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Engineer's Raise \$1,500 For Youth Camp Fund

HHC and Company A of Ashland, Kentucky's 201st Engineer Battalion raised more than \$1,500 toward the National Guard boys' camp and its local youth fund. The Guardsmen raised the money by sponsoring a recent table tennis and volleyball tournament.

Lt. Col. Robert L. Dezarn, battalion commander of the 201st, said about 2,000 spectators and participants attended the two-day tournament, held at the Ashland National Guard Armory. The tournament is expected to become an annual event.

Dezarn said the bulk of the proceeds came from the sale of advertising space in the tournament program; about 175 local businesses purchased advertising. Other proceeds came from a \$1 per person entry fee for members of adult team play-offs. No charge was levied for youth teams.

As a highlight of the tournament, clinics were offered for all interested persons, with instruction in volleyball, soccer and table tennis. Table tennis clinics were conducted at the National Guard Armory by representatives of the North Eastern Kentucky Table Tennis Association, while the volleyball and soccer clinics were conducted by officials of the Kentucky Soccer Development Association.

Co-sponsoring the tournament with the 201st Engineer Battalion were the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce and the Ashland Recreation Committee. Concessions during the tournament were provided by the National and American Little League Associations. Proceeds from concession sales went toward Little League teams and activities in the Ashland area.



PROJECT ALMOST COMPLETE

Members of the 201st Engineer Bn install an emergency overflow drain for the lake which separates the new Boone National Guard Armory and the new Emergency Operation Center in Frankfort. The newly completed armory is in the background.

Tournament teams were divided into three groups: girls ages 16 and under; boys aged 16 and under; and adults. A total of 73 teams signed up for competition.

The final game of each division was broadcast on local cable television, which covers portions of Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. Lt. Col. Dezarn said combination tournament was being used as a springboard to launch an intensive recruiting effort, which the unit is calling "Operation Part-Time."

"I have sent information to each individual member of the 201st Engineer Battalion," he said, "encouraging them to bring at least one acquaintance to the Armory during drill dates, to

be our guest, as a sort of Guardsman for a day. I expect this to be one of our most successful recruiting efforts."

Information emphasizing job availabilities in the Guard has been distributed throughout the Ashland area and in other areas where the 201st Engineers has companies. Dezarn said the information stresses the fact that the National Guard is "The Most Important Part-Time Job in America."

Question and answer sheets have also been distributed with information about National Guard pay scales, training periods, benefits and other regulations.

A recent reorganization of the 201st has created a number of open slots, particularly in HHC, Company A and a new detachment from Company B. The three elements all are now drilling at the National Guard Armory in Ashland.

Dezarn says he expects the new recruiting effort, coupled with such worthwhile events as the combination volleyball-table tennis tournament, will generate enough recruits to fill the vacancies and have men on the waiting list.

A full-scale recruiting team has been organized for the 201st, and it operates with a good deal of autonomy. Members of the recruiting team have spoken at area high schools and civic groups, and enlistments in the 201st Engineers have been going up since the team was first organized.

Back Pay To Guardsmen

The White House has authorized a retroactive pay hike for military and federal civil service personnel. The action came when President Nixon signed an Executive Order that moved an earlier 6.69 per cent pay hike from Jan. 1, 1973 back to Oct. 1, 1972.

The increase in pay for the three-month period will mean extra pay for National Guard technicians and "drilling" Guardsmen. Government officials haven't decided how or when this increase will be paid, but according to a National Guard Bureau official, implementing instructions will be forwarded soon.



GREETING HER MAJESTY

Kentucky Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire (right) officially welcomed England's Princess Margaret and her husband, Lord Snowdon, as they arrived in the state to tour the Bluegrass area and to attend the 100th running of the Kentucky Derby. General Frymire, representing Gov. Wendell H. Ford, greeted the royal couple at Lexington's Bluegrass Field.



GUARDIANS OF PEACE

During Annual Training at Fort Knox men of the KyARNG artillery units were able to perform direct firing exercises, as well as normal fire training.

Approximately 2,000 Kentucky Army National Guardsmen underwent annual training from June 1-15 at Ft. Knox.

Units completing two-week training were: HHB, XXIII Corps Artillery; HHB, 138th Field Artillery; 1st Bn, 623rd Field Artillery; 2nd Bn, 138th Field Artillery; HHD, 198th MP Co.; 438th MP Co.; 306th Maintenance Co.; 441st Medical Det. (Helicopter Ambulance); Maintenance Plt., 203d General Supply Co.; Mess Section and Maintenance Plt., 2113th Transportation Co.; 413th Heavy Equipment Co. and the 133d Public Information Det.

