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Camp Shelby features realistic training

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Annual training 1977 is now history for those Kentucky Guardsmen who spent the latter part of May and the first few days of June at Camp Shelby, Miss.

It was two weeks of realistic role playing in the field--under a grueling sun which often approached the 100 degree mark and thick dust kicked up by the field and support units. Back under the pines at various command headquarters Guardsmen fought a daily battle with chiggers and other insects--as well as the "enemy forces" being combined in the training exercises.

At the end of the period it was evident that all the commands from Kentucky--as well as counterparts from Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Puerto Rico--are better prepared to meet any contingency. The training and attitudes of the participants were well above other recent encampments, according to Col. Kenneth Myfelt, Senior Army Advisor.

For members of the 2123d Transportation Co. of Bowling Green, attached to the 346th Transportation Battalion (USAR) during the camp, it was a training period more different than any in the past. The 346th is composed largely of Puerto Rican troops, including many who have a limited command of English. Few members of the 2123d know any Spanish. The result was two weeks of international diplomacy and goodwill as Kentuckians and Puerto Ricans worked closely together

to accomplish their mission.

The camp marked the first time that WACs were in the field serving equally with the men. In addition to their usual tasks, the WACs also took their turns standing watch, on KP, and on other normal duties.

Camp Shelby was under Kentucky leadership as Brig. Gen. William E. Hall, the state's Assistant Adjutant General

for Army, was the troop commander while Brig. Gen. Wilbur R. Buntin commanded the XXIII Corps Artillery. At one time during the encampment more than 5,000 Army Reservists and National Guardsmen were under Kentucky's command. About 1,500 of that total came from the 19 various Kentucky units participating at Camp Shelby.

(see pages 2&3 for photos)

Association seeks NGAUS delegates

Kentucky has been allocated 15 delegate spaces to attend the 99th Annual General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States, scheduled for New Orleans Sept. 12-14.

To attend, you must be an member of the National Guard Association of Kentucky.

Complete information about the conference was recently distributed by letter to each unit in the state. Those interested in becoming a delegate should contact their local unit for an application and instructions. Deadline to submit applications is June 28.



FIRST AID--MSgt. Stewart Ray, of the Air Guard's security police contingent at the Kentucky Derby, applies pressure to a wound suffered by a race-goer. Air Guard medical staff members arrived quickly to prepare the victim for transporting to a Louisville hospital. (Photo by SP5 Joe Haydon)



SFC Roger Lambert, 2123d Transportation Co. stands guard during an exercise.



PFC Frank Whitlow left, and SSgt. Joel Rice hold a position during a field exercise at Camp Shelby.

Photos by SP5 Joe Haydon
SP5 Don Wainscott

Is woman's place really in Kentucky Guard?

Editor's Note: The following article was written by PFC Doris Harrigan, who recently left the Kentucky National Guard. Obviously, it does not tell the story of every woman in the Guard, but it undoubtedly reflects some of the problems women face.

A woman's place is in the Guard!
Or is it? There seems to be some conflict in opinion. The high attrition rate

among women in the Guard poses the question.

Women are leaving the Guard because "....when I reported to my company, the first sergeant looked at me and said, 'I don't know what to do with you' and threw up both hands," remarked one woman.

Regulations prohibit women from belonging to the majority of Kentucky units, aggravating the situation. Evidently only passage of the Equal Rights Amendment will remedy this problem.

"We're always asked, 'Can you type?' " commented a fiery-eyed E-3, looking sharp in well-starched fatigues. "Then they ask me to talk to other women about enlisting. Unless you're dying to perform secretarial duties, how can I deceive them about the non-traditional type career opportunities for women?"

Other enlisted women feel useless, unwanted and discriminated against. There was one woman of several interviewed over

the past year who felt, however, that there were no problems of sexism in her company.

Some of the women cited particular sore spots, noting that many women perform drill duty without proper uniforms or in civilian clothes because the supply system isn't designed to serve them rapidly. Identification cards are rare.

"No one really cares what happens to women," voiced one respondent as the general opinion of all 30 women interviewed over a 12-month period.

Classes provided by race relations/equal opportunity staff members are designed to help eliminate much of the bias, but they are often cut short.

