

## INFANTRY Staff

In one form or another — a drum beat, a bugle, a fife, a marching song — cadences have been used for centuries by the world's military services to boost a unit's morale and to promote its martial spirit.

But what we in the United States Army know as the "Jody Call" did not come into general use in the U.S. military services until 1944, and then it was called the "Duckworth Chant" or "Sound Off."

According to Sandee Shaffer Johnson in her 1983 book, *CADENCES: THE JODY CALL BOOK, NUMBER 1* (Daring Books, Box 526, Canton, Ohio 44701), "no one seems to know for certain when the 'Duckworth Chant' or 'Sound Off' became known as the 'Jody Call' or 'Jodies.'" But Jody it is today.

Who is Jody? Where did the name come from? No one seems to know for sure. The name itself, Mrs. Johnson feels, "may be synonymous with GI Joe, a variation of John Doe (J.D.) or perhaps Joe D. something."

Regardless, it appears to Mrs. Johnson that the name is not a complimentary one with members of the military services and that Jody is apparently a civilian "who enjoys the comforts of civilization while the serviceman or woman is training in the field or stationed overseas." She says that "soldiers of all ages and experiences agree that Jody is the guy (gal) back home ever ready to take your wife (husband), girlfriend (boyfriend), sister (brother) or even the family car."

There are lots of Jody calls around today. Many of them, however, pertain to airborne and Ranger soldiers

and units, while few mention conventional and mechanized infantry and support units. To close this gap, the Infantry Center Public Affairs Office, prodded by Major General James J. Lindsay, who then commanded the Center, conducted a "Jody Contest" from 4 November 1983 through 28 February 1984. The contest had as its primary aim the eventual publication in booklet form of a whole new set of Jody calls that could be used by Infantry and support units (and by other military units, for that matter) during their formations and during physical training periods.

Somewhat apprehensively, because they were not certain they would get many responses for original Jody calls, the contest officials established three different categories and offered a trophy to the winning entry in each category.

By the end of February, the cut-off date, the contest had attracted 164 entries — 45 mechanized infantry, 12 light infantry, and 107 general — far more than the contest directors expected to receive.

For two days, then, a five-member board of judges — two drill sergeants from the Infantry Training Center at Fort Benning, two enlisted soldiers from the 197th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) (Separate), which is stationed at Fort Benning, and the editor of *INFANTRY Magazine* — sifted through the entries, judging each one on its rhythm, rhyme, originality, singability, and overall appeal.

The first phase of the judging determined the ten

finalists in each category. In the second and final phase, each of the entries was "sung" by one member of the board while the others echoed the verses — if they could. The five judges then voted on the final entries, with each judge ranking the cadences from one to ten, with one being the best. The numbers were then added and the cadence with the lowest number was declared the winner. Second, third, and fourth place winners were determined in the same manner. (These three runner-up entries in each category will be appropriately framed.)

Here are the top four winners in each category:

### LIGHT INFANTRY

#### IN FOR A MILLION YEARS

IN - FAN - TRY's the best there is;  
I'll stay IN for a million years.  
And when the million years is through,  
I'll still be proud of my Infantry Blue!!

*(Charles Harvey,  
DOES, USAIS,  
Fort Benning, GA)*

#### GOOD AS GOLD

I don't know but I've been told,  
Infantry blue is good as gold.  
Work all day, play all night,  
Infantry blue is fit to fight.  
Dodging bullets and chewing nails,  
Infantry, Infantry tough as hell.  
Ruck sacks-butt pack walkin across the land,  
Infantry grunts gonna make a stand.  
Infantry blue is the best in the land.

*(SFC Lonnie Joseph, 5th Unit,  
3d Battalion,  
USA Correctional Activity,  
Fort Riley, KS)*

#### STRAIGHT LEG

The straight legs are the life for me,  
The chow is good, the rent is free.  
Guys like us, ya know, we got pride,  
Walk a hundred miles fore we take a ride.  
When trucks and tanks bog down and fail,  
Us doggies'll still be on the trail.  
The sergeant's looking mighty rough,  
I don't think I'll call his bluff.  
Hey there trooper, What's the news?  
Been marchin' all day so you're singin' the blues!  
Well a few more miles won't hurt you none,  
Grab that .50, let's have some fun.

