

"Cap" Protects TOW Gunners

TOW gunners will receive added protection this fall when a new "CAP" is deployed to the field.

The CAP is a covered artillery protection that can be erected on the top of a M113A1 Armored Personnel Carrier.

Developed by Natick Research and Development Center to provide protection from artillery fire, the TOW is composed of six nylon blankets. The CAP is usually stored in two rolls on top of an APC but it can be erected to its canopy-like structure in just over two minutes.

Although the TOW CAP has proven its ability to absorb artillery shrapnel, it is presently undergoing operational tests at Ft. Benning.

MICOM will have the logistic responsibility for 1200 CAPS to be fielded this November.



NEW CAP FOR TOW...Sp 4 Steven Yates (left) and Sp 5 Dennis Blair, Missile Repair Specialists at the MOP Shop are protected by TOW's new covered artillery protection, commonly called the TOW CAP. (Photo by Herman Rifencour)

Reorganization Doesn't Mean Move

Reorganization of MICOM is not a step to moving functions and people away from Redstone Arsenal, the Under Secretary of the Army said here last week.

Norman R. Augustine told newsmen that any move to consolidate Army Logistics centers, either at Redstone or elsewhere, "is not in the cards, at least for the foreseeable future."

Augustine indicated too as he responded to queries Wednesday night that there would be no merger of BMD activities in Huntsville with MICOM or other local Army missile activities. When asked about the possibility, he said: "I really do think its time to leave the BMD people alone...at this point they have been through so much change, so much turbulence...I think the greatest favor we could do for them is to leave them alone to do their job."

The long-pending consolidation of Army ordnance training is still under study, Augustine said, and "will be for some time." The consolidation could eventually result in transfer of most of the Ordnance Center and School from Aberdeen Proving Ground to Redstone.

Augustine said the consolidation undoubtedly would result in some cost savings "but they would be about the same no matter where you combine."

Another possibility under consideration by the Army has been moving the MMCS to Aberdeen.

Redstone, Augustine said, "is fundamental to the Army basing concept." That's the way he answered when asked if there might be further local reductions as part of the pending base closure and reduction package being prepared by the Army. He added that he did not anticipate significant reductions here, other than those that might be caused by program terminations such as the recent cutback in the Safeguard program.

The Under Secretary spent the day visiting MICOM and BMDSCOM after dedicating the MICOM Advanced Simulation Center. Later he spoke to the Tennessee Valley Chapter of AUSA. He praised programs being managed locally,

singled out the SAM-D project and its personnel here for a "superb job."

Other points he made with newsmen included:

—There should be a start now on R&D for a BMD light area defense.

—MICOM's high energy laser weapon

Research is going well but: "We've got a long way to go before we will have anything that could be deployed with a division."

—SAM-D is increasingly important because the Soviets are concentrating on attack aircraft and the advent of precision

guided weapons makes an Army even more vulnerable to air attack.

"Division for division" the U.S. Army is the best in the world but the Soviets enjoy a vast edge in numbers of soldiers and equipment and the equipment is getting much better.



Dr. John L. McDaniel points to special lighting features in one of three test cells of the Advanced Simulation Center for Norman R Augustine, Under Secretary of the Army, and Major General George E. Turnmeyer following dedication ceremony.

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Craig AFB On Probable List

WASHINGTON—The Air Force last week identified three major bases in the U.S.—including Craig AFB near Selma, Ala.—as “candidates” for probably closure and some 20 others to be reduced or realigned.

Army and Navy officials are working on similar announcements but as yet have not released specifics.

Spokesmen for the Air Force said final decisions might be as much as a year away. The unusual procedure of naming “candidates” for closure resulted from recent requirements that the services to

file environmental impact assessments before final decisions on such actions.

In addition to Craig, Webb AFB in Texas and Kincheloe in Michigan were listed as probably closures. Two others, Loring AFB in Maine and Richard-Gebaur in Missouri would be reduced significantly.

Thomas Reed, Secretary of the Air Force, said the proposed actions would save \$30 million in FY 77 and about \$150 million each year thereafter. Reed said some 7,500 military and 3,000 civilian jobs would be eliminated.

Appointments At Pediatric Clinic

The Pediatric Clinic at the Redstone Hospital is urging parents of sick children to call 876-3247 after 8 Monday thru Friday for a morning appointment.

Children up to fourteen years of age who have an earache, fever or similar illness will be seen the

same morning until appointments are filled.

Because the clinic is staffed to provide maximum medical care in the morning the telephone system should be used to reduce patient waiting time.

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AFC Wins Chaparral Pact

The Missile Command awarded a \$ 21,178,125 contract on Friday to Aeronutronic Ford Corporation covering initial production of the Improved Chaparral missile (MIM-72C).

The work will be done in the company's Aeronutronic Division, Newport Beach, California.

The new missile uses a new guidance system developed by the company.

Aeronutronic Ford previously had been the Army's prime contractor for the fire units of the ground to air missile. The award makes the company responsible to the Army as system contractor for the complete missile as well.

The new missile will supplement and eventually replace earlier model Chaparral missiles now operational with Army units worldwide.

The new missile has significantly improved performance. In addition to the new guidance section, it uses a fuze developed by the Army's Harry Diamond Laboratories and a warhead developed by the Picatinny Arsenal.

Under terms of the contract, Aeronutronic assumes responsibility for final assembly of the missiles at Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas.

MICOM Ladies Meet Tuesday

The MICOM ladies will have a coffee at ten on Tuesday, March 23, in the Safeguard Room of the Officers' Club.

Hostesses will be wives in the SAM-D and KUWAIT Project Offices.

Reservations should be made by noon Friday, March 19 with Mrs. Judy Sabin 837-0500 or Mrs. Mary Alice Ingram 883-9309.

Cancellations will be taken until noon Monday.

BMDSCOM Wives Slate Get-together

BMDSCOM Officers' Wives will meet in the Hawk Room of the Officers Open Mess for their annual spring get-together on Tuesday morning, March 22.

The special program for the day will be a presentation on orchid culture by Eric Gustafson, well-known Huntsville orchidist.

Hostesses for the get-together are Mrs. Wayne D. Miller and wives from the Safeguard Project Office.

Reservations and cancellations may be made with Mrs. Miller, (883-0671), Mrs. Edgar Steinhilper (837-0671), or Mrs. Willie A. Mayo (837-5017) by Thursday, March 18.

Zierdt Reviews Army Contracting

With the Bicentennial as his theme, Maj. Gen. John G. Zierdt (ret) told the National Contract Management Association at their meeting last week that contracting for weapons and related materiel has been a part of government business starting with the Revolutionary War.

He reviewed the progress and changes that have been made over the years in contracting methods and urged members of the audience to remember that, whether they are representing the government or a contractor, both are trying to provide a defense shield for the United States.

The Association meeting was held at the Officers Open Mess. Zierdt is a former MICOM Commander.

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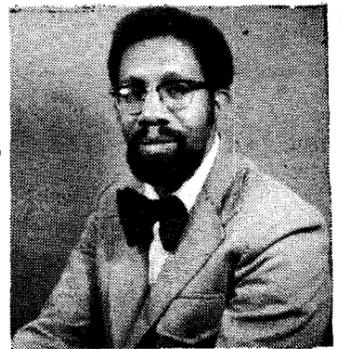
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Ragano Here For Star

Col. Frank P. Ragano will be promoted to Brigadier General in a ceremony scheduled for this afternoon. General John R. Deane Jr., Commander of the Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command planned to attend.

