



Marching Proudly - A platoon of Camp McCoy soldiers participate in the Memorial Day parade in LaCrosse. (U. S. Army Photo by SGT Bruce Carlson)



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HHC of 372d Engineers changes command

In ceremonies held recently at Camp McCoy, Captain Max L. Schardein assumed command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 372d Engineer Group of Des Moines, Iowa.

He succeeds Captain Leland D. Smithson, who is being reassigned to the 103d Support Brigade, Des Moines. CPT Smithson was presented a desk set from the company personnel in appreciation of the work done by him while commanding officer of the company.

A speech was given by Colonel Freeman Forrest, 372d Group commander, welcoming CPT Schardein as the new commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company and acknowledging the outstanding job done by CPT Smithson in that position.

The 33-year-old new commander is a graduate of the University of Kansas, where he received a bachelor's degree in Architectural Engineering. A native of Hutchinson, Kan., CPT Schardein received

his commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University of Kansas.



CPT MAX L. SCHARDEIN, right, accepts the company colors from the company first sergeant as the outgoing commander, CPT Leland D. Smithson, center, looks on. (U. S. Army Photo by SP 5 Don Swiggett)

Editorial

Thievery causes hardship on all

There is no one less tolerated in the Army than a thief. Not only does he invoke judicial punishment upon himself, but also incurs the self initiated disciplinary actions of his peers, the repercussions of which can be far more devastating.

Conditions in the military are such that we all live in rather tight quarters. One might almost parallel it with communal living. It is not unusual to have up to thirty or more men living in a single bay area. These conditions are also quite conducive to stealing. Pilfering the personal belongings of your next door neighbor isn't very hard when your next door neighbor happens to be in the next bunk.

In order to accommodate the tremendous number of personnel in the military, this situation of having less than total privacy or security cannot be helped. But

stealing can. Stealing, whether it be a \$2.00 pen or a \$200 piece of stereo equipment, is never completely justifiable. Regardless of the circumstances involved, an alternate solution can be found. When the chips are down, more often than not, friends can be counted on for a helping hand.

It is essential to the well being of a group of people living together in the close proximity that is prevalent in the military for there to be an atmosphere of trust and comradeship. The presence of a thief, however, even a suspected one, destroys this fellowship. The effects of thievery have far reaching consequences. Suspicion of one another immediately permeates the group, misunderstandings occur, people begin jumping to conclusions, tempers flare and fights ensue. This results in a serious breakdown of morale and causes an overall condition of mistrust to prevail. People cannot function under such conditions, therefore their work also suffers. There is no doubt that the presence of a thief creates an undesirable situation.

Although the problems propagated by a thief are quite evident, the solution is not so easily recognized. People prone to larcenous tendencies must find individual answers to their problems. They can't expect others to react any differently than they do. After all, who likes to have his personal belongings stolen? Individuals who can't handle this problem themselves should seek professional help, but in most instances this is not the case because the thief usually will not admit that he needs help. A more conscientious effort should be made by these people to quell such desires, as they place an additional strain on an already strained situation. They should try to help others by helping themselves. If the individual doesn't want to stop stealing for moral or common sense reasons, then perhaps the prospect of the crimes becoming worse and the possibility of imprisonment should be a valid reason for stopping. (pwb)

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Evaluation Board rates the reserves

Reserve units undergoing annual summer training at Camp McCoy have a definite mission to perform, it is the job of the Site Support Evaluation Board to evaluate and record the manner in which the individual units accomplish their mission. The results of which have a direct bearing on future operations of the unit.

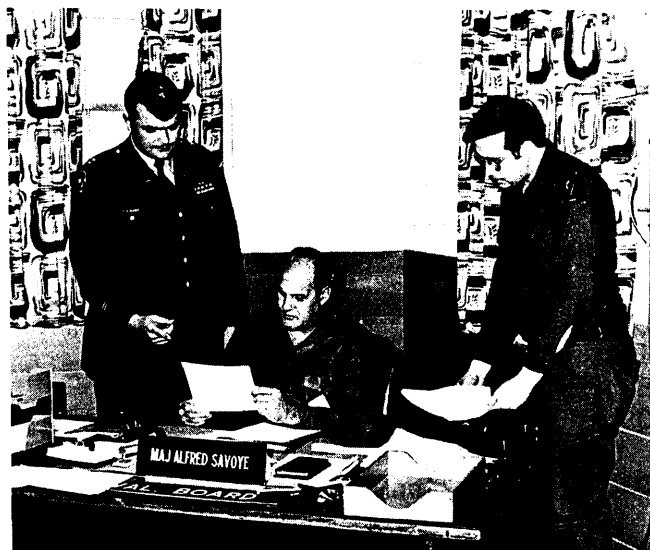
In explaining the overall objective of the evaluation board, Captain Charles Fleisher, administration officer for the board, termed it, "To evaluate the ability of the site support units of the reserve units to perform their TOE/TDA (Table of Organization and Equipment/Table of Distribution and Allowances) mission."

