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# Proud Performance

Ohio Army National Guardmembers are to be commended upon completion of a SAFE and SUCCESSFUL Annual Training 1985. While Ohio Citizens average one traffic accident every 22,000 highway miles, over 10,100 guardmembers drove 2,348 military vehicles accumulating nearly 2,000,000 in highway miles without a single accident! I am extremely pleased and proud of this safety record.

The training evaluation accomplishments and ratings of our citizen-soldiers is equally commendable. Our soldiers lived and trained in a field environment under stressful, simulated battlefield conditions. During this intensive training, they were in the watchful eye of active army evaluators.

Evaluators were fair, but firm. Evaluations were designed to be the toughest in recent years. Yet, the ratings received by Ohio Army National Guard units were most gratifying and well earned. Ratings range from a one for best to five for unsatisfactory. Eight units received a rating of "1". This training year evaluations revealed that 51% of the units

rated above an average of 3, as compared with 37% last year — a 14% increase.

The training concept was designed to stress the individual soldier, to test soldier skills, and to examine unit capabilities. Notably, individuals' grades in nuclear, biological, chemical survival skills were significantly improved.

I could continue to expound upon my sincere satisfaction in the men and women of the Ohio Army National Guard who individually and collectively achieved these ratings and successes. We are also pleased with family and employer support and understanding which helps us retain high quality, dedicated guardmembers.

My challenge to you is to continue this professional effort and performance record. You are "Ohioans at their Best". Be proud of your achievements!



Maj. Gen. Raymond Galloway

## Our Cover

Annual Training '85 provided memorable experiences for members of the Ohio National Guard. Our cover pictures depict the variety of training activities that took place at Camp Grayling, Mich., during the period July 20 through September 2, 1985. Clockwise from top right, the pictures are: 1) PFC Kevin Bowersock and (left) PFC Thomas Goodridge of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment spot targets for tanks firing on the gunnery range; 2) Aviators in a UH1H (Huey) Helicopter support an insertion of ground soldiers into "hostile" territory; 3) Sp4 Tamara Guzzo of the 684th Medical Company takes aim from her defensive position; 4) Members of the 837th Engineer Company work on construction of a floating ribbon bridge at Grayling's Howe Lake; and 5) Sgt. Eric Geschke, Air Troop, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, gets a salute from Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway, Ohio's Adjutant General, after Gen. Galloway presented Geschke with the Purple Heart. Geschke was wounded while serving with the 101st Aviation Battalion (Airborne Division) in Vietnam in 1965. The Purple Heart, which goes to soldiers wounded in combat, was not awarded to him at the time due to a mixup. A check of Geschke's 201 file by Air Troop provided the documentation needed for him to receive his medal this year. (Cover photo credits: 1) SP4 Thomas Grandy, 2) SP4 Jim Browning, 3) SFC Arvel Hall, 4) Sgt. Russ Torbet, and 5) SFC Dave Swavel.

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## Guest column . . .

# 'Be Eagles,' OCS Graduates Told

*(Editor's Note: These remarks by Brig. Gen. Thomas D. Schulte, Assistant Adjutant General of the Ohio Army National Guard, were presented at the Officer Candidate School graduation on June 29, 1985, at Camp Perry Military Reservation.)*

**W**ith all sincerity, I tell you it is our pleasure and an honor to be here with you today at this commissioning ceremony and to share with you, your joy, your pride, your relief, your sense of fulfillment for having achieved that for which you have so earnestly strived.

There is no doubt in my mind, or in your mind, that you have suffered greatly the past 12 months. But you have also achieved greatly and now you are about to be rewarded - greatly. You are about to be charged with the responsibility of proving that you are indeed worthy of that which you have accomplished. And you are wondering how you will do. Don't worry, you'll do quite well - if you want to do well. Recognition and advancement will come as your skills develop and you, in turn, advance.

Somewhere out there is another outstanding officer like General Bob Teater; another OCS Commandant that can, perhaps, measure up to Colonel Dan Arnett; a future outstanding Plans Operations and Training officer like our retiring Colonel Bob Pettit; another Assistant Adjutant General; and certainly another Adjutant General for the future. For you see, you, my young comrades - our young eagles of the future - you, are the future of this country and of the Ohio National Guard.

We say to each of you, well done and well begun, because you are only beginning. But what a bright beginning, plus the opportunity to work with some of the finest, most professional people you will ever know and admire, and you will admire them.

You have an opportunity to participate in something really worthwhile - the sense of belonging to a great effort that was carried on by great people before us - an effort to which we make our contribution - to which you will make your contribution from this day forward.

**Y**ou are - we are - important people. Being a part of the National Guard is the most important pursuit I have ever achieved in my life. I hope you feel that way when you are 50 years old. Right now you are probably saying to yourself - 50 years old - this guy is an old man - what could he possibly know. Well my young friends, I wasn't always 50 and someday when you get to be 50, you tell yourself that you are 50. I can absolutely and positively guarantee that age 50 won't sound near as old to you then, with you saying it, as it sounds to you here today, with me saying it.

Yes - at your age and at my age, we guardmembers are important people. Our freedom, our possessions, our life itself are products of the strength of the volunteers of this nation. Americans are people of peace and goodwill. *But*, from the earliest days of our nation, our beginnings would have soon ended without volunteers in arms to enforce our determination. Our forefathers carried their arms to church. The first shot, for the freedom and independence that we so lavishly enjoy, was fired by shopkeepers and farmers - volunteers - at Concord Bridge. At Bunker Hill there was not a single American regular in the field - all volunteers, all citizen-soldiers, just like each of us. The successes of our armed forces have not been successes of huge standing armies or regulars, but rather the additional efforts of the volunteers.



Brig. Gen. Thomas Schulte

Every major conflict that our nation has won has depended essentially on citizens in arms for the ultimate victory - people like you and me.

**S**hortly, you are going to take an oath to defend this nation - do not take that oath lightly. You and I - all of us - may have to, someday in the future, defend this great nation that we take so lightly. Too few times each day, we fail to remind ourselves how great, how beautiful, how free, how wonderful, to live in this country - to be a viable part of the greatest society that God ever created.

I've seen much of this country from the air, in a helicopter, as a part of my job. I've seen the Sawtooth mountains of Idaho, the beaches of Hawaii, the plains of Texas, the hills of Kentucky and West Virginia, Chicago, Dallas, New York, Seattle, Los Angeles - the beautiful cities and towns of Ohio at night from 2,000 feet. What a magnificent sight. Well worth defending - just as those before us have done.

No individual wants peace more than us - the men and women in uniform. We are the first to go. Our closest friends, in many cases, are friends in uniform. Our job, my young eagles, is not to promote conflict, but to preserve the peace. Our past guardmembers did not promote war, but they gave of themselves in Europe, Korea, the Pacific - so that you and I could be here today for your ceremony.

My closest friend, when I was your age, was Charles Frederick Swope. We met in junior high in 1947 and became inseparable. He was the high school quarterback and I was his receiver. He

*(Continued)*

went to the Naval Academy and became an officer. I went to Eastern Kentucky University and became an officer. Charlie gave his life in Vietnam in 1967 - 20 years after we became friends. Each time I go to Washington on business, I visit the Vietnam Memorial. I touch his name - each time I go there, and each time Charlies says to me - "Do not stand by my grave and cry - I am not here - I did not die." Another close friend who gave his life so that we could be here today.

I wear this uniform as a guardmember - just as you will soon wear the 2nd lieutenant bars as a guard officer - because we are a nation of eagles.

And my young Americans, we must always be a nation of eagles. We can never become a nation of sheep, because the ultimate aim of the Soviet Union is to overthrow this country and create a world ruled by them. To accomplish this end, the Soviets have built the largest war machine in history. Despite their economic problems, despite the dissent throughout their empire, they intend to dominate the world by 1990.

They intend to dominate the Middle East, neutralize Western Europe, encircle China and isolate our United States.

They are encircling the Persian Gulf so they can dominate the oil rich nations of the Mideast. They intend to eventually control mineral rich Africa, intimidate us by control of South America, encircle China and force China into "psychological accommodation." That would, in essence, isolate us from the rest of the world. Nothing in, nothing out. Do those remarks sound extreme.? Let me assure you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice!

But you, the eagles of the 1990s, must never allow that to happen. You are the leaders of the 1990s and beyond. Our time - the time of most of your leaders of today - will have past. We will, at that time, be dependent on you and your leadership for our security, freedom, and the continuation of our American way of life. Soviet nuclear blackmail will happen to many countries.

But you must never allow that to happen here - not in your America, not in my America, not in our America. Here there is an inner light, an inner air where freedom lives and thrives - where people can draw the breath of self respect, the breath of trust and freedom. That precious breath that says - thank God - I am an American.



## VIEWPOINTS



### Tornado Efforts Cited

Dear Governor Celeste:

You and the Ohio National Guard have done it again! You are both to be highly commended for such responsiveness to the need for assistance by last week's tornadoes.

You are aware of the massive devastation caused, but you may not be aware of the outstanding service afforded by our National Guard. Instantaneous response to orders, many, many hours without rest, and kind and courteous assistance were the standards. I am confident that all the citizens of the state, but most especially the people of northeast Ohio, will long remember your support and the support of the Guard which you command.

For all of us in northeast Ohio, a grateful and heartfelt thank you!

**JAMES A. SCRIVEN**  
Civilian Aide to the  
Secretary of the Army  
for Northern Ohio

### Lady, Liberty

Many of the readers of this letter will have been overseas and can understand the following from personal experience. All of you will appreciate the impact and importance of this piece.

Your flight lands in Paris and your brother is there to pick you up. Before anything else happens, you demand a whirlwind tour of the city. As you drive through the streets you catch glimpses of the world renowned Eiffel Tower. The trademark of France, epitomizing the majesty and beauty of Paris. The Tour de Eiffel is on a level with the Colosseum of Rome and the Statue of Liberty of the United States of America. Finally you arrive at the base of the tower. Awaiting you is not beauty and grace, but discoloration and disrepair. Rust-colored blotches scar the frame and the rocks at the base are crumbling and cracked. Needless to say, you are not permitted to even approach the tower, let alone ascend it. Chain-link fence surrounds the once beautiful grounds. The fence combined with the large "No Trespassing" signs written in a variety of languages prevents the visitor from even taking an unblemished photograph. You begin to wonder how the French could be so careless and negligent.

