

# INFANTRY NEWS



## CHIEF OF INFANTRY UPDATE

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Chief of Infantry Update, formerly published separately, has proved to be a good way to keep the field informed of actions designed to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the infantry force.*

*To save the expense of printing and*

*distributing a separate publication, the pages of INFANTRY are now being used to publish the same material.*

*As before, infantrymen in the field are encouraged to comment on the items that appear here and to suggest topics they would like to see covered*

*in the future. Address your suggestions to Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School, ATTN: ATSH-TDI, Fort Benning, GA 31905-5593, or call AUTOVON 835-2350/6951 or commercial (404) 545-2350/6951.*

THE SMALL ARMS MASTER Plan (SAMP) is the cornerstone document for the research, development, and acquisition of small arms in the 1990s and beyond.

SAMP is a living document that incorporates the latest user and developer ideas and capabilities. It reflects the user's concept of small arms in the execution of AirLand Battle Future, his vision of a weapon system that increases his capability, and multiple routes for evaluating candidate systems and technologies that will lead to the development and fielding of an Objective Family of Small Arms (OFSA).

This modernization process will initially replace seven antiquated weapons with six new ones and will subsequently replace those with three technologically revolutionary weapons.

The strategy occurs in two time phases. The near-term effort implements six new weapons including optics with current evolutionary technologies. Fielding and improving the near-term weapons will sustain the individual soldier's combat capability until the objective systems can be developed and fielded.

The near-term weapons are the MK 19 MOD3 grenade machinegun, the M249/A1 machinegun, the M16A2/A3 rifle, the M24 sniper weapon system,

the M4 carbine, and the M9 pistol. Fielding and improving these weapons gives units increased combat effectiveness, weapon and ammunition commonality, and reliability, and emphasizes lightening the soldier's load.

The far-term effort is a revolutionary break with the historical incremental development of rifles and rifled bullets. This objective applies new and emerging technologies to significantly increase the individual soldier's combat effectiveness. This endeavor envisions a three-member family that consists of an individual combat weapon, a crew-served weapon, and a personal defense weapon. Innovative technologies such as full-solution fire control, micro-electronics, and composite materials, coupled with bursting munitions, flechettes, or multiple projectiles will provide the soldier with leap-ahead capabilities on the future battlefield.

The Small Arms Master Plan is a joint user/developer plan of action. A materiel developer's technology blueprint supports the user's desired objectives. The user identifies the variables for a required trade-off analysis, and the blueprint shows key decision points where the best technical approach will be determined. The plan discusses the decision criteria to be used at these points.

Using the Concept Based Requirements System, the SAMP is the user's statement of the required small arms capability he needs to execute AirLand Battle doctrine and the developer's blueprint for reaching these goals. It is a long-term roadmap designed to give direction to a coherent small arms program.

An oversight panel of lieutenant generals has been organized to function as an executive overview committee for all actions pertaining to the Small Arms Master Plan. The panel meets annually to provide requirement guidance and to approve key program and developmental decisions.

Small arms will continue to play a decisive role on the battlefield of the future. Implementing the SAMP will exploit existing and evolving technologies to give our soldiers the weapons they will need to win on that battlefield.

ARMY TRAINING 21 places greater emphasis on distributed training strategy to reduce the Army's outlay of resources for conducting effective training.

Embracing this new strategy, the Distributed Training Branch, Course Development Division, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, at the Infantry School is now developing interactive

videodisc programs that include the following:

Threat Vehicle Identification	29 lessons
Target Acquisition Enhancement Devices	11 lessons
Bradley Fighting Vehicle Skill Level 1-3 Tasks	59 lessons
TOW Trainer Course	47 lessons
Infantry Mortar Platoon Course	171 lessons

The fielding of this courseware will begin during FY 1992.

THE OFFICE OF THE TRADOC System Manager for Soldier Systems (TSM-Soldier) has been established at Fort Benning.

The office will integrate doctrine, training, leadership, organization/force structure, and materiel solutions using the Soldier Modernization Plan as its basis. Its focus will be on the items a soldier consumes, wears, or carries for his individual use in the field. The ultimate purpose will be to increase the soldier's battlefield capabilities of lethality, command and control, protection, sustainment, and mobility, and to see that a soldier is treated as a system.

