

**April 3, 1974**

## It Was A Terrifying Night

Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, and much of the Tennessee Valley remember it all too vividly as the longest night—a nightmare of death and destruction.

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Just one year ago tomorrow night the lights went out in Huntsville and North Alabama, and cities and towns from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada, snuffed out by killer tornadoes that ran amok like nothing before—or since.

Few places, mercifully, caught more than a few seconds of it perhaps but every man, woman, and child unfortunate enough to lie in the storm's path would swear it was an eternity.

There was no escaping the nightmare. The first twister had barely swirled through Madison County before it was followed by another . . . then another.

For those who followed the drama on television, and watched in horror as Huntsville weathermen stood by radar scopes and tracked blobs of white ever closer to Redstone and the Rocket City, it was like a national lottery of death with no man or woman knowing when his or her number would be called.

It was terrifying.

Knowing what was coming was bad enough—but not knowing was even worse.

When power was knocked out on the Arsenal and throughout Huntsville, homes were plunged into darkness, radio and TV stations were forced off the air, communications with the outside world, and with each other, were lost. For a time, it was impossible to know what had happened, what might happen next.

Everywhere there was a feeling of helplessness.

There was the feeling, to paraphrase a song, that ". . . if the first one don't get you, then the next one will—"

There was no premonition earlier in the day that it was to be a night of terror. It was not unlike other spring days, cloudy, with the threat of rain, until later in the afternoon when ominous looking clouds began to gather and weather forecasts began to warn of thunderstorms and tornado possibilities.

Not until 9:30 that night did the twister appear on radar that had Redstone's number.

Moving northeast through Morgan County, then across the Tennessee River into Madison, the violent wind bore down on the Arsenal at approximately 10:40. Touching down first on the western boundary just south of Gate 7, it brushed Marshall Space Flight Center, then crossed the mountain into the 3300 area.

More than 1,000 soldiers—men and women—were on duty or asleep in their rooms when the tornado swooped through the gap between Madkin and Weeden Mountains and tore into the troop area at 10:48 p.m.

With a roar described as ". . . blood curdling, sounding like a thousand jet planes or runaway locomotives," the storm struck. Trees and poles snapped like matchsticks, steel girders twisted and bent like pretzels, cars flipped and bounced like cork, some warehouses and



shops simply exploded and disappeared into rubble.

Glass shattered everywhere. Planks, boards, bricks, and sheets of metal filled the air like raindrops and peppered every building in sight. As suddenly as it came, it was gone.

Miraculously, no one was killed at Redstone. Redstone Army Hospital treated 26 injured soldiers, five dependents, and 16 civilians, the latter brought to the Army hospital when tornadoes earlier in the evening injured hundreds in the area and jammed civilian medical facilities. Most of the soldiers suffered

cuts and abrasions when struck by flying glass and debris.

Ninety six buildings were damaged, including 13 destroyed, and damages were estimated at approximately \$13 million.

Bad as it was at Redstone, it was worse elsewhere.

Madison County had 14 deaths, Limestone County had 14, and there were at least 80 throughout the state.

An ominous note has been sounded in the wake of the worst tornado ever to strike the Huntsville community.

There may be more to come.

Dr. Theodore Fujita, a University of Chicago tornado researcher, said Huntsville and North Alabama are now the crossroads and intersection of giant tornadoes in the United States.

# "It's The Unexpected Few"

Everyone talks about it, but no one does anything about it. However, one group on the Arsenal does plan around it—weather that is, severe type.

The intent of the Missile Command's Emergency Mobilization office, headed by Harold Carpenter, is to see that the Arsenal has a planned reaction to natural disaster—reaction which will get the installation back into operation with minimum delay and maximum efficiency.

The office is designer of the Command's Disaster Control Plan (DCP). Though this concerns more than one area of possible problems to the Arsenal, an appendix to the plan covers natural disasters specifically.

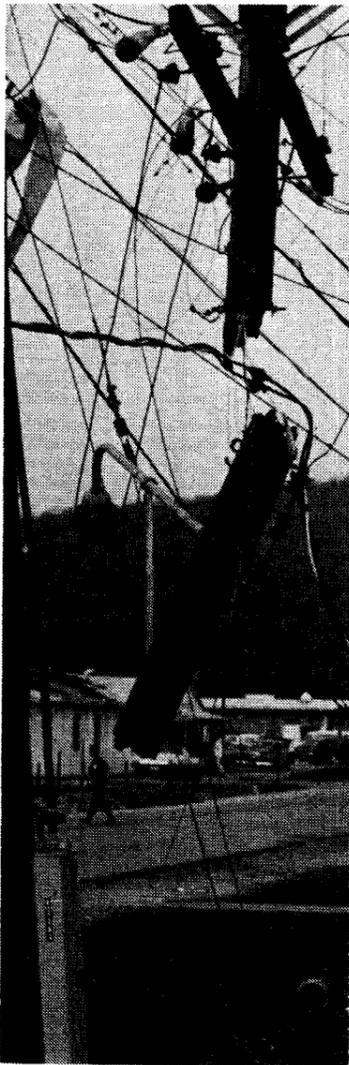
"In the 20 years I have been at Redstone," said Carpenter, "we have had about four or five instances where we needed to implement our plans. There have been hundreds of tornado and other severe storm watches in that period. It is for the unexpected few that the Command must have a system to handle the resulting damage as well as confusion."

The office approaches the planning business as a continuing process. Generally, it is divided into three phases. First comes the estimation of the situation—what may be needed in the way of preventive measures, or response after it arrives for its unwelcome visit.

During the second phase the plan is put into writing, generally with many organizations around the Arsenal feeding information or modifying it.

The final phase is to test, evaluate, and, if necessary, revise the plan.

The Command's general plan men-



tions disasters such as flood, earthquake, drought, fire and severe storms, notably tornados, rain, snow or ice.

The Redstone Arsenal Emergency Operations Plan (RSA EOP) gets down to the nuts and bolts of natural disasters. It spells out who is responsible for both warning of and reaction to natural disasters. It names the Deputy Post Commander as the RSA Disaster Control Director whether the storm is impending or has already struck. Through the Director's orders the Military Police, the Facility Engineer and other working elements responded as they did during the tornado last year.

During work hours, people are alerted should Redstone come under warning by the weather bureau. This is done through the Emergency Warning Telephone Net, the Big Voice for outside areas and MP vehicle sirens and loudspeakers. The Internal News telephone, dial 112, also carries severe weather notices.

The plan also gives persons suggestions of response to severe weather: You should take shelter in the nearest massive structure. Stay in the interior hallways, lower floors, or basement. If you are in a light structure, get heavy furniture in the center of the room. Avoid auditoriums, gymnasiums, or other areas which have wide span roofs. Open the windows, especially those on the opposite side from the storm's approach.

"Where tornados are concerned, we have learned from the civil defense experts," said Carpenter, "that it is probably better for people to take the best shelter at hand, rather than try to move to another location."

## Take Cover . . . But Where?

The radio annuoncer just repeated the words you didn't want to hear — the tornado watch has become a tornado warning, meaning that a tornado has actually been sighted in your vicinity.

An immediate alert to take shelter is issued. But, where?

When a tornado has actually been sighted, it is vital that persons take action to protect themselves from being blown away, struck by falling objects or injured by flying debris.

The best protection is an underground shelter or cave or a substantial steel-framed or reinforced-concrete building. But, if none of these is available, there are other places where you can take refuge:

If you are at home, take shelter in a storm cellar or basement, if you have one. If not, take cover under a sturdy workbench on the ground floor and in the center part of the house, or in a small room such as a bathroom or closet that is away from outside walls and windows.

Doors and windows on the sides of your house away from the tornado should be left open to reduce the damage done to the building, but stay away from them to avoid flying debris.

In office buildings, persons should go to an interior hallway on a lower floor preferably a basement.

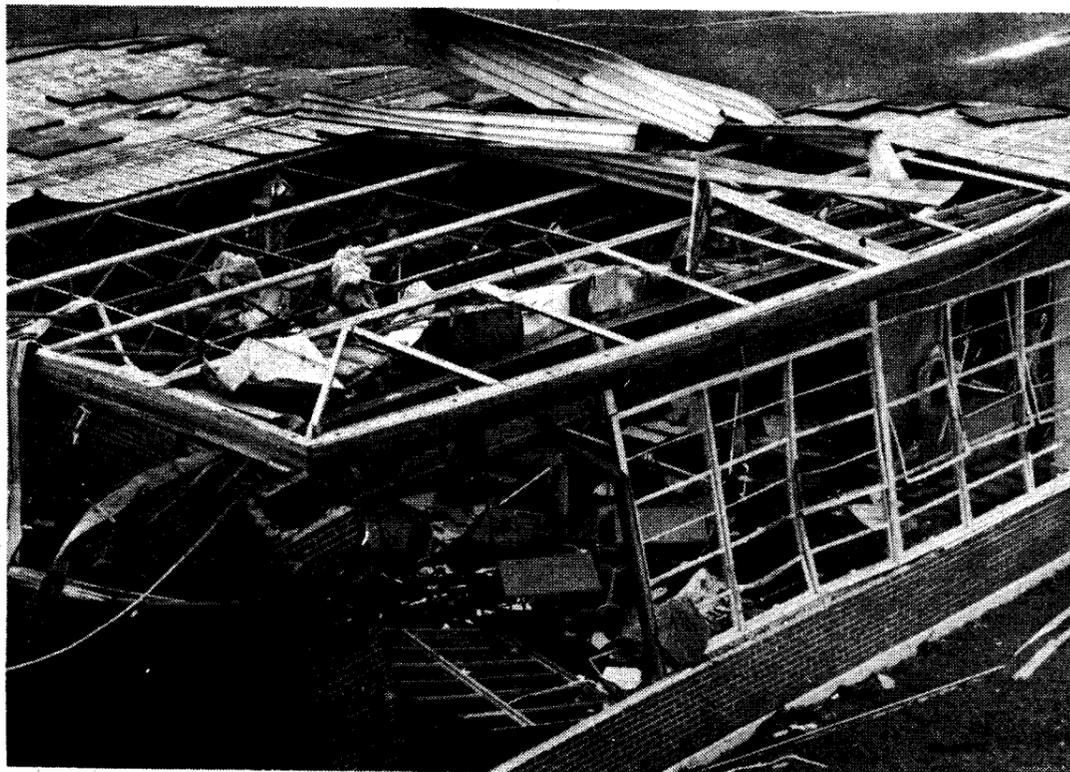
Housetrailerers are particularly vulnerable to overturning during strong winds. If there is no community shelter available at the trailer park, residents should

be prepared to move to the nearest place of shelter.

People in shopping centers should go to the nearest designated shelter area, not to their cars in the parking lot.

If caught in open country when a tornado is sighted, a person should move away from the tornado's path at a right angle. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine.

Being familiar with emergency precautions is of the utmost importance because often there is not time to decide on a plan of action. Parents should review these procedures with their children so that they will be prepared if it becomes necessary to use them.



## Automatic Warning

Nearly every home has a telephone so why not establish an emergency warning system by phone.

The Rocket asked that question of South Central Bell.

"We have a small scale system that Huntsville Civil Defense just bought," said George Johnson, District marketing manager. "We have one system involving about 63 lines and one of about 120 lines. One control station rings all the other lines simultaneously."

