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## OUR COVER

SP4 George R. Scholl of Louisville packs his gear during a recent MOBEX held by the 233rd MP Company. Scholl and other members of the company were packing again in late July, as they left for Japan for MP duties at Camp Zama near Tokyo and Torii Station on Okinawa.

Next month, we plan to publish a story and pictures of their trip. (Photo by Cliff Sallie Howard, 133rd PAD)

## THIS IS FOR YOU

If it's the job of this newspaper to bring you helpful news, interesting features and thought-provoking commentary, then this issue of the BLUEGRASS GUARD is definitely "for you." This page contains commentary from the Adjutant General which we think will challenge you.

Page 3 has a family-related feature that plenty of you may be able to identify with. And page 7 should help you find the 3 commissaries in Kentucky. If you have any comment, please note our number has changed.

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## TAG LINES

By MG BILLY G. WELLMAN

Our society and our world continue to change daily, and both the U.S. Army and our nation must keep pace with the changing times. We must not let ourselves fall behind. We must continue to compete with other countries in technological advancement, particularly in advanced defense developments.

New technology is constantly being incorporated into military equipment and, as a result, soldiers must be trained to have the ability to comprehend the new technology. That is the only way they can use the equipment and understand it enough to make sure it continues to operate.

Therefore, we, not only as soldiers but as a nation, must be better educated. While there is a nationwide emphasis on improving education levels of all our citizens, it is a necessity for us in the military. As leaders, we must have the education and knowledge to lead young people. And each of the next generations must also have the education and ability to function in a changing military and in society as a whole.

The Army and the National Guard have recognized the need for education and have increased educational standards for advancement in the ranks while also offering programs to provide military education and help pay for civilian schooling.

We must not resist education; it is here to stay and we must have a positive attitude toward it. In fact, we must seize every opportunity to further our education, especially since the resources for educational advancement have been made available to assist us in the National Guard.

Those who do not take advantage of educational opportunities cannot be effective as leaders and will limit their military careers. If you stand still, the world will pass you by; you'll miss opportunities that could have enhanced your military profession while benefiting you personally and your family as well.

And education motivates people. Thomas Huxley once wrote: "Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not."

Those who achieve success, whether in the military or in civilian life, with a minimum education are now a minority. We can no longer look around us and say, "He succeeded without an education and so can I," or "She got along without much schooling, and I can, too."

The opportunities to advance without an education are becoming fewer and they won't be around tomorrow.

In reviewing our state of readiness with the 2nd Army Commander, it was evident we have not put forth the maximum effort in the area of educational improvement. Commanders at all levels of the Guard will be encouraged to help you to get the best education you can.

I urge you not to simply wait for the chance to go to a school advancing your knowledge and skills; actively seek opportunities to attend military schools and to increase your civilian education with the help of the programs offered by the National Guard.

Remember, you are important to us, to your country and to your family; you are important to the future. The members of the National Guard are a great resource which we can't afford to lose.



## Facts Americans Should Know about the Vietnam Conflict

Work is now underway on a Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Frankfort (see pg. 8), and as an increasing number of books and movies focus on the Vietnam experience, a surprising number of Americans know little about the conflict which preoccupied America for 16 years. The following is from a list of basic facts about the conflict, written by John Landberg of the Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office.

2.7 Million Americans served in Vietnam from 1959 to 1975.

58,132 Americans lost their lives as a result of Vietnam; 300,000 were wounded, 80,000 of them severely; 2,436 remain unaccounted for.

Twelve and a half per cent of those who died were black, out of an age group that comprised 13.5 per cent of the American male population.

The North Vietnamese lost an incredible 600,000 combat soldiers in the war—the equivalent of the U.S. losing 20 million.

A 1980 Harris Poll of Vietnam veterans showed that:

91% were "glad they had served their country."

80% disagreed with the statement, "The U.S. took unfair advantage of us."

74% "enjoyed their time in the service."

72% strongly agreed with the statement, "The trouble in Vietnam was that our troops were asked to fight in a war which our political leaders in Washington would not let them win."

