't encour-

ter too often was recently conferred on one of our civilian employees. Charles W. Zimmerman, deputy chief of the Munitions Division, OTD, received a diploma signifying completion of the Army's Command and General Staff College. No, civilians aren't being admitted to the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., college. The explanation is that Zimmerman is a major in the Army Reserve and completed the requirements for graduation through a special curriculum spread over five years.

The requirements included studying at a local Army Reserve school in his off-duty hours for nine months out of each year plus two weeks of active duty each summer at Hattiesburg, Miss. The final two-week phase of the course was conducted at Fort Leavenworth. Zimmerman has been with OTD since 1965 and as a reservist is assigned to a mobilization slot with Continental Army Command Headquarters.

**ACTIVATION FOR 23RD ORD**

Add one more unit to the list of those born at MMCS. The latest is the 23rd Ordnance Detachment, a Vulcan direct support unit. The 23rd is the first such unit to be activated in the Army, and was officially given its guidon in a ceremony at Unit Training Command last Friday. CO of the Detachment is CPT John S. Cochran, 25, who



**CPT COCHRANE**

took over the job from an assignment as a tech officer at DDL&P. The captain received his commission in 1968 through the ROTC program at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

The detachment's first shirt is ISG Dwight S. Uemura, who was



**ISG UEMURA**

mentioned here last week on the occasion of his making E-8. Uemura was previously NCOIC of the Land Combat Maintenance Branch in Directorate of Logistics. Originally from the island of Maui (that's out where they say "Aloha" rather than "hello"), Uemura is on his third tour here.

The unit will be undergoing 12 weeks of tactical and technical training in preparation for deployment.

**AN AUGUST CONTENDER**

It's onward and upward this week for PFC Steven C. Smith, our contender for post Soldier of the Month in August. Smith won over his three opponents at the Brigade level elimination last week. He works in Television Department and is a member of Company A.

**NEW SGM FOR THE 1ST**

The senior enlisted man's chair at 1st Battalion is now occupied

by MSG George J. Cantrell, former first sergeant of B Company. Cantrell will be the battalion's acting sergeant major in the wake of CSM James R. Crick's departure for Germany. Crick spent two years here, filling the sergeant major slots for School Brigade, 1st and 3rd Battalions, and will be taking over the corresponding duties for a tank battalion at Augsburg.

Cantrell has been around MMCS since October, 1965, serving as NCOIC of Pershing Division before becoming "top kick" of B Company.

**MORE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY**

In the promotion department this week, another NCO was given a direct appointment to warrant officer and a lieutenant exchanged his gold bars for silver ones. SFC Hilton G. LaCure, Jr., became WO1 LaCure in an on the spot ceremony out



**WO1 LaCURE**

near the Arsenal airfield. LaCure was out in the field with the 157th Ordnance Detachment at the time, but is now assigned to the 249th Ord. He's been here since 1965 as an instructor, and for a while as a student, in Land Combat Department.

The silver bars were pinned on 1LT Lawrence E. Schumacher, Jr., an instructor in the Munitions Division of OTD. The 24-year-old lieutenant was commis-



**1LT SCHUMACHER**

sioned at the University of Hous-

ton, where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1970.

Thirteen new specialists emerged from the student ranks as they graduated from their courses Friday. Sewing on their Spec. 4 stripes were eight men from the 5th ETC—William F. Alfano, Alan L. Crandall, Thomas R. Mabry, Kevin L. McNally, Stephen G. Melville, Lawrence V. Mosher, Lawrence R. O'Conner and Richard A. Shelton. The other new E-4s are Roger D. LeClerc, Charles D. McCall, Ronald W. Parks and Leonard H. Taylor of the 6th ETC and Stewart E. Doetzer of the 9th ETC.

**OVER THE TOP AGAIN**

It was another busy month at the Reenlistment Office as they finished out July with well over 100 per cent of their objective. During the last two weeks of the month, 16 soldiers signed for another hitch and four extended their current enlistments by two or three years.

Five of the reenlisters were first termers who decided to stay on a while longer. PFC Mark E. Pippenger and PFC William E. Gray, Co. A, PFC Henry D. Pena of Co. B, PFC Charles L. Sibley, Jr., 6th ETC, and SP4 Horace Williams, Jr., from the 227th Ord Detachment are now second termers.

