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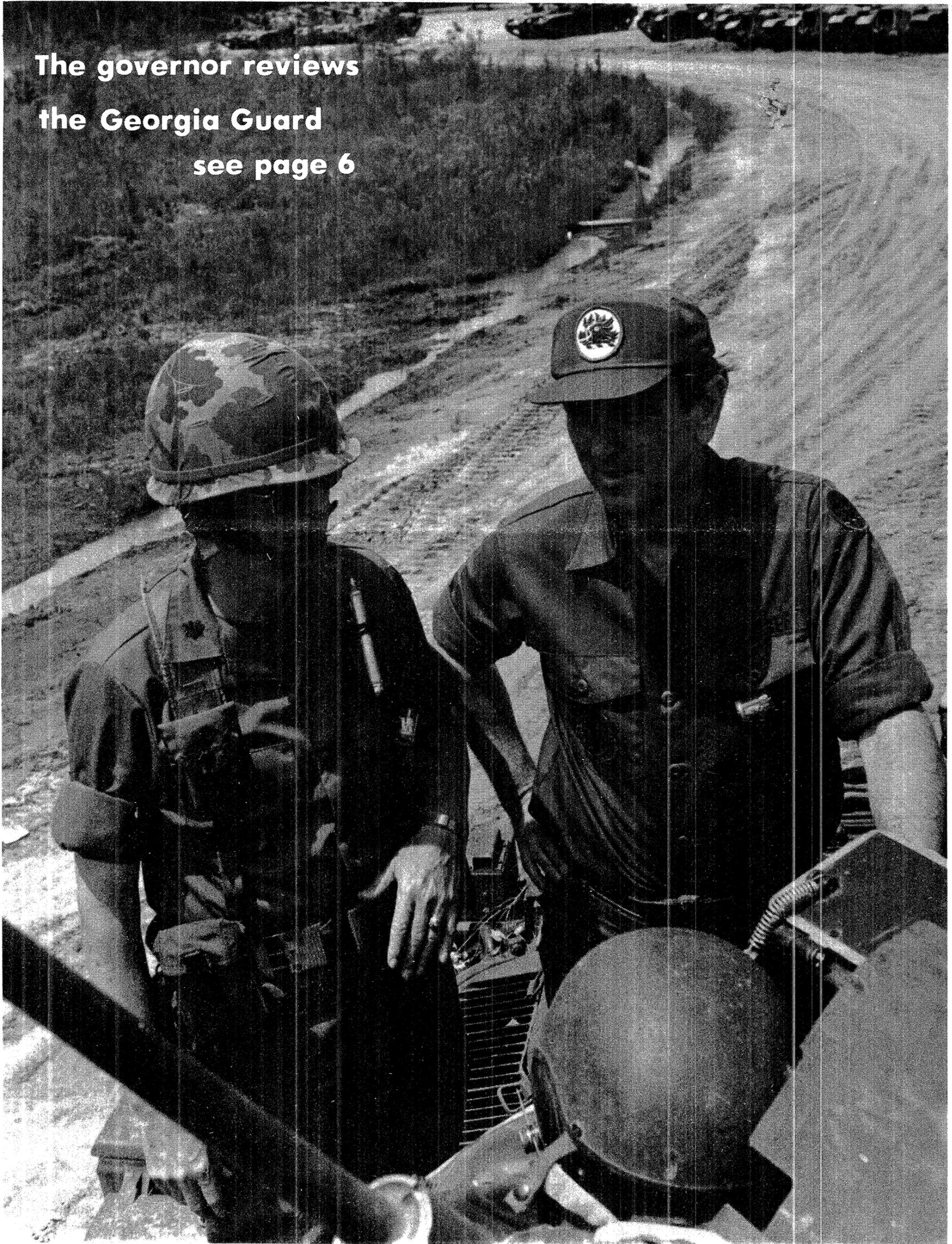
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# Our Say

## Deadly bites

Some still refer to it as hydrophobia, but most call it by its common name — Rabies.

The virus, deadly to man and animal alike, is a growing problem in Georgia, spreading from county to county. It is of particular concern to members of the National Guard because units frequently trek Georgia's woodlands on maneuvers or exercises.

State health officials say that the disease is especially prevalent in raccoons. "Rabies in Georgia overall is in epidemic proportions in raccoons," says Robert Fisher, director of animal and rabies control for Fulton County.

Records show that 99 Georgians were treated for rabies in 1978. Many more were bitten by wild animals and did not report the fact to health officials.

The safety and health of the men and women of the Georgia National Guard and their families should be of major concern to all of us.

All pets, especially dogs should be vaccinated against rabies.

Everyone should avoid contact with wild animals, particularly if the animal appears to be ill.

If you should be bitten, attempt to isolate the animal and seek immediate medical attention.

Rabies is a deadly disease. A delay in treatment may well cost your life.

## To the top

AT 79 is over for most units of the Georgia Army National Guard. All units so far have come out winners. There is little doubt that the remaining units will also come out on top.

What all this means is that in most areas we are ready and combat capable.

There is still one area, however, that continues to nag us. During the past year the Army Guard has just missed being at 100 percent strength due to the lack of a little more than 200 men and women state-wide.

Starting July 1st, those units that are below full strength will conduct a hard-hitting recruiting drive to bring themselves up with the winners. The strength chart appearing in this issue shows those units.

If everybody in the Georgia Army Guard really cares, we will be leading the nation by September 1st. It's up to all of us.



There, that does it, now you look like a real fighting man, Burton.



Now remember, Garlock—it's Bandits, 12 o'clock high, not those dirty, rotten no good SOB's way up over our noses.

# Your Say

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on Volume 1, Number 1 of the Georgia Guardsman Newspaper. I was not only impressed with the new tabloid format, but also the professional quality of the articles. The article on the draft (April-May) by Amos J. Morrow was very informative and displayed a great amount of research on the part of the author.

In the past our organization never seemed to receive enough copies of the magazine to give every man a copy but now we receive sufficient distribution to allow each individual to receive his own copy.

As a suggestion, I would like to see some

This is "your say" on this page, and we want to hear from a lot of Guardsmen.

We want to know your thoughts on the Guard, and how we can make it better. Most of all we want to know how we can make this newspaper more responsive to you.

All letters will be answered with as many as possible printed in the Georgia

articles written about the history of some of the Georgia Guard units and their combat records during periods of mobilization.

James F. Hill  
Atlanta

Dear Editor:

Thanks for finally giving the Air National Guard a fair shake in your state newspaper. It's nice to be considered a part of the Air Guard even though we don't have Wings!  
TSgt. Don Pepper  
117 TCS

Editor's Note: We knew you were there. You just weren't telling us about all the good things you do. Keep talking to us. — Ed.

Guardsman. Letters must be signed, but names will be held upon request. All letters are subject to standard editing for space and libel.

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## Our deadline

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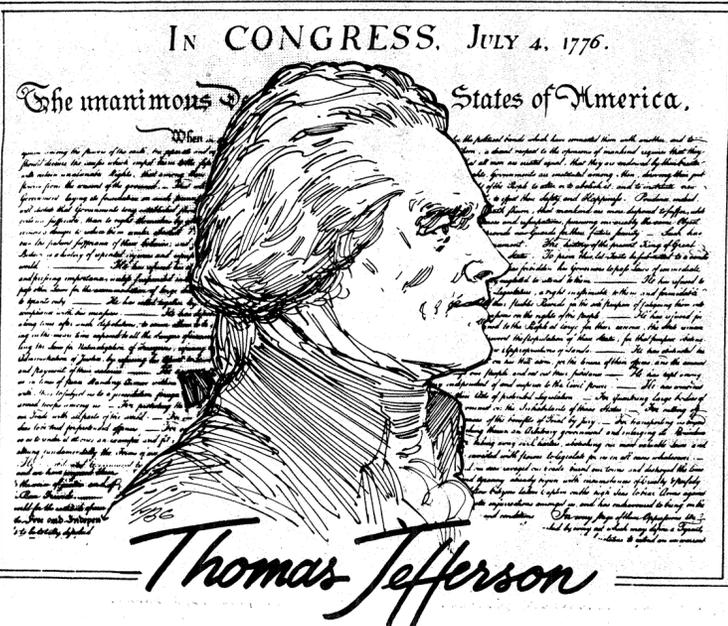
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# Fuel squeeze pinches guard

This is the first in a continuing series of articles on the energy crisis and its effect on the Georgia National Guard.

By Amos J. Morrow

The average National Guard tank driver probably hasn't noticed that gas is getting hard to get. But, thanks to current government-Guard policies and a lot of extra digging by the state's procurement personnel, the Guard will probably suffer little from the present fuel crisis, at least through next December.

Under the total force concept, reserve components are considered part of the country's defense structure and are on an equal footing with the active military when it comes to fuel needs, according to Don Peters of the Defense Fuel Supply Center in Washington.

This equal priority, says Peters, dictates that the Georgia Guard will get the fuel it needs to maintain a suitable state of readiness. The Department of Energy, which makes such allocations, has not cut last year's figures and says that the federal government will foot the bill for the thousands of gallons of gasoline, diesel, and aviation fuel earmarked for use by the Georgia Guard this year.

The problem is finding that much fuel for sale, says Linda Pritt of the Georgia Guard's Procurement Office. Her fingers are the ones that run through the yellow pages as new fuel requests come in.

"There is no new limit to what we can buy," said Mrs. Pritt, "if we can find it. Local suppliers are reluctant to sell large quantities to us because it reduces the size of their available supplies under their total allotments and makes it hard to serve other customers."

The Guard uses local purchase procedures which means that contract applications are invited and fuel is bought from the lowest bidder. Fewer suppliers are responding to recent invitations.

"The last time we needed 5,000 gallons of diesel fuel," said Mrs. Pritt, "we had to settle for 3,500 and that was hard to find." "We would ordinarily have contracts by this time of year," said CW3 James Carter, procurement officer for the Georgia Guard, "but due to the limitations placed on our suppliers, no one wants to commit themselves. Now when we need fuel, we have to go through the phone book or our established list of regular bidders and find a supplier who is willing to sell. It could be anybody."

Carter said his office has researched the 1973 oil-embargo crisis and has developed procedures along those same lines.

"We have established base period quantities and suppliers through December," said Carter, "and based on the information we are getting, we are a little ahead of the power curve."

"We have met all requirements for the Guard during training this year with no real problems and no rationing. We see no problems in getting enough fuel for the rest of the year, although there may be a few light spots," he added.

There is a constant flow of price management information and other advice from the National Guard Bureau, but so far, there has been no mention of rationing or any indication that there will be any.

Emergency measures are not yet being seriously considered, says Carter. If the situation does not worsen and the predicted ease in the fuel shortage indeed materializes this fall, Carter believes that the Georgia Guard can hold its own. But with fuel prices steadily rising, it is hard to tell how much it will cost.

