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Commander usually more lenient than court

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Soldiers can sometimes benefit from accepting their commander's offer of administrative punishment rather than seeking trial by court-martial.

In one recent case, a soldier could have forfeited seven days of his pay for a total of about \$160. Instead, he opted for trial by court-martial, was found guilty and ordered to forfeit \$300 per month for six months. This totals \$1,800.

"As a general rule, punishment by way of Article 15 will be less than if you are found guilty and punished by the court," said Capt. Joe Lampley, prosecutor in Redstone's office of the staff judge advocate.

A company commander or the commander's immediate supervisor can choose to offer an Article 15 administrative punishment to a soldier charged

with committing a crime. The soldier then can consent to the Article 15 or demand a trial.

If the soldier is found guilty through court-martial, he or she would have a federal conviction.

"There are certain cases where the soldier may benefit from taking an Article 15," Lampley said. "There are situations where, if a soldier's been offered an Article 15, it may be advantageous for him to take the Article 15 rather than going to court."

Each time a soldier is charged with a crime, it is the commander's decision whether to offer an Article 15 administrative punishment. "It's his own independent, discretionary decision," Lampley said.

A company commander can administratively punish a soldier under Article 15 to admonish or reprimand, 14 days restriction, 14 days extra duty

and forfeiture of seven days pay. He or she could hold up to 14 days of the soldier's pay for up to a year and could reduce a soldier grade E-4 or below to the lowest enlisted grade.

The "field grade" commander — the company commander's immediate superior — can punish a soldier under Article 15 to admonish or reprimand, 60 days restriction, 45 days extra duty and forfeiture of half of one month's pay for two months. Half of one month's pay for three months could be held for up to a year. Soldiers E-4 and below may be reduced to the lowest enlisted grade; soldiers E-5 and E-6 may be reduced one grade at a time; and soldiers E-7 and above cannot be reduced by Article 15.

"If a soldier feels he's innocent, that should be a decision between he and his defense counsel whether he should demand a trial and not accept an Article 15 if the Article 15 is offered," Lampley said.

Physical fitness

'More than just exercise'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Health Services Command is part of the Army's increased emphasis on physical fitness, the HSC commander said here last week.

"We believe that physical fitness is more than just exercise," said Maj. Gen. Raymond Bishop, during his visit here for the Fox Army Community Hospital change of command.

"It has to do with our dietary habits, the foods we eat, the use of alcohol and many other things," he continued. "We will be the information source or resource for nutrition which is very important."

The command is developing informational television tapes and is identifying individuals at each post to serve as the "resource" person, Bishop said. With the command's nurses, physicians and nutri-

tionists, "we feel we should be playing a very strong role in education and providing information."

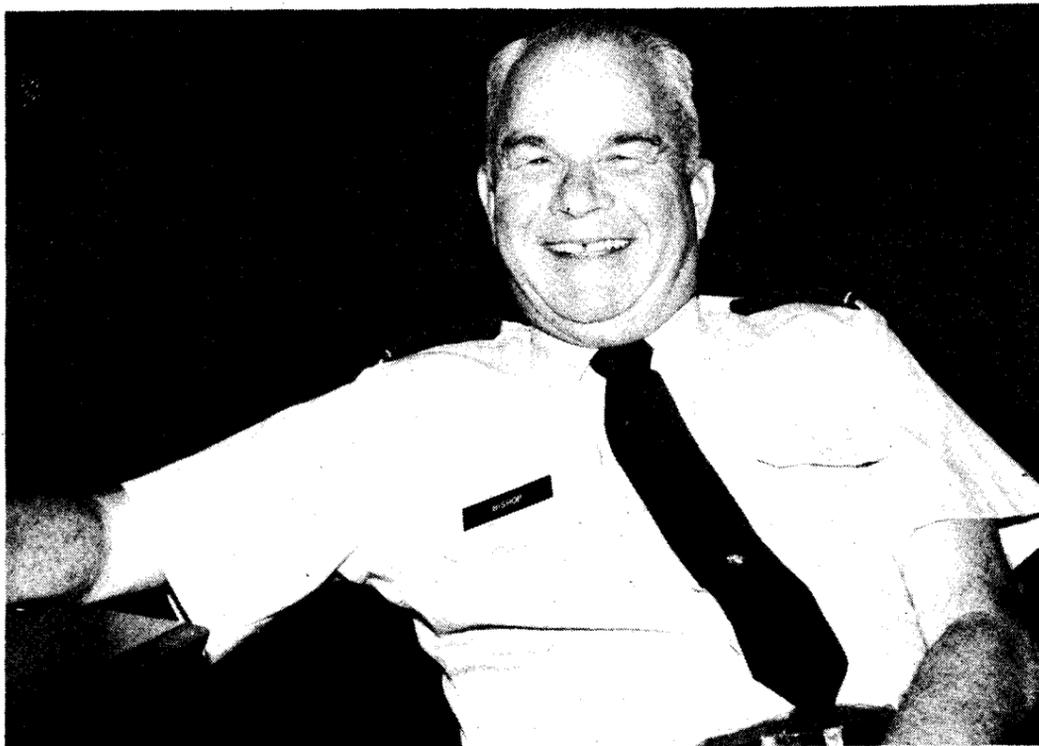
"And those things together with the physical fitness activities of the Army, exercises, will give us a fit group," said Bishop, HSC commander since April 1980.

Redstone's Fox Hospital is one of 38 community hospitals under Health Services Command. The number is expected to grow to 39 on Oct. 1 with the reopening of the hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Bishop, whose headquarters is Fort Sam Houston, Texas, came here for the change of command June 24 at Fox Hospital from departing commander Col. John Bogart to Col. Graham Beard.

There are two systems of rating Army hospitals

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Top doctor enjoys visit to Redstone

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New gate hours

Redstone Arsenal gate hours will change temporarily starting July 1, according to military police.

"This temporary modification of gate hours allows us to maintain a strong law enforcement and security effort within the boundaries of Redstone Arsenal," said Capt. Larry Forster, MP operations officer.

"And we will adjust back to former gate operating hours as resources permit," he added. The changes are expected to remain in effect through the summer.

Hours on certain gates are being reduced to help alleviate MP manpower shortages and excessive overtime by civilian guards.

Gate 1 at Martin Road (east), open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and weekends, will be open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and closed weekends and holidays.

Gate 3 at Redstone Road, open from 6 a.m. to 1:40 a.m. weekdays and weekends, will be open from 6 a.m. to 12:45 a.m.

Gate 9 at Rideout Road (north), open from 5:45 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. weekdays and 6 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. weekends, will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Unchanged are hours at gates 2 at Buxton Road, 5 at Hansen Road, 7 at Martin Road (west) and 8 at Goss Road.

Note that hours for gates 1, 3 and 9 have been changed since a planned gate operation schedule was published two weeks ago.

