

Paperhangers Beware



By Dave Cowan

An odd assortment of money passes between buyer and seller. Certain Africans still use giraffe tails. Some Fiji Islanders use whale teeth. American money comes in two forms: coin and paper.

But government notes aren't our only paper money. Those handy slips of paper known as checks are almost as widely used as cash. Out of every \$10 spent by consumers, nine are paid by check.

This twist in our money system has created serious problems for banks and government agencies. Passers of fraudulent checks—better known in criminal parlance as paperhangers—make off with millions of dollars annually.

The bad check writer, who uses his pen as a hold-up weapon, is "costing the honest customer money," said Redstone's exchange manager Don Emmons in an interview.

Recently, the Army and Air Force Exchange System (AAFES) released some sobering figures on bad checks written by authorized patrons and cashed at post exchanges worldwide.

Last year nearly 250,000 bad checks—totalling more than \$7.8 million—were received. Subsequently, 30,804 checks for \$1,183,111 were deemed uncollectable and had to be written off by the exchanges. At headquarters level, \$388,132 was recovered from the amount written off, leaving a net loss of \$794,979.

"The honest customer pays for these losses through higher prices and AAFES earns less money for Army and Air Force recreation activities," said Emmons.

To compound matters, the incidence of bad checks has risen 36 percent during the first quarter of FY 76 as compared to the same time last fiscal year. And the dollar amount of bad checks jumped a whopping 33 percent—more than half a million dollars.

To combat the abuse of the check cashing privilege at post exchanges, AAFES has introduced a simple but effective program.

"The customer must show a social security number such as on a social security card, military identification card, driver's license or medical card," Emmons said.

"The customer's social security number and check amount are then entered on an electronic keyboard and transmitted to a central computer point—now located at Ft. Benning, Ga.," said Emmons.

"The computer screens the inquiry against a bad check list, accumulates the check amount toward the allowable daily limit and sends the answer to the inquiring keyboard, thus identifying any customer who has passed a bad check," he said.

Emmons said that in the past, "customers could cash a check

at any of the PX facilities on post and we had no way of telling if the person exceeded the maximum daily amount of \$50."

Some time ago, a soldier stationed at Redstone went to four locations on post, cashed checks for the maximum amount, then took off, leaving the PX with a handful of worthless checks.

"With the new computer system," says Emmons, "the amount of checks written by one individual on the same day is reduced, because the system will pick up an earlier check cashed and the amount written for. Also, the computer system helps prevent personnel from writing bad checks by using more than one identification card."

Despite the latest innovations, worthless pieces of paper continue to plague Redstone's PX system. "So far this year, between 100 and 150 checks each month are returned for nonsufficient funds with the total in excess of \$18,000—an average of \$30 a check," said Emmons.

The post exchange has been able to get back about \$10,000, or 56 percent of the loss.

Post Command Sergeant Leroy A. Arceneaux feels more worthless checks could be redeemed if unit commanders would take a more active role in pursuing and prosecuting bad check passers—especially habitual ones.

"Commanders dislike taking action against their men. They want to pass the buck back to the PX system in straightening out the matter," said Arceneaux.

"Just because a person pays his debt, he still is liable for punishment under UCMJ. Many commanders will not push the matter this far."

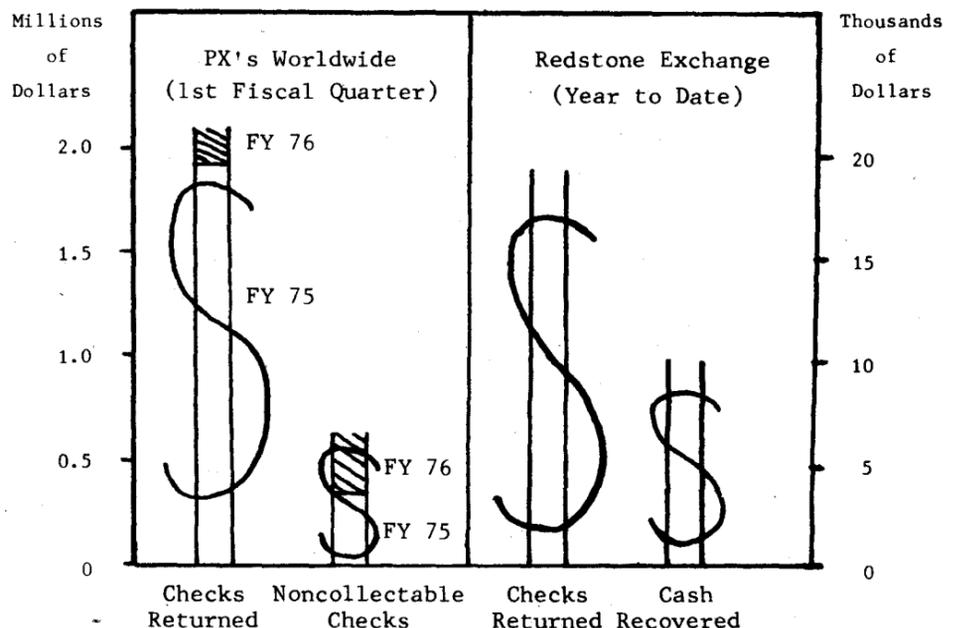
Since assuming the top enlisted position at Redstone, Arceneaux has formed a Crime Prevention Council, made up of representatives of the major commands here.

Both Emmons and Arceneaux believe one of the reasons for the influx of bad checks is the Army's current drive to have paychecks sent by military finance to a soldier's bank. The Army's guaranteed deposit program helps suppress barrack thieves, but also leads to an increase in check writing.

"The customer who inadvertently cashes one check without sufficient funds and redeems the check within seven days has no problem," said Emmons. "After all, we all make mistakes. However, those individuals who do not make restitution in a week or the individual who passes two or more dishonored checks will be prevented from cashing a check for a minimum of six months."

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Bouncing Money 75-76



RSA Cram Course Impresses R & D Reservists

They came to Redstone from all over the United States and from all walks of life—high school teachers, college professors, company presidents, doctors, engineers, researchers—but they had one thing in common and one purpose for coming here.

Each was a reserve officer with a scientific or engineering background and would occupy a research and development assignment if his unit were mobilized. The purpose for coming here was to get a cram course in Army research and development.

They got it and before they left they would agree they got more than they could absorb.

For the past two weeks, approximately 70 sat through a barrage of briefings, asked questions, got a close look at a broad cross-section of missile research and development programs at the Missile Command and toured facilities at MICOM, the Missile and Munitions Center and School and the Marshall Space Flight Center.

Sandwiched among the daily lectures, briefings, and tour of facilities, they watched missile firings at Test Area I and visited Brown's Ferry Nuclear Plant.

"It was too much, too fast, with not enough time for in-depth study," said Colonel Jack Amos, a MICOM engineer who is a member of the 184th Mobilization Designees Detachment, the North Alabama Reserve Unit that sponsored the seminar, "R&D Update—75, a Seminar for Continuing Professional Awareness."

Redstone was selected as host installation since emphasis this year was on Army missile and rocket R&D.

"We weren't trying to make them experts in anything," Amos

said. "The idea behind the symposium was to give them as much material as possible about what goes on at Redstone. They can always follow up on areas that interested them."

"I heard a lot of comments from men who weren't aware of the depth and scope of work performed at Redstone supporting the soldier and hardware in the field."

"They were impressed with what they saw here."

For a handful of the men, there were few surprises.

Among the officers were approximately 20 Huntsville-based reservists. Colonel Faison P. Gibson, commander of the 184th, said most of his unit is comprised of MICOM civilians or employees of other local federal agencies.

