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Its farewell to Captain Henry Marsolais and welcome to Captain Gerald Harper. Former HHSB Commander Cpt Henry Marsolais (Worcester, Mass) heads for Ft Sill, Okla. to attend the Arty Officer Career Course. Cpt Gerald Harper, HHSB Commander, (Baltimore, Md) came into the Army after attending Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. After Graduating from Artillery OCS he was assigned to Ft Dix, Camp Casey, Korea and Ft Jackson and then worked as an Asst S3 for five months prior to assuming command of HHSB. Cpt Harper is married and has two daughters.

WO Donald Thompson (Security, Colo) Bn Maintenance officer, departs on 10 Dec for Ft Knox, Ky. His replacement is unknown as of this date.

SFC Benjamin Jordan (Columbus, Ga.) Bn Personell NCO departed on 3 Dec 70 for duty with the AA USA AVN Center, Ft Rucker, Ala. His replacement is also unknown.

CSM Harvy McMillan (Gregory, S.D.) Bn Sergeant Major, departs on 13 Dec 70 for duty with 1Bn 19 Arty Ft Carson, Colo. His replacement is unknown.

SFC Wesley Jackson (Winchester, Va.) Mess Steward B-Btry, departs on 9 Dec 70 for duty at Ft Riley, Kan. His replacement is SP/6 Stanley Sawyer.

## ONLY IN THE ARMY

Recent comments by the "Military wife of the year" Mrs Gussie Sanford are attracting considerable publicity. With top military officials including Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird in attendance, the wife of Army LTC Albert Sanford said: "My children are bilingual, we have two cars, a two story duplex with four bedrooms, precious possessions from all over the world, we belong to the Officers clubs which are akin to any communities top country clubs. I've visited Rome, London, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Germany. You tell me how another black lady from a poverty stricken home could have all this if she weren't a Military wife."

## NORTH DAKOTA

Named after a tribe of Sioux Indians called the Dakota or allies.

## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Marlin returned home from the baby-sitters in great excitement. He said he had played all day with the Baby-sitter's nephew, who had just arrived from Mexico. His mother wondered how they had gotten along, since the boy spoke only Spanish.

"Oh, that didn't matter", Marlin replied, "He smiles in English."

He did indeed! And for the young visitor, Marlin smiled in Spanish.

Words in any language are often quite useless. They may not express what we really feel or what we really mean. Words may be misunderstood or misinterpreted. The listener, not wishing to hear, may turn them off. Sometimes even at their best words are poor tools for communicating.

Friendliness, love, and concern cannot be mistaken in any language. The smile you or I give may be all that someone needs to know that we care about what happens to him.

18 MORE DAYS UNTIL Christmas  
Merry Christmas

# APTITUDE TEST

1. How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the ark with him? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What is the minimum number of active players on a baseball field during any part of an inning? \_\_\_\_\_. How many outs in each inning? \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A farmer had 17 sheep; all but 9 died. How many did he have left? \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A woman gave a beggar 50 cents. The woman is the beggar's sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How come? \_\_\_\_\_.
5. If you set the clock to awaken you at 10 a.m. and you go to sleep at 9 p.m., how many hours does this permit you to sleep? \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In a dark room there are a gasoline lamp, a candle, and a wood stove. You have only one match. Which one do you light first? \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Some months have thirty days, some have 31 days. How many have 28 days? \_\_\_\_\_.
8. You have two U.S. coins valued at 55 cents. One of them is not a nickel. What are they? \_\_\_\_\_.
9. If a doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last you? \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What word is misspelled in this test? \_\_\_\_\_.

( answers on page 3 )

## AT YOUR SERVICE

Q. I was told recently discharged veterans have 120 days after separation to convert their servicemen's Group Life Insurance. Does that mean they have no coverage between time of separation and actual date of conversion?

A. The group term coverage automatically continues for 120 days after discharge with no cost to the insured, with one exception. Veterans who are totally disabled at separation have up to one year while still totally disabled to convert their SGLI.

### "10 most wanted list"

A "10 most wanted list" is food for thought. A survey compiled at the Army Quartermaster School at Ft Lee, Va., shows that GI's favorite foods are, in order of preference, (1) milk, (2) grilled steak, (3) fresh assorted fruit, (4) fresh sliced tomatoes, (5) apple pie, (6) veal steak, (7) eggs to order, (8) country-style chicken, (9) roast beef, (10) roast beef sandwiches.