But to install such a system for the public at large would be prohibitive cost-wise.

"Nothing is impossible," Johnson explained, "but it would take us at least two years, if we started right now, to design, order and install equipment in just one town like Huntsville."

There are approximately 1.6 million phones in Alabama.

Johnson said Bell was asked in 1970 to conduct a feasibility study on making available for public phones an automatic dial tone so customers could dial the emergency number 911.

"There were times that people didn't have a dime to get the emergency line," he said. "We did the study and found that modification alone would cost from \$20 to \$25 million and it is more simple than ringing everybody's phone."

A phone warning system for the public at large is possible but impractical because of complexities and expenses, Johnson added.



Heck of a way to end a basketball season.

Just a few minutes before 11 p.m. tomorrow will be the first anniversary of the tornado that caused more than \$13 million worth of damage to Redstone buildings, utilities and government property.

Two contracts have been awarded this year to replace buildings destroyed last April 3. The first award for \$2,161,866, covers construction of six buildings in the Missile and Munitions Center and School area for classroom and office use. The second contract, \$459,510, is for rebuilding the post gymnasium and administrative building.

Invitation for bids has been advertised for a contract to replace an audio-visual support center. It is expected that bids will be requested in the near future for a contract to build a troop health clinic. These contracts are programmed to run more than \$500,000 total for both.

Storm damage repairs, including work done by contractors and MICOM personnel, totals approximately \$1,900,000.



CAN YOU DIG IT?—Colonel John D. White (left), RASA commander and Colonel Errol E. Hayes, Jr., MMCS Commandant, thrust spades into the ground at the site of the new Redstone gymnasium. The two commanders broke ground last Tuesday for the new gym and an administrative building to replace structures destroyed by a tornado in April 1974. (U.S. Army photo)

### Emergency Ambulance

All persons requiring MEDDAC ambulance transportation for emergency purposes will now be brought to the Emergency Room of the post hospital. This policy change includes civilian as well as military patients.

Ambulance transportation is restricted to on-post emergencies only.

Requests for emergency ambulance service may be made by calling 876-6110.

### Readiness Wives Set April Slate

Luncheon at The Islander on South Parkway highlights the monthly schedule of events for the Redstone Readiness Wives during April.

Hostesses for the April 22 luncheon will be the medical team wives.

The ladies morning bridge ses-

sion for the month is set for April 15 at the home of Mrs. Wister Smith, 264-A Wesson Circle. Captain and Mrs. Smith will also give the Couples' Evening Bridge during April.

The Artillery team wives are planning a visit to a senior citizen's home in Huntsville but have not set a firm date.

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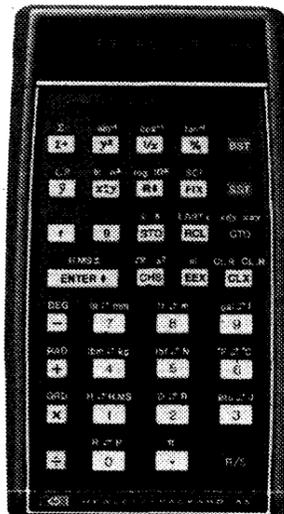
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Children enjoy learning experiences at the Redstone Preschool-Day Care Center.

## The Young Child

The need for community awareness of needs of the Arsenal's youngest citizens who cannot speak for themselves - children from birth through eight years of age - will be the subject of the Week of the Young Child, April 7-11.

According to Sherri Naff, director of the Redstone Preschool-Day Care center, children should be appreciated for what they are and have the potential to become, and this special week is a good time to learn more about their needs and how they are met in the Redstone community.

"The home, school and community should cooperate to help children develop positive learning goals and respect for other persons; evaluate their strengths and needs and personal relationships; and provide them with realistic and challenging opportunities," Mrs. Naff commented.

"I feel a good early childhood program provides needed care, protection, and continuous developmental educational experiences while children are away from their parents. This is not to say it is just a baby-sitting service for young children. It should be a group experience that gives children a chance to be with other youngsters under the skillful guidance of adults."

For more information about child care services available on Redstone, persons may contact Mrs. Naff at the Redstone Preschool-Day Care Center, phone 539-3866. She is a representative for the Association for Childhood Education International and the National Task Force Child Care in Military.

## ANSWERS

(Editor's Note: The MICOM Information Office conducts a question and answer program for job-related questions of general interest. Such questions may be telephoned to 876-4161 or 876-4400, or mailed to AMSMI-G. Some questions are selected for publication in the Rocket. Names are withheld. It is not intended that this program take the place of the usual supervisor-employee relationship which is the proper channel for specific job-related questions.)

**Question:** What is the official form or format to be used to submit a proper request for information under the Freedom of Information Act?

**Answer:** There is none.

A proper request under the act is one:

1. That is made in writing to a government agency asking for the information desired. The act requires release of information in certain categories available in government records, files or documents. The agency is not required to start a record to provide information.
2. That identifies the information desired in enough detail to enable the agency to determine what is being requested.
3. That agrees to pay search and reproduction fees as stated in agency regulations (AR 340-17 for Army).

If the request is being made under the act, it is suggested that this be stated in the letter of request.

**Question:** In buildings with cafeterias it is permissible to sell beer during lunch hours. Since the lunch period is only 30 minutes, is it permissible for those people in buildings without cafeterias to bring a couple of cans of beer to have with their lunch?

**Answer:** No.

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# Board Reviewing Records

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Letters were sent last week to 2700 officers identified for RIF action informing them that their personnel records were being forwarded to a DA board for review in early May to select approximately 2150 officers for involuntary release from active duty.

DA said in an announcement that in identifying the 2700 officers, each career branch reviewed the files of all officers in basic year groups 1967-70, without regard to component.

DA cites MILPERCEN as saying that the fact that an officer is among the 2700 identified does not necessarily mean he or she will be one of those selected for involuntary separation.

"The ultimate decision to forward an officer's file to the DA Active Duty Board was made in each case only after careful, deliberate and objective examination of the officer's performance and demonstrated potential compared with that of his contemporaries," the announcement states.

These factors were considered in each case:

—Degree of satisfactory performance, particularly in recent years

—Presence and entry date of derogatory information in records and whether it adversely affected performance, and the presence of related adverse matter in subsequent entries.

—Performance reflected by evaluation reports with special attention to time length covered by each report and the trend in efficiency as experience is gained

—Education and training

—Potential for further useful service based on a judgement made without regard to the officer's being a generalist, specialist or combination of both

—Professional competence and integrity

To protect privacy, officers were notified by letter rather than through command channels. DA said, while MILPERCEN believes it inappropriate to comment further on either RIF queries related to individual officers or on

categories of personnel who might and final results have been affected by the RIF, until the Board completes its deliberation Army.

## The Rocket

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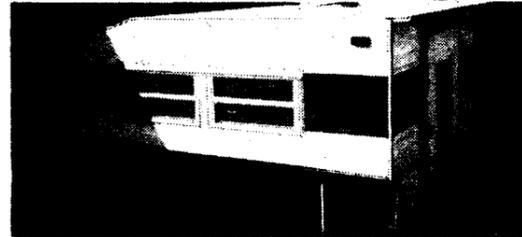
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Tomorrow, April 3rd, marks the passage of one year since area residents faced the realization that "it doesn't always happen to someone else."

Tornadoes, indiscriminately carving their paths through North Alabama, brought home the question of future security.

Now, that security has been backed by a rebuilding effort and an even greater awareness of community action. Disaster plans, even if never used, are important.

Colonel John D. White, Commander of the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, talked about this post and plans of action.

"Residents in the housing areas should be aware that there is no central shelter on the arsenal and they should be prepared to take cover in their homes. When a tornado warning is issued, there usually isn't time to get in a car and drive somewhere. People shouldn't be out on the roads."

Last week a test was made of the air raid warning system consisting of voice commands over a loudspeaker system as well as the use of sirens. The central switch is located at the office of the military police desk sergeant. White added; "the system proved to be ineffective in the event of strong winds. You simply can't hear the voice directions. Presently, we're investigating the possibilities of a more adequate warning system."

In some instances, the military police are directed to drive through the housing areas with their sirens on to alert residents of a tornado warning. This practice, however, is limited to situations where there is a strong probability that a tornado is actually headed toward the arsenal.

The guidelines for actions in arsenal buildings during work hours varies from

building to building. As Col. White pointed out, some of the buildings are extremely well-built structures while some of the older buildings are more vulnerable to high winds.

The building custodian is responsible for deciding at what point a warning becomes a critical situation and people should take shelter.

An overview of safety precautions pertaining to various types of structures is included in today's Rocket as well as related stories on reconstruction efforts at Redstone and the formation of tornadoes.

## Candle Power Loses Out To Generator

With area residents keeping a close watch on spring weather, more and more demonstrations of community cooperation are becoming evident. One recent action brought the resources of one organization to the needs of another.

During last April's tornado, a power failure resulted, and workers at the Huntsville Madison County Chapter of the American Red Cross found themselves drawing blood by candlelight to meet the emergency requirements of area hospitals.

A search has been going on for some time to locate an alternate method of power to provide emergency lighting.

The Huntsville-Madison County Civil Defense Agency has a 10 kilowatt generator suitable for emergency power use that has been stored at Redstone. They recently agreed to loan the generator to the Red Cross.

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(Prepared by the MICOM Information Office.)

Emotions rubbed raw in years of incidents the American people were deeply divided when war finally came.

The government found itself under verbal attack by many of its own people in the major cities of the East Coast where opposition to the war centered. Some state officials flatly refused to call men into service. Many of those eventually called found ways to avoid military duty. A few Americans traded openly with the enemy.

In contrast, the Hawks, embittered by a never-ending guerilla in the wilderness, urged swift escalation, demanding invasion of the enemy's sanctuary in the North.

When committed to battle, poorly trained, badly lead American soldiers blundered into stunning defeats. As the war wore on, dissention grew in the ranks, fanned by deep-seated bitterness between the short term citizen soldiers and the regulars they would have called "Lifers" had they know what the term meant to other soldiers in another war in another time.

This one started in 1812. France and Great Britain, busily shooting at one another on land and sea, were the military super-powers of that era.

On June 18, 1812, the Congress of the infant United States, then counting on army of some 12,000 soldiers about half recruits, declared war on Britain and came within two votes in the Senate of taking on France too.

The two elephants had been fighting for years and American interests, when they got in the way, had been stomped on hard. The British Navy had been particularly offensive, seizing American merchant ships and cargoes to enforce a blockade against France. Worse, American sailors had been taken off ships and forced to serve in the British Navy.

