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BG Paul G. Collins assumes command of the 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in a ceremony at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, on 25 June.

Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman and his staff were present at the change of command, plus many of the Kentucky Army National Guardsmen and women who were on Annual Training. (Story, opposite page) (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)

THIS IS FOR YOU

Many of you who have returned from Annual Training will find fond (?) memories of camp in the pages of this edition of the BLUEGRASS GUARD.

One of the stories on our back page involves the lightning strikes which slightly injured some members of the Kentucky Guard. Below it is a list of lightning safety tips, which you may want to cut out and keep in a conspicuous place—especially when the sky begins to darken.

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By MG BILLY G. WELLMAN



Seventeen brand new second lieutenants were commissioned into the Kentucky Army National Guard at the end of June in an impressive ceremony beneath the statue of President Abraham Lincoln in the Capitol Rotunda here in Frankfort. It was my privilege and pleasure to have a small part in that graduation program.

Five other new officers were sworn into the 100th Division, U.S. Army Reserve, at the same time and we again saw the "Total Force" concept at work in the Reserve Components.

Since its first class in 1959, our Kentucky Military Academy has trained nearly 860 second lieutenants in its Officer Candidate School (OCS) program which is fully accredited by the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning. The KMA has excellent facilities at Fort Knox and now serves more than 1,700 Guard members each year in various school activities. Commandant William I. Fox Jr. and his staff do an excellent job, and all of us should be grateful for what the KMA is doing to improve our officer and NCO leadership in the Kentucky Guard.

Another new OCS class will start at the Academy next spring and it is imperative that you help us find the best and brightest of our enlisted soldiers to become members of Class No. 31-89.

Perhaps you are a potential candidate for OCS, a challenging, 14-month program which consists of two weeks of annual training, a year of monthly, weekend drills and another annual training period. The program is designed to prepare young officers with intensive training in leadership and military skills.

As I participated in the graduation program, I was excited by the youthful exuberance and energy reflected on the faces of the new officers. Their eagerness and soldierly bearing assured me that they will do well as troop leaders and role models.

As we sat in that historic place and listened to the stirring music of the 202nd Army National Guard Band, my thoughts went to those who have gone before us in the defense of liberty. More than one million of our countrymen have died in uniform to preserve American democracy for the past 217 years. Those of us who serve today have a solemn duty to honor the memories of the fallen by giving our very best in the service of our state and nation.

My message to the new lieutenants was simple and to the point. It is the same message I have for each member of the Kentucky Guard.

We must never compromise our integrity and we must always serve with honor. Our bright vision of tomorrow must pass to those who come after us.

As we join in the observance this year of the 200th birthday of our beloved Constitution, we should all be reminded that, for 350 years, our National Guard has been a vital part of "We, the people..."

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I also want to add with a great deal of pride that a Kentuckian has now taken over command of the 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized). While I was at Ft. Stewart last month, BG Paul G. Collins was installed in a change of command ceremony.

A member of the Kentucky Army National Guard since September, 1958, BG Collins brings to his new post years of experience and numerous recognitions and awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Hour Glasses.

We of the Kentucky Guard are fortunate to have such a competent man among our ranks and now leading the 35th Division.

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**INDEPENDENCE
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On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee from Virginia rose to address the assembly of the Continental Congress. He offered a stirring resolution that the "United Colonies are, and of right, ought to be free and independent states."

A committee, chaired by Thomas Jefferson, was named to frame a suitable declaration for consideration by Congress.

In the world of 1776 the principles of Jefferson espoused in the Declaration of Independence were revolutionary even though they included ideas of great political thinkers of the past.

Congress approved the formal Declaration of Independence as drafted by Jefferson and other members of the committee, and in doing so "declared that these United Colonies" were free and independent. The date was July 4, 1776.

This month, we celebrate that announcement as our nation's birthday. While we celebrate our nation's independence, let us also reflect upon our responsibilities as its citizens. Our Founding Fathers announced their freedom in the Declaration of Independence.

The Declaration that Jefferson and his committee produced is a remarkable document. Written in a mere four days, it is one of history's most eloquent ex-

positions on the rights of the individual. It clearly states the birthright of all Americans:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

It was a declaration full of danger. Jefferson himself noted that the colonies could not "expect to be translated from despotism to liberty in a featherbed."

The Declaration of Independence suggests this danger and reveals the commitment of the patriots when it states:

"In support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of a Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

From its beginning, the United States was conceived in the democratic experience—a people unwilling to accept anything less than freedom, whatever the price. Democracy is the history of the United States, which, unlike other democratic nations, has no pre-democratic history. Through the Declaration of Independence, ours is the first nation in history born into a commitment to the ideals of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

BG Paul G. Collins becomes 35th ID Commander

By 2LT Phil Miller, PAO

As cannons fired a multi-volley salute and Blackhawk helicopters roared overhead, Kentucky Army National Guard Brigadier General Paul G. Collins became the new commander of the 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized) during change of command ceremonies June 25th at Ft. Stewart, Georgia.



BG Paul Collins and members of his family are congratulated by Kentucky Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman immediately following General Collins' installation as the new commander of the 35th Infantry Division at Ft. Stewart, GA. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)

It was on a day of ninety-plus degree heat and music by the 202nd Army Band that General Collins became only the second person to receive the flag of command for the 35th since the Division was reactivated in mid-1984.

While standing before several hundred participants and visitors on Ft. Stewart's Donovan Parade Field, the division colors were passed from outgoing division commander, Major General Colin C. Campbell, to 35th ID Council Chairman (and Adjutant General of Kansas) Major General Ralph Tice, then on to BG Collins who in turn passed the colors to Division Command Sergeant Major Ross Knitter, thus finalizing the command change.

A native of Helena, Kentucky, General Collins began his military career in 1954 with the USAR. He was discharged as a corporal in 1955 when he was commissioned as a second lieutenant from ROTC on May 26, 1955, graduating with a BS degree in Industrial Arts from Eastern Kentucky University.

