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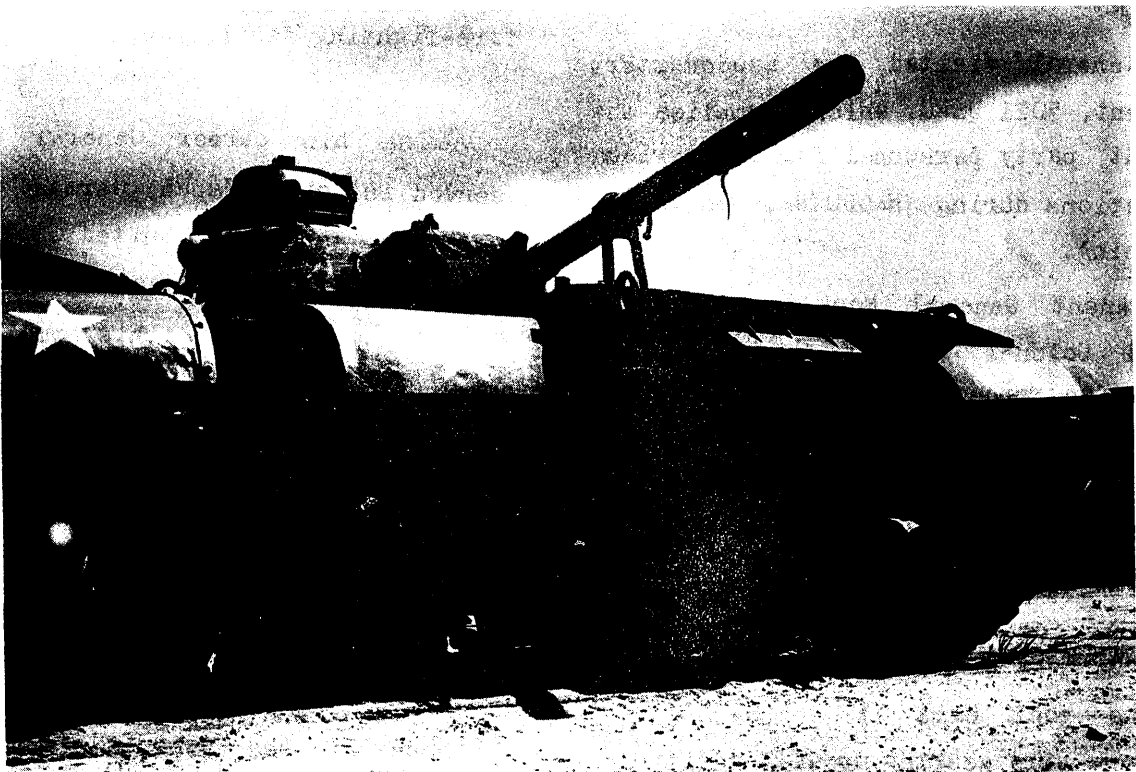
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Armed Forces Day May 17

Camp To Hold Open House



The Army's battlewagon, a tank, is one of the many pieces of machinery which will be shown during Camp McCoy's Open House.

"From Concord Bridge to war Zone D, the American Man-at-Arms has served his country with discipline, skill, and devotion.

"Thousands of young men and women serve their Nation today in uniform, performing countless acts of kindness where the opportunity affords itself, pursuing the grim work of battle where circumstances compel it. Each does honor to himself and to his country."

"I invite every American to join with me in honoring our servicemen, service-women, and their families during Armed Forces Week this year. Our modest efforts can never do credit to the sacrifices they have made or the service they have rendered, but we can, each in our own way, express our appreciation of their selfless and flawless service to the Nation."

Richard M. Nixon, President of the
United States of America.

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LTG Mock Pays 1st Visit To McCoy

Lieutenant General V.P. Mock, Fifth Army Commander, paid a brief working visit to Camp McCoy Wednesday, April 30, and Thursday, May 1.

