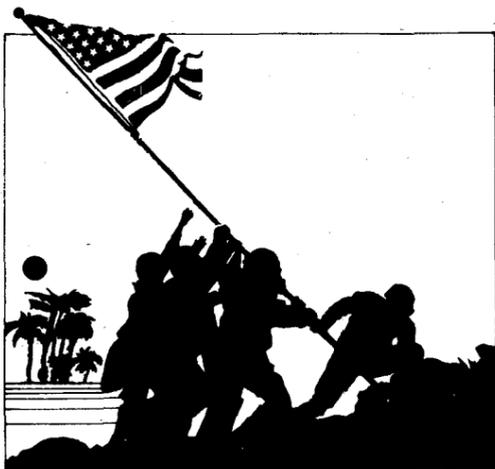


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Marines hoisting the flag on Iwo Jima is a symbol of one of the most famous battles of World War II. A man who was there recalls it on page 3.

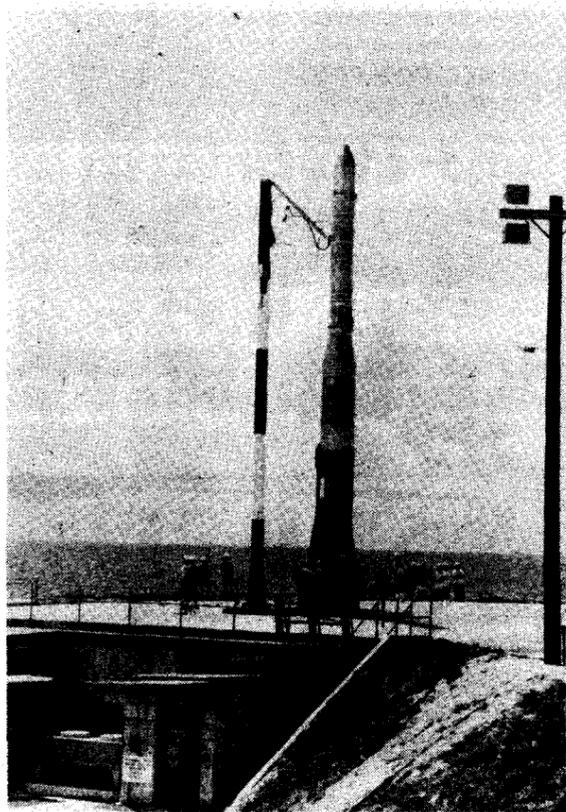
Experimental missile fired in first test

The Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command announced on Feb. 8 the first firing in a series of Homing Overlay Experiments (HOE) to explore technology for non-nuclear exoatmospheric ballistic missile defense.

The Feb. 7 experiment involved the intercept, above the central Pacific, of a target ICBM fired from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., by a missile fired from Kwajalein Missile Range.

It was the first intercept test for the BMD program since development work on the Safeguard program was completed in 1975.

Results of the experiment are being analyzed.



An inert HOE interceptor missile is shown during launch-facility and installation trials on Meck Island at Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands. The technology being explored in this experimental Army program could provide a practical basis for nonnuclear kill of warheads from an enemy's intercontinental or submarine-launched ballistic missiles above the atmosphere.

Strict weight program slated; sets body fat standards

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Soldiers who fail to make progress for other than medical reasons under the Army's revised weight control program may find themselves up for separation from the service.

The revised program, effective April 15, specifies what should be done with individuals who either exceed a weight guide or present a non-military appearance. They are to be referred to medical officials to determine their percentage of body fat.

Maximum allowable body fat standards, determined by skin-fold thickness, are included in the new regulation. Like the weight guide table, they vary according to age and sex.

"Its purpose is two-fold," CWO 3 Timothy Davis, a physician assistant here says of the new reg. "Primary purpose as I see it as a medical officer is an attempt to ensure that we minimize one cardiac risk factor, obesity. In doing that we're ensuring one aspect of the physical fitness of our soldiers in the Army.

"The second purpose is to ensure the soldiers maintain a proper and adequate military appearance," Davis adds.

Soldiers identified as either overweight or improper in military appearance based on their size will be evaluated to see "if in fact they are obese," according to Davis. If they are, a determination will be made whether there is a medical cause or "exogenous obesity." This means the individual is simply overeating and not exercising enough.

Those with a medical cause for obesity would be treated for it. Those with "exogenous obesity" would be placed on a diet and physical exercise program with their maximum weight and length of time on the program set according to their individual case, says Davis.

Weighed Twice A Year

Under the new regulation, all Army military personnel will be weighed at least twice a year when they take their armed forces physical fitness test.

The weight table is described as simply a guide for commanders and not as absolute limits.

Maximum allowable body fat standards include: Male, age 17-20, 20 percent body fat; age 21-27, 22 percent; 28-39, 24 percent; and 40 and older, 26 percent. For women, the standards are age 17-20, 28 percent; 21-27, 30 percent; 28-39, 32 percent; and 40 and older, 34 percent.

"I think the regulation was well-written and the guidelines set up under it are reasonable," says Davis, who works at the Troop Medical Clinic. "I'm quite pleased to see this thing. It's helped to answer questions that were unanswered in the previous regulation. There were a lot of things that were not as well delineated in the previous regulation.

"This particular regulation does not leave a lot of room for interpretation," Davis adds.

SSgt. James Walker, NCOIC of troop medical clinic, says "I think it's good. I just came from Korea about a month ago and I don't think they have as many obese people running around in the 2nd Infantry Division as they do on this installation and on other installations. Of course, they've got a different mission, too."

Considered Nonpromotable

According to the regulation, overweight personnel will be considered nonpromotable, will not be authorized to attend professional military or civilian schooling, and will not be assigned to command positions.

Persons in the program have "suspension of favorable personnel actions — euphemistically called a flag," says CWO 4 Edward Dlugasch, deputy chief of Military Personnel here.

"If he doesn't make progress after six months, he can be considered for separation," Dlugasch says.

Also, the regulation requires that paperwork be kept as long as the individual remains on the weight control program.

"Under the new regulation, it's required to be placed in the personnel record and forwarded to the new duty station," says Dlugasch.

Weight for Height Table

Hght	MALE				FEMALE			
	Age				Age			
	17-20	21-27	28-39	40+	17-20	21-27	28-39	40+
58	—	—	—	—	104	107	110	113
59	—	—	—	—	107	110	114	117
60	132	136	139	141	111	114	117	121
61	136	140	144	146	115	118	121	125
62	141	144	148	150	119	123	126	130
63	145	149	153	155	123	126	130	134
64	150	154	158	160	126	130	134	138
65	155	159	163	165	130	134	138	142
66	160	163	168	170	135	139	143	147
67	165	169	174	176	139	143	148	151
68	170	174	179	181	143	147	151	156
69	175	179	184	186	147	151	155	160
70	180	185	189	192	151	156	160	165
71	185	189	194	197	155	159	164	169
72	190	195	200	203	160	164	169	174
73	195	200	205	208	165	169	174	179
74	201	206	211	214	170	174	180	185
75	206	212	217	220	175	179	184	190
76	212	217	223	226	180	185	190	196
77	218	223	229	232	184	190	195	201
78	223	229	235	238	189	194	200	206
79	229	235	241	244	194	199	205	211
80	234	240	247	250	198	204	210	216

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Letters

Other side

Editor:

The recent DF from Gen. Moore on the subject of "Minority Business Emphasis" indicates that the minority business procurement objectives for 1983 should be 10% greater than 1982.