	Weekdays	Weekend/ Holidays
Gate 1 Martin Rd. East	6 a.m.-8 p.m.	Closed
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Gate 3 Redstone Rd.	6 a.m.-12:45 a.m.	6 a.m.-12:45 a.m.
Gate 5 Hansen Rd.	6 a.m.-8:30 a.m. 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Closed
Gate 7 Martin Rd. West	6 a.m.-8:30 a.m. 3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Closed
Gate 8 Goss Rd.	24 hours	24 hours
Gate 9 Rideout Rd.	6 a.m.-8 p.m.	6 a.m.-8 p.m.
Gate 10 Patton Rd.	6 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Closed

Letters

Low bidders

Editor:

In reply to "Poetic Justice" (Letters, June 23), it is evident that the writer of that letter is not knowledgeable in procurement matters. Contracts are governed by laws and regulations to which require procurements of common supplies and services to be procured from the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

We as procurement people are more aware of the problems associated with "low bidders" than the average person, but our hands are tied by government laws and regulations.

If you, the public, are dissatisfied with the products and services obtained from low bidders, contact the congressmen who write these laws and regulations.

Jeannette J. Johnson
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Should know

Editor:

In response to "Poetic Justice" (Letters, June 23): if you have been working for the government for 28 years you should know a little about how the government buys the presently-stocked correction fluid you mention in your letter.

The first step in procurement is to determine the requirement. This determination is made by the requester or requiring activity, not by the procuring activity (Bldg. 4488).

Yes, the people in 4488 award the contracts to the lowest bidder that can meet the specifications. We are spending tax dollars and try to get the best for the least amount of money. All interested parties should examine the statement of requirements before any purchases are made. You can't fault one group of people when it is everyone's responsibility to be sure the government gets what it has paid for.

Lamar Taylor
Bldg. 4488

Answers

Editor:

Since the Rocket has started publishing letters to the editor, I have taken a great delight in reading them. In most cases I have found that the complaints are of interest to all.

What I have not seen and would like very much to see is an answer to each letter. The answer should be written and solicited from the persons or agency staff that is responsible for the area of the problem and it should be published along with the original letter.

So far the answers have been voluntary. If the letter is important enough to publish, it's important enough to warrant a valid answer. How about it, Rocket; can we get answers from the responsible people?

Sp6 Robert Speerly

Answer: Thanks for your comments. Where letters ask specific questions we try to get answers. We of course do not try to answer rhetorical questions intended more to make a point than elicit an answer. We try to put an editor's note on letters that contain obvious errors of fact or present a particularly screwed up version of events, but we resist "answering each letter" simply because we don't want people to perceive that their letters stand to be rebutted by this newspaper's staff. Rather, we prefer to continue our practice of equal access, with readers providing both the point and counterpoint in the Letters column. We think that practice has been effective and equitable, with most issues raised in these columns answered — if not by direct response, then by listening to the silence.

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Commander's anniversary message

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Our great command enters its fourth year faced with criticism and challenge. This can be a year fraught with frustration or promise. Our challenge is to bring together better management of cost, producibility, quality engineering and research. In each of those areas, cost and performance must have first consideration. Each scientist, engineer and logistician must be held accountable for fielding an affordable, effective system, one requiring fewer soldiers to operate and support it than the weapon it replaces. We must challenge industry to join with us in our fight to reduce costs and find ways to reduce the cost of our systems in spite of inflation. If we do not meet this challenge and prevail, we will surely continue to receive criticism and lose the confidence of our superiors and the American people.

We can and will succeed, but we must all understand that success of the MICOM team requires a contribution from every player. Some can do more than others, true, but each of you must do all you can. Your support in the past has been most gratifying. I know you will not fail in the future. It is your future and the future of this command that is at issue. We must prevail for the defense of this great nation.

On the day of our anniversary, let us renew our commitment to professionalism. Let us accept the challenge, dedicate ourselves, each and every one, to the task and re-establish ourselves and our organization as the premier manager of weapons system acquisition and support.

I want to add my personal appreciation to that of General Keith for your past efforts and your future endeavors to build a greater MICOM.

Robert L. Moore
Major General USA
Commanding

Keith's letter

The following letter was received from Gen. Donald R. Keith, commander of DARCOM:

As the U.S. Army Missile Command observes its third anniversary on July 1, I extend congratulations on behalf of the entire DARCOM family.

The Army missile program encompassing research, development, procurement and support responsibilities is among the most vital and complex in our equipment readiness and modernization program. MICOM's achievements and its concerted management effort to improve the acquisition process are notable testimony to a dedicated and professionally competent work force.

Please convey my appreciation of their efforts to the men and women of your command along with my best wishes for success.

Donald R. Keith
General, USA
Commanding

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Since warm weather's arrival, military police have noticed that some children and property owners are leaving playthings, bicycles and tools unsecured.

"This increase in the amount of unsecured property coincides with an increase in the number of visitors and guests on the arsenal," says 1st Lt. Vera Jones, assistant MP operations officer. "As a result, there are more targets for potential thieves than at other times."

"Over the last three months bicycle larcenies on the arsenal have risen 30 percent. The vast majority of these lost bicycles were left unsecured at the time of the theft."

MPs recommend marking property with the last four digits of your Social Security number; taking photographs of valuables not marked; helping neighbors keep their property secure; and notifying MPs of any suspicious activity in arsenal neighborhoods.

Wives' club works for community

The Redstone Arsenal NCO Wives' Club contributed about \$8,000 to community organizations and individuals during its club year.

In addition to monetary gifts it also supports the arsenal community by personal involvement and awards to outstanding soldiers.

The purposes of the club are to promote social relationships and activities, provide recreation and to participate in group welfare and education projects. Members also work on civic projects for the benefit of the entire community.

Yvonne Hicks, president, says the NCO Wives' Club hopes to raise more money for those in need, provide opportunities for community involvement and increase the club's membership during the next year.

Money is raised through bake sales, raffles, gift-wrapping and bingo games. The bingo games are played each Tuesday and Sunday evening at the NCO Club.

These funds are then distributed throughout the

year to charities, youth groups, needy families and soldiers and scholarships and grants.

Monetary awards also presented to the post soldiers of the year and of the month.

"Coffees" aimed at improving communication between enlisted personnel and the command are also sponsored by the club.

The coffees are scheduled on an as needed basis usually twice each year and the commanding general is invited. The coffee is a forum for the club to bring any problems to the commander's attention. Discussions usually center on improvements to living conditions on post, potential safety hazards and other community areas of interest.

Wives of active or retired NCOs and female NCOs are all eligible to join the NCO Wives Club. Membership information is available from Peggy Smith, chairman of the welcoming committee, at 830-2723 or Hicks at 881-6181.

The club meets on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the NCO Club.

Baby exams postponed

Fox Hospital's Family Practice Department has had to postpone plans to do well baby exams.

Family Practice chief Capt. Dewayne P. Darby M.D. cited "unexpected limitations in personnel" in announcing the postponement.

"Capt. Wayne Rose, our hospital's pediatric nurse practitioner, will continue to do these check-ups," said Darby.

Appointments should be made through Central appointments, 876-3247, he said.

Officers, NCOs take a bath . . . for a good cause

Redstone soldiers who think their first sergeants and COs are all wet will get an opportunity to prove it today and tomorrow.

