

CBers Active At Redstone

"Break one one"
"Go Breaker"
"10-4 Appreciate it KXI 1077 to
KJR 3435. What about ya Mountain
Boy. The Missing Link trying"
"You've got the Mountain Boy go ahead"
"Mountain Boy, find us a clear channel"
"Stand-by! Link go to channel 4."
"10-4, 10-27 to Channel 4"
"Break-four"

If that conversation between
MIA employee Glen Switzer,
"The Missing Link" and
MRDEL's "Mountain Boy" Jim
Bevill sounds like a secret code or
comic book scenario you're

probably not among the crowd of
CB radio operators working at
Redstone.

CB, or Citizens Band Radio has
become the latest craze in the
nation with pop tunes praising the
virtues of Rubber Duck and Uncle
Charley. Car and truck CBers
even plaster their call signs and
handles on their vehicles while
others wear shirts sporting
various handles.

Although CB radio service was
begun in 1958 by the Federal
Communications Commission

(FCC) to offer 23 short-range
communication channels for
personal business, the popularity
didn't boom until the fall of 1973.

At that time the oil embargo led
to the lowering of speed limits all
over the county. Truckers began
installing CBs in their vans to
warn each other of speed traps.
Eventually car owners realized
that CBs could be advantageous
on the road—and the CB craze
arrived.

Now CB radio equipment is one

of the fastest selling items on the
retail market. Sales are expected
to reach the half billion mark in
1976.

The FCC estimates that there
are over 11 million CB trans-
mitters, with the number of CB
operators working at Redstone
somewhere in the hundreds.

"Looking for Smokey" (State
Highway Patrolman) appears to
be one of the main reasons for the
popularity of CBs in this area, but

(See CB'ers, Page 5)

Handles

Betty Ford is "First Mama" for obvious
reasons, but the handles of lesser-known CB
operators prompt the question, What's in a
name?

Ralph Argo of Facilities Engineer is "The
Starch Man", for the brand of starch of the same
name as his last name.

Spec. 5 Stanley Fox of Co. A, "The Snow
Wizard", is "a skiing freak from Montana."

M. T. Abernathy of RASA is "The Big Ab".

Staff Sgt. Joseph E. Messer of Co. A is "The
Meadowlark", which word caught his eye as he
scanned the dictionary.

Bob Clem of Systems Analysis is "Redfish",
which he likes to fish for.

Spec. 6 Robert James of 4th SC is "Jesse
James."

Staff Sgt. Paul Cowgill of MMCS is "Peanut

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Janice Myers, "Lady Headhunter" Photo — Bill Kellar

Proposal Includes Big Pay, Promotion Changes

Military

WASHINGTON — Policies on
pay and promotions for military
personnel are in for major
changes if proposals released
April 19 by a presidential com-
mission are adopted by Congress.

One of the commission's key
recommendations called for
establishment of a federal pay
board to decide on appropriate
military pay rather than to
continue the present policy which
ties military pay raises to raises
given government civilian em-
ployees.

NO UP OR OUT

Doing away with the "Up or
out" promotion policy was also
suggested. The commission

wants military careerists selected
after they have served for 10
years. On reaching the 10 year
mark, the commission suggests,
military personnel would be
evaluated for their present job
performance and not be forced
out just because they fail to get
promoted as quickly as their
contemporaries.

Major changes were also
proposed in the military
retirement system, by the panel,
called the Defense Manpower
Commission. It was directed by
the Congress three years ago to
recommend defense manpower
policies for the next 10 years. The
commission's report to the
president was made public last
week.

(See MILITARY, Page 18)

Civilian

WASHINGTON, D.C. —
Veterans will no longer get
retention preference during a
reduction in force if recom-
mendations made by a select
study committee are accepted by
Congress and become law.

The Defense Manpower
Commission submitted a report
two years in preparation to
Congress and the President last
week. It recommends sweeping
changes in personnel practices
and policies in DOD.

80,000 JOBS

In looking at ways to cut
defense manpower costs, the
Commission estimated that
civilian employment could be cut

by 80,000 jobs within the next
decade assuming peacetime
operations.

It called upon DOD to increase
contracting of services at the
installation level when con-
tractors can perform the service
at less cost to the government
than DOD civilian employees or
military personnel and it
proposed new ways to compute
the cost.

OTHER CHANGES

Among other changes endorsed
by the commission for possible
future Congressional and
executive department action:

— Placing emphasis on
"retention of quality" in reduc-
tions in force and discouraging
agency managers from using

(See CIVILIAN, Page 18)

Opryland, Six Flags, Disney World Discounts Available

Civilian employees at Redstone may obtain discount tickets to Opryland, Six Flags and Disney World, according to Bob De Young, Chairman of the Civilian Welfare Fund Council.

Tickets are available through three plans. All are directed toward the same goal, reduced ticket prices for civilian personnel and their families. Each of the plans works differently.

The Walt Disney World discount is obtained through CWC's membership in the Disney Magic Kingdom Club. One card covers the family and can be used more than once. This discount card

entitles members to obtain discounts at Disney World in Florida, Disneyland in California, Florida Cypress Gardens, Caribbean cruises and various motels and car rentals.

The reduced rate to Six Flags ticket also covers the entire family, but it may be used only once. A new card must be obtained for each visit to the Six Flags attractions. This card entitles members to a discount to Six Flags over Georgia, Texas and Mid-America plus Astroworld, Stars Hall of Fame and Movie-land Wax Museum.

Opryland USA tickets are available through the CWC's membership in the Music Ameri-club. These cards may be used only once and each member of the family must have separate cards. These tickets do not include the Grand Ole Opry.

Civilian employees desiring to obtain any of the discount tickets should contact their Civilian Welfare Council representative listed below.

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No Changes In Fall School Assignments

Dr. V. M. Burkett, Superintendent of the Huntsville City School System has announced that there will be no changes made in school assignments for children residing on Redstone Arsenal next fall.

Children in grades 1-2 will continue to attend Ridgecrest with grades 3-5 attending Morris Elementary (formerly Madison Pike). Middle school grades 6,7,8 will attend Westlawn Junior High with senior high students going to Butler High School.

Some parents of Arsenal children had expressed concern about the possibility of Butler going to double shifts or adding a large volume of portable classrooms. Dr. Burkett said that would not be the case.



\$\$\$\$\$ — For two MICOM secretaries the value of their secretary week corsages will not diminish as the flowers fade. In fact, their flowers will not fade. Mrs. Peggy Suggs, left, and Ms Martha Hill received corsages made of \$1.00 bills from boss, Robert Austin. They are employees of Comptroller. Where else?

The Rocket

The Rocket is published weekly, on Wednesday. The publisher will receive editorial content for publication in the Rocket through the Information Office, Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35809, Bldg. 5250, Room A-134. Extension 876-1400 or 876-1500.

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Soldier Dies In Wreck

A Redstone Arsenal soldier suffered fatal injuries when his motorcycle collided with a motor vehicle early Sunday in Huntsville.

Pvt. Timothy G. Sawyer, 19, of the 8th Student Company, U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, was pronounced dead on arrival at Huntsville Hospital.

City police said the accident, about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, happened at the intersection of Highway 72 and Memorial Parkway. Sawyer's cycle, heading south on the parkway, struck the other vehicle in the right side as it attempted a turn across the parkway.

Sawyer was from Webb, Iowa and had been at Redstone since Jan. 4 this year.

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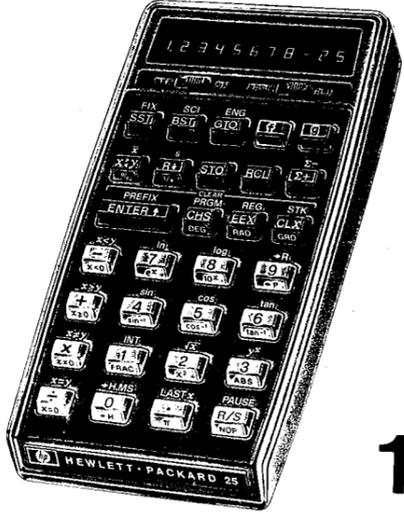
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New Lieutenant Took CG's Advice

One member of the class who received second lieutenant bars last week following graduation from OCS at Benning was a soldier who had been assigned to Redstone before entering the course that led to his commission.

Lt. Gregory Smith, then a Spec 6, was driving for Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer, MICOM Commander, while at Redstone, when the general started urging him to apply for OCS.

"From time to time, people would say to me 'Why don't you try for OCS?', but I didn't give it serious thought until Gen. Turnmeyer told me he had looked over my records and believed I had the stuff to make it," Smith said when he came to the Arsenal last week to arrange to move his family to Benning. "General and Mrs. Turnmeyer kept encouraging me, so I applied, and was accepted for Infantry OCS."

He is going back to Benning for Airborne training, then for the Infantry Officers Basic course. He

hopes to attend Ranger School before he moves to his permanent assignment at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Brig. Gen. Grayson D. Tate, Jr., MICOM Deputy Commander, addressed Smith's OCS graduating class, and helped pin on his second lieutenant bars following the ceremonies.

