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AFTER 39 YEARS of service, the Fourth U. S. Army's flag is officially furled and cased by LTG George V. Underwood, center, commander of the new Fifth Army. Aiding LTG Underwood is CSM Robert C. Eckenrod, left, Fifth Army sergeant major. The ceremonies took place at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. June 30. (U. S. Army Photo)



Fourth and Fifth Armies combine at FSH

Lieutenant General George V. Underwood Jr. assumed command of Fifth United States Army Wednesday, June 30 at Ft. Sam Houston as the Fourth and Fifth Armies were consolidated.

The Fifth Army flag was taken by Major General Ward S. Ryan, representing the old Fifth Army headquarters at Ft. Sheridan, Ill. where he is deputy commanding general for reserve forces, who handed it to General Ralph Haines Jr., commanding general of the U.S. Continental Army Command. He in turn presented the banner to LTG Underwood.

"In the present era, our countrymen expect us to seek our every means of organizational streamlining and improvement," GEN Haines said. "The consolidation represented at this ceremony indicates a

full acceptance of our responsibilities in this regard.

"I commend those present who have planned and executed the consolidation in such exemplary fashion. A difficult organizational change has been completed in a highly professional manner."

Fifth Army as newly constituted encompasses 14 states: Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Wisconsin.

GEN Haines sounded a note of caution. "I do not think we can prudently go much further in reducing the Army's command and control apparatus and geographical coverage of the continental United States for such functions as natural and man-made disasters (Cont. on Page 8)

Editorial

Being drafted 'not the end of the world'

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BEING DRAFTED 'NOT THE END OF THE WORLD'

TACOMA, Wash. - When my husband got drafted I had been brainwashed into thinking it was the end of the world. The way my generation of young children had been resisting the Army, and even going so far as to leave for Canada, I thought that my husband would be given a gun and told to kill everyone in sight.

Now let me tell it like it is. Altho basic training pushed his physical strength a bit, my husband looks really good now. He has gained a tremendous amount of confidence out of it. There was nothing in basic training that was truly unreasonable, except for perhaps polishing the floor. When he got a leave for Christmas, his

colonel sent me a letter wishing me a merry Christmas and the best of luck. A colonel wasting time on a trainee's wife!

My husband pulled a clerk's position. His commanding officers are wonderful people. In fact, every Army person I've come in contact with is nice. When I came to live with him, everyone in the company made it a "must" to meet me and offer assistance in any way. In fact, when he was looking for a place to live, his sergeant loaned him his car.

I've found that boys who enter the service hating it will hate it, no matter what. Their minds are closed. I don't think two years of one's life is such a high price to pay to live in the United States.

Are the ones who are resisting doing so because they don't believe in war or killing? Or is it because it is easier to avoid maturing and accepting responsibilities?

The Army isn't involved only in Viet Nam. There are many facets the public never sees. For instance, a few weeks ago a logger was seriously injured, and the Army sent in a helicopter squad to rescue him. What took them two hours would have taken a ground crew 24 hours or more to accomplish. They save a man's life, and yet the Army gets credit only for destruction. Why don't people take some pride in their armed forces?

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The American Red Cross

A natural disaster strikes the community, tragedy with loved ones hits at home. The Red Cross is there whenever needed, wherever needed.

Dial '0' for friendly, courteous help

By 1LT Gary P. West

Who is always nearby to assist you, always courteous, and at the same time heard but never seen? Give up?

It's your Camp McCoy telephone operator.

You're probably one of the persons who makes the 2,000 to 3,000 phone calls daily either for phone information, operator assistance, range calls, AUTOVON (Automatic Voice Network), WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service) or long distance calls. If you have used the local phone service you, like everyone else, rely on that friendly voice on the other end of the line to assist you as quickly and efficiently as possible. And that's exactly what 15 Camp McCoy telephone operators try to do.

Local calls, those from one building to another, do not come through the switchboard. They are metered on an automatic board.

"We stress courtesy," pointed out Mrs. Clarice Button, chief operator. "Rarely

do we have any complaints and our operators find the people here very easy to talk with."

Mrs. Button, who has been at Camp McCoy since 1957, says about the only problem she encounters in her job is scheduling operators to make sure the switchboards have adequate coverage.

"During the summer we have 15 operators working three shifts, seven days a week," she explained. "However, in the winter we cut back to ten girls, covering the same three shifts. So when there is an illness or an emergency it doesn't leave you with too much."

Mrs. Button recalled one night last winter when a sudden snowstorm kept the 4 p.m. to midnight shift working throughout the night.

