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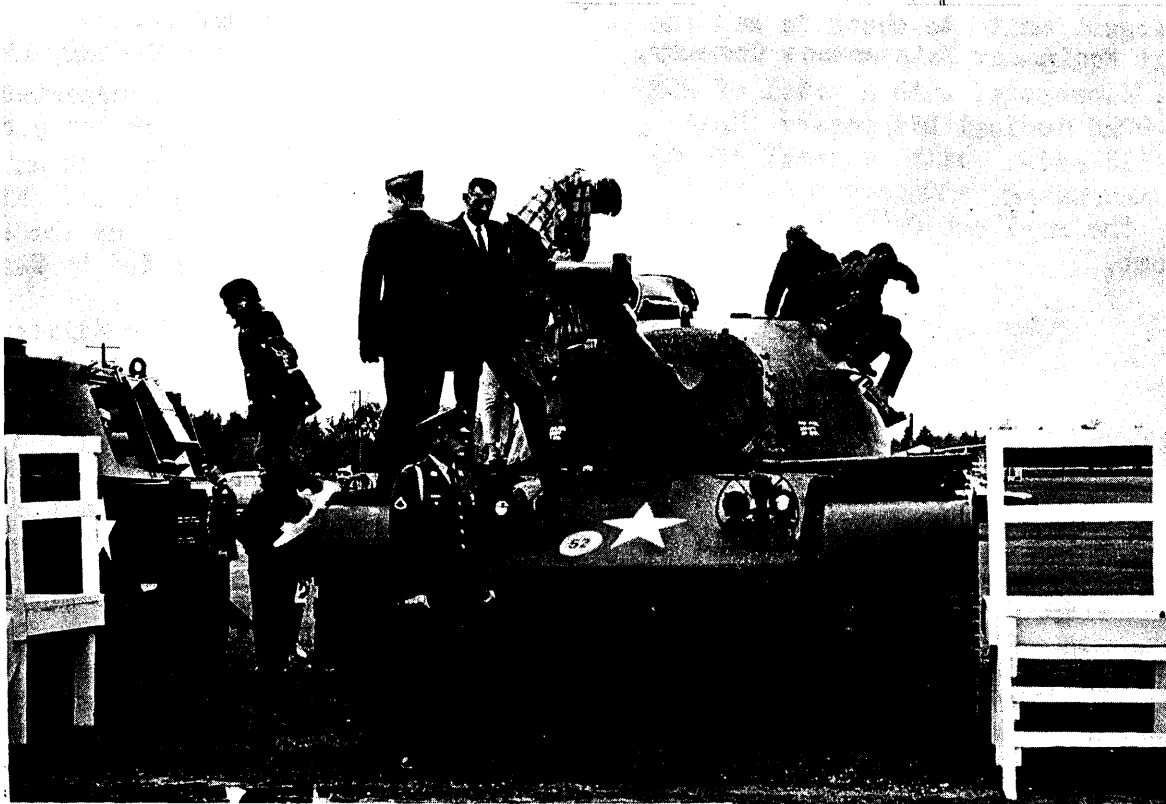
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Despite Weather

AFD Turnout Good



Armed Forces Day for 1969 was observed at Camp Mc Coy this past Saturday with an Open House in the afternoon followed by a reception at the Camp McCoy Officers Club.

The general public was invited to the afternoon open house, which was held in the vicinity of the Post Parade Field. Military vehicles including tanks, armored personnel carriers, artillery pieces and tactical vehicles were shown in a static display.

Pugil-stick demonstrations were given. Combat movies were shown in a tent erected

on the field.

The festivities in the evening were attended by honored guests from the surrounding communities of Sparta, Tomah, La Crosse and other western Wisconsin communities.

According to the Camp McCoy Provost Marshal, Captain Donald V. Norton, over one thousand visitors passed through McCoy's gates to view the displays despite the chilly weather and wet grounds.

(See Photos on Pages 4 and 5)

ANACDUTRA Units at McCoy

ANACDUTRA at Camp McCoy swung into its second full week of activity with the arrival of seven more Army Reserve units from Illinois, Minnesota, and Iowa on May 10.

The largest unit to check in was the 417th Light Equipment Maintenance Company, Faribault, Minnesota, with a total of 252 men. The 92nd Medical Dispensary Unit, Peoria, Illinois, with a total of 49 troops, including attached personnel, comprised the smallest detachment to arrive on post.



Members of the 300th Heavy Material Supply Company observe bridging material being raised for loading by a winch. More on the 300th, from Freeport, Illinois, on page 10.