Smith has been in the Army seven years and seven months. While in Okinawa before coming to Redstone, he attended the overseas branch of Los Angeles City College and earned an associate degree in administration of justice.

After arriving here, he enrolled in Athens College. "I got my first 20 semester hours while on leave, then I had night duty at the VIP Motor Pool so I could go to classes during the day. I finished work for a bachelor of science degree in sociology at Athens by attending night classes," Smith said.

He is from Moulton, Ala., and is married. He and his wife, Mildred, have two daughters, Eva, 5, and Lashonda, 11 months.



NOW A SECOND LIEUTENANT — Lt. Gregory Smith, left, back at Redstone last week after receiving his commission as an Infantry second lieutenant following graduation from OCS at Ft. Benning, visited with Maj. Gen. George E. Turnmeyer, MICOM Commander, right, who had urged Smith to apply for OCS when he was serving as an enlisted man at the Arsenal.

Big Step Forward For Hellfire

The Army Missile Command has received Department of Defense approval to begin engineering development with the laser Hellfire Missile System, planned as the primary armament on the Army's Advanced Attack Helicopter against hardpoint targets.

The Defense Systems Acquisition Review Council approved MICOM's 7" diameter missile for engineering development with emphasis on a modular design to accommodate future terminal homing seekers.

MICOM had studied and evaluated both 6 and 7" missiles, and is participating with the U.S. Air Force in the development of a laser homing seeker.

Approval for the Hellfire program, managed by Colonel Frank J. Palermo, Jr. at Redstone Arsenal, climaxes three years of advanced development by the Army, with competitive contracts to Hughes Aircraft Company at Canoga Park, Calif., and Rockwell International at Columbus, Ohio.

During that time, MICOM in-house laboratories conducted extensive tests at Redstone with a prototype of the laser guided tank killer.

"Hellfire is perhaps one of the Army's most tested missile design concepts at this stage of development," said Palermo who

has already been named to get his first star.

"We've demonstrated technical feasibility of Hellfire, accomplished all major test objectives established for Advanced Development, and particularly important, we brought the user into the program early in development."

Soldiers normally don't get their hands on new equipment until much later in the development cycle, usually during operational tests, just prior to a production decision.

MICOM has demonstrated Hellfire's accuracy and versatility with rapid and ripple test firings, direct and indirect launches from

the ground and helicopters, against both stationary and moving targets. Army combat soldiers from the Armor and Aviation schools fired several missiles. Five Hellfire equipped aircraft were tested in operational wargames for a period of three months to obtain key system performance data.

The Hellfire Project Office currently is preparing to send requests for proposals to industry

to solicit their detailed approach for full scale development of the Hellfire system for the Army. The Army will evaluate the contractor responses and select one contractor for full scale engineering development.

Hellfire, the first weapon designed especially for helicopter launch, will provide the Army with a family of terminal homing seeker modules and a common airframe to engage a variety of tank and hardpoint targets.

ACS Seeking Volunteers

Army Community Service is seeking Army wives to work with the organization as volunteers. According to an ACS spokesman the volunteer positions offer enjoyable, interesting work

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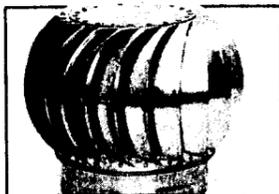
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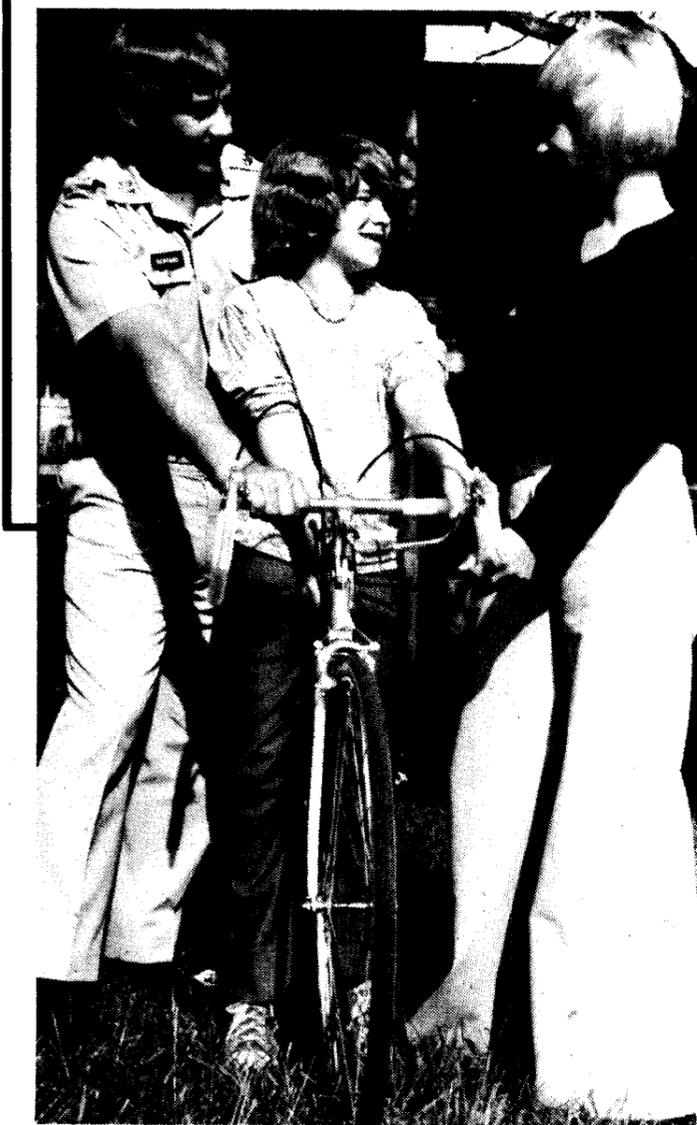
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Local Youth Sets Walk-a-thon Pledge Record; Gets Top Prize

Tracy Harvard, 8th grade student at Mountain Gap School, won the recent March of Dimes Walk-a-thon. Honored at a banquet by the Huntsville Jaycees, Harvard turned in an all time high record of attaining \$356 pledged by persons sponsoring his walk.

Harvard is the son of Captian and Mrs. Albert Harvard. Capt. Harvard is assigned to the Maintenance Directorate.

Tracy Harvard's total was far above the \$150 needed to win an award at the banquet and it assured him the first place prize, a ten-speed bicycle. He also received tickets to a rock concert from the banquet's MC, Ken Blamble, announcer for WAAY Radio which co-sponsored the Walk-a-thon.

At left: Tracy Harvard with parents, Capt. and Mrs. Albert Harvard.

Dependent Privileges Drop In Korea

SEOUL, Korea — U.S. Forces Korea announced last week that dependents of military retirees would no longer be able to make purchases in commissaries, exchanges or liquor stores after July 1.

This is an extension of a previous announcements which said that the privilege would be terminated for non-command sponsored dependents of active duty military personnel and for certain civilian dependents in accord with the direction of Congress.

There are exceptions to the policy. Dependents of retirees who are now in Korea or who arrive

prior to July 1 may receive support until July 1, 1977 provided their sponsor has a valid ROK residence visa.

Dependents of military retired who have dual status by virtue of working as a civilian employee of the U.S. Forces in Korea or American Embassy may receive the support.

The new policy applies only to dependents. Retired military personnel in Korea are still eligible for the privileges.

Congress has long been concerned over the number of American dependents in Korea and has refused support for any increase in dependent support.

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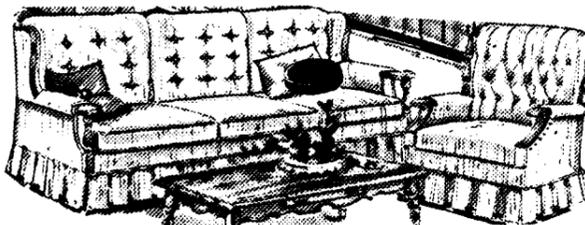
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CBers

(From Front Page)

many Arsenal employees have found more beneficial uses for the short range set.

Glen Switzer "The Missing

Link" has found his motorcycle-mounted set to be a great aid when traveling with fellow cyclists on long trips. On a recent trip to Florida, Switzer used his CB to locate a cyclist buddy at a campground that didn't have a phone.

Glenda Reed, "Lady Flying Ace" of MIA had a flat tire on her

way home to Albertville a few months ago. She used her CB to locate her husband to bring help.

Internal Security's "Buckhorn", Lloyd Farrow calls a neighbor in the morning on the way to work to find out if he needs a ride. Farrow believes the CB is more convenient than using a telephone because of its mobility.

One new CB enthusiast, MIA's Tricia Hoerth, or "Racquet Ball," uses her radio to check out road conditions when taking long trips with her husband Captain Randy Hoerth.

MMCS's SSG Pual Cowgill, known on the air as "Peanut Whistle" works with other CBers to transmit weather information to the weather station at the Huntsville Madison County Jetport.

