

## SYNOPSIS OF ARNG CLASS A AND B GROUND ACCIDENTS FY-02

20 September 2002

### **CLASS A**

#### **POV – 1 Fatal – Military**

DATE: 2001—10-13 TIME: 0610 STATE: OR  
PER CLASS: NG ADSW DAY SATURDAY MOS 11B40  
Age: 39 GRADE: E-7, SEATBELT USED: Yes  
DUTY STATUS OFF DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY; FATAL  
LOCATION: Coos Bay, OR

SM lost control of vehicle, veered into oncoming traffic, struck a vehicle head on. Cause not identified by report; suspected fatigue. Soldier departs HOR at 0330 to attend formation at 0630.

AGAR received 20 Nov 01

#### **PERSONAL INJURY - 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2001—10-13 TIME: 1930 STATE: FL  
PER CLASS: NG ADSW DAY SATURDAY MOS Infantry  
Age: 47 GRADE: E-4, SEATBELT USED: NA  
DUTY STATUS OFF DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY; FATAL  
LOCATION: Hollywood, FL

SM working under vehicle when maintenance jacks slipped, and crushed him. Area was not suitable for car jack; ground was soft and close to road. Soldier attempted to use his tire as a car stand, he removed the tire from the car, and laid it on its side under the break rotor. Cause identified as improper use of equipment; improper selection of location for use of car jack.

AGAR received 24 Oct 01

#### **POV – 1 Fatal – Military (motorcycle)**

DATE: 2001—10-27 TIME: 0838 STATE: CA  
PER CLASS: NG ADSW DAY SATURDAY MOS Engineer  
Age: 36 GRADE: E-5, HELMET USED: Yes/Vest: No  
DUTY STATUS OFF DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY; FATAL  
LOCATION: San Diego, CA

SM was traveling at a speed of 30-35 mph when he was struck by POV. SM passed away from surgery complications. Civilian vehicle did not see motorcycle due to illegally parked vehicles on the side the SM was traveling.

AGAR received 7 Jan 02.

#### **POV – 1 Fatal/1 Serious Injury – Military)**

DATE: 2002-01-06 TIME 1830 STATE: TX  
PER CLASS IDT DAY: SUNDAY MOS: FINANCE  
AGE 17/18 GRADE: PFC/E-2 SEATBELT USED: Unk  
DUTY STATUS: OFF DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY 1 FATALITY/1 SERIOUS  
LOCATION: Hwy 21, West of Bastrop, TX

Driver lost control of vehicle. The vehicle swerved, went airborne and into a culvert, turned over and caught fire. There were no other vehicles involved. SMs had been drilling at Camp Mabry and were on their way to HOR. SMs were new recruits, did not have uniforms yet.

AGAR received 1 Mar 02

**POV – 1 Fatal – Military**

DATE: 2002-01-12 TIME: 1620 STATE: MD  
PER CLASS: AT: DAY: SATURDAY MOS: Aviation  
AGE: 54 GRADE: CW4 SEATBELT USED: Yes  
DUTY STATUS: OFF DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY: 1 FATALITY  
LOCATION: Route 152 and Pleasantville Rd, Fallston, Harford County, MD  
Vehicle traveling in opposite direction crossed the center line and struck SMs vehicle head on.  
AGAR received 19 Feb 02

**POV – 1 Fatal – Military**

DATE: 2002-01-19 TIME: 2200 STATE: AZ  
PER CLASS: AGR DAY: SATURDAY MOS: 93P  
AGE: 30 GRADE: E-5 SEATBELT USED: No  
DUTY STATUS: OFF DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY: FATALITY  
LOCATION: Marana, AZ  
SM fell out of a moving pickup truck. Alcohol was involved.  
AGAR received 25 Feb 02

**AMV - 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-02-27 TIME: 1600 STATE: LA  
PER CLASS: NG ADSW DAY WEDNESDAY MOS TBD  
Age: 35 GRADE: E-5, SEATBELT USED: TBD  
DUTY STATUS: ON DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY; FATAL  
LOCATION: Highway 371 near Webster/Bienville Parish line  
State convened a local accident investigation board. SM had driven a 5-Ton vehicle from Camp Mindon to Camp Beauregard and was returning to Camp Mindon - approximately 240 miles round trip. A civilian vehicle Ford Ranger stopped to make a left hand turn, SM hit brakes, the brakes locked up and sent the vehicle into a skid. SM veered off the road, went into a ditch and hit a tree. SM pronounced dead at the scene from head injuries and broken neck.  
REPORT DUE 27 May 02. Extension approved until 9 Aug 02. Followed up overdue report 8 Sep 02. SSM stated putting in mail on 9 Sep. Not received as of 20 Sep.

