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Army receives its first Stinger

General Dynamics Corporation of Pomona, Calif., has completed and delivered to the Army the first Stinger air defense weapon to come off the company's pilot production line.

Watching the final assembly and accepting for the Army was Col. (P) Phillip Mason, Stinger Project Manager who directs the program for both the Army and Marine Corps at MICOM.

General Dynamics delivered the shoulder fired plane killer in a recent ceremony at the company's Sycamore Canyon, Calif., plant. MICOM ordered Stinger into production in April 1978.

This initial unit and several subsequent rounds will undergo contractor tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., to make sure production hardware meets Army requirements. Later, the government will fire additional rounds to evaluate missile reliability.

Meanwhile, MICOM last week awarded approximately \$60.1 million dollars to General

Dynamics for third year production of Stinger missiles and ground support equipment.

General Dynamics manufactures Stinger components at Pomona but does final assembly and testing at Sycamore Canyon. Other major manufacturing team members include Atlantic Research Corp., of Gainesville, Va., for the propulsion system; Armament Research and Development Command at Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N.J., and Magnavox at Fort Wayne, Ind., for the fuze and warhead; Teledyne Electronics, Newbury Park, Calif., for the belt pack interrogator.

Weighing about 35 pounds, Stinger will be an all arms weapon that will give soldiers and marines immediate air defense against low level aircraft attacking from any direction. Stinger will have improved range and maneuverability, significant countermeasures resistance, and a device to identify aircraft.



A soldier hefts the first Stinger air defense weapon

Patriot, MLRS money budgeted

Funds for two new Army systems, Patriot and Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) were included in the FY80 Department of Defense Appropriations Act passed by Congress in December.

The budget gives the Army and the other military services new money to operate through Sept. 30, 1980. DOD had been operating under a temporary congressional spending authority since Oct. 1 of last year.

Patriot, the Army's new medium to high altitude air defense system being developed by DARCOM's Patriot Project Office in

Huntsville Research Park, will replace Hawk and Nike Hercules missiles. MLRS is the Army's new free flight artillery rocket being developed by the Missile Command.

In passing the money bill, Congress provided DOD with \$131.3 billion for FY 80. Payments to be made with the money include active duty, Reserve and National Guard pay and allowances, retired pay, research and development costs, buying weapons, and daily operating expenses.

The Army's share of the DOD budget for FY

80 is \$31.7 billion — \$1 billion (or 3.5 percent) less than requested.

Some of the highlights of the money bill include:

- Providing money for buying 155 Patriot surface-to-air missiles, 1,764 MLRS rockets, 296 M548 ammunition carriers, 64 new M60 tanks and 352 XM-1 tanks. Funds for modifying Hawk missile systems and 680 M60 tanks are also included.

- Eliminating the Air Force veterinarian program. All military vets will be assigned to the Army by March 1980. The bill also calls for a reduction of all vets by 10 percent.

- Allowing the military services to keep some twice passed-over captains and majors in certain specialty skills on active duty. These officers may be kept on active duty until their retirement or until the skill is fully staffed.

- Placing a 325,000 limit on the number of command-sponsored dependents who may accompany their sponsor overseas. This limit is to be reached by Sept. 30, 1980. According to the latest DOD figures there are about 334,000 command-sponsored military dependents and 44,000 non-command-sponsored military

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Andrew Young here for King observance

Andrew Young, noted black leader and former U. S. ambassador to the United Nations, will speak here on Tuesday, Jan. 15 at a Martin Luther King birthday luncheon.

The observance is being held at the Officers Club and will begin with a social

Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 with luncheon at 1:00.

Tickets, which include the cost of the meal, are \$6 per person. They are available in some military units and also may be purchased from Ted Acklin in Civilian Personnel or from the EEO and protocol offices at MICOM or the protocol office at MMCS.

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Opinion

The Army depends on all of us

There is a momentum going and growing throughout the country in support of the military.

A recent Gallup poll on public confidence in institutions in American society showed that the military ranked third, behind the church and banks. This is an expression of confidence in our ability to do the job we are trained to do.

That job is well expressed in recent sayings and writings of our Chief of Staff, Gen. E. C. Meyer. He has laid out two basic goals for the Army:

- To insure that we have an Army that is capable of going to war today and tomorrow (into the 1990's).
- To create a climate within the Army that

permits each individual to have the opportunity to fulfill themselves to their total capability.

To do that we first have to:

• Man the force. That is the number one priority, for without people, there is no Army.

• Modernize the force. Overcome our ten year break in force development and bring the right equipment into the inventory at the right time with all that is needed to properly train our soldiers to employ and maintain that equipment.

• Train the force. With supplies and ammunition and replacements and all the rest of the things our combat support and combat service support units provide — for as long as we have to.

Now if you're looking for challenges, chew on those for awhile. No, better yet, chew on them only a little while and then begin to do something to meet them. It's not the chief, nor the Army staff, nor the generals who are going to get this done. It's all of us. And all of us includes soldiers, officers, NCO's, veterans, students, laborers, insurance men, hotel managers . . . all Americans.

We can start in earnest this new year. The Army is promoting a program to recognize the need for and value of service to the country. The theme is "America's Future is Today's Challenge, and Serving the Country is both an Honor and a Citizen's Responsibility."

Dave Mooney
Fort McPherson SENTINEL

Letters

Not included

Editor:

Kathy House's "Day off . . ." article (19 Dec) winds down: "we'll have only two thoughts in mind:"

Ms. House does not include me in that we. My two thoughts are:

1) I don't know President Carter well enough to call him Jimmy.

