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DDT contamination sparks controversy

Army, EPA may meet in court

The Army and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) appear headed to court over the problems posed by DDT contamination of Huntsville Spring Branch and Indian Creek.

Responding to an EPA order, Redstone's Commander told the agency last week that the Army would continue to work for a solution to DDT contamination, but would not take specific actions ordered by EPA.

EPA said Feb. 12 that the Army response was "inadequate" and left "no choice but to consider further enforcement action."

Paul Traina, enforcement chief for EPA Region IV, told local newsmen that his agency intended to turn the matter over to the Justice Department as a first step in taking the Army into federal court.

Specifically, EPA said the Army had

failed to submit a plan for a downstream health study within 30 days as directed in its administrative order issued January 4. EPA said it would now ask the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to undertake the study of residents of Triana. Responding to a request from Triana's mayor, CDC actually began the study sometime ago. A CDC doctor took blood samples in the small community last week. They will be analyzed to determine the amount of DDT residents may have in their bodies as a result of eating DDT contaminated fish from the creeks.

MG Louis Rachmeler responded to the EPA order on Feb. 5, saying the Army will cooperate with and assist EPA and other involved agencies such as the Tennessee Valley Authority and the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service. Rachmeler offered to host a meeting of experts from all agencies to develop possible solutions and support any working group that resulted from it.

The Army response reviewed work the Army has already accomplished to clean up and contain DDT on Army property since it first reported to EPA more than 18 months ago that Army studies had found DDT was migrating from Army property in surface water.

DDT contamination of Army property and adjoining streams resulted from operations by Olin Corporation and others who made DDT in a plant on the arsenal leased from the Army Corps of Engineers for more than 20 years.

Rachmeler told EPA that a water

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Black History event

draws gospel singer

"An Evening of Black Church Music" on Sunday, Feb. 18, will conclude the activities marking Black History Month at Redstone Arsenal. The program will feature internationally known gospel singer Dr. J. Robert Bradley and will take place in the Bicentennial Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

A native of Tennessee, Bradley has gained acclaim for his powerful renditions of hymns and gospel songs. His bass-baritone voice has made him a living legend in gospel circles, earning him the praise of contemporaries like Mahalia Jackson, who called Bradley her "inspiration."

Bradley was born in 1920, in Memphis, where he was trained by a pioneer gospel composer, Lucie Campbell. He was hailed as a child prodigy, and gained local recognition for performances with the National Baptist Convention.

In 1934, Bradley organized the Good Will Singers, the first Baptist Convention choral unit specializing in the gospel compositions of Lucie Campbell and Tommy Dorsey. Bradley has toured in Europe and South America and has served as Director of Music Promotion for the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A.

"An Evening of Black Church Music" will include Bradley's renditions of "Go Down Moses" and "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley." Admission is free. The public is welcome and may enter the arsenal through Gate 8.

Doctor shortage improves

WASHINGTON (ARNEWS)—A few bright spots exist for the Army Medical Department as it continues to deal with the physician shortage issue.

According to an official in the office of the surgeon general, emphasis is being placed on recruiting, training and retaining qualified people in all medical specialties.

During 1978, 326 physicians were recruited for the Army Medical Corps, more than a 100 percent increase over the 150 doctors recruited the previous year. Although the number of physicians is im-

proving, shortages still persist in certain specialties—radiology, orthopedics, internal medicine, anesthesiology and obstetric and gynecology, said the official.

Training spaces in the Army Medical Department's Graduate Medical Education Program (GME) were increased with the July 1978 program input. The program will help provide the trained specialists needed. As a procurement and retention tool, the GME was recently expanded to allow civilian or non-obligated military physicians to take their specialty training in a civilian institution at Army expense in exchange for an active duty obligation. Previously, this program was limited to specialty training in which shortages were most critical but is now being expanded to include other required specialties.

In addition to training programs, promotion, retention and obligation efforts have been improved to help solve the physician shortage. Lieutenant Colonel Medical Corps Selection Boards may now recommend for promotion all fully qualified eligible officers. During FY 78 more medical officers decided to remain on active duty beyond their initial active duty obligation, according to the official. Twenty-eight percent of the physicians remained. A seven percent increase from FY 77.

Department of Defense authorized a change to the minimum tour of service for first term personnel. According to the official, this should enhance the recruitment of physicians. The change reduces the three year minimum tour of service to two years for Medical Corps officers. However, it excludes doctors already having an initial term of service or who are recruited through a subsidized education program.

The long standing authorization allowing

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OPINION

The House collection of great valentine verse

Just as other people have collections of great paintings or the autographs of famous people, I collect old Valentine's Day cards. Though many people don't know it, Valentine's Day is one of our oldest holidays. Sending messages on that day is an old tradition, so my collection of cards contains some unusual specimens.

Henry VIII, for instance, took the first step towards mass production of valentines when he came up with a multiple choice valentine — all he had to do was check the correct response for each female. If he hadn't had the valentine below, he probably never would have survived his six marriages:

My dearest love with your hair of a.) gold,
 b.) brown, c.) red,
 I will never forget thee, though I a.) grow old,
 b.) slow down, c.) fall dead.
 I look into those eyes of a.) blue, b.) brown,
 c.) gray,
 And hope you will never a.) say adieu, b.) split
 the town, c.) go away.
 And so my precious darling a.) Jane, b.) Kate,
 c.) Anne,
 Let's live in love a.) while life remains,
 b.) 'ere it's too late, c.) while you still can.

Other lovers, even if they had all eternity to work on their messages, never went to so much trouble. They preferred to write their poems short and to the point. Take this valentine from Count Dracula:

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House Calls



by KATHY HOUSE

Valentines often served as inspirations for other works. The poem below, which inspired Edgar Allan Poe to one of his greatest achievements, was sent to him from his girlfriend Lenore:

Once upon a Valentine's dreary, while I pondered,
 weak and weary,
 Over many a quaint and curious card in a
 department store,
 While I pawed through, nearly tearing,
 suddenly there came a swearing,
 As of someone deeply caring, caring that there
 were not more.
 "Tis some fiance," I muttered, "caring that
 there are not more —
 Only this and nothing more."
 But my wonder then o'ercame me, and I
 turned to see who shamed me,

With such words, as if his soul in those bad
 words he did outpour.
 Not the least obeisance made he, not a minute
 joked or played he,
 But, at gunpoint then he stayed me, and purse
 from my fist he tore —
 Purse with Master Charge and VISA from my
 fragile fist he tore —
 All of this; I had no more.
 So you see my darling sweetheart, you should
 not be bitter or tart,
 For I cannot help that I come empty-handed
 from the store.
 You should just be glad I'm handy, though I
 bring not card nor candy,
 For it's hard to purchase candy, held at gun-
 point in a store.
 If you are not pleased to see me, with a kiss
 and nothing more —
 Be my Valentine nevermore.

Poe was not sympathetic to Lenore's message and they broke up soon afterwards. Still, this poem reminds us of the importance of Valentine's Day. Without this valentine to inspire him how would Poe ever have written "The Fall of the House of Usher"?