In a fund raising effort for Army Emergency Relief, Special Troops has set up a dunking booth on the HHC MICOM patio and a number of first sergeants and company commanders have volunteered to be dunked.

The activity will start today at 10:30 a.m. with Brig. Gen. William Potts, Col. Robert Parsons, and Lt. Col. Steven Gregg, among the first to take a turn in the booth.

Sgt. Bill Gaffney of the HHC dunking committee said other volunteers have been drawn from the 291st MPs, MEDDAC, 95th Service Company and HHC, "first sergeants, company commanders, executive officers . . . first and second lieutenants, master sergeants, stuff like that."

Gaffney said people will be able to throw three balls for \$1 with the money going to the AER campaign. The booth will be set up both days from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. "Since it's payday we should have a lot of people. Everybody's encouraged to come out, civilian and military."

"It's to help the AER drive, and watch somebody get dunked. I'm going to be throwing at the first sergeant," Gaffney said.

Mapping agency little known

WASHINGTON — The Defense Mapping Agency has been called "one of the nation's least known and most vital organizations" by many of its members.

Charged with providing maps, charts and geographic information to the Defense Department and other agencies, the DMA now spends most of its effort producing new computerized data for new navigation, command and weapon systems, as well as producing the more traditional paper materials.

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TROOP TALK

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Capt. Warren Chappee, 4th S.C. — “Always keep in mind the mission and present needs of the Army. Utilize to the fullest extent the experience of the NCOs and officers during planning operations. Then supervise the preparation of those resources very carefully.”



PFC Robert Doolin, Co. B — “As far as Redstone’s permanent party personnel, I think they could be used more efficiently by a lot more soldierization and leadership training.”



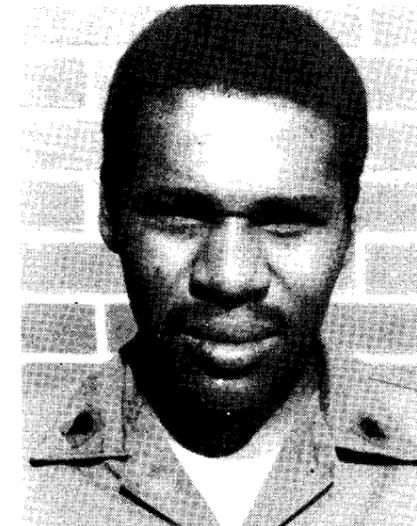
Sp4 Egbert Mack, HHC MICOM — “Do a lot more recycling of materials instead of just throwing things away.”



SSgt. David McLaughlin, Co. B — “Use the resources as they were originally intended instead of modifying things to suit immediate needs.”



SSgt. William Wells, 4th S.C. — “Spend more money toward troop training and materials instead of on unnecessary needs. For instance, 2nd Battalion could use more vehicles for supply missions.”



Sp4 William Shanks, HHC MICOM — “When things are being planned, anything that’s decided upon should be absolutely necessary.”

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and Fox Hospital "does very well on both," Bishop said. These are the HSC inspector general system and the Joint Commission for Accreditation of Hospitals, a civilian organization.

"As a matter of fact, Fox is our first Army hospital to receive a three-year accreditation," the HSC commander said. The Joint Commission — formed by the American College of Surgeons, American College of Physicians and the American Hospital Association — formerly gave two year accreditations.

"That puts them (Fox Hospital) at the top of the stack," Bishop said. "You can't compare Fox to Walter Reed, different size limitations. But certainly as to their size limitation, they're at the top of the heap."

The Health Services Command consists of 50,000 people — about 50 percent military — in medical activities throughout the continental U.S., Alaska, Hawaii and Panama. A small number is in Puerto Rico.

Medical facilities range "from the brand new to

the, in some cases, rather old facilities," Bishop said. "We do have some old hospitals. The old ones are currently being replaced.

"Fort Polk, Stewart, Campbell and Carson are old World War II facilities and that's what we're trying to replace. And as we replace those, we're trying to modernize the ones that we have built since."

Multi-million dollar projects include a new hospital at Fort Campbell, Ky. to open mid-September; a new hospital at Fort Stewart, Ga. to open January or February; a new hospital at Fort Polk, La. to open March or April;

A four or five year, over \$300 million addition and renovation to Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii; the recently-dedicated Omar N. Bradley Annex to William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, Texas; and a new annex at Fort Carson, Colo.

Until the new hospitals are completed, Fox Hospital (opened in 1978) is said to be the newest Army hospital followed by Walter Reed (opened about 1977).

"In terms of equipment, that is just a constant process of modernization," Bishop said. "Medical equipment is stuff that you have to stay with state of the art, and unfortunately that's hard to do. Just like everything, a rapidly moving field. It's constant catch up."



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Golden Knights win 14 medals

WASHINGTON — The Army's official parachute team, the Golden Knights, recently won six gold and seven silver medals and one bronze medal in the Belgian army invitational parachuting meet in Schaffen, Belgium.

In competition with 15 teams from 12 nations, the Golden Knights took first place in team accuracy competition, placing second to France in overall country competition.

Sgt. Mark Jones took first place in the individual accuracy competition and came in third in individual overall. Sp5 Maurice Fernandez took second place in both the individual style and individual overall competitions. (Arnews).

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MMCS trains on Bradley fighting vehicle

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

The Bradley fighting vehicle has arrived at Redstone and is being phased into training at the Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Training at the school centers around the Bradley's Tow antitank guided missile system. Resident training of the Bradley doesn't begin until next year, but training of instructors and key personnel is currently underway.

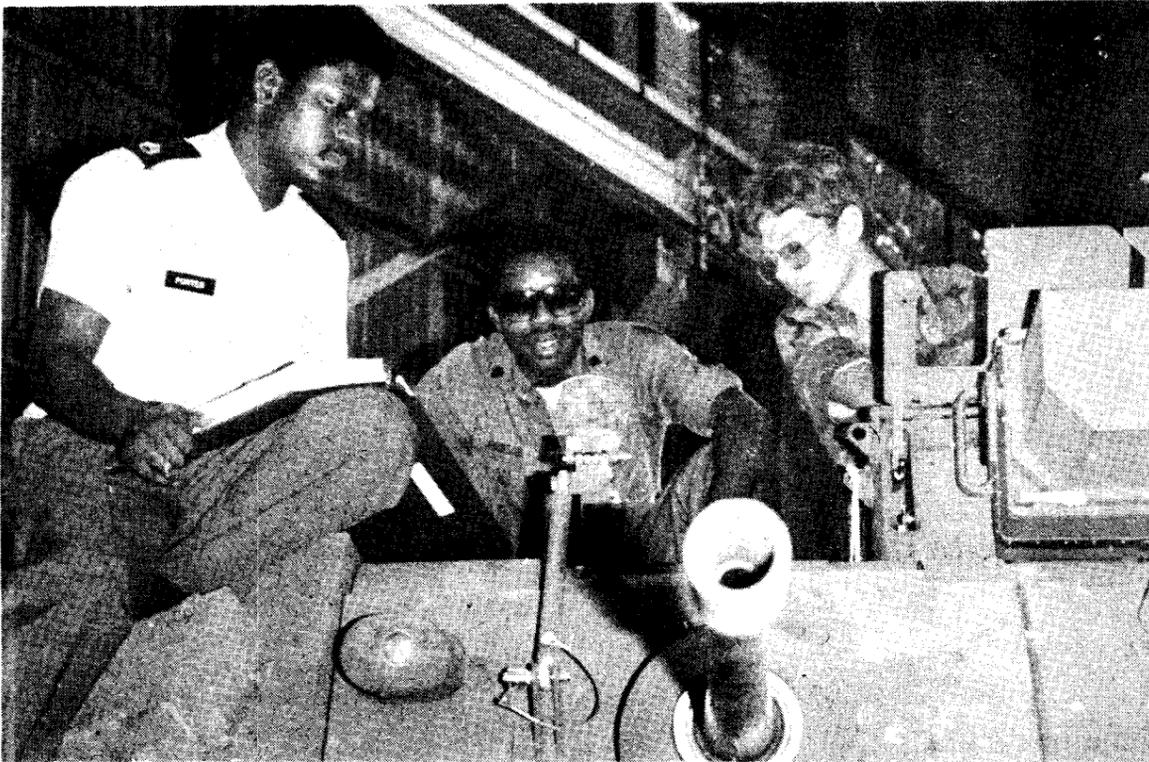
According to Skeggs Gilchrist, chief of the Tow/Dragon missile team, six Bradley turrets and two infantry fighting vehicles will be issued to the Land Combat Department.