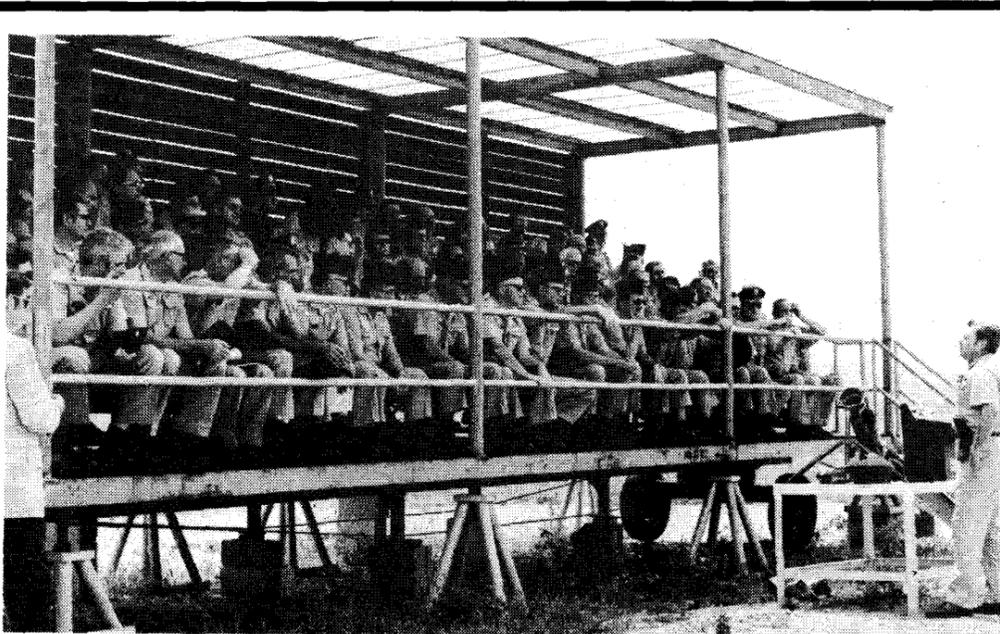
Gibson said members of his unit had been at work for almost a year to arrange speakers and details.

Local support to the training program for the reservists was coordinated by the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

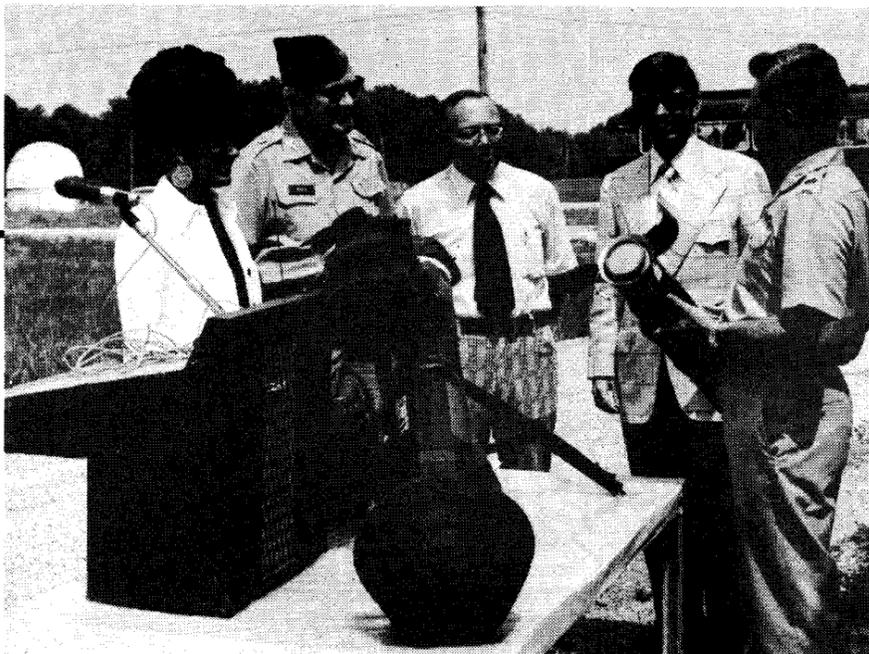
Colonel Marcus L. Whitfield, an engineer with the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center was symposium director.

Huntsville reservists, all members of the 184th, who completed the seminar include: 1st Lt. David A. Akerman; Col. Jack R. Amos; Lt. Col. Joseph H. Beumer; Maj. Roland D. Brown; Lt. Col. Charles L. Collings; Col. Charles D. Cox; Maj. J. Keith Fowler; Col. Gibson; Maj. Judson R. Griffin and Col. Robert P. Hall.

Others were: Lt. Col. John H. Martin; Maj. Robert N. Milam; Maj. Riley W. Monroe; Lt. Col. Pete F. Nunnally; Maj. Lloyd W. Root, Jr.; Lt. Col. Howard L. Rutledge; Lt. Col. Fletcher B. Smith, Jr.; Col. Marcus L. Whitfield; Col. James D. Wise and Lt. Col. Peter Wright.



THIS IS DRAGON—Reservists saw a display of Dragon equipment (top) and then watched the Army's new shoulder-fired tank killer in action at Test Area 1.



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Suspend Secretary Downgrade

An Army appeal of a Civil Service classification decision resulted in suspension last week of downgrading actions in progress on 62 secretaries here.

Each of the secretaries had already been given a letter of proposed downgrading action when the Central Office of the Civil Service Commission agreed to review a decision originally made last fall by the Commission's Atlanta Region during a periodic survey of personnel management at MICOM.

The issue now before the Commission for decision is the Atlanta Region's finding regarding the scope of supervisor's responsibility of the Commander of MICOM. That is one of the determining factors in fixing the grade structure of secretary positions within the Command.

The Atlanta Region in its survey report ordered the level applied locally cut one level. The Atlanta Region also directed the adjustment of levels on all other secretaries, compatible with the decision on the Commander's secretary.

MICOM appealed that decision in its response to the survey report and, when told by the Atlanta Region to proceed to implement

the decision, appealed through Army channels.

The Army, in its letter to the Commission stated: "We do not agree, however, with the brief Atlanta Region rationale that having once determined the location of the supervisory job in the organizational hierarchy, a simple mechanical conversion to level (element 1) follows, excluding any further consideration for other evaluating factors and actual circumstances relating to the position. We also cannot agree with the concept that having once made the decision for the specific position, the same credit equally applies to all other jobs found at the same level in the hierarchy."

Supporting information prepared and presented by the Civilian Personnel Division was used by the Army in its direct appeal to the Central Office of the Commission.

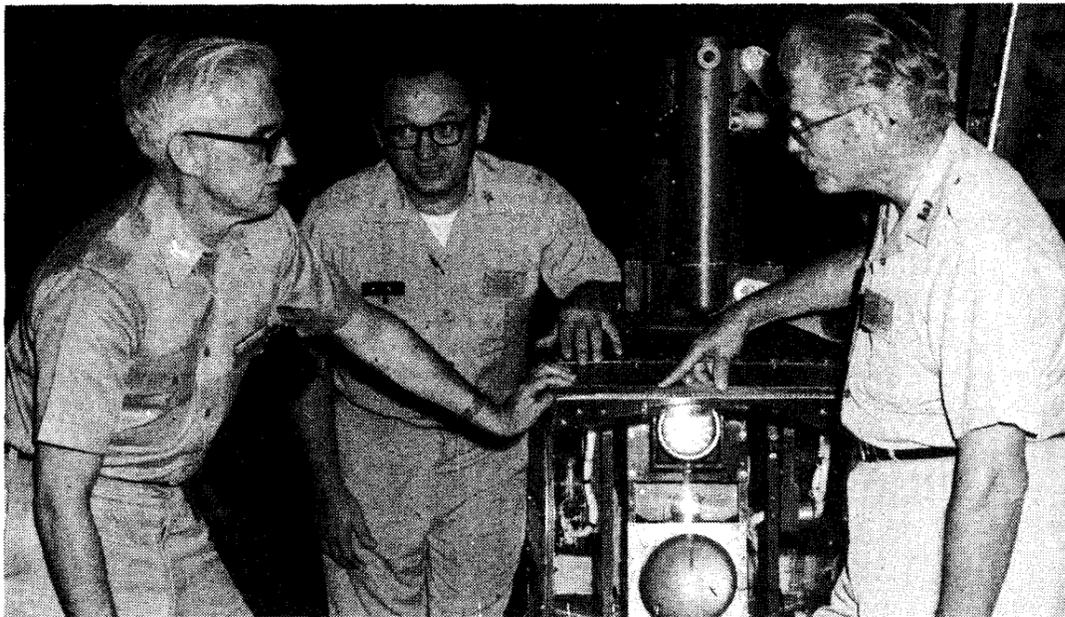
Last week the Commission agreed to review the classification decision and suspended indefinitely implementing the certificate directing the downgrading of the Commander's secretary. Based on this decision MICOM cancelled all proposed notices pending a final decision by the