Now, you are a tourist landing in New York City and your brother Jacques picks you up at the airport. The tour of the city impresses

you, but in the back of your mind is the Statue of Liberty. The beautiful woman who once greeted all immigrants with her stern, but accepting stare. There is the water and a short boat ride away...the Statue of Liberty. What? They no longer allow people to even get on the island! With binoculars, which cost 50 cents, you can get a better look at the "bruised" and battered frame of a once powerful woman. How is it possible that a form constructed of stone can look beaten and sad.

Tourists don't get their impression of our country from talking to Americans. They don't take pictures of average American citizens and talk about how fine and upright Americans are. They talk of the sights they saw and then show the pictures they took.

The 211th Maintenance Company in Newark took that step that separates a good unit from a great one. During the March drill a collection was taken to support restoration of the Statue of Liberty. A majority of members donated money and the general attitude was one of pride and respect. A letter of thanks was recently received accompanied by a document of appreciation which is now proudly and prominently displayed in our Orderly Room.

As proud, patriotic American citizens it is our duty to aid in the restoration of one of our most significant national monuments. The 211th, challenges the National Guard as a whole to participate in the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. Let the future generations of America, and the world, behold the majesty of the most beautiful woman in the United States.

**CADET MATTHEW DAWSON**  
211th Maintenance Company

### Buckeye Guard Deadlines

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# OMA Expands Programs

The Ohio Military Academy (OMA) is steadily growing in size and number. It has grown from offering two courses per year for approximately 90 officer candidate students to 21 officer and noncommissioned officer courses for nearly 1,800 students.

OMA offers the Officer Candidate School (OCS) and the Noncommissioned Officer Education System (NCOES).

OCS consists of 360 hours of instruction conducted in a 13-month period. Upon completion, the OCS candidate is commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Ohio Army National Guard and the Army Reserve.

NCOES is a more formal program of instruction and training for all enlisted grades and Military Occupational Specialists.

Richard Wehling, the command sergeant major of OMA said, "The OMA staff and associate instructors are truly dedicated, highly motivated and professional people. They deeply desire to provide the best leadership training possible to each student, and they do it for both officers and noncommissioned officers."

Wehling is also the Commandant of the NCOES. "The Noncommissioned Officer Education System will prove to be the best in recent military history. The keys to strength and success are ongoing individual education coupled with maturity through experience," said Wehling.

OMA and NCOES are two military educational institutes that build stronger attitudes,



Plotting a distance for the next objective in the land navigation course at Plumbrook training site are from the left, Junior Candidates Zabrina S. Davis, Lisa M. Waisanen and Anthony P. DiGiacomo. (Photo by SSgt. Ken White)

stronger minds and stronger leaders. "The educated, trained and experienced (soldier) is the strongest 'weapon' in the U.S. Army inventory," said Wehling.

For enlisted personnel, Wehling advised the Noncommissioned Officer Development

Program (NCOEP). The program is not completely designed yet, but with increased course growth and student enrollment, it promises to be as effective in training personnel as OCS and NCOES.

## Academy Seeks Officer Candidates

BY KEN WHITE

196th Public Affairs Detachment

If you are an enlisted person, meet the required qualifications, and have the initiative and desire to be an officer, the Ohio Military Academy wants you. Through its Officer Candidate School program, OMA can make you a second lieutenant in 13 months.

Lt. Col. Gary O. Partlow, director of schools, OMA, said a new recruiting drive will begin this October when a new regulation, AGOR 351-3, becomes effective. Partlow said the new regulation will streamline existing recruiting procedures and require all unit commanders to identify personnel eligible for OCS.

In addition; the academy will offer OCS orientation weekends at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, for interested applicants. Or, if a Battalion Commander has 12 or more qualified applicants, OMA will go to the unit and conduct the orientation weekend. "They can come to us, or we can go to them," Partlow said.

The orientation weekends are designed to simulate typical OCS training. It is hoped this

exposure to the program will reduce the attrition rate of future OCS classes. "The normal attrition rate through the 13-month program is about 50 percent," Partlow said. The OCS program currently graduates about 40 second lieutenants each year.

Partlow would like to see the number of graduates increase. He stresses that OMA doesn't have a quota, buy rather a goal. "We're asking each (company-size) unit to supply one candidate each year." This would increase the starting size of each class to about 126 candidates. Partlow added that there's no reason why OMA shouldn't have a 200-person class each year.

Once admitted to the OCS program, all candidates, unless they have a higher rank, are promoted to E-6. For the next 13 months they are attached to the academy for pay and training. This includes attending two summer camps. During the program the candidates are not permitted to attend drill or summer camp with their home unit. Upon graduation they are promoted to second lieutenant.

Partlow said that the military commitment after graduation depend on the desires of the individual, but within 12 months the new se-

cond lieutenants have to complete an active Army branch course to get their branch specialty. These courses vary in length from four to 18 weeks.

If you are interested in the OCS program, see your unit administrator, first sergeant, or company commander, or call the Ohio Military Academy at 614-492-3580.



### Cleaners Gives Guardmembers 20% Discount

Callander Cleaners of Columbus has initiated a policy, effective immediately, to give all members of the Ohio National Guard a 20 percent discount on all laundering and cleaning of military clothing.

The company has eight locations in Central Ohio. Guardmembers should consult the yellow pages for the location nearest them.

# Annual Training '85



**ASSAULT TRAINING**—Members of the first platoon, Company B, 112th Engineer Battalion, train for an assault river crossing at Camp Grayling's Howe Lake.  
(Photo by Sp4 Mike Igo)

**Lt. Col. Harold Lyon**  
Does Does 4-Mile Run In MOPP Gear  
(Photo by Sgt. Stu Sears)



**PREPARE FOR BLASTOFF**—Pvt. Guy Demars of 1/148th Infantry's Combat Support Company fires 107mm mortar at Camp Grayling. (Photo by Sgt. Stu Sears)

**OUT COLD**—An “injured” soldier of Company B, 237th Support Battalion is treated by a medic during a mass casualty exercise conducted during annual training at Camp Grayling, Mich.  
 (Photo by Sp4 Harlan Williams)



**RAPID TRANSIT, INFANTRY STYLE**—Members of Company A, 1/147th Infantry Battalion disembark from helicopters and fan out to engage the enemy during a field exercise at annual training. (Photo by Sp4 Harlan Williams)



**RADAR**—PFC Charles Slovan of the 838th Military Police Company, Youngstown, uses a radar gun to help enforce the military vehicle speed limit of 45 mph. The military police company borrowed the radar unit from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office to help the local law enforcement authorities with traffic control in the Camp Grayling area.  
 (Photo by Sp4 Thomas Grandy)



**ON TARGET**—Sp4 Mark Knapp of New Philadelphia, a member of the 1484th Transportation Company, Dover, fires the M203 grenade launcher. (Photo by Sp4 Sam Paden)

# Company C Requests One Last Battle

BY PEG HANLEY

196th Public Affairs Detachment

After living in the field for nine days during Annual Training '85 at Camp Grayling, Mich., most of the troops from the 73rd Infantry Brigade (Separate) were heading toward garrison eager to unload gear, enjoy hot showers and relax for a day before resuming training.

As the five-ton cargo trucks carrying the gritty guardmembers lumbered along the sandy roads, the whir of helicopter blades sounded at nearby Baker Hill. Seems the field-toughened troops from Company C, 1/148 Infantry Battalion, Van Wert, wanted one "last hurrah" before heading back to Ohio.

Fifteen UH-1 "Huey" choppers carrying Company C troops circled the hill and landed in the adjacent valley.

"As the other 73rd troops were leaving the field, we were climbing out of the choppers for an air assault into a hot landing zone with a hasty attack under dirty battlefield conditions," said 2nd Lt. Tobin Pinks, Dunkirk.

According to Pinks, when a landing zone is dubbed hot it means that as troops pour out of the choppers, aggressors are waiting. And dirty battlefield conditions are more than just the sand and mud of Camp Grayling, he explained. Dirty battlefield conditions mean that the enemy has sprayed the battle area heavily with smoke or C-2 gas.

Due to rain the previous day, the choppers were unable to touch down at the planned landing zone, a position that would have allowed for easier access when capturing their objective which was Baker Hill.



**LAND ASSAULT**—Troopers from Company C, 1/148th Infantry Battalion pour through an opening in a fence as they prepare to assault a hill during their final exercise at annual training. (Photo by Sp4 Peg Hanley)

Instead they landed in a field adjacent to the hill which involved more obstacles and tougher terrain for the infantrymen to traverse.

"It took the first platoon a few minutes longer to get the best position to take the hill because we were out of grenades and couldn't blow up the fence," Pinks noted.

After an opening was found in the barbed wire fence, two platoons attacked and captured the hill. The other two platoons were held in reserve to provide cover.

The battle lasted an hour. For the infantrymen of Company C it was a victorious hour. Sp 4 Kenneth Klosterman, Celina, said, "We

annihilated the 101st."

The 101st was composed of regular Army troops from Fort Campbell, Ky. They were on hand during the two-week training period to act as aggressors and evaluators for the 73rd.

Even though the battle for the hill was won and these troops knew they would be the last returned to garrison, they wanted one more assault.

"We can't get the kind of support the 101st gives us, nor can we get as much sand when we train back in Ohio," Pinks added laughingly, as he headed back toward the field encampment.

## 837th Engineers Tackle Floating Bridge

BY RUSS TORBET

837th Engineer Company

CAMP GRAYLING, Mich.—Trucks carrying the men of the 837th Engineer Company Bridge Platoon, slogged through an early



**HAVE BRIDGE, WILL DELIVER**—Sgt. Dennis Hartzog of the 837th Engineer Company Bridge Platoon, maneuvers an inner bay section of the bridge into Howe Lake. (Photo by Sgt. Russ Torbet)

morning drizzle to Howe Lake to erect their new floating ribbon bridge. They had been waiting for months to get it in the water and the time had finally arrived.

Until arriving at Camp Grayling, Mich. for annual training, the platoon had had no training with the floating ribbon bridge. Now the members of the 73d Infantry Brigade would get a heaping serving of the training they had looked forward to since getting the bridge in early May.