Career soldiers who signed for another few seasons were SSG Roger L. Letterman, SSG Phillip D. Hollingsworth, SP5 Tony D. Schmitt and SP5 Morgan P. Williams, Co. A; MSG Terry K. Ford, SFC Homer O. Cherry, SSG James L. Deen and SSG Christian V. Johnson, Co. B; SFC Ray L. White and SP5 Benjamin J. Monroe, Co. C; and SP4 Reginald Shelton of the 227th Ord.

Extensions were taken by CSM James R. Crick, Co. C, SP6 Clarence Davis III and SP5 Paul A. Maw, HHC-School Bde., and SSG Rodney T. Jaksich, HHC-UTC.

**13 FINISH CAREERS**

Stacking arms, hanging up the green suit, hitting the retirement trail—however you want to say it, it was that time of the month again last week. The retirees and their respective lengths of service were: COL Norman L. Holland, 30 years, LTC James M. Schiavo, 24, CW3 Everett V. White, 21, CW2 Owen D. Manley, 21, SP6 Eugene N. Boney, 21, MSG Richard J. Horan, 20, SSG Elias Jones, Jr., 22, SFC Robert Z. Konizeski, 20, SSG James M. Mical, 20, SGM Charles W. Rodeen, 31, SFC John L. Sansing, 20, SFC James Sharpe, 20, and SSG Owen D. Shifflett, 20. Good luck to all, whatever direction their endeavors may take them.



**FOCAL POINT**—The office of the deputy chief of Technical Publications in the Maintenance Directorate will be the center of activity for Department of Army effort in the 1972 Combined Federal Campaign. Leonard Twinem returns for his second year as chairman for the Missile Command and other DA agencies participating in the drive. His secretary, Fay Zanaty, will be his office aide. Twinem is presently organizing the team of area chairmen who will be in charge of the person to person solicitation of funds for the one-a-year appeal. The six-week drive is slated to begin on September 27.

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**EVALUATORS**—Unit Training Command's Training and Evaluation Team reviews an ordnance detachment's performance during a field exercise. Team members are 1LT John W. Cline (left), the assistant chief of evaluation training, SFC Billy J. Ikemire, SFC Richard R. Mann, SFC Joseph R. Edwards, NCOIC, and CPT Stephen A. Plunkett, chief of evaluation training. Team member SSG James L. Spencer is not shown.

# Umpires Have To Stay On Toes

By PFC JEROME MERCER

"I might be assigned to this unit. My life may one day depend upon the ability of these men to do their job," says the soldier in the white helmet.

He's part of the Unit Training Command's (UTC) Training and Evaluation Team as it goes about its job of evaluating units during their 72-hour field training exercise (FTX) at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School.

During the eighth week of training, Ordnance Detachments trained by UTC participate in an FTX to determine their technical and tactical proficiency.

The Training Evaluation Team's "umpires," evaluate the effectiveness of the tactical training the units have received from UTC.

The FTX, in turn, determines if the unit's training has prepared it to pass the Army training test (ATT), given two weeks following the FTX.

The ATT results indicate an Army unit's ability to perform its mission under simulated combat conditions.

The umpires also evaluate reserve units as they undergo their FTX during summer camp at MMCS.

Back at their home stations, after summer camp the reserve

units work to improve in areas where they are weak.

During the FTX the umpires observe and evaluate the unit as it deals with day and night troop movements, air, guerrilla, gas, and nuclear attacks, road blocks, first aid treatment for personnel and the setting up of a bivouac area.

Although the umpire's job is primarily to evaluate, not teach, the unit learns from the umpire's evaluation.

On a tactical exercise a soldier trips a booby trap. An umpire points to the hapless soldier and states that he has a sucking chest wound. The umpire then points to another soldier and asks what first aid steps he would take to help his "wounded" comrade.

The flustered soldier doesn't know.

"You're dead," the umpire tells the wounded soldier, "your buddy just let you die because he didn't know what to do."

Such evaluation is simultaneous training. It's a poignant experience for a soldier to realize that his buddy could be dead because of his incompetence. For the victim it's sobering to realize how easily he could die by his own hand—or foot.

"By such tests we teach lessons these soldiers will long re-

member," says CPT Stephen A. Plunkett, chief of evaluation training.

It takes a broad knowledge of military tactics to be qualified to evaluate a unit during a FTX.

