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Frantic flight

This was one trip they won't soon forget

BY SKIP VAUGHN

If Chevy Chase wanted to make a funny "Vacation" movie using government travelers, he could use the real-life adventure of two Redstone workers.

Jim Henderson and John Rucki had a hair-raising experience while traveling by air for the Army. They say it wasn't funny at the time but now it is.

Henderson, a contract specialist in MLRS project office, and Rucki, a contract specialist in Procurement (formerly Procurement and Production) Directorate, were due at an 8:30 a.m. June 4 meeting at the Frankfurt procurement office in Frankfurt, Germany. It concerned the MLRS terminal guidance warhead contract. They put in the usual request for travel and the Redstone transportation office made the arrangements.

They were routed from Huntsville to Atlanta to Charleston, S.C., to Philadelphia to Frankfurt. The first part of their air travel went smoothly. They left Huntsville via Atlantic Southeast Airlines at 9 a.m. Sunday morning, June 2, and arrived in Atlanta an hour later (about 11:00 Eastern time). Then they left Atlanta on a Delta Airlines flight to Charleston. In Charleston, they met their first sign of trouble, though it was not as serious as what they would face later.

"The air conditioning at the Charleston, S.C., airport was not working and the temperature was about 100," Henderson recalls. They sat there for two hours in an airport with no air conditioning.

Finally they boarded a Military Airlift Command charter flight headed for Philadelphia. It was a DC-10, World Airways plane. For the uninitiated, the Air Force has what is known as a Military Airlift Command (MAC) flight. Some of these are aircraft leased from a company or airline for a charter flight to move military people and their family members who are going overseas. On this particular flight there were 188 passengers, mostly military people and family members, and a crew of 12.

About an hour into the flight, that left Charleston at 4:30 p.m., it got scary.

"We were flying between Charleston and Philadelphia. Real nice day there, no clouds or anything," Henderson says. "The captain of the airplane came on the intercom and wanted everybody



TRAVELERS — Jim Henderson, left, and John Rucki can smile now that they are safely on the ground at Redstone.

to sit down and fasten their seat belts. Then he asked the flight crew to make sure that this happened, without (his giving) any indication of any problem."

Not more than two or three minutes later, the passengers were told the bad news. "He said they were having a problem controlling the aircraft and we've been diverted to Dulles International," Rucki recalls. "I felt the aircraft do some funny wobbling tricks in the air right after he said that."

The nine flight attendants were instructing passengers on the safety features of the aircraft, showing people how to get down in the crash position, and also moving people closer to the exits. Passengers were told such things as how the slides would deploy automatically when the doors are opened.

"The pilot went in on automatic pilot," Henderson

says. "He felt there was control of the aircraft as long as it was in the automatic pilot mode."

So the plane proceeded into Dulles International Airport outside of Washington and landed on automatic pilot. "Fortunately we landed safely," adds Henderson. He and the other passengers could look out the window and see the fire trucks and ambulances follow the plane down the runway.

"What was so funny, though, after we landed—we hadn't been there 10 or 20 minutes—they turned on the local Washington newscast. And it was on the newscast," Henderson says. So, thanks to the flight attendants, the passengers got to watch a report on their experience on the TV screen minutes after it happened.

The fickle finger of traveling fate was not through with Henderson and Rucki, however. "We sat on the runway for two hours," Rucki recalls. They were in the plane from 6-8 p.m. with no air conditioning waiting until a decision was made on whether the plane could be fixed or whether to get the passengers something to eat, or both.

Finally "they brought these people-movers and took us to the terminal where we went to get a meal," Rucki says. "We began to eat about 9:00."

The passengers assembled in the terminal area after they finished eating. Then they waited, and waited. "We had to sit around the terminal till 2 a.m. before they decided to get hotels and buses (for the passengers)," Henderson says. "We finally walked into the Holiday Inn about five minutes till 3 a.m."

There were so many passengers, they were split up among three motels. "We got there at five till 3:00 and we had to be in the parking lot the next morning at 9:00 to catch a bus to Baltimore, Md.," says Henderson. It took four buses to transport all the passengers.

They arrived at Baltimore-Washington International Airport about 11:00 that morning, June 3. They boarded another Military Airlift Command charter flight, another DC-10 belonging to World Airways. "They had maintenance personnel running around that one too while we were sitting there waiting to get off the ground," Rucki says. The plane arrived in Philadelphia where the passengers were told to get off and then they reboarded about an hour later. They left Philly about 4:45 p.m. and arrived at Rhein-main Air

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Reduction-in-force notices sent; permanent workers get job offers

Reduction-in-force papers offering continued government employment to 752 workers in Redstone Arsenal Support Activity were to be delivered Monday, while 241 others in temporary positions received termination notices.

The personnel actions, totaling 993, result from the Army's decision to contract out most of the base support functions being performed by government workers assigned to RASA, but the only layoffs involve the 241 temporaries occupying short-term positions.

Of the 752 permanent workers affected, 246 were reassigned in the same competitive level and grade. Sixty two received in-grade reassignment but in a different competitive level. Change-to-lower-grade actions affected 162, while 282 were terminated but placed. Most in this last group possess wage grade skills no longer utilized by the Missile Command and training programs are being established to qualify them for the generally-clerical jobs they are being placed in at the GS-2 and GS-3 levels.

The 752 displaced workers must respond within 15 days to the government's offer; otherwise they come

off federal employment rolls Oct. 1 along with the 241 temporaries.

Under federal RIF procedures, those downgraded are entitled to retain their current grade and pay for an indefinite period.

Approximately 221 of the displaced workers are eligible to retire from federal service.

The new base support contractor, Holmes & Narver/Morrison-Knudsen of Orange, Calif., begins a phase-in period Aug. 1 and assumes full performance Oct. 1.

The 241 temporaries being discharged along with any permanent employees choosing not to remain with the government are guaranteed the right of first refusal to jobs with the contractor. This means H&N/M-K will not hire from outside sources without giving displaced government workers first consideration for jobs they are qualified to fill.

Those interested in pursuing employment with the contractor should pick up an application at the Civilian Personnel Office receptionist's desk.

Those who want to talk to a counselor may call Ann Higgins at 876-3050 for an appointment.



Read in awe

Editor:

We read in awe that CPO plans the equivalent of "remedial reading" for displaced Wage Grade employees after the upcoming RASA RIF.

We had applied for Wage Grade jobs for a simple reason — they offered higher pay than equivalent General Schedule positions.

Once in Wage Grade jobs, we discovered the great unpublicized prejudice of the Civil Service system: "All Wage Grade employees are dummies".

When applying for promotions back to GS, CPO repeatedly decreed that experience gained on a Wage Grade job (in our case understanding the whole system and its interrelationships instead of just one function, knowing the content of regulations, specifications and directives instead of just where to find the answers and being able to effectively apply these to field situations) was not "quality experience" — only GS experience has quality.

So we are glad Personnel is going to help us adjust to our new lifestyles. The various government (and self-financed) college courses we've taken have made no impression on CPO, so hopefully their curriculum will make us, the village idiots, fit to work with civilized GS people — and maybe even become promotable.

Four RASA workers
Names withheld on request

Dislikes letter

Editor:

Me, myself, I am not prejudiced against any race and I don't really care to be around someone who is. In the June 5 issue of the *Redstone Rocket*, there was a letter in the mailbox section titled "White Males." This letter was saying that blacks and Mexicans/Puerto Ricans shouldn't have very much say-so over what the federal government decides on.

I thought that color had nothing to do with the federal government. I guess Mr. Hershel D. Cramer doesn't feel the same way, because he said, "There is more at stake here than the white male status quo. It is the existence of the federal service. The federal service can become a group of incompetents and misfits." I wonder, is this being prejudiced, or what?

I think Mr. Hershel D. Cramer is a fool for letting us minorities know that he thinks this way. Ever since I have been in the military, my commanders have told me and everyone else that racial prejudice will have nothing to do with the U.S. Army. I wonder if this is true.

I want to know if someone will do something about the letter that he wrote. I don't feel that this idiot should be working for the federal government if he wants everyone to know how he feels, and I am pretty sure that I am not the only one that feels this way.

As far as the *Redstone Rocket* is concerned, I don't think that this letter should have been printed. I feel that you should watch what you print because someone might get physically hurt for writing articles like the one that Mr. Hershel D. Cramer wrote.

Pvt. 2 Ronnie Broomfield
Finance & Accounting Office

Record will stand

Editor:

I feel that comments are in order based upon various attacks upon me in the *Rocket* of June 12. Some remarks were personal and in my opinion were in poor taste. AR 600-50 and CPR 700 have penalties for slander and/or misconduct on or off the job.

I have personally fought against all forms of discrimination and injustices toward all Americans regardless of color/sex, etc. My record will stand on its own. I am well known for this fight from the command group down through the legal and EEO offices.

I believe that all Americans should be treated fairly

and justly. Secondly, I believe in Title one of the law 95-454, which, in accordance with the merit pay principles, state that all shall receive equal opportunity. I feel that some need to get off the trip that this great country owes a debt to anyone, except the following; that being the veteran/disabled veteran, the elderly, and the disabled. Last but not least is the American Indian whose land was stolen and later put on a reservation.

As J.F.K. once said in his 1960 inaugural address, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." I feel that a lot of Americans should take a second look at the former president's quotation.

Mr. Bradford Reynolds is presently before the Senate judiciary committee for confirmation as the attorney general of the U.S. The position is that of the president who in the last election carried 49 out of 50 states. That position is that the letter of the law be followed and that all Americans not be subject to any form of discrimination.

As Americans, are we going to demand to follow the letter of the law for all Americans, or continue to violate the rights of others in order to satisfy a few? I believe in hiring women/blacks as long as they are to be determined to be the best qualified for a position. Some people need to return to the altar and remove that guilt feeling that this country owes them a debt.