A 1985 Washington Post/NBC poll showed that: Vietnam veterans were more likely than their peers to have gone to college, owned a home or earned \$30,000 a year or more. A majority of them said they benefited from being in

Vietnam, supported the bombings of North Vietnam and the use of napalm and weren't bothered by the fact that others had avoided military service in Vietnam.

The average age of Americans who fought in Vietnam was 19, compared with an average age of 26 for those who fought World War II.

The first American ground troops arrived in Vietnam in March 1965. At the peak of the fighting in 1969, the United States had 550,000 troops fighting.

The conflict began with impressive U.S. public support; and as late as 1968, 53% of Americans favored stronger military action.

U.S. Bureau of Justice statistics show Vietnam veterans are less likely to be in prison than their non-veteran peers.

Two-thirds of those who served in Vietnam were volunteers, compared to two-thirds who were drafted in World War II.

150 Americans won the Medal of Honor for heroism in Vietnam.

636 American POW's, some of whom had been held for up to seven years, returned to the U.S. with honor after the conflict.

American ground forces defeated the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army in every major encounter in the war.

About 20% of the American Vietnam veterans experienced readjustment problems after they came home from the war. An estimated 25% of returning World War II soldiers had emotional difficulties upon return.

730,000 Southeast Asian refugees have settled in the U.S. since the end of the conflict. They have a higher employment rate than that of the U.S. population as a whole, and their children have done well in school.

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## National Guard Couples Husband/Wife combinations share the military

By Mike Lynch

MSG Wayne Jordan returned from the Kentucky Military Academy after one drill weekend and told his wife, Lisa, that some of the T-shirts and socks he had packed for the weekend didn't fit.

"He came home from drill," Lisa says, "and told me 'I took one of your socks again.' We laughed about that."

How would a husband and wife get their socks and T-shirts mixed up? It's not too difficult when both are members of the Kentucky Army National Guard and wear the same kind of uniform.

Getting uniform clothes mixed up isn't the biggest problem facing husband-wife Guard combinations. Yet several Guard couples say they have been able to handle the challenges—including separate training weekends or Annual Training periods.

"It never fails," Wayne says. "It seems like her weekend is opposite mine, and it cuts down on weekend activity."

*"We wouldn't have met if it wasn't for the Guard"*

Lisa, an E-5 with the 198th MP BN in Louisville, adds that summer camp can be a strain, too. "The whole summer is about blown for us (by AT)."



Wayne and Lisa Jordan

But the Jordans also say being in the Guard together has its positive aspects.

"It's enhanced our relationship," Lisa says.

"We talk about what's going on and we can have a good dialogue," Wayne adds. "We share the military."

The National Guard more or less brought the Jordans together. Lisa, who now works full-time with the Kentucky Corrections Cabinet was working temporarily at Ft. Knox in support of a KMA camp and six months later was introduced to Wayne by a mutual friend.

"We wouldn't have met if it wasn't for the Guard," Lisa now says.

The Jordans say the Guard has also made them mutually supportive. In 1984, Lisa went to BNOC (Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course) taking some reservations along with her.

"I was leery about going," she says. "He kept emphasizing the positive attitude I had taken through the Guard. He was the one that pushed me."

"I'm really proud of her," says Wayne. He once turned down a chance to apply for a Sergeant Major position in the 198th MP BN because his wife is in the unit. He wanted to avoid even the appearance of favoritism or potential conflicts.

"I just didn't want to create any problems for her over there," he says. Lisa agrees it was

probably a good idea. But she also thinks his higher rank helps challenge her.

"That makes me set my goals higher. I'm hoping to at least make it to E-7."

But it's not as if Wayne is the role model and Lisa always the follower. "He looks to be in some things that I do."

Bill and Sandy Sloan of Louisville have a different set of challenges. They are in the same Guard unit, HHD of the 198th MP Battalion, and usually spend the same weekend a month training and go to AT at the same time.

