



# THE GYROSCOOP

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

We enter this new fiscal and training year (commencing 1 Oct 81) with a number of objectives to be completed, any of which would be a normal year's worthy accomplishment: the SQT's, the COMET Inspections (one in November and one at camp), the Command Inspection, the IG, the Gunner Skills Test, the potential receipt of Cobras, Night Vision Goggle Training, individual weapons qualifications, aerial range firing, MOBEX exercise, NOE requalifications, and THE EXTERNAL ARTEP at AT-82, plus any additional missions we receive because of our obviously lax schedule. Although a punishing schedule, our intent is to give professional and enthusiastic support to each of the above mentioned objectives to insure that we give each our "BEST SHOT". I can expect that no one can claim that they are under-challenged this year. We have now moved into this year and during this drill we will emphasize the SQT's and the preparation for successfully passing the COMET in November.

There will be a meeting for all commissioned officers at 0900 Saturday drill in the classroom following the Flight Operations Briefing. I expect it to last forty minutes.

CPT WILLIAM C. FOX

Drill dates for this month are 24 and 25 October. First formation is at 0800 at the Flight Facility. BE THERE!

All E-6 EER's are due at this drill. Make sure all you section sergeants turn in one (1) work copy and two (2) signed copies for each individual. All E-5 EER's MUST be turned in to Sergeant Taylor in the Orderly Room by Close of Business Sunday, 25 October. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

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THE FIRST SHIRT SPEAKS

September of this year was a good month for this unit. As of 1 September, this unit was assigned a new commander, a man who has the credentials to get the job done. On 15 Sep 81, we received three new AST's: Dale Taylor, Rick Lewis and Leonard (Blizzard) Storey. At this point, with the Orderly Room in good shape and running approximately 93% strength, this brings us to one of the most important individuals in the unit: the NCO. Over the past twenty years I have seen NCO's who would like to tell the commander where to go and how to get there. Numerous times I have heard an NCO tell an AST how to do his job and get angry if the job is not done immediately. Well, what about the NCO? What is his job? What's required of him? The following are some of the things I feel make a good NCO:

- 1) Set the example, not the exception
- 2) Discipline yourself so others don't have to
- 3) Don't let personal problems interfere with duty
- 4) Show concern for your men and their problems
- 5) Have confidence in yourself
- 6) Keep a positive, can-do attitude
- 7) In the absence of orders, make good, sound decisions and stick by them
- 8) Support the Chain of Command
- 9) Give assignments and supervise until the mission is completed

Remember, the troops have the attitude of their leaders. They do as you do. Bad=Bad. Good=Good. Better=BEST. With good NCO's and a well organized Orderly Room AND a good commander, we could easily correct one of our biggest problems: Recruiting and Retention. Our job in the near future is to combine the above and beat the recruiting and retention problems.

1SG GEORGE E. McKAY

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There will be a 1st Sgt, Section Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant meeting Saturday, 24 Oct 81 at 0700 at the Flight Facility in the Tech Inspector Library. This meeting will include a representative from the Medical Section (Robeano), Mess Section (Glass), Motor Pool (Fuller), and Como (Graven).

The following personnel will WILL see SP/5 Frazier Saturday morning at 0830:

COON	STRONG
TRENT	HINDS
DORSEY	WALSH
FISCHER	SMITH, Ken W.
PRINCE	
CHAPMAN	(THIS IS A MUST)

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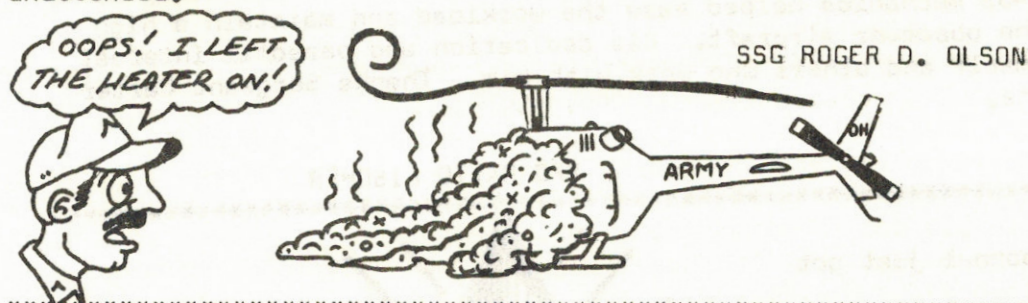


### TO THE AIRCREWS

This is the time of year when you start to get frost on the aircraft. Every year, AASF #2 loses thousands of dollars in parts money and hundreds of man-hours due to replacement of plexiglas windscreens which are scratched when people try to remove frost from them.