Following an active duty tour, General Collins joined the Kentucky Army National Guard in September 1958 and has since served in staff and command positions with the 640th Field Artillery Observation Battalion; 5th Observation Battalion; 138th Field Artillery Group; 2nd Battalion of the 138th FA and Kentucky State Area Command (STARC).

In 1984, Collins assumed command of the 149th Armored Brigade and on



UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters of the Kentucky Guard's 718th Aviation Company fly over Ft. Stewart's Donovan Parade Field in formation at the end of the 35th ID change of command ceremony. (Photo by SSG Ron Bayes, 133rd PAD)

November 1, 1985 he was appointed as the Assistant Division Commander for the 35th Infantry Division.

His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Four Glasses, Army Reserve Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Ribbon.

In civilian life, General Collins holds the position of Manager of International Marketing with Square D corporation, a manufacturer of electrical construction materials.

He is married to the former Patricia Ann Deal and they along with their two sons and two daughters currently reside in Florence, Kentucky.

201st Engineers Fight Heat, Sand, Snakes and Scorpions To Finish Florida Airstrip Project

By MAJ Keith Kappes

SGT Gene F. (Piedmont) Stephens of Olive Hill was one of the 700 reasons the 201st Engineer Battalion, Kentucky Army National Guard, was selected to travel to this North Florida installation for annual training and to undertake an important construction project.

other members of the 201st which has consistently been rated among the best such units in the National Guard and Army Reserve.

And, despite the intense heat, blowing sand, snakes and scorpions, the 201st finished the airstrip project before its local units returned to their armories in Ashland,



Members of the 201st Engineer Battalion of the Kentucky Army National Guard worked around the clock for nearly ten days during their recent annual training period here to repair and improve a tactical airstrip on this 72,000-acre post in North Florida. Bulldozers and other vehicles are shown here in the "borrow pit" where clay was excavated for the runway surface. (Photo by CDT Sallie R. Boward)

"Training in the field is what it takes to be a good outfit"

Stephens and his fellow members in five units of the Ashland-based battalion worked around the clock for nearly 10 days to repair and improve a tactical airstrip which is heavily used by active and reserve component units.

"People in this battalion know that you have a job to do and that you are expected to do your very best," said the 49-year-old cook who has nearly 34 years of service. He is a member of Company B in Olive Hill.

Stephens is proud to be a combat engineer and his pride is shared by the

Olive Hill, Cynthia and Carlisle.

Does a Guard unit benefit from tough training under such "real world" conditions?

"We learned a long time ago that you get out of something what you put into it and training in the field is what it takes to be a good outfit," Stephens said.

On the personal side, the veteran Guardsman has held several jobs in his unit but prefers the "mess section," now known as food service.

He joined the Guard in 1961 after four years of Air Force active duty and says he

enjoys the friendships the most.

"The Guard is the best part-time job you could find anywhere in this country and I'm

proud to be a member," Stephens added.

In civilian life, he is an equipment operator in a garment factory.

Bosslift '87

By Mike Lynch

Twenty-eight employers of Kentucky Army National Guard members spent an afternoon in the field at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, last month, getting a first-hand look at how some of their employees were taking a two-week "vacation."

After receiving a send off from Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman, the bosses boarded a KC-135 tanker provided by the Ohio National Guard. Four Kentucky Air National Guard RF-4C jets flew at the wingtips of the tanker for a while then one by one maneuvered to the tail section of the larger craft to have their fuel tanks topped-off. Everyone in the tanker was able to watch the operation through windows at the rear.

When they reached Ft. Stewart, the bosses were given a briefing by BG Julius Berthold, Assistant Adjutant General, who explained why the Guard units were in the field.

"Our prayer is that we be a force for deterrence in peacetime," he said. "But if the time comes

that we must fight, then fight we will.

"You have to be very considerate individuals to let them do this," Berthold told the bosses. "We ask you to continue your support for us."

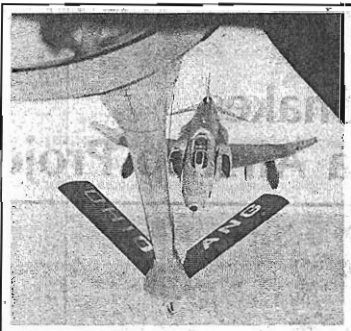
Some bosses then flew over a tank battle and visited the 149th Brigade's Tactical Operations Center (TOC) while others visited with artillery units.

"I am amazed with the advancement of technology," said Doyle Crenshaw, President of First & People's Bank of Springfield.

"After being an anti-tank gunner in World War II, one can appreciate this new equipment. I was thrilled to get to fire the M10 Howitzer."

"I must say that the one thing that impressed me the most was the hospitality of everyone involved," said Nelson County jailer George Weller.

"I think it is a great opportunity to see the Army's equipment and how it works," said Jerry Hardin of Armor Food in Springfield.



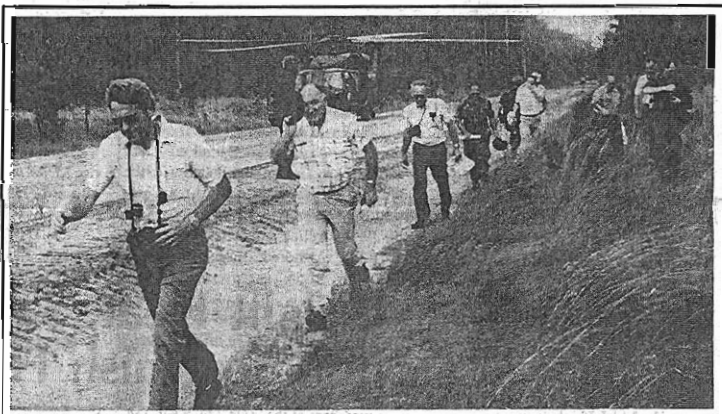
An RF-4C Phantom moves in for a refueling from the tanker that transported BOSSLIFT participants from Louisville, KY to Ft. Stewart, GA to visit with Kentucky Army Guard troops in the field. (Photo by Hank Lindsey, KDMA)



BOSSLIFT '87 attendees pose with Assistant Kentucky Adjutant General Julius Berthold for one final photo before being flown back to Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA to board the KC-135 jet for the ride back home. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