The first vehicle and two turrets have arrived with the remaining equipment due later this year. This equipment will provide the basis for training essential maintenance skills for the Tow/Dragon repairer, MOS 27E. Training on the Bradley will be incorporated in exercises starting in February 1983 to support Ft. Hood, Texas.

Before resident student training begins in February MMCS personnel must be trained. That program lasts four weeks and is presently underway.

The first two weeks of training concerns the Tow system mounted on the Bradley. This portion of the program is presented by Hughes Aircraft Company instructors. The Hughes training introduces the integrated sight unit, the command guidance electronics and the missile launcher which are part of the Tow system.

The remaining two weeks of training are presented by a Missile Command training team. This team is responsible for teaching the use and repair of the Tow support equipment. The test equipment consists of test controller, day and night sight collimator and missile simulator. Training equipment used for repairing the basic sight assembly consists of the basic sight assembly controller, base plate holding fixture and rail assembly.



SSgt. Gordon Porter gives instructions from the technical manual check list as Sp5 Jerry L. Johnson

(center) and PFC Ronald W. Williford check out the day/night sight collimator. (Photo by Maggie Cummins)

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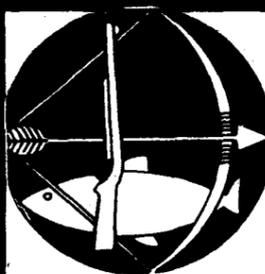
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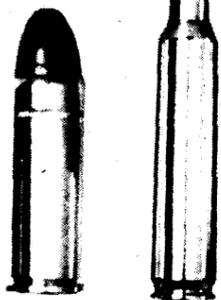
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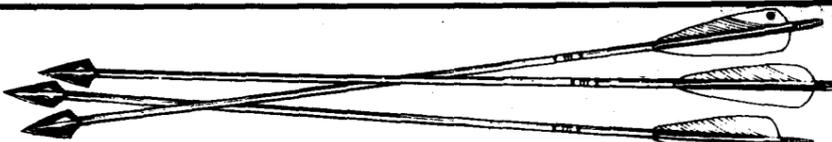


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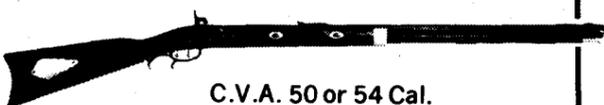
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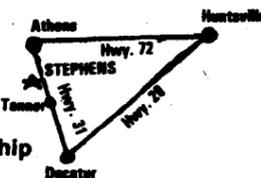
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Initial impressions 'positive' says new security chief

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The new director of security at Redstone Arsenal just returned to the states after serving one year on an assignment in Israel.

Lt. Col. Robert Amick came here to assume the security director's position after serving as deputy project manager for support at the Near East Project Office, Israeli Air Base Program, State of Israel.

"I had a lot of good experiences over there. It's a beautiful country," Amick said. He describes that tour as "most enjoyable and I achieved perhaps greater job satisfaction in that assignment than in any staff assignment in the past 10 years."

Amick assumed the position here June 20 from Lt. Col. Ben Sanford who left to become professor of military science at Idaho State University.

Before making any plans for the security directorate, Amick wants "to complete my assessment first. I have to see where we are."

"My initial impressions — driven by the attitude of our security directorate employees — are positive," he said. "We have some very good employees in security directorate."

The 42-year-old Beckley, W. Va. native was also impressed by Huntsville.

"I'm very impressed with the positive interaction between the civilian and military communities," he said. "The attitudes of people are refreshing and obviously pro-military."

"It's an attractive community and I can easily understand why many of our military would desire to retire here."

Amick began his military career as an infantry platoon leader with 1st Battalion, 2nd Infantry at Fort Devens, Mass. in 1962. He came out of ROTC at Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va.

He progressed through other troop leading positions and went to Israel after graduation in 1981 from the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Besides a bachelor's degree in banking and finance from Marshall University, Amick received a master of science degree in criminal justice from Michigan State in 1972.

He and his wife Sandy, also a Marshall University graduate, have an 11-year-old son Adam and 10-year-old daughter Erin. His hobbies are "running, bicycling, swimming and raising my children."

"My family is happily settled in Jacksonville, Alabama and we see each other on the weekends," Amick said.



Amick

He works with over 200 civilians and the 291st Military Police Company in a "we environment" at security directorate.

"Redstone's a sensitive installation," Amick said of the importance of security. "There are many important projects ongoing at Redstone which are critical to our national defense. And it's essential that our security education at Redstone be compatible with our desired professionalism."

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Cougars on top at mid-season

BY DOUG McKEE

The Cougars closed out the first half of the CWF slo-pitch softball season by blasting Tech Pubs 15-2. The win gave the Cougars a 9-1 record, good enough for the first-half lead.

P&P slammed SIO 9-4 and R&D nipped a pesky F&A crew 7-4 to remain in the chase. In other games for the week, T&E walloped SIO 20-5, then beat TMDE 9-2. All other teams were idle for the week.

Leonard Hatcher tossed the win for the Cougars and helped his own cause by ripping two homers. The Ken Lomax lead crew broke the game wide open in the bottom of the third, scoring six runs to take a 13-0 lead. Charles Upshaw rapped four hits in five at-bats. Tim Richard and Paul Vogt each chipped in with three hits. Dorman Chasteen ripped a triple to get Tech Pubs on the books.

Mike McColpin had a perfect three-for-three to help P&P in the win over SIO. Dennis Evans pitched the win.

In R&D's win over F&A, Jerry Arzsmann came in from the outfield to hurl the win. Dwight Sisk soaked

ed him for a four-bagger in the sixth for F&A's biggest threat. Arnold Thomas took the loss.