In addition to field training, the Guardsmen participated in the Annual Governor's Day Parade when Gov. Wendell H. Ford and Kentucky Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire reviewed the troops.

Governor Ford, a former Guardsman, told the men he was proud of their response and action during the April 3 tornado that swept across the Commonwealth and for the manner in which they conducted themselves during the recent truckers' situation.

Trains At Polk

The 149th Infantry Battalion (Mechanized) attended summer camp at Fort Polk, La. This year's camp, the first for the units as infantrymen, was a 17 day stay at the fort.

At camp the men were broken up into their respective military occupational specialties for training purposes. Those groups were 11B-light infantry, 11C-mortars and 11H-machine gun.

They received 120 hours of infantry training during their AT. This is the same amount of training that a regular Army Infantryman receives in eight weeks.

The training the man received included such topics as mine detection, escape and evasion, land navigation, weapons familiarization and qualification, squad tactics, patrolling and the use of the armored personnel carrier.

The courses taught were conducted by the Regular Army Infantry Training Committee of the fort aided by the 95th Infantry Training Division (Reserve).

Those men in non-combat arms MOS such as cooks, supply clerks and administrative personnel received on-the-job training.

The men will continue to receive training at their home units in their monthly drills. The units are expecting to receive their new infantry

equipment in July. The new gear will include APCs, mortars, 50 calibre machine guns and other mechanized infantry equipment.

The 149th, commanded by Col. Jack Ballard, has its headquarters in Barbourville. In addition to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, the

battalion has three rifle companies and an infantry support company. The cities in which the units are represented are Barbourville, Williamsburg, Harlan, Middleboro, London, Prestonsburg, Ravenna, Richmond and Somerset.

149th Infantry Battalion




149th INFANTRY AT FT. POLK

Members of the 149th Infantry Battalion (Mechanized) inspect a mortar while attending Annual Training at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. The men received 120 hours of infantry training during their AT.



STRESSING A POINT

CAPTAIN ROBERT McCROCKLIN, Commander of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 123d Armor, stresses a point to his men during a briefing prior to a Field Training Exercise at Fort Knox.



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Following his brief remarks, the Governor presented a Meritorious Service Medal to Maj. Bringham H. Wilson for outstanding meritorious service during August 1964 to August 1974. Ford also presented the Kentucky Medal of Valor CW02 Wren H. Walters for saving an individual in Salt River on January 4, 1973 and in doing so for his injuries from a woman trying to take her life. Governor Ford presented the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal to Maj. Harold O. Loy for exceptionally meritorious service in performance of duties from April 3 to April 11, 1974 in connection with the tornado which touched down in Louisville and Jefferson County.

While most of the KYARNG units underwent training at Ft. Knox, the following units trained in other states: 1st Bn, 149th Infantry, Ft. Polk, Louisiana; OCS at Camp Atterbury, Indiana; 1034d S&S Bn at Ft. Lee, Virginia; 207th Engineer Co. at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri; 2113th Transportation Co. at Gulf Port, Mississippi and Ft. Eustis, Virginia.



GOVERNOR REVIEWS TROOPS

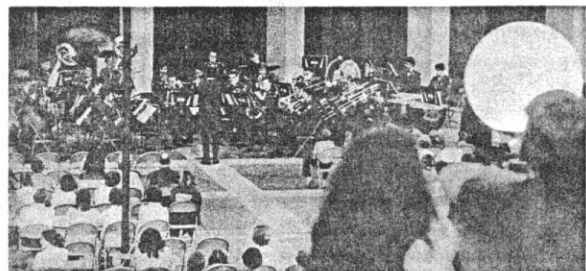
Gov. Wendell H. Ford (left) and Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire arrive at Ft. Knox to inspect National Guardsmen undergoing Annual Training at Ft. Knox. In addition to reviewing the troops, the Governor presented several awards to members of the Kentucky National Guard.

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COMMANDER IN THE FIELD

ADJUTANT GENERAL RICHARD L. FRYMIRE talks with members of a Kentucky National Guard unit during annual training at Fort Knox. The General visited with the men prior to an armor Field Exercise.



NATIONAL GUARD BAND TOUR

The 202nd Kentucky National Guard Army Band toured Kentucky during the first two weeks of June performing 17 free concerts at 14 locations across the state. The concert tour by the 30-piece band was billed as the Bicentennial Musical Tour '74 and constituted the band members' annual two-week National Guard training.

Lt. Gov Attends KyARNG AT Ceremony

Some 1,700 Guardsmen comprised the group taking 1974 Annual Training at Fort Knox from 22 June until 6 July.

