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They are firing 'creatures'

by Richard Gibson

Five M60 tanks lay motionless on a hot, dusty ridge overlooking a hazy valley. Their main guns---one hundred and five, round, cavernous millimeters---point sarcastically at insignificant targets below.

A tank does not sweat, it does not feel pain; it only yawns with boredom waiting for the opportunity to do what it does best.

The men from Companies C, D, and E, 1st Battalion, 335th Armor held the leash to these "creatures". Their job was live-fire qualification and cross training. Each of the four crew members in each tank would fire five rounds.

"This is the first year that all crew members will fire," explained Capt. Donald Ayres, commander of Co. A. "We are firing heat and HEP (High Explosive) rounds."

The targets were set up at

700, 1200 and 1700 meters as the men from the 2nd Brigade, 85th Division (Training) drew the "leashes" taunt.

"We will hopefully 'fire' 61 people today (Tuesday)," Ayres claimed. "We've got approximately 350 rounds to fire to get these men through."

SFC Tom Pantazis was demonstrating the finer points of unloading tank cannon ammunition from its box. The men were watching intently, for obvious reasons, as Pantazis hoisted the heavy round to his shoulder and carefully nestled it against his body.

"When you are carrying the round to the tank, cradle it with the point aimed downward," he said.

The firing cap is located on the opposite end, just as in small round ammunition. Thus, when pointed downward, there is less chance of "an event."

Sp4 Lucius Jones, from St. Louis, was holding one round tightly between his legs as he lifted the upper cardboard casing off the projectile. He carefully lined up the round with others on a ground tarpaulin.

There were "only-y-y 30 more cases to unload" on the hot and dusty afternoon.

The "creatures" were growling intermittantly---it was feeding time.



The stop sign was merely a "flea" on a tank's back as

the behemoth fired down range. (Photo by Gibson)

Don't play in the heat

by Robert Schurr

The high temperatures and humidity here recently should ring a bell of caution in everyone's mind.

Whether you work in a poorly ventilated office area or struggle with ammunition boxes in the field, you should be prepared for a heat-related accident.

Many people have problems during hot weather because of their lack of knowledge of what actually happens to the body as humidity rises.

Heat exhaustion, a lesser case of exposure to high temperatures and humidity, is signified by loss of appetite, dizziness, weakness and nausea.

Heat stroke, or even blackouts, may occur as a reaction to overexposure and not reading your body signals.

The causes of these reactions to "wet-ball" conditions as the hospital staff terms it, are the

inability of the body to keep cool. The body normally sweats to keep cool, but when there is a high percentage of humidity, that humidity acts as a "blanket" to slow sweat evaporation.

Persons exposed to high "wet-ball" factors, usually find no relief unless their water intake is increased and air conditioning and/or fan is utilized to lower air temperature and increase air circulation.

Under normal temperature and humidity conditions, the average person should consume eight to 16 ounces of water daily.

The military has certain regulations as to what type of training may take place during different stages of the high "wet-ball" factors.

If you experience the symptoms mentioned when a "wet-ball" condition occurs, take it easy and be sure to get enough water.

Stay cool!



on the line

by Raymond L. Smith

Some say that in a not too distant future the military will not need soldiers who are physically fit and able to endure harsh combat conditions. The battlefield will be a clean, dust-free, air-conditioned computer terminal where the most difficult activity will be programming an attack sequence into the primary terminal of a computer system.

Fanciful idea isn't it?

A war entirely fought and won with the loss of only hypothetical lives. But, what if our side is attacked first? What if we are the victims, instead of the victors of the holocaust? Who will do the fighting back from the very ashes of defeat?

Perhaps it will be the weak, overweight, uncoordinated soldier whose only condi-

tioning was to program the useless computer sitting in fire-wrought damage. Perhaps it will be the same soldier who found it difficult to tear himself away from the refrigerator before the attack that will fight another man for his freedom.

Technical advancements in military systems, as technical advancements in any other field are meant to aid the man in the accomplishment of his mission, not to replace him entirely. The computer will never be able to adjust for the human spirit that will desperately, compassionately, fight to right a wrong that was placed on his shoulders.

Only the highly trained, highly physically fit soldier will be able to momentarily adjust to the sudden changes in the battlefield. In desperate situations the soldier who is

as physically strong as he is mentally alert has the better chance of survival than the mentally alert and physically weak soldier. The balance of strengths will compliment one another.