When severe thunderstorms threaten the area, Cowgill drives to the saddle between Madkin and Weeden Mountain to aid Civil Defense in "Project Skywatch", a tornado warning system designed to aid the weather bureau in pinpointing tornadoes in this area.

Cowgill provides the communications link between CBers all over the Arsenal and county.

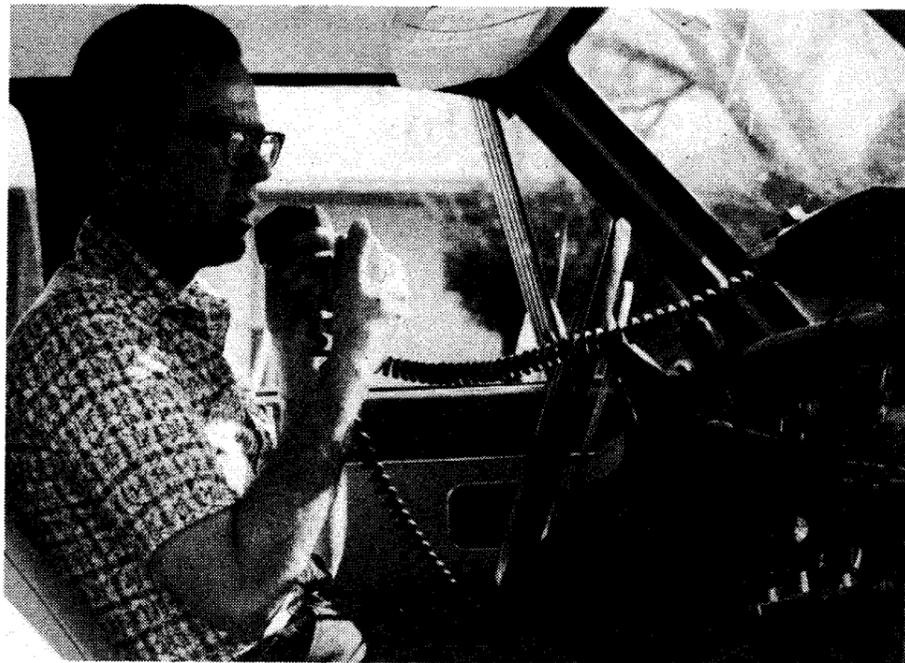
Cowgill is also in the Redstone

CB Club and recently helped organize the Tennessee Valley Council of CB Radio Clubs, an organization formed to promote the legal and courteous use of CB radios.

The Redstone CB Club is open to active and retired military as well as civilians employed at Redstone. The club works with such projects as REACT the Radio Emergency Action Team, which monitors Channel 9 to give assistance to motorists and set up a communications network in other emergencies.

If you haven't joined the CB craze yet or have bought a set and are still waiting on your license you may be interested in knowing about a recent change to the regulations. According to Ray Gurley, a local CB dealer, the FCC has granted the authority to local CB dealers to issue temporary licenses.

In order to obtain a temporary license, a CB owner must present a cancelled check or money order showing evidence of a previous request for a license from the FCC plus a stamped envelope. A temporary license and call sign will be given until the FCC sends the permanent license.



Paul Cowgill, "Peanut Whistle"

Handles

(From Front Page)

Whistle," a small transmitter in the parlance of ham radio operators like Cowgill.

Ed Sahag of Facilities Engineer goes by "Blue Star", after a manufacturer of tennis racket strings, to "provoke conversation with other tennis players".

Staff Sgt. O'Neal Houston, Co. B, "The Green Hornet", for a green Nova he drove.

Spec. 6 James Moore of MEDDAC, "The Kentucky Hillbilly", hails from "the hill country in Southeast Kentucky."

Glenn Switzer and Larry May, both of Missile Intelligence are, respectively, "Missing Link" and "Super Spook".

SFC Clinouth Scofield, Co. C., "The Beach Rat", was a stevedore with the 438th Transportation Co. in Virginia, which was nicknamed "The Beach Rats".

Spec. 4 Randall Pritt, Co. B., is "Short Stuff", a nickname.

Jim Still Facilities Engineer, recently became "Sundance", which derives from the handle of a TV personality. He had been "White Knight" for a super-fast GTO he drove, but discarded that handle after driving across Georgia unable to get anyone to talk to him. Seems a "White Knight" is CB slang for a Georgia State Trooper.



Glen Switzer, "Missing Link"

Warrant Slots Going to NCOs

WASHINGTON (ANF)— Converting selected warrant officer positions to enlisted slots will not change career progression chances or hurt promotion potential. Nor will this action cause any warrant RIF.

That's what DA officials say in response to queries from concerned warrant officers.

"We're trying to align spaces with available faces," say DA personnel people. "We need to strike a better balance between the number of WOs available for assignment and the number of warrant jobs." Right now there are too many WO jobs and not enough warrants to fill them. Officials note that the Army officer

strength is not being reduced at the expense of the warrant corps.

The Army cannot simply increase the number of warrants to fill authorized slots because the maximum size of the officer corps (both warrant and commissioned) is limited by the budget.

This job conversion process serves two purposes. Warrant slots for which no WOs are available will be reduced. At the same time, other jobs will be retained as enlisted slots and filled with qualified NCOs.

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Moving Costs May Be Taxed

WASHINGTON — Soldiers will have to pay taxes on their PCS moving costs that are now paid by the Army unless DA officials succeed in an attempt to reverse an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ruling.

Moving costs now are not considered as income and are not taxable, however beginning this summer moving costs will be included on the soldier's W-2 form, if the Army cannot get the IRS to back off.

That probably would not have much impact for a soldier making a normal PCS move. The costs will be reported as income and then the soldier can deduct those expenses when paying taxes. There are several other conditions, however,

which could prove costly to a soldier. Among them: training in PCS status for less than 39 weeks; making a PCS move of less than 50 miles or moving dependents during a short tour.

The tax reform act of 1969 said moving expenses were not deductible under those conditions, but the IRS declared a moratorium which exempted military personnel. The moratorium will run out June 30, 1976. There is legislation before Congress which would correct the situation, but it is not expected to come to a vote prior to June 30.

The Army is concerned about the problem and has made numerous efforts to get a permanent exemption for soldiers. If the

moratorium runs out on 30 June without new laws being passed, however, the Army will be forced to include moving costs on this year's W-2 forms.

Some of the possible adverse impacts on soldiers cited by the Army include:

— A soldier returns from an overseas assignment to a career course in PCS status, completes the course then goes PCS to a post in the U.S. He'll owe more than \$1,000 in taxes as a result of the move from overseas to the course of less than 39 weeks. Such a move would not be deductible. Cost of the move, over \$4,000, will be included in the W-2 as income for which state and federal taxes must be paid.

— A soldier's place of duty changes from Ft. Meade, Md., to Washington, a PCS move of less than 50 miles. Costs of the move are not deductible and taxes must be paid.

— A soldier at Redstone gets orders to Korea. If he wants to send his dependents to some other location in the states, their move is taxable and not deductible.

It will be absolutely necessary for soldiers and their families to save all receipts for expenses connected with a PCS move. To get a refund, soldiers must file a long tax form (1040) with a moving expense adjustment form (3903).

DA is trying to get IRS to extend the moratorium until Congress takes some action.

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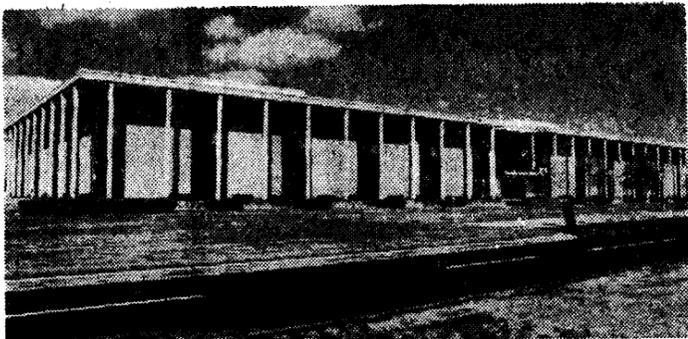
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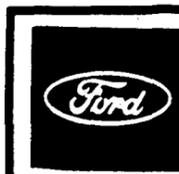


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A-BOMB

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purpose as the rest of the Americans on the island.

The 509th had trained in secrecy in Utah and Cuba, long, lone flights occasionally spiced up by the chance to drop a single huge bomb packing 5,500 pounds of high explosive in a curious, almost round case. The fat bombs the crews called "pumpkins" hardly seemed to justify formation of a special unit. Rumors spread among the men that the whole operation was another Army snafu.

By August 1945, massive fire raids by island-based B-29s had left 100 Japanese cities in ashes. Only a few remained untouched. Among them: Hiroshima, Kokura, Niigata, Nagasaki. Many Japanese wondered why.

FLYOVER

Sirens sent the people of Hiroshima to shelter early on the morning of August 6.