The General visited the Headquarters Detachment, 5011 USAF, which supplies the permanent party personnel for the various work sections during ANACDUTRA, on Thursday morning.

Lieutenant General Mock, whose party included Colonel George P. Curtin, Fifth Army Reserve Forces Deputy Chief of Staff, and Fifth Army Command Sergeant Major F.C. Graham, assumed command of the Fifth Army in January. This was his first visit to McCoy.

General Mock's visit to get acquainted with the post came at a time when all operations were gearing up with additional military and civilian personnel to handle the arrival of over 45,000 guardsmen and reservists for their annual summer training.

A detailed briefing on the activities at Camp McCoy by Colonel Joseph E. Venables, Post Commander, and members of the McCoy staff, was followed by an inspection of facilities.

During the tour the General inspected the extensive support activities which McCoy undergoes in preparation for the summer training program. Also included on the tour were stops at training areas, the Fifth Army Audio Visual Support Center, Post Engineer functions and the post fire-fighting facilities.

During his career General Mock has served in Korea, Japan, Germany and France as well as in the United States. He entered the United States Military Academy in 1931, and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry in 1935.

COLONEL JOSEPH E. VENABLES Commanding

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ANACDUTRA Training Begins

The pace has been hectic at times, but the 367th Engineer Battalion (Minnesota and North Dakota) already has a lot to show for its efforts since arriving at Camp McCoy on May 3, the first unit to attend ANACDUTRA (Annual Active Duty Training) during 1969.

According to Sergeant Charles McGinley, Projects Non-Commissioned Officer, the 367th has thus far utilized the talents of its 357 man detachment to repair the Alderwood dam and bridge on north post, to construct a seven and one-half mile fire-break along Interstate 90, and to maintain post roads and parking lots as well as numerous other projects.

"Our mission here has been two-fold: the men have been training and at the same time contributing to the maintenance and improvement of Camp McCoy through their involvement in site support work," commented Captain Leonard Eilts, the S-3 Operations Officer for the 367th.



Men of the 367th Engineer Battalion are shown replacing portions of the foundation on the bridge located on J street. From left to right are; SP4 Fountain from Duluth Minnesota, SP4 Huff, Superior, Wisconsin, PFC Clyde Morse, Medowlands, Minnesota. SP4 Evonovich, Duluth, Minnesota, in the foreground is PFC Koski, Duluth, Minnesota.

Arriving on post May 10 were three units from Illinois: 685th Transportation Company, Peoria; 92nd Medical Dispensary, Peoria; and the 300th Supply Company, from Freeport; two units from Minnesota: 417th Light Equipment Maintenance Company, Faribault; and the 544th Heavy Equipment Company, Wabasha; and one unit from Iowa, the 339th Military Police Company, Pocahontas.

In all, 45,379 Army Reserve and National Guard troops are scheduled to attend ANACDUTRA at McCoy during the period from May 3 to August 30 this summer.

McCoy Means Business

To Local Communities

Story by PFC Dave Emeritz

Take more than 45,000 young men. Place them in an area with two nearby cities whose total population does not exceed 15,000, and a third city some 35 miles distant whose population is under 50,000. The economic impact of the 45,000 upon the area would be tremendous.

This is the effect of summer training at Camp McCoy on Sparta, Tomah and LaCrosse.

According to Mr. Walter P. Bender, Camp McCoy's Post Comptroller, there is "a definite increase in local business incomes when the Reserves and National Guard units train here. Businesses such as food, drink, hotels and motels, recreation, gasoline-automotive, dry cleaners, and, to an extent, clothing" undergo an increase in sales during the summer.

According to Bender, "not just the soldiers themselves, but also the overhead people that go with them, and a general increase in activity in the area, all affect business incomes for the better."

More than 45,000 men will be training at McCoy this summer. Because the two-week training periods overlap, this means (Con't Page 8)

McCoy Savings

First In 5A

An important part of every family budget is savings.

