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Beyond the Manger
Signs of Life

IN ROYAL RANGERS FRED DEAVER SEES

A Great Potential

THE SMILE ON A BOY'S face when he discovers something new in the outdoors, the gleam in his eyes when he lights his first campfire, and the tear on his cheek when he meets Jesus for the first time—these are things that thrill the heart of Fred Deaver, senior commander of Royal Rangers at the Assembly of God, Galena, Kansas.

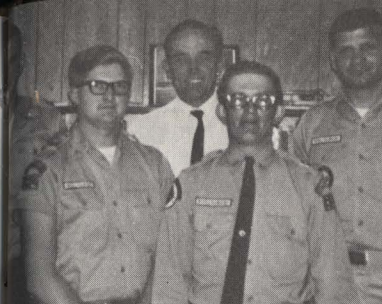
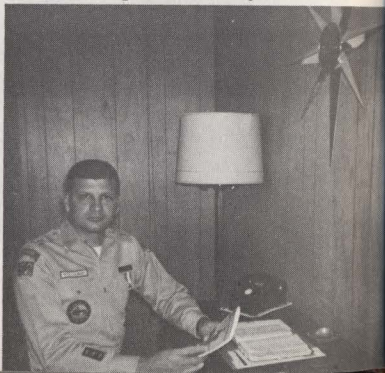
Fifteen years ago, when Fred gave his life to the Lord, he had no idea that he would some day have the great opportunity to work closely with boys.

A little over six years ago while living in Baxter Springs, Kansas, he heard of Royal Rangers for the first time. When his

Outposts leaders of the Royal Rangers in Baxter Springs, Kansas, are Gary Clifford, Jeff Martin, J. P. McCamey (chaplain), Keith Fitchner and Fred Deaver.

pastor and various others in the church agreed with him that Royal Rangers seemed to be a timely program that would help to fulfill the needs of the boys in the church, a new outpost was begun with Fred as the commander.

As the growth of the outpost gained momentum, the boys became more enthusiastic and brought many new boys. Not long after the outpost was underway, Fred had the glorious experience of leading one of the new boys to Christ. Through this God opened his eyes to the



Outstanding work amongst the boys has been accomplished by Fred Deaver who recently has been promoted to eastern deputy district commander of Royal Rangers in Kansas.

great possibilities in the Royal Rangers program, not only to keep boys in the church, but also to reach new ones for Christ.

Because of his previous experience as a paratrooper and later as a staff sergeant in the 11th Airborne Division, Fred is very well qualified to train young men and boys. When it comes to compass and map reading, survival tactics, physical fitness and self-discipline, he knows what he is talking about.

"I thought I knew the Royal Rangers program until I enrolled in the Leadership Training Course," says Fred.

As a direct result of taking

the course, he has won several boys to the Lord. He claims to have gained much additional knowledge in counseling, coordinating meetings and camping skills.

"Personally, I think the Leadership Training Course is a must for every Royal Rangers leader," he concludes.

For the past sixteen years, Fred has built hydraulic control valves for Vicker's Inc., in Joplin Missouri. He is married and has two daughters, ages 15 and 10.

As a result of Fred's wife being healed of polio, the Deaver family has been drawn closer to the Lord. "The Lord has certainly been a true friend to our family, and we have a happy Christian home," states Mr. Deaver.

Presently, Fred Deaver has been newly promoted to lieutenant colonel and has become the eastern deputy district Royal Rangers commander of Kansas. At the Assembly of God in Galena he serves as senior commander of the outpost where in only one year, it has grown from 8 to 88 boys in attendance.