Ragano, recently named project manager for the U.S. Roland air defense system, had been directing the Cannon Launched Guided Projectile program at the Armaments Command. His family planned to attend the ceremony here today, then return to Rock Island, before moving to Redstone later this Spring.

Ragano formerly served several years at Redstone as project manager of the 2.75 Inch Rocket System.

At Kwajalein Updated Earth Terminal Replaces Limited Model

A "state-of-the-art" communications satellite earth terminal is currently being installed at the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command's Kwajalein Missile Range.

It replaces a smaller 21-foot non-standard (SCT-21) terminal that has been meeting the minimum requirements since 1969 as the entry terminal at Kwajalein into the Defense STELLITE Communications System.

Significant long term cost savings will be achieved by the change-over to a military terminal from a limited commercial model through readily available logistics support and military lifetime system management.

The new installation is of a unique KMR design. The entire system, including the 60-foot parabolic dish and 335,000 pound antenna structure, is enclosed protection.

Cost savings were achieved by incorporating all operation and maintenance areas into the radome structure thus eliminating the need to construct an outside building for these activities.

Scheduled for completion in April, the KMR installation will provide a greatly expanded satellite service possibility. The Kwajalein AN FSC -78 will be capable of terminating up to three separate satellite links from different geographic locations within the 9,000 mile viewing range of the satellite transponder.

Each of these links will have a wideband capability for real-time data transmission in support of the most sophisticated range user requirements and at only a small fraction of the satellite power currently needed to support the low capacity operations of the SCT-21 terminal.

A total of 23 separate terminals for the Army, Air Force and Navy are being procured by the USA Satellite Communications Agency from the Aeronutronic Ford Company and installed around the world to meet critical defense satellite communications requirements.

The KMR installation is the first Army terminal to be delivered under this contract.

Soldiers Get Pershing Equipment

The first shipment of new ground support equipment, which reduces reaction time and strengthens the deterrent capability of the Pershing weapon system, has been delivered to U.S. soldiers stationed in Europe.

Colonel Samuel C. Skemp, Jr., Pershing Project Manager, presented the equipment last week to Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 84th Field Artillery, 56th Artillery Brigade during a ceremony at Frankfurt, Germany.

The new equipment—designated Automatic Reference System-Sequential Launch Adapter is the latest modular improvement to the 400-mile Pershing.

The Automatic Reference System eliminates the requirement for pre-surveyed launch sites while the Sequential Launch Adapter permits the launch of up to three missiles in succession without uncabing and recabing between firings.

U.S. and Federal Republic of Germany Pershing units will get the new equipment.

Also in Germany to field the new equipment is a team headed by Lt. Col. William A. Terrio and Maj. Douglas H. Barclay, Chief of the Pershing System Support Division; and including Charles K. Martin, contractor technical representative; CW4 Robert Eversmeyer, government contracting officer's representative; W.W. Koller, Martin Marietta Aerospace Design Engineer; MICOM Missile Maintenance Technicians and a New Equipment Training Team consisting of both government and contractor representatives.

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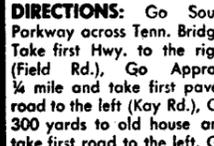
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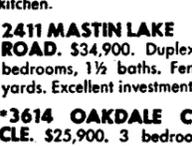
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WASHINGTON (ANF)—In a presidential election year, political activity increases through the summer, reaches a feverish pitch in the early fall, then comes to nearly a grinding stop after the November election.

It is difficult to avoid getting involved in the process.

While soldiers and DA civilians are encouraged to vote in elections, they must avoid "partisan political activity."

Partisan activity generally means getting involved in political party campaigns by campaigning for a candidate, circulating petitions, or running for a national or state office.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITY

Specifically, civilians are prohibited from campaign activity by provisions of the Hatch Act. Soldiers are covered by DoD regulations. Under provisions of the Hatch Act, other public law and DoD regs, Army employees and members cannot:

- be a candidate for national or state office
- be a partisan candidate for public office
- solicit others to become candidates
- campaign for or against a political party or candidate
- serve as an officer of a political party
- participate in the organization of a political party
- solicit or collect funds for a campaign party or make a political contribution while on the job
- sell tickets for activities such as political dinners
- take part in managing the campaign of a candidate or party
- work at the voting polls or transport voters to the poll on behalf of a candidate
- serve as a delegate to a political party convention

- address a convention in support of or against a candidate
- distribute campaign material

PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITY

Although the list of restrictions seems lengthy and tends to discourage any political activity, there are still areas in which Army members and employees are permitted to participate. Soldiers and DA civilians can:

- register and vote in any election
- express opinion as long as it is not a part of a campaign
- contribute to political candidates or parties
- accept appointment to a public office if it does not interfere with work duties
- participate in a nonpartisan election as a candidate or supporter
- be a member of a political party
- sign petitions including nominating candidates
- petition or write to any member of Congress encouraging them to vote a certain way.

Essentially, the primary difference between the restrictions for civilians and soldiers is that soldiers, when participating in any political activity cannot wear their uniform in any way that might lead the public to believe that the Army supports a particular candidate or party.

In some areas with a large number of federal employees—such as Washington, D. D.—employees may ask the Civil Service Commission for partial exemption from political activity restrictions.

A bill to revise the Hatch Act and give government workers more political freedom passed the House of Representatives last fall and is now under consideration by the Senate.

MMCS Courses Help For Degree

Warrant Officer James E. Potter of Andrews, Tex. has become the first soldier at the Missile and Munitions Center and School to earn an associate's degree under the school's new accreditation program.

After three years of study, Potter received his degree in applied science (Missile and Munitions Technology) from John C. Calhoun State Community College. He is assigned to the Curriculum Branch at MMCS.

MMCS was recently named an accredited vocational-technical school by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Acceptance by the Association meant that courses taught at MMCS were officially recognized as valid in the civilian academic world. The accreditation program now makes it easier for a soldier to apply training completed at the missile school toward the credit hour total required for a college degree in cooperating civilian institutions.

Potter received 63 quarter-hour credits from Calhoun for training received at the missile school. The courses included Sergeant Guidance and Control, Basic HAWK Fire Control Repair and the Improved HAWK Fire Control Repair at Raytheon Company in El Paso, Tex.

The former Texas oil company employee plans to obtain a four-year degree.

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the school's Education Center," said Potter.

By accrediting the courses taken at MMCS Potter only had to spend one quarter at Calhoun to earn his associate's degree. In receiving his degree at the same time, satisfied the Army's goal that warrant officers at least obtain an

associate's degree during their military careers.

"The program has gone over big at MMCS," said Potter. Several noncommissioned officers and officers at the school will be receiving their degrees at the conclusion of this quarter at Calhoun.

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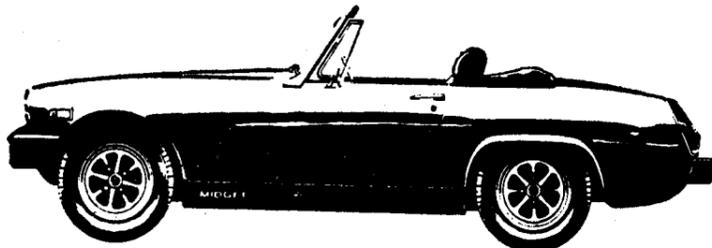
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WAC Hopes to Join Long Gray Line



PFC FROMBACH—Hopes to swap teacher's job for appointment to West Point.