One-man teams are assigned to cover a unit for their two weeks of active duty. Daily reports are submitted to the board, where they are logged and the progress of that unit is observed. Literally everything concerning a unit is under close scrutiny of the evaluator: the mess hall, orderly room, billets, troop morale, everything. When a unit is doing poorly the evaluator finds out why. The same is true when a unit is doing well, he finds out exactly why they are doing as they are.

At the conclusion of the two weeks a final, cumulative report is made by the evaluator. His findings help determine the level of training for the following year. If a unit finishes with a good rating, their next year's mission may be of a more difficult nature. If it receives a bad rating then they will probably receive a similar or less demanding mission the following year.

Although the units see the daily and final reports of the evaluator, his word is final. Only he can modify a report, however, the chief of the evaluation board makes his own personal comments on each of the reports. If the unit is doing poorly, usually a substantial improvement can be noted after they receive an unfavorable report.

These reports are sent to Fourth Army Headquarters at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., and



MEMBERS OF THE Site Support Evaluation Board check the report of a unit undergoing annual training. From left are CPT Charles Fleisher, MAJ Alfred Savoye and SP 4 William Webb. (U. S. Army Photo by SP 5 Don Swiggett)

from there they are sent to CONARC (Continental Army Command) Headquarters, Ft. Monroe, Virginia where they are recorded.

Major Alfred Savoye, a veteran of five years as an evaluator, is chief of the evaluation board. The executive and administrative officer of the board is Captain Charles Fleisher. Working on the board are five evaluators, Captains Harold Wehlan Jr., Stanley Vanoy and John McIntyre First Lieutenant Donald Schott, and Second Lieutenants Raymond Moldenhausner and Allen Acre. Specialist 4 William Webb is the administrative NCO for the board.

When asked how the units were coming along with their training, CPT Fleisher commented that overall the reserve units are doing well so far and that he expects this trend to continue throughout the summer. (pwb)

THE REAL McCoy welcomes

Arrived May 29:

HQS, 397th Engineer Battalion, with HQS

Company and Companies A, B, C, D

244th Engineer Battalion, Company D

521st Maintenance Battalion, 2d group

370th Repair Parts Company, 2d group

HHC, 724th Engineer Battalion, with Companies A, B, C, D

HHD, Wisconsin National Guard

112th Public Information Detachment

366th Finance Section

32d Military Police Company

106th Supply and Service Company

107th Light Equipment Maintenance Company

1158th Transportation Company

HHC, 257th Artillery Group

HQS, 1st Battalion, 121st Artillery, with Companies A, B, C, Service

HQS, 1st Battalion, 126th Artillery, with Companies A, B, C, Service

HHC, 264th Armor Group

HHC, 1st Battalion, 127th Infantry, with Companies A, B, C, Support

HHC, 2d Battalion, 128th Infantry, with Companies A, B, C, Support

53d Aviation Company

333d Military Police Company

HHC, 361st Supply and Service Battalion

377th Light Maintenance Company

592d Personnel Service Company

HHC, 821st Transportation Battalion

HHC, 917th Direct Support Group

452d Ordnance Company, 2d group

242d Quartermaster Company, 2d group

1009th Supply and Service Company, 2d group

ARMY DIGEST has new name

This month, SOLDIERS will become the new name for the Army's now magazine, ARMY DIGEST.

The Army's official magazine isn't and hasn't been a digest for years--it has been a magazine for soldiers.

