

# INFANTRY NEWS



THE 4TH AIRBORNE TRAINING BATTALION at Fort Benning, Georgia, trains thousands of soldiers each year to become paratroopers. The training is tough and demanding, and it calls for soldiers with a high degree of motivation and physical conditioning.

To qualify to attend the Basic Airborne Course, a soldier must volunteer, must have 12 months of active duty service remaining upon completion of the course, must meet the physical qualifications for parachute duty established in AR 40-501, and must be less than 36 years of age at the date of application. (Field grade officers, warrant officers in the ranks of WO 3 and 4, and enlisted personnel in the rank of sergeant/specialist 5 or higher may obtain waivers for age with favorable recommendations from medical doctors.)

In addition, enlisted personnel must have completed basic and advanced individual training or the equivalent, and must not have lost more than 30 days under Section 972, United States Code, during their current enlistment.

All applicants must achieve the following scores on the Army Physical Readiness Test (APRT): Men must do 45 pushups, 45 situps, and complete the two-mile run in 15:59 for a total of 206 points. Women must do 21 pushups, 32 situps, and run two miles in 17:55 for a total of 218 points.

Commanders who select personnel to attend the Basic Airborne Course should refer to AR 614-110 and AR 614-200 for additional information regarding the selection and processing of volunteers for airborne training. They are reminded that airborne training is not for everyone; they should make sure the students they

select stand a good chance of succeeding.

Students must have in their possession when they arrive at Fort Benning a copy of their medical records, with certification that they are qualified for airborne training, and a copy of their official orders. Students who do not have these items with them will not be admitted to the course.

Any student who arrives at Fort Benning in top physical condition and with a high degree of motivation and an eagerness to learn stands a good chance of graduating from the Basic Airborne Course.

A NATIONAL INFANTRY MUSEUM exhibit recently installed in the Pentagon has as its theme "Two Centuries of Proud History." The exhibit, which will remain on display near the office of the Secretary of the Army through November, includes almost 200 items showing the development of weapons, uniforms, and equipment used by the infantryman over the past 207 years.

Firearms from the flintlock musket of the Revolutionary War to the M16 used in Vietnam are on display, along with edged weapons ranging from swords and bayonets to a rare

paratrooper's switchblade knife used during World War II.

The uniforms in the display are all authentic, from an 18th century Massachusetts militia uniform to the "pinks and greens" used in the 1940s to the camouflaged battle dress uniform of today.

In addition to the essential military equipment such as entrenching tools, powder horns, battle streamers, rations, drums and horns, and gas masks, there are artifacts that highlight the human or personal side of a soldier's life. These include such items as coffee cups, playing cards, barber equipment, a soap dish, a hymnal, a prayer book, and photographs from home.

The backdrop for the display features an award-winning photograph of the famous Fort Benning "Follow Me" statue.

In other news from the Museum, the annual Infantry Museum road race was held for the second time this year with the proceeds going to the National Infantry Museum Society Fund to be used for the renovation of the Museum's third floor.

Additional information about the Museum and the Museum Society and its various projects, including next year's road race, may be obtained from the Curator, National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905, telephone 404/544-4762 or AUTOVON 784-4762.

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THE DISTINGUISHED DOUGHBOY Award is presented each year to an individual who has been instrumental in improving the morale and welfare of the infantryman.

Bill Mauldin, famed author and cartoonist, is the 1982 recipient of the

award and was honored at the National Infantry Ball, which was held in Washington, D.C. on 13 November 1982.

The award, established in 1980, is a brass-plated, World War I doughboy helmet mounted on a walnut base that is decorated with crossed rifles. The previous honorees were Bob Hope in 1980 and H. Ross Perot in 1981.

The nominating committee, which is chaired by the Chief, Infantry Branch, MILPERCEN, realizes that individuals who deserve to be recognized may have been overlooked during the nominating process. Accordingly, any infantryman may nominate a candidate for the 1983 award.

The following criteria are used in selecting the recipient:

- The award is presented to an individual, not to an organization, in recognition of that person's direct efforts to aid the infantryman.

- The award is not presented posthumously except when the recipient dies after being selected.

- Active duty military members are not eligible for the award.

- Civilian executives who are active in the defense establishment are not eligible for the award.

