

The War

By Jim Wittmeyer

Ten years ago this month, the first American combat soldiers set foot in Vietnam, sent there by their government to find the enemy and fight him.

Then years of war and uneasy peace later, the South Vietnamese government has announced that it is pulling its combat forces out of several provinces.

Among those provinces are Kontum, Pleiku, Darlac, Quang Tri and Thua Thein, places that many Americans had all but forgotten until they heard or read the names again this week, but they are places which have special meaning to their countrymen who fought there.

I am singing to you
Soft as a man with a dead child speaks;
Hard as a man in Handcuffs,
Held where he cannot move;
—from "Killers" by Carl Sandburg

Green hills rose softly from the blue sea veiled in streaks of white mist. Up over where the aquamarine surf slid off the white sand, through brilliant tropical vegetation, unpretentious dirt roads wound gently back into the interior, past peaceful thatched villages, past rice paddies stepping up mountainsides, past peasants quietly urging on water buffaloes with bamboo poles, past ancient hand-painted temples and past burial mounds poking through the grass like Mother Earth's own breasts, past jungles of tigers and mountains of rock apes and rivers of sea snakes, past and beyond reality . . .

Welcome to Vietnam, Land of Enchantment

"I stepped off the plane, took a breath, and felt like I'd been slapped in the face with a steaming towel."—Sgt. Stewart Smith, 9th Infantry, 1969-70.

Land at Saigon, or Long Binh, or Danang, or all those others and you see, as you step down from that Continental, or Pan Am, or TWA jet, as you say goodbye to that stewardess from Dallas or Atlanta, you see heat rising out of the airstrip. Vietnam greets you like a warm wet blanket.

Squint at the concrete glare, suck in the

burned out jet fumes, peel back the eyeballs and let the landscape blast into your skull. No jungles, no Viet Congs; just cement buildings, bunkers, mess halls—all settling into muddy hills DDT'd to death. Step down, fall in, march off to that big green moving van with tiny barred windows. Climb aboard the 'cattle car', it's off to the 'processing center'.

Yes, a bit of grim humor here to ease that howl behind your 'combat black' belt buckle. Arriving in Vietnam is like seeing your nose for the first time.

March into the processing center past the vets going home, hard and lanky, slouching in the mud. They're yelling, jeering. They're CRAZY. "Remember to pick up your body bag!", one yells.

Heh-heh, yes. Hitch up the belt, that 'Oh-h-h-h!' is rising again. Wish I was one of them, God no, they're crazy—too crazy! I'll make it, I can make it. But Jeez, did you see those guys?!

Yeah, and they're the FRIENDLIES. Well, saddle up, you're wanted in the field.

Hold onto your nose.

"I got the feeling, what the hell am I doing here?"—Sgt. Smith continued.

SP6 Tom Nettles joined the 1st Air Cav. Division at An Khe in the central highlands in 1965:

"It was lush green then. There were rice paddies all around, mountains. It rained ALL the time. The terrain was rugged, it seemed like every other bush had a thorn on it.

"The people were simple country folk all in little farm towns. At least until we came and all the whores came up from Saigon.

"Anyway, we'd get up about a half hour before dawn because that was the prime time for an attack, that's when the guy on watch would be drowsy. Figuring your watches in, you got about four or five hours sleep. Sleep was the big problem, everybody lost a lot of weight. I came back at about 123 pounds." (Nettles now weighs 170)

"About a half-hour after dawn, we'd move out on a search and destroy to some specified point. We'd have somebody on

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" . . It's not some game."

The POW

(Editor's note: This is the first part of a two-part article on a former POW, Specialist 6 Thomas Davis, a calibration technician with MICOM's 95th Service Co.)

Thomas Davis spent five years in North Vietnamese prison camps. Ask him for a war story, a curious half-smile crosses his face, and he obliges, maybe with one about his first formal interrogation and how the interrogation team, struck dumb with the novelty of being face to face with a real live black man, spent most of the session trying to establish in their own minds why the young prisoner wasn't in Africa.

Or he may tell instead of the camp commander who, after subjecting Davis and a buddy to a

long and rambling diatribe on the essential dumbness of Americans, let the two GI prisoners con him into paying \$20 for a 10 dollar watch.

"Dave" Davis is a Specialist 6 calibration technician with MICOM's 95th Service Co. Today, two years and a month after his freedom, the 27 year old soldier recounts his Vietnam experiences candidly and coolly, almost impassively were it not for a faculty (Acquired during those five years?) to see the humorous side, however dark, in any situation, however desperate.

"They hadn't let us take a bath in the 10 days since we'd been captured, but when we came down with 'sick skin', those guys had the gall to tell us it was because (See THE POW, page 11)



Davis

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Still Reliable

Alarm Clock Needs New Home

At least one alarm clock won't be ringing out a cry of insistence in the days to come.

Ed and Clura Roe can say, "Hold it, we're setting the timetable now."

Retirement for most people means a time to relax, enjoy and pursue all of the little things they just couldn't fit into the days before.

For Mr. and Mrs. Roe that joy will be doubled when both retire from the federal service on Friday.

"The first thing we plan to do is visit our baby granddaughter in Pennsylvania. We haven't seen her yet but now we'll have the time," says Mrs. Roe who came to work at Redstone in 1954 as a GS-2 clerk-typist.

Through an impressive succession of accomplishments she rose to the position of a GS-12 program analyst in 1963. At present, she is employed in the Special Systems Management Office and talks about her career with a sense of pride and enthusiasm.

The native of Albertville recalls the early days of work in building 5681. "All of the telephone cords hung from the ceiling and there weren't any partitions between sections. It was like one big bull pen."

She and her husband share many a memory about Redstone Arsenal. Roe came here in 1957 from Atlanta, Ga., where he began working for the federal government in 1946. Previously, he spent six years in the Navy.

The World War II veteran was also recalled for a two-year tour during the Korean War.

"An awful lot has happened since I hitched-hiked a hundred miles to Atlanta in 1940 to join the Navy. The pay was \$21 a month and that was good money. But, I'm glad to know I don't have to hitch-hike off the arsenal on Friday," he said.

The logistics specialist in Materiel Management recalls the traffic situation here in days gone by. "It usually took about an hour just to get off the Arsenal. But, of course, in those days we didn't have the gates on Martin and Rideout Roads."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Roe have received numerous awards throughout their careers for outstanding job performance. Last year, she was the Missile Command's nominee for Federal Woman of the Year.

The couple now make their home in Arab, and they plan to remain in the Huntsville area. Away from work they are both involved in Cahaba Shrine activities. Mrs. Roe is a member of the Lady Ambassadors.

"In fact," she added, "We'll be traveling to Toronto, Canada, this summer for the North American Shrine Convention." That will be just another of the leisure excursions that retirement holds in store.



REMINISCING . . . Ed and Clura Roe

"16 And 8" Gives Army Flexible Range Of Options

The "16 and 8" concept put before the House Armed Services Committee by Army Chief of Staff General Fred C. Weyand in his annual posture statement will increase the Army's power from 13 to 16 combat-ready divisions, while maintaining 8 reserve divisions strong and ready.

The additional three divisions will provide headquarters and support structure for 48 battalions of combat capability which are being added in FY75 and FY76. In view of this Weyand asked Congress to support for FY76 the 785,000 man and woman strength level stabilized for the present fiscal year.

The three divisions will increase

the ready combat power by 17 percent with no increase in personnel, Weyand said, and will give the nation "the most cost effective and people effective Army it has ever had."

He gave this rationale for the "16 and 8" structure:

"Our current structure of 13 active and 8 reserve divisions is only marginally adequate to meet the demands placed upon it by foreseeable national requirements. And it does not represent the full combat power potential which we can give our nation without adding to the Army's overall size.

"Given a steady strength of 785,000 men and women, we can in a reasonable period of time build to

a combat force of 16 active divisions.