Bobby Bates' long homerun helped spark T&E to the lead as they defeated TMDE. Tom Spain picked up the win.

The second half of the season was scheduled to get underway Monday and run till about July 29, then will be followed by an Army-NASA tournament August 9.

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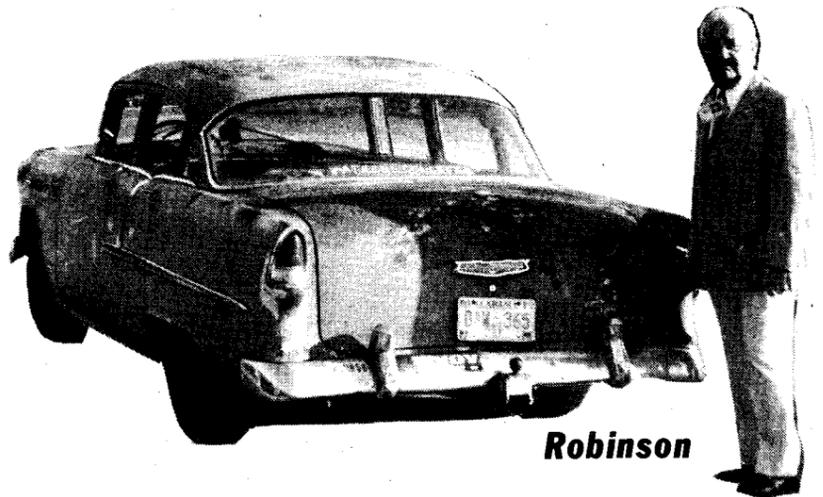
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BY ED PETERS

Trading for a new car every year or two or three is as traditional for many Americans as baseball, hot dogs, and apple pie.

After all, cars denote affluence or lack of it, and they're engineered to wear out in a few years. But don't tell that to Hosea Maples, Dave Marty, George Robinson or Sam Woods.

They're getting good service from cars from 18 to 30 years old. If you're one of those sticker-shocked would-be new car buyers trying to decide whether to trade or try to squeeze a few more miles out of the old buggy, they'll tell you there's probably more life left in it than you think.

Sam Woods had transmission trouble eight years ago and bought a well-used 1964 Chevrolet station wagon for temporary transportation. He's still driving the 18 year old car.

"The reason I got it was the transmission went bad on the car I had and I bought this car from a neighbor for less than I could overhaul the transmission," said Woods. "I bought it temporarily," he added.

Woods said he then sold the car with the bad transmission and got nearly enough to buy new tires for the station wagon, which he's been driving eight years with no major maintenance.

"I really haven't had to do much to it, other than adding gas and oil," said Woods, "but it burns about as much oil as it does gas. Actually, it leaks it. Every three or four months I have to clean the driveway.

"It has 52,000 miles showing. The speedometer's turned over once.

"The body looks like it turned over twice. It also has a few rusty spots," he elaborated. How many? "Oh, about as many as it has dents," he said. The inside is in tatters.

Woods, chief of Bldg 5250 graphics, says he drives the car to work and takes his wife to church and shopping with it. "I use it as a kind of truck too," he said, to haul a garden tiller and manure.

Woods takes some kidding about the car from co-workers. "The kids upstairs (in Graphics) parked it between the (Bldg 5250) wings April Fool's Day. That stuff you put on curtains with blue balls on it — they taped it on it with scotch tape," he related.

George Munro Robinson disdains newer cars and drives a '55 Chevy.

"It originally belonged, was bought new by my mother-in-law. She left it to my wife four or five years ago. I've been driving it back and forth to work," said Robinson.

He said he likes the fuel economy, about 20 miles

per gallon, and ease of maintenance. "It's a whale of a site easier to maintain. You lift the hood and you can see the ground all around. There's space to work in."

He said he buys gas every two weeks, on pay day. The car has a six cylinder engine.

The car has "something like 80,000 miles on the second go-around, so it actually has about 180,000," Robinson said. "My daughter drove it back and forth to school in Athens. The motor's been rebuilt once. She and a friend rebuilt it in our garage."

Robinson said the car has no mechanical problems, except a worn out gear selector rod he's having trouble finding a replacement part for, but is "rather disreputable looking."

"It's solid blue color where it doesn't have (surface) rust spots and the inside needs reupholstering, seat, door panels and overhead roof."

Robinson said when he retires in July he plans to fix the car up, along with 1965 and 1966 Oldsmobile convertibles that he owns. "I learned to fly when I was 16 in open planes . . . and got used to what little hair I have flapping in the breeze and that's why I love convertibles."

Cars today, said Robinson, "aren't as good as they could be, too much plastic, too small. I don't particularly care for any of today's cars. . ."

Of his '55 Chevy, he says, "It won't win any beauty contests but it works and it's wonderful transportation.

In contrast to Woods and Robinson's unconcern for the appearance of their cars, Dave Marty drives a 1956 Mercury because he thinks that model is the prettiest car in the world.

Marty, an artist who is in charge of graphics operations on the arsenal, has owned one '56 Mercury since 1958 and a "twin" since 1973. He drives them both.

"I think it's one of the nicest designs the industry ever came out with", Marty said. "When they came out with it I said, "There, if I were designing a car myself, is what I'd do'.

"If they ever come out with a car that looks better, then I might trade. Every year that goes by I look at the new models and nothing looks better."

Marty refers to his mercurys as "the Green & White" and "the Black & White," referring to the color of door panel insert. Both are the then top-of-the-line Montclair model.

The Green & White he bought at Ray Bradford in Huntsville with 21,000 miles on it 24 years ago.

The Green & White has been over 200,000 miles, is "on its third time around", as Marty puts it. It was overhauled at 100,000, and replaced at 143,000 with a tamer V-8 than the 312 Thunderbird motor it came with.

But it still "cruises at 80 to 90 and generally outperforms anything made now," said Marty. The speedometer indicates 120 mph "and it will do it all, but I don't push it like that anymore," he added.

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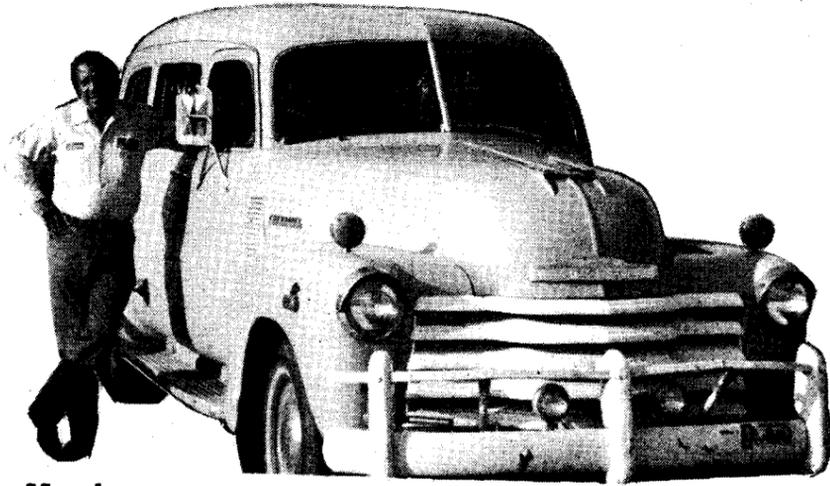
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He bought the Black & White in 1973 as a parts car. It too is in excellent shape and Marty is driving it while his son strips and repaints the other Mercury.