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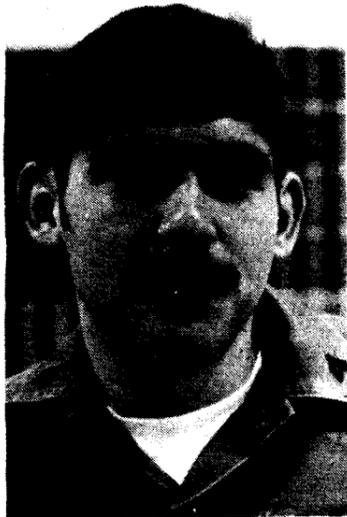


PFC Burnett Robertson, Co. A
 — "I'd say the role hasn't changed due to the fact that Blacks have been in the military since its beginning. And it's even more evident today, because there's more Blacks in the military. The role is the same for all soldiers, and that is to serve his country and conduct himself in a military manner."

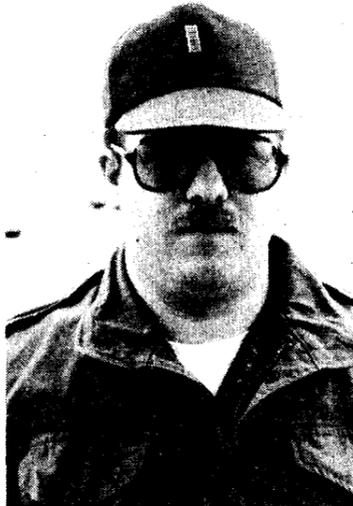


Sp5 Ruth Smith, HHC MIRCOM
 — "The Black's role is the same as everyone else's, we're here to accomplish a mission. We're all here for the same reason, to aid and defend our country. It doesn't matter about race or color, everyone's here for the same purpose!"

"What is your opinion of the role of Blacks in today's Army?"



Sgt. William Wolfschlag, 8th S.C. — "I think they play an important role in the Army. It doesn't matter about race, you're here to accomplish a mission. We're all working for the same goal, which is mission accomplishment."



2nd Lt. Allen Barnett, Co. C — "From what I've observed in the Army, they have all these race relations and equal opportunity programs saying we're equal. As far as I'm concerned, we are all equal, and should receive the same treatment. I don't think anyone should be treated special because of race, color or religion."



Pvt. 2 Donald Thomas, 4th S.C. — "Everybody has an equal share of things. Everyone in the Army is a soldier and everyone's treated the same. What's the use in fighting each other, when in war, we'll all be fighting together."

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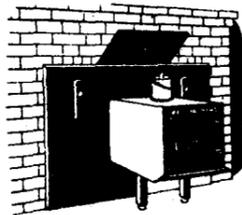
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Gen. Guthrie sends wishes

Major General Louis Rachmeler
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Dear General Rachmeler:

As the US Army Missile Materiel Readiness Command marks its second anniversary on 31 January 1979, I wish to extend to you and each and every member of your command my appreciation for contributions made during the past year and best wishes for continued progress.

The major efforts made by the dedicated men and women of your command to improve the readiness of all deployed Army missile systems are praiseworthy. The special work performed to upgrade the Improved Hawk system is extremely significant. I have also followed with interest and pride your diligent efforts in focusing the attention of the men and women of your organization on our primary mission — support of the Total Army. We need very much to instill this philosophy in each individual affiliated with DARCOM, and I appreciate your innovative support in this endeavor.

On behalf of the entire DARCOM family, our congratulations and warmest wishes. We look forward to sharing in your continued future achievements.

Sincerely,
JOHN R. GUTHRIE
General, USA
Commanding

Brigadier General Frank P. Ragano
Commander
US Army Missile Research and
Development Command

Dear General Ragano:

Upon the second anniversary of the US Army Missile Research and Development Command on 31 January 1979, I wish to extend to you and the men and women, civilian and military, of your command my personal appreciation for your efforts during the past year.

The successful efforts of your organization during this period in maintaining a technical base through continued basic and applied research in missile technology are significant. You and your staff at Redstone Arsenal can justifiably be proud of efforts made in bringing several missile systems to the point of production during the past year. I am confident that your command will continue to meet its future goals in the same professional manner.

We in DARCOM send our best wishes on your second anniversary and look forward to working with you toward continuing achievements in the future.

Sincerely,
JOHN R. GUTHRIE
General, USA
Commanding

MIRADCOM holds 'Fasching' party

MIRADCOM will soon go "Fasching". The costume party in a traditional German flavor will be held in the Officers' Club on Feb. 23.

German style hor d'oeuvres will be served beginning at 7 p.m. in Ballroom 1 and 2. A cash bar will be available.

The Blue Flame band will begin performing at 7:30 and continue until 11:30 for both listening and dancing. It will present traditional German music as well as contemporary.

Tickets cost \$5 each from any of the following representatives: Jo Holt, Staff, 6-4916; Regina Steel, Copperhead, 6-2445; Kathryn Owens, P&A, 6-4414; Sara Cole, Resource Mgmt., 6-4798; Mary Jane Yost, Special Project, 6-8351; Rachel House, DARPA, 6-5012; Sharon Van Dyke, GSRS, 6-8286; Brenda Tarpley, VIPER-AHAMS, 6-2131; Andra Woodruff, Hellfire, 6-2069; Kaye Linsey, Stinger, 6-4651; LTC Kenneth Worsham, Ground Laser Designator, 6-7047.

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Prizes, categories to be yet determined, will be given to the best costumes worn to the Fasching.

Ribbon cutting opens new Credit Union

The new Redstone Arsenal Branch Office of Redstone Federal Credit Union opened Friday, February 9, 1979, with Maj. Gen. Louis Rachmeler cutting the ribbon during the opening ceremony at 11:30 a.m. The branch office, located in the Redstone Arsenal Shopping Center, will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

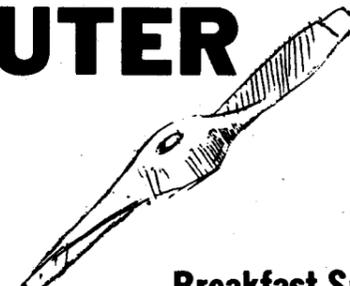
The 2,000 square-foot office contains five teller stations, four loan counselor offices, a Remoteller unit, and a night depository. The new branch office replaces Building

3649 Branch Office of Redstone Federal Credit Union, which had served first as the main office and then a branch office since the mid fifties.

Luther F. Adams, President of Redstone Federal Credit Union, said that the building was constructed with the cost defrayed by Redstone Federal Credit Union. Credit Union Manager Roy Hollihan said, "The new branch office will allow expansion of the staff and opportunity for better service to members, civilian and military, located on Redstone Arsenal."

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Post gym recreation offers an escape from cold

By LARRY PAUL

In recent years, physical fitness has come into the limelight. People are concerned with their physical attributes and staying younger longer.