*"They think it's unique that their Mommy and Daddy are in the Military together"*

"It's got its good points and its difficult points," says Sandy. One of the difficulties is that the Sloans are also parents in the Guard. They have two girls, nine-year-old Shannon and Stacie, who is six.

"Our kids seem to understand it, with me doing it every day," says Bill, and E-7 and Personnel Staff NCO with the 198th. "They know we're going to be gone two to three weeks a year."

Sandy is a mother and housewife at home and an E-7 personnel sergeant at the armory.

"They think it's unique that their Mommy and Daddy are in the military together," Sandy says. But it takes some extra work to prepare the girls for their parents' absence during AT.

"I usually will talk to them and explain how long we'll be gone and show them on

a map where we are."

The absence is made somewhat easier, though, by the support that both sets of grandparents show for the Sloans. They usually keep the girls while Bill and Sandy are on Guard duty.

"We try to do something with them (before camp)," Sandy says. And they plan activities for the children during their absence.

"When we come home," Bill says, "they expect us to spend time with them."

"It's made my older one (Shannon) more independent," according to Sandy. "She tries to play Mommy for Stacie when we're not here."

Even weekend drills can pose challenges for full-time parents trying to be part-time Guard members.

"They do kind of get upset if they have an activity and we have drill," Sandy says.

Being in the same section of the same unit also poses its challenges, such as "when we're in a meeting (at the armory) and don't agree on something," Sandy says.

But the strain of working side by side isn't too serious, she adds. "As long as we leave it at the armory when we go home, it's all right."

Like other Guard couples, they find serving together provides them a mutual interest.

"It helps to understand each other," Bill

OBC, but couldn't spend much time together—only on Sundays.

"It's a hard thing to go through by yourself," Sheila says of basic. "It was nice that he was there. We would meet at church."

In fact, she never went to college with the Guard, but has held several recruitment-office jobs and now works with the US&PO in Frankfort.

Mike says the Guard has benefited Sheila personally:

"It's changed her as far as being a person. She's more independent. She's met a lot of people. I have very much respect for her. Even though she was afraid of it (joining the Guard), she did it for us."

"He's told me several times he's real proud of my accomplishment," Sheila says. But for her, being a woman in the Guard has its pluses and minuses.

"I don't feel much like a lady in the

*"It's changed her as far as being a person ... I have very much respect for her"*

Guard. It's tough to be a woman. Some of the men really give you a tough time for being a woman in the Guard."



Mike and Sheila Ash

Still, their shared service in the Guard has brought them better mutual understanding and respect, along with the difficulties of serving different drill weekends and separate Annual Training camps.

But it's also had its light moments, as when the husband and wife of differing ranks were soon talking together in a hallway while they were at Ft. McClelland.

"That's been kind of a joke about the fraternization policy," Sheila says. "It's not been a problem at all."

"I have accomplished something that many women haven't. When I wear the uniform, I'm proud."

says. "If something really bothers him," Sandy adds, "he can talk to me about it. If I wasn't in the military, I wouldn't understand."

Sheila Ash, an E-4 with Det. 1 of the 105th Personnel Services Company, joined the National Guard after hearing from her husband about some of the opportunities it offered.

She is married to 2LT Mike Ash, a member of the 141st Chemical Company.

"She saw some of the opportunities I was getting," Mike says. "She wanted to go to college." Mike told her about the Guard's college assistance programs.

They were at Ft. McClelland at the same time, she is basic training and Mike at

## CAVE RUN LAKE BRIDGED BY 206th

(Photos by SSG Steve Wright)



SGT Lloyd Oakley, operations sergeant for Co. E, keeps a tidy "ship" by coiling lines during the launching of the unit's floating ribbon bridge on Cave Run Lake. Moving under diesel power for several miles through the lake's main channel, the floating bridge caught pleasure boaters and fishermen by surprise.



Members of Co E, 206th EN BN prepare to launch a "bay" of a floating ribbon bridge during a demonstration July 4th at Cave Run Lake near Morehead. The folded equipment opens automatically when it hits the water and is maneuvered into position with small boats.