"With the 8 reserve component divisions, at a level I would assess as prudent risk, this force will provide . . . a more flexible range of security options." The options:

An Army better able to fight with resources at hand and to help avoid a premature decision to mobilize; A better chance of winning the

critical first battle which may well be decisive on the much more lethal modern battlefield;

A significantly extended conventional combat capability thereby raising the nuclear threshold;

Bolstered initial combat strength in Europe while retaining a responsive central reserve in the U.S.;

Increased capability to meet treaty commitments and deter threats to unilateral interests elsewhere.

In explaining "16 and 8" to Congress, Weyand made these points:

—The military equilibrium that fosters detente gradually is eroding.

The Rocket

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Upward Mobility Resumed

MICOM's Civilian Personnel Division will soon distribute notices announcing reopening of the Upward Mobility program for participation by employees GS-9 and below and those in comparable wage grade positions.

MICOM's program, designed to give these employees an opportunity for training and development so they will be qualified to compete for future vacancies, has been cited by the Civil Service Commission and Department of the Army as a forerunner among Army installations.

In spite of these commendations, some employees have shown concern about the program's effectiveness.

There has been questions as to why more eligible personnel did not apply for participation in the program. According to Jimmy McCright of the MICOM Civilian Personnel Division, it has been found many employees who could have applied, did not, as they are satisfied with their present positions, while others had some

hesitancy about what could be accomplished.

Employees have questioned having an Upward Mobility program at a time when MICOM is going through space and grade reductions. McCright points out that, although there was an Army requirement for establishment of the program, MICOM's was launched before the requirement was issued.

"The program was initiated to provide encouragement, assistance and training opportunities to lower level employees who have not had opportunities in the past," McCright said.

"There were other programs focused on training and advancing employees in technical, administrative and professional fields, so we felt there should be some plans to provide training and development for employees in lower level jobs. This led to starting MICOM's Upward Mobility program."

McCright said that many employees are saying the program would be much better if it provided

some assurance of advancement for participants.

"Even though one of the criteria we use to measure the program's effectiveness is the number of participants who move into their career goals, we can't provide any guarantee or promise in terms of promotion. The program's intent is to offer training so people will be qualified to compete for future vacancies.

"Records show that during last year, 27 out of approximately 225 program participants did in fact compete through the merit program and were selected for positions related to their career goals.

"We foresee more chances for people to advance in the years ahead as we are faced with an

aging work force—vacancies occur as people retire, and through normal attrition.

"Upward Mobility aims to help people get into a better position to compete for these future openings."

There have been questions on what training the program provided for participants and what they have done for themselves.

During last year, training programs were developed for each participant. Some training is government sponsored and some covers self development courses.

"To date 297 government sponsored courses were conducted totaling 7990 hours," McCright said. "In self development areas participants completed 517 courses, totaling 12,286 hours."

Housing Renovation Near Halfway Point

Construction underway to improve family living quarters on Redstone, started in October, is estimated to be 40 percent complete according to Lt. Willis P. Denny, Jr. of the Housing Division.

He said that at present it is expected all work on the quarters will be finished early next year. A project to air condition family housing has been completed.

Improvements being made are:

—Complete kitchen renovation in Wherry units including undercounter dishwashers, new cabinets, range hoods and water heaters, and upgrading existing baths with installation of new lavatories and vanities.

—Enlargement of bedrooms in 33 Wherry houses and addition of baths.

—Addition of privacy screens and terraces in Wherry.

—Installation of acoustical material in two-story Capehart units with carpet on second floor and furred ceilings on the ground floor.

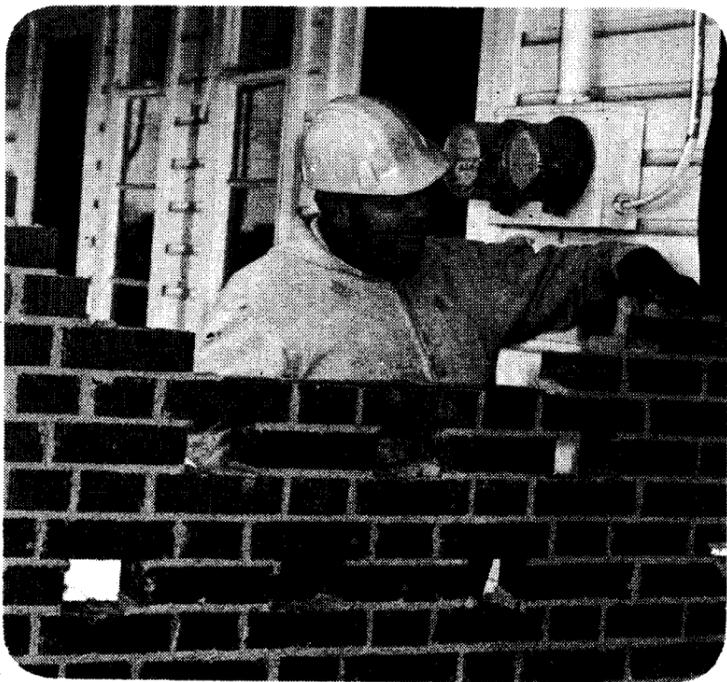
—New light colored vinyl tile in all Wherry units.

—Addition of 92 baths in two-story, three-bedroom units in Capehart housing, and addition of balconies in 48 second floor units in the same area.

—Addition of exterior storage areas at all multi-unit housing.

—Construction of paved parking areas, sidewalks, concrete retaining walls and landscaping throughout Capehart officer and Wherry housing complexes.

Denny said that there will be some exterior construction while units are occupied, including patios, storage buildings and



HOME IMPROVEMENTS—Privacy screens at family housing are among construction projects now in progress at Redstone to update living quarters for military personnel.

clothes lines. A representative from the Housing Division will be in the area while construction is underway.

Where extensive interior work is necessary to improve housing, it will be necessary for occupants to vacate during construction. Individuals required to move normally will receive 30 days notice,

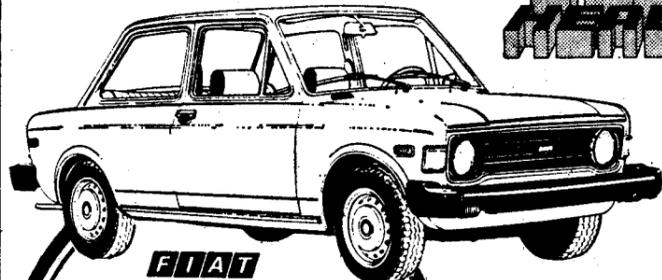
and not less than 15 days notice.

Quarters to be vacated include the 120 Wherry units and the three-bedroom units of the company grade six-plexes.

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a variety of sports. Floorspace of 9,909 square feet in the administration building will be used as headquarters by School Brigade and both battalions.

The ceremony, held at the site of the demolished gym, was attended by post and school of-

ficials. Colonel Errol E. Hayes, Jr., school commandant, delivered an address.

Copeland Glass Co. of Gadsden has been awarded the construction contract by the Mobile District office of the Army Corps of Engineers. Completion is set for January 1976.



SITE CLEARED—Workmen break concrete to prepare the site for construction of new classroom and administration buildings at Redstone.

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Three Honored For Cost Cutting

Three Missile Command employees were recently awarded Department of the Army certificates of achievement. Major General Vincent H. Ellis, Commander, made the presentations to Duane M. Byrum and Philip M. Welty, of Materiel Management and Captain Francis W. Thonus, Special Systems Management Office.

Byrum and Welty were recognized for their nominations to the Army Roll of Economy Champions for fiscal year 1975. The nominations resulted from a special service award in the amount of \$1,000 which the men shared equally.

Thonus was also nominated for the Roll for his suggestion which saved the Army an estimated \$25,456, during the first year after its adoption. He received a cash award of \$830.

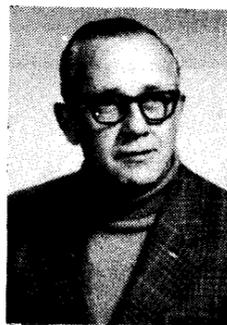
Brinson Rites Held At Chapel

A memorial service for Private William R. Brinson, 26, who died March 19 at Huntsville Hospital after becoming ill at the 4th Student Company barracks, was held Friday at the Post Chapel.

