

From The Editor

WE NEED EACH OTHER

More than 480 commissioned and noncommissioned officers, both Active Army and Reserve Component, responded to our 1982 reader survey (sent to some of the infantry companies on our free distribution list) and we appreciate it. Assuming they are a representative sample, we trust that they speak for the rest of you at company level.

We were happy to note that more than half of you read "most of each issue," that more than half use INFANTRY in preparing reports of training materials either "frequently" or "sometimes," and that almost all rate the writing style of the articles "generally clear and easy to understand." These are all major goals of the staff — to see that the magazine is readable, so that it will be read and then used as it is intended to be used.

Most of you also either "leave it in the dayroom," "keep it for unit reference," or "pass it on." That's good, too, because the idea is to give as many of you as possible a chance to see and use each issue.

To get you to use the magazine, though, we know that we must give you the information you think is most useful. The specific subjects the respondents would like to see covered more often in INFANTRY are the following:

- Tactics (60%).
- Weapons and equipment (50%).
- Training techniques (50%).
- Leadership and command (45%).
- Combat developments (42%).

A substantial percentage also would like to see more on military history, maintenance and logistics, and intelligence and electronic warfare.

But you are more than the readers and users of the magazine; many of you are also the writers. So, if you have had some special training or experience in one of the subjects mentioned, please let us hear from you. Although we do have to be selective about the articles we accept because of the limited number of pages we have, your manuscript will receive careful editorial consideration, and what you have to say may help another infantryman in another unit.

To those who request that we publish INFANTRY more often so that we can print more articles, we must say that's not possible right now. (With the budget cuts we're all getting, we're happy to have what we have.) But we are taking some steps to make up for the eight pages we lost recently by making the best possible use of the ones we have left. We can't make the magazine solid type, though, or we'd lose you all, so we try to make it attractive at the same time by including some art work.

Finally, in every survey we have ever conducted, at least one of you has offered a suggestion as to what we should put on the back cover, and we were not disappointed this time. But, for now at least, PLAYBOY will have no competition from INFANTRY.