The floating ribbon bridge is a class 60 raft bridge with the strength to bear 60 tons (the equivalent of one Abrams tank). And it's no easy task to get this bridge in the water. It takes trained engineers to do the job to ensure men and equipment can safely cross the bridges.

The mission of the 837th is to provide such bridging capabilities in support of the 73d Infantry Brigade. Bridges are used extensively to move heavy equipment, vehicles, troops and supplies across large bodies of water.

Instructors from the 73d Engineer Ribbon Bridge Company, Fort Lewis, Washington, made the trip to Camp Grayling to ensure the bridge builders were properly trained in installing the new bridge.

Though the technical manual calls for the use of four power boats, three inner bays, two end bays and 17 men split into three different groups to construct the bridge, the platoon did the job with two power boats.

Not only did the bridge builders erect the bridge with less equipment, they did it in only 19 minutes. Not quite the Army standard, but very close for the initial attempts.

But close isn't good enough for the bridge platoon. They plan to get more experience as soon as possible and beat the 15-minute Army standard in short order. With their "can do" attitude it shouldn't take long.

# Tiffin Troop Gains Field Experience

BY PEG HANLEY

196th Public Affairs Detachment

The 385th Medical Company (Ambulance), Tiffin, is one of the smallest Army National Guard units in the state. But size in no way detracts from the unit's closeness and competence. In fact, it tends to heighten the esprit de corps about which members cannot seem to say enough.

More than 95 percent of the members have at least five or more years in the Guard, and the majority live within 25 miles of Tiffin, according to 2nd Lt. Jonathon Bailey.

Because they have been together for so long, unit members know when a fellow troop is down in the dumps. "We're more than just weekend soldiers, and know when someone is having a bad day and needs a little cheering up," Bailey said.

During Annual Training 1985, the unit had no time for bad days. They arrived at Camp Grayling and immediately went to the field for two weeks of common task training and the Army Training and Evaluation Program.

The highlight of the two weeks seemed to be the common task training, according to Sgt. Barry Fiske, a section leader in the company.

"The medics that we have are all very well-trained in the medical aspects of soldiering," Fiske said. "However, the basic soldiering techniques that we don't have time to work on during drill are being conducted in a realistic field situation here."

Unit members had the opportunity to perform ground reconnaissance and pick and set up a company site complete with mess and toilet facilities. The unit also conducted a



**EXAMINATION**—Medics from the 385th Medical Company, Tiffin, check the carotid (neck) and radial (arm) pulses of a wounded soldier during annual training.

(Photo by Sp4 Peg Hanley)

night motor movement and dug out the maps and compasses for some land navigation training.

"Back in Tiffin, the troops sat through classes on land navigation, but never had the opportunity to utilize the terrain that we had the grid maps for," Fiske noted.

One land navigation exercise included traveling 600 meters in wedge formation into the forest, where a platoon constructed fighting positions and built fortifications. They used compasses and grid maps to find their way in the forest, something they cannot do at their home station.

Fiske feels that the quality of training at Camp Grayling prevented the troops from

complaining about the long days and nights and being busy every moment during Annual Training.

"If you don't give members an opportunity to do the practical application of a task or explain to them what they are doing, they kind of lose interest," he said.

Another factor contributing to the troops' interest and high morale throughout AT '85, was knowing what they would be doing each day in advance.

"By the third morning, there was such a sense of solidarity that two platoons actually went out and did physical training for 45 minutes just to get warm," Fiske added.

## Military Couple Finds Lifestyle Advantageous

BY CADET THOMAS GREGORY

112th Medical Brigade

A new specialized unit was formed in the Ohio Army National Guard May 24, 1985. It contains only two guardmembers, John and Diane Murphy. The unit began when they said "I do" and became man and wife.

John and Diane met in the Guard. John is a specialist six in the 112th Medical Brigade where he works as a unit administrator, and Diane is a sergeant who works as a general's aide.

For the Murphy's, the Guard acts as a common ground for communication. "There are many advantages of both husband and wife being in the military," John says. "One advantage is that your spouse is able to understand what you are doing. Many spouses don't understand what their partner is doing, and they are unable to talk about the military together."

Diane, who also works as a budget officer for the Ohio Department of Development, agreed, adding that the National Guard allows married couples to do something

together in a different atmosphere.

"Diane and I have a professional side and an off-duty side to our relationship, even though we are married," John said. "We never allow our own time together to interfere with our military duties."

John and Diane aren't the only married couple in the military and they think married couples have a lot to offer.

"One thing the Guard should consider is using military couples to help explain the benefits of the National Guard," John said. "Military couples are a valuable asset because they're able to give a much broader understanding of the Guard to others, as well as show how the family can become involved with the Guard."

John and Diane view the Guard from different perspectives, John is an employee in the Guard, while Diane is a part-time member. "Because we're involved in the Guard in different ways, we're able to help each other," Diane said.



**John and Diane Murphy**

(Photo by Cadet Thomas Gregory)



**LEADING BY EXAMPLE**—Physical fitness is a high priority for readiness with members of the Ohio National Guard. Led by Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway (left) Ohio's Adjutant General, other joggers finishing 10 miles in the early dawn at the 1985 Camp Grayling, Mich., Annual Training include: (second from left) Col. Robert Sangster, Chief Army Advisor; Col. Richard Alexander, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel; and Col. Robert Lawson, State Chief of Staff. (Photo by SFC David Swavel)

## ONG Has 40 New Officers

Second Lieutenant Michael Ore, Company B, 237th Support Battalion, garnered the lions share of honors at the graduation ceremony of Class XXXII, Ohio Army National Guard Officer Candidate School.

The ceremony, which took place June 29 at Camp Perry, saw the former enlisted medic win the Distinguished Graduate Award, the 73rd Infantry Brigade Award, the Leadership Award and the OCS Alumni Award.

Forty new officers received their lieutenant bars at the commissioning ceremony which featured a stirring speech on leadership by Brig. Gen. Thomas Schulte, Ohio's Assistant Adjutant General for Army. (For a reprint of the speech, see page 3 of this issue.)

A complete listing of the graduates follows: Thomas Ahrendt, Jack D. Arnett Jr., Chris-



**NEW 2ND LT. MICHAEL ORE**  
Renders First Salute

topher J. Baldy, Phillip E. Bronsdon, Brian P. Burcham, Harold R. Burke Jr., Lawrence R. Cable, Ronald A. Cain, Richard A. Cashman, Michael T. Connelly, Keith A. Darling, Gordon L. Ellis, Paul D. Graves, Keith J. Grzelewski, Carl D. Hansen Jr., Timothy C. Hansen, Mark D. Harden, George D. Henderson Jr., Phillip A. Hurt, Jerry L. Lehman, John E. Mayer, Patrick H. McGreal, Douglas R. Morrow, Jeffrey A. Munsey, Davis W. Olstrom, Michael Ore, Dallas A. Packer, Bernard R. Pfeiffer, Tobin E. Pinks, Timothy J. Pressler, Josh R. L. Roberts, Larry L. Schifer, Dana A. Shockley, David M. Snyder, Robert A. Stonerock, Ricky Trainer, George M. Vanderverter, Michael A. Vinson, Aric M. Watson, and Sandra J. Wheat.

## Guard Chaplains Needed To Assist 'Ministry of Presence'

BY JOHN SIMONS

State Chaplain

During the 1985 Annual Training periods, 19 chaplains of the Ohio National Guard practiced what is called the "ministry of presence."

They went and stayed wherever the soldiers went, whether in garrison or in the field. As men of God they led worship services in chapels, in tents or in some handy open clearing.

The ministry of presence provided the opportunity for soldiers to get some professional counseling. Those confined to a hospital or infirmary received some solace, and the service of the chaplains was used in emergencies.

Guard chaplains come from our local communities and we need to be alert to asking our local clergypersons to join in this ministry. Encourage them to call me at (216) 942-1015 or contact your unit chaplain.

## 178th Wins TAC Safety Award

The Springfield-based 178th Tactical Fighter Group has earned the Tactical Air Command Flight Safety Award for one year of accident-free flying from June 2, 1984 to June 1, 1985.

Lt. Gen. John Piotrowski, commander, 9th Air Force, said "Your safety record is a direct reflection of training effectiveness and operational competence and represents the total dedication of your people."

In adding his appreciation Group Commander, Col. Richard E. Higgins said, "Men and women of the 178th should take great pride in this significant achievement."



**SFC MIKE HOWLEY**, operations sergeant for Troop Command at Beightler Armory in Worthington, was recently selected by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee as the Central Ohio Service Person of the Year. (Photo by SFC Jim Hall)

# Sp4 Turns Wild and Wood Into Art

BY BARBARA EASTON-MOORE

Staff Writer

Putting deer skins in washing machines is not the usual activity of an eight-year-old. But, Sp4 Mike Smith of the 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment was not the usual eight-year-old.

He recalled one such incident early in his hunting career and how his mother reacted. "I thought my life was ended," he said.

A member of the Guard for six years under the command of CWO 4, Junior Edward Duke at the Stow Armory, Smith capitalizes on his interests and abilities as well as his education. Smith is a taxidermist and woodcarver.

As a guardmember, he has participated in the educational opportunities offered to members and majored in wildlife management at Hocking Technical College near Athens. "The guard assistance is a wonderful program," he said. He added that he has encouraged six of his friends to take part in the college assistance program.

He planned on being a game warden, but now finds himself a woodcarver and taxidermist. Many of the animals processed are used as displays in outdoor sportsman shows. One such critter is a porcupine Smith got while hunting in Wyoming. "The kids like him and he is like a family pet," he said.

Wyoming is only one of the many places he has gone hunting. Last year he hunted ducks in Maryland. He said his big desire is to hunt and trap in Alaska.

He said he had seriously thought about starting a guide service in northern Ohio, but decided against it. "I would have to show them (customers) my favorite hunting spots."

Smith, a hunter and trapper for years, feels there must be regulations for hunters, but the sport should not be condemned. He feels if hunting is not allowed, it hurts the balance of nature. He said the animals over-populate and become smaller and more susceptible to disease, attack and starvation.

The outdoorsman also believes in leg-hold traps to protect animals. "Despite what anyone says, it doesn't hurt an animal," he said. "It is probably the safest way to trap. I have walked up to the trap and found them sleeping." He also added that a choice can be made. He explained if a kit is caught, the leg-hold trap can be released, whereas another type of trap will not give the hunter a choice.