Brinson, whose home is in Austin, Tex., told friends that he felt ill, according to the Military Police. The soldier went outside Bldg. 3207 and fell, striking his head on the sidewalk, police said.

The MP's said they received a call from the 4th SC shortly after 6:30. Brinson was taken first to Redstone Hospital, then to Huntsville Hospital, where he died of what doctors described as a hemorrhage, police said.

A student in the ammunition storage specialist course at the Missile and Munitions Center and School, Brinson came to Redstone in February from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He was scheduled to graduate April 21.



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The realignment of the Army Communications Command headquartered at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, announced last week by Secretary of the Army Howard H. Calloway, is expected to have no major impact on personnel assigned to the Communications Command Agency-Redstone.

The local agency will be reduced one civilian space in July and two more in June 1976. Reductions in military spaces are expected in FY77. Although reduction in force actions will be required, no civilian personnel at Redstone are expected to go off the pay roll. The agency's authorized strength is 85 civilian employees and 29 military personnel.

According to the Department of Army news release announcing the realignment, there will be minor impact on approximately 75 installations throughout the worldwide command, and will eliminate 859 military and 285 civilian jobs by June 1977.

This action is designed to reduce overhead costs and to use available

resources more effectively and efficiently. Resources resulting from this action will be reallocated to improve Army combat forces.

Since civilian positions eliminated will be distributed among 75 installations through June 1977, it is expected that those personnel involved will be placed in continuing positions at the affected installations or at other Department of Defense installations.

Khaki Days Here

As the weather starts turning warm, it's time to start thinking about the change from winter greens to khakis.

Monday, April 7 will be the day for Redstone this year. Now's the time to get your khakis to the tailoring and laundry facility—before the annual rush begins.

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The invocation will be given by Chaplain Hugh J. Bickley of the Post Chapel, followed by a responsive reading by Rev. Donald Bailey, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville.

A scripture lesson will be read by Rev. Bernard Anson, President of the Huntsville Ministerial Association. Chaplain Ford F. G'Segner, from the Post Chapel, will give the benediction.

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"I've tried to get the kind of courses," Perry said recently, "that are directly related to my job."

A listing of Perry's government

ISA Hears Senator

The Huntsville Section of the Instrument Society of America will hold its monthly meeting March 31 at the Russel Erskine Hotel. Dinner will be served at 7:15.

State Senator Bill King will speak on "What Is Expected from Politicians and What Do Politicians Expect?"

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Officer Management Concept Streamlined

The Officer Personnel Directorate (HQ MILPERCEN) will undergo a major reorganization this year to better provide for the professional development and utilization of officers under the Officer Personnel Management System (OPMS).

Over the years management has accounted for and distributed officers on the basis of branch and grade. Under OPMS officers will be managed by OPMS specialties and grade.

While the new alignments in no way modify the current Branches of the Army as established by Title 10 of the US Code, the major impact of the OPD reorganization does occur at the career branch level.

FIELD GRADE

By next fall, all field grade officers will be managed within divisions based on respective grades. Like Army colonels who have enjoyed this form of management since 1962, all majors and lieutenant colonels—

regardless of their branch identification—will be managed by specialties within the new Majors and Lieutenant Colonels Divisions respectively.

Within the three field grade divisions, each headed by a colonel, there will be a Professional Development Branch, a Support Branch, and multiple specialty management elements.

Specialty managers throughout each field grade division will be responsible for the professional development and assignment of individual officers. This means that a lieutenant colonel with Armor as his primary specialty would direct all his requests for information and assistance to the Lieutenant Colonels Division's Armor Specialty Manager.

An Armor lieutenant colonel with Information as his primary specialty would deal with the Information Specialty Manager, Lieutenant Colonels Division.

Thus, the individual officer will normally look first to his primary

specialty manager for guidance, assistance and professional development advice; however, and officer is not precluded from seeking guidance from his alternate specialty manager.

COMPANY GRADE

In examining the role of the career branches under OPMS, it was determined that management of company grade officers by specialty and grade within the current branch framework would be desirable, providing these officers with a sense of organizational identity and pride. Therefore, these familiar career branches will be retained under the auspices of three new company grade divisions—the Combat Arms, Combat Support Arms and Combat Service Support Divisions—each headed by a colonel. The branch chiefs within each of the three divisions will be lieutenant colonels, and the presence of respective professional development branches is part of the overall effort to insure continuity of officer development throughout the company grades.

WARRANT OFFICE

Creation of the Warrant Officers Division will centralize the management of all warrant of-

icers within one element. Today only aviation warrant officers are managed centrally. All others are managed within their respective career branches.

Formation of this division offers distinct advantages since the problems associated with managing warrant officers are somewhat different from those encountered with commissioned officers.

This reorganization will permit the individual specialty managers to play a more effective role in the overall professional development of officers they manage. The PD branches within each grade division will provide the vital link to insure that professional development of each officer is given foremost consideration in personnel actions and are being given the specific function of

concurring in each assignment.

While the specialty managers and PD branches in each division are tasked with the individual's management within his two specialties while at that grade, the Chief, Professional Development will be responsible for the continuity of professional development of officers as they progress through the various graded divisions from lieutenant to colonel.

Further, through his specialty monitor branch, the CPD will act as the point of contact for outside agencies desiring to coordinate loans and policies regarding any of the specialties.

The reorganization of OPD is being carefully managed to insure a smooth transition from our current branch and grade system to a specialty and grade system.

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She cited as an example cooperation with Huntsville agencies that work with handicapped children, and said volunteers in social services have close contact with the local Red Cross and Salvation Army.

"We're all service organizations established to help people with their various problems. ACS doesn't supply any money, but we

know where to refer people who come to us," Mrs. Sikorski said. "We know of all services unique to the post, also."

To earn the pin, and green uniform, worn by full fledged volunteers, and furnished free-of-charge, a volunteer puts in 50 hours divided between orientation and on-the-job training. "Volunteers start out working on three different committees. The most active ones at present are reception, Lending Closet and office," Mrs. Sikorski explained.

"Most of our new volunteers recently are coming in because they've read about ACS in our Bulletin edited by Sigrid Benson, a

volunteer. Then there are people who've been ACS volunteers at other posts, so continue when they get here.

"When someone comes in for the first time, we interview her to see where she'd like to work. We want people to be happy in what they're doing."

In addition to other pleasant experiences shared by volunteers while giving their time and effort to ACS, Mrs. Sikorski mentioned that they're performing a good

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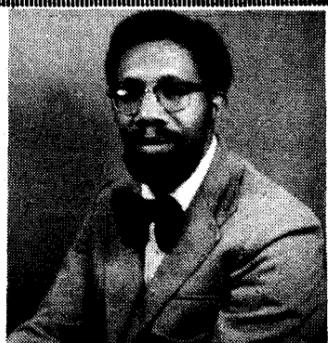
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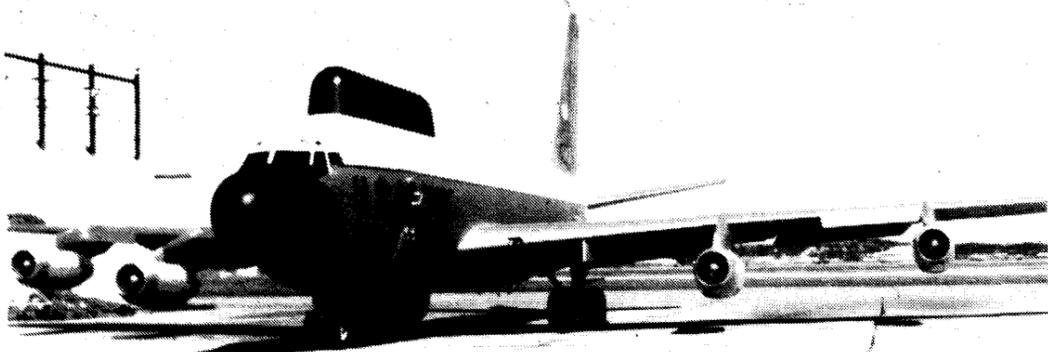
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An electronic countermeasures "jammer" device to be carried aboard a modified Air Force jet transport plane is being prepared for use in the electronic warfare assessment program for the Army's SAM-D

The assessment program is to be conducted at White Sands Missile Range by the Office of Missile Electronic Warfare (OMEW), an element of the Electronics Command. It will be conducted in conjunction with other SAM-D

testing already under way and planned at WSMR.