During the summer months tennis courts, baseball fields and other outdoor recreational facilities are filled with energetic people interested in keeping in shape.

But when the weather turns sour, many of these outdoor people turn indoors for their recreation. Indoor tennis courts and gymnasiums flourish during this time.

Here on Redstone Arsenal, things are much the same. When the weather deteriorates, the post gymnasium is where many physical fitness enthusiasts stay in shape.



Weightlifting is one activity that relies on strength more than anything else. As you can tell by Capt. Jay Troy's face, lifting weights can be a strenuous way to help stay in shape.

The post gym offers a wide array of physical fitness equipment and activities for the full fledged enthusiast, and the person who occasionally works out.

Racketball, one of the most vigorous indoor sports, is also one of the most popular. During the week, the four handball-racketball courts at the gym are usually booked up during the lunch hours by some of the many enthusiasts of this sport.

But, if racquetball or handball isn't your sport, the gym has a regulation size basketball court with a small jogging track around its perimeter.

The gym's weight lifting room features one of the more versatile "universal gyms" on the market. Both men and women can get their bodies in shape with either the "universal gym" or other weight lifting equipment found there.

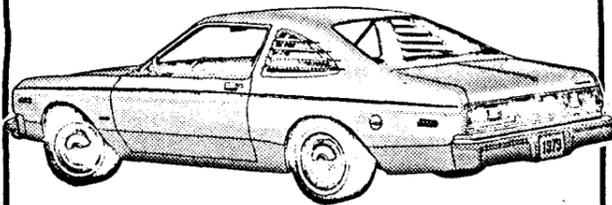
And, if the martial arts or gymnastics or any type of muscle stretching exercise is your bag, the gym offers two rooms with mats for these types of physical exercise.

After a good workout many people take advantage of the two sauna's or the steam room.

Those plagued with sore muscles can always find muscular relief in the whirlpool. Although the gym only offers one whirlpool, men and women can take advantage of it, depending on the time of the day.

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Davis, Dee share "black experience" with crowd

A crowd of about 800 people responded with a standing ovation to the performers of Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee in a program given as part of Black History Month. An "Evening with Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee" was held at the NCO Club on Feb. 5.

Davis, speaking on the meaning of Black History Month, said that black history was "not only a black experience, but an American experience as well." In sharing the black experience, Davis said, "we want to recall the part that gave us joy . . . that made life worth living."

The husband-wife team shared the program with the Young Adult Choir of Huntsville's First Baptist Church. During the first part of the program, Davis talked about the meaning of spirituals to the American slave, and the choir sang such spirituals as "Free at Last," "Go Down, Moses" and "Amen."

In the second part of the program, Dee joined Davis in telling folk stories and tales invented by both Africans and American blacks.

Davis explained that folktales were an important part of African heritage since African literary tradition was oral, not written.

"Humor, folktales, anecdotes — all these give you some insight as to who we are," he told the audience.

Besides telling folktales, the couple also recited poems by Langston Hughes and performed a scene from the play "Purlie

Victorious," which Davis wrote. Dee also recited a poem from a production she has written and plans to take on tour.

The choir then sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The evening concluded when everyone rose and joined the choir in singing the Black National Anthem.

DDT contamination

(From Front Page)

treatment plant put into operation earlier this month as one of the final steps of the EPA-approved Army clean up plan, would effectively abate DDT runoff from Army property. The treatment plant removes DDT from water draining the old plant site into Huntsville Spring Branch. Army clean up efforts through last year cost about \$500,000. About \$300,000 more will be spent this year operating the water treatment plant and testing ground and surface water to make sure that DDT residues remain on Army property.

The Army response made these points:

1. The Army is complying with federal law. EPA had said in its admin order the Army was discharging pollutants from Army property into the Spring Branch in violation of federal law.

2. The Army has effectively abated the discharge of pollution from Army property. EPA named in its order the discharge from the ditch draining the plant site as the pollution source. The water treatment plant now in operation removes all but a trace of DDT from the water before it enters the Spring Branch.

3. The Army did not cause the problem. DDT discharges that caused the contamination in the creeks occurred while the plant was being operated by private firms.

4. The Army lacked jurisdiction to take actions ordered by EPA outside Army property.

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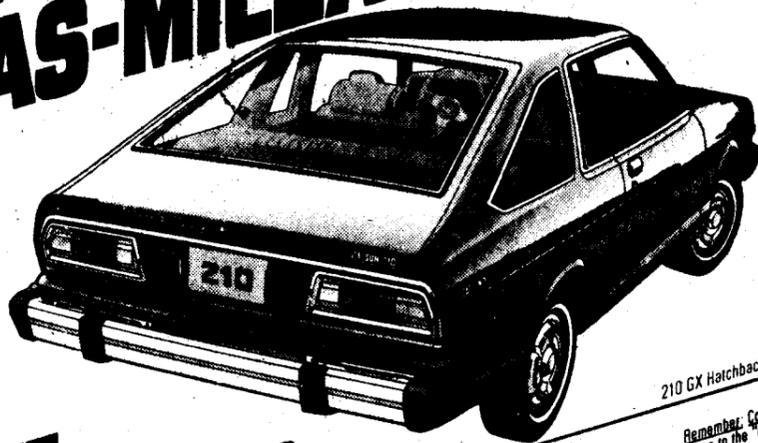
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The black experience

Black history observances are being held this month throughout the country, and around the world where Americans are stationed. Army publications and special activities will highlight the heritage and history of the black soldier.

This issue of DA FOCUS looks at the black soldier in the Army today.

FOCUS talked with three black soldiers: Lieutenant General Arthur Gregg, the Army's senior black officer; Command Sergeant Major James Murray, a veteran of 26 years' service; and Private Kate Jones, a recent recruit.

The officer

Lieutenant General Arthur J. Gregg is the Director for Logistics for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Before being assigned to the Pentagon, he served as US Army Europe's Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

The senior black officer in the Army today, Gregg is one of only two black Army officers to have reached the grade of lieutenant general so far.

Gregg joined the Army in 1946 for many reasons—"a general feeling of patriotism, a boyhood dream of being a soldier."

"I saw the Army as an opportunity to gain some experience and I wanted to take advantage of many of the opportunities the Army offered," he explained.

Since joining, he's found military service "very stimulating, challenging, and rewarding."

Integration

Commissioned a second lieutenant after having completed Officer Candidate School at Ft. Riley, Kansas, in 1950, Gregg has witnessed many changes in the role of the black soldier during his career.

"We've progressed from a segregated Army to an Army that makes a real attempt to fully utilize the skills and talents of black soldiers. In 1950 we had the beginning of integration in the Army and that progressed even better than most people anticipated. Then in the early 1960s we saw positive steps being taken toward achieving equal opportunity. The right school assignments, senior staff duty, and command assignments really brought blacks 'on stream' to take full advantage of all of the opportunities in the Army."

"Some of these efforts," he added, "are embodied in our equal opportunity program today and are continuing."