Commission on the Commander's secretary.

The decision affects only secretary positions that would have been downgraded based on the level assigned for scope of supervisor's responsibility. About 12 individuals now occupying secretary positions that have been surveyed and determined to have changed through erosion or change of duties will be placed using RIF procedures. All other personnel actions in progress as a result of the Commission survey, MICOM's continuing position and pay management survey, related desk audits, and use of RIF procedures to place excess personnel will go ahead as previously announced.

Letters of proposed downgrades issued to the 62 incumbents of secretary positions two weeks ago have now been cancelled. In most instances a one grade reduction with saved or adjusted pay was the proposed action.

It was not known immediately how long the Commission review of the classification decision would take. Upon receipt of the Commission decision, a review of the classification of all secretary positions will be made. As a result, a new determination of the level of all secretaries will be decided.



VIEW EQUIPMENT—Colonel Faison Gibson (left), Commander of the 184th; Lt. Col. Aubrey Messing, Assistant for Reserve Affairs, Office of Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development and Acquisition; and Col. Marcus Whitfield, Symposium Director, look at equipment during a tour of MICOM's research and engineering facilities. (See story preceding page)

Majors New Housing Chief

Majorie Majors has been appointed chief of the Housing Management Division of RASA, a position familiarly known as "Housing Officer."

The business and duties of the work are not new to her - she joined the Housing Office almost 10 years ago, and has seen all kinds of problems and their solutions that go with military housing.

"During the last two years, most our problems have been associated with moving people around while quarters are being improved," she said. "Then too, since quarters allowances are better, we have personnel who prefer to live off-post, so it's a matter of keeping housing occupied." There are 1171 sets of family housing on Redstone.

In speaking of her staff, she said that it takes a certain kind of personality to work in her office. "It has to be someone who can meet and serve the public. We get all kinds of calls, whether they pertain to our business or not, and plenty of calls that do. People must be helped when they call or come in. Housing is something very important and personal to military people and their families," she said.

"Since last Fall, there has been more emphasis on military housing with added duties and responsibilities. The best we can do it take care of the things right at hand, then go home and think about all we haven't done. But our staff will gradually increase, and we'll meet the challenge."

It isn't just the housing that concerns people in Mrs. Majors' organization. They also have charge of furniture to go in the quarters. People who arrive with no furniture cannot be assigned housing, so they must first be issued furniture, then be assigned a place to put it.

Housing is assigned according to regulations with exceptions made only for medical reasons - someone unable to climb stairs would be given a downstairs apartment, for instance.

They also help people get intermediate housing in town when there is none immediately available on post. Assignment of quarters for bachelor officers and senior bachelor enlisted personal is also part of their duties.

Mrs. Majors almost didn't come to work at Redstone. When she



MARJORIE MAJORS

finished school, a neighbor advised her mother that Marjorie shouldn't work out here.

"I'd passed the Civil Service test, but I took jobs on the outside until I became too unhappy with them," she said last week. "I decided to apply for a job at Redstone, and had temporary employment at Marshall Space Flight Center until I was given a permanent position with MICOM in 1963."

Were You Here?

A committee planning a reunion observing the first 25 years of U.S. missile and space activity in Huntsville is attempting to contact active and retired military and civilian employees who may wish to participate.

MG John A. Barclay, retired commander of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, heads the group planning the event to be held October 30-31.

The planned activities will be open to retired and active military and civilian personnel of government agencies and contractors.

Ft. Bliss Oldtimers, a group of veteran rocketeers which includes the former Germans who came to this country after World War II and made major contributions to national defense and space programs, will observe the 30th anniversary of their arrival during the two day event.

Huntsville and Madison County will observe the 25th year of army missiles and rockets at Redstone.

Individuals who desire more information are asked to call the MICOM Information Office, 876-4161.



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"These things sound trivial, they don't sound important, but they can be," warns Tom Whartenby, who is addressing some 30 teen-age summer employees on "Work Attitudes." As a counselor for the State Employment Office, helping job hunters impress job-givers is Whartenby's specialty.

His charges at the Civilian Personnel Division group counseling session work in various departments of the Missile and Munitions Center and School. They

are here for 90 days. Some will return to school in the fall; many will be looking for part- or full-time employment.

Whartenby is a rapid-fire speaker. Gaunt-faced and tall, he wears a yellow shirt, blue tie and double-knit bell bottoms. Sometimes his sounds like he's scolding. A moment later, he pops a playful exaggeration:

"I've seen job applications that looked like they were smeared with peanut butter and jelly, that looked like the dog chewed on it for three days."

Nobody laughs. Expressions pleading "Not me, I'd never do it" cross the faces of the youths.

Whartenby holds nothing back.

In his earnestness, he seems to be coaching each listener, encompassing glaring inadequacies then focusing on minute details. "Get that job, kid," he seems to say.

"That job interviewer is sizing you up as a person," says Whartenby. "He's trying to find out a little bit about you... He's working and operating on first impressions. A lot depends on your attitude about yourself."

The MMCS conference room is silent. These young summer employees are in a religious mood. Whartenby is their preacher.

He speaks without notes, but his points follow as though it all were scripted. Point one: applications. Be sure they're neat. "That application is you," Whartenby affirms.

Spell your words correctly. Whartenby tells his audience that he's seen applications on which young job hunters misspelled the schools they attended, the streets they live on, even their own names.

"Think about what you're doing," entreats Whartenby.

Preciseness counts. Employers like to read exactly what tasks you performed on your last job, Whartenby tells them.

Point two: interviews. "Behave in a way that will make the interviewer want to hire you, not so he wants to get you out of the office," says Whartenby.

Sure you'll be nervous, he explains. Who isn't when a livelihood is at stake? He urges them to remain calm.

Also, he urges them to be polite. To be on time. "These people are busy," he exclaims, stressing "busy."

Don't forget "body language," Whartenby warns, and to ram it home he slouches into a chair. "They won't hire you if you're slouched in a chair like butter melting on the back porch in July,"

he says. The teen-agers break into gasps.

Whartenby has befriended them. All these awful mistakes were, after all, made by somebody else. There are smiles of relief.

But there's more. Dress appropriately, he tells them. Be conservative—at least until the interview ends.

"The man who wears gray suits, white shirts and black ties may be wrong, he may be superficial, but it's a job that you need," Whartenby says. "He can throw you out in the street and forget about you. Wear what you have, but make it clean and neat."

Don't be glum, Whartenby urges. "Show a little bit of pizzazz, a little bit of charisma, show a little zest. If a young person doesn't have it, who does?"

Know why you want the job. Don't put your foot in your mouth. And don't mumble. "Mumbling is

very, very, very bad," Whartenby exclaims. "Practice talking to people."

