

'Chief' reviews changes in 40-year career

All of the men in his unit call him "Chief," and CW4 Charles P. Settle, Service Battery, 1st Battalion, 623d Field Artillery, exudes the fatherly image attendant to a tribe's wisest chieftain. And well he should, for Mr. Settle has served with his hometown unit for about 40 years.

The unit has changed its designation four times since Jan. 1, 1935, but Mr. Settle has, except for active service during World War II and the Korean conflict, maintained his association with the same outfit. He was recognized for his outstand-

ing service in a ceremony held during the 623d's annual training at Camp Shelby, Miss. Governor Julian Carroll awarded Mr. Settle the Army Commendation Medal and the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal.

Reflecting on his time in the Guard, Mr. Settle offered some keen observations on the changes he's seen in Guard life. He came in the Guard as a cavalryman in Troop 5, 123d Cavalry and now heads toward retirement as the maintenance officer for an artillery unit, so one can easily (see "Chief reviews" on page 3)



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1,750 train; Gov., AG visit

(Editor's note: At press time, only the first week of annual training was complete. Further information on Air and Army training will appear in the next issue.)

About 1,750 Kentucky Army National Guardsmen underwent annual training at Camp Shelby, Miss. in June. More than half of the 21 Kentucky units were artillery. They underwent joint training with artillery groups from Florida and Mississippi—a unique training experience for Kentucky artillery outfits.

The remaining Kentucky Guardsmen were members of support units such as supply companies, military police and maintenance and medical detachments.

According to Brig. Gen. Wilbur Buntin, XXIII Corps Artillery commander, "The convoy was very successful and without accident. The training went very well."

Lt. Col. William Watson reported that the XXIII Corps not only supervised the coordinated training among the Kentucky, Florida and Mississippi groups, but also essentially operated as training site headquarters.

Artillery training included night firing and a 24-hour tactical problem which included units from all three states. The 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery and the 1st Bn., 623d FA were each issued nearly 1,000 rounds of ammunition to be fired during the two weeks.

"Governor's Day" and the annual review parade highlighted the first week of the camp. Kentucky Governor Julian Carroll and Maj. Gen. Richard L. Frymire, the Adjutant General, both participated in the activities.

Military museum seeks photos

The Kentucky Military History Museum is looking for photos depicting Kentucky National Guard activities in the past. These photos are sought for display in the museum, located in Frankfort.

Action photos are particularly sought and information identifying the people and activities pictured should be provided, if available. Prints submitted can be returned to the sender after copies are made.

Any individual or unit with such photos should contact Tom Little, public information officer, by calling (502) 564-7820 or writing to the Dept. of Military Affairs, Boone National Guard Center, Frankfort, KY 40601.



ANNUAL TRAINING—PFC Gary Gregory, left, PFC Joey Brown, center, and PFC Paul Watson, all of Monticello, prepare a defense position during annual training at Camp Shelby. The men are members of C Battery, 1st Battalion, 623d Field Artillery. (Photo by 133d PID)

State chaplain explains program

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—Ministering to a small church or parish often can be very trying, and providing spiritual guidance to several thousand people seems difficult even under most favorable circumstances.

However, 10 chaplains are proving that faith, dedication and hard work make nothing impossible.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jim Daniel, state chaplain for the Kentucky Army National Guard, and a staff of nine other chaplains are ministering to the spiritual and emotional needs of 6,100 members of the Army National Guard during their two-week annual training here.

The men and women from Kentucky, Mississippi, Florida, Missouri and New York training at this often rain-soaked and mug-

gy post know these men better as "Chaplain."

According to Chaplain Daniel, a former infantry officer, "This is the first real opportunity the Kentucky Guard has ever had to have a full-scale chaplain program, and we're very pleased with the results thus far." He added that until recent months many Kentucky National Guard units for all practical purposes had little access to a chaplain's services.

However, Kentucky Adjutant General Richard L. Frymire created the state chaplain's post to recruit chaplains for the Guard, and to develop and coordinate an effective chaplain's program for the entire Kentucky Army National Guard. At Shelby, Chaplain Daniel reported that all chaplain vacancies either have been filled or are committed to be filled. One such vacancy had existed for 17 years.

Chaplain Daniel is excited about the statewide chaplain's program and wants this enthusiasm to filter to each Kentucky

CORRECTION

MSgt. David Ueltschi's name was incorrectly spelled in the last issue. The Kentucky GUARDSMAN sincerely regrets the error.

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RELIEF WORK—A Kentucky Army Guard helicopter lands in Elkhorn City to discharge a nurse and local relief officials following a mission. The group had been dispatched to an isolated area of Pike County following a report concerning a diabetic man who needed assistance. (Photo by Tom Little)

Unit commanders to review enlistees

Army National Guard unit commanders will be taking a closer look at non-prior service enlistees before they enter active duty training under a program recently approved by the Army.