Camp McCoy has a budget too, and for the first half of Fiscal Year 1969, the post has more than doubled its savings goal for the entire year.

Camp McCoy, reports Post Commander Colonel Joseph E. Venables, has placed first among the installations of the thirteen-state Fifth Army's Cost Reduction Program in increased savings for the first six months of FY 1969.

Other installations included in the Cost Reduction Program, Fifth Army are: Ft. Carson, Colorado; Ft. Lenoard Wood, Missouri; Ft. Riley, Kansas; Ft. Sheridan, Illinois; Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; and Ft. Benjamin-Harrison, Indiana.

Post Services Opening

The summer is quickly approaching the Camp McCoy area and the post is coming alive with the openings of post services.

The Service Club, Bldg. 2000, operates from 1600 - 2200 hours, Monday thru Friday. On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 1400 - 2200 hours.

Camp McCoy's Snack Bar, Bldg. 2000, offers its services from 0700 - 2030 hours, Monday thru Friday. Sundays and holidays, from 1600 - 2100 hours. Closed Saturdays.

Drive Inn Snack Bar, Bldg. 1558, will open its doors on 10 May. Hours of operation will be Monday thru Friday, 1130-2030 hours. Saturday, 1000 - 2030 hours, and Sundays from 1000 - 1600 hours.

The Main Post Exchange is open and operating Monday thru Friday, 1130 - 1800 hours. Saturday, 1130 - 1500 hours and Sunday from 1300 - 1500 hours.

The cost reduction goal assigned by Fifth Army Headquarters for Camp McCoy is \$83,100.



Mr. Frank Schroeder gives instructions on the operation of the sling he invented. Receiving the instructions are Mr. Hollis Strezinsky, Col. Joseph E. Venables, Mr. John Kaehler, Mr. Duane Bjorkman and Mr. Paul Abbott.

Mr. John A. Kaehler, Cost Reduction Coordinator at Camp McCoy, said the increased savings were "the result of ideas, suggestions and improved procedures originated by McCoy's military and civilian personnel

The savings are broken down into managerial groups. The largest single savings amounts to \$58,500 in the area of Equipment Management.

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Suggestions which contributed to the over-all increase in savings ranged from the design for a vehicle lights tester, to a bid system for procuring name tapes for the National Guard and Reserve units which train at McCoy.

If the proposed savings program for the third quarter of FY 1969 is validated by Fifth Army Headquarters, Camp McCoy will increase total savings from the present 214.2% of the goal to 321.4%. And McCoy will still have one quarter to go.

CHAPLAIN'S CHANGE

By Chaplain (Maj) Richmond H. Hilton

A thousand years from now - Who'll know the difference????

These words from the grizzled old lumberjack exploded in my mind as I was feverishly trying to stay ahead of the avalanche of lumber that was descending toward me on the "dry chain." I was working in a Pacific Northwest lumber mill at the time. That night I pondered his philosophy, wondering if there was something to it. From that thinking session came the following list:

A thousand years from now - Who'll know the difference if.....

I worry myself sick about that which I cannot help.

I envy what the other fellow has.

I achieve a great name for myself

I make a lot of money.

I am a pauper.

I resent slights by someone else.

I try to keep up with the Joneses.

Armed Forces Day

From Page One

Armed Forces Day will be observed here at Camp McCoy with an open house and reception.

The open house will begin at 1 p.m. and last until 3 p.m. Displays and demonstrations will be located on the Post Parade Field.

Combat movies will be shown in a tent erected on the field and demonstrations of pugil-stick fighting will be carried on near the equipment on display.

Colonel Joseph E. Venables, Post Commander, extended an invitation to all personnel at Camp McCoy, their dependents, and local area residents to attend the open house.

In the evening, Colonel Venables will host a reception at the Officer's Club for notables from around the state and nearby communities.

I don't get that promotion.

I own all kinds of material things.

I think I am a big shot instead of a pop gun.

The answer to these things is obvious--not likely will anyone know the difference.