"One question constantly on our minds is, 'are we good enough to train these men,'" says umpire SFC Richard R. Mann.

"Before we go into the field with these units we try to make sure we know our stuff. When we're not in the field much of our time is spent studying technical and field manuals," said the soldier of 14 years service.

"We try to assure that the judgments of the individual umpires are identical. We strive to prevent a unit from suffering from an incorrect evaluation," Mann said.

"We're just doing a job that has to be done. For these units to know if they can accomplish their mission in a combat situation they must be evaluated. And we do our best to make sure the units are ready," says SFC Billy J. Ikemire.

During a year numerous units and hundreds of soldiers are evaluated by UTC's Training and Evaluation Team. Though the FTX may be called a "war game," the umpires play an important role in assuring that the units will be ready if and when the games become reality.

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**HELPING HANDS**—During a field training exercise at the Missile and Munitions Center and School a soldier pretends he is wounded while two fellow soldiers administer first aid. Umpire CPT Steven A. Plunkett (left) observes.

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# Desertion, AWOL: Lifetime Lost

When today's soldiers go AWOL or desert, it is for the same basic reasons that soldiers have long given for going over the hill.

Current statistics show that only about 2.5 percent of today's AWOLs and deserters are motivated by political reasons or sincere anti-war feelings.

Instead, problems of financial or family troubles, or earlier misconduct that led to disciplinary action are the real motivators, the same as they have been since the beginning of military forces.

AWOL and desertion rates are not excessively higher than might be expected under the circumstances. Less than 2 percent of the 6.7 million persons who saw some military service between June 1966 and January 1971 stayed AWOL long enough to be administratively designated deserters.

### PUNISHMENTS

Fewer persons would take what appears to be an easy way out if they knew more about possible punishments for extended AWOL or desertion or if they knew how long the stigma of these actions can endure. Many who succumb to an urge to duck out also fail to realize that they may be forfeiting substantial federal benefits earned by honorable military service. Most disillusioning of all usually is the business of living underground in one's own country or as an outsider in a foreign country.

Articles 85 and 86 of the UCMJ make clear what constitutes AWOL and desertion. Both are punishable offenses under the code. Further, Department of Defense Directive 1325.2, "Desertion and Unauthorized Absenteeism," provides that when an Absentee is AWOL for 30 consecutive days or more he is administratively classified a deserter.

Desertion, of course, must be proved if such charges are made when the person returns to military control. Proved or not, however, it is never a helpful entry to have in one's personnel file.

### SHIRKERS

Such things as the length of time the unauthorized absence continues and stated or otherwise apparent intent to stay per-



manently in a foreign country contribute to proving an intent to desert. Conviction can result in a prison sentence of up to 5 years, dishonorable discharge, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances. Attempted desertion is also a court martial offense. Intent to avoid hazardous duty or shirk important service can result in the same maximum punishments as those for actual desertion.

AWOL punishments, although not as severe, still are not light. They can be as severe as a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and up to 6 months in jail.

An AWOL soldier who has been administratively designated as a deserter is not automatically dismissed from the service with a discharge under less than honorable conditions. The soldier who wants to put his military career back on the right road often can do so by personal effort. Current data indicates that nearly 11 percent of those who return to military control after being absent 30 days or more were discharged under honorable conditions.

### VOLUNTARY RETURN

It almost always works to the individual's advantage to voluntarily return to military control. This indicates to authorities that the person recognizes his irresponsible actions and desires to put his record straight.

A variety of civilian and military law enforcement officials can apprehend an absentee or deserter in the United States. In fact, any civil officer who has the authority to apprehend offenders under the laws of the United States, of a State, Territory, Commonwealth, or Possession, or the District of Columbia can apprehend a military absentee or deserter. Sometimes a routine traffic violation can disclose the identity of an absentee or deserter and lead to his apprehension.

Through a nation-wide deserter information system, maximum information about U. S. military absentees and deserters is constantly available to the military services, civil law enforcement agencies, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Each service operates a central Deserter Information Point (DIP) for the collection, accounting, and dissemination of information on persons classified as deserters. Each DIP has a direct connection with the National Crime Information Center and updates information on its absent personnel as additional information develops or when status changes.

