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The Army And Its Wars: 1775-1975

Looking back down the years we see them indistinctly, remembering more of what they did than who they were. Their proud record is there in the multi-colored streamers hanging from their flag, but the soldiers themselves have slipped out of focus.

Does anyone remember their names or faces? In retrospect they merge into a composite mental image, a man with a rifle, a soldier.

He represents them all, all the men and women who have served in the ranks for 200 years. We do them a disservice if we recall them as we see them occasionally now, statues in a city square, paintings on a courthouse wall, a few lines in a grade school history text. There they come across larger than life, bigger, cleaner, braver than you and I... heroes after all.

Well there have been heroes in the ranks, plenty of them, and cowards too and many who were neither, but none of them was really very different from his countrymen of today. They performed great deeds in battle, but while they fought they were scared, dirty, sweaty

men who cursed and shouted obscenities, and afterwards wondered themselves at what they had done. Many, many of them have the eternal youth memory gives those who die young.

So why write about them and their mostly forgotten fights now?

The bottom line for the U.S. Army is that this country supports it to fight. This Army has been fighting very well for 200 years. Because it has fought very well, the United States of America has survived to celebrate its own Bicentennial... one year later than the Army.

Along the way the Army has done many other things for this country, but those things, in the main, have been omitted from the unofficial Bicentennial History of the U.S. Army we begin elsewhere in today's issue.

This is a series of articles focusing on the Army and its wars, the American soldier doing the primary job his countrymen keep an Army to do.

We hope you will enjoy learning something more about the Army, its history and its traditions. We welcome your comments.

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Army Bicentennial Series . . .

American Revolution Begins at Lexington

Paul Revere, the Boston silversmith, raised the alarm shortly after midnight.

Reining in his lathered horse at Parson Clarke's house, he called to the guard to let him in. The Clarke family and their guests, John Hancock and Samuel Adams, were asleep. The guard, probably wishing he too were in bed, grumbled at Revere not to make so much noise.

"Noise," the horseman reportedly shouted in reply, "You'll have noise enough before long. The regulars are coming out."

His message was shouted from house to house. In the Clarke house, Hancock and Adams snatched up their clothing and prepared to escape.

As Lexington awoke and began to react, Revere spurred his horse off down the road to Concord.

Captain Jonas Parker and his company of minutemen assembled in darkness on the tiny village green, 130 shopkeepers and farmers clutching old muskets and smoothbore fowling pieces.

Parker and his men stood shivering in a sharp east wind for more than an hour, but nothing happened. Finally Parker dismissed them to await recall. Some of the men went to their homes nearby, spoke a few words of reassurance to anxious wives and children and went back to bed. The others sat in Buckman's tavern close to the green and talked away the long night.

At four thirty, the men in the tavern heard an approaching horse. Thaddeus Bowman drew up before the tavern shouting a warning. The British were half a mile behind him. Regulars. Several hundred. Parker's men assembled in confusion. Some had no ammunition for their weapons and ran off to get it. Others, without guns, stood around to watch.

Parker assembled 70 armed men in two ragged lines spaced somewhat apart facing the Boston-Concord Road less than 100 yards away.

As first light gave way to full day on that clear, unseasonably cold April morning, the men on the Lexington green could see marching toward them down the road from Boston, six companies of



THE FIRST BLOW FOR LIBERTY

British light infantry, the advance of a force variously estimated at between 600 and 800 men that had slipped, none too quietly, out of Boston during the night to march to Concord and seize or destroy munitions and stores assembled there by the Americans.

Just what Parker and his 70 minutemen expected to accomplish remains unclear, even 200 years later. They were hardly a match for the men they faced. Few men in the British ranks believed the Americans would dare confront them. As the British column came closer, an undulating line of red coats bristling with polished musket barrels topped with bayonets, some of Parker's men had second thoughts.

"There are so few of us. It is folly to stand here," one said to his captain. "The first man who offers to run shall be shot down." Parker reportedly replied.

Major John Pitcairn — how a Royal Marine officer happened to be commanding the British light infantry this morning has never been explained — saw Parker's minutemen draw up on the green and ordered his soldiers into line of battle. Men in the rear of the marching column broke out to left and right and ran forward shouting. In an instant, they had formed a line three deep facing

Parker's men.

Pitcairn and two other officers rode forward, checking their horses less than 100 feet from Parker's line and the moment had come at last. After years of hot words, armed Americans faced British regulars just as the sun began to rise on the morning of April 19, 1775.

Some of Parker's men had second thoughts and began to move



away. Their captain ordered them to stand fast and may even have added the brave words later attributed to him: "If they want a war, let it begin here."

"Lay down your arms, you damned rebels and disperse," Pitcairn shouted.

Recognizing at last that his situation was hopeless, Parker ordered his men to disband. They began to drift away, taking their muskets with them.

"Lay down your arms. Damn you. Why don't you lay down your arms?" Pitcairn shouted.

"Damn them. We will have them," shouted one of the other officers in apparent reference to the American's muskets.

Then a single shot. Who fired it has never been established.

One of the British officers, not Pitcairn, shouted:

"Fire, by God. Fire."

The first volley from the British

ranks, went high. Pitcairn tried to stop it, but firing broke out all along the British line, tearing through the scattering men on the green.

There were a few shots in reply from the Americans, then the British charged with the bayonet and most of the Americans broke and ran.