The jammer is just one of a full complement of electronic countermeasures equipment to be carried aboard a modified NKC-135A transport, named the "Big Crow."

Big Crow is being converted into a flying laboratory. Equipment now being installed creates ECM environments for susceptibility and vulnerability tests of the SAM-D and other missile systems now being developed.

The jammer contains a full array of electronic warfare modulations.

Control functions are on a central console, so that many tests may be performed during one flight mission. The operator will be able to "dial in" various jamming sequences as directed by the test scenario.

Other equipment will provide a multitude of data not previously available from a single airborne carrier. Five research and development stations are available for special tests.

Standard ECM devices will be on board the transport also. These may be interchanged or combined to expand or concentrate capabilities, depending on mission requirements. Up to 10 of these systems may be utilized at one time.

Two modified chaff dispensers are available to aid in determining the chaff rejection capabilities of the SAM-D.

But capabilities will not be limited to those of the flying laboratory. A number of unique pod-mounted jammers, designed to be mounted under the wings of their carriers, will be available.

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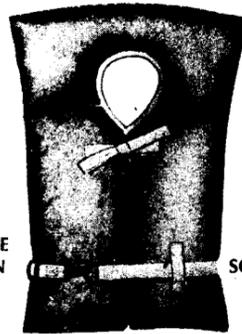
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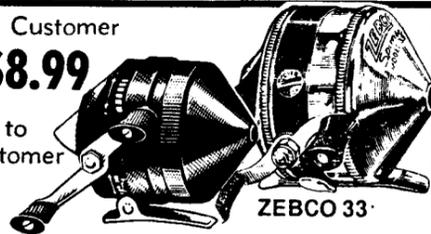
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As the second generation of the first Army missile to come off the idea shelf—Nike Ajax which was deployed in 1953—Hercules owes its longevity, in part, to a stockpile reliability program begun by the Nike Hercules Project Office in 1961 and continuing today under the Product Assurance Directorate.

George Stewart, Chief of the Systems Performance Assessment Division, and his project engineer, Bruce Wills, said that life cycle tests to extend the shelf life of Hercules motors are taking place at Redstone, Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant in Marshall, Texas, and at Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Radford, Va. Wills said Product Assurance has also begun testing effects of shock, vibration and acceleration on Hercules batteries.

"Later this spring, we plan to conduct some full configuration static firings at Test Area 5 on both booster and sustainer motors which will be done by MICOM's Test and Evaluation Directorate."

Wills said the biggest problem at the moment is maintaining the flow of necessary test funds and getting the equipment.

"Once we've gotten motor and battery tests squared away, we'll resume checking other aspects of the missile system such as safety and arming devices," he added.

When Hercules was deployed in 1958, the shelf life of its sustainer motor was estimated at three

years. Test and surveillance programs begun by the Hercules Project Office and Ballistic Research Laboratories extended the shelf life to five years, then gradually extended to eight.

The surveillance program was continued by Army Materiel Systems Analysis Agency through 1973. During those years, shelf life was extended to 10 years as the result of life cycle tests and incorporation of the new M72 igniter.

Beginning in 1973, funding and surveillance program responsibility for Hercules and all Army missile systems were transferred to the Product Assurance Directorate, headed by Robert P. Whitley. Another critical improvement by Thiokol was the design of a Y-ring (attaching the motor to the missile) that eliminated a cracking and corrosion problem. This metal parts problem came as a surprise to missilemen since the solid propellant area was expected to be the pacing item in missile deterioration.

"There is an indication that as propellant ages, it becomes more difficult to ignite and no further extensions of the sustainer are likely until we conduct the full flight configuration tests."

"At the moment sustainer shelf life is 12 years," Wills said, "and through similar testing, the booster motor shelf life has been extended to 21 years."

As a result of Hercules shelf life extensions, the Army has realized a considerable cost savings. Back in 1973, for example, some \$25 million was programmed for procurement of replacement sustainer motors in 1975. But based on shelf life extensions and confirmed by a test program costing approximately \$60,000, the planned

procurement has been deferred.

Hercules, managed by MICOM's Special Systems Management Office under Colonel H. C. Bennett, Jr., has proven effective against targets traveling at more than 2,100 miles per hour, at ranges greater than 75 miles and at altitudes in excess of 100,000 feet.

IEEE Group Sets Panel Discussion

It will be Spouses Night when the Engineering Management Group of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers meet at the Carriage Inn on Thursday, April 3.

The feature of the evening's program will be a panel discussion covering the subjects: Management by Exception;

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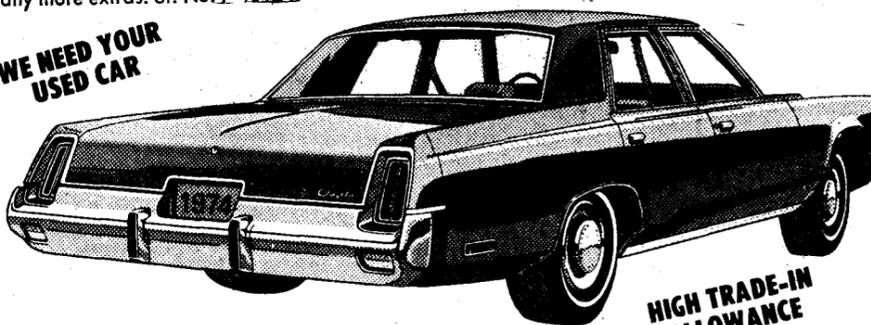
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The War

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point and some out to the tanks, that's rough going through the bush, and the rest would trail along behind. You had to keep up constant surveillance, you never knew, but that's what you're out there for.

"Basically it was up hills and down hills and across rice paddies."

IN VIETNAM, INFANTRYMEN WERE CALLED 'GRUNTS'.

"In the evening, you'd finally stop and dig your foxhole. It had to be up to here (Nettles draws a line across his chest, shoulder high) and you put a parapet around it for the guy on watch. Then you could drink some water and eat some food, if you were lucky enough to have any. A lot of the time we had to live off the land and get the water out of a stream. You had to put iodine tablets in your water so you wouldn't get sick. They tasted like . . .

"We talked then, what soldiers usually talk about. Home, girls. If it looked like we were gonna make contact, we'd talk about tactics.

"Sometimes we talked about being afraid. It was a joke—everybody was afraid—but to offset this we made it into kind of a game.

"When we'd lose a guy, when one of us would get killed, you didn't let it bother you, oh you'd be angry, but you had to be effective. You had to say he's dead, he's gone.

"We actually shunned the thought of medals, we were new at our job, nobody thought much of being heroes."

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I used to worry about body odor, as they say, but this is the second set of stinky, smelling, sweaty fatigues that have rotted off the old bod just below the kneecaps and up under the armpits. Even took a bath once in some paddy, right in there with all that water buffalo excrementa, but figured there's no percentage in getting caught by Charlie in the altogether. Besides, if the bullets don't get him, there's always that final protective line of stench.

If you live in the mud long enough, you being to feel a camaraderie with all the other things crawling around down here. You slip-slop across each day into good evening and then sit up half the night in the fog, waiting for something to slip up in the dark and grab you.

Waiting is your favorite passtime, once you begin when you take off from the states because that's when the clock starts ticking. Somebody—Congress, God, Regulations, who knows?—SOMEBODY says your bod must be back in the continental U. S. no later than 12 months after you lift off. It's probably the only 'must' anybody down here is really into. You count days. At about a hundred to go, you get a short-timer's calendar and some colored pencils and start filling in the color-by-numbers Playboy pinup. The numbers under ten are located in the 'erogenous zones'.