Lexington Police Chief John McFadden donned a Kevlar helmet and gave a mighty tug on a 50-foot lanyard to fire one of the 1/623 FA BN's 8-inch Howitzers. McFadden is a former member of the 138th Field Artillery Brigade. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



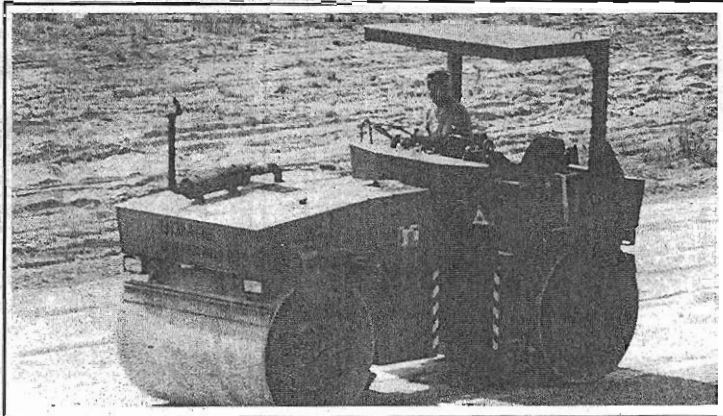
BOSSLIFT participants have to 'hand on to their hats' as they disembark from a Kentucky Guard UH-60 Blackhawk in one of the many landing zones used during the one day visit to Ft. Stewart. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope Jr., 133d PAD)



Elizabethtown High School assistant Principal J.C. White (left) reminisces with two of his former students ... Leon Simpson (middle) and Rick Ricketts (right). Simpson and Ricketts are members of Battery B, 2/138th FA, Elizabethtown. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



SP4 Andy O'Hair uses palmetto palms for concealment while conducting perimeter defense operations wearing MOPP level four during the 615th CID's annual training field exercise at Camp Blanding, Florida. (Photo by CW2 Joe Haydon, 615th CID)

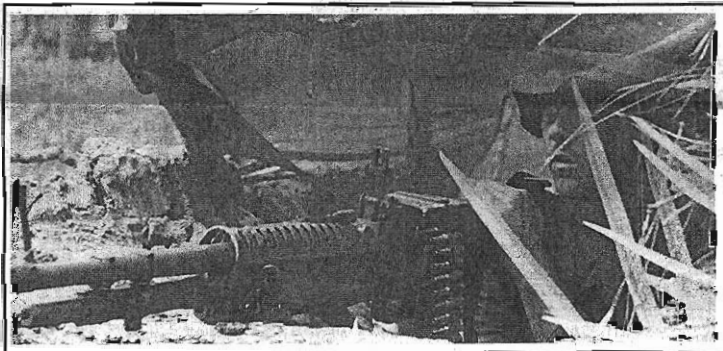


Members of the 201st Engineer Battalion used heavy rollers to compact clay on the surface of a runway they repaired at Camp Blandiog. (Photo by CDT Sallie R. Boward, 133rd PAD)

Camp Blanding, Florida AT 87



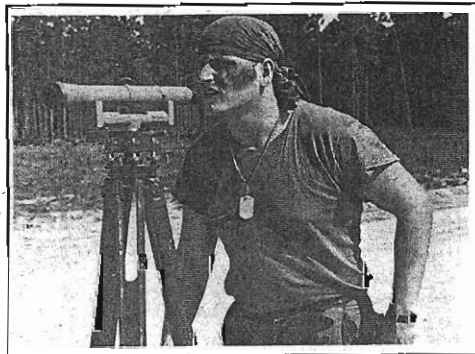
Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, left, was welcomed to the Sunshine State by Maj. Gen. Robert F. Easslin Jr., of Florida. The Kentucky State Area Command (STARC), became the first STARC to operate this post during an AT period. (Photo by CDT Sallie R. Boward, 133rd PAD)



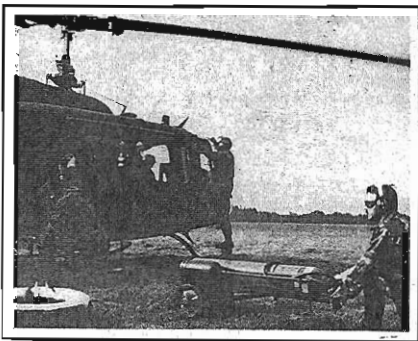
SP4 James Bullock of Cynthiana had his M-60 machine gun at the ready during AT here with the 201st Engineer Battalion. (Photo by CDT Sallie R. Boward, 133rd PAD)



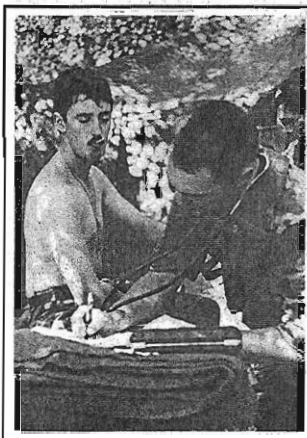
SP4 Ron Jordan of Ashland, a medic, bandaged the arm of SP4 Oliver Capps of Carlisle during AT here with the 201st Engineer Battalion. (Photo by CDT Sallie R. Boward, 133rd PAD)



PFC Timothy Gartin of Greenup was part of the surveying crew for a tactical airstrip project during annual training here with Ashland's Headquarters Company, 201st Engineer Battalion, Kentucky Army National Guard. (Photo by CDT Sallie R. Boward, 133rd PAD)



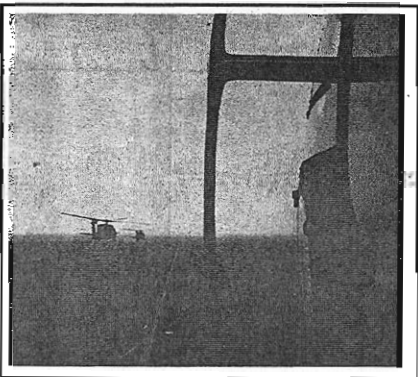
SP4 Charles Bramer (right) mans the fire extinguisher while PFC Thomas Brown hot-refuels a UH-1H HUEY from the 140th SIG BN. At the helicopter's controls is CW3 Eddie Tatlock while co-pilot CW2 Tom Utterback monitors the refueling. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