Specializing in everything and anything, from generator to camera repair, the 417th Light Equipment Maintenance Company, Faribault, Minnesota, is putting an emphasis on effective command control and

on-the-job training during its two-week stay at McCoy. Commanded by Captain Marlin G. Chaplin, the 417th celebrated Armed Forces Day by holding a full dress inspection for some hometown visitors who flew to McCoy for the occasion.

After conveying from Canton, Illinois, the 81 men of the 70th Transportation Platoon settled down at McCoy for a rigorous two-week training session with an emphasis on driver training. Qualified drivers are used to instruct as well as for site support. The 70th is commanded by Warrant Officer Frank A. Myers.

Augmenting the regular Military Police detachment at McCoy are the 91 men of the 339th MP Company, Pocahontas, Iowa, who are under the command of Captain James E. Farrell.

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COLONEL JOSEPH E. VENABLES

Commanding

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Pick a Peck for Pickle Week

By PFC Dave Emeritz

Cucumbers become pickles. Beets get pickled, pigs' feet get pickled, and, sadly, people get pickled.

With all this pickling going on, it is no wonder today May 22, through Saturday, May 31, has been designated National Pickle Week.

Lieutenant Colonel V.W. Steinkruger, Post Surgeon, recommends the pickle for its "moderate food nutritional value." The pickle, according to Colonel Stienkruger, contains "minerals, some vitamins, some carbohydrates, and mostly cellulose." Because of the relatively small number of carbohydrates present in the average pickle, the Post Surgeon recommends it as a dietetic snack food.

WAC Major Darlene E. Bristow, nurse in the Post Surgeon's Office, believes only "up to 18" calories reside in the "average size pickle." "However," Colonel Steinkruger cautioned, "sweet pickles can be high-caloric."



SSG Pedro Gonzalez, Assistant Mess Sergeant at the 5011 Consolidated Mess, shown attacking a dill. Asked if the dill was good, Gonzalez answered, "Yeah."

Colonel Steinkruger also recommends that smokers should eat pickles rather than smoke cigarettes. "Pickle eating is not hazardous to your health," he explains.

Asked about the link between pregnancy and the consumption of pickles and ice cream, Colonel Steinkruger explains that pregnancy can cause "a craving for unusual spices." He denies any cause-and-effect relationship between pickles and pregnancies.

Asked if there are any plans for joint military-civilian celebration of National Pickle Week, the Post Surgeon replied, "None that I know of — it (National Pickle Week) is news to me."

In fact, a survey of 12 personnel at Camp McCoy revealed a complete lack of knowledge of the coming of National Pickle Week.

A call placed to the Heinz Pickle Factory in Sparta went unanswered because, as an anonymous McCoy operator explained, "the pickle-packing plant is not open during the off-season." The placer of the call was mildly chastized for his lack of knowledge concerning pickle-packing.

Staff Sergeant William E. Graves, Mess Sergeant at the Consolidated Mess at McCoy and pickle connoisseur, prefers apple pickles. "Crab apples are pickled to make apple pickles," he explains.

Although the Mess Sergeant revealed that pickles are served in various forms ("mixed sweet, sweet, and dills") several times every week, Sergeant Graves said there are no plans to feature pickles during National Pickle Week.

Two ladies who work at McCoy in the Finance Section revealed during the survey that they have both raised their own pickles.

Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, mother of four, who resides presently in Sparta, raised pickles for the first time last year.

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V.I.P.s ATTEND AFD RECEPTION

U.S. ARMY PHOTOS
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AMONG THEM WERE:

UPPER LEFT: Pictured with Brigadier General and Mrs. James J. Lison, Jr., Adjutant General of the state of Wisconsin, are Mr. and Mrs. Malvin Wang, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, AG, DMA, (Department of Military Affairs) Wisconsin.

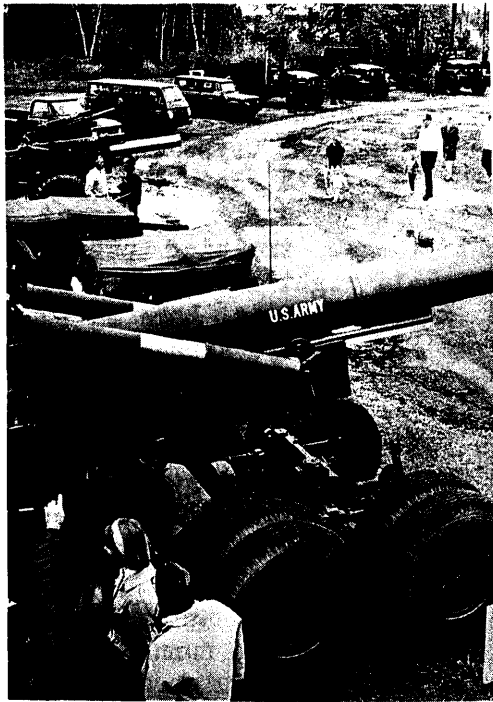
LEFT: Colonel Joseph E. Venables, Post Commander, with retired Colonel Robert C. McCoy.