A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE: Willy and Joe, plodding through World War Two, hoped for the end of the war so that they could go home. Vietnam's Sgt. Mikes hope for the day they go home; no one believes

he will see the end of the war during his tour.

You have to watch where you throw half-eaten C-Rats, they draw these giant orange centipedes that bite. Your head swells up so big they medivac you with a flying crane.

When Vietnam becomes a shooting war, you call it a firefight. When a bunch of grunts line up and shoot their rifles into the bushes, that's called firepower, and if something shoots back, then it's a firefight.

SFC Herrmann joined the 173rd Airborne in III Corps in 1965:

"It was hot, miserable and long. There's no glamour to it.

"When you were making contact, half the time you didn't even see who you were making contact with. Maybe a muzzle flash or something, but Chuck didn't come out in the open to fight, ever.

"It was a learning process, we didn't know about booby traps or any of that. You reacted most of the time. If I had a gut feeling, I'd react. I mean, you know what brute force is—it's not a game.

"I don't think you have fear until it's over. Normally you just react, do what you've been trained to do. You gotta watch though, you can get to the point where you can waste somebody and not worry about it—that's when it's time to go home."

"I was with Army Intelligence in Saigon when the word on the Peace Agreements came through, when we found out what they'd done. We were sad and angry."—SP6 Tom Nettles (on his second tour)

But the best was yet to come down. How it's March 1975, and here's the latest news from the Associated Press:

(SAIGON)—SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID TODAY SAIGON IS ABANDONING A FOURTH PROVINCE—QUANG TRI (KWAHN TREE)—IN THE FACE OF A HEAVY NORTH VIETNAMESE BUILDUP. SOUTH VIETNAM IS ALSO SAID TO BE CONSIDERING GIVING UP A FIFTH PROVINCE . . .

For the uninitiated, those five provinces encompassed nearly every major battle fought by Americans in Vietnam.

"We collected stray dogs; you could trust them." "We collected stray dogs; you could trust them."—SSgt. Joe Pruett, 217th Combat Aviation Battalion, 1968-69.

Yes, who were the Vietnamese really? Were they democratic idealists valiantly fending off the cruel lash of communism? Were they sneaky, bi-focaled ripoff artists? And who are you, and who am I am who is . . .

SSgt. Pruett joined the 217th at Danang: "When I first got there, I was curious about the people. We were supposed to be helping them. I used to see them packed into those old school busses they got around in, I mean packed in. They were so poor, they'd try anything to better themselves economically. Even selling their women, and of course the black market . . .

"I remember after I'd been there for a while, we used to keep VC prisoners out on the airstrip waiting to be interrogated. It was really HOT out on that airstrip, it was terrible.

"I've thought about that since I got back, but I remember that then, I couldn't even think of them as human beings, it never registered that that was cruel."

"I don't know, if I knew then what I know now, what they were telling us just didn't jive with what was really happening. If they told us the truth it would have been a lot easier."

"THE WORST THING IN THE WORLD IS TO LIE TO A SOLDIER WHEN YOU PUT HIM IN A SITUATION LIKE THAT. WHEN HE REALIZES YOU'VE LIED, IT COMPLETELY DESTROYS HIM."

SSgt. Stewart Smith is now NCOIC of the MMCS Foreign Liaison Division.

SP6 Tom Nettles is now a security custodian for the Security Division, MMCS.

SFC D. E. Herrmann is now chief Legal Clerk for the MICOM Legal Assistance Office.

SSgt. Joe Pruett is now a Operations and Training NCO for 2d Battalion, School Brigade, MMCS.

Jim Wittmeyer is a former member of the 3d Marine Division in Vietnam, 1967-68.



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The POW

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Americans were so dirty," he said with a laugh, adding: "And we caught it from them!"

Sick skin, Davis explained, is a violent itching condition where even slight movement breaks open painful, pus-filled sores on the body extremities.

Davis didn't know it at the time

"It never entered my mind that I wouldn't be coming back. . ."

but the early bout with sick skin was just the first manifestation of the sort of thing he and the soldier captured with him would live with for the next five years.

It all began in early 1968 in the Khe Sahn valley north of Chou Lai.

Well, actually it began the year before in the sleazy warehouse-cum-Induction Center in Montgomery. Davis, a native of the farm community of Baker Hill, Ala. (population "75 or a hundred") was drafted and sworn in June 6, 1967.

October 15 the jetliner landed at Blen Hua air strip. Stepping from the air conditioned cabin PFC Davis, mortar man, swallowed a lump of air and spit it back out with, "Boy, I'm doing my two years and get out of this place."

He was assigned to a mortar platoon of the 1st Light Infantry Brigade in Chou Lai. He didn't see a lot of action the first few months. "We made contact occasionally, skirmished some, got a straggler or courier now and then. We usually sent out a platoon or two every day.

After a mission there was stand down, and rest. "We'd sit around and talk about being killed or captured now and then, but not seriously. We talked more about getting killed than captured and of course we'd heard rumors about what happened to people that were captured.

"Really, we didn't talk about it that much though. We mostly just talked about getting our two years over with and going home. I thought a lot about what I was going to do when I got out, like going to either college or vocational school with my GI Bill. Those were my plans . . . It never

entered my mind that I wouldn't be coming back."

Things began looking up after he got locked into the combat routine. It was nasty and tedious but offered a peculiar sort of satisfaction, like when tramping through towns the people he was fighting for would come out to proclaim

"GI Number One".

And he enjoyed the little kids, so cute and friendly with whom he shared his C-rats and from whom he bought cokes and candy.

"We'd just come back from stand down and were at a fire base on Hill 408. It was just a small hill with a big shallow bomb crater in the top. It was near a little town called Tam Key.

"We had some contact that day—one or two VC—and went back to the Hill. We had a good night.

Next morning the CO sent a platoon off the hill. They checked out the area and radioed back, no problems, just a few stragglers.

A few minutes later the radio crackled. A frantic voice: "My God, the trees are walking—get somebody down here!"

The CO turned to the mortar platoon, "You guys secure the hill, we're going down."

"My God, the trees are walking. . .!"

"Apparently they'd run into a mixed VC-NVA stronghold", Davis said. "They were dug in to fight, bunkers and all.

"We could see them running around, some in brown uniforms, some in black PJs. We started shooting with the 60 mortar we had and after a few misfires—the ammunition was old and wet—we got one off. There was a big explosion. I believe it hit right in their mortar area.

"Man were they p-o'd retaliated something furious. Two rounds to adjust their fire and they were right on top of us. We jumped in the crater but the rounds were coming right in.

The platoon sergeant told

"No radio . . . if only we'd had a radio. . ."

Calloway, our squad leader, to take te and McMillan off the left side of the hill, he'd take the other two guys off the right, and we'd pull off till the firing did and then circle around back up.

"It didn't work out—not for us anyway. We got down, started through a little rice paddy and walked right into an ambush. They cut loose with all they had. We hit the ground.

"Me and McMillan were close together, Callaway behind us. No radio . . . if only we'd had a radio."

Bullets were chewing away at the only protection they had, a little rice dike. Their own ammunition low, they answered automatic fire with semi-automatic.

"They stopped firing, then we told Calloway, 'Come up here while we cover for you'. He jumped up instead of crawled. We heard an 'Uhhh' and he dropped. He got it in the thigh.

"McMillan covered while I went to bring him up. I got him on my back and stood up. Something cracked in my ankle and I fell. So I had to drag him—it was only 10 or 15 feet but felt like a hundred yards."

Dragging the wounded man and dodging fire, they made it to a nearby hooch. They gave him what first aid they could and put him in a bunker the old woman who owned the place had dug for her own use.

Davis and McMillan crawled into her rice bin and sat in the doorway,

gun up and cut loose, 20 rounds. We didn't hear anymore from him."

Their bullets were gone. They cursed. "We figured they'd be coming in any minute."

"American! American! Chu Hoi!"

"They were coming in all around us, we could hear them. We crawled behind some big baskets full of rice."

Thud, s-s-s-s, pop! Tear gas. "American, Chu Hoi!"

