

Military slang entrenched in day-to-day conversation

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BRAINTREE, Mass. — When you've had it with the chow and are ready to dump your next tube steak down the nearest latrine, give credit to the Army for those expressions that make life easier to stomach.
 From World War I to Vietnam, military slang has provided a wealth of expressions to describe everything from hot dogs to bayonets.
 Frank Hailey, a career Army sergeant from Pembroke, Mass., has collected 900 such phrases and published them in "Soldier Talk," a book compiled

with the help of two other Massachusetts veterans.
 "Not even a real trained philologist (someone who studies historical linguistics) could find out exactly where some of these phrases start," said Jack Drumme, a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve.
 A Navy veteran, Don Irving of Walpole, printed 4,000 copies of the book. It has been popular with veterans, news of it circulating largely through word of mouth.
 The glossary of terms spans 56 years of military language, during the careers of Hailey

and his late father, who joined the cavalry in 1904. Lacey E. Hailey collected slang as he rode with General John "Blackjack" Pershing along the Mexican border and later during World War I, before he retired as a major.
 Frank Hailey continued where his father left off, listening to how fighting men spoke in World War II, Korea and the early years of Vietnam.
 Some phrases such as "R and R" for "rest and recreation" or "B and B" as in "booze and broads" seem permanently entrenched in civilian language.
 Others, such as "Maggies drawers," an old term having to do with target practice, or "Disneyland East," a Vietnam War expression for the Pentagon, seemed destined for oblivion unless someone wrote them down.
 Even when in use, some soldier talk was inscrutable to girlfriends and families reading letters from their boys at war. "They didn't know what the soldier was talking about," Hailey said.
 With his book, Hailey said families could finally understand the meanings of "bottled sunshine" (beer), "dead soldier" (an empty liquor bottle or keg), "fishbait patrol" (crossing a river under heavy enemy fire) and "50 mission crush" (the way young pilots crushed their vis-

ored-cap sideways, as if headphones had been slung over them for 50 combat missions).
 Hailey said he left out cruder expressions used by soldiers so that "a nun could read it and not blush. If I put everything in 'Soldier Talk' that should be there, it would have to be printed on asbestos paper."
 The phrase, "you've had it," is heard everywhere, but how many people know it came from the British phrase for battle casualties? Or that "jarhead" was a cavalry term for a half-broken mule?

Many expressions appeared with the change of wars and weaponry.

Infantrymen were "dough boys" in World War I, "G.I.s" and "mudslushers" in World War II and Korea, "grunts" in Vietnam. Bayonettes, or "Irish butterknives," in World War I gave way to tanks or "Patton Cadillac" in World War II.

Phrases also changed for the two constants in soldiers' minds — death and home.

According to Hailey, no soldier likes to talk openly of death, but invents phrases such as "He's gone West" or "bought a wooden overcoat" (World War I), "He's had it" or "pushin' up daisies" (World War II), "He bought the farm" (Korea) or "He got greased" (Vietnam).



Jumping High

Jessie Williams, 33, from the Bremen State School goes up and over the bar in the high jump event at the re-

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DEL RIO — The United States is now generating electricity at its \$30 million plant at Amistad (Friendship) Dam on the Mexican border, but the project produces more than power.

"Amistad Dam is a living monument to the good working relationships between the United States and Mexico," said U.S. ambassador Joseph F.

Friedkin, commissioner of the U.S. Section, International Boundary and Water Commission.

The U.S. official refers to the six-mile-long dam built by both countries to prevent flooding and store precious water for irrigation and recreation.

Since the dam was inaugurated in 1969, the communities of Del Rio, 13 miles down-

stream, and Ciudad Acuna, across the Rio Grande in Mexico, have become tourist meccas for boaters, fishermen, water skiers, scuba divers and other outdoor enthusiasts.


Friedkin said Amistad will hold an open house May 9 to give the public an opportunity to visit the power plant.