Smith was in the sixth grade when he first became interested in taxidermy. His father had a 1930s do-it-yourself taxidermy book

and Smith tried the procedure on frogs and birds. He said those techniques today are considered obsolete.

He said most of the deer heads he processes are killed on the highway. Two of the heads he is now working on will probably end up in a nature center. One of the largest animals he has worked on for a customer was a black bear that took him about six weeks to prepare.

Sometimes people drop off animals to be processed and never call for them. Fortunately Smith said he can sell unclaimed deer heads, but if someone fails to claim a processed duck, he is not even allowed to give it away. He explained this is to protect the ducks from being killed solely for profit.

The taxidermy part of his work pays the bills, he said, but he enjoys the woodcarving. So much, in fact, that he is trying to enter his work in competitive carving events.

"A buddy of mine saw some wood carvings and suggested to me to try to carve. The first half-dozen or so were disasters. They looked kind of like ducks, but they were bad representations of them," he said.

Smith takes special care to pay attention to the grain to prevent the thin pieces of carved wood from shattering. The three kinds of wood he uses are bass wood, white pine and

jelutong, a wood from the Philippines.

One of Smith's goals is to have a shop in Chardon, where he lives. He now consigns some of his carved birds at a specialty shop in Bainbridge. Also he plans to enter the All-Ohio Outdoor Show.

As an adjunct to the woodcarving business, he recently started making country furniture.

On drill weekends Smith is a recovery vehicle operator in "Duke's Army". The vehicle is a giant wrecker with tracks and its own weaponry. Duke said Smith must stay familiar with the M88A1 recovery vehicle. He explained that its primary mission is to recover disabled or over-turned tanks and trucks.

During snow emergencies when Smith's unit is activated, Smith acts as assistant alert leader.

Smith has much respect for Duke. In referring to Duke, he said, "he is something else; I would say one of the better people in our National Guard."

The respect is mutual. Duke, who has known Smith since the specialist entered the Guard, said that Smith is a "superb individual. I class him real high. He is a well-rounded soldier. And he keeps the Guard a hobby."

Smith believes he will probably stay in the Guard for life. He added, "I just like the fellows."

**PRICKLY SITUATION**—Sp4 Mike Smith inspects one of the family pets in his taxidermy and woodcarving workshop.

(Photo by Barbara Easton Moore)

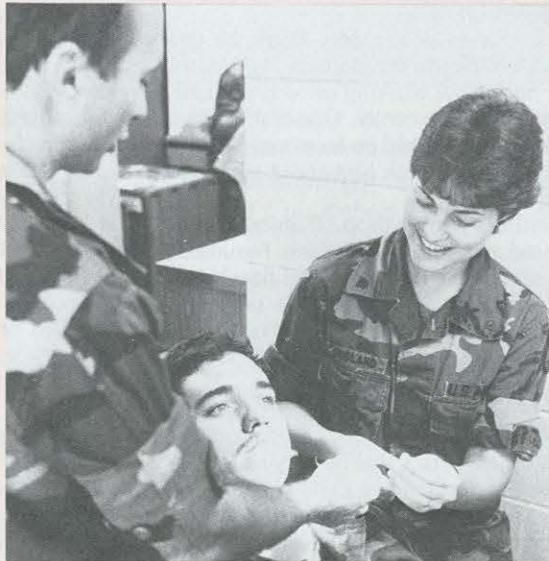


# Guard Helps Students

BY BARBARA EASTON-MOORE

Staff Writer

## From Dentistry to Teaching



The self-satisfaction of an interesting experience, the joy of meeting friends and the opportunity to help others led Sp4 Vickie England into joining the National Guard.

After discussing the possibilities with a recruiter, she was placed in Company B, 237th Support Battalion as a dental assistant. A year later she enrolled in education at the Ohio State University and applied for the tuition assistance program.

She hopes to become a teacher in elementary education. To help ensure this, she plans on an internship of student teaching at Lincoln Elementary in the Gahanna Public Schools.

England said the internship is considered a year-long course and the tuition assistance pays for it. Based on this, she feels the tuition program has benefits beyond help in receiving a degree. "I will be a better teacher," she said.

## Heating Specialist Learns Russian

In exchange for what the Guard offers to a student, SrA Brian Wilford believes there is more in the returns than the time invested.

"I think they offer a great arrangement for people that are willing to be committed and want to enter school," he added.

Wilford, a member of the 160th Civil Engineering Flight at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, works during drill weekends as a heating systems specialist.

He is enrolled at Ohio State University majoring in Russian. Someday he would like to work in a Russian speaking country, he said.

When not attending classes, he works at the Learning Resource Center on West campus.

He also is active in the University Bible Fellowship near campus. Upon graduating he hopes to do missionary work through that organization.



# Look to the Future

## Art Program Makes Cents



If you are interested in opportunities to travel, learn of new worlds and at the same time serve your country, SrA Douglas Wilford said, joining the Ohio Air Guard may be the key.

"And if you are willing to make the commitment and follow all the guidelines and maintain your grade point in school, there are all sorts of benefits," he added.

Wilford joined the Guard two years ago and during drill weekends he works as an environmental specialist in the 160th Civil Engineering Flight.

Enrolled at the Ohio State University, Wilford hopes to complete a degree in fine arts and continue graduate studies in Europe.

Wilford's membership in the Guard has had a surprise bonus. While at basic training in Texas he took a course in stained-glass technique which has evolved into a part-time business.

## OSU Musician Toots Horn For Army

After his freshman year at the Ohio State University, Sp4 David Biros looked for options to help pay his tuition and said he found "the best deal in town."

Biros, a journalism major, also is an accomplished trumpet player. And when he discovered there was an opening in the military band, he enlisted.

Not only does Biros display his talent as a member of the 122nd Ohio Army National Guard band, he also plays in the OSU marching band.

Biros works part-time as a political reporter for the *Youngstown Vindicator* and recently served as city editor for the OSU newspaper, the *Lantern*.

Biros enjoys being in both bands and through his participation has had several opportunities for travel. The only disadvantage of being in the Guard band, he said is there are no officers. One of the goals he entertains is becoming an officer and making a career of the military. If so, he considers joining a public affairs detachment.



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## Doctor, Lawyer Or Chief...

Whether it be pre-law, education, nursing, machining & welding, graphics, pet grooming, modeling or mixology you are interested in, if you are a guardmember you are eligible for tuition assistance. And the list goes on.

Not only are there courses of any type offered, but also, there are several different kinds of educational programs offered. Included are four-year and two-year universities and colleges, trade schools, technical schools, hospital programs, academies and para-professional schools.

Each year approximately 3,000 students attending one of the cooperating schools receives financial assistance. The tuition

benefits may not exceed 12 quarters, 8 semesters, 2,640 clock hours or the equivalence of a baccalaureate degree.

To receive the assistance guardmembers must be residents of Ohio for at least 12 months prior to the beginning of the grant, be a high school graduate or possess a GED certificate and have enlisted for no less than six years.

Applications may be made at the time of enlistment contingent on the completion of basic training and military specialty training.

However, pursuit of a second degree or post-graduate courses presently is not available for military assistance.

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## 107th ACR Conducts Public Affairs Conference

BY RONALD A. BACKOS

HHT 3/107TH ACR

The 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment conducted a public affairs conference outlining the public affairs program and providing training to the unit representatives to ensure success during Annual Training 1985, and the balance of the training year.

Instructors for the conference July 13 at the Third Squadron Armory, Stow, were Maj. Calvin L. Taylor, public affairs officer and Executive Editor of the *Buckeye Guard*; Maj. George Lemon, regimental public affairs officer; SFC Donald R. Lundy, Managing Editor of the *Buckeye Guard*; SSgt. Charles Dade, career counselor; and Sgt. Jim Herold, Howitzer Battery 2/107 ACR.

Lemon welcomed the unit representatives and explained that public affairs representatives need to be resourceful individuals with initiative and perseverance who can express themselves verbally and in writing. In addition to being able to work with other people, public affairs representatives must convey appreciation and recognition to the individual guardsperson.

The public affairs program for a National Guard Unit, continued Lemon, consists of community relations, public information, and command information. Community relations is the actual involvement with the community helping to identify and link the Ohio National Guard to America's Best! Some community activities that identify the Guard include open houses, providing water for marathons, sponsoring Boy Scouts, providing meeting places and assisting charitable organizations.

Public information, through news releases,

makes the community more aware of what the Guard is doing and fosters support for the Guard. Photographs with the news releases communicate even more effectively. Not only does a news release inform the community but also, in the words of Lundy, "It makes the guardmembers shine."

Dade stated, "Even the tiniest, little bit of information in the newspaper about someone in the Guard makes the job of the Retention NCO easier."

Command information communicates not only orally but also through the unit training bulletins, photographs on the bulletin board, and personnel recognition. By using these methods an individual guardsperson knows what is happening and that the unit members are appreciated for doing a good job.

Sgt. Harold said the unit training bulletins should have promotions; new enlistments with information of their previous civilian and military experience; education and training schools available; and statements from the commander, first sergeant, and others to generate interest in the unit.

Taylor and Lundy related that just as it is the Guard's responsibility to inform, advise, and educate the public, it is also a responsibility to have an effective communications process within the unit.

This communications process of the public affairs program coordinates all parts of a unit so that these parts can accomplish a mission. The unit commander can reinforce the efforts of all the parts through a flow of accurate, timely information which ideally flows from person to person to person — through the bonds of trust, respect, confidence, and understanding that form a cohesive unit.

## General's M.D. Recalls Days In S. Pacific

BY BARBARA EASTON-MOORE

Staff Writer

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the dedication of Beightler Armory, state headquarters for the Ohio National Guard. Gen. Robert S. Beightler will long be remembered for his bravery and leadership, especially during World War II.

While serving as the Commanding General of Ohio's 37th Buckeye Division, he worked closely with Dr. H. J. Barker, his personal physician.

One of the key men who spent time with Beightler overseas, Barker may have been instrumental in expediting medical care to the wounded in the Pacific campaign.

Barker spent four years of his active duty with the general, first at Camp Shelby, Miss. and eventually in the Fiji Islands and New Georgia, one of the Solomon Islands.

Barker, who has been in private practice in Cleveland for 39 years, served as the division medical inspector in the general's headquarters and commanded the field hospital in the New Georgia Islands.