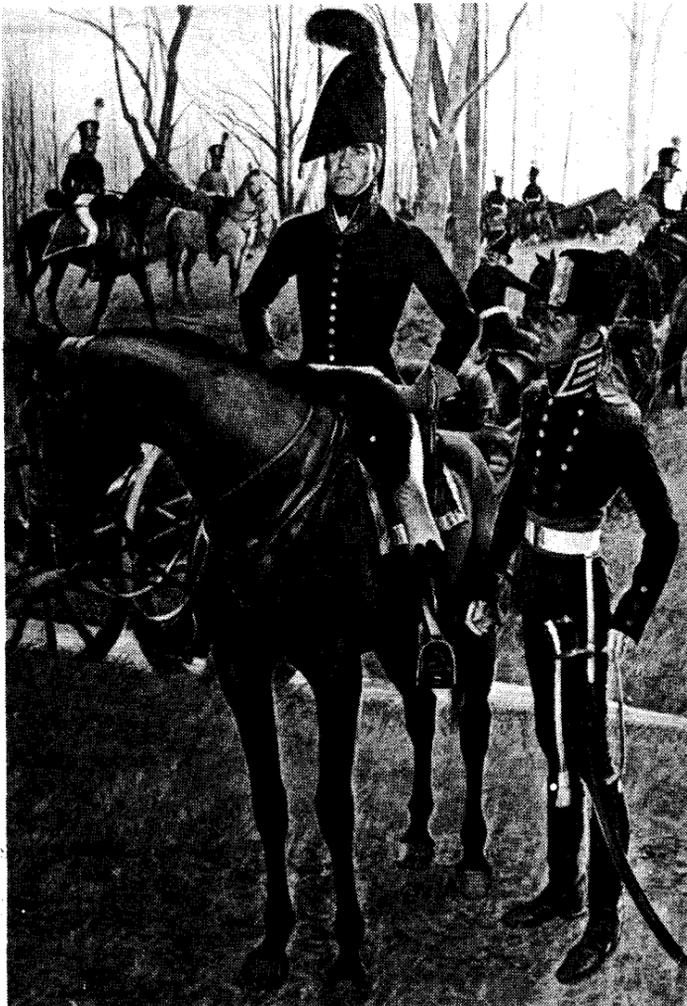
Trying to avoid war, the president had stopped all American trade with both nations. That probably hurt them, but not as badly as it hurt the American cities and ports where the economy depended on overseas trade. As ships rotted and sailors and merchants went broke, many Americans found it easier to be made at their own government which imposed, rather than some other nation which caused, the trade embargo.

The Hawks of 1812 roosted along the western frontier where for 20 years there had been fighting over land with Indian tribes encouraged and aided by the British in Canada. Twenty years can build up a long list of scores to be settled and frontier American almost to a man greeted the declaration of war with yelps of glee. When they stopped yelping, they started walking, north for Canada. Their intense desire to settle scores and annex all that new land across the border fixed the land strategy of the whole

much less half a continent. The regulars were scattered in garrison along the frontier and coast. Congress had tripled the size of the army by the stroke of a pen in January 1812, but building up to 25,000 men turned out to be something else again.

Recruiting had gone so slowly that before declaring war Congress

across the Detroit River. One of many old soldiers left over from the Revolution, Hull and most of the others would have better served their country by fading away. Unfortunately they didn't, at least not in the first year of the war, when individuals with command experience were in short supply.



THE AMERICAN SOLDIER, 1812

had been compelled to cut the regular five year enlistment to 13 months and give recruits a \$16 cash bonus with the promise of three months pay at discharge and 160 acres of free land.

When that didn't work, the President in desperation, called on the states to raise 80,000 volunteer militia. The states which bothered to respond promptly offered bonuses of their own and bid for bodies against the government. Connecticut and Massachusetts refused to send any soldiers. New York did little. Rhode Island raised one company but insisted it was needed at home and kept it there.

As strategies go, "On to Canada" wasn't a bad idea as long as the British army stayed tied up in Europe fighting the French, but the men along the frontier were long on enthusiasm and short on plans. They waded in swinging and knocked flat which pretty well set the tone for the whole campaign against Canada and turned it into a series of uncoordinated local attacks.

There was a British fort south of Detroit on the Canadian side of the river and Hull's force probably could have taken it if they moved fast. Instead they delayed and the 500 British soldiers, Canadian militia and Indians opposing them, slipped raiding parties across the river and began skirmishing with the American garrison at Ft. Detroit, Hull's base.

Hull pulled back across the river and holed up in the fort where he remained while the small British force moved cannon in close and began to chop away at the fort in preparation for an assault. Hull saved them the trouble by surrendering without a fight. His militia were released on parole, Hull and the regulars went to Montreal as prisoners where their captors kept the soldiers but gave Hull back. Court martialled, Hull was cleared of charges of treason and cowardice for which he could have been shot, but convicted of neglect of duty and bad conduct. The court recommended he be shot anyway. A Presidential pardon sent him off into obscurity.

A curious thing had happened when Hull invaded Canada. Almost 200 Ohio militia flatly refused to cross the river, contending they could not be required to fight outside the United States. Not much came of it then, but four months later militia concern about constitutional rights had more serious results.

The river and lake water boundary between the United States and Canada was the lifeline of the British forces in the interior. Trying to cut it, Americans crossed the Niagara River between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario and attacked the British fort at Queen-

ston on October 13, 1812. The immediate commander of this operation was Major General Stephen van Rensselaer whose only apparent qualification for high command was his last name. He came from a family with money and good political connections and, the record shows, he at least tried to fight.

During the day he got about 1,000 soldiers across the river, most of them regulars. They had taken the fort and beaten off a counterattack when British and Canadian reinforcements arrived, attacked and trapped the Americans on a bluff overlooking the river.

Van Rensselaer had about 2,300 New York militia standing safely on the American side of the river in full view of the desperate fighting.

They too became suddenly and acutely conscious of their constitutional rights. Not one could be persuaded to cross the river as the firing on the bluff faded, then flickered out.

About 100 Americans died at Queenston and several hundred others were captured. The regulars who survived that fight never forgot their militia comrades who cheered "On to Canada" and then stopped at the water's edge.

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# Women's Work To Include Riflery

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Women entering the Army after June 30 will be required to take defensive weapons training and qualify with the M-16 rifle.

In an announcement last week Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway said the new training requirement is to become a part of all enlistment contracts beginning July 1.

The training will be geared to a woman soldier's defense of her own unit and will not conflict with the Army's position that women will neither participate in combat nor be assigned to units with a direct combat mission.

Training in firing weapons has been available to women in basic training on a voluntary basis since last summer, with almost 80 per cent participating. The new requirement will make weapons firing an integral part of a woman's basic training, Callaway said.

Women in the active Army and Reserve as of June 30 will continue in the voluntary program, but will be required to complete defensive weapons training prior to reenlistment.

DA expanded on Callaway's announcement with a question and answer sequence:

Q. Will the basic infantry MOS (11B) now be termed "rifle person"?

A. No. Women are specifically precluded from enlisting in combat arms MOS. Weapons training given women will not qualify them as infantry riflemen.

Q. Are women qualifying with automatic weapons, such as machine guns?

A. No. Women are given qualification training only on the M-16A1 standard Army rifle during initial entry training. Women who enlist for military police and some signal MOS also get qualification training on side arms during advanced individual training.

Q. Will women get bayonet training or be put through combat obstacle and assault courses?

A. No. These courses are inappropriate for women soldiers since they cannot be assigned to combat arms MOS.

Q. Will women participate in ATT's?

A. Yes. Women soldiers will continue to participate in individual or collective training that contributes directly to accomplishing the unit mission. Participation by women in readiness training is limited to that required for combat support and combat service support units.

Q. Will qualifying scores for men and women be the same?

A. Yes. The overall training programs will differ, however, since men undergo offensive training while training for women is limited to defensive.

Q. Will all basic training be consolidated?

A. No. Basic training for women and basic combat training for men will remain separate and distinct programs.

Q. Is this the elimination of the final barrier to equality; will billets and latrines be shared?

A. No. There is no relationship between equality and weapons firing, shared billets and shared latrines. Being given equality and being treated the same are not one and the same. Equality reflects sameness in quality, nature and status and the Army's position is that men and women are the same from this aspect. However, sharing the same latrine; all people wearing skirts, lipstick or earrings; all people sleeping in the same room and the like—these are examples not of equality but of people being treated the same. The Army recognizes that the needs of men and women in many cases are the same while in many other

cases they are different or parallel. The Army will provide for these differences to include items such as separate billets and latrines and privacy between the sexes.

Q. Does the new policy on weapons training eliminate the

primary objection to enrolling women at the U.S. Military Academy?

A. No. The inherent mission of the academy is to train combat leaders and current Army policy precludes women from serving in combat units. The reason it is necessary to train service women to use their individual weapons is because combat support and combat service units must be prepared to defend themselves in an emergency situation.

Q. Will women later qualify on heavy weapons?

A. No. There are no plans to train women on crew-served weapons.

Q. Will defensive weapons

training be a requirement for all MOS for which women may enlist?

A. Yes. Q. Is not the requirement for women to qualify with weapons contrary to Congressional sentiment?

A. It is believed Congress will recognize and support the Army's need to train all soldiers to defend themselves and their units, which today's mobility on the battlefield requires. The objective of the change in weapons training policy is to prepare women in an active theater for an emergency that might require them to use their individual weapons for defensive purposes.



**DOUBLING HER KNOWLEDGE**—Private Brenda Kay Palmer of the 7th Student Company at MMCS doubles her knowledge of the M16A1 rifle by learning on a wooden training device twice the size of the real thing. Staff Sergeant James A. Smith, senior platoon sergeant for the unit, reviews the proper hand positions for carrying the weapon at "port arms."

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## Record Keeping Goes Computer At MMCS

When the Army takes on the job of making something more efficient it does not stop half-way.

The new TRADOC Educational Data System (TREDS), a computerized academic records keeping system, will be incorporated into MMCS nonresident correspondence courses beginning April 21.

Not to stop there, the TREDS system will be further expanded three weeks later to include all resident training.

"The TREDS system is primarily designed to grade exams and record results so we can monitor student progress," said James Waltress, chief of the Academic Records Division.

"With TREDS, we're able to notify our students of their grades and progress in a timely manner, evaluate training and examinations, or pinpoint students who pass, fail or obtain constructive credit," Waltress said.

The system will eliminate over half the time and manpower required to provide reports MMCS submits to TRADOC and will standardize the administration of courses in all Army service schools.

Originally called the Continental Army Command Educational Data System (CONEDS), the TREDS system has been tested by four

service schools for approximately a year. A limited number of students were enrolled during the test period.

Their conversion period will run from April 1 to July 21. During this period it will be necessary to discontinue the present walk-in program of on the spot grading and issuing correspondence courses, according to Lieutenant David Mills of the Administrative Processing Division. TRADOC is presently working on a program change which should allow MMCS to resume a walk-in issue program in FY 76.

During the conversion, students will be able to return exam cards being used in the present system. An administrative notice will be sent to each student whose records have been converted to TREDS.

Once this record is converted, new answer cards will be issued by the computer for all subcourses issued from that date on. Subcourses already in the hands of

students will be returned on the old manual grading cards and submitted to the computer records in a different manner.

With the computer issued answer cards, care must be taken on the part of the student not to confuse those cards with cards already in his possession, Mills said. Subcourses, exam cards, mailing labels and student letters will be automatically issued by the computer for persons enrolled in the correspondence course program and not by student grade clerks.

Students may leave applications and exam cards to be graded at Bldg. 3465 and the results will be mailed to them as will the next subcourse, according to Mills.

Record coding and processing will be a lengthy process during the conversion, he said. Grading of subcourses is accomplished at night, so students should allow sufficient time for regular and special requests, he said.