Two B-29s flew high over the city but dropped no bombs. The planes radioed a third enroute from Tinian that the weather over Hiroshima was clear. Colonel Paul W. Tibbets, the pilot and commander of the 509th, turned the B-29 he had named Enola Gay for his mother toward Hiroshima and began to climb.

No one on the ground paid much attention to the single B-29 as the Enola Gay approached the city at maximum altitude shortly after 9 a.m.

The co-pilot, Captain Robert A. Lewis, had passed the time during the long flight writing a letter to his mother in Ridgefield Park, N.J. Lewis wrote a final few rods, saying he would resume the letter after the bombs had been dropped, then set the pad aside. Only three of the 11 men in the crew, Tibbets, the bombardier, and Navy Captain William S. Parsons, a Manhattan District weapons expert, knew the device called "Little Boy" hanging in the bomb bay was a nuclear weapon.

Thirty seconds after 0915, a single large object dropped away from the high flying B-29. Tibbets immediately threw the big plane into a diving turn.

On the ground there was sudden piercing, blinding light of incredible intensity, an instant of absolute silence, then earth shaking shock and thermal waves spread over the city.

A pillar of purple fire more than a mile in diameter rose out of the center of a churning grey cloud that obscured Hiroshima. Seething with unearthly energy, the fire column rose swiftly turning orange, blue, grey, throwing an immense column straight up into the heavens. Tibbets first thought was that it looked "like a tar barrel boiling."

The Enola Gay's crew watched not speaking, hardly breathing, as the city disappeared and the enormous cloud soared above them.

"My God!" someone said softly on the interphone.

Hiroshima died on Monday. The Russians declared war on Japan on Wednesday. Thursday, a second atom bomb, this one the clincher, fell on Nagasaki. Friday the Japanese asked for peace.

Stimson had been right. Even the Japanese realized the futility of further resistance. Almost two square miles in the center of Hiroshima, about 60 percent of the community of 300,000 had been leveled in an instant; 40 percent of Nagasaki. The human cost at Hiroshima by Japanese estimates: 71,000 dead or missing, 68,000 injured; at Nagasaki, 35,000 dead, 60,000 injured.

The lesson of what technological surprise in war meant to a nation and its people was grimly apparent.

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Technical Sergeant Robert H. Allen has been chosen MMCS Instructor of the Quarter.

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His selection marked the first time that a member of the Air Force has received the high award since the Air Force joined the teaching staff at the school in the late 60's.

The Silver Spring, Md., native teaches explosive ordnance disposal techniques in the missile school's EOD Division. His job includes teaching ordnance identification and disposal techniques, but he also stresses something which he believes is the most important function when handling explosives—safety.

The instructor discovered the hard way just how essential safety is several years ago while in New Mexico. Allen recalls he was removing the charge the wrong way while working with a practice bomb.

"I almost ate a 'jack handle,'" said Allen. "I doubt seriously if I could have digested it."

Although humorous now, the incident could have meant life or death to the sergeant. That's one reason why Allen stresses safety today.

"The largest number of injuries

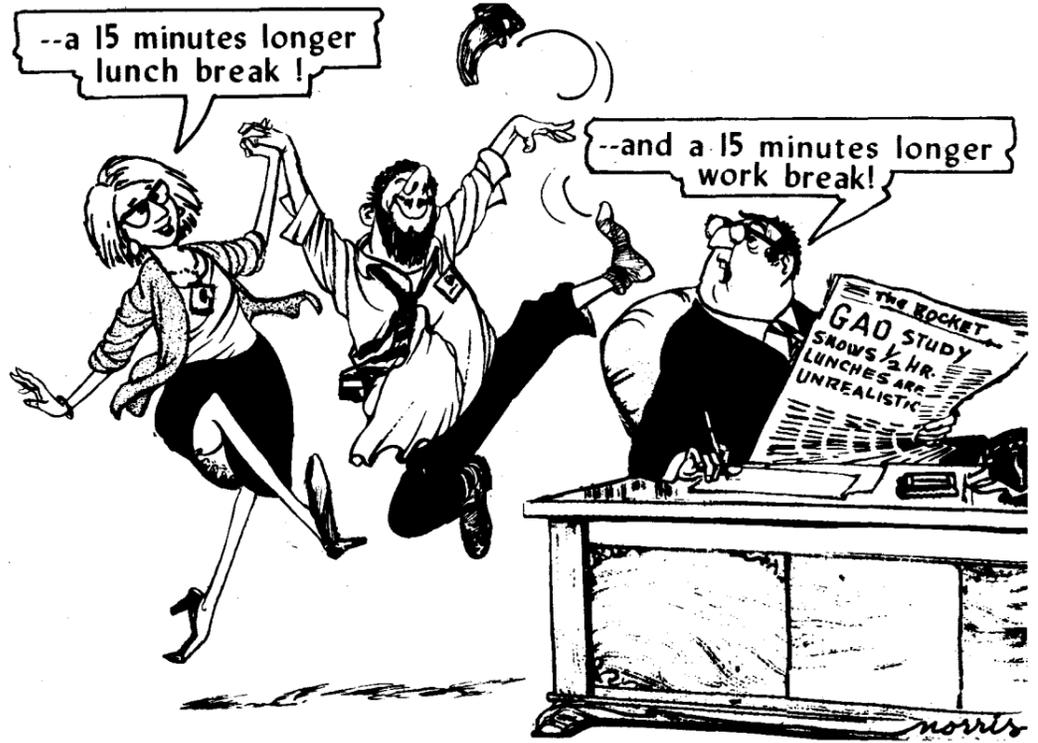
that occur in EOD are those in which individuals violate safety practices," Allen said.



T-SGT. ALLEN

He began teaching in 1970, when he was transferred here from the 3429th Technical Training Squadron at Indian Head.

Allen entered the Air Force in 1960, underwent basic training at Lackland and served three months in Vietnam handling explosives. Allen and his wife Mary reside at Redstone Arsenal.



Longer Lunch Break Studied

Half hour lunches are unrealistic—at least that's what a recent Government Accounting Office study team found.

As a result of that study, the Civil Service Commission and the Office of Management and Budget have been asked to study federal agency rules on lunch hours.

Recently GAO issued an in-

terminal order increasing lunch periods to 45 minutes. Crowded lunchroom conditions as well as unavailability of cafeterias in some areas precipitated the order.

In addition to extending the lunch period, GAO also changed their workday so that employees could schedule their 8 hour day from 6 to 6 rather than 7:30 to 5:30.

The GAO survey team talked to officials from 38 civilian and military activities in the Washington area and reviewed over one thousand labor agreements related to lunch periods. State and local govern-

ments as well as private firms were also contacted.

Most of the federal officials contacted agreed that employees usually took more than 30 minutes for lunch.

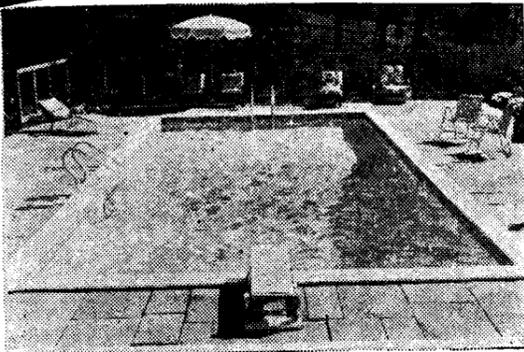
The fact that many employees take more than 30 minutes for lunch is not new. A study conducted by the General Services Administration in 1963 of public transportation and federal employees revealed that many employees took extended lunch breaks. At that time the GSA recommended increasing the lunch period to 45 minutes and adding 15 minutes to the workday.

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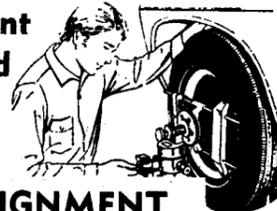
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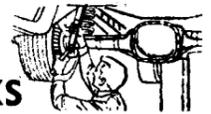
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Redstone's construction program seems to be "blossoming" this Spring with ribbon cutting ceremonies for new buildings scheduled every few weeks.

One building opening this week is the Audio Visual Support Center, which will be dedicated in ceremonies on Friday.

Constructed to replace the center that was blown away in the 1974 tornado, the new building is one of the first in the Army constructed specifically for use as an audio visual center.

The 6,000 square foot structure was designed to meet the various functions of the center—training of projectionists, preview of films, film storage and audio visual equipment storage and maintenance.

The exterior is yellow brick with tall, slender windows. The interior is done in wallpaper of various styles and colors, ranging from bright peacock blue burlap in the lobby, to grass-green paper in offices and halls.

All of the rooms were designed for a specific function. The film preview room is equipped with sound absorbing tiles that provide perfect acoustics. A separate cooling-humidifying system is provided for the film library to prevent any damage to the 3400 stored film prints.

A large training room has facilities to teach 40 students in audiovisual projection techniques. Three learning carrels are there to help the off-street customer learn to operate various film projectors through self pace instruction.