How can any true American feel proud in knowing that he/she is receiving special consideration in the name of affirmative action when that procedure has taken away another American's rights in order to fulfill those goals?

The pendulum is swinging to the right in conservatism and rightfully so. Let's all start looking forward to the day when this country becomes a place where all Americans are treated equally and justly according to the law.

Hershel D. Cramer

Full support

Editor:

I would like to say that I fully support Mr. Hershel D. Cramer's letter (*Rocket*, June 5). I am an avowed racist and a firm believer in white male supremacy.

Reverse discrimination is becoming rampant for the sake of goals, quotas, and affirmative actions (none of which I will ever support). This insidious discrimination has been borne out on several recent TV programs.

I believe I am speaking not only for myself, but for a large segment of the white male workforce who don't want to take the risk of making a public statement.

Oliver A. Patrick

Still festering

Editor:

It is unfortunate we still have festering in the woodwork individuals of the mentality of the gentleman that wrote the letter "White males." One would hope that we as a nation are moving beyond the point where we believe something can only be done right if it's done by white males.

Mr. Cramer's history seems to be limited to the American buffalo and the American Indian. The greatness of this nation can be attributed not to just white males but the contribution of the two groups he characterized as incompetents and misfits.

If there is a power struggle going on in this country for control, it is simply an attempt to gain an equitable share in the American dream. There is no attempt to destroy the "buffalo" but there is no desire on the part of these two groups to suffer the fate of the American Indian.

John R. Bailey

What a dream

Editor:

The other day my old Harley and me be looking for some gas and a place to put on the feedbag. I ate some of old Enda's homemade belly warmers and got gas a little farther down the road. Full belly, full tank, clean air. American made all the way. Man, I was feeling racy.

Cruising, I see a bunch of good ol' boys standing around chattin' and spattin'. They called me over saying: hey Red, what you think of all this white male

stuff? Hey, wait just one Gorbachev minute, buck! I don't read that Czarist garbage— all my mail comes in plain brown paper. My hair's red, not my politics. That should confuse 'em, I thought. They said I was surely weird and they was speakin' of the plight of white workers. Man, these ol' boys is sneaky. So I told them that whitey don't have to work. He just lives off the perks from his granddaddy's social crimes. They were getting red-eyed and movin' in for the kill. I begged for one more chance. O.K. Had I heard of Cramer vs. Employment Quotas. Saved. That was easy. Dustin Hoffman won an Academy Award for that baby.

Actually I had read some of H.C.'s stuff. It's usually pretty down home, earthy and patriotic. It can be interpreted 10 ways from nowhere. I have a feeling he wants people to get off their fat federal fannies and become aware one way or another. This week he's upset about lack of cohesion and organization among white boys. Ordinary working class white boys tend to organize informally along ethnic lines and not by cause or color. These tend to be loose-knit, without a stated platform and typically impotent politically. Most white self-help groups are rightly or wrongly labeled racist. Anger springs up when racial and sexual retribitional politics, in the thin guise of black pride or womens rights, is enacted unfairly and radically. It's ridiculous to expect 50 percent black male parity in the work force. Minorities make up under 25 percent of the total population.

What most white, and black, men want is the right to real equality, not legislative equality, in competition for jobs. To work for his family with dignity and self respect. You eliminate the opportunity and you get, without fail, backlash— black and white. Why do y'all act so surprised. Self righteous hypocrisy I'd say.

Wow, what a dream. Bad vibes. Hey man, where am I and who are you. Man you dozed off. You're in the unemployment line and I'm Wu Fong Gonzales from Canada. Hey, Wu, what's with the pink chiffon, fish nets, and spike heels, bud. Man, you bikers are so dumb. These are my job interview threads. When I get the job you can call me Jack Smith again. O.K? Wow, let me out of here— it's self employment for me.

Gary Skaggs
MEDDAC

Says educate self

Editor:

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importantly, you could be inconvenienced by temporarily tying your personal funds up for official business. There are many things you must understand encourage you to educate yourself concerning the proper preparation of a travel voucher, required substantiation and entitlements to travel allowances. This will help you receive full payment while contributing to timely processing and the effective use of taxpayers' funds.

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Frantic flight

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Force Base in Frankfurt, Germany, at 6:15 the following morning, June 4.

Henderson and Rucki were due at their meeting less than two hours later.

"Just sitting here thinking about it makes you want to go to sleep," Rucki says, recalling that he only had about four hours sleep during that 48 hours. "I can't sleep on an aircraft, not after that anyway."

On Friday morning, June 7, they left the Frankfurt commercial airport which is next to the Rhein-main base. They saw an old friend while there—the DC-10 that had made the Washington emergency landing. "Can't believe that sucker could still fly," Rucki says.

"I assume it was on a commercial flight; they had moved it on the commercial side," Henderson says. "I'd hate to be the people that flew on it afterwards that didn't know that it'd been down for the emergency landing."

The two Army travelers had a routine Pan Am flight from Frankfurt to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York but the Eastern flight from JFK to Atlanta was another adventure. "We ran into thunderstorms," recalls Henderson. "I mean up and down and sideways."

The pilot moved up to around 41,000 feet in an effort to get above the thunderstorms but it didn't work. Henderson says the storms were so bad the stewardesses sat down, buckled up and didn't move. Rucki adds that some of the passengers were reaching for their "barf" bags. One woman stayed in the bathroom at least an hour and was still there when the other passengers left the plane in Atlanta.

They landed in Atlanta at 8 p.m. June 7 but, not surprisingly, their connecting flight to Huntsville got delayed.

"Our connecting flight was supposed to depart at 9:10 which they immediately changed upon our arrival to 10:30," Henderson says. "And then they changed it to 10:37 and then changed to 11 p.m. After it passed 11:00, they didn't change it anymore. We finally departed at 12:00; that's getting close to June 8th."

Their long trip ended that morning in Huntsville. "We spent more time in airplanes and airplane terminals than we did in Frankfurt," Rucki says.

Henderson and Rucki agree that they were nervous and scared at times during the trip but now can look back and laugh. It was Henderson's second military airlift command flight—on the first trip his wallet got stolen in Paris, but that's another story. It was Rucki's first such flight.

"I guess somewhere down the line you've got to thank the man upstairs for being with us," says Henderson, on a more serious note. "That's true," Rucki adds.

It's Army policy to use MAC flights

Jim Henderson, who had an unlucky experience on a recent Military Airlift Command flight, posed an interesting question.

"What's so difficult to understand, there's a commercial Delta flight out of Atlanta to Frankfurt, Germany every day and why they route us from here to Atlanta to Charleston to Philadelphia to Frankfurt on the MAC flight is a little hard to understand," he said.

Here's the answer from the Redstone transportation division:

Germany is what is called a MAC-served country (there are others including Korea). There's a Department of Army policy that whenever official travelers are going to a MAC-served country, the Army must offer the requirement for that trip to the Military Airlift Command. The command—based at Scott Air Force Base near Belleville, Ill.—is responsible for international air travel for all the military services (Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines).

"It's DA policy that MAC will be considered first and if MAC has a seat that they can confirm for us and it doesn't hinder mission requirements then we're obligated to use it," said Dorcas Throneberry, chief of the passenger branch, transportation division.

Army closes hotel in South Korea

WASHINGTON — Official United States government travelers heading to South Korea will have to find alternate lodging facilities after Aug. 15 because the Army has decided to terminate its lease with the Seoul Garden Hotel. Officials cited cost factors, changing conditions and customer dissatisfaction as major reasons to terminate the lease.

"The Army has contracted several rooms at six hotels in Seoul to meet the billeting requirements for the area," said Dick Belgrano, acting chief for media marketing at the family support center. "These hotels will offer discount room rates for anyone on official orders." (Arnews)



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Something for everyone at big family picnic June 29

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Organizers of the MICOM Family Picnic on June 29 say this year's event offers something for everybody.

That's hard to dispute. There are sports tournaments and contests with prizes, a dunking booth, a flea market, exhibits and displays, activities for teenagers and for children, and entertainment for all.

"Bigger and better and fun for everybody" is how Picnic Chairman Jere Ducote describes this year's family outing at the civilian recreation area. "We've come up with new stuff and expanded on the old stuff," he says.

Additions from last year's picnic include the flea market, bingo, exhibits and displays, teen-age activities, and contests. There will also be added entertainment and refreshments.

"Activities have increased tremendously," says Mike Sheehy, deputy picnic chairman. "And the effort of the chairpersons to make their activity a success has been outstanding. It isn't easy to try to organize activities to please an anticipated crowd of approximately 3,000 people—starting with parking, food, entertainment, sports activities, contests, and interesting exhibits for adults, teen-agers and young children. We truly have activities for all."

Getting to the picnic should be easier this year because shuttle buses will provide transportation to and from the Haysland Square parking lot off South Memorial Parkway in Huntsville. The route is from Haysland Square to the picnic area to the Rustic Lodge (for those who want to play bingo for prizes).

For people who drive themselves, there will be vehicle emergency aid available (jumper cables, etc.) and handicapped parking spaces. An information booth with maps and activity schedules will be located at the



picnic area entrance. T-shirts can be purchased there.

Inside the picnic area, people will find continuous entertainment. New features include Latin and Spanish music, clowns, folk music and fiddlers. The softball and volleyball tournaments and the dunking booth are traditional MICOM picnic attractions that won't be missing this year. But the contests—chili tasting, pie tasting, egg toss, casting accuracy and unusual fruit—are all new.

Food and beverages will be on sale for those who either didn't bring their own or have a taste for something else.

"The food will be hot and served to order and they'll be two locations," Sheehy says. "We had one

(location) last year and they ran out of food at 2:00."