2) Knowing how non-federal employees feel about my holidays, I should not jokingly brag about this one. I certainly should not be cute about New Year's Eve.

Sigrid Benson, MMCS

Says farewell

Editor:

After 20 years at Redstone (two years with Thiokol) I am leaving for a promotion to DARCOM Hq, reporting for duty on Jan. 21.

Diana and I leave Huntsville with mixed emotions; however, we rationalize that we are going on TDY for 3-5 years and will return to Huntsville to retire. Our children and grandchildren all live in the south and we feel Huntsville is our home. We wish to say farewell to all our Redstone Arsenal friends and look forward to renewing old friendships on our return.

Howard Polin

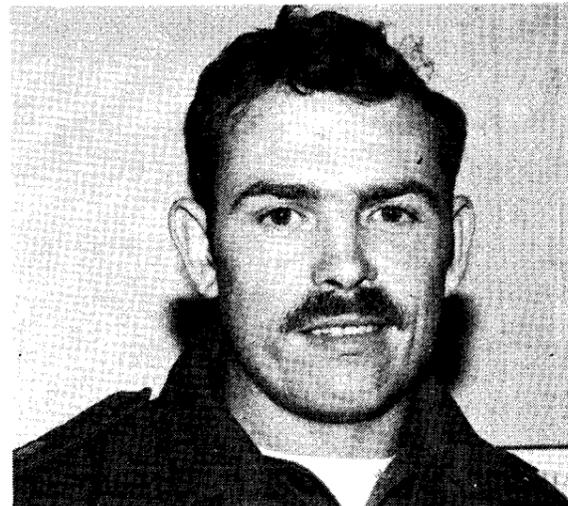


Sp4 Debra Rittenberry, 95th SVC — "The Army needs to mature in the way they treat women. Just because a soldier happens to be a woman, that doesn't mean she should be behind a desk. If they're going to have a combat role, they need the experience in that job, not just the related paperwork."

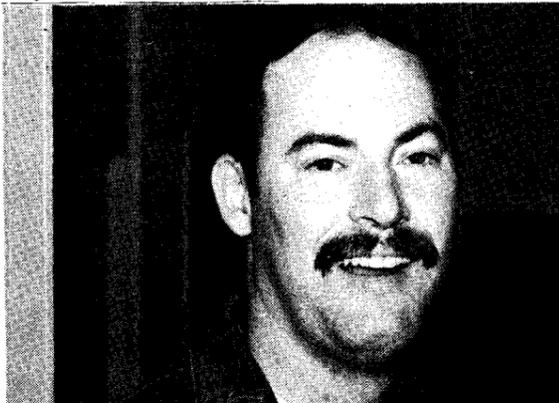
What resolutions should the Army make for the new year?



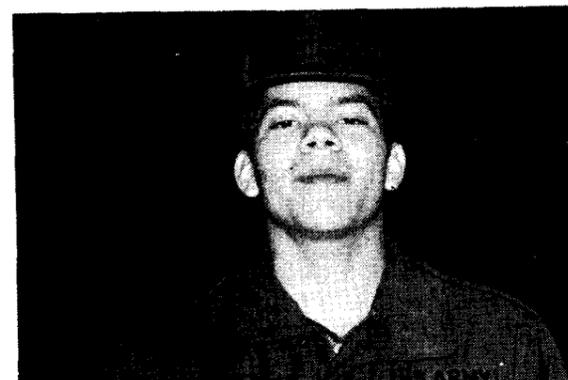
Sgt. Thomas P. Davis, Marines — "They should improve their uniform standards, including haircuts and beards. Now you see soldiers with full beards, half beards and peachfuzz beards. They should also reinstate one and only one winter uniform so you wouldn't see khakis, greens with the old shirt and greens with the new shirt all on the same day."



Sgt. Edward L. Justice, 8th S.C. — "They should resolve to go to war in Afghanistan and stop taking so much b.s. We need to quit messing around and get serious."



SSgt. Gary Harper, Co. A — "They should cut the paperwork by about three-fourths. They waste a lot of money on needless paperwork — sending three copies sometimes when two of them will be thrown in a garbage can."



Pvt. Willie Opio, 4th S.C. — "They should make basic training harder. When I went through it was nothing. I thought it was for females. If we go to war we might all be killed."

Stork schedules reenlistment

Husband and wife reenlistments are still rare enough to be notable. But Sp4 Hyacinth and PFC Archibald White's was rarer still. It had to be scheduled to accommodate the arrival of their first child — a son, Ricardo — born on Jan. 5.

On New Year's Eve, the Whites were sworn in for another tour of duty. They reenlisted together so they could both get orders for Germany this June.

"You make the Army what you want it to be — with lots of determination and motivation," Archibald said. He joined the Army in July, 1978 and serves as an administrative specialist in the post reenlistment office. His goal is to qualify for Officers Candidate School. In the meantime, he's working towards an associate degree in electronics engineering.

His studies led him to Hyacinth, an administrative specialist in MMCS's Technical Library. They were married in March of 1979.



Reup bonus plan adds three MOS

WASHINGTON — Three more MOS have been added to the bonus extension and retraining (BEAR) program, Milpercen officials have announced.

MOS 55D (Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist) is now available, but only to E-3's and E-4's with between 21 months and six years active service.

Soldiers wishing to enter the program for training in this MOS should submit an application for Explosive Ordnance Disposal training (see AR614-200) along with the BEAR program application.

Soldiers with between 21 months and six years active service are also eligible for retraining in MOS 25L (AN-TSQ-73 Op-Rep), now added to the program.

MOS 98J (EW-Sigint Interceptor) is now open to soldiers with between 21 months and ten years service.