## MEDDAC Modernizing Vehicles And Operators

MEDDAC emergency ambulance vehicles have been upgraded as part of an Army-wide program to meet new ambulance

design criteria. Some of the changes include special orange colored markings for easier identification, new electronic sirens and new interior equipment.

The equipment consists of 24 items recommended as essential by the American College of Surgeons. Each of the items is an important life saving tool.

MEDDAC has two types of ambulances, with the vans being used mostly for emergency work. The metropolitan type, though equipped for emergencies, is reserved for patient transfer.

The interiors of the vans have been modified to include cabinets for the increased amount of equipment. Space has also been made for the inclusion of electronic monitoring equipment at a later date.

Although all of the ambulance drivers are trained medical specialists, they will receive additional in-service education. Some will be attending a defensive driver's course and plans have been made for attendance at an emergency medical technician course offered by a local college. The course consists of 91 hours of formal and practical education in all lifesaving techniques. Upon completion, the graduates will be certified EMT's.

Ambulances and personnel staffing them, are prepared to meet any medical emergency on a 24-hour a day basis.

## Local Votes To Fill Top Posts

Ballots were mailed last week to all eligible voters for election of a president, executive vice president and secretary of Local 1858 of the American Federation of Government Employees. Ballots must be returned by noon April 14 in the stamped addressed envelope enclosed with the ballot and ballot envelope sent to employees.

The union's national headquarters has instructed that only names of candidates who have opposition will appear on the ballot.

The candidates for president are Robert Fletcher, Peter Lazar, Glyn Rosenblum and Raymond Swaim; for executive vice president, Ether Moore and Charles Wood; and for secretary, Eugenia Faulkner and Robert James.

Results of the election will be announced at the organization's meeting April 14. In case of run-off, that will also be handled by mail ballot.



LOCKER LOW-DOWN—Boning up on locker assembly instructions are First Battalion soldiers SP5 Eric Rugg, left, and SP4 Dennis Mott. They were part of a work crew readying refurbished barracks at MMCS for occupancy. Troops began moving in late last week.

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# Makes Bullseye A Natural

The first "man-in-the-loop" firing of a laser beamrider missile has been successfully carried out at the Arsenal firing range.

This is the second test firing in the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) Laser Beamrider Demonstration Program, being conducted jointly by the Missile Command and Philco-Ford's Aeronutronic Division.

Laser beamrider modified Shillelagh missiles built by Aeronutronic are being used in the range tests.

In the first firing the laser beam was pointed from a fixed mount, and a Shillelagh missile followed the beam to a bullseye hit on a target at maximum range.

In the man-in-the-loop firing just

concluded, the Shillelagh was launched into the laser beam projected from a shoulder-held stabilized sight. As the gunner aimed the beam, the missile rode it to a near-center hit on the distant target.

The Missile Command has technical direction of three different beamrider programs, including one being done in-house at Redstone, and one by McDonnell, in addition to the Philco effort.

The beamrider programs are managed by the Line of Sight Guidance Group, Advanced Sensors Directorate, under group leader R.L. Sitton, and the team of Walter Miller, J.R. Duke, and R.R. Mitchell.



OUR FIRST. Clara Whiteside (left), a clerk-typist with the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, shows Natalie Parker a copy of the record cut recently by the Young Adult Choir of First Baptist Church in Huntsville. A soprano in the choir, Clara said the long play album, "It Will Be Worth It All", is the first for the group, but not the last.

# Breach Of Enlistment

A 30-day period has been suggested by the Department of the Army Judge Advocate as a "reasonable" time for a soldier who feels he is the victim of a breach of re-enlistment or enlistment contract to submit a claim to the Army.

A soldier can request in his claim that the Army either provide the option contracted for but not received or that he be granted a discharge. Breach of contract claims submitted to the Army generally concern station of choice and schooling agreements.

Unless the soldier takes action within a "reasonable" time, the Army's commitment is considered waived, the Judge Advocate said. As soon as a breach of contract is discovered, a soldier should contact his first sergeant or company commanding officer.

The 30-day period is not a concrete limit, according to the Judge Advocate, as decisions on claims will be made on an individual basis.

Claims which cannot be resolved by local Judge Advocates will be forwarded in accordance with regulation.

# Stripes For Skills

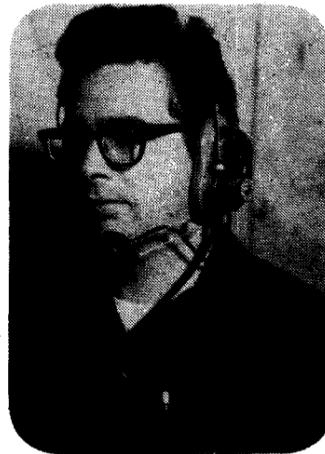
SP5 Roderick O. Wilson of the Missile and Munitions Center and School was recently promoted to his present rank under the Stripes for Skills enlistment option.

Wilson, a former air defense radar repairman, re-enlisted after a 12-year break in service, to be a TV cameraman, a skill which he acquired after he completed his first Army hitch.

He was able to advance two pay grades from private first class under the program, which allows individuals to receive the rank of specialist five after satisfactorily completing a two-month probationary period.

Prior to re-enlisting in the Army he worked as a cameraman in New York state. "I want to make the Army a career, and possibly attend a meteorology school," said Wilson.

He is assigned to Company B and works in the Instructional Technology Division.



WILSON

# Sexism In Text Books

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) will meet Thursday, April 10 at the NCO Open Mess.

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Organization of Women will present two speakers and slides on sexism in text books. FEW will also present its 1976 slate of officers.

Members are urged to attend and visitors are welcome.

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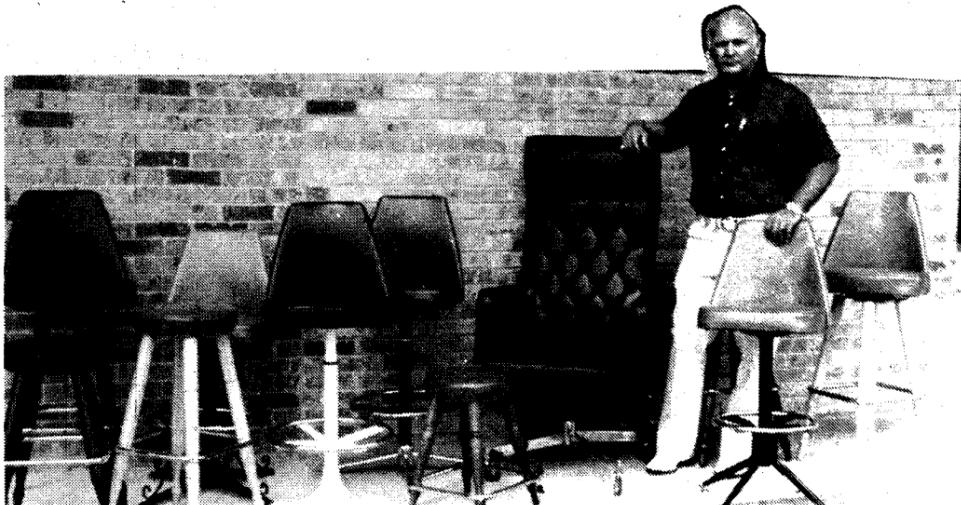


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# The POW

# "You Can't Imagine Th



(Editor's note: This concludes a two-part article on a former POW, Specialist 6 Thomas Davis, a calibration technician with MICOM's 95th Service Co. He was a prisoner for five years. The story so far: Captured March 11, 1968, he and two more GIs, one wounded, are on a forced march to a prison camp. The wounded GI died enroute. This installment takes up at a point in the march where the GIs, resting beneath a tree, have just been motioned inside a hooch by a VC they had been cursing.)

The chill that engulfed the two GI prisoners was as icy as the figure's voice as he spoke.

It was at once a bouying sensation, in that they were being spoken to in their own language, and a sinking feeling, in that the

person now addressing them with almost Biblical articulateness had just moments earlier stood by impassively as they cursed him in a language he wasn't supposed to understand.

But if his cool was shaken, he didn't show it; rather he offered the prisoners a smoke and, noticing Davis' injury, got some kerosene and told the other GI to "anoint" his friend's badly swollen ankle.

He then proceeded to interrogate them while telling how just his cause, how wrong theirs and how humane the North Vietnamese.

"Lies . . . you can't imagine the lies they told", Davis says, yet shaking his head in disbelief as he recalls the frequent interrogations at stopovers during the long march into the mountains and formal imprisonment.

Some interrogators used a rather violent approach, others used an approach Davis terms "psychological". An example of the former took place within a few days of capture.

"He asked about our unit, how many guns etc. I replied name rank, number", "Then he started talking about punishing, even shooting us if we didn't talk. I was scared and figuring I could maybe scare them into not attacking the unit, told them it had a lot of big guns—about 50," Davis said.

"Liar!", the interrogator screamed, and thereupon whipped out "our" map which Davis describes as plastic-covered, carefully marked in grease pencil and showing the exact location of the gun emplacements (actually four or five), the helicopter pad and such. "It even had the CO's hooch on it", Davis added with a laugh.

With the psychological approach they were offered cigarettes, asked to "cooperate with us and join our side so you'll be good Americans when we let you go home in two or three months". And meanwhile, "give us the names and addresses of your family and girl friends so we can write and tell them how well you're getting along".

"Lies . . ."  
One interrogator left them with a bit of advice that had a basis in truth. He told him if they tried to escape the 'wild people' would get them. He was referring to the Montgnards. They had reached the mountains, and soon would arrive at their first prison camp.

At one point during the march to the

mountains the two GIs passed within a mile or so of their unit's fire base. "We could see it on the hill, our helicopters, gun emplacements . . . but they never knew we were there."

Also during the March they passed through some of the same territory they'd covered earlier with their unit. In different company, however, they got a different reception. The same people who had before fallen out to proclaim "GI Number One" fell out again, but this time to stone and spit at the Americans. Even the cute little kids.

At one stopover camp "the VC somehow got word we were going to get hit. Their communications were something else. I never saw a line, radio or anything like that, but somehow they always seemed to know. We cleared out of the place."

Nearby they halted and Davis and McMillan were ordered into "bunkers", holes in the ground, or in this case a hillside, into which one person will fit. "They have bunkers dug everywhere", Davis commented.

Peering from the bunker, Davis heard bombs and saw dirt flying all around amid the tat-tat of mini-guns, the zoom of rockets, the crack of AK return fire and finally the flutter of the helicopter as it fell.

A VC came back toting a helmet. "It had . . . (something or somebody's) Raiders' stenciled on the back—I couldn't make it out", Davis recalled.

Holding out the helmet with one hand, the VC raised the other to his head, placed his "pistol" finger to his temple and cocked and fired with his thumb. He then lowered the hand to pat his wallet pocket. This was his way of telling the GIs he'd killed a pilot, and would be getting a reward.

Davis explained: "When they got a pilot they got a three-day R&R and a new bicycle. To them a bicycle is like a Rolls-Royce and the three-day R&R . . . well, I guess it means a lot when your enlistment doesn't end until either you're killed or the war's over."

"When we went back to the camp it had been leveled. I decided then that maybe they weren't going to kill us, because if they'd wanted to they could have just left us there and the bombs would have gotten us for sure."