When West Point opens its doors to women this summer, a missile repair instructor at Redstone hopes to be one of the first females to join the Long Gray Line.

PFC Laura Frombach, an instructor in Pershing Maintenance at MMCS has applied to the West Point Prep School at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

The Prep school helps selected enlisted people prepare for entrance to the Academy. Fifteen percent of last year's plebe class at West Point were Monmouth grads.

Laura was encouraged to apply for the Prep school while representing the First Battalion in the Soldier of the Year competition. When her CO, Captain David Bergeson first addressed the subject, Laura was a little hesitant; but after assessing the opportunities the academy affords a graduate, she decided to apply.

Applying for the Military Academy is not an easy task. Laura had to gather medical records, high school transcripts, CLEP scores, college credits,

correspondence course records, letters of recommendation and Soldier of the Month and Year awards.

One of the more difficult assignments in applying for the Point was to fill out a questionnaire explaining why she wanted to be part of the Army blue.

Summarizing her reasons, Laura stated "I want to attend the Academy because I like the Army and think it would be a challenge to be part of an established military tradition."

Laura thinks her chances are good for acceptance at West Point. "I think that the men and women who prep at Fort Monmouth are better fit psychologically and physically for the kind of life they will lead at the Point; more so than kids just coming out of high school."

A typical day at Monmouth starts with first call at 5:45 in the morning and doesn't end until 11 p.m. Cadet candidates study such academic disciplines as English fundamentals, basic reasoning, expository writing, algebra, geometry and calculus. Physical and military training are also stressed. Because pretests of the Academy's Physical Aptitude Exam found few women able to do pullups, the Prep school is emphasizing physical exercises to increase upper body strength.

The awesome challenges of the Academy do not intimidate Laura. The Erie, Pennsylvania, native received a firm foundation in the liberal arts from a parochial school and has also taken courses at Calhoun. Laura almost maxed the last WAC PT test.

As far as the Academy's new coed situation, Laura has been in a similar situation—She was one of the first groups of women to pass through systems training at MMCS.

The female instructor is not worried about the attitude of men already at the Point. "I'm more worried about the grads. I guess some of them are worried about the standards being lowered...but that's ridiculous. We're going to have to do just as well academically as the men and keep up the same spit and shine appearance."

"I've read some articles in various papers about the

displeasure of the grads. A WAC Second lieutenant had a good reply for the barrage of criticism. She compared the admission of women to someone trying to arrange a fight between a light weight boxer and a heavy weight. After all, women have just as much pride in the army...we're all serving the same flag."

"I haven't found any discrimination since I've been in the Army. Sometimes the men try to baby the WACS but that's more male chauvinism than discrimination. When I went through the Pershing Missile Maintenance course there were 11 guys and three girls in the class. The guys really wanted to be sure that the girls didn't receive any extra help. If anything smacked of favoritism they went running to the CO. We also felt that we didn't want any social attention."

Making the switch "across the tracks" does not concern Laura. "I think I would be a better officer because I've been an enlisted and can understand more what an enlisted person goes through. Some enlisted people feel that officers treat them as peasants, just around to do their dirty work...others believe that there is too much politicking going on among the officers."

If the WAC specialist makes it through the Hudson Valley gates, she hopes to become an ordnance officer, mainly because she has already had training in that field. She doesn't expect to encounter any major problems and hopes to remain her "own person" if she is accepted to the Academy.

"People walk up to me now and say 'How's it going Lieutenant?' Some of them hint that I can't make it...I just want to be given a chance to prove myself."



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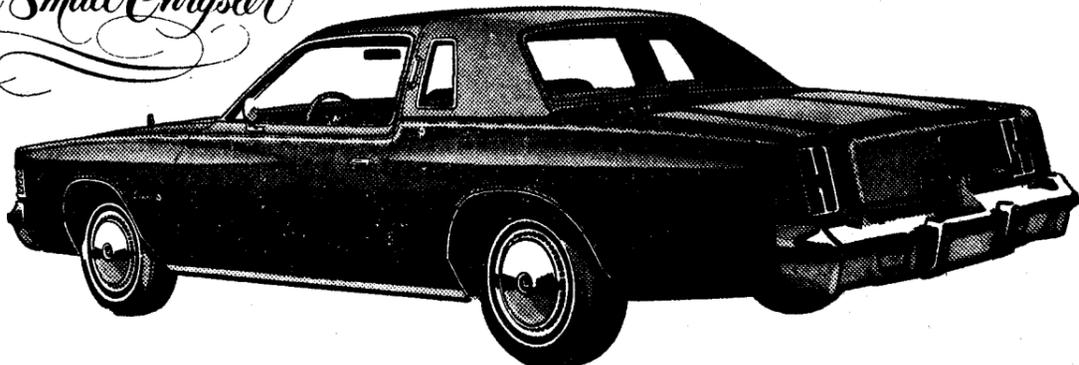
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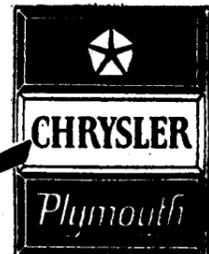


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BAQ May Benefit From Future Pay Raises

Future military pay raises may be siphoned into the Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ) if a Department of Defense legislative proposal is adopted by Congress.

The Department of Defense is seeking changes in the military pay raise law which would give the President more flexibility in the way military pay raises are distributed.

The DoD proposal, if approved by Congress would allow a larger portion of future military pay raises to be placed in the nontaxable allowances—BAQ and Basic Allowance for Subsistence.

The present pay raise allocation system calls for each of the cash elements to be increased by an equal percentage. However, this procedure does not recognize that the amount of the allowance may not properly relate to the costs that it was originally intended to defray, particularly the quarters allowance.

Military personnel either receive a nontaxable housing allowance, the BAQ, for the purpose of obtaining housing off post or are housed in government quarters and "forfeit" the housing allowance.

Personnel with dependents receive a higher housing allowance, approximately 20 percent, than those without dependents.

The present rates of BAQ have evolved over time and the inequities cannot be corrected immediately, but the DoD proposal is the first step toward a "fair market" rental plan for military quarters now being developed.

Under the proposed legislation, DoD plans to increase BAQ rates at a faster pace than basic pay by placing a portion of future basic pay raises into BAQ. This action will move BAQ rates closer to the average cost of procuring adequate housing in the private sector, and closer to the average value of military family quarters.

Because the average value of bachelor quarters, both officer and enlisted, is substantially lower than current single quarter allowances, the proposal would permit a partial rebate to single military personnel.

The President would not have unrestricted flexibility under the proposal. There is a built-in limit on the reduction that can be made in the basic pay increase for the purpose of raising the allowances. At least 75 percent of the increases that formerly would have gone into basic pay must still be placed in basic pay.

Another feature of the proposed legislation requires that the partial rebate to bachelors be at least the amount that was taken from basic pay.

The proposal requires that the annual plan for reallocating the upcoming pay increase be given to the Congress 30 days in advance. In addition, an assessment of the reallocation of the military pay increases and a full report to Congress summarizing the objectives and results of past reallocations would be made in conjunction with the quadrennial review of military compensation (QRMC).

The QRMC is established by law, and requires the President to conduct a complete review of the principles and concepts of the compensation system for members of the armed forces not less than once each four years.

The initial plan to be submitted for the upcoming military pay increase would reallocate approximately 25 percent of the expected basic pay increases to the basic allowance for quarters.