## MOBILIZATION EXERCISES

There are three types of MOBEX- the MODRE, the REMOBE and the STARCEX. During July, elements of the Kentucky Guard participated in all three.



TOP LEFT: SP4 Rickey Murray of the 2123rd Transportation Company (Heavy Truck) checks out his gear to see if it's all there during the Bowling Green unit's REMOBE. A REMOBE is conducted every three years. (Photo by SSG Tom Murphy, 133rd PAD)



TOP RIGHT: SSG Michael Howlett uses the Buechel Army fence as an outdoor closet while participating in the 123 MP Company's MODRE prior to deployment of the Louisville-based unit to Japan and Okinawa for annual training. (Photo by CDT Sallie Boward, 133rd PAD)



BOTTOM RIGHT: SP4 George Wilson's dental records are updated prior to his deployment to Japan with the 223rd MP Co. Performing the checkup is CPT Michael Child of the 973rd MED DET (DENTAL). (Photo by SSG Tom Murphy, 133rd PAD)



## July Command Changes

Change of command ceremonies for the 201st Engineer Battalion, Ashland; 3rd Forward Support Battalion, Danville and 1/149th Infantry, Barbourville, dominated Kentucky Army National Guard drill activities the weekend of 18 July

**TOP LEFT:** In ceremonies at the Barbourville Armory, a satin nickel Colt MK IV .45 automatic pistol, engraved with the dates of his tour as commander of the 1/149th Infantry, is presented to LTC Donnie Martin by incoming commander MAJ Larry L. Arnett. LTC Martin is now the Chief of the Kentucky STARC Training Division.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Flanked by 201st EN BN Command Sergeant Major Robert Mitchell, outgoing commander LTC Bruce Pieretti hands the battalion colors to Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman for presentation to incoming commander MAJ Landon Lowman. LTC Pieretti has been reassigned to duty with the STARC Selective Service section.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** LTC Smythe J. (Jack) Williams accepts the flag of command for the 3rd Forward Support Battalion from 149th Armored Brigade Commander, COL Maurice D. Farmer. LTC Williams succeeds COL Charles Hillard (extreme right) who became STARC Deputy Director of Personnel.

(Photos by WO1 James D. Pope, Jr., 133rd PAD)



## DRILLING WITH THE 973rd

Repairing fillings, cleaning teeth, setting up GP medium tents and instructing Army Reservists in the set-up and use of field dentistry equipment ... that was July "drill" for members of the Frankfort based 973rd Medical Detachment (Dental) while conducting training at Fort Knox. (Photos by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)



SP4 Bill Tolliver, Frankfort, assists 1LT David Dodd, Louisville, in the repair of a military dependent's tooth filling at Ft. Knox's Nelson Dental Clinic during the 973rd's June training assembly.



SP4 Penny Scott dismantles a field sink after participating in a demonstration of the 973rd's field dental equipment for members of the USAR 3346th Dental Detachment of Louisville.

## Morehead's Co. E gives public demonstration of "Ribbon" Bridge

By Maj. Keith Kappes, PAO

MOREHEAD, KY.—What is big and green and floats?

If you happened to be pleasure boating or fishing at Cave Run Lake on a recent Saturday, you know that the answer to this question is the "ribbon" bridge of the Morehead unit of the Kentucky Army National Guard.

"We certainly caught the civilians by surprise and they were really curious about our equipment," said 1st Sgt. Dan Cornett of Morehead. "Several hundred persons looked us over during the 12 hours we had part of the bridge in the water and that was exactly the reason we were there."

Cornett and other members of Company E, 206th Engineer Battalion, volunteered to demonstrate their unique equipment at the lake as a means of giving the unit more visibility in its current recruiting campaign. Since being organized late in 1986, the unit has enlisted nearly 80 of the 130 men it authorized.