The Black & White has only 83,000 miles on it.

Marty says he has no particular formula for keeping cars long-lived. "If I have a problem I repair it early before something else happens. I keep the oil changed, I keep them clean and I don't neglect them. But I don't baby them. I run the heck out of them.

"They're so tough and durable, all cars from that era. If people had taken any kind of care of those cars, they'd still be driving them. But they ran like the devil, so people rawhided them, and that's one reason why there's not many left."

Marty's Mercurys have four-barrel carburetors. "They're rather heavy on gas, 11-12 mpg around town, 16-17 highway. That's about all any of those big V-8s will do. With gas at 27-31 cents, who worried. They're strictly made for motivating down the highway and not fuel economy.

"But today you pay \$10,000 for an econo-box. I'd rather feed the old dinosaur and drive something unique."

Hosea Maples was vanpooling long before the word was coined. He drives a 1952 Chevrolet "carryall", 110 miles round trip a day from his home at Route 1, Lester, Ala., north of Athens.

"I saw it trip 100,000. I saw it trip 200,000. Then I've been driving the last 10 years with the speedometer broke. Roughly, I will say it has 400,000 miles on it and I won't miss it too far one way or the other," said Maples, who works for Falls Janitorial Service on the arsenal.

Maples bought the carryall in 1962 with 64,000 miles on it. It has had one motor overhaul, two replacement motors, two transmissions and one rear end replaced and a repaint. "It's given real good service," he said.

Asked his secret for coaxing so many miles out of an old car, he replied, "I do most of the mechanic work myself, and I drive it with care. That's about all, I guess.

"I've turned so many bolts on it that I know about where everything goes to or needs to go," he added.

Maples still uses a 1946 model pickup truck on his farm where he keeps hogs, cows and horses. "It's my home place, I was born and raised there," he said. There are "close to 200 acres" on the place, he added.

Maples originally bought the 1952 carryall as a school bus for children from the Vaughn's Hollow community.

"My wife and I hauled school children from 1962 till 69. At that time there wasn't a bus to pick up the children so the county paid me to meet the bus and also to take children to a little country school out there. They closed the school and then I hauled them to Elkmont.

"That was before schools went to integration and they were of course black children. No more children than there was, it was cheaper to pay somebody than to run a bus.

"Five of us ride together now, so it's still making a little change," said Maples, who has "been here going on 19 years with five or six different contractors."

The carryall has three seats and room for nine passengers. "But I carried up to 18 children, they being little you know," said Maples.

Maples says he intends to keep on running the old carryall. "There are several trying to buy it off me. But I just don't want to get rid of it. It's just like one in the family."

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Hatchett retires as MLRS project manager

BY BOB HUBBARD

Col. Monte Hatchett, Project Manager for MICOM's Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS), retires from the Army here today after 27 years' service, leaving what is perhaps the Army's most successful missile program.

With MLRS acclaimed one of the few programs meeting cost and schedule goals, there are many Redstone men and women who say Hatchett is the reason.

"I couldn't compare him with anyone else," one woman in the project office said. "There's a quiet dignity about him. He's the best leader I've ever worked for."

A co-worker echoes her sentiments: "I've worked with several good ones but Hatchett is head and shoulders about any project manager I've known. He's the best."

Typically, Hatchett praises the 'outstanding government and industry team I've been fortunate to lead' for his accomplishments at Redstone Arsenal and the program's success.

"This is the best job I've had in the Army, without a doubt," said Hatchett who was named Army Project Manager of the Year in 1981. "I worked with dedicated people with one goal: put good hardware in the soldier's hands. We accomplished that. I believe MICOM does that job better than any command."

Being a project manager is the best job in the Army for a career officer, whatever the system, in Hatchett's opinion. "There's a lot of self satisfaction. Chaparral was super, all the programs I've been with were fantastic," he said, mentioning his stints as project manager with TSQ73 and Kuwait-Jordan project office.

In his nearly 14 years at Redstone, he also was Director of Metrology and Calibration and was a division chief with Pershing.

Hatchett said there are two basic reasons, in his judgment, for cost growth that threatens the Army's modernization program.

First, changing the acquisition strategy, like quantities to be bought, causing program instability. Secondly, prime contractor inability to control subs, 1. E., through poor cost estimating, sole source conditions, and the fact that primes today build less and depend on hundreds of vendors. Additionally, military competition with the commercial market increases costs.

MLRS was able to overcome these problems, Hatchett said, with upfront competition, stabilizing the program for four years. The Army decided how many rockets it wanted to buy in 1977 and that figure never changed.

"We resisted change and allowed Vought Corporation to control their subs with a locked-in, four year production contract."

MICOM currently is seeking to negotiate a multi year contract that, if successful, will stabilize the

MLRS program for seven additional years, completing the U.S. buy and requirements.

"Multi year contracts are the way to go if they are obtained through the competitive research and development phase and the acquisition strategy includes second source competition.

"Those are the unique things we hang our hat on," Hatchett said.

Describing the MLRS program and success Hatchett said the rocket has performed superbly. "We've met all schedules so far because of the dedication and performance of the Vought and Army team.

"I've had strong support from General Robert Moore and the whole MICOM community has been outstanding. Without that support, we wouldn't be where we are. And I've had the best TRADOC system managers in the business," Hatchett said, mentioning Col. George Moses and his officers at Fort Sill.

"I feel like I have accomplished what I wanted, and more," Hatchett said of his military career. "If I could change anything in my career, I wouldn't change a thing . . . not a day!"

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BMD engineer picked for Sloan Fellowship

Fan King, an electronics engineer with the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, has been selected to participate in the 1982-83 Stanford University Sloan Fellows Program for executives.

King, a Huntsville resident, is the only Department of the Army nominee to be selected for this year's Stanford program, a nine-month curriculum which leads to a master of science in management degree. He will be one among a maximum of 42 persons worldwide to be accepted in the study program for mid-career executives.

King is an electronics engineer in the Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center. He has specialized in development of antennas for BMD radar applications during his five and one-half years with the organization headquarters in Huntsville's Cummings Research Park.

"I've come to realize that a successful technical manager requires more than just in-depth knowledge across a broad technical base," King

said. "Now I want to broaden my background and become better prepared for management positions."

King said he is prepared for an extremely demanding nine months at Stanford, adjacent to Palo Alto, Calif.

"It's not the easy way to do it. It's definitely a crash course. But it should be interesting because this program won't be just course work and theory," he said. "It's also an opportunity to share experiences with the Sloan Fellows."

Participants in the program are corporate- or government-sponsored and have several years of experience in industry or government behind them. In the program's courses they receive intensive exposure to subjects such as decision analysis and organizational behavior. The curriculum also includes economics, marketing, financing and accounting.