"I ripped off my T shirt, spit in it, and breathed through that. Their CS isn't as strong as ours but it sure burns your skin."

At intervals of several minutes three more CS grenades were

"American! American! Chu Hoi!"

thrown in, each followed by a call for surrender.

"McMillan said 'Let's get out'. I said 'no way'. We decided to play dead.

"I'll never forget the feeling when I saw the beam of that flashlight. They came in and worked over us, feeling our pulse and for broken bones. They dragged McMillan out. About 10 minutes later they came back and got me. It was starting to rain a little.

"I just laid there. They were making an odd clicking sound. I found out later they do it by smacking their lips and all VC do it when mad or frustrated.

"I saw out of the corner of my eye that they had McMillan up and Calloway in a hammock, and figured since they hadn't killed them I might as well give up the 'dead' act. I got up, but fell down because of my ankle. They asked if I was hurt. I pointed to my ankle and one started twisting it."

March 11, 1968, 7:30 p.m. Private First Class Thomas Davis, Prisoner of War.

Davis half-walking, half being dragged; McMillan hands tied behind him, Calloway in a hammock, they tramped off into the night, through rain and fog, through an occasional artillery

"My eyes met his, he was peering over the side. I swung my gun up and cut loose, 20 rounds. . ."

look up.

"My eyes met his, he was peering over the side. I swung my

burst, through the last traces of the smokescreen laid down by their THE ROCKET

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GOVERNOR'S AWARD—Tom Ferrell, right, talks with his wife and J. C. McKinney, Chief, Army Standards Laboratory, about the special award he received for his establishment of a work release program for prisoners in the local community. The award was presented by the Huntsville Area Committee of the Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. His program in the local area has resulted in 85 percent of assisted prisoners returning as productive citizens. Ferrell is Chief of the Electronic Standards Branch, Army Standards Laboratory.

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Bowling Results



S&M League

STANDINGS

Team	Points
Three & Two	27
Reba's	27
Misfits	26
Strikers	25
Pickups	23
Parkway Lanes	20
Barber-Coleman	20
Outcasts	19 1/2
Interns	18
Clowns	14 1/2

LAST WEEK

Three-Two 3, Reba's 1
Outcasts 2 1/2, Clowns 1 1/2
Barber-Coleman 3, Pickups
Misfits 2, Strikers 2
Parkway 2, Interns 2

TOP SHOOTERS

Norm Fischer, 568; Earl Dunn, 563; Buck Wade, 561; Vern Benson, 550; Les Westbrook, 540; Wayne Owens, 538; Gil Vitale, 535; Bob Criss, 534.

AMC League

STANDINGS

Team	Points
Spares	61
Lily Flagg	60
Bombers	58 1/2
Fat Cats	56
T-Birds	55 1/2
Alley Cats	54
Hughes TOW	47
Sprinters	46
Sheraton	41 1/2
Untouchables	40 1/2

LAST WEDNESDAY

T-Birds 4, Bombers 0
Hughes 3, Spares 1
Untouchables 3, Alley Cats 1
Fat Cats 3, Sheraton 1
Lily Flagg 3, Sprinters 1

HONOR ROLL

Howard Roop had strikes on his mind in leading the T-Birds to a 3024 pinfall total. Roop put together games of 211, 193 and 216 for a 620 count that added up to 707 with handicap.
HIGH ROLLERS
Clark Tannehill, 540 (207); Bob Brand, 534 (208); George Johnson, 533 (242).

Wednesday Officers

STANDINGS

Team	Points	Won
Strikeouts	51	51
Bee M's	46	46
Gimlets	46	46
Swingers	40	40
Lucky Strikes	39	39
Readiness Group	36	36
ExASPRators	34	34
Black Jacks	34	34
Widgets	33	33
Redrock Engineers	32	32
Halo's	23	23
Scs. Bde. B's	18	18

RESULTS

Readiness Group 6, Halo's 0
Strikeouts 7, ExASPRators 1
Redrock Engineers 6, Gimlets 2
Widgets 6, Black Jacks 2
Bee M's 6, Scs. Bde. B's 2
Swingers 4, Lucky Strikes 4

INDIVIDUAL

High series: Bryan, 574; Aldrup, 567; Jones, 544; Odogalek, 538; Barry, 538; Nix, 528.
High game: Bryan, 220, 207; Brotherton, 212; Turner, 211; Nix, 210; Aldrup, 209, 201.

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RETIREMENTS
Curry, Homer L., GS-5, RASA.
Tetrault, Margaret L., GS-11, Maintenance.

PROMOTIONS
Powers, Carolyn S., GS-7, LANCE.
Erskine, Estella R., GS-2, Materiel Management.



HONORED—Art Harvey discusses his being named as the Handicapped Employee of this area with his wife, Tweak, and Robert Fink, Deputy Director of Systems Engineering. The award was presented to Harvey at the annual awards luncheon of the Huntsville Area Committee, Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. Harvey is value engineering manager with the Army Missile Research, Development and Engineering Laboratory.

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Having written that candid opinion beside the name of "Mad" Anthony Wayne, President George Washington picked him in 1792 to shape up the American army and restore peace along the frontier disrupted by St. Clair's defeat by the Indians in the Northwest Territory the previous year.

Searching for a new commander, Washington started with a list of 16 men who had served as general officers in the Revolutionary War, wrote his candid opinion beside each man's name and then gave Wayne the job, leaving curious countrymen ever after wondering about the President's thoughts on the others.

Congress reacted to St. Clair's defeat by expanding the regular Army by three regiments taking care to add that the new men were to be "discharged as soon as the United States shall be at peace with the Indian tribes."

The prospects for peace were not too bright just then. Britain held Canada and felt it had as good a claim on the lands north of the Ohio River as the upstart Americans. British agents had been among the Indian tribes making promises and providing arms.

Anthony Wayne had been a good soldier and a fine combat leader during the Revolution and it is not clear what he had ever done to cause Washington to think him too indulgent to his officers and men. A disciplinarian, Wayne handed out 100 lashes as a routine punishment, shot most deserters with a minimum of ceremony only occasionally letting a captured deserter off with a lighter sentence, say like branding the offender on the forehead with a red hot iron that left a large "D" there for life.

It took him a year to turn his recruits into soldiers, but then they not only were ready to fight, one suspects they preferred combat to more of what Wayne had put them through.

No one could charge Anthony Wayne with inconsistency. Hard on his men and himself, he treated others the same way. Contractors who tried the old trick of selling shoddy material and food to his soldiers caught his full fury. When

the Secretary of War insisted that Wayne try to use beef cattle as pack animals, in an early attempt at cost reduction, Wayne flatly refused.

The campaign began in the fall of 1793. Moving carefully, Wayne built a series of forts and blockhouses along his line of march. The garrisons he left behind successfully beat off the inevitable Indian attacks that followed.

Driving the Indians before him, by the summer of 1794 Wayne had cleared a good portion of Ohio and forced most of the remaining Indians to take shelter near the present city of Toledo. The showdown came on August 20, almost within sight of the British fort. Wayne with about 3,500 soldiers including some 1,400 mounted militia ran into a large force of warriors who had taken a stand in a large tangle of fallen and uprooted trees left by a long past

tornado, an area know locally as Fallen Timbers.

It lasted about 45 minutes. The soldiers drove the Indians from the thickets in a wild bayonet charge. Once in the open they were no match for Wayne's mounted volunteers. Ignoring the protests of the British commander at Fort Miami, Wayne stayed in the area for several days destroying Indian villages and burning crops.

Wayne's operations did nothing to improve the steady worsening



relations between his country and Britain but neither he nor the Americans living on what was then the western frontier lost much sleep about that. Effective Indian resistance in the area had been broken and the tribes soon ceded their lands in Ohio to the United States. With their Indian allies drifting away, the British pulled back into Canada and an uneasy peace prevailed for almost 20 years while settlers pushed rapidly into Ohio and on to the lands to the west still claimed by the Indians.