"The snow was so bad that the next shift couldn't get in to relieve them, so they had to work all night."

The local switchboard has advanced rapidly in the last few years, and beginning in November another step will be taken.

"We plan to begin our direct dialing service in and out of Camp McCoy," explained Herbert H. Wolter, Communications and Electronics Officer. "This will modernize our operation even more, and cut down on the number of operators we need."

Wolter, a retired Army officer with some 40 years experience in communications, pointed out that it was only a few years ago when manual switchboards were in operation and that it required between 35 and 40 operators to handle the work load.

Camp McCoy also has a communication first to its credit as far as military installations are concerned. The camp was selected to be a model project for an underground cable plant, and after three summers the work was finally completed in 1965, making Camp McCoy the first post in the United States with such a cable network.

It would be difficult to talk about (Cont. on Page 4)



ALICE WAHL, left, Marian Mittelstaedt, center, and Amanda Streeter are part of the friendly staff of telephone operators who are always ready to serve the needs of the camp. (U. S. Army Photo by SP 5 Don Swiggett)

The JAGged Edge

By CPT Brian K. Smith, JAGC

A soldier isn't a soldier unless he has a gripe. A soldier who is a soldier by induction rather than by choice often thinks he has a bigger gripe than most. A soldier who is a reserve soldier by induction rather than by choice may think he has the biggest gripe of all.

Strangely enough to some people's minds (including this writer's) the gripes frequently focus on rather trivial matters, like haircuts. One hears the complaint, "I didn't want to be in the Army in the first place and I sure didn't want to be a weekend warrior and nobody has the right to tell me what to do with my sacred locks." While the first two statements are not disputable, the third one is.

Under the laws of Congress some of us are called on by our elected executive and his appointed officials to render services to the United States as a price for the privileges of citizenship. No one will deny that under present circumstances, where not all are needed, the burden falls unequally onto those who are actually called. This is unavoidable so long as obligated service is selective and not universal. Those actually called should realize that military service is a fact of life and they should adjust to their changed circumstances accordingly.

This brings the discussion around to personal preferences versus military requirements. The Army has set standards of appearance. By virtue of his status, a soldier on active duty (the term including draftees and reservists on active training) has a duty to measure up to these standards. A soldier on active duty is subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and failure to obey an Army regulation (standards for wearing of the uniform and personal appearance are set by regulation) is a punishable offense. It must be emphasized that a person present on active duty because he was inducted or because he is attending summer training is subject to the UCMJ like all other soldiers.

The shaved head haircut is gone. While the regulation haircuts presently authorized may still be too short for some tastes and the Army uniform may not appear the height of fashion to some, they are a fact of life, like taxes and traffic laws. If a soldier finds such a reality distasteful, he should feel free to gripe about it if it makes him feel better. But he should also strive to be mature in his attitude: to grit his teeth and endure the unpleasantness for the short time his active duty status requires it of him.

Dial 'O' for help

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the telephone system without mentioning the bombing incident of last summer.

During the early morning hours on July 26, an explosive was placed beneath the room which houses the 350 switches necessary for service. The blast instantly ripped through the frame structure bringing an abrupt halt to all Camp McCoy telephone communications.

"We were back in business within a week," remembered Wolter. "But I guess it was about a month before things really returned to normal."

How did the sudden disruption effect the operators?

"There's no question that it was the most unusual thing that has happened here," Mrs. Button hesitantly laughed. "The operators were a little nervous, naturally, but they are used to dealing with emergencies. At Camp McCoy you don't think about something like that happening. You hear about it in the big cities but not here."

Fortunately no one was injured, and Camp McCoy used the experience as a means of showing its recovery capability in the communication field. And yes, those courteous, friendly voices at the other end of the line are just a little more professional.

The God Squad

By Chaplain (CPT) Roger O. Ruff

In ancient Athens an aging man in tattered clothes, carrying a lantern in his hand, walked the streets. His name was Diogenes. To those who questioned him as to why he was carrying the lantern in the broad light of day, he answered, "I want to find an honest man. Perhaps this lantern can help me." The figure of Diogenes has come down through the ages as a symbol of a continuing search. Unfortunately, honest men are as rare today as they were in ancient times. Shakespeare wrote in his day, "to be honest, as this world goes, is to be one man picked out of ten thousand." Stephen Vincent Benet observed, "Honesty is as rare as a man without self-pity." Elusive as it is, honesty, because it is the foundation of all individual and social relationships, deserves our effort to lay hold on it, capture it, and make it our own as never before.