Not Parker. He had fired once, been slightly wounded and was attempting to reload when he was cut down. The British soldiers fired at the Americans as long as they were in range. It was over in seconds, an incident, hardly a skirmish, much less a battle.

Eight dead Americans lay on the green. Ten wounded made good their escape. One British soldier had been nicked in the leg. Pitcairn's horse had been grazed in a couple of places.

The British officers reformed their ranks with difficulty then joined the main body of the British force as it came marching up. They fired a volley, raised a cheer and went off down the road to Concord. As the British column moved away a few people ran from the neighboring houses toward the bodies sprawled on the grass.

The real fight began later that morning across the bridge at Concord, and turned into a continuous battle along the 16 mile retreat into Boston throughout the afternoon as hundreds of aroused Americans poured fire into the British from behind almost every fence, wall and building.

The British lost 73 men killed, 175 wounded and 26 missing. Americans counted 49 dead, 41 wounded and five missing.

Lower American casualties

despite much greater numbers engaged — historians have computed that more than 3,500 Americans participated in one phase or another although not nearly that number were fighting at any specific time — can be attributed to their way of fighting, a way that enraged the British soldiers.

Yankees, they said "were the most absolute cowards on the face of earth," men who refused to stand and fight as men should and instead fired from concealment like Indians.

They were also, contrary to legend, very poor marksmen. Much of the fighting was at point blank range, yet because of their lack of experience and the inaccurate weapons of the day — the much more accurate rifled musket was unknown at the time in New England — the Americans fired hundreds of bullets for each one that hit its mark.

The Americans, historians have noted, fought as an armed rabble, a mob without cohesion, leadership or any plan. It was well for their opponents. Had they had some soldier's professional knowledge, the swarming Americans might well have seized one of the numerous opportunities they had along the long route back to Boston, blocked the path of the retreat and annihilated the British force.

As couriers raced away from Boston that night to spread the astounding news and rally the colonies, thoughtful men among the Americans realized that if there was to be a war, and that now was obvious, there had better be an Army to fight it.

The Continental Congress saw to it a few weeks later when it appointed a committee to bring in "a draft of rules and regulations for the government of the Army." On the same day it authorized the enlistment of riflemen from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland to join the New England troops laying siege to the British in Boston.

It is one of the minor ironies of history that the U. S. Army observes its birthday, not the day of Lexington and Concord, but June 14, 1775, the date on a piece of paper appointing a committee to formalize the operation of a fighting force that had fired its first shots in anger that cold, bright April morning two months before.

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The Rocket

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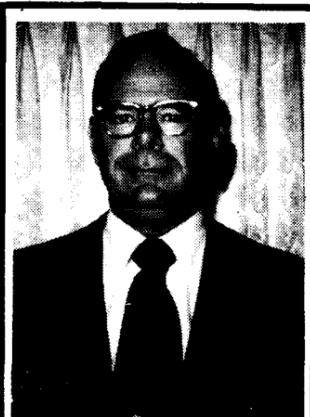
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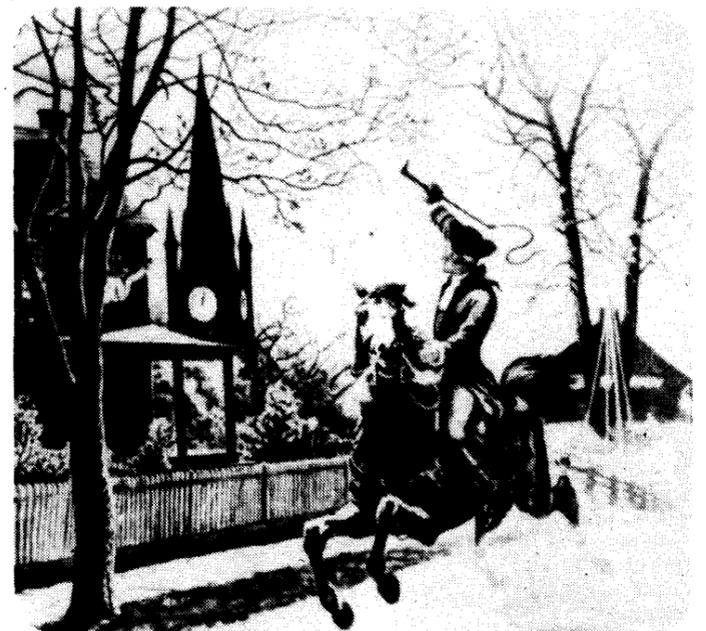


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RAISING THE ALARM

Natural Gas Problem Worsens

In a letter to be sent out this week post officials are asking Family Housing and other post activities to immediately reduce natural gas consumption by 20 per cent.

Huntsville Utilities notified Facilities Engineer last week that Redstone and all other area customers receiving gas under Priority 2 contracts must reduce consumption by 20 per cent through March 31, or face severe monetary penalties.

According to Jim Still, post energy coordinator, under no foreseeable circumstances will Redstone sustain gas curtailments beyond those that have been in effect here since last October. However, under the stricture imposed last week,

if gas consumption is not held in check through the end of March as much as \$50,000 per month in penalties could be coming out of Redstone's already-beleaguered fuel budget. This would be on top of a near-million dollar increase in the projected winter fuel bill caused by huge heating oil purchases following the curtailment in October of interruptible gas service.

"There's no need for our people using gas heat to get alarmed. We'll see to it that they have adequate heat—we're just asking that everyone pitch in and help us through this like they're helping us through the electricity shortage", Still said.

