

Department Of The Army



Aviation Accident Prevention Award Of Merit

242ND AVIATION COMPANY (WDYDAA)
222ND AVIATION BATTALION (COMBAT)
FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA 99703

*For Accident Free Flying
21 May 1977 through 20 May 1978*

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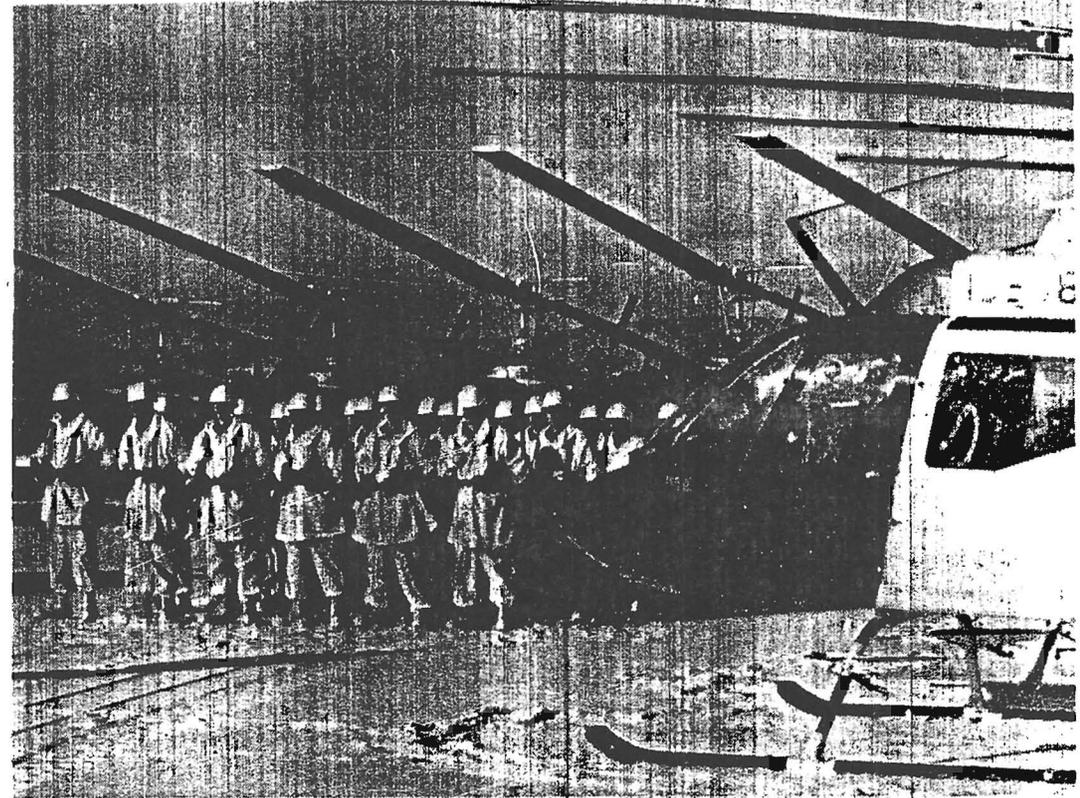
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Wainwright units change hands



(Photo by Rick Hayeland)

E Troop

MEN AND MACHINES IN FORMATION Friday witnessed a change of command ceremony for E Troop at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska. The men in overwhites from the cavalry outfit saw the guidon pass from Major Donald Jones, departing commander to his successor, Captain David Salvadorini during the ceremony.

343d Avn. Det.

Against a backdrop of skycranes in Hangar 3 on March 14 Major Bruce Smith, former Flight Standards Officer for the 222d Avn Bn, assumed command of the 343d Aviation Detachment from outgoing commander, Captain Gerald Lindsey. Lindsey will PCS to a new duty tour at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.

242d Avn. Co.