While awarding procurement contracts to minority businesses is commendable, the degradation in missile readiness experienced as the result of such directed action should have equal publicity. The horror stories associated with such procurement that has "gone sour" are readily available from missile repair part item managers/procurement personnel. How about telling the other side of the story?

Name withheld by request

5400 parking

Editor:

This is in response to the letter published in the Redstone Rocket dated 9 February 1983, regarding parking in the vicinity of Building 5400. I wish to inform the writer of this letter that a work order was submitted to Facilities Engineering Division, on 10 December 1982, requesting that reserve parking spaces be designated at Building 5400 in accordance with AR 210-4, MICOM Supplement 1 thereto, and the agreement between MICOM and AFGE Local 1858.

Contrary to what the writer believes, management is fully aware that, not only will carpool spaces be more conveniently located near the building (than management spaces), but official vehicle, handicapped and official visitor spaces as well.

The writer is correct in assuming that the Laboratory Support Office (LSO) controls reserve

parking at Building 5400. He/she is incorrect, however, in stating that LSO has the highest percentage of employees with reserved spaces. In fact, the percentage of reserve spaces assigned to LSO is lower than in other Army Missile Laboratory (AML) elements located in Building 5400. The LSO is assigned three reserved parking spaces for management personnel. These spaces are assigned to three supervisors, grades GS-14, GS-13 and GS-12.

The writer has taken a cheap shot at LSO regarding "the highest percentage of spaces for employees below the GS-15 level." It is true that the average grade in LSO is lower than other elements of the AML. This probably holds true in the case of other support organizations within MICOM. These grades were established by the Civilian Personnel Office, based upon job requirements and governing position and pay management standards. The grade structure in this case is not relevant, however, because the three reserved parking spaces in LSO are assigned to management personnel.

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On the chin

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the "Burma Shave" signs that are appearing all over Redstone Arsenal. I can think of no better way to spend the taxpayers money. Lately the Civil Service

has been getting it on the chin from the leaders of this country. How refreshing to know someone really cares. Worry over the lack of equitable pay, the erosion of retirement benefits, and the next evil plan OPM or Congress will hatch all seem to fade away when one is driving by the Burma Shave signs. Keep up the good work!

John Cole

Signs' cost

Editor:

Would you please publish in the Redstone Rocket the cost of each new sign placed on the roads entering and leaving the arsenal and also the ones near building 5250.

Doris B. Clay

Editor's note: Five sets of signs cost \$1,214, according to Product Assurance Directorate.



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Famous WWII battle remembered by participant

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Feb. 19, 1945 is a date in history that Jesse Hayes wishes more people would remember.

That was the day he and the Marines he was assigned to went ashore for one of the most famous battles in World War II, the Battle of Iwo Jima. Hayes was a Marine Corpsman, a Navy pharmacist mate attached to the Marine Corps.

"Iwo Jima has become symbolic of the whole esprit de corps of the Marine Corps," says Hayes, now an administrator of the Army Missile Laboratory study facility here.

"The flag raising was emblematic," he says of the famous photograph from that battle. "When you see that flag raising you think automatically of Iwo Jima and the Marine Corps."

It was 8 a.m. when the Marines went ashore at the Volcano Islands, part of the Japanese held islands around 700 miles south of Tokyo. "The main reason for taking Iwo Jima in the first place was to provide an emergency landing field for B29's that were bombarding raids over Tokyo," Hayes recalls.

The assault was conducted by the 4th and 5th Marine divisions with the 3rd division staying aboard ship in reserve. The 3rd eventually did land. There were 23,000 Japanese defending, says Hayes, referring to an account in a Marine magazine.

Hayes was a pharmacist mate 3rd class attached to the 4th Marine Division, 25th Regiment, 1st Battalion, C Company.

"I was what they call a line corpsman, a man with a rifle company on the line. And he administers first aid and gets them back to the battalion aid station," he says. "That was your first line of aid. He's the guy that drags them back from where they got shot at. And they (the enemy) didn't make no bones about shooting you."

He hit the beach with the first wave of Marines. He remembers having to jump over the side of an amphibious personnel carrier. "That sonofagun was about seven or eight foot tall. You had to hit the ground running," says Hayes.

Hayes recalls the sand that inhibited movement and the feeling of helplessness when there was not much that could be done for a wounded soldier. His best buddy, a pharmacist 1st class named "Pop" Fleming, was wounded in the leg. The bleeding couldn't be stopped and he died later aboard ship.

'We didn't take no prisoners.

The Marine Corps didn't believe in taking prisoners.'

— Jesse Hayes



The battle lasted 25 days. "Their defenses is what held the whole works. They had 25 years to set up their defenses which was reenforced concrete bunkers," says Hayes. "And they had every section on that island zeroed in for their mortars."

The casualties included nearly 6,000 Marines killed, 17,000 wounded. "We didn't take no prisoners. The Marine Corps didn't believe in taking prisoners," Hayes says.

His "most vivid" memory is looking up toward one of the terraces and seeing a machine gun nest firing bullets. A Marine sneaked around behind it.

"He started to fire and all the sand in that rifle jammed it. He hollered 'Oh damn.' And he started swinging it like a baseball bat," Hayes recalls. "He threw it down and picked up another one."

Hayes was watching from the other end of the island when the American flag was raised. He was too far away to see the historic raising but saw the flag when it came up.

The Decatur, Ala. native, who has a small shrapnel scar on his left arm, left the service in May 1946. A preacher's son, he joined the Navy out of high school in 1943.

Hayes, 57, and his wife Sara have a 23-year-old son, 20-year-old daughter and a granddaughter.

"I can still get into my uniform. I weigh within four pounds of what I did then," says the 5-foot-7, 120 pounder. "I know some Marines around here that can't make that statement."

Severe weather warning net tested

Redstone's emergency telephone warning net will be tested this week as part of the statewide Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

Nine master phones will activate 20 phones each — a total of 180 — at most buildings on post. The test is to be conducted Thursday or Friday after notification from Huntsville's civil defense office, according to Jackie Motley of RASA.

"This is a state-wide tornado communications check and it's a good way to check our system too, to see if everyone's getting messages," said Motley, temporary chief of the emergency plans branch and policy and program management office.

Each emergency master phone activates 20 phones apiece by either causing a long ring or cutting into a conversation. First there will be a roll-call of the people on the line, then the exercise message, Motley said.

"The important thing is not to hang up," she said. "They should stay on the line and listen and they'll be given a message."

The nine master phones include two at the Emergency Operations Center at MICOM headquarters; three at RASA's emergency plans branch; and one apiece at Facilities Engineering, RASA equipment management division, Army Missile Lab and the Missile Logistics Center.

A chemical emergency line, one phone that activates 10, was not expected to be tested in this week's exercise.

Severe weather rules were to be included in Redstone's "Daily Bulletin" Tuesday through Thursday this week, Motley said.

Governor George Wallace proclaimed the week of Feb. 13-19 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Alabama. A local proclamation by Madison County Commission chairman Mike Gillespie and Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis "encourages increased public awareness of the dangers of severe weather and of protective actions that should be taken to reduce injuries and fatalities."

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Pvt. 2 Erroll T. Foster — 6th S. Co. — "Its good because it makes the Army's image look good. Personally I think that only the selected few can be a part of the Army."



Pvt. 2 Michael P. Limerick — 6th S. Co. — "I agree with it because its not good for your health to be overweight."



PFC Jackie F. Olivis — MEDDAC — "I think that if you're going to wear the military uniform a good appearance is important. If you look good you'll feel good and will do a better job."



