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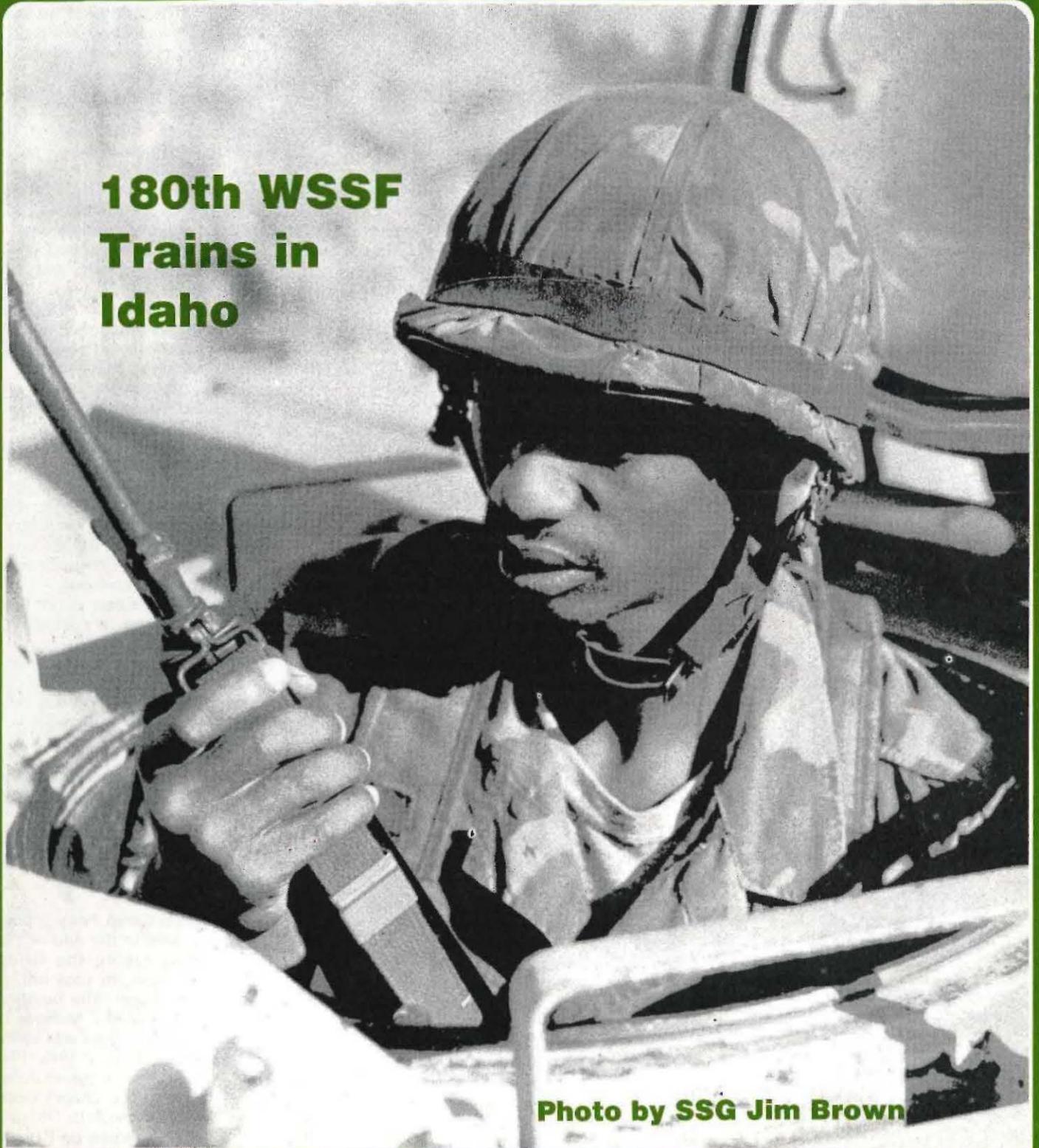


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Commentary

From the 16th Engineer Bde CO

'No Poor Squads — Only Poor Leaders'

Many soldiers hold the misconception that they should go directly to the "Old Man" be he company, battalion or brigade commander, to solve virtually any problem.

When soldiers are told to use their chain-of-command from squad leader up, they sometimes feel they are being unjustly harassed and denied their right of access to the commander.

Commanders must maintain open communications with all their soldiers, but at the same time, they must also use all the links in the chain-of-command. Many noncommissioned officers have reservations about the rather open, informal avenues of approach to commanders. No one can really say there is anything wrong with the idea behind open-door policy. The problem occurs when this activity is used to circumvent, and not supplement, the NCO responsibility in the chain-of-command.

We have instances where noncommissioned officers voice the complaint, they are losing their authority, but when the monkey is put on their back, they do not always accept the responsibilities that go with the stripes. The bottom line leader must do his job, and we officers must give him the authority to do it. The stripes a sergeant wears are a highly visible mark of recognition showing that the National Guard thinks the wearer is a skilled professional and a capable leader. His rank also indicates he is presumably more qualified than the others in his squad, tank or section.

If we must win the first battle of the next war against an enemy who will vastly outnumber us, and, if present trends continue, will have more and far better equipment than we have, then we must at least be better trained and led than he is.

We can't win with absolutely nothing going for us. We must have excellence

From The State Chaplain

Worship At Camp Perry

If you performed AT or just visited Camp Perry this past summer you noticed a new look. Camp Perry is rapidly becoming a show place on the shores of Lake Erie. The grass is mowed neatly, trees and shrubs trimmed expertly, it sports new sidewalks and flower beds, a beautiful beach, tennis and basketball courts, a new bridge extending out to the dock and new buildings. Really, Camp Perry is a delightful setting for families during AT or vacation.

and professionalism at the *small unit level*. If we revert to amateurish policies, we will be again pushing a wet noodle by neglecting the NCO who must train and command the doers.

The underpinnings of NCO authority and prestige must be bolstered at the troop unit level where most sergeants do their work. Everyone likes to be trusted, especially sergeants who know they can do a good job. It is the NCO who enforces discipline and sees that orders are carried out properly. NCO leadership lies at the heart of National Guard performance and reliability.

Officers and noncommissioned officers fall into a very large category we can call the National Guards' "general leadership group". Noncommissioned officers are a part of the command and supervisory echelon.

By virtue of organizational size and distance, commanders are limited in the extent they can personally influence the actions of subordinates. They must depend upon junior officers and NCO's to mold and pursue day-to-day actions and attitudes. These people must have a clear-cut line of command and control.

If we took all the characteristics of leaders that have been identified by the writers and thinkers up to this time, we would have a substantial sized list. Every list is slightly different, but there's one thing every leader (officer or noncommissioned officer) has in common — followers. The title, the position, is not the indication of leadership. It's whether anyone is following.

So, NCOs, whether your squad, tank, section or platoon is excellent, good, or poor is largely dependent upon you the leader, for there are no poor squads, only poor leaders.

DAVID W. WAYT
Brigadier General

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Rivals

BY SP4 JERRY TUBBS

2/174th ADA

The rivalry got almost as hot as the turrets as four batteries of the 2nd Bn, 174th Air Defense Artillery competed during Annual Training, at Camp Perry.

Batteries A, B, C and D compete for the Best Firing Battery Award.

Battery D took the award in a ceremony held on the last day of summer camp.

SFC Clarence Farley, Battery D's acting first sergeant, attributed the victory to "just downright effort by every man in the battery." He continued, "I would say we have super NCOs. Whatever you ask these people to do, they get the job done."

Battery D 1SG Frank Stevens agreed. "The men like to compete. The more competition, the better they like it," he said on the first day of firing. "We've taken seven Best Firing Battery Awards since the battalion was formed in 1959."

Battery C painted the words "black sheep" — the unit's symbol — on at least one sleeve, which trails a miniature plane, each day. "I don't know if that bothers the other batteries or not," Cupp quipped.

Sixteen M-42 "dusters" fired 18,000 rounds during the week. Every "duster" has several crews, each consisting of a gunner, two cannoneers, a lead-setter (who runs the computer), a safety NCO and a line-of-metal officer (who supervises the safety NCO).

Each crew member has his own job, but he is also cross-trained to do every other job, according to Stevens. It is a requirement to rotate the crews, but, "We also try to rotate every man within a crew," he said. "Every man in the battery should be able to operate that gun."

Rockets launched miniature planes from catapults from zero to 80 mph in 0.6 seconds. Being one-third the size, they simulate enemy aircraft by flying at one-third the speed.

Each miniature, including electronics equipment, costs \$18,000. A J-1 control uses signals from the 210th ADA Detachment to operate the plane. Servomotors move the elevators, which send the aircraft up or down, and flaps, which increase lift or drag. The aircraft also has a gyroscope and receiver.

Sleeves, each towed by a radio-controlled plane, bore the attack of the 40mm automatic guns. A counter on each sleeve recorded the number of hits and misses. Each "duster" fired as the target came into its airspace.

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My Day as a POW

BY SGT SCOTT BLOCH

1/166th Inf Bn, Spt Co.

The deer flies danced on my fingertips. The sweat bees were reveling at the beads of perspiration running down my blindfolded face. When I tried to loosen my hands from their leather bonds, a foot came down on my wrists. An unseen voice said, "Nice try!" Another voice said, "Don't try to escape or I'll break your hands!" I was more than convinced that this war game was all too real. I had been captured by a recon squad of the 101st Airborne Division.

My mistake came when I slowed down for someone who, I thought, looked like a member of our scout platoon. However, as I geared down to a crawl, an eight-man squad jumped on my jeep, told me I was a prisoner, and must drive where they instructed me.

As I was driving them back to their camp I thought of different ways to escape. I could keep driving and not stop where they tell me. Or, I could weave all over the sandy road, hoping to throw off those in the back. I pointed out an oil pressure gauge that read zero; but no one paid any attention to my plea. I think what kept me from playing "John Wayne" or driving like a "Parnelli Jones" was the fact that an M-16 was pointed at the back of my head, and a .45 was poked in my side.

Once at their camp, I was searched for information. My field jacket was removed and my shirt was searched. I was instructed to lie spread-eagle on the ground. A blindfold replaced my glasses. My hands were tied behind my back. The thick leather shoe lace they used went around my thumbs and forefinger and then around my wrists. A sharp pain began immediately in my shoulders. As I wriggled on the ground trying to find a comfortable position, I managed to free a thumb. After the foot came down on my hand and I was given a warning about escaping, another voice said, "the last guy who tried to escape wound up with a couple of broken fingers."

I was then told to lie perfectly still while they moved their 2½ ton truck. I could hear the squealing of the brakes and the vibrations from the truck as it passed by my head. I thought they just might try to back the truck up, missing me, of course, just for fun. But they didn't.



All the time I was with them, they kept firing questions at me: "Where was I going? Where did I just come from? Why was I driving on this road? Who did I drive for? Where is the location of your unit?" To these questions I had no answers. My captors did assure me that this was a necessary 'game'. They told me that I would be transferred from their camp to a POW camp somewhere on the other side of Camp Grayling. They would either dispose of my jeep, or simply use it for themselves. During the times they weren't grilling me for information, I pleaded with them to move me into the shade or at least prop me up against something. I was told at these times to keep my mouth shut or else they would shut it for me.

Suddenly, without any warning, I was pushed into a sitting position. I thought they were going to get me ready for transfer to the POW camp. But, with some reluctance by my captors, my blindfold was taken off, and my hands set free. I stumbled around at first. The sunlight made me disoriented until I was able to find my glasses. I then checked my jeep to make sure everything was there. Yellow POW tags were attached to just about everything in the jeep.

