

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CONVICTIONS AND NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENTS

Reporting Period

1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 1981

NUMBER AND RATE/1000 OF PERSONS CONVICTED AND PERSONS PUNISHED UNDER ARTICLE 15 UCMJ						
	WORLD-WIDE		CONUS		OVERSEAS	
	Number	Rate/1000	Number	Rate/1000	Number	Rate/1000
General Courts-Martial	650	.84	283	.58	367	1.28
Special Courts-Martial	2,069	2.66	1,198	2.45	871	3.03
Summary Courts-Martial	2,068	2.66	1,462	2.98	606	2.10
Total Courts-Martial	4,787	6.16	2,943	6.01	1,844	6.41
Nonjudicial Punishments (Art. 15 UCMJ)	79,819	102.6	53,689	109.6	26,130	9.08
US Federal & State Courts (Felony* Convictions)	207	.27	206	.26	1	.001

NUMBER OF DISCHARGES ADJUDGED & ACTUALLY EXECUTED DURING REPORT PERIOD								
Type Court	DISCHARGES ADJUDGED						DISCHARGES EXECUTED	
	WORLD-WIDE		CONUS		OVERSEAS		DD	BCD
	DD**	BCD**	DD	BCD	DD	BCD		
GCM	236	265	99	160	137	105	211	732
SPCM		714		415		299		

*A conviction is reportable when the offense is a felony under the law of the jurisdiction in which the accused was convicted.

**Dishonorable Discharge; Bad Conduct Discharge

custody as a part of a sentence and that a convening authority may not legally mitigate any legal sentence to correctional custody. The rationale for this position is that since neither Congress nor the President has provided for imposition of correctional custody by a court-

martial, while specifically providing for it as a nonjudicial punishment, there is an implied denial of the authority of a court-martial to impose it. Therefore, such punishment is not within the jurisdiction of a court-martial. Relief was denied.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SERGEANT MAJOR

By Sergeant Major John Nolan

1. The Competitive Edge. "What can I do to be competitive in my Army career?" This is frequently asked of me by legal clerks and court reporters. All of you should be asking it of yourselves, in order to best direct your efforts toward success and to make the most of development opportunities. First of all, we need to understand our Army, not only its mission and functions, but also its value and beliefs, and the areas it offers in which to excel. The Army is a profession that requires dedication, sacrifice, and commitment. Service to our country, in the highest and finest sense, is the principal reward. The Army is also opportunity. As perhaps no other institution, the Army offers the opportunity to serve, to develop, to grow, to share and to contribute. Lieutenant General Richard H. Thompson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, wrote an excellent article, "How to Succeed in Logistics." Some of his comments are relevant to all of us, and so I will share them with you.

a. Be active—a competitor and a doer—guided by technical knowledge, logical thought, and common sense. Don't do anything stupid.

b. Go after the tough jobs. Contrary to popular belief, it can be beneficial to volunteer.

c. Don't work merely for efficiency reports and scores. Give each job your best and the reports and scores will take care of themselves.

d. Don't be afraid to ask for help or information when you when you need it, and don't be so foolish as to "shoot from the hip." Don't be afraid to say, "I don't know;" but once you say this, go find the answer.

e. When you evaluate subordinates, empha-

size the importance of their jobs in plain and simple language. If they have done well, say so. If they have not, then tell them so.

f. All of us know that we all make mistakes. However, we must understand and learn from those mistakes.

2. SQT—Common Tasks Consolidated. Common SQT tasks, formerly found in the Soldiers Manual for each separate MOS, have been collected into a single Soldiers Manual of Common Tasks (SMCT). The list was consolidated and revised to include 16 tasks ranging from communications to weapons qualification and maintenance. The SMCT will standardize performance levels and allow more efficient changes to the list. The manual was distributed several months ago to every active and reserve unit. Skill qualification tests which are administered after 1 October 1981 must use the SMCT for reference. The next SQT is scheduled for December 1981. The list of common tasks will be deleted from current Soldiers Manuals as they are revised.

3. Publications.

a. Change 21 to AR 27-10 (Military Justice) is being published, with an effective date of 15 October 1981. In addition to distribution through normal channels, a copy of Change 21 will be mailed to all SJA/JA offices.

b. Change 10 to DA Pamphlet 570-551 (Staffing Guide for US Army Garrisons) has been distributed to the field, with an effective date of 1 August 1981. It significantly changes the sections pertaining to Staff Judge Advocate/Judge Advocate Offices.