But a thousand years from now it will still make a difference in the lives of many because a 19 year old boy fired the shot that triggered World War I. It will still make a difference that someone's kind deed was instrumental in leading Winston Churchill to be what he was. A thousand years from now it may make a difference to someone if:

I did that kind deed.

I did my job well.

I spread joy and happiness.

I am right with God.

I develop right convictions and abide by them.

When we think about it, there are not as many important things -- really important things -- as we think there are. "What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."

Women's Army Corps Celebrates Birthday

Story by PFC Kathy Garofalo

Throughout the years women have played an important role in the Military Service by assisting today's men in the Military.

The WAC birthday will be celebrated throughout Army posts whether stateside or overseas. Women in the Army will take time out from their busy lives to take a moment to remember their heritage.

This year marks off another page in the history of today's young woman in the Women's Army Corps.

Post Surgeon:

Poison Plants No Joking Matter

Every year military personnel engaged in field problems and outdoor recreation encounter poison-ivy, poison sumac, and poison-oak which are common to this area. Poisoning by these plants are largely preventable. Those who learn how to identify these plants and take precautionary measures will avoid experience of painful skin irritation caused by exposure.

Through experience many persons know that they are susceptible to poisoning by these plants. Some have escaped contamination or have a certain degree of immunity. The extent of immunity appears only relative and absolute immunity does not exist. Those who have shown a degree of immunity upon repeated contact with these plants may develop poisoning on a subsequent exposure.

If it is necessary to be in the areas where poison ivy, poison sumac and poison oak grow, wear protective clothing to cover arms, legs and neck areas, and high top boots or shoes. Clothing, including boots and shoes, which have come into contact with these plants, should be washed before being worn again. Tools and equipment known to have come into contact with these plants should be handled with gloves until decontaminated by washing with soap and water.

If you have touched one of these plants, or any other plant known to be poisonous, scrub the affected area as quickly as possible with a heavy lather of soap., two or three times and rinse off completely with large amounts of water, preferably hot. This removes the poisonous oils which cause skin eruption. Avoid rubbing, as this will tend to spread the poison to other areas.

The time between contamination of the skin and the first symptoms will vary according to the individual. The first symptoms may develop within a few hours or

several days after exposure. The itching skin and subsequent inflammation, usually developing into water blisters under the skin, may continue for several days. Persistence over a long period is probably due to renewed contact with the plant or to previously contaminated clothing and equipment.

There is no quick cure for poisoning from these plants. The non-volatile oil on leaves of these plants, is the likely cause of the painful, itching skin eruption. While the skin irritation may be no more than a nuisance, contact with poison ivy, poison sumac and poison oak can also be serious, and in rare cases fatal. Obtain first aid and medical attention as soon as possible after skin contact.

In following issues these poisonous plants will be described.

Officers Discover "We Like It Here!"

The new Wisconsin slogan is "We Like You Here."

The old one, "We Like It Here" is going to be stolen and adopted by the officers at Camp McCoy after being feted at welcoming receptions at both Sparta and Tomah.

As a gesture of good will and appreciation both the nearby communities' Chambers of Commerce hosted a large number of Army Officers for dinner.

Appreciation Day at Tomah, April 28, saw personnel from Camp McCoy, Camp Douglas, and the Veteran's Hospital hosted at the Carlton Restaurant.

Sparta welcomed the McCoy officer's at the Club Oasis.

CROSSING THE BAR

by CPT A. J. Mackiewicz



Beginning with this issue and continuing through the summer months, a column dealing with aspects of the law having special interest to the military will appear in this publication. This column will be of general information and will be 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.

Most people have a general knowledge of what a Will is and what it does. Ordinarily, a Will is a written instrument which directs the disposition of a person's property after his death. The laws of certain states make provisions for oral Wills or Wills which are not witnessed, but which are entirely in the handwriting of the person making the Will, but these types of Wills are to be avoided as they are not valid Wills in every state. This discussion will be concerned with Wills that are both written and witnessed.

