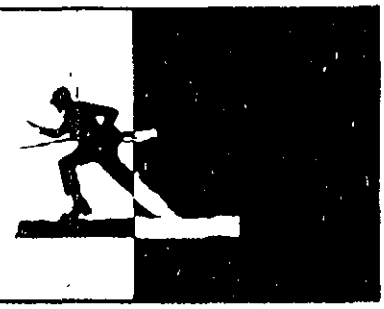
ENLISTED CAREER NOTES



INFANTRY ANCOC

Under the dual promotion/Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCOC) selection criteria, soldiers selected for promotion to sergeant first class are automatically selected also to attend ANCOC, provided they do not fall into one of the following categories: Previously attended and graduated, attended but released from the course for academic deficiencies, or completed the non-resident course.

Enrollment in the non-resident course may be appropriate, for example, for soldiers who feel that attending the resident course would cause them financial strain or that family or other circumstances warrant their enrollment in the correspondence course.

Infantry soldiers who are considering the non-resident course should not wait until scheduled for the resident course before they apply. Unless an Infantry soldier has completed at least two thirds of the correspondence course before the resident course class starts, he will still be scheduled for that class.

Soldiers who have completed the correspondence course should ensure that their Official Military Personnel Files are updated to show that they are ANCOC graduates (code S on DA form 2A).

Recently, the guidelines on sending drill sergeants to ANCOC have been reinforced by TRADOC. Drill sergeants will not be sent during the "summer surge" period, which for most installations runs from May through September. Exceptions will be made on an individual basis but only after proper justification and with concurrence between the ANCOES cell at MILPERCEN and the Drill Sergeant Branch. In addition, drill sergeants will not attend ANCOC during their first year on drill status.

The Infantry ANCOC is one of the most professionally important and personally rewarding schools offered to sergeants in Career Management Field 11. It is therefore imperative that an NCO attend ANCOC at the earliest opportunity. Both the NCO and his chain of command should work hard to make this happen.

Infantry soldiers who have further questions concerning the Infantry ANCOC at Fort Benning, Georgia, may direct their inquiries to MILPERCEN, Infantry/Armor Branch, ATTN: DAPC-EPK-I/SFC White, 2461 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22331, or call AUTOVON 221-9166/9425, commercial (703) 325-9166/9425.

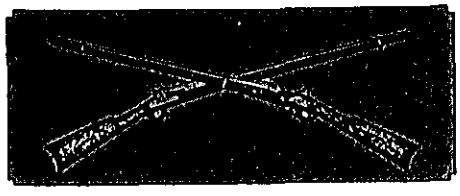
ROTC ACTIVE DUTY SCHOLARSHIPS

Beginning in 1985, more than 10,000 second lieutenants will be commissioned annually through the Reserve Officer Training Corps. And eligible enlisted soldiers are being offered scholarships and early discharges to pursue their college education through the Army's ROTC program.

This spring, the Army will offer 200 two- and three-year scholarships to active duty enlisted soldiers. Those who are selected to receive these scholarships will be discharged in time to enroll in a college or university for the 1984-85 school year. Applicants must have served on active duty for one year and must have either one or two years of college credit, depending on the length of the scholarship they are seeking.

These scholarships cover the cost of college tuition and a flat rate for textbooks, laboratory fees, and other academic expenses, and they must be used at a school that offers ROTC. Scholarship winners also receive tax-free allowances of up to $1,000 for each school year.

Applicants for this program must meet certain requirements — none of which can be waived. They must be citizens of the United States and, according to law, at least 17 years of age before the award becomes effective. They must be under 25 years of age on 30 June of the year in which they will become eligible for commissioning. The age limit can be extended for each year of active duty served for up to four years. Applicants must meet minimum aptitude scores and must have letters of recommendation from their commanders as well.

After graduation, each of these soldiers will be expected to accept a commission in the Regular Army if it is offered. Otherwise, they will be commissioned in the U.S. Army Reserve. Scholarship winners must serve on active duty for four years or in the Reserve for eight years, depending on the needs of the Army.

The application period is 15 January to 15 April annually. For information on how to qualify, or for an application package, interested soldiers can write to Army ROTC Scholarships (AD), Fort Monroe, VA 23651.