The ONLY way to remove frost from windscreens, as far as this facility is concerned, is to use WARM AIR, either from the aircraft heaters or from the portable Herman Nelson Heaters. When using the Herman Nelson Heater, be sure not to let the air get too hot, as it will warp or even melt the plexiglas. The pilot side windscreen on an OH-58, costs \$550, while the left side windscreen costs \$450. It also takes thirty-five man-hours to replace both sides.

Please be careful. If you see aircrews defrosting aircraft improperly, tell them about it. And remember, NEVER leave a Herman Nelson Heater running unattended.



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### TO ALL POTENTIAL AERO SCOUT OBSERVERS

Take Notice: At the present time there are no available slots open. But, to become a Scout you must first be in aircraft maintenance for at least a year, probably longer. Upon arriving in the Maintenance Section you should notify your platoon sergeant of your desire to become an Aero Scout Observer. You will then be put on a list. This list is a seniority list. If you want added to this list, please be patient. Pretty females won't need much patience, they are automatically on top of the list. Just kidding. First come-first serve.

I used to think I was the only one who caught all of the details. After being in the unit long enough to see more things, I've changed my mind. Here is the way things really are:

E-1 thru E-4: KP, guard duty, you name it

E-5: CQ, roving guard, etc.

E-6: Sergeant of the Guard

E-7: EM Club watch, temporary First Shirt, platoon sergeant meetings

E-8: One massive detail

WO1 & 2LT: Ammo details, Mess Officer, you name it

WO2: Officer of the Day

It just goes right up the ladder. Every one in the unit has some kind of detail. So, if at next drill your name is on the detail list, don't take it personal.

PSG BILL ARNOLD



### NEED A JOB?

By the time you read this AASF #2 will have an opening for a full time Parts and Tool Technician (in the Supply Room) under the CFTM (full time military manning) program. Pay will be according to your military rank, up to a maximum of E-5. Individuals applying for this job should hold, or be willing to switch to an MOS comparable to the work required. You may belong to either the 1416th or the Attack Helicopter Troop. For more information, contact SSG Billy Rummel in the Orderly Room.

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### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

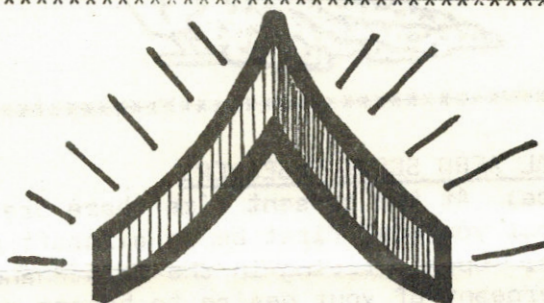
I would like to thank SSG Don Carter for the personal interest and initiative he has demonstrated since he has joined our unit. His leadership at AT-81 with the OH-58 mechanics helped ease the workload and maintain a high flyable rate in the observer aircraft. His dedication and personal interest is a credit to himself and others who work with him. Thanks Sergeant Carter for a job well done.

SFC DAVID FISCHER

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The following personnel just got another stripe:

KENNETH B. OTT to SGT  
DALE K. TAYLOR to SGT  
STEVEN D. KLINE to SP/4  
HAROLD R. RICE to PFC  
RICHARD D. HOLOBAUGH to PFC



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SOLDIER OF THE MONTH

SGT JAMES E. CLINE



Sergeant Cline joined the Attack Troop in February of 1979. Since his enlistment, he has worked in the position of Aircraft Structural Repairer and promoted to the rank of E-5. During AIT he received a Letter of Commendation and has received Letters of Appreciation from the Attack Troop for his workmanship on unit projects. His standards of appearance, military courtesy, meticulous attention to detail, and his cheerful cooperative approach to all problems and tasks have drawn favorable comments from his superiors and subordinates alike. CONGRATULATIONS SGT CLINE for being selected as September's Soldier of the Month!