Any discussion of Wills should concern the questions, "Who needs a Will?", and "Why have a Will?". Contrary to popular opinion, everyone does not need a Will. If a person dies without a Will, each state has established, by law, a plan of distribution for that person's property. If you are thinking of making a Will, it wouldn't hurt to check the laws of your state. If the statutory plan of distribution coincides with what you had in mind and there are no special provisions you might want to be included in your Will, there is no reason to make a Will. Of course, as your financial position and marital status change, these laws should be reviewed again and another determination should be made as to whether or not a Will is needed.

The second question, "Why have a Will?" becomes a little more complex. What does a Will allow you to do that you cannot do

if you do not have a Will? First, if you are married, a Will allows you to give all of your property to your wife. There are certain states in which this is not true, but, for the most part, the laws of the Midwestern states allow you to do this by your Will. Second, you can give property to someone who is not related to you. This is not possible if you do not have a Will. Third, you can name the particular person to whom you want specific property given. This is also not possible if you do not have a Will. Fourth, you can name the persons who will administer your estate and act as guardians of any minor children who survive you. There are many other things you can do if you die leaving a Will that you cannot do if you die intestate, that is, without a Will, but the examples mentioned cover the major considerations.

Wills may be as simple or as complex as the person making them desires them to be. Your legal assistance officer is authorized to draw simple Wills for active duty military personnel and their dependents. This service is free. If you are convinced that, in light of the foregoing discussion, you do not need a Will at this time, you probably do not need one. On the other hand, if you are in doubt as to whether or not you should have a Will or if you feel that you should have one, see a Judge Advocate.

In the future, I will attempt to gear this column to the legal problems with which most people in the military seem to have trouble. If you know of a legal problem, of a general nature, which confronts most people within the military today, jot it down on a piece of paper and send it to the Office of the Post Judge Advocate. In

future weeks, I will try to answer as many of these inquiries as space and time permit.

the Peon's Portion of the Page

By JACK ALGOS

As the general run-of-the-mill military newspaper would have it, in each and every issue there must be a "column" written by the Chaplain, the Staff Judge Advocate, Special Services, et al. Since the "Real McCoy" is a military publication we, too must adhere to precedent in some instances, however, since we are not a "run-of-the-mill" newspaper we will add something of INTEREST in our column format, it's the hope of this individual, if not the entire IO shop, that this little column henceforth known to one and all as "The Peon's Portion of the Page," will provide an Advantage Garde, a new hope or even an unadulterated revolution, peaceful of course, in the military journalism field.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to our benevolent Post Commander Colonel Joseph E. Venables, for his faith in me. I hope that I won't offend him to much throughout the summer months. One thing is in my favor, unlike the Smothers Brothers, the Army can't cancel my contract.....and if they do

I couldn't be happier. Also, one must keep in mind that my contract with this organization expires on October 17, 1969 and I have the renewal option and to be completely truthful, I have a better offer....a chance for more money, more prestige.....I have been offered the job of assistant street sweeper in Podunk City, Iowa.

Since this is the first column let me first talk about this fine place in which I must spend the next six months. First of all have a small dissertation on our home, Camp Swampy North. Unlike most of the augmentation troops here, I volunteered to come here. Now right away some of you pesimists may feel that there is a creditability gap as far as my sanity is concerned. In my defense I would like to explain to you that I am TDY here from Fort Riley, Kansas and if you know anything about the wilderness you will realize that the "Big" spot is Junction City. Now, seriously how good can a fort be if the place to be is called Junction City, Kansas. (Con't page 11)

McCOY BUSINESS (CONT.)

there will be an average of 5600 soldiers training at McCoy per week.

Bender mentions the effect of the "overhead people that go with" the soldiers. These overhead people comprise both civilians and Regular Army personnel.

The total of 1600 overhead personnel includes about 1050 civilian personnel and about 550 military personnel.