Honesty is defined in the dictionary as the quality or state of being honest. The root is defined with these words: free from deception, truthful, genuine, real, reputable, respectable, creditable, up-

right, frank, sincere. All of these quickly suggest that honesty is a moral quality and that it belongs to a man of good, strong character.

The Judeo-Christian tradition has long underscored the necessity of honesty as the heart of human life, individual and corporate relationships. Without honesty, men live by secrecy, deception, lies and the choking off of any potential for openness and the subsequent joy of which life is all about. The Biblical record continually illustrates how God called his people back from living by deceit and untruthfulness to the honest covenant relationship. The whole and integrated life is possible and the benediction of God flows when all creation responds truthfully and honestly. Chaos, dissention, and confusion flow from deceptive and dishonest relationships.

The situation is no different in the twentieth century. When a husband and wife choose to live deceitfully with each other, their relationship is fractured and life becomes hollow and meaningless for them. The same is true for the employer-employee relationship, officer-enlisted man, neighbor-neighbor, friend-friend. Man has a right to expect and demand honesty from his fellows. When there is a breach of this contract, redress is necessitated.

And one can only add that this foundation of honesty is necessitated in the relationship which exists between American elected officials and servants and the public who entrusts them with that honorable responsibility. That healthy relationship can only exist when officials and other elected and appointed servants deal honestly with the electorate and convey truthfully their plans, decisions and actions. A democracy cannot survive without honest officials and an honest, concerned electorate. Secrecy and dishonesty is the stuff of which pathologic figures and totalitarian governments are made.

Fishing opens on new lakes

The 1971 fishing season has opened on the three new lakes, Big Sandy, Sandy and West Sandy. Fishing will be permitted until further notice provided fishermen have a valid post permit, observe bag limits and keep areas free of litter. All other post and state regulations will be in force.

Post permits are available at the Fish and Wildlife Collection Office, building 1366, located one-quarter mile east of the main gate on Highway 21. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Permits are \$1 each. Call 2925 for complete information regarding regulations and acceptability of mail order requests for permits.

The Unknown Soldier: Chaplain's assistant

By SP 4 Pat Byrne

Religion should play an important role in the everyday life of a soldier. He should get to know his chaplain on a personal basis and talk out his problems with him. But with the tremendous amount of personnel in the Army, how can a chaplain find time to give counseling and yet keep up with all the rest of the work that needs to be done? This is where his assistant

is important. A chaplain's assistant adds immeasurably to the success of a chaplain section.

The chaplain's assistant's job is basically a two-part responsibility. He is involved in both the religious and non-religious aspects of assisting the chaplain.

Religiously, he is expected to assist the chaplain in the religious coverage of his organization, whether it be at battalion, brigade or post level. But he must bear in mind that he is a chaplain's assistant and not an assistant chaplain. His function is to aid and supplement the chaplain in his religious programs and not to compete with him.

Among his other religious duties the chaplain's assistant makes certain that the chapel is properly set up prior to a service. He also assists in the service, as in the capacity of an altar boy in a Catholic Mass or an usher in a Protestant service. But above all else he must have everything ready to go for that day's service, so that the chaplain can begin his service without having to worry about whether or not everything is ready.

Of course chaplains as well as their assistants are a part of the Army, therefore a chaplain's assistant has many military duties to perform. These duties consist mostly of taking care of the military side of a chaplain section, maintaining the vehicles used by the section and keeping all of the paperwork up to date. The chaplain's assistant also handles the chaplain's fund which consists of the money taken in through Sunday services. Another function that a chaplain's assistant is expected to perform is that of a bookkeeper, as he often handles the finances of chaplain section.

Those selected to attend the Chaplains Enlisted Assistance Course of the U.S. Army Chaplains School at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y. are mostly two-year draftees. A person cannot enlist to be a chaplain's assistant. (Cont. on Page 9)

Your civilian secretary

Calling the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Office can prove to be a rather pleasant surprise. Just listening to the attractive voice of Miss Sue McCann makes the call worthwhile.

Miss McCann's primary function at the JAG office is that of a secretary, but she also acts as a receptionist for that office and is the personal secretary for the Post Judge Advocate.

A native of Wilton, Wis., Miss McCann is a 1971 graduate of Royall High School, Elroy, Wis. She plans to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison, majoring in fashion merchandising and modeling and then pursue a career in that field.

An avid sports buff, the amiable secretary enjoys all sports, but among her favorites are basketball, swimming and motorcycle riding. Miss McCann also enjoys listening to music, popular music in particular.