A good physical fitness program should be a self-requirement for every person in the military--active or reserve--computer operator or infantryman. The ultimate goal is simple--to be ready for any situation that might come up.

Obviously, we are not yet in a time where computers will fight out battles for us. When millions of lives could be lost with the blinking of an eye. Even if we were, wouldn't it be better to begin now to get your body in the physical condition that it could survive in the worst situations?

It is wiser to get in shape and stay in shape.



Speak out:

What easy way do you use to stay in shape?



SSgt. William D. Barnett, Battery K, 4th Battalion, 4th Marine Division: "I like to stay in shape anyway, so for me the easiest method is my Tae Kwon Do classes and a general work out."



Sp5 Cathy Rollins, 3rd Battalion, 335th Inf., Washington, Miss.: "Walking. I do a lot of walking in my work and in my normal activities. Sometimes I'll easily walk 8-9 miles a day."

Sp5 Barbara Kuehly, 403rd Military Police, Prisoner of War Camp, Omaha, Neb.: "Running, but it usually ends up I do more walking than running."



Sgt. Kevin Timber, HHC, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Tex.: "Playing a few games of basketball in a session. Working up a sweat doing this keeps me in good shape."

Sgt. Edward G. Lewis, 8th Military Intelligence, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.: "Playing basketball, running every once in a while and swimming. Doing all of these keeps me in pretty good shape."



SSgt. David R. Gray, 79th Military Police, Presidio, San Francisco: "Playing basketball and lifting weights. Really, I work so many hours every day I don't have time to get fat."



Pvt. 2 William W. Pauline, Headquarters Company, 12 Special Forces Group, Arlington Heights, Ill.: "Playing handball and swim. I basically just stay on the move. So long as I do that I stay in shape."



PFC Marene Smith, 85th Division (Trg.), Chicago, Ill.: "I made it a habit of doing some form of physical activity everyday. If I am working at the office, I run or briskly walk from one place to another. If I am working outside I run everywhere I go. I feel so long as I'm constantly moving, I'm burning up more calories than I generally take in."

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On the move

Marines move to staging area.



Marine dashes headlong into battle. (Photo by Smith)

'Fire before they get you!'

by Raymond L. Smith

The training was unusual for the men in three platoons of Battery K, 4th Battalion, 14th Regiment, 4th Marine Division. It was not to be just another day.

The platoons, comprised of 25 enlisted marines each from the Btry's motor transportation, administration, supply, and weapon maintenance section were given the tasks of moving across a wooded terrain to attack an enemy defensive stronghold. The fortification was stationed strategically on top of a well guarded hill. Once seizing the hill, the marines were to hold it until their 155mm Howitzers joined them.

The problem---"Kilo" Battery is a marine artillery unit and most of the men went through infantry training only during their weeks in "boot camp".

"I was able to give them one more day of additional training," commented Gunnery Sergeant Jim Smith, who was in a

infantry platoon when he was an active duty marine," but they are still basically artillerymen."

The enemy stronghold was laced with trip wires, flares, smoke grenades, tear gas, M-60 and M-50 machine guns and a group of opposing forces waiting eagerly to stop the attack.

A formidable task even for a well trained group of infantrymen.

"They are really worked up for this," stated Sgt. Kent Herelka before the attack. "The enthusiasm is high."

The sky was clear. The hot sun beat heavily on the young marines as they placed the final pieces of twigs and leaves on their uniforms as camouflage. "With enough training, I would be willing to go anywhere with these marines," Sgt. John Willmont stated confidently.

Moving in a tactical road march formation, the platoons moved slowly toward the woodline near the bottom of the hill.

PFC Claudine Montanez has

been with the unit for a year and two months, but this is the first time that he could remember participating in a training problem of this type.

"This is really exciting. I think it is done best when there is a lot of booby traps and smoke, like it was done when I was in boot camp," explained Montanez as the platoon moved stealthily through the woods.

Before the platoons reached the outer edge of the woodline, the "enemy" surprised them with smoke grenades and M-60 fire.

For a brief second, the platoons sat silently awe struck at the fierceness of the defensive attack, but they were quickly awakened to the very "serious" situation with the booming voice of Smith, "Move it. . . move it. The enemy will get you all if you stay like that. Get them before they get you. Shoot! Shoot!"