They told me I played the game well. I didn't give them any information and they said that was good. Once they pulled away, I waited until they were out of sight before I got back into my jeep. I wanted to make sure that they wouldn't backtrack and follow me to my company. Satisfied that no one was following, I pulled my jeep out of their camp and headed back to the company.

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He Was Dead on Arrival . . . But!

BY CAPT. THOMAS CHUPKA

196th P.A.D.

Yes, that's what the news media reported. Ron Bruce of Westerville, Ohio, had died while being rushed to the hospital following a 60 mph, head-on collision between his motorcycle and a white Corvette. A witness had called an ambulance which arrived only minutes later, but there was little they were equipped to do. They set his broken leg and gave him a shot for the pain, but Ron also had several other broken bones . . . severe internal bleeding from a ruptured spleen . . . and serious head injuries. Too much needed to be done that the ambulance crew were not equipped to handle. Ron needed a doctor. He needed surgery, and he needed a lot of blood. The ambulance would never be able to get Ron to a hospital in time.

Ron had been near death once before. It was in Vietnam. Now, slipping back and forth from consciousness he remembered the red smoke. It was the signal they used in Nam to mark enemy positions for the air strikes. When pilots saw red smoke, they knew exactly where to hit. One day, it didn't work that way.

Ron was 19 then. He had joined the Marines right after graduation and was sent to Nam as a machine gunner. He hadn't been there long when a string of ironic and dangerous events began to unfold.

He was guarding the landing zone as ordered when he and several of his buddies noticed a grass fire in the area. Before they could do anything to control it, the fire reached a storage area and set off some ammunition including . . . red smoke. Almost instantly, as Ron remembers, our fighter pilots were dropping their bombs everywhere. The last one Ron remembers threw him forty feet into a trash dump leaving him with serious shrapnel wounds in the neck.

When Ron woke up, he was on an Army medicopter being evacuated to a nearby hospital. Soon he was told he would be sent to a larger hospital in Hawaii where he could receive more complete care. Under normal circumstances that probably would have sounded great. Now, he felt so terrible he didn't care what they did. He was just glad that the worst was over. That's what he thought . . . but it wasn't going to be that easy.

Sometime that night Ron's temperature started to rise drastically. At first the doctors thought it was due to his wounds, but tests soon showed that was not the cause. Ron had come down with malaria. That's right . . . first he was mistakenly wounded by friendly forces, and now, malaria on top of it. Mercifully Ron was delirious most of the time and didn't



FEET ON THE GROUND — Ron Bruce, a Westerville, Ohio resident, leaves his helicopter after training at Camp Grayling. Ron belongs to the 73d Infantry Brigade (Sep) Aviation Section, as a result of the Aviation Section members saving his life. (PHOTO BY CAPT. TOM CHUPKA)

immediately realize how very serious his condition was.

By the time Ron was put on the evacuation plane for Hawaii his temperature had reached 106.2 F. When the plane landed to refuel in the Phillipines his temperature had reached 106.5 F. It was clear that he wouldn't make it to the hospital in Hawaii if his temperature was not brought down . . . fast. He was taken off the plane and moved to a nearby hospital in the Phillipines. There he would remain for the next several weeks.

Nearly two weeks after he arrived, Ron was starting to feel better. His wounds were healing, and the treatments he had been getting for the malaria were taking effect. Tomorrow he was going to be allowed to try to get out of bed. It would be the first time he had been out of bed in nearly a month. He was looking forward to it. But that night luck was going to deal Ron Bruce another strange blow.

It was three o'clock in the morning and everything was quiet. He was sleeping more soundly than he had in a long time. All of a sudden someone was shaking his bed. Groggily he called out, "What do you want . . . what is it?" As his eyes opened, he saw that no one was near him, but the lights were blinking off and on. "What's going on?" he thought.

Then he realized that it was an earthquake.

Ron could see out the window. He watched it all with amazement. Mounds of earth being pushed up where none had been before . . . large cracks appearing, then seeming to close and reseal themselves . . . and a truck driver barely stopping in time to avoid an instantly made crevice. Inside, plaster was falling everywhere. He watched the hanging light fixtures swinging wildly and heard things breaking in the distance. Strangely, no one said a word. Then . . . it was over.

The next day Ron did get up, after they had cleaned up the room a little. Luckily, no one had been seriously hurt, at least no one in the hospital. Reports indicated it had been a fairly strong quake. While Ron could not remember being afraid during the quake, he was not sorry when word came down that he soon would be leaving the Phillipines. It seems his original orders had never been amended, and he would have to go to Hawaii after all, before returning to duty. Tough break, but he was sure he could handle it.

Ron did return to duty in a few weeks, and the remainder of his tour as a

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Cadets Attend Camp

BY CADET KEVIN P. McLINN

196th P.A.D.

He was given the opportunity to aggressively lead his troops into battle, quickly rappel down the side of a 60-foot tower, correctly identify various Soviet weapon systems, and timidly enter the bivouac queen contest.

For six weeks, cadets across the United States, including many Ohio National Guard members involved with the Simultaneous Membership Program, were given the chance to develop and demonstrate their leadership capabilities while attending ROTC advanced camp at Fort Lewis, Washington, this summer.

Under the theme, "Preparation For Leadership", the cadets found it easy to maintain a high level of motivation while facing the mental and physical challenges designed to test their intelligence, endurance, imagination, and common sense.

Camp, however, was not all fun and games.

The cadets received training in the use of different weapons including mines, mortars, grenades, machine guns, and antitank missiles. They gained experience in various military skills such as first aid, communications, nuclear, biological and chemical warfare, and land navigation.

There was a great deal of emphasis placed on squad and platoon level tactics. The cadets spent many hours in the field conducting attacks, patrols, movements, and defenses with camp culminating with a 60-hour problem.

Since the main purpose of the camp was to determine what kind of leader each cadet will make, they were followed by regular Army evaluators the entire six weeks. Practically every day each cadet stood a good chance of holding either a squad, platoon, or company level leadership position.

The professors of military science at the schools each cadet came from will receive an evaluation report explaining how well the cadet did.

The performance of the cadet at this camp will help determine what type of commission he or she will receive.



TOP OF THE CHARTS — Sgt. John McLeese (L), and SSgt. James Yackey chart weather information from teletype machines and ground observations during support of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (SEP) training operations at Camp Grayling, MI. (PHOTO BY SSGT. KEN WHITE)

Air Guard Weather Team Supports Army

BY SSGT. STEVE JABLONSKI

196th P.A.D.

While aircraft, radar systems, and sophisticated weaponry are thought of as the basic tools of the trade of the Ohio Air National Guard, a group of Mansfield-area Guardsmen used such unlikely tools as sling psychrometers and satellite cloud images to accomplish their Annual Training mission at Camp Grayling, MI.

The 164th Weather Flight, based at Mansfield's Lahm Airport, was assigned to AT with the 73rd Infantry Brigade (SEP) to provide up-to-date weather information for the brigade's aviators and ground commanders. While accurate forecasts are essential to flyers, they also assisted the ground commanders in

planning their daily training schedules.

Lieutenant Colonel Walter Bauer, the unit commander, said the weather information and forecasts were compiled and prepared on a regular schedule. The forecasts were put together by interpreting information from sophisticated military and civilian weather teletypes and map-making machines, along with instrument readings taken by unit members at Grayling Army Airfield and nearby helipads.

According to Lt. Col. Bauer, the flight's operations center contained most of the advanced equipment found in civilian weather stations, including machines for reproducing satellite cloud images. Just about the only equipment not available to the Air Guardsmen was a radar system.

Nuclear Shipment Bill Passed By Ohio Legislature

Shippers of large quantities of nuclear Material in Ohio will now be required to notify the director of the State Disaster Services Agency (DSA) at least 48 hours before the material reaches Ohio as a result of the recent

passage of House Bill 208 by the Ohio Legislature in June.

"The act became law immediately due to emergency provisions when passed by the Ohio Legislature because frequent shipments of high-

level nuclear waste are being routed near several of Ohio's major population areas; and to insure public health and safety," stated Colonel James R. Williams, Nuclear Preparedness Officer for Ohio Disaster Services.



An injured runner is assisted by TSgt. Keith Lovejoy of the 179th TAC Clinic and a TES volunteer. (PHOTO BY 179TH TAC)

Special Kids Enjoy Olympics

BY LT. COL. JACK B. ARLEN

179th TAC, Airlift Grp.

Medical personnel of the Ohio Air National Guard played an active and busy role in the 12th Annual Special Olympics held at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

The State Special Olympics is a three day track and field meet for mentally retarded and handicapped children. Children qualified for the state meet by winning their events at area meets held throughout the state.

This was the fifth year that the Air National Guard has provided the on site medical care and emergency treatment for the Olympics.

Over 2,500 participants, plus 2,500

coaches, volunteers and chaperones, make this the largest event of its kind in the country. Providing all the emergency medical care for the event were members of the Air National Guard medical units.

During the three day event the Guard members treated 211 patients for such things as cuts, bruises, abrasions, sprains, heat exhaustion, seizures, fractures and insulin shock. Three ambulances were kept busy bringing the patients to the football field visiting team locker room where medical headquarters was located during the event. Medical teams also worked on the site of the various events including the bowling alley, gym, the river, soccer field, and along a five-mile run.

Upton Saves Woman's Life

BY SFC STAN FLAUGHER

Ohio Area Command

On June 3, 1980, Sergeant James M. Upton, 27, of Senecaville, was awarded Ohio's second highest award, the Ohio Distinguished Service Medal with a "V" device for valor. The most important reward Sgt. Upton received, however, was the gratitude of a very fortunate woman.

On wintry March 4, 1977, Sgt. Upton, who is a member of the 174th Air Defense Artillery, Cambridge, was waiting in the lunch line during his weekend drill. He did not know he was about to save the life of a person he had never met.

A car driven by Marlene (Penworthy)

Hill of Cambridge crashed through the ice and began to sink in the frigid water of City Park Lake. The water pressure had trapped the woman in the car. Luckily, the scene was in view of the armory.

Without hesitating, Sgt. Upton ran to the scene, tore off some of his clothing and plunged into the lake. As calmly and quickly as he could, Sgt. Upton brought the lady's head above the water.

The local police and emergency squad arrived as they surfaced. Both were checked and rushed to the hospital.

Because of his meritorious actions, Sgt. Upton earned a place of honor among the heroes of the Ohio National Guard and certainly gained the right to wear his medal proudly.

Most patients were treated and released at the main medical facility. Five of the more serious injuries were transported to the Ohio State University Hospital. The ANG medics were also assisted by eight teenagers, members of the unit Youth Emergency Service (YES), associated with the Red Cross. These volunteers handled minor cuts and abrasions, called the ANG medics when medical treatment was needed, and helped transport patients to the medics. A registered nurse with this group evidently liked what she saw. The following weekend she enlisted with the Mansfield unit.

The Guardmembers provided a needed service at the state Special Olympics. In return, the soldiers receive superb on-the-job training in handling emergency situations. This training is realistic and comes at a furious rate. The main injury is heat exhaustion and the medics go through much ice, water and towels in treating these patients.

Working at the Special Olympics is nothing new for the 179th. For the past five years members of Mansfield's Chapter 23 of the Air National Guard NCO Academy Graduates Association have assisted at the Area Five Special Olympics.

Correction!

I am sincerely sorry that when I published the story written by STAFF SERGEANT ROLAND SOUTHARD, Pg. 11, Aug. issue, "213th Meets the Challenge", I had the wrong name on the story. Please forgive me SSgt. Southard. You did a great job!

