

General Kinnard, Colonel Knowles, Honored guests, Officers and ladies - As you know, in the artillery as at General Electric "Progress is our most important Product". Due to this progress, we have lost our Division Artillery Commander. To insure that we are not completely forgotten by him in his new assignment, we have several small tokens that we would like to present at this time. (The device is shown) We have named this, we think rather symbolically, "The Star of Progress". Items affixed to the star were picked at random out of a vast store of such items to give an indication of the ingenuity and imagination displayed by Colonel Knowles throughout this past year. There is, of course, a long sequence of events from the birth of an idea to the workable item. We won't bore you with a step-by-step lecture on this sequence, we'll say simply that this is known as "getting your ducks lined up".

In the North-east corner of the star you see what is affectionately referred to as the "Beast". The beast is a system designed to spray the area with 2.75 rockets. Primarily for the benefit of the ladies, the term area, as used here, is defined as real estate of undetermined dimensions, generally in the direction that the beast is pointed. WE HOPE. Even if we don't hit them we scare them to death - hence the name Beast.

We have, in the 11th Division Artillery, a secret weapon. This weapon housed in an innocent looking converted mess hall in the Harmony Church Area, is equipped with the very latest in coffee brewing equipment and easy chairs. Manned by assorted specialists and headed up by a 2D Lt,

this weapon is known as the "Idea Center". Another brain-child of Colonel Knowles, the idea center, under his direction and guidance, has given us many answers to problems that we have created. In fact it is presently working on the item I am about to describe.

In the South you see an H-13 helicopter attempting to lift a 155MM Howitzer as a sling load. The carrying capacity of the H-13 is roughly 500 pounds while the 155 weighs in at around 12,700 pounds. While this would seem to present a small problem at this time, by directive of Colonel Knowles, the Center will have a solution to this problem in the immediate future.

In the North-west corner is depicted the M102 Howitzer. Time, unfortunately, does not allow us to give complete details on the procurement of this weapon; however, having been told that it absolutely was not available to us, and being convinced that we must have it, Colonel Knowles went to work with his usual enthusiasm, initiative, and drive. After fighting USAIC, 3d Army, CONARC, CDC, The Artillery School, and the SPCA, we, of course, won. However, we took the weapon off the assembly line somewhere between the drawing board and final assembly, this is, admittedly, not the ultimate weapon. However, it will fire on occasion, and makes an excellent conversation piece during demonstrations.

The next item that we'd like to call to your attention is one which we take great pride. Most tokens of remembrance are usually patterned after existing insignias, i. e., crossed rifles, crossed cannons, etc., As you see here we have not used any of the usual ones. In tribute once again to the

ingenuity of our American service men we have shown crossed plumbers helpers as aids in refueling helicopters. Finally the project was completed and the end result was, and is, plumbers helpers.

Finally, if there were a coat of arms and it contained your motto we are sure it would, ^{be} "Illigitimus non Carborandum", which means roughly translated, "Don't let the obstructionists wear you down".

Colonel Knowles went to Division on 10 February. Every day and sometimes in the middle of the night "Div Arty better get on the ball".

As yet, the Hq & Hq Btry, Div Arty, does not have its own individual unit crest. In keeping with the traditions and high esprit being established by and within all elements of the 11th AAD, we, in Div Arty, as you are aware, initiated steps to secure our own distinctive insignia.

We present you with this facsimile of a proposed insignia with the hope you will find appropriate space on your wall. This particular design is the joint product of Major Lyerla and Staff Sergeant Cartwright.

Make the Presentation.

Sir, may we say a few words in all seriousness. We take great pride in having had a part in the achievements and the unquestioned success of this first year of the Air Assault Artillery concept. While we look forward to a continued association with you and Mrs. Knowles in your new assignment, we do feel a distinct loss. Our warmest personal regards and our hopes for continued success go with you, and we pledge our best

efforts to maintain the high standards that you have set for us.