Continued encroachment on Indian land by settlers did nothing to bolster the faith of the tribes in the treaty promises of the Americans, a situation that provided ample opportunity for further intrigue by British agents operating from Canada. In 1811, Tecumseh, great leader of the Shawnees who had solid British support, succeeded in organizing a confederation of Indian tribes to half further westward expansion by Americans.

William Henry Harrison governor of the Indiana territory, had concluded treaties with some of the tribes in which they ceded about three million acres for further settlement by Americans. When Tecumseh made it clear that he would not honor the treaties and asked Harrison to halt settlement, Harrison responded by mobilizing his militia, added the Fourth U. S. Infantry newly arrived after a 90-day march west from Philadelphia and started for the Indian settlements along the Tippecanoe River.

Just what the Indians were supposed to conclude from this was never fully explained. Harrison let it hang with a vague warning that what he did would depend on the Indians' conduct. By the time Harrison and his army got within two miles of the Indian settlements, there had been some shots fired and the soldiers had lost some horses. Harrison figured he had been challenged.

As the soldiers slept under arms on the night of November 7, 1811, about 600 warriors attacked their camp inspired by Tecumseh's brother, "The Prophet," who claimed supernatural powers. Unfortunately for the Indians, The Prophet's predictions that the soldiers gunpowder had turned to sand and their bullets to mud proved wrong.

The fight went on through the night, but with daylight, Harrison's mounted militia broke the Indian attack and routed the warriors.

American victory guaranteed the British solid Indian support when war finally broke out between the two countries the following year. It also laid a foundation for a successful future political campaign. "Tippecanoe"

Harrison and his vice presidential running mate John Tyler, won big in the election of 1840 with the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler too."

That Harrison lived to be elected president was due in part at least to the confusion in his camp the night if the Indian attack 29 years earlier. The Prophet and his warriors knew that Harrison normally rode a white horse and were looking for him. As luck had it, Harrison grabbed the first handy horse, a black. The officer who mounted Harrison's white horse was shot dead.

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The Road To Fallen Timbers

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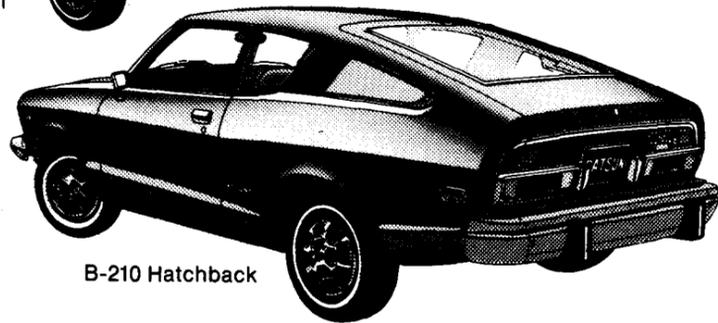
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Sick Leave And Service Awards

Twelve Missile Command employees were recently presented certificates for 30 years of federal and three others were recognized for accumulating over 2,000 hours of sick leave.

Major General Vincent H. Ellis, Commander, presented 30-year pins to the following individuals:

Robert Amesbury and Sylvester Love, Personnel, Training and Force Development; Russel Beck, DRAGON Project Office;

Harold Carpenter, Plans and Analysis; James Covington, Aleen Mobley, Coolidge Needham and William Sumerau, Materiel Management; William Ford, Mattie Kilgore and Robert Lee, RASA; and Jack Littleton, Metrology and Calibration.

Sick-leave certificates were awarded to Laurie Atkinson, DRAGON Project Office, William Brown, Jr., RASA; and Angelo Luckett, Comptroller.

ACS Arranges Special Care

Military personnel with handicapped dependents often require special assistance in arranging for their care and education.

To provide this help, Army Community Service (ACS) centers will maintain information on

local military and civilian facilities.

To assist in planning assignments and family relocation, ACS officers will also provide information on handicapped dependents to military personnel officers and sponsors.

PREP Classes Start In April

The Army Education Center has announced that the Pre-discharge Education Program (PREP), meant for military personnel who do not possess a high school diploma or who are deficient in basic math or English, will begin April 1.

Classes will be conducted from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for eight weeks.

All books, materials and services will be provided.

Interested personnel should contact the Army Education Officer at 876-2844 as soon as possible.

Retire Or Not?

Extend Deadline Three Weeks

The time for MICOM Administrative offices to prepare and forward to the Civilian Personnel Division lists of all employees interested in early optional retirement has been extended from March 10 to March 31. After that date, employees should submit requests on an individual basis to AMSMI-PCS, Bldg. T-3161, ATTN: Mr. Himes.

In February, Civilian Personnel was notified that the Civil Service Commission had authorized early optional retirement from Feb. 18 through April 25 for all employees who are 50 years of age with 20

years of creditable service or at any age with 25 years of service. Employees would have their annuity reduced by a factor of two percent for each year under age 55.

Administrative offices and employees are reminded that employees who meet the time in service and age requirements and desire information about their retirement annuity should report to their administrative office and provide their name, social security account number, telephone number, organizational symbol, building number and sick leave balance as of the last pay period.

Nettles Second In Bass Meet

A catch of four largemouth bass weighing in at 15 pounds-7 ounces won Specialist 6 Tommy Nettles second place in a recent Guntersville Lake Bass Classic.

Nettles' catch missed first place by seven ounces. Steve Brooks of Athens collected a color television set and trophy for hauling in 15 pounds-14 ounces of bass in the two-day event.

Nettles, who works for MMCS Security Division, led approximately 100 contestants at the end of the first day. He had hooked bass of 6 pounds-7 ounces, 4 pounds-13 ounces and 1 pound-1 ounce.

On the final day, Nettles' 3 pound-2ounce fish wasn't enough to keep him out front. The fisherman received \$200 and a trophy.

New Brass Insignia

Enlisted soldiers are now able to wear new brass insignia of grade, recently adopted by the Army, on the overcoat, raincoat and windbreaker.

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DUTIES OF THE EEO COUNCIL:

Advise the Commandant and top management officials on such matters as maintaining communication with the community and/or work force; help the EEOC to establish the EEO Plan of Action; make recommendations to improve the program; and evaluate program progress.

THE ROLE OF EEO COUNSELORS:

The Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor's responsibilities are an extension of those of the supervisor and the EEO Officer. They serve as a bridge between employees and management and are responsible for attempting to resolve employee problems.

New Council Members

Dr. John M. Gullick Jr. and Richard W. Hewer recently were appointed to the Missile and Munitions Center and School Equal Employment Opportunity Council.

The seven member council, with Johnny L. Nelson as chairman, advises the Commandant and managers on matters pertaining to communication with the community and the work force. Its assists in establishing the EEO plan of action, periodically evaluating progress and recommending improvements.

Gullick, deputy chief of the Doctrine and Training Development Division, earned his bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Mississippi. He recently was awarded a doctorate in education from the University of Alabama.

He is an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

An EEO counselor, Hewer has assumed a dual role in the EEO organization by his appointment to the council. He is deputy chief of the Nike Division.

A native of Michigan, Hewer joined MMCS in 1955. He is a graduate of the Capitol Radio Engineering Institute, Washington, D.C.

"The council is as representative of the work force as possible," said Katie Byrd, EEO Officer.

It is composed of employees from GS-5 through GS-13 and has minority group members, male and female, supervisors and union representatives and consultant representation from the community, she added.

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Hospital Staff Gets A Lift From Reserves

A new concept in reserve training is being implemented at the Army Hospital here. The program is part of a total plan for medical training in the First Army area.

Small groups of reservists are being utilized in hospitals for short periods of time throughout the year rather than an entire unit coming on active duty at one time.

Two reserve hospitals, the 330th General Hospital in Memphis and the 2289th Army Hospital in Wilmington, Del., have been designated to receive their annual active duty training at Redstone.

Colonel James M. Feltis, Jr., MEDDAC Commander, commented that with a continuing decrease in medical resources available within the active Army, reserve medical personnel can be better utilized by coming on active duty in small groups throughout the year.