"At the end of the campaign I was asked to write a critique and I made several recommendations for changing the medical services," Barker explained. He suggested that they put the surgical teams directly behind the fighting battalions. It is believed that his recommendations as well as those of other military personnel helped develop the mobile army surgical hospital (MASH) concept.

"Prior to my recommendations they did not have surgical teams up front," Barker said. "And up to this point the wounded had to be taken back to the field hospitals which might take as long as three hours." In the new MASH, he said, the injured could be treated within fifteen minutes from the time of injury by capable surgeons.

Barker said one of the best things he liked about serving as Beightler's personal physician was the communication and close relationship he had with the general. One of the things he disliked the most in that position was being dive-bombed by the enemy.

He also said one incident that he remembers well involved a hearing test the general underwent before moving to the front lines. Barker said Beightler had a slight loss of hearing. He added, one of the doctors conducting the test did a relatively brief exam. He had Beightler turn his back and he shouted, "Can you hear me?"

"Beightler replied, 'Don't yell. I am not deaf.'" Barker added that the general passed the test without question.

# Farrier Makes Sure Feet Are On Ground

BY BARBARA EASTON-MOORE  
Staff Writer

You might say one of the members of the 179th Tactical Airlift Group spends a lot of time "horsing around." And, whether it be with a sawhorse or a shod horse, MSgt. Howard "Hod" Gerhart feels right at home.

Gerhart works as a farrier and master carpenter when he is not serving his unit or working as a technician in the Ohio Air Guard.

Gerhart started doing blacksmith work for his father 18 years ago. His hobby expanded into a business when his children were in 4-H.

"Doing 4-H ponies for the kids and seeing them(the ponies) go on to the state fair and knowing I did that," Gerhart tucks in his mind as a proud memory.

Gerhart said he works on different types of horses ranging from quarter horses to Arabians.

There are disadvantages in being a farrier. Gerhart said the work is very hard on your back, especially shoeing ponies, because they are shorter. And ponies find ways to bite and are quicker than horses when it comes to kicking. He added, "getting kicked and bit, that is part of the job." Although sometimes

he gives up on shoeing the horse if it is too temperamental. He added that race horses usually are sedated before shoeing.

Even though there aren't as many blacksmiths now as in the past, Gerhart said, it is a lucrative business and he doesn't believe it will ever phase out completely.

Gerhart now shares his shoeing business with his two sons. But he still keeps busy — Gerhart also is a wood craftsman.

His commanding officer, Lt. Col. John D. Brownlee said Gerhart's expertise has even saved the government money. "He has been an individual who is mission oriented. He spends a lot of his own time supporting the needs of the unit as well as the needs of the entire Air Guard," he said.

Brownlee explained that Gerhart built cabinets and a wall unit for Col. Daniel G. Arnold's office. Also he built two podiums for Tappan Hall at the Mansfield-Lahm airport. In addition he built display cases for the base, one of which houses 500 airplanes scaled down 72 times the original size of the aircraft.

Gerhart has been a member of the Air Guard for 32 years and works as a technician in equipment management. "I like the fact there is always a steady job," he said.

# No Short Cut To Excellence For 1st Shirts

BY DAVE SWAVEL  
HQ STARC (-Det 1) OHARNG

The Ohio Military Academy's First Sergeants Course honored its first graduating class July 14 in a ceremony at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base near Columbus.

The 18 first sergeants and acting first sergeants attended the 11-day course on a voluntary basis to help them gain a better understanding of the responsibilities of first sergeants and how to carry out those duties.

Students were divided into small study groups with instructors assigned to each to guide them through the course.

"The faculty group managers were instrumental in inspiring students who originally hadn't set their goals quite high enough," said MSgt. Phillip J. Wesley, a member of the 416th Engineer Group, Walbridge. "And with their guidance and assistance, you could see the students develop their professionalism from day to day."

Throughout the course, the students are exposed to a broad spectrum of subject matter, such as effective speaking, time management and physical training program.

"The course is not designed in such a fashion that you feel that you are just memorizing items," said 1st Sgt. Gregory M. Staida, a member of Troop L, 3/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Painesville. "What you learn is how to handle the every day situations that are inherent with the job. Through the small groups we could discuss different ways of handling some of those particular problems."

According to CSM Ronald E. Jones, course manager, and a member of HHT, 3/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Stow, the plan is to first train those occupying first sergeant and acting first sergeant slots throughout the state. "After they have had the opportunity to attend the course it will be opened up to prospective first sergeants," Jones said.

"The long hours that the students spend while they're at the school pay off," said Staida. "There are no short cuts to excellence, if you want to be a first sergeant, and you want to attend the first sergeants course, then you had better be prepared to achieve the highest level of excellence that you are humanly capable of accomplishing."

If you're a first sergeant or an acting first sergeant, and want to enhance your leadership skills and techniques this course will provide you with the knowledge to lead successfully. For more information, contact your unit commander.



**SHOE MAKER**—MSgt. Howard Gerhart fits a shoe on Stormy as Shelley Campbell watches. Campbell is the daughter of former member of the 179th Denny Campbell. (Photo by Larry Wilson)

# Disasters Aren't Planned, But Guard's Role Is

BY MELINDA BEER  
Staff Writer

Day in and day out, the citizen soldiers of the state militia are involved in the activities of everyday life. However, when a crisis develops, members of the Ohio National Guard are among the first called to provide help to local communities.

But what goes on behind the scenes is a continual process of preparation and planning.

Emergency plans are developed to include the responsibilities of personnel, intelligence, operations and logistics. Personnel encompasses tasks organization such as what troops will be used. Intelligence collects information about what happened and how much damage occurred. Operations contends with how the situation will be handled, and logistics deals with support for the troops such as food, clothing, bullets and pay. MSgt. Jerry Humphrey of the Guard's Military Support Office at state headquarters said there are 29 different emergency and disaster plans in Ohio which are updated annually. Some of the plans deal with situations such as riots at penal institutions and postal or truck strikes. Other plans are for natural disasters and civil disturbances, civil defense and a classified document of the state's defense plan in the event of war. OPLAN READY, a basic plan, also would be used for any unexpected emergency situation.

Action can not be taken without the governor's permission. "We don't act until the authorities in an affected area contact the governor. When the governor issues a proclamation that an emergency exists and authorizes the guard to enter, we will," Humphrey said.

Depending on the scope of the emergency, sub-area task forces, four in the state, could control the operations from their headquarters.

Maj. Tom Smith, assistant military support officer, said the National Guard will sometimes help in situations which were not necessarily declared by the governor. These situations would be a community request for soldier assistance and equipment.

Even though a declaration is not issued, the community's request must be first processed by the governor's office for permission and authority for soldiers to be paid and equipment to be used.

"The community's situation would require a gubernatorial proclamation if the job was expected to take more than a couple of days," Smith said.

Guardmembers are assigned to an emergency situation based on their military occupational specialty. A snow emergency, for example, would employ engineers who could use the heavy equipment to open up roadways. In the recent tornado disaster, military police were sent to the site to control traffic.

Those who have had riot training would be called on if there was a riot. These soldiers attend updated riot procedure classes each year. Also, every guardmember is given instructions on riot control.

Smith said, "The duties of a guardmember 10 to 15 years ago were more demanding because of the campus and prison riots in the late '60s."

Today, the guard has to deal more with natural disasters.

"Members of some guard units also have to be aware of the procedures in the event of a nuclear power plant crisis — something a guardmember may not have been exposed to 15 to 20 years ago," he said.

For the guardmember's assistance, he or she is paid at least \$50 a day if the situation is proclaimed an emergency. If not, the guardmember is paid on the basis of rank and time in service.



## Bimler Recaps Recent Tornado Disaster

BY MELINDA BEER  
Staff Writer

The National Guard's OPLAN READY came into effect when a tornado brought destruction to Trumbull County.

The evening of May 31, 1985, an unusual tornado struck the west side of Newton Falls. The twister was unlike most which skip across the land. "This tornado, which mainly kept contact with the ground, plowed a path through Newton Falls, Niles and Hubbard, and into Pennsylvania," said Lt. Col. Joseph Bimler of the 437th Military Police Battalion, Youngstown.

He said he received a phone call around 8:30 p.m. to locate his battalion. It was impossible because the tornado had destroyed most of the communications in that area. So he flew by helicopter from Dublin to the Youngstown area.



LT. COL. JOSEPH BIMLER

"I was use to going in there by helicopter but the lights were off (at the airport). Then to get out of the helicopter and drive through the rubble, the first impression is, everybody is dead!" Bimler said.

"The thing that was really holding it together was communication through civilian radio operators working with Disaster Services," Bimler said.

He said many of his soldiers had already reported to the site on their own after the tornado struck. Some who had reported actually had their own homes blown away.

"All the people called out except the Cleveland people lived in the affected communities," he said.

Initially, the guard assisted emergency forces in clearing debris and searching for missing people, and then Saturday they began working with law enforcement.

A Youngstown engineering company assisted Bimler in the search for bodies at the Niles Shopping Center that had blown down. They found nine bodies.

The law enforcement role of the guard included traffic control and night patrols.

"It was Sunday before we got them on shift work," Bimler said. "They would do anything they were asked. It was hard to get them off duty. We tried to schedule a phase down of moving the troops out and they wanted to stay."

Bimler said he left the site Wednesday evening but had many troops remain until the following Monday. On Thursday and Friday (a week after the tornado), some went to work for the Ohio Department of Transportation to aid in rubble removal.

Bimler said the operation went well and that he had positive feedback from civilians.

He said the crisis had a great impact on him. He noted it is a different perspective when you are on the ground, as opposed to flying over the site.

"I have been in other situations but this was by far the worst devastation that I have seen."

# 121st TFW Gets AF Outstanding Unit Award

BY NED E. MARTIN

121st Tactical Fighter Wing

The 121st Tactical Fighter Wing was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) in ceremonies at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base.

The award was presented by Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway, the adjutant general of the State of Ohio.

State and local dignitaries were also on hand to honor the unit. A resolution from the Ohio Senate recognized the unit's achievements.

The 121st TFW is a unit of the Ohio Air National Guard. The wing is also assigned to the Air Force's Tactical Air Command and the United States Central Command, formerly known as the Rapid Deployment Force.