And be pleasant. "Be happy. Don't come in with all the weight of the world on your shoulders," he tells them. Drop that grudge. Treat job interviewers as people.

Whartenby is concluding. Any questions? If not, thanks. Come see him at the State Employment Office. He's there every weekday to help you. Tell him your problems. We'll work something out.

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German Version Here For Rigorous Testing

The German version of the French-German developed Roland air defense missile system has arrived at Holloman Air Force Base to undergo a rigorous test program at nearby White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Equipment landing aboard an Air Force C5A last Wednesday included a complete fire unit mounted on a tracked vehicle, along with the necessary missiles, spare parts and test equipment to support the entire test program.

Roland, already in production for both the French and German armies, was selected earlier this year to meet the U. S. Army's requirements for an all-weather, short range air defense missile system. Hughes and Boeing will build the Army's version in this country and mount is on an American vehicle.

Colonel Henry F. Magill, Project Manager for the U.S. Roland System at the Army Missile Command, said plans call for a

three and a half month test program at White Sands.

"It's a cooperative venture between Germany and the United States and will include both tracking and live firings against drones, a close look at the system's all weather capabilities, and an evaluation of its ability to perform in an electronic countermeasures environment."

A joint test team headed by Colonel Daniel Moriarity, U.S. Test Director and Lieutenant Colonel Ottomar Winkelmann, European Test Director, just recently concluded a series of tracking tests in Europe and is on hand at White Sands for the upcoming test program.

"These tests will give the United States and early insight into operation of the Roland II system," Magill explained, "and provide our soldiers with actual hands-on experience. That way, we can surface problems that might arise early in the transfer of



ROLAND BRIEFING—Discussing Roland test programs during a recent meeting are from left, Colonel Henry F. Magill, U.S. Roland Project Manager; Kent Taylor, Chief of the project Office Product Assurance and Test Division; Lieutenant Colonel Richard Dean, Project Staff Officer; and Colonel Daniel Moriarity, U.S. Test Director for the cooperative test program.

technology and incorporate required changes into the U.S. system."

Among MICOM representatives at Holloman for equipment arrival was Ed Dobbins, U.S. Roland deputy project manager. Kenneth P. Jones, coordinator for the project office, accompanied the equipment on the C5A.

280 Spaces

Foreign Sales Create Jobs

The Missile Command has been given the go ahead to add up to 280 civilian jobs to handle rapidly increasing workload involved with foreign military sales of missiles and rockets.

MICOM had about 7,500 full time civilian jobs authorized. The new jobs will add 112 full time civilian positions and 170 temporary part time positions. Fifteen new military spaces were also authorized.

Specifically identified for work

on foreign sales, the total of these jobs may rise or fall in the future depending upon the volume of foreign military sales. The temporary positions, for example, are for a period of not more than one year.

Almost all the new jobs are for work at Redstone and will be spread among MICOM's major mission elements, adding workers to perform tasks involved in managing foreign military sales.

During the fiscal year that ended

June 30, MICOM managed more than \$1.1 billion in foreign sales, placing orders for military hardware from U.S. manufacturers as well as providing support with repair parts and technical services. The task involved more than 700 man years of effort.

The new jobs were identified as necessary to handle additional workload in the current fiscal year. MICOM already has firm orders for this year exceeding \$1 billion and more are anticipated.

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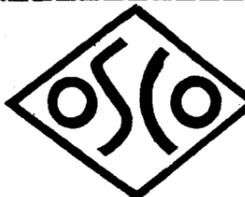
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MMCS Teaches Officer Career Course

Under a plan that went into effect in July, Ordnance Corps captains specializing in missiles or munitions will spend more time in advanced training at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Originally, captains in the 32-week-long Ordnance Officer Career Course came to MMCS for a four-week block of specialty training in either missiles or ammunition. The bulk of training took place at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

A revised advanced course approved for the new fiscal year is shortened to 26 weeks, 14 of which will be conducted here.

Captains specializing in missiles or munitions will report to MMCS, Page 6 THE ROCKET

then travel to Aberdeen for a 12-week block of common subjects training. Following this period, they will return here to take courses applicable to leaders of missile or munitions units.

Captains with other Ordnance Corps specialties—armament, ground mobility or chemical—will be based at Aberdeen the entire 26 weeks, since these three specialties are taught there.

The first contingent of 36 student officers is expected to begin the MMCS phase of the course here in January. A few officers who have completed their previous assignments are at MMCS already, working in various jobs while waiting for the common subjects

phase which begins at Aberdeen in October.

In common subjects, officers study unit activities, organizational maintenance, counseling and other topics of a general nature. At MMCS, course work will be more specific.

"The emphasis will be on management, the supervisory functions of a missile and munitions officer," said Maj. Clifford Wagner of the Material Management Division, which has charge of the officer course. "We will gear the course to the idiosyncrasies and peculiarities of missile and munitions management."

Guest speakers, tours, computer-assisted instruction and research projects will round out a schedule of classes taught by military and civilian instructors working for MMCS.

"Our objective is to give the officers as thorough a knowledge as we can give of missile and munitions operations," said Capt. George Silvas Jr., course coordinator and supervisor of the missile segment of advanced training.

Capt. Henry Rosenbaum is supervising the munitions segment of the course.

The officers who will undergo advanced training are, on the average, captains with four to

eight years of Army service. They are career soldiers, many of whom possess extensive field experience. Allied officers also will be enrolled in the course.

Course designers believe the diversity of student backgrounds will lead to lively exchanges of information. Classes will be small and informal.

The switch to a longer specialty phase in advanced officer training came as a result of Army-wide changes in the officer personnel management system. Officers are being assigned by specialty now, where previously they were assigned according to branch.

The four-week specialty block system of training Ordnance Officers here began last January. From then until July, a total of 46 officers from Aberdeen were at MMCS at various times.

**Foreign Badge
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New restrictions on the wearing of foreign qualification and special skill badges were announced by DA last week.

The restrictions, effective immediately and to be included in a change to AR 672-5-1, state that badges awarded after September 1, 1975 may not be worn except in the country that awarded them.

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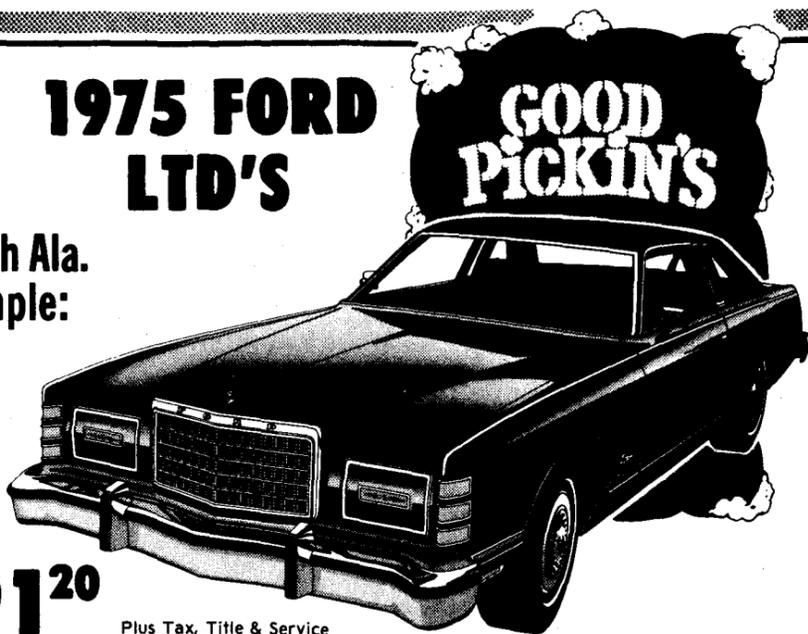
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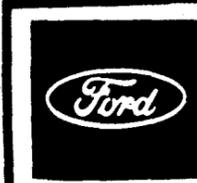


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The combination of the rifle and the shovel during the Civil War caused a basic change in the way men fought, a lesson privates learned much sooner than generals.