One of Miss McCann's secret desires is to get a motorcycle and drive to Idaho. Why Idaho? "Well, because I've never been there," she replied.

Quite ambitious for a young lady, but then again Sue McCann is no ordinary young lady.



Cabin Key trains units in handling of POWs

Cabin Key II, one of the largest military field training exercises to be conducted in the United States in 1971, is currently being held at Camp McCoy. More than 4,000 reservists from 14 states are taking part in the exercise as part of the 300th Military Police Prisoner of War Command. The objective of the exercise is to simulate the running of a prisoner of war (POW) compound.



ABOVE: A guard at the processing center frisks a prisoner to check for concealed weapons.

RIGHT: PFC Steve Baer of the 185th Military Police Company stands guard over prisoners at the POW compound.

BELOW: Prisoners are loaded into an ambulance for transportation to the hospital as part of the POW training exercises of the 300th Military Police Command.

(U. S. Army Photos by SP 5 Don Swiggett)



Fourth Army's 39-year existence bade farewell

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ters. The territorial area of responsibility of the new Fifth Army is more than twice that of the old Fourth Army and includes nine more states."

The colors of Fourth Army, which was activated at Omaha, Neb. Aug. 15, 1932, were furled and cased on the field. Those of Fifth Army were kept flying in recognition of Fifth Army's "magnificent World War II combat record."

GEN Haines said, "A ceremony such as this has overtones of sadness and happiness. On the one hand, we bid farewell to the traditions and lineage of Fourth Army, which has made its home here at Fort Sam Houston since 1944.

"On the other hand, we welcome the colors and heritage of Fifth Army to this fine old post and to the great Southwest."

GEN Haines said that he had close and rewarding associations with Fourth and Fifth Armies. "This ceremony is a particularly poignant one for me. I joined Fifth Army in May, 1944 and served with it successfully at corps, division and regimental level as we clawed our way up the boot of Italy.

"Fifth Army was the first American Army to be activated on foreign soil, the first to invade the European fortress, and the first to capture an axis capital--the 'eternal city' of Rome. The war in Italy was a war of mud, mules, mountains, mines and men--a war of weather extremes but few creature comforts--an infantryman's war, in which progress was often measured in yards--a war which inspired the grimly humorous cartoons of Willie and Joe, magnificent but miserable dogfaces of that day...authentic, since they were drawn by Sergeant Bill Mauldin, himself a 45th Division combat infantryman."

GEN Haines referred to the World War II combat record of Fifth Army, reflected in the five battle streamers atop its flag which represent the campaigns of Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, Po Valley and North Apennines.

"GEN Underwood," GEN Haines said in concluding his remarks, "I entrust the colors and heritage of Fifth Army to you. Guard them well. Mix them carefully with the traditions of Fourth Army established over its 39 years of existence as a bulwark of our Army. May good fortune and God's blessings attend you and your command as you and your command go forward from this day on to explore new opportunities for service to our beloved country."

GEN Underwood read a tribute to Fourth and Fifth Armies from the Army's Chief of Staff, General William C. Westmoreland.

Among the crowd, estimated at 3,000 people, attending the ceremony were men who formerly commanded Fourth or Fifth Army. There were commanders of major activities under the new Fifth Army, and commanders of Reserve Component units (National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve) who comprise a great portion of the new command. There were men selected from civilian populaces who serve as Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army, there were former soldiers of the two armies who have retired. And there were the men and women, soldiers and civilians, who constitute the work force of the new Fifth Army headquarters.

"As the officers and men of Fourth Army remove their patches and don those of Fifth Army, some may have lingering regrets," GEN Haines pointed out. "However, soldiers of the U.S. Army have gone through the experience of changing patches many times before. They do it, in fact, every time they change assignments. It is a mark of the professional soldier that he can transfer his loyalties to a new unit readily, at the same time maintaining his pride in the unit with which he formerly served."

GEN Haines did not forget Army wives. "They share with their husbands the responsibility for guarding and passing on the traditions and customs of the Army, and have learned to adapt readily to the changing assignments of their husbands."