The award covers the period from June 1, 1982 to April 30, 1984. The unit had previously been selected for the AFOUA from July 1973 to May 1975. The unit also received the Distinguished Unit Citation in 1945 and 1947 when it was designated as the 364th Fighter Squadron, 357th Fighter Group.

Lt. Col. Dennis L. Schaan, former senior Air Force Advisor to the wing, in recommending the award, stated, "The 121st qualifies by having demonstrated exceptional planning capability under USCENCOM tasking, by aggressively engaging in challenging and realistic training in pursuit of a real combat capability; by being recognized as a world champion maintenance organization; and, by having support agencies and managerial talent to tie all this together without compromising flying safety."

During the award period, the 121st TFW participated in 29 exercises, with 16 being at deployed locations. Composite force training - training with other Air Force units as well as other branches of the Armed Forces - was used whenever possible.

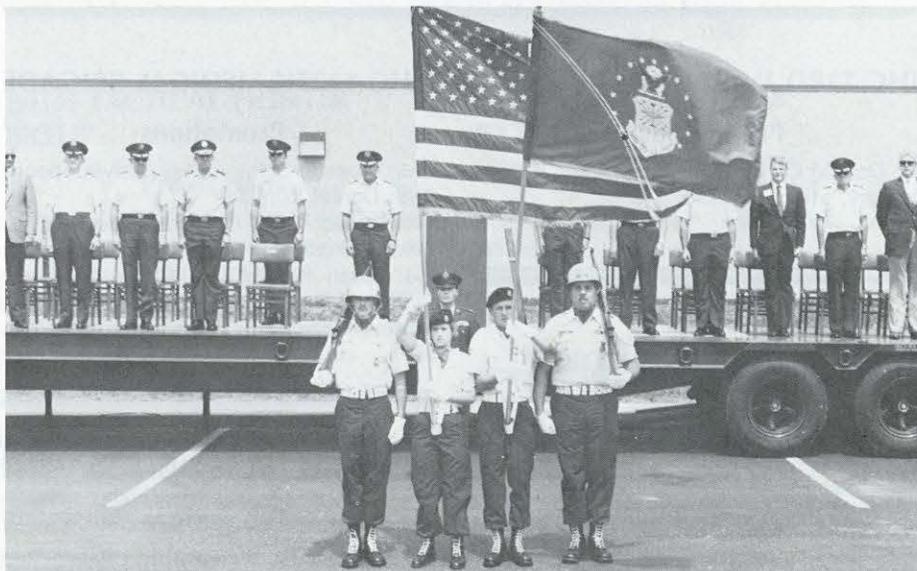
One of those exercises, Coronet Castle in April 1983, required deployment of 27 A-7 Corsair II aircraft from the wing's three Ohio-based flying squadrons to RAF Sculthorpe, United Kingdom.

The wing's idea was to reevaluate the island-hopping strategy during a time when almost total reliance is placed on aerial refueling. The unit believed that the projection of the fighter force should not be tanker dependent.

The flight, including an overnight stop at Goose Bay, Newfoundland, and a refueling stop at Keflavik, Iceland, took just 29 hours. All A-7s were then refueled, armed, and with fresh pilots, ready for combat.

The successful island-hopping drew praise and admiration from the commanders of Tactical Air Command, U.S. Air Force Europe and 9th Air Force. It has since become a model for other deployments and was followed by successful F-111 and F-16 squadron deployments.

The 121st's major accomplishments during



**COLORS**—Dignitaries await the presentation of the unit colors for the award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to the 121st Tactical Fighter Wing, Rickenbacker ANG Base. (Photo By MSgt. Ned Martin)

the period occurred in the world-wide, tactical forces gunnery meet, Gunsmoke '83, flown at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The competition demonstrates the capabilities of current fighter and attack systems.

With the team's arrival at Nellis just 1.1 seconds from the scheduled arrival time, events then occurred that saw the wing's maintenance effort near perfection. The 121st

won the maintenance competition with 5,978 out of a possible 6,000 points - 99.6 percent perfect.

Judged in the categories of aircraft appearance, sortie generation, aircraft performance and displayed professionalism, the team scored perfect marks on the final two days of the competition.

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## 178th CES Improves Guard Base

BY DAN DAVIS

178th Civil Engineering Squadron

The 178th Civil Engineering Squadron recently completed annual training at Camp Grafton, Devil's Lake, N.D. Camp Grafton is an Army National Guard Post.

While in North Dakota, the squadron completed several construction projects, one of which was to build an addition between two buildings, creating one larger complex.

One of the buildings was a wooden frame structure with a concrete floor. More than 5,000 square feet of floor space was added to this structure.

Part of the unit remained at Springfield for annual training. SMSgt. Earl Wiggins was in

charge of several construction projects which included the re-routing of electrical systems and the pouring of concrete pads for generators at various locations around the base.

The 14-man crew from the Power Production Shop and the electricians installed new barrier lights and upgraded stand-by power systems at the Tactical Air Navigation System and the Instrument Landing System. They also upgraded the safety features of the BAK 12/14 aircraft arresting cables with a compressed gas safety system.

A 15-man firefighting team was deployed to Vandenberg AFB, Calif. in support of active duty personnel. Also, the 178th had fire department personnel and a fire truck at the Dayton International Air Show to support the flying operations.

# All About People-

## HHC 73RD INFANTRY BRIGADE

### Promotions

E-4: Donald O'Neill, Steven Gornall, Terry McClary, Michael Poole

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## TROOP F, 2/107TH ARMORED CAVALRY

### Promotions

E-4: Edward Mitchell, Keith Bialota  
E-3: Patrick Harty, Allen Miller, Duane Affoulter

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## HHC 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

### Promotions

E-6: Joseph Oney  
E-5: Frank Maslanka, Jack Ware, John Zarnec  
E-4: Timothy Tabol  
E-3: Thomas Dickson

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## COMPANY D, 112TH ENGINEER BATTALION

### Promotions

E-7: John Bradley, Fred Garcia  
E-6: Desi Arumbula, Vencient Mills, Larry Mamrak  
E-5: Harold Bailey, John Kendricks, James Ody, Harold Ortiz, Luis Rios, Allen Quattlebaum  
E-2: Nelson Dunfee, John Cassidy, Scott Hulsey

### Awards

Ohio Commendation Medal: E-5 Allen Quattlebaum

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## HHC 112TH MEDICAL BRIGADE

### Promotions

O-6: Guenter Schumacher, Calvin Spencer  
O-5: Daniel Runyan  
E-8: Homer Reed, Donald Schoonover  
E-5: Thomas Hott  
E-4: Susan Brown, Lisa Chalk, Kimberley Doucher, Paul Dunne, Daniel Edgar, Paula Moore, Mary Anne Pokrandt

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## 121ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

### Promotions

E-6: Trent Martin, Barry Parker, William Pivetta, Monte Shaffer  
E-5: Anthony Clapp, Michael Gingras, Gary Kane, Harold Poore  
E-4: Douglas Clark, Patricia Correll, Mark Taylor, Gary Holderby, Charles Segal  
E-3: Donnie Dotson, James Bapst, Bernard Johnston, Rodney McAdams, Curt Metzger, William Pantoja, Jacqueline Solomon, James Sonderman  
E-2: Scott Buchwalter, John Early, James Linger, Eric Merrill, Walter Weigand, Kevin White

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## 123RD TACTICAL CONTROL FLIGHT

### Promotions

O-2: Richard Raabe  
E-7: Wilbert Sipe Jr.  
E-5: John Frederick  
E-3: Raymond Donaldson  
E-2: Jeffrey Gray, James Orth Jr.

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## 124TH TACTICAL CONTROL FLIGHT

### Promotions

E-9: James Boland  
E-7: Steven Holloway  
E-6: Elizabeth Fallon  
E-5: Evan Jones Jr.  
E-4: Dean Mallott

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## 135TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

### Promotions

E-7: George Newkirk  
E-4: Nancy McCourt-Bracken, Mark Mentzer, John Poffenberger  
E-3: David Adison, Dodie Crawford, Gary Lamon, James Poghen, Arthur Wilson

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## HCB 1/136TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

### Promotions

E-4: Joseph Beale  
E-3: Jimmy Glover, Richard McDowell

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## COMPANY B, 1/147TH INFANTRY BATTALION

### Promotions

E-7: Samuel Trammel  
E-6: Johnny Cupp  
E-5: Charles Swanner

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## COMPANY C (-) 1/147TH INFANTRY BATTALION

### Promotions

E-7: Orland Willis  
E-4: Christopher Crase, David Little, Gerrie Greene  
E-3: Roger Clark, Ricky Perkins

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## DETACHMENT 1, COMPANY C, 1/147TH INFANTRY BATTALION

### Promotions

E-7: Letcher Norton  
E-4: Bradley Hesson

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# People-



## 178TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP

### Promotions

0-5: James Frederick  
0-3: Theodore Grovatt  
E-8: Leroy Hendrickson, Lowell Osborne, Janis Gaston  
E-7: Robert Reed, John Rodgers, Robert Strayer, Philip Wolfe  
E-6: Mark Daulton, James Mason, Mark Manix, John Posadny, Monty Stratton, Hazel Gordon, Kathy Schell, Edward Weter, Paul Zelczak  
E-5: David Benitez, Rob McGill, David Morrow, Timothy Randolph, Danny Smith, Kurt Menke, Mark Binkley, Randall Bradley, Roger Brigner, Mary Cahill, Robert Horan Jr.  
E-4: Kenneth Lute, Carl Good, Thomas Tye, Scott Williams, Jay McElhatten, William Black, Troy Campbell, Keith Dunmire, Lisa Lloyd, Todd Gopp, David Franzen, Teresa Smith, Christopher Draper, Clayton Long, Joseph Monahan, David Standley, David Green, Andrew Bartlett, Paul Gavins  
E-3: Sherry Brewer, Edward Bame, Thomas Brooks, Paul Harrison, Jennifer Hern, James Howard, Douglas Thurman, Jodi Marsden, Robert Ruby, Jeffrey Wharton

### Awards

Air Force Achievement Medal: E-7s John Etzel and Barbara Taylor; E-6 Virginia Kult, E-5 Earnest Mosier II

## 179TH CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON

### Awards

Air Force Commendation Medal: E-7s Lloyd Hirtz, Richard Leib, William Hunt, Harold Simmering; E-6s Richard Balis, Thomas Steiner, James Griffith