Editor's Note: We are in the midst of a very real fuel and energy crisis. It is certain to affect all of us in our private lives as well as in our Guard duties. All of us have a continuing obligation to use energy effectively and conserve in every possible way. We invite our readers to tell us about innovative ways to save energy and, at the same time, maintain our high state of combat capability.

## Guard dining hall in Connelly contest

The mess facility of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, has been judged as the best in the Georgia Army Guard. It will now be nominated for the next level of competition in the Philip A. Connelly competition. At the time of the judging, the acting food service sergeant was Sgt. 1st Class George S. Kemp. SFC Austin E. Deal, the unit's regular food service sergeant was absent at the time due to illness. The battery is commanded by Captain Charles A. Webb.



# Full-time manning begins in guard

The Georgia Army Guard is going through some personnel changes designed to increase the combat readiness of its units.

On March 1, full-time manning was started as a test. This is a program where certain positions within the unit are filled by personnel on full-time active duty.

April 1 saw a modification of this plan with the introduction of Conversion to Full-Time Manning (CFTM). With a hiring freeze on technicians nationwide, certain positions were converted to active-duty-tour personnel. No technicians were fired, but vacancies were filled with Guardsmen on 2-year active duty tours under a test program.

On the first of October, it is expected that Additive Full Time Manning (AFTM) will be started. This program identifies more positions to be filled with active duty personnel.

It is expected that the National Guard Bureau will issue instructions on this program by the end of July.

The National Guard Bureau, in directing the changes, said they believe full-time unit clerks, supply sergeants, training NCOs, maintenance NCOs and Warrant Officers would result in better training and operations. The changes are expected to lessen extra administrative and operational burdens on commanders which they presently carry.

Commanders have been informed of those positions which will come under AFTM. William Davis, deputy chief of staff for personnel, said, "Commanders should start now identifying individuals who are qualified for and interested in these positions. When approval of the program is received from the Bureau, there will be very little time left to process applications."

## Savannah sisters enjoy guard style

By Polly Powers

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The Savannah Morning News

During the Vietnam era, when the 18th birthday meant a trip to the draft office for most boys, the Georgia Air National Guard was overflowing with enlistments. Male enlistments, that is.

Through the years times have changed. United States military forces have pulled out of Southeast Asia and women are joining the National Guard.

"It's obvious today that women have jobs nobody expected them to have 10 years ago," said Jerry Katz, information non-commissioned officer for the 117th Tactical Control Squadron at Hunter Army Airfield. "A woman could do any of the jobs we offer. We're even offering enlistment incentives to women."

When a woman or a man joins the guard, he or she must commit one weekend a month and two weeks summer camp. Pay averages \$55 for approximately 16 weekend hours and \$250 for summer camp, including meals, Katz added. He pointed out that with promotions and time in grade, the salary could increase.

Presently there are 15 women in the 117th, including sisters Jaci and Micky McGrath.

Jaci joined the guard two years ago this July. "I was only 17," she recalled. "I was actually

in high school and the guard at the same time because I graduated early. I had been thinking about joining the Navy but I wasn't ready for such a long-term obligation. I decided my best bet would be the guard because it would be part time."

Micky, who is two years older than Jaci, joined about a year ago because "I thought it would be fun."

Jaci admitted that she didn't know what to expect of the guard, especially the six weeks of basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it. Before I went to Lackland, little things would tear me apart. Now I don't even think about the little things."

On drill weekends Jaci works in material control and Micky in personnel at Hunter.

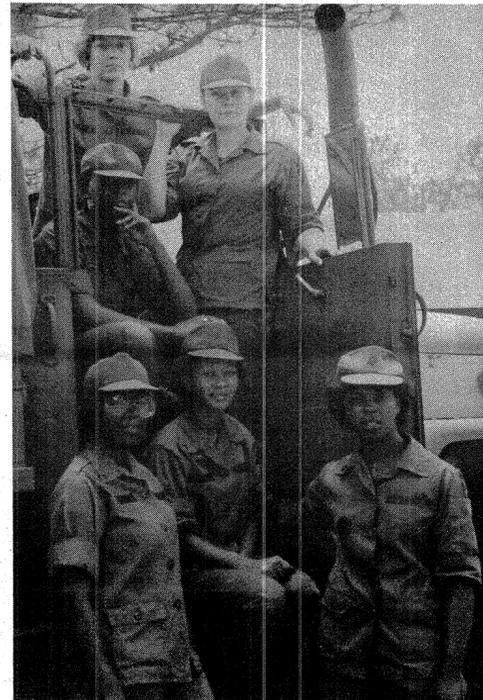
"At first I tried to keep a low profile," Jaci said. "All the guys came over and welcomed me. I was the new kid on the block."

Both indicated that romance in the guard is out of the question. "I don't think it would work out too well if I were married to someone in my unit," Jaci said. "The guys like to kid me about my boyfriend," Micky added. "I guess guys will be guys."

If war broke out Jaci says she'd "go wherever they sent me." Micky laughed and said the only combat duty she'll ever see is with her typewriter, but then added: "I suppose I'd be sent where I was needed."



Sisters Micky, (left) and Jaci McGrath are among 15 women assigned to 117th Tactical Control Squadron. (Savannah Morning News photo by Debra Cargill)



National Guard "persons?" These six Georgia Army Guard women say females want to be treated as equals. 1st Row: Privates Betty McLeroy and Deloris Williams and Spec 5 Willie Mae Jones; 2nd Row: Specialist fours Brenda Carter and Doreen Riley; 3rd Row: Pfc Linda Morrison.

### Same as men?

## Army women work toward equality

By Spec 5 Charlene Jefferson  
124th PAD

The Georgia Army National Guard increasingly has women on its mind.

Need proof? Check these figures. Out of 10,000 Georgians in the Guard, 300 are women. That may not seem impressive until you talk with SSgt. Gail Wagner, of State Army Guard headquarters, who six years ago held the distinction of being the only female "guardsperson" in Georgia.

Wagner joined the National Guard after amicably challenging a guard recruiter in a shopping center about signing up females. The year was 1973, one year after women were allowed to join the National Guard nationwide. Georgia, among other states, wasn't quite prepared for the female intrusion — Wagner was issued male clothing.

But, six years have made a difference. Women are issued women's uniforms and females have joined the Guard in increasing numbers and for a variety of reasons.

"I have made a lot of contacts and long lasting friendships since I've joined the guard" said Spec. 5 Willie Mae Jones, Command and Control Headquarters, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry in Albany, Ga., "and I have received training that will help me move into other career fields, I've already got a lot of job offers," she said.

"Being in the National Guard enables me to meet a lot of people from different surrounding towns. When I go into a new town I feel at ease because I already know so many people from the guard who live there," she added.

Pvt. Betty McLeroy of Albany, joined the guard because of a need for "self discipline." "I used to want everything my own way!"

"I thought it would be an interesting experience" said Pfc. Linda Morrison, who got interested after working under a federal aid program in a National Guard armory. Morrison (soon to be Pfc. Brown) is also the only female caterpillar driver at the American Cyanamid Co. in Andersonville, Ga. "My fiance does not like me being in the guard; maybe he'll change his mind later," she continued.

Prior service member Spec. 4 Doreen Riley, employed in the credit department at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany, "enjoys the challenge of military life." Formerly in the Navy, Riley is slowly becoming familiar with rank in the Army — "I used to call all the captains, lieutenants!"

Some women joined the National Guard because of the active reserve stipulation connected with their civilian jobs.

"There are some positions in Guard headquarters that do not require concurrent membership in the guard, said Spec. 5 Linda Carter, a 14-year civilian employee, "however, the job I have now does." Again, the reserve stipulation to also be a member of the National Guard for certain civilian jobs becomes the prevailing reason why some females join the guard.

How do the women like field training? One recalled an experience at an overnight bivouac. "Three females were assigned quarters with room enough for only two cots. When the first sergeant was told about the problem — three females, two cots, he told us to make do. So we pushed the two cots together and braved the cold fall air."

During annual training 78 with the 479th Personnel Services Co. at Ft. Sheridan, Ill, four reserve WACS found themselves in a barracks next to their male counterparts. The barracks did not have any curtains, so the windows had to be covered with blankets and sheets. What was left

to sleep on? NOTHING!

Men in the National Guard have their own ideas concerning women in the ranks.

"I don't think there are enough women in the guard," said a 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery guardmember, "people should not be categorized by their sex, but by their ability and willingness to do the type of work they wish to do for the guard. Women should no more be confined to a typewriter than men confined to the field."

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Latham, administrative supply technician Headquarters CAC, said his unit treats males and females alike.

"I do have to watch my language with the ladies though." Latham assigns a variety of duties including grass cutting; however, male guardsmen cannot ignore a "damsel in distress." "If I have a female out there cutting the grass and along comes a male and finishes it for her, what can you do?" he asked.

Female guardsmen say they want to be looked upon as women, but would like the guys to allow them to utilize their basic military training. "I have the hardest time to get an officer to go in a building ahead of me, he insists upon holding the door for me," said one.

In the end, the army attempts equal opportunity for women, but gentlemen being gentlemen sometimes throw a wrench in the wheel of equality.

## 'FM' keeps on relayin'

By TSgt. Jerry Katz  
117th TCS

A Savannah Air National Guard unit is making "FM" mean a lot more than just frequency modulation and beautiful music.

The guys in "FM", or Radio Relay Shop of the 117th Tactical Control Squadron, are a team and together keep their end of the Tactical Air Control System humming along smoothly.

It's usually a busy weekend for "FM" during a drill.

"Each AN-TRC-97 antenna has its own team," says MSgt. Bucky Jones, NCOIC of the FM shop. "They learn to work together and deploy that same way. This has been effective in both training and actual field conditions."

Like many sections of the 117th TCS, "FM" draws some of its talents from out of town and from a variety of civilian occupations. Why get into a job that is only one weekend a month, and especially one that takes you away from home? Daniel Burnet travels from Albany for the Unit Training Assemblies. He chose the Air Guard to "continue my service time." The 117th was his choice because as a civilian he "rebuilds the TRC-97 for the Marine Corps and Radio Relay has the same equipment."

Richard Harris makes the pilgrimage from Albany to Savannah "to gain new experience in the electronic field, the summer camp travel and, of course, the money." Said Harris, "I hadn't had any Radio Relay experience and all my friends from Albany were in FM."

Michael L. Flanagan, a student at Armstrong State College, picked Radio Relay "because it was a true cosmic experience and proved to be so." Flanagan is from Savannah.

Frank Hill, a radio installer/tower man from Savannah, summed it up in three words, "Money and Travel." His interest in electronics and an available school slot closed the deal for Hill.

Not everyone in the section has a civilian related job. Eric Welch, from Savannah, spends his civilian hours as a Jet Engine Mechanic. John Powell from Albany gave still another reason for getting into the Air Guard. Said Powell, "It gives me a chance to get away from everyday attitudes once a month."