All non-prior service enlistees who are high school grads or who are high school seniors within 90 days of graduation can now attend unit training assemblies in a pay status. New enlistees will attend paid assemblies to receive pre-initial active duty training.

This will allow unit commanders to determine which enlistees have the aptitude, attitude, motivation and self-discipline to become good soldiers. Enlistees generally can expect to attend paid assemblies for about three months before entering initial active duty for training.

The program is designed to improve overall personnel quality in the Army National Guard by retaining only those who are suited for service. The new program

applies to members of units—men and women—who did not enter initial active duty training before May 1.

Applicants for enlistment will be counseled that they may be discharged should it be determined they are unsuited for service. Unsuitability may be based on reasons such as drug/alcohol abuse, social/emotional maladjustment; inability to accept instructions or directions; uncooperativeness; previously unnoted physical limitations—plus others.

Since the beginning of the Army's trainee discharge program, more than 11 per cent of Guard and more than 14 per cent of Reserve personnel entering initial active duty training have been discharged through that program.

The purpose of the new program is to reduce such discharges and eliminate unsuitable enlistees with a minimum of administration. (ANF)

Aviators aid state in flood

Aviators of the Kentucky Army National Guard recently supported the state Division of Disaster and Emergency Services in providing aid to flash flood victims in several eastern Kentucky communities.

Shortly after the extent of the damage became known, two helicopters were dispatched to take state officials to Pike and Letcher counties to begin coordinating relief efforts and conducting initial damage surveys.

Missions during the three-day effort ranged from transporting an apparent heart attack victim from an isolated area to a Pikeville hospital to carrying food and water to people cut off by high water and destroyed bridges. State and federal officials were also flown over all of the area to gain information necessary to apply for federal assistance.

More than 300 families in the two counties were affected by the flood. A major disaster declaration, based upon the findings of the state and federal officials, was signed by President Ford.

Aviators participating in the activities were: Capt. Roger Green, 1st Lt. Rodney Alsap, CW3 Billy Tomlinson, CW2 David Austin, CW2 John Ray, CW2 Sanford Weiler, CW2 James Jones, SPC James Brown, SPS John Osborne, and Sgt. Hugh Ross.

National Guard Bureau presents service award for Easter Seal work

The National Guard Bureau presented the Kentucky Army National Guard with a Meritorious Service award May 29 for its 1974 assistance to the Kentucky Easter Seal Society. Kentucky was one of five Army National Guard finalists in the consideration picked from about 100 entries.

Col. Edward H. Milburn, project officer for the annual fund drive, and Lt. Col. Armando Alfaro, representing the Adjutant General, attended the presentation ceremony at the Pentagon. A plaque noting the achievement was presented by Brig. Gen. Joseph R. Jelinek, deputy director of the Army National Guard, and the accompanying citation was presented by Will Hill Tankersley, deputy assistant secretary of defense for Reserve Affairs.

Colonel Milburn said, "Everyone associated with this project can take personal and collective pride in the award. I think the money we've raised and the support we've received in this annual drive prove that there is a need for good people to work together on worthwhile projects. Anyone who has seen the children at Cardinal Hill Hospital or worked with the children in any way knows that the national award is good, but it can't compare with the personal satisfaction you get when you see a child walk or run for the first time."



THE LAST COAT—PSgt. Charlie Hawkins, left, and PSgt. Bobby Hearne, both of the Combined Support Maintenance Shop, apply a final coat of paint to a truck bed carrying Kentucky's replica of the Liberty Bell. The bell is one of 52 cast in 1950 and it recently toured the state with the 202d Army Band to reinforce the "Bicentennial Musical Tour '75" theme and give Kentuckians a chance to see the bell.

Association president announces 45th conference site

Lt. Col. Joseph R. Craft, president of the National Guard Association of Kentucky, has announced that next year's 45th annual conference will be held at Louisville's Executive Inn West on the first weekend of March, 1976.

The members of the time and place committee, Capt. James O. Alford, Capt. Larry B. Hall, and Capt. Charles T. Clark,

Jr., reported that they were well pleased with the size, arrangement, decor and patron conveniences of the new convention facility.

Colonel Craft also announced that Maj. Louis A. Sabel, XXIII Corps Artillery, has agreed to serve as the general chairman for the conference.

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THEN AND NOW—CW4 Charles P. Settle poses with primary means of transportation when he entered the Kentucky Army National Guard and now. Mr. Settle joined the 123d Cavalry in 1935.

Chaplain explains program

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Guard unit. "The chaplain should be an integral part of the overall Guard program, for he is a professional too," he commented.

"All of our chaplains have had four years of college, three to four years of seminary and in every case of the more recent chaplains to join the Guard, all have had clinical pastoral education—expertise in the behavioral sciences," he continued.