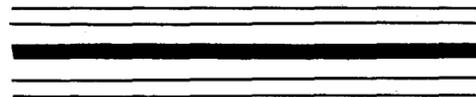
PFC Andrea K. DeGroat — 515th Ord. Co. — "I think that what they are doing is nice but they should do it more gradually because 10 pounds or so is a bit too much to ask a female to lose that quickly, I don't care how much P.T. you do."



2nd Lt. Richard A. Olsen — 291st MP Co. — "I feel that the Army has a right to keep the cream of the crop. In order to be a more productive and professional Army, we must keep our standards high. I feel the new standards are an excellent idea. How are fat and lazy soldiers supposed to fight in war?"



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College choir on black history program

The North Carolina A&T State College Choir is to perform at 7 tonight at the Bicentennial Chapel as Redstones Black History Month activities continue.

The 50-member choir was also to perform at 4:30 this afternoon at the Post Chapel.

Selections ranging from the classics to gospels will be performed by the choir, the school's major performing group. The choir represents the school on tours and performs with the Greensboro (N.C.) Symphony Orchestra.

Other scheduled Black History Month activities include a "soul dinner" from 11-1 today at dining facility 2, building 3480.

On Thursday, a variety show with prizes awarded for events will be held at the Recreation Center from 6-8 p.m. Bingo is set for 8:30-9:30 that night.

Video tape showings of Dr. Benjamin Hooks' speech for the recent Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. memorial luncheon are scheduled for Feb. 21-25 at the Post Library.

Prayer breakfast for Black History Month is to feature a black music group. The breakfast is set for 6-6:45 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Post Chapel.

The "Gospel Side of Black History" is scheduled for 2-4:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Bicentennial Chapel.

SOCAD program starts in Europe

The Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Associate Degree program was started in U.S. Army Europe earlier this month.

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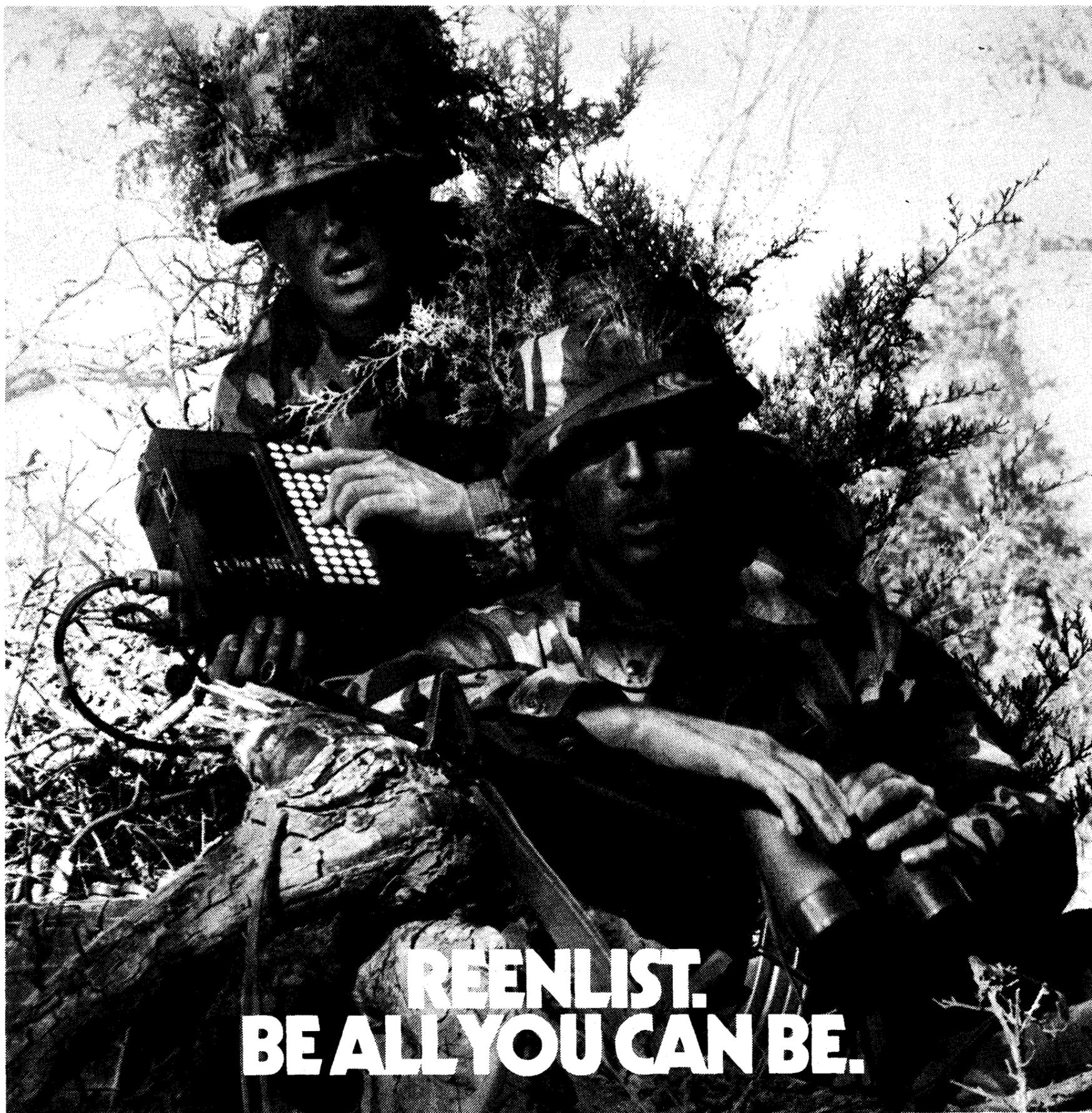
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P&P #2 takes loss but still leads

Missile Systems Blazers fired the shot that rocked the Civilian Welfare Basketball League Thursday night by knocking P&P #2 from the unbeaten ranks, 67-59.

Missile Systems coupled a strong defense and outstanding board play with the hot shooting of Larry Cable and Glenn Gurley, with 20 and 18 points, respectively, to upset P&P #2 and keep the 1982-83 league championship in doubt until this week's regular season finale.

Willie Epps sparked P&P #2 with 35 points.

In other Thursday games, Controllers nosed out Facilities Engineers in overtime, 62-57, and Supply defeated Green Machine, 74-57.

James Battle hit for 25 and James Lanier 18 to lead Controllers while Abdullah Muhammad countered with 20 for Facilities Engineers.

Roger Berry bombed the nets for 35 to pace Supply while Mike Hubbard followed with 18. Danny Smith had 25 for Green Machine.

In other action last week, Missile Systems rolled over Green Machine, 81-50; Finance and Accounting stopped Supply, 71-56; and Facilities Engineers overwhelmed TMDE, 81-19.

Larry Cable had 26 and Autro Whitman 16 for Missile Systems while Danny Smith took game honors with 32 for Green Machine.

Gary Jones and Don Battle had 20 each and DeWayne Kelly 19 for F&A, while Roger Berry had 26 and Bob Hubbard 16 for Supply.

Ray Martin tossed in 24 and Don Robinson 18 for Facilities Engineers while Jim Christian had 10 for TMDE.