*(PVT Job T. Krakowski, 4th Unit,  
2d Battalion, USA Correctional Activity,  
Fort Riley, KS)*

### LITTLE JOE

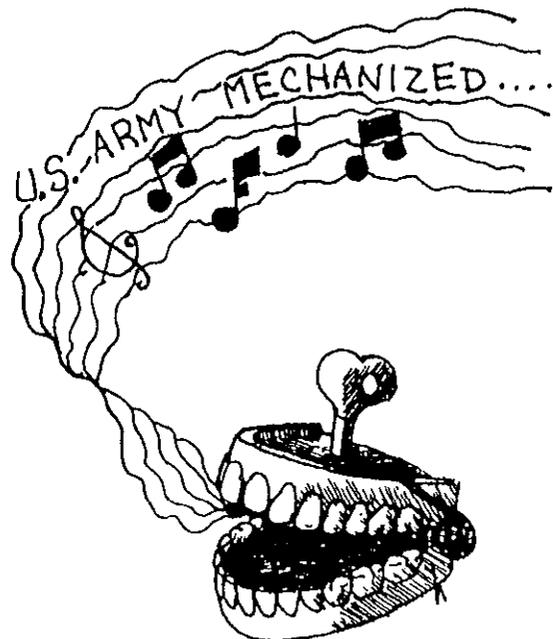
Little Joe has gone away  
To fight for freedom people say,  
Left his mom and girlfriend too  
Traded farm clothes for Army Blues,  
He enlisted during the Vietnam War  
Fighting hard in the Infantry corps,  
One day his squad broke enemy line  
Joe's leader died by a Chi-com mine,  
Joe let out a yell and began to run  
Straight to the enemy's largest gun,  
He threw a grenade before he fell  
Sent seven enemy right to hell,  
Joe didn't die on that fateful day  
But he lost his mind some soldiers say,  
He became a leader, for the rest  
Every battle became a test,  
Then one night while on a hill  
The enemy came and blood did spill,  
Joe was killed and soldiers weeped  
Some men say Joe's found his peace,  
Back home his mom and girl cry  
For the boy who turned man to die.

*(SP5 Susan J. Durban,  
Madigan Army Medical Center,  
Fort Lewis, WA)*

### MECHANIZED INFANTRY

#### PRIDE OF THE INFANTRY

Listen up soldiers and you will hear,  
The Patriots pride is loud and clear.  
Up in the morning to the crack of a whip,  
Get 'em ready for a mechanized trip.  
Topped off, loaded up, ready to fight,  
Can't beat the speed of mechanized might.  
We SP the motor pool right on time,  
Mechanized road march mighty fine.



Rifle, machine gun, mortar and TOW,  
 Mech infantry fights where others won't go.  
 Fifties on the left, fifties on the right,  
 Mechanized fire power out of sight.  
 Track soldiers fight when others are thru  
 Mechanized super trooper me and you.  
 We move like a butterfly, sting like a bee,  
 We're the heart and soul of the Infantry  
 Airborne, Ranger, can't you see,  
 Mechanized is the way to be.  
 With bullets, missiles and lots of flack,  
 We blow up the OPFOR so they can't come back.  
 We're the Queen of Battle and happy to be,  
 Not the flat footed grunt, but Mech Infantry.  
 We move, we shoot, we communicate,  
 We're the Pride of the Infantry — the 58th.

*(LTC Bruce Blake, 1st Bn, 58th Inf,  
 197th Inf Bde (Mech) (Sep),  
 Fort Benning, GA)*



## MECHANIZED DEATH

M113 cruising down the track,  
 Mechanized soldier with a ruck on his back.  
 Open up the hatch and close the door,  
 Push that pedal to the floor.  
 Fifty cal. mounted on the top,  
 Going to "Lebanon" non stop.  
 Chasing those commies night and day,  
 Mechanized . . . is here to stay.  
 Drop that ramp and out he go,  
 Hear that sixty gunner roar,  
 "Bound to the right! Bound to the left!"  
 Mechanized is rolling death.  
 On the high land or on the low land,  
 What do you see!  
 Mechanized death, that's you and me,  
 Pivot to the right and pivot to the left,  
 That's the dance of "The Mechanized Death."

*(SSG Oliver A. Norris,  
 Company C, 9th Battalion,  
 2d Inf Tng Bde, Fort Benning, GA)*

## MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRAVE AND BOLD

I woke in the morning it was drizzling rain.  
 Pulled my APC into a plane.  
 The plane took off with a hell of a roar.  
 I knew at that second I was off to war.  
 So I'll tell you a story not often told.  
 About Mechanized Infantry brave and bold.  
 They roll off the planes in the middle of the night.  
 They hit the ground and they're ready to fight.