Officers might yearn for the old way books on war told them about when men stood erect, faced one another in ranks and blazed away. The privates had not read the books, kept their shovels handy and believed that a rifle pit was a good thing in a family with small children.

By the summer of 1864, when an army stopped moving it began to dig. A few hours with pick, shovel and axe would produce a line of deep trenches topped with raised logs. Backed up by artillery, riflemen in those trenches, firing from the slits beneath the logs, could not be dislodged by frontal assault.

That hard fact had been driven home in desperate fighting that began in early May when the Federal Army of the Potomac crossed the Rapidan River and collided with the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia.

The armies came south through Virginia like two runaway trains on parallel tracks, crashing into one another at country crossroads like Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor, veering apart momentarily only to smash together again. They wound up battered and torn in July facing one another in trenches outside Petersburg.

The trenches ran roughly north and south for five miles, in places not much more than 100 yards apart. Robert E. Lee, the Confederate Commander, knew that he had to move and found that he could not. If his men stayed in the Petersburg lines, the Union force opposite them would grow to overwhelming strength and inevitably crush them, yet if they moved they would uncover the railroads that came up from the South through Petersburg to Richmond and the railroads were the lifeline of the Confederacy.

THOUSAND PER DAY

U. S. Grant and his soldiers, on the other hand could stay put, pinning Lee in place, while other Union armies tore the Confederacy slowly apart. The war would be won at last if the people of the North could bear the cost. The cost so far had been prodigious, more than 60,000 casualties in Grant's army alone in 60 days. If a way to break the deadlock could be found it would have to be tried.

So men died every day in steaming trenches where massive mortars rained down steel and any one incautious enough to raise his head above the parapet was apt to get it shot off. Every night the soldiers on both sides worked to make the positions stronger, Grant's men slowly extending their

lines, forcing Lee to stretch his too.

Then along came Lieutenant Colonel Henry Pleasants of the 48th Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers, a regiment of MG Ambrose E. Burnside's corps.

Pleasants had been a mine engineer before the war. His outfit included many former coal miners. One of them had proposed to the Colonel that they tunnel from behind their line across to a point beneath the Confederate trenches, plant a powder charge and blow the way open into Petersburg.

The Colonel took a look, concluded the soldier was right and presented the idea to Burnside, who told him to go ahead.

It meant tunneling more than 500 feet, something beyond the experience of the engineers of the Army of the Potomac. They predicted failure. Pleasants and his miners went at it anyway. After three weeks of round the clock burrowing, they had eight tons of black powder packed in a chamber directly beneath a strong point in the Confederate trench line.

Burnside had gotten enthusiastic about the project, picked a fresh division, one never before in combat, to spearhead the attack and ordered special training. The men were drilled to charge straight through the opening to be blown in the Confederate line and head for the high ground a few hundred yards in the rear of the Rebel trenches.

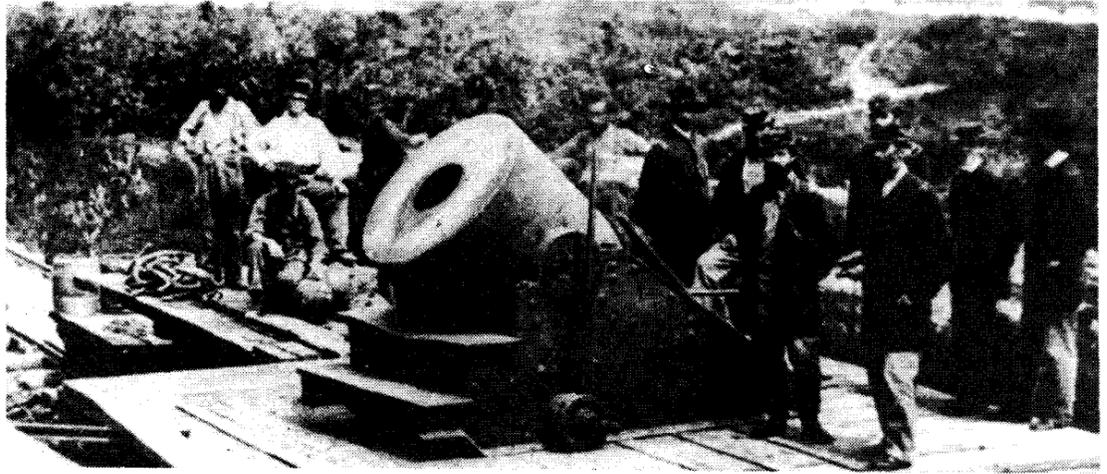
If Federal troops got there in strength they would command the roads into Petersburg. Lee's army would be cut in half, forced to retreat, might even be destroyed.

Pleasants and his miners had suddenly brought the end of the war almost within reach. Unfortunately it got no closer because things that never seemed to go right in the hard luck Army of the Potomac began to go badly wrong.

Grant had not thought much of the idea, but characteristically decided that if there was to be an attack it should be done in strength. He ordered diversions elsewhere along the line to draw off Rebel reserves and after dark on July 29, two full corps of Union soldiers began to mass opposite the mine and a great many pieces of artillery were wheeled up to provide covering fire. Then Grant sat down to review the bidding with Burnside.

SOUND DECISION

Burnside had picked a division composed entirely of black soldiers to lead the attack. They were fresh, his three divisions of white soldiers had been chewed up in the recent fighting, and the decision seemed to him to be sound. Now, 12 hours before the attack, Grant told him to put another division first. Later Grant would admit he made a mistake, but as he saw things that night the tooops spearheading the



Dictator

The 13-inch mortar "Dictator" mounted on a railroad flatcar before Petersburg, October 1864.

attack stood a very good chance of being butchered. If they were black soldiers without previous combat experience, there would be immediate charges in Congress that he had used the ex-slaves for cannon fodder.

No matter that the black soldiers had received special training and their morale was high, Burnside was told to make the change.

He did it in a way that appealed to his gambler's instinct, called in the three division commanders and suggested they draw straws. The luck of the draw determined that the attack would be led by the division commanded by BG James H. Ledlie. His troops knew him to be a soldier without skill with a great affection for a bottle. The division, known to the Army as "Ledlie's Weary Boys" was a notoriously gun shy outfit. They knew next to nothing about the coming attack or what they were supposed to do in it. Worse, no one felt it important enough to tell them.

Detonation of the mine had been set for about 3:30 a.m. on July 30. There was a long delay. Pleasants sent two men crawling up the tunnel. They found the fuze had burned out at a splice, relit it and got out fast.

At 4:45 a.m., just as the sky began to grow light, thousands of waiting Union soldiers saw a whole section of the Confederate trench line shoot almost intact into the air, then dissolve in a tremendous gout of flame, smoke and torn earth. The noise of the mine was drowned out in an instant as hundreds of Federal guns went off almost at once and the time had come for the waiting soldiers to charge.

They could not because it was then discovered that no one had bothered to level the parapet to let them out of the trench where they had been jammed in preparation for the assault nor had paths been cleared through the tangle of sharp

tree limbs thrust into the ground just outside the trench. It was one of those vital details that never seemed to get looked after in the Army of the Potomac.

LOST OPPORTUNITY

Although the door to Petersburg stood wide open, instead of a mass charge, the soldiers went toward it in dribbles, climbing out of the Union trench on ladders improvised by thrusting bayonets into the side of the ditch as precious minutes ticked away.

