

— Commander's call —

By Joseph D. Schott

Recently, a soldier within the 32nd Signal Battalion wrote a letter to the editor of our "FIVE by FIVE" newspaper commenting on how he or she thought the soldiers of the 32nd were working more than any other unit in the Brigade. That observation may or may not have been true, but there is one thing I know is true; all of that hard work, not only within the 32nd, but in all of the units of the Brigade, paid off. The soldiers of the 22nd Signal Brigade excelled in their ability to communicate during this year's Reforger exercise "Carbine Fortress 82".

In it's largest and most complex exercise to date, the 22nd Signal Brigade proved itself to be a combat ready unit, ready to do its mission whenever necessary. This is a reality for which we all have worked hard and should be proud to have obtained. However, let us not allow our previous efforts be wasted by stopping our

progress now. We have worked hard to achieve, now let us improve.

Within the near future, the 22nd Signal will be involved in many activities. Each of the battalions will be preparing for upcoming Annual General Inspections as well as several communications exercises. Now is the time for us to prepare to exceed our past achievements.

Now is the time for us to improve our equipment maintenance posture; for us to improve our communications and common soldier skills through training; and for us to improve the working and living conditions of our soldiers.

To improve in all of these areas will require that we all work hard and pay attention to detail. However, we must all remember that the work we do today will make our duties and lives better and easier tomorrow. (Col. Schott is the 22nd Signal Brigade Commander.)

Reforger '82 was very successful Gen. Kroesen commends signal units

Brig. Gen. Norman E. Archibald, Commander of the 5th Signal Command has sent the following message to Col. Joseph D. Schott, 22nd Commander.

I have the honor of passing on to you a message from the Commander in Chief of USAREUR. "Reforger '82 and the associated Army group FTX Carbine Fortress were extremely challenging exercises for all participants. My visits to units participating in these exercises were most rewarding personally because I found soldiers with boundless energy and enthusiasm performing their military tasks professionally and with great confidence. I found commanders and leaders at all levels making decisions and taking actions appropriate to the combat situations facing them.

Please pass my congratulations and appreciation to all of your soldiers for the efforts they expended to insure the overall success of Reforger '82. They have every right to be proud of the professional image they presented for the press, for their distinguished visitors, and for those of us who must report to the American people about the quality and preparedness of the US Army today."

Reforger '82 and FTX Carbine Fortress were successful primarily because of the efforts of professional communicators in each of your units. They are superb in every respect and I am counting on you to give them the praise and recognition they so richly deserve."