Progress

Recent progress Gregg considers "Outstanding! When we look at the Army today statistically, 29 percent of the enlisted members, 21 percent of the top NCOs, and 6.6 percent of the officers are black. In the officer training programs, 21.8 percent of those in ROTC and 5.1 percent of those at West Point are black. Today there are 16 black generals in the active forces. Black sergeants major and other senior NCOs are in evidence in most of our commands. The numbers of blacks selected for key command positions, staff positions, and school attendance have also increased."

On the negative side, however, Gregg notes, "The percentage of black officers entering on active duty is far less than the per-



centage in various officer training programs."

"What percentage of the ROTC graduates are coming on active duty?" This is a question Gregg feels needs some attention. "Statistically for the last five years the number of blacks in the ROTC program has been between 17 and 22 percent. This obviously should reflect on the number of blacks in the officer corps, and it does reflect but not in the degree that one would reasonably anticipate."

The number of black officers compared to the increasing number of black soldiers won't present a future problem, according to Gregg. Soldiers respond to a good leader regardless of race, he said. The presence of black officers is "one indicator of the effectiveness of the Army's equal opportunity program," he added.

The chances of blacks reaching top Army positions are "very good" Gregg believes. "We have some very talented officers who have the experience and background necessary for senior positions. I'm optimistic that many of them will make it."

Coping

In many cases, black soldiers entering the Army have problems of coping with military life. "Many of our black soldiers come

from an environment where education opportunities are limited, and they have lived in a society that is less integrated than the military. Their life style and speech habits are often different from those found in the military," Gregg said.

These soldiers "go through some changes in order to become full and participating members of the team in today's Army. In some cases they must catch up on educational requirements and sometimes even change their normal speech patterns. Some of these changes are challenging for the black soldier. They are also made more difficult by real and perceived biases. On the positive side, though, the fact that they have succeeded in adjusting is a tremendous credit to themselves, the Army and the nation."

Equal opportunity

Gregg feels that there is a perception that the Army's equal opportunity program is losing its momentum. "Equal opportunity staffs have been reduced. Many of the programs have been altered and there's a general feeling that we've done what needs to be done in the field of equal opportunity."

"The program remains an effective one, however, and there are many people in senior leadership positions in the Army today who believe in the equal opportunity objec-

tives and are giving them a real push from their vantage points. The Army's top leaders such as Secretary of the Army Clifford Alexander, General George Blanchard, Commander in Chief, US Army Europe, and others have certainly supported equal opportunity objectives and have been especially effective."

In the future, Gregg would like to see the program strengthened. "However, we must recognize what appears to be a conservative trend in the Army and in the nation. There's also a general feeling that there's no need for additional special efforts in the equal opportunity arena. The movement in the future will involve a 'real challenge' to create the kind of environment where the Army's equal opportunity program can continue as a 'positive force' in bringing about changes which should be made."

Commanders

A commander's role in the equal opportunity area is clear to Gregg. "A commander must respond to the special needs of all members of his command. It's a matter of good leadership. At the same time, he must be careful that his actions are not perceived to be preferential. His position on equal opportunity is especially important. He should take a very positive stand on equal opportunity issues, and his position should be known throughout the command. This is one of the most important actions a commander can take to create a favorable equal opportunity environment."

As the Army's senior black officer, Gregg feels he's been able to influence equal opportunity "in a very positive way. I feel I have an understanding of the views of black soldiers and officers, and I believe I've been able to contribute to the equal opportunity program in a number of ways."

Gregg sees himself as serving a "role model" for some. He makes himself available for speaking engagements to diverse audiences and to those individuals and groups seeking advice and assistance.

"The most important thing that I can do to contribute to this effort is to be a good officer--and an effective leader," he concluded.

The NCO

Command Sergeant Major James A. Murray is the command sergeant major of the Military District of Washington. He joined the Army in 1953 "not necessarily planning to pursue it as a career but to financially better" himself to return to college.

"I was in college but my father couldn't afford to send my sister and me to college at the same time so I decided to join the service," he said.

The first in his family to be exposed to Army life, he commented, "I didn't have the faintest idea what I was getting into. My father had always drilled into us, though, that whatever we did we make certain we did it the best we possibly could."

According to Murray, his home state of Alabama was still segregated at that time and he had had little exposure to integration.



The private

Private Kate Jones is an Administrative Specialist (71L) assigned to the US Army Management Systems Support Agency (USAMSSA) at the Pentagon. She joined the Army in June 1978 because she "wanted to do something" with her life.

"I graduated from high school in 1970 and worked at various jobs including short order cook. I wanted to travel, but mainly I wanted to learn a skill and have the chance to use it. The Army offered that chance," she explained.

The New Orleans-born volunteer says she has not experienced discrimination in the Army or had difficulty in adjusting to Army life. "Since I've been in, I've noticed we work as people. Everyone gets a fair shake."

Black or white?

Opportunities in the Army, Jones feels, aren't influenced by prejudice or preferential treatment by black superiors. "I don't think it would be any easier for me to work for a black supervisor than for a white supervisor. Blacks that are in positions of authority had to work hard to get there. I think they cherish their positions so much that they try to do an outstanding job."

"I think black supervisors tend to be harder on black soldiers. When they see another black dragging his feet and not doing his best they really come down on him or her. I guess they want to see them progress too," Jones said.

Working together

"People know they have to work together and, as the world progresses, people make progress too. When I was in high school they started integrating the school. Most of the trouble we saw was caused by the parents not the students. I don't think you see too much of that anymore. The world is changing."

"The Army was integrated and I found working as a team with people from all over you've got to forget the color barrier. This was fascinating to me."

Murray feels "If a person volunteers for something, he either knows what he's getting into or since he's volunteered he should accept what's there." He had no difficulty adjusting to Army life and thinks "It's a question of whether or not a person wants to." At the end of his first three-year enlistment, Murray found the Army to be "a good life" and decided to make it a career.

One of the major changes affecting black soldiers that he's seen over the years has been the development of the centralized promotion system. "I've always been promoted on time, but before promotions to the higher enlisted grades were centralized, partiality or favoritism was sometimes shown."

Murray recommends that any soldier



Part of that "changing world," according to Jones, is that the "minority" classification doesn't apply to blacks under some circumstances. "I remember one human relations class in particular. A white soldier who hadn't had any contact with blacks before basic training got up in class to give his opinion. He said most of the trouble nationwide was usually caused by minority groups such as blacks. The class was 70 percent black--so where's the minority?"

Opportunity

Jones summed it up by saying, "I think blacks are aware they have a place in the military. I don't think they come in the Army simply to get a job. They're joining to make the most of the opportunities offered."

encountering a situation where he feels he's a victim of racial prejudice, first discuss it with his chain of command. "Sometimes the chain of command can't solve the problem. Then the soldier should go visit the human relations office. That is an agency that could solve the problem," he said.

"I look at a person as a person rather than as to what color he may be," Murray states. "But, when I was a first sergeant I discovered that I was harder on the black soldier than I was on the white soldier in reference to appearance and personal affairs."

