

Fort Riley, Kansas



Transcribed by MAJ (Ret) Larry L. Castleman
Re-published by CPT (Ret) Donald M. Ricks, Webmaster, 97th EBC

SSG STEED 1ST IN CLASS

The Constructor would like to congratulate SSG Billy Steed, HHC, 97th Engr Bn, for being the honor graduate from Leadership School for the week of 23-27 Mar. SSG Steed finished first in his class of 46 men.

The purpose of Leadership School is to enlighten NCO's on the new methods of leadership now in the Army and to also help them become more aware of the problems in the Army what they can do to help curb these problems.

SSG Steed is presently the NCOIC of Commo for the entire battalion.

[DID NOT TYPE 'ARMED FORCES DAY,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

HHC HITS A GRAND SLAM

HHC was awarded the "Best Company Award" for the fourth month in a row for being the outstanding company in Mar. HHC was 26 pts ahead of A Co who was the second.

The "Best Company Award" is given each month to the best over all company in the battalion. Points are computed for evaluation of assignment: maintenance; appearance of the mess hall, day room and company area; accident free miles; reenlistment rate; Soldier of the Month; news releases; athletics; and outside inspections.

Minus points are given for court martials, accident, D.R.'s and AWOL.

The results for Mar are as follows:

HHC	210
A Co	182
D Co	170
B Co	153
C Co	140 ½

[DID NOT TYPE 'REAL DOLL,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'CHAPLAIN'S CORNER,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

CONSTRUCTOR

The Constructor is an authorized Army Newspaper published monthly by HQ, 97th Engr Bn, Ft Riley, KS 66442, under the staff supervision of the Information Officer. Contributions from readers are solicited but publication depends upon the discretion of the editor. Views and opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Dept of the Army.

- Commanding Officer: LTC Fred W Aron
- Information Officer: 2LT David B Schulz
- Editor: SP5 Larry W Hinkle
- Contributing Editor: SP4 Thomas A Livesay
- Information Asst & Sports: SP4 Robert Agnew
- Reporters: SP4 Burt Hobart, SP5 Richard West,
- SSG Ernest Martin III & SP5 Josef Cariel
- Reproduction: SP4 Larry Heaslip & PVT Mike Byrd

IN THIS ISSUE

SSG STEED 1ST IN CLASS 2

HHC HITS A GRAND SLAM..... 2

CONSTRUCTOR..... 2

IN THIS ISSUE 2

POST IG -THE REAL TEST..... 2

RECENT PROMOTIONS..... 3

INDEX..... 4

POST IG -THE REAL TEST

SSG Ernest Martin III

Last month the 97th Engr Bn experienced what many soldiers may have considered beforehand one of the most exhausting events of their Army career (Be it two or 22 years). This event was the AIG or better known to most of us, as the "IG." Once a year this inspection takes place in each unit, and once a year the same fear passes through the ranks. In almost all units around the world the same things happen.

About one month before the IG the commanders begin to think about it. Two weeks before everyone starts running around with their heads in a spin, and they don't stop spinning until the day after the IG. Its rush rush rush, and the whole purpose of an inspection defeated. The Army must know that when the IG

finally takes place that it is only because of working overtime and even nights that the unit appears to be fairly orderly.

But what would have happened if the IG had come unannounced and two weeks early? Where would most sections in the battalion have been...it takes no Rhodes Scholar to figure that they would be sitting around, caught with their pants down? Does that mean we should be proud because in two weeks we finally started doing the job we should have been doing 52 weeks out of the year? Can we honestly pat ourselves on the back, and sit back down and wait for the next one to come around?

Of course maybe most of us won't be around next year for one reason or the other, ETS, PCS or maybe even retire. So why should we care what happens to our jobs and predicament one year from now?

All this sounds rather harsh, and no one expects a unit to run around in high gear as it does during the IG, 365 days a year. But there is no reason for us to shift to low or neutral.