Ice cream was number 11. The least preferred was iced coffee.

Make up your list of "10 most wanted" (foods that is ) and send through your orderly room to Bn PIO if you want to see, next issue, the results of a survey here in RVN.



A PILL A DAY KEEPS \_\_\_\_\_ AWAY!

## ARMY WARNS THAT BAD DISCHARGES REALLY ARE.

WASHINGTON (UPI)---The Army warned Thursday against a rising tide of rumors that a soldier can misbehave to get out of the Army early with a less-than-honorable discharge, then have his record cleared easily by congressional pressure or by paying a lawyer \$500.

"These are absolutely false rumors," one high-ranking official said. "Too many of our youngsters are listening to the ill-informed coffee house speakers or to the 'guardhouse lawyers,' rather than to the properly constituted authorities who have the right answers."

Officials said the rumors first appeared about a year and a half ago and have since spread to U.S. military installations all over the world.

"Reports from the legal officers in the field indicate that many soldiers are laboring under the mistaken impression that it is fairly easy to have the character of an unfavorable discharge changed following separation from the service," one official said.

"Rumors are circulating that it is easy to have a discharge changed (to honorable status) if a member of congress intercedes or if a fee of \$500 is paid, or if one waits six months at which time unfavorable discharges will automatically be changed to honorable."

On the contrary, officials said it is rare that an unfavorable discharge is ever changed to honorable. Their said congressional pressure makes no dif-

ference, that there is no automatic change after any period of time and that hiring a private lawyer provides no guarantee of favorable appeal action.

Appeals are allowed for 15 years from the time of separation from the service, they said. But appeals are considered only when there is evidence of fraud or improper procedure, or when policies under which the original discharge was issued have changed.

Of the 1,688 appeals considered in 1969 by the Army Discharge Review Board, only 79 were changed to honorable and only 114 were changed to the somewhat less desirable category of general discharges. There were almost 20,000 discharges of less than honorable status issued by Army boards during that period, and another approximately 15,000 bad conduct or dishonorable discharges ordered by courts martial.

Officials said a soldier who fails to get an honorable discharge may later find himself unable to obtain the job he wants or get a promotion because of his record.

## ANSWERS TO APTITUDE TEST of page 2

1. Moses didn't take any, it was Noah.
2. Ten players, nine in the field and a batter.
3. Nine.
4. The beggar is the woman's sister.
5. One hour.
6. The match.
7. All.
8. One isn't a nickel, the other one is, so 50¢ & 5¢.
9. One hour.
10. Misspelled.



"Ah, it's nothin'. He's just grouchy in the morning."

Where did your state get its name and what does it mean?

CALIFORNIA --from a popular 16th-century Spanish romance whose heroine, Calafia, ruled over an island called California. The name was first applied to Lower California by its Spanish discoverer.

NEW YORK (SOS)---Vietnam based troops may now include Chicago and New York as destinations in their "Operation Reunion" 14-day leave plans. United Service Club, which last week announced a lowcost round-trip fare between Vietnam and the west Coast, has now completed arrangements with Pan American for flights to Chicago and New York, and hopes to announce soon a further extension to Atlanta.

The round-trip fare to Chicago will be \$442 and to New York \$479. The west coast fare is \$369. All fares include United Services Club membership, one nights lodging in the U.S., a stateside meal and transportation to ongoing travel connections. Soldiers who do not wish the ground accommodations will get a refund of about \$15.

Gen Creighton Abram's original plan for "Operation Reunion" was to permit troops in Vietnam with more than four months but less than eight to fly "space available

to the west coast provided they could show a confirmed return reservation via commercial aircraft. The commercial economy fare, Los Angeles to Saigon, is \$510, one way.

It soon became evident that "space available" could accommodate only a small percentage of those desiring stateside leave, whereas USC and Pan American teamed up to offer the lowest flights.

Travelers may purchase there roundtrip tickets at any of 20 Pan American ticket offices in Vietnam, or their families may purchase an open-date ticket at any Pan Am office in the U.S. for transmission to the soldier, who then would work out a firm date with the nearest ticket office.

Trips to all three areas will start next week. A USC spokesman estimated there would be more than 100 flights during December, each plane carrying from 180-250 passengers.

#### ALABAMA

...is Choctaw Indian, meaning... "I open or clear the thicket"

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