Murray believes black supervisors relate better to black soldiers. "For example," he explained, "the Army has a regulation on haircuts. Sometimes, white supervisors are reluctant to define the regulation or tell a black soldier to get a haircut." In addition, Murray said "The black soldier is going to respond to a minority group supervisor because he feels he can relate to him. It's not necessarily true in all cases--I'd say about 75 percent of the time."

Human relations training provides an opportunity for people to relate to each other by talking about their backgrounds, according to Murray. A person's "background has a lot to do with how they get along with other people. In human relations classes you get 20 or so people together and you get an interesting conversation going that you would never have gotten unless you were in that type of atmosphere," he said.

Maintaining the momentum of human relations training could become a problem area, however. "We need to upgrade the materials and the techniques of instruction."

Opportunities for advancement are "definitely there" for the black soldier in today's Army. "All a soldier--any soldier--has to do is show an interest and apply himself," Murray concluded.

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(From Front Page)

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Bright spots were not limited to the Medical Corps as the Army Nurse Corps and Medical Service Corps achieved their overall year end strengths. However, shortfalls in certain specialties remain and impact on the ability to provide complete health services, said the official.

For qualified enlisted soldiers, Army physician assistant training has been reinstated. Department of Defense approved, in December 1978, a request to reopen the tri-service program. More than 400 applications were received in competition for the 25 spaces in the class beginning in March.

In addition to the personnel situation, efforts are being taken to improve AMEDD's physical facilities. Currently funded or under construction are

replacement hospitals at Fort Campbell, Fort Polk, and Fort Stewart, according to the official.

Of equal importance is the renovation of existing facilities. Plans are being made to upgrade several hospitals and clinics during the next five years, to include the expansion of clinic areas to reflect the shift in workload from inpatient to outpatient care, alterations made necessary by changing specialty requirements, and upgrading utility and other facility supports to satisfy increasingly more strict hospital accreditation and building safety standards.

Twenty-seven dental clinics are currently being funded or under construction. When finished these clinics will complete the dental treatment room requirements at 20 different installations within U.S. Army Health Services Command.

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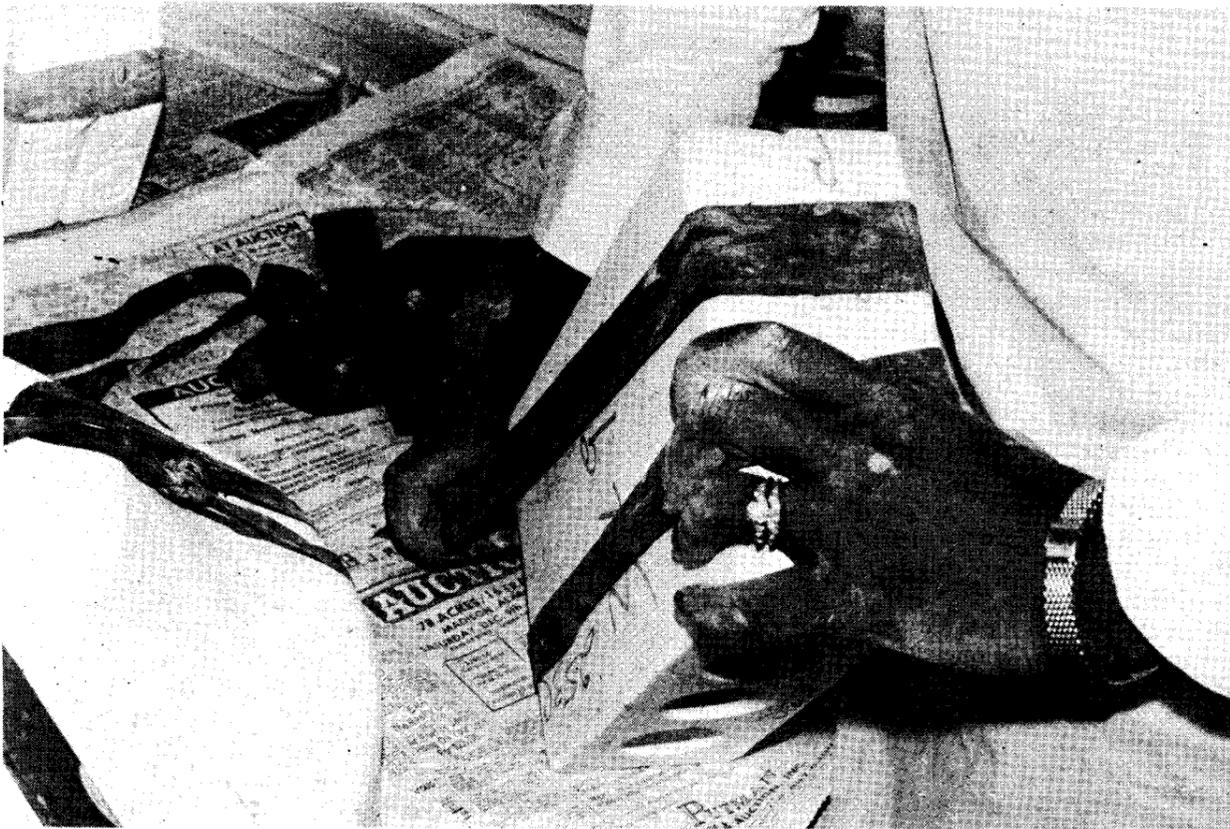


