

From The Editor

FREE DISTRIBUTION

We continue to receive numerous requests from non-Infantry units in the Active Army and the Reserve Components for free copies of our magazine. As much as we would like to, unfortunately, we cannot honor those requests.

The number of appropriated fund (free) copies we can print is strictly controlled. Two years ago, for example, we had to cut back from printing 18,000 appropriated fund copies of each issue to 14,000 copies. We also had to reduce the number of pages in each magazine — from 64 to 56, including the covers.

As a result, we find that we can meet only the needs of our Infantry units — and that we must do. Our only reason for being is to support our Infantrymen by giving them the best publication we can.

We would very much like to send free copies of INFANTRY to combat engineer and military police units and to all of the other units in the Army. We simply cannot. But we do urge those units to consider subscribing to INFANTRY. The full particulars of how to do this can be found on page one.

LETTERS

Last year we received a nice stack of letters from you, our readers. Most of them we eventually published. Many of the letters made interesting points, and we commend the writers for taking the time and trouble to share their thoughts with us.

We would like to hear from more of our readers, though, and we would like very much for you to tell us what you like or dislike about the articles we publish, about our use of graphics, and about our various departments (news, letters, book reviews, and career notes).

We welcome letters to the editor on any subject that has been treated in the magazine as well as on issues of general interest to our readers. We urge you to take advantage of our letters department, which is one of the most popular departments in the magazine.

WRITING FOR PUBLICATION

We also urge all of our readers, and Infantrymen everywhere, to consider writing an article for publication in INFANTRY.

In 1983, we received 207 manuscripts and gave each one of them a thorough going-over. Many, unfortunately, were outside our purview; others were interesting but needed to be recast or completely rewritten.

We would like to see even more manuscripts. If you have an idea you think might be developed into an article, please call us about it, or drop us a note. If you want one of our Writer's Guides, we will be happy to send you one free of charge. And if we can help you in any way with an article — even one that you plan to submit to another service school journal — please let us know.

Finally, if you should visit Fort Benning for any reason, look us up. We are in Infantry Hall and would be pleased to show you our operation.