During a drill weekend FM people are everywhere. One group works on preventive maintenance on the TRC-97s on site, one group takes to the field to make a "Shot" and the third group spends their time on academics. "If poor morale in the Guard is attributed to wasted



"FM" the common name for the Radio Relay Section hangs on the front of the shop's 1948 Shelter.

time and poor training efforts, then we think we've licked the problem here," says Jones.

"Last year our weekenders took part in six different exercises including three Joint Service Exercises, Solid Shield, Brave Shield and Gallant Eagle.

During June two teams were deployed to the St. Louis area for exercise Ozark Dawn, a group

training effort of the 157 Tactical Control Group of which the 117th is a part. The work of the unit doesn't seem to bother "FM," the unit has a 100 percent retention rate for 1978.

Radio Relay is one of the skills that now offers a \$1500 enlistment bonus in the Air National Guard to non prior service recruits.

## 'On my own'

### Pam Stallworth stays feminine in 'this man's army'

About half way through her first attempt at the four mile run at Fort Stewart, Ga., officer candidate Pamela Stallworth of Decatur, 28, divorced, mother of two and looking for a new career, was fading fast.

She was starting to straggle behind her platoon, her breath coming in short, painful gasps when the two male cadets running beside her each deftly stuck a finger through her belt loops and half carried, half drug her through the remainder of the grueling run.

That's when she got into trouble.

"Anytime you think you can't hack it, number 11, you just let me know," a properly enraged training officer yelled to the panting group. "You want to go all the way through this carrying someone who can't pull her own weight?"

It was at that point that Pam Stallworth, "number 11," recalled later she came closest to quitting. "I couldn't breathe," she remembered. "I didn't know if I was being yelled at because I couldn't breathe or because I had done something wrong. I was miserable and thought to myself, "Why am I doing this? Why am I here?"

Mrs. Stallworth did not quit and last week completed along with six other women and 52 men the first leg on the journey to become a commissioned officer in the Georgia Army National Guard.

She joined the Georgia Guard a year ago and

in March was selected to go through the Georgia Military Institute (GMI), recognized as one of the toughest and best of the Army National Guard training schools in the nation.

If she completes the course, she will graduate in June 1980 with the gold bars of a Second Lieutenant pinned to her blouse. Part of the requirements are that she complete two separate two-week training periods at Ft. Stewart — much of it done in the dusty fields and marshlands that make up the sprawling Army post.

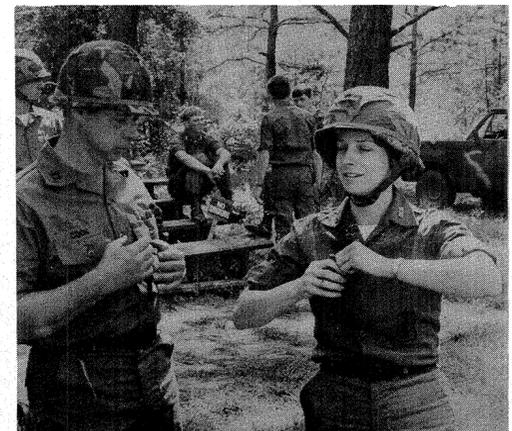
Despite the rigorous training, Mrs. Stallworth still maintains her femininity. Her hair was stylishly cut, her nails polished and makeup in place during an interview.

"Being a woman does not have its advantages in this program," she said. "If anything, the TACs (Tactical Training Officers) bear down on you more because they don't want men to think you're getting by with anything."

Mrs. Stallworth, the fifth oldest of 17 children by a Texas contractor and his wife, spent a year in the Air Force in 1970 and said she enjoyed the experience.

After a marriage that produced two children failed, she found herself in Atlanta attending Dekalb Community College studying criminal justice.

"I discovered that I needed something for myself, something more than the kids and school,"



Georgia Military Institute officer candidate Pamela Stallworth of Decatur pulls the firing pin on a hand grenade as an anxious instructor looks on. Mrs. Stallworth, 28, was among seven women in a class of 59 cadets who recently completed a two-week summer camp at Ft. Stewart, Ga.

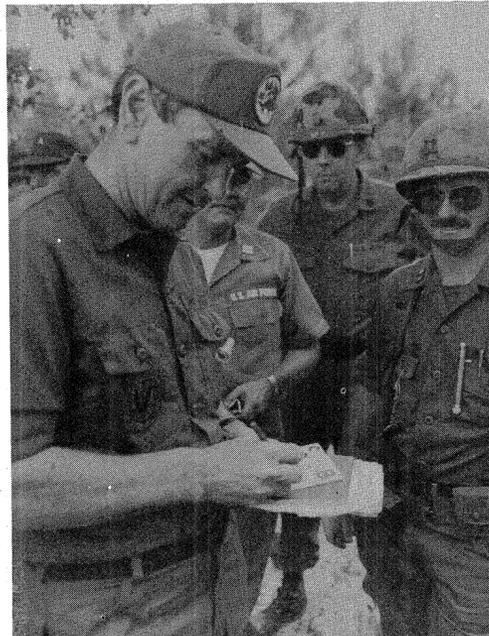
she said. "I think this is it."

"I couldn't be content just being an enlisted person. Maybe it's because of my big mouth," she laughed, "but I keep wanting to make suggestions and run things. In the Army you have to be an officer to do that. Besides, it pays better."

The hardest part of the GMI program for her has been the physical training, Mrs. Stallworth said. "I haven't found any easy part yet." "The thing is, they put all of us in the same pot and you have some people who think they are born leaders, and when they're put in some situations, they find they aren't. It teaches you teamwork."

"It's the first time I've ever done anything on my own. When I was married, my husband was always there. When I had the kids, he was there. Well, he isn't there anymore and I have to do this on my own. "I think I'm a better person for it."

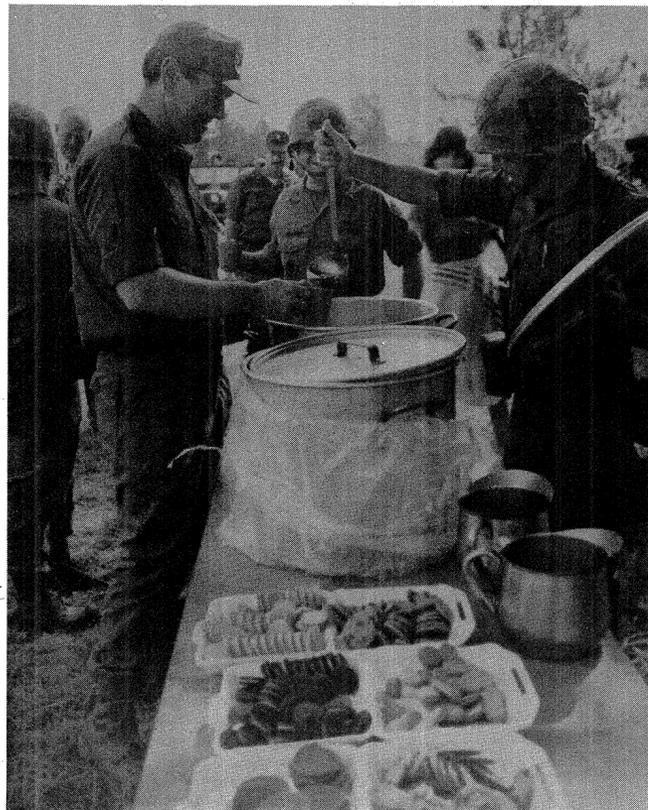
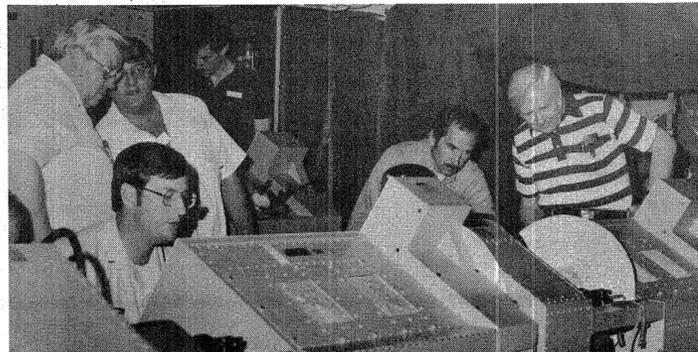
# With the troops



Signing his autograph (above) was probably easier for Gov. George Busbee than anything he's put his signature on this year. While (right) Georgia legislators Rep. William C. Mangum Jr. and Sen. Frank Eldridge (right foreground) and Rep. Joe Johnston and Sen. Randolph Karrh (left foreground) watch Tactical Air Control radar scopes of the 117th Tactical Air Control Squadron during a VIP visit to Georgia National Guard training sites.



An avid photographer, Gov. Busbee sets his camera lens for another "candid" of the troops.



## 'Pleased,' says Busbee

Gov. George Busbee took a look at the 1979 combat capability of the Georgia Army National Guard this month and apparently liked what he saw.

The governor, accompanied by Maj. Gen. Billy M. Jones, adjutant general of Georgia, toured Fort Stewart, Ga., where the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) was undergoing training.

The governor told reporters touring with him that he was "pleased" with the close working relationship between the 48th Brigade and the 24th Infantry Division stationed at Fort Stewart.

Busbee, an avid photographer, stopped often to snap pictures of Guardsmen doing their jobs.

Also included on the tour was a look at the giant CH-54 Skycranes of the 1160 Transportation Company at Hunter Army Airfield and the 117th Tactical Control Squadron (Air National Guard) in Savannah.

Other distinguished visitors touring Georgia Air and Army National Guard training sites and installations were 13 state legislators and two members of the state Office of Planning and Budget.

Legislators attending included, Sen. Bill English, District 21, Swainsboro; Sen. James L. Paulk, District 13, Fitzgerald; Sen. Kyle T. Cobb, District 28, Griffin; Sen. Frank Eldridge, District 7, Waycross.

Rep. Robert C. Sise, District 143, Thomasville; Rep. Randolph Karrh, District 106, Swainsboro; Rep. Joe Johnston, District 56, Post 2, Decatur.

Also attending were Rep. William C. Mangum Jr., District 56, Post 1, Decatur; Rep. Tom Ramsey, District 3, Chatsworth; Rep. John Russell, District 64, Winder; Rep. Bill Jackson, District 77, Martinez.

Rep. Joe Burton, District 47, Atlanta; Rep. Hugh D. Matthews, District 145, Moultrie.

Members attending from the planning and budget office were Barbara Steward and Don Jackson.

# Total force concept keys 116th SP annual training

By B.I. Diamond

When the 116th Weapons System Security Flight chose Tampa's MacDill AFB, Fla., for annual training, little did they know...

That the base would give their traffic control people the training of their lives; that a civilian pilot would mistakenly land there; and a simulated "confrontation exercise" would have to be curtailed because of the possibility of the "real thing."

Members of the Dobbins unit found soon after arriving at MacDill that after funneling through the main gate with the rest of the active duty troops, they were lost. "This base has more one way streets," moaned Sgt. Allison Perry.