King, 42, was born in Chungking, China. He has earned bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees from Harvard University, a master of science in engineering from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and has completed course work toward a Ph.D. at UAH. He served three years as an officer in the U.S. Army and worked 10 years at the Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, before joining BMD.

King is married to the former Elin Edlund of Boston, Mass. They have six children ranging in age from 8 to 19.



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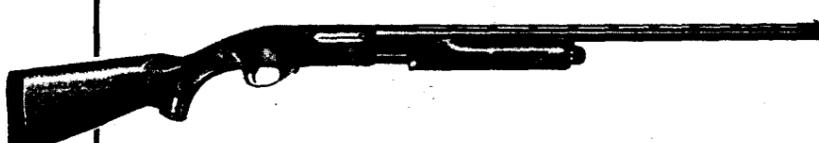
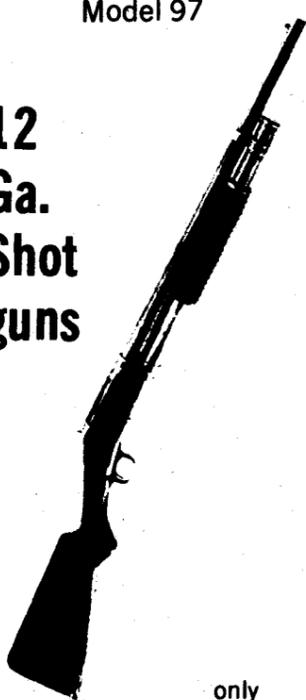
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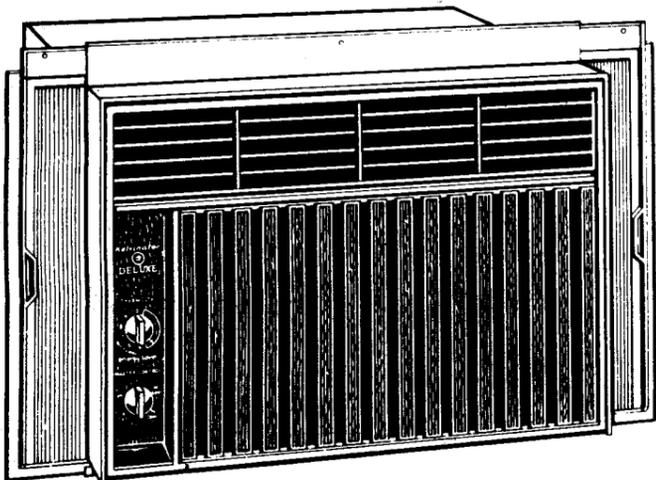
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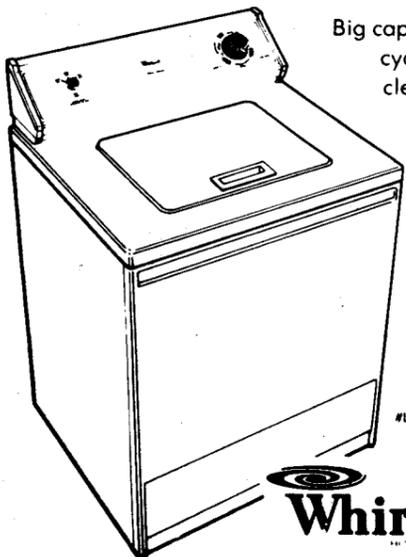
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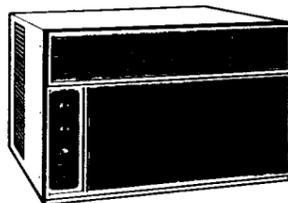
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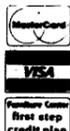
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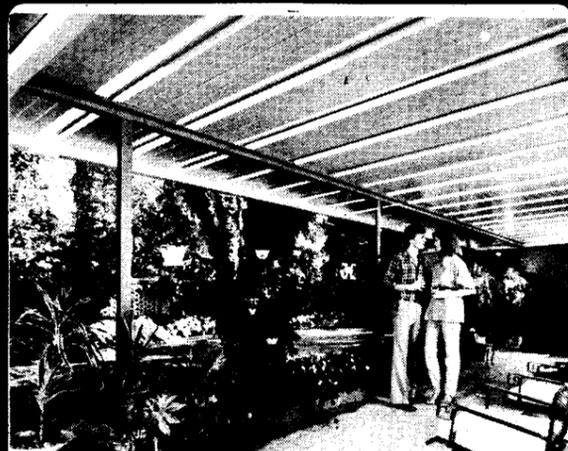
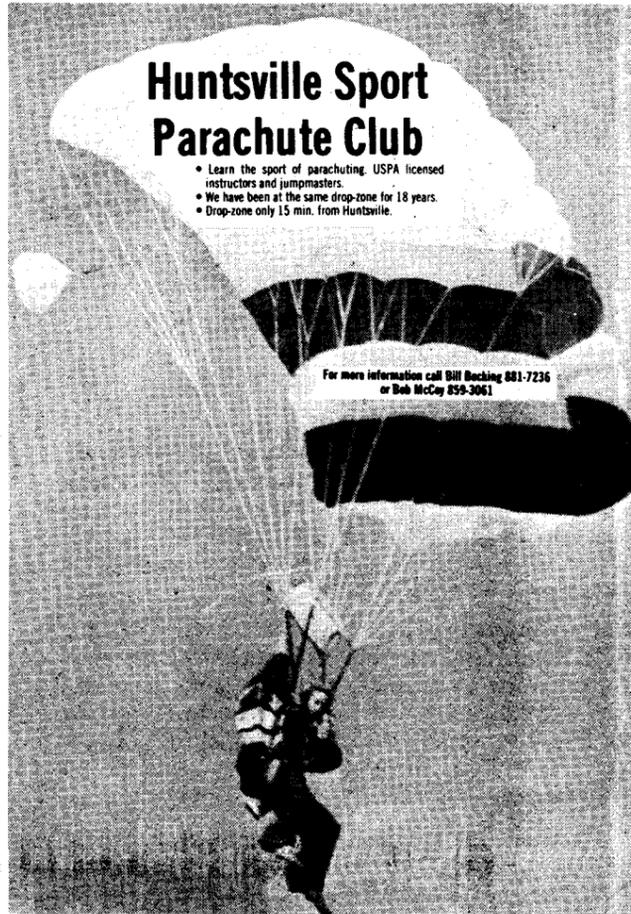
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Computerized printing system tested here

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The old system of preparing technical material for printing by typing, retyping, cutting and pasting is changing at the Missile Command.

Under a pilot program, the technical publications division of Maintenance Engineering Directorate is converting to an automated printing and publishing system.

This is a test program for the Joint Congressional Committee on Printing and the Department of Defense. After three years, a joint JCP-DoD committee will make a final evaluation and a decision will be made about possible implementation throughout the Defense Department.

"It's an absolute necessity that we do something in the automated field with the volume of printing, publishing we're doing here for the government, technical manual area," said John Wiggins, chief of the technical publications division.

"We not only will be able to give them a more accurate technical publication but in the long run, it'll be cheaper for the government. No question in my mind."