Marvin Solomon, Audio Visual Services Officer expects the center "serve as a prototype for other A-V centers in the Department of Defense" He also believes that the new facility will increase efficiency in training projectionists plus aid in audiovisual equipment maintenance and storage.

The Audio Visual Support Center is responsible for over 1500 items of equipment ranging from tiny tape recorders to large public address systems.

Besides distributing and maintaining equipment, personnel from the center give A-V support for conferences and speeches on post.

A large inventory of DA films is available at the center and other movies can be ordered through an interchange with the Air Force and Navy. "The customer just needs to make his audiovisual need known" Solomon said.

Formal ceremonies opening the new center will be held Friday evening. It is located at the corner of Redeye and Snooper Roads.



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COUNTDOWN

In the pre-dawn darkness of July 16, 1945, MG Leslie R. Groves listened to the final seconds of a countdown that would make a prophet or a fool of a man who had confidently told his superiors many times that the unprecedented program he ran with an iron hand would be successful.

Lying face down in the New Mexico desert, feet pointed toward a floodlit 100 foot tower 17,000 yards away, Groves thought only of what he would do if the count got to zero and nothing happened.

Around him in the darkness lay key men in the project. Some prayed silently. One wondered if the device atop the tower would ignite the atmosphere and if so whether it would merely destroy New Mexico or destroy the world.

At 0530 the count came to zero, the amplified voice calling off the seconds said, "Now!" Darkness disappeared in a flash of unearthly, searing light "brighter than several suns" and man entered the Atomic Age.

Awe struck, Groves and the others watched an enormous fireball blossom in the desert. Wordlessly, the soldier in charge of the Manhattan Project shook hands with Dr. Vannevar Bush and Dr. James B. Conant, top science advisors to President Roosevelt who convinced him to transform atomic energy development from research to an all out effort to produce a decisive weapon.

In the control shelter, 10,000 yards from the tower, BG Thomas F. Farrell, Groves' deputy, and Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, in charge of bomb physics, watched the fireball lift silently into the sky. Farrell wrote later: "Thirty seconds after the explosion came first, the air blast,

Text of False Press Release

Text of a statement made by the Commanding Officer, Alamogordo Army Air Base on July 16, 1945, responding to press queries prompted by the test of the first atomic device. The reference to gas shells was inserted at the last minute in the event fallout might make it necessary to evacuate civilians:

"Several inquiries have been received concerning a heavy explosion which occurred on the Alamogordo Air Base reservation this morning."

"A remotely located ammunition

magazine containing a considerable amount of high explosives and pyrotechnics exploded."

"There was no loss of life or injury to anyone, and the property damage outside of the explosives magazine itself was negligible."

"Weather conditions affecting the content of gas shells exploded by the blast may make it desirable for the Army to evacuate temporarily a few civilians from their homes."

pressing hard against the people and things, followed almost immediately by the strong, sustained, awesome roar which warned of doomsday and made us feel we puny things were blasphemous to dare tamper with the forces heretofore reserved to The Almighty."

Standing beside Farrell, Oppenheimer recalled a line from Hindu mythology: "I am become Death, the destroyer of worlds."

Several hours after the test, the Commander of Alamogordo Army Air Base issued a brief statement to the press. A remotely located ammunition magazine containing a considerable quantity of high explosive had blown up. No one had been hurt.

NEW ASSIGNMENT

Fresh from supervising construction of the Pentagon and hoping for an overseas assignment, Groves, an Engineer Colonel, found himself instead named in Sept., 1942 to run the Manhattan Project, a program then and later so secret only a handful of men in Washington had heard of it.

Responsible at first only for construction and operation of the massive plants built at Clinton, Tenn., and Hanford, Wash., to produce bomb materials, Groves and the Army gradually took over direction of the atomic research as well.

This was something new in the long history of the U.S. Army, war fought in laboratories by civilian scientists, engineers, construction workers and

production people, its objective: invention on a preplanned schedule. Each new development in the labs was transformed almost instantly into changes in the construction or production work going on simultaneously.

By any standard, the Manhattan Project remains an enormous undertaking. Eventual direct project expenditures totaled more than two billion dollars. About 100,000 people helped build the bomb plants. The Clinton Engineer Works near Knoxville eventually employed some 80,000 production workers, became TVA's second largest consumer of power. Oak Ridge, the "company town" sprang up almost overnight to become Tennessee's fifth largest city.

A pre-war boarding school for boys on a mesa near Santa Fe, N.M., became the focal point of the effort to create an atomic weapon. Scientists, engineers and their families lived and worked there in tight security while rumors circulated in Santa Fe that Los Alamos had become a home for pregnant WACs.

Groves ran the whole operation with a tiny staff from a few rooms in a Washington office building, a task made no easier by predictions such as the one from a top aide who returned from an inspection trip and told the Secretary of War: "If the project succeeds, there will be no Congressional investigation. If it fails, they won't investigate anything else."

In retrospect, success of the project

seems less incredible than the successful concealment. Strict need to know compartmentalized information so thoroughly that very few of the thousands of people involved even knew what they were working on.

There had been real fear in beginning that German scientists would give Hitler the first atomic weapon, a fear finally put to rest with the collapse of the Third Reich.

Meantime, the Japanese, pushed back relentlessly from their Pacific Empire, fought on with doomed desperation, each battle worse than the last. Just before the test of the first bomb, the fanatical defense of Okinawa finally flickered out in Banzai charges and Kamikaze attacks that cost almost 50,000 American casualties.

Invasion of the Japanese home islands had been set for November 1. Thirty-six American Divisions were to be committed in Operation Olympic, more than one and a half million men. Waiting for them, the Japanese had more than two million men under arms and several thousand airplanes each a potential Kamikaze, General George Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, estimated it might take a half million American lives to conquer Japan.

Secretary of War Stimson relied on the atomic bomb to shock the Japanese into surrender, believed from the outset that the Manhattan Project existed to "bring the war to a successful end more quickly....and thus save American lives." President Harry S. Truman wrote long afterward that he regarded the bomb as a weapon, never had any doubt that it should be used.

FIRST BOMB

Within days of the successful test, a heavy cruiser delivered the first bomb to the American B-29 base on Tinian while stunned personnel at bases between the island and the U.S. gave priority service to cargo planes, some bearing a single passenger and one or two small crates.

On Tinian, the men of the 509th Composite Bomb Group newly arrived from the states lived in virtual isolation, almost all of them as mystified about their ultimate

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MMCS Soldier To Get Governor's Award in May

An ex-Vietnam Prisoner of War interrogator has been chosen as Redstone Arsenal's nominee for this year's Governor's Award to be presented by Alabama Governor George C. Wallace.

Sergeant First Class Vernon A. Coleman, Sr., assigned to Company C School Brigade in the Missile and Munitions Center and School, was selected by a group of command sergeants major in competition at the school and post levels.

The Governor's Award to Alabama's Enlisted Representative of the Year is presented to the top enlisted soldier from each military installation in Alabama. Selections is based on military bearing, conduct, outstanding performance of duty and contribution to the National defense effort. This year's presentation

will be made in connection with Armed Forces Day on May 15 at the State Capitol in Montgomery. Last year's representative was MSG Minos Campbell of RASA.

In the school contest SFC Coleman competed against three other soldiers from major departments of MMCS. They were SFC James E. Robertson, SSG Joe K. Long, SFC Raymond Funderburg, and SSG Eldon E. Shannon.

"This honor has to be the highlight of my military career," the Mobile, Ala., native said.

Before entering the Army in he was assigned to Ft. Hood and in 1968 he transferred to Europe.

Other assignments include France, Berlin, Korea, Rochester, N.Y., and Miami, Fla.

SFC Coleman has attended several military schools: Ad-



SFC COLEMAN

vanced NCOES, Army Air Transportability School, Chemical Biological Radiology School, NATO Defense Information.

The 38-year-old father of three is active in community activities and the church. He sings in the ecumenical choir.

Coleman recently received his bachelor of science degree in psychology from Athens College. He is presently attending Alabama A&M University for his master's in clinical psychology.

"My goal is to receive a doctorate in psychology," he said.

Coleman is administrative supervisor in the resident training management division, Deputy Commandant, Training and Education.

My ability to speak Chinese was very beneficial in Vietnam,"

Coleman said. "During my tour in Vietnam, I was assigned to the intelligence battalion where I did strategic interrogation of POW's from North Vietnam."

After returning from Vietnam, 1957, Coleman went to Xavier Univ. in New Orleans for one year.

Upon completion of basic training at Ft. Gordon, Ga., he was assigned to Ft. Story, Va., as an amphibious truck driver. During this assignment he was also sent to Ft. Eustis for stevedore training.

In 1958, Coleman transferred to Camp Leary Johnson, New Orleans and was temporarily assigned (TDY) to Newfoundland.

In 1963, he spent one year at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, learning to speak Chinese.

Dining Hall In Connelly Competition

Special Troops Dining facility, No. 3, has been named as the food service at a DARCOM sub-command to compete for the Phillip A. Connelly award for excellence in Army Food Service according to a recent Army announcement.