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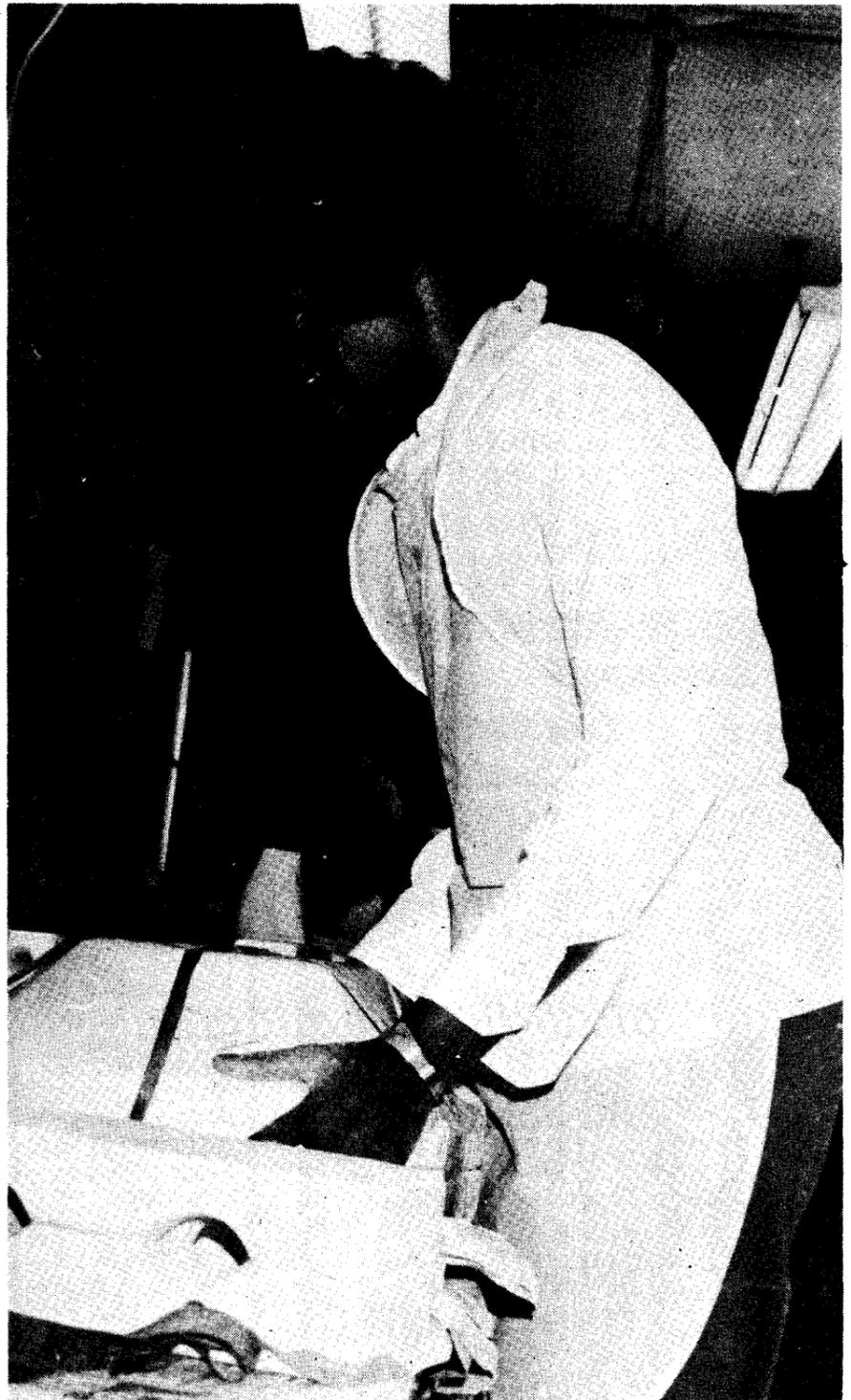


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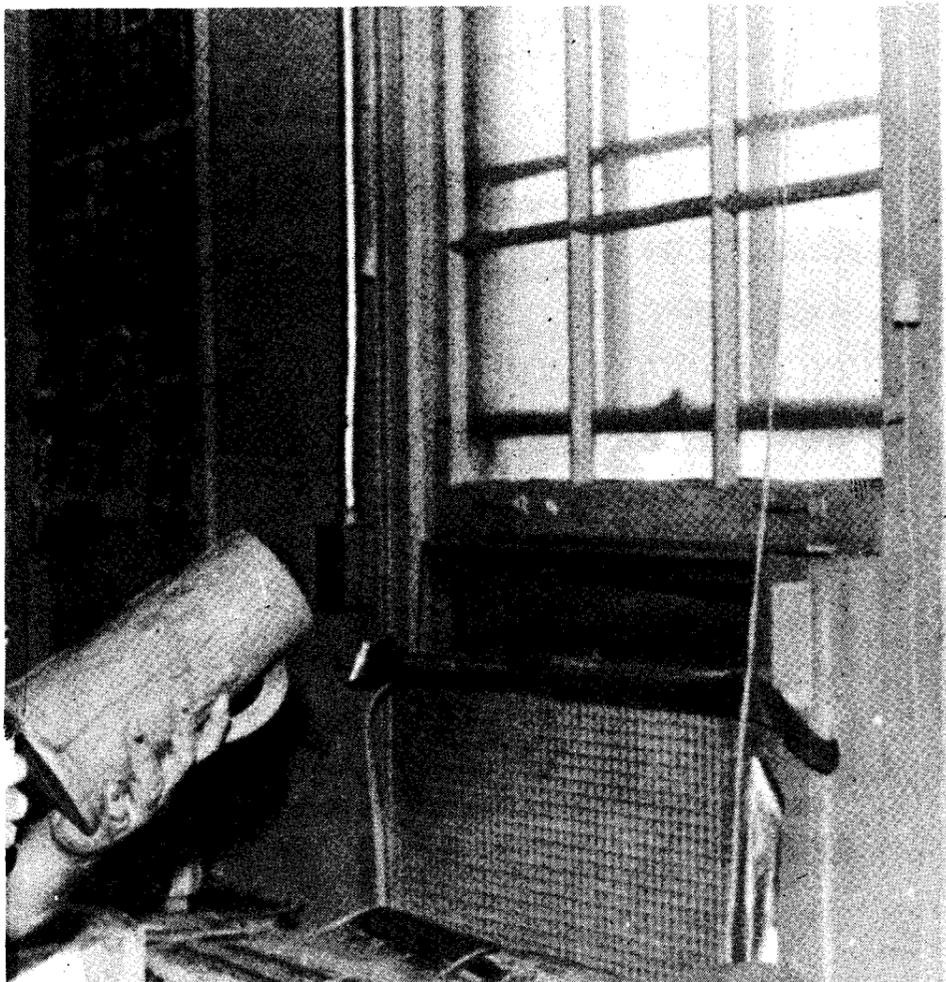
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In Apprenticeship Program

Soldier can get work experience for Army jobs

By LARRY PAUL

A smart soldier can use his Army experience to land a good civilian job upon departing the service. All the soldier has to do is sign up for the Army Apprenticeship Program.

This program helps an estimated 250,000 soldiers world-wide who have military jobs directly related to civilian trades. The program records and verifies hours of work experience applicable to particular apprenticeship programs.

The soldier uses a log book to record number of work hours completed in each area of the program. Entries can be made daily or weekly. When enough hours are logged, the soldier can get a Certificate of Completion from the Department of Labor.

This certificate verifies that the soldier has successfully completed an apprenticeship program compatible with civilian training in that job field. With the aid of this certificate, a soldier leaving the Army can join firms with an apprenticeship program and be classified a journeyman.

"For every apprenticeship program we have in the Army, there is one that is very similar to it on the outside," said SSgt. Gary Harper of the Education Center here.

"If a person came into my office today and wanted to start in a program, we could give him or her a certain amount of credit for their experience up to this date," Harper said.

"But," he added, "the person must be able to verify their hours of experience."

The apprenticeship program here is geared to the Military Occupational Specialties (MOS) taught at the Missile and Munitions Center and School (MMCS). But programs can be obtained through the Education Center for any MOS which has an apprenticeship program.

"This is not a program that is gimmicked for re-enlistment," said MSgt. Glen Fisher of the Education Center. "A lot of people say, 'Oh, this is just a gimmick to get me to re-enlist.' But what it really is is a program

to give them a marketable skill in the civilian world.

"Every apprenticeship program offered by the Department of the Army has been approved by the Department of Labor and has been recognized by all national Labor Unions before it was implemented."