The BEAR program allows soldiers in overstrength or balanced MOS to extend for retraining in a shortage MOS and, upon reenlistment, receive a selective reenlistment bonus (SRB).

For more information, call SFC Ben Cole (MICOM), 876-4078, or SFC Eddie Tracy (MMCS), 876-1869. (ARNEWS).

Filing period now open for only PACE this year

There will be only one filing period for the 1980 Professional and Administrative Career Examination (PACE). It runs from Jan. 2 to Feb. 15. Applicants who file during that period will be tested between March 1 and April 26.

PACE is the qualifying examination for a wide variety of entry level (GS 5 and 7)

professional jobs in federal agencies across the nation. An estimated 135,000 persons took the examination during FY78, with some 7,600 selected for jobs.

There is no charge for the exam. Eligible applicants should have a minimum of a

bachelors degree or three years of responsible work experience.

To request exam information, call the Job Information Center at 453-5070 or write: Office of Personnel Management, 806 Governors Drive SW, Huntsville, Alabama 35801. The date and location of the test to be administered locally will be announced later.

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SEER regulation is on the way

WASHINGTON — Checking the regs to answer a question is never easy. Most subjects are covered in several regulations. How do you know where to look?

In the case of the enlisted evaluation reporting system, it will soon be a little easier.

Beginning Jan. 15, AR 623-205 will govern preparing and submitting Senior Enlisted Evaluation Reports (SEER's) for active Army soldiers, according to Milpercen. It will replace DA Pamphlet 623-1 and Chapter 8 of AR 600-200.

Most of AR 623-205 is not new policy, officials say, but there are some changes and it has been written more clearly.

Since EER's are no longer required for E-4's, the first time soldiers will now receive a seer is three months after their promotion to E-5.

This 'initial' report will not be required for soldiers who were rated as E-4's, however. They will receive their reports one year after promotion to E-5, unless there is a need for an earlier report such as a change-of-rater or TDY report.

Officials say the rules for special reports have been tightened in the new reg. Special reports will be submitted only to recognize an outstanding performance or a "performance deficiency so serious it should not await reporting through the normal reporting schedule." These reports must now be approved by a field grade officer in the direct line of supervision. This officer will also act as the reviewer for the report.

As in the past, officials pointed out, the new reg prohibits submitting special reports solely because the soldier is in the zone of consideration for promotion or school selection.

A new paragraph clearly explains when a report is needed for soldiers on TDY or special duty (SD). According to the new reg, soldiers on TDY or SD for three months or longer will now receive a change-of-rater report from their parent unit before they depart. They will receive another rating from the TDY or SD supervisor when they complete the duty.

For soldiers on TDY or SD for less than three months, a letter may be prepared by the TDY or SD supervisor for the parent unit's

information. This can then be used when preparing the soldier's next report, officials said.

Another addition to the reg, officials say, is the requirement for a 'relief-for-cause' report. Relief-for-cause is defined as the early release of a soldier from a specific duty or assignment. The release must be directed by a superior and be based on a decision that the soldier has failed in his performance of duty through inefficiency or misconduct. Previously, this type of situation called for a special report, officials said.

A new chapter of SEER appeals is also included. A checklist is provided for soldiers making appeals, officials added.

The new reg also gives information about the responsibilities of everyone involved in the rating system. It emphasizes the responsibilities of commanders supervising the evaluation system.

Distribution is currently underway and should be completed this month. (ARNEWS).

Italians ban gun shipments

WASHINGTON — Privately-owned firearms cannot be shipped to Italy by Military or civilian personnel or their dependents, according to Army officials. The ban on importing personal firearms began last April, and was started because of more strict enforcement of a 1975 law concerning importation of firearms. Formerly, firearms

brought into Italy by people under military orders were registered by police agencies.

Firearms can be taken away and destroyed if they are imported illegally and are unregistered. Heavy fines and prison sentences also may face violators of Italy's firearms law. (ARNEWS).

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Blackbirds fly away, limited thinning starts

The swarm of blackbirds that had been roosting near Gate 9 moved on just before Christmas, according to observers.

Just where the birds have gone is not known, but presumably they've moved south to a warmer climate.

The birds began congregating at Redstone in late November and within a few weeks had built into a swarm of several million birds, crowding into 10-15 acres of pines on the western edge of the golf course.

People in Sherwood Park and other residential areas near the arsenal that were in the birds' flight path complained that their neighborhoods were soiled with bird droppings, while the golf course became such a mess that some golfers would not play the holes near the roost. Dave Bryant, Redstone forest and wildlife manager, who has said all along that cold weather would force the birds to move any day, explained, "We've had a

good deal of experience with blackbirds, and what we had up there on the golf course this year just didn't square with what we know about blackbirds from the bouts we've had with them before. Those trees on the golf course were too far apart. They just weren't thick enough to provide the wind protection and warmth the birds have to have to survive the cold nights, so they had to move."

A planned thinning of the roost to evict the birds is going ahead, said Bryant, but on a smaller scale. "With a little thinning we can make sure the birds don't get in there again, plus it'll make for a healthier stand of trees," he said.

In two previous winters, 1975 and 1976, Redstone was plagued with millions of roosting blackbirds. Since then, a lot of timber has been sold in an effort to get pine groves thinned out to the point they won't support roosting blackbirds, Bryant said.

Huntsville Division assists in Israel

The Corps of Engineers Huntsville Division Engineer, BG Max W. Noah, left Monday for three months of temporary duty at the construction site for two airbases in Israel.