The Redstone dining facility is managed by Food Service sergeant SFC Raymond B. Machnica.

Competition is divided into two categories, large dining facilities

that service an average of 201 or more persons per meal, and small facilities serving 200 or less. The Redstone facility falls in the large category, one of eight representing the major Army commands worldwide.

A team from the Army Troop Support Agency will visit the competing dining facilities to grade each under a point system. Those receiving the highest number of points in the two

categories will be the winners, and the facilities with the next highest scores will be the runners-up.

Final awards will be presented on August 10 during the Food Service Executive Association's 75th annual convention in Chicago.

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Germans Defeat 8th; Take Handball Tourney

A nine-goal barrage enabled the German Air Force to come-from-behind and edge the 8th students 13-11 for the European Team Handball crown Thursday at the football field.

The Germans, who trailed the Students 5-4 in the first half, netted nine goals to the 8th's six in a wild and woolly final half for the win.

Both clubs drew a bye in the first round of the playoffs. The Germans then defeated the 291st MP's 17-6, while the 8th downed the 4th SC 13-12 to set up the final showdown between the two teams.

Following the championship game, Student goalie Douglas Glenn was voted Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the tournament.

In the championship game, Gerd Aye almost single-handedly won the game for the Germans against the 8th Students. Aye scored nine goals, four of them coming in the first half after Ken Pike and Jack Conn netted two each for the 8th.

In the final half, Aye netted five goals, including a penalty kick with two minutes remaining, that enabled the Germans to take a 13-11 advantage.

Conn and Pike netted four and three goals respectively for the Students, while Rainer Estner had two of the German's remaining four goals.

First Round
In the opening round of the playoffs, the 291st MP's racked the Marines, 11-5, and the 4th Students edged Company A, 12-10.

Bob Cook scored four goals and Jim Fomby added three more as the 291st MP's opened the playoffs on a winning note, downing the Marines 5-2 in the final period for the win.

Ray Bernal collected two more goals for the MP's, while Rod Skidmore and Owen Finley had two each in a losing effort for the Marines.

In an old-fashioned donneybrook, the 4th Students advanced to the semi-finals with a thrilling 12-10 win over Company A. Basketball star, Lewis Lockette, proved to be the decisive edge for the Students as he pounded out seven goals.

Lockette netted three in the first half to give the 4th a 5-4 edge and then scored four in the final period as the Students held on for a two-point win.

Herb Adams rounded out the 4th's scoring with two goals. For the A's, Roy Locklear and Joe Prosustus had three each, followed by Ron Williams with two.

Semi-Finals
In the semi-finals, the 4th SC fell

victim to the 8th, 13-12; and the German Air Force eliminated the 291st MP's, 17-6.

In a classic finish, the 8th Students fought back from a 6-3 halftime deficit, scoring 10 goals in the final period, to eliminate the 4th, 13-12.

The 4th Students jumped off to a three-point edge in the first half on three goals by Lewis Lockette and two by Ken Chance. The 8th retaliated with three by Ramon Pangelinan.

With their backs to the wall, the 8th Students outscored the 4th 10-6 in the final half for the one-point win. John Antalosky proved to be the 8th's hero in the win. The young student netted six biggies in the final period.

Students Lewis Lockette and Ken Chance scored six and four goals respectively for the 4th in a heart-breaking loss.

In another semi-final contest, the Germans romped to the finals with a 17-6 victory over the 291st MP's. Erich Uronauer paced the Germans with five goals as the foreign students jumped off to a commanding 8-1 halftime lead.

Gerd Aye added four and Hans Thimm had three more for the Germans, while Jim Marrer paced the cops with three.



MVP Douglas Glenn of 8th SC lets a penalty kick by German Gerd Aye get by him for a score during the finals of the Intramural European Team Handball playoffs last Thursday. The German Air Force defeated the 8th, 13-11, for the crown.

Judo Tourney Slated May 8

More than 100 competitors are expected for the Second Annual Redstone Arsenal Invitational Judo Tournament May 8.

Clubs and individuals are expected from Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia as well as Alabama. Redstone Dependent Youth Activities are sponsoring the tournament. SGT Mikhail Brown, DYA judo instructor, is meet director.

Competition will begin at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 3614. There will be no charge for spectators, but only limited seating is available.

DYA is offering first, second and third place trophies for junior girls, junior boys, senior women and senior men.

Tournament entries are due May 5. Individuals who may wish to enter can contact Brown at 876-7415 or 837-0553 or the DYA Office, 6-5437.

MMCS Golf League

Standings

Team	W	L
Jets	13	3
Slicers	12	4
Golfing Detail	11	5
Double Eagles	9	7
Foggers	8	8
95th	8	8
Bogey Boys	7	9
Marines	5	11
Parakeets	4	12
Old Fogies	3	13

Results

Jets 13 — Old Fogies 3
Slicers 12 — Parakeets 4
Golfing Detail 11 — Marines 5
Double Eagles 9 — Bogey Boys 7
Foggers 8 — 95th 8

Low Net Scores

Front Nine: Anderson, 30; Navor, 31; Knight, 31; Back Nine: Aldrup, 33; Buras, 35; Cagle, 35; Hunter, 35.

STANDINGS Apr. 20

Team	W	L
Jets	27	5
95th	22	10
Golfing Detail	20	12
Slicers	18	14
Foggers	18	14
Old Fogies	15	17
Parakeets	11	21
Double Eagles	11	21
Bogey Boys	11	21
Marines	7	25

Results

Golfing Detail 9 — Parakeets 7
Jets 14 — Marines 2
Foggers 10 — Slicers 6
95th 14 — Double Eagles 2
Old Fogies 12 — Bogey Boys 4

Ind. Honors

Low Net Scores (Front): Davis, 33; Kisting, 33; Cagle, 34. (Back) Goudeau, 30; Coddington, 33; Bowe, 34; Krontz, 34; Lehmoerg, 34; Lewis, 34; and Anstick, 34.

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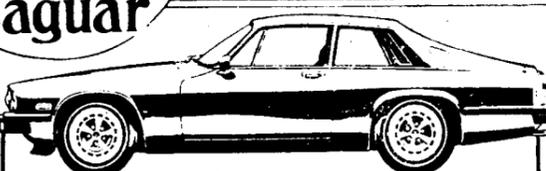
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World of Sports

Baseball Stars — Not Necessarily Ballplayers

By DAVE COWAN

Most fans associate baseball "stars" to such robust figures as Johnny Bench, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Fred Lynn, and Reggie Jackson.

However, the "star" list is just as great among pitchers: Catfish Hunter, Mickey Lolich, Luis Tiant, Jim Palmer, Ferguson Jenkins, Andy Messersmith, Steve Carlton and many more.

But yet, there are more stars—those that don't draw a \$100,000-plus salary.

Any guesses? You're wrong!

These stars are not players, but things. They are the offspring of a pitcher. The correct answer is a baseball—known more aptly to fans and players as "Mr. Beanball."

Although fiction in name only, Mr. Beanball has played an important role in many games. He's been able to overpower many players—usually by the mere gesture of a brush back. Sometimes, he's had to use force by physically striking a ballplayer—causing bumps, bruises and permanent injuries.

On several occasions, Mr. Beanball has lost games for his buddy, the pitcher. He has even caused skirmishes between the hitter and hurler, opposing managers, and innocent bystanders—the fans.

Yes, Mr. Beanball plays an important role in a game, but a role the game can do without.

Okay, accidents happen. Occasionally, a ball gets away and a man gets hurt. That's one of the hazards of the game. But when a manager orders a pitcher to drill somebody, it's no longer called a game.

As anybody can tell you, the human head wasn't made to withstand the impact of a high, inside fastball.

Other sports don't allow such uncontrollable sportsmanship. For instance, when a hockey player hits an opponent over the head with a stick, there are cries of outrage, even lawsuits. Well, why not? Something has to be done about it.

In baseball, when a hurler sends a fastball rocketing behind a batter's head at 80 or 90 miles an hour, there are people who say it's part of the game.

Poppycock! Want to know the damage a beanball can cause? Want to know what can happen when a fastball strikes a man in the eye, or the ear, or the cheekbone?

My father found out the hard way when he played for the Syracuse Chiefs in the 1930's. He played center field for the minor-league team in the International League, who are presently the farm club for the New York Yankees in professional baseball's American League.

Although dead now, my dad was hit in the leg by a pitched ball. This diminished his hopes of being a professional ballplayer. In fact, it ended his career with the Chiefs.

Baseball's star, Greg Luzinski, knows the weight Mr. Beanball carries. Playing in the Carolina League at the age of 18, he was hit by a pitch in the left ear.

It took three weeks for the ringing noise in Luzinski's left ear to cease. Any wonder why the Phillies' cleanup hitter reacts strongly when a pitcher throws behind his head?

Phillies' shortstop, Larry Bowa, nearly lost his father in the minor leagues when a pitch hit him in the ear. Today, his dad still has trouble with his ear.