"This base," philosophized TSgt. Bruce Kilgore, 116th WSSF Technician, "is a traffic nightmare. I think it's going to be a real experience for our people."

Air Guardsmen aren't alone in their comments about the traffic patterns around the base. MSgt. Roger Gothard, MacDill NCOIC of Security Police training, echoed Kilgore's comments, explaining that "this base was built in 1938, and as it got bigger they (officials) had to add more and more one way streets."

"We make the traffic one way in the morning and one way in the afternoon," he added. Adding to headaches for the security police and the Dobbins members were the approximately 350,000 retired soldiers, sailors and airmen who live around MacDill and use its commissary and exchange facilities.

The Dobbins based unit barely got comfortable in the Florida sun before they were called upon to act in a real emergency.

"A civilian pilot," said Kilgore, "had been cleared to land at Tampa International and I guess he just got lost. We were involved in a real 'Stop Alert'; it was better than anything we could have dreamed up."

During the emergency members of the 116th and 56th Security Police were instrumental in stopping the aircraft and pilot before he penetrated base areas beyond the runway.

"The base commander told him he was at the wrong place," added Kilgore, "but I think he knew he was off course the minute he landed."

Besides guarding the runways and F-4 Phantom jets at MacDill, 116th members also provided security for other "priority A" (ready for war) and "priority C" (combat capable, but not ready for immediate launch) materiel.

"They were integrated right in with our regular guys," said Gothard and that's just what many of the Dobbins unit were apparently hoping.

"One of the guys," Kilgore recalled, "who is our dispatcher — and you have to be specially trained for the job — had to fill in for theirs when manpower was short."

Commander of the 116th WSSF, Capt. Jim Swanner was elated by the unit's assimilation into the regular force. "It's total force here all the way. These people (56th Security Police) couldn't have been more helpful."

The "Total Force" concept (integrating Guard and Reserve units with active duty to form one force) gets high marks from Gothard, who says, "it benefits both of us. They get the training they need and we get the manpower."

MacDill's police squadron, according to Gothard, is a go-getter in terms of the "Total Force" concept. "We have units here at least eight months of the year. Whenever there's an SP conference of any kind, we put the word out that MacDill is available."

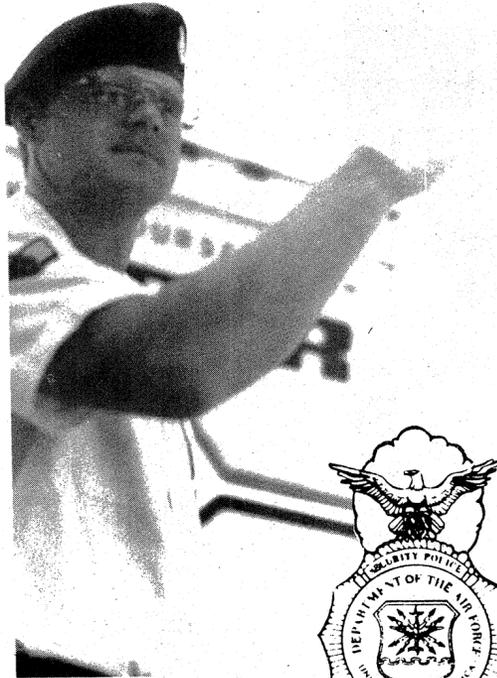
Putting together the MacDill trip took six months, Kilgore chimed in, adding that this camp was different from the 1978 encampment. "We've taken a different approach. We spent 50 percent in the classroom last year. This year it was more operational."

The one operation that was curtailed was a planned 24-hour "confrontation exercise" in which the entire base was to be recalled because of demonstrators. "That got cut short, because we had some actual intelligence which indicated that something might happen," Kilgore said.

Instead a two-hour exercise was held in which some "phony" demonstrators, led by SMSgt. Jackson E. Richards of the 116th, were supposed to confront security police. "We rapidly handled the situation," said Kilgore. "The demonstrators were confronted, and apprehended without a struggle. Without qualification the guys' performance exceeded anybody's expectations."

Swanner also approved of his unit's performance, crediting determination and "dedication to getting the job done." "We're in a unique situation," the captain said. "We're one of the few Guard units training at a TAC (Tactical Air Command) 'priority A' base. Which means we have to be ready for anything."

At the conclusion of their two weeks, the 31 men and women of the 116th WSSF found that not even traffic "nightmares," lost pilots or "confrontations" could make the Dobbins security police — insecure.



(Above) Sgt. James T. Garner of Atlanta, a member of the 116th WSSF directs traffic through the main gate at MacDill AFB, Fla., while (left) Amn 1C Tom Walker reflects on his 300 mile journey to the Tampa, Fla. base.



## 'I'd walk 300 miles for 'AT'

The Air Force flies, the Army rides and Thomas Walker thumbs.

Walker, 20, of Albany, set off for MacDill AFB, Fla., with good intentions, such as catching a ride with the rest of the guys from the 116th Weapons System Security Flight from Dobbins AFB, Ga. ... only:

"I missed my ride in Tifton."

And so the saga of Airman First Class Tom Walker began. With uniform pressed, shoes shined and duffel bag on his shoulder he started off his two-week encampment by hitch-hiking 300 miles from Tifton to Tampa.

"I thought to myself, 'What am I doing here? I hope somebody picks me up; and, I did a lot of praying.'"

The lanky youth said he got five or six rides during the 18 hours he was on the road, including one from a truck driver who "was renting a house to a general down here."

"I didn't have anything to drink for hours," said Walker, noting a local newspaper story on the "inseasonably hot, Tampa weather."

"All I got from it was a sore shoulder from lugging my duffel bag," he said.

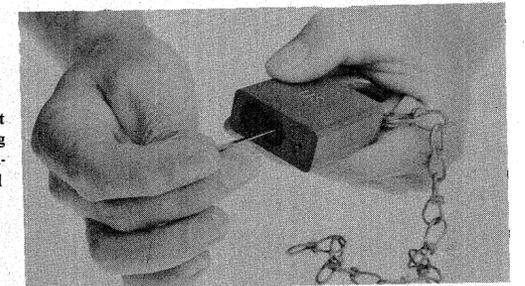
Capt. Jim Swanner, commander of the police unit, had nothing but praise for the airman, complimenting him on his "determination and dedication."

TSgt. Bruce Kilgore, 116th WSSF technician, said he was a little concerned whether Walker would make it. "We were just about to call up there (Tifton) following our 8 a.m. Sunday roll-call and tell him to get on a bus when he walks. We couldn't believe it."

The journey apparently didn't deter the airman from seeing the sights, as he and several others spent their first Sunday in Florida visiting Disneyworld.

For once a man was true to his name, a "walker" really walked, but, he grinned, "I made sure I had a ride home."

Lock picking class was brief, but only because it didn't take long for TSgt. Bruce Kilgore, technician for the unit, to open all the padlocks.



## In command, I think

"I guess I'm in command," shrugged a surprised Capt. Jim Swanner when he found that he was the senior officer present in the 56th Security Police Squadron at MacDill AFB, Fla.

With the commander and executive officer temporarily away from the base, Swanner was the ranking man in the 100 or more man security squadron. Not coincidentally, the captain is the commander of the 116th Weapons System Secur-

ity Flight at Dobbins AFB, Ga. The unit was at the Tampa base pulling two weeks of annual training.

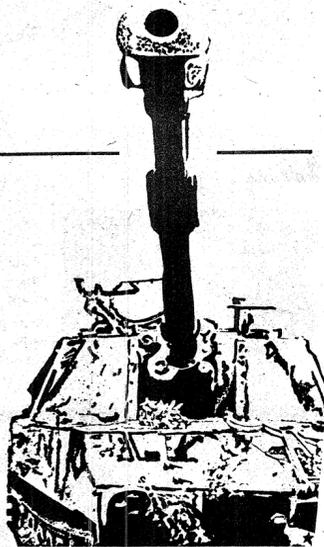
"They all left," said Swanner, who indicated that some lieutenants, and he, were the only officers left.

All went smoothly during his 72-hours at the top then Swanner officially handed back the reins of command to Lt. Col. William D. Driggers Jr., 56th Security Police Chief.



### Taking a break

Members of A Co., 2nd Bn., 121st Infantry in Valdosta (l to r) Sgt Mark Selph, Spec 4 Eric Ansley, and SSgt. Fritz Templeton, take a break during field training exercises at Ft. Stewart where units of the Georgia Army National Guard are undergoing two weeks of summer training.



## Guardsmen gather for training

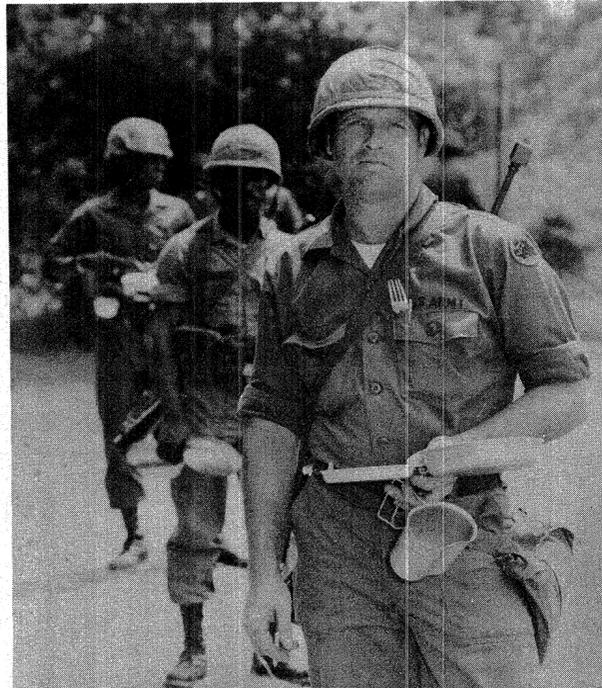
While most of Ft. Stewart's population was preparing for a long Memorial Day weekend, more than 4,900 members of the Georgia Army National Guard arrived for their two-week annual encampment.

The majority of the Guardsmen, from more than 50 cities around Georgia, are members of the 48th Infantry Brigade, a roundout unit for the 24th Infantry Division.

This year, the brigade's training emphasis was placed on attaining ARTEP Level 1 proficiency at platoon level. Their training included a four-day, three-night bivouac requirement under tactical conditions as well as 88 hours of mission essential training and 16 hours of night training.

First Army training goals for the brigade include a C2 strength rating; a reenlistment rate of 75 percent for careerists and 40 percent for first termers and no units rated C4 at the conclusion of the camp.

This was the third, and last, major encampment of the summer for the Georgia Army Guard. In April, non-brigade units underwent training, and May 26, approximately 75 cadets of the highly regarded Georgia Military Institute, the Georgia Guard's officer training school, completed their two weeks.