Attack they did. For more than ten minutes the sounds of battle echoed from Range No. 29. Multi-colored smoke rose in the air obscuring the sight of the battle. To the young marines the battle was as real as it might have been in training.

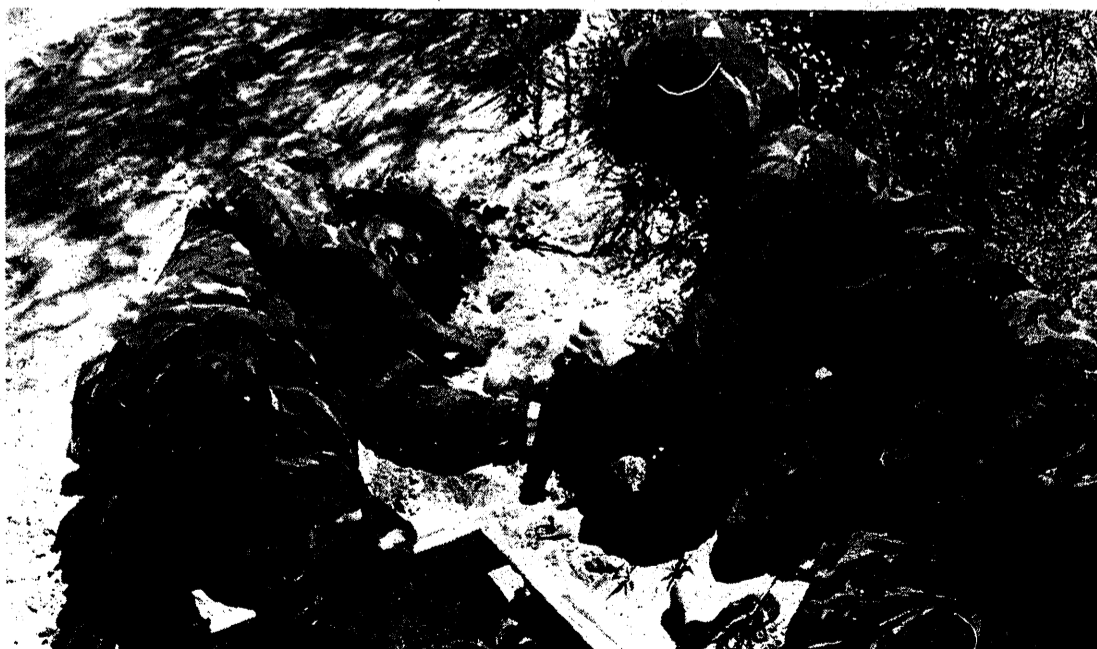
After cresting the hill, the marines took control of the stronghold and manned the "enemy" defensive positions, while waiting for their howitzers to join them.

Three men were "seriously wounded" in the raid. No "deaths" were reported.

Intermittant fire was given by the "severely weakened" enemy but nothing that the marines could not handle.

How did they do in the attack?

"Not bad for a bunch of artillerymen," explained Smith. "They were a bit slow in firing and the platoon leaders had a little trouble controlling their men in a simple infantry live attack, but if they were in a real fire fight, they'd learn real fast what to do."



Is he "hurt" bad?

LCpl Bob Rauston (R), a medic, bandages PFC Lionel Sili-

nas, a "wounded soldier". (Photo by Smith)

They jumped into action

Story and photos by
Raymond L. Smith

The loud roar of the C-130 troop transport has been buzzing in the ears of the Special Forces team for hours. Some of the men have been sitting --- waiting for further word on their mission. Their nerves are raw.

A large man in a camouflaged uniform glances at his watch as he listens attentively to his headset radio.

He rises and tries to speak over the incessant noise of the plane;

"Six minutes, get ready," he gestures his arms to give visual emphasis to his command.

Moments later, the gruff-voiced sergeant again stands before the rows of men.

"Out-board, stand up!" He commands, again using body language to give visual expression.

The men closest to the body of the plane stand.

"In-board, stand-up," he continues.

The men in the center seats stand.

Moving on to the next part of his job, he continued his commands preparing his men for the jump to the ground.

He does this quickly and without hesitation, for he is the plane's Jump Master.

The 12th Special Forces Group conducted a tough two-day Jump Master Recertification Course at the Fort McCoy Airfield in June 31 and July 1.