"We have been talking about what a bridge company does and this was our first good opportunity to show the public," Cornett said. He reported that State Adjutant

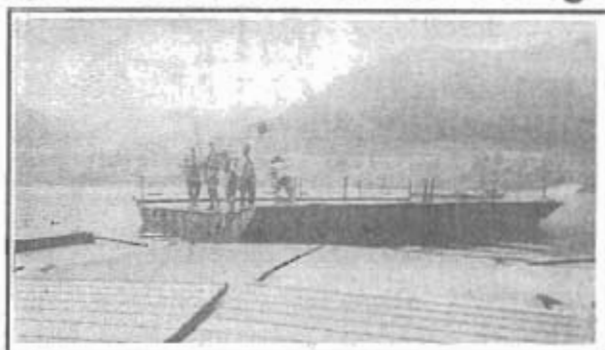
General Billy G. Wellman authorized the demonstration after the unit turned in an excellent record during annual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Most of the members had never seen a "ribbon" bridge before then.

"Our people did a good job in their training program and we were anxious to get our bridge into the water here at home," said Cornett.

Among the spectators at the demonstration was Morehead Mayor Don Greenwell who accepted an invitation to pilot one of the powerful bridge erection boats. The mayor was escorted by his administration assistant, Staff Sgt. Dan Stewart of the Morehead unit.

"We have had great support from local government and others and the mayor's involvement was a good example of why Morehead is a great community for the National Guard," Cornett added.

1st Lt. George Green, commander of Company E, says that area residents can expect to see more training sessions involving the "ribbon" bridge at Cave Run Lake and in the Licking River.



GETTING IT TOGETHER—Members of the Morehead unit of the Kentucky Army National Guard lash "bays" of a floating "ribbon" bridge to form a single span during a recent demonstration at Cave Run Lake near Morehead. Company E, 206th Engineer Battalion, is the only such unit in the state and among few of its type in the entire nation. It is part of the 35th Infantry Division (Mechanized). (Photo by SSG Steve Wright)

In addition to launching several "bays" of the bridge, Cornett and his volunteers maneuvered the span several miles down the main channel to the dam and returned to the Warrick Run boat ramp without

incident.

"A few more days like this and we won't expect to hear many questions about what you do in a bridge unit," the first sergeant concluded.

## MSG Boggs to Retire, But will Miss the Guard

"Where else can you earn a pension on a part-time job?"

By Maj. Keith Kappes, PAO

(EDITOR'S NOTE—MSG Harold R. Boggs of Ashland, formerly of the 201st Engineer Battalion and now assigned to STARC headquarters in Frankfort, is a member of a very elite group in the Kentucky Army National Guard. Boggs and two other men are the last World War II combat veterans still serving in the Kentucky Guard. The other "last men" will be profiled in future issues of THE BLUEGRASS GUARD.)

"Mostly, I'm looking forward to getting a raise, but I will miss my association with the National Guard. I've enjoyed my military career and most of my memories are good ones."

Master Sgt. Harold R. Boggs of Ashland was reflecting on nearly 40 years of military service as he completed his last annual training period as a member of the Kentucky Army National Guard. He is among the Kentucky Guard's last three World War II veterans still in uniform and will retire this November on his 60th birthday.

Boggs was promoted to master sergeant earlier this year at the Guard's state headquarters in Frankfort after 26 years in the Ashland-based 201st Engineer Battalion and its predecessor infantry and armor units.

Boggs has alternated his service time among the Navy, the active Army and the Kentucky Army Guard. He started as a Navy Seabee and later developed into a



MSG Harold R. Boggs is one of only 31 remaining World War II veterans in the Kentucky Army National Guard. (Photo by SSG Steve Wright)

highly-respected food service professional in the Army and National Guard.

"I remember the day that World War II ended in the Pacific," Boggs recalled. "We were excited and, like the green kid I was at the time, I fully expected to be shipped home that same night. It actually happened two years later, almost to the day."

The raise he talked about will be the substantial difference between his monthly drill pay from the Guard and his retirement check. Boggs believes strongly the National

Guard is a great financial opportunity.

"People who leave the Guard without earning their retirement make a big mistake," he said. "Where else can you earn a pension on a part-time job?"

Boggs enlisted late in World War II and his military records now contain an "official" entry date of June 29, 1945, but the teen-aged Seabee was under fire on Okinawa in April of 1945.