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The following personnel need to see  
SGT Lewis in the Orderly Room Saturday:

HOLOBAUGH	CLINE	GIRTON	LOSEE
RAZLER	McMICHAEL	PETTY, Robert	BLACK
CARTER	CASAGRANDE	JAKEWAY	JOHNSON
BROWN, John	RICE	GREEN	

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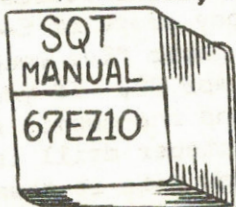


### SERVICE PLATOON

This month kicks off a new season as far as the Attack Troop is concerned and the name of the game is SQT (Skill Qualification Test) for those of you who have been hiding in the corners. It replaces the MOS Test that everyone used to stumble through years ago. The SQT measures the individual soldier's ability to perform at different skill levels. Depending on the individual's MOS, his SQT may have three parts to it: a written test, a hands-on test, and a performance certification component portion.

I've already heard people in the unit say that it can't be done, but our First Sergeant assures me that there is no such word as can't in this unit. It will be a big job that will require everyone's cooperation. If we take this new training one step at a time, I think that we'll find that it is not as hard as it looks.

We have some of the best people in all military fields to help us, but it is still up to you as an individual to accept this program and take the initiative to pass the SQT. We are going to have classes along with the job training but we can only cover so much on a drill weekend. If you have not received your SQT manual, bring it to your Section or Platoon Sergeant's attention.



SSG ROGER D. OLSON

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### AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

SQT qualification is the overall objective of each individual. Starting with October drill, we will no longer be known as Aircraft Maintenance, but as Aircraft Organizational and Aircraft Component Repair Sections. Hopefully, by drill, the unit will be organized and down on paper. We are doing this to better train each individual in his assigned MOS to be better qualified to pass the SQT written and hands-on tests. By now, each person should have picked up his soldier's manual for his MOS. Bring this book and all other materials with you each drill. Don't just carry the books. Read and understand your book and know what it is that your MOS and job skills are. If you have not picked up your soldier's manual for any reason, do so by this drill. I will be checking so everyone should have their manual or a good reason why they don't. With this reorganization, each individual will be working in his MOS and not just spending time at the facility. It won't be perfect at first, but bear with us and feel free to offer any suggestions as to help the program.

SFC DAVID FISCHER

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The following personnel are to see SSG Blizzard immediately following the Saturday morning Formation at the Flight Facility:

All Platoon Sergeants must submit their nominee for Soldier of the Month before 1200 hrs on Sunday of each drill.

SSG KLISE, Roger M.  
SGT PARSLEY, James C.

SSG BLIZZARD

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FIRST PLATOON

The First Platoon would like to welcome Sergeant Mario Mancini to the platoon as a UH-1 crew chief. Mario was a UH-1 crew chief in the US Navy. I guess we can't hold that against him. I know that he will be a good acquisition to the platoon.

Last drill we started to do the training needed to pass the up and coming SQT Test. If we are going to make this program work we all need to pitch in.

The following personnel are to give classes during the October drill:

SGT PEMBERTON -Safetying and Fasteners  
SGT KAUFFER- 2408-20

SFC MIKE NEAL

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HEY! The Ohio Military Academy is hosting another Basic NCO Course right here in good ol' Worthington. Applicants must be in the pay grade of E-4 or E-5 and approved by the First Sergeant. The course will cover five weekends: 12-13 Dec, 23-24 Jan, 27-28 Feb, 27-28 Mar and 24-25 Apr 82. If you think that you might be interested, use your Chain of Command and submit an AGO Form 351-3(R), dated 1 Jul 80 not later than 13 Nov 81. October drill is the last drill before the cutoff date, so you might want to look into it then.

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The following is a list of E-5 EER's that have not been turned in yet. If any of these personnel are in your section, I need them ASAP. SGT TAYLOR

JONES, David L.	GULICK, George W.	PARSLEY, James C.
BAKER, Robert D.	TERRELL, Nancy A.	PRINCE, Gary L.
ANDERSON, Thomas R.	McDILL, Scott M.	BOWERS, David B.
HARDESTY, John C.	CURRY, Louis J.	LEWIS, Richard J.
GRAVEN, Delbert L.	LUCKETT, Thomas P.	FULLER, Raymond E.
LASK, David A.		

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This drill is your last chance to bring in your T-shirts. They must be white and have your name in an inconspicuous place. This IS your last chance. Please turn them in by Close of Business Sunday 25 Oct. THANK YOU

2LT KENT TAYLOR

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