Therefore there will be an average of more than 7200 soldiers and civilians from Camp McCoy every week spending most of their off-duty hours in the three cities of Sparta, Tomah and LaCrosse.

But exactly how much money does this mean to the citizens of the three cities?

Of the overhead personnel, Bender fig-

ures that the military will spend about 75 cents of each take-home dollar in the local communities. He arrived at this figure by assuming that half the overhead personnel live on post and the other half live off post. "While the people living off post spend almost all their income in the local communities, those living on post will still spend more than half their income in the surrounding cities."

The civilian overhead personnel live in the immediate area year-round, so Bender figures they will spend "almost all of their incomes" in these cities.

The combined National Guard and Enlisted Reserves payroll for the month of May will total about \$600,000. For June, July, (Con't page 10)

BILL "The Barber" KELLAR BEGINS 44TH SUMMER AT CAMP MCCOY

William "Bill" Kellar, barber, is an institution at Camp McCoy. This summer is Bill's forty-fourth at McCoy since he arrived here in March of 1925. His rather soft-spoken humor, dry delivery, and hair cutting talents have delighted many soldiers since, as is attested by the wall full of autographed pictures from famous patrons which decorates his shop. Asked whether he has any other profession, Bill smiles and replies, "No....After fifty some years at it, I don't know any better."

A soldier who asks Bill for a military haircut is liable to be asked, "what's that? We don't give military haircuts here." And, if the soldier explains that he wants a trim, Bill may reply, "how about a baldie? That's my favorite kind of haircut to do...." As Bill puts it, "that's just a little smartin' off I do with people. But we try to cut it the way they want it." And the twinkle in Bill's piercing eyes continues to dance.

Bill's beard impresses with its neatness and with its mere presence at a camp full of beardless soldiers. Asked what kind of beard it is, Bill answers, "just a beard -- I've had it since Christmas." His dog, a beautiful Dalmatian named Penny, has been with him since "about the same time as when I started my beard."

Bill, like his able assistant Danny Schur a resident of Sparta, has mounted by the cash register several pictures of his three grandchildren. Two prints of oil paintings also add to the character and attractiveness of his barber shop. "I had a lot more," he explains, "but different people put the bite on me for them -- gave them all away except these two."



A patron getting his hair cut has a clear view of the most striking pictures of all: those of Bill's ex-customers who are of particular importance.

Such notables as ex-Secretary of War George C. Marshall ("he was a Captain then...back around '26 or '27"); General of the Army Douglas MacArthur (a Second Lieutenant when Bill met him); General Stillwell, who gained fame as an Army commander in the Far East; and General Clark, whose leadership of American troops during the campaign in Italy against the Germans won him a lasting reputation for military strategy; all have had their hair cut by McCoy's Mr. Kellar. And the personally autographed picture of each hangs on the wall of Bill's shop.

A picture of ex-President Dwight David Eisenhower, also autographed, rests on a sill below the wall of pictures. Bill is quick to note that Eisenhower's is the only picture he displays whose hair he never cut. "That's why it doesn't hang on the wall with the others." Bill got Ike's picture, he

relates, in March of 1945 from Eisenhower's pilot (whose hair he did cut). The pilot mailed the picture to Bill from Paris.

In addition to those named above, hundreds of other general and field grade
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Story by
H.C. Dave Emeritz

Fishing Did Open Saturday, But No Tuna Were Caught

The trout seem as anxious as Charlie the Tuna to get caught. That's the word from McCoy's many anglers who have been taking advantage of the opening of McCoy's summer fishing season last Saturday, May 10.

McCoy's many popular and well-stocked fishing sites are available to all who have a valid Wisconsin state fishing license and who pay the \$1.00 summer fishing permit fee. Those who do not yet have a permit may get one from the Post Fish and Wildlife Office, building 1366, extension 369. Included with the permit is a list of Camp McCoy's fishing regulations and a map of the numerous fishing sites at McCoy.

