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Guardsmen practice shooting on small-scale range

The shooting gallery is always a favorite stop at the amusement park or carnival. But Guardsmen from five units of the Western Kentucky armor battalions have shooting galleries of their own.

Using an idea developed at Fort Knox, five Guard armor units have built "mini-tank ranges" to simulate actual battle situations.

The first range was constructed in Livermore, then Russellville, Hopkinsville, Madisonville and Marion also built ranges.

Firing is accomplished in the same way as on a real tank table. The Assisting Instructor (AI) directs the targets and the crew on a full-sized M60A1 with a laser device mounted and aligned with the

gun tube. Pop-up targets are used and the crew can be graded as though they were on a regular range.

Everything—from junkyard parts to black curtains for the armory windows to simulate night firing—were begged, borrowed and midnight-requisitioned.

For instance, rotisseri motors from old grills were used for the pop-up targets. If the crew does not engage the target in 12 seconds, it falls back down.

Some unique features of the mini-range include a trouble light over the battlefield to simulate flares and dry ice to simulate smoke screens.

The most important feature has to be the savings these ranges produce. Day and

night firing can be done at any time and in any type of weather. The troops do not have to be transported to Fort Knox which saves training time, gasoline and ammunition.

Other states have since copied the concept of these ranges. Tennessee, Alabama and Minnesota are three states that have looked at the ideas and blueprints have been made to furnish to other interested states.

Perhaps these shooting galleries look like play, but we must remember that these units have high-priority and must be at the highest state of readiness possible. These ranges enable year-round firing and life-like conditions.

Open House rained on but not rained out

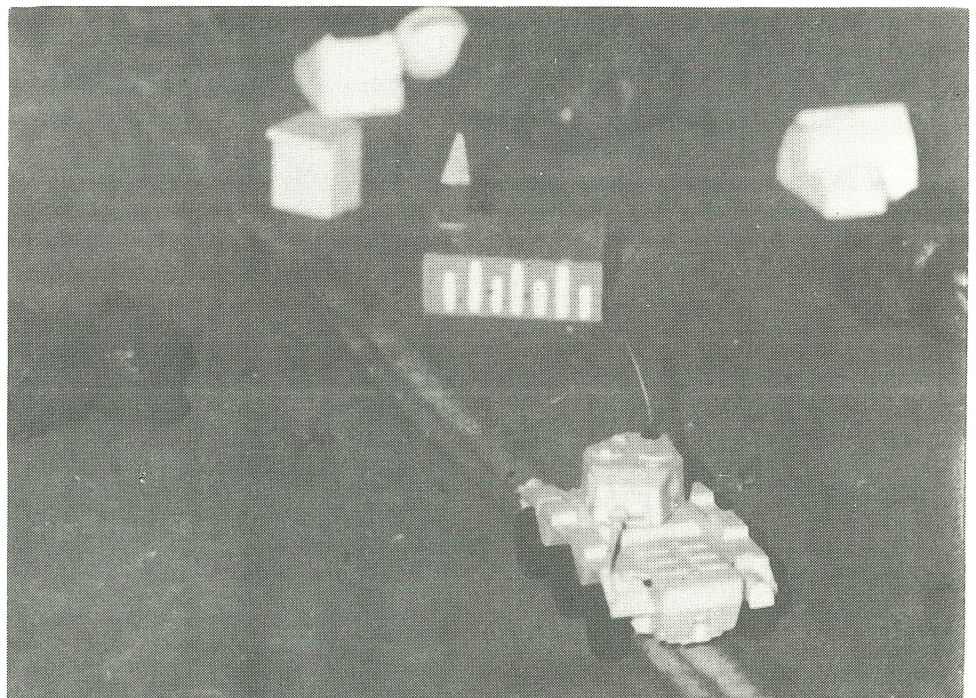
The third annual Armed Forces Day Open House at Boone Center went on as scheduled although May 17 turned out to be a dismal, rainy day in Frankfort.

A better-than-anticipated crowd ventured out in the rain to take part in both indoor and outdoor events.

The highlight of this year's Open House was a 50-Gun Salute and Tribute to the hostages in Iran.

Helicopters in a "missing man" formation flew over Boone Center just prior to the 50-Gun Salute in commemoration of the soldiers who lost their lives in the hostage rescue attempt. The 50-Gun Salute was fired to remember the hostages remaining in Iran.

Lt. Col. Jim Daniels, state chaplain, said in the invocation, "This is a time when our country has the might and force to handle this situation but must use the necessary restraint to protect the lives of the hostages."



THIS MAY LOOK like just another toy tank but this miniature combat vehicle is part of a very life-like mini-tank range used by Guardsmen in Western Kentucky for year-round target practice.