It's their responsibility

"The Jump Master is responsible for getting all the paratroopers out of the aircraft safely and on their designated target," explained Maj. George D. Hillard, commander of the 12th Service Company.

He does this by examining the plan, both on the inside and the out just moments before the jump, visually spotting and inspecting the jump area from the aircraft, insuring that each of the men are correctly dressed in their parachutes, field equipment and uniforms, and to keep the men informed of the progress of the mission.

All the men taking the two day course were at one time certified Jump Masters, but because of the amount of time since they jump mastered, or simply because they wanted to insure their proficiency in their job, they took the course.

Capt. Anthony N. Deleo, a motor officer, also from 12th Service Company, is an example of the many soldiers who were still certified as they took the course.

"To keep his certification the Jump Master must have had mastered a job within six months prior to the opening of the recertification course. I had just jumped with the Air Force at Volk Field two-weeks ago," he said.

Even with this in mind, Deleo insisted, "the very nature of our job, requires us to be absolutely confident in our ability to perform. With someone's life in our hands, we cannot be 99 percent positive --only 100 percent will do." Rushed between classroom training, which included inspection of the interior and exterior exit door of a mock aircraft, and two actual jumps.

"We had four hours to practice for the troop inspection portion of the training," described Hillard. "One man spotting errors in the parachute and uniform wear for two hours, then the other would do the same."

"The standards were high, but they had to be," said Hillard introspectively, "lives are at stake."



Jump Master and safety man inspects outside hull of plane.



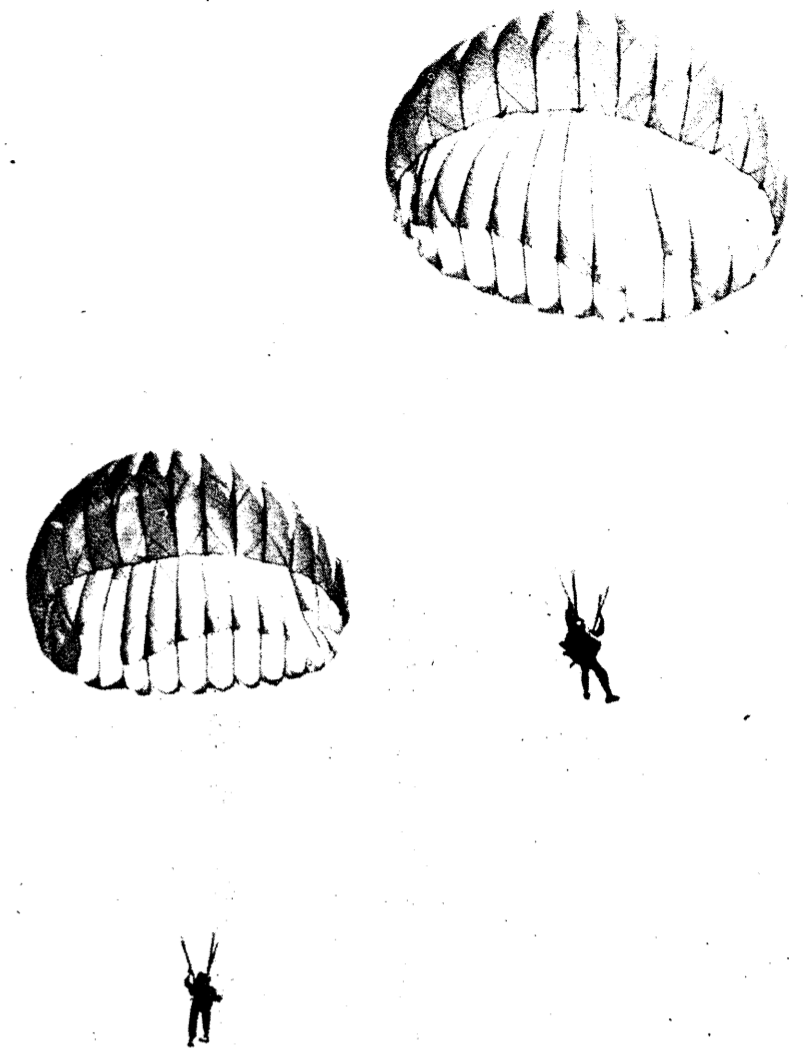
Jump Master class loads on plane.



"Out-board, stand-up," commands Jump Master testee during jump portion of class.



Student jumps from plane inspector looks on as Jump Master and safety



Paratroopers enjoy sweet sail to terra ferma.