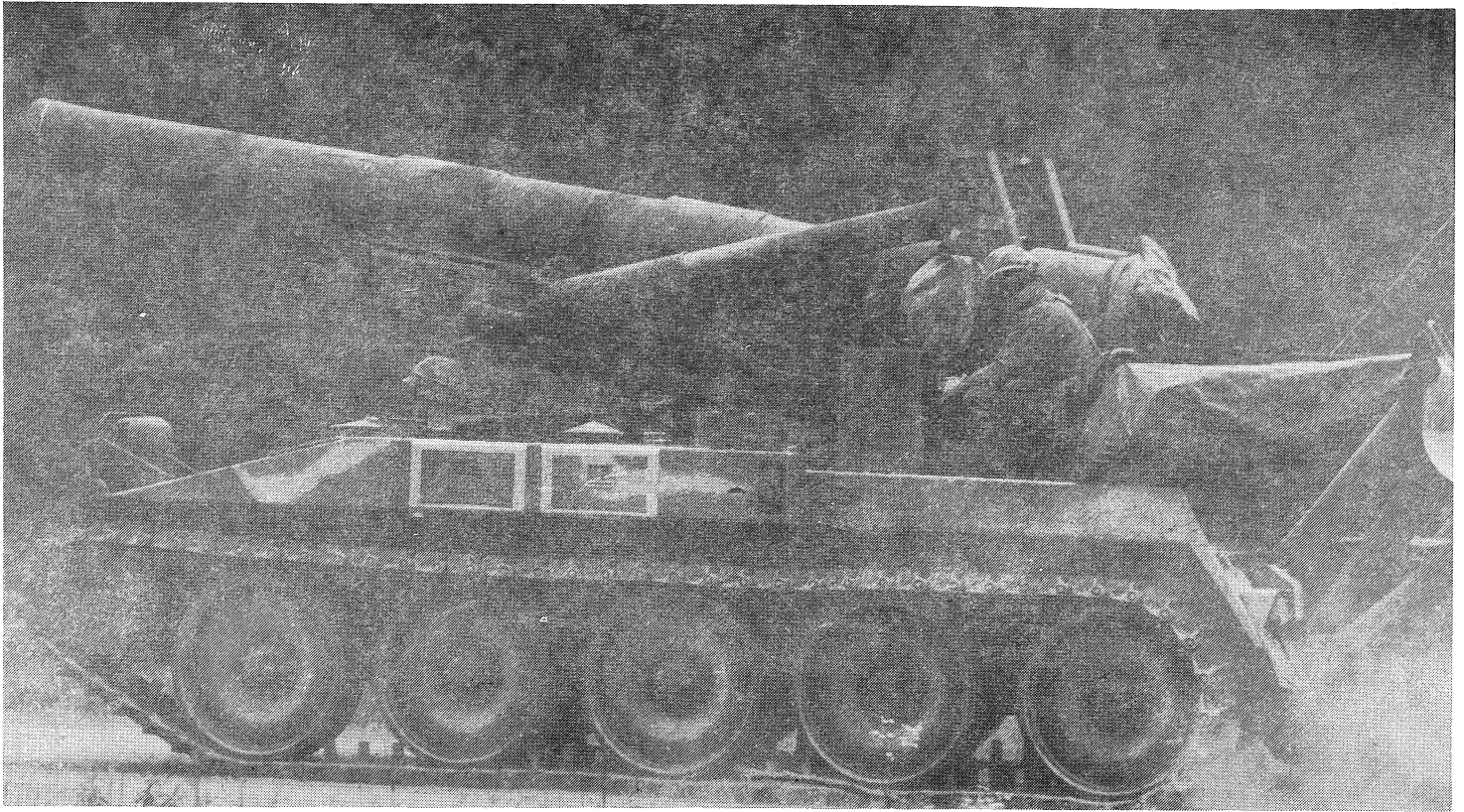
"The last class I held was only 20 minutes long. I was interrupted and the men were all pulled out of my class," commented one instructor.

Is there a place for women in the Guard? Only if men in charge give them opportunities.

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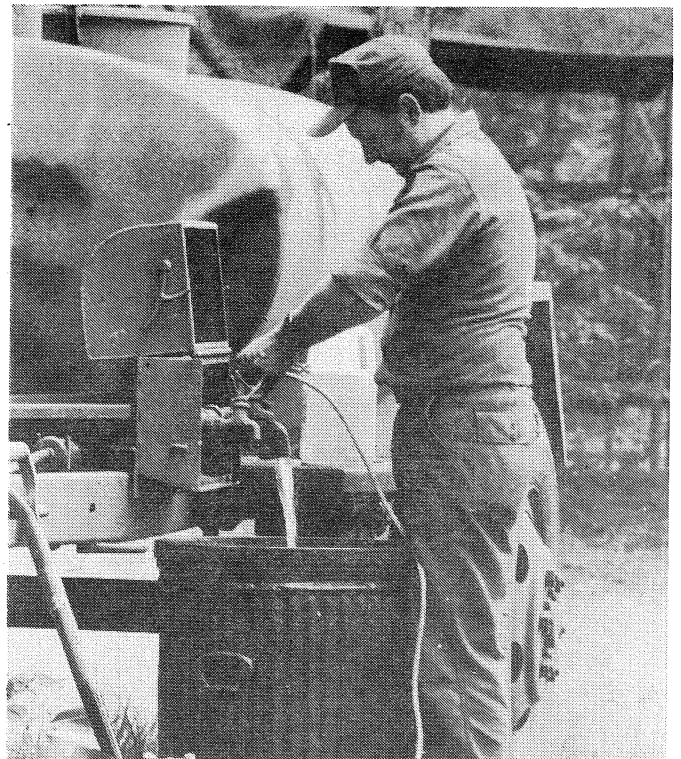
One of Kentucky's 8-inch self-propelled howitzers moves to the field at Camp Shelby. Officials termed the training as "very

beneficial" and praised all overall results of the encampment.