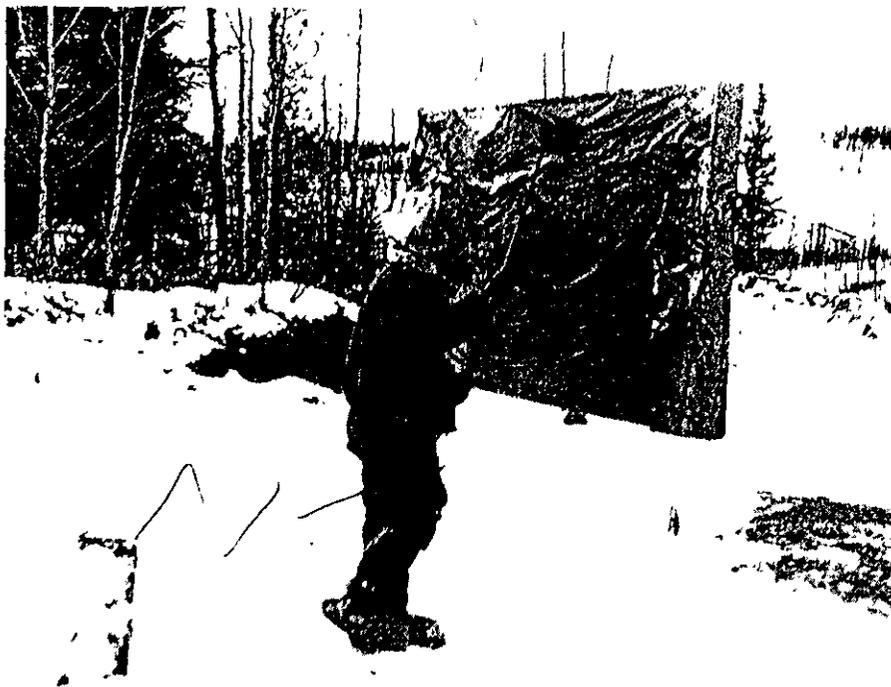
- The recipient must not be directly involved or affiliated with an organization that has defense industry contracts.

- The recipient does not have to be present to accept the award.

The final selection is made by the Commander of the U.S. Army Infantry Center and School at Fort Benning.

The name of any individual who meets the above criteria and who has rendered great personal service to the morale and welfare of the Infantryman should be submitted to HQ MILPERCEN, ATTN: DAPC-OPE-1 (Major Warren), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22332 as soon as possible.

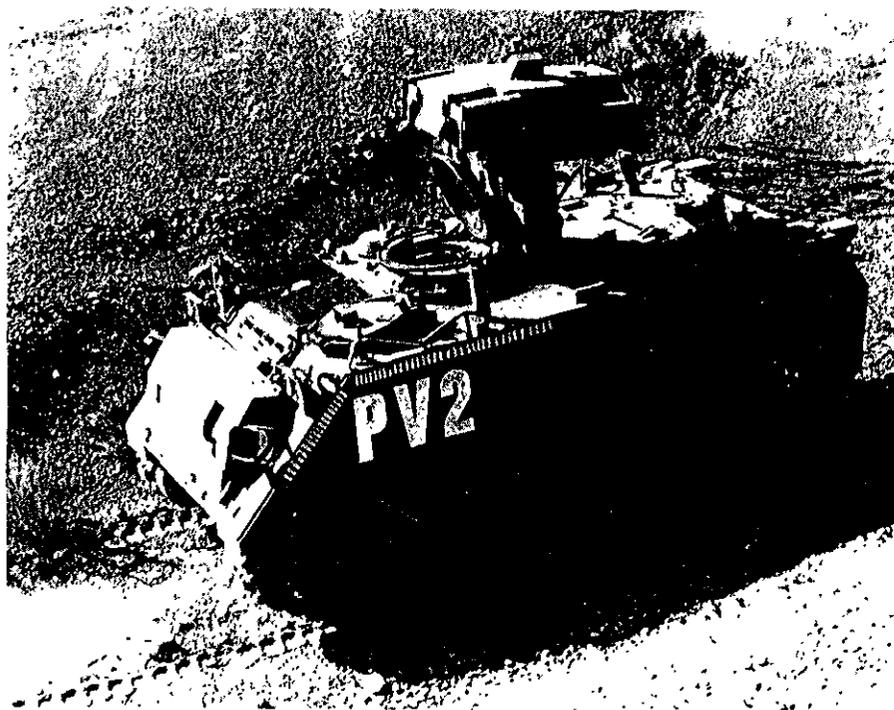
A SOLDIER TESTS A decontamination apparatus in sub-zero temperatures at the Army's Cold



Regions Test Center, Fort Greely, Alaska.