How to catch a fish here

by Richard Gibson

A very frustrating problem for many people is learning that the lakes and streams here have been stocked with thousands of fish, "but doggone it, why can't I catch even one!"

There is hope for the person who has hopelessly purchased \$100 of bargain priced fishing gear at the post exchange. Someone who has a "fishing wrist" (similar to a tennis elbow, football knee or marble player's thumb) from too much bait casting and too little fish.

It's called experience.

Roger Lewison, the post sports director, has been fishing on post and in this area of Wisconsin for a long time.

"My father took me fishing, when I was four years old," said Lewison who will be 50 years old next month, "and I've been fishing ever since. In the 1930's, fishing wasn't a sport to us. It was a necessity."

"Dad made it very plain that when I went fishing or even aimed a .22 cal. rifle at a squirrel or rabbit," he said as he aimed an imaginary rifle at the wall, "that it was for the pot. That's how the family survived--with wild game and fish for meat, and vegetables from the garden."

"In fact, in the past two years we have only spent \$5 on steaks," he said. "We buy hamburgers and hot dogs occasionally for the kids, but venison and fish have kept us from buying beef which is expensive."

According to Lewison; Squaw

Lake, Big Sandy, Sandy, and Swamp Pond are the largest stocked areas on post. The fish being stocked this year are rainbow trout. Brown trout had been stocked last year but not this season, and there are native brook trout.

"The trout are hitting small black knat flies right now," he said, "and size 0-2 spinners in assorted colors. Use night crawlers when bottom fishing and grasshoppers when fishing the surface."

"Fishermen cannot use minnows, alive or dead, on post," he asserted. "Minnow eggs will survive all kinds of conditions to hatch. The red fish eggs sold in sports stores, however, seem to be working best."

How does one catch an elusive trout?

"I use a #8 or 10 hook and hook the worm in the center twice if I'm 'still' fishing and attach one or two split shot or sliding slip sinkers 6-12 inches above the hook. Use four pound test line for a better cast and hook the worm in the head twice if you are trolling," he explained.

Is there a difference in using a worm or night crawlers?

"Definitely. Use the night crawler because the smallest fish will hit the biggest night crawler," he said. "A fish senses that a big worm will be his lunch and dinner and he won't have to look for more food."

"After a rain. I'll use a night crawler, but on bright days, the spinners work best," he added.

"You can use polarized sunglasses to see beneath the surface of the water, but remember if you can see a fish, he can see you. Don't wear any light-colored clothing, or anything bright, and don't buy a camouflage outfit unless you're serious," he continued.

"I've crawled on my belly for miles over the years," he said with a wide grin, "to get to special fishing holes. But it worked, I've never come home without catching my limit!"

Lewison cannot estimate the number of fish he has caught. He does remember the biggest one though. He caught it while on a fishing trip to Canada with his uncle.

"I was 12 years old at the time," he reflected, "and the Musky was as long as I was tall; 58 inches!"

What to look for

"An inexperienced fisherman has to look for the conditions," he explained. "Points of land jutting into a lake, underwater snags, weed beds and even fish cribs; that's where you'll find the big fish."

Fish cribs?

"Oh, didn't you know. We have nailed logs together into a square, weighted it with cement and sunk them into the lakes here. There are about 14-15 cribs in Big Sandy. Has one snagged your line yet?" he said with a light laugh.

"In all seriousness," he added, "the cribs provide a refuge for the smaller fish. Squaw Lake doesn't need them because there is enough underwater brush cover."

Every fisherman has their secret to success and so does this experienced angler who has seven fishing boxes of various sizes. He paused for a moment, reflecting on the matter, and replied;

"I use the solunar tables in the fishing magazines almost exclusively now. Excluding bad weather, they are minute correct. We were at Petenwell Flowage this spring and no one was getting anything. Suddenly, every pole in the area went up and it turned into a frenzy feed. When I checked the tables later, it was almost to the minute. I always keep the tables taped to the inside of the fishing box."

"I'm still looking for a big brown in the Farmers Valley," he concluded. "I've seen him. Maybe you would like to try for the eight pound bass in Sandy Lake. I know he's there because we put him there when we drained Stillwell Pond this spring. And..."

". . .where did that reporter go???"

'The trout are hitting small black knat flies right now,' he said, 'and size 0-2 spinners'



Dad, gimme a worm—Now!