CWF Standings

TEAMS	W-L
1. P&P #2	7-1
2. Missile Systems	6-1
3. Facilities Engineers	6-2
4. F&A	5-3
5. Supply	5-4
6. Controllers	5-4
7. Green Machine	3-6
8. COE	2-6
9. TMDE	1-7
10. Missile Labs	1-7

TOP SCORERS

1. Buphus Nolls	Green Machine	23.1
2. James Battle	Controllers	21.9
3. Willie Epps	P&P #2	21.6
4. Ronnie Robinson	P&P #2	18.3
5. Larry Cable	Missile Systems	18.2
6. Mike Hubbard	Supply	18.1
7. Abdullah Muhammad	Fac. Eng.	17.1
8. Autro Whitman	Missile Systems	16.6
9. DeWayne Kelly	F&A	15
10. Don Robinson	Fac. Eng.	14.9

Fishing club announces contests

The first meeting of the north Alabama district of the Military Bass Anglers Association will be held March 2 at 7 p.m. at the NCO Club. At that time, membership applications will be processed, the 1983 competition year discussed and pairings made for the March 5 opening contest.

The group's program for the year includes participation in several bass fishing tournaments. A state championship tournament with participants from the MBAA central, southern and Fort McClellan districts will be held in August in a central Alabama location to be determined. The culmination of the competition year, the National Military Championships, will be the first week in October and is tentatively targeted for Lake Guntersville.

MBAA is a non-profit group to promote bass fishing with 3500 members. Membership is open to active duty and prior service military and civilian employees of the military services. Members don't have to own boats and contest pairings are made accordingly.

Scheduled tournaments for 1983 include March 5, Lake Guntersville, Goose Pond; April 2, Wheeler Lake, First Creek; April 30, Lake Guntersville, Browns Creek; May 21, Elk River; June 11, Wilson Lake, Turtle Point; August 27-28, Alabama River.

For more information call Yogi Paetz, north district director, 883-1153, or Jim Porter, national president, 837-3227.

Company A and B top troop basketball

Company A and Company B topped the troop basketball regular season which ended last week.

Company A posted a 15-2 record to win the East Conference and Company B went 16-2 to top the West Conference. The top four teams from each conference met on Monday and Tuesday in the first round of the annual post basketball tournament.

Tournament action continues today and tomorrow and then finishes on Tuesday and Wednesday. Games start at 5:15 nightly at the post gym.

After the post tournament a 33-year-old and older league will start at the post gym. Teams may be made up of personnel from any post unit and may

sign up at the gym to participate in the league.

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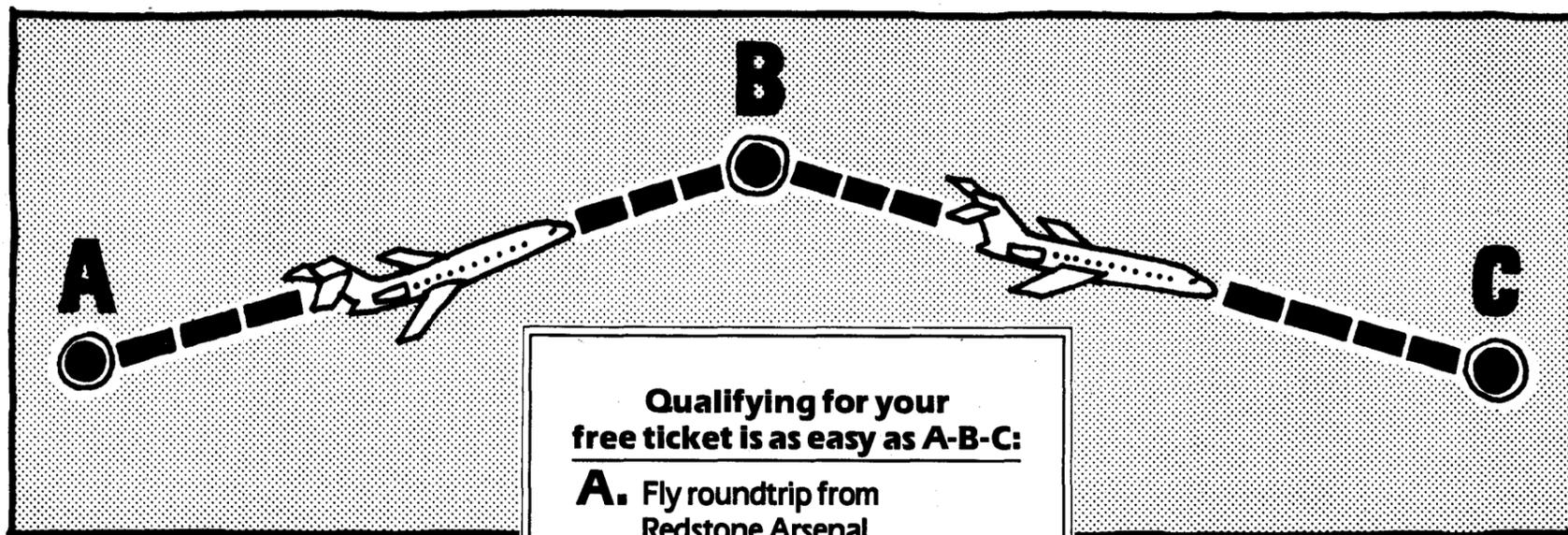
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Last group leaves 7101; some would rather stay

BY ED PETERS

They were moving from one of the most dilapidated buildings on the arsenal, yet seemed strangely reluctant to leave.

As movers wheeled loads of boxes, desks and furniture to a van waiting out front, people of the Chaparral/FAAR project office talked about mov-

'I hate to leave'

For Jimmie Matthews, Chaparral/FAAR's move to new offices last week ended a long association with Bldg 7101 that began in childhood.

Her father was a carpenter who worked on Bldg 7101 and numerous other structures erected on Redstone Arsenal in World War II.

"I can remember how proud Dad was of this building," recalled Matthews. "This was the headquarters for years and years."

As a little girl, Matthews remembers her father bringing the family to Bldg 7101 to take pictures and see what Dad built.

"It was his way of showing us some of his handiwork. At that time this was the finest looking building out here," said Matthews.

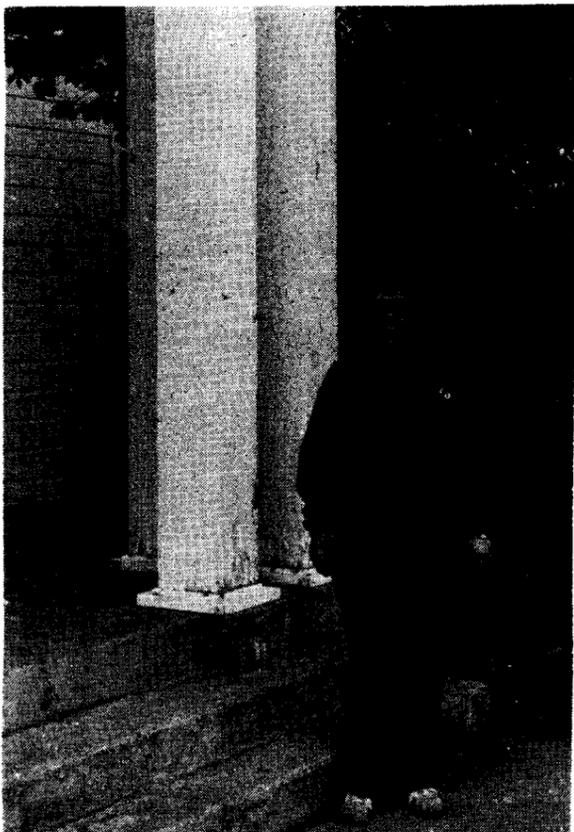
Matthews said her father, Paul "Bootie" Hudson, started work here "before it was designated as an arsenal. He was here during the war and we moved to Redstone Park. They had a rule that all who worked here had to live there." The Redstone Park housing project of small frame dwellings for arsenal workers was located outside the Buxton Road gate. Hudson retired in 1964 and died that year.