As of Oct. 31, 1978, 308 persons world-wide were enrolled in apprenticeship programs overseen by MMCS. Army wide, 11,293 personnel are enrolled.

"I heard about the program through the grapevine," said Sp5 Richard Cox, a Shillelagh missile system repairman with six years of experience, "and thought it was one of those hush-hush programs. But when I went down to talk to SSgt. Harper, I realized it was a program that was all right."

"When I left Harper's office, I grabbed a handful of pamphlets on the program and started passing them out to people in my section."

"I believe this program will really help to get a job on the outside. It's documented evidence of your experience," said Cox.

Roger Vogel, who departed the Army in December, is now employed in a temporary status at the Electronic Maintenance Branch, RASA. Vogel became active in the apprenticeship program six months before he terminated his service contract.

"I found out about the program through my NCOIC," said Vogel. "When I checked it out, I couldn't find any reason not to be involved with it."

When Vogel entered the program, he was awarded 3,500 hours for his past experience. "My specific program is broken down into five categories. While I was in the military, I was able to log hours in each of the categories during my normal duty."

"I would recommend anyone in any MOS

which has a program like this to enroll. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain," Vogel said.

But, as Fisher said, "The program will only be as good as the people who are in it. We stress to the people in this program to try and learn as much as possible about their job. Many places will give a new person a performance test to see if they're as good as the people who have been trained through their civilian program."

Vogel added, "Not only does the program document the hours of experience you have, but it indicates to the employer that you're serious about a career in that field."

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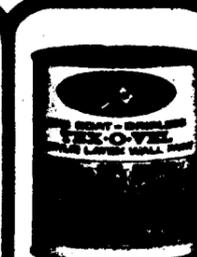


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Direction service finds assistance for handicapped

By KATHY HOUSE

If you're the parent of a handicapped child under twenty-two years old, chances are you know that there are public and private agencies set up to help handicapped individuals. But do you know how to find out where these agencies are or if their services apply to you?

If you need advice, the Tri-City Direction Service can help. The center helps parents find the agencies that can provide help for their children. Services of the direction center are free.

The direction center originated in Decatur in 1976, but it now has several satellite offices which are open part-time. One of these offices is located on post in the Army Community Service (ACS) Office, Bldg. 3484.

Rebecca Long, Field Coordinator for the center, represents it at ACS from 8:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. She is at the Huntsville City Schools administration building each Wednesday.

Long said that this area has a good selection of agencies available to supply special treatment or aids to the physically and mentally handicapped.

But sometimes parents have no idea that such services are available, Long said. If they have just moved into a new area, for instance, they may not be aware of what that area has to offer. Also, Long said, parents often ask only the family doctor for advice about agencies and services. The counselors of the center, since they specialize in working with these agencies and services, may have more information available.

Even if parents know that agencies exist, they may have trouble locating the right ones, Long said.

"There are so many agencies that I think sometimes parents feel that they don't know

where to start," Long said. She added that parents sometimes get discouraged if they find that an agency they apply to cannot help them.

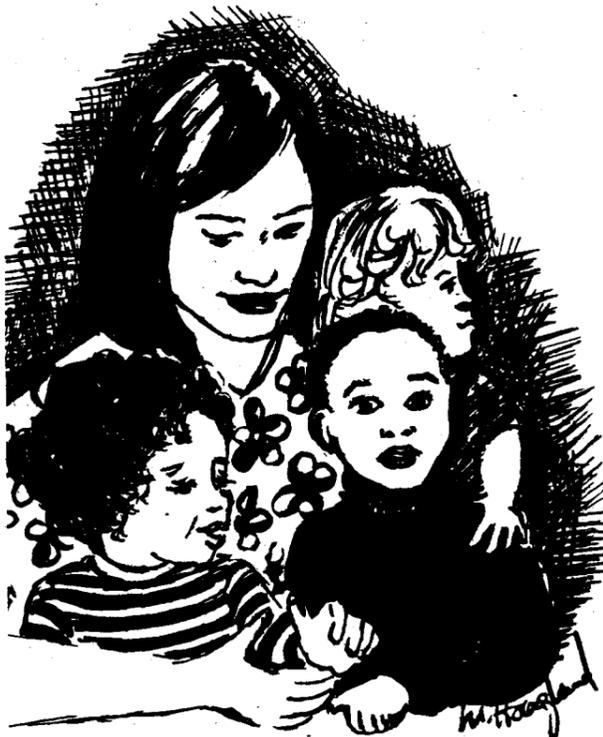
"That's one big advantage of the center," Long said. "We do all the calling in advance, before advising parents where to go for help."

According to Long, the center's job begins when parents come in to ask for help. The counselor gets information about the child and his or her particular problems. Then the counselor investigates agencies and organizations that may be able to help the child, and tells the parents what sort of help they can expect from each one. Counselors at the center conduct several follow-ups on their referrals to see if the parents have any additional problems.

Long said that the center is versatile enough to respond to individual problems. Besides finding agencies to help the handicapped child, the center can help parents find out if they are entitled to supplemental income because of their child's disability. The center can also help parents raise funds from charitable organizations in special cases.

Long stressed that although the program is actually set up to help the handicapped under twenty-two years of age, the center is happy to give advice on services for older handicapped people as well.

"I think we are a very personal service," Long said. "We are willing to listen to the individual's problem. Sometimes the parents need someone to talk to, someone who will just listen to them."



Dining facility wins commander's award

The Commander's Award for the first quarter of 1979 went Thursday to Special Troops Dining Facility No. 2. W.J. Martin, manager, accepted the award from Maj. Gen. Louis Rachmeler. The Commander's Award is presented quarterly for excellence in food production. Judging is done by a panel of soldiers from MIRCOC and MMCS who regularly eat in the troop dining facilities. Criteria for the award are cleanliness of dining area, quality of food, attitude of personnel, and comments of the troops. The award has been given for each quarter since 1977.



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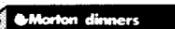
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Bowling results

TUESDAY TROOP BOWLING

Standings	
95th SVC Co. 1	105
Co. A 1	102
MIRCOM 1	94½
Co. C 1	90
Co. B 1	84
6th S.C. 1	77
Co. C 3	75½
291st MP Co. 1	70
95th SVC Co. 2	47½
7th S.C. 1	42
Co. B 3	29½
8th S.C. 1	24
8th S.C. 3	18
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Standings	
Midsection	40
Bushwackers	38
Meddac	32
Swingers	30
Strikeouts	26
Miradcom Maulers	24
Blackjacks	24
Nomads	18
Exasperators	16
Red Tabbers	16
Lucky Strikes	14
Unbombers	12

Results

Swingers 8, Nomads 0
 Bushwackers 6, Red Tabbers 2
 Midsection 6, Strikeouts 2
 Unbombers 6, Exasperators 2
 Blackjacks 6, Miradcom Maulers 2
 Meddac 6, Lucky Strikes 2

THURSDAY TROOP BOWLING

Standings	
Co. B 5	107
4th S.C. 1	103
Co. C 2	98½
Co. B 4	89
Co. A 2	82½
Co. B 2	81
7th S.C. 2	67
MIRCOM 2	57
8th S.C. 4	45
6th S.C. 2	33
6th S.C. 3	30½
8th S.C. 2	29½
MIRCOM 3	27
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Spares	51	8th S.C.
Bombers	49	Co. A 1
Cadillacs	43	95th SVC Co.
Rolling Rocks	40	6th S.C.
Outlaws	36	Co. B
Hughes Aircraft	32	Co. C
Cactus Jack	31	

Last Wednesday

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 Spares - 3 - Bombers - 1
 Cadillacs - 3 - Outlaws - 1
 Hughes - 3 - Rolling Rocks - 1

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Standings EAST

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WEST

291st MPCo.
MIRCOM 1
5th S.C.
7th S.C.
MEDDAC
Co. A 2
4th S.C.

