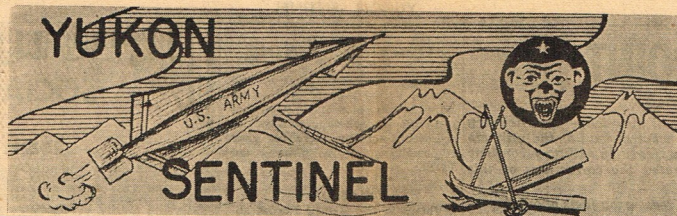


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EVER ALERT—Although the 2nd Missile Battalion will be celebrating its first birthday next week they will still be ever alert in observing their Air Defense mission. As pictured here there will be constant observance of the devices used to keep the sites operational at all times.

Sixteen Courses Offered By U A This Summer

The University of Alaska, on base, summer schedule has been announced by the Yukon Command Education Officer, Mr. Charles S. Brown.

Sixteen subjects are scheduled for the nine week summer session which begins June 13 and ends August 12. All classes will be held at Pompeo Hall and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Registration dates are May 23 through June 3. Army personnel may register at Taylor Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and civilians may register at room 213, Eielson Building, U. of A. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or at Pompeo Hall between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Complete details on courses available and costs may be obtained by calling 86-497 (Army) or Fairbanks 7791 - Ext 239 (Civilians).

18 TO RECEIVE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Eighteen army children, all first and second graders, will receive First Holy Communion at the Ladd Chapel on Mother's Day.

Distribution of the Holy Eucharist, one of the most important Sacraments in the Catholic Church, will be made during the 12:30 High Mass to be sung by Army Chaplain Gregorie R. Ratte. Chaplain Ratte will be assisted by Air Force Chaplain Philip T. Wild.

To prepare themselves for this Sacrament the children have been attending classes every Saturday since the beginning of the school year.

Army children who will make their First Communion are: Gary Benoit, Michael Benoit, Robin Benoit, Paul Dalba, John Dall'Aglio, Shawn Irvin, Diane Johnson, Sandra Lundy, Diane Martin, Tim Martinez, Bill Mason, Jay Mason, Patricia Nehl, Leticia Rivera, Iris Rosario, Sonia Rosario, Wilson Rosario and Robert Wesner.

Army Promotions Will Jump in May

Washington (AFPS) — Temporary Army enlisted promotions during the May cycle will total 16,427, a jump of 5,380 over April's quota and by far the largest new stripe allocation in 1960.

All along the line from E-4 to E-9, the quotas showed an appreciable increase with the 12,559 promotions slated to E-4 the largest jump percentage-wise. During April the Army allocated 7,719 for prospective E-4s.

A breakdown by grade reveals 330 slots open for new E-9s and 636 promotions authorized for the super-grade E-8. In April these figures read 260 and 575 respectively.

Enlisted men in pay grades E-5 and E-6 will have a better chance for promotion during May due to an increased quota for E-6s and E-7s. This allocation, which has been low for sometime due to saturation, for May reads 200 to E-6 and 225 to E-7.

Besides the new E-4 promotions, the Army will promote 2,447 to E-5.

Missile Battalion To Observe Their First Anniversary May 15

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Hard work, a wide view of military tactics and current events paid off for Sp4 Bobby D. Shreve as he was chosen Battle Group Soldier of the Month for April. The top section NCO's, who comprised the board, picked Sp4 Shreve over eight other candidates for the award.

Sp4 Shreve is a team leader in Company A and first set foot on Alaskan soil on 13 March 1959. He entered the Army in August 1963 at his home town of Princeton, West Virginia and took his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His second eight weeks of training were also taken at Fort Jackson with Company B, 11th Bn.

Shreve graduated from Princeton



High School in 1958 where he played football.

For being chosen as Soldier of the Month he will receive a \$25 United States Savings Bond, a three day pass, a letter of commendation from Col. D. J. Richardson, Battle Group Commander, and 30 days exempt from details at the company.

Open House for Families and Guests And Parties To Highlight Celebration

The 2nd Missile Bn, guardian of the skies above Alaska's interior, has for one year manned the giant Nike-Hercules missiles which stand as defenders of the northern approach to the American heartland.

May 15th marks the anniversary of the unit under the designation of 2nd Missile Bn.

Events marking the observance of the historic date will include tours through the unit's four batteries, and the Headquarters at Eielson for families and guests of unit personnel, parties at the Officers' and Non-Commissioned Officers' Clubs and individual battery celebrations.

During the unit's first year of operation, Battery B of the Battalion served as the site of the first firing of the Nike-Hercules in Alaska. Units of the 2nd Missile Bn and the 4th Missile Bn, 43rd Arty tested the giant missile during the winter. The firings marked the first such on an operational site in the U.S.

Formerly the 2nd Gun Bn, 562nd Arty; on May 15th, 1959, the Battalion's designation was changed to denote its arming with the Nike missile.

The unit was formed in 1928. Originally a reserve anti-aircraft regiment the unit was designated the 582nd Coast Arty.

Through a series of activations and deactivations, the battalion finally found itself a part of the 70th Coast Arty.

Among the battalion's campaign streamers are the Northern Solomons, Leyte, Bismark Archipelago and Luzon. There are also numerous Korean streamers.

The Battalion first came to Alaska over 10 years ago as the 502nd AAA Bn in April of 1950. A part of the 4th AAA Group, the unit was armed with 120 mm guns.

Missilemen from Ft. Bliss, Texas arrived early in 1959. The specialists, with training ranging from eight weeks to one year, were integrated into the 502nd. The Nike-Hercules arrived in Alaska in April, 1959, and in May the Battalion was declared operational.

Located at four different sites around Eielson AFB, with headquarters at the base, the 2nd Missile Bn is commanded by Lt. Col. George Pruett. All four sites are equipped with Nike-Hercules missiles, and soon a fifth site will become operational and will also have the sleek ground-to-air weapon.

I am more deadly than the screaming shell from a howitzer; I ruin without killing. I tear down homes; I break hearts and wreck lives. I have no respect for truth or justice, no mercy for the defenseless. You will find me in the pews of the pious and the haunts of the unholy. I am wily, cunning, malicious . . . and I gather strength with age. I make my way where greed, mistrust and dishonor are unknown. I feed on good and bad alike. My victims are numerous as the sands of the sea and often as innocent. I never forgive and seldom forget. My name is GOS-SIP and my alias RUMOR.



"HUSBAND'S REWARD"—Mrs. Stanley Welichko and Mrs. James A. Cox perform the pleasant wifely task of pinning the "railroad tracks" of a Captain on their husband's collar as Col. P. A. Loisel, Commanding Officer, YC watches after turning over the new insignia to the ladies. Capt. Welichko is Detachment Commander, 48th Engineers, while Capt. Cox serves with the Aviation Section, Yukon Command. April's promotion list also contained the names of Capt. John W. Bramblett, who received his bars shortly before he rotates from his assignment as Funds Officer, Yukon Command, and Capt. James N. Duke, who serves as Asst. S-3, 2nd Missile Bn. Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Beck, CG, USAARL, presented Captain Bramblett's bars in a ceremony at Ft. Richardson recently.

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