The march to the mountains took about ten days. They traveled a lot at night sleeping briefly in small camps and in the homes of villagers. For blankets they used the parachutes from spent U.S. flares.

On about the tenth day they arrived at a prison camp for South Vietnamese. There they were given some rice to cook and eat but instead they gave it to the South Vietnamese who were skinny and covered with sores. The North Vietnamese used them as laborers, Davis noted.

On about the fourteenth day an interpreter told them they were going to be flown to a permanent camp in Hanoi where they would be given nice lodging, money to spend and if they wanted milk, candy and the like all they had to do was ask the guard for it. "And you won't do any work for us, only for yourself", they were told.

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# "Lies They Told"

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... " marched "up and down moun- r the next couple of days. "While walking we'd comment now and t 'this looks familiar'. Actually a hat we were doing was walking n circles—they move that way a e time", Davis said.

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walked into the camp there was gray-bearded American standing looked like he was about 60. Then y told me he was a 39 year old geant who'd been captured two before. I never thought anyone eriorate that fast.

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twice a week they made wood et fuel to use around the camp, o which the North Vietnamese, words, "ate, wore, and slept on." ere with them always.

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ways the north was better than they could bathe daily, and the es and lodging were better. But th they stayed locked in a nine- ll day except for about an hour e. The rest of your waking hours y daydreamed and nodded yes, l.

ll had a radio and the guards each radio was tuned to "Hanoi program every afternoon. me around and turn them up so ad to listen", said Davis.

propaganda included "News" nd natural disasters at home

and casualties inflicted on the American troops. "We heard of enough planes being shot down to annihilate the U.S. Air Force 15 or 20 times," Davis said.

Occasionally they were given reading material. This consisted of "English translations of the Vietnamese equivalent of 'Little Bo Peep', said Davis, and such true-to-life heroics as the North Vietnamese soldier who single-handedly wiped out an American battalion or the South Vietnamese who cooked and ate the livers of the North Vietnamese they killed.

"Sometimes they'd give us a Russian magazine. We liked it, it was on the order of 'Life' but it was in Russian so all we could do is look at the pictures," Davis said.

"We played cards a lot, betting our tobacco ration or pig fat when we had it." They had a lot of holidays where they killed pigs and sometimes they'd let us have the fat.

"We'd get pretty good food at Christmas—turkey, candy, etc, but first they'd make us walk out to the Christmas tree where they had movie cameras going to show folks how well we were being treated."

The prisoners also showed up in films and pictures which were shown to the North Vietnamese troops. "They'd make those of us that had fatigues put them on and take pictures of us with our hands in the air and guards holding rifles on us like we'd just been captured. They'd give these pictures to their troops to boost morale. It was ridiculous—we were all so skinny..."

"We all tried not to worry and keep our spirits up, but it was hard to do when you saw your friends low-sick or dying and we really got scared in December 1972 when they started the bombing. We thought they'd declared war on the north—sometimes the bombs would have the whole area shaking."

The prisoners didn't know it at the time, but that terrible bombing was signaling their freedom. And the radio that had so irritated them was to bring the happy news.

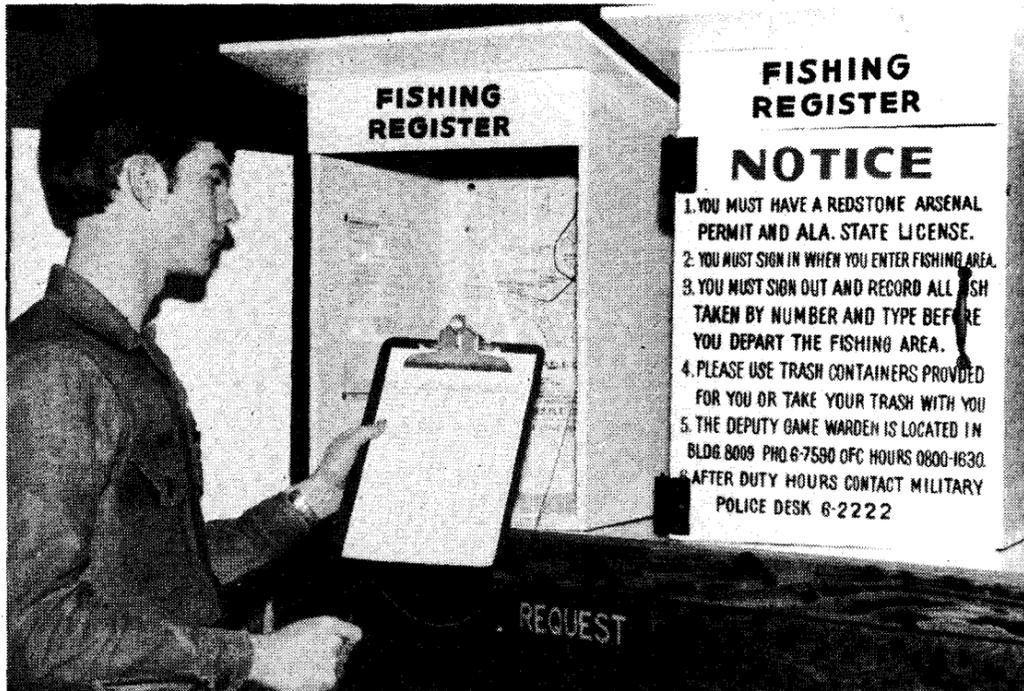
"This Marine with us had been trained in the Vietnamese language. He was listening one night to a Vietnamese broadcast and heard that we were to be released. It was the happiest I've ever been in my life.

"The next day, January 27, 1973, they told us we would be released. I started home March 13.

He came back a hero. Reporters, strobe lights, movie cameras everywhere he went. Autographs, speeches, dinner with the Governor, swinging bachelor lifestyle.

Today, two years later, he sees himself as just another soldier. He has married and will be a father soon, and professes a liking for long walks and drives down the Interstate.

What are his thoughts on today's developments in Vietnam? "For myself, I do not feel let down. I came back—I'm alive. But what of those who went—they could have not gone—and didn't come back? Those in the ground? Those missing? Their families? I'd say they're the ones that might feel let down.



CONVENIENCE—Specialist 4 Cody Blades checks one of the fishing register boxes in position near various fishing areas on the arsenal. The boxes, constructed by the Deputy Game Warden's office, enable fishermen to record their visits and catches without traveling to a central point.

## "NCOES For The NCO"

### FIRST OF TWO PARTS

Army service schools conduct their Non-Commissioned Officer Basic courses in varying ways, but all schools aim to give the E-4 or E-5 in NCOES Basic a "career course." Army Regulation defines the basic course in those words.

In teaching missile and munitions NCOES Basics, the Career Development Department of the Missile and Munitions Center and School has interpreted its mission as one of molding the junior NCO into a professional.

The professional soldier, to the department's mind, must possess the leadership and supervisory skills needed to take on jobs of increasing responsibility.

Since January, changes in the MMCS NCOES Basic program has stepped leadership and supervisory training. The changes affect a student in the classroom and out.

Major Arthur G. Woodle, who heads the Career Management and Leadership Division, has supervised the revamp. On the academic side of the two-phase project, a key difference is that NCO's no longer will receive Advanced Individual Training all over again.

"Under the old way of teaching this course, a man spent six weeks of 11 with us on general military subjects, then he tracked out all over with MOS specialties," Woodle said.

MOS "tracking" has been

dropped to 24 hours in the revised eight-week schedule. A soldier spends the best part of his class time pursuing numerous "general subjects."

Among these are confidence-building topics like Physical Readiness Training and Drill, Military Leadership, Effective Speaking and Small Unit Drill, all of which receive at least 12 hours of class time.

Management skills are communicated through subjects line Training Management, Human Self-Development Program and Introduction to SIDPERS.

Professional Ethics, Officer/NCO Relationships, NCO Standards and Responsibilities and other similar courses address the NCO as a soldier-professional.

In all, 236 hours are devoted to general subjects. When the MOS-related segment begins, NCO's move to computer terminals for programmed exercise in ammunition logistics or missile maintenance.

Using course booklets, NCO's work through manpower allocation problems. Given a list of fictitious soldiers, he must decide, based on rank, morale, hours available and so on, who will do what job.

For example, one task is to remove abandoned projectiles from a road. The student tells the computer his solution.

"The computer evaluates and creates a new situation," said Woodle.

Sometimes a situation returns to haunt a careless student. The computer might feed back a re-

port from the provost marshal stating that not all the projectiles were removed from the roadway, Woodle said.

"A student should be able to recognize that it is an outgrowth of an uncompleted situation," he said. "This teaches that your people aren't going to be 100 per cent ready to do anything you want."

The academic side of NCOES Basic becomes the basis of 85 per cent of a student-soldier's course grade. His performance, as observed by the senior NCO instructors, fills out the other 15 per cent.

"We can't have an effective NCO if he's just a bookworm," Woodle said. "We'll observe, then we'll grade."

For accuracy in grading and personal attention, class sizes have been dropped to between 10 and 14 students. There are five instructors.

"Our philosophy is that the NCOES program is for the NCO," said Woodle.

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# Benefits Curtailed

A recent curtailment of benefits under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) became effective this month.

Changes in the coverage of the plan are as follows:

1. Mechanical devices used to modify shoes, such as arch supports, are no longer covered.
  2. Megavitamin or other orthomolecular therapy for psychiatry is not authorized.
  3. Eneuresis is no longer a qualifying condition for benefits under the Program for the Handicapped. Treatment by operant conditioning devices remains a benefit under the basic program when prescribed and supervised by an attending physician.
  4. The services of pastoral counselors, marriage, family and-or child counselors are no longer benefits.
  5. Successive admissions to an inpatient facility within a 30 day period is no longer considered as one admission. Each admission is considered separate for cost-sharing purposes even if the patient is transferred from one facility to another or is discharged from one and admitted to another on the same date. This provision does not apply to admissions for pregnancy and related complications.
  6. All services and supplies determined not to be medically necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of an illness, injury or bodily malfunction are no longer benefits. Exception is made for family planning and Christian Science benefits.
  7. The plan will no longer cost-share for services received by a beneficiary under either the basic program or the handicapped program, when the patient, his estate or the responsible family member has no legal obligation to pay for the services, or for which no charge would be made if the patient was not eligible for CHAMPUS.
  8. Supplies and services for treatment of obesity is the sole or primary condition are no longer benefits. Such treatment is payable only when it is clearly adjunctive to a primary medical or surgical condition for which treatment is authorized.
  9. All plastic reconstructive surgery based solely on the emotional or psychiatric needs of the patient is no longer a benefit. Such surgery is a benefit only if it will correct abnormal bodily functions or relieve pain.
  10. Alterations to or permanent fixtures attached to a dwelling are no longer covered.
- Additional changes have been made in various administrative procedures and in other aspects of the basic program. There are also alterations in the former coverage of eligible dependents who were determined to be "seriously physically handicapped" by learning disabilities.
- Details on all of the changes may be obtained by calling the CHAMPUS patient assistant officers, 1LT Mel Van Dyke or 1LT Terrence Rumore at 876-2857.

# Allen Commands 2nd Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Wayne C. Allen, has been named commander of the Second Battalion at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Allen, 42, was previously assigned to the Defense Attache office in Saigon, Vietnam.