Teen activities are to include a dance contest with rock music and a disk jockey. For children there will be pony rides, games and new features including a carriage ride and a moon bounce.

The picnic is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 29, with a rain date scheduled for the next day. Ducote, the chairman, would like to see from 3-4,000 people there. Last year's attendance was 1,000 or more.

"This is not just for civilians—it's for the whole MICOM family which includes the military, civilians, tenant organizations, and family members and guests," Ducote says.



Army developing XM-4 carbine

WASHINGTON — The Army is finalizing plans to increase individual weapon firepower for some of its combat forces.

The XM-4 carbine, a modified version of the M-16A2, is projected to be fielded in 1987, initially to the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The new weapon features a shorter barrel and a collapsible stock.

"Drivers, crew members and members of crew-served weapons will be the first issued the XM-4 carbine as their personal weapon," said Capt. Lloyd W. Mills, the Training and Doctrine Command's manager for small arms. He said that it will replace pistols and sub-machine guns currently issued to selected soldiers.

The XM-4 carbine will use the same 5.56 mm as the

M-16A2 and the SAW (squad automatic ammunition weapon), as well as the same magazines as the M-16A2, according to John Post, the weapons system matrix manager at the U.S. Army Armament, Munitions and Chemical Command at Rock Island, Ill.

He noted that it standardizes not just ammunition but replacement parts as well. "About 80 percent of the XM-4's parts are common to the M-16A2," he said.

According to Post, the manufacturer of the M-16A2, Colt, will be contracted in the near future to develop the test models of the XM-4 Carbine. (Arnews)

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Cougars	10	1	--
MIA	9	1	½
MLC	9	2	1
Stallions	8	2	1½
F&A	8	3	2
T&E	7	5	3½
RADS	5	5	4½
Express	5	5	4½
Thiokol	5	7	5½
Pershing	4	6	5½
Patriot	4	6	5½
DED	4	7	6
BMD	3	8	7
High Noon (CPO)	2	7	7
COE	1	9	8½
F&E*	0	10	10½

* Dropped from league

T&E upsets Stallions in civilian softball

BY JUANEZ ALEXANDER

T&E defeated the Stallions 8-1 in an upset in the Civilian Welfare Fund softball league.

Earl Shirley, Bobby Bates, Don Hughes, Randy Phillips, and Bobby Alongi all went two for three. Phillips was T&E's defensive player throughout the game. Hughes was winning pitcher.

In other games last week, CPO shut out Pershing 9-0; BMD nipped COE 6-5; Patriot and DED each had a bye since F&E's team withdrew from the league; F&A defeated Thiokol 7-5; COE forfeited to the Stallions; P&P Express beat F&A 11-5; MIA whipped CPO 20-11; and MIA beat RADS 10-5.

RADS defeated BMD 15-2. Jokingly, John Eystone told everyone "there's a very fine line between warmed up and worn out." This statement was made after he flied out to BMD's second baseman. Jerry Arszman was winning pitcher.

Cougars defeated Patriot 18-3. Jeff Toney and Homer Reynolds both had home runs. Bob Peagler and Reynolds each delivered three RBIs. Toney went four for four while Lenord Hatcher went three for four and was winning pitcher.

MLC shut out Thiokol 8-0. Contributing to MLC's RBIs were Jim Owens, Greg Bliss, Charlie Owens, and Bryan Galloway. Tim McGinnis went two for two while Rick Fuller and Norman Goodrich went three for three. Jim Owens was winning pitcher.

T&E barely pushed past Pershing for a 9-8 victory. Bobby Alongi went three for three against Pershing. Bobby Bates scored the winning run on a hit from John Aufderhar in the bottom of the seventh inning. Don Hughes was winning pitcher.

Cougars defeated Express 6-4. Jeff Toney hit a pair of two-run homers. Don Tillis tied the game with an RBI in the bottom of the sixth. Express jumped ahead in the top of the eighth. Tillis once again came through and tied the game. Toney followed Tillis with a home run, clinching the win for the Cougars. Lenord Hatcher was winning pitcher.

MLC defeated DED 12-5. Bob Johnson, Dave Bryant, Rick Fuller, Steve Riley, and Bryan Galloway delivered RBIs for MLC. Riley and Tim McGinnis each went three for three. DED's Dave Baginski hit a home run for his team bringing in two RBIs. Baginski went three for four. Jim Owens was winning pitcher for MLC. (No details were available where only team names and scores are indicated. Whether your team wins or loses, your players deserve credit for their offensive or defensive efforts.)

New menu means healthier soldier diets

Soldiers who eat in Redstone's mess halls will soon see a few changes in the menu, designed to offer low calorie alternatives to fattening foods.

CWO 2 Roger Hall, chief of the food service branch, said some of the changes the Army's master menu calls for have already been made here. Fresh fruit has been served for about a year, and lowfat milk has been offered for about six months. Sliced turkey and roast beef sandwiches will be available soon.

Other changes to the master menu, which can be altered to suit troop preferences, include eliminating fried foods, and those made with cream sauce. Hall said not all the changes will be made at Redstone.

"We'll still have french fries—the fried foods will still be in the menu, but alternatives will be there, too. We feel it's the best way to go," he said. There will be limits on certain foods, however. Creamed potatoes and items made with cream sauce will be cut back, and will probably be completely eliminated within the next six months.

Hall believes food selection is ultimately the responsibility of the person who eats it, as long as there are choices available.

"It's an individual thing. It's up to the individual to monitor himself," he said.

The new menu will complement the short order fitness menu pattern introduced earlier this year. Each fitness menu pattern contains 450 to 650 calories per meal, making it easier for those who are watching their weight to monitor their caloric intake.

"This is the best-fed army in the world," said Hall. "We eat better than any branch of the service in any \$45.8 million worth in 1984. Through the second

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Comptroller workers earns reservist badge

An Army reservist, who works at MICOM, finished tops in a field of 133 candidates testing for the Expert Field Medical Badge recently at Fort A.P. Hill in Bowling Green, Va.

Maj. Steven Messervy, 32, of the 87th Maneuver Area Command in Birmingham, was named the course honor graduate after two weeks of refresher training, written examination and field tests. He serves as program budget officer for the 87th MAC's finance division.

The Expert Field Medical Badge course was conducted by the 2290th U.S. Army Hospital from Rockville, Md. The 2290th was the first reserve unit to be designated by the U.S. Army Academy of Health Sciences to conduct the test for the medical badge that is like the infantry's Expert Infantry Badge.

Not all seekers of the EFMB win the right to wear it. Only 22 of the beginning 133 soldiers, both active duty and reserve, were awarded the badge upon completion of the course held May 13-25.

Messervy, married and the father of four boys, lives in Huntsville. He is an operations research analyst in the cost analysis division for the MICOM comptroller office. He has been a member of the 87th Maneuver Area Command for six years.

Because of his commitment to the 87th MAC, Messervy had to leave Fort Hill during the middle weekend of the two-week course to attend a three day exercise the MAC was conducting at Camp Blanding, Fla. When he returned, he had to make up a night compass class and weapons firing during an already busy week.

Messervy said the course was the most demanding he has ever attended, both physically and mentally.

During the first week all participants attended refresher training in medical service and field subjects. The second week the course attendees took a 100 ques-

tion written examination that lasted two hours. After the written exam results were posted, only 34 of the original 133 soldiers were left. Those 34 then began the hands-on training and field tests that included weapons qualifications, day and night compass courses, emergency medical treatment in a combat scenario, patient evacuation, a one kilometer litter obstacle course and a 12 mile road march with field gear which had to be completed in three hours.



WINS SCHOLARSHIP — Maxine L. Doherty of OMMCS is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship to apply toward course work for a master of business administration degree. The award, the first annual scholarship of the ADP council of the Southeastern States, is sponsored by the Atlanta and North Alabama Chapters of Federally Employed Women and the Atlanta Association of Federal Executives. Doherty works in the OMMCS Data Systems Office coordinates the typesetting and graphics production for Army-wide training literature.

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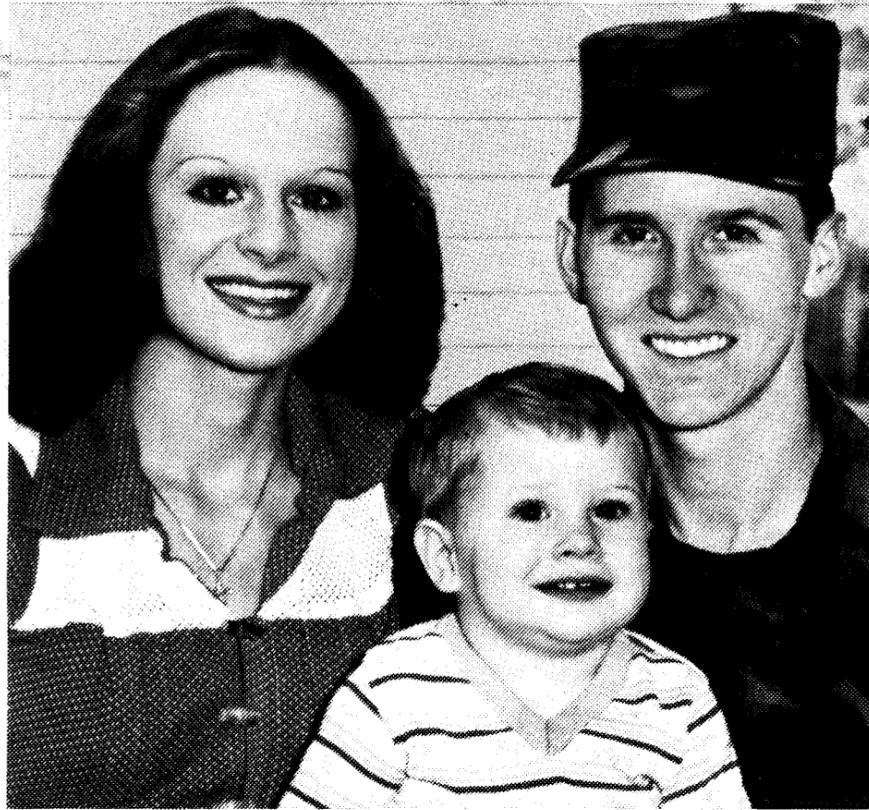
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Career move was right choice for program manager

BY PAM ROGERS

When her youngest child entered college, Barbara Alexander decided it was time to make a career change. That change eventually led to her present position as the Missile Command's Hispanic employment program manager.