SSgt James Foley, member of Company C, 3rd Forward Support Battalion, records the vital signs of PVT Steven Doom, member of HHC, 1/123rd Armor Battalion, located in Paducah. Doom had injured himself during a night move with his battalion. (Photo by CDT Sallie R. Boward, 133rd PAD)



Members of the 202nd Army Band board UH-60 Blackhawks at Ft. Stewart's Donovan Parade Field LZ in preparation for their move to the field. Bandmembers took part in the field exercises as part of their secondary duties as combat MP's tasked with guarding Tactical Operations Centers. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



A flight of UH-60 Blackhawks from the Kentucky Guard's 718th Avn Co follow a Georgia highway on a return flight to Ft. Stewart from Hunter Army Airfield in nearby Savannah. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



SSG Jack Tussy, Danville, member of the 3rd Forward Support Battalion, reports for duty fully camouflaged.

By Air and By Land at Ft. Stewart



CW2 Scotty McFadden hovers his OH-58A observation helicopter into the forward refueling system area maintained by the 718th Avn Co to take on some more fuel before resuming his mission for the 40th Signal Battalion. (Photo by SSG Ron Bayes, 133d PAD)



Members of the 2113 Aircraft Maintenance Company begin the task of setting up tents at their Bivouac site during the Ft. Stewart, Georgia two week AT. The Frankfort-based company is responsible for heavy aircraft maintenance. (Photo by CDT Sallie Boward, 133rd PAD)

MPs Head for the Hills of South Dakota



Members of the 438th Military Police Co., 198th Military Police Bn., patrol the area around the perimeter of the 137th Engineer Bn. in Custer State Park, South Dakota. Left: SP4 Thomas A. Karcher (standing), SGT Stephen L. King and SP4 Frederick Hawkins were among about 150 members of the Louisville-based unit providing traffic control and security during Golden Coyote 87 in the Black Hills. Right: Other members of the unit prepare to go on patrol. (Photos by SSGt Ed Payne, 176th PAD, Arkansas ARNG)



(Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)

Smokin' and Swabbin': 141st Chemical at Ft. Stewart

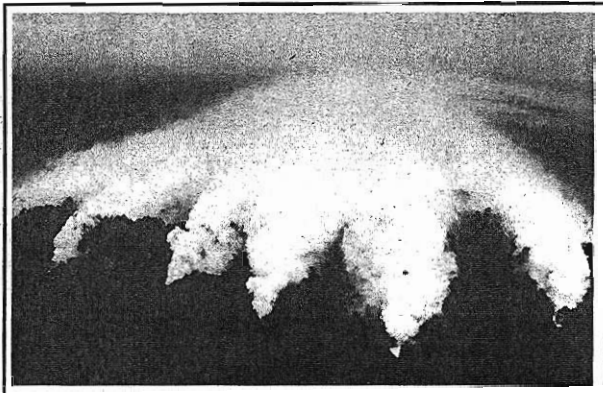
Members of the 141st Chemical Co., Louisville, practice decontaminating vehicles at a hasty decontamination site (upper left). The unit uses high pressure washers and armored vehicle launched bridges (AVLB) set up over trenches to contain any toxic chemicals washed off vehicles used in the exercise.

A decontamination team from Louisville's 141st Chemical Co. suits-up in MOPP level four to begin cleaning up vehicles at a vehicle decontamination site (lower left). Despite temperatures in the 90's, the unit recorded no heat injuries during the AT period.

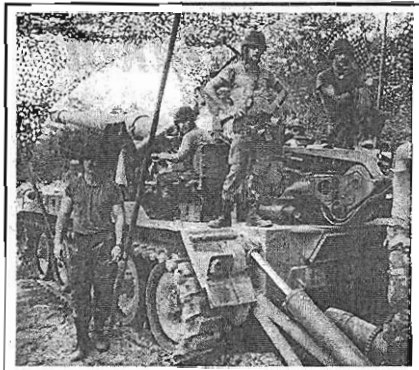
A dense smoke cloud, a half-mile wide and eight-miles long looms over the Ft. Stewart tactical training area during one of the major armor/artillery battles conducted during the 87 AT period (below). The smoke, used to conceal movement and frustrate enemy gunners, was generated by the 141st Chemical Company, Louisville. (Story, page 10)



(Photo by WO1 James D. Pope Jr., 133d PAD)



(Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



An M110 howitzer gun crew of the 1/623d Field Artillery sweats out Ft. Stewart's typical 90-degree heat waiting for the next call for a fire mission to come through while supporting field exercises being carried out by the 149th Armored Brigade. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



Palmetto Palm-camouflaged, a Kentucky Guardsman moves out of the way of an oncoming M113 during a field training exercise involving the 1/149th IN Bn at Ft. Stewart. (Photo by SSG Ron Bayes, 133rd PAD)

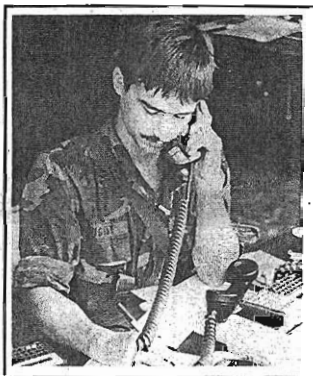


Kentucky's Assistant Adjutant General, BG Julius Berthold (far right) visits with CPT Lonnie Culver (center) and other members of Battery C, 2/138th FA BN, Bardstown, at a Ft. Stewart, GA firing position. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)