Peacetime Registration

There has been a number of phone calls received by the Adjutant General's Dept., asking whether members of the Ohio National Guard have to register for peacetime Selective Service Registration.

The answer is yes! All male members of the Ohio National Guard, both Army and Air, born in 1960 and 1961 must register at their nearest United States Post Office as soon as possible.

Many members of the Guard thought that they were already registered. According to Section 6A of the Military Selective Service Act, Guard members are not exempt from registration. This is due to a list in Section 6A giving all exempt citizens. Since the Guard or Reserves were not on that list, we must register.

For further information you may call the toll free number 1-800-282-7310 for 1st Lt. Victor Dubina or SSgt. Nancy Clevenger.



The Ohio National Guard has once again participated in honoring the Veterans throughout Ohio by holding the Veterans Day ceremonies at the Ohio State Fair.

This year the Guard had a mobile museum on display depicting memorabilia and military uniforms from different eras. They also gave out balloons to the children and had an ambulance display and military police on hand from HHC, 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep).

The 555th Air Force Band played patriotic music throughout the day.

Mr. E. P. Ritsman and Mr. Richard Morgan were presented plaques by Brigadier General James M. Abraham for their participation in ceremonies. This is the fourth year that these two men have supported the Ohio National Guard with this program honoring all veterans.

From left to right are BG James M. Abraham, E. P. Ritsman and Richard Morgan saluting our nation's flag as the 555th Air Force Band (in background) plays the National Anthem at the Ohio State Fair. (PHOTO BY SP4 RICK LEWIS)

He Was Dead On Arrival . . . But!

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Marine was relatively uneventful. Ron liked it that way. When his enlistment was up, Ron left the military and returned to his home in Sunbury, Ohio. He got married, had a family and seldom thought of his military exploits or his brush with death.

Now, as Ron lies on the side of the road, all those experiences seem very long ago. The ambulance personnel try to keep him conscious, but he keeps passing out from shock and loss of blood. He knows he is seriously hurt, but can't think clearly about anything. Sometimes he thinks he hears the sound of a helicopter, but, half conscious, thinks he's back in Vietnam again.

What Ron soon will find out, and what will later change his life, is that he is not dreaming. The helicopter he thinks he

hears is an Ohio National Guard medicopter flown by members of the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Sep) Aviation Section. Some phone company linemen had seen Ron's accident and had called for the emergency air rescue. Luckily for Ron, the Guard copter already was in the air returning from another mission. It arrived only moments after the ambulance.

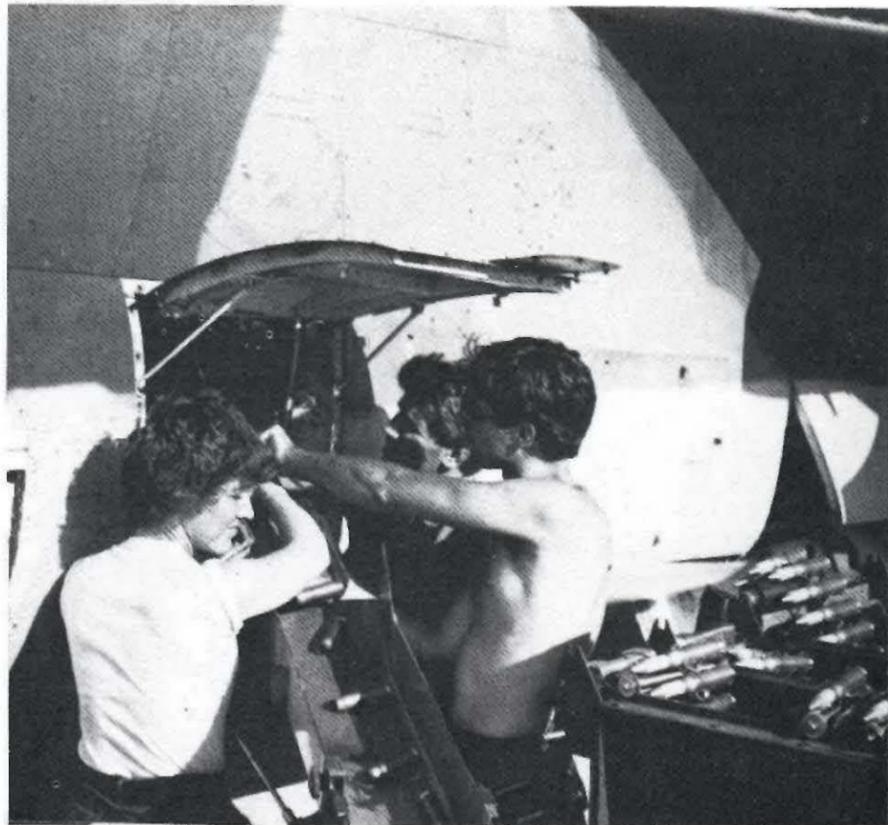
The experienced Guard medics care for Ron quickly, and soon he is in the air heading for the hospital. During the short flight, emergency treatment continues, and Ron is given three pints of blood plasma. He has lost a lot of blood and is very weak.

Again, Ron is in for a long hospital stay, and again, it has been a military medicopter that has saved his life. Ron

promises himself that, when he is able, he will thank each member of the helicopter flight crew personally.

Now fully recovered, Ron has done much more than that. He has joined their team. After being out of the military for over four years, Ron decided to join the Ohio Guard in, what else, the Aviation Section of the 73rd, so that he might be able to help other people the way he has been helped.

He first learned to be a helicopter mechanic. Now a sergeant, Ron Bruce has been promoted to crew chief. Ron insists that flying with the Guard is not only fun, it's rewarding. As he says, "When you fly with a Guard helicopter, your mission often involves helping people, or sometimes, saving lives." And Ron should know.



THE LADY AND THE FIGHTER — The lady is Lisa McDaniel, a weapons loader with the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard. The fighter is an A-7D Corsair II returning from a close air support training mission on the big island of Hawaii. Lisa is extracting spent 20MM shell casings from the gatling gun. The 121st performed its annual training at Barbers Point Naval Air Station, Oahu, Hawaii. (PHOTO BY MAJ. STEVE KOPER)

Weapons Loader

War Games For Whitehall Gal

BY MAJ. STEPHEN M. KOPER

121st TAC. FTR. Wing

Lisa McDaniel of Whitehall is a legal secretary for Columbus attorney, Louis Bernard LaCour. Well, most of the time anyway. Lisa has recently returned from two weeks of training with the Ohio Air National Guard at Barbers Point Naval Air Station, Oahu, Hawaii. She is a member of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

This 1976 graduate of Whitehall Yearling High School wanted no part of a desk job when she joined the Air Guard. It's not surprising then that Lisa is a weapons loader with the 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Her job is to load the various armaments aboard the A-7D Corsair II fighters flown by the 121st.

The 121st TFW deployed to Hawaii in support of Exercise Cope Elite. The unit mission was to support elements of the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division during their field training exercise on the big island of Hawaii. This was Lisa's first Annual Training deployment for she has

only been a member of the unit for a little over one year.

She was attracted to the Air Guard because of the Ohio Guard's Tuition Scholarship Program, a cash enlistment bonus and a lifelong fascination with the military. Using the tuition program Lisa has finished her first tri-mester at Franklin University, studying business administration.

Asked how she liked Hawaii, Lisa said, "Waikiki is super-nice. I wish I could bring the weather back to Ohio."

Her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. McDaniel are employees of the Defense Construction Supply Center (DCSC) in Columbus. They can be very proud of their daughter, legal secretary and Air Guardsman.

Results of Weapon Sales

In the last issue of BUCKEYE GUARD an announcement was made to sell used weapons. The total number of applications far exceeded the number of weapons available. Due to this a drawing will be held to determine purchasers. Separate letters will be forwarded in the near future announcing prices and the drawing date.

Water — A Precious Liquid

BY SP4 ROD DOUGLAS

612th Engr. Bn.

Water is a precious liquid that is all too often taken for granted. It makes up a high percentage of the human body, sustains plant, animal and human life and water provides us with sports such as fishing, boating and swimming. We could not survive without this remarkable substance.

During emergency situations in a community, the Ohio National Guard can provide safe drinking water. The system used is the same as during a combat situation. The service, provided by the men of the 612th Engineer Battalion Water Purification unit, can save the lives of many people during a natural disaster. The unit did provide water after the Xenia tornado about six years ago.

According to Staff Sergeant Jim Hardy, water foreman, "I drink our water all the time and I like it better than city water."

Jim explained that a hose is first placed in a water source, such as a stream, creek, pond, river or lake. A flotation device is attached to the hose in order to keep it from touching the bottom of the water source. This keeps the intake free of weeds and other undesirable items. A device called a raw water pump then sucks the water from the source and pumps it into the erdlator, which mixes the chemicals. The chemicals rid the water of bacteria and other minute particles. The water then enters a holding tank where it is forced through a filter and checked for quality.

The Ph and the chlorine content are checked with a color comparator set. The color comparator is a small plastic object about the size of a small camera. Samples of the purified water are drawn, along with samples from the raw source. From this unique device, a water team can determine if the water is safe to drink.

SSgt. Jim Hardy, the foreman, works fulltime as a design draftsman for Toledo Edison. SSgt. Hardy feels that his job in the Guard is extremely important. Other water purification team members are: Sgt. Dennis Hunt, PFC Bill Young, PFC Chuck Hybarger, and Privates Robert and Steven Taylor.

612th Pride is Overflowing

BY SSGT. J. C. MURPHY

612th Engr. Bn.

For the past two years the 612th Engineer Battalion, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Richard F. Mueller, has been over 100 percent strength. Lt. Col. Mueller started his career as an enlisted man with the 107th Armored Cavalry.

How does a Battalion with companies in Toledo, Sandusky, Fremont, and Norwalk stay over 100 percent strength? Through an extensive recruiting and retention program, which includes the requirements the Adjutant General has set down to ensure that all companies are responsible for and have people to recruit and retain members of the National Guard. Help also comes from Active Duty National Guard recruiter SFC Robert Evener, Station Manager, and his staff, who help the unit recruiters with interviews and questions that may come up.

But the unit recruiters are the real workers! They pick up on the leads that are given to them, process those personnel for testing, physicals and all the required paper work needed to enlist in the Guard. Other ways in which the 612th persuaded the public to join the Guard is by putting displays at the different shopping malls, county fairs, and through local news media. Many times

these displays and interviews are done on the unit recruiter's own time.

If a company comes close to going under 100 percent strength, Lt. Col. Mueller requires the company commanders to call him and explain WHY. But Lt. Col. Mueller hasn't had to make many of those calls in the past two years.

Organized and Federally recognized in May 1952, the 612th Engineers were originally known as Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 107th Armored Cavalry, at Toledo. On September 1, 1959 it was reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Reconnaissance Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry. It was redesignated once more again in February 1968 as Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, of the 107th Armored Cavalry. Finally it was converted and redesignated on May 1, 1968 as it is known today; Headquarters, 612th Engineer Battalion.

Honors for the Battalion come from mostly its line companies who saw service in World War II. Company B was the Eisenhower Trophy winner in 1971 and is presently the State Pistol Champions. Another winner of the Eisenhower Trophy is Company A, who won the honor this past year.

The 612th is one of the many units in the State of Ohio who saw duty during the Blizzard of '78 and has participated in many community projects throughout northwestern and southern Ohio. The most recent project in which the 612th has participated, is the bridge construction at Camp Perry, this past year during Annual Training.

By now you must be asking yourself; how does the 612th accomplish all this? Now you're telling yourself, other units within the State of Ohio do the same, but have these units been over 100 percent the past two years?