The mine had worked perfectly. Grant said later he never saw before and never expected to see again a better opportunity to get through an entrenched position but everything depended now on speed.

Effective resistance had been knocked out for several hundred yards on either side of the mine crater, but the dazed Rebels would react as soon as they gathered their senses.

The first Union soldiers got up to the crater in complete disorder. No one seemed to be in charge. The troops gawked at the half buried Rebels in the loose dirt at the bottom of the mine crater. Some climbed down. Others went sightseeing in the Confederate trenches and more minutes slipped by. General Ledlie, a subsequent courts martial determined, holed up in a dugout behind the Union line with a bottle as the attack began and stayed there.

There was chaos in the Union trenches as Burnside's divisions

climbed over one another trying to make their way forward through log covered ditches behind the line, then get out of the trench to attack. And more time was lost.

It went on that way for more than two hours, a charge in slow motion, and the Rebels came back into the trenches on either side of the crater and got a line of guns together to plug the gap in their line. Soon Burnside's three white divisions were pinned down in a tremendous fire fight.

What could have been done quickly two hours before could not be done at all now but Burnside did not know it. Watching from a gun battery behind the Union lines, he was getting fragmentary reports from the messengers who managed to get through the turmoil in his own trenches, over to the crater and back alive. Burnside still thought the attack could succeed and about 7:30 a.m. he sent in his remaining division, the black soldiers who were to have lead the attack.

It appears no one bothered to tell them conditions out beyond the trenches had changed drastically, they went forward with a cheer, determined to go right through to the high ground behind the Rebel trench and found, once out in the open, that enraged Confederate soldiers, now well dug in a supported, barred the way.

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One company first sergeant said he has eight bad checks against one individual laying on his desk.

"We're working on the problem," said the sergeant, "but I can't understand why the PX continues to let this individual cash checks at the exchange."

Emmons explained that it takes about a week for a check to be processed and a person could write numerous checks within the PX's \$50 daily limit before the computer could pick up the first bad one.

In a recent case here, a soldier wrote 10 checks totalling \$1,300 in a period of four days for goods at the PX. The PX will report the case to the FBI or CID because the individual used a fraudulent address, Emmons said.

Emmons nevertheless believes the computer system is valuable. He points to a recent case involving a soldier assigned here from Ft. Ord, Calif.

"The soldier had a \$45 bad check at Ft. Ord and when he tried to cash a check at the main PX, our computer signaled a bad check and the place where it was written. Before the soldier left Redstone, we collected the debt," said Emmons.

There are many ways the exchange can collect on bad checks. Yet AAFES wrote off nearly a million dollars in bogus paper last year.

"We're unable to locate soldiers because of insufficient data on checks or they could be AWOL's or even been discharged from the Army for several



reasons before their debts have been collected," said Emmons.

A soldier's departure from the service or change of station won't shake the PX, though. Efforts to collect on bad checks continue through collection and law enforcement agencies long after the

amount owed is written off by PX accountants.

The problem prompted a possible remedy from First Battalion's Command Sergeant Major William P. Simmons of MMCS.

"Currently, Redstone's exchange system allows a person seven days to redeem a bad check, before it is placed into the computer. This policy allows a person to continue to write checks against the PX, before initial action is taken," said Simmons.

"Possibly, we could adopt Ft. Sill's policy whereby they revoke an individual's check cashing privileges for six months on one bad check—whether or not it is paid in a given time allotted to the person," he said. "Only with a letter of recommendation can he regain his cashing privileges."

Simmons said that Ft. Sill's post sergeant major told him by phone recently that they have the lowest number of uncollectable bad checks among installations in the United States.

"Check cashing privileges at any PX is part of a continuing effort by AAFES to offer the best possible service to authorized customers and to save them money," said Army Major General C. W. Hospelhorn, AAFES commander in a recent letter to local exchanges.

"But what we need to do is to stop what amounts to stealing from the soldier, airman and their families."

First Battalion commander Lieutenant Colonel Sumner J. Denmark Jr. summed up the situation:

"Financial management is nothing more than arithmetic. If a soldier cannot manage his own finances, then one would have to think, 'What could he manage as a soldier and possible leader in the Army?'"

Shovels, Rifles

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now they went forward when they could not possibly succeed and they were butchered.

It ended late in the morning with most of Burnside's corps shot to pieces, a mass of men trapped in the crater while Rebels poured in a torrent of rifle fire and mortars lobbed shells into the squirming mass of humanity at the bottom of the hole.

Not one Union soldier got to the

high ground behind the trenches and the war, that might have ended that morning, ground on for nine more months.

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Labor Day Schedule

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Civilian Personnel officials have surveyed their files and forwarded names of eligible personnel to Department of the Army.

The letters of appreciation will be presented in addition to any monetary or honorary awards that have been authorized to personnel who make contributions through suggestions, inventions or special achievements beyond requirements of their jobs.

The program is the result of the President's overall effort to reduce government spending. He has urged civilian and military personnel to utilize their greatest resources - their brains, skills and willpower to make significant contributions which will stimulate additional cost reduction and energy conservation efforts.

All personnel are encouraged to submit their ideas for energy conservation and cost reduction to the Incentive Awards Office in the Civilian Personnel Division, Bldg. T-3156 so that timely evaluation may be made and eligible employees may receive Presidential recognition.



PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?—Not yet but 18 people in MICOM's U. S. Roland Project Office have begun studying conversational French in classes held twice a week. Taught by the University of Alabama in Huntsville, the language will help them communicate in a cooperative test program and a transfer of technology with the French and Germans who developed the Roland air defense missile system. Members of the class include from left, Thomas Wetheral, Bill Guthrie, Leroy Hanks, Jeanne Scales, George Williams, Edward Dobbins, Reuben Dunlap, and Josette Traylor (standing), UAH professor.

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Slap-Dash Davids Shine, Goliaths Falter

By DAVE COWAN

It perhaps was only right that the biblical David, the humble shepherd, slew Goliath, the giant. After all, the meek were always coming out the victors over the strong in Bible tales. However, in today's society, and especially in the realm of sports, it doesn't usually happen that way.

The old-time twist of fate was brought to mind last week when two Arsenal teams competed in the annual Rocket City Softball Tournament in Huntsville. Both teams lost their bid for the championship, but the way they went down was somewhat surprising.

The Redstone Rockets, a team comprised of top players from this season's intramural squads, and presently entered in the western division of the annual TRADOC softball event at Ft. Sill Okla., bowed out with two losses after winning their first game.

The embarrassment was enhanced when a bunch of rinky-dink players—better known as the Redstone Missilemen—compiled a 2-2 record before being eliminated.

School Physicals Set At Hospital

Physical examinations required by area schools, football or other activities for military dependents ages 18 months through 15 years, will be done on a first call, first serve basis every Wednesday during the month of August.

Examinations will be scheduled through the central appointment desk at the Redstone Army Hospital. Examinees are required to call 876-3247 for appointments.

The team was slapped together after hasty phone calls just prior to the start of the event.

Both teams opened with wins. The Missilemen defeated the Huntsville Cardinals 11-5, who were 24-1 going into the tourney. Elwin Shumway and Jim Whitfield sparked the Missilemen's hitting, while hurler Ralph Santaliz held the Cardinals to their lowest output of the event.

The Rockets blasted Regency—district champions—15-2, behind the strong pitching of Walt Fuller, who had a shutout going until a costly error in the sixth inning allowed Regency to score two unearned runs. Billie Parks, Ray Smith, Ken Bell and Mike Spry led the hitting barrage for the Rockets.

Numerous errors in the second game cost the Missilemen a win against the Huntsville A's. They ended up on the short end of the stick, 11-8. Going into the sixth inning, leading 3-2, Redstone committed several errors, allowing the A's to score eight unearned runs and a 10-3 advantage. The Arsenal team came up with five runs in the seventh on singles by Santaliz, Leonard Langford, Rick Thimis and Shumway and an inside the park homer by Jim Whitfield, but ran out of steam and fell short of the win by three runs.