**POV - 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-03-08 TIME: 1430 STATE: NM  
PER CLASS: NG IDT DAY FRIDAY MOS 14S/14M  
AGE: 32 GRADE: E-6 SEATBELT USED: YES  
DUTY STATUS: OFF DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY; FATAL  
LOCATION: Mile Marker 290/ Highway I-40 WEST  
SM was on his way from one unit to another. He was involved in an automobile accident caused by fire and heavy smoke from a grass fire. There was a 14 vehicle pile up and SM was trapped in his POV between two other civilian vehicles. SM was burned to death in the fire.  
Comment: 111<sup>TH</sup> BRIGADE, BTRY B, 4<sup>TH</sup> BN 200<sup>TH</sup> ADA  
AGAR received 1 August 02.

**PERSONAL INJURY - 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-03-08 TIME: 2130 STATE: GA  
PER CLASS: NG AGR DAY FRIDAY MOS FA  
AGE: 51 GRADE: SFC SEATBELT USED: NA  
DUTY STATUS: OFF DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY; FATAL  
LOCATION: CATOOSA, GA

SM fatally choked on a piece of meat while eating in a restaurant. The Heimlich Maneuver was attempted, followed by an emergency tracheotomy. SM was at Catoosa Range for Small Arms Qualification/Tactical Field Training.

Comment: SVC Battery, 1-214th FA  
AGAR received 18 Apr 02

**POV - 1 Fatal – Military (motorcycle)**

DATE: 2002-03-23 TIME: 1930 STATE: AR  
PER CLASS: NG AGR DAY SATURDAY MOS 62B  
AGE: 34 GRADE: CPT SEATBELT USED: HELMET: NO  
DUTY STATUS: OFF DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY; FATAL  
LOCATION: HOT SPRINGS, AR

Soldier was driving a motorcycle, swerved to avoid a dog that ran into his path, lost control, went into a ditch, hit a culvert and flew into the air before hitting a telephone pole. He was pronounced dead at Saint Joseph Medical Center, Hot Springs, AR.

Comment: 61<sup>ST</sup> Civil Support Detachment  
AGAR received 3 Jun 02

**AMV – 1 Fatal – Civilian**

DATE: 2002-04-10 TIME: 12 Noon STATE: AR  
PER CLASS: NG AGR DAY: WEDNESDAY MOS:  
AGE: 26 GRADE: E-4 SEATBELT USED:  
DUTY STATUS: ON DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY: Minor to military  
LOCATION: North Little Rock, AR

Military Vehicle (exact type to be determined) had a blow out, crossed the median, and hit a civilian vehicle head on. One civilian fatality and one civilian in critical condition. SM received minor injuries and was released from the hospital same day. Status 12 Apr 02 – Army tire was a Firestone but not on any recall list.  
REPORT received 5 Jul 02

**POV – 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-06-01 TIME: 0720 STATE OH  
PER CLASS IDT DAY SATURDAY MOS  
AGE: 19 GRADE E-1 SEATBELT USED: TBD  
DUTY STATUS: Off duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Military Fatality  
LOCATION: 1 Mile from Toledo

SM was driving to drill in personal POV. He ran a red light and was hit by a civilian driver (security guard – Owens, Inc. driving a Blazer) SM received fatal injuries. Security guard is in good condition. State is investigating the accident. Police are also investigating the accident. NGB-AVS-SG notified by CSM Gary Spees, Safety Specialist, on 3 Jun 02. CSM Spees notified NGB EOC and is requesting OH POTO prepare SIR. USASC notified by State.

AGAR due 1 Jul 02. Followed up 1 Aug w/SOHM re overdue AGAR. Followed up again on 8 Sep 02. SOHM following up w/unit again.