LOWER LEFT: Mr. Ted Cole, Postmaster of Cashton, Wisconsin, is pictured with Brigadier General Cyrille P. LaPorte, Commanding General, 416th Engineer Command, Chicago, Illinois.

LOWER RIGHT: Mr. John G. Krembs, President of the Sparta Chamber of Commerce, with Colonel Joseph E. Venables, Post Commander, and Mr. J. W. Rice, Monroe County Court Judge.



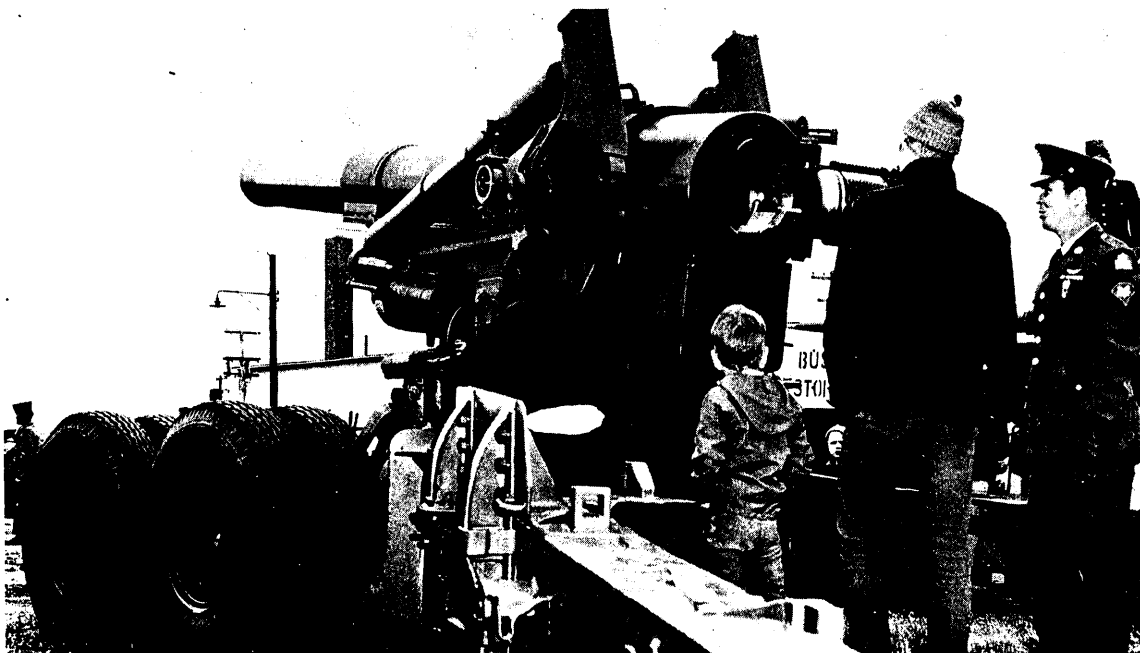
KIDS LOVED AFD DISPLAY



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Despite the rain, mud and puddles, people from the surrounding areas made it out to Camp McCoy's Armed Forces Day display area. The Tanks were of very special interest to the youngsters, who enjoyed themselves by climbing in and out of the many entrances. Jeep rides were another favorite of the young people as they took full advantage of the free rides offered at the open house.



Headquarters Detachment Serves 45,000

Headquarters Detachment, 5011 U. S. Army Garrison, supplies the permanent party personnel for Camp McCoy who make summer ANACDUTRA (Annual Active Duty Training) possible for some 45,000 reservists and national guardsmen.

5011, as it is more commonly called is commanded by Captain Merton E. Ruddy, 36 years old; a Korean Conflict veteran



Members of the 5011 Detachment are inspected by CPT Merton E. Ruddy (l.) and MSG Omer C. Richardson.

as an enlisted man; turned reservist; turned reserve officer; turned active Army officer; and veteran of Vietnam.

Every enlisted man at Camp McCoy who is permanent party or TDY to McCoy is under his command. CPT Ruddy is responsible for all administration, billeting, rations and supply.

