30th Division NG Encamps In Hoke County

Gis Relax At Dusk After Tough Day Of Training With Tanks, Infantry

Military Life Hasn't Changed Much

Military life hasn't changed very much, even in this modern age of specimen and missiles.

The youngsters still use the same four-letter words to show how tough they are, e. g. "pass the ---------mashed potatoes."

The oldsters head into the medical tent for a foot soak.

The First Soldier is still a dangerous man to tangle with.

And the chaplain's tent is located in the pines for those who wish to get their T. S. card punched.

The Battalion staff still likes to hold its own informal meeting and iron out as many problems as possible before going in to see the Old Man.

The dust still hangs heavy over the training areas and the barrels of .50 caliber machine guns still get overheated and occasionally burn the GIs who try to change them.

Then, when the sun goes down, and that substantial Army chow has all been put away, there are diversions of one kind or another. There are movies every night in the recreational area. There is volleyball and ping-pong and a lot of dandy games. What don't they get, they don't get damad !

Some of the troops try, of course. They tiptoe out of the boondocks and head into Raeford and Southern Pines and Aberdeen where they may be seen forlornly wandering up and down the Main Street looking for action. Once in a while, they might even find it.

This is what Army life is like, even when you're a citizen soldier doing just a 2-weeks' stint in the National Guard. And ever-present in the memories of all Guardsmen is the knowledge that units have been activated in the past and will be again in the future.

Planners in Washington have discovered that Mr. Khrushchev sobers up fast when he is confronted with three or four National Guard divisions that have been called into the federal service.

The 30th Division, Old Hickory, made up of your civilian neighbors 'trains hard and plays hard against the coming of that very tough day.
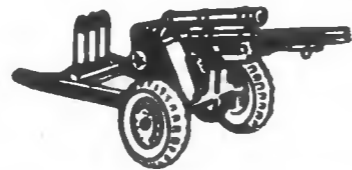
--PETER B. YOUNG, S/Sgt., US Air Force, Ret.

Staff Gets Straight Before Seeing The Old Man

The Old Man Has His Turn As Staff Closes In

First Soldier Types KP List

Communications Men Keep Wires Humming All Day

Medics Apply Burn Ointment To GI After Accident