If the equipment is kept clean and the daily maintenance is done; if the records and paperwork is filed instead of thrown around haphazardly; if the buildings are kept fairly clean instead of in shambles; if everyone does an average job at what he is supposed to be doing, instead of shamming for the next 50 weeks, then maybe the IG will not be the monster which comes down from the hill once a year, but just another inspection.

[DID NOT TYPE 'BELIEVE IT OR NOT,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'SPORT NOTES,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'O.U. STAR NOW IN THE ARMY,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'TRAFFIC MANIA,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'STRIPES OFFERED RECRUITS WITH CONSTRUCTION SKILLS,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'SOUTH POLE MAY GET 52-FT DOME,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'CREDIT BUYING,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'VC SOUVENIRS ARE DANGEROUS,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'SPORTS QUIZ,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'OF DRUGS & THE LONELY CROWD,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'PANTSLESS HERO,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE '66-POUND ALLOWANCE ON OVERSEAS FLIGHT,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'THE COMMISSARY: QUESTIONS & ANSWERS,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

[DID NOT TYPE 'GOLDEN RASPBERRY WINNER,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

RECENT PROMOTIONS

TO E-7

Charles D Martin HHC

TO E-5

SGT Wallace K Foley HHC

SP5 John Needham Co B

SP5 Millard Patrick, Jr Co B

SP5 Robert L Smith Co B

SP5 Burt J Hobart HHC

SP5 Robert F Lamprecht HHC

TO E-4

Dennis Kirtpatrick HHC

Gary L Arseneau HHC

Sam E Rook HHC

Mose A Balian Co A

Lee H Boyette Co A

Johnnie Williams HHC

William Delgado-Ayala Co B

Gary M Dunigan Co B

Randal J Larson Co B

William E Brassington Co A

Lonnie J Carrington Co A

Jose C Rodriguez Co A

James H Clinton Co B

William M Gray Co B

John T Sibiga Co B

Lanny H Ward Co B

Richard H Tompkins Co B

Dave A Bloomfield Co B

TO PFC

Roy Gresson Co A

Guy Bryant Co A

Roy Christofferson Co A

David Sloniker Co A

Karl Jordon	Co A	James Williams	Co C
Manuel Delgado	Co A	Arnold Honeycott	Co C
Robert Lotz	Co A	Kenneth Kuitunen	Co C
Daniel Pazanin	Co A	James Meagher	Co C
Donnie Swank	Co A	John Solbernagel	Co C
John Chapman	HHC	Stanley Abrams	Co C
Walter Brunke	HHC		
George Chism	HHC		
Troy C Hatfield	HHC		

[DID NOT TYPE 'UNCLE LONG,' AS NO 97TH HISTORICAL VALUE.]

INDEX

Abrams, 4	Kirtpatrick, 3
Agnew, 2	Kuitunen, 4
Aron, 2	
Arseneau, 3	Lamprecht, 3
	Larson, 3
Balian, 3	Livesay, 2
Bloomfield, 3	Lotz, 4
Boyette, 3	
Brassington, 3	Martin
Brunke, 4	Charles, 3
Bryant, 3	Ernest, 2
Byrd, 2	Meagher, 4
Cariel, 2	Needham, 3
Carrington, 3	
Chapman, 4	Patrick, 3
Chism, 4	Pazanin, 4
Christofferson, 3	
Clinton, 3	Rodriguez, 3
	Rook, 3
Delgado, 4	
Delgado-Ayala, 3	Schulz, 2
Dunigan, 3	Sibiga, 3
	Sloniker, 3
Foley, 3	Smith, 3
	Solbernagel, 4
Gray, 3	Steed, 2
Gresson, 3	Swank, 4
Hatfield, 4	Tompkins, 3
Heaslip, 2	
Hinkle, 2	Ward, 3
Hobart, 2, 3	West, 2
Honeycott, 4	Williams
	James, 4
Jordon, 4	Johnnie, 3