He began his military service as a heavy equipment operator but later switched to

food service before returning to civilian life in 1947. He resumed his military career by enlisting in the Kentucky Guard in 1948 and that stint lasted for 13 years. He took a leave of absence from his job with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Co. in 1961 to serve a three-year tour in the active Army, including a year in Germany.

Boggs returned to Ashland and the Guard in 1964 but soon traded uniforms again and began a 10-year hitch in the Naval Reserve, working as a recruiter in the Ashland area. His travels ended in 1974 when he returned to the Guard for good as mess sergeant of Headquarters Company of the 201st Engineer Battalion. Boggs transferred to state headquarters earlier this year as food service advisor on the staff of the Adjutant General.

In addition to his Guard retirement, Boggs also will be hanging up his work clothes as yardmaster of the CSX rail system in Ashland after more than 31 years of service. He will be two months shy of 40 years of military service when his Guard uniform goes into storage.

MSG Boggs is married to the former Betty Louise Clemens of Ashland. They have two married daughters and three grandchildren.

The Ashland native had three brothers who also served in the Guard but none came close to matching his tenure. As for retirement, MSG Boggs says he plans to relax and enjoy his free time.

"I know I'm ready to hang it up," he concluded.

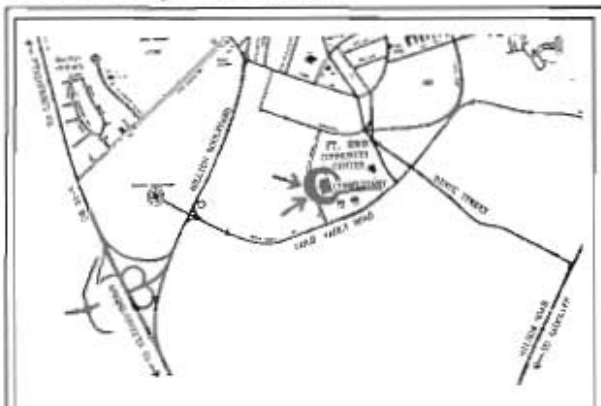
# Army Commissary Shopping Guide

By 2LT Phil Miller, PAO

Since March 1, Guard members and their families have been authorized up to 14 days of shopping annually in military commissaries.

All you need is a stamped Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) for the period ending 31 December 1986 and a valid red military identification card. Family members who intend to use the commissary must show a photo driver's license or other photo identification in addition to the Guard member's December 1986 LES in order to gain admission.

There are three military installations that have commissaries in Kentucky—Fort Campbell, Fort Knox and Lexington Bluegrass Army Depot. The management of all three commissaries encourages the use of their facilities by members of the Kentucky Guard and offer the following information and directions:



**FORT KNOX COMMISSARY - BUILDING 121**

The Commissary is located at Fort Knox's Commissary Center (which includes the PX and other specialty shops). The Center is located on Gold Work Road (See illustration).

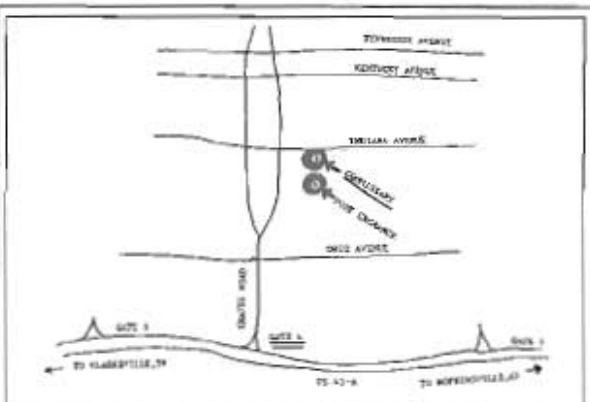
Operating hours for the Fort Knox Commissary are:

SUNDAY	800 - 800
MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	1000 - 1800
WEDNESDAY	1000 - 1800
THURSDAY	1000 - 2000
FRIDAY	1000 - 1800
SATURDAY	0900 - 1600

Fort Knox Exchange operating hours are:

SUNDAY	000 - 1700
MONDAY through SATURDAY	0900 - 2100

Note: As the management encourages Guard members and their families to shop between the 5th and the 12th, or the 18th through the 26th each month, in order to avoid the crowds experienced on military paydays.