Camp Shelby Scenes



SP4 Allen Mace, XXIII Corps Artillery, performs maintenance on a vehicle at Camp Shelby.



Sgt. George Delk, XXIII Corps Artillery, draws water from a tanker at Camp Shelby.



KNOX TRAINING—Sgt. Henry C. Tindall, left, and SP4 James C. Bandy, right, both of the 306th Maintenance Co., work with James W. McMillan of Boatwright Maintenance Shop at Fort Knox. The 306th recently completed annual training at the facility, working with civilian technicians to improve their skills. (Photo by SP5 Don Wainscott)

Guard band sets annual tour

The Kentucky National Guard Band will begin its annual tour of the state June 26 with a Frankfort performance, followed by a Monday show at the Florence Mall.

The tour also includes a stop at the Stephen Foster Music Camp in Richmond June 28 and an appearance at Larke Cumberland State Park June 29.

Bowling Green area residents will have two chances to hear the group, with shows set for the Bowling Green Mall June 30 and at a community fireworks display July 1.

A parade and concert in Lexington are on the July 3 schedule with a July 4 concert at the Belvedere in Louisville.

The band moves to the western portion of the state for a parade in Owensboro July 6 and a show at Hopkinsville's Pennyryle Mall July 7. July 8 takes the group to Audubon State Park in Henderson, followed by the annual appearance at the Owensboro Regatta July 9.

A spokesman for the band said that local publicity will announce the times of the performances.

Guard...at a glance

Marksmanship

All battalion, battalion-equivalent, and squadron level units are scheduled to field teams for the annual National Guard Association of Kentucky rifle and pistol championships at Fort Knox Aug. 6-7. Several awards will be given and the state teams for the coming year will be selected.

Featured Friend

Brig. Gen. John Conaway, former Kentucky Air Guard Commander, was featured in the May edition of "Air Reservist" magazine. The new deputy director of the Air National Guard made several complimen-

tary comments about his service in Kentucky.

Technician Partnership

Administrative Supply Technicians often work closely together, but two in the 198th Military Police Battalion have gone to extremes. Sgt. Sandra White, AST for the 438th MP Company, and Sgt. Bill Sloane, AST for the 614th MP Co., were recently married.

Retirement

A recent Supreme Court decision states that individuals who were members of a Reserve Component before Aug. 16, 1945 but who did not serve on active duty during WWII or the Korean War are not eligible for non-regular retirement pay.

Secretary of Army

Clifford M. Alexander, Jr., the new Secretary of the Army, is a former National Guardsman. He was assigned to an artillery battery in the New York Army National Guard.

VA changes payment policy

Students enrolled in VA educational programs will find that it will be a long time between pay-days following receipt of their May 1 allowance check.

Some 1.5 million veterans, dependents and service members have received a notice telling them that their May check was their last under VA's prepayment system.

The Veterans Education and Employment Assistance Act of 1976 eliminated prepayment of monthly allowances for VA trainees, effective June 1. The monthly check for June enrollment will be issued July 1. Subsequent VA checks will follow each additional month of enrollment.

New procedures for advance payment also became effective June 1. Advance payments at the beginning of a school term for the first month, or partial month, plus the following month, will be made only if the student makes the request in writing to the school and the school agrees to process the advance payment. Previously, advance payment was automatic with enrollment.

The student's written request for advance payment must be included with the enrollment certification submitted by the school to the VA and must be received by the VA at least 30 days before the start of regular registration, a VA spokesman stressed. Following receipt of the advance payment, no additional VA check will be mailed for approximately three months, because of the elimination of the prepayment provision.

Infantry staff fights with computers

Members of the 149th Infantry (Mech) battalion staff recently completed two exercises termed by a participant as "one of the most valuable experiences we've ever had."

Eleven staff members went to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas to take part in a computerized Combined Arms Tactical Training Simulation. According to Capt. Larry Arnett, the program stressed combined arms teams, heavy fire support, and tactical air support.

The exercise was conducted in a tactically-outfitted operations center with radio equipment and other communications resources designed to create a realistic situation.

The lessons learned were rapidly used as the battalion conducted a command post exercise in Barbourville in late May. Members of the Army Reserve assisted in the effort, which served as additional preparation for the upcoming annual training at Fort Hood.

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