In foreign countries, U. S. military attaches and mission chiefs may assist U.S. absentees and deserters in returning to military control. When the absentee status ends depends on whether the United States is directly responsible for the person's presence in the country in which he is trying to turn himself in. If the United States is responsible, absentee status ends when the person informs U.S. diplomatic personnel he is surrendering. Otherwise, absentee status cannot end until the person arrives at a point where U.S. authorities have jurisdiction.

### INDIVIDUAL LOSSES

How going AWOL or deserting can affect federal benefits to which a soldier or his survivors might otherwise be entitled is another story.

A dishonorable discharge cancels eligibility for virtually every benefit otherwise due the soldier. Bad conduct and undesirable discharges jeopardize or cancel many benefits, too.

One of the most important Veterans Administration benefits that can result from military service is educational assistance to complete high school, attend college, take a vocational training course, or get certain other authorized job or professional training. When a veteran has a service connected injury or illness, he may also receive medical and dental care, disability compensation, rehabilitation assistance, and certain special equipment or disability allowances for modifying his car or home.

Other federal benefits that accrue from military service include job and income assistance from the Department of Labor and veterans preference for jobs under the Civil Service Commission. The federal benefits payable because of a person's good military record are too valuable to jeopardize by risking discharge under less than honorable conditions.

### PERSONAL GAINS

Educational assistance, monthly cash benefits called Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, home loan assistance, and job preference are among the major federal benefits that are paid when survivors of veterans qualify. The nature of a man's discharge from service can affect the entitlement of his dependents or survivors to these benefits just as it affects his entitlement to those that might come direct to him.

Once issued, a discharge un-

der less than honorable conditions affects one's life in ways difficult—if not impossible—to overcome. After three years of successful rehabilitation and exemplary conduct in civilian life following discharge from military service, a person can apply for an Exemplary Rehabilitation Certificate. Issued by the U. S. Department of Labor, this certificate is designed to help persons who received discharges under less than honorable conditions in getting jobs or other personal breaks. Such a certificate does not change the character of the person's discharge nor restore any of the veteran's or survivor's benefits lost.

### CONSEQUENCES

A discharge under less than honorable conditions is never automatically upgraded with the passage of time. There are no provisions in law or Service regulations to change the character of a discharge except to correct an error or injustice. Conduct in civilian life after discharge, standing alone, provides no basis for changing the military discharge.

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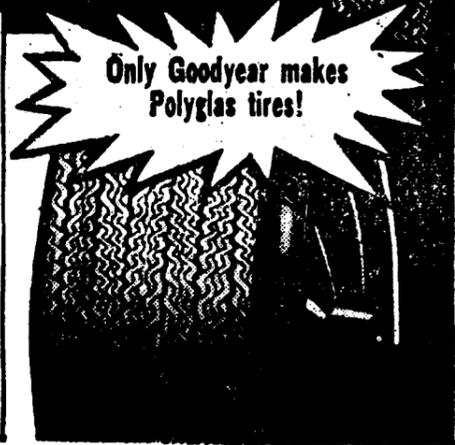
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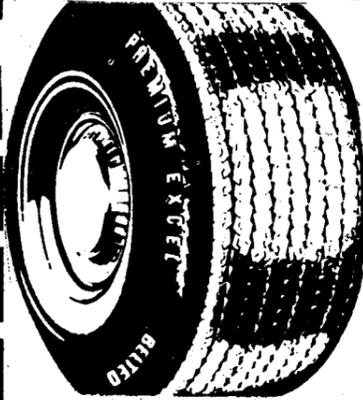
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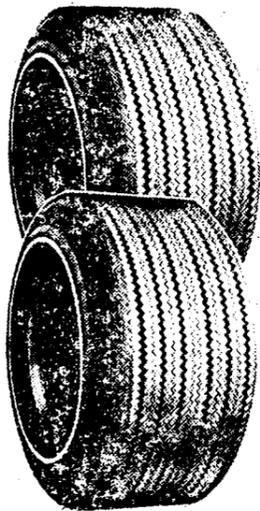
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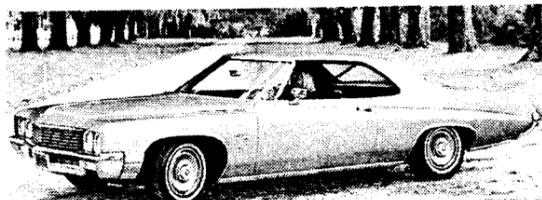
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