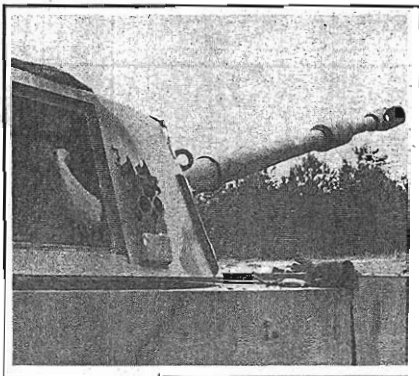


This formation of M113 Armored Personnel Carriers from the 1/149th Infantry Battalion wasted no time moving back to Ft. Stewart's main contonement area after spending 10 long, hot days in the field. (Photo by SSG Ron Bayes, 133rd PAD)

Infantry and Artillery on AT



SP4 Jeff Dugay, member of the 2/138th Field Artillery Brigade, uses the Backup Computer System (BUCS) to record direct hits from the brigade's M109AE Howitzers. The system is used to help accurately engage the enemy. (Photo by CDT Sallie Boward, 133d PAD)



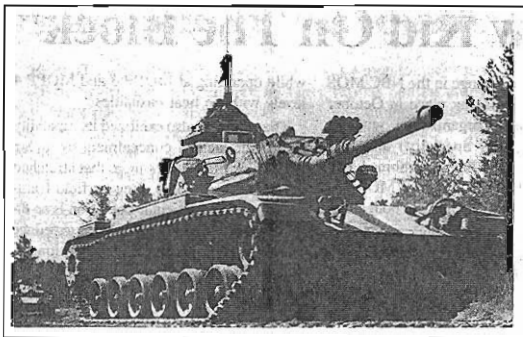
SP4 Charles R. Willett, a radio-telephone operator for Battery C, 2/138th FA BDE, Bardstown, gets a call for fire from his battery's fire direction control center while the 2/138th was supporting the 149th BDE at Ft. Stewart. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



PFC Eddie Milby, a member of Battery B, 1/623d FA, Greensburg, keeps a close watch on his unit's perimeter security while manning an M-60 machine gun. (Photo by CDT Sallie Boward, 133rd PAD)



SSG Randall Shofner (left) and SP4 Allen Yates swab the breech of one of the 1/623d FA's M110 howitzers immediately after firing a round downrange. The M110 has a maximum range of 21,000 meters. (Photo by CDT Sallie Boward, 133d PAD)

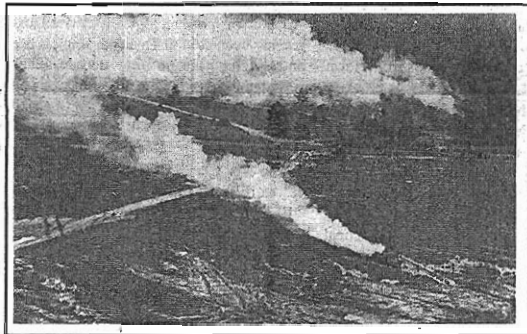


A column of M60A3 tanks from Company A, 2/123 Armor Battalion, Livermore, makes its way down one of Ft. Stewart's armored vehicle corridors in formation during one of the battalion's moves to the battle exercise area. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope Jr., 133d PAD)

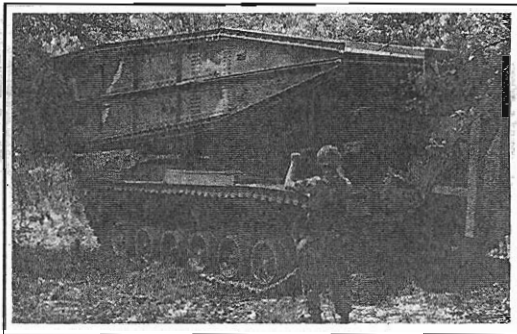


SGT Michael E. Alexander (left), LT Robert Hamm and SFC Robert Hamilton (right) of Company C, 206th Engineer Battalion, checkout their training area location on a map before moving out at Ft. Stewart, GA. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope Jr., 133rd PAD)

Armor, Engineers and "Tree Men"



While a tank battle rages on in the background, one of the tracked machines begins laying down a smoke screen in order to conceal the movement of other Kentucky Guard tanks along the edge of the battle area. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope Jr., 133rd PAD)



SGT Scotty Young, of the 206th Engineer Battalion directs an Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge (AVLB) into position at the battalion's field training site at Ft. Stewart, GA. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope Jr., 133rd PAD)



SP4 Terry Morgan of Hopkinsville (left) and SP4 Larry Carter of Vine Grove, Ky. resembled "Tree men" after they used the surrounding vegetation to camouflage themselves before setting up a defensive perimeter for their unit. (Photo by WO1 James D. Pope Jr., 133rd PAD)



SP4 William Hamilton (driver), SGT Green Schindler and SP4 John Yeary, all members of Co D, 206th Engineer Battalion, Hazard, participate in one of the tactical moves made by elements of their battalion. (Photo by SSG Ron Bayes, 133rd PAD)

141st Chemical Company: "New Kid On The Block"

By WO1 James D. Pope Jr., 133rd PAD
"Who are those masked men?"

That's a question that might be asked about the several mysterious looking figures moving about in an eerie misty haze operating what looks to be some strange kind of weapon.

The mysterious figures are soldiers clad in Mission-oriented Protective Posture (MOPP) gear. The strange weapon is actually a power-driven spray device called an M-12 Decontamination Apparatus and the misty haze is created by smoke generators and soapy water being sprayed on the surface of a contaminated vehicle.

The situation described involves members of the 141st Chemical Company, Louisville, conducting a deliberate decontamination operation during their annual

training at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

A relatively new organization in the Kentucky Guard, the 141st was formed in November 1985 and is directly aligned with the 35th Infantry Division (Mech).

The primary mission of the 141st is to provide Nuclear, Biological and Chemical decontamination, along with supervision of personal decontamination support to the 35th Division.

Formerly an administrative company of the 103rd Support Battalion, the 141st conducted its first annual training as a whole unit this year, since it spent last year at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, completing initial MOS training for the majority of its members. More than 75% of the company is new to the Guard, with 42 members recruited in just the last year.

An interesting change in the NBC MOS structure will be taking place in October of this year for the organization, with the current 54E (NBC Specialist) and 54C (Smoke Specialist) being combined into one MOS: 54B. This combined MOS will give the unit a dual capability in both areas.