She had worked as an equal employment opportunity counselor, and decided to make EEO her career field. She applied for the DARCOM intern program while she was working as a supervisory medical secretary at Kirak Army Hospital at Aberdeen Proving Ground. She came to Redstone as an EEO specialist intern, and she's glad she made the change.

"I feel very good about it—I'm enjoying the area, and it's a brand new education. As a counselor, you go on your fact finding missions, and try to resolve complaints, but you don't have any idea of the action once the complaint is turned in. There's negotiation with managers, trying to solve the problem, as much to each person's satisfaction as you can. That's a real challenge," she said.

She was named Hispanic employment program manager in April, and has been making plans for the program since then. She wants to formalize the Hispanic employment program committee with a charter and elected offices within the next 90 days.

"I don't think Hispanics are underrepresented here,

because of the demography of the region," she said. Hispanic people account for .7 percent of the civilian workforce here, according to Alexander, but over half of them fill positions in GS grades 11 through 15.

The Army's definition of Hispanic is a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The Hispanic employment program assures equal consideration of qualified Hispanics for employment and promotion.

"Hispanics do take advantage of it, and the program has helped, but these people are achievers," said Alexander.

Originally named the Spanish Speaking Program, it got its start with a joint resolution passed by Congress in 1968, setting aside one week a year as National Hispanic Heritage Week.

"The intent was to establish one week every year during which the contributions of Hispanic Americans to American society are recognized. We feel its becoming an American traditional event," she said. This year's Hispanic Heritage Week is Sept. 15-21. The annual Hispanic luncheon is set for Sept. 18.

"I would like to see more Hispanic EEO counselors, because this is one area where they are under-represented," said Alexander. Counselor recruitment is going on now. Deadline for application is June 21.

Alexander, a native of Havre De Grace, Maryland, began her career with the federal government 25 years ago as a GS-2 clerk typist for a Veteran's Administration Hospital at Perry Point, Maryland. Before coming to Redstone she also worked for the Defense Department at Fort Monroe, Va. and for the Army at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

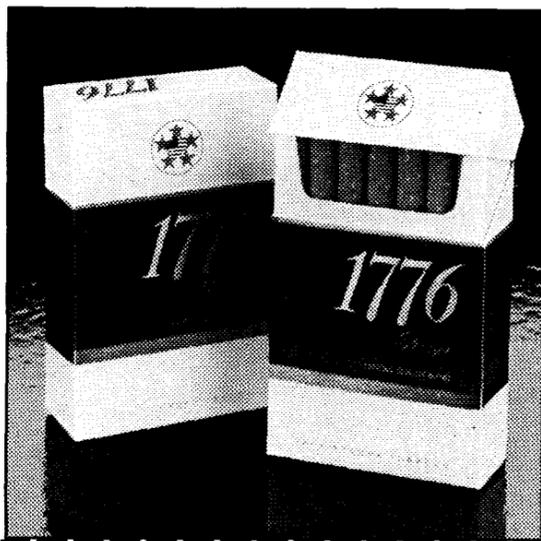
She has three children. Her older daughter, Charmaine, works for the public library in Joppatowne, Maryland. Her son, Leonard, is a military intelligence specialist at Fort Carson, Col., and her younger daughter, Gina, is a nursing student at UAH.



MANAGER — Barbara B. Alexander took the job of Hispanic Employment Program manager in April.

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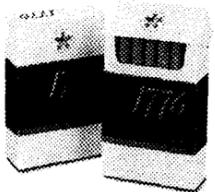
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Supply group finds new uses for old items

BY SKIP VAUGHN

There's a good chance that an item that has been turned in after use by one office will find its way into another office to be used again.

The Supply Division considers this an important alternative to buying a new item or getting it from a depot. That division within RASA manages all the material requirements in support of Redstone people. This includes meeting the needs of some 67 Missile Command customers, tenants and other activities.

"All of those material needs are processed through Supply Division to either be requisitioned from a depot or procured from local procurement sources," said Leonard Jones, division chief. "We normally procure \$75-100 million (in property) annually."

At some point in time, that new material will become excess property. It will have fulfilled whatever need the Army got it for. That's where the Supply Division's excess management program comes in.

"We manage our excess property with the same intensity that we manage our initial requirements," Jones said.

The division considers excess property as its first source of supply. Rather than trying to buy it or get it from a depot, the first option is trying to use material that is excess to one activity's needs to satisfy another's needs.

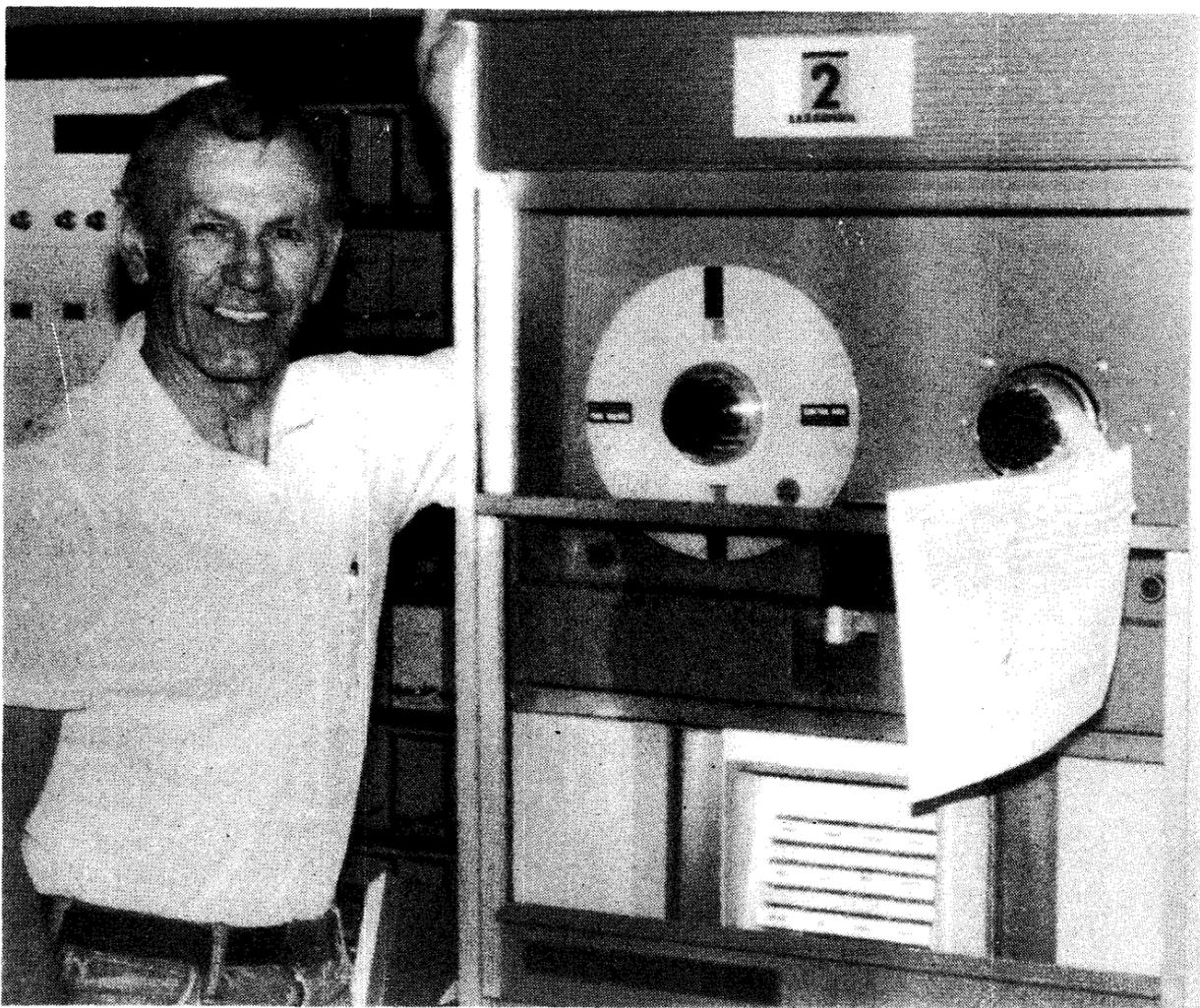
Disposal of used property has been a big issue throughout the Defense Department. In July 1984 the Department of Defense imposed a DoD-wide moratorium on excess disposal after publicity that was critical of excess property management practices within certain defense agencies. "Fortunately MICOM was not one of those activities that had been guilty of poor excess management practices," Jones said.

The amount of excess property generated here has increased. Redstone produced \$39.2 million in excess property in 1982, \$34.1 million worth in 1983, and \$45.8 million worth in 1984. Through the second quarter of fiscal 1985, Redstone had generated \$29.1 million worth.

"This increasing trend does not necessarily indicate that MICOM is not doing a good job of excess management," Jones said. "It simply indicates that material procured 10 to 15 years ago is now becoming excess or has served its useful purpose and the trend can be compared to the increased procurements that we initiated in the past."

The stock control branch of Supply Division manages these millions of dollars worth of excess property. It has two programs, according to Luther Pitts, accountable property officer and stock control branch chief. He identified these as operation challenge team and the Army Materiel Command screening program.