The Priority 2 contract through which

Redstone is still being provided gas service is known in gas industry parlance as an "industrial, firm" contract and, while not interruptible, provides for a penalty system. This type contract is the second highest in a 10 priority classification established by the Federal Power Commission to govern interruptions in gas service.

Redstone is petitioning FPC to have the housing areas put in Priority 1, which residences in the private sector are in and which is currently not subject to interruptions or penalty systems. The housing areas have always been in their present category, having been put there in pre-shortage years when Priority 2 gas was a much better bargain.

Professionals Vote On AFGE Representation

Ballots and detailed information were mailed yesterday to all MICOM professional employees eligible to vote in an election to determine if they wish to be represented by Local 1858, American Federation of Government Employees.

The ballot-by-mail election, first of its kind to be held here, involves about 1200 civilians. Those eligible to vote are non-supervisory, professionals of MICOM including the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, who are serviced by the Civilian Personnel Division, employed in the Redstone Arsenal area, and who were employed during the payroll period ending November 30, 1974. Missile Intelligence Agency personnel are excluded from the proposed unit.

Each of the eligible voters will receive an official ballot which asks this question: "Do you wish to be represented for the purpose of exclusive

recognition under the provisions of Executive Order 11491, as amended, by Local 1858, American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO?"

The individual votes by marking an "X" in the square of his or her choice. One square is placed beneath the single word "Yes", a second beneath the word "No". The ballot is then mailed back in the return envelope provided in accord with instructions sent with the ballot. Tally of the ballots will begin at 11:30 A.M. on January 23. The U. S. Department of Labor is supervising the election.

In a recent letter to all MICOM employees, MG Vincent H. Ellis urged all eligible individuals to participate in the election by exercising the opportunity to vote. In the same letter, he reminded all managers and supervisors that they must refrain from influencing or interfering with the free choice of employees in representation matters.

Buchholz Talks To Contract Managers

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold its monthly dinner meeting Jan. 16, in the main ballroom of the Officers' Open Mess, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Norman

Buchholz, Deputy Director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center.

Non-members are welcome. Call Louise Cooksey, 876-4414, for reservations by noon on Jan. 15.

Minority Hiring Greater Problem Than Promotions

MICOM's new equal employment opportunity officer is cautiously optimistic about what the new year holds for the Command's equal opportunity programs.

Charles Ray, elevated in December from assistant equal opportunity officer, perceives the outlook good for minority promotions but not so good for minority hiring.

Said Ray, "Our biggest problem right now is a lack of minorities in the workforce. Personnel turbulence is frustrating our hiring goals this year, so we're going to

concentrate on promotion of minorities already in the workforce."

To date MICOM's equal opportunity programs have shown "real progress", Ray said, "but it hasn't been to the extent we'd like to see it. The magnitude of progress has not been in keeping with the magnitude of the problem."

In addition to two years as

assistant equal employment opportunity officer here, Ray's work experience includes a year at Safeguard Logistics Command as equal employment opportunity officer. He is a former director of the Huntsville-Madison County Community Action Agency.

Ray's office is co-located with the race relations office in Rm A116, Bldg. 5250. He has an open-door policy.



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Huntsville Contractor Wins Building Award

A \$2.1 million contract to build classroom and office buildings at the Missile and Munitions Center and School has been awarded to Harold Construction Corp. of Huntsville.

The Mobile District office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced the decision Thursday. Construction is expected to begin by mid-January with completion set for June 1976.

Six buildings are included in the project, five of them for Munitions Department classrooms and offices and one for the Office of Logistics. The Harold bid was for \$2,161,866.

The structures will replace

similar ones destroyed in the April 3 tornado which caused \$13 million damage to government property at Redstone Arsenal. A site near Vincent Drive and Kingfisher Road has been chosen for the buildings.

The classroom complex will contain two buildings for conventional ammunition training, two for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) instruction and one for administrative offices.

Combined, the one-story brick and glass structures will provide the Munitions Department with 58,000 square feet of academic and office space. The EOD buildings will be classified areas around which wire fences will be con-

structed.

The 3,200 square foot logistics complex will house engineer maintenance facilities and all logistics offices.

All six structures will be air conditioned.

Bids were opened at the Mobile District office Dec. 19 but were not announced until Thursday. Bryson Construction Inc. of Decatur was the only other bidder, at \$2,180,000.

A contract expected to total around \$1.2 million for construction of a post gymnasium and a School Brigade headquarters building will be awarded later this month, the Mobile office said. Bids will be opened Jan. 14.

King Commemoration At Chapel Wednesday

A special commemorative service will be held for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on his birth date, Jan. 15, 1975, at 11:00 a.m. in the Post Chapel. All Redstone employees are encouraged to attend. The Army Missile Command is providing a policy of liberal annual leave for all employees who wish to attend off-post services.

Guest speaker for the service will be Dr. Charles H. King, Jr., former minister and associate of Dr. King. He attended the University of Evansville in Indiana and the Virginia Theological Seminary. He is a past professor of Black Studies at Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio.

Dr. King has served on various committees including the Gary, Indiana, Human Relations Committee and the National Council

on Human Relations. He is president and founder of the Urban Crisis Center in Atlanta. One of his most important credits is his position on the staff of the Kerner Commission for Civil Disorders which openly recognized the existence of racism in American society.

Introducing Dr. King will be Dr. Henry Bradford, chaplain and head of the Music Department at Alabama A&M University. Featured on the program will be Ms. Ann Wilson, accompanied by Dr. Bradford, and Ms Lily Noble, soloists.