Retention isn't much of a problem either at the 612th, as the people enjoy their work regardless of what the project is, weather conditions prevailing, or any other problems that may occur. Lt. Col. Mueller is proud of the job that his men and women do and he knows that he can count on them any time they are needed.

Being in Toledo may not be much to others, but to Lt. Col. Mueller and the Battalion it is! The people of Toledo and the State of Ohio know that they can 'Sleep Well Tonight' and all the time, because the 612th Engineers and the Ohio National Guard are on duty.

'Ack-Ack Guns'

Dusters Meet the Challenge

BY SP4 CHARLES TRITT

196th P.A.D.

Few things last forever, but the M-42 Duster just might. The Duster was first used in World War II, and veterans remember them as pom-pom or ack-ack guns. The Ohio National Guard received its first Duster in 1956.

Originally designed as an anti-aircraft weapon, the Duster was slated to be phased out of the Army's arsenal until it proved effective as a convoy escort during the Vietnam War. The Duster is a completely mobile device that looks much like a small tank. Armed with a twin 40-mm automatic gun and a U.S. 30 Cal. machine gun the Duster carries a crew of five. It weighs 49,500 pounds fully loaded and has a cruising speed of 25 miles per hour.

The Duster now serves two roles in the Army. It is used to protect bridges, airfields and other small but important targets from air attack. As a convoy escort, the Dusters protect truck convoys from air & infantry ground attack. The Duster's hard hitting 40mm shells

can penetrate armored personnel carriers and destroy wheeled vehicles.

A good Duster crew can destroy air and ground targets just as effectively as a crew operating the newer Vulcan gun, according to Major David Hartley of the 2/174th Air Defense Artillery. The 2/174th is the Ohio National Guard unit that man the Dusters. The Vulcan is the modern equivalent of the Duster. It is a 20-mm weapon, so its shells are not as hard hitting as the Duster's shells. However, the Vulcan can fire nearly 1000 rounds per minute, while the Duster's maximum rate of fire is only 240 rounds per minute. The Duster also stands higher than the Vulcan making it a larger target for the enemy.

Although most of the companies that manufactured the original Dusters are now out of business, maintenance is not a problem for the 2/174th. The Duster is a fairly simple weapon and is easy to maintain. Parts that are no longer available are fabricated as they are needed,

according to Hartley.

The 2/174th is only able to practice once a year, during annual training, because of the size of their weapons. The troops spend the first week of training at Camp Atterbury firing at ground targets and the second week at Camp Perry firing at aerial targets. During the rest of the year the unit members work on individual skills and maintaining their equipment.

On the first day of training this year at Camp Perry, the gunners of the 2/174th impressed score keeper Angelo Crestani. Crestani, a field engineer for Cartwright Engineering, travels around the country each summer keeping track of the number of shells that pass within 30 feet of the radio controlled targets used by anti-aircraft units. He said that each gun crew of the 2/174th averaged one hit per target pass which was unusually good for the first day of practice.

Eliminated by Enemy Fire

180th W.S.S.F. Trains in Idaho Desert



YOUR DEFENSE — 180th W.S.S.F. crew members receiving instructions on Army Tank capabilities. (PHOTO BY SSGT. JIM BROWN)

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180th W.S.S.F.

During July the 180th Weapons System Security Flight flew to Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. Thirty-six troops, with full gear boarded a C-130 for the six hour flight. Along for the training mission were two unit clerks, two small arms training people, a nurse and myself, the photographer.

On our arrival a briefing was given by Capt. Brian Mohr, the unit nurse, about rattlesnakes and heat effects on Ohio troops in the desert.

At 0530 hours barracks 214 came alive with the troops dressing, loading ammo, issuing smoke grenades, 40mm air bursts, hand held ground bursts, and an array of protective equipment. Outside you could hear the engines of the trucks and jeeps warming up, in anticipation of the first day's mission.

Above all the noise, I heard "fall out" and within moments the entire flight was in formation with weapons, full combat load and camouflaged suits. 1st. Lt. Tony Clymer told them today's mission was to convoy by truck and jeep out to sector Delta One, about five miles into the desert, and post distant support sentries. It seemed like an easy enough thing to do.

A ride through the countryside on a nice sunny day, but there were no smiles and very little talk as we went into the desolated area.

I kept hearing one word over and over, "ambush". Spread the vehicles out — was signaled from one vehicle to another. The terrain was ideal for an enemy ambush. Minutes later there was automatic gun fire, explosions, and the shouting of team leaders directing their fire teams to counter the ambush. A third of the Flight was eliminated by the first three 40mm rounds, but the enemy could not redirect its fire fast enough to do any more damage. The remaining team leaders moved their teams so rapidly up the side of the plateau, to the enemies position, that they overran it before the cover smoke had cleared. It was an impressive recovery from what appeared to be total elimination. Immediately a critique was given and mistakes reviewed and corrected.

At the days end, I was totally smothered by the terminology and what I thought was the job of the W.S.S.F. SSGt. Karl Ehrhardt explained that the first week would be spent training on the

principle and concepts of ground defense; the three component system — warning, tactical defense and offensive reaction. The convoy was only a method of putting sentries a few miles out from the base perimeter for early warning of possible attack, but as we saw that day, ambushes can happen just getting out there so they must know counter-ambush techniques.

TSgt. Douglas Witty, Bravo Flight Chief added, "This type of training is not new to the 180th W.S.S.F. We have been training squad configurations for three years and have run several joint exercises with the Army and are presently structuring another joint exercise."

The next mission I went on was an offensive reaction mission. It was so realistic I had to keep reminding myself it was not real. As we pulled out, the W.S.S.F. was loaded in armored personnel carriers and supported by U.S. Army M-60 tanks. We moved quickly across the desert to confront any enemy ground force before it could reach the base perimeter. At a designated location the tanks and A.P.C.s maneuvered into position and the troop swiftly deployed and set-up a blocking force and moved through a simulated enemy position.

Just when I thought I understood the tactics, 1st. Lt. Clymer and MSgt. Jeff Drake moved the operations up into the mountains above Idaho City, and the tactics changed once again.

Once we arrived at Bear Run Mountain the troops split up and one Flight was pitted against the other. Allowing ample time for Alpha Flight to move a mile ahead and dig in, Bravo Flight went to seek and destroy. The men camouflaged themselves in pine boughs, leaves and twigs; one man even had a bird's nest on his helmet. It seemed everybody was shooting everybody — with blanks — and I expected to be eliminated too. I think I was the only "survivor" of that war. We had a "picnic" of "C" rations.

The training did not end in the mountains. During the second week of training qualification exercises were held on the rifle range by TSgt Tom Van Buren and SSGt. Don Link. Classes were conducted by SMSgt. Robert Drake in chemical warfare and flight line security. The troops established an honor guard and participated in three military funerals during the two weeks.

The Annual Training was a complete success, even though we didn't see any rattlesnakes, and the troops have agreed that they would like a return engagement next year.

Ohio's 'Best' Brigade Pathfinders Train With 101st Airborne

BY SSGT DAVIDA MATTHEWS

237th Spt. Bn. (Admin)

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OHIO'S BEST — (L. to R. Top to Bottom) SGT Lama; SSGt. Franklin Keels; SGT Dave West; SSGt. PFC Steven W. Valentine; SRA Howard D. Cutler; SGT Alfred H. Raymond; SSGt. Michael J. Bergerding; SSGt. Durham; SRA Daniel A. Losek; SGT Emma J. Crowder; PFC Cheryl Meeker. (PHOTO BY SSGT. NANCY CLEVINGER)

BY SSGT NANCY CLEVINGER

HHC, 73d Inf Bde (Sep)

While the rest of us were working hard at our regular jobs the above group of very special people were off enjoying a week's vacation at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The group I am talking about are the top soldiers and airmen in the Ohio National Guard. The Outstanding Guardsmember Program, instituted by Major General James C. Clem, gives the unit commanders a chance to recognize the E-1 thru E-5 Guard member that has the best military bearing and performs all military functions to the best of his or her ability, to be honored as The Outstanding Guardsmember for the Year. The grand prize is a week's vacation at Camp Perry.

They are given a motel or cabin free of charge to accommodate all their family members, tickets to Cedar Point, and five days state active duty pay.

Each Outstanding Guardsmember had to participate in a daily morning class on

subjects designed to increase their leadership abilities. Their afternoons and evenings were free to spend with their families. The weather was extremely nice for the entire week and they spent a lot of their time at the beach, golfing or on the tennis courts.

At the end of the week Maj. Gen. James C. Clem, Adjutant General, came to spend a few hours to discuss with them the problems and/or benefits they have experienced in the Guard. At the end of his visit he presented diplomas to all.

One of the Outstanding Guardsmembers, SSGt. Charles Gambill, is a member of the 160th Air Refueling Group, a high school teacher in Pickerington, and works on the Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants team (POLs). He said he has been in the Guard for 9½ years. SSGt. Gambill said his unit is at 103 percent strength now and he feels there is very good leadership in the unit. Out of 21 in the unit five of them have graduated from the NCO Academy. Gambill said, "Everyone

in our unit knows their job, what they have to do, and then does it."

PFC Cheryl Meeker, HHC, 112th Medical Brigade, is another very special person selected as an Outstanding Guardsmember. She is a secretary for Columbus Paper and Copy Supply in her civilian occupation and works as an administration specialist for the 112th Med Bde. When asked if she has ever had a problem with harassment from the men in her unit she replied, "I have never had a problem. The men notice how you want to be treated and then treat you accordingly. If you want to slide or get out of work they'll disrespect you. I help load and unload trucks or whatever needs to be done. They respect me."

Sgt. Ray Allison, Battery B, 2/174th ADA, is a Highway Patrolman from the Lancaster Post. His wife is a veteran so she understands the demands it takes to be a good Guardsmember. Sgt. Allison, when asked if he feels his Guard experience helps in his civilian occupation

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During July the 180th Weapons System

Blue Ash's 123rd Tactical Control Flight, at Blue Ash Air National Guard Station, has recently returned from two weeks Annual Training at Phelps Collins Field Training Site, Alpena, Michigan.

The motto of today's Air Force is to "train as you expect to fight". With this in mind, every effort was taken to make training as realistic as possible for a mobile radar unit, such as the 123rd. This is especially appropriate in today's international situations with Air National Guard units slated for early mobilization to fight alongside the Regular Air Force in the event of a national emergency.

A truck convoy was organized to move the unit's personnel and equipment the 475 miles to Alpena. On arrival, the unit's radar, generators and maintenance facilities, as well as food service facilities to feed 68 people, were established at a remote location. Armed guards patrolled the site to provide security for valuable government equipment. Soon after the site was selected and secured, it was subjected to a simulated commando attack by helicopters carrying members of the Indiana Air National Guard's

A ride through the countryside on a 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing's Security Police Flight.

Because Civil air traffic is sparse in Northern Michigan, as compared to Ohio, air flight training was able to be conducted in a more realistic environment. The 122nd's F-4C Phantoms were also at Phelps Collins for training with the 123rd. Air Weapons Controllers of the 123rd provided radar control for F-4's for intercepts, for close air support missions and during dogfights with other military aircraft.

Navy A-4 Skyhawks from Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceania, Virginia, flew to Phelps Collins during this period to engage in intercepts and dogfights with the F-4 Phantoms. During this phase, training became very intense due to air-crew pride, interservice rivalry, etc. The 123rd provided radar control on these flights for both "good-guys" and "bad-guys". This was indeed a valuable training experience for both aircrews and controllers as the A-4 has many of the flying characteristics of the Soviet MiG-17 fighter plane.