He is the "MAN", whether it's a promotion, leave, pass, or.....disciplinary

action.

CPT Ruddy is married and he and his wife, Elaine, have two sons and two daughters who reside with them in Sparta.

Unlike his First Sergeant, Master Sergeant Omer C. Richardson, CPT Ruddy is no stranger to Camp McCoy. While a reservist with the 84th Infantry Division in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, he spent seven straight summer training periods, from 1955 to 1961, right here.

MSG Richardson is here on temporary duty from Fort Riley, Kansas and the 24th Infantry Division Administration Company, having arrived here this past April 5th.

This is the first time Sergeant Richardson has served as First Sergeant for a "garrison" type unit, and he expects it to be ".....a new and educational experience."

Many, many of us cannot appreciate the work that goes into running a company, and running it well, but one thing is for certain: the crew at the 5011 Headquarters Detachment knows...they do it.

McCoy Hospital Open for Business

After a long winters' rest the Camp McCoy hospital, building 1010, is now open and operational for this summer's ANACDUTRA training period.

Lieutenant Colonel William N. Becker Jr., acting Commanding Officer for the hospital as well as for the 92nd General Medical Dispensary Reserve Unit out of Peoria, Illinois, said that the hospital is ready for general as well as emergency use during the summer.

The hospital is capable of handling approximately 1000 - 1500 patients when working at a full capacity scale.

It offers an out patient clinic with a 24 hour ambulance and medical ser-

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CHAPLAIN'S CHANCE

By Chaplain (Maj) Richmond H. Hilton

All of us are familiar, in varying degrees, with the Biblical story of the escape of Israel from Egypt,—and how God opened the waters of the Red Sea (sea of reeds) for them. There is an old legend that has come to us about that event. It goes that when the Hebrews came to the Red Sea and found it blocking their escape from the Egyptians, nothing happened until the first man waded into the water—then the way opened.

There are many great tasks just waiting for someone who has enough faith to try, and enough get up and go to take the first step. But that first step must be taken. Not likely the way is going to open if you remain idle. Mankind in general really resemble sheep. Most wait for someone else to take the first step,

face all the criticism, overcome all the obstacles, and then they follow along. But here and there history records the life of a great soul who was courageous enough to live dangerously; who refused to be bound because of what everyone else said and did, and stepped out against all good sense.

There are rivers facing you with opportunity on the other side. Are you going to take the first step or let the chance step by because nobody else has the intestinal fortitude to be first. Choose your rut carefully; you may be in it for a long time.

Koffee Klatches Koming

Plans to hold regularly scheduled coffees were made by Camp McCoy officers' wives at a coffee held Thursday, May 15, by Mrs. Joseph E. Venables, wife of the Post Commander.

Mrs. Harold Needham and Mrs. Merton Ruddy agreed to make arrangements for the wives to meet every first and third Wednesday morning each month.

Tentative plans call for the meetings to be held at the Officer's Open Mess, where tables could be set up so bridge and canasta players could hold card sessions after the coffee.

Mrs. Venables graciously hosted the 24 officers' wives at her home at the camp. Taking advantage of beautiful spring weather the wives met on the large summer porch at the quarters to get acquainted.

Pickles are Relished (Cont)

She now has "at least a dozen or two dozen pickles in the basement." She prefers her bread-and-butter pickles to her dills.

Mrs. Shirley Linenberg has three children and lives on a farm outside Tomah. She is an old pro at the pickle raising game, and makes her own every year. She, too, raises dills and bread—and--butter pickles; the sweet pickles "take too long." When informed that National Pickle Week was coming, Mrs. Linenberg seemed unimpressed. "They've got a National Week for everything else," she said, "so they might as well have one for pickles".

The consensus of opinion among the 12 people polled was that dills are best. But prevalent attitude was best summarized by PFC Robert Slonski of Finance: "I relish the thought of pickles."



CROSSING THE BAR

by CPT A. J. Mackiewicz



This weekly column is of general information and is for educational purposes only. It does not purport to state the law as it may apply to any specific case. For legal advice about any particular problem, consult your legal assistance officer or personal civilian attorney.

Trust law is a very complex and technical field of law. This field is so complex that only a handful of the thousands of lawyers in the United States can speak authoritatively on the subject. However, with the rapid expansion and growth of the field of Estate Planning, the trust and its many uses and aspects is becoming better known to attorneys and more frequently mentioned by non-lawyers. In this discussion, I shall attempt to explain a simple trust arrangement and list some of the users to which the trust may be employed.

