

# INFANTRY NEWS



THE DIRECTORATE OF COMBAT Developments has submitted the following news items:

**Bunker Defeat Munition.** The bunker defeat munition (BDM), scheduled for fielding to specific infantry and engineer units in early 1996, is intended to defeat earth and timber bunkers.

The BRD, a non-developmental item, will be a round of ammunition weighing no more than 17 pounds and measuring no more than 40 inches in length. It will be fired from a disposable launch tube (like the AT4 and the M72A3) with a required range of 150 meters. The BDM will be carried and operated by an individual soldier and will be capable of mounting night vision equipment such as the AN/PVS-4, the AN/PAQ4A/B, and the thermal weapons sight.

During the source selection process, three candidate systems competed in a side-by-side "shoot-off" to determine which system best met the Army's requirements in terms of cost and overall performance. The candidates will also be evaluated on their effects against such secondary targets as light armor and brick or concrete walls, and also their ability to defeat bunkers out to 250 meters.

**The Red Dot Sight.** The red dot sight, now being tested, enables a soldier to keep both eyes open while firing, which improves his peripheral vision. Although

the dot does not appear on the target, the round a soldier fires will hit the target at the spot where the red dot shows in his sight.

If the sight now being tested meets all requirements, it will be issued to all infantry units.

**The Modular Weapon System.** The modular weapon system—now a modified M16A2 rifle or M4 carbine with a system of rails built onto it—will allow a soldier to mount an assortment of accessories such as an optical, thermal weapon, or other sight; a grenade launcher; or a range finder. A unit leader will be able to customize the system to fit the needs of a given mission, environment, or operational requirement.

THE FOLLOWING INFANTRY manuals either have been published recently or will be published by the end of this fiscal year:

**FM 57-38, Pathfinder Operations,** published in April 1993, provides information on the training and employment of pathfinder and terminal guidance personnel. The tactics, techniques, and procedures regarding various missions may be modified as needed for various air assault operations.

**TC 7-9, Infantry Live-Fire Training,** bridges the gap between individual and collective marksmanship training. It ad-

resses both fire and maneuver with emphasis on live-fire exercises (LFXs) for dismounted infantry. It also provides guidance and examples to help the commander set up mission-specific LFXs.

**TC 90-1, Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain Training,** provides guidance for leaders who plan and conduct training to prepare soldiers to survive and win in urban combat. Although this manual is keyed to the standard MOUT training complex, it can also be applied to other MOUT training facilities.

**CORRECTION, SLEEPING EDITORS** Department: When INFANTRY's editorial staff prepared the biographical data that accompanied Master Sergeant Michael L. Collis's article "Physical Fitness in the Reserve Components" (May-June 1993, pages 42-44), we somehow used information from another author's bio sheet.

Sergeant Collis is a master fitness trainer (that part we got right). He is assigned to the 2d Battalion, 124th Infantry, Florida Army National Guard. He previously served on active duty in various infantry assignments with the 7th Infantry Division, the Berlin Brigade, and the 25th Infantry Division. He is a graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy.

Our apologies for the confusion.