This youngster seems to be enjoying (?) himself while

fishing at Squaw Lake. (U.S. Army photo)

Is it Macy's in the field?

by Dave Caryl



Fashionable!

"...and now ladies and gentlemen, if you will please draw your attention to this young lady, a member of 'Kilo' Battery who is modeling this year's hottest seller---the quilt-lined winter jacket. (Applause)." (Photo by Caryl)

What would you expect to find in a marine artillery unit? Nothing out of the ordinary, hard working soldiers, lots and lots of artillery pieces and the mainstay of all artillery units-----a clothes boutique.

That's right, a clothes boutique. Doesn't every artillery unit have one?

Well, okay, so maybe not all artillery units have boutiques but Battery K, 4th Battalion, 14th Marines, 4th Marine Division does.

GySgt. Richard Chuporack, from Joliet, Ill., operates the on-the-side business.

"Basically we started this to impress the other units," he said, "to let 'em know who we are. The merchandise is also a good recruiting aid," Chuporack stated.

The boutique stocks a variety of clothes from plain cotton tee-shirts, at a cost of \$4, to a quilt-lined winter coat for \$22. There are also cotton jackets and sweatshirts. All the items carry the Battery K designation and 155mm Howitzer insignia.

Chuporack explained how the "Battery Boutique" came into existence.

"Capt. Kerky, our executive officer came up with the idea of tee shirts and he knew somebody who could get them printed up." "I found a shop which was closer and we've been putting our orders in there ever since."

Since the inception of the Battery Boutique, Chuporack has invested close to \$2,400 into the clothing which now adorns the backs of past and present unit members. While the profit from the business is not a shocking amount, roughly \$300, it is all used in the financing of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

"The birthday ball," he said, "is an annual event. By using our profits we don't have to ask for contributions. People contribute, but they get something in return."

Business this year might be called "booming".

"We're doing very well," Chuporack said, "I haven't got much of anything left."

"It started out to be just a small business, we really didn't think it would get big," Chuporack admitted.



Movies are shown at Theater #5 (Bldg. 2017) at 7:30 p.m. Adult admission is \$1.50 and children 75¢ unless otherwise noted.

Tues. & Weds. July 15 & 16
"Chapter Two", PG, James Caan, Marsha Mason, Valerie Harper.

Thurs. July 17
"Cruising", R, Al Pacino, Paul Sorvino.

Fri. & Sat. July 18 & 19
"1941", PG, Dan Aykroyd, Ned Beatty.

Sun & Mon. July 20 & 21
"The Amittyville Horror", R, James Brolin.

Tues. July 22
"Charlie and the Hooker", R, Francis Summers and Beatrice Galbo.

Weds. & Thurs. July 23 & 24
"The Last Married Couple in America", R, George Segal and Natalie Wood.

Fri. July 25
"Little Miss Marker", PG, Walter Matthau, Julie Andrews.

'I luv a big tank!'

by Richard Gibson

A tank is a terrestrial behemoth that few people can ignore as it rolls by. There is a certain element of awe to its size and potential.

But what impresses you the most about a tank?

SSgt. Larry J. Arnold, a tank commander from Co. E, 1st Battalion, 335th Armor said;

"When that gun fires, it makes your hair stand up on your arm. The concussion outside the tank hits you about as hard as if someone were hitting you."

A tank has all the appearances of being heavy and clumsy, but is it agile? SFC Tom Pantaziz, a senior tank commander and a civilian operation manager for a St. Louis parcel service thinks so;

"The M60 tank is 51 tons of responsiveness and agility. It is powerful!"

Does being a tank crewman alter one's opinion? Not according to Sgt. Roderick Adams, a loader for Co. A, 1st Bn., 335th Arm.;

"I love it! It's a big creation, a big hunk of material. I'm gonna be a tanker for as long as I can." These were pretty strong words for someone who only became an Army Reservist and joined the 85th Division (Training) in St. Louis six months ago. But he quickly qualified his enthusiasm;

"These tanks are only as good

as you are," he said as sweat dripped down his face after unloading 30 cases of tank cannon ammunition.

Many people are impressed with the main gun, as is Sp4 Lucius Jones.

Maybe these opinions can be summed up best by Sp4 Ernest Jones (no relation), from St. Louis who claims;

"I love to drive a tank. I can run over any-y-ything in its way!"