Noah will be assisting the Near East Project Office in Tel Aviv in setting up management systems and procedures needed to finish the overall construction and procurement program. He was accompanied by two other Huntsville Division members — Leonard Getty, chief of facilities development, and Raymond Aldridge, chief of Procurement and Supply.

The Corps is supervising construction of the two Israeli airbases, which are being built as a result of the peace treaty agreement between Israel and Egypt. The airbases are to be completed by April 1982.

In Noah's absence, Lt. Col. (P) Mark Sowell will serve as Acting Division Engineer for the Huntsville Division.

First woman achieves WO rank at Redstone

SFC Vera Campbell officially became "Miss" Campbell when she was appointed as a warrant officer in ceremonies at the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command. She is believed to be the first woman to achieve warrant officer rank while at Redstone Arsenal.

The bars of her new rank were pinned on by Maj. Gen. Grayson D. Tate, JR., the Army's BMD Program Manager, and by First Lieutenant Julia M. Pittenger. Lt. Pittenger was Campbell's boss when they served in the 4th Missile Command in Korea and is now associated with an Army Reserve unit in Nashville.

At the same ceremony, Campbell received her second award of the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of her work as Non-commissioned Officer In Charge in the command's Personnel, Training and Force Development Division.

As WO Campbell, she has been reassigned to the BMD Systems Command as its Assistant Adjutant. She leaves later this month to attend the Military Personnel Officer Course at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. after which she will be assigned to the Army Administration Center also located there.

Campbell is a native of Mobile, and holds an

associates degree in business administration from Columbia College.

She joined the Army in 1965 and has served overseas in Germany as well as Korea.



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The Hotline number is Autovon 746-6627 or commercial (205) 876-6627. All calls are automatically recorded. Users need only state their name, unit, telephone number and

message. Officials suggest the messages be kept to three minutes in length, prepared in advance and spoken clearly.

Action will be initiated on the date of receipt or the first duty day following any call. A preliminary or complete response will be provided within five duty days.

MMCS officials said the key to developing effective training materials lies in field units where constructive user data is generated. They urged soldiers in missile and munitions fields to help themselves, their unit and the Army improve the training posture by taking advantage of the new hotline.

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XM-1 on track, new battle tank given nod by tank commanders

WASHINGTON — "There are still a lot of little things which have to be addressed concerning the XM-1, but overall, there is no comparison between it and the M60 series tanks. The XM-1 is superior to the M60."

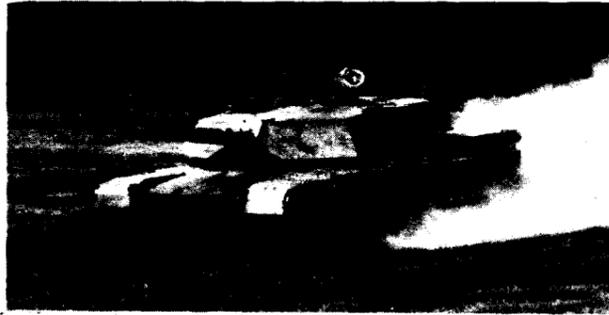
SSgt. Ronald L. Shields, a tank commander in H Co., 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, offered that personal insight on the XM-1 main battle tank as testing of the vehicle continues at Fort Knox, KY.

Preliminary results from five months of testing, including 12,000 miles of reliability driving, have proved that a turbine engine can successfully power the XM-1 in a combat environment, according to DA officials. Technicians at Fort Knox added that recently completed tests showed marked progress in solving other problems surfaced in earlier phases of the tank development program.

Dust and mud

During the five months of rugged testing, Army tank crews of the squadron operated three pre-production tanks in a variety of terrain in both dust and mud. These tanks had been fitted with engineering changes designed to correct shortcomings found in tests at Fort Bliss, Texas, last year, according to DA officials.

Members of the tank crews drove the tanks nearly round-the-clock, putting an equivalent



New tank moves swiftly

of four years' normal use, wear and tear on the vehicles, officials say. The test information indicates that the major problems have been solved.

Shields, a 28-year-old native of Lexington, Ky., has spent over eight years in the Armor field and has been working with one of the test vehicles since June. He remarked, "The big thing is we need to get this vehicle in the inventory. The bugs will be worked out."

Another tank commander, SSgt. Donald W. Lawson, 29, commented, "It's a tanker's dream. If a man wants to stay in the Army and he wants to be a tanker, this is the tank he wants."

In the testing at Fort Bliss, problems were found with the vehicle throwing tracks and the turbine engine not operating properly in very dusty areas.

Changes to the air intake system eliminated

the dust blockage problems of the turbine engine. DA officials say that, at the same time as the Fort Knox tests, a fourth tank was run over 1,200 miles at Fort Bliss in dusty conditions to verify the engine changes. The Fort Bliss test confirmed the Fort Knox success, according to the officials. The latest tests at Fort Bliss also proved the success of changes made to solve the track throwing problem.

"The XM-1 is vastly superior to the M60 series tanks in almost all areas, including maintainability," offered SSgt. William R. Martin, a 25-year-old tank commander. He explained, "for instance, if you break a torsion bar on the XM-1 it takes about 30 minutes to replace it. On the M60 series tanks, that would be a four-hour job."

More tests, design changes

DA officials say the development program is back on schedule, although there will be further tests and design changes during 1980 before full scale production begins. The officials added the Army has been authorized to commit FY 80 funds required at this time for long-lead time items to keep the program on schedule.

All the changes resulting from the test program will be made on the first production tanks before the Army receives them in February 1980, according to DA. (ARNEWS).