Operation challenge team, in effect since 1977, visits



EXCESS COMPUTER — Hank Cabra shows 24-year-old computer that was turned in as excess property.

the warehouses that store excess property and also the property disposal office. These visits are to determine if there are any items that can be redistributed locally. The other program, AMC screening, is handled through the Installation Supply Activity based at Rock Island, Ill. This is for redistributing items within the Army Materiel Command.

Aretta Rich, chief of the division's requirements section, said her section does the reporting to the various supply sources. "We receive the disposition instructions from the supply source. And we send the shipping documents down to the warehouse where the material is stored and they in turn transport it to either property disposal office or transportation for shipping off post," she said.

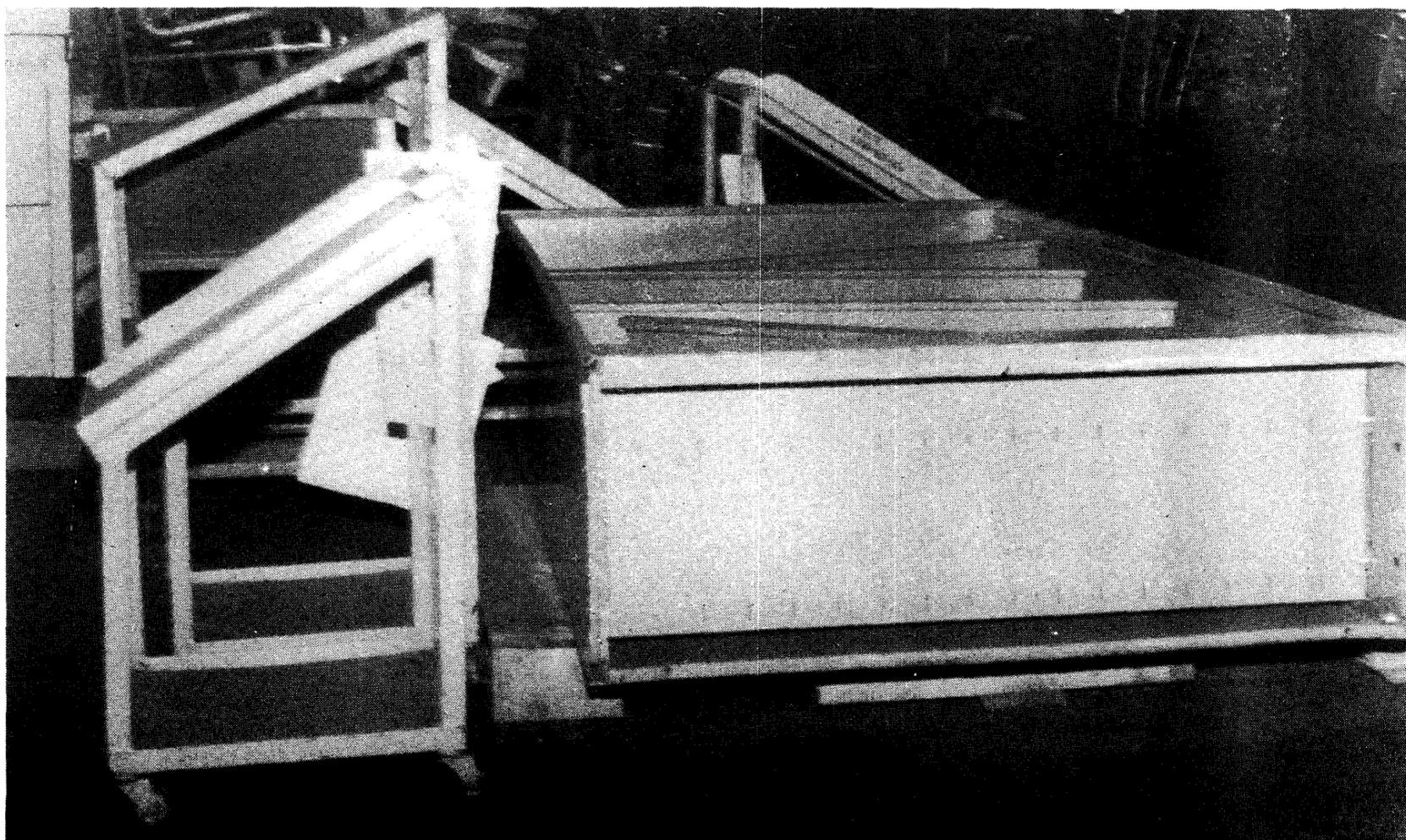
"Within this section we have the item managers that

manage and control this item until it is shipped and dropped from the stock record account," Rich said.

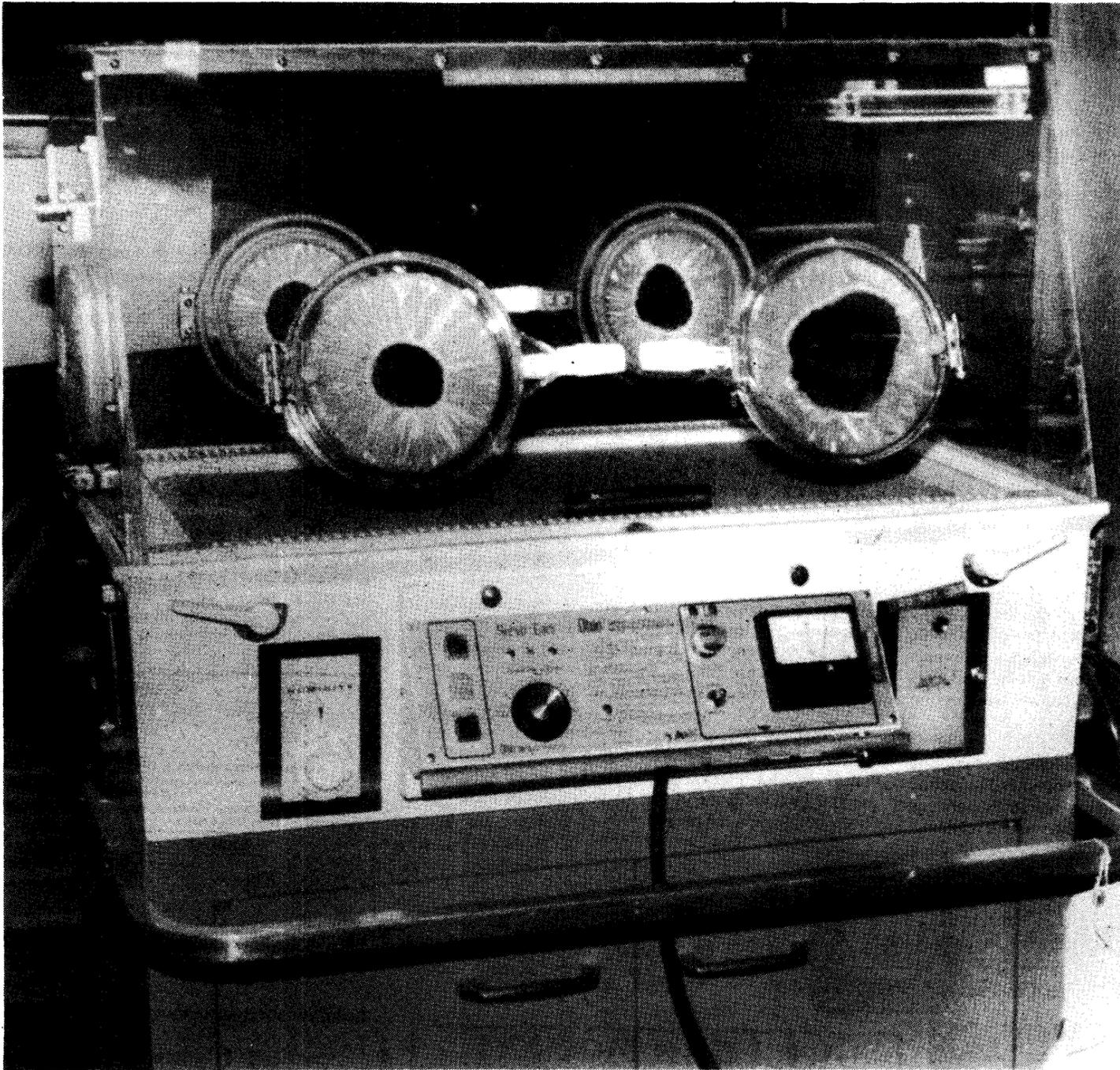
Supply Division, as of last week, consisted of about 126 people in six branches. These included stock control; troop issue (which obtains food for troops); receiving; warehousing and inventory; explosives, storage and demolition; and administrative.

Excess items ranging from electronic parts to furniture come into two receiving warehouses. Hank Cabra, an equipment specialist in receiving branch, estimated there were from 10-15,000 items in building 8027 and about 300 more in the building 8021 northend.