The Rockets also felt the agony of defeat the same night, dropping a 6-5 decision to the Albertville Wrecking Crew. Unable to push the runs across, pitcher Jerry Phillips suffered the loss for Redstone, but not until a rhubarb took place in the last inning of the game.

Trailing by one run, the Rockets ignited a rally on an opening single by Charlie Dickerson. Fuller

followed with a hot shot up the middle, but Albertville's shortstop made a brilliant catch and threw to second, forcing Dickerson.

Coach Whitey Mallory stormed from the dugout and argued fiercely with the official, claiming the tag at second was too late, but to no avail. Spry hit a line shot to left for the third out and a loss for the Rockets.

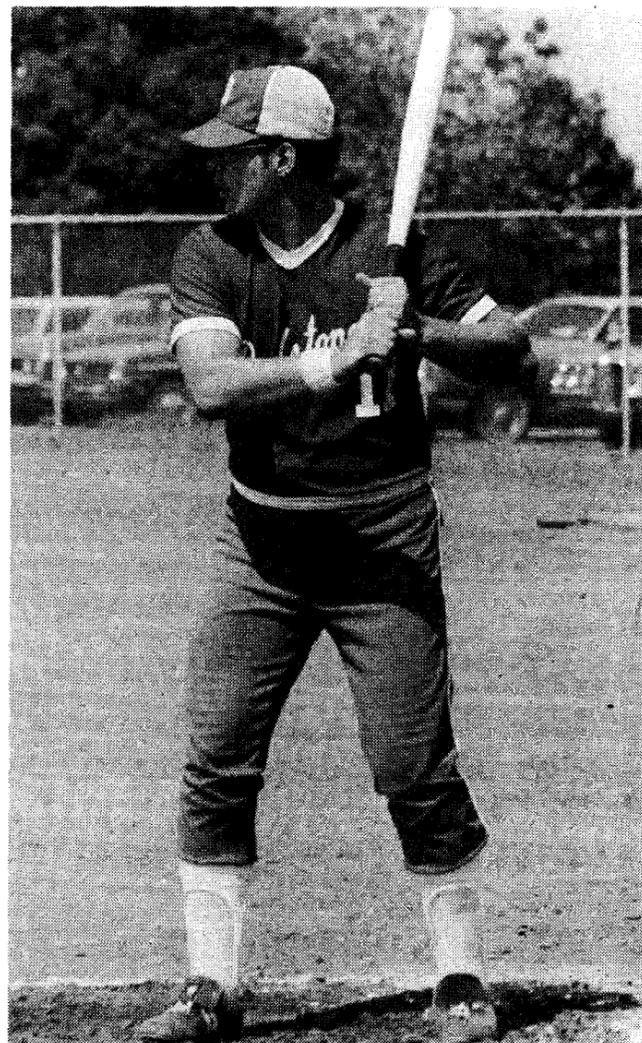
The scrappy Missilemen continued to show their dominance in the tournament on the following night, upending the Huntsville Police Department 11-9. Santaliz chalked up the win, behind the strong hitting of Leonard Langford—four for four—along with Shumway, Whitfield and Thimis.

The Rockets were eliminated from the tournament when Manns Farms from Ownes Cross Roads defeated them 11-9. Manns Farms opened the game with nine runs in the first two innings, but saw their lead dwindle when the Rockets tied the game 9-9 in the sixth. However, clutch hitting in the final inning gave the Owens team a two-run victory.

The Missilemen seemed destined to win their game and another advancement up the ladder. Holding a 4-1 margin after five innings, Redstone committed five errors, allowing Manns Farms to score four runs and a 5-4 advantage and an eventual 19-6 win.

"All hell broke loose," said Santaliz. "I thought we had the game sewed up, but errors are part of the game and I can't blame my players."

"After all, we had no practice as a team," he added. The loss eliminated the Missilemen from the event.



MIKE SPRY—Slugging third baseman for the Redstone Arsenal Rockets.

Army's Cannon Blasts Marshall In Finale

Bill Cannon didn't make it to the ARMY-NASA playoff series but he made up for it last Tuesday in annual All-Star game that wound up civilian slo-pitch action for the season.

The young Finance and Accounting outfielder won Most Valuable Player honors for his outstanding offensive and defensive skill throughout the season. And he showed off both as CWF stars continued to dominate the season-ending glamour contest.

Cannon opened the game with a shot over the fence in left and repeated an inning later with a team mate on each base as the

Army stars pounded out a 15-8 victory over the Marshall Center counterparts.

The F&A star had a third chance in the third inning but this time was only able to produce a single but it sent the nine CWF run home and it turned out to be the winning run.

As if he hadn't already provided enough fireworks, Cannon turned in the defensive gem of the evening when he went to the fence in center field for a leaping catch that spiked the last serious NASA threat.

The Army stars jumped off to a 9-5 lead following Cannon's fireworks but NASA chipped away and only trailed by three, 11-8, after six innings.

Dave Bryant took care that there wouldn't be much doubt of the final outcome with a three-run homer in the seventh. It was the third straight hit for Bryant and gave him four runs batted in. Buddy Lewis plated three more and went two-for-two.

Lindon Calvert and Bruce Coker divided the pitching for the CWF with the former picking up the win. There biggest headache came from Wes Darbro who smashed out four straight hits and drove in a run with each.

OWC Golf Group Plans Tourney

The 18-hole golfers of the Officers Wives Golf Group played a best ball foursome during last week's regular playday.

Winners were Sonja Skemp, Mary Sutherland, Camille Schlendering and Pat Jackson.

The group is making final arrangements for its upcoming tournament.

Planning To Hunt On The Arsenal?

The annual series of mandatory safety orientations for the purpose of qualifying individuals who desire to hunt on the Arsenal during the 1975-76 season have been scheduled on four dates in September and October.

All persons planning to participate this season will be required to attend one of the orientations to be held September 6 and 14, and October 4 and 12. All sessions will be conducted at the Rod and Gun Club, at 2 p.m.

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Aroused MISD Sweeps Slo-Pitch Scene

Obviously smarting from unexpected opening round setback, MISD came snarling back to win six straight games and capture the 1975 edition of the MICOM-MSFC slo-pitch playoff series.

Shunted to the loser's bracket following a 13-11 defeat in the hands of the Marshall Center's Digits, the CWF champions slugged their way into a showdown with the Satellites and kept right on going with 21-6 and 9-1 verdicts in the final round.

By winning, MISD successfully completed a sweep that had eluded them the past two seasons. Each time Materiel Management grabbed the playoff series following regular season titles by MISD.

It also smashed the hopes of the young Satellite crew of scoring the biggest upset ever in the annual

Army-NASA shootout.

After finishing fourth in CWF play during the summer, the Satellites got a hot streak going with a smashing 21-10 over the Marshall champions in the opening round of the playoff. Charles Blackburn blanked Materiel Management on four hits, 4-0, and Charles Lovejoy accounted for eight runs as the Satellites barged into the finals with a 20-5 rout of SSL.

But that's where Bruce Coker and his home run minded team mates put a halt to the Satellite dream.

MISD backed Coker with a 22-hit assault in the opener with home runs by Elliott Agee, John Roberts and Allen Baker accounting for nine runs. An eleven-run burst in the second frame all but settled the issue early and seven more MISD

markers in the sixth forced the "if necessary" game.

This time Blackburn was able to limit the MISD attack to 12 hits, but they were enough to account for nine runs and that was all Coker needed in tossing the big win.

The MISD manager nursed a 1-0 lead through three innings before Jack Harris provided him with a working margin by stroking a homer with two mates aboard.