It is planned that 15-20 personnel of all medical specialties will spend two weeks on a continuing basis for training. There will be 26 two-week periods. Although some of the individuals will require

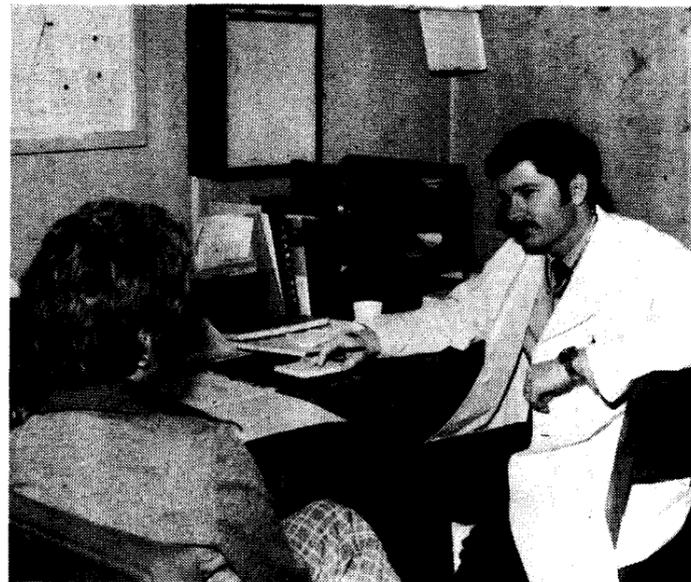
training and supervision, many will be able to perform with minimal supervision and able to augment the staff here.

The initial group has completed the first training period and, according to Col. Feltis, the results were even better than expected. The reservists came to work and performed their duties alongside their active duty counterparts.

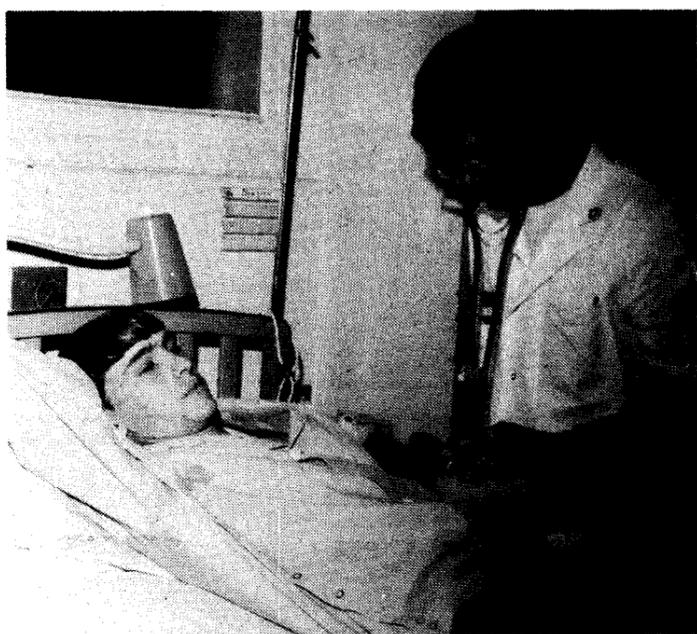
Reserve physicians ran gynecology, surgery and general medicine clinics and were assisted by their own reserve personnel to develop a team concept.

Col. Feltis added that the true benefactors of the program will be the patients who will receive more care and better service.

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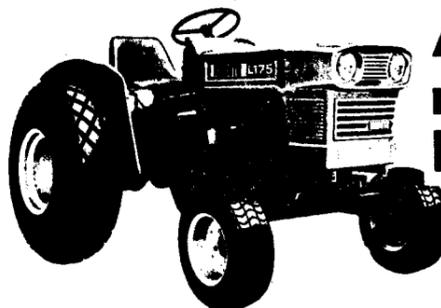
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Rockets Drop TRADOC Pair

Redstone's Rockets fell short of the golden four in the recent TRADOC Basketball Championships at Ft. Benning but put in admirable performances in duels with Ft. Jackson and Benning cagers.

Standout Willie Rice amassed the team high of 47 points in the two contests, while James Smith totaled 39.

The Rockets dropped the Jackson match, 97-77, and the Benning round 111-85. Ft. Knox took first place in the tourney, averaging 115 points a game. Benning placed second, Jackson third and Ft. Gordon fourth.

Four quick layups by Jackson's James Manners propelled the Carolinians to a first quarter lead of 24-8. The Rockets didn't recover until after halftime, when Rice and Smith trimmed the Jackson lead to 12 points with 6:01 left in the game.

Redstone tallied 52 points in the second half, but Jackson countered with 50, ending any hopes of a Rocket comeback. Rice netted 27 and Smith 18.

Bill Ward led Jackson with 23. Coach Ralph Santaliz blamed height and a dominating bench for the Rocket's loss to Benning later on, a defeat that kept Red-

stone from placing in the tourney.

Rice, Smith and Ray Smith, displaying effective outside shooting, held Benning to a 50-44 halftime mark, and surpassed the Doughboys in the third period 29-22.

Redstone went into the fourth with a precarious 75-72 edge. But Benning exploded for 36 points, many in the final minutes of the game, for the win.

James Smith collected 21, Rice 20, Ray Smith 20 and Myron Hailey 10 in the Rocket drive. Benning's stars were Rhett Jenkins at 31 and Walt Trotter with 22.



SPRING IS HERE—Lieutenant Colonel William Paris is packing his skis and putting them away. He just returned from a Colorado skiing trip and now his skiing is over until next season. Now he plans to get out his fishing gear and get ready for spring and summer. Paris is Chief, Technical Services Division, Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command . . . his hobbies, skiing and fishing.

Shooting Slate For Dependents

Registration is planned April 6 for boys and girls aged 11-17 who wish to participate in a youth shooting league sponsored by the Redstone Rod & Gun Club.

Registration will be open from 1 until 3 p.m. at the club house at the intersection of Martin and Patton roads. A skeet and trap demonstration has been planned for 3 followed an hour later with a mandatory safety clinic for all those who will shoot in the league.

Registration is open to dependents of Rod & Gun Club members as well as children of active duty and retired military. Other youngsters who wish to join will be worked in if possible.

Shooters are asked to provide their own guns and shot shells although several club adult members have volunteered to loan guns to youngsters who may need

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Bowling seven games a day for three days starting April 1, keggers will strive to be among the highest total pin scorers. Recreation Services is strictly enforcing the 1 p.m. starting time, handing out forfeits to all latecomers.

The TRADOC event is scheduled for April 21 through 25 at Ft. Knox, Ky.

Winston 500 Tickets

Tickets for the 1975 Winston 500 Nascar National championship race at Talladega on Sunday, May 4, are available at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 3711.

Recreation Services has arranged a special price for active and retired Military Personnel of \$12.00 per ticket and have a block of seats reserved in the Talladega section top row.

Free transportation and a picnic will be furnished to those purchasing tickets. The tour bus leaves the Recreation Center on Sunday at 8:30.

Anyone desiring further information can call the Recreation Center at 876-4531 or 876-5492.

Gulick Reels In Honor

The RSA Bassmasters bucked high winds on Guntersville Lake March 8 to participate in the organization's monthly fish off.

Jim Gulick won first place honors with eight pounds, four ounces of bass and also claimed the award for the largest fish, a six pound largemouth.

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E-9 Board In Session

Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. - The Army's long-awaited E-9 selection board began deliberations on March 18 and continue through this week. The board will announce the selection of about 800 E-9's for promotion to Sergeant Major.

The board also has two other tasks: identifying unsatisfactory performers who will be barred from re-enlistment and to designate the promotion MOS for those selected, mindful of MOS overages and shortages.

Chaired by a Brigadier General, the board will examine the records of about 3,400 E-8's to determine those best qualified for promotion by career management field.

Originally scheduled to meet in January, the board was delayed so that all E-8's in the zones could

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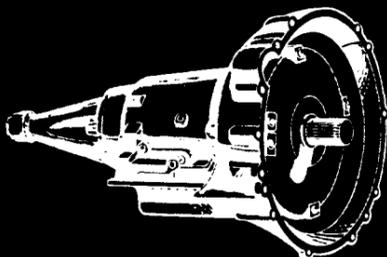
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