Colonel Richard D. Anderson is the current TSM-Soldier. His address is Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School, ATTN: ATSH-TS, Fort Benning, GA 31905; AUTOVON 835-1189.

A SAFETY MESSAGE has been issued by the Army's Armament, Munitions, and Chemical Command (AMCCOM) concerning projectiles stuck in M16 series rifles. Seven

incidents have been reported in the past year, and these have caused injury to personnel and damage to weapons.

TM 9-1005-319-10 warns: If a noticeable difference in sound or recoil is experienced, stop firing. Either condition could indicate an incomplete powder burn and/or a bullet stuck in the bore (page 1). Page 75 of the same TM contains the following warning: If an audible "pop" or reduced recoil is experienced during firing, immediately cease fire: remove the magazine, lock the bolt to the rear, place the selector lever on the "SAFE" position, and visually inspect the bore or insert a cleaning rod into the bore to ensure that no bullet is stuck in it.

This warning is followed by: Do not apply immediate action. If a bullet is stuck in the barrel of the weapon, do not try to remove it. Turn the weapon in to the armorer.

Under some conditions, the operator may mistake the audible "pop" as the sound the hammer makes when it falls. If the weapon does not fire, check the bore.

Any time the charging handle has to be used to remove a cartridge case from the weapon, there is a chance that a projectile is lodged in the bore. Many times, it is lodged so close to the chamber that the round that follows must be used to seat the round. Or the user thinks he has had a second malfunction and uses the charging handle to remove that round also. In either case, the projectile is moved far

enough forward to allow a round to be chambered and fired, which results in a catastrophic failure.

It is therefore advised that if the forward assist must be used or the charging handle is required to remove a spent cartridge case from a rifle, the weapon should be cleared and the barrel checked for a lodged projectile.

Other references for this problem are TM 9-1005-249-10, M16/M16A1 Rifle, February 1985, page 2-32; and TM 9-1005-309-238P, M231 Firing Port Weapon, August 1986, page 2-31.

THE 1991 INFANTRY CONFERENCE will be held at Fort Benning, Georgia, 9-12 April. Administrative instructions and conference agendas have been sent to those who will attend.

The School's POC is COL Gary A. Jones, Chief, Office of Infantry Proponency, AUTOVON 835-4621/4624.

FIELD MANUAL 23-1, Bradley Fighting Vehicle Gunnery, is scheduled to be in the field by the end of March 1991.

The manual is intended to provide Bradley units with gunnery theories, methods, and techniques; a description of system features and capabilities; and a program for training and evaluating individual, crew, section, and platoon proficiency in Bradley gunnery.

The School's POC is Ms. Capraro, Publications Division, Directorate of Training and Doctrine, AUTOVON 835-7662.

REGIMENTAL PLAQUES from infantry regiments in the U.S. Army are being sought by the U.S. Army Infantry Training Center, Fort Benning, Georgia. Any plaques donated will be used to decorate the Regimental Chapel of Infantry located at Sand Hill.

Since this is where all infantrymen receive their initial introduction to the infantry, and since thousands of guests visit the Sand Hill area each year, the Center wants the chapel to represent the infantry — Active Army, U.S. Army Reserve, and Army National Guard.

The plaques should be no smaller than 8 x 10 inches and no larger than 11 x 14. A one-page copy of the regimental history should be sent with each plaque to: Commander, U.S. Army Infantry Training Center, ATTN: OIC, Regimental Chapel, Bldg. 3220, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

Additional information is available from Chaplain (CPT) David Reese, AUTOVON 784-9269/9458; or commercial (404) 544-9629/9458.

A HANDBOOK OF DECEPTIVE techniques and procedures for tactical units is being written by the Combined Arms Command's Deception Division. This handbook will contain information about the building of field expedient decoys, the use of multispectral close combat decoys (MCCDs), and procedures that can help small units survive and gain a tactical advantage over threat forces.

As the Army gains experience with deception and decoys, we need to get the word to all units so the force can

be more effective. Your ideas and experiences, therefore, can help other units in the field.

If your unit has built field expedient decoys, has found additional uses for the MCCDs, or has used tactical procedures to gain surprise or a maneuver advantage, the division needs to hear about them and the effects your procedures could have on mission accomplishment.