A simple trust situation requires three persons: the person who originally sets up the trust, who is known, variously, as the Trustor, the Settler or the Donor; the person who is going to accept and administer the property which forms the trust estate, who is known, variously, as the Trustee, Settlee or Donee; and the person for whose benefit the trust is created, who is known as the Beneficiary. Now that everyone is sufficiently confused, let's call the Trustor, Adams; let's call the Trustee Brown; and let's call the Beneficiary, Crawford.

Adams decides to establish a trust to benefit his nephew, Crawford. He chooses certain stocks and bonds to constitute the trust estate. He then enters into a written agreement with Brown. The gist of this agreement is that Adams will transfer the legal title to the stocks and bonds to Brown, who will hold and administer this property within the limits of the authority which is given to him by the written agreement, and Brown will pay the income earned by the stocks and bonds

to Crawford. In return for his services, Brown is paid an annual fee from the income earned by the property constituting the trust estate.

The foregoing explains the basic trust arrangement. Although it might not be apparent from the given example, this basic arrangement, with certain modifications, may be used to save income taxes, save federal estate and gift taxes, minimize probate expenses and accomplish the solution of many practical problems in the disposition of property, both before and after death.

Your legal assistance officer is not authorized to draw any type of trust agreement for you. However, if you wish an interpretation of a trust instrument, your legal assistance officer is available for this purpose.

You are once again reminded that questions and legal problems, of a general nature, concerning the military, are solicited by the Judge Advocate's Office for answer in this column. Jot your problem down on a piece of paper and send it to the Post Judge Advocate's Office. In future weeks, I will try to answer as many of these inquiries as space and time permit.

Hospital (Cont.)

vice for emergency use.

Also located in the hospital itself is the Dental Clinic under the direction of Captain David Long, a member of the 92nd General Medical Dispensary.

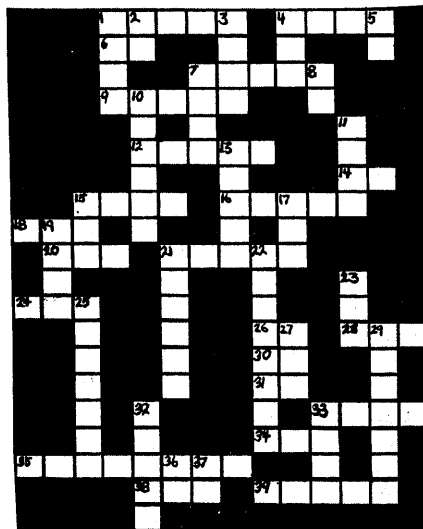
Reserve medical units will maintain the hospital throughout the summer as they come and go during their training periods.

Military, as well as their dependents, may use the facility through the course of the summer.

IT'S CROSSWORD TIME!

By
PFC Dave Emeritz

ACROSS:



1. Anyone with little time left in the service; not tall.
4. Keeps a rifle from firing and a runner on base.
6. Chi Minh, or what Santa does in his garden.
7. Secretary of the Army.
9. The largest Army Camp within 30 miles of Sparta, Wisconsin.
12. Not your gun, your .
14. The soldier who gave you a DR for driving too fast; he also arrested you downtown last month.
15. Ft. Leonard , Missouri.
16. Drill Sergeant to Trainee: "Give me ."
18. An "up-lifting" device, associated with 15 Down.
20. Where they make Lieutenants out of Privates (abbrev.).
21. A man who re-ups takes one; also, the bombs did it "in air" in the Anthem.
24. CPL to CSM are all called this.
26. "To or not to be," from Hamlet, a play.
28. He ranks somewhere between a CPT and an LTC.
30. Adjutant General: abbrev.
31. The abbreviation for National Guard, or the last name of a friend of mine from Levittown, N.Y., who is an Oriental-American.
33. Artillery: abbrev.
34. Initials of a Veteran's organization.
35. The building where a soldier sleeps.
38. Rogers, the man who married Dale.
39. Fort , Kansas.

DOWN:

1. " Time": goof-off time.
2. Same as 6 across.
3. The people we blame everything on; " did it. It's all their fault."
4. Special Services Officer: abbrev.
5. Everyone from E1 to E9.
7. "Up on the ," a song; "a over our heads."
8. The ASN letters for a regular guy.
10. Ft. , Colorado.
11. Department of the .
13. Twenty years with the Army.
15. A lady in drab.
17. Initial Issue clothing does not to a tee.
19. Where they make Lieutenants out of the college students.
21. Arrested; also demoted.
22. The Post Commander's last name, spelled backwards so it would fit.
23. The Uncle who made our stay here possible.
25. Anyone above the rank of SGM.
27. You have on your face if you mess up with the CO. Also, hens have them raw and I have them scrambled.
29. A civilian butt-can.
32. What a General has instead of stripes, rockers, bars, leaves, or eagles.
33. Over the hill.
36. Commanding Officer: abbrev.
37. The General who is also South Vietnam's Premier.