## 180TH TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP

### Promotions

E-6: Dennis Willman, Diana Crawford, Dennis Malloy, Jeffery Kistler, Jay Kelly, Roy Swanson, Rita Franklin, William Odem  
E-5: David Hartle, Janice Cole, Michael Fish, Marc Haddad, James McCollum, Scott Corns  
E-4: Carol Sharples, Michael Harris

### Awards

Air Force Commendation Medal: E-7s George Pollauf, Richard Noonan, John Minier  
Meritorious Service Medal: 0-5 Robert Clark, E-9 Ernest Huckels

## TROOP A, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

### Promotions

E-4: Marvin Barnes, Garrett Carr, James Carroll, Patrick Drake, Timothy Hunt, Joseph Ibanez, Michael Mencer, Ronald Miller, John Pfiester, John Riffle, Kevin Schonauer, Jeffrey Schwartz, Barry Sullivan, William Summerlin  
E-3: William Davis, Richard Fern, Thomas Richey, Ronald Whitfield, Gary Whitaker

## COMPANY C, 237TH SUPPORT BATTALION

### Promotions

E-7: David Heisel, Robert Hopkins  
E-4: Joseph Yeagley

## 323RD MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

### Promotions

E-4: Douglas Elieff, Scott Badya, Rex Childers, Anthony Pfeiffer

## HHD 512TH ENGINEER BATTALION

### Promotions

E-5: Frances Boyle, Tony James, Lorna Williams  
E-4: Jennifer Fay, Shirley Kowalski  
E-3: James Case

## 4 Veteran NCOs Retiring From 178th

The Springfield-based 178th Tactical Fighter Group, Ohio Air National Guard, has four men retiring who have been a part of military life since the end of WWII. The four retirees are CMSgt. Patrick Jordan, TSgt. Ralph Brickler, CMSgt. Charles Leist and MSgt. William F. Bimm.

### JORDAN

CMSgt. Patrick Jordan joined the 178th in 1953 and served as an Avionics Superintendent at the time of his retirement. His service included active duty tours in Korea and Vietnam.

He was selected as the State of Ohio's Senior Enlisted Person in 1983. He was also the base's Senior Enlisted Advisor and served on the State Senior Enlisted Council.

### BRICKLER

TSgt. Ralph Brickler became part of the 178th in 1977 in the department of food service.

Brickler's military awards include the U.S. Navy Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Medal and the European Occupational Medal.

### BIMM

MSgt. William F. Bimm joined the 178th in 1956 as an Air Technician.

Throughout his Guard career, he has served in the Supply Branch. He has been on several deployments with the Guard such as his most recent, "Coronet Cove '85" in Panama.

### LEIST

CMSgt. Charles Leist, joined the 178th in 1954 and served full-time as Weapons Maintenance Superintendent at the time of his retirement.

He has also served in other capacities such as Maintenance NCO and First Sergeant. Leist has been on many military deployments including Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Panama, which he recently returned from. He is a Sept. graduate of the U.S. Air Force Senior NCO Academy and NCO Academy.

## 'Gold Bars' Receive Honors

BY BARBARA EASTON MOORE

Staff Writer

Guardmembers, often without realizing it, have great influence on others when they promote membership in the Guard. Both 2nd Lts. William H. Bickham and Yvonne K. Miesse can attest to that.

They have been named outstanding second lieutenants for 1985 in the Ohio National Guard and both had friends or acquaintances who encouraged them to join.

Bickham, a platoon leader in Company B, 216th Engineer Battalion, Portsmouth, joined the Guard soon after a command sergeant major talked with him. Bickham said he and a friend joined the same day. His friend is now in the Ironton unit of the 216th.

Bickham, a graduate of the Ohio Military Academy (OMA), was second in his class. "I feel really proud and thankful for the outstanding training in OMA," he said. "Without the instructors I could not have made it. They really have a great OCS." He also was awarded the OCS Outstanding Engineer Candidate Award.

His commanding officer, 1st Lt. Roger Marsh, said Bickham has demonstrated outstanding leadership as a platoon leader.

A computer science major, Bickham attends Ohio University part-time. Originally he joined the guard to receive tuition assistance for full-time enrollment at school.

For two years he worked for General Motors as an automotive technician on the computer control command systems. However, recently he made a big career change. He is now training to be a sales manager at a car dealership in Wurtland, Ky., where he lives.

The leadership qualities he demonstrated in the military were honed through key positions on resident boards at OU. Also he and his wife, Kathy, are active at the Missionary Baptist Church in Wurtland, Ky.

Bickham hopes to eventually finish his college training and apply that to his work.

Lt. Yvonne Miesse is now working on her Doctoral degree in Sociology at Ohio State University. She said one of her professors, who served during the Vietnam War, encouraged people in the class to join a branch of the armed services. He told them it was a good way to learn about people and still serve the country. Miesse said she made her choice after seeing an Air Guard poster in one of the university buildings.

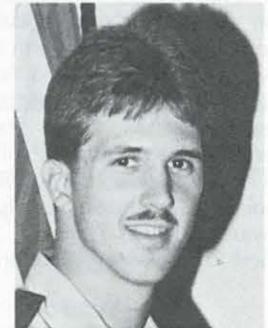
The professor's belief rang true for her. "I just don't think you can beat it," she said. Not only have the people she has met meant a

*'I just don't think you can beat it...I want to stay in as long as they will have me.'*



YVONNE K. MIESSE

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WILLIAM H. BICKHAM

lot to her but her participation in the guard has taken her as far west as Hawaii.

Miesse, a member of the 178th Combat Support Squadron, graduated from the Academy of Military Sciences in the top 10 percent of her class and also received Distinguished Graduate Honors.

Col. Richard Higgins, Commander of the 178th Tactical Fighter Group, said Miesse has demonstrated all the necessary leadership qualities in her performance since she enlisted. Not only did she graduate with honors in Basic Training, but also was selected three times as the unit's Airman of the Quarter and

Ohio's NCO of the Year in 1982.

Higgins said, "The biggest thing in leadership is understanding what it is all about and being willing to accept responsibility." He feels Miesse demonstrated qualities that the Air Guard looks for in officers. "She has filled the squares and prepared herself with the desire and willing ability to lead," he added.

Miesse hopes to eventually do research on military organizations. In addition, she plans to complete all the requirements that go along with her job classification. But she said her long-range goal is "to stay in as long as they will have me."

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### MEET THE CHALLENGE

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# THE OTHER HALF

BY LANA POWERS

President, OWC

Greetings to all officer's wives of the Ohio National Guard! With summer activities coming to an end and classes resuming their fall sessions, we are happily anticipating events and monthly luncheons of the Officer's Wives Club. We would like to renew past friendships and extend invitations to all wives of officers of the Ohio National Guard.

The Wives Club is open to membership to all wives of officers of the Ohio National Guard - current, retired, or deceased; for all advisers attached to the Guard; and for all commissioned female officers of the Guard. We usually meet the fourth Tuesday of most months September through May. Other events will be announced as they occur. Our purposes are social and to support the Guard.

Inniswood Gardens, Westerville was the lovely setting for our annual installation of officers in May. Serving on the executive board for 1985-86 are Lana Powers, President; Sharon Gross, Vice President/Luncheons and Programs; Pam Morrison, Secretary; and Janet Seidt, Treasurer. Lana's board of chairpersons includes Nita Elliott, Telephone/Reservations; Anita Shaw, Holiday Auction; Sharon Snow, Fall Friendship Tea; Mary Feucht, Air Show; and Rita Dura, Buckeye Guard/Historian/Publicity. These ladies have worked very hard planning fun, diverse, and exciting programs and activities for everyone!

The Fall Friendship Tea was held Tuesday, Sept. 25 at the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3951 N. High St. from 1-3 p.m. The tea gave everyone the opportunity to meet the board members, renew acquaintances, and make new friends.

Our next year's programs will be mailed soon. The dates, meeting places, etc. will be in the newsletter. If you do not receive a copy, please call Nita Elliott 614-451-8588.

Our first business meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 11:30 a.m. at the Great Southern Hotel, 310 S. High St. where they pride themselves in "preserving a grand tradition". The program, "Estate Planning for Ohio National Guard Families", will be presented by Peter Collins, an attorney with Thomas Tyack and Associates. Collins is a major with the 166th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Rickenbacker ANG Base.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Fall Friendship Tea. For reservations and further information call Sharon Snow, 614-889-7521 or Nita Elliott, 614-451-8588. Let's have a great Guard year!



**ACHIEVEMENT HONORED**—Maj. James Chubb (right), state officer personnel management systems manager, reads the narrative of a Special Achievement Award earned by Mrs. Freda S. Shaner (left). Ohio Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Raymond R. Galloway (center), presented Mrs. Shaner a check for \$1,500 at the ceremony. Mrs. Shaner, a clerk-technician in the Officer Personnel Section at state headquarters in Worthington, was honored for her outstanding efforts in working with the Medical Administration Program. (Photo By Becky A. Haden)

## 121st Technician Gets Fulbright Scholarship

BY NED E. MARTIN

121st Tactical Fighter Wing

SSgt. Jon McIntosh, 121st Tactical Fighter Wing has been awarded a Fulbright Grant-Scholarship to Korea to study the Korean language. He holds a bachelor of arts in international studies at Ohio State University and is working on a masters degree in Chinese linguistics.

Jon is a full-time training technician with the 121st. He first went to Korea as an active duty member of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing where he met his wife Joyce. The scholarship will provide Jon the opportunity to learn the Korean language for a period of nine months. OSU does not offer Korean beyond the first year. Consequently, Jon is very pleased with the scholarship which will allow him to complete his masters program and work on linguistics research in both Chinese and Korean.

Established in 1946 through legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright, the scholarship program is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. In addition, foreign nationals are invited to study in the United States under the same program.

Selection is based on academic and professional qualifications, plus the ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences with people of other cultures.

# Dense Woods Yield Ideal Training Site For 112th

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ARVEL HALL

196th Public Affairs Detachment

Mockingbirds screamed overhead in the canopy of the trees and somewhere, lost in the little wooded valley, the growl of a deuce and a half made its way back to the quartering party on the moist morning breeze.