Jordan is first

Female commander heads up Headquarters

The Kentucky Army National Guard has its first female commander. Capt. Susan Jordan assumed command of the State Headquarters Detachment in April.

Jordan, an elementary school teacher in Nelson County, succeeded Capt. Russell Groves, who moved to a staff position within the Guard headquarters.

Among full-time Guard promotions and

appointments, Col. Ralph L. Palmore has been appointed as the Command Administrative Officer for the Kentucky Army National Guard.

The position, often referred to as Chief of Staff, makes Palmore the principal assistant to the Adjutant General. Previously, he had served as State Maintenance Officer.

Palmore succeeds Col. Thomas J.

Murphy who retired from the Command Administrative Officer position on Oct. 31, 1979 after a 36-year military career.

Other full-time staff promotions include: Director of Plans, Operations and Training Lt. Col. Harold O. Loy and Director of Army Aviation Lt. Col. David F. Fleming to Colonel and Air Guard Liaison Maj. Richard H. Jett to Lieutenant Colonel.

20-year-old Air Guardsman is youngest pilot cadet

A 20-year-old Kentucky Air Guardsman holds the distinction of being the youngest pilot cadet in the Air Guard or Air Force today.

He is 2nd Lt. Craig R. Colgate, an August 1979 graduate of the Air National Guard's Academy of Military Science school, McChes-Tyson Air National Guard

Base in Tennessee.

Colgate is the son of Master Sgt. Louis V. Colgate, who has been with the Kentucky Air National Guard for 24 years. "I more or less grew up with the Guard and have always wanted to belong to the Kentucky unit," Colgate said.

"Flying has been my goal in life," he

explained. He was influenced even more by the pilots he became acquainted with while doing grounds and maintenance work at Standiford Field last summer.

Prior to returning to college to complete his undergraduate work, a pilot slot came open in the Air Guard unit.

"As soon as I found out about the slot I jumped on it," Colgate said. "It sort of all happened at one time."

He is nearing the halfway point of the pilot training course at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma. When that is completed, he plans to return to Louisville to complete his studies at the University of Louisville.

Guard raises \$97,560 in campaign

The Kentucky Army National Guard raised approximately \$97,560 for crippled children and adults during its ninth annual Easter Seal campaign in March and April.

All units across the state participated in the drive, with the funds going to the Kentucky Easter Seal Society to provide care and treatment for handicapped Kentuckians at seven Easter Seal Society centers in the state. The centers are located in Ashland, Covington, Paducah, Carrollton, Lexington, Louisville and McDaniels.

Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, said, "I salute the Guardpersons who volunteered to take part in this worthwhile endeavor."

According to Dr. Harvey Sloane, chairman for the 1980 Kentucky Easter Seal campaign, the Army National Guard in Kentucky has raised over \$870,580 since

1972. This financial support has made possible rehabilitation services for thousands of handicapped Kentuckians with physically disabling conditions.

"Every member of the Kentucky Army National Guard is to be commended for this outstanding public service," Sloane said.

1980 Legislature puts into effect three Guard bills

The 1980 Kentucky Legislature has passed three bills which will affect men and women in the Kentucky Army and Air Guard.

One of the bills increases the minimum amount paid to Guard members called to state active duty from \$25 a day to 12 times the minimum hourly wage rate per day. With the present minimum wage rate of \$3.10 an hour, minimum daily pay will be \$37.20, an increase of \$12.20 per day.

A second bill passed requires that employers grant employees a leave of absence for active duty or Guard training without loss of employment privileges or benefits.

Another bill increases from \$500 to \$750 the amount which may be paid annually to a person under the National Guard Educational Encouragement Fund.

Gallant Eagle '80 provides training in desert setting

Cast as the enemy in the mock war "Gallant Eagle '80" were 123 men and women from the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Louisville.

The Joint Readiness Command Exercise took place in the Nevada desert March 3-14, its purpose being to test the command and control elements of participating units.

Most of the 123rd TRW operated out of Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, Nev., providing reconnaissance support for the opposition forces. Five air crew members were reconnaissance staff officers in the Tactical Air Control Center, the nerve center of the mock war.

Gallant Eagle '80 simulated an armed conflict between nations whose situation mirrors in many ways the situation existing today in the Middle East.

Unit commanders and their staffs were evaluated on the planning and execution of joint force operations in a desert environment.

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Two officers retire from State Headquarters

Two staff members from state headquarters, one a full-time Kentucky Guard officer, the other a full-time United States Army officer, retired in February. Col. Armando J. Alfaro retired Feb. 20 from his position as Director of Personnel after

Col. Armando J. Alfaro

Alfaro's military career began when he enlisted with the United States Army in 1946. He served on active duty until 1950, then enlisted in the Kentucky Army National Guard.