The Fish and Wildlife Program, run under the auspices of Major Harold C. Needham, Post Engineer, is responsible for the abundance of good fishing at McCoy. The Post Forester is Mr. A.L. Schatz and the Fish and Wildlife Collections Officer is Mr. Julian S. Hutchinson.

McCoy Business Con't

and August, the payroll will average an estimated \$2,000,000 per month.

This works out to a startling \$1,650,000 to be spent by the National Guard and Enlisted Reserves in the local cities this summer.

The military overhead payroll for the summer will be approximately \$50,000 per month, or \$200,000. Of this, some \$150,000 should be spent in Tomah, Sparta, and LaCrosse.

The civilian overhead payroll of \$1,000,000 for the entire summer should almost all be spent in Sparta, Tomah, and LaCrosse.

The grand total estimated to be spent in the local cities of Tomah, Sparta, and LaCrosse this summer is \$2,800,000.

Spring has sprung, the fishing is fine, and the season extends until September 15 this year.

So...go fish in a lake. Or a pond, or a river. or a stream.



Shown in this photo is retired M/Sgt. Chester Kiescewski with a 3 to 3½ lb. Rain Rainbow Trout. Kiescewski teaches ROTC at Beloit Wis. Beloit Memorial High School.

Camp Needs Nine-Plus

Men in the 5011 USAG Detachment who are interested in playing for or managing the Post Softball Team must contact SP5 Newby at the Special Services office by tomorrow, Friday, at extension 1200. The Post team will compete in the Tomah Amateur Softball League.

The 15-man teams which make up the Post Softball League will begin play soon. The league is limited to members of the 5011 USAG Detachment. The teams were organized by work sections.

FORT CARSON, COLORADO: Major General Roland M. Gleszer, Commanding General, opened the \$710,000 Officers Club during ribbon cutting ceremonies on 22 April 1969.

More On: Kellar

officers have sat in Bill Kellar's barber chair. Every post commander of Camp McCoy, including Colonel Joseph E. Venables, the present post commander, has employed Bill's professional talents.

And, during his first visit to Camp McCoy late in April of this year, Lieutenant General V.P. Mock, Commanding General of the Fifth Army, agreed to add his to Bill's stock of autographed pictures.

The total number of haircuts Bill has given defies definition.

And who cuts the hair of the man who cuts the hair? Why, his assistant, Danny Schur, of course. Bill describes his assistant as "a helluva good hair cutter, real good." Danny first joined Bill five years ago, and left him when drafted two years ago. Now, having served his two years (including service in Vietnam as a demolitions man with the 25th Division, 65th Engineers) and having been honorably discharged, Danny has come back to work at Camp McCoy. Danny had been cutting hair in an amateur status from the age of 14 before he turned professional five years ago.

On September first of this year, Bill's contract will run out. Asked if he would renew, Bill shrugged and said, "I don't know...it's too far away to know." We at McCoy hope he will renew; the Camp would hate to witness the departure of an institution.

PEON Con't.

There is another reason, I am a resident of New York and therefore, Camp McCoy is in an easterly direction from Kansas, thus, I am closer to home. Now, wouldn't you agree that my motives for coming here are somewhat more than idiosyncratic???

Anyway, here we are at Camp McCoy, which is located between Sparta...Sparta?? and Tomah, ("Where the "I" Divides"), Wis-

The McCoy "nite - life" is somewhat unique. We have no less than three Non-Commissioned Officers Clubs. Two annex's in the troop billeting areas and one main club. Of course, the main club is the only one open, which is conveniently located in the rear of Post Headquarters, just adjacent to the officer's quarters. Naturally, the officers are not allowed in the NCO-OM. Then there's the Officers Open Mess and from what I've heard "mess" isn't the word for it.

If you're an outdoorsman you could go to the hospital area and watch the deer run away from you. Oh, while you're there you could tour the hospital facility. Don't worry about bothering anyone, there's no one there.