One of the unusual aspects of

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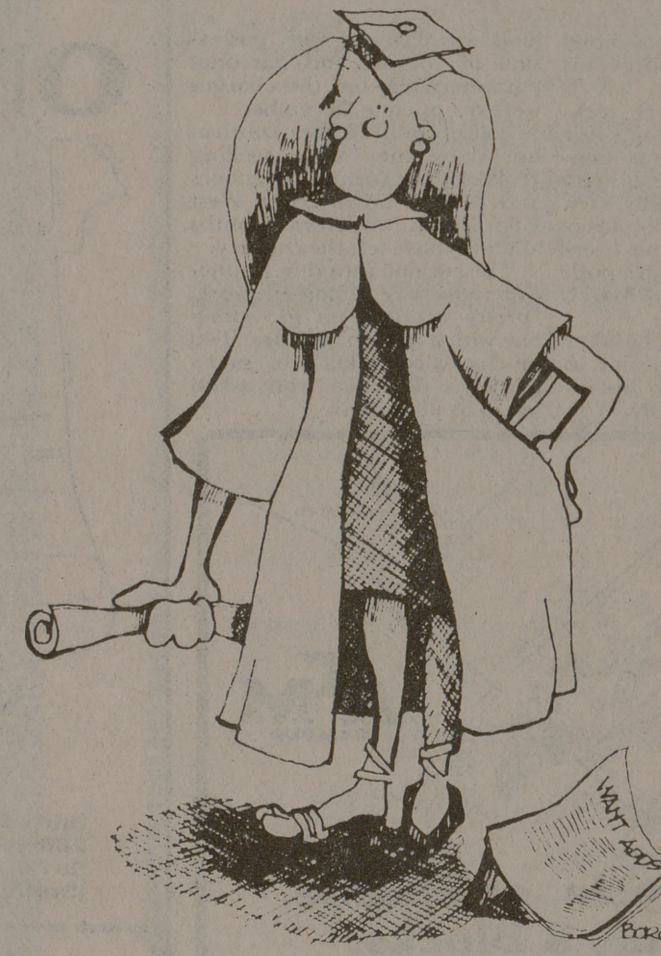
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EVENT	NAME	TEAM	TIME
Women's 100 Meter	Edna Brown	Fleet Feet	18.73
Low Hurdles			
Men's 110 Meter	Frederick Schronk	Law Mule Train	14.36
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CoRec 800 Meter Relay	Brad Presnal John Shomake Lisa Huddleston Marcie Tittsworth	Flash	1:41.7
Women's 400 Meter Dash	Tracy Drummond	Robert's Girls Track Club	1:08.62
Men's 400 Meter Dash	Dennis Burns	D.G. Striders	52.28
Women's 400 Meter Relay	Karen Lyles Marcie Tittsworth Juli Kennedy Lisa Huddleston Marilee Matheny Jana Graves Brad Presnal Mike Hudson Alan Burns Derek Lichote Debbie Green	Ka's Company	56.51
Men's 400 Meter Relay		Cyclones	44.38
Women's 1600 Meter Run		Fleet Feet	5:50.45
Men's 1600 Meter Run	Steve Jones	Hotard Hilltons	4:31.02
Women's 200 Meter Dash	Stacey Smith	Robert's Girls Track Club	26.53
Men's 200 Meter Dash	Brad Presnal	Cyclones	22.44
Women's 100 Meter Dash	Stacey Smith	Robert's Girls Track Club	13.05
Men's 100 Meter Dash	Lance Haverda	D.G. Striders	10.98
Women's 800 Meter Dash	Bobbie Van Cleave	Robert's Girls Track Club	2:45.85
Men's 800 Meter Dash	Thomas Ratliff	Cyclones	2:03.44
Women's 800 Meter Relay	Mary Phillips Bobbie Hill Sherry Ann Byer Stacey Smith Tracy Drummond	Robert's Girls Track Club	4:31.87
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Men--Kevin McIntosh	22' 4/4"	Aston
Women--Stacey Smith	15' 3/4"	R.G.T.C.
SHOT PUT		
Men--John Cole	51' 11"	
Women--Jeannie Pruett	36' 8"	Keathly
SOFTBALL THROW		
Men--Mark Alexander	310' 10"	Moore
Women--Serri Scott	182' 8"	Briggs



The Men's Rugby team will be playing in the National Collegiate Championships in California this weekend. Good luck team!

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