During his first year with the Guard, Alfaro served in several capacities, finally as sergeant major. From 1951 through 1953, he was a personnel warrant officer.

In 1953, Alfaro was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Guard which lead to positions as company commander, adjutant, operations and training officer and S-2 of an artillery group.

In 1971, he was transferred to state headquarters as the assistant G-3. He remained in that position until 1972 when he assumed the duties of the recruiting and retention officer.

In 1975, he was reassigned to the selective service section and served there until his assignment in 1978 as Director of Personnel.

"While serving as Director of Personnel, Alfaro developed numerous personnel plans and programs which have significantly contributed to the overall readiness of all Kentucky Guard units," Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, said.

State awards that Alfaro earned during his years with the Guard include: the Kentucky Commendation Ribbon, the Kentucky Merit Ribbon with oak leaf cluster, the Kentucky Service Silver with oak leaf cluster, the Kentucky State Active Duty Ribbon, the 20- and 30-Year Faithful Service Plaques and the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal.

Federal awards presented to Alfaro during his military career include: the World War II Victory Medal, the Japan Occupation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with an hour glass, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Parachute Badge and the Glider Badge.

Alfaro and his wife, Dorothy, live in Frankfort. He is an Achievement and Recognition Program Consultant for Crest Craft of Cincinnati.

The Alfaro's have three children: Richard, Denise and Ruth Ann, and five grandchildren.

a 36-year military career. Col. John P. Haggerty, who had served as Senior Army Advisor, retired Feb. 29 after serving with the Army for 29 years.

Col. John P. Haggerty

Haggerty began his military career in 1951 when he was commissioned through the ROTC program at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, New York.

He was first stationed at Ft. Campbell where he went to Airborne School. In 1953, he was sent to Korea.

Haggerty taught ROTC classes at the University of Missouri from 1954 through 1957. During this time, he met his future wife, Sandy.

When he was stationed at Ft. Sill, Missouri in 1957, Sandy went with him, setting up the first of many households around the globe and living the mobile lifestyle typical of many service families.

The Haggerty's had a one-year-old son when they went to Germany in 1959. When they returned to the United States three years later, they brought home with them two additions to the family.

According to Mrs. Haggerty, "There was a saying in Germany that 'You either go home with a cuckoo clock or a baby.' We didn't buy a cuckoo clock!"

Their third child was born on the Autobon, the German Expressway. "Actually, it wasn't right on the expressway," Mrs. Haggerty explained. "We did pull off to the side."

In 1962, the Haggerty's returned to Ft. Sill. In 1965, Haggerty was sent to the Command and Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and then to Korea in 1966.

In 1967, it was the Pentagon and in 1970, Vietnam.

In 1971, Haggerty returned to Ft. Sill and in 1974, the Haggerty's were stationed abroad for the last time in Italy.

In 1977, Haggerty came to the state headquarters of the Kentucky National Guard where he served as Senior Army Advisor until his retirement.

"Haggerty gave us excellent leadership, integrity and friendship," Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General, said.

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SGT. ALBERT CARTER, of the 614th Military Police Company in Louisville, sacrifices an enviable view of one of the pre-Derby races to protect Churchill Downs' inner track from possible trespassers. (Photo by Spec. 4 Hugh A. Smith, 133rd Public Affairs Detachment)

Haggerty retires

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Awards presented to Haggerty during his military service include: the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two battle stars, the United Nations Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Senior Paratrooper Badge, the Kentucky Distinguished Service Medal and the Department of Army Identification Badge.

After seeing a great deal of the world, the Haggerty's were so impressed with Kentucky that they have decided to make Frankfort their home.

They have five children: Kevin, Sheila and Brian, all in college; Eileen, a high school junior and Sean, a seventh grader.

Post exchange privileges double for Guard members

Post exchange privileges for members of the National Guard are doubling.

According to a recent change in AR 60-20, Operating Policies, Guard and Reserve members will earn one day of post exchange privileges for each four-hour drill. In other words, members will receive four days of PX privileges for each two-day drill weekend.

Previously, a two-day drill weekend entitled National Guard or Reserve members to only two days of PX privileges.

Dependents of members may use the PX but must be accompanied by their sponsors.

Unit members must present red reserve component I.D. cards and leave and earnings statements when using the PX.



AS RUNNERS APPROACH a crossover in the second annual "Run Kentucky Run" 10,000-meter race, E-5 Robert O'Neil monitors the spectators at Lexington's Kentucky Horse Park. Members of Louisville's 223rd Military Police unit worked the entire day of the March event. (Photo by Staff Sgt. J. G. Haydon, 133rd Public Affairs Detachment)

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