

Letters to the Editor

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32nd soldier wants answer - and gets it

TO THE EDITOR

I read, with amusement, your "The Way I See It" in the August issue of the FIVE by FIVE about the soldier in the 32nd Signal Battalion who didn't get any recognition. He's not the only one.

I've been in the Army over four years and the 32nd is the worst unit I've been in. Why do we have to work more than the rest of the brigade? Why do we have a 6 a.m. formation on paydays to give out awards? Why can't we have meetings during duty hours?

And one last comment, on page six of the August issue is a reenlistment story saying the 17th Signal is tops with 116 percent of their objective. The story went on to say the 32nd Signal was last with a whopping 65 percent. Why?

This is a question the battalion CSM and Commander should ask themselves.

Please withhold my name, these people are out for blood.

A Soldier

EDITORS NOTE - Lt. Col. George H. Blood,

Commander of the 32nd Sig. Bn. replies:

The reenlistment statistics in the August FIVE by FIVE were correct, but did not reflect the steady increase in reenlistments in the 32nd this year. We achieved 131 percent of our goal in the third quarter and may achieve 100 percent for the year. This trend is one indicator of the increasing pride that our soldiers are taking in the improvements that they have made through their hard work.

One hundred twenty-three awards were presented to soldiers in the 32nd during the period May - July. If your supervisor has not provided you with "feedback" on your performance recently, ask him to discuss it with you.

We stand Command Reveille on paydays to salute the flag, not to present awards. It doesn't seem excessive to me that we stand together once each month to salute that symbol of our nation, which we have all sworn to defend. The awards ceremony and command inspection are scheduled early to allow maximum time for payday activities.

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