Governors, mayors pay Bradley tribute

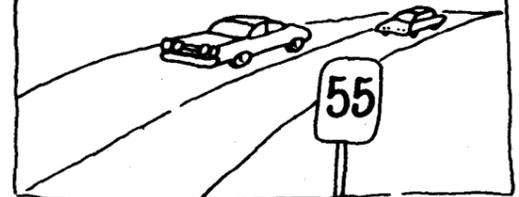
WASHINGTON — The governor of Kentucky and the mayors of nine cities across the nation have issued proclamations in recognition of General of the Army Omar N. Bradley and of military service.

The cities are: Indianapolis, Ind.;

Elizabethtown, Ky.; Radcliff, Ky.; Vine Grove, Ky.; Columbus, Ohio; San Antonio, Texas; Hampton, Va.; Newport News, Va. and Tacoma, Wash.

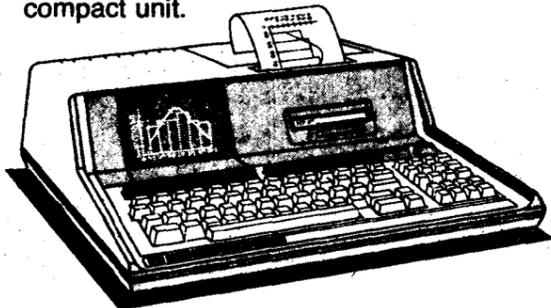
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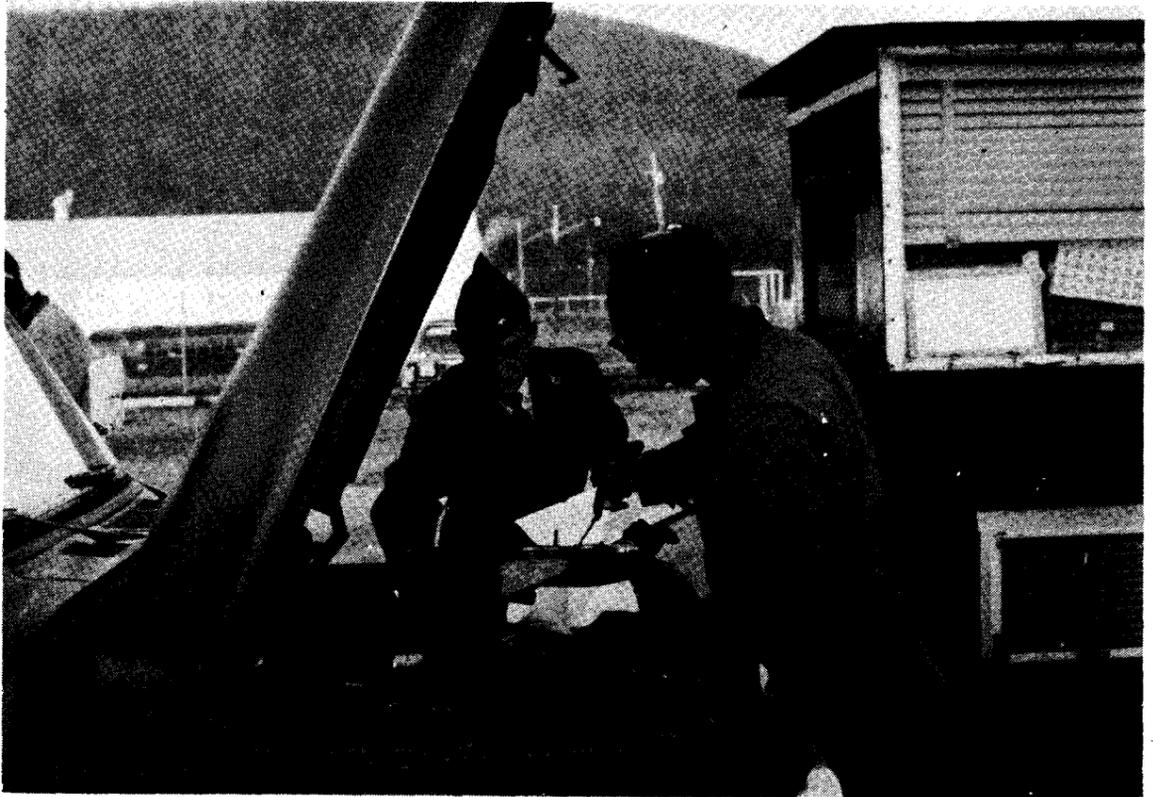
Drivers of official vehicles will face road blocks while going about business-as-usual on roads here.

A team has begun random checks of government vehicles in an attempt to increase the efficiency of driver maintenance. The inspections will be accomplished in several ways: early morning while the vehicle is checked out from the motor pool, at the gas pumps, at road blocks throughout the arsenal, and at vehicle's assignment site.

The driver of vehicles with deficiencies, providing the driver has not noted such, will be issued a listing of deficiencies. One copy will be sent to the directorate where the car is assigned and one will go to monitors of the program.

The driver of an official vehicle is charged with the responsibility of it to include inspection. The object, of course, is to keep the vehicle in good operating condition and to prevent costly repairs by catching problems early.

According to TM 38-600 the driver is to perform a before, during, and after operation inspection and service. The list of items includes safety devices as well as parts necessary for operation. A listing of the areas to inspect appears below.



Checking it out

Check list

Drivers of official vehicles have the responsibility for the vehicle beyond merely driving it. These responsibilities are outlined in TM 38-600.