Units participating in the training included: the State Hdq. Det., the 133d Public Information Det., the 201st Eng. Bn., the 149th Armor Bde. Hdq., the 307th Maintenance Bn., the 1st and 2nd Bns. of the 123d Armor, and the 2123d Transportation Co.

The first week of 'camp' was highlighted by a number of training activities and award presentations by Lt. Gov. Julian Carroll.

In addition to the on-the-job type training performed by those involved with administrative duties, cooking, handling supplies, and maintenance work, Guardsmen from across the State took part in a great amount of "affiliation training" in conjunction with regular Army personnel from the Fort Knox Armor School.

Guardsmen Armor contingents received refresher courses in all phases of tank operations—from preparation for the preliminary gunner's examination to a review of actual field maneuver tactics, while the Engineer group participated in training in such areas as field fortifications, bridging, and the construction of obstacles.

During the second week, Guardsmen were subjected to field Training Exercises and Army Training Tests given to measure the effectiveness and training level of their respective units.

As the units were preparing to return home, Brigadier General William E. Hall, Assistant Adjutant General and Commander of the troops for this portion of Annual Training, said in an interview for the "Guardaman", "I think the men performed exceedingly well and truly feel that much worthwhile, needed experience was gained by all those who participated."



AIR GUARD IN DERBY PARADE

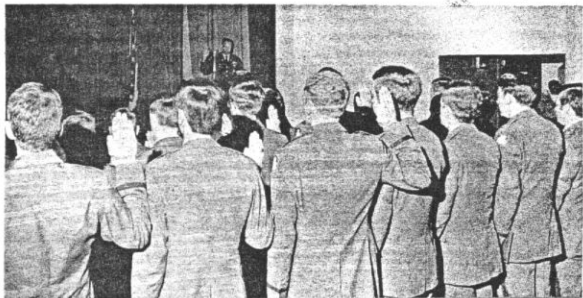
As part of a stronger emphasis on community involvement, the Kentucky Air National Guard entered a float in the "Pegasus Parade" — part of the buildup for the 100th running of the famous Kentucky Derby. It was a heritage theme year, also honoring Kentucky's bicentennial celebration, and the Kentucky Air Guard chose an obviously fitting theme, "Jet Pilot," winner of the 1947 Derby. That was not only the year the U.S. Air Force became a separate service, but also the year the Kentucky Air Guard was formed at Louisville, Ky. Members of the tactical and support units of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Group were selected to emphasize the flying mission of the group and its parent headquarters, the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, and its equal opportunity emphasis for men and women.

ENLIST A BUDDY; EARN A STRIPE

The National Guard Bureau calls its new program "Enlistment Incentives," but for more than 8,000 Army Guardsmen awaiting basic training it could mean an extra stripe — or two.

Beginning July 1, each State adjutant general may award a one grade promotion to Army Guardsmen awaiting initial active duty for training, who "cause" two qualified applicants to enlist in the Army National Guard. The non-prior service Guardsmen can be promoted to E-3, if four "buddies" enlist.

The program was announced by Major General LaVern E. Weber, Chief of the National Guard Bureau. The incentive, he said, "is to improve recruitment of non-prior service personnel, and to provide a method to obtain the maximum number of high school graduates in the upper mental categories." Qualified applicants are considered to be those enlistees in mental categories I, II or III, according to General Weber.



SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Members of the Kentucky National Guard OCS Senior Class are sworn in as Second Lieutenants by LTC Glen Fisher during graduation exercises in June at the Frankfort High School Auditorium.

GUARDSMEN TO MEET IN PUERTO RICO

Sun and sand will be the backdrop of the most important National Guard meeting of the year as the 96th General Conference of the National Guard Association of the U.S. commences in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Sept. 23-26.

The meeting will combine discussion of National Guard issues with the festive hospitality of the island. Congressional leaders, as well as defense planners, are slated as speakers and guests at the meeting.

Each year delegations from the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia join to establish goals for the National Guard Association. This year Virgin Island Guardsmen will also be represented as the newest Guard organization.

According to the committee in Puerto Rico responsible for administering the conference, the island is a blend of Old Spain with quaint shops and restored Spanish forts and the New World with exciting night life in a Latin flavor.

This year, 3,000-5,000 National Guard officers and their families will attend the conference. Future General Conferences will last only three days.

The National Guard Association is composed of 48,000 Army and Air National guard officers from across the nation.



NEW MP UNIT

The 5th Battalion (Target Acquisition) 138th Field Artillery was formally retired at the Fairgrounds Army on 28 April 1974. The unit, commanded by LTC James, organized into a Military Police unit and has just completed Annual Training at Fort Knox where the men received instruction relevant to their new assignment.