An abbreviated version of 'From Montgomery to Memphis' will be shown repeatedly from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Toftoy Hall. Each showing is approximately 35 minutes long.

Ten Down and Still Going . . .

New Firebee Decade

Last month, a milestone seemed to pass unheralded, caught in the Christmas rush.

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"War Stories" From Vietnam

The U.S. Army Signal School at Ft. Gordon, Ga., has sent out a call for "war stories" about communications equipment in Vietnam.

A "Monograph on Division Level Communications in Vietnam" will be assembled from the informal accounts. In finished form, the "war stories" are expected to help the Signal Corps detect inadequate equipment and procedures and inform them, too, of what they're doing right.

Veterans with a commo story to tell should get together names, dates and places and telephone Major Richard A. Drewyor at 895-4430, or send stories to him at the Missile and Munitions Center and School's Concepts and Studies Division. His office symbol is ATSK-CTD-F.

As Maj. Drewyor's suspense to the Signal School is Feb 15, he needs stories as soon as possible.



TORNADO ALERT — Specialist Five Harry J. Keller was recently presented the Army Commendation Medal with first oak leaf cluster for his meritorious achievement while on duty as charge of quarters the night a tornado struck Redstone in April, 1974.

Along the way, its mission application has expanded to include foreign customer training programs authorized by the Army International Logistics program at operational sites in the U.S. and abroad.

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Registration Rush Finds MMCS Prepared

Hustle and bustle returned to the Missile and Munitions Center and School this week after two-weeks of holiday silence. By Monday, 200 enlisted men, 61 non-commissioned officers and 56 officers were to have arrived to begin classes.

Additionally, the post-holiday influx was swelled by the appearance of about 50 foreign military students.

The soldiers have come to be students in the nearly 50 missile and ammunition-related courses beginning here by the end of the month.

The upsurge in the MMCS population is an annual event which signifies in a giant way the commencement of a new year's business. Not until next January will so many troops arrive at the school at one time.

What the surge of students means in physical terms perhaps best seen by comparing last week to this week.

Where barren asphalt stretches caught rain then, soldiers' cars bearing license plates from far corners of the U.S. are parked now.

In barracks, then silent and clean, is the sound of Army boots, locker doors, introductions. Across post, bachelor officer quarters are full, as is the Redstone Guest House.

Mess Halls, closed tight a week ago, clatter and steam now. The Post Exchange, bank and commissary, all ghostly silent then, burgeon with the arrivals.

The 5th Student Company — sign-in point for the students — is the storm center of the influx. Comparing last week to this week is like comparing a doldrum to a typhoon.

The 5th, commanded by Captain Jon H. Todd, is charged with

receiving, billeting and processing all MMCS students. Enlisted men, NCO's officers — they all are funnelled through the 5th.

The mission keeps Todd scrambling, especially during early January. But, he said, the recent rush didn't come as a surprise.

"First Sergeant (L.B.) Hosemann warned us to start preparing for the post-New Year's crunch, so we started preparing in November," said Todd.

Todd's raw materials were time, the school's floorspace and a fistfull of numbers provided by the Army Training and Doctrine Command. With the help of Hosemann and First Lieutenant Grey W. Baker, company executive officer, he pieced together an in-processing schedule.

The numbers became names and faces beginning this past weekend, as the first soldiers signed in. They came from diverse locations, many from basic training at posts in the southern United States.

Todd's men settled them in barracks, told them where they'd be fed and got them started filling out forms — a trademark of Army in-processing.

"If there's one thing we do better than anyone else, we are organized," said Todd. "We know who's coming, what they're doing and where they're going to go."

The new enlisted student's schedule is a full one. In the space of five hours Tuesday morning, he heard Colonel Errol E. Hayes, Jr., MMCS commandant, welcome him, he met the chaplain, was addressed by School Brigade Commander Colonel Henry I. Lowder, and saw a host of others, including the inspector general and

a representative from the post education office.

In-processing the January influx will occupy 5th Student Company personnel until Jan. 12. But with the arrival of a new week, new students headed for still other courses will await the in-processing team.

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TIE 493	Vocational Information and Guidance	3	6:00-9:00M	Birmingham
TIE 401	Materials and Methods	3	6:00-9:00T	Selma
TIE 305	Development of Instructional Materials	3	6:00-9:00W	Montgomery
TIE 305	Development of Instructional Materials	3	6:00-9:00TH	Birmingham
TIE 305	Development of Instructional Materials	3	6:00-9:00M	Rainsville
TIE 305	Development of Instructional Materials	3	6:00-9:00T	Huntsville
TIE 305	Development of Instructional Materials	3	6:00-9:00TH	Muscle Shoals
TIE 401	Materials and Methods	3	6:00-9:00TH	Asheville
TIE 301	Development of Vocational Education in the U.S.	3	6:00-9:00M	Mobile
Regular Courses				
CMP 100	Computer Fundamentals	3	4:00-5:00MWF	103CCN
CMP 102	Data Processing	3	6:00-8:30 MW	121CCN
EET 304	Machinery II	3	4:30-7:00MW	108CCN
IAE 402	Directed Teaching	6	TBA	TBA
IAE 404	Seminar (Accelerated)	1	4:00-5:00TTH	113CCN
MDT 204	Electrical-Electronic Drafting	3	6:00-9:00TTH	212CCN
PPM 402	Senior Problems	2	3:00-5:00 MF 4:00-5:00W	Printing Lab Printing Lab
TGC 107	Industrial Processes	3	4:45-6:00TTH	107CCN
TGC 212	Industrial Relations	3	4:45-6:00MW	124CCN
TGC 102	Basic Technical Programming	3	6:00-8:30MW	124CCN
TGC 406	Industrial Psychology	3	5:00-5:50MTTH	109CCN
TBD 101	Mechanical Drawing I	3	6:00-9:00MW	218CCN
TBD 102	Mechanical Drawing II	3	6:00-9:00TTH	218CCN
TGE 101	Fundamental of Electricity-Electronic	2	6:00-9:20T	104CCN
MET 306	Thermodynamics	3	4:00-5:00MWF	107CCN