"Army Chow" Pvt. Kenneth Martin (above), of the 277th Maintenance Co., of Atlanta, waits his turn, mess kit in hand. Martin, from Riverdale, Ga., works for the Ford Motor Co. in Hapeville. Not too far away (left) members of the National Guard Training Site prepare equipment and vehicles for annual training.

# Treating the injuries of war

### Combat.

The choppers come in. Teams rush forward to remove the wounded. Head wounds, broken legs, stomach wounds, heat exhaustion — combat casualties all.

A rerun of M.A.S.H.? Nope, it's the 348th Medical Company from Macon, simulating during its two-week summer training at Ft. Stewart, Ga., a full field hospital operating under combat conditions.

Armed with bandages, needles, stethoscopes and a plethora of other medical equipment, the 348th set up the field hospital to receive "casualties" they knew were coming — but just as in combat — they didn't know when.

When they did arrive the casualties were initially "triaged," (graded on severity of wound), with the most severely wounded treated first and minor injuries treated later.

Following the initial examination, the casualties were sent to one of eight specialized areas set up by the 348th. These included surgery, ward; dental, decontamination, and sterilization facilities; medical ward, a holding area for observation and a morgue.

There was also a clearing platoon for the ambulances and a loading zone for helicopter evacuation.

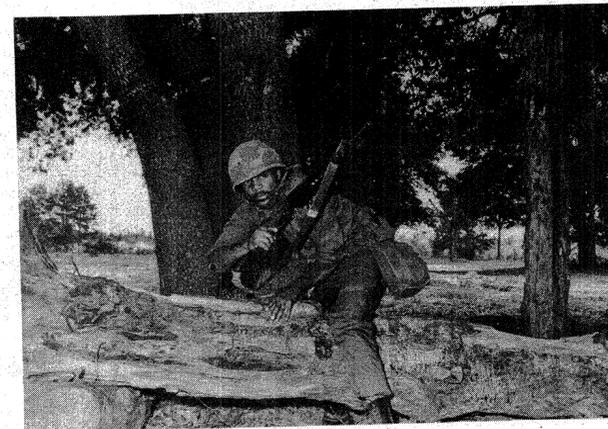
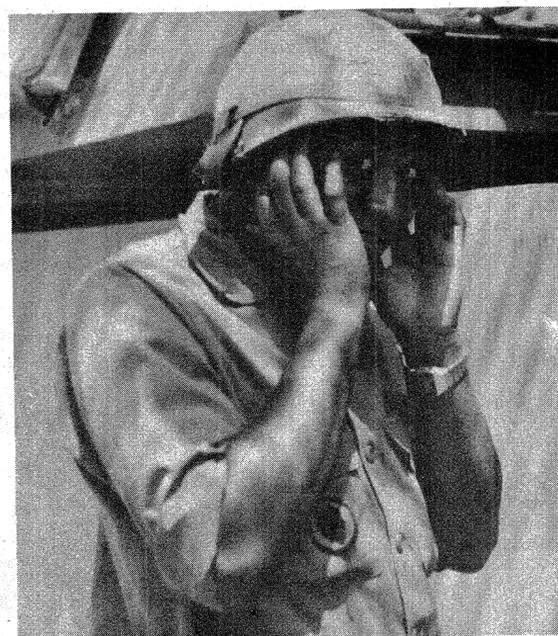
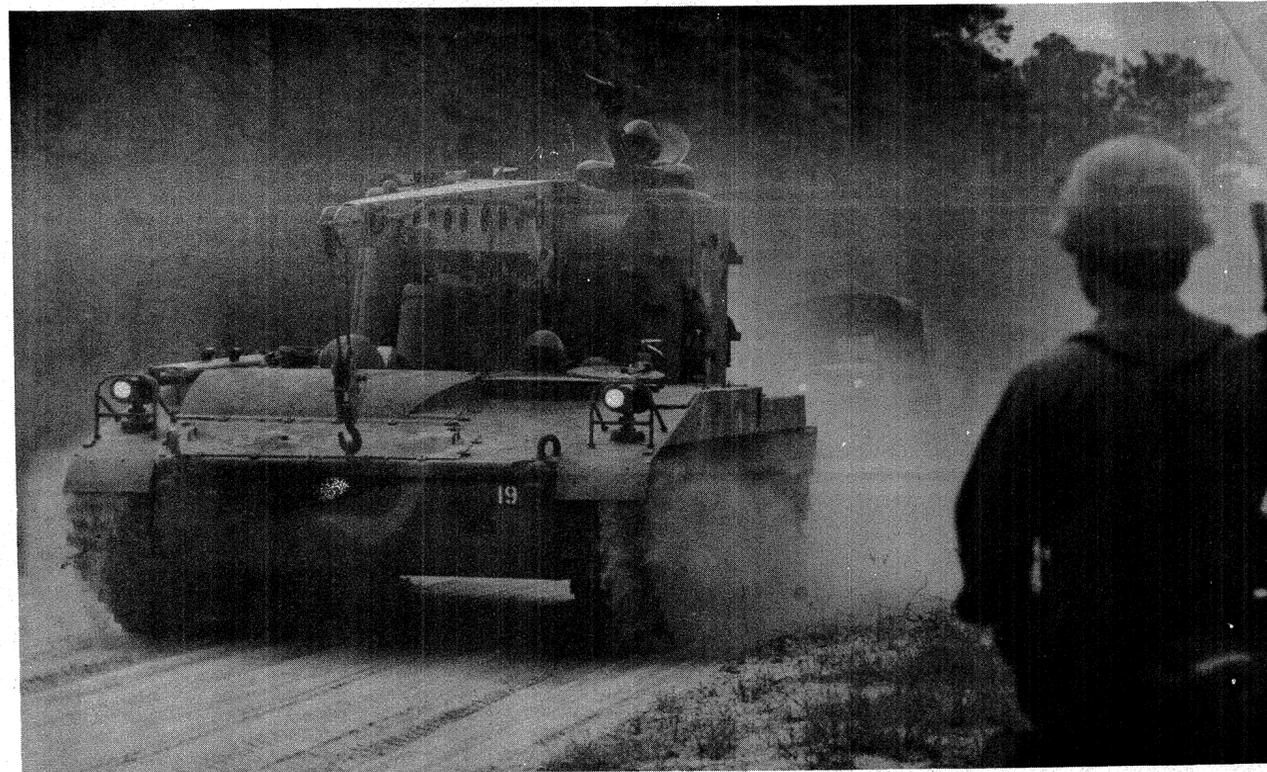
In addition to field operations, the 348th Medical Company also operated a 24-hour dis-

pensary. Warrant Officer Steven Munoz, a physician's assistant, makes sure that the activities of the dispensary run smoothly.

"We treat a number of minor ailments here, from heat exhaustion to sore limbs and refer the more serious cases to the post hospital," said Munoz.

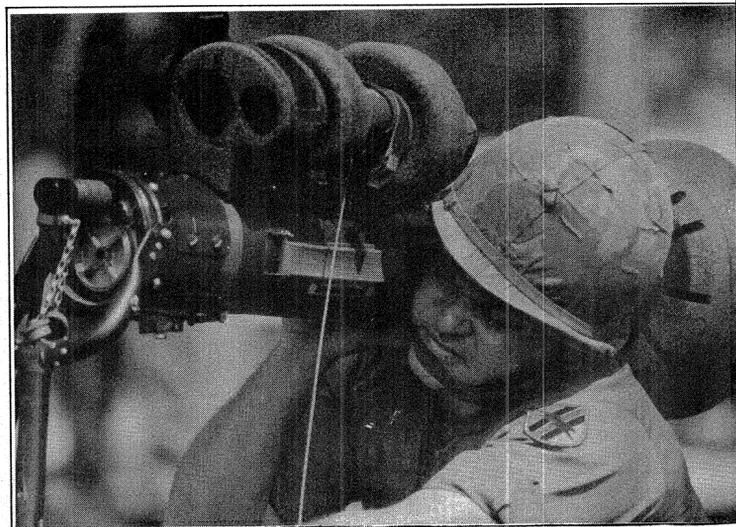
Personnel in the 348th Medical Company come from a variety of occupations ranging from heavy equipment operators to librarians; however, everyone joining the unit receives medical training in military or civilian schools before they are allowed to treat patients.

"In a combat situation," Munoz said "we are prepared to handle all situations."



Preparing to take cover behind a log (above) is Spec 4 Caesar Quarterman, a member of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery in Brunswick, Ga. Quarterman is a crane operator in his hometown of Darien, Ga. Meanwhile (left) Spec 4 Quinton Mincey of Hagon, a member of Battery A, 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery, resorts to ear plugs and this time-proven method of blocking out the noise of the big guns.

# 'Dragons' join the brigade



Pfc James Perry, Company A, 2nd battalion, 121st Infantry, of Valdosta takes aim with the Dragon missile during annual training at Fort Stewart, Ga.

By Capt. John Whatley  
48th Infantry Brigade PIO

What dragon has no scales, captures no damsels, lives in a fiberglass tube, has a 1000-meter leash, but still easily destroys armored knights? The new M-47 Dragon which recently arrived at the 48th Infantry Brigade.

Unlike the fire-breathing dragon of lore, this dragon spits fire in the form of a line-of-sight guided missile.

Mounted on a gunner's shoulder, the Dragon is a formidable looking weapon. A smooth-bore,

fiberglass tube leads back to a flared end where the fire-breathing round awaits the gunner's signal to fire.

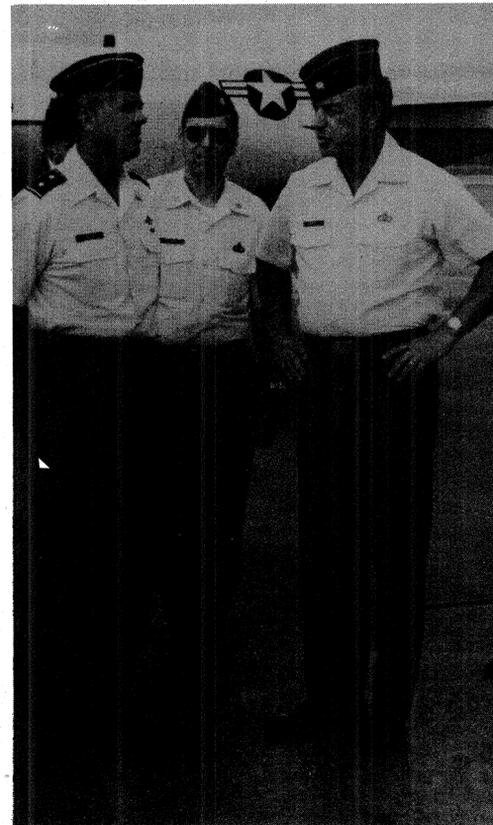
The M-47, just like the mythical dragon, is a complex creature. The dragon of the 1970s consists of two components, the tracker and the round. The tracker is the assembly mounted directly to the round. The round consists of the fiberglass launcher tube with tracking assembly and the round itself. The round is expendable; the tracker, a \$16,000 piece of equipment, is not.