More on ANACDUTRA

Ten Units Now Training at Camp McCoy

Site support and stock control work have been the primary missions of the 121 men of the 300th Heavy Material Supply Company, Freeport, Illinois, during their two-week stay at Camp McCoy. Commanded by Captain John P. Ingrassia, the 300th recently, as a community project, transported by convoy 22½ tons of hospital equipment from Erie, Illinois, to Freeport, a distance of 90 miles.

Wasting no time, the 135 enlisted men and officers of the 685th Transportation Company, Peoria, Illinois, arrived at Camp McCoy May 10 only to leave their quarters the following day for a five-day field training exercise. The evening of May 16th found the men of the 685th once again in the field, this time for a tactical night maneuver and blackout driving exercise. Driver training and site support are the main concern of the 685th during their training stint at McCoy. Captain John C. Thruston is the Commanding Officer.

There are few doubts in the minds of the men of the 544th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, Wabasha, Minnesota, that their two weeks at McCoy will be busy ones. Besides maintaining and repairing their own vehicles, this 148-man unit pulls vehicle maintenance for all other training units at McCoy. No job is too big for the men of the 544th — they handle everything from canvas repair to transmission over-hauls and a new paint job. In addition, the 544th assists visiting units in the reconditioning and servicing of their weapons. First Lieutenant Harry B. Burcalow leads the 544th.

The men and officers of the 92nd Medical Dispensary, Peoria, Illinois, carry with them the responsibility for direct support of the Camp McCoy Hospital. Formerly the 92nd Medical Battalion, the men of the 92nd kiddingly refer to themselves as "F Troop." "Only a unit with confidence in itself can accept a name like that," explains Lieutenant Colonel William N.

Becker, Jr., the affable Commanding Officer of the 92nd. The 92nd's first duty assignment as a new unit was at Camp Guernsey, Wyoming, last summer. This was when the unit adopted its rather unique nickname. Though trained as medics, the troops of the 92nd are considered by their Commanding Officer to be soldiers too. Accordingly, the unit conducts a rigorous individual training schedule which includes CBR instruction, weapons qualification, and a gas chamber exercise for the uninitiated. "I'm a firm believer in cross training," explains Colonel Becker.

Arriving last Saturday, May 17, were three more ANACDUTRA units, two from Illinois and one from Missouri.

The smallest of the units, the 367th Engineering Platoon — Firefighting, consists of 28 men. The unit is from Saint Louis, Missouri, and is the first of two units which will train at McCoy this summer whose specialty is firefighting. With the camp already having had to fight one fire, which was controlled and put out under the direction of McCoy's Post Engineer, Major Harold C. Needham, with the aid of Headquarters Detachment, 5011 USAG, it is apparent that the men of the 367th will be an asset to the camp during their two-week training period here.

The largest unit is the 370th Repair Parts Company, from Joliet, Illinois. The unit, part of the 86th USARCOM (United States Army Reserve Command), comprises 173 men.

The 416th Engineers Construction Command, 154 men strong, whose home base is in Chicago, Illinois, is a unit of the Fifth Army. During their two-week stay, the men of the 416th will serve in a Headquarters Company capacity for the 367th Engineers, who will be here one more week.

IT'S NAT'L PICKLE WEEK. . .

Take a Pickle to Lunch!

ANACDUTRA Features

Two Sports Pros Training on Post

Two professional sportsmen are attending ANACDUTRA (Annual Active Duty Training) with the 92d Medical Dispensary. Both men are from Wisconsin and both are attached to the 92d from their home Milwaukee unit, the 452d General Hospital.

Corporal Patrick M. Curran will start his rookie year with the Los Angeles Rams this fall.

CPL Curran was the number two college scorer in the country his last two years in college.

CPL Curran, who scored six touchdowns in a single game during his college career, will report to the Rams' training camp July 10.

The rookie, who graduated from Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, with a degree in Elementary Education, played



CPL PATRICK M. CURRAN SP4 KENT R. PEITERSEN fullback on offense and linebacker on defense at Lakeland.

CPL Curran, who is 23, and his wife Sandy and three-month-old son Chris, will live on a houseboat for the first year in Los Angeles.

A professional golfer, Specialist Kent R. Peitersen, is serving with the 92d as a medic. SP4 Peitersen has been the pro-in-residence at Bristol Oaks Country Club in Kenosha, Wisconsin, for five years. He may "try the circuit" (tour as a pro golfer) this year.