Registration for regular classes will be in the registrar's office, Room 204, Patton Hall on January 14 for Freshman, and January 15 for upperclassmen.

Registration for the Certificate program will be in room 216 Carver Complex North on January 13-17 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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Promotion Selection Postponed

Washington, D.C. — DA has postponed until March 19 the E-9 promotion selection board meeting scheduled for January 14.

The postponement is to give soldiers eligible for E-9 promotion an opportunity to review personally for completeness and accuracy their Official Military Personnel File.

Files of eligible soldiers will be delivered to local military personnel offices early this month, according to the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center (MILPERCEN). A spokesman at the MICOM Military Personnel Division said promotion-eligible E-

8s will be notified when the files arrive here and will be given opportunity and support needed to update them.

The decision to send the files to the field for personal review grew out of findings by MILPERCEN that many senior NCO felt their chances for selection by promotion boards were affected by incomplete and inaccurate files.

The personal review is part of a test to evaluate the completeness and accuracy of individual files and to consider other methods of updating them.

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Netters Win Four of Five

The Redstone men's tennis team recently ended a successful season in the newly-formed Huntsville Winter Tennis League.

The Arsenal players participated in the "B" division of the league and ended the season with a 4-1 record. They lost their only match to Blossomwood, 3-2, and rolled up 16 wins against nine losses in individual match games.

In other games, Redstone defeated Camelot, 4-1; Randolph, 4-1; Greenwood, 3-2; and Montano, 3-2.

Redstone's Mal O'Neill was the top singles player with a perfect 4-0 slate. In the doubles competition, Tom McLaughlin and John Zierdt teamed for a 2-0 mark, while Mike Drinkwater and McLaughlin, paired for a 2-1 standing.

The league, comprised of various residential and tennis clubs within the Huntsville area, plans to expand this spring.

All interested players should watch the ROCKET for further information as it becomes available.



Arsenal Youths Win At Judo

Redstone's DYA Judo Club traveled to Nashville earlier this month to compete in the Tennessee State University's Second Annual Invitational Tournament.

Clubs from Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga, Louisville and Birmingham participated in the 5-hour tournament. Sixty youths and 35 adults competed.

The Redstone Judoka captured 15 awards in their respective categories. Frank Hettinger, Tobias Atkinson, Nels Benson, David Brown, Walter Ross, Dorothy Brown and Sharon Brown scored

tournament wins. Scott Thornton, Lance Tilghman, Kenneth Ross, Tracy George and Steven Price were second place winners with John Atkins and John Price gaining thirds.

Judo classes for the children are held in the Old Post Gym on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Specialist Mikhail Brown, the instructor, welcomes spectators to watch these sessions.



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World Of Sports

By Dave Cowan

It's been said that Jimmy the Greek Snyder, as a toddler, crawled over his crib bars determined to cut his teeth on a pair of dice.

Today, as one of the nation's most prestigious oddsmakers, he must be biting his teeth over the latest upsets in the National Football League playoffs.

Although it's 1975, no champion in the NFL has been determined yet as the clock continues to tick away, heading for Jan. 12 when two teams will clash in the biggest of all football games—Super Bowl IX.

While this local observer is not a handicapper extraordinaire, a prognosticator of points and penalties, or a seer of sports, his guess should be as good as the nation's oddsmakers when the Minnesota Vikings and the Pittsburgh Steelers hook horns in New Orleans on Sunday.

Minnesota, which sports a 10-4 record, and Pittsburgh, which took off in the second half of the season and earned a 10-3-1 mark, weren't expected to be contenders for the Super Bowl with such stalwarts as the Miami Dolphins, Los Angeles Rams, Oakland Raiders and the Washington Redskins.

ADVANCED TO FINALS

In football, however, it takes only a pair of hot hands and feet in any football game to beat the best and that is what the Steelers did against the Buffalo Bills and Oakland.

Pittsburgh's last half drive could best be compared to a pennant race to the wire in baseball. They started to look like themselves—running away with the AFC central division by three-and-a-half games—in the waning weeks of the season.

Against Buffalo, the Steelers took advantage of miscues to win and then dominated the running game against Oakland—a team tending to have a few leaks against the pass, but not the run.

But it was Pittsburgh's running game led by Franco Harris, that did Oakland in.

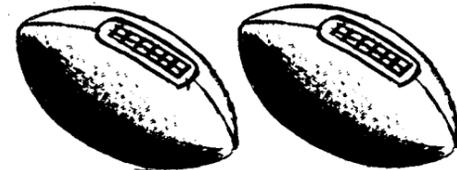
However, the big success story lay in the arm of quarterback Terry Bradshaw. Bradshaw had a rough go during the regular season, but against Buffalo and Oakland he looked like Joe Namath on a good day.