All members of the Ohio Army National Guard, "Atten-hut"

The Adjutant General's Department is looking for photographs depicting our members at basic and advanced individual training.

"We're asking for recent shots of Guardmembers at active Army installations in order to show prospective recruits what current initial Army training is all about," said Capt. Dennis Jankowski, project officer.

"All too often, a new recruit or prospect hears about how bad or hard basic training is; and sometimes this information is coming from someone who hasn't been in basic training for the past ten years," he added. "We'd like to portray in pictures, what the new Guardmember can expect at today's basic training sites."

Capt. Jankowski noted that the idea for collecting current photos (ones taken during the last 18 months) will be to compile them in a series of scrapbooks to be used at regional recruiting centers, the major OARNG Commands, and at various recruiting displays and activities.

"We'd like people to send us a caption with each photograph. The types of shots are wide open. We'd like to depict all aspects of the military lifestyle associated with basic and AIT," said Jankowski.

Both black and white, as well as color photographs, can be used on the project. Subjects can include the following: hands-on training, field exercises-physical fitness areas, barracks life, mess halls, motor pools, classroom activities, installation buildings, monuments, and just about anything associated with the basic and advanced individual training experience.

In order to give credit to the members sending in the photographs, captions should accompany each photo, along with the full name, rank, address, unit and date the photograph was taken. Please send them to: The Adjutant General's Department, AGOH-IO, Scrapbook Project, 2825 West Granville Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085.

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The Buckeye Guard

Guard Members Participate in Ohio State Fair

A cadre of volunteers greeted Ohio State Fair-goers August 12-24 with firsthand information about their jobs in the Ohio Army National Guard.

Most of the Columbus area Guard members spent the two weeks of the fair in full time training status manning an equipment exhibit in a quiet corner of the fairgrounds, while others spent their weekend drill setting up exhibits and assisting fair security.

According to Second Lieutenant Thomas Lutes, recruiting and induction officer for the OHARNG and project officer for the state fair exhibit, the volunteers were hand-picked on the basis of their enthusiasm, military knowledge, attitude and desire.

"We polled units in the Columbus area for volunteers, then interviewed those who had signed up," 2nd Lt. Lutes explained. "What we were looking for were people in a variety of jobs who had the ability to express themselves to others. We feel it is very effective to have someone who is in the Guard tell about their work in an initial contact situation," he said. "Individuals who expressed an interest for more detailed information filled out an information card so a recruiter could contact them later."

"I don't pretend to know all about the Guard's programs," said one of the volunteers, PFC April St. John. "But I can tell the people about my job, my pay, the schools I've attended and the program I've attended or that I'm involved with. And that's what gets them interested."

"More often than not, 'old-timers', people who have been in the Army or National Guard, will stop by," said Staff Sergeant Ronald Young, another volunteer. "When they ask us what's new in our work, we tell them because each one represents a potential recruiter for his children or his friends' children, or whoever."

"It's been a very self-satisfying two weeks," St. John said. "When we walk around the fairgrounds in uniform, people will come up to say hello, and we've

Major George H. Rogerson completed a rather unique mission for the Air Guard during a recent tour of active duty. Major Rogerson is the aircraft maintenance officer for the 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.

The major was selected for the Aircraft Maintenance Staff Course at Lowry AFB, CO. The course participants came from all major commands of the Air Force and included Allied officers from Norway. As

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AIRBORNE . . . ALL THE WAY — The 77th Infantry Detachment (Pathfinder), of the 73d Infantry Brigade (Sep) dropping onto the 'battlefield'. (PHOTO BY TSGT. ZANE ZIMMERMAN)

Battalion; SP4 Reginald Barney, Co. A, 237th Support Battalion, PFC Kim Thompson, Co. B, 237th Support Battalion; PFC April St. John, 1416 TC Co.; SP4 Ted Crivea, HHC, 73rd Inf. Bde. (Sep); PFC Ross Willis, HHC, 136th Field Artillery; PFC Phillip Hale, HHC, 136th Field Artillery; SP4 Mark Morse, HHC 166th Infantry Battalion and SP4 Homer Logan, 1416 TC Co.

The following, all from HHC, 73rd Inf. Bde. (Sep), are Guard members who worked during their weekend drill: Plt. Sgt. Douglas Deckard, SP5 Sue Westendorf, Sgt. Robert Prince, PFC Brent Brown and Pvt. 2 Carl Filer.

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Cover Photo

SSgt. Roy Young, a member of the 180th W.S.S.F. and also the Ohio Youth Council, is shown in an armored personnel Carrier during an exercise in the desert. (Photo by SSgt. Jim Brown)

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ONGEA

THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP

Why Be A Member of the ONGEA? Better yet, why not be a member of an organization that supports your line of work? At your full time civilian occupation, you have someone dedicated to solving your type of problems; pay, leave, etc., and working on your behalf. Well, that's what the Enlisted Association is doing for you.

We have the best individuals selected to work the many areas of concern. Legislation, Carl Bicanovsky; Finance, James Harrigan; Publications, Kathy Jameyson; Membership, Debi Aikin; Public Relations, John Zelnik; Merchandising, Trudy Mitchel; Insurance, John Young; Continuity, Wilbur Jones; Army NG, Carl Arn; and Air NG, James Pratt.

Without more members this organization cannot move forward. Members now represent only ten percent of the total Enlisted strength of the Guard. This is our biggest handicap. By keeping our membership dues low everyone should be able to join.

Individuals who are taking part in the National Guard Tuition Scholarship Program are encouraged to join the organization that made this program possible. The ONGEA.

We understand the financial problems of the lower rank enlisted members. At the 1980 State Convention, the membership voted to adjust our dues to better fit our rank structure. Please look into the possibility of supporting an

organization that is working for you, and the Ohio National Guard. Complete the membership form and mail to P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

LEGISLATION

It is a pleasure to serve ONGEA as Legislative Chairman, and I have briefly outlined a basic plan to establish a Legislative Task Force of which I believe is definitely needed in order to get some of the benefits ONGEA members have expressed a desire to obtain.

This plan is basic, leaving latitude for continued development which will eventually capitalize on the abilities and experience of many of our dedicated Guardmembers in our Enlisted Association and also those who are not members.

The plan will take total cooperation from every Regional Director, District Director, and Unit Representative if we want a good legislative program for Ohio.

This plan will include, but not be limited to the following: NGAUS/EANGUS Fact Sheets, AGOHIO Organization, Task Force Organization, State and Community Programs, Legislative Action Techniques, Bills of interest to the Guard, State and National, and a key list of Members of Congress, State and National.

If I am to pursue the goals set forth in 1980 ONGEA Resolutions 80-1, Part-Time Tuition Assistance; 80-12, Distinctive

License Plates; and 80-14, State Income Tax Exemption, the Enlisted Association must establish a comprehensive legislative program. This plan will take time and the cooperation of many individuals to serve on the Task Force committee. Any individual interested in becoming involved may contact me, Carl Bicanovsky, at P.O. Box 215, Dublin, Ohio 43017.

TRIBUTE TO LOIS

I would like to deviate a bit from the usual letter for a small tribute to a very special lady. Wherever you see her, she is rarely sitting down. She is constantly on the go, spreading enthusiasm and laughter. With her magnetic personality and sheer joy of living, she has been such a spark plug for both the Ohio Auxiliary and the EANGUS Auxiliary. When I first saw her several years ago, at my first convention in Canton, I was awed by her energy. Before I knew it, I was a charter member of the Ohio Auxiliary.

Over the years, I watched her help shape and build both Auxiliaries into the wonderful organizations they are today. I watched her lead both organizations as president of each, with a fervor and pure love and belief in the National Guard.

In May, this lady stepped down from the presidency of the Ohio Auxiliary. In Milwaukee, she stepped down from the presidency of the EANGUS Auxiliary, leaving all of us with big shoes to fill. Her terms as president on both the State and National levels will long be appreciated. She never asked anyone to do anything she wouldn't do herself.

I, for one, am very proud to have this lady as a member of the Ohio NGEA Auxiliary. Lois Goodson . . . Thank you!

JOANIE FOSTER
President, ONGEA Auxiliary

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Humanitarian Effort

TASK Force Refugee

BY MAJ. R. L. McALISTER
XO, 437th M.P.

"It was not AT or Summer Camp, that's for sure," said Major R. L. McAlister, Executive Officer of the 437th MP Bn. Maj. McAlister was speaking of TASK Force Refugee, a Matrix Assembly of Military, Civilian and Federal Government Agencies tailored to assist the 8,000 Cuban refugees encamped at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin.

We had completed our planning for AT with two companies scheduled to go to Camp Grayling, Michigan for ARTEP and field training. Then the TWX's started to arrive from Department of Defense, National Guard Bureau, etc. Our mission had been changed to support Task Force Refugee at Ft. McCoy.

Miami had been deluged by the influx of Cuban refugees; therefore three camps, located at Ft. Chafee, AK, Indiantown Gap, PA, and Ft. McCoy, WI., were established to share the load of processing the refugees.

Advance liaison was established in late June, to move the 838th MP Company from Youngstown to Fort McCoy via convoy with all necessary organizational equipment, to be fully operational by July 12.

Two weeks later the 135th MP Company from Fairview Park relieved the 838th in place-equipment and all. The 135th had been flown into the McCoy area. All property transfers were completed and the 838th was flown back to their home station, having left all vehicles, weapons and riot gear behind for use by the 135th.

Our learning curve had accelerated at

this point so that the incoming company could pick up where the outgoing company had left off instead of starting again from ground zero.

I had many very positive impressions about the National Guard after this experience: 1) The quality and motivation of the troops to excel at their mission. This was a live mission situation, not a training exercise. The troops knew it and responded. 2) A new found respect for the Guard and especially Ohio MPs by the Regular Army. The Army marveled at our citizen soldiers who were Phd's 2) Business Executives, Civilian Law enforcement officials, manufacturing personnel and our "girls". Oh yes — they marveled at our "girls" too. 3) The Matrix of planning and numerous agencies that came together and completed the mission successfully. Among these agencies were DOD, State Dept., FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) RA, NG, Reserves, FBI, CIA, Federal Marshals, Border Patrol, Immigration and Naturalization, Red Cross and American Catholic Conferences, just to name a few. The unselfish nature in which all of these Americans came together for a common humanitarian cause renewed my faith in "the system".

In no way was this "Summer Camp." This was Title 10 Federal Active Duty. There was no "middle weekend" and little or no time off. The mission required 12 hours on and 12 hours off for some and others were on standby 24 hours a day as a Quick Reaction Force for trouble areas.

Some of our duties were to man the compound fence with MP's every 100

meters and to control entrance and exit of the compound area. We had roving patrols to respond to local problem areas, plus LP's and chase patrols to "detain" the errant refugees who had visions of "going over the hill." The refugees complex was divided into basically five areas: Family and single women, single males, juveniles, Detention Center for discipline cases, and maximum security for hardcore felons who may eventually be returned to Cuba. We were involved with each area and several of our Spanish speaking MP's did extra duty helping out as translators and befriending the refugees.

One of our highlights at Camp McCoy was a visit from Assistant Adjutant General Army-BG James M. Abraham. We only had 108 troops at McCoy but he came to see us and find out how we were doing. I think he met every man and woman in the unit and expressed his personal concern for their contribution and well being.

I believe that I can speak for everyone in the unit when I say that as we individually prepared to return home from our journey, each of us had changed due to "TF Refugee". We had all come together in a humanitarian effort that had touched each life personally, providing a significant sense of accomplishment.