Today, its timely news and features are by soldiers, about soldiers and for soldiers. And so, in June--the beginning of its 26th year of publication--the misnomer will be dropped. (4A CI)



RA Commission - CPT Charles E. F. Alden, right, the Staff Judge Advocate at Camp McCoy, is congratulated by COL Richard A. Crecelius, camp commander, upon his receiving of a Regular Army commission. CPT Alden is the author of *The JAGged Edge*, which appears weekly in *THE REAL MCCOY*. (U. S. Army Photo by SP 5 Don Swiggett)

Lower GT requirement opens recruiter duty for more NCOs

The Army has opened recruiter duty to more than 100,000 noncommissioned officers (NCOs) by lowering its General Text (GT) score requirements from 110 to 95.

By deciding that the 110 GT score required to be an officer or to attend flight training was too restrictive for becoming a recruiter, the Army has taken a step toward raising its recruiter force from some 3,500 to 6,505 members by June 30, 1972.

According to Fourth Army headquarters, the Army has also decided to fill up its recruiter quotas strictly from active duty ranks. The plan to permit former E-6 and E-7 recruiters on the retired rolls to volunteer for active duty as recruiters has been cancelled, at least temporarily.

Interested persons may apply for recruiter duty under AR 601-275 and DA Circular 614-21. (4A CI)

The JAGged Edge

By CPT Charles E. F. Alden, JAGC

Beware of those advertisements which promise to resolve your financial worries by one visit to their counseling service. These organizations refer to themselves by varied titles---credit consultants, debt poolers, or debt counselors only to mention a few.

Nearly all guarantee you that they are not loan companies, and they all supply you basically the same service. If you find yourself in a position where you owe more money each month than can be paid, they offer through financial planning for you to be able to pay your obligations and live as well as you presently do or better!

Stop and think! Too many persons in difficult financial positions don't. Even though the people who run these organizations may wear \$200 Brooks Brothers' suits, there are some unalterable rules of abstract logic, for example $2 - 3 = -1$; you cannot pay more than you earn.

How can they make this boast? First, they will total your monthly payments for bills and your income. The conclusion is apparent, you must spend less. Next, with your concurrence, they will undertake to pay your monthly debts--with your money. This is accomplished by contacting your creditors and informing them that they, the credit counselors, are handling your financial obligations. This makes paying your bills much easier; you merely write one check to the "friendly counselor", and he distributes it as is required amongst your creditors. But how do they make \$200 pay \$300 worth of bills? They don't. They will contact your creditors and explain you are unable to pay the full amount of the monthly obligation. Most creditors are willing to take less as opposed to getting nothing or having to repossess. Surprisingly, it appears you are able to live within your income and pay your bills.

Unfortunately, too often this is not true. Let's analyze what has occurred.

Your creditors are getting paid less per month, but you must continue to pay interest. Retail installment loans true interest often runs approximately 30 per cent - yes, even though your contract says 18 per cent. Consequently, very little of your payment reduces your debt; a large portion is being consumed by interest.

You will also discover that your "friendly counselor" does not work for free; customarily he will take a percent-
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PX Special Order Program expands variety of stock

Post Exchanges (PXs), like civilian retail stores, strive for satisfied customers. Also, like civilian retail stores, they limit their inventories to the items most in demand by their customers.

Now, in order to provide customers with an expanded stock assortment, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service has implemented a Special Order Program which permits customers to special-order particular items on an individual basis from catalogs and descriptive material.

Under the program...

- A PX will accept a special order for any item of authorized merchandise within the prescribed price limitation.

- Deposits are not required unless the items are personalized, for example, nameplates, greeting cards, etc.

- "Satisfaction Guaranteed" is applicable to the orders.

- Remember this one: A PX does not guarantee that any item will arrive in any specific time period. A time delay of three to six weeks should always be weighed against the monetary savings to be achieved.

Used properly, the Special Order Program provides a wide avenue to greatly expanded stock assortment.(4A CI)

The Unknown Soldier: Mil pay clerk

By SP 4 Pat Byrne

Getting the Army paid each month is a colossal undertaking by any standards, and this formidable task rests squarely on the shoulders of those seldom acclaimed financial jacks of all trades known as military pay clerks.

Although the job of a military pay clerk, better known as a mil pay clerk, is not overly familiar to everyone, it is quite obvious that what he does is of utmost importance to us all. After all, who isn't interested in getting paid when he should be and the right amount he has coming?