The manual says the following items should be attended to on a daily basis:

Before Operation

- Damage pilgerage
- Leaks
- Fuel, oil, water
- Engine warm up
- Instruments
- Safety devices
- Tools and equipment
- Publications

During Operation

- Instruments
- Brakes
- Clutch
- Steering
- Engine operation
- Unusual noises

After operation

- Lights and reflectors
- Safety devices
- Brakes
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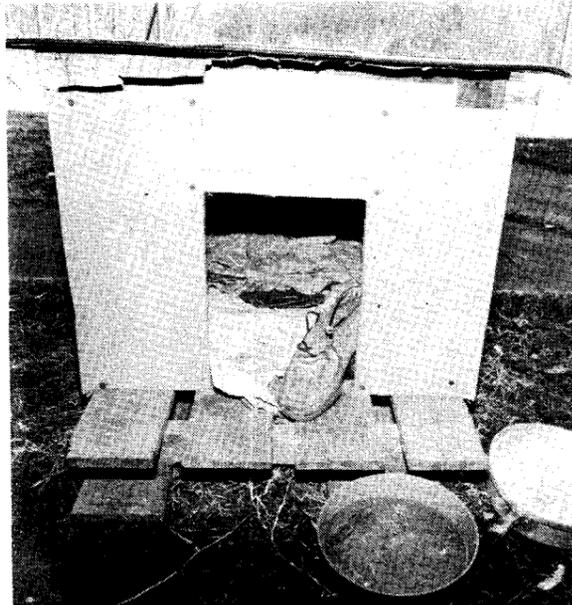
Pet disappears from water plant

They might tell you that theirs' is a lonely place to work, particularly at night when they are the only people around within a radius of a few miles. In fact, if you're an operator at Redstone's water treatment plant, you can go all night with the most eventful occurrence being a security guard making his rounds or a tug boat churning down the river. But it was comforting to know that if anything were amiss out there in the darkness, you would know because the dog would bark.

But the dog hasn't barked lately — not since she disappeared two weeks before Christmas. "We really miss her down here", says John Conkle. "We keep hoping somehow we'll get her back, or at least find out what happened to her", echoes Leon Cantrell.

Disappearance of the water plant's pet pooch of four years — along with two six-week-old puppies — has the men puzzled.

"We checked the dog catcher, we checked the veterinarian, we checked with everybody. And we called the MPs and the game wardens. They all know her and have been watching out



Dog gone

for her", said Conkle. "A lot of other people who used to come see her have been looking too", he said.

Both men fear she may have been shot, either maliciously or by a hunter who mistakenly thought she was a wild dog. "But

we've walked all over these woods and haven't been able to find her", said Cantrell.

Another possibility is that someone picked her up thinking she was abandoned. Not infrequently pet dogs and cats are dumped on the south end of the arsenal by owners who no longer want them.

About the farthest she ever strayed, said Cantrell, was to the military recreation area a couple hundred yards down the road. "She'd go down there and beg and somebody might have took her home to make a pet of her. She was just a pet, real friendly, and might go up to anybody."

The water plant operators feel the dog was either taken or killed, since they don't think she would have gone off and left behind five puppies. "Two went with her and five were left", said Conkle. Homes were found for the puppies. In three years at the water plant she had three litters of seven or eight pups. Most were given homes by water plant personnel. The mother was puppy herself when she took up at the water plant four years ago.

The water plant operators said they wish anyone who knows what happened to their dog would call them at 876-2923.

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Housing advance available overseas

WASHINGTON — Soldiers stationed overseas may now draw up to one year's advance station housing allowance, according to DA.

The Per Diem and Travel Allowance Committee recently approved a change to the joint Travel Regulations authorizing these advance payments for servicemembers in overseas areas including Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico, officials said.

Unit commanders may authorize advance payments for soldiers moving into economy housing requiring advance rent, security deposits and to cover moving-in expenses.

The amount of the advance is limited to one year's station housing allowance. In extreme cases, officials said, where this amount would not be enough to cover expenses, an exception may be granted. In no case, however, will the

total be more than the amount the soldier would receive in station housing allowance during the tour of duty at that station.

Officials say collection of the advance will be prorated over a 12-month period. Collection will begin the month after the payment is made. In effect, officials explained, soldiers may receive up to their first year's allowance in one lump sum. Soldiers should only request the advance when absolutely necessary, however, since they won't be receiving the extra money in their monthly pay for 12 months.

An E-4 in Frankfurt, Germany, for example, may face a 3-month advance rental deposit for an apartment costing \$400 a month. In addition, a \$100 utility deposit may be required and moving-in expenses may run another \$140. In this case, the soldier may be authorized an advance payment of \$1,440. This amount would then be collected in payments of \$120 for 12 months.

With the commanders approval, exceptions may be granted delaying collection and spreading the payments over a longer period, officials added. (ARNEWS).

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dependents overseas. No restriction on the number of non-command sponsored dependents is contained in the bill.

- Requiring all Space-A travelers to wait in person for space-available flights. Previously, senior officers had a write-in privilege for Space-A flights.

- Allowing each military service to decide the rank for physician assistants, but not commissioned officer grades. Commissioned physician assistants, such as those in the Air Force, may retain their commissions but at no rank higher than O-4.

- Banning abortions in military hospitals or through CHAMPUS except in cases where the mother's life would be endangered by having the baby, in cases of rape or incest, or in cases of ectopic (irregular) pregnancies.

The final appropriations bill approved by congress is a compromise between the house and senate versions. The President signed the bill on Dec. 21.

Regular season basketball begins

Regular season play in Company Level Basketball began Monday night with eight of the thirteen teams taking to the courts.

Play is scheduled to continue with four games each Monday through Thursday until the playoffs begin February 27. The post tournament is scheduled to start March 3.

Games will be at 5:30, 6:45, 8:00 and 9:15 p.m.