It would also pay or rebate approximately six percent of the new quarter's allowance to those members without dependents who are on field duty or in military quarters.

Pay raise allocations for subsequent years will be based on assessments of the compensation structure, the market value of government quarters, and the cost of housing in the private sector.

Large savings to the government are estimated by the bill's sponsors because of increased BAQ forfeitures by those occupying military family quarters and through the restraint of increases in basic pay-related benefits including retirement, readjustment pay and reenlistment bonuses.

The effect of this proposal on the cash pay of those living on the economy is negligible since they simply receive more of their pay raise in BAQ. Those living in family quarters would experience an increase in their effective "rent" and thus would have less of an advantage.

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Many young boys dream of becoming firemen, but not all see their dreams fulfilled.

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Both are firemen with the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department and very content to be a part of what they call "the best fire department between Birmingham and Memphis."

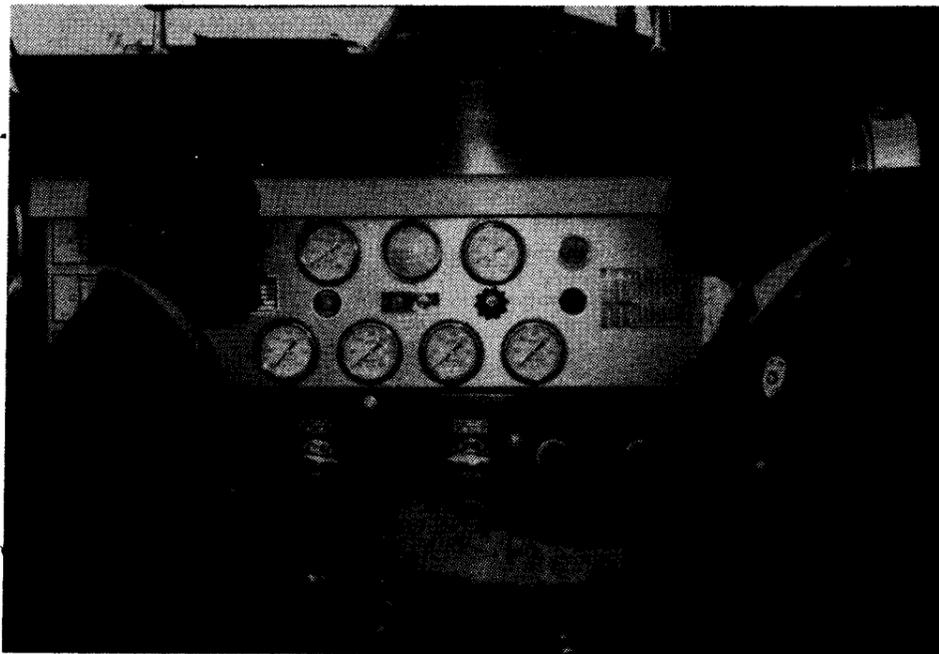
Pope was the first black man to become established with the department; having arrived at Redstone seven and a half years ago after receiving some fire fighting training in the Army.

Sales started working for the department three years ago after completing a four-year hitch in the Navy gaining valuable training at the naval firemen school in Orlando, Florida as well as advanced firefighting skills in Newport, Rhode Island.

Although a fireman's primary job is to fight fires, Pope explains that there is more to being a fireman. "We inspect buildings to eliminate potential fire hazards, keep our gear and trucks on ready, as well as train to stay up to date with changes in various buildings on Post and in new firefighting techniques.

Sales stated that "although there is always a risk in firefighting, I don't think there's a man in the department who wouldn't risk his life to save his fellow fireman."

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home. To top it off, firemen have the second highest fatality rate in the nation."

The firefighting duo agree that everyone in the fire station works and lives together as one big family. "Our relations with each other are very important" according to Pope. "I've really enjoyed working with the men in the department, and of course the chief Dudley M. Doyle."

Sales would like to see a more intensive inspection program

enacted to provide for in-depth inspection of all structures on post.

He would also like to have the department participate in a more active public relations program with wives clubs and other organizations on post.

"Redstone installation is very secure as fire protection goes," Sales believes, "Most of the men in the department have over 10 years of experience. We have 39 men on shifts at three fire stations.

The expression might be trite but

the truth is that many of the fires at Redstone could be prevented.

Sales and Pope are "very happy with the opportunities that we've been given. Both would like to advance as far as they can in the department.

The vision a child has of what a fireman's job is may not fit the mold of what Sales and Pope actually do, but they are just as satisfied as the hero who saves little old ladies from tall burning buildings.

Job Satisfaction Survey

Approximately 900 civilian and military personnel at MICOM are voluntarily participating in a survey this week administered by representatives from the Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command (DARCOM) to find out how people like their jobs.

Participants were selected at random by DARCOM and represent proportionate numbers from all functional areas. Their answers to 72 questions in the survey will be held in confidence, then destroyed after the information is computerized.

Questions, prepared by a group of industrial psychologists, are designed to find out how well employees are satisfied with their jobs in five general areas—pay, work, promotions, co-workers and supervision.

Results of the survey will be compared with established norms in each of the five categories.

Purpose of the survey is to point out areas where people are dissatisfied with their work so that managers can attempt to make improvements as appropriate.

Other DARCOM subordinate commands and activities will be surveyed later. When completed, survey results from the various installations will be available for comparison.

The Comptroller Office made arrangements for DARCOM to conduct the survey here.



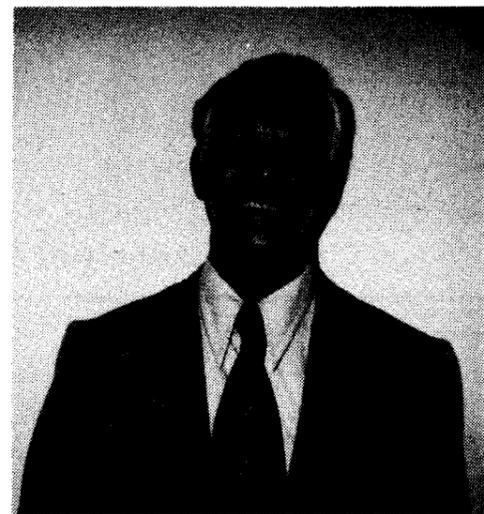
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Augustine Speaks At Center Dedicat

The Missile Command's technological marvel of the missile world—the Advanced Simulation Center was dedicated last Wednesday with all the pomp befitting a \$40 million facility.

Distinguished guests at the ribbon cutting ceremony included the Under Secretary of the Army, Norman R. Augustine and three former MICOM Commanding generals—MG John G. Zierdt, LTG Charles W. Eifler and MG Edwin I. Donley.

Major General George E. Turnmeyer, Commander of MICOM welcomed guests to the dedication and Dr. John L. McDaniel, who heads MRDEL was the master of ceremonies.

Under Secretary of the Army, Norman R. Augustine, keynote speaker praised the simulation center for being the most advanced center of its kind in the free world.

Augustine also noted that the center would provide a "rather unique opportunity to reduce costs associated with the development of advanced missile systems."

Citing the increased costs of testing missile systems as the prime reason for the fact that complex missile systems are not tested as extensively as artillery rounds, Augustine said that "now the defense complex has a facility that should be able to simulate tests for the entire spectrum of our missile development system."

Augustine summarized some of the problems associated with missile system testing that the new Advanced Simulation Center might solve.

"In the missile business there is a particularly difficult problem because the product is expendable. Often the most expensive piece of equipment is thrown away. This aggravates the problem of testing, when you lose the product every time you test it.