This feeling came as a result of being citizen soldiers in the Ohio National Guard. Something deep down in the gut told us we had done a good job for a just cause and we could be damn proud of it.

Telling The Guard Story

BY MAJ. STEPHEN M. KOPER
121st Consol. Act. Maint.

Major George H. Rogerson completed a rather unique mission for the Air Guard during a recent tour of active duty. Major Rogerson is the aircraft maintenance officer for the 121st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Ohio Air National Guard, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio.

The major was selected for the Aircraft Maintenance Staff Course at Lowry AFB, CO. The course participants came from all major commands of the Air Force and included Allied officers from Norway. As

the only Air National Guard officer, Major Rogerson was asked to present the story of the Guard, its history, organization and its role in the Total Force.

Here was a challenge the Air Guardsman relished. Rogerson holds BA and MA degrees in Political Science from the University of Puget Sound and Ohio State. He is currently attending the Air Command and Staff College in seminar. Drawing on resources of the National Guard Bureau, Major Rogerson prepared an exciting color slide series supported by an original narrative.

It is often difficult to determine whether such a presentation has been

well received, particularly in a "student" setting. In this case, however, Major Rogerson's effectiveness could easily be measured. His talk promoted interested questions from students and instructors alike. The student body enthusiastically requested that the briefing become a permanent part of the course curriculum.

Happily for the Guard, Major Rogerson has returned to Rickenbacker. An interesting sidelight is that he was not always a Guardsman. Prior to accepting an Air Force commission, the major spent four years in the Marine Corps. Now he is proud to call the Guard his home.

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UPDATE:

A Report From the Ohio
National Guard Officers'
Association

BY COL. PHILIP A. WILLIAMS

NAGUS Conference

The Ohio delegation consisted of 40 delegates, 12 non-delegates, and 41 spouses and supporters of the Las Vegas entourage for a total of 93 people. The trip may or may not have been successful as far as personal results are concerned, however all-in-all the conference was a success. New resolutions resulted in new directives for the Association efforts.

Winter Dinner Dance

The date for the annual winter dinner dance will be February 28, 1981 at the Riviera Country Club. Plans for the affair are progressing nicely. Lt. Col. Paul Koreckis is the chairman of the dinner-dance committee and he will be forwarding the necessary information to you by mail.

ONGA Committees

The committee chairmen for this year are: Nominations, Lt. Col. Jon

McMahon; Time & Place, Lt. Col. David Sealock; Continuity, Col. Leslie E. Pletcher; Resolutions, Lt. Col. Alan B. Dotson; Insurance, Maj. William L. Howland; Legislation Action, Col. John P. Siemer (Ret); Constitution & By-Laws, Maj. Terry D. Van Horn; Finance, Capt. Michael Harold; Publications, Maj. Stephen M. Koper; Special Activities, Lt. Col. Paul H. Koreckis; ONGA Awards, Maj. Gen. Loren G. Windom (Ret); Scholarship Fund, Lt. Col. Theodore M. Stults; and PIO, 1st Lt. Victor Dubina.

If anyone is interested in a particular committee, either as a volunteer or with a problem, please feel free to contact the chairmen. They are willing to serve the Association and help solve your problems.

ONGA Conference

Captain Bob James is the chairman of the 1981 ONGA Conference in Dayton, Ohio scheduled for April 10-11. Capt.

James has booked the Stouffers Hotel and is in the process of establishing his numerous committees. If anyone is available to serve or has any information for Bob please let him know.

In order to promote the attendance of junior officers and junior candidates, Bob is conducting a study to provide reduced registration fees for these folks. Two other items under consideration are: booking space in a nearby budget motel and providing transportation to the Conference Hotel; plus not starting the business session until 0900 hours Saturday to allow those who wish to drive to have a little more time to get there.

And again I would like to remind you that the proxy votes have been eliminated. This will require the attendance of individual unit members to support your legislation. If you do not attend your voice will not be heard.

Lt. Col. Rosenberg Retires

BY TSGT. STEVEN A. WILSON
160th Air Refueling Grp.

A career that spans 30 years and countless personal achievements has come to an end. Lt. Col. Edward G. Rosenberg recently retired as commander of the Resource Management Squadron, 160th AREFG.

Rosenberg enlisted on July 10, 1943 and was assigned to the 8th Air Force during January, 1944. Later he went to Electronic Counter Measure-Pathfinder School in England. He flew eight combat missions with the British Air Force Bomber Command and was assigned to the 453rd Bomb-Group, 732nd Bomb Squadron, Attleborough, England.

In October of 1943, Rosenberg was forced to "bail out" when the B-24 in which he was flying was destroyed by

flak over Cologne, Germany. He escaped capture and walked to Belgium. On October 30, 1944, he returned to flying and completed 35 missions.

Prior to discharge in September, 1945, Rosenberg worked as Flight Simulator NCOIC at Victorville AFB, California. He was employed by Westinghouse Electric Company, Cleveland, Ohio, until his enlistment in the Air National Guard on April 1, 1948.

Rosenberg served in the 112th Light Bomb Squadron and Detachment D, 206th Air Service Group, Ohio Air National Guard.

On October 20, 1950, Rosenberg was appointed warrant officer and was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict. He served at Lawson Field, Georgia as Assistant Chief of supply prior to special assignment to

the 1st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, France. He became the 12th Air Force Liaison Officer and received two promotions to Chief Warrant Officer-3.

His awards and decorations consist of: Air Force Meritorious Service Award, Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, European Campaign Medal with four Bronze Stars, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Hour Glass Devices.

Lt. Col. Rosenberg resides at 740 Kathryn Drive, Wilmington, Ohio, with his wife Bernice. They have two children, Deborah (Carter) and Karl.

Army Chief of Staff Sees DeCarolus Device in Action

Army Chief of Staff, General E. C. Meyer, paid a visit to Ohio Army National Guard soldiers during Annual Training.

During his tour of training activities of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, he took a closer look at the De-

Carolus Device. Invented by First Lieutenant John DeCarolus, a Youngstown, Ohio, railroad conductor and member of the 2nd Squadron, 107th, the device is a laser operated gunnery program that enables tankers to fire the vehicle's weapons systems with-

out using expensive ammunition.

After a demonstration and briefing by the lieutenant, General Meyer climbed aboard the M60A1 tank to talk to the crew about the effectiveness of the device.

Wives Club News

THE OTHER HALF

BY SUSAN BROWN

The Ohio National Guard Officers' Wives' Club kicked off its 1980-1981 season in grand fashion on September 18th. The annual Friendship Tea was held at Brookside Country Club. Originally scheduled for the following week at the Governor's Mansion, the date and location were changed to relieve a conflict with NGAUS conference. Brookside provided a lovely setting for the party. Warmth and hospitality were as abundant as the elegant sweets brought by the officers and board members, and the canapes catered by the club. A special tip of the hat goes to Anita Shaw, tea chairwoman, who outdid herself again this year, and to Helen Clouse, who hosted us at the club.

Wives' Club President, Janet Seidt, has arranged a fantastic series of programs for this year. It is a lineup guaranteed to bring out all the faithful members as well as a lot of people who have not been in regular attendance. The meeting locations are to be varied, with four luncheons being held at the DCSC Officers' Club. The DCSC is a good meeting site, with a large and accommodating club, is centrally located, and provides an excellent nursery facility for use by the gals with pre-school children. Luncheons are on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Social hour begins at eleven-thirty, followed by a brief meeting and a program.

HAIR FLAIR

Are you wearing 1980's fashions with a late '60s or early '70s hairstyle? Is your beehive sagging or your wig a little worse for wear? Or are you simply stumped when it comes to updating your coiffure without changing the "real

you"? Then don't miss the OWC meeting on October 28th at the DCSC! Miss Kathleen Tyler, from Halle's Hairworks, will be with us to present a hair fashion show. She will do two "makeovers" for our members. Line forms on the left gals! With Miss Tyler will be 10 to 15 models, who will showcase the newest looks in hair fashions for fall and winter. This program should bring members and guests from all over the state!

GOING ONCE—GOING TWICE

November is traditionally the month for the Wives' Club Holiday Auction. This year it will be at the DCSC, following the November 25th luncheon. Auction chairwoman, Mary Radcliffe, wants to remind us that handmade items are the best sellers. So, ladies, get out the knitting needles, dried flowers, beads, glue, felt, sewing machine, or whatever the tools of your favorite craft might be! When you are making your holiday decorations, ornaments, gifts, and baked goods, make an extra item or two and bring them to the auction. Bring your guests, also, this month, and join the bidding for everyone else's goodies. A very special feature will be a cake, decorated for Thanksgiving, and possibly even a gobber, (not on the hoof), to be given as door prizes.

SEASON'S TEASERS

Following are a few notes on the rest of the season's plans. The details will appear in succeeding issues.

There is no meeting in December because all Santa's helpers need extra time at home! In January, the group will meet at Glicks, on Hamilton Road, for our salad smorgasbord, and a home decorat-

ing seminar, given by Mr. George Williamson of Glicks. In February, back at the DCSC, we will get a glimpse into the fascinating subject of dream interpretation. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Marlene Kocan, of Harding Hospital.

Microwave cooking will be featured in March. Miss Sue Helmreich, Home Economy Director for Sun TV, will join us at the DCSC for a "short course" on the magic of microwaves. Downtown Lazarus will be the gathering place in April, for a luncheon, fashion show, and some time afterward for shopping. April showers are supposed to bring May flowers, and this spring, they will! The OWC will meet at the Franklin Park Conservatory, where we will have lunch, installation of officers, and where Mr. Lou Viereck will give a professional flower arranging demonstration.

Will our husbands be left out altogether this year? We can't have that! So the Board has planned an evening out at the Country Dinner Playhouse. On February 20th, the OWC, and spouses, will attend a performance of "1776". This award-winning bicentennial musical should be just the thing to please our Ohio Guardsmen.

Remember, if you are the wife of an ONG officer, you are an OWC member, needed and welcome at the meetings. Plans are still perking for another chapter, to meet in the evening, so that the working Guard wives can be included. Meanwhile, reserve a spot at the DCSC for October 28, by mail or with your telephone caller. See you there!

Mt. St. Helens Reaches Ohio

BY TSGT. MARTIN METZGER
179th Tac. Arlft. Grp.

Mission: Fly to Anchorage, Alaska by way of Portland, Oregon and pick up 55 Air National Guard civil engineering troops and return them to Gulfport, Mississippi.

Sounds simple enough. But the unexpected always can, and in this case, did occur. The unexpected was the eruption of Mt. St. Helens. The aircrew, commanded by Maj. Dan O'Mara of Mansfield's 179th Tactical Airlift Group, had landed at the Portland ANG Base for crew rest with a scheduled takeoff of six the next morning.

At 9:30 that evening, however, Mt. St.

Helens let loose with an explosion, heat and shock wave that devastated the surrounding area. The Guard base at Portland was bombarded with a cloud of volcanic ash that coated the plane and runway. The field was closed at midnight.

Because of the destructive, abrasive nature of the ash, engines could not even be started without a chance of destroying them. Fortunately, it rained and much of the air was cleared. However, before they could takeoff, an extensive cleaning of the aircraft had to be done. After changing engine oil, washing the silt off the aircraft and repacking the wheel bearings, they were able to takeoff from Portland at two that afternoon.

Upon reaching Anchorage, the aircraft had to be recleaned again in much the same way as before. They continued and completed the mission. When they had returned to Mansfield and inspected the C-130, they found more ash still on and in the craft.