During annual training at Shelby, Chaplain Daniel and his staff have been in the field with the troops holding worship services and offering counseling for those persons desiring it or referred. Also, daily visits are made to the post hospital.

"Most people wanting to see a chaplain during annual training have a complaint or gripe with the system. Basically, they are lonely or frustrated and may just want a friend to listen to them," the Southern Baptist minister said.

The chaplain admitted that even young

chaplains have some adjusting to do. He explained that many chaplains attending camp for the first time and having never been exposed to the military are confronted by a different environment. "Having come from a local congregation and a civilian community, the young chaplains must deal with the military life-style, and this initially can be a period of stress," he pointed out.

The chaplain's post program offers nightly religious films at no charge to the Guardsmen. The films are made available by the Billy Graham Evangelical Association and include such features as "Gospel Road" starring Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter.

Helping the South Carolina native meet the needs of the Guardsmen while at Camp Shelby are three other Kentuckians: Chaplain (1st Lt.) Dick Humphrey, West Liberty; Chaplain (1st Lt.) Roger Dill, Elizabethtown; and Chaplain (1st Lt.) Eugene Strange, Richmond.

NEWS... in brief

Commandant's List

Two members of the Kentucky Army National Guard have earned a place on Commandant's Lists for outstanding achievements in basic courses. Second Lt. John W. Smith, of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 623d Field Artillery in Tompkinsville, earned honors in the Field Artillery Basic Course at Fort Sill, and 1st Lt. Otis W. Fox, Jr., of Company A, 2nd Bn., 123d Armor in Livermore, was recognized for outstanding work at the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox.

Enlistment

New enlistees in the Kentucky Army National Guard who do not have prior service may now sign up for a "4 X 2" program. Under that program, the enlistee can agree to serve under normal conditions for four years and attend only annual training for the final two years of the six-year obligation. Previously, all non-prior service enlistees had to sign up for the full six year period. Women may still enlist for only three years.

Reemployment Rights

Section nine of the Selective Service Act of 1967 defines reemployment rights granted individuals following various tours of duty. No distinction is made between voluntary and involuntary service, so Guardsmen participating in military training are covered by the statute. An employer may not withhold permission for the individual to participate in military training, nor may the employer deny the individual his job upon completion of the training period, if it is within the time

limits prescribed by the statute. And, an employer may not penalize the employee in any manner because of the Guard activity.

Communications

The 123d Communications Flight of the Kentucky Air National Guard has received a "Tributary Award" from the 2046th Communications Group at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for another three months with an error rate of two per cent or less. It marked the third consecutive quarter the unit has earned the award.

'Chief' reviews

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imagine the changes he's been through.

For example, when Mr. Settle received his awards recently, the parade was highlighted by a helicopter fly-over. In the "old days," he said, Troop 5 put on a "good show" by making three circuits around the parade ground with horses at a full gallop.

Mr. Settle points out that altered behavior patterns has also caught his attention. "From the 1930's until recent years, when an NCO spoke it was akin to an act of law," he said. "Now it's different," he added, admitting to some skepticism on the ways of the new Army. However, he hurriedly noted that he thinks the kinks are being worked out and the Guard has adjusted quite well.

In the area of benefits, the most obvious change has been in pay. In 1935, as a private, Mr. Settle received 90 cents per drill.

His military career has been accentuated by outstanding performance and extreme dedication to duty. From his two-year tour of duty in North Africa to his 10-month stint in supply during the Korean conflict to the present, his record is filled with reports of reliable and unselfish service. Mr. Settle attributes his success in the Guard to his adherence to the simple philosophy that "you get out of life what you put into it."

"The Guard has always come first for me," he said. "By being a member of the Guard, I have always been able, even when the pay was much smaller, to afford those little extras in life that really mean something. The Guard is the best part-time job a man can have."

AF Association chapter holds first meeting

The Kentucky Chapter of the Air Force Association held its first meeting recently and the members heard Don Steels, director of field organizations for the Association, talk about the national program.

Mr. Steels noted that there are 135,000 members in 286 chapters nationally and that 80 per cent of all who join remain in the Association. He also discussed the Association's activities, such as support of Air Force charities and an awards program.

The Kentucky unit, which began with 60 charter members, now numbers nearly 70. Officers named at the meeting were: Lt. Col. John Conaway, president; MSgt. Melvin Richardson, vice president; Lt. Col. Joel Stokes, secretary; and TSgt. Robert Allen, treasurer.

Committees and their chairmen appointed were: membership, Colonel Stokes; education, Sergeant Richardson; and publicity, Maj. Jack Crowner.