When the round is launched, behind it trails a wire link connected to the launch tube. As the

round travels downrange, the gunner adjusts its flight using the crosshairs of the tracker-telescope. As the gunner corrects onto the target, the round corrects its course via the wire link. All very complicated, but deadly.

The dragon, which replaced the 90-mm recoilless rifle, still features some of the characteristics of the old weapon. It's noisy. It has a good-sized backblast. But, the dragon more than makes up for this by being lightweight, by being expendable and by being accurate.

This is one dragon the enemy may not want to disturb.



Ellis takes a look

A Ninth Air Force official got a first-hand look at Savannah's 117th Tactical Control Squadron when vice commander, Maj. Gen. B.J. Ellis, (left), dropped in. Greeting the general following his arrival were Lt. Col. Albert Dotson (center), detachment commander, and Lt. Col. Wylie Griffin (right), unit commander. Ellis received a tour and a briefing on the job of the 117th. (Air National Guard photo by TSgt. Jerry Katz)

## GMI graduates 24

Some 24 Georgia Army National Guardsmen pinned on the bars of second lieutenants June 16, following commencement exercises of Georgia Military Institute class No. 18 in Atlanta.

Receiving the General Hearn Trophy as the outstanding graduate was Gene R. Belden of Atlanta. Belden was the number one cadet in leadership and academics.

Others receiving awards were Marvin G. Weissman of Savannah, the Erickson Trophy as the distinguished graduate; Jimmy J. Lasseter of Eatonton, Ga., who won the John Richard Garrett Instructors Plaque for outstanding instruction ability.

The TAC Officer's Trophy for outstanding command ability went to Charles M. Johnson of Brunswick, Ga; and, the Association of the United States Army Plaque for leadership went to Donald L. Everett of Buford, Ga.

The Billy Stripling Award sponsored by GMI's alumni was awarded to Aubrey R. Webb Sr. of Conyers and the Institute's Physical Fitness Award went to Scott S. Bailey of Marietta.

Besides those seven, others graduating included Charles M. Allen of Byron, David C. Black of Lithia Springs and Gary G. Burson of

Hinesville. Also graduating were Marion T. Fisher of Atlanta and Donald G. Fortson of Elberton; and, Wayne A. Hale of Morrow.

Other graduates were Donald R. Hamby of Calhoun, James R. Harrison of Dalton, William C. Hughes of Atlanta and Gary M. Jenkins of Glenwood; John P. Jerguson of Smyrna and David L. Kinney of Birmingham, Ala.

Also commissioned were James T. Lamb of Hilton Head, S.C., Jimmy L. Mountain of Swainsboro and Harry M. Ray of Roberta; Harley S. Smalley of Savannah and Michael W. Yarbrough of Eden.

Addressing the graduates was Maj. Gen. Billy M. Jones, the adjutant general of Georgia. In his remarks Georgia's top military official told the class: "Officers are a unique group of people. . . each of you, by accepting your commission, is voluntarily taking on the sometimes awesome job of leadership.

"All of you have made many sacrifices during the past 15 months to get here today. Your wives and families have also paid their dues. They were able to see the goal and dedicate themselves to helping you get there."

## Family day

### Dobbins unit shows off

Barbeque, baked beans and fun marked the second annual 116th Tactical Fighter Wing family Open House at Dobbins AFB, Ga.

More than 1,100 family members and Guardsmen attended. Brig. Gen. Ben L. Patterson, 116th TFW commander, said, "I think that it is important to get the families of the Wing here at least once a year so that they can see first-hand just what we do. Some people forget that families sacrifice as well as members of the unit by spending one weekend a month here."

A highlight of the afternoon was a flyover of the last F-100 of the wing alongside their new operational aircraft, the F-105G.



# Army Guard strength

### UNIT STRENGTH

As of June 15, 1979

One of the prime goals of the Georgia Army National Guard is to be at 100 percent strength in all units. Those units that are already there are above the goal line. Strength figures were current as of June 15.

UNIT	LOCATION	% AUTH STRENGTH	UNIT	LOCATION	% AUTH STRENGTH
124 PA Det	Atlanta	115.3	Spt Co, 1st Bn, 108th Armor	Douglasville	114.8
122d Spt Ctr	Decatur	102.7	HHC, 1st Bn, 121st Inf	Dublin	114.3
HHD 110th Maint Bn	Decatur	116.0	Co A, 1st Bn, 121st Inf	Gainesville	111.5
164th Maint Co	Hinesville	100.0	Det 1, Co A, 1st Bn, 121st Inf	Canton	111.5
Det 1, 164th Maint Co	Glennville	148.0	Det 1, Co C, 1st Bn, 121st Inf	Hawkinsville	117.3
277th Maint Co	Atlanta	100.8	HHC, 2d Bn, 121st Inf	Albany	110.2
Det 1, 277th Maint Co	Marietta	100.0	Spt Co, 2d Bn, 121st Inf	Tifton	110.2
Co A, 111th Sig Bn	Covington	100.0	Det 1, Co B, 2d Bn, 121st Inf	Cordele	100.0
138th Med Co	Atlanta	102.9	Svc Btry, 1st Bn, 230th FA	Brunswick	100.0
1148th Trans Co	Augusta	102.4	HHD 148th Spt Bn	Forsyth	119.2
HHC 265th Engr Gp	Atlanta	113.9	348th Med Co	Macon	101.0
Det 1, Co B, 560th Engr Bn	Montezuma	101.3	Co C, 148th Spt Bn	Sparta	121.8
Det 1, Co D, 560th Engr Bn	Bainbridge	105.4	Det 1, Co C, 148th Spt Bn	Forsyth	116.0
HHC 878th Engr Bn	Augusta	109.5	648th Maint Co	Atlanta	100.0
Co A, 878th Engr Bn	Jackson	102.8	HBB, 1st Bn, 214th Arty	Elberton	107.0
Det 1, Co A, 878th Engr Bn	Eatonton	132.8	Btry A, 1st Bn, 214th Arty	Hartwell	115.0
Co B, 878th Engr Bn	Sandersville	108.7	Btry B, 1st Bn, 214th Arty	Thomson	101.0
Det 2, Co B, 878th Engr Bn	Augusta	118.6	Btry A, 2d Bn, 214th Arty	Savannah	103.2
Co C, 878th Engr Bn	Lyons	103.4	Btry B, 2d Bn, 214th Arty	Savannah	101.0
48th Sig Plt	Hawkinsville	100.0	HHD GAARNG	Atlanta	127.3
Trp E, 348th Cav	Griffin	100.0	ARNG Tng Site	Ft. Stewart	142.8
Det 1, Trp E, 348th Cav	Newnan	104.5	75th Engr Det	Ft. Stewart	110.7
HHC, 1st Bn, 108th Armor	Calhoun	103.7			

UNIT	LOCATION	% AUTH STRENGTH	NUMBER TO REACH 100%	UNIT	LOCATION	% AUTH STRENGTH	NUMBER TO REACH 100%
CAC HQ, GAARNG	Atlanta	39.8	92	Co C, 1st Bn, 108th Armor	Dalton	93.5	6
116th Army Band	Decatur	93.3	3	Spt Co, 1st Bn, 121st Inf	Milledgeville	80.1	33
165th Sup Co	Savannah	98.4	2	Co B, 1st Bn, 121st Inf	Thomaston	86.7	16
166th Maint Co	Toccoa	86.5	19	Det 1, Co B, 1st Bn, 121st Inf	Perry	90.3	5
Det 1, 166th Maint Co	Lavonia	81.6	13	Co C, 1st Bn, 121st Inf	Eastman	68.5	38
HHD 170th MP Bn	Atlanta	91.8	3	Co A, 2d Bn, 121st Inf	Valdosta	90.0	12
178th MP Co	Monroe	91.4	14	Det 1, Co A, 2d Bn, 121st Inf	Quitman	84.6	8
190th MP Co	Atlanta	90.7	15	Co B, 2d Bn, 121st Inf	Fitzgerald	94.2	7
HHC 151st Avn Bn	Lawrenceville	95.2	3	Co C, 2d Bn, 121st Inf	Americus	99.1	1
158th MI Co	Winder	77.4	54	Det 1, Co C, 2d Bn, 121st Inf	Moultrie	88.4	6
159th MI Co	Dobbins AFB	87.4	30	Det 1, HHC, 1st Bn, 230th FA	Jesup	78.4	20
1160th Trans Co	Hunter AAF	92.5	11	HBB, 1st Bn, 230th FA	Waycross	81.2	24
HHC 111th Sig Bn	Winder	95.9	6	Btry A, 1st Bn, 230th FA	Brunswick	81.0	19
HHC 560th Engr Bn	Columbus	96.6	6	Btry B, 1st Bn, 230th FA	Reidsville	96.0	2
Co A, 560th Engr Bn	Dawson	93.3	4	Det 1, Btry B, 1st Bn, 230th FA	Baxley	68.0	16
Det 1, Co A, 560th Engr Bn	Columbus	98.6	1	Btry C, 1st Bn, 230th FA	Savannah	93.0	7
Co B, 560th Engr Bn	Reynolds	91.6	5	Det 1, HHD, 148th Spt Bn	Macon	86.2	15
Co C, 560th Engr Bn	LaGrange	77.6	30	Co A, 148th Spt Bn	Macon	93.0	9
Co D, 560th Engr Bn	Thomasville	88.3	7	HBB 118th FA Bde	Savannah	92.6	10
Det 1, Co B, 878th Engr Bn	Louisville	93.2	4	Btry C, 1st Bn, 214th Arty	Waynesboro	93.5	6
Co D, 878th Engr Bn	Swainsboro	99.4	1	Svc Btry, 1st Bn, 214th Arty	Washington	92.8	5
HHC 48th Inf Bde	Macon	99.3	1	HBB, 2d Bn, 214th Arty	Statesboro	88.9	14
848th Engr Co	Douglas	80.2	30	Btry C, 2d Bn, 214th Arty	Springfield	97.8	2
Co A, 1st Bn, 108th Armor	Rome	97.8	2	Svc Btry, 2d Bn, 214th Arty	Savannah	97.1	2
Co B, 1st Bn, 108th Armor	Cedartown	80.6	18				