In ceremonies Tuesday afternoon, two men within the 222d Avn Bn exchanged positions. Major Gary Johnson, former Battalion Executive Officer, assumed command of the 242d Aviation Company. Major Fred Ciarlo, former commander of the 242d Avn Co., became the 222d Battalion Executive Officer. During informal moments after the ceremony, NCOs of the 242d surprised MAJ Ciarlo with a plaque as a token of their appreciation for his leadership.

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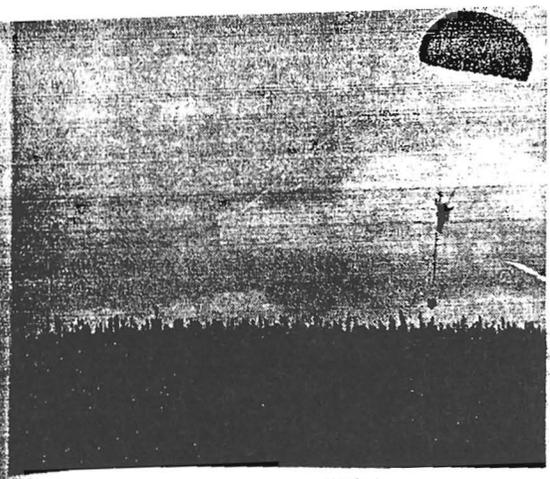
some commanders are omitting information, requests for ation of enlisted soldiers with profiles new MOS are causing problems at CEN, according to officials. requests are being forwarded without justification or lacking approval, or are Ss that are overstrength. als. say that when soldiers are to be fied as a result of a profile, requests for lication into a new MOS must follow a ble period (60 to 90 days) of observing nance in the current MOS. Requests

Contract, bonus cases clarified for soldiers

Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW). Since impact funds are paid at rates reflect local or federal budget averages, says, a drop in California school funding reduce averages for both state and impact fund rates. California has more primary and students and teachers than any other Defense schools operating overseas affected by impact payments since the independently of the CONUS school (ARNews)

must also cite specific tasks soldier profile can or cannot perform. Soldiers must not, according to reclassified as a means of getting from one MOS to another. Requests include detailed reasons for reclassification. Commanders must recommend alternate MOSs, in order of priority being reclassified. Soldiers must physical, mental, time in service minimum requirements to select alternate MOSs, which must overstrength. (ARNews)

Some enlistees whose contracts will get another chance to obtain enlistment bonus, according to a policy announced by DA last week. affects those soldiers whose contracts because of errors not the fault of the To get the bonus, recruits must have a valid contract and meet all requirements for the enlistment bonus. In the past, some enlistees had enlistment contracts voided because not the fault of the individual's but voided from signing another enlistment contract the enlistment bonus because they were considered "initial enlistees." Regulations which govern the EB program (DoD 1304.22 and Ar 600.200) specify enlistment bonus may only be awarded to "initial enlistees." The new policy clarifies recruits as first term enlistees who negotiate their contracts, therefore,



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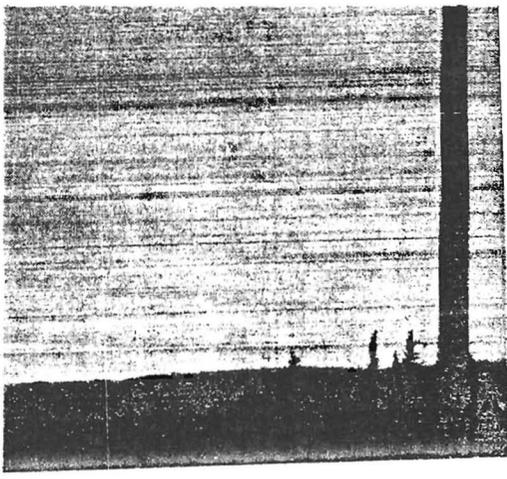
Post helicopter saves

Joan Barclay
Two CH-47 "Chinook" helicopters from the 23rd Aviation Company and an Air Force C-130 were dispatched to rescue an injured soldier and his companion from the 200-foot level on Mt. McKinley at approximately 10:30 p.m. June 26. Charlie Prentice, who was suffering from cerebral edema is reported in stable condition.