While working toward his B.A. in Business Administration at the University of Houston, from which he graduated in 1963, SP4 Peitersen played with the golf team.

He won the Northeastern Open in 1959 and the National Open Qualifying competition in Wisconsin last year.

Peitersen has five and one half years of time in the National Guard. He and his wife, May Ann, have no children.

During the first week of his ANACDUTRA here with the 300th Heavy Materiel Support Company, Specialist Marvin H. Summers was air-lifted home to see his wife, who had just given birth to their first child.

Specialist Norman D. Janssen of the same unit supplied the ride via his private plane.

The Summers' child, a girl, is reported to be doing well.

Specialist William E. Whalen, of the 300th Heavy Materiel Support Company, operates a duck farm in Hanover, Illinois.

SP4 WILLIAM E. WHALEN



SP4 Whalen and his father raise more than 75,000 mallards on their farm, "Whistling Wings," each year. The mallards are shipped all over the world. They go to universities, research laboratories, game preserves and hunting trails.

SP4 Whalen is here at McCoy until the 24th of May for two weeks' ANACDUTRA (Annual Active Duty Training). Mallards have temporarily been replaced in Whalen's thoughts by mail: he is the unit personnel and postal clerk.

When the duck-farming business eases up in winter, SP4 Whalen works at a less demanding and more relaxing job. He instructs would-be skiers on the slopes of Chestnut Mountain in Illinois.

She's a Real McCoy

The next time you're down at Finance, do Mrs. Shirley McCoy, the cashier, a favor. Don't ask her if she owns Camp McCoy or if the post is named for her. It's not—although she is related by marriage to Major General Robert Bruce McCoy, after whom the post is named.



Mrs. Shirley McCoy, cashier at Finance and relative of General McCoy, in her teller's cage.

A life-long resident of the Temah-Sparta area, Mrs. McCoy is married to Stuart C. McCoy, a grandson of the General and the son of Robert C. McCoy, who lives north of Sparta. Douglas McCoy, another of the General's sons, resides in Sparta.

In addition to her responsibilities as the cashier at Finance, Mrs. McCoy has her hands full as the mother of five growing children: Marilyn 18, Claire 16, Stuart Jr. 14, Kevin 12, and Julie 10. The family lives on a farm south of Temah.

Over the years, Mrs. McCoy, a cheerful and exuberant woman, has become adept at handling questions about her name and now regards it as a "conversation piece." She has worked summers at Camp McCoy since 1957 and full-time as of last year.

MG Schlatter Visits

Major General Noble F. Schlatter, Commanding General of 86th USARCOM (United States Army Reserve Command), stationed in Chicago, was at Camp McCoy Monday, May 19, inspecting three units under his command that are here for ANACDUTRA (Annual Active Duty Training).



Colonel Joseph E. Venables with Major General Noble F. Schlatter and Captain Calvin L. Peters, Commanding Officer, speaking with Sergeant Robert Mateski during the tour of CSO.

General Schlatter was accompanied by Colonel Joseph E. Venables, Camp McCoy Post Commander, as he scrutinized the company areas of the 370th Heavy Maintenance Company, the 92nd Medical Dispensary and the 300th Heavy Materiel Supply Company.

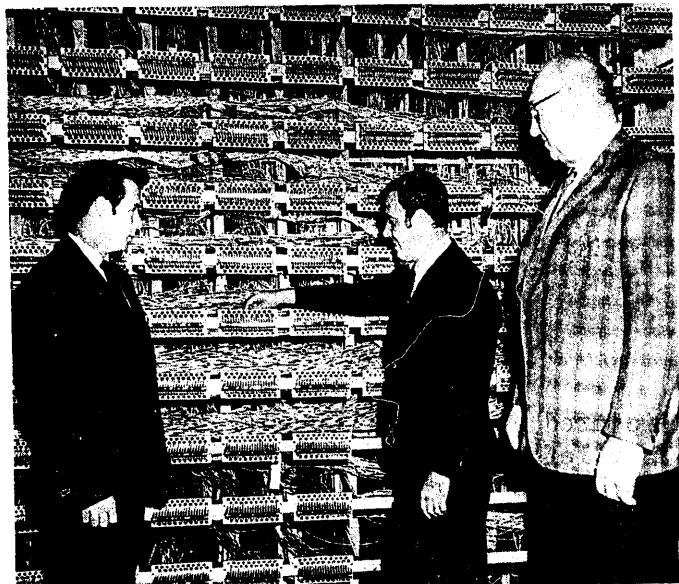
The General and his acting G-4, Lieutenant Colonel Bongner, arrived at the Camp McCoy airfield at 8:15 A.M., and were immediately taken to the Post Commander's office for a briefing. They then began their tour, which included his units and the Consolidated Supply facility here at Camp McCoy.