"With the development of the hitting missile, such as stinger and redeye, a new dilemma presents itself. When a missile like this is fired at White Sands, only half the people are hoping it will hit the target. The cost of the target is greater than the missile.

"In the past, there have been no good alternatives to testing. We didn't want to take the risk of fielding a system that was untested. Certainly when you're being shot at is no time to find out your problems. Soldiers derogatorily refer to this as the 'You bet your life approach.'

While emphasizing the fact that the simulation center would be able to reduce testing costs, Augustine also stated that the average development time for a system, 8 years, might be reduced by using the new facility.

The former Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Development also expressed the opinion that the center would help with attitudinal problems related to the pressures of funds from Congress: "We must know what a system will do before it leaves the ground. We can't afford to have failures...I can assure you that if the first five rounds are failures the money will be hard to come by.

Although the center will provide more complicated data and greatly improve the batting average in decision making, the

Under Secretary corrected it that it might appear that the stop all flight testing pro missiles:

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"Lastly, simulation will flight testing. Simulation w troubleshoot problems that flight. If one gets a failure i be simulated on the ground a more valuable data."

Augustine praised the City for being the place where tv major technical achievements century, the space effo Safeguard, have had their

The Under Secretary c speech by reminding the cen audience that their missio exist if it were not for the field.



Augustine at Sam-D

Norman R. Augustine, Under Secretary of the Army, visited several MICOM areas, the SAM-D Project Office and BMDSCOM March 10 after dedicating MICOM's Advanced Simulation Center. At left, Augustine (center), chats with SAM-D Project Office staffers including Major General Charles Means (R), commended them for a "superb job." In photo on facing page, Col. R. C. Morrison tells Augustine of high energy laser weapon research atop the vehicle mounting the MICOM Mobile Test Unit.

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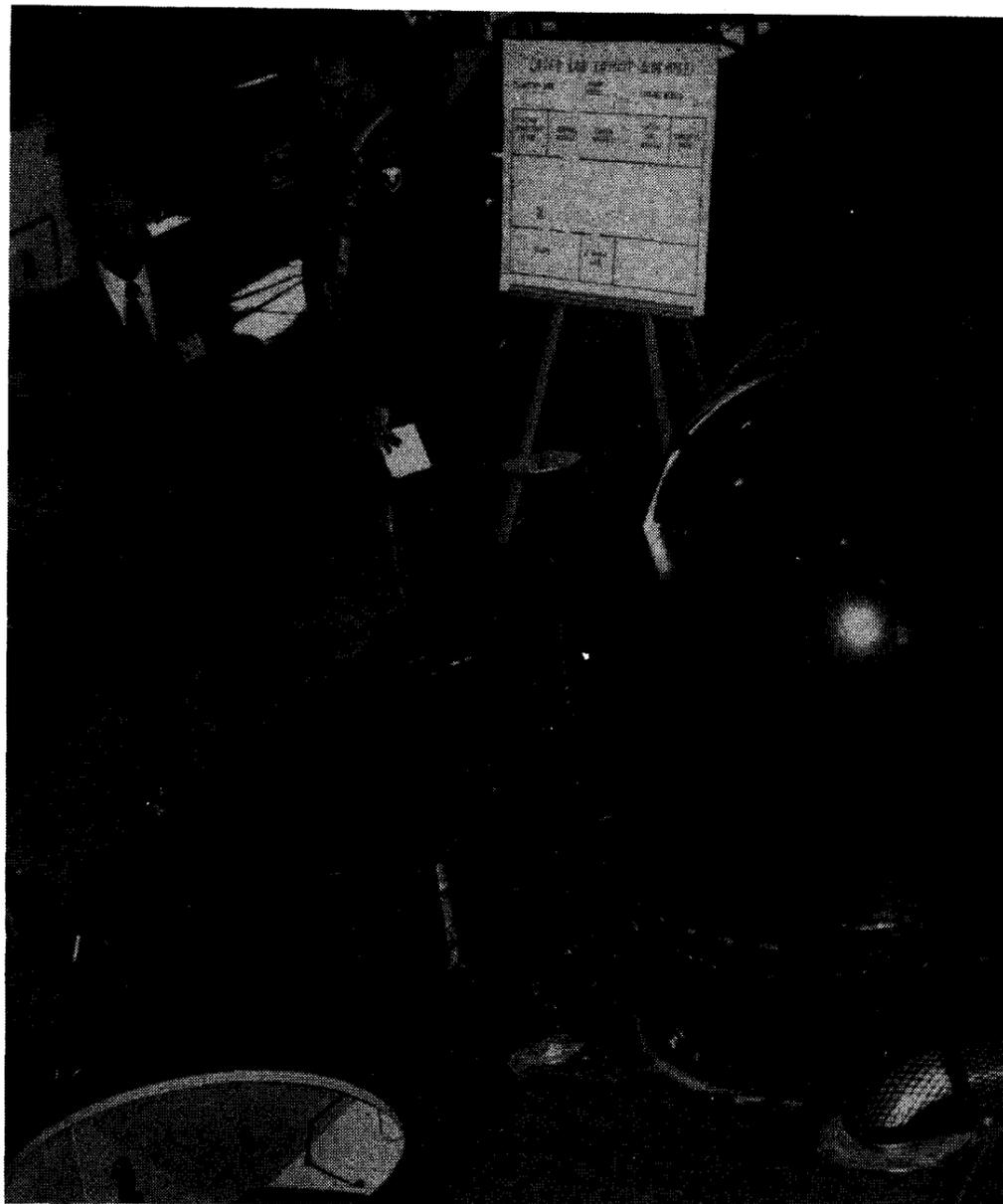
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NEW NAME—The entire staff of the Copperhead (CLGP) Field Office at MICOM for the cannon launched guided projectile appears with a half scale model of the tank killer which has just received a popular name—Copperhead (CLGP). Left to right are Henry Clinkenbeard, June Pockrus, Lt. Col. Robert A. Nulk, assistant project manager for the weapon and James Keat.

Cannon Named "Copperhead"

The Army's cannon launched guided projectile, a tank killer, has been officially given a popular name—Copperhead (CLGP).

The announcement was made at Redstone by Lt. Col. Robert A. Nulk, assistant project manager for Copperhead (CLGP) and head of the Field Office at MICOM for the weapon. His office is an element of the Cannon Artillery Weapons Systems Project Office at the Army Armament Command, Rock Island.

Nulk said Army regulations require that anti-tank weapons be named for vicious reptiles or insects and Copperhead resulted from a contest among personnel at

the Armament Command who submitted more than 500 entries. A few were selected for forwarding to DARCOM for screening, and then Department of Army made the final choice. As far as people in the project are aware, this is the first time an artillery projectile has been given a popular name.

"Our office at Redstone interfaces with the R&D labs and other organizations at MICOM right across the board for Copperhead development and testing," Nulk said.

Copperhead (CLGP) is a laser-guided, cannon-launched projectile now in engineering development, and can be fired from existing 155mm cannons.

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At Anzio With Willie And Joe

They brought the dead down at night, each runty mule in the pack train bearing a body tied face down and stiff over its wooden saddle.

By day the soldiers who lived in crevices and shallow caves on the ridges and slopes ducked mortar fire, sniped, threw grenades at anything that moved.

After dark the mules plodded up again. When they could climb no further, the gaunt figures slipped and slid from their holes higher up to get ammunition, water and packs of C or D rations, tried to ease the wounded down without adding to their pain.