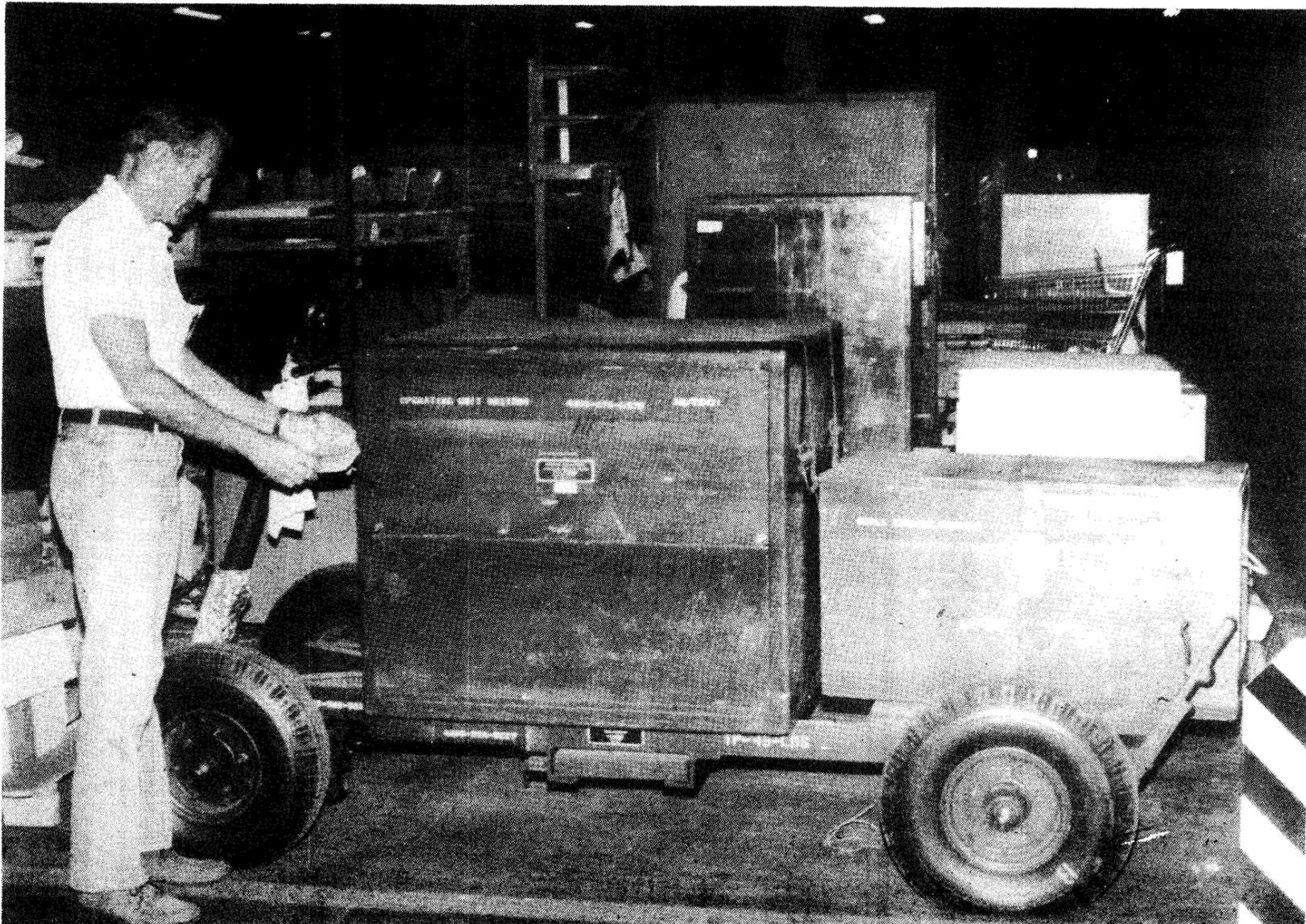
"We've had everything in here from baby incubators to warheads," Cabra said. Those that are usable will probably be used again.



MANY ROWS — Excess property takes up rows and rows inside a receiving warehouse.



INCUBATOR — This baby incubator was turned in by the hospital, then used as a training aid at the missile school before it was turned in again.



MORE SURPLUS — Cabra checks tag on another piece of used equipment that was turned in as excess property.

Guard unit joins mountain division

WASHINGTON — The 42nd Infantry Division of the New York national guard will provide the "roundout" brigade for the 10th Mountain Division (light infantry).

The headquarters and headquarters company of the 27th Infantry Brigade, stationed in Syracuse, will become home for the new light infantry brigade, according to Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., who announced the organizational change June 4.

When fully organized, the brigade will contain a headquarters company, three infantry battalions and one field artillery battalion.

The 1st Battalion, 105th Infantry in Schenectady, and the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry in Syracuse, will reorganize to form two of the light infantry battalions. The Third Light Infantry Battalion will be formed in

Utica from three infantry companies now assigned to the 1/105th and 2/108th Infantry, and from the conversion of headquarters and headquarters detachment of the 102nd Military Police Battalion to light infantry design.

The 1st Battalion, 156th Field Artillery in Kingston will reorganize to form the light artillery battalion for the brigade.

All the units of the new brigade will complete the conversion to the light structure before fiscal year 1988.

The National Guard Bureau and the Department of the Army are developing plans for several unit conversions and activations to replace the 42nd Division units designated to form the roundout brigade. (Arnews)

VEAP enrollments ending July 1

WASHINGTON — When the new G.I. Bill plus the new Army college fund becomes effective July 1, all new enrollments in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program will stop. Those soldiers already in VEAP have nothing to worry about because their program will continue.

Soldiers who are eligible for VEAP who never enrolled in the program have until June 30 to enroll. Soldiers can enroll in the program with a minimum \$25-a-month allotment. They can also make a lump sum payment which the Army will match two-for-one. Soldiers eligible for VEAP who do not enroll will not qualify for any Army-assisted educational assistance.

The new G.I. Bill contains a provision for Vietnam-era G.I. Bill participants whose benefits expire Dec. 31, 1989. Those soldiers must remain on active duty until June 30, 1988, and have no break in service since Jan. 1, 1976. Those soldiers will qualify on Jan. 1, 1990, for the new G.I. Bill basic benefit, plus half of their remaining Vietnam-era benefits. The maximum amount of benefits under any combination of veterans assistance programs is 48 months. (Arnews)

Environment award won by Fort Dix

WASHINGTON — Fort Dix, N.J. has been selected as the winner of the 1984 Secretary of the Army Environmental Quality Award.

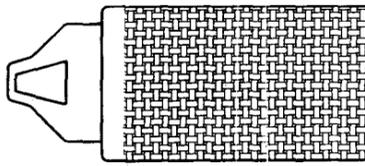
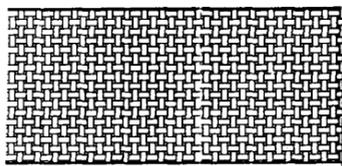
The award is given annually to recognize the Army installation which has conducted the most outstanding environmental protection and enhancement programs during the calendar year. Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Eustis, Va., were the first and second runners-up respectively.

According to award committee members, Fort Dix's noteworthy achievements in 1984 included managing the installation's military training mission in harmony with the environmentally sensitive pinelands national reserve. Other achievements included an "excellent"

hazardous waste management program, curtailing and preventing groundwater pollution and an overall "outstanding" environmental program.

Also highlighted by the committee was Fort Dix's efforts in developing plans and breaking ground for a major heat recovery incinerator that will conserve energy and result in a significant reduction in the amount of solid waste to be landfilled in the future.

Fort Dix will now represent the Army in the Secretary of Defense Environmental Award competition. Two Army installations, Fort Sill, Okla., in 1978 and Fort McClellan, Ala., in 1982, have been selected as the DOD winner in the 12 years the program has been conducted. (Arnews)



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Three Finance and Accounting workers win awards

Three members of MICOM's Finance and Accounting Division have been cited with awards recently.

Thomas Whiteside and June Kilpatric received annual accountant awards in Washington from the Army Materiel Command. Whiteside was presented the AMC operating accountant award while Kilpatric was given the AMC accountant support award.

In a separate action John Wylie will receive a national chapter service award from the Association of Government Accountants for 25 years of service to that organization.

The presentations to Whiteside and Kilpatric were made at a luncheon during an AMC finance and accounting workshop.

"It's quite an honor," said Whiteside, a supervisory operating accountant here since June 1976. "It's nice to receive an award of this nature, it's just an honor to receive it."

Whiteside is chief of a 30-member, international logistics accounting section. In Washington he received a plaque and a certificate that stated, in part, he "has contributed significantly to the success of the AMC finance and accounting operations in carrying out its assigned mission."

Kilpatric, a senior accounting technician in the Army procurement appropriation section, also received a plaque and certificate from AMC. "I was very thrilled and proud," she said. She paid the way for her husband and two sons to go with her on the trip to Washington in May. They drove up the Saturday before the luncheon, did some sightseeing while there, and got back to Huntsville the following Wednesday night. "I wish we could've stayed longer. There was a lot we wanted to see that we didn't get to see," she said. "This was something I never expected."

The GS-8 accounting technician started working for the finance and accounting division as a GS-3 clerk typist in May 1964.

John Wylie, deputy finance and accounting officer, is to receive a national chapter service award from the Association of Government Accountants on June 26 at San Diego, Calif. He has been a member of the North Alabama Chapter since it began 25 years ago. He served as chapter president twice (1969-70 and 1979-80).

"I feel it's great," said Wylie, referring to the AGA award. He has worked at finance and accounting division since 1959, beginning as a GS-9 cost accountant. He worked in the division's various offices and bran-

ches on his way to becoming the GM-14 deputy. Wylie has served as the deputy finance and accounting officer since January 1978. At times, when there was no military officer onboard, he served as the division chief. Maj. Michael Lamb holds this position now.



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CHAPEL PERFORMER — Miss Alabama 1973 Jane Rice Holloway is the soloist for the Protestant worship service at Post Chapel on Sunday at 9 a.m. She is a private teacher of piano and voice in Huntsville where he husband, John William Holloway, is minister of students at First Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend the June 23 service.

Black Hawk fleet back in service

WASHINGTON — The Army's Blackhawk helicopters (UH-60) are returning to flying status following extensive investigations by Army officials. The entire fleet is expected to be back in service by early fall.

The Blackhawks were grounded April 19 after two accidents involving the helicopter.

The first accident at Fort Bragg, N.C., killed 12 soldiers and the second at Fort Rucker, Ala., claimed the lives of two soldiers and a civilian instructor.