CHOW TIME—Gov. Julian Carroll, left, and his son, Brad, sample the food while visiting Kentucky Army National Guard units at Camp Shelby, Miss. Members of the 413th Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company's mess section serving the meal are SP4 Ellet McDonald, background, and SP5 John Cosby. (Photo by 133d FID)

MSgt. to Capt. -- 6-week job

In nearly 20 years of military service, Donald Durbin had reached the rank of master sergeant. But it took him only six weeks to move from that grade to captain, thanks to the Air National Guard's Academy of Military Science (AMS).

Captain Durbin first enlisted in the Air Force in April 1954 and, after 18 months on active duty, he transferred to the Guard, where he's spent all of his time in various sections of supply. He's still in supply, but now he's equipment management officer at Shewmaker ANG Base.

"I had always wanted to be an officer," he said, "but the opportunity hadn't afforded itself."

That "opportunity" came in the form of a six-week training program designed specifically for the Air National Guard and conducted in special facilities at McGhee Tyson Airport, Tenn. The school accepts qualified candidates on the basis of recommendations from the states and prepares them for commissioning in ranks ranging from second lieutenant to captain. The rank determination, made at the Air Force Military Personnel Center, is based upon age and amount of experience in the field in which the officer will be assigned.

Captain Durbin, who has earned many awards for marksmanship and is a member of the National Guard team, called AMS "outstanding." "They have a well-qualified staff and a good, up-to-date program," he said. "They've really cut all of the fat off the program; it's all meat now."

He readily admitted that the "meaty" program kept all of the officer candidates busy nearly every minute.

"On a typical day," he explained, "we had to get up at 5 a.m. and be ready for inspection by 6:15. We stood formation at 6:50 and had breakfast from 7 to 7:30.



MAN IN CHARGE—Officer Candidate Donald Durbin, right, issues commands as he leads his flight to a class. The task rotated among the flight members to give them practical exercise in military drill.

Morning classes ran from 8 to noon, and classes resumed at 1 p.m. after lunch."

"At 3 we began PT (physical training) and that usually lasted for at least two hours," he continued. "After that we cleaned up and had dinner before being dismissed at 6:30 to study and perform our additional duties."

Those duties included accepting rotating positions as squadron officers and performing the normal clean-up functions.

Weekends weren't free, either, the new officer noted. The candidates took part in tactical training exercises and engaged in "merit" projects. Captain Durbin explained

that merits entitled the candidates to privileges such as leaving the base on off-duty time.

One of the highlights of the program was the traditional "Dining In" in which the candidates got a chance to relax and "penalize" their fellow candidates and academy officials for "poor conduct."

Lt. Col. John B. Conaway, vice commander of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Louisville, was the guest speaker for the event. Other members of the visiting Kentucky delegation were Lt. Col. Harry Grueschel, Capt. Dick Jett, 1st Lt. Dick Gravatte, and Tom Little.

National Guard proves cost-effective organization

The term "cost-effective" is very important to people in government who make appropriations. As Congress considers military budget cuts and the public questions the true value of military spending, Guardsmen can take pride in the knowledge that their operations are, indeed, cost-effective.

If you're not sure about the truth of that statement, consider the following points:

1. The Army National Guard and the Air National Guard provide 16 per cent of the nation's total military forces for only 2.6 per cent of the overall defense budget.
2. It costs one-fifth as much to maintain a soldier or airman in the National Guard as it does for a comparable individual on active duty.
3. The cost of maintaining a flying unit in the Air National Guard is one-half or less of the cost of maintaining an identical unit on active duty. The Air Guard can attain very nearly the same proficiency,

as Kentucky's units have proven.

4. A typical combat division can be maintained in the Army National Guard for a fraction of the cost of an active Army division. The Guard division can achieve a readiness level that permits expeditious employment and effective combat use. The Guard division cannot achieve the same capability for short-notice deployment that an active Army division can attain, however.

5. Guard and reserve forces can perform peace-time missions, such as rescue and recovery operations, as a by-product or adjunct to training with significant manpower and monetary savings.

6. States provide about \$110 million in direct appropriations and many low or no-cost facilities and services, directly reducing the costs of the Guard to the federal government.

7. Many states provide a wide range of recruiting incentives and support for the

Guard, reducing recruiting costs to the federal government.

8. The Army National Guard provides 46 per cent of the combat power of the entire U. S. Army, including the active Army, the National Guard, and the U. S. Army Reserves.

9. The Air National Guard provides 73 per cent of the Aerospace Defense Command's jet interceptor force, 38 per cent of the Tactical Air Command's total strength, and 10 per cent of the Air Force's aerial refueling capability.

All of those items mean a real savings to the federal government and reinforce the fact that "the Guard belongs."

Legislation notes begin

The National Guard Association of Kentucky has inaugurated a new publication, "Legislative Outlook '75." It is a project of the association's public relations committee.

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