That was combat in the Italian mountains in the winter of 1943-44, sometimes fought with rocks and knives, all the machines of modern war meaning less in the end that the determination of one man to endure and prevail over another.

In September 1943, Italy had been sunny and warm, but that was at Salerno and no one remembered Salerno with any affection. The troops of the U.S. Fifth Army cheered news of the Italian surrender on the eve of the invasion, came ashore expecting a fast ride to Rome and met instead fierce German counterattacks that came very close to pushing them into the sea.

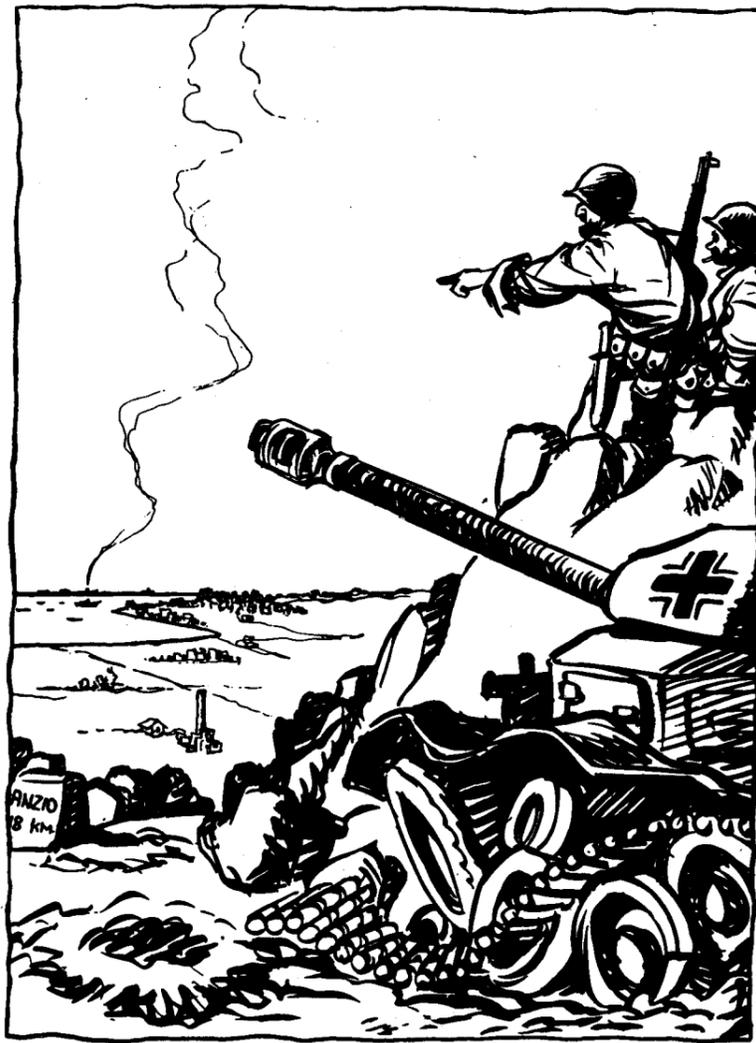
The sun faded as they inched their way up the Italian boot, U.S. Fifth Army on the west, British Eighth to the east. They took Naples and allied bombers had new bases in Southern Italy, but another aim of the campaign was to pin down as many Germans as possible. So the allies moved on into the mountains as the nights got longer and colder, the first rains turned the few roads into brown soup and swelled a thousand streams to hinder their passage.

The Germans held each hill and river crossing a little longer before falling back and Americans at home saw a perfectly flat Italy in the war maps of their newspapers and wondered why things took so long.

Constant Rain

MG John P. Lucas, Commander of the U.S. VI Corps, watched his men struggle in the Italian hills and muddy valleys and wrote: "Wars should be fought in better country than this." He made that entry in his diary Nov. 10, 1943. Yet to come were the ordeals at Anzio and Cassino, the bitter cold and constant rain of winter.

By late 1943, the United States had run short of combat soldiers. The last of the Army's 89 divisions had been activated that August, the ratio of ground combat strength to total manpower had already begun to slide from half in 1942 to an eventual one third in 1945. The Army peaked at more than eight million, but 2.5



"My God! There we wuz an' here they wuz."

million of those men and women belonged to the Army Air Force, 1.5 million others were service and administrative troops supporting the fighting forces around the world in a style to which Americans had become accustomed.

As allied riflemen came up to the Gustav Line, the defensive positions the Germans planned to hold through the winter, they faced the enemy on roughly equal terms, lacked the numbers that might have balanced the terrain and weather that put most of the high cards in the hands of the defenders.

By then American draftees had become battle hardened, sardonic veterans. The GI artist Bill Mauldin captured the essence of the men he saw fight and die in the mountains in the two immortal riflemen of his cartoons, Willie and Joe. They faced the world with sagging

shoulders, unshaven faces and eyes that told—in Mauldin's phrase—how much war they had seen.

They had seen enough to know that the Gustav Line meant death for a great many of them. The Germans had worked on it for months. Gun pits had been blasted in solid rock, mortars sited on reverse slopes.

Interlocking fields of fire from machine guns hidden under concrete and steel commanded the forward slopes of every hill. There were mines everywhere, a wood case model that could not be picked up by magnetic detectors, the feared "Bouncing Betty" that jumped five feet above ground before detonating.

Along the front of the main line, the Rapido River slanted southwest to the sea between high, steep banks. Highway 6, the only road to Rome for tanks through a sodden countryside, crossed the German

line at the ancient mountain town of Cassino. Behind the town, the stone mass of the Benedictine Monastery established in 529 AD dominated Highway 6 atop Hill 516.

The Allies planned to end run the Gustav Line, pulled the VI Corps out to go by ship up the west coast and land at Anzio 30 miles below Rome, 60 miles from Cassino.

Orders to Move

To divert the Germans and hopefully draw their last reserves into the line further South, the tired GI's of the U.S. 36th Division got orders to cross the Rapido below Cassino. No one from the Division Commander to the privates in the rifle companies thought they had much of a chance.

They tried after dark on Jan. 20, 1944. Assault units staggered through muddy mine fields, toting boats and bridge sections to the river. They managed to get parts of three companies over under fire and a foot bridge across but lost both bridge and men on the far bank after daylight. They tried again the following night, got other bridges across the river that was just deep enough to drown in, pushed other assault teams across, lost the bridges after daylight and huddled in the mud under a hail of German shells while tanks hunted down the survivors on the far side. In 48 hours, the 36th took 1,681 casualties: 143 dead, 663 wounded, 875 missing, most of them shot dead or swept away and drowned.