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, Jul 9 - ZACHARIAH (GP) w/John Rubinstein, Don Johnson, Patricia Quinn

Sat, Jul 10 - THE CONFESSION (GP) w/Yves Montand, Simone Signoret

Sun-Mon, Jul 11-12 - CROMWELL (G) Incr Adm 50¢ w/Richard Harris, Alec Guinness, Dorothy Tutin

Tue, Jul 13 - THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN (G) w/Tony Randall, Eddie Hodges, Patty McCormack

Wed-Thu, Jul 14-15 - THE ANDERSON TAPES (GP) Incr Adm 75¢ w/Sean Connery, Dyan Canon

Fri, Jul 16 - PROMISE AT DAWN (GP) w/Melina Mercouri, Assaf Dayan

Sat, Jul 17 - THE BALLAD OF CABLE HOGUE (R) w/Jason Robards, Stella Stevens

Special Late Show, Jul 17 - I LOVE YOU, ALICE B. TOKLAS (R) w/Peter Sellers, Jo Van Fleet

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

Fri, Jul 9 - THEY MIGHT BE GIANTS (G) Incr Adm 50¢ w/George C. Scott, Joanne Woodward, Jack Gilford

Sat, Jul 10 - TOM THUMB (G) w/Alan Young, Russ Tamblyn, June Thorburn

Sun-Mon, Jul 11-12 - SHOOTOUT (GP)

Incr Adm 50¢ w/Gregory Peck, Robert F. Lyons, Dawn Lyn

Tue, Jul 13 - ZACHARIAH (GP) w/John Rubinstein, Don Johnson, Patricia Quinn

Wed, Jul 14 - THE CONFESSION (GP) w/Yves Montand, Simone Signoret

Thu-Fri, Jul 15-16 - CROMWELL (G) Incr Adm 50¢ w/Richard Harris, Alec Guinness, Dorothy Tutin

Sat, Jul 17 - THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN (G) w/Tony Randall, Eddie Hodges, Patty McCormack

The Unknown Soldier

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In basic training an individual wishing to become a chaplain's assistant may request it. He is then interviewed by a chaplain and on the basis of his report the individual will be recommended for the school. The school is six weeks long and upon completion the individual is awarded the 71M20 MOS with a Q rating of the person's religious preference. A Q4 is Jewish, a Q5 is Catholic and a Q6 is Protestant.

The criteria for becoming a chaplain's assistant is very demanding. Although a man needn't be religiously oriented, he must be conscientious, hard working and have a high degree of integrity. If a man requests it, and proves himself equal to this challenge, he may find himself becoming a chaplain's assistant.

Without a doubt, the chaplain's assistant has a very responsible position in the Army community. It is often a very difficult and demanding job, but the rewards to be reaped make it all worthwhile. There are few chaplains assistants who would trade their job in the Army.

174 of 310th provide light equipment repair

The 310th Light Equipment Maintenance Company, Jackson, Mich., under the command of Captain James D. Chase, arrived at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin for their annual two weeks training on June 26. Composed of 174 men the primary mission of the unit is to provide Camp McCoy with direct support maintenance of light equipment.

In order to provide maximum site support, the unit arrived in two increments. Twenty men, under the command of First Lieutenant Billy V. Madden, arrived on June 19 to ease the transition period from one unit to another.

The unit has two secondary missions, one of which is to help with the inspection of 52 companies in such areas as maintenance, supply, and prescribed load list. The second, which is beyond the TOE capability of the unit, is the post direct exchange and authorized stockage list facilities. The exchange provides 60 units with the necessary parts to fulfill their maintenance requirements.

The first week was highlighted by a visit from Colonel William F. Sheets, commander of the 5064th Army Garrison, Major General Milnor Roberts, commander of the United States Army Reserve.

Schedule of chapel services

7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. - Catholic Mass, Chapel #10, Bldg. 1759; daily Masses, Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m.

10 a.m. - Lutheran Communion, Chapel # 1, Bldg. 2672

11 a.m. - General Protestant, Chapel # 1, Bldg. 2672

Jewish personnel can attend services on Saturdays at 9:15 a.m. at the Congregational Sons of Abraham, 1820 Main St., LaCrosse, Wis.



First visit - The newly appointed Chief of Army Reserves, MG Milnor Roberts, center, is escorted by COL Richard A. Crecelius, left, camp commander, as he landed at Camp McCoy July 1 for a two-day visit. With them is LTC R. K. Frye of the Coordinating Element, Northern Area. During his first visit to the camp, MG Roberts received briefings about the camp and toured training sites of various reserve units. (U. S. Army Photo by SP 5 Don Swiggett)

THE REAL MCCOY welcomes

Arrived July 3:

755th Maintenance Company

346th Supply Company

806th Army Postal Unit

368th Finance Section

182d Transportation Company

323d General Hospital, 2d group

12th Preventive Medicine Detachment, 3d group

351st Military Intelligence Detachment, 6th group

233d Military Police Company

USAR School 5030

Arrived July 4:

USAR School 5041