

The way I see it

By Jim Koenig

"Recognizing junior soldiers"

A young soldier in A Company, 32nd Signal asked me the other day, "Have you ever noticed when you make a mistake, people see it? Not only do they see your mistakes but they are prompt to tell you about them." He went on to mention, "What happens when you do something right? Is it noticed? Or does recognition of something good seem to slip away on the wings of time."

"This couldn't be a problem in the 22nd Signal Brigade, could it?" he asked.

I don't like to admit it, but the guy is right. Many times PFC Joe Snuffy works long hours in the rain, snow, high winds and in mud up to his arm pits. He is expected to maintain a clean, healthy living environment and know his job inside and out.

Old Joe goes to the field where he



unloads and sets up megatons of ultra-sophisticated equipment at an extremely fast pace only to be told to tear it down and relocate.

Yes Joe, sometimes being a soldier is a thankless job, and that's your NCO's and Officers' fault. They should take the time to pat you on the back once in awhile.

I guess what really bothers me is, I'm guilty of it too. The older we NCO's get the less we remember of how it was to work hard with no words of encouragement and a thank-you once in awhile. Thanks Joe, I needed that.

Take this test, and show your age

By Jim Savage

Remember the good old days? Or do you? You know you're getting older when-

You get asked if Lou Costello is any relation to Elvis Costello, the famous singer.

You admit to wearing white nametags on your former army uniform.

You remember going to Johnny Mack Brown movies.

Your grey hairs outnumber all others.

You remember getting a hair cut, shoe shine and 25 cents charge for a dollar.

You tell people you learned to drink

milk from a 5 cent beer glass.

You remember wearing military Bermuda Shorts for a parade.

You were in love with Annette.

You hear DJ's playing "Golden Oldies" you remember as the latest hit.

All drinks in the club were 25 cents.

You have to explain what a rumble is.

You remember watching John Wayne as Singing Sandy, the Singing Cowboy.

You tell about going to the Passion Pit on Buck night. (SFC Savage is a Brigade Stringer and apparently very old).