Despite the magnitude of the job, getting his people paid is only a part of what a mil pay clerk is accountable for. To put it simply would be to say that a mil pay clerk handles and maintains everything that has to do with the Financial Data Records Folders (FDRFs) for which he

is responsible. But it isn't that simple, not when you consider that a mil pay clerk is usually put in charge of at least one company's FDRFs and in some cases will have up to two and three companies. Then, considering that most companies have anywhere from 150 to 500 men in them, it all adds up to a very demanding job.

Exactly what is involved in maintaining an FDRF? An FDRF is a folder which contains a complete financial history of an individual soldier's term of service, from the day he enters the service until the day he separates, whether it be two years or thirty. The mil pay clerk keeps leave records up to date from the morning reports he receives each day. He files copies of all orders affecting pay, such as promotion orders, Article 15's and separate rations. He starts and terminates allotments, and of course he makes out the monthly military pay vouchers of everyone in his company.

Mil pay clerks are often saddled with such additional duties as handling pay complaints and paying people from other posts who are on leave and come in requesting to be paid, not only those in the Army, but members of the Air Force, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard as well. Taking care of pay complaints isn't easy, not when a dozen or so people decide to come in at once with a complaint. And pay complaints may be about anything from why a certain allotment wasn't started to why so much money was taken out of an individual's pay, or an individual may just want to know how many days of leave he has coming to him. Either way, it takes time for the mil pay clerk to answer these questions. And time is not something he has a lot of, not with everything he has to do during the day.

Despite the heavy work load most mil pay clerks will admit that there is a tremendous amount of satisfaction to be derived from their job. It is without a doubt an important one, and realizing that they have done it well seems to make all the work worthwhile.



Promotion to CPT- CPT Russell E. Becker, assistant executive officer of Headquarters Detachment, USAG, is promoted to his present rank in a recent ceremony. Pinning on the new silver bars are his father, William Becker, and his fiancée, Felecia Montouri. Also present for the ceremony was CPT Becker's mother and COL Richard A. Crecelius, camp commander. (U. S. Army Photo by SP 5 Don Swiggett)

The God Squad

By Chaplain Spencer M. Nygaard

Among men our relations are based on degrees of difference. These differences may be graduated on a scale, such as rank, from private to chief of staff in the Army.

In civilian life these same differences exist in education - our schools are graded. Perhaps education is the single most universal scale used in assigning a level or grade to people on their job. Other factors enter into this scheme, such as experience, performance and responsibilities.

No question about it, this produces some frustrations. One man may be eager to work and may be dependable, but he might lose out to a lazy man who is better educated. There are countless inequities in this system of life as we find it. History is filled with conflicts arising from layers of classes upon classes. But no matter what economic system is used, as men organize, they polarize by degrees.

Even Communism, which in theory is classless, fails in practice. Communist countries are, more or less, a degree of socialism. Life is like that - values, or degrees, or rank are placed upon men in their occupations and their social relations.

From a spiritual point of view there is a danger that we will place a degree

Where should the dough go?

Each payday soldiers are faced with the same problem - loaded with money and no safe place to put it. The Union National Bank and Trust Company of Sparta is providing a solution to your problem by opening its Camp McCoy facility. The bank will handle all normal banking operations such as checking accounts, savings accounts, etc. The location of the banking facility is the bottom floor of building 2014, and the telephone number is 2944. Hours of operation are 2:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

upon the value of people in terms of good and bad.

The "good" guy by this definition is the fellow who obeys all the laws, doesn't beat his wife and doesn't kick the dog. He's the respectable citizen who works with the Scouts and on Sunday he goes to church.

The "bad" guy on the other hand, is the guy who gets into trouble. As a kid he had a problem with authority figures (parents and teachers). He may have been a juvenile delinquent. In adult life he continues to rebel. Once again (to a greater or lesser degree), he is a cheater on income tax or an embezzler, he gets into fist fights or commits murder, he reads pornographic magazines or he is untrue in (Cont. on Page 8)

The JAGged Edge

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age of the outstanding indebtedness. This leaves even less to be applied to reducing your debts. A frequent abuse by "debt consolidators" is they may take their fee before they pay anything to your creditors.

Thus your creditors are not happy to get less than agreed upon by your contract with them and are even more dissatisfied when they do not get anything for several months while your "friendly credit counselor" collects his fee. It has occurred all too often that an individual consolidates his debts with an organization such as I have described only to find that he has paid several hundred dollars, none been applied to his debt principal, and he is being sued by his creditors for the remaining balance of all his outstanding obligations.