**AMV – 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-06-09 TIME: 2237 STATE/TERRITORY DC  
PER CLASS NG AT DAY SUNDAY MOS TBD  
AGE: TBD GRADE E-4 SEATBELT USED: TBD  
DUTY STATUS: On duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Military Fatality  
LOCATION: Hanover, VA

The HMMWV was struck by a vehicle causing a passenger in the back of the HMMWV to be thrown from the vehicle. The SM was struck by a POV resulting in fatal injuries. Followed up on report 8 Sep. Met with DC SOHM on 17 Sep to review report which did not meet requirements IAW w/AR 385-40/DA Pam 385-40. Provided guidance. Extension 9 Nov 02.

**PERSONAL INJURY — MILITARY**

DATE: 2002-06-27 TIME: 0800 STATE: SD  
PER CLASS: DAY: THURSDAY MOS: TBD  
AGE: TBD GRADE E-4  
DUTY STATUS: On duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Serious Injury  
LOCATION: NORTH OF PHILIP, SD

SM was injured while ground guiding bulldozer. He fell into a water storage cistern 12 feet deep and the soldier was knocked unconscious from the fall. He was transported by air to the rapid city regional hospital and is presently in critical condition with a skull fracture and brain swelling.

Accident Report due 27 Sep 02

**AMV– 1 Fatality - Military**

DATE: 2002-06-27 TIME: STATE: OH  
PER CLASS: NG AT DAY: THURSDAY MOS: TBD  
AGE: TBD GRADE E-3 SEATBELTS: Yes  
DUTY STATUS: On duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Fatality  
LOCATION: Camp Grayling, MI

A HMMWV with four occupants was traveling on a highway driving from the training area to cantonment. Vehicle left the roadway and rolled. Two rear passengers were treated and released. Front passenger received minor injuries. Driver was ejected from the vehicle and received fatal injuries. Driver was wearing a seatbelt but did not have it snugged up correctly. Ohio State ARNG is investigating the accident.

Accident Report due 27 Sep 02.

**PI – 1 Fatal – Military**

DATE: 2002-07-03 TIME: 1630 STATE MN  
PER CLASS ADSW DAY WEDNESDAY MOS  
AGE: 26 GRADE 1LT SEATBELT USED: NA  
DUTY STATUS: Off duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Military Fatality  
LOCATION: St. Croix River near Stillwater, MN

ARNG soldiers were on an all-day outing on the St. Croix River. Two boats with 11 soldiers collided. SM died of massive trauma to his upper body. One SM is in serious condition; one in fair condition and three others are in stable condition. The accident is under investigation.

AGAR due 3 Aug 02. Followed up on 8 Sep. Awaiting status.

**POV – 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-07-13 TIME: 0730 STATE: CO  
PER CLASS: IDT DAY: SATURDAY MOS: 88M  
AGE: 20 GRADE: E-2 SEATBELT USED: TBD  
DUTY STATUS: Off duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Military Fatality  
LOCATION: East of Nancus, CO  
SM veered off the road and overcorrected. Vehicle flipped and he was ejected. SM received fatal injuries. State is investigating the accident. Police are also investigating the accident. USASC notified by State. Fatigue suspected.  
Comment: Det 2, 947<sup>th</sup> Engr  
AGAR received 31 Jul 02.

**POV – 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-07-14 TIME: 0400 STATE: PR  
PER CLASS: IDT DAY: SUNDAY MOS: 65D  
AGE: 61 GRADE: 0-5 SEATBELT USED: N/A  
DUTY STATUS: Off duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Military Fatality  
LOCATION: Ponce, PR  
SM was walking toward his POV enroute to weekend drill when he was struck by an automobile, SM sustained fatal injuries.  
Comment: SOHM states that criminal investigation is underway by local Law Enforcement. Followed up on overdue report 8 Sep. Awaiting status.

**POV – 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-08-16 TIME: 1624 STATE: MO  
PER CLASS: AT DAY: FRIDAY MOS: SIGNAL  
AGE: 22 GRADE: 01 SEATBELT USED: unk  
DUTY STATUS: Off duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Military Fatality  
LOCATION: US 67 in Poplar Bluff, MO  
SM received fatal injuries when the POV he was operating was truck by another vehicle.  
Unit is WV5TCO, C Co, Signal  
Accident report due 16 Sep 02.