Evaluation Command installations and activities in the United States and the Republic of Panama.

The Center is one of nine Test and



A FIRE SUPPORT TEAM VEHICLE (FIST-V) is shown as it undergoes engineering design testing at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

The test program included automotive, durability, environmental, and mission performance testing.

IN SEPTEMBER 1981, Army Extension Training (AET) distributed a series of new publications, the Extension Training Materials (ETM) catalogs, which were identified as DA pamphlets in the 350 series. These catalogs listed the available extension training materials. There were 77 different books for specific ARTEPs and TOEs. A consolidated listing of MOSs (DA Pamphlet 350-100) was also distributed to TDA units.

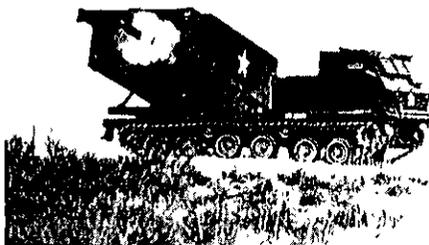
All of these ETM catalogs have been updated and distributed to the field. Some additional catalogs to support new ARTEPs have also been distributed. The new editions were distributed in the same way they were distributed last year.

Units that did not receive the initial distribution of the ETM catalog should advise the Army Training Support Center (ATSC), ATTN: ATIC-AET-IO, Fort Eustis, Virginia 23604. Requests for additional copies should be addressed to U.S. Army AG Publications, 2800 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21220. The following information should be included: unit name and address; unit identification code (UIC); unit ARTEP, TOE, TDA; and point of contact (person and telephone number).

A GEORGIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD unit, the 48th Infantry Brigade, recently received 51 M901 improved TOW vehicles (ITVs) and 70 M60A3 tanks. The brigade was one of the National Guard units to obtain new, tactical equipment. It was selected to get the new equipment because in the event of mobilization it will become the third maneuver brigade of the 24th Infantry Division, a part of the Rapid Deployment Force.

THE ARMY RECENTLY ACCEPTED the first of more than 300 multiple launch rocket systems that it plans to buy in the coming months.

This is a highly mobile automatic rocket system that permits its crew of



three, with a minimum amount of training, to shoot a complete 12-rocket load accurately, reload quickly, and fire again. Its surface-to-surface unguided rockets have a range of more than 30 kilometers (18 miles) and can deliver a massive amount of firepower against enemy forces.

The launch vehicle has a sophisticated fire control computer and a position-determining system that make it the most accurate artillery rocket system in the world today.

THE FIRST PRODUCTION UNIT of the Army's new AN/MSQ-103A TEAMPACK radar monitoring system was recently completed.

The TEAMPACK system is housed in a ballistically protected shelter and



is then mounted on an XM-1015 tracked vehicle. The system can be mounted on an M35 utility truck, a light armored vehicle, a jeep, and on other types of vehicles.

Surveillance, air defense, mortar, and artillery ground-based radars are all detectable by TEAMPACK. Some of the improvements it has over the earlier systems of its type are improved reliability, better crew protection, and growth features that will enable it to be used well into the future.

ARMY ENGINEERS AT THE Chemical Systems Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, are developing a portable decontamination apparatus for use on Army vehicles.

Known as the XM13, the portable decontamination apparatus is designed to dispense a standard chemical decontamination solution. It permits the field soldier to cover selected surfaces of a vehicle with a decontaminant, scrub with a brush, and continue his mission.

The lightweight apparatus consists of a prefilled decontaminant container, a manual pump, a hose wand, and an attachable brush. It weighs less than 60 pounds when filled.

Army officials expect the XM13 to be fielded in 1984 after a series of developmental, operational, and production tests.

A TOTAL SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE (SHORAD) system was recently shown for the first time as part of a series of field training exercises by the 9th Infantry Division.

The overall system is composed of a towed Chaparral surface-to-air missile system, a shoulder-fired Saber beamrider missile, a towed light Sergeant York (DIVAD) 40mm gun, and a truck-mounted platoon coordination center that has a Sergeant York gun radar and a fire control system. It has been designed as a lightweight system for rapid deployment by future Army light infantry divisions.