Of course, beanballs don't only occur in the major leagues. An incident happened against a Redstone Arsenal player in the 1967 Third Army Fastball Tournament at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

Redstone was pitted against Ft. Stewart (Ga.) and the post team's hurler was Fred Helmer—better known on the Arsenal as "Mr. Bowling."

Through six innings of play, Helmer had a no-hitter going for Redstone. When he stepped to the plate, the Ft. Stewart hurler (Helmer has forgotten the name now) brushed him back with a inside fastball.

Incidentally, for those who are not familiar with fast-pitch softball, the ball can reach speeds as fast as a baseball. In addition, it's much larger and just as hard.

Helmer picked himself up and shrugged of the pitch, thinking the ball has just gotten away from the hurler. On the next pitch, the Stewart moundsman hit him flush in the forehead, knocking him unconscious for several minutes.

Although he recovered from the blow, Helmer had a large goose egg to show for his brilliant playing in the tourney.

Brushing back a hitter is one thing; throwing at his head is another. In some newspaper accounts, some managers have called their pitchers aside and told them "we are going to have a beanball battle today."

Pitchers get trapped in these wars. One beanball leads to another. Suddenly a man who has no desire to throw a baseball behind a man's head finds himself in a position where he has no choice.

Again, why should any manager be able to toy with a player's career, or maybe his life?

Luzinski was lucky and so was Pee Wee Reece of the old Brooklyn Dodgers. They were able to resume their careers after being beaned.

However, many players haven't been so fortunate. Former Phillie farmhand, Bill Schlesinger, was nailed in the eye by a pitch that permanently impaired his sight cutting his baseball career short. You better believe he has some strong feelings about beanballs.

An overreaction on my part? Not if you've been beaned it isn't. Ask Luzinski. Ask Tony Conigliaro. Ask Larry Bowa's father.

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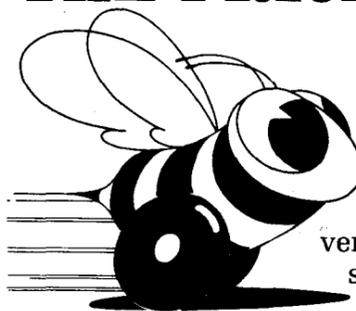
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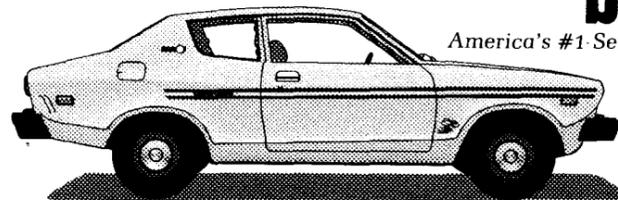
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Athens, Calhoun Down Rockets in Baseball Action

Athens College made shambles of Redstone's pitching and defense in route to a 16-6 win in an exhibition baseball contest Thursday at Athens.

In what started as a closely-contested game, Athens notched the score at three-all in the fourth inning and then pounded out six runs in the fifth and seven in the seventh to win hands down.

Larson chalked up the win for Athens in relief of starter Steve Britton. Britton went three innings, yielding three runs on four hits, which produced three runs for Redstone.

Rocket hurler Kineird started for Redstone and had a two-hitter going through three innings before he ran into trouble. when Ronnie Riner led off with a single and then scored on M.

Bartleson's three-bagger. Bartleson produced Athens second run on Lou Malinosky's sacrifice grounder.

The loss dropped the Rockets to a dismal 1-9 record. This was the second loss to Athens.

Redstone took a 3-2 advantage through three innings, but Athens came back in the fourth to tie the game when Jeff Thompson got a base hit and then scored on Don Weather's double.

In the top half of the fifth, Redstone recaptured he lead on a two-run outburst. Redstone's K. C. Manning started the inning off with a walk and eventually scored along with Teppe, who singled, on Edmonston's second hit of the game.

In the fifth inning eight runs were scored, six of them by

Athens, which gave them a 10-5 advantage. Athens wrapped the game up in the seventh stanza, scoring seven runs led by Jay Winkler's triple and Thompson's double.

Thompson ended the game with three hits, including two of five extra base hits collected by Athens.

War Hawks Nip Rockets, 6-2

The Calhoun War Hawks defeated the Redstone Rockets 6-2 in the first game of a shortened double-header Saturday at Linton Field. The second contest, supposedly to get underway 30 minutes later, was postponed because of rain.

Rockets Drop Tennis Meet

The Redstone Rockets fell to a 0-2 record last Monday night when the War Hawks from Calhoun College routed the post tennis team 9-0 in an exhibition match at Braham Springs tennis

Winston 500

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courts.

Calhoun, who sports a 7-4 slate, defeated Redstone in the singles and doubles.

In the singles event, Irfan Bokhari downed Sid Roberts, 6-0 and 6-2; Carl Ezell defeated Tom McLaughlin, 6-2 and 6-1; Gary Payne beat Chuck Addicott, 6-4 and 6-0; Allen Coleman blanked Mike Drinkwater, 6-0 and 6-0; Lloyd Ordway whipped Mike Burns, 6-2 and 6-1; and Lloyd Owens won over Gary Addams, 6-2 and 6-1.

In the doubles, Coleman-Payne

downed Roberts-Addicott, 6-0 and 6-1; Ezell-Bokhari beat McLaughlin-Drinkwater, 6-2 and 6-0; while Ordway-Owens eliminated Burns-Addams, 6-2 and 6-1.

The War Hawks were led by Bokhari, who defeated Redstone's stalwart, Sid Roberts, in the singles. The junior champion is from Pakistan.

The best match for Redstone occurred between War Hawk Payne and Addicott. Addicott took Calhoun's No. 3 man to the limit before losing 6-4.

The War Hawks took a 1-0 advantage in the first inning when Calhoun's second baseman, Marty Evans, opened the inning on a fielder's choice, took second on an error, and then scored on Scott Qualls' double.

Calhoun increased their lead to 3-0 in the third when Evans belted a home run, scoring Larry Ziegler ahead of him, who reached first on a base hit.

In the top of the fifth, Calhoun bunched three more runs for a 6-0 cushion. Gary Redus and Qualls singled and Wright doubled in the inning to lead the War Hawks barrage.

Redstone finally came through in the bottom of the fifth. With two outs, Byrd singled, took third on K.C. Manning's base hit, and then

trotted home when Mike Spry laced a two-bagger to right field. Spry, who has had 14 hits in 36 trips to the plate—a .472 clip—produced the Rockets final run on a booming homer. It was his sixth four-bagger of the season.

Mike Randy hurled an eight-hitter and chalked up the win for War Hawks. Randy had a no-hitter record going through three innings, before yielding two consecutive base hits to Jeff Dixon and Edmonston in the fourth.

Edmonston, in a losing effort, went the distance for Redstone. The post team's record now stands at 1-9.

Spry and Edmonston paced Redstone with two hits each, while Ziegler, Evans, Redus, Wright and Qualls had two each for Calhoun.

Soldatenmarsch Saturday

The German Air Force Detachment at the Missile and Munitions Center and School has extended the entry deadline for individuals who wish to participate in the Soldatenmarsch this Saturday.

Persons may register anytime prior to the start of the event, which is scheduled to get underway

at 8 a.m.

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Bratwurst, sauerkraut, karstoffsalat and German beer will be available at the "Soldatenstube" after the march.

Old-Timers Slow-pitch to Organize

Senior officers and enlisted soldiers may sign up for the first annual Old-Timers Slow-Pitch Softball League, according to Athletic Director Ralph Santaliz. Soldiers 35 years and older

may participate and at least four teams must be formed to organize the league.

For further information, persons should contact the Athletic Director at 876-2943.

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Intramural Slow-pitch Softball Meeting Scheduled May 10

An organizational meeting for all units interested in participating in the 1976 Intramural Slow-Pitch Softball League will be conducted on May 10 at the Recreation Center.

According to Athletic Director

ROA Tourney Scheduled

The Retired Officer Association Second Annual Golf Tournament for all retired officers will be held May 6-7 at Redstone Arsenal Golf Course. Contact CW (Ret) Eugene Krembs (859-3287) or COL (Ret) Paul Pencola (883-8387) or sign up at the Pro Shop. Entries close May 20.

Holt, Young Fire 70's

Goldie Holt and June Young tied for low net honors in the 18-hole playday staged last week by the Officers Wives Golf Group.

Both had 70s.

Marian Deppensmith and Ivy Pencola tied for second with 71s while Camille Schlendering and Billie Shuput were deadlocked in third place with 72s.

Rec Center to Offer Attractions

The Redstone Recreation Center has scheduled many activities for military personnel and their dependents for the month of May.

On May 2, the center will sponsor a trip to the Winston 500 NASCAR Cup Stock Car Race in Talladega, Ala. The race is reputed to be the fastest in the world.

Lunch and transportation will be provided by the Recreation Center and the bus will leave at 8 a.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the center at \$12.00 per person. The deadline for buying tickets is April 29.