PHOTO FEATURES



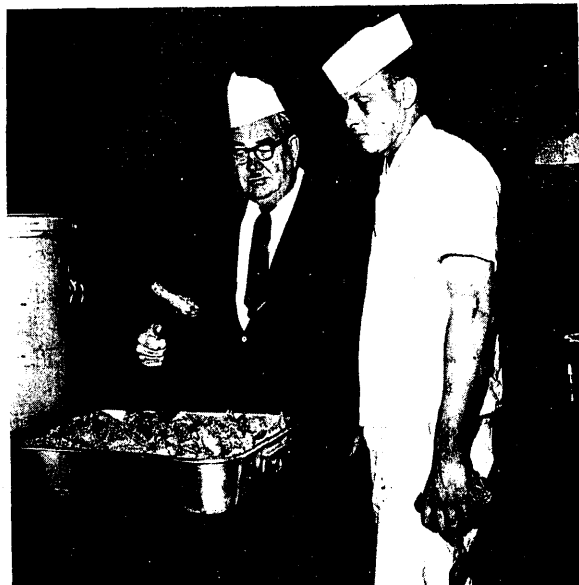
Post Commander Colonel Joseph E. Venables congratulates PX Supervisor Mr. Ben Davis, on the 74th Anniversary of the PX System.

Mr. Jerry Saling, representative of the Strategic Communications Command, Mr. Eugene Carpenter, a representative of the DCSD/E Fifth United States Army, and Mr. Herbert H. Wolter, Communications and Electronics Officer are inspecting the wiring of the new dialing system recently installed at the Camp McCoy Communications Center.



On May 14 the WACs at McCoy celebrated the Women's Army Corps' 27th Anniversary, held at the Non-Commissioned Officers' Open Mess. The WACs at McCoy attempting to blow out the candles on the cake are from left to right: Private First Class Julie Sieker, Communications Center, Specialist Five Louella Sumwalt, Finance Center, Private Iris Fuller, Communications Center, Sergeant Yvonne Ferrance, X-ray Technician Dispensary #1, and Major Mary Jo Rishe, Reserve Reinforcement Processing Center.

Retired 1SG Roy Welsandt and First Cook Richard Zimmerman inspect chicken chow for the 417th Lt. Eq. Maint. Company.



School Makes Chefs from Cooks

Last Friday, May 16, four cooks received their diplomas from the Pre-Camp Food Service School here at McCoy.

The diplomas, which were presented by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas W. Reese, Battalion Commander of the 367th Combat Engineers Battalion, represented one week's training compressed into two days of intensive schooling and practical work.

The diplomas were awarded to SGT Bruce Budris, SP5 William Freeman, and SP4 Thomas Cain, from the 367th Engineers, and PFC Howard Brooks of the 416th Engineers Battalion.



Chief warrant Officer Worth Platt, shown with May 16 Cook School graduates. From left: SP5 William Freeman, SGT Bruce Budris, WO2 Platt, PFC Howard Brooks, and SP4 Thomas Cain.

This was the third class to be graduated from the Cook School, which expects to graduate at least 250 men before the summer ANACDUTRA program ends. A total of 20 have finished the course so far.

The Cook School award ceremony combines business with pleasure. The diplomas are awarded to the men who have prepared the dinner for approximately 50 guests. The

dinner comprises 30 different items, varying from shrimp cocktails to steak and mushroom entrees.

The Officer in Charge is Chief Warrant Officer Worth Platt. His Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge is Sergeant First Class Jerry D. Donovan. The staff cooks, who instruct and supervise the students, are Staff Sergeants Reece, Medina, and Jordan.

The purpose of the school is to train men who have been working in a cook's military occupational specialty and have not attended a military cook's school. The emphasis of the lessons is on good decoration and presentation of foods in order to make them more appetizing and satisfying.

The meal prepared for last Friday's graduation was straight out of Army menus, but guests agreed that the taste and appearance were far superior to that of the average Army meal.

As WO2 Platt explains, "Any mess could do it, but they don't want to make the effort. But all it takes is a little extra, and that's what we teach here."



Pictured above is the Cook School staff. From left: SSG John Jordan, SSG Fred J. Reece, SFC Jerry D. Donovan, and SSG Henry Medina.