Materiel Management hopes for a third straight playoff title were shot down early due to an acute power failure. After outlasting the

Dollars, 7-3, in the opener, MM suffered through a 6-0 shutout at the hands of Blackburn and was eliminated one game later after dropping an 8-6 verdict to the Jugs.

The fourth CWF entry, R&D, had even less luck losing to SSL, 19-15, in the opener and to MISD, 10-2, in the second round.

Football Kicks Off

The 1975 intramural football program at Redstone Arsenal will get underway with an organizational meeting at 3 p.m. Sept. 3 at the Recreation Center.

All coaches of teams participating in this year's competition must be present, according to Ralph Santaliz, sports director.

At 4 p.m. the following day a

football clinic will be held for coaches and players on Field No. 1 on Patton Road. Coaches are required to attend.

A football jamboree will be conducted on Sept. 17 on Field No. 1, starting at 6 p.m. All teams entered in the league will play at least four quarters, said Santaliz. Regular season play starts Sept. 22.



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Howard's Camera Repair Intrigues Conventioneers

Bill Howard's camera repair booth at the recent national convention of the American Council of the Blind proved to be so popular that he missed most of the convention.

He is a high speed camera repairman in the Equipment Maintenance Branch.

"I had three high speed cameras with me," he said. I would break down the Miliken completely to show the shutter action. Another I took down part way.

"I had the equipment on two tables and worked from one table to the other, standing all the time. I'm not sure how many hours I stood there, but I went through the seven day convention like that.

"I hoped to have one day to enjoy some of the convention, but people came to my room to

see the equipment, so I spent that day running the booth from my hotel room," he said.

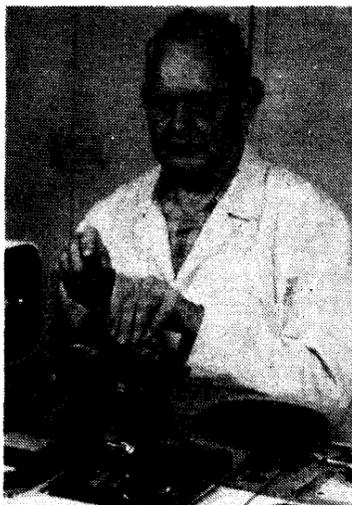
Howard said that the convention had almost 1,000 registered attendees. However, the display area was open to the general public.

Prior to the convention Howard had put together a notebook which had photos of the various types of equipment that he repairs on the job. The book carried braille descriptions of the equipment in the photos.

"I had those who could not see," said Howard, "learn how the shutter works by light touch. The mechanism is delicate.

"It was a hard week's work," he summarized. "I don't believe I would want to work another national convention, but I wouldn't mind going to the state meeting."

He has been invited by the



HOWARD

North Carolina representatives to take his demonstration to that state convention.

As president of the Huntsville Chapter of the Alabama Federation of the Blind, he will be responsible for arrangements to host the October state convention scheduled for Huntsville.

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For secretaries in offices where correspondence is often addressed to women and there is no way to know whether or not the addressee is married, Ms. is seen as the perfect answer. "It saves a lot of time we used to spend inquiring about a woman's marital status," one secretary said. "I don't have any special preference personally. I'm married, but if it helps any to use Ms, it's all right with me."

A few see Ms. as a badge of women's independence. They say calling a man Mr. doesn't tell whether he's married or single, so why should women be singled out by calling them "Mrs.?"

Then there are married women who say they prefer to be addressed as Mrs. because they're happily married and want everyone to know it. They think if they adopted the Ms. title, someone might see it as detracting from their pride in being married.

A few women, past what is usually considered the age for wedding bells, are delighted to hide their spinsterhood behind Ms. "People who don't know us can't be sure we are or are not married, and that's fine with us," they say.

All other considerations aside, some women prefer the anonymity Ms. gives them. "Why should we be tagged as married or single?" is their reasoning.

There are yet others who say using Ms. is a sign of modern times, so why not be with it and up-to-date, is their philosophy.

Civilian Briefs

The following is a list of new hires, retirements, and promotions for the period of August 8-14.

| NAME | GRADE | ORGANIZATION |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| New Hires | | |
| Adams, Tony L. | WG-2810-08 | RASA |
| Ogle, Dannie H. | GS-2131-7 | RASA |
| Reeves, Howard T. | GS-085-4 | RASA |
| Retirements | | |
| Leach, Don D. | GS-1670-9 | RASA |
| Lung, George | GS-2010-13 | Materiel Management |
| Promotions | | |
| McQuiston, John A. | GS-134-5 | MIA |
| Turner, Katie S. | GS-510-7 | Comptroller |
| Smith, Roy M. | GS-1520-7 | MISD |
| Hubbard, Reba R. | GS-134-5 | MIA |
| Bailey, Charles G. | GS-1520-7 | MISD |
| Jones, Mittie G. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| McDermott, Yutona M. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Hollingsworth, James A. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Battles, Linda G. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Jackson, Sherrill D. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Martin, Nancy B. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Nettles, Dilladean S. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Jolley, Shirley R. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Webster, R. B. | WG-6908-6 | RASA |
| Carter, Steve R. | GS-560-12 | RASA |
| Lynch, Ruby H. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Thompson, Marie E. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Burnette, Lois E. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Norman, Anita K. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Murdock, Emma H. | GS-356-3 | MISD |

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| Williams, Anna M. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Gilbert, James R. | GS-301-3 | MISD |
| Bellmon, Hugh C. | GS-356-3 | MISD |
| Briggs, Sam W., Jr. | GS-332-3 | MISD |
| Ivey, James M. | GS-301-3 | MISD |
| Cooper, Martha B. | GS-301-5 | RASA |
| Whitman, Fred L. | GS-332-3 | MISD |
| Maples, Joanne G. | GS-322-3 | MISD |
| Randolph, Wallace T. | GS-335-7 | MISD |

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|-------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Yocom, Roger L. | GS-806-7 | Product Assurance |
| Harper, Max W. | GS-1310-11 | MRDEL |
| Wallace, Elvis D. | GS-801-14 | Chaparral/FAAR |
| Shea, Francis L. | GS-1102-14 | P&P |
| Bloom, Joanne L. | GS-2003-11 | 2.75 Rocket |
| Brown, James E., Jr. | GS-855-15 | MRDEL |
| Patterson, Harry D. | GS-1101-14 | P&P |
| Cooper, Charlotte L. | GS-1087-3 | Materiel Management |
| Graben, Rex | GS-345-12 | Lance |
| Whitaker, Anita J. | GS-1087-4 | Maintenance |
| Luquire, Joseph W., III | GS-1310-14 | MRDEL |
| Sales, Eazil | GS-856-5 | Product Assurance |
| Milton, Addie P. | GS-301-3 | Maintenance |
| Peterson, Donald R. | GS-1310-14 | MRDEL |

The following is a list of new hires, retirements, and promotions for the period, August 15 through 21.

| Name | Grade | Organization |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| New Hires | | |
| Cass, Jewel A. | GS-312-4 | DMIS |
| Harris, Durlene C. | GS-322-1 | PT&FD |
| Lloyd, Rebecca F. | GS-203-4 | PT&FD |
| McRight, Tulon C., Jr. | GS-1399-3 | MRDEL |
| Retirements | | |
| Sanders, S. Parton | WG-5309-11 | RASA |
| Stolz, Fred A. | GS-1670-11 | Maintenance |
| Nelson, Virginia H. | GS-322-4 | Maintenance |
| Promotions | | |
| Giles, James F. | GS-801-9 | Product Assurance |
| Eastwood, Robert P. | GS-896-9 | Product Assurance |
| Smart, Helen M. | GS-221-13 | M&FD |

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