Another big plus for Pittsburgh was their defense and it's easy to see why. Pick a defensive player and you've picked an All-Pro. Mean Joe Greene, and L. C. Greenwood in the front four, Jack Ham and Andy Russell backing them up, while Mel Bount and Mike Wagner head the secondary.

TOUGH BATTLES

The Vikings—usually tough and reliable and playoff-oriented (this will be their third Super Bowl game)—had their troubles and perhaps were lucky in defeating St. Louis and the Rams in the 'super game' pre-lims.

The Vikings took advantage of miscues in the closing minutes of both games to win the closely-contested feuds.



Although Minnesota will not have the natural ice of Metropolitan Stadium at New Orleans, Sunday, they will definitely challenge Pittsburgh with a passing game.

Watch for Fran Tarkenton's passes to either speedy John Gilliam or all-purpose back Chuck Foreman, who led the NFC in touchdowns this season.

But the Vikes have a weak pass defense and they have been burned consistently this year. Since Pittsburgh is a run-oriented team, it shouldn't be a crucial factor in the overall results.

ROUSING AND DROUSING SEASON

Well, at last it is all very clear for followers of the NFL's game of chance who will be in the big finale, but will it be as exciting as the first half of the football season?

Halfway through the long, 14-game season it was exciting and different. Remember the New England Patriots? They were 6-1 and had beaten Miami, Los Angeles and Minnesota.

And what about the St. Louis Cardinals? They were 7-0 and had beaten Washington twice and the Dallas Cowboys once.

For a while, they carried the hopes of the downtrodden against the established veteran teams in the holiday drive for spots in the Super Bowl.

It would have been lovely to see the surprising Cardinals, Bills and Patriots fighting for a berth in the big game, but only the Cards and the Bills made it and that was only the first round.

Anyhow, there they are, gang, Minnesota and Pittsburgh—your Super Bowl contenders, who look enough like last year's to make a fellow conceal a yawn.

And as the sun slowly settles Sunday on the Super Bowl, fans probably won't see a classic bowl game—only the dominating legs and arms of Franco Harris and Terry Bradshaw. But then again, maybe nobody will go out for beer on field goals and extra points.

Wrestlers Have Post Wide Meet

Recreational Services has announced that an RSA invitational wrestling tournament has been scheduled for February 14 and 15 at the old post gym.

The single-elimination tournament will be open to all active military personnel, according to sports director Ralph Santaliz.

The wrestling bouts will in-

clude Light-Fly Weight (106 pounds), Heavy Weight and 221 pounds and over.

Participants may register at Bldg. 3491. An organizational meeting will be held February 7 at the Recreation Center and will be the last day for entries.

The tourney will be an annual event, Santaliz said.

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Wednesday Officers STANDINGS

ExASPRators	Won 82
Strikeouts	80
Black Jacks	72
Bee M's	70
Gimlets	70
Swingers	68
Lucky Strikes	62
Redrock Engineers	58
Readiness Group	58
Widgets	50
Halo's	24
Sch. Bde. B's	18

RESULTS
 Strikeouts 8, Sch. Bde. 0
 Halo's 6, Redrock 2
 Gimlets 6, Bee M's 2
 Black Jacks 6, Lucky Strikes 2
 ExASPRators 6, Swingers 2

IND. HONORS
 High Series: Moletke, 536; Townley, 529; Dwyer, 515; C. Johnson, 512; Shuput, 511.
 High Game: Myers, 205.

Friday Mixed STANDINGS

Three & One	Won 46 1/2
Outhouse Gang	43
B.V.'s	43
Ham-Mac's	41 1/2
Wiener's	40 1/2
Eight Balls	37
Four-Pins	36
Ha Ha's	35
Bee's Nest	32
Barb. Q Ranch	32

TEAM HONORS
 High Series: Three & One, 1966; with hdc., 2401.
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 High Games: (men) Barnack, 213; Gillispie, 209; Phillips, 203; Bean, 201.

AMC League STANDINGS

Spares	Pts. 36
Hughes TOW	36
Lily Flagg	35
Fat Cats	33
Alley Cats	31
Bombers	30 1/2
T-Birds	29 1/2
Sprinters	25
Sheraton	23 1/2
Untouchables	20 1/2

RESULTS (DEC. 18)
 Alley Cats 4, Fat Cats 0
 Lily Flagg 3, Hughes 1
 Spares 3, Sheraton 1
 T-Birds 3, Sprinters 1
 Bombers 3, Untouchables 1

HIGH ROLLERS
 Charles McCleary, 596 (202, 207); Noel Moore, 578; Earl Hudgens, 564; Tom Patterson, 559 (222); Wendell Connell, 549; Bob Brock, 549; Joe Hyatt, 548; Charley Hennis, 546; Chuck Lipsey, 543; Reggie McLaney, 541; Bill Walker, 536.

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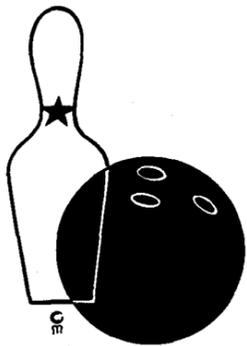
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DEBBIE HELMER

A Good Year . . .

Peaks for Tourney Bowling

Sergeant First Class Fred Helmer, Mr. Bowling of the Missile and Munitions Center and School, captured first place in the singles division of the Rocket City classic in December capping a profitable year of tournament bowling.