SSgt. Steve McCracken knew his unit was cautiously making its way toward the bivouac site he had selected for their field training exercise. In previous months he had come to realize that the training cycle he had been putting the members of the 112th Motor Transport Battalion through was too fast. This exercise was designed to slow the pace down and concentrate the training into those areas they would need during annual training. As the unit training sergeant, it was McCracken's responsibility to see that his troops were ready to meet the challenges they would have to face during annual training and he had every intention of seeing that they were.

The area McCracken had selected for the exercise was ideal. It was deep into the Woodland Trails Boy Scout Camp complex, well concealed by early spring growth. Maple, oak, sycamore and a variety of locust trees provided an excellent canopy to conceal the unit from aerial observation. Scrub brush, Virginia creeper and wild honeysuckle



**BY THE NUMBERS**—PFC David Nared (left), a chemical detection team member, listens as SSgt. Steve McCracken, the 112th Motor Transport Battalion NBC NCO, explains the M256 Chemical Detection Kit.

made perfect camouflage for the troops against ground reconnaissance.

At the western limit of the site, a steep-banked creek formed a natural boundary at the edge of the woods that opened on acres of freshly plowed cornfields flanked by a hard surface road. Sixties and anti-tank weapons could be placed here with deadly intersecting

fields of fire to stop any luckless enemy approaching from that direction.

To the East several small rolling hills, scarred with abandoned orchard trees, provided high ground cover and concealment.

Front and back door areas to the North and South provided several dirt road entry and exit points and there were two turn around points within the area.

At the South end of the site, the dirt road emptied out on a hard surface road that had more exit points than the Chicago Loop.

Coupled with good perimeter contact points, the site was a defensive gem. McCracken had done his homework well.

As the temperature climbed with the early morning sun, the dew began to burn off and the gentle breeze carried the sweet smell of honeysuckle and freshly tilled earth into the area. McCracken stood at the southwestern limit of the site taking in the sights and smells, and straining to hear the progress of the growling deuce and a half. Somewhere out there his first sergeant was leading the rest of his unit to him.

Don Brown shifted gear in his mind at the same time his driver shifted. It was a natural reflex. A reflex born of many years in the battalion. It becomes second nature, just as scanning to the front and shoulders of the road for the enemy. SFC Don Brown hadn't become Detachment First Sergeant without picking up such habits.

Brown continued scanning, they would soon be at the bivouac site and he could relax a little. He knew that McCracken's quartering party would be there to guide them in. He also knew there was a lot of training to be done during the next two days, but it was geared toward annual training and everyone was ready.

Up ahead, just across the bridge, a camouflaged figure stepped from the treeline. It was Sp4 Greg Tipton, one of McCracken's men, signaling them off the road. He had found his guide, McCracken would be nearby.

Minutes later the vehicles were backing into their spots while McCracken and Brown sized up the situation.

The day's activities would include the placement of M60 machine guns, construction of one and two-man fighting holes, NBC testing and tactics, security of area and positions, and quartering party functions.

McCracken doubled as the Battalion Staff NBC NCO and planned to insert plenty of



**READY FOR ACTION**—SSgt. Gene Collins (left) and Sp5 Bruce Agee, man an M60 machinegun site during a field training exercise conducted by the 112th Motor Transport Battalion conducted at the Woodland Trails Boy Scout Camp near Camden, Ohio.

NBC play into the exercise. Everyone's gas mask was at the ready on their hip. All knew that field tactics were now synonymous with NBC training and they knew the alarm would come and come again before the day was over.

**“The woods took on an eerie alien look as the soldiers began to move about in their NBC gear.”**

With the vehicles camouflaged, work began on placement of the sixties and fighting holes. Entrenching tools bit into the soft earth. Now and then an entrenching tool would bite into a tree root stalling the earth's attacker, but only for a few seconds.

SFC Calvin Meadows was helping Sp5 Pam Gray and Sp4 Theresa Lauer with their M60 position when the first NBC alarm went off.

Steel pots hit the ground as hands reached for gas masks. Hoods and masks went on in seconds, entrenching tools were banged together, horns sounded and shouts of “Gas” went through the area as the alarm was sounded.

The woods took on an eerie alien look as the soldiers began to move about in their NBC gear. The work continued just as it would if the attack were real; a little hotter and a little less comfortable, but still getting done.

Other NCOs like Sgt. Gene Collins and Sgt. Larry Chatt were bringing the operation together. The NCOs were in charge this weekend. Their officers and other key NCOs were involved in other activities. It was the NCOs responsibility to run the FTX with the same professionalism their leaders would have had they been present.

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From private to first sergeant, they were involved. Ready to take on any task to insure success, each wore a look of determination when the all clear sounded and the gas masks were returned to their carriers. They knew it wasn't over yet and they were ready for whatever came next.

Their field training exercise was just starting. There were two days of training to look forward to and the men and women of the 112th were ready for it. They knew they would make mistakes, but they also knew they would learn from those mistakes. Veterans like Don Brown and Steve McCracken would see to that.

The learning would soon pay off at annual training, but more than that it would move forward with them as a unit prepared for the reality of war.

That's what it's all about, a reserve force standing ready to insure peace. It's not an easy job, but it's one the 112th shoulders with pride and determination.

They, like their counterparts, are "The Guard."



**CHECKING THE WORK**—SFC Don Brown (left), detachment sergeant, and SFC Calvin Meadows check to insure all requirements have been met in installing an M60 position during the 112th Motor Transport Battalion FTX held at Woodland Trails Boy Scout Camp near Camden, Ohio, recently.

## Nuclear Age Defense Is As Easy As NBC

BY GARY DRAVENSTOTT

Ohio Military Academy

Surely you've heard of the M229 Refill Kit. Or how about the M11 Decontamination Apparatus. Or let's say the M5A2 Fallout Predictor.

Where can you learn the principles of operation of these items and an array of other Nuclear, Biological and Chemical equipment? One good place is at Camp Perry where the Ohio Military Academy, in cooperation with Fourth Army, is presently conducting an NBC Specialist School.

Upon acceptance to the school, which includes meeting GT requirements, height/weight standards and holding a 54E slot, students prepare for an intensive NBC Course which qualifies them to hold the MOS 54E20, NBC Specialist.

Course instruction includes 122 hours of classroom activities covering such subjects as nuclear fallout predictions, chemical detection and biological defense. Students also are involved in 14 hours of field training exercises covering decontamination, reconnaissance, smoke pot emplacement and an aerial radiation survey. A new four-hour CPX provides experience in nuclear and chemical plotting on today's modern battlefield.

The course instructors not only were qualified from a military standpoint, but also have excellent civilian education backgrounds. The staff includes individuals with bachelor's degrees in physics, humanities, entomology, and education.

The NBC School, open to Guard and Reserve members in Fourth Army, is being conducted at Camp Perry Oct. 6-26, 1985 for 20-level (beginners) students. An advanced

30-level course will be conducted Oct. 12-26, 1985 at Camp Perry.

For information about the school and dates

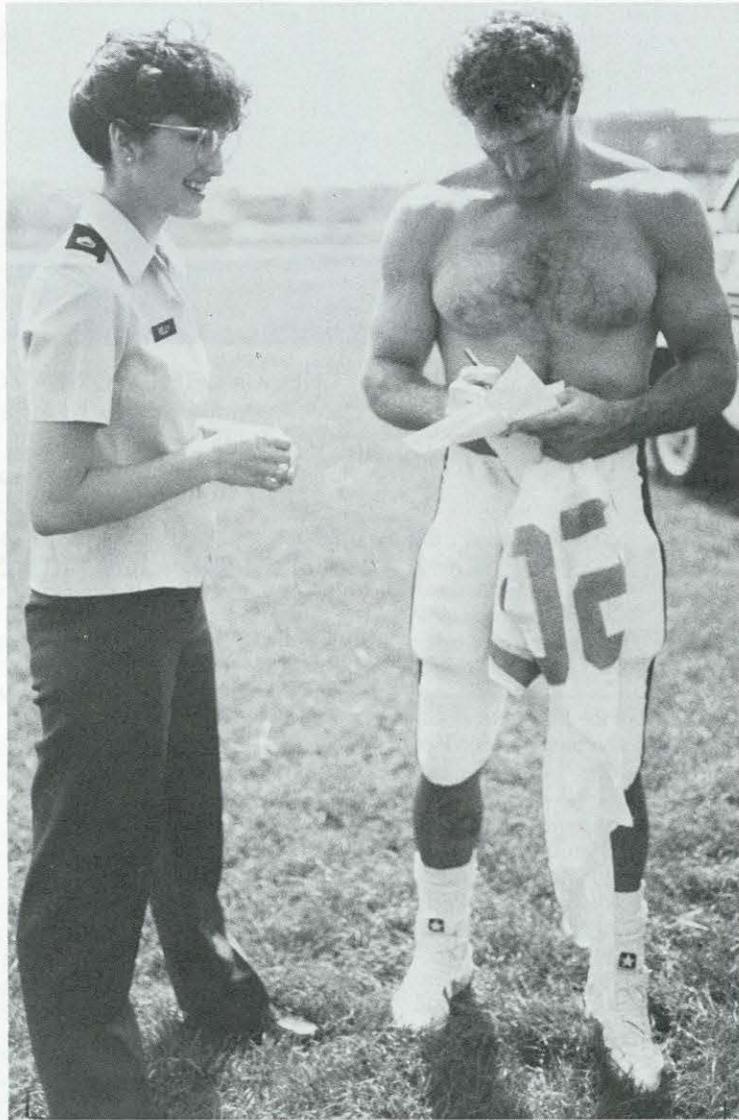
of future courses, contact Maj. Joseph Liggett, course manager, at Camp Perry, telephone (419) 635-4110..



**SMOKEY ROW**—PFC Joe Radwany, HHT, 3/107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, uses smoke as cover and concealment during a field training exercise at the State NBC Specialist School. (Photo by SSgt. Gary Dravenstott)

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## 'Time Out'

SSgt. Sue Kelly takes advantage of a break in the filming of a public service TV commercial to get an autograph from Tom Cousineau, star linebacker for the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League. Cousineau and Reggie Williams of the Cincinnati Bengals donated their time and talents to the Ohio National Guard in filming public service spots about the Guard's Tuition Assistance Program. SSgt. Kelly, of the State Recruiting and Retention office, also appeared in a public service spot promoting the Guard this year. The spots were sent out to TV stations across Ohio for airing this fall. (Photo by SFC Don Lundy)

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