The new computerized system will use word processors, an optical character reader, photocomposer, typesetter and an "Autokon" camera. Eight word processors have been purchased and installed at building 5681 while the rest of the machinery is expected by or during August.

The Government Printing Office or its contractor will still do the actual printing of technical manuals, modification work orders, repair parts lists and depot maintenance work requirements. This new system is expected to speed up and make less costly the preparations for printing. "We produce 100,000 pages a year. More like 125,000 now," Wiggins said.

This has been done in the past by typing, retyping for magnetic tape, putting the tape on a composer machine and then cutting and pasting to fit a page. The only alternatives were sending to the printer



Audrey Bradley at word processor

the rough copy with instructions, or sending a reproduction negative from a contractor.

The new system will replace the old in-house methods. "Really the potential is fantastic and the thing that will limit us in the savings will be the number of people we'll apply to this thing," Wiggins said. "How much we can bring in-house depends on the number of people we can put on this system."

This is how it will work:

Data will come in from several sources — the contractor, the logistics file, various mini-computers, optical character recognition or by keyboard entry on word processor. The optical character reader, one method of entry, is a machine that will read data and put it in the computer file.

Computer-stored data will be called up on a word processor without the necessity of typing it into the word processor. Typesetting codes can then be add-

ed to the material on the video screen. "So it has automated the typing and coding effort completely," Wiggins added.

Artwork will be put into computer language by an artwork digitizer, the so-called Autokon camera. A photograph can be converted to a line drawing through this machine.

Next, the written text will be called up on a composer where it can be arranged with spaces for the illustrations. "Instead of doing all that cutting and pasting and tearing, I can do all that on the screen," Wiggins said.

The written text and pictures will be merged on the typesetter machine which will set the type according to the typesetting codes.

Flexibility is part of the system because it can deliver negatives normally received from the contractor, camera-ready copy, magnetic tape, word-processing disc, or microfiche. "Maximum input flexibility and maximum flexibility on output," Wiggins said.

Advantages of the system, which has an estimated cost of \$600,000, include speed of information distribution, accuracy of publications and reduced manpower requirements, according to Wiggins.

"We hope to be in the production mode by April of '83," he said.

Generals assigned

The Army recently announced these new general officer assignments:

— Maj. Gen. Richard D. Lawrence, from Fort Hood to commandant, Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

— Maj. Gen. Andrew P. Chambers from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, to Commander, First Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.

— Brig. Gen. Joe S. Owens from commander, III Corps Artillery, Fort Sill, Okla. to Fort Sam Houston as deputy commander, Fifth U.S. Army, and commander, Readiness and Mobilization Region VII.

— Maj. Gen. (P) Jack N. Merritt from Carlisle Barracks, Pa. to deputy commander, Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. (Arnews).

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Limited dental service

DENTAC is requesting dental patient cooperation and understanding during a period of severely limited service that will continue until Sept. 1. At times there will be as few as three doctors working. For the most part, services will be limited to emergency treatment, fillings and cleanings. Appointments for filling will be given to active duty members only. Family members and retirees will continue to be seen on a standby basis. A large turnover of personnel has caused a temporary shortage of dentists.

ROTC cadets recognized

The AUSA Tennessee Valley Chapter has presented savings bonds and plaques to the 1982 outstanding cadets in Army ROTC units in the Valley area. Officers of MICOM, MMCS, and BMDATC presented the awards in ceremonies at each school. The 1982 outstanding cadets are Antoine Cheatham, Alabama A&M; Noel C. Engelman, Albertville H.S.; Jeffrey K. Murray, Athens H.S.; Steven D. Williams, Boaz H.S.; Tammy J. Jones, Bob Jones H.S.; Karen Lee, Brewer H.S.; Mara L. Davis, Grissom H.S.; Laurie Mazikowski, Lee H.S.; Linda S. James, Scottsboro H.S.; Sylvia Hammonds, Sparkman H.S.

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Yard of the Month winners for June are, best single unit, CPT. James E. Moffett, 313 Hughes Drive and MSG Arthur D. Dickens, 1344-A Hermes Road; and best multi-unit, 1LT Karen S. McNully, 253-B Skinner Drive and MSG Harold A. Thomas 1377-A Lance Drive. Winners receive a certificate of appreciation, two free dinners, a color photograph of the awards ceremony and display of the Yard of the Month sign for one month. Receiving honorable mention were MAJ Paul C. Smith, 434 Simpson Drive and SFC Robert J. Wegren, 1339-A Jupiter Street.

Surplus sale

The General Services Administration will conduct an auction of surplus NASA property beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 15, in Bldg 4755. Prospective buyers may inspect the items and register to bid on Wednesday, July 14, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and on the day of the sale from 8-10 a.m. Surplus items to be sold include adding machines, miscellaneous electronic equipment, valves, batteries, scrap metal and scrap electrical cable.

Yacht club

The Redstone Yacht Club will meet at the RYC clubhouse, building 8014, at 7 p.m. July 9. Non-members may call Lt. Col. Stephen Torok 876-4221 or 883-1838 (home) for membership details.

\$1,000 scholarship winner

A \$1,000 scholarship has been presented to 1982 Sparkman High graduate Rhonda Ann Vaughn by the AUSA Tennessee Valley Chapter. A battalion commander in her school's ROTC corps, she was selected for the scholarship based on her straight-A grade average and other achievements and her essay on "The role of the U.S. Army in national affairs in the 1980s."

Summer physicals

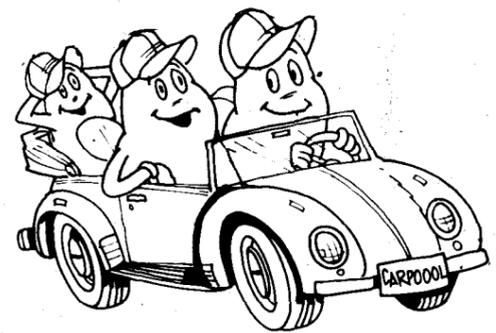
Summer physical examinations for school age children of active and retired military personnel will be given at the Fox Army Community Hospital pediatrics clinic after 1 p.m. on July 14, Aug. 11 and Aug. 18. Appointments will be made through the hospital's central appointments 876-3247. Those receiving appointments should pick up a physical examination packet at the pediatrics clinic and have lab work done six days before their exam (July 8, Aug. 5 or Aug. 12).

Funrun

The monthly "fun run" will be held at 6:30 a.m. Friday, July 2 starting at the post gym. The time has been changed from 7 a.m., according to the office of Brig. Gen. William Potts who has been leading the two-mile run. Everyone is invited to participate in the event held the first Friday of each month.

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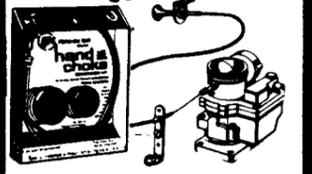
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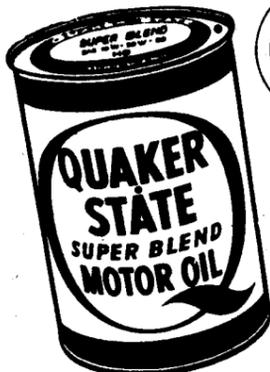
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