He had a previous Redstone as executive officer of MICOM. Materiel Management Directorate.

The officer is a 1954 graduate of Jacksonville State University and a 1972 graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth.



LTC WAYNE ALLEN

# Military Briefs

**NEW ARRIVALS**

- CPT Martin D. Monroe
  - SSG Donald C. Boice
  - SSG Johnny B. Cox
  - SSG O'Neal Hovston
  - SSG Charles W. Ayres
  - SP6 Charles D. Seal
  - SGT John J. Moroney
  - SP5 James B. Witherell
  - SP4 Dave Draper
  - PFC Cecil J. Regay
  - PV2 William J. Tretinik
  - PV2 Edward E. Laxton
  - PV2 Deborah D. MacArthur
- PROMOTIONS**
- TO 1LT: Don H. Kimball
  - TO SFC: Fred A. Sprague
- AWARDS**
- SGM Ralph E. McCampbell, Legion of Merit
  - CW3 Vernon H. Love, MSM
  - SFC George H. Dana, MSM
  - SFC Joseph D. Jaworski, MSM
  - SFC David T. Sipe, ACM
  - MSG Cecil D. Pearson, Certificate of Achievement.

# UAH Offers Short Management Course

A short-course in management processes will be offered by the Division of Continuous Education at the University of Alabama in Huntsville April 14-25, from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Reservations are requested by April 9.

The course is designed for governmental and industrial managers and is a required course for the post-graduate certificate program in general administration.

Prerequisites are upper-division or post-graduate standing. The course may be taken on a non-credit basis, for three semester hours academic credit or four continuing education units awarded upon completion.

Registration will be held at the beginning of the first meeting in Room 223 of Madison Hall. Persons desiring credit may register as non-matriculated students without prior admission to UAH.

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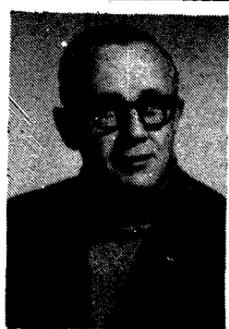
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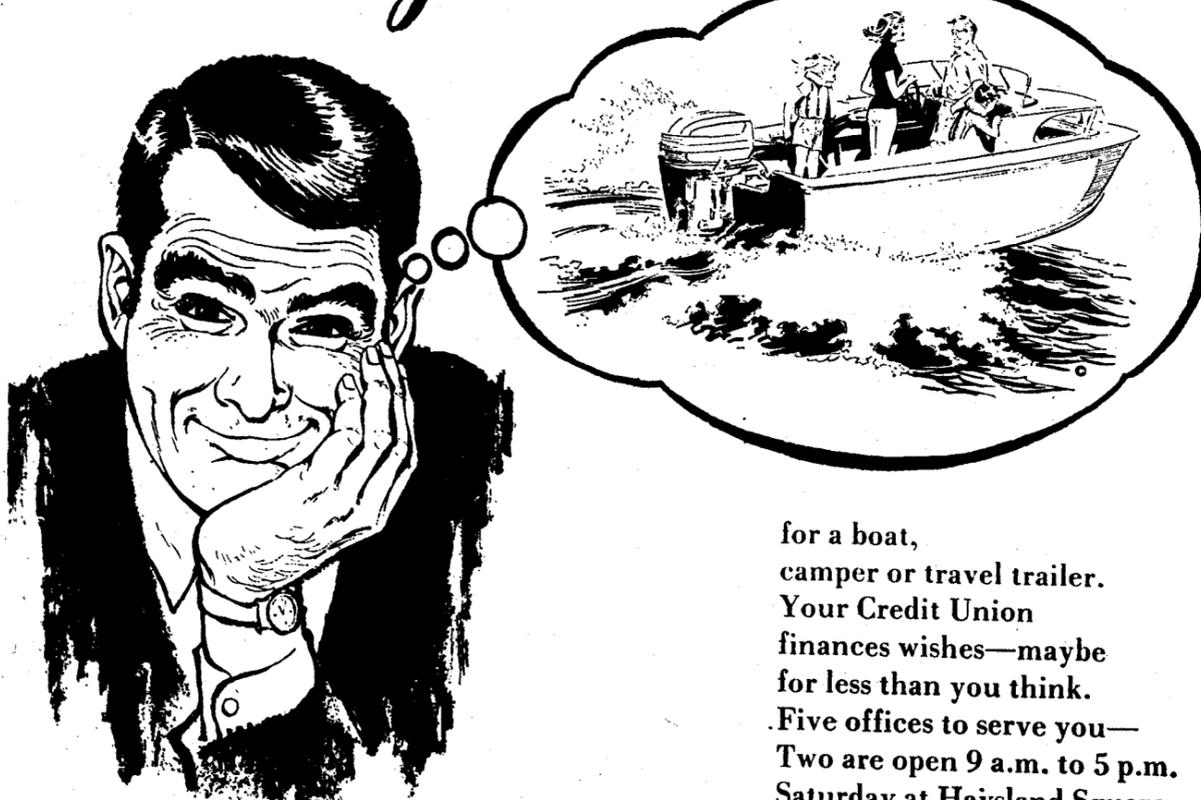
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# Spreading Good Will Part Of The Mission

The Missile Command has a group of traveling salesmen. Not that they try to peddle missile systems. But they must be adroit at peddling good will, however, while showing soldiers in the field

how the equipment or manuals are supposed to be used.

The salesmen are technicians of the Technical Assistance Program located in Maintenance.

The word of these men who work

in many foreign nations and throughout the United States reflect the need of their activity:

—We once had a problem come up on radar systems. At first it appeared it might be a mechanical problem. I double-checked through the system, and I found the error was in a bench procedure. The men on the bench had read a double meaning into the procedure. A simple class solved the problem.

—The assistance man has to be ready to go at any time. Generally, we have some idea what the nature of the problem might be before we go. So, we take our material, even lesson plans, with us—but usually have to adapt it to fit each situation.

—Normally, we can solve the problem ourselves. I would say so about 95 percent of the time. When we do have a major problem, we have MICOM to back us up—as well as contractors.

—At times the problem can be sticky. A unit officer, for instance, might not be completely informed on his system. He might be a part of the problem without realizing it.

—Most problems are problems of communication, between people as well as interpretations of written material. We are working now on a change of procedures on HIPAR. Soldiers on the radar read a "go" check. Actually, more check was needed.

—Most of the overseas assistance is done by our representative assigned there. We draw overseas assignments much like a military person. If the technician is called in on a problem, he will contact his brigade level to see if the problem is widespread or local. The more widespread ones wind up back in MICOM. Some training course usually results. Sometimes it is needed equipment change.

Edwin R. Larson, who assisted in setting up the assistance program in the early fifties, heads up the Field Service Activity which is the home office for the group of 170 technicians. Skills of these

technicians cut across all of the Army's missile systems and all phases of the systems.

A prerequisite of working in the group is experience on one of more missile systems. Also, a willingness to be assigned in any one of a dozen or so foreign nations.

The mission of the unit is to assist the soldier in keeping his equipment in fighting order. That the technicians have succeeded is evident through the words spoken

at a recent logistics conference to Maintenance Director, Colonel Marvin L. Worley, Jr., by Brigadier General Emil L. Konopnicki of the 8th U.S. Army. "They are the best of the lot."

## Pershing Container

### Better; Cheaper Too

Packaging specialist Phil Welty is designing a better 'box' for the Pershing missile, and doing it cheaper than before.

Welty, who works for Material Management, is trying a new way of designing, fabricating and testing future Pershing containers, a way that will cost much less than the \$75,000 method now in use.

In addition, Welty is also testing the 'stuffing' that cushions the missiles inside the containers, with an eye toward making it re-usable.

Welty recently received a Certificate of Achievement as his directorate's 1975 "Economy Champion".



### Set Pickup For Lending Closet

The Army Community Service office will be open Saturday, April 12 from 10 until 4 to receive items for donation to the organization's Lending Closet. The Redstone CB Club will be on duty and will pick up items from residences of people on post who call to notify ACS they wish to make donations.

"If people have household items too good to throw away but which they no longer need, the Lending Closet needs them," Jeanne McKenty, Lending Closet chairman, said.

"There is always a demand for baby equipment, sheets, blankets, kitchen utensils, cots, and any useful item people may need to borrow while their household goods is on the way.

"We feel people may be doing their Spring housecleaning and come across things they'd like to

donate," Mrs. McKenty added. The ACS office phone number is 876-2859.

### CIVILIAN BRIEFS

The following is a list of new hires, retirements, and promotions for the period, March 21-27.

#### NEW HIRES

Raines, James L., GS-4, RDE Lab

#### RETIREMENTS

Womack, James E., Jr., GS-11, RASA

#### PROMOTIONS

Lavender, Harold T., GS-5, RASA  
 Hart, Dean, GS-5, RASA  
 Wesson, Comer S., GS-5, RASA  
 Davis, William E., GS-5, RASA  
 Curry, Homer L., GS-5, RASA  
 Morris, Charles E., Jr., GS-5, RASA  
 McKerley, Billie, GS-4, RASA  
 Bishop, Johnny C., GS-5, RASA  
 Sales, Wendell S., GS-5, RASA  
 Dowdy, James L., GS-5, RASA  
 Smith, Raymond O., GS-5, RASA  
 Terrell, Charles W., GS-5, RASA  
 Edwards, Harold C., GS-5, RASA  
 Rector, Raymond C., GS-5, RASA  
 Hearon, Edwin L., GS-5, RASA  
 McElyea, Bobby W., GS-4, RASA  
 Evelt, George W., GS-5, RASA  
 Dunham, Stephen W., GS-5, RASA  
 Pierce, Rubert J., GS-5, RASA  
 Woodard, Charles L., GS-5, RASA  
 Sanders, Dewey S., GS-5, RASA  
 Williams, John L., GS-5, RASA  
 Reed, Howard C., Jr., GS-5, RASA  
 Longford, Betty J., GS-2, Met & Cal Center

Phillips, Ronnie W., GS-5, MIA  
 Czerwin, Connie I., GS-5, MIA  
 McFarland, Robert S., GS-5, RASA  
 Twilley, Roger D., GS-5, RASA  
 Lewis, Brenda A., GS-2, DMIS  
 Jones, Bernice K., GS-2, DMIS  
 McCright, Jimmy L., GS-12, DPT&FD  
 Roberts, Jo Ann, GS-2, DMIS  
 Robinson, Lendora, GS-2, DMIS  
 Hambrick, Mary B., GS-6, DPT&FD  
 Greene, Herbert B., III, GS-12, RASA  
 Tucker, Billie M., GS-5, RASA  
 Craft, William S., Jr., GS-5, RASA

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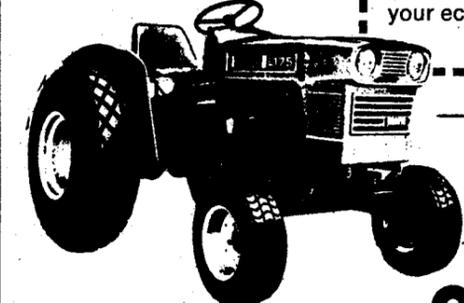
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# Big-Time Baseball Returns

By Dave Cowan

Writing about what might happen in baseball at Redstone would be something best done in disappearing ink or under an assumed name.