Matthews said family pictures taken about 1946 show her and her brother standing in front of Bldg 7101.

She attended Farley School and later took a job at the arsenal. "This was the first building I worked in, in 1959 with the civilian personnel typing pool," Matthews said, and the office moved in 1960 to Splinter Village. "They moved everybody out to tear it down," she remembers.

But the building stayed around for many more years and Matthews came back to work there with Chaparral/FAAR.

"Dad worked on it, it's where I started out. So I hate to leave," she concluded.



Jimmie Matthews remembers having her picture taken here as a little girl.

ing into new offices in Bldg 4492 and leaving empty the one-time showcase building of the arsenal.

They talked about what it was like to have worked in the rundown historic structure, and laughed about the cockroaches that crawled on their desks and had to be gathered up with brooms and shovels when the cafeteria was "fogged".

Their building was rich in arsenal history, having been the headquarters of Redstone Ordnance Plant in World War II and of the Army missile program in its early and best days. Generals Toftoy and Medaris had offices there. Goddard House nearby had been lavishly decorated and expensively furnished for lodging for the host of cabinet-level officials and other dignitaries who came to the arsenal to conduct business in Bldg 7101.

But in more recent years 7101 has not been considered a prestige address by those who try to equate the condition of a building with where its occupants stand in the corporate hierarchy.

Bldg 7101 was earmarked for demolition in 1978 as too costly to maintain but office space shortages have prevented vacating it till now. The last major tenant, RASA headquarters, moved out three years ago. Most occupants since then have been transient groups. Chaparral/FAAR stayed longer than most.

Got Attached

"We were supposed to have been here for only a few months but we've stayed a few years," said Wally Thomas, an industrial specialist. During their stay some of the Chaparral/FAAR people got attached to the place they work.

"This is the morning side of the arsenal. It's so pleasant. I wish I could just stay," said Procurement Analyst Ellie O'Rear.

Joyce Swanner liked the scenery and wildlife. "It's a beautiful place, with beautiful animals around," the clerk stenographer said.

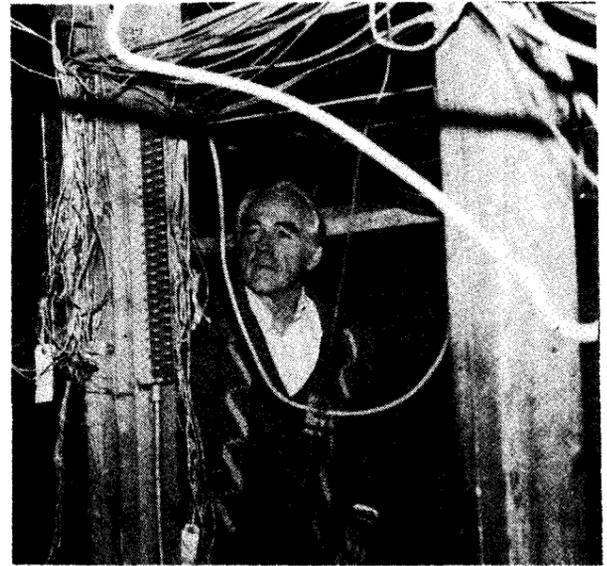
Less taken with the areas was Carol Addison, procurement clerk, who said the three months she worked in the building wasn't time enough to form an attachment to it. Asked what she would remember about working there, she replied, "The bugs . . . and we get a nice skunk smell now and then."

Industrial Specialist Douglas Morris was looking forward to the move to Bldg 4492 "as long as the roaches don't follow us.

"It's more centrally located. We'll be closer to P&P and MICOM headquarters. We're too far from 5250 and 4488 and we have to coordinate most of our paper work with them," said Morris.

Wally Thomas spent several years in Bldg 7101 with Chaparral/FAAR but his knowledge of the building goes back a long time.

"It was the headquarters of Col. Hudson, the first commander, and of Gen. Vincent, the first commanding general," Thomas said.



Wally Thomas looks at wiring jumble in attic.

He remembers that when he came to work here in 1952 the building was occupied by Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent and that a window unit in the commander's office was the only air conditioner on the arsenal at the time.

Interesting Features

Today Thomas counts as one of the building's more interesting features an attic that contains a see-it-to-believe-it jumble of electrical and telephone wiring systems that have been installed over the years.

Also in the attic is what Thomas calls "crude protective devices for eavesdropping" that have been built above the old commander's conference room. The attic area above the conference room is walled off in plywood to which is attached chain link fence wire. "That is for security purposes, I'm sure," said Thomas, "for protection from electronic listening devices.

"Not many people know that it also has a basement — a partial basement on the south side," he said.

In a main floor office he showed where a board had been laid on the carpet to keep a safe from falling through the floor, and told about a woman whose foot went through the floor as she walked into her chief's office. "I'll sue you for breaking my heel," she said. "And I'll countersue for damage to my floor," the boss shot back. Such was life in Bldg 7101 toward the last.

"I guess I'm a little nostalgic," concedes Thomas. "We're probably going to be the last to occupy this building. I guess we're making history.

"It's been a nice stay here."

Drawbacks? "Many, many bugs — roaches, waterbugs, oodles of them, and all the other things that go with being in an old building. Last year an overhead sprinkler froze, then thawed and nearly washed some people out of the office."



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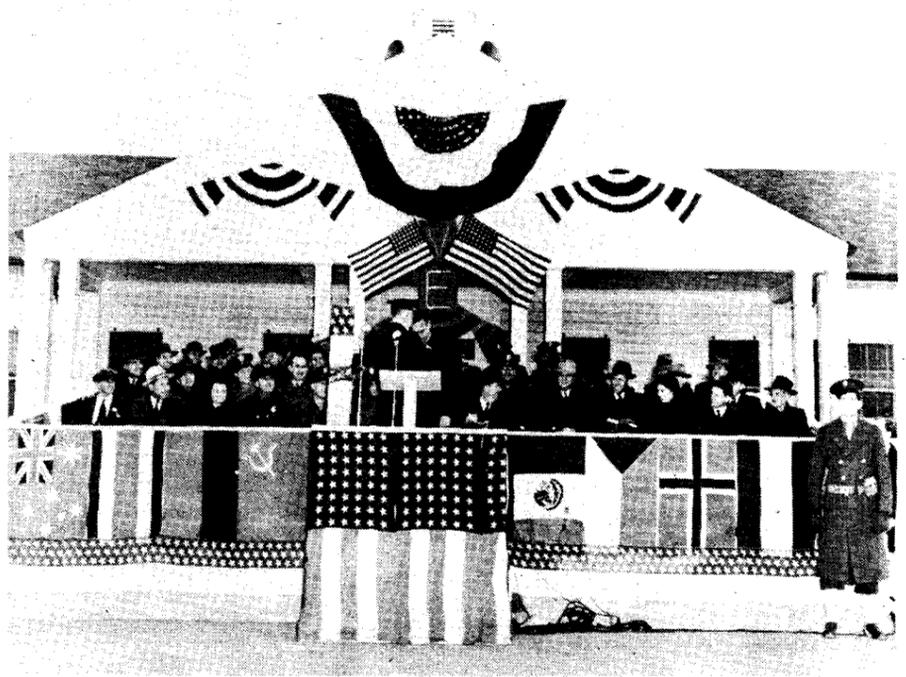
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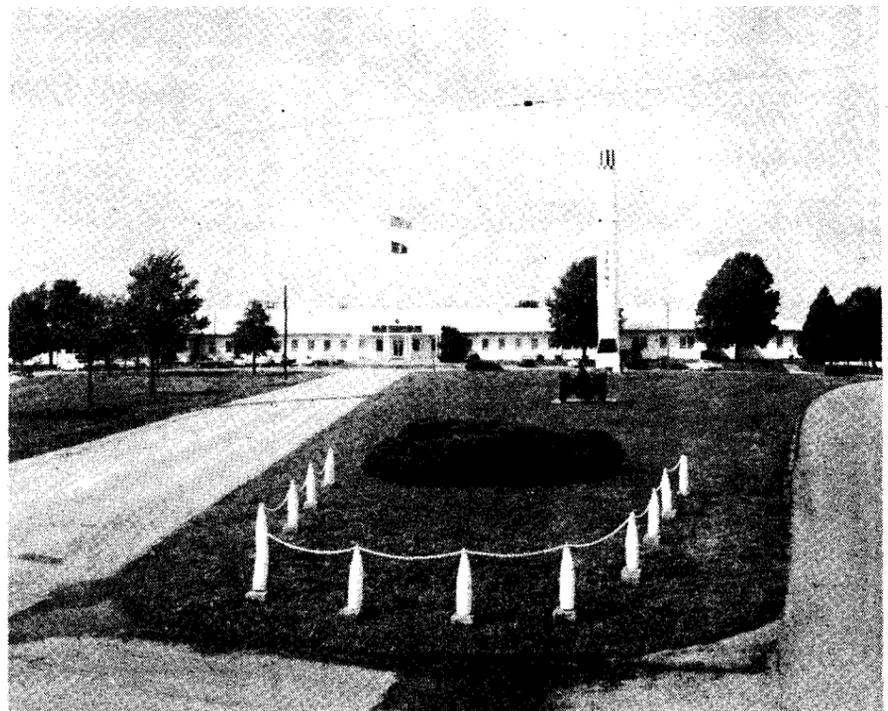