For this crew, the stories they hear and read about people wearing breathing masks, buying air filters for their cars, shoveling ash from inside their homes and driving on ash laden (similar to ice) highways, will touch them more empathetically than many more of us who have not had to deal directly with Mt. St. Helens.

Buckeye Bits

Retention/Best Unit Award

During ceremonies at Camp Perry, Capt. Stephen K. Hummel, commander of Company A, 216th Engineer Combat Battalion, received the retention award for the unit. This award was received for retaining the most people in the unit during the past training year.

The unit also won the coveted best unit award for Annual Training '80.

The award is given for overall excellence in infantry tactics, engineer training, maintenance operations, and general support of unit training plans while performing Annual Training at Plum Brook and Camp Perry, Ohio.

Congratulations!

As of July 6, 1980, the 1416th Transportation Company (AVIM), exceeded 100 percent of authorized strength. With 307 unit members "on board" the 1416th is the largest company-sized unit in the Ohio Army National Guard.

In May 1978, the unit underwent a MTOE change that increased authorized strength from 263 to 304, a 41 personnel increase. The change resulted in the 1416th TC being at 71 percent strength at that time, with 216 unit members "on board".

During the 25 months since May 1978, the unit has increased by 91 members and is once again over 100 percent strength.

"This noteworthy achievement is due to the great job of recruiting that has been done by unit members," said Major John Martin, Commander. "They have been responsible for bringing into the unit many of the 91 new members."

Best In Competition

The 148th Infantry, 1st Bn., Company C, decided to take their share of honors at their Annual Training held at Camp Grayling, MI. Their 81mm Mortar Platoon, under the direction of 1st Lt. Dennis Myers and Platoon Sgt. John Marshall, received the best 81mm Mortar Platoon award for the 148th Infantry Bn. The evaluation included tactical movement to the field, camouflage of individuals and equipment, speed and accuracy of firing, proficiency of the fire direction center and platoon security.

Best Mess

SFC Michael Stanley, food service

sergeant for Co C, 1st Bn., led his men to victory by winning the best mess award in the 148th Infantry Bn. and in the 73d Infantry Bde. (Separate) for the third consecutive year. The winning mess is not only evaluated on the good food, but for the setup and operation of a field kitchen in a tactical situation. Co C is hoping to win this title for the entire State of Ohio.

Soldier of Year

SSG Fred Pabst, section leader for the anti-armor squad in the weapons platoon of Co C received the Soldier of the Year award for the 1st Battalion of the 148th Infantry. He was presented the award by Brigade Commander, Brigadier General Andrew G. Skalkos and Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Leland C. Premore.

A Decade Of Service

MSgt. Joseph Nekoloff, 26th Engineer Co. (ACR), was honored recently by the North Royalton Lions Club for "A Decade of Service" to the Jaycees, the Baseball Booster, the Athletic Boosters, the Soccer Club, the Junior Rifle Club, North Royalton Recreation Board and as manager of the boys and girls baseball teams, as well as church activities and other civic services. Nekoloff is the training NCO of the 26th Engineer Company.

837th Wins Top Award

The third platoon of the 837th Engineer Company, was the recipient of the **J. C. BOWSER TACTICAL AWARD**. This award was presented at the conclusion of 1980 Annual Training at Camp Grayling, Michigan.

According to Platoon Sergeant Paul Riggle, the unit's top award was received for best tactical area performance in simulated combat conditions undertaken during the second week of training. During that time, all elements of the 837th Engineer Company were required to establish defensive positions and remain 24-hour alert. The Spencerville unit outscored the others as simulated "aggressors" attempted to penetrate the defensive structure.

First Lieutenant Sam Collins, Platoon Leader, expressed his pride in the men for their overall performance during Annual Training.

The **J. C. BOWSER TACTICAL AWARD** will be retained by the unit for a

one year period — unless won again next year.

Spallinger Recognized

The Ohio Commendation Medal was presented to **Sp6 DENNIS SPALLINGER**. This is one of the highest awards given by the state of Ohio to any member of the National Guard. In March of last year, Spallinger observed a house fire in the Lima area and stopped to administer assistance. Several times Spallinger attempted to enter the burning home to give help but each time was driven back by the intense heat and smoke, in one instance barely escaping himself. The award was given for voluntarily attempting to rescue a child from a burning home, at great risk to his own life. Spallinger is a full time maintenance specialist with the National Guard in Lima.

In addition to the Ohio Commendation Medal, Spallinger received the General Robert W. Teater Humanitarian Service Award. The award revolves throughout the 73rd Infantry Brigade and is given to one National Guard member and their unit once each year for outstanding humanitarian service.

Additionally, during the ceremonies, 35 members of the Engineer unit received the Award Of Merit Service Ribbon; 33 members were given the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, and three were awarded the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. And for special service to their community during the 1978 blizzard, 26 members of the Engineer Company received the Ohio Humanitarian Service Medal.

The 837th Engineer Company is part of the 73rd Infantry Brigade, Ohio Army National Guard, which recently completed two weeks of active duty training at Camp Grayling, Michigan.

Bloodmobile Drive Success

The quarterly bloodmobile drive held at the 200th Civil Engineering Squadron was considered a success by the unit commander, Colonel Philip A. Williams.

The American Red Cross set up three beds in the 200th Dining Hall expecting to collect 43 units of blood. They were pleasantly surprised at the end of the day to count 53 units.

A big thank you goes to the Red Horse volunteers, the Army National Guard Technicians, and all of the area residents who donated to this worthy cause.

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The Buckeye Guard

All About People-

MSGT. MILTON C. SHUSTER, Ohio Air National Guard, received the Air Force Commendation Medal recently from **COL. WILLIAM J. INGLER, JR.**, Commander of the 160th Air Refueling Group.

INGLER noted that **SHUSTER** received the decoration for outstanding professional skill, initiative and knowledge demonstrated as NCO in charge of the commercial transportation branch of the 160th. When not attending Air Guard drills, Shuster, who owns his own rig, operates an independent trucking company.

CMSAF NORMAN H. BALDINGER, Ohio Air National Guard, received the Ohio Commendation Medal recently from **COL. WILLIAM J. INGLER, JR.**, Commander of the 160th Air Refueling Group.

INGLER noted that **CHIEF BALDINGER** received the decoration for outstanding service to the state of Ohio through his superior leadership as management and procedures supervisor of the 160th.

When not attending Air Guard drills, Baldinger works as an air technician with the 160th.

SMSGT DATHAN MULLINS, Ohio Air National Guard, received the Ohio Commendation Medal recently from **COL. WILLIAM J. INGLER, JR.**, Commander of the 160th Air Refueling Group.

SMSGt. Mullins received the decoration for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service to the state of Ohio as customer support supervisor of the 160th.

Mullins works as a full-time Air Technician with the 160th.

During a special ceremony at Camp Grayling, recently, the Army Commendation Medal was awarded to **CAPT. JOSEPH BOWSHER**, commanding officer of the 837th Engineer Company, headquartered in Lima.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT GEORGE E. SHERIFF, received the Ohio Commendation Medal recently from **COL. WILLIAM J. INGLER, JR.**, Commander of the 160th Air Refueling Group, for outstanding professional skill, leadership and initiative as the Intelligence Specialist of the 160th.

In a change of command ceremony held recently, **BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM F. CASEY** succeeded **BRIG. GEN. HARRY L. COCHRAN** as commander of the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW) Ohio Air National Guard. This ceremony marked **GENERAL CASEY'S** return to the Ohio Air National Guard.

The Buckeye Guard

Former Fifth Army Commander, **LT. GEN. ALLEN M. BURDETT, JR.**, died July 8 following an illness of several months. **GENERAL BURDETT** commanded Fifth Army from Mar. 1975 to June 1978.

CURTIS GRIFFITH, JR., Deputy Director of the Ohio Disaster Services Agency (DSA), has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in Headquarters, the Ohio Air National Guard.

ROBERT SABO of the 416th Engineer Group, has been promoted to Sergeant First Class and **MARK TUCHOLSKI** was promoted to Sergeant.

DONALD C. HULLINGER, HHC, 1/148th Infantry, has been promoted to Pvt. 2. From the same unit **PVT. 2 PATRICIA A. DEFRIEZE** was selected as the Honor Graduate of the Personnel Records Course during her recent training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. **PVT. 1 HILLARY ROBINETTE** was awarded the Sergeant Major's Award for his outstanding achievements while training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He is also with 1/148.

JOHN S. BRYAN, a member of the 179th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, recently graduated from the USAF Basic Military Training School as an Honor Graduate.

SP4 PAUL URBAN, HHC 216th Engineer Bn., received an Ohio Commendation Medal recently. **SGT. MAJ. WILLIAM R. PEWTER**, received the Area NCOIC of the Month Award from Lt. Col. Jack McKenney, Recruiting/Retention Manager.

Promotions to members of HHC 216th Engineer Bn. are: **ANDREW W. MILLER** and **LEONARD E. COOPER** to privates first class; and **RICHARD J. FRANTY, JR.**, **MARK E. KAMER**, **FRANK RUGGLES** and **JAMES J. STAPLETON** to specialists four.

Three engineers receive recognition. They are: **MSGT. DUANE E. SHAW**, First Sergeant of HHC, 216th Engineer Battalion (Cbt) (Corps), was awarded the Recruiter Achievement Ribbon and a Certificate of Appreciation from **COL. CLYDE E. GUTZWILLER**. **SP4 GLENN R. ESKRIDGE**, received a Letter of Commendation for his performance of duty during the 216th Engineers bridge project at Camp Perry, Ohio.

PVT. 1 CHRISTOPHER L. MURPHY, now at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., was recognized as his unit's Soldier of the Week. He was selected out of a battalion of 93 other soldiers. His mother, **MRS. PAULA MURPHY** received a letter from his commander, telling her of this honor and that he was selected for his hard work and good conduct.

CWO 4 CARL COYAN, Attack Helicopter Troop, 107th AC, has been designated as a Master Army Aviator effective July 16.

SSGT. RONALD SIZEMORE has been selected as the Outstanding Guardmember for 1980 of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group. Promotions were received by the following members of the 178th TAC FTR Grp: **THOMAS BOHMAN** and **RICHARD LOHNES** to captain; **ROBERT BEERS** to master sergeant; **STEPHEN SMITH** and **RALPH VERMILLION** to technical sergeants; **MICHAEL WASHINGTON** to staff sergeant; **DAVID KITCHEN**, **KAREN LIMBACH**, **MARK McCLURE** and **DIANE BRIGHT** to senior airman; and **JOHN GOLDSHOT**, **SHARON LAWRENCE** and **SHAWN TAYLOR** to airman first class. Another 178th member, **AB PATRICK MORAN**, was graduated in the top ten percent of his U.S. Air Force basic military training class.

SMSGT. JAMES "SAM" BUKOWSKI, 121st Tactical Fighter Wing and field maintenance superintendent, was selected as the outstanding male citizen of Whitehall recently. Another 121st member, **SMSGT DEE PIKE**, received a Letter of Appreciation from the 1st Security Police Sqdn., Langley AFB, Va., congratulating him for his outstanding performance during his TDY tour with them. **SMSGT. LARRY FREEZE** received a Letter of Appreciation for identifying a suspected price discrepancy to the Base Customer Support Branch. This identification resulted in a savings of \$5,926 per unit. **COL. KEITH B. CONNOLLY** has moved from the 121st to join the 507th TACW, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Several members of the 220th E.I. Squadron have also received promotions. They are: **REED STONEBURNER**, **THEODORE GARRETT**, **RONALD BRAME**, **EDWARD MARTIN** and **DAVID McMAHON** to airman first class; and **BRADY BURKE** and **JESSE PRATHER, JR.** to staff sergeants.