Troop basketball

Last Week's Results:

Mon. — 6th S.C. 49, Co. C 44; Co. A 1 62, MIRCOM 1 48; MIRCOM 2 46, 291st MP 42; 8th SC 2, 4th S.C. forfeit.

Tues. — 5th S.C. 46, 7th S.C. 39; MEDDAC 48, Co. A2 37; 6th S.C. 56, Co. B 53; 95th SVC Co. 62, Co. A1 56.

Wed. — MIRCOM2 76, Co. C 58, 6th S.C. 42, MIRCOM 1 35; 291st MP 64, Co. A2 45, 7th S.C. 2, 4th S.C. forfeit.

Thurs. — MIRCOM 2 2, 6th S.C. forfeit; 5th S.C. 34, MEDDAC 32; Co. A1 67, Co. B 52; 8th S.C. 54, 95th SVC Co. 48.

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DALLAS — Major tobacco companies have announced a cost price increase for cigarettes, necessitating a price increase of 15 cents per carton by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) on Feb. 25.

Individual packs in all lengths will remain at 50 cents each.

The price increases will be made in exchanges in the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii on tax-paid cigarettes. King-regular size cigarettes will increase from \$3.95 to \$4.10 per carton, and the price of 100 mm cartons will be raised from \$4.05 to \$4.20.

These price increases will not apply immediately to tax-free cigarettes sold in overseas exchanges; however, similar increases normally are made at a later date by the manufacturers.

Accountants to meet

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will hold a dinner meeting 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn. Guest speaker will be Dr. Sidney Sandridge, President of Athens State College.

Reservations can be made by contacting Melanie Holloway, 453-1547.

SAME to hold luncheon, meeting

The Society of American Military Engineers will have a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, in the Hawk Room of the Redstone Officers' Club. Brig. Gen. Hugh G. Robinson, Deputy Director of Civil Works, Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C., will speak on the future challenges of the Army Corps of Engineers and its role as builder and engineer for the nation.

Lunch is at 12:30 p.m., and the program at 1:00 p.m. For reservations and luncheon tickets (\$4.50) contact Mack Prozek at 895-5312.

IEEE seminar

The IEEE Huntsville Section and its Control Systems and Computer Societies are sponsoring the first IEEE Rocket City Seminar. The all day general seminar will be held Saturday, March 3, at the UAH Science & Engineering building, room 127. The seminar is hosted by the UAH Department of Continuous Education.

Four seminar sessions will be held: Controls, at 9:00 a.m.; Computers, at 11:00 a.m.; Systems, at 2:00 p.m.; and Communications and Signal Processing, at 4:00 p.m.

The cost is \$15 for IEEE members and \$20 for non-members. Cost includes a catered lunch. Advanced registration is required. To register, send check to David Schultz, Treasurer, IEEE Huntsville Section, 603 Bain Dr. SE, Huntsville 35803. Those attending may receive CEU credits, a UAH certificate, and IEEE recognition, according to an IEEE official.

For more information, call Willy Albanes at 837-7200 or 876-2600.

AAFES expects cap shortage

DALLAS — Be prepared for a shortage of fatigue caps in the near future, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) has announced.

The changeover to a new fatigue cap has been delayed by an Army decision to review the new specifications and patterns for the cap. Those new specifications and patterns were to be released on Jan. 31, and both AAFES and manufacturers of the fatigue caps had been prepared for the phase-in of the new cap based on that schedule.

However, the hold placed on the schedule will now create a lag in the manufacturing process and shipping pipeline. AAFES expects the shortage to exist for about two months until fabric mills can get back into production.

Rec Center events

Activities at the Rec Center during the week ending Feb. 21 include a Movie tonight at 7:00, Bingo tomorrow night at 7:30 and Pool at 7:00 p.m. Friday.

A tour of Birmingham beginning at 8:00 a.m. is featured Saturday. A Hot Dog Supper is scheduled for Sunday evening at 6:00.

The planned activity for Monday night is TV Commercial Charades at 7:00. On Tuesday night it's a Fussball Tourny at 7:00.

Orientation planned for preretirement

The semi-annual preretirement orientation for military personnel with 19 years or more service will be held at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 23 in the post theater.

Presentations will be made by representatives of the Veterans Administration, Civil Service Commission, U.S. Employment Service, Transportation Office, Finance Office and others.

The spouse and dependents of active duty personnel are also encouraged to attend.

Hospital seeks return of crutches

A spokesman from the Emergency Room of Fox Army Hospital says that many patients who have borrowed crutches and canes from the hospital supply have not been returning them. Patients are urged to return the crutches and canes when they are no longer being used, so that other patients will be able to use them.

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February 20	(8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)	Bldg. 4494 (inside)	Charles Hester 453-1077
February 21	(9:00 a.m. - noon)	RECREATION CENTER —	NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY
February 21	(1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)	Bldg. 3218 (inside)	CPL Bieber 876-6536
February 22	(9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)	Raytheon (bus)	Shelby Bechtold 883-1946
February 23	(8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)	BMDSCOM (inside)	Judy Sims 895-4450
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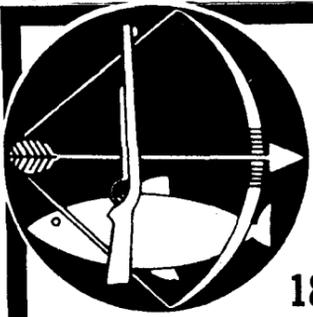
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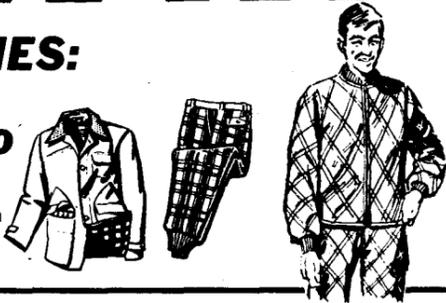
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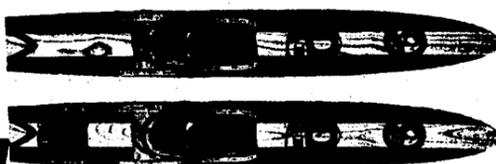
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