Bldg 7101 through the years . . .

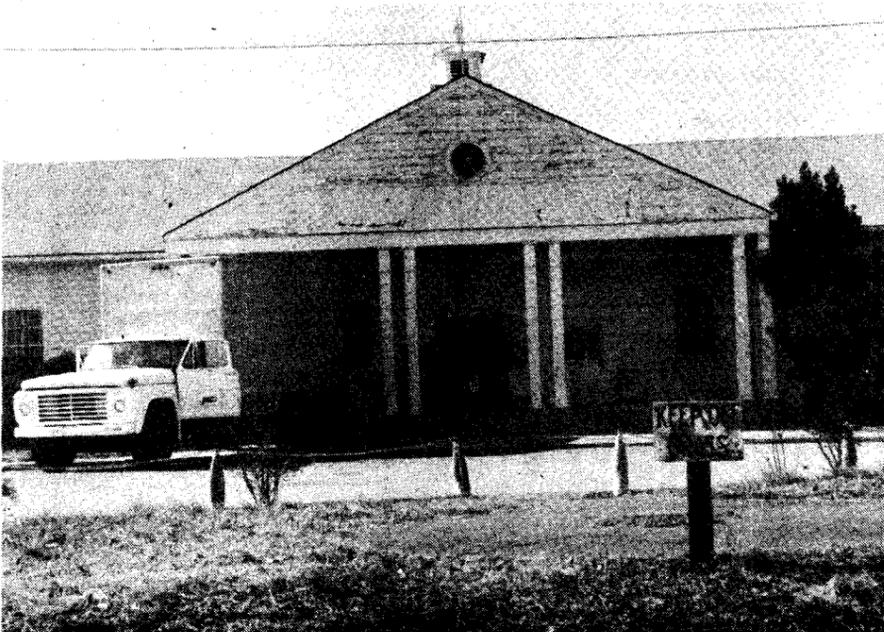
*. . . VE Day ceremony in 1945
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*. . . Early '60s with Redstone
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Two new fire stations opened

People who would like to stop in and look at Redstone's two new fire stations are welcome, according to the fire chief.

The stations opened last week at Vincent and Redeye, new building 3320, and at Patton and Redstone, new building 7801.

"Morale of the firefighters — it'll definitely help that," says Fire Chief Sam Taylor. The Vincent Road station houses Company 2 while the Patton Road station is home for Company 3.

Closed were the old station on Redstone Road, built in the early 1940s, and the one on Gray Road, an MP motor pool converted into a fire station.

The new Vincent Road station, which replaced the one on Gray Road, is "a designed fire station so it's a much nicer facility," Taylor says.

Telephone numbers remain the same for fire reporting; dial 117 to report a fire in arsenal buildings and 876-2117 for the housing area and "off-post" phone numbers. The bank buildings here for example, have telephones with offpost numbers.

There are now three fire stations at Redstone. Company 1 is located at building 4424 on Rideout

Road. Five firefighters man each station for the 42-member department with the remaining department workers in fire station 1.

"It's supposed to improve our response time to different areas," Fire Inspector Bill Cross says of the new stations.

The new concrete and brick buildings are one-story type with 3100 square feet, according to Cross.

Jimmy Stevens, resident engineer at Redstone for the Mobile District Corps of Engineers, sets the total cost of construction at \$619,520. Construction by Genrac Inc. of Decatur, Ala. started in October 1981 and ended in January 1983.

Money for the two stations came from regular appropriated funds in the military construction budget.

Fire department officials urge motorists to use caution when approaching the emergency warning signals in front of the stations. Trucks may be backing out of the station as many as three times a day for such purposes as routine inspection.

"They will be normally green," Chief Taylor says of the warning signal lights. "When we have an emergency or fire, before (firefighters) leave the station they will turn them red."



Driver Bobby McFarland shows new personal lockers each firefighter has.

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Cave exploration proves exciting

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

Bats aren't the only things found in caves these days.

If you watch carefully at a cave entrance, you may hear slogging footsteps and see a light flickering. Then you might see a muddy figure emerge.

Don't be alarmed if he extends a greeting — he will if he's a member of a local caving group known as the Huntsville Grotto of the National Speleological society.

The Huntsville Grotto explores area caves and meets monthly on the first Wednesday at Toftoy Hall on Redstone Arsenal.

One Grotto member, SFC Phillip Winkler, organized a trip to Hughes Cave south of Huntsville for six members of the medical staff at Fox Army Community Hospital, where he is NCO in charge of the pathology laboratory.

When the group arrived at Hughes Cave, Winkler checked lights on their helmets before they went to the cave opening. He provided gloves and helmets for those who have none.

The Cave entrance at the top of a ridge was little larger than a crawl space. Entering the cave there was a slow decent to the first level. Ice, rocks and a

musty odor was there to greet the explorers. Old clothes and a good pair of sturdy hiking boots really come in handy while slipping over slick rocks, dodging fellow cavers and keeping balance. The gloves also help when gripping for hand holds as people steadied themselves for the descent.

At the first level of the cave, the air got warmer, the ice turned into water and the mud started to dry into dust. Darkness was at the very edge of the helmet lights ready to take over in case the lights failed.

Further along the passages evidence of past adventurers was evident by the graffiti on the walls. Arrows, names, short sayings and other comments were visible on the walls throughout the cave. Some were even in places that looked impossible to reach.

Bats and cave crickets inhabit the cave and are easy to miss if cavers don't pay attention. When a light was focused on the tiny creatures, nothing happened. They only moved when touched or blown on.

The deeper into the cave you went the closer the walls got.

There were also sudden drops measuring from 6 to 20 feet or more.