# Air Guard strength

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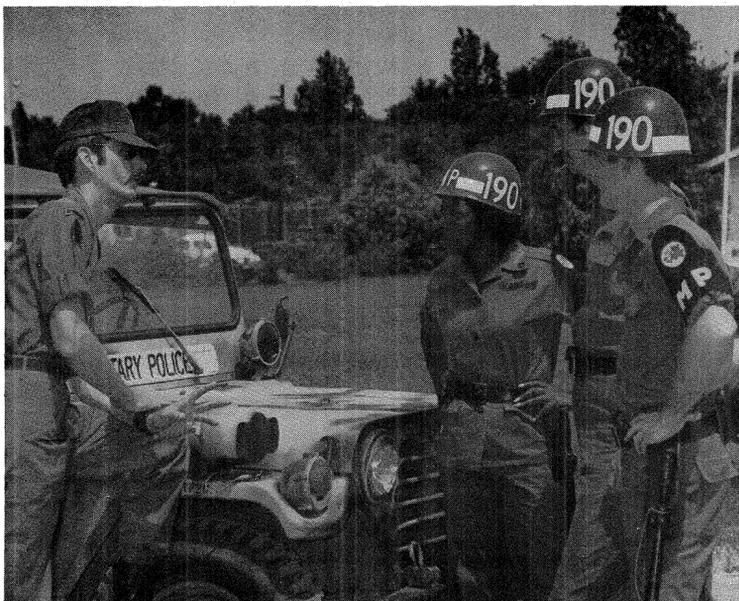
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165 TAG	Savannah	106.1	HQ GA ANG	Atlanta	100.0
283 CMBTCS	Savannah	101.5			

UNIT	LOCATION	% AUTH STRENGTH	NUMBER TO REACH 100%	UNIT	LOCATION	% AUTH STRENGTH	NUMBER TO REACH 100%
116 TFW	Dobbins AFB	90.1	90	202 EIS	Macon	94.4	15
117 TCS	Hunter AAF	90.5	25	224 CMBTCS	St. Simons	95.4	10
129 TCS	Kennesaw	89.4	30	TNG Site	Savannah	96.8	1



Lt. James V. Bryan, Jr., executive officer of the 190th Military Police Company, briefs Pfc Patricia Perry, Spec 4 Owen Anthony and Spec 4 Bill Clark on roadway security driving tactical situations. (Army National Guard Photo)

# Pride

## MP's Bryan says Guard better

First Lieutenant James V. Bryan Jr., a member of the Georgia Army National Guard's 190th Military Police Company, is proud of his six and a half years in the active Army. He is quick to tell you about his duty with the Special Forces in Vietnam, his Combat Infantryman's Badge, and his Master Parachutist Badge.

But Lt. Bryan is even prouder of his current military status: executive officer of the 190th.

Following annual training at Ft. Benning recently, he reflected on the accomplishments of the unit's two-week encampment.

"This unit performs better than the active Army," said Bryan. "We have a lot of esprit de corps and everyone works together to accomplish our mission."

The rain fell unmercifully on the unit during their first week of training.

"We were in the field four days during that week and we were pretty miserable, but our morale stayed high," Bryan said.

"We performed MP tasks in tactical situations," said Bryan. "This included securing an ammo dump, escorting convoys, roadway security, and even search and seizure procedure."

The second week, the MPs worked with Ft. Benning MPs as part of their training.

## Reaction course tests police skills

"You'd have to pay me to get out of the Guard," said Spec 4 Kenneth Carter of the Georgia Army Guard's 190th Military Police Company in Atlanta.

Carter and approximately 200 other Army Guardsmen just returned from two weeks annual training at Ft. Benning.

Carter's enthusiasm for the Guard is something he does not keep a secret.

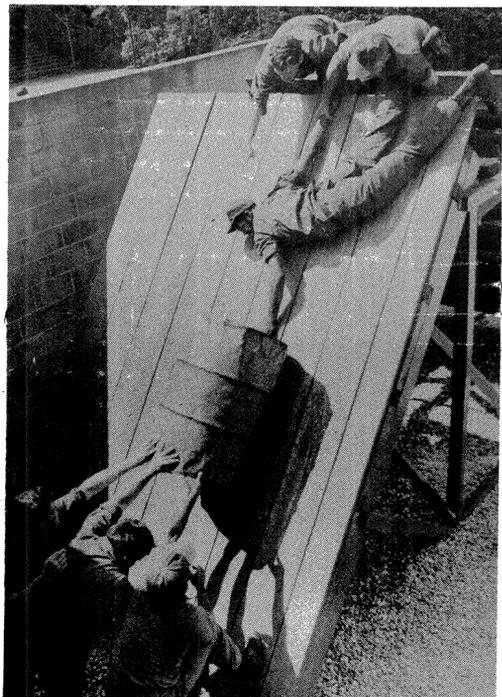
"I would like to see people count it a pleasure and an honor to be in the National Guard," he said. "Besides, think of all the great things you do and all the people you meet."

One of the "great" things the Guard MPs did this training period was to go through the Leaders' Reaction Course at Ft. Benning.

This is not a textbook-classroom course.

It's an arduous series of tasks designed to test the soldier's ability to solve problems and work together to achieve the solutions.

There were three stations or obstacles and the 9-man teams had 12 minutes to complete each one.



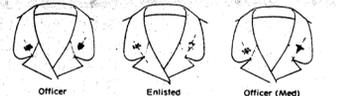
Members of the 190th MP Co. form a "human bridge" to pull a 55-gallon drum over a 12-foot high tank barricade.

## New insignia placement for Army Guard

### Female Personnel

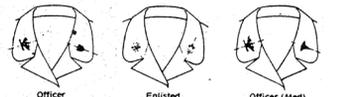
Service and Dress Uniforms

Army Green, Army Green Pantsuit, Army Blue, Army White

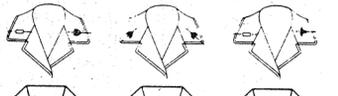


Service Uniforms

Army Green Cord

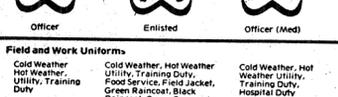


AG-388 Skirt & Jacket, AG-388 Dress & Jacket, White Shirt With Pantsuit Slacks

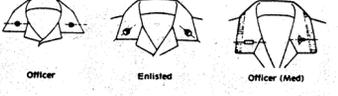


Field and Work Uniforms

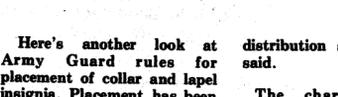
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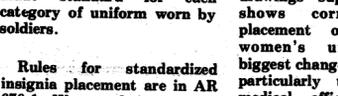
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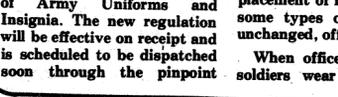
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### Male Personnel

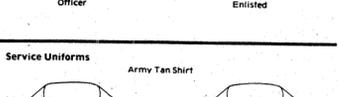
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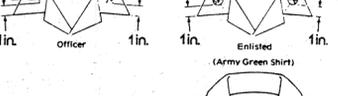


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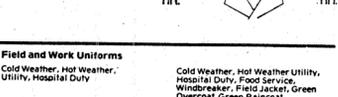


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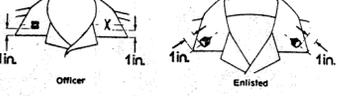


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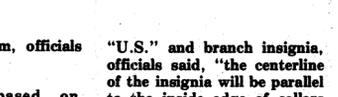
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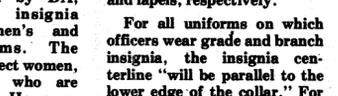
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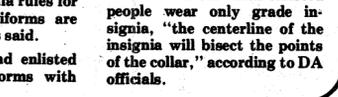
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Here's another look at Army Guard rules for placement of collar and lapel insignia. Placement has been made standard for each category of uniform worn by soldiers.

Rules for standardized insignia placement are in AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia. The new regulation will be effective on receipt and is scheduled to be dispatched soon through the pinpoint

distribution system, officials said.

The chart, based on drawings supplied by DA, shows correct insignia placement on men's and women's uniforms. The biggest changes affect women, particularly those who are medical officers. However, placement of insignia rules for some types of uniforms are unchanged, officials said.

When officers and enlisted soldiers wear uniforms with

"U.S." and branch insignia, officials said, "the centerline of the insignia will be parallel to the inside edge of collars and lapels, respectively."

For all uniforms on which officers wear grade and branch insignia, the insignia centerline "will be parallel to the lower edge of the collar." For all uniforms on which enlisted people wear only grade insignia, "the centerline of the insignia will bisect the points of the collar," according to DA officials.

# Ghost stories

## Guard exorcises AWOLs

During the first 5 months of 1979, the Georgia Army Guard has been making a maximum effort to rid itself of "ghosts." These are members of the Guard who have failed to live up to their obligation and have been repeatedly AWOL.

Some 121 members of the Army Guard have been ordered to involuntary active duty during this period.

Regulations state that any member of the Guard who is AWOL five times during any 12-month period is subject to being placed on active duty. One AWOL is an unauthorized absence from one 4-hour drill period or one full day of annual training.

Those ordered to active duty must serve for

24 months less any time served on active duty during basic training, advanced individual training, and annual training. Time served during weekend drills does not count.

Assignments of individuals are made according to the needs of the Active Army world-wide. Of those called up, some have been sent to Korea while others were sent to Europe. The remainder were assigned to various posts within the U.S.

Guard officials say it is too early to know just how much AWOLs in units are being reduced by getting rid of these ghosts — those people who are on unit rolls but never show up — but it is helping. They also say that more members of the Guard now realize that they cannot take their enlistment obligation lightly.

## A different breed of 2nd lieutenant

Second lieutenants usually hold the spotlight rather than enjoy it, but for Steven H. Wachsler it's different.

Wachsler, of East Point, has the distinction of being the first second lieutenant to ever pilot the Republic F-105G Wild Weasel. He is assigned to the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing at Dobbins AFB, Ga.

The Weasels, assigned to seek out and destroy enemy ground-to-air missile sites, are the charges of the Guard pilots at Dobbins.

Wachsler has been a Guard pilot since 1977 and flew more than 300 missions in the F-100 Super Sabre before taking on the bigger, more powerful F-105.

When he's not flying, Wachsler is a graduate law student at Atlanta Law School.



## Gen. Doctor replaces Gen. Marine



Brig. Gen. Doctor

Brig. Gen. Henry Doctor Jr., has assumed duties as assistant division commander of the 24th Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga.

He replaces Brig. Gen. George E. Marine who was appointed as chief of staff of the U.S. Army's I Corps in Korea.

Doctor, a native of Oakley, S.C., was formerly director of enlisted personnel at the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center in Alexan-

dria, Va.

The 24th Infantry Division, which Doctor has joined, has a close working relationship with the Georgia Army National Guard. The Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) is the Division's roundout unit.

The general, his wife Janie, son Kenneth, 19, and daughters Lori, 16 and Cheryl, 14, reside at Fort Stewart.

## Civil rights report due

Georgia Army National Guard officials are reminding unit and detachment commanders that they are required to complete a Civil Rights Compliance briefing during July.

The semi-annual briefing is to be given, if not completed already, during the July assembly and a report submitted to Headquarters, Georgia Army National Guard.