His companion, Charlie Camble, was uninjured. Both men are members of a 15-party team from the North Star Expedition Group in Colorado. The other 13 expedition members were forced to descend below the 14,000-foot level of the mountain when they ran out of fuel. The two "Chinooks" were diverted from their mission at Ft. Greely June 25 and had waited

47th completes ammo dump road

Story and photo by Francois Billingsley
Members of the 47th Engineer Company completed building a new road behind the ammunition dump recently. The road was constructed along the fence outside the 1900 block for security purposes. Guards patrolling the perimeter of the ammo dump will now be able to accomplish the mission much easier.



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NEWS

1 **Army-wide**

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There has also been a change in language and ideas. Most Hispanic Americans are bilingual. For many Hispanic Americans, Spanish has become a blend of Spanish, English, and Indian (from which English has borrowed many words—for example, "chocolate", "Hurricane", "bronco"). But many other Hispanic Americans speak pure Spanish—a trend likely to continue as more and more people

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No. 1 Army-wide

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'Sugarbear' top SOM

Story, photo by Francois Billingsley

Regardless of whether you work for the U.S. Army or a civilian firm, being outstanding at whatever you do is no easy task.

Becoming the soldier of the month, and being a woman who works in an almost totally male dominated career group such as aviation is even more of an outstanding accomplishment.

SP4 Laurel Walters, 242d Aviation Company, 222d Aviation Battalion, is the outstanding young lady who was awarded the September "Soldier of the Month" honors.

She works in Hangars Four and Five as a stock control accounting clerk. Her daily job is to issue and replenish aircraft supplies for helicopters such as the Chinook.

When asked what she thought about winning the post competition as well as the battalion competition, Walters replied enthusiastically, "It was a big surprise."

Walters competed against two other soldiers in both competitions. In the post competition, she competed against a soldier from the 47th Engineers and a soldier from the 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry.

"I thought the guy from the 4/9th would have it wrapped up," says Walters. "That's because the things we were tested on, they do everyday."

"I'm glad I won though," says Walters.

Despite the fact that Walters is one of two women that work in Hangars 4 and 5 here, when asked how she likes her job, her reply was, "It's unique and a nice environment to work in."

Even though she is pleased with the way things are going on her job, Walters has other plans for the future. Her real ambition is to become a pharmacist.

After going through basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Lee, Va., and a tour of duty at Ft. Sill, Okla., Walters was PCS'ed here last Dec. 1st.

It wasn't exactly her station of choice, she admits, but she's "enjoying it" just the same.

"I've done a lot of things I never thought I'd be doing since I've been here," says Walters. "One of them was sewing. I hadn't sewed in years until I got here."

Some of Walters other hobbies include reading and dancing. She's also taken up ceramics since she's been here.

Much of Walters' extra time is spent working towards her goal of becoming a pharmacist.

to complete her degree requirements. Presently she is attending classes in the University of Alaska extension program here.

Her enlistment will be up in January. It is then that she will decide whether she will try to continue in the Army and get into the ROTC program or enroll in college as a civilian back home.

She may decide to come back in after she gets her degree, Walters says, but right now, getting her degree is the most important thing to her.

If there was ever a word to describe Walters, it wouldn't be just one word, it might take three-non-stop activity.

Walters is a fierce believer in keeping active. She explains it like this. "I hate to waste



SP4 Laurel Walters

time. Many people in the Army just get to a point where they're just passing time. They stay locked in their rooms all the time and wonder.

"I can't do that," she states. "I want to be able to look back on this period and be able to say, this is what I did over this period of time."

"You have to look for things to do also," she says. "They're not going to come up and knock on your door and say, 'Hi! I'm something to do. Why don't you sew me or read me.'"

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