Unloading

Sgt. Roderick Adams unloads ammo for the tanks. (Photo by Gibson)

How to win—\$1,000

by Robert Schurr

If you think you know your basic military knowledge you may have a big surprise awaiting you someday.

The Army's way of showing appreciation for serious soldiers who take their responsibilities just a little bit farther than the average soldier, is to award those soldiers for their efforts.

Soldiers who achieve that extra sharpness during any given quarter of the year, receive the Soldier of the Quarter Award (SOQ). After the fiscal year is up, another award is presented, it is called the Soldier of the Year Award. (SOY).

An SOY board was held Tuesday for eight enlisted service members from the post that had previously received the SOQ. Two categories were designated for the service members going before the board. One was for E-1 through E-4 and the other was for E-5 through E-8.

One soldier from each category was chosen as the best, by appearing before the board and displaying special characteristics that make a person special.

Members of this year's SOY

board included; Lt. Col. J. Michael Hagman, the board president and director of industrial operations; Capt. William R. Mann, post adjutant; CSM Hans A. Kleinschmidt, the post sergeant major; and MSgt. Willis A. Cox, the post food service supervisor.

To be eligible for SOY soldiers must be active duty enlisted personnel assigned or attached to Forces Command (FORSCOM) installations, including tenant units.

The rewards for achieving the SOY are an expense paid trip to a popular hotel in Hawaii, from September 10 to 16 for the recipient and a bona fide dependent, if applicable, and \$200 in cash to be spent at the recipient's discretion. If the winner chooses not to go to Hawaii, a U.S. Savings Bond of \$1000 will be awarded instead.

If Hawaii sounds tempting, which is understandable, and you are short on funds to get you there, there is always an alternative, try for the exclusive "SOY Club".

For further details on the quarterly or annual interview, contact your 1st Sgt. and get with it.



Proud

Pvt. 1 Gina Carter, a personnel actions clerk, leaves the NCO Club where the Soldier of the Year interview took place. She won the Soldier of the Quarter recently for July-Aug. (Photo by Schurr)

by Robert Schurr

With his interest in world travel, a choice of a trip to Hawaii, or \$1000 was not a difficult one.

He has already been to Okinawa, and this upcoming trip to Hawaii will be "to scout the best locations for my parents."

Sp4 Scott Tietz, a Military Policeman with the 79th Military Police Detachment said he studied for the Soldier of the Year interview for a month and spent the week before the interview really drilling for it.

Tietz won the SOY for the category of E-1 to E-4.

His parents from St. Paul, Minn., will be going to Hawaii in two years and Tietz will be advising them before they leave.

Some of his favorite pas-

times include weightlifting and softball. He will renew his favorite pastime after arriving in Hawaii---traveling.

In reference to the drilling he received from the board, he explained;

"The toughest part of the interview was the current events segment." But he was confident on most of the questions that were asked. He had studied the pre-test study guide given to each of them by the interviewing board.

According to Tietz, most of the questions on this test were the same as the ones on the test for Soldier of the Quarter.

"The first thing I'm going to do when I arrive in Hawaii is hit the beach," Tietz said with a smile. "I'm also going to try some of those great Hawaiian drinks they have over there."

"I'm really going to enjoy myself!"

that her husband won the award, especially the trip to Hawaii.

"She deserves the award too," he said. "By having patience and giving up time for me to prepare for the interview for this big one, I feel that the award is part hers, especially the Hawaii part."

When he gets there in December, he is just going to go to the beach, prop his feet up and "kick back in the sun".

Nobody will blame him for that!

He took the trip instead

'She deserves the award'

by Robert Schurr

Although he was looking forward to winning, he wasn't making any plans for receiving the honor of Soldier of the Year (SOY) for E-5 to E-8.

Having been Soldier of the Quarter, a requirement for SOY, Sgt. Dale Lintner felt somewhat confident about himself before going to the annual board.

"The board, to me, seemed very thorough," said Lintner, the physical security non-commissioned officer with the

79th Military Police Department here. "I was little nervous."

Lintner's first four years in the Army were spent as an infantryman before reenlisting as a military policeman. Lintner has been here since the beginning of November and was chosen for the Soldier of the Quarter for the period of October through December. He spent three solid days studying for the SOY, definitely earning his trip to Hawaii.

Karlyn, his wife of five years, thinks "it's fantastic"