In addition to the trip to the Talladega Speedway, the center is also sponsoring a musical May 9 featuring the "Pearls of the Pacific." There will be no admission fee.

On May 16, a bus will be sponsored to take interested personnel to the Birmingham Zoo. The bus will leave a 9 a.m. and the charge will be \$1.50.

Other attractions will be a film entitled, "No Time for Sergeant's," May 30 at 7 p.m. and pool and table tennis tournaments with trophies to be given to winners.

For additional information concerning any of these activities contact Joyce Le Duc at 876-4531.

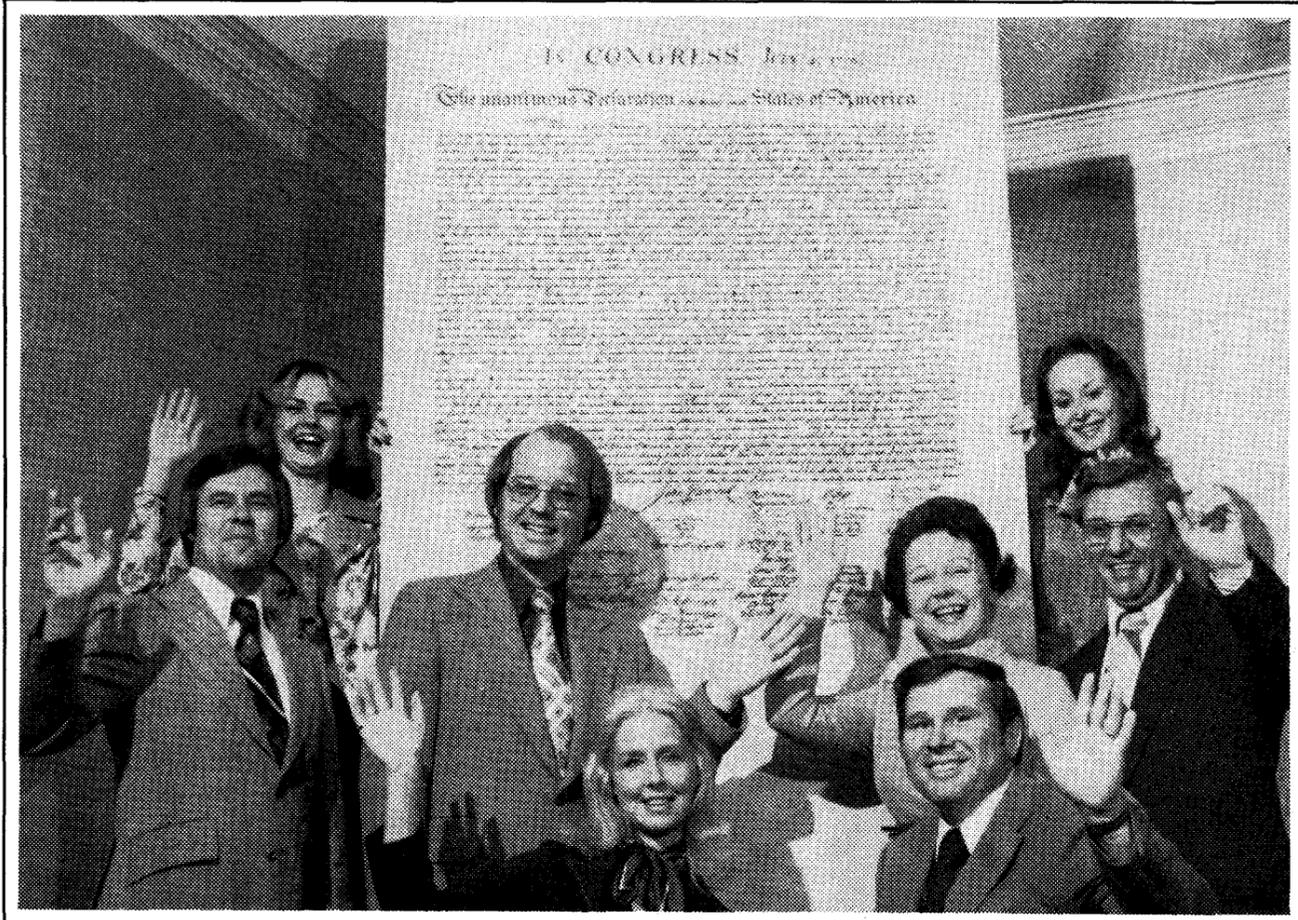
Ralph Santaliz, all coaches or unit athletic and recreation representatives must be present at

the 3 p. m. meeting.

On May 12 and 13 at 3 p.m. a mandatory softball clinic for

those teams entered in the league will be held at the Recreation Center.

The Athletic Director may be reached at 876-2943 for further information.



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Five Named In Funds Case

WASHINGTON — The Army identified on April 22 five individuals it said were responsible for the overobligation of about \$165 million in FY 71 and FY 72 funds, a violation of federal law.

Making public a mandatory report to Congress, the Army stressed it had no evidence to indicate the violations were intentional. The five men named included Robert Lowery, a former MICOM employee, now Comptroller of the U.S. Army Electronics Command.

The others: LTG John A. Kjellstrom, Comptroller of the Army and then Director of the Army Budget; MG Hugh Foster,

retired former commander of ECOM; Leonard F. Keenan, Deputy Director of the Army Budget, and Laird G. Morris, then Chief, Budget Execution Office, Office of the Director of the Army Budget.

Generals Kjellstrom and Foster have been given written reprimands. Keenan and Lowery have been notified by the Secretary of the Army of his intent to give them written reprimands.

No action was taken regarding Morris, who has retired.

The report of investigation identified areas where "other individuals may not have been performing adequately," the

Army said and has been turned over to the Commander, Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command (DARCOM) and the Director of Army Budget to determine if further action is necessary.

In a second report to Congress made public the same day, the Army identified COL Daniel T. McHugh, then ARMCOM Comptroller, as the officer responsible for overobligating about \$40.3 million in FY 73 funds. It said because of mitigating circumstances no administrative or disciplinary action was taken against him.

The Army stressed in both reports "that the government did not lose value due to the improper financial transactions. The results were unauthorized purchases of goods and services for augmentation of the Army inventory."

The \$165 million overobligation was attributed to "financial management deficiencies" in Army headquarters and in DARCOM. Specific causes, the Army said, included "failure to maintain adequate customer order controls and the failure to reconcile and verify accounting records as required by regulation."

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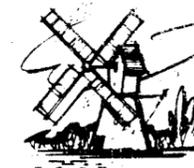
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Military

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It said the current military retirement system "is more generous than civilian counterparts." It proposed that service members generally should be required to serve 30 years, instead of 20 as is now the case, to qualify for an immediate pension. This provision, the commission said, would apply only to persons coming into the service after it became law, not to those now serving.

The commission, appointed by the president to make recommendations to Congress, also suggested that the standby draft be reconstituted and that yearly draft registration be resumed. The commission said that National Guard divisions should be kept intact during peace time, but in the event of wartime mobilization might be used to

provide battalion size units as required for early deployment.

MORE FINDINGS

Among findings in the 518 page report were the following:

— The U.S. must maintain its 2.1 million manning level for the next 10 years or more depending upon the world situation.

— The services should be able to recruit enough persons to fill their ranks over the next 10 years but may have to offer additional incentives if the economy booms and jobs become easier to find in civilian life.

— With the exception of scientific areas, the baccalaureate degree is sufficient education to achieve four star rank.

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Civilian

(From Front Page)

attrition and cancellation of vacancies to absorb manning cuts because "skill imbalances that will take years to overcome" result.

— Lowering the mandatory age for retirement to 65 and allowing service beyond then only by agency head exception on a year to year basis.

— Filling vacancies at the GS-12 level and higher by advertising throughout DOD.

— Paying clerical and technical employees on the basis of local or geographical rates rather than on a nationwide scale.

— Shifting control of the civilian work force from local managers to the Secretary of Defense and

military departments at the service staff level.

— Announcing base closings at least three years in advance and using a percentage of the projected savings to help restore the affected community if necessary.

COMPARE COSTS

The Commission said DOD should improve its techniques for comparing the cost of work done by contractors and federal employees, specifically it said government cost estimates for DOD workers should include indirect costs such as housing, medical support, administration, retirement and veterans' benefits.

The report recommended a full time Federal Compensation Board be established with a permanent staff to continually review and make recommendations concerning compensation related issues.

Sam-D Seeks Office Move to Research Park

Working through DARCOM and the Corps of Engineers, the SAM-D Project Office is seeking approval to move from Bldg 4488 on the Arsenal to longer quarters in the

Safeguard Building in Research Park.

The project office has about 17,000 feet of floor space, needs more and cannot expand where it

is now. There are 180 military and civilian employees assigned to the office and more are anticipated shortly as the major weapons program resumes full scale engineering development.

MICOM provides a variety of support services to SAM-D and will continue to do so regardless of the project office location.

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