Cavers should be aware of the dangers lurking in the darkness that surrounds them. That is why it is important to have three sources of light. The primary light is on the helmet. A secondary light is a flashlight and a third can be an extra headlamp or flashlight. Without light darkness wins and death can be very near, in a cave, says Winkler.

Why then do people risk their lives going beneath the ground? According to Winkler, "It's the challenge. I've been caving since I was a kid."

Sp5 Todd L. Hass said, "When I first went in caves I was interested in the dust. There were no footprints and you would think, 'nobody has set foot in here for a million years'."

Pvt. 2 Anne E. Ehlert said, "It's something different to do."

This writer thought it would be an exciting story to write about but then after getting involved, it's more like something is daring you to explore. The thrill is there, it's like finding a new way of life you didn't know existed.

Information on caving rules, safety, equipment, NSS or Huntsville Grotto is available at the NSS office located on Cave Avenue in Huntsville. You may come in person from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call at 852-1300.



Winkler (left) with a carbide light and 1st Lt. Marc Isenmann with an electric light wait for Hass near the entrance of a narrow passage.



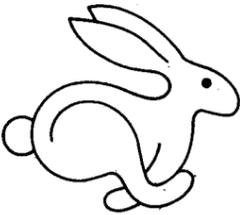
Sp5 Todd L. Hass checks out a passageway. (Photos by Maggie Cummins)

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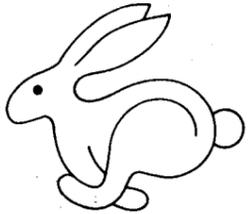


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Growing scout troop has many activities

Adventure outdoors and community service are parts of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 308 on Redstone Arsenal.

"Scouting is great with Troop 308," says Maj. Bill Willis, one of the troop's scoutmasters.

The troop, sponsored by Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, has been growing with enthusiasm since reorganized this past summer, according to Willis. Credited with much of its success are the dedicated scoutmasters and interested parents.

Serving as scoutmasters of Troop 308 are Sgt. Dave Rhoades, Air Forces Recruiting; Willis, BMDATC; Capt. Richard Hooter, MMCS; and Capt. Heyward Robinson, Patriot. Chairman of the Troop 308 Committee is Lt. Col. Bill Hecker, BMDSCOM.

The troop consists of nearly 40 boys with 14 adult leaders on the committee. The troop is divided into four "patrols" and the "Leadership Corps," consisting of older, more experienced scouts. Life Scout Billy Willis is senior patrol leader while Steve Sharples, also of Butler High School, is assistant senior patrol leader.

The scouts camp out at least once a month, regardless of the weather conditions, Willis says. They have their own camping area on Weeden Mountain and have been working on fixing it up, making use of their pioneering skills.

In January, February and early March, Lt. Cols. Mac Otis of Readiness and Bill Hecker are directing the scouts for an "orienteering" merit badge. Earning this badge requires use of a map and compass to find markers in the woods. Plans were for the scouts to set up and run their next course during their Feb. 19-20 camp out.



Activities planned for Troop 308 include a 57-mile canoe and backpacking trip. The boys will get in their canoes at Bloucher Ford, Ala. and float some 20 miles down the Flint River. They will then resupply and backpack the "War Path Ridge" trail and the "Space Walk" trail across Monte Sano, concluding the trip with a hike back to their scout hut on the arsenal.

This trip will earn them the BSA "50 Miles Afoot, Afloat" award, the "War Path Ridge" patch and the "Space Walk" patch. The trip is planned for the whole troop in July, but the Leadership Corps is to do it during spring vacation as an advanced party, Willis said.

Other plans include a Scout Expo in March, District Spring Camporee on the arsenal in April, and the troop's attendance at scout camp in June at Camp Jackson.

Community involvement is another important aspect of the scouting program, according to Willis. Troop 308 scouts ran a "spook house" at a Halloween carnival; and distributed flyers and assisted at the family practice sign-up at Fox Army Community Hospital. They usher at the Bicentennial Chapel once a month and are starting a recycling program for aluminum cans and paper.

Boys age 11-18 interested in joining the scouting program, or adults interested in being merit badge counselors or troop leaders can call 830-1815.

Former Army Secretary dies

Robert T. Stevens, 83, a former Secretary of the Army, died of a heart ailment at his Edison, N.J. home on Jan. 30.

Named Secretary of the Army in 1953 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Stevens played a key role in the successful defense of the Army from the

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WASHINGTON — In an effort to encourage officers to eat with their troops in unit dining halls and thus promote unit cohesion, the Army has released further guidelines on payment of the recently-increased meal surcharge.

Officials here say some installations have imposed "restrictive" policies forcing many "troop-duty" officers to pay the surcharge when they don't have to.

"We don't want officers penalized for looking after their soldiers," said an Army spokesman. "It's part of their job and it's important to troop readiness. We don't want to discourage that."

Seeking to clarify the new policy officials note that officers don't have to pay the surcharge when performing normal duty and eating with their troops in their own dining hall.

Officers are also exempt when:

- Not in a TDY status, visiting other units, and duty assignment necessitates eating in an appropriated fund dining hall;
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The book offers advice on the human factors of present computer systems, discussing how to integrate those factors into new systems so they'll be more productive and easier to use.

Although originally intended for use within the U. S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command, the book's applications are common throughout the field of management information systems.

It contains 10 chapters, a glossary and an index; its contents are based on field research that looked

at common system problems. It reports the results of an extensive literature search of human-computer relationships in such areas as psychology, computer science and engineering.

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First regiment comes to life

The first of 16 regiments under the new manning system has come to life in the form of the 327th Infantry Regiment at Fort Campbell, Ky.

With the redesignation of three battalions stationed in Alaska, the "Go Devils" of the 1st Battalion, 60th Infantry, "Tomahawks" of the 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry, and "Manchus" of the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, became Bastogne Bulldogs of the 327th.

These units become the 4th, 5th and 6th Battalions, respectively, of the 327th and join with three battalions at Fort Campbell to complete the regiment. (ARNEWS)

Meyer retiring

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger has announced that the president has nominated General Edward C. Meyer, Army Chief of Staff, to be placed on the retired list in his current grade. Meyer, 54, is scheduled to retire June 30, 1983, after completing more than 32 years of active service.

He has been Army Chief of Staff since June 1979. (ARNEWS)

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Art auction

The 11th annual Art Auction sponsored by the Officers' Wives Club will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the officers club. A preview of the art and sculpture is at 3 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7:30. There will be a stand up auction on Sunday, Feb. 27, from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. Mrs. Robert L. Moore is honorary chairman of the auction. Proceeds from the auction will be used for OWC welfare projects in the Huntsville community and on Redstone Arsenal. Purchases are tax deductible. Tickets may be purchased for \$2.50 at the officers club or call 837-6844 or 882-2316.

SOLE

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers will hold its regular luncheon meeting on Feb. 17 in the main ballroom of the officers club. A social (cash bar) begins at 11 with lunch at 11:30. Maj. Gen. Robert L. Moore is the featured speaker addressing some of the challenges facing logisticians in the missile arena. For reservations contact Ken Oard 830-1200 or Mary Martin 876-1111.

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Today — Bldg 3711 (Recreation Center), 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Feb. 18 — Bldg. 7442 (Bus), 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Bldg. 4488 and 4484, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bldg. 8027, 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

SAME meeting

The Society of American Military Engineers will meet Thursday, Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the officers club. Dr. Pat Odom, director of Engineering Planning at Wyle Labs, will be the guest speaker. Reservations are needed for this luncheon meeting. Call 895-5312.