PFC LAWRENCE WISE, Co. C., 1/136th FA, has been selected as the Outstanding Soldier of the Month. **SP4 MARK PENNEY**, **SP4 DINO QUAFISI**, **SP4 JACK WOODDELL** and **PFC BRIAN WION** have graduated from the Basic Leadership Course. **PVT. 2 KURT SCHWAI-GER** received the National Guard Bureau Sergeant Major Award for his performance at basic training. **DALE COMPTON** was promoted to Sp5; **DONALD JOHN-SON** to SFC and **KURT SCHWAI-GER** to PVT 2. They are members of 1/136th also.

CHARLES DAVISON, 160th SPF, and
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stated, "The patrol is as much, if not more, strict on rules and the military way of life than the Guard. Actually the Guard is easier." He said his wife understands his commitment but dislikes the Guard most when he is away for AT. He added, "However, she might join the Guard herself when the kids get older."

Sp5 Vernetta Nelson, Co. A, 237th Spt. (Admin), is not only a selected member of her unit but a full time student at Ohio State University under the ONG Scholarship Program. She said of the Scholarship Program, "The tuition frees me of financial worries about school." Sp5 Nelson has been with the Ohio Guard for 1½ years, having transferred from the Indiana Guard. As far as problems she sees in the Guard, she said, "Relating to strength and my unit, we don't have enough people to fully utilize the ones we do have in their own Military Occupation Skill (MOS)." She went on to say, "Using the people in MOS's other than their own, because work needs to be done in that area, causes a lot of dissatisfaction in the unit." When asked how she felt about females and co-ed training she said, "I feel we sacrifice different areas of training when the men have to train with the women. Some of the areas, naturally the men excel in, and the women could too. I feel that there should be a longer training program so that the females could become proficient in all areas also."

Buckeye Bits

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Gen. Patchen Trophy

1/136th Field Artillery Battalion, Battery B, recently won the General Kermit Patchen Award for the best unit in the 73d Infantry Brigade (Sep). The unit also received the CSM Robert Goodson Readiness Trophy during Annual Training. The 1/136th Field Artillery, Battery B unit is now at 111.3 percent strength and proud of it. The unit also won the battalion unit maintenance award (motor sergeant SSgt. Ronald Stuckman) and SSgt. Randy Sturtz, dining facility manager, received the battalion best mess award for AT '80. Other winners in the unit were SSgt. Steve Howard with best battalion gun section and SSgt Tom Miller, commo chief, with the fastest run in the battalion at 26 minutes.

Guardsmen Assist At Special Olympics

Members of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group NCO Academy Graduates Association, Mansfield Lahm Airport, assisted the Galion Kiwanis Club for the fifth con-

secutive year in hosting the annual Area V Special Olympics for handicapped and mentally retarded children. Over 300 participants from nine counties and 11 schools took part in the day-long event.

Twenty-five Guard members and many of their wives and children helped make this an outstanding day for these special kids. The soldiers served as hosts, time keepers, judges, scorekeepers and simply as huggers.

The children participated in such events as the pentathlon, softball throw, frisbee throw, high jump, long jump, 50-yard dash, 220 and 440-yard run, and 440-yard relays. Special wheelchair events were also held.

An early morning cloud burst dampened spirits for awhile. But the children's enthusiasm and the pride they showed in their achievements were like an umbrella in the steady rain which fell throughout the day. The Guardmembers who assisted at this event, even though soaked and cold, felt great just seeing these kids accept their awards.

Ribbons were presented to the top three finishers in each event, but there were no losers. Every participant received a ribbon for his or her effort and everyone had a great time.

Doctor Joins 160th

Lieutenant Colonel Gasto DeCarlo is the new medical officer for the 160th Air Refueling Group Clinic. He is a General Practitioner, big game hunter, and also the Special Deputy Sheriff of Summit County.

Dr. DeCarlo came to the 160th AREFG from the Army Guard, and he includes, among his many accomplishments, the creation of the Physical Examination Section of the 200th Clearing Company, Cleveland, the recruiting of one doctor and one dentist; and the institution of nutrition and physical conditioning programs.

In his spare time DeCarlo enjoys tennis, traveling, and most of all — big game hunting. He has hunted in Australia, the Alps, New Zealand, Canada, and the Alaskan Yukon. Some of his favorite game to hunt are grizzly bear, antelope, water buffalo, black bear, moose, and many deer and wild boar.

For the purpose of hunting big game, DeCarlo has acquired quite a gun collection including both pistols and rifles. His most prized gun is a 12-gauge shotgun given to him by his father.

We welcome Dr. DeCarlo who resides in Wadsworth, Ohio, with his wife, Marilyn, and two daughters. His family practice is in Akron, Ohio.

Remember the
ONGA Winter Dance
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DELBERT HOLSINGER, 160th CF, to MSGT; **TYRUS CRAMER**, **MARLIN JONES**, **VIRGINIA MATTHEWS** and **TONY WEST**, 160th SPF to TSGT; **DAVID CORNETT**, **MICHAEL FLUGGE**, **RONALD LUNSFORD**, **LARRY MONGOLD**, **WILLIAM ROBINSON**, 160th SPF, **ROBERT LAWRENCE**, **GARY MITCHELL**, 160th CAMS, **BRUCE PATRICK**, **THOMAS PRICE**, 160th CLN, **NAPOLEON WALKER** 160th RMS, to staff sergeants. **THOMAS CANGEMI**, **RAYMOND MILLER**, **DONALD STEWART**, **DANIEL VINSON**, 160th CAMS, **MATTHEW FOSTER**, 145th APEFS, **MARK PAYTON**, 160th CEF, to airman first class; **DIANA CRAWFORD**, 160th CF, **TERI FISHER**, 160th ARFFG, **OLIVIA GRIFFIN**, 160th CLN, **WAYNE KRISTEK**, and **BETTY STANFORTH**, 160th CSS, to airman.

Four members of Headquarters, 512th Engr. Bn., received Army Commendation Medals for meritorious service. They are: **CSM NATHAN McGLONE**, 1st Lt. **GLEN HAMMOND III**, Capt. **MICHAEL HERNANDEY** and Maj. **WAYNE HOLLANDER**.

Air Guard Test Pilot Hopefuls Apply Now

Officers interested in test pilot school classes in 1981 and 1982 should apply now.

Officials at the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center say it is not too early to start application procedures. The next annual selection board for flight test pilots, navigators or engineers is January 1981. The board will select 36 students for July 1981 and February 1982 classes at Edwards AFB, Calif.

Application procedures for the school have changed somewhat in the past year. Endorsements and letters of recommendation from supervisors should be included with the application package. Applications should be forwarded through major commands prior to their arrival at Randolph AFB, Texas, no later than 30 days before the selection board meets.

People with current applications on file should submit an update to the utilization support section to ensure consideration by the board.

For further information, consult your local personnel office (AFNS).

Ugly Man at Camp Contest

BY MAJ. STEVEN STONE

Bald is beautiful.

Or at least that is what a number of soldiers in I Troop, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment think.

While at Camp Grayling for Annual Training it seems the executive officer, Second Lieutenant William Biasella and Sergeant John Smith dared each other to cut off all their hair.

They were heard to say: "If you'll do it, I'll do it."

Well, they did it.

And they also challenged everyone else to do it. Eighteen I Troop members took the challenge.

Snarles PFC Michael Haggen, "We did it because we're hard core."

PFC Haggen was a little bit harder to the core. He had the barber cut an "I" on top of his now shiny head. (Is that anything like a "scarlet letter?")

Two barbers in the unit took care of the grisly task. Sergeant George Singleton, a professional barber in civilian life and Staff Sergeant Richard Bennett, an amateur, held a contest with the heads of their fellow troops. It was a race to see who could scalp the fastest.

According to one witness, SSgt. Bennett was the quick-cut champion. He won by a hair, it was reported.

However, the job done by the professional, Sgt. Singleton, was of higher quality.

It was a cut above.

Survivor's Benefits

Widows and Widowers needing to request Survivor's Benefits, must submit the following to St. Louis: The 20-year letter, Death Certificate, Marriage License, Statement of Service (AGUZ Form 249) if available and the DD 1883 (if available). You must also send a letter requesting payment of benefits to: RCPAC, ATTN: AGUZ-RA-SBP, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132.



SMALL BORE PISTOL CHAMPS — Brigadier General David W. Wayt, 16th Engineer Brigade Commander, is seen presenting the small bore pistol Governor's Trophy to the team. From left to right, BG David W. Wayt, SSgts. George Withrow, Walter Wilfong, Douglas Cheek, Sp4 Donald Leeper and Sgt. Robert Rakes. Missing from the team photo are Sp4 Mickey Bowen and Coach Larry Evans. (PHOTO BY SSgt. DON SCHELL)

SGLI

Did you know that by law you can only carry a maximum of \$20,000 coverage in the Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and/or Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) programs?

There are, however, times when you can be eligible for coverage under both programs. If you are eligible for coverage in both programs, you must choose to be either covered by one program for the full amount of coverage or covered in both programs for a combined amount not to exceed \$20,000. You should carefully consider the premium amounts as well as the length of time your coverage will last before you make your decision.

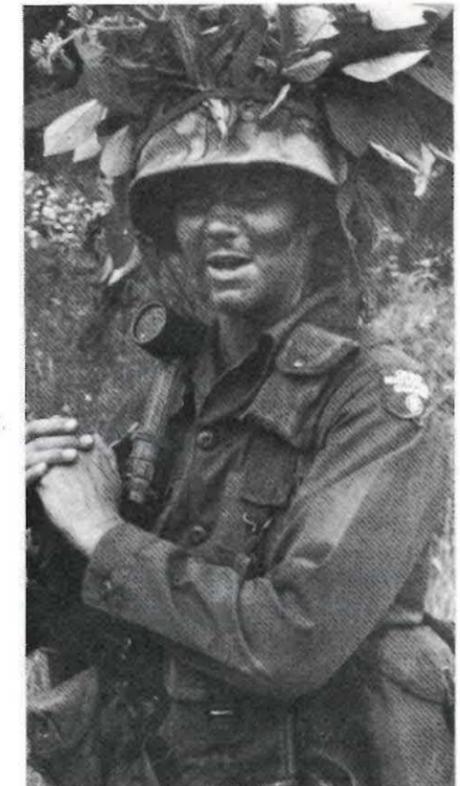
NCO Course

The Ohio Military Academy will conduct a Basic NCO Course for interested Enlisted members beginning December 1980.

The classes will be held at the Beightler Armory in Worthington. Quarters and rations will be furnished.

If interested, contact your First Sergeant or AST for details.

This Course was announced in an AG Letter dated August 25, 1980 and is open to all qualified E-4s and E-5s.



A NEW FORM OF MAKE-UP — Second Lieutenant, Emily Burns, is made up to do battle during her senior cadet field training at Camp Atterbury, where she performed her duties to the max. (PHOTO BY SFC DANNY GAST)



Some men and women use their Guard earnings to make car payments

There are a lot of good uses for the money earned on Guard duty. Car payments are just one . . . one that is important to many of the young men and women who are joining the Ohio National Guard these days.

Today's high pay rates make the National Guard one of the top paying part-time jobs around. Guard training is also one of the best ways available to qualify for solid full-time jobs in private industry. After basic and specialty training, with good pay, it takes one weekend a month and two weeks each summer.

Men and women with prior military service qualify for part-time duty and pay immediately.

There are a lot of good uses for the money you can earn on Guard duty . . . and a lot of good spots open with local Guard units for those who want to be a part of something that counts.

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