**FORT CAMPBELL COMMISSARY - BUILDING 2702**

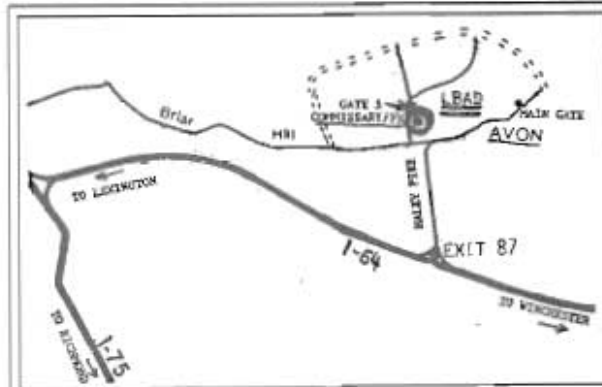
The management of the Ft. Campbell encourages Guard members to shop either between the 5th and the 12th, or the 18th through the 26th of each month in order to avoid the checkout line crowds that occur on military paydays.

Operating hours for the Ft. Campbell Commissary are:

SUNDAY - MONDAY - TUESDAY	1000 - 1700
WEDNESDAY	0900 - 1700
THURSDAY - FRIDAY	1000 - 1900
SATURDAY	0800 - 1700



**The new Lexington Blue Grass Army Depot Commissary opened on 1 July combining the commissary and post exchange in one building near Gate 5.**



**LEXINGTON BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT COMMISSARY - BUILDING 167**

Located in Avon, Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) has its own exit (EXIT 87) off of I-64 between Lexington and Warrenton. The quickest way to get to the BGAD commissary is to turn left onto Briar Hill Road at the intersection of Bailey Peter (instead of turning right to get to the Depot's main entrance). Travel west on Briar Hill Road approximately 1/2 mile and there will be a sign on the right at Housh-Artoch road indicating "GATE 5 TRUCK ENTRANCE". Turn right at the sign and follow road to main GATE 5. When you enter GATE 5, turn right into Commissary/PX parking area. (It is possible to get to the commissary and PX by entering BGAD through the main gate. After passing through the first entrance, proceed straight ahead to the second security gate. There, the guard will give directions to reach Building 167.)

Operating hours for the BGAD Commissary and PX are:

SUNDAY	CLOSED
MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	0900 - 1700
WEDNESDAY	0900 - 1700
THURSDAY	1000 - 1700
FRIDAY	1000 - 1700
SATURDAY	0900 - 1600

Unlike Fort Campbell or Fort Knox, the Lexington Blue Grass Army Depot Commissary management says there are no crowded days at their facility and that shopping anytime of the month is encouraged.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### NATIONAL GUARD RIFLE TEAM WINS INTER-SERVICE TROPHY

The All-National Guard Rifle team, captained by CW2 Hager Holton of the Kentucky Army National Guard, has captured the 1987 Inter-Service Championship at Quantico, VA. Team members who participated in the competition came from National Guard units in ten states.

CW2 Holton pointed out how difficult last month's competition was because it took place at the home of the U.S. Marines.

"It's very difficult to beat them on their home base," Holton said. The Inter-service championship involves teams from all branches of the Armed Forces.

### 223rd HEADS FOR THE FAR EAST

Members of the 223rd Military Police Company of Louisville left July 25 for duty at two U.S. military posts in Japan. Some of them went to Camp Zama near Tokyo, the others to Totti Station on Okinawa.

Their job is to relieve regular Army MP's who are undergoing training elsewhere. The MP's are scheduled to return to Kentucky on August 15.