Investigation of the Fort Bragg mishap indicated that the accident resulted from the absence of a bolt in the flight control mixer assembly which apparently caused the flight controls to jam. "In a thorough inspection of the entire Blackhawk fleet, no other aircraft was found to have this bolt missing," said Lt. Col. Miguel E. Monteverde, an Army spokesman.

Investigation of the mishap at Fort Rucker showed that the failure of a main rotor blade spindle led to a blade being thrown from the aircraft with subsequent loss of control and crash of the aircraft.

Tests and analyses by the Army and the manufacturers, Sikorsky Corp., resulted in development of a load-sharing tie rod that will be installed in the spindle to preclude further spindle failures.

Under a plan approved by Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., 12 teams of Army and Sikorsky personnel will visit Blackhawk units worldwide to inspect the helicopters and install the spindle tie-rod assembly. Deployment will gradually be restored as each aircraft is repaired and returned to flight status.

The cost of fixing each helicopter will range from about \$8,000 to \$40,000 depending on how much work needs to be done. (Arnews)

Townson jailed, fined for driving car into troops

A Huntsville man will have to serve three months in jail for third degree assault, pay a \$250 fine for driving under the influence of alcohol, and pay about \$2,100 to the victims in a case in which he drove a car into marching soldiers here.

Howard J. Townson, 36, of 1416 Sandhurst Drive, was sentenced June 11 in federal court in Birmingham. He had pleaded guilty to the third degree assault and driving under the influence charges. Besides the jail term and fine, Townson received five years probation on the DUI charge. He also had to pay court costs of \$25 on each charge (a total of \$50).

The sentence was as recommended to U.S. District Judge J. Foy Guin Jr. by the U.S. attorney's office in Birmingham. Townson was given a July 25 date to either turn himself in to the federal marshal service or to the institution where he will serve his sentence, said John Ott, an assistant U.S. attorney.

"He should have to serve every day" of the three month term, Ott said, referring to the U.S. Code. For

sentences not less than six months nor more than a year, a federal inmate can get five days a month of so-called "goodtime" off his sentence for good behavior.

Townson "wouldn't have parole," Ott said. "That starts after one year."

Four soldiers were injured when a car driven by Townson struck their troop formation at 7:55 p.m. Monday, March 18 on Hercules Road. The approximately \$2,100 total Townson was ordered to pay to the victims is to cover their individual, out-of-pocket expenses resulting from the incident. "It's under the new Victim Restitution Act," Ott said.

Three of the injured soldiers returned several weeks ago to 7th Student Company but the fourth, Pvt. Charles A. Burdette, remained in the hospital at Fort Knox, Ky. "He's the only one currently still in the hospital. Everyone else is out," said Capt. Frank Branch, commander of 7th Student Company. "I think his (injury) is mostly dealing with back problems."

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Pentagon rededicates Eisenhower corridor

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials held a ceremony rededicating the Pentagon's Eisenhower corridor June 6, 41 years after D-Day, the invasion of Normandy.

Originally dedicated in 1973, the corridor honors Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the chief planner for operation overlord, the code name used for D-Day operations. Eisenhower was also the 34th president of the United States and one of only nine generals of the Army.

Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger and Eisenhower's son, John S.D. Eisenhower, cut the

ceremonial ribbon at the foot of the stairs leading to the memorial corridor.

"This corridor means so much to me and all of the Eisenhower family because it's an indication that, in spite of my dad's other jobs, he is not forgotten here, in this home of our military strength," Eisenhower said.

The recently redesigned corridor includes 13 modular display cases containing photographs, memorabilia and military art commemorating the many significant contributions made by Eisenhower. (Arnews)

Lapel pin approved for next-of-kin

WASHINGTON — A new lapel button can now be presented to the next-of-kin of soldiers who died on active duty. But not in a hostile fire zone, the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center has announced.

The "next-of-kin of deceased personnel lapel button" is retroactive to 1973. Next-of-kin of soldiers who died since March 29, 1973, are eligible to wear it.

The button may be presented to the deceased

soldier's spouse (regardless of current marital status), to both of the soldier's parents, and to children, brothers and sisters of the deceased soldier.

Three other lapel buttons are available from the Army; the gold star lapel button for the next-of-kin of soldiers who died in a hostile fire zone; the Army lapel button for soldiers who were honorably discharged; and a lapel button for retirees. (Arnews)

AER campaign extended

Redstone's Army Emergency Relief campaign has been extended to July 15, because some contributing elements were late getting started on their fund raising.

Capt. Charles Brandon, project officer for this year's campaign, said a key personnel change in the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School area had resulted in a two week delay in collecting funds.

Of those directorates participating in the campaign, 18 have exceeded their goal, 14 have not, and six have not yet reported, said Brandon.

"Right now we have a total of \$23,210. The goal is \$40,000," he said.

Brandon said it's still possible for that goal to be reached if the directorates which have not yet reported exceed or at least meet their contributions for last year.

Contributions from civilians and the retired military community have especially pleased Brandon. Civilians have contributed \$500. Individual retiree contributions and a contribution from the Retired Officers Association totaled \$1,500.



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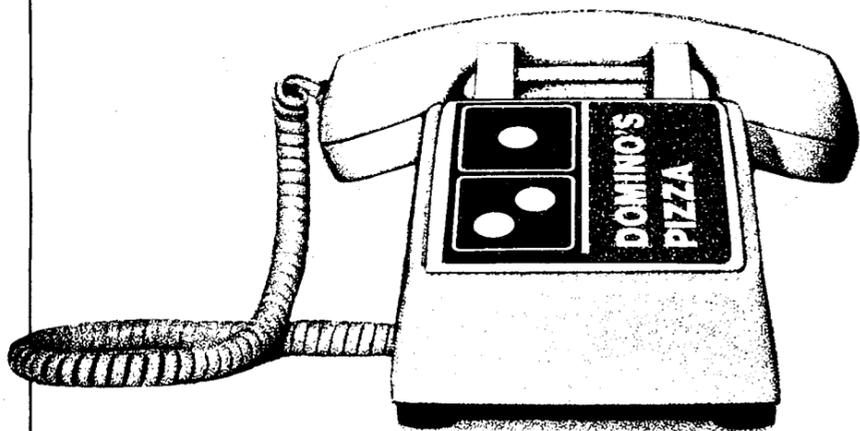
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Soldiers last in voter participation

WASHINGTON — Recently compiled statistics on voter participation in past elections shows the Army at the bottom of the tabulation list.

The Army's figure of 43.2 percent of the total number of persons voting or attempting to vote falls behind all the other services plus the U.S. Coast Guard. The average figure came to 59.9 percent.

The low turnout is prompting the Army's community and family support center in Alexandria, Va., to take certain steps to increase voter awareness and to promote greater participation.

These include such actions as:

- Instituting a "colonel voting assistance network" now in place at the major Army commands and at most posts, camps and stations (the network would

have a colonel appointed as the commander's representative to monitor voting activities and progress);

- Marshaling the support of the NCO chain of command;

- Making sure that the current voting assistance guide (DA pamphlet 350-500 series) gets the widest distribution and use;

- Continually reviewing and evaluating the program;

- Coordinating program review by inspectors general at every level;

- Using command information channels to communicate motivational messages from top leadership. (Arnews)

Hostility still evident along 38th parallel

WASHINGTON — On July 27, 1953 in Panmunjom, negotiators signed a Korean cease-fire agreement officially halting the hostilities which ravaged south and north Korea for three years. The agreement established the 38th parallel as the dividing line for the two countries.

During the three years of fighting from June 1950-July 1953, 33,629 American servicemen were killed in action.

Soldiers received 78 of the 131 Medals of Honor awarded for action in Korea and 10 battle streamers were added to the Army colors.

A tenuous truce has remained in effect since the signing of the armistice, a truce broken time and again by the North Koreans.

On Aug. 18, 1976, in perhaps the most blatant violation of the truce agreement, North Korean guards murdered two American officers in the joint security area at Panmunjom. Capt. Arthur G. Bonifas and 1st

Lt. Mark T. Banett, both assigned to a United Nations Command unit, were killed and nine others injured, when they were attacked by approximately 30 North Koreans armed with axes and metal pipes. The United Nations Command personnel were trimming a tree in the joint security area at the time of the attack.

More than a dozen tunnels under the demilitarized zone have been discovered over the past 10 years. All of them originated in North Korea and some extend several thousand yards into the Republic of Korea. When confronted with evidence of the discovery of these tunnels, the North Koreans have consistently denied their presence.

Today, a cold war exists along the demilitarized zone — a strip of land belonging to no one and guarded on the south by U.S. and Republic of Korea soldiers, and on the north by North Korean forces. About 28,500 U.S. soldiers are stationed in Korea, the majority with the 2nd Infantry Division. (Arnews)

Many more now eligible for Alabama G.I. Bill

Hundreds of deserving Alabamians previously excluded under the Alabama G.I. Bill law may now be eligible to receive a free college education. The Alabama G.I. and Dependents Educational Benefit Act, better known as the Alabama G.I. Bill, provides up to 36 months free tuition, books, and instructional fees at any Alabama state-supported technical college, junior college, college or university to eligible family members of survivors of certain Alabama veterans. The legislation introduced by Rep. Nelson Starkey and Sen. Bobby Denton, was designed to remove inequitable eligibility features from the law. Both houses of the Legislature gave their unanimous approval. Gov. George Wallace, who authored the original bill creating this educational program in 1949, signed the legislation into law on May 30, 1985.

Under the new law, if you are the spouse, widow, widower or child of a 20 percent or 30 percent service-connected disabled veteran or former prisoner of war, you may now be eligible for benefits under this program.

The legislation also removed the Sept. 19, 1983, filing deadline which applied to certain wives or widows and increased the filing deadline to age 30 for the children of certain veterans.