**PERSONAL INJURY - 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-08-19 TIME: 0815 STATE: SC  
PER CLASS: IDT DAY MONDAY MOS 31R10  
AGE: 47 GRADE: E-4 SEATBELT USED: NA  
DUTY STATUS: ON DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY; FATAL  
LOCATION: Williamston, SC  
SM passed out during PT test, CPR was administered and SM was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead. Fatality occurred within one hour of training event and meets criteria for Class A.  
Comment: UIC WP55CO, C Co, SC Signal  
Accident Report due 19 Nov 02.

**PERSONAL INJURY - 1 Fatal - Military**

DATE: 2002-09-15 TIME: STATE: ME

PER CLASS: DAY SUNDAY MOS

AGE: GRADE: SEATBELT USED: NA

DUTY STATUS: ON DUTY DEGREE OF INJURY; FATAL

LOCATION: NORWAY, ME

SM had just completed PT test, while he was cooling off he passed out. SM was taken to hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Accident Report due 15 Dec 02.

**CLASS B**

**PERSONAL INJURY – PERM PARTIAL DISABILITY – MILITARY**

DATE: 2002-06-06 TIME: 0930 STATE: TN

PER CLASS: NG AT DAY: THURSDAY MOS: TBD

AGE: TBD GRADE TBD

DUTY STATUS: On duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Serious Injury

LOCATION: Fort Irwin, CA

SMs right hand index finger was severed at the first joint while conducting vehicle maintenance. SM was working on a HEMTT. Accident occurred during NTC rotation.

Accident Report due 6 Sep 02. Followed up on overdue report 8 Sep. Awaiting status

**AMV – 1 Serious Injury - Military**

DATE: 2002-06-23 TIME: 1600 STATE: IN

PER CLASS: NG AT DAY: SUNDAY MOS: TBD

AGE: 19 GRADE E-2 SEATBELT USED: NA

DUTY STATUS: On duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Serious Injury

LOCATION: Camp Atterbury, IN

Two SMs were resting under a tree in tall grass. Driver moved an M929 dump truck from one side of the trail to the other. Vehicle was moved without a ground guide. Driver moved the truck to a shady spot near the tree; he felt the vehicle lift up slightly and then drop (he thought he went over a tree limb or stump). One SM rolled under the vehicle to avoid being run over and started yelling to alert driver. It is believed that the other SM was sleeping. Driver was trained on the vehicle; however, his military driver license was expired. SM was airlifted to hospital via military helicopter. She suffered broken femur and pelvic to include crushed stomach, liver and other internal organs. She is in critical condition at this time. Indiana State ARNG is investigating the accident.

Accident Report due 23 Oct 02. Extension provided for in-State processing..

**PERSONAL INJURY – PERM PARTIAL DISABILITY – MILITARY**

DATE: 2002-06-26 TIME: 1300 STATE: TN

PER CLASS: NG AGR DAY: WEDNESDAY MOS: 54B40

AGE: 48 GRADE E-7

DUTY STATUS: On duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Serious Injury

LOCATION: Smyrna, TN

SMs was operating a circular saw when his left foot slipped resulting in two toes being severed by the saw. Weapons of Mass Destruction unit doing self-help activities.

Accident Report due 26 Sep 02.

**PERSONAL INJURY**

DATE: 2002-07-21 TIME: 0830 STATE UIC WYJ1CO  
PER CLASS: NG AT DAY: SUNDAY MOS: Air Defense  
AGE: 19, 20 (3), 21, 22(2), 30, GRADE E-4 (4); Not reported (4)  
DUTY STATUS: On duty DEGREE OF INJURY: Serious Injury  
LOCATION: CAMP GRAYLING, MI

SMs were seeking shelter from thunderstorm underneath a tarp. The Lightning struck about 3 trees approximately 50 feet from their position, traveled at ground level to the tarp location and injured eight SMs. As a result of the lightning strike, three solders were hospitalized for observation and treatment; five were treated and released the same day.

Comment: Removed remainder of Unit from hilltop location; altered training to provide a safer environment .

Accident Report due 27 Sep 02

CATEGORY	ACCIDENTS		FATALITIES
	A	B	
POV	11	0	11
ARMY MOTOR VEHICLE	4	1	4 (1 Civilian)
ARMY COMBAT VEHICLE	0	0	0
OTHER ARMY VEHICLE	0	0	0
PERSONAL INJURIES	6	3	5
PROPERTY DAMAGE	0	0	0
FIRE	0	0	0
<hr/> TOTAL (Mil & Civ)	<hr/> 21	<hr/> 4	<hr/> 20 (1 Civilian)