Additionally, all of the unit's officers are Chemical Corps Qualified, and the unit is very proud to claim having the first honor graduate of the 54B MOS school among its ranks.

Although the company is new and not as well known as other elements of the Kentucky Guard, its leaders feel it is making tremendous progress and creating a positive image for its members.

CPT Gary McMillin, Company Commander of the 141st, stated: "It has the highest morale and esprit de corps of any unit I've ever been associated with ... The guys take care of each other, have a lot of respect for themselves and their jobs, and are very safety conscious."

SFC John Furman, Operations NCO, added, "This is really a dynamic unit because it is always involved in changing situations ... You have to be a highly motivated, qualified person to be in the unit ... We have to be NBC qualified plus have a knowledge of infantry skills to perform the mission."

Some of the accomplishments of this year's AT include: deliberate decontamination operations on the battalion level; responsibility for decontamination of three battalions (2 armor and 1 infantry); set-up and Operation of three hasty decontamination sites; and maintaining a totally tactical posture during the entire AT period

while operating at MOPP 3 and MOPP 4 levels with no heat casualties.

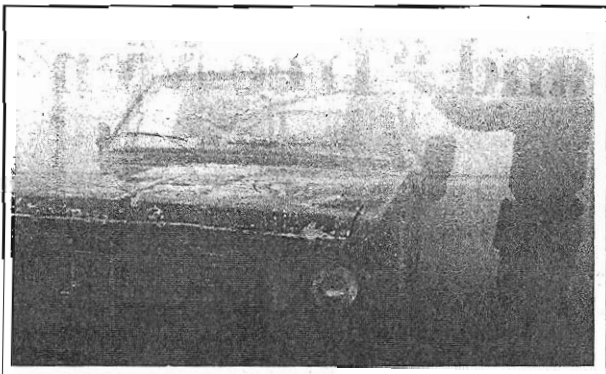
The company also exhibited its capability to provide tactical concealment by laying out a thick blanket of smoke that stretched for miles over the Ft. Stewart field training area. This particular operation is an effective tool of the 141st as it helps to reduce enemy ground and aerial observation, as well as hinder accurate enemy fire.

The 141st also houses the chemical staff for the 35th Infantry Division—collecting, interpreting, and disseminating NBC data back down to the unit level.

The fact that more than 80% of the chemical warfare assets of the U.S. Army are in the National Guard and Reserve therefore places the 141st Chemical Co. in a very important and prestigious position in the Total Force structure.

U.S. Army publication FM 3-100 NBC OPERATIONS points out that "Chemical Warfare did not end with World War I. Chemicals were used again in China and Ethiopia just before World War II. In 1945, a new weapon was added to the battlefield when the awesome power of nuclear weapons was first used against Japan. Another weapon, biologically derived toxins, has been used in Thailand, Kampuchea and Afghanistan in this decade. This repeated use of nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) weapons means that all American soldiers must be prepared for them."

The 141st Chemical Company motto says it well for future preparation ... "ELEMENTS REGAMUS PROELIUM" ... "We rule the battle through the elements."



Concealed by a generated smoke screen an M880 gets swabbed down by members of the 141st Chemical Co. at a hasty decontamination site at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)

Chaplain Combines the Guard And Ministry

By CDT Sallie Boward, 133rd PAD

What do the Army and God have in common? They are both looking for a few good men to serve them. Second Lieutenant David Cooper is fulfilling both tasks as a Kentucky Army National Guard Chaplain Candidate.

Cooper, a student at Asbury Theological College in Wilmore, Kentucky, is currently in the first phase of the Chaplain Candidate Program. He will begin the second phase this summer when he attends Chaplain School at Ft. Mammouth, N.J. "The program is designed to take seminary students and incorporate them into Guardsmen," said Cooper.

"This step by step process begins once you have completed a four-year degree and ends once you have been ordained," he continued. "It is at least a three-year process."

Cooper decided to become a Chaplain Candidate after he served eight and one-half years as a Chaplain's assistant. The duties however did not change much once his decision was made. His father was a

minister and Cooper served as his assistant until joining the Army at age 18.

While serving with the 201st Engineer Battalion, Cooper had a variety of responsibilities. He conducted field services at the Company level, visited the troops on a daily basis, conducted counseling sessions and helped in maintaining morale.

"Conducting field services was next to impossible with training being conducted on a 24-hour basis," said Cooper. "In order to compensate for that fact, I walked from foxhole to foxhole and offered any assistance."

In order to become a Chaplain in the Army, one must have completed a degree, be accepted by the military, gain permission from their denomination and serve two years pastoring a church.

"After that process is complete, you are ordained as a Chaplain," said Cooper. "It is a long process, and the ministry, like the Army, is not for everyone."

Currently Cooper is the pastor at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Wilmore, where he lives with his wife

Elizabeth and their two children. After graduation from Asbury Theological College in May 1988, Cooper plans to go on active duty.

"I can't say that it has been easy becoming a Chaplain," concluded Cooper. "But someone has to do the job and I feel very confident I made the correct decision."



Chaplain Candidate 2LT David Cooper, STARC chaplain, talks with 2LT Jody Kuykendall, 1st Platoon leader, Co. D, 201st EN, during AT at Camp Blanding. (Photo by CDT Sallie Boward, 133rd PAD)

Staff Judge Advocate Section Not Just for Punishments

By CDT Sallie Boward, 133rd PAD
Disorder, anxiety and misfortune are how most members of the Kentucky Army National Guard view the Staff Judge Advocate Section. However, the eight man component's main function is to aid commanders, as well as troops, in all legal matters.

"It is the objective of the SJA to keep all troops within the boundaries of the KCMJ (Kentucky Code of Military Justice)," said Major Lewis Hopper, 149th Brigade Staff Judge Advocate. "However, if this objective cannot be met, we are prepared to take the necessary action which will prevent the same situation from happening in the future."

Company commanders commonly utilize the SJA for advice in dealing with specific legal problems in their commands.

"At this point," said LTC Ken Kennedy, STARC Staff Judge Advocate, "we serve

as a monitor, advising commanders of the various options available to them."