Engineer Awards Banquet

National Engineers Week will be observed locally with an awards banquet Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the officers club. Dr. George C. Timentel, professor of chemistry at the University of California Berkeley, will speak on "Frontiers in chemistry: lasers point the way". For tickets call Ed Davis 533-4781. The theme for the week, observed nationally Feb. 20-26 is "Engineers: turning ideas into reality". Local sponsors are the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers, and the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies which is an umbrella group of over 20 local technical groups. Each group will recognize an outstanding contributor with an award at the banquet.

NCMA meeting

The National Contract Management Association will meet Thursday, Feb. 17 in the patio room of the officers club. The social period will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the meal served at 11:45. Ronald S. Perlman, a Washington D.C. lawyer, will speak on "Protection of Trade Secret Knowledge". Reservations are required. Call Beverly May 876-8806, Francis Berry 876-1159, Ann Stathan 876-4926.

Choir concert

The public is invited to a concert on Saturday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. by the young adult choir of the First Seventh Day Adventist Church at 5800 Stringfellow Road N.W. The performance is free.

Boating course

The United States Power Squadrons is conducting a 10 week boating course starting Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Westlawn community school on 9th Ave. at Jordan Lane. There is no charge for the course but a small charge for student material. The public is invited. For confirmation call 837-7796 or 883-2142.

FEW meeting

Federally Employed Women will meet Feb. 23 at 11:30 at the officers club. The program topic will be "Life Planning" presented by Polly Cason. The meeting will be open to guests. Reservations are required. Lunch will be the club buffet. For reservations call Laura Lockard 876-8024 or Nancy Rostollan 876-1842 by Feb. 18.

Bowhunter's banquet

A banquet for bowhunters will be held Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Britling Cafeteria. Gary Allenson of the state game warden's office will discuss bowhunting and poaching problems in Alabama. Cost of the buffet is \$4 per person. You do not have to be a member to attend.

Animation workshop

"New Cinema II," an evening of independent films with guest artist Victor Bietzel, will be presented by the Alabama Film Makers Co-op on Friday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. An animation workshop will be held Feb. 27 at the Arts Center, 200 White St. Partial funding for this special workshop was provided by the Alabama State Council on the Arts and Humanities. For more information or to register for class, call 534-3247.

Toastmasters

The 10 Huntsville area Toastmaster Clubs will participate in an area council meeting on Feb. 19 in the community room of the First American Federal S & L on University Dr. Representatives will review individual club plans and goals for 1983, plans for the area speech contest on Mar. 26, and the Alabama Spring conference to be held May 13-15. For further information call 837-5913, 852-0917, or 539-3291.

Government accountants

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet on Thursday Feb. 17 at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn. Social hour will be at 5:30 with dinner and business meeting to follow. Friends and spouses are invited for the "Sweetheart" night program. Guest speakers are psychic Margaret Lewis of Birmingham and astrologist Dottie Starnes of Guntersville. Reservations may be made by contacting Aaron Walker 876-1366 or Marilyn Olson 895-4170.

Evening worship

The first anniversary of the arsenal's Sunday evening worship service will be celebrated Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. The service will include music by Faith Chapel Choir. Fellowship, gospel music and witnessing have been integral parts of the evening service. The public is invited.

AKA sorority

Epsilon Gamma Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. will hold a 75th anniversary "founders day" observance on Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church at 3509 Blue Springs Road. Speaker for the diamond jubilee celebration will be Dr. Julia P. Purnell, AKA national president, author and orator. The sorority, which is focusing in 1983 on the theme of black economic development, is the largest predominately-black Greek letter organization with over 700 chapters. For more information call Adrienne Pope-Kelly 852-3599.

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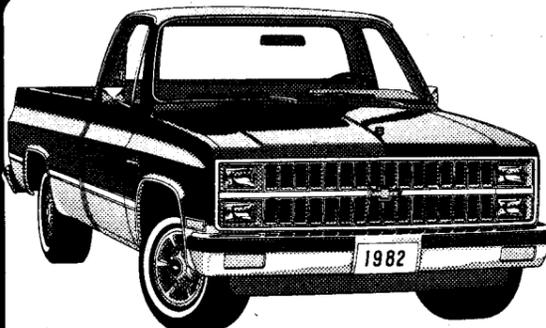
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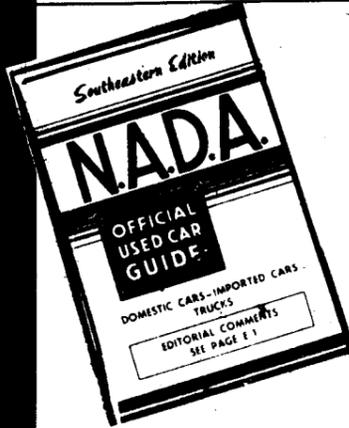
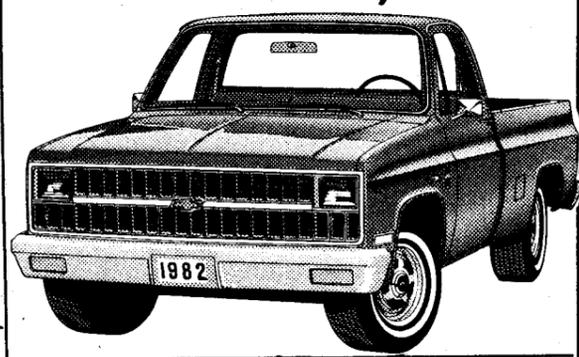
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Overseas mail improvements noted

WASHINGTON — In its first published "annual report," the Military Postal Service Agency noted that in 1982 over 98,000 tons of mail passed through the military postal system. That's almost 200 million pounds in transit to overseas locations serviced by military post offices. The U. S. Postal Service handles all mail within the United States.

MPSA came into being in 1980 to manage overseas mail for all services. Its charter makes the Army the Defense Department's single manager for the military postal system and the sole point of contact between the services and the U. S. Postal Service on military postal policy and operational matters. The agency was formed to carry out uniform, worldwide postal practices and procedures, and to support the more than 700 overseas post offices run by the four services. It operates under direction of the Army's adjutant general. Mail service includes personal and official mail, which covers everything from orders and directives to spare parts for equipment.

According to the annual report, MPSA accomplishments have resulted in faster mailing times to many remote locations. Mail time to Diego Garcia, for example, was reduced by an average of two days — from 10 to 8 days. In Korea, over 80 percent of letter mail now arrives within seven days of postmark. Officials say this improvement stemmed from a step-by-step analysis of mail flow. Other accomplishments include setting up mail service to the multinational force and observers in the Sinai and selective upgrading of mail transportation priorities to support the Christmas mail program.

The agency's future goals, says the report, include an upgrade in official mail accountability, further reduction in transit time to servicemembers overseas, establishment of postal training standards for all service, and increased postal security. (ARNEWS)

Child walker recall

DALLAS — Century Products Inc., has recalled its model 3671 and 3692 super coupe walkers manufactured in September and October 1982. Century found that the walkers can collapse when adjusted in the low-to-middle range heights, posing a hazard to a child sitting in the walker while the height is adjusted.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service, which sells only model 3671, removed the recalled walkers from stock upon notification from Century.

The defect has been corrected in units now in AAFES warehouses and these super coupe walkers carry the model number 3671R.

A walker involved in the recall will bear the code 8209 or 8210 underneath the tray. Exchange customers who have the model 3671 with one of these codes may return it to a local exchange for full refund, or they can order replacement kit No. 3670 from Century and correct the defect themselves. Free replacement kits can be requested from Century Products Inc., 1366 Commerce Drive, Stow, Ohio 44224; or 3250 East 26th Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90023.



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