Two overseas units get maintenance awards

WASHINGTON — Two overseas-based Army units shared honors with three Air Force units and a Navy aircraft carrier in the inaugural Secretary of Defense maintenance awards program.

The 46th Transportation Company, 69th Transportation Battalion, 19th Support Command at Camp Carroll, Korea, and Battery C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Field Artillery at Pinder Barracks in Zirndorf, Germany, received plaques recognizing their selection during a recent Pentagon ceremony. (Arnews)

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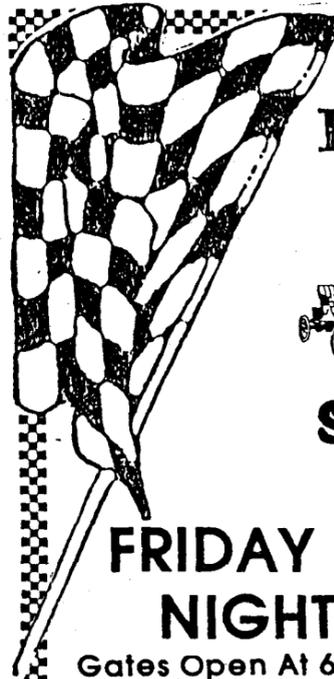
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Rec Center schedules free shows

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Beam, who entertained troops in Vietnam, and was awarded the Bronze Star for his work, will give an hour-long show which is suitable for all family members, said Mike Chemsak, recreation center director.

"The show is tasteful, safe and amusing—it's excellent," he said. Beam, who has entertained here several times, will give two shows, each lasting about an hour. The performances will be at 7 p.m., June 29 and 30, at the center.

There will be an Indian show on July 14, featuring the Echota Cherokee dance and archery teams from Maylene, Ala.

"There will be dances inside, and archery demonstrations outside," Chemsak said. He added that children will especially like this 2 p.m. show which lasts about an hour and a half.

Both of the shows are free. For more information call the recreation center 876-4531. The center is open 1:30-10 p.m. daily.

Redstone represented in soccer tourney

Redstone youngsters will again be participating in the annual Junior Olympic Soccer Tournament Cup Division set for June 21-23.

Two teams in the tournament are to represent Redstone's Region 388 of the American Youth Soccer Organization. They are an under-12 team coached by Clay Harris and assistant coach Eugene Smith; and an under-14 team coached by Ramona Lafferty and assistant coach Angel Cuevas.

The winners from the tournament in Huntsville will play in Memphis, Aug. 1-4.

"We would like to invite everyone to come out and support our arsenal teams during this tournament," Lafferty said. The under-14s are to play on the Kiwanis Club field, at the corner of Bob Wallace Avenue and Jordan Lane, while the under-12s are to play at Brahan Springs off Drake Avenue.

Troop softball

Here are the troop softball standings as of June 10:

Eastern Conference		
Team	W	L
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4th Students	3	2
515th	3	2
95th	3	4
Meddac (1)	3	4
Marines (2)	2	4
C Company	2	4
5th Students	1	5
B Company (2)	1	6
BMD (dropped because of three forfeits)		
Western Conference		
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Marines (1)	7	0
B Company (1)	7	1
6th Students	4	1
291st MP	5	2
Meddac (2)	3	2
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Announcements

Bicycle found

A boy's 27-inch 10-speed bicycle black and green in color was found on the bicycle rack at building 3220. The owner may identify and claim the bicycle by contacting the Investigations Division in building 3649, telephone 876-2090/3449.

Reunion

Veterans of the battle of the Plei Me Special Forces Camp are invited to a 20th anniversary reunion in October. For information contact the Plei Me Society Reunion Committee, 1807 Gramercy Place, No. 3, Hollywood, Calif. 90028.

AUSA meeting

The annual general membership dinner meeting of the AUSA Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will be held June 25 at the Officers Club. This is the last meeting of the chapter year, new officers will be elected and Fort McClellan's 14th Army band will perform. A social is at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30. For reservations call Marie Petty, 876-1708, or Joyce Gardner, 895-3113, by June 24.

Officer orientation

There will be a mandatory orientation for all newly assigned officers June 27 from 8-10 a.m. in building 5250, room A241. All warrant officers and commissioned officers (O-1 through O-5) new to MICOM who have not been to a previous orientation are required to attend. For information call 876-4668.

NCO Wives

The NCO Wives Club will honor Marilyn Whiteford, wife of the new MICOM command sergeant major, with a tea on June 24 at 7 p.m. in the Redstone Room at the NCO Club. Everyone is welcome and members should contact Marlis Buckner, 882-9661, by June 20.

Officers installed

New officers installed by the NCO Wives Club are Stephana Williams, president; Marlis Buckner, vice president; Mary Moreillon, treasurer; Gisela Prince, recording secretary; Mary Compton, corresponding secretary; Ruth Bauchman, parliamentarian; Ute Good, Sandra Davis and Elizabeth Stengel, board members; Marilyn Whiteford, adviser; and Celia Bunyard, honorary president. During the 1984-85 club year the members were busy with many projects and donated approximately \$9,000 to charitable organizations and scholarships.

Parents group

Parents Without Partners is a support group for single parents who are coping with a new lifestyle. The next meeting is Thursday, June 20, at 7:30 p.m. at 3803 Lemley Place in Huntsville. For information call 882-0846.

Toastmasters

The Tennessee Valley Toastmasters meet on the first and third Thursday of each month. The next meeting will be June 20 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall on University Drive. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Thrift shop

Due to limited patronage, the Thrift Shop will no longer be open for sales on the first Saturday of the month. It will remain open during normal operating hours, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Employment program

The Family Member Employment Program for military family members is part of the one-stop employment center at civilian personnel building 7442. Office hours for the FMEP are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-2 p.m. Monday through Friday. As a reminder, the FMEP is not an employment service, but rather an information and referral service. For more information call 2nd Lt. Aaron Zook 876-2859 or James D. Bowne 876-9597/9598.

EEO counselors

Workers interested in serving as equal employment opportunity counselors are asked to apply by June 21 to the EEO office here. Equal employment opportunity counselors represent the commanding general in trying to resolve EEO complaints at the lowest level possible. In many cases counselors are able to resolve discrimination complaints before they become formal complaints. Interested workers should submit a disposition form through their supervisor to the EEO office, AMSMI-XQ. For more information call 876-3591.

Flea market

Thinking of a garage sale? You might try the MICOM Family Picnic's flea market, instead. For a \$2 per table fee, Army workers and their family members can sell items and keep the profits. The \$2 charge goes to the Civilian Welfare Fund. This flea market is part of the big picnic set for June 29 at the civilian recreation area. All reservations and fees are due by 3 p.m. June 21. For more information call Andrea Markwalter 876-8520/3673.

Logistics engineers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers (SOLE) will hold its regular business luncheon meeting on Friday, June 21, at the Officers Club. Featured speaker is William Du Bois from Vought Corporation. A social begins at 11:30 with a buffet-style lunch at noon. Cost is \$6. For reservations call Marty Martin 876-8166.

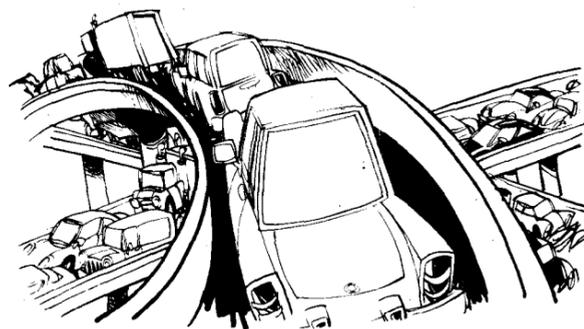
Hospital patients

Patients at Fox Army Community Hospital may have longer waiting times in the Emergency Room and Family Practice Clinics during the next several months, according to Capt. Harold McIntosh, chief of the clinical support division. The delay is due to the illness of a staff physician in the emergency room. This has resulted in the shifting of family practice physicians to the ER. Patients are asked to avoid using the ER for non-emergency problems at night, weekends and holidays.

Lost bracelet

A nine-inch, rope chain bracelet was lost in building 4488, third floor, A wing. If found please call Robert Nichols 876-5211.

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Carpool members wanted from Decatur to 4488, hours 7:45-4:15. Barbara Sullivan 876-7336.

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Carpool member wanted from Pulaski, Tenn., to OMMCS, hours 7:15-4. Roy Fosnight 876-6630.

Harvest

Carpool wanted from Harvest to 7613, hours flexible. Jean Killian 876-1023.

Sci-fi convention

The North Alabama Science Fiction Association will sponsor a convention (DeepSouthCon 23) on June 21-23 in the Carriage Inn. A number of activities are planned including panels, a banquet, speeches, films, an art show and auction, tournament games, and more. The convention starts about noon June 21 and will end about 6 p.m. June 23. Cost is \$20. For more information call Jack Lundy 876-9414/9415.

Lawn watering

To meet water needs, Redstone officials ask that family housing occupants only water their lawns on certain days this summer. Residents of odd-numbered family housing units are asked to water their lawns on odd-numbered days of the month. Residents of even-numbered units are asked to water theirs on the even days. Also watering should only be done if needed and should be done late in the afternoon for best results.

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1975 Cadillac Silver with red leather upholstery, 71,000 miles, \$2,000.00. Phone David 536-6689 after 5 p.m. 859-0474.

Accumulation Sale: Furniture, clothes, dishes, odds and ends. Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23. 830 Harrisburg Drive S.E., Huntsville, Alabama. 9:30 until 5:30 each day. Items \$1.00 and up.

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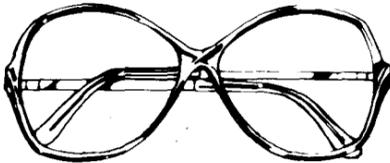
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