### LAST OF BLACKHAWK HELICOPTERS ARRIVES IN FRANKFORT

The last of the Kentucky Army Guard's UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters arrived in Frankfort last month. Kentucky has now replaced all of its UH-1 Huey's with Blackhawks, becoming the first state in the nation whose Army Guard is 100% Blackhawk-equipped.

All 15 of the UH-60's are assigned to the 718th Aviation Co. Four of them were shipped new, the rest came from Ft. Campbell and Ft. Bragg.

### OUTGOING RESERVE COMMANDER RECEIVES AWARD DURING CHANGE OF COMMAND

MG Roy C. Gray, Jr., the outgoing commander of Kentucky's 100th Army Reserve Division, was presented the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal by Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman during the Reserve's change of command ceremony on July 26 in Louisville. In awarding him the medal, MG Wellman acted MG Gray's leadership of the 3,500-member Division and his efforts to bring recognition to his command and the Army Reserve of Kentucky.

MG Gray is transferring to the Inactive Reserve and will retire within a few months. His replacement with the 100th is BG Richard D. Chegar, a native of Indiana.



Director of information management CPT John Heltzel is working on the computer system which will speed information retrieval for the Kentucky Guard. (Photo by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)

### DOIM Brings Guard to the Computer Age

Administrative officers who have ever had to search a unit's entire roster looking for information: Take heart! The days of the hours-long laborious search for hard-to-find information are numbered. The computers are coming!

Eventually, all units of the Kentucky Army National Guard will have two micro-computers for managing personnel, training, logistical and maintenance information. Battalion headquarters will also have a multi-user system, so that more than one person can use the computer at a time.

CPT John Heltzel, the Director of Information Management says he expects to start fielding the computers to the unit level this fall and early winter.

"It's a totally manual operation now on paper files," CPT Heltzel says. "And it's very hard ... to deal with the volume of records now used."

Late in 1985, he developed the Information Management Plan (IMP), addressing how to solve the Guard's information-storage problems. The first phase of the computerization began in 1986, when he was authorized to buy 30 micro-computers

for STARC, followed by 60 more units in 1986 for Brigade and Battalion headquarters.

"It's going to take a considerable amount of time putting the information into the system," once it gets to the unit, CPT Heltzel acknowledges. "But once the system is loaded, it will save 75 percent of the time it now takes to get usable information."

Between one and two thousand people will eventually receive some kind of computer training in the process.

CPT Heltzel says uniform training of the system's users is important to ensuring the success of the system.

"Each unit would have to build its own system," without standard training, he explains. "This would make it impractical and even impossible to gather everyone's data for a complete picture."

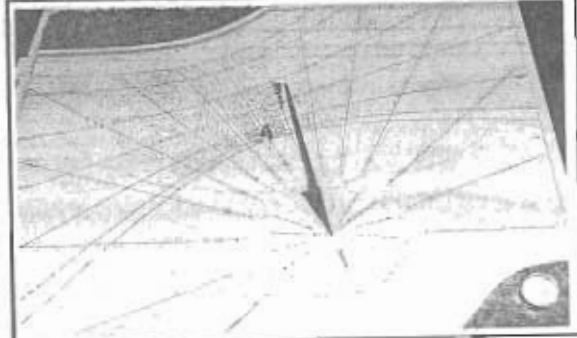
As hard as CPT Heltzel and three assistants are now working, the job may never be really finished.

"The requirements keep changing," CPT Heltzel says. "Demand for information processing capabilities keeps increasing."

## Design for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Selected



The design for a Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial was unveiled in Frankfort last month. Ron Ray, chairman of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and Governor Martha Layne Collins applaud (left photo) as Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman and MG (Ret.) Zack Saufley unveil a sign at the site. A model of the memorial was on display (right photo). Designed



by Lexington architect Helm Roberts, the "sundial" will have a pointer whose shadow will fall on the name of each of the 1,062 Kentuckians who died in Vietnam on the day of the year the soldier was killed.

The names of the 22 Kentuckians still missing in action will be behind the pointer, so the shadow never falls on them. (Photos by 2LT Phil Miller, PAO)