Send your information to Commander, U.S. Army Combined Arms Command, ATTN: ATZL-CDA-B, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027; or call SFC Dave Westall at AUTOVON 552-4503, commercial (913) 684-4503.

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**THE EXPANDED STOP-LOSS** policy, effective December 1990, applies to all active duty soldiers, with few exceptions. Previously, stop-loss applied only to soldiers who were determined to be in direct support of Operation DESERT SHIELD, were deployed or about to be deployed, or had skills or specialties that were considered critical to the operation.

This expanded stop-loss policy now includes requests for voluntary retirements of less than 30 years. Medical retirements or the retirement of soldiers who have reached their Retention Control Points (RCPs) or officers with mandatory retirement dates are not affected by this new policy.

Further, soldiers who are ineligible to reenlist are now affected. The exceptions are soldiers who are ineligible to reenlist as a result of DA bars imposed under the Qualitative Management Program (QMP).

Soldiers may request exemptions from the stop-loss restrictions for compelling or compassionate reasons, and each request will be considered individually. Exemptions based solely on plans for schooling or promises of jobs do not merit approval.

Local commanders may disapprove requests that have no particular merit. If approval is recommended, however, requests must be forwarded to PERS-COM, ATTN: TAPC-PDT-S for enlisted personnel or TAPC-PDT-R for officers.

All requests for stop-loss exemptions

must be approved by the Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

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**THE U.S. ARMY OFFICER** Candidate Alumni Association, Inc., has received many inquiries about the 50th Anniversary of the OCS program. This joint activity between the 3d Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry, and the Alumni Association has been rescheduled and will be held in conjunction with the OCS Hall of Fame induction 22-24 May 1991.

The Alumni Association welcomes inquiries concerning the anniversary celebration and membership in the association.

Regular membership in the Alumni Association is now open to graduates of any Officer Candidate School. Associate membership is available to non-OCS graduates who served as staff and faculty members at an OCS and other persons who have made and will continue to make significant contributions to the OCS program. Annual dues are \$10.00 for either class of membership.

Anyone who is interested in joining may write to Secretary, The U.S. Army Officer Candidate Alumni Association, Inc., P.O. Box 2192, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

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**THE NATIONAL INFANTRY** Museum at Fort Benning, Georgia, has provided the following notes:

- An informal ground-breaking ceremony for the First Infantry Division monument was held 7 December 1990 on the museum grounds. All members and former members of the division who were in the area were invited to participate.

- A recent addition to displays in the Medal of Honor Room is a uniform belonging to the late Major General George Mabry. When a lieutenant colonel assigned to the 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division, he was awarded the medal for action in the Hurtgen Forest near Schevenhutte, Germany on 20 November 1944. He

advanced alone across a mine field under heavy hostile fire to establish a safe route of passage for his battalion. Along the way, he personally captured, at bayonet point, three enemy soldiers who were in foxholes, then led an assault against three log bunkers housing other enemy soldiers with automatic weapons, overcoming them with the assistance of his scouts. He then led his battalion across 300 yards of fire-swept terrain to seize elevated ground upon which he then established a defensive position that provided a firm foothold on the approach to the Cologne plain.

- The museum has continued with its conservation of fragile artifacts that are tattered and worn or otherwise showing their age and use. Recently, for example, professional conservation measures were applied to the Fifth Infantry Regiment colors that were carried into battle during the war with Mexico and to an early 19th century coat. Another improvement soon to be in place is new carpeting for the first and second floor public areas, to be purchased with nonappropriated funds.

- A graduate student in museum studies was recently assigned to the museum for a directed research project on the history of Fort Benning. The result was the first comprehensive historical outline from the post's establishment to the present time. Included in the outline are important events such as Presidential visits and dates when various units were assigned to the post as well as when they left. The outline will be used in presenting historical programs and as a research aid.

The National Infantry Museum Society, formed at Fort Benning a number of years ago to assist the museum with financial and volunteer support, is open to anyone who is interested in joining. The cost is \$2.00 for a one-year membership or \$10.00 for a lifetime membership.

Additional information about the museum and the society is available from the Director, National Infantry Museum, Fort Benning, GA 31905-5273; telephone AUTOVON 835-2958, or commercial (404) 545-2958.