*(SSG Edward M. Becker, 1st Battalion,  
 USA Correctional Activity,  
 Fort Riley, KS)*

## MECHANIZED FIRE AT YOUR WILL

Mechanized vehicles in a row  
 Revving those engines, they're ready to go.  
 T62 coming over the hill,  
 Fire your Dragon at your will.  
 The sound of the TOW is right behind,  
 Scaring those commies out of their minds.  
 The mortars are drumming out a beat,  
 Dropping the rounds right at their feet.  
 M60 Tank, now where you at,  
 Come help me make those commies scat.  
 Big trucks, small trucks carrying a load,  
 Mechanized vehicles on the road.  
 Delivering the bullets, delivering the beans,  
 Mechanized is a lean machine.  
 Mech-a-nized, "All the Way,"  
 Mech-a-nized, "Follow Me."

*(SSG Oliver A. Norris,  
 Company C, 9th Battalion,  
 2d Inf Tng Bde, Fort Benning, GA)*

## GENERAL CATEGORY

### UP WOKE THE TANKER

Up woke the tanker never clean;  
He was a commie fighting machine;  
He was born on a 60-series tank;  
His crew awoke when the engines cranked.  
M60 tank rolling down the road;  
57 tons is a hell of a load;  
Driver stop, gunner heat;  
An M60 tank just can't be beat.  
T62 rolling down the road;  
M60 tank, gonna lock and load;  
Sabot up, on the way;  
Some commie surely gonna die today.  
Coax, 50, 105;  
Bringing death and destruction to keep us alive;  
So you look down range with your hand on you head;  
Scoping over the terrain, only enemy dead.  
You pray to God, it will end some day;  
So you can go home, stateside to stay.

*(SSG(P) Glenn W. Holsinger,  
Co D, 5th Battalion, 68th Armor,  
APO NY 09028)*

### KNOCK, KNOCK

Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me one,  
We run PT just for fun.  
Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me two,  
We run easy all day thru.  
Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me three,  
PT all day, you and me.  
Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me four,  
Come on fellas, let's run some more.  
Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me five,  
This is great and that's no jive.  
Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me six,  
We run this way just for kicks.  
Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me seven,  
PT all day feels like heaven.  
Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me eight,  
Pick it up we're running late.  
Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me nine,  
Running smooth and feeling fine.  
Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock,  
Give me ten,  
Tomorrow morning we'll do it again.

*(SP4 Peter D. McBride,  
Co A, 3d U.S. Infantry,  
"Commander in Chief's Guard,"  
Fort Myer, VA)*

## PT PILL.

Old John Wayne was a friend of mine,  
We did PT all the time,  
Push Up, Sit Up, 2-mile run,  
We didn't stop 'til all was done.  
John Wayne loved his Vitamin P,  
He taught me how it was good for me.  
On day one, I was puny and weak,  
John Wayne started with the bend and reach,  
On day two, it was doing me good,  
I kept my faith, like he knew I would.  
On day three, I was tall and proud,  
I felt so good, I led the crowd.  
PTs good for you and me,  
We'll never OD on Vitamin P.  
We do PT the John Wayne way,  
We do PT every day.  
I like PT, that's no lie,  
I'll do PT 'til I die.  
PT keeps me fit and strong,  
With Vitamin P, I'll never go wrong.  
Vitamin P, PT. Vitamin P, PT.

*(SFC Noel W. Fox, Battery B,  
1st Battalion,  
230th Field Artillery,  
Reidsville, GA)*

### RAN ONE MILE

Ran one mile just the other day  
Felt so good, do it every day.  
Ran two miles, thought I'd stretch it out  
Felt so good had to scream and shout.  
Ran three miles, did it just for fun  
Felt so good, being in the sun.  
Ran four miles, was a-pouring sweat  
Felt so good, and I ain't done yet.  
Ran five miles, finally have to stop  
Pulled over speeding by a traffic cop.  
So if you want to run, but don't wanna stop  
Better watch out for those traffic cops.

*(CPT Craig D. Barta,  
Readiness Group, Meade,  
Fort Meade, MD)*

The Fort Benning PAO is now getting its booklet ready. It will include most of the entries that were submitted for the contest and will be distributed in small numbers to other public affairs offices throughout the Army.

Additional information about the contest and the booklet is available from the Commander, U.S. Army Infantry Center, ATTN: ATZB-PAO, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