The Eastern Conference includes HHC team 1, Company A team 1, the 291st MP Company,

the 6th Student Company, the Marines, and MEDDAC.

The Western Conference includes Company B., the 8th Student Company, the 7th Student Company, the 4th Student Company, the 515th Ordnance Company, HHC team 1 seized the Holiday Tournament crown after trailing a tough 7th S.C. team in the final game. Other teams with impressive performances in preseason were Co. A team 1 and HHC team 2. There are many games and possibilities between now and the crowning of the post champions.

Soccer tryouts set for Saturday

Try-outs for Redstone's first post soccer team will be this Saturday at 1 p.m. at the soccer field on Patton Road. In addition to team members, the coaches are looking for trainers and persons interested in coor-

inating administrative tasks (game times, equipment, etc.) For more information, contact SFC Thomas Profis at 876-1672 or 837-2715, of SFC Michael Di. Ciacca at 876-6661 or 837-8062.



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First platoon sergeant of quarter praised for discipline, high morale

Editor's note—

Platoon sergeants are key leaders throughout the Army, but they are especially important at training centers like MMCS. The junior NCOs who fill these positions are carefully selected from within the school and attend guidance and counseling and troop handling courses before assuming their duties. Although they are not instructors, they have backgrounds in the specialties soldiers learn here. To recognize their long hours and hard work, School Brigade has started a Platoon Sergeant of the Quarter program. It is part of a program of professional development for the brigade's NCOs.

"My basic philosophy about the training program is that constructive leadership, basic military discipline, self-motivation and communication will reduce the human problems we, as trainers, are faced with in today's Army," said SSgt. Richard T.



Mathew

Mathew, the first platoon sergeant of the quarter at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Mathew is the platoon sergeant of the 4th Platoon of the 4th Student Company.

The Commander of the 4th S.C., Capt. Guy C. Zachry, wrote, when recommending Mathew for the honor, "He has put in numerous extra hours, always making himself available in his concern for the welfare of his soldiers. He has earned their respect and trust while maintaining exemplary standards of discipline and morale.

"His positive leadership is apparent by the low degree of AWOLs or serious incidents in his platoon and the consistently high state of billets appearance."

Originally from Mobile, Ala., Mathew considers Riceboro, Ga. his home. He entered the Army in September, 1963 and received Armor Infantry training at Ft. Knox, Ky.

He has served in Korea, Germany and Vietnam.

He was selected as the platoon sergeant of the quarter by a board chaired by CSM Harold L. Jackson of School Brigade, CSM Roy Hall of the 1st Battalion, CSM William Arrington of the 2nd Battalion and Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Espinoza of the Directorate of Training.

Each company of School Brigade recommends a platoon sergeant each quarter and the selection panel makes the final choice after an evaluation based on inspections, interviews, and observations of the nominees.

The platoon sergeant of the quarter receives a Letter of Commendation signed by the Brigade Commander, a Certificate from the commandant of MMCS and a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

Mathew thinks it is important to recognize the accomplishments of platoon sergeant like himself, but noted, "The individual soldier who is here to train comes first on the agenda."

'Mature' engine powers copter

WASHINGTON — "The most mature army engine ever placed in Army aircraft" powers the new UH-60A Blackhawk helicopter, according to DARCOM officials.

Last June, the 158th Aviation Battalion, 101st airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky., became the first U.S. Army combat-ready unit to receive the Blackhawk helicopter. By the end of December, the division had 25 of the helicopters on hand.

The T-700 Turbo shaft engine, developed by General Electric, logged more than 50,000 ground and flight hours before being made available to troop units. A turbo shaft engine is a type of turbine engine with a power shaft directing the engine's thrust power back through the engine to the transission. The transission in turn moves the propellers or, in the case of the Blackhawk, the rotor blades.

Each of the new utility helicopters has two T-700 engines which supply over 1,560 horsepower each. The UH-1H Huey's single engine supplies only 1,400 horsepower.

'Outstanding example'

"The T-700 is an outstanding example of the Army's modernization program," stated a DARCOM official. He added that the 50,000 hours of operating experience involved the entire range of temperature and weather conditions aviators are likely to fly in — from sub-freezing to tropic conditions.

Although the first T-700 engine was tested in early 1973 and flight qualified in March 1974, the first production model was not delivered until 1978. The delivery of the aircraft to the Army followed what DARCOM described as a "Grueling 1,500-hour endurance test was equal to 4,500 hours of actual engine use during a typical Blackhawk mission.

A single T-700 engine uses 30 percent less fuel than the Huey's engine and does not require a maintenance schedule. One man at the aviation unit maintenance level can replace the line replaceable items using ten common tools. The engine's standard parts can be replaced at the aviation intermediate maintenance level by a two-man team using the same ten tools.

Recently, the Army gave the Blackhawk manufacturers the Go-ahead to make 94 more of the utility aircraft during FY 80, all powered by the T-700.