The reason is that baseball has had a tough time enduring here or on most other Army installations.

Sports director Ralph Santaliz of Recreational Services has once more peered into his crystal ball and has come up with a new sports attraction.

Proclaimed as America's pastime, baseball follows closely on the heels of another new game disclosed last week by Santaliz.

It, too, is an outdoor game—European Team Handball—a game founded by German sports instructors at the turn of the century.

"Baseball is another attempt to expand our sports program, but it will be on a limited basis this year," said the sports director.

The national pastime will be pursued by a post team and will not be introduced into the intramural schedule this season, said Santaliz.

The post baseball team will enter the North Alabama Semi-Pro Baseball League in Huntsville. The league will tentatively have a 24-game schedule and will include teams from Huntsville, Florence, Gadsden, Anniston, Guntersville, Birmingham, Ft. Campbell (Ky.), and Fayetteville (Tenn.).

Organized baseball was last played here in 1971.

"The Army dropped the program because it was too expensive. Also, preparation for the baseball season was another

factor," said Irv Lyles, assistant sports director.

"It takes more skill to play baseball as compared to softball," he added.

Lyles reflected on baseball's golden age, when the game drew many fans from across the Tennessee Valley in the early 60's.

"Baseball was at its peak then. We played two or three games a week," said Lyles.

The avide sportsman played infielder for the post team here during his Army days.

"I think Redstone's best team was during the 1961-62 season. We hosted the Third Army Baseball Tournament here and we took second place. Fort Benning beat us out of first spot," sighed Lyles.

"However, I'm glad baseball is back, but we still need more

players," Lyles added.

Bill Gore of the Arsenal's golf course will coach the post team. Interested participants may contact him at 876-4054 or Recreational Services, 876-4050.

"We will start off with a few exhibition games against several colleges in this area, while league play will get underway late in May," said Santaliz.

Upon completion of the regular season, a district tournament will be conducted with the winners

advancing to the nationals in North Carolina in early September.

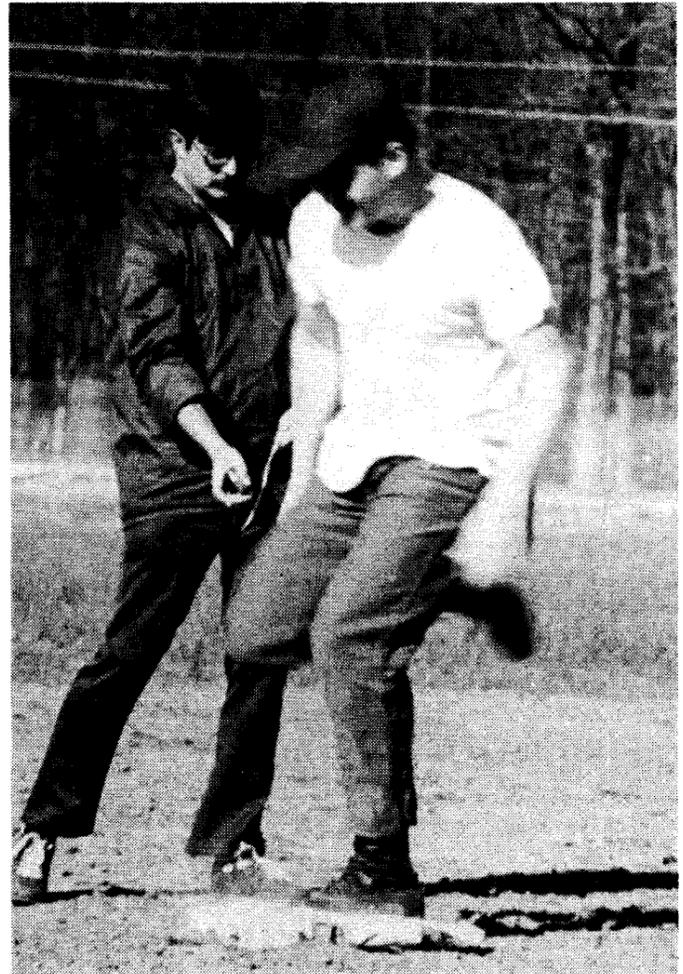
Can baseball at Redstone once again flourish? Lyles, still as robust as he was in his playing days, is hoping that bygone era will return.

As the survivors of that era dwindle with the passing of each day, recollections of how the game was played have become increasingly precious—if not priceless.

Thanks for the memories, Irv.



NO GRUDGE—Just a shot on goal by a 4th student player during their company tryouts recently for the upcoming intramural European Team Handball League. (Photo by Dave Cowan)



'TOO SLOW . . . 'remarks coach Bill Gore of the post baseball team as he times a player in a sprint from home plate to second base during tryouts.

## Basketball-Soccer-Football

# Put Them Together; You Have Handball

By DAVE COWAN

### EUROPEAN HANDBALL

A few years ago, trying to introduce another new sport here would have had the success of a forrester harvesting timber in the Sahara.

But times have changed and so has the sports climate. With an already bulging sports program—spreading like a wild prairie fire—sports director Ralph Santaliz has added another game to the fire: European team handball.

"Team handball is a new Olympic game and we want to try to initiate the game into our sports program" said Santaliz.

"It's readily adapted to all phases of physical education, athletic and intramural programs. The rules are easy to learn and team play isn't too complicated," he said.

League play got underway this week with 13 teams competing in two divisions (eastern and western) over a seven-week period to determine respective champions.

Following regular season play, four top contenders from each conference will compete in a double-elimination tournament to select the post champion.

How hard is it to play? Well, can you play basketball, soccer and football at the same time?

An unfair question, of course. Nevertheless, the new game does encompass the skills of all three,

but it isn't as difficult as one might think, commented Santaliz.

Having participated in handball, Santaliz said, "If you can play basketball, you can play this sport with little training."

### SEVEN PLAYERS

Each team will be made up of seven players, including a goalie.

The goalie is considered the most important player on the team because he controls the scoring by defending an open net, 6 feet 6 inches high and 10 feet wide. The net is similar to the one used in hockey.

Two outside men called shooters normally do the scoring, while two corner men set up the plays. The corner men are usually fast, small men adept at controlling the ball.

Santaliz said that to score on the goalie, a player must shoot from 20 feet out using his hands or head. No one can kick the ball.

Somewhat like basketball, any player may dribble the ball as long as he moves, but when a player stops, he is allowed three steps and three seconds to release the volleyball-type sphere. If not, the opponent gains possession.

An interesting note is that body contact is legal, unless a person uses his hands or elbows or deliberately hits someone who is attempting to score.

If you have the tendency to argue with a referee, Santaliz wants to set potential players straight on protests.

### NO PROTESTS

"There are never any protests in handball and no player is allowed to question any calls," he said.

"If a player does, he is penalized usually two minutes and his team must play one man short, while he sits out the penalty. A second warning could warrant a five minute penalty, while a third warning could call for dismissal from the game.

"If a player is ejected, his team must play one man short for the balance of the game," he stated.

"These rules are similar to ice hockey," said Santaliz.

O the humorous side of the game, the sports director said, "If anyone becomes injured, the game continues, unless in the opinion of the referee, it is considered a major injury."

"It is suggested that a player hears what sounds like a trampling heard of elephants coming toward him, he should make an attempt to exit the playing field, before a fatality occurs," he chuckled.

Although formally-organized teams and leagues for outdoor team handball are found in three nations only—Federal Republic of Germany, Holland and Switzerland—the game is gaining ground in the United States.

The German detachment at the Missile and Munitions Center and School will field a team in the league. Their expertise could aid newcomers in developing the knack of the sport.

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**TOP BOWLERS**—Twelve Redstone youngsters captured trophies during the recent no-tap tourney at the Post Lanes. Winners were from the Bantams (9-12 age group) and the Banty Bantams (6-8). Front row, left to right, are Bruce Laska, Linda Goltz, Sheila Chrisman, Nancy Goltz, Diane Gerhauser and Bryan Shelton. Second row, Carrie Gerhauser, Bernard Johnson, Yutta Shelton, Brian Brost, David Witczak and Andy Crochet.

## Rockets Grab Win Over A&M

Redstone Arsenal's golfing Rockets defeated the Alabama A&M University Bulldogs in their opening match last weekend on the Arsenal links.

The Rockets beat the Bulldogs on windy fairways and fast greens, 340 to 355.

After the first nine holes, the Rockets held a 13-stroke advantage, 172 to 183. Phelps Womble of the Rockets and Bruce Belyea of A&M turned in 5 over par 41's at the turn, to lead the other golfers.

On the second nine, Mel Davis shot a 2 over par 38, helping increase the Rockets lead to 15 points. Davis finished with an 80. Womble carded 84, John

Piette 85 and Tom Perry 91 for the Rockets.

For the Bulldogs, Belyea and Dana Lewis shot 82's, Billy Holden fired 91 and Frank Sledge carded 100.

The Rockets' next match is with St. Bernard College in Cullman.

### Wednesday League Moves

The old Wednesday Night Ladies League will be bowling on Tuesdays this summer and, appropriately, will be known as the Tuesday Night Ladies League. Play gets underway next Tuesday at the RSA Lanes.

Carol Atkinson has league information at 837-2260.

### Wednesday Officers

STANDINGS	Won
Strikeouts	53
Gimlets	52
Bee M's	48
Swingers	46
Lucky Strikes	43
Black Jacks	38
Readiness Group	36
ExASPRators	36
Redrock Engineers	34
Widgets	33
Halo's	29
Sch. Bde. B's	24

RESULTS
Gimlets 6, Bee M's 2
Sch. Bde., 6, Strikeouts 2
Swingers 6, ExASPRators 2
Halo's 6, Redrock 2
Lucky Strikes 4, Black Jacks 4
Widgets/Readiness Group (Postponed)

**IND. HONORS**

High Series: Bofenkamp, 559; Brotherton, 547; Wilkerson, 522.
High Games: Bofenkamp, 225; Brotherton, 210; Wilkerson, 204; Lange, 201.
High Avg.: Aldrup, 176.

## Beat An Expert For Cash Prize

One of the Southeast's foremost skeet shooters has challenged local shooters to a round on April 6.

It will be held at the Rod & Gun Club skeet field at the intersection of Patton and Martin Rds. The challenge is one of the events planned when boys and girls, aged 11-17, are invited to sign up for a youth shooting league sponsored by the club.

Lowell Hill of the Nashville Skeet Club, an AA shooter, has issued the challenge. The local club will present cash awards to shooters

who beat Hill's score. The shooting will take place from 11 until 3.

Local shooters who wish to compete must provide their own gun and shells. A \$1 entry fee will be charged in addition to the usual \$1 charge per round for clay targets.

## March Set

About 50 hardy hikers are expected to step off at 8 a.m. Saturday on one of two "Soldatenmarch," or Soldiers' March, routes here.

The 12 kilometer (7½-mile) and 20 kilometer (12½-mile) versions of the charity event begin at the Germany Liaison Office, Bldg. 3511.

The 12 km. route weaves out to Patton Road, along Mills Road and back to the liaison office via Neal Road. Once on Patton, the 20 km. marchers will turn onto Martin, then onto Rideout, Goss and Vincent to return to the starting point.