So to sum up everything here at Camp McCoy you can see that for off-duty enjoyment, don't expect to stay in the Camp McCoy compound.

Til next time, catch ya' later, byeeee

Civilians Finish Class

Certificates of training were awarded Wednesday, May 7, by Lieutenant Colonel William A. Flanigan, Post Executive Officer, and Mr. Walter P. Bender, Post Comptroller, to supervisors who had received 14 hours of instruction in "Work Simplification."

The supervisors were: Loren Ball, CMD; DuWayne Bjorkman, CSO; Clarice Button, C & E; LaVerne Cole, CMD; Marcella Faulkner, Commissary; Thomas Fuenger, CMD; Curt Isensee, Post Engr; Kenneth Koji, Tng Aids; Raymond Marco, Post Engr; Velma Overby, TVEP; Chester Panek, TVEP; Andrew Thundercloud, CMD; and Eleanor Wiggins, C & E.

"Work Simplification" is a program of instruction for all first line supervisors to provide them with the basic skills to analyze their operation, to find easier, faster, and more economical ways to do a job.

Work Simplification proposals already submitted by members of the class will save Camp McCoy \$8,130.00 during the next year. More proposals are being developed.

Goodbye 123. Hello ????

Story by PFC Steve Warsh

(Editor's Note: We don't quite know how to react to the idea of a new phone system. The old system was rather quaint, and we hate to face the prospect of losing our old number, 123, and thus part of our identity.)

Something old and something new — both these ingredients for a joyous celebration will be present tomorrow evening when Camp McCoy gets its first taste of a newly installed 1600-line direct dial exchange telephone system. Gone will be the "Big Board" — the old switchboard, a reminder of McCoy's World War II heritage, and in its place a more modern telephone switchboard, capable of meeting the post's increased communications demands.

Despite recognition that McCoy for many years has been in dire need of a new telephone system, the procurement and installation of such a system has been no mean accomplishment. Repeatedly in the past, the go-ahead was given to proceed with installation of a new direct dial system only to have a crisis intervene.

Upon assuming command at McCoy on March 1, 1968, Colonel Joseph E. Venables, who had been a career signal corps officer, recognized immediately the need for a new phone system and took action to secure one. The task of finding the necessary equipment took on the status of an "emergency project."

Finally, through the efforts of Colonel Venables and his staff, a second-hand direct dial exchange, formerly in use at Fort Ritchie, Maryland, was located at the Bluegrass Army Depot, Lexington, Kentucky.

However, in addition to being disassembled, the equipment sustained damage while being shipped, and it required extensive reconditioning to make it workable.

Installation of the new exchange began on February 20 of this year under the general supervision of Mr. Herbert H. Wolter,

Post Communications and Electronics Officer, and his staff. An installation team from HQ STATCOM, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, headed by Mr. John O'Connor, was dispatched, and the dream of a new telephone system inched closer to reality.

Thirty-one military personnel as well as six civilians, under Job Supervisors Richard Tucker and Jerry Saling, worked round the clock to install the new system. Their work schedule consisted of two 12 hour shifts, six days a week.

On-site engineering, essential to the eventual smooth functioning of the system, was furnished by a team of men from HQ STATCOM, CONUS, Washington, D.C., who were under the supervision of Mr. Harold Whalen and Mr. John New.

Although plagued by defective equipment and a shortage of supplies, the C&E men accomplished their mission — the installation of a new direct dial exchange a feat which normally requires six months under ideal conditions.

With the new system, personnel will be able to dial directly to any phone on post. However, a staff of 18 operators will still be retained to handle all incoming calls from off-post as well as to assist in placing out of town calls from on post.

With one job done, the men from C&E are looking to the future. Already, plans are on the drawing board for 400 additional lines as well as conversion to a direct in and out dialing system.

"We couldn't have done the job that we did without the wonderful cooperation and support that we received from Colonel Venables, the personnel at McCoy and every one else involved in the project," reflected Mr. Wolter after it was all over.

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