Although there are several actions available to commanders when providing punishment, the first step is to determine whether to utilize either nonjudicial or court-martial procedures.

"Once the commander is satisfied that the violation did occur, he or she can choose one of four separate courses of action," said LTC Kennedy.

These actions consist of dismissing the matter despite the violation, imposing non-

punitive measures, which include administrative reprimands or reductions in rank, offering the violator non-judicial punishment, or preferring charges for trial by court martial.

"Most of our cases are resolved by non-judicial punishment implementing the Article 15," said Kennedy.

Punishment resulting from Article 15's range up to restriction for two weeks, extra duty for two weeks for enlisted personnel; and fines consisting of up to \$200 for officers or up to \$100 for enlisted personnel.

Another area in which the SJA functions concerns Guard members who are absent without leave, or AWOL.

"Our main objective when dealing with AWOLs is to ensure warrants have been issued for the individuals absent," said Hopper. "Once we locate the individual we try to persuade them to report to duty. However, if this method fails we are entitled to induce punishment accordingly."

Other services of the SJA section include information dependents need if inobolization of Kentucky units ever occurs and information concerning the daily organization of family affairs.

The SJA section has the ability to defend, prosecute and judge military offenders. The eight man team is located throughout the state and can be reached on a daily basis by contacting the Chief of Staff.



"I Love My Work"

CPT Stanley runs UK Flight Nurse Program

By SGT Rick Baker, 133rd PAD
Six years ago, while training with the Kentucky Army National Guard in Mississippi, Terry Stanley climbed aboard a medical helicopter to escort patients from Camp Shelby to nearby Keesler Air Force Base. Little did she realize it was the beginning of a career for her.

Today, Captain Terry Stanley of the 475th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (M.A.S.H.) is responsible for setting up the flight nurse program for the University of Kentucky's Chandler Medical Center in Lexington. The former

nurse at Humana-University Hospital in Louisville didn't hesitate to accept the challenge.

"After nine years of being a nurse, I felt like I needed to grow as a professional," said the 29-year-old LaGrange native. "I'm finding I know more than I thought I did and using knowledge that I haven't used in nine years."

As Chief Flight Nurse, Stanley is responsible for selecting and training all employees, choosing and outfitting the helicopter and developing policy and procedure for the program.

"Our main job will be to pick

up patients in central and eastern Kentucky and transport them to the appropriate hospital," said Stanley, who has been in the M.A.S.H. unit for seven years. "Right now there's no such program in this part of the state."

She added that things have gone smoothly during her first month on the job.

"I've been really impressed with the University of Kentucky and the support the administrative and medical staff have given to the program," Stanley said.

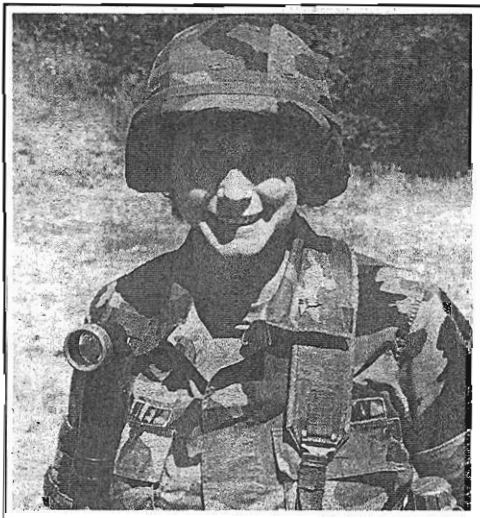
After earning an associate degree in nursing from Eastern Kentucky University, Stanley went to work at the University of Louisville hospital, got her bachelor's degree from U of L and became a flight nurse five years ago.

Last year, she was elected to a one-year term as secretary of the National Flight Nurse Association. This year she plans to run for a seat on the organization's board.

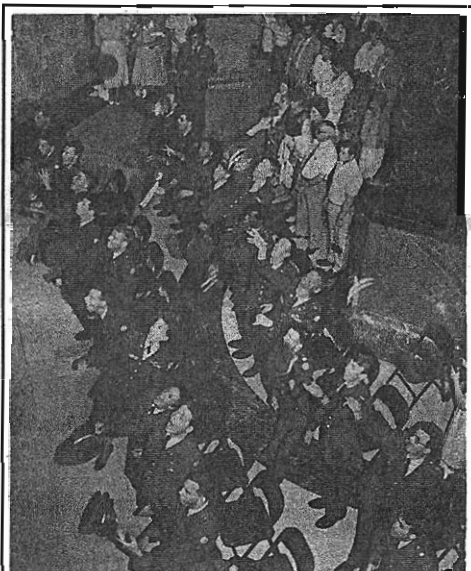
"I love my work and I love being a flight nurse, probably because of my background in emergency medicine and critical care," Stanley said. "I enjoy serving in the National Guard, also."

Serving in the guard is a family affair at the Stanley household. Her husband, William, is a city policeman in Louisville. He is also commander of Co. C, 123rd Armor, based in Madisonville.

"Since we both enjoy it," she says, "it's something we can live with."



CPT Terry Stanley



New officers toss their hats in a traditional graduation gesture.

KMA GRADUATION

By SGT Robert W. Pillow, 133rd PAD

Seventeen men and women stood before the statue of the man who led the United States through the Civil War and swore they would also lead the nation's defense as officers of the Kentucky Army National Guard.

They were among the 24 graduates of the 1987 class of the Kentucky Military Academy Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox. Commencement was held in the Capitol Rotunda June 27 among statues of Abraham Lincoln and other great Kentucky leaders.

The candidates heard from Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman, who reminded them of their obligations as officers.

"This is a tremendous responsibility," he said. "We don't want to mislead you. It's not a bed of roses. It's a difficult task, but I have to tell you it's rewarding."