Money paid by the marchers will benefit the "Soldatenhilfswerk," a German troop welfare fund. The German Air Force Detachment is sponsoring the event.

### AMC League

#### STANDINGS

Points	
Spares	62
Lily Flagg	62
Bombers	61½
Fat Cats	58
Alley Cats	58
T-Birds	53½
Hughes TOW	49
Sprinters	49
Sheraton	42½
Untouchables	42½

#### HONOR ROLL

Bob Brand's third Honor Roll entry of the season just made it but was enough to boost Lily Flagg into a tie for first place. Brand reached 60 on games of 214, 195 and 191.

#### HIGH ROLLERS

Lee Keim, 566; Johnny Johnson, 562; Dennis Frans, 549; Dave Pentecost, 538; Eulas Gilbert, 537; J. C. Oakes, 532; Dick Gore, 527; Ben Adams, 516 (224).

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## Randolph Student Is Overall Winner

Ten area students walked away with Army sponsored awards at the conclusion of the North Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair held at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Flynn Walker, a student at Randolph High, was selected by the judging team as the winner of the Bronze Medallion for Best Exhibit in all divisions. Walker also received the Army Certificate of Achievement for his outstanding exhibit.

Other first place winners receiving Army Certificates of Achievement included:

**BOTANY:** Connie Wooldridge of Austin High, Decatur; **ZOOLOGY:** Robert J. Brennecke of Randolph High, Huntsville; **MEDICINE AND HEALTH:** Michael Steven White of Athens High; **CHEMISTRY:** Anna Marie Malone of Colbert Heights High, Tusculmbia; **BIOCHEMISTRY:** Steve Lampley of Colbert Heights High; **EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES:** Barry Dorman of Madison Academy, Huntsville; **PHYSICS:** Flynn Walker, Randolph High; **ENGINEERING:** Alan Calhoun of Austin High; **MICROBIOLOGY:** Dennis Henson of Colbert Heights High; and **BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES:** David Brennecke of Randolph High.

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Schaaf became interested in photography in 1960, but it wasn't until 1969 when he was stationed on Kwajalein that he really became interested in combining his photo hobby with SCUBA diving.

He acquired a Nikonus II underwater camera and took pictures of the German cruiser, Prinz Eugen and some of the Japanese ships that were sunk in the Kwajalein lagoon during World War II.

Though the underwater scenery was breathtaking and beautiful, Schaaf found that other divers swimming around the wrecks were his favorite subjects. The graceful movement of the divers added a different dimension to the underwater scenery and sunken ships.

Underwater photography provided thrills for Schaaf that he seldom encountered on land. On one expedition a group of sharks took an interest in him and his companion. One shark was particularly curious and the two divers had to back up against a coral reef to protect themselves and narrow the shark's field of attack. Luckily for them, the shark wasn't hungry and their protective stance discouraged his curiosity and he swam away. However, the experience was unnerving and the divers concluded their photographic activities for the day.

While some photographers like to use color film, Schaaf prefers black and white so he can use faster film and get better action shots. He does his own developing and enlarging in his home darkroom.

Since his assignment to BMDS-COM here in Huntsville, Schaaf's underwater photography has been limited to wading in the local creeks and taking pictures of the underwater life there.

Most of the exhibit pictures that hang on the walls in his office and at home are underwater shots taken at Kwajalein. He has hopes of including an underwater photography expedition down to Florida on one of his vacations . . . when he can find time.

Though underwater photography is his main love, Schaaf has used his camera for other worthwhile projects. During his tour of duty in Vietnam he used his camera to record logistic activities. He found that in filling out reports on logistic problems one of his pictures was worth thousands of words describing the situation. In fact his pictorial logistics handbook was quiet valuable in solving some of the logistic problems that occurred in his work.

Since he first started taking pictures, Schaaf has been compiling a travelog of his Army experiences. He has slides from Panama, Vietnam and Kwajalein and plans to continue his pictorial record until he retires from the Army.

Like any other hobby sooner or later other members of the family become interested.

His wife likes him to take pictures of the children to send to family and relatives.

On the other hand, his 13 year old daughter likes to work in



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the darkroom with her dad processing film and enlarging pictures. His 12 year old son is an astronomy buff, but he wants his dad to rig a camera so he can take pictures through his telescope.

While he enjoys conventional photography on land, Schaaf feels there is a challenge to un-

derwater photography.

"You see things differently under water. There is the diving itself which is a challenge and then the thrill of trying to record on film the things you see and experience in a totally different world. It's hard to explain, but I love it," he said



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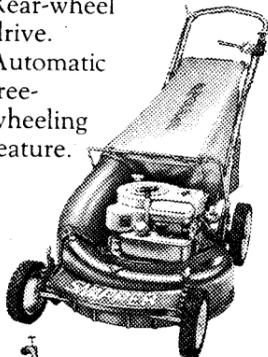


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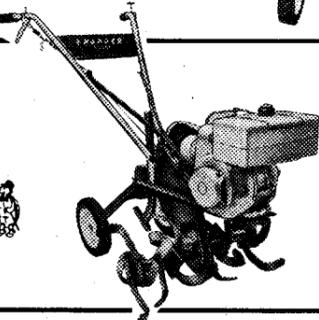
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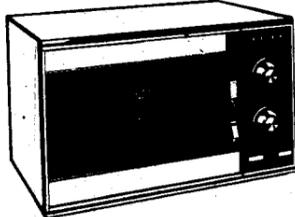


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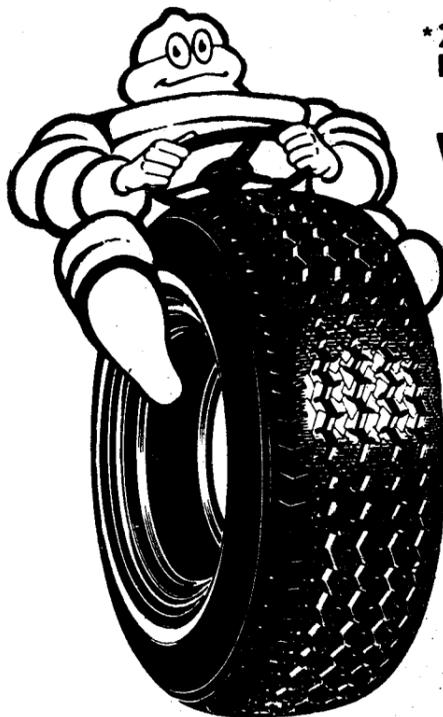
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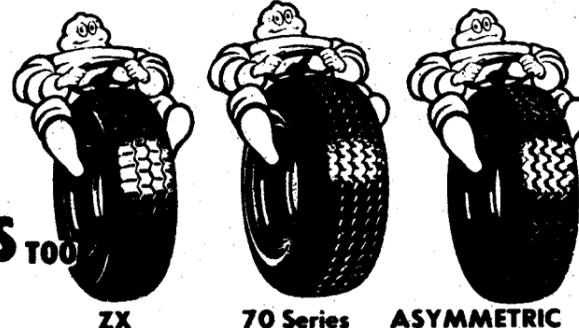


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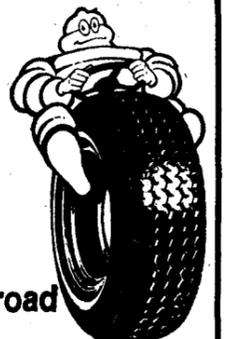
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**VOLUNTEER TRAINEE**—Teresa Thomas, a clerk typist in the Directorate for Product Assurance, asked if she might take a course in laboratory techniques when it was planned for engineering aides and Upward Mobility participants in the directorate. She has attended all classes, and will be credited with completing the course. With her is Ted Leslie, an engineering aide, at the metallographic mounting press.

### Problem Solving On Area Basis

Cutbacks in travel funds have caused a method reorganization in the Material Readiness Office of the Material Management Directorate.

Readiness personnel will now be assigned to solve problems which arise in a specific geographic area, rather than taking on problems as they arise irregardless of where they occur.

Europe, Pacific and CONUS are listed as geographic areas.

T. A. Childress, chief of the Materiel Readiness Office, said it had been determined that the theatre emphasis technique provided the directorate's management with a more accurate and timely status of combat readiness posture.

In addition, the method calls for "... a much more intensive telephonic activity and coordination," due to "... very limited TDY funds."

### Home Loan Rate Continues Down

(ANF)—The maximum interest rate on GI home loans has been reduced from 8.5 per cent to 8 per cent. The new rate is down from a high of 9.5 per cent last August.

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## Band Leaders In Short Supply

If striking up the band is the star in your sky, you may want to attend the enlisted band leader course beginning July 16 at the Army School of Music, Little Creek Naval Base, Norfolk, Va.

The Department of the Army has

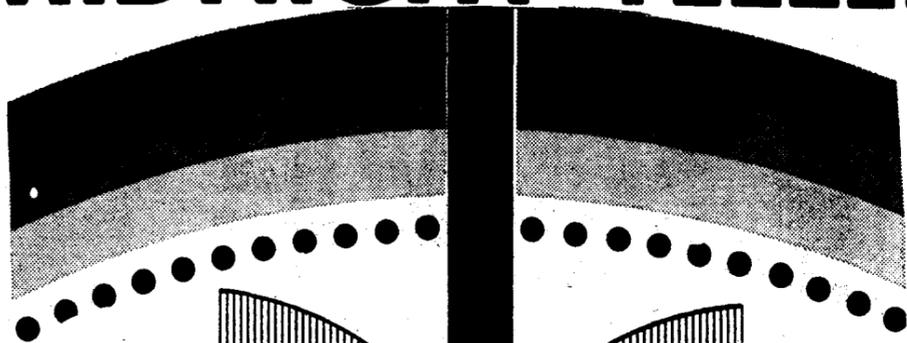
announced that applications are due at higher headquarters by April 7. The course will qualify soldiers to fill MOS 02Z.

The warrant officer bandmaster course will begin at the music school at the conclusion of the

enlisted course. The enlisted course is a prerequisite for bandmaster study.

Information on both courses may be obtained from the school commandant, AUTOVON 680-7505 or 7506.

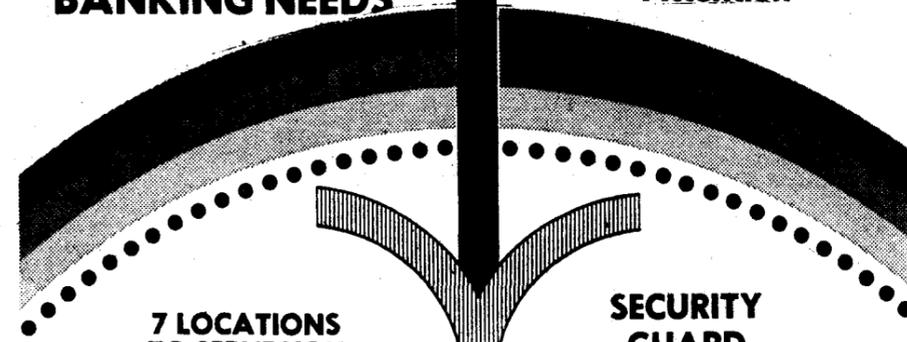
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