Helmer rolled a handicap score of 734 with a scratch series of 694 enroute to his win. He placed in the all-events with series of 688 and 641.

With his latest achievement, it seems that his daughter, Debbie, wants to get in on the bowling act also.

The 13-year-old bowler, along with her father, took first place in the junior division of the Major-Minor Tournament two weeks ago at the Pin Palace lanes.

She rolled a 423 series, while Helmer posted a 679 for a 1102 scratch total and a 1358 with handicap.

Debbie rolled almost 100 pins over her average of 113. "It was my whopping handicap of 208

that won for us," she said.

The kegler also was a member of the A&A Barbecue Ranch of Madison and the Fifth Frame Club of Huntsville, which took second and fourth respectively in the team event.

Helmer's firecracker bowling started earlier this year. Last April, he took the double and all-events divisions of the Huntsville City Tournament.

In the doubles, Helmer's share of the winning tandem total was 729, on games of 258, 233 and 238. A 595 set in singles and a 553 series in the team event gave Helmer a scratch total of 1877 over the nine-game route.

Helmer, originally from Geneva, N.Y., is assigned to the Instructional Technology Division, placed in another tournament last May.

He took the singles handicap division in the Man's State Bowling Tournament, in Montgomery, with a 711.

Helmer was a member of the All-Army bowling team in 1970 and for the past two years has been a member of the RSA bowling team — which competes against other installations in the TRADOC Bowling Tournament.

His bowling performances have usually paid off.

"It's been a good year," said Helmer.

Debbie returned to the tournament trail last weekend and walked away with top honors in the Major-Minor No Tap event at Monarch Lanes.

The junior bowler and her adult partner, Dave Cowan, paired for a 1617 with handicap.

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EEO Charter Sets Aims, Objectives

The Equal Employment Opportunity Council at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School begins its second year with a recently-approved charter outlining purposes and functions and including special instructions.

Copies of the charter, approved by Colonel Errol Hayes, Commandant of the training center, were recently distributed to all primary organizational elements.

The council was established earlier this year to advise the MMCS Commandant and top management on progress toward Equal Employment Opportunity goals at the Army service school.

"In essence, the charter governs the functioning of the MMCS Equal Opportunity Council,"

said Katy Byrd, EEO Officer for the activity. The council is chaired by Johnny Nelson, an education specialist.

Among the new provisions in the charter is an option for the council to seek advice from Huntsville community leaders and representatives providing no agreement is made for return assistance.

"In addition to gaining fresh viewpoints on special areas from time to time, we may be able to obtain information from them or offer our own views and data," said Nelson.

The recent document also outlines the council's prerogatives to make recommendations to planning, developing, implemen-

ting and evaluating actions supporting the EEO program.

The council itself will retain its current structure of seven regular members. Nelson feels the council is a representative one, its members being men and women from varying job levels, some belonging to unions, some members of minority groups.

"We hope to maintain this kind of balance," said Nelson.

"We want the council to be as representative of the entire MMCS workforce as possible," added Mrs. Byrd.

Council members are nominated by the ten EEO counsellors for MMCS. The Commandant decides which nominees will be appointed.

Though similar in title, counsellors and council members have different functions, Mrs. Byrd explained.

"Counsellors deal with complaints of individual discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex or age," she said.

"The council, on the other hand, does not handle matters affecting individuals. Rather, it deals with matters of policy and procedure which could potentially affect larger groups of persons," she said.

Copies of the charter were distributed recently for display on bulletin boards and other locations around MMCS.

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Maintenance In Field Gets Boost from MAME

Representatives of the current Missile and Munitions Evaluation project team briefed instructors and staff members of the Missile and Munitions Center and School on training-related preliminary findings in their recent surveys of Army units in Alaska, Panama and the Pacific area.

The findings were gathered through comprehensive questionnaires and interviews by team members at support units in the three geographic areas.

Project members cited three primary objectives of the MAME-74 project.

First, they expect to help commands secure timely and valid data from deployed units for evaluating current organization structures, personnel requirements, systems maintenance doctrine and equipment.

In addition, the project office will be sending information packages to field units around the world to help them develop available personnel resources and obtain technical assistance on matters within their mission responsibilities.

Third, the survey serves as a follow-up to actions recommended after the MAME-74 survey.

Commands participating in the current MAME project are MMCS, the Missile Command; the Armaments Command; the Logistics Center; the Air Defense Center; and the Field Artillery Center.

The MAME-74 project is headed by Lieutenant Colonel Carl M. Powe of MMCS. Three teams survey units and personnel involved with maintenance of air defense systems, conventional ammunition and special ammunition.

The three team chiefs, Jack L. Matthews for air defense, Frank C. Westerman for conventional ammunition and Major William Blakely, related comments and statements made by significant numbers of persons interviewed.

The findings have not yet been fully evaluated, nor do they necessarily reflect the current MMCS philosophy on doctrine and training.

But the feedback gathered by the MAME-74 teams serves as

a preliminary indicator of the percentages of missile maintenance personnel and supervisors in field assignments.

The intent at this stage of the project is to give instructional and supervisory personnel at the Army service school an idea of what the "man with the screwdriver" thinks they're doing "wrong," according to one team chief.

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Wives Set Luncheon

The MMCS Officers' Wives Club has scheduled a 12:15 luncheon for Thursday, January 16, at the Skycenter Hotel.