Graduates receiving awards were:

2LT Robin K. Blankenbaker, 438th MP Co. (Association of U.S. Army Award for Leadership, Erikson Trophy, Kentucky Commendation Ribbon), James H. Mathews, Jr., Co. B (TMT) Fourth Main Support Battalion (OCS Commandant's Award and Military Order of the World War Award, Kentucky Commendation Ribbon); 2LT Charles E. Cole, Det. 1, HHC, 1/123rd Armor (Physical Fitness Award); 2LT Danna K. Bosche, 100th Recruiting Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve (National Guard Association of Kentucky Award for Academic Achievement, Kentucky Merit Ribbon, and 2LT Lewis R. Snyder, Co. A, 3rd FSB (Kentucky Commendation Ribbon)

NEWS BRIEFS

COL WOOD RECEIVES
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Col. Kenneth C. Wood of Frankfort recently received the Army's Meritorious Service Medal for his three-year tour of duty as Kentucky's Assistant Adjutant General for the Army National Guard. Wood, who will retire this fall with 33 years of service, currently is assigned to the Kentucky Guard's Frankfort headquarters as deputy STARC commander. In presenting Col. Wood's award, Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman cited the Franklin County native for his personal efforts to improve the Guard's safety record and in the retention of enlisted soldiers. (National Guard Photo by SSG Steve Wright)

NEW GI BILL SIGNED BY
PRESIDENT REAGAN

The New GI Bill, renamed the Montgomery GI Bill in honor of the congressman who pushed for its passage, became law June 1, when President Reagan signed it into law in a Rose Garden ceremony.

In 1935, the GI Bill was extended for two years as a test program. Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, D-Miss., sponsored the permanent extension and visited military installations around the country to listen to comments from service men and women about its benefits.

One of his stops was Ft. Knox where Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman and several Kentucky Army National Guard members told him of the importance of the Bill.

National Guardsmen can receive a total of more than \$5,000 in education aid through the new version of the Bill.

GUARD OFFICERS ELIGIBLE
FOR NEW AWARD

The best junior officers in the Total Army, who are they?

Starting now the selection process is underway, with the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation in coordination with the Department of the Army, to select the very best lieutenants or captains who demonstrate the ideals of "duty, honor and country," to receive a newly created award.

The award was created to give Army-wide recognition, at the highest level, to promote, sustain and recognize effective junior officer leadership in the Army. Company grade officers in the Army National Guard are eligible for the competition.

According to officials at the National Guard Bureau, each state may nominate one lieutenant or captain for consideration. A selection board at the Bureau will screen the applications and select the top individuals.

Winners from the active Army, National Guard and Army Reserve will be sent to Washington, D.C. for the awards ceremony to be held annually during the third week of April, beginning in 1988.

UTAH AG ELECTED
PRESIDENT OF AG ASSOCIATION

Major General John L. Matthews, the Adjutant General of Utah, was elected President of the Adjutants General Association of the United States at its recently concluded Annual Spring Meeting in Salt Lake City.

Matthews has been the Adjutant General of Utah since 1982. He joined the Utah Air National Guard in 1959.

The Adjutants General Association, founded in 1912, provides an opportunity for state National Guard leaders to "promote the efficiency of the National Guard of the United States and of the several states; and to facilitate and improve the administration of National Guard affairs through the agencies of the Department of Defense and the several states."

Elected Vice President was Major General James W. Duffy, the Adjutant General of Montana. The new Secretary is Major General John W. Kiely, the Adjutant General of Rhode Island. Elected Treasurer was Major General Charles E. Scott, the Adjutant General of North Carolina.



Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO

LIGHTNING STRIKES

In the photo above, Kentucky Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman (right) visits with lightning victim SP4 Benny Richardson at the Company C, 3rd FSB (Medical) field aid station at Ft. Stewart, Georgia, where Richardson was being treated for a burned foot.

Richardson was one of 28 Kentucky Guard men and women involved in two separate lightning-related incidents that occurred during thunderstorms that swept through the Ft. Stewart area where more than 4,000 Kentucky Army National Guard troops were in the field 12-28 June.

All of the injuries sustained during the two incidents were classified as minor, with the majority consisting of minor burns of the feet and legs.

The first incident occurred 17 June when lightning struck a tree near a tent where members of the 202nd Army Band, Frankfort, were having dinner.

Electricity from the bolt apparently travelled down the tree trunk and followed its root system along the ground to the tent where the band members were either seated or standing.

Of the 10 individuals taken by medevac helicopter to Ft. Stewart's Winn Community Hospital, all but one were released within three hours after having checkups. The single Guard member admitted to the hospital, SGT Steven D. Thompson of Lexington, had been briefly knocked unconscious by the bolt and was held for two days for observation at the Ft. Stewart hospital before being released back to his unit.

Six additional band members and one soldier from Headquarters, 149th AR BDE, Louisville, were also checked out by medics at a field aid station and returned to duty.

The following night, 18 June, another bolt of lightning reportedly struck in the center of the Co C, 3rd FSB (Med) field dispensary area and, according to witnesses, spread out in all directions along the rain-soaked ground, hitting several tents.

Seven members of Co C were taken to the Ft. Stewart hospital for checkups and all were released back to their unit within three hours, while several other individuals temporarily stunned by the strike were examined by field medical personnel and returned to duty assignments.

LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS

EDITOR'S NOTE: With outdoor training continuing for Kentucky National Guard members throughout the summer, we thought the following safety guide would be useful to the people who still have training. It might even save a life. It comes from Safetygram 86-20.

In the event of an electrical storm the following measures as a minimum will be consistent with the nature of training and the severity of the storm:

1. When marching in formation, soldiers will be dispersed.
2. Soldiers will remove steel helmets and unslung weapons.
3. Radios will not be used or carried with antennas extended.
4. Evacuate areas containing relay antennas or vehicles with whip antennas.
5. Personnel will dismount from all metal machinery and move at least 150 yards away.
6. Field telephones and switchboards will not be used. Ensure switchboards are grounded.
7. Avoid isolated trees, wire fences and hill tops, sheds of buildings.
8. If skin tingles and hair stands on end, lightning is about to strike. Immediately drop to ground in a kneeling position.
9. Do not huddle together in a group; scatter out. Commanders and supervisors at all levels will insure personnel under their supervision are aware of the safety precautions to take before and during lightning storms.