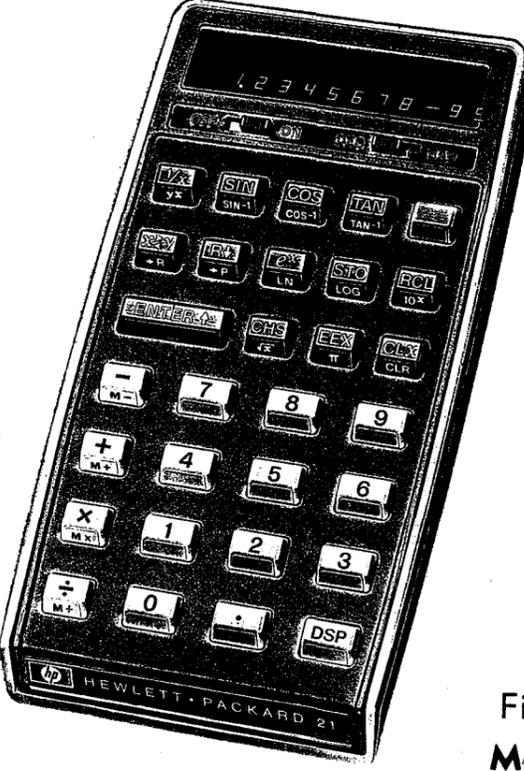
Meantime at 2 a.m. on Jan. 22, Americans and British landed upopposed at Anzio, had 36,000 men ashore in the first 24 hours with the road to Rome apparently open before them. Instead of advancing rapidly inland—and perhaps, as things turned out, being obliterated—the landing force elected to consolidate a beach head on the coastal plain. Caught flat footed, the amazed Germans got the days they needed to rush units to Anzio from France and the Balkans but not from the Gustav Line, just 60 miles away. They stood fast there, beating back Fifth Army attempts to break through to the men at Anzio.

Eight days after landing, the invaders attacked inland at Anzio. Too late. Spearheading the assault, a Ranger battalion walked into an ambush at Cisterna at dawn. Only six soldiers of the 767 who started, made it back. When the American attack stalled the following day, the Germans added to their force at Anzio. In mid-February, they launched savage counterattacks trying to drive the trapped Americans and British into the sea. They failed, but not by much.

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Anzio then turned from bright promise to an epic of endurance under fire. German guns sited on the high ground inland, pounded the men in the beachhead for almost four months, raining death on anything that moved in the flat land below. In the first month alone, allied casualties totalled about 19,000. The Germans lost about the same.

While Anzio teetered in the balance, the Fifth Army took a fearful battering trying to break through the mountains north of Cassino. The attack stalled in mid-February with the 34th and 36th Divisions fought out, infantry regiments counting less than 25 percent effective combat strength, some rifle companies down to 30 men.

In desperation, the allies bombed the monastery atop Monte Cassino. Germans promptly moved into the rubble and beat off the assault that followed the bombing.

The bombers came back in mid-March intending to blow a hole through the Gustav line by obliterating the town of Cassino. This was to be the set piece

operation, one that would demonstrate to all doubters the true effectiveness of the airplane in modern war.

Between 8:30 a.m. and noon on March 15, 1944, 432 bombers dumped 2,000 tons of high explosive on the ancient stone houses of the small town while most of the Fifth Army watched. At times, it seemed the whole town lifted into the air in its agony. Between waves of planes, 746 guns firing point blank poured in 2,500 tons of artillery shells. When it was over, Cassino looked like a junkyard on the moon, streets clogged with shattered stone blocks from smashed buildings. Then New Zealanders and an Indian Division attacked and the

German First Parachute Division, rose out of the ruins of Cassino and drove them back.

In the end it took the allies eight months to go the 100 miles from Naples to Rome. The Gustav Line finally cracked under ferocious assault in early May by the combined Fifth and Eighth armies. As the Germans began to fall back, soldiers of six allied divisions came out of the shell torn ground at Anzio and broke out at last.

Mauldin made sure Willie and Joe wound up at Anzio. Like many of the soldiers who had lived there sucking from hole to hole for months, the two paused and looked back from the crest of one of the hills. Willie, pointing back toward Anzio in the cartoon, gasps: "My God! There we wuz an' here they wuz."

Americans and British entered Rome on June 5. A day later the cross channel attack into France pushed Willie and Joe and their war off the front pages of American newspapers for the duration.

Yet fighting ground on for 11 more months in Italy. The Germans managed to stabilize a line across the northern part of the boot and hung on after seven allied divisions were pulled out in the summer of '44 for the invasion of Southern France.

The infantryman's war went on pretty much unchanged to the end. As Mauldin observed, the infantry set great store in simple things: dry socks, hot coffee, a few hours unbroken sleep. They griped constantly, wanted above all else to go home, fought like hell and won.

Source:

"From Salerno to Cassino" by LTC Martin Blumenson, Department of the Army, 1968.

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Redstone Rockets Lose At Rucker

OSARK, Ala.—Secretly, in their saddened hearts, some of the beaten Redstone Arsenal players think they could have and should have run the ball more against their opponents in the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Basketball Tournament last week at Ft. Rucker's new multi-million Physical Fitness Center.

The Redstone Rockets, after winning their first game, dropped two consecutive games after leading by considerable margins and were eliminated from the double-elimination event.

"We should have run more," Lewis Lockett, a forward said later. "I guess I am surprised in retrospect that we stalled considerably, but you have to look at it two ways."

"It was a roll of the dice. We hadn't been able to maintain a consistent running game, and with a big lead the coach probably thought we would have fewer turnovers if we slowed the ball down," said Lockett.

It was a gamble for Redstone's coach Ralph Santaliz. Evidently, one which didn't pay off.

Defending champions Ft. Sill of Oklahoma captured TRADOC's western conference title again this year, defeating Rucker, 95-87, in the finale. The Ft. McClellan women stunned Sill, 62-42, to take the championship in their division. In the opening round of the tournament, Redstone met Ft. Benjamin Harrison and literally crushed the Hawks, 84-48, before a capacity crowd cheering the Alabama-based team on.

The Rockets jumped off to a 27-10 first-quarter lead and extended their advantage over the Hawks at halftime, 38-19. Redstone's Most Valuable Player (MVP) during intramural and post playoffs, Bruce Williams, propelled the Rockets in the final half to their win with 14 points. Williams ended the game with 22 points, followed by Mickey Rooker and Lewis Lockett with 17 and 15.

The Rockets hit 80 percent from

the charity line, 16 of 20, but moreover, stunned the crowd with their sparkling defense. The Arsenal team held the Hawks to 48 points, the lowest recorded in more than 20 games played. On the losing end, George Jackson and Clarence Cannon paced the Hawks with 15 and 11 points respectively.

"I think we've got some fine young ball players," said coach Santaliz after the win. "We have something like 10 new people on the team this year. We went through a rebuilding this year without really advertising it."

"Not only do we have a good defensive team this year, but we have exceptionally good shooting and rebounding," said Santaliz.

The defensive bit couldn't have been more true. On Wednesday, the Rockets met the Helltoppers from Ft. Leonardwood, Mo. Redstone completely outclassed Leonardwood—both defensively and on the boards—taking a 43-36 halftime advantage.

Again, Bruce Williams led Redstone's charge with 18 in the first half. The Arsenal team, at one point, had a 11-point edge. With one minute remaining in the third period, the Rockets began to feel the physical pressure of the Leonardwood team.

Leading by 13 biggies, Redstone began to sit on the ball. The Hilltoppers took advantage of the slow play, causing numerous turnovers while sinking seven straight buckets to climb within one point of Redstone, 47-46, as the third quarter ended.

In the final stanza, the Hilltoppers took advantage of the tiring Arsenal team, outscoring them 17-8, for a hard-fought 73-65 win.

Williams and Rooker led Redstone with 26 and 15. Mike Gurnell chalked up 18, followed by Ken Warren and Don Harvey with 13 each and Royce Bailey with 11 for Leonardwood.

After the game, coach Santaliz said, "I really don't want to talk about it. We had them on our finger tips and let them slip

through. We were out-shooting them and out-rebounding them. But suddenly our defense collapsed and our shooting went cold."