## Bridging it

Armed Forces Day in Atlanta had its share of tanks and weapon displays, but the Georgia Army National Guard stole the show. Among the equipment it displayed was an "Armored Vehicle Launched Bridge." The bridge, mounted on the body of a tank, awed the lunch-time crowds in Atlanta's Central City Park. (Photo courtesy of Eric Anderson)

## Annual training costs big bucks

Annual training means different things to different folks. To the troops it means two weeks of hard work in the hot sun of Fort Stewart. To the planners, it means months of detailed work before summer camp even begins. But to the budget and logistics folks, it means big bucks.

Here is what it cost to train more than 6,200 members of the Georgia Army Guard during the two encampments at Fort Stewart this year:

- \* They ate 220,074 meals at a cost of \$249,624.
- \* They used 186,418 gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel at a cost of \$120,879.
- \* They fired 699,367 rounds of ammunition. This includes everything from small caliber blanks to artillery and tank ammo.
- \* Their gross pay was \$3,145,600 but they did not get to take all of it home. They left behind \$581,900 for such things as income tax and social security payments.

As one officer put it, "It was money well spent. This was the best annual training I have ever seen."

## 1,008 re-up in Ga. guard

Nearly two-thirds of the eligible Army Guardsmen extended their enlistments during the two encampments of AT 79 at Fort Stewart. During the non-brigade camp, there were 378 extensions, while the 48th Infantry Brigade had 630 extensions of enlistment.

Of the major commands in the first camp, the 265th Engineer Group had the most extensions with 156. Command and Control (CAC) Headquarters had the highest percentage rate with 81.1 percent of the eligibles signing up. The battalion or battalion group with the most extensions was CAC with 111. It also had the highest percentage rate with 91 percent.

At the company level, the 1148th Transportation Company led with 46 extensions. There was a tie for the highest percentage rate with the 122nd Support Center and the 116th Army Band getting extensions from 100 percent of those eligible.

The 48th Infantry Brigade saw 80.3 percent of those eligible signing on for more time. The leading battalion was 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry with 136 extensions or 82.9 percent.

The leading company was Combat Support Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry with 100 percent of all eligibles extending. The top company in numbers was Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery with 39 of its members signing up.



Maj. Gen. Billy M. Jones attaches the Air Force Outstanding Unit streamer to the 165th Tactical Airlift Group standard as Group Commander, Col. James W. Buckley and members of the unit look on.

## 'Outstanding' Award goes to 165th TAG

The 165th Tactical Airlift Group in Savannah has been awarded its third Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The Adjutant General of Georgia, Maj. Gen. Billy M. Jones made the presentation this month in a ceremony in the coastal city.

"Every man and woman of the unit," said Jones, "played a part in the unit achieving the award — those with one year service, those with two years and those with thirty years — all played a part and share in the award. Without each of you — those who work full time and those who are weekenders, the unit could not have achieved the award."

Col. James W. Buckley, commander of the Group, also credited each member of the unit for

the award. "The award is not based on the works of any one person, but rather on the collective efforts of the over 800 members of the unit."

The award cites the unit for exceptional service from Dec. 10, 1976 to June 30, 1978. "During this period," the citation reads, "the Group excelled in the management of materiel and personnel resources in support of its tactical mission, its enhancement of the total force policy and in maintaining a combat ready posture rarely equalled by any like unit."

At the same time, the 165th Mobile Aerial Port Flight was honored as the Military Airlift Command's Air Reserve Forces Outstanding Mobile Aerial Port Flight.

## Ferrell's law keeps unit at 100%

"Recruiting is a function of command. If the commander believes in his unit and keeping it at full strength, then everybody in the unit will start believing the same thing," says Sgt. 1st Class Ted M. Ferrell.

Ferrell was assigned as the full-time recruiter for Co A, 1st Bn, 121st Infantry in Gainesville and its Detachment 1 in Canton just a year ago. At that time the unit's strength was at a low 55 percent. It is now at more than 110 percent.

Drawing on his experience as a salesman in civilian life, Ferrell immediately set about organizing his territory. He established solid working relationships with other recruiters from the Active Army and the Marines. It was "the Total Force in action," he said.

After three months of hard work, the enlistments started coming in. He found out early that young men were interested in the Army National Guard once they found out what it was. And when one young man enlisted, he became enthused and brought in his buddies.

But Ferrell did not go after just anybody. He wanted quality. As proof, 88 of the first 90 he enlisted successfully completed their basic training and are now serving in the units. He even managed to enlist the son of the commander of the Army Ranger Camp at Dahlonega.

Ferrell has some serious thoughts about his job and the National Guard. "If we recruiters don't work with the Regular Army recruiters, we will be hurting. They are a great source of referrals."

He feels that if every member works at his Guard job like he does his full-time job, all of our units would get to full strength and stay there. "We can reach 100 percent with dedication," he stated.

He said he feels that every Guardsman should be proud of the uniform. "I think that Georgia Guardsmen should look for opportunities to wear the uniform in public. Go to football games and basketball games in uniform. And there is nothing wrong with wearing your uniform to church."

Ferrell was quick to state that he did not do this all by himself. He got a lot of help from Sergeants Lynn and Palmer at Gainesville and SSgt Rollins at Canton and the Recruiting Office in Atlanta. There was a great deal of community support but he reserves special praise for the community school principals, teachers and counselors.

Promoted to his present rank recently, Sgt. 1st Class Ferrell's accomplishments were officially recognized when he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for outstanding performance of duty. The citation reads in part, "Staff Sergeant Ferrell's dedication to the overall mission of the Georgia Army National Guard is so apparent and sincere that even the casual observer notices and is impressed."



The Russell brothers, (l to r) Neil, Joe and Chris.

## Brothers 3 118th is a family affair

Staff sergeant Neil Russell of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery of the Georgia Army Guard's 118th Field Artillery Brigade in Savannah, is following in the footsteps of both his father and his mother.

Neil's father was a member of the former E, Battery of the 118th Artillery when it was activated in WWII.

Neil is also a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Athens. His mother is a retired nurse in Savannah. Neil wants to be more than an RN. His ambition is to become an anesthetist.

Why isn't Neil in a medical unit? He doesn't want to be.

"I got in the Guard when I became old enough, before I became interested in nursing. I like where I am," he said.

Besides, Neil's Guard drills are something of a family reunion. Two of his brothers from Savannah are in his unit. Spec. 5 Chris Russell is the battery clerk while Sgt. 1st Class Joe Russell was the first of the three brothers to join the unit and the Georgia Guard. "We enjoy it," said Joe, "and we all work well together."

## Georgia Shorts

### NGAUS Conference

The 101st General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States will be held in Cleveland Oct. 8-10. Registration forms have been mailed to all officers and warrant officers of the Georgia Guard. These forms must be returned to Lt. Col. Chapman at State Headquarters not later than July 16th.

### 'Weasles Trimmed'

The 116th Tactical Fighter Wing at Dobbins has won Air Force approval to modify the F-105G Wild Weasel the unit now flies.

Maintenance on the aircraft, to be performed by members of the Dobbins unit, involves the removal of a camera and other equipment deemed no longer useful.

The modification is expected to make handling of the F-105 better and increase its performance.

### Life-saving Award

Two 165th Tactical Airlift Group firefighters have received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.

SSgt. Harry E. Shuman Jr., and Sgt. Frank H. Williams Jr., were awarded a citation and medal for rendering Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) to a fellow firefighter critically injured in an accident at Hunter Army Airfield.

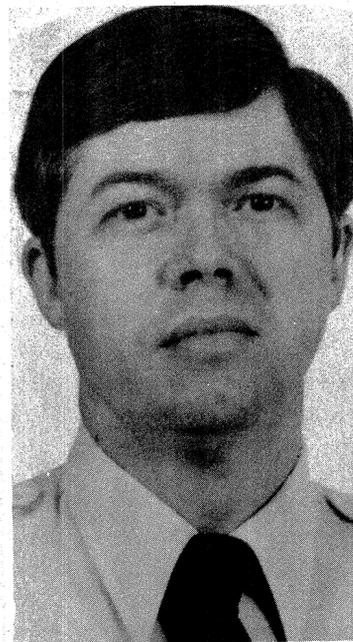
The Commander's Award is the highest award civilians can receive from a local command. Both men are employed as civilian firefighters at Hunter.

### WATCH YOUR GAS!!!

We all know that gasoline is getting harder to come by. Recently, however, a Guard unit inadvertently helped an unknown individual replenish his supply by leaving full gas cans on vehicles in an armory parking lot. The fence around the parking area didn't stop the thief. The Adjutant General has put out an order to make sure that all gas supplies are properly secured in approved storage areas to prevent any future loss.

### Need the Exact Time

If you have an Autovon line, you can get the exact time by dialing 294-4950. This connects you with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock



Maj. Jack Hill

Maj. Jack S. Hill of the 165th Tactical Airlift Group in Savannah has been named the Air National Guard Outstanding Military Citizen of the year in Georgia.

Hill received the award at a luncheon in Atlanta.

The Award is presented annually to individuals representing each branch of the Armed Forces, both active duty and reserve, for significant contributions to each's community.

Hill is a member of the 165th Combat Support Squadron and began his career with the Air National Guard in 1967. The Major received his commission in 1968 and since that time has served as Supply Operations Officer, Unit Commander, Education and Training Officer and as Unit Mobility Officer. He is the owner of "Hill Shopping Center" in Reidsville and employs 35 persons. He was nominated for "Grocer of the Year" in Georgia by the State Agriculture Department in 1978, and was recently elected president of the Tattnall County Chamber of Commerce.

Maj. Hill is a past president of the Reidsville Jaycess and was selected as "Jaycee of the Year" in 1972. Hill was also instrumental in starting the first organized recreation program in Reidsville.

As a past president of his community's Lions Club, Hill spearheaded a project in which more than 1,100 children were screened for sight and hearing problems.

While serving as a past member of the Reidsville Recreation Commission he was instrumental in starting the development of a Recreation Park and he currently serves on the Reidsville Development Authority.

A graduate of Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, the major is an active member of the Reidsville Baptist Church and resides in Reidsville with his wife Ruth, daughters Dawn and Amy, and son Lance.

## Maj. Hill earns 1979 'Citizen' award

## Injury benefits clarified

Georgia National Guardsmen injured while traveling to or from annual training or full-time training duty (FTD) are now entitled to medical and disability compensation.

The ruling, handed down by the Comptroller General of the United States, resolved a question posed by the National Guard Bureau regarding "medical and disability entitlements for personnel injured while traveling to or from duty."

Briefly the ruling states that a National Guard member "is in a travel status for medical and disability entitlements for injury incurred while traveling to and from active duty training when he leaves his living quarters with the intention of going directly to the place where ordered

to perform such duty."

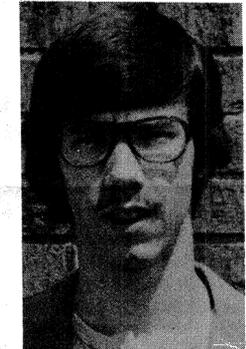
Travel status for medical entitlements, the ruling continues, covers the return of the Guardsman "directly