Reservations may be made until noon Monday with Mrs. John Murray (A-L) at 837-8895 and Mrs. Roy Willis (M-Z) at 837-4497.

DIAL 112 FOR
REDSTONE NEWS

From Start, Should Be Big Year

Sergeant Major Billy G. Duncan of the Missile and Munitions Center and School was promoted to his present rank Dec. 31 at the school.

Duncan was to be promoted on New Year's Day, but due to the holiday the ceremony was a day earlier and resulted in a triple celebration for him and his family.

"I planned to celebrate New Year's Eve just like everyone else. But when I received my promotion and my wife's birthday was the next day, I decided a triple celebration was in order," said Duncan. "I ushered in the new year with one helluva blast," the Athens, Ala., native added.

Duncan, assigned to Company C, performs two jobs at the school. He's operations sergeant at MMCS and non-commissioned officer in charge of post housing.



DUNCAN

The 40-year-old soldier has earned the Bronze Star Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with second oak leaf cluster, Combat Infantry Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge.

Redeye Survey Aid To Stinger

Representatives of the Missile and Munitions Center and School met late in December with officials of four major Missile Command elements to discuss preliminary findings of the Missile and Munitions Evaluation project (MAME-74) on the Redeye surface-to-air missile.

Early findings of the survey, administered to Redeye gunners and supervisory and maintenance personnel, are expected to provide the MICOM Special Systems

Management Office information on field deployment and maintenance of the system.

Some of the Redeye findings will provide the Stinger Project Office a basis for tackling human engineering areas before the shoulder-fired weapons first reach the hands of troops.

The Redeye portion of the MAME-74 project focused not only on the weapon, but also on the similar-looking Redeye trainer gunners use to keep their

marksmanship sharp.

Among the topics that stimulated commentary from Redeye users in the field were maintenance of the weapon and its trainer; design of some system components; weapon storage; gunner training; and placement of gunners in tactical situations.

Another frequent comment pertained to the quality of Redeye field manuals. Significant numbers of survey participants said the manuals were well-organized, readable and easy to follow.

Comparable findings have also been gathered on all Army missile systems as well as on conventional and special ammunition and explosive ordnance disposal.

MICOM agencies will have the opportunity to offer new questions during the MAME-74 survey of units in Europe beginning later this month.

Sodality Hears Legal Officer

Our Queen of all Saints Sodality will meet Friday morning at 9 in the Post Chapel.

Guest speaker will be Captain Charles Wasovich from the Legal Office who will discuss services rendered in regard to legal matters.

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Hospital Announces Pharmacy Policy

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The staff at the U.S. Army Hospital has become increasingly concerned about the unsupervised use of non-prescription items, aspirin, cough syrup, stomach preparations etc.

Most of these drugs do have possible side effects and depending upon the individuals' body chemistry and intake of other drugs, may be harmful. In fact for some individuals, they should definitely be avoided.

In an effort to prevent the occurrence of side effects and provide better care, the dispensing of medication without a prescription will be discontinued.

Patients requiring a medication will pick up medical records and report to the Walk-In-Clinic receptionist to be registered.

Active duty personnel O6 and below will report to the Troop

Health Clinic where they will be seen by a medical screening specialist who will inform and question about possible side effects. If no ill effects are suspected, a prescription for the requested medication will be issued.

The staff feels that the above precautionary measures will provide patients with optimum health care. As part of the total prevent medicine program this will provide knowledge the patient needs in self medication and the feeling of security in being screened for possible ill effects.

The hospital will honor and fill prescriptions from civilian physicians and dentists, providing the prescribed medication is normally stocked by the pharm-

acy. If the pharmacy does not stock the particular medication as a standard item, it cannot be purchased from civilian sources at government expense.

The pharmacy is not authorized to substitute a similar drug unless approved by the physician or dentist treating the patient. Therefore, patients choosing to be treated by a private practitioner should insure that prescriptions be written, if possible, for medication which is available at the military pharmacy.

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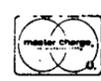
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The bill had been expected to be a forerunner to a similar measure for military personnel.

The President allowed the time limit for signing the bill, passed by

Congress before it adjourned for the Holidays, to pass without action. It is equivalent to a veto.

According to a White House

announcement, the President's decision was based on a rider to the bill which would have applied the

The announcement said he would ask Congress to prepare another

increases also to disabled veterans who must go to distant hospitals for specialized treatment.

bill, applying only to federal employees, when it convenes in January.

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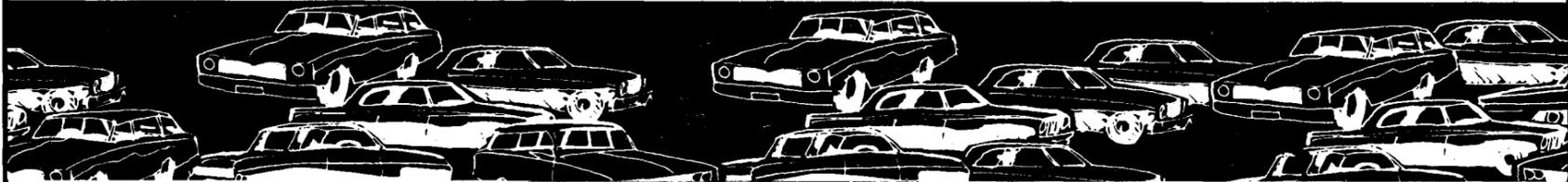
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