"Also, six-foot-5 Williams, who was able to keep Leonardwood's six-foot-8 center Manley Ray in line, fouled out midway through the final period to add to Redstone's woes.

In Redstone's third game on Wednesday, lightning struck again. This time it was the Ft. McClellan Blues and their center Bob James. After taking a 35-29 halftime lead, the Rockets ran out of gas, while James ignited the Blues comeback with 20 points and an eventual 83-71 McClellan win.

James finished with 32 biggies, but moreover, almost single handedly, eliminated Redstone from the tournament.

As in the first two contests, Redstone took command early by taking a 18-15 in the first quarter. The Rockets extended their margin to six, 35-29, at halftime.

With 6:53 remaining before the half, Redstone enjoyed a 12-point cushion until McClellan sank three unanswered baskets to pull within six. In the final half, three Rocket starters, Williams, Berk Arrington and Charlie Miller fouled out, enabling the Blues to completely dominate the game. McClellan outscored Redstone in the final 40 minutes, 50-36, for the win.

For McClellan, Al Hill sank 17

and Elza Ward hit for 13, along with James's brilliant 32-point performance. Lewis Lockett paced Redstone with 18, while Williams, Arrington and Miller added 14, 12, and 11 respectively.

"I felt we were going all the way," said Santaliz. "We all did. We had the team to do it, but it just wasn't to be."

"I was confident entering the tournament because I was convinced we had the best Rockets team ever, even better than the one that took runner-up in the former Third Army classic in the 60's," he said.

It wasn't until the next day that Santaliz—sitting around with some friends and having a beer—that the losses really began to sink in.

"The toughest thing about the two losses was realizing Redstone might not get another shot at the

championship. Opportunity doesn't knock too many times in this division," said Redstone's coach.

On the other hand, Redstone's showing was not a disappointment. The Rockets lone win marks the first time in this decade that an Arsenal team has been able to chalk up one victory in the prestigious TRADOC championships.

Their fine showing possibly netted them a player berth on the TRADOC All-star team, which was to be selected following the conclusion of the tournament. Rumors were spreading among coaches and officials in the event that Redstone's Bruce Williams would be nominated for the All-star team—a frequent occurrence he has enjoyed during his high school and college days.

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HITL play starts March 29 with the six CWF-sponsored squads in competition with industrial concerns throughout the city. Individual team matches consist of six singles and three doubles clashes.

The B and C division rosters were listed in the Rocket last week. Jim Wilson captains the D division Greens and he held the top rung of the team's ladder at the start of this week.

John Bowles holds down the number 2 spot followed by Don Yarborough, Bob Elias, George Sawson and Tom Roberts.

The 7 through 15 positions are filled by Marv Lampert, Ed Gollop, Hubert Anderson, George Dezenbert, Rober Canfield, Norm Witriol, John Hammond, John Dickens and John Waid.

Also on the Greenie roster but not yet ranked are, Jake Herron, Dan Martin, Jerry O'Donnell, Roosevelt Council, Benny Rushing, Rick English, Tim Haider, Ken Campbell and Bob Peagler.

Wilson and Yarborough make up the top doubles pair. Elias and Anderson are next with Rushing and Peagler teaming up for the third ranked tandem.

John Chipser is captain of the D division Reds with Hal Peterson stacking up as the top singles player at this time.

Chipser ranks second best and Tom Cook holds down the No. 3 slot. Jerry Chaikin, Max Moiseev and Jerry Penland were in the 4, 5 and 6 positions, respectively.

Ron Liedel, John Quarles, Mike Campagne, Bill Mariutto and Gary Chambers are lined up ready to break into the top six while Perry Reeder, Ed Hahn, Dean Reese and Cathy Penland are yet to be ranked.

Reese and Jerry Penland make up the top ranked doubles pair with Chipser and Chaikin second in line.

The No. 3 duo is Peterson and Hahn.

Bowling

Standings

Bombers	Pts.
Spare	65 1/2
King Pins	54 1/2
Alley Cats	50 1/2
Hughes TOW	48 1/2
T-Birds	48
Cadillacs	48
Lily Flag	46 1/2
Fat Cats	46 1/2
Sprinters	44

Last Wednesday

King Pins-4	Cadillacs-0
Alley Cats-3	Sprinters-0
T-Birds-3 1/2	Fat Cats-1/2
Hughes-3	Lily Flag-1
Bombers-3	Spare-1

High Rollers

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Reba's	17	23
The Doc's	16	24
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Last Week

Outhouse-4	Times-0
Strikers-4	Docs-0
Misfits-3	Three-Two-1
Clowns-3	Barber-Coleman-1
Outcasts-2	Reba's-2

Top Shooters

Jimmy Mason, 573 (219); Carl Black, 571 (213); Jim Tate, 551; Clint Hodder, 537 (211); Frank Parks, 535 (215); Neil Donaldson, 532; John Schleimer, 530; Chris Leachman, 526.

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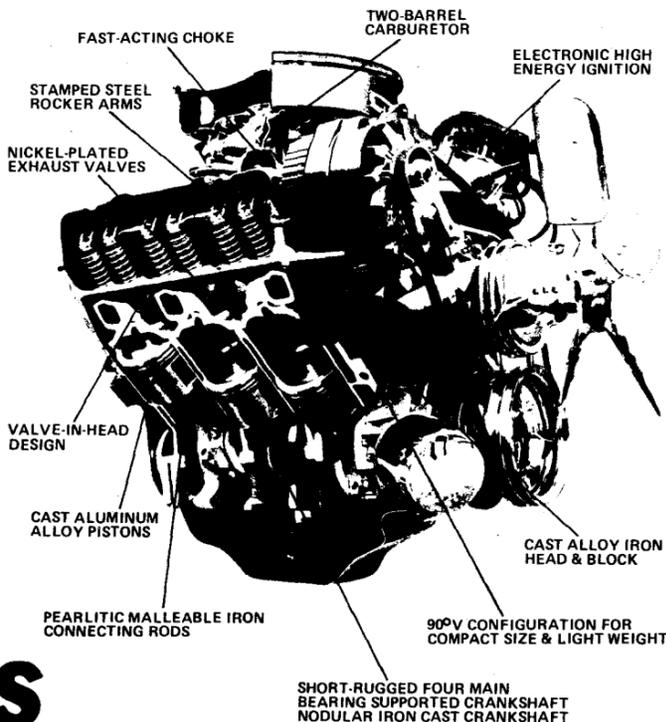
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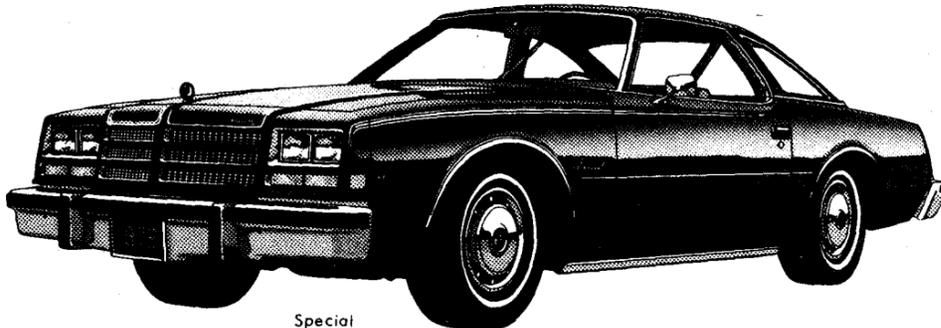
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