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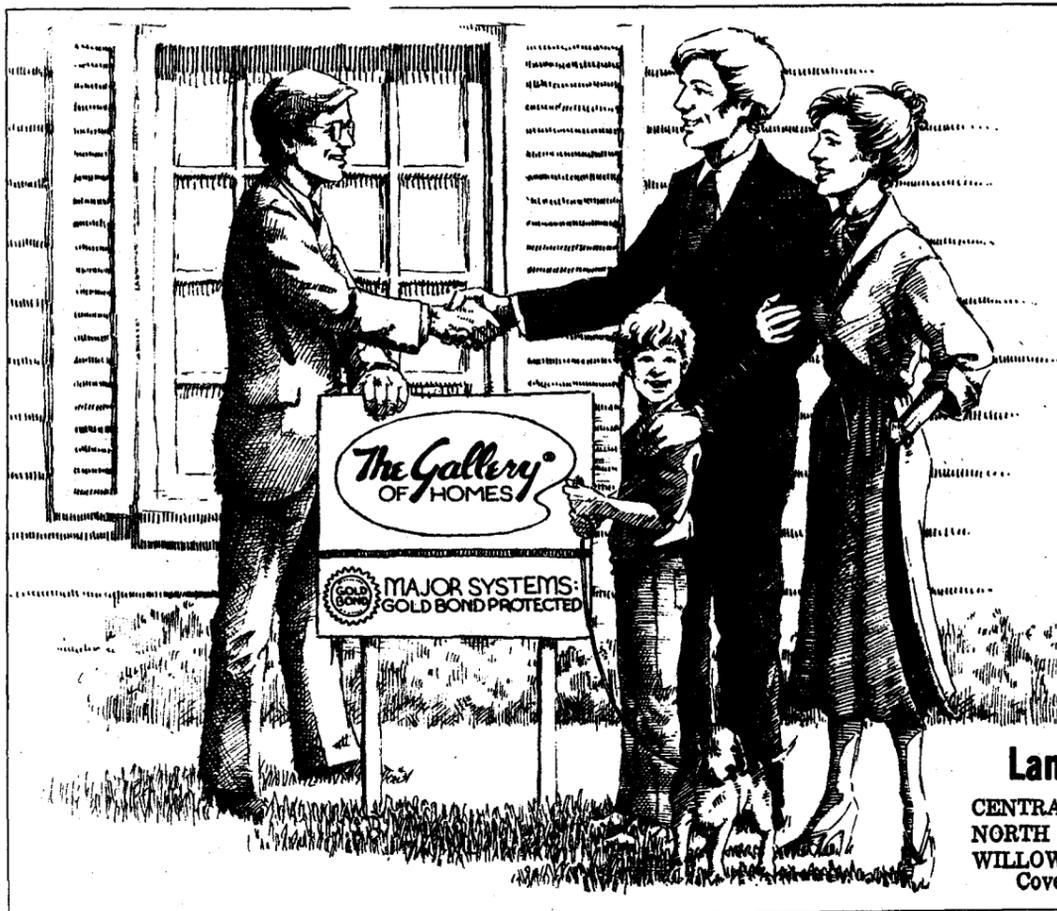
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Announcements

Surplus sale scheduled

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property Jan. 16 in the Rocket Auditorium, building 7120. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins at 9:00. Some of the items for sale are: calculators, electrical and electronic parts, telephones, generators, power supply, cabinets, refrigerators, lamps, television, clothing, sinks, station wagon, sedan and pickup truck. The property is located in building 7435 and the Property Disposal vehicle yard on Warehouse Road. The property may be inspected each day beginning Jan. 9 from 8 a.m.-3p.m. Anyone can buy.

DYA sets dance, soccer programs

Openings in soccer teams and dance lessons are available to dependent youth. Parents may register their children in the programs at Bldg 114 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. week days.

Provided enough interest is shown, lessons in ballet, tap and jazz, and acrobatics dancing will be given.

Proof of age is required for enrollment in the soccer program, and age cut-off is as of Dec. 31, 1980. Teams will be limited to 15 players, and they will be filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Four teams will be formed in age groups of 7 & 8, 9 & 10, 11 & 12, and 13 & 14.

Further information may be obtained by contacting DYA at 876-5437.

January Bloodmobile

Here's the Bloodmobile schedule for the rest of January: **Thiokol**, Jan. 10, 8-12; **Bldg. 4488**, Jan. 11, 8-1; **Bldg. 3338**, Jan. 14, 8-10; **Bldg. 3300**, Jan. 14, 10:30-12; **Bldg. 3711 (Rec Center)**, Jan. 16, 9-12; **Bldg. 5681**, Jan. 18, 8-12; **Bldg. 4505**, Jan. 25, 8-1; **Bldg. 3209 (8th SC)**, Jan. 30, 10:30-4.

Nursery raises meal price

An increase in the price of meals at Rocket Nursery has been announced by Morale and Welfare Division. Effective Feb. 1, the cost will increase from 35 to 40 cents per meal.

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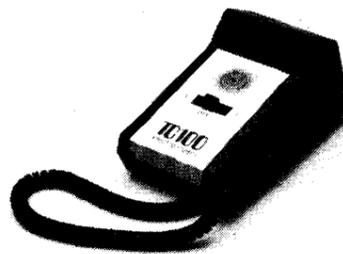
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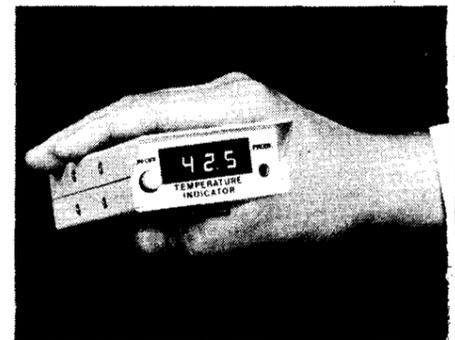


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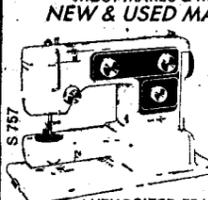
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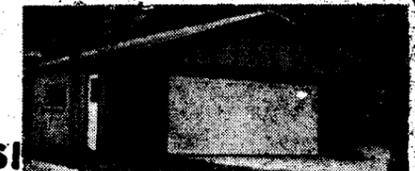
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