Many states have taken action against such organizations. It is my personal opinion that they create another liability on an already over-extended budget and offer no service that the individual who is serious about paying his just debts cannot perform himself.

For your viewing pleasure

Theater #5, building 2017, has two showings nightly, one at 6:30 p.m. and another at 8:30 p.m. The ticket office for the Saturday midnight movie opens at 11:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee is at 1:30 p.m.

Here's a run-down of Theater #5's features for this week...

Fri, Jun 4 - THE VAMPIRE LOVERS (R)

Sat, Jun 5 - NO BLADE OF GRASS (R)

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marriage. His conduct ranges from socially disagreeable to scandal and notoriety. And above all, he stays away from church and religion.

God, however, is no respecter of persons. Jesus "hung around" with sinners (the excommunicated) and with tax collectors (Jewish traitors who collected taxes for the Romans) and even associated with prostitutes. The Pharisees (the good guys) were shocked at this. Jesus called them hypocrites.

The point is that we have all fallen short of God's glory and His standards. St. Paul called himself the "chief of sinners" and so must we. The church, contrary to popular opinion, is not made up of the "good guys". Jesus came to save sinners, not the "righteous". That is why He came; that is why He died - He took the rap for us.

This is beautiful! Even though this writer is a clergyman and chaplain, he believes he is the worst guy on post. I'm the biggest sinner in town! (Would I lie to you?) But I receive the forgiveness of all my bad thoughts and words and acts daily. Jesus paid for my wrongs and gives me His own goodness by faith in this "good news".

Good guys, Pharisees and hypocrites are not wanted in chapel. Sinners only need come. The church is made up of sinners and bad guys who know it and have found forgiveness.

Sat, Jun 5 - MIDNIGHT SHOW - THE BOSTON STRANGLER (R)

Sun-Mon Jun 6-7 - THE TWELVE CHAIRS (G) Incr Adm 50¢

Tue, Jun 8 - FLIGHT OF THE DOVES (G)

Wed-Thu, Jun 9-10 - ON HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE (GP) Incr Adm 50¢

Fri, Jun 11 - LITTLE BIG MAN (GP) Incr Adm 75¢

Theater #1, building 458, has a nightly showing at 7 p.m. Their schedule for this week's movies is as follows:

Fri, Jun 4 - THE WILD COUNTRY (G) Incr Adm 50¢

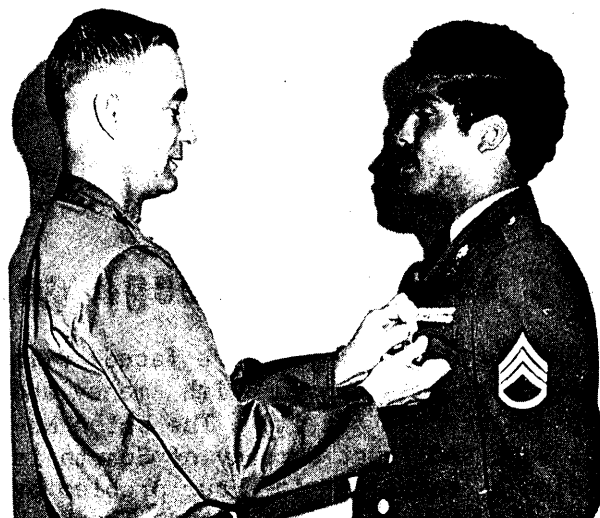
Sat, Jun 5 - WHERE EAGLES DARE (GP)

Sun-Mon, Jun 6-7 - PAINT YOUR WAGON (GP) Incr Adm 50¢

Tue, Jun 8 - THE VAMPIRE LOVERS (R)

Wed, Jun 9 - NO BLADE OF GRASS (R)

Thu-Fri, Jun 10-11 - THE TWELVE CHAIRS (G) Incr Adm 50¢



Bronze Star - SSG Anthony E. Somerville is presented with the Bronze Star for meritorious service by COL Richard A. Crecelius, camp commander. The medal was awarded for service while assigned to the 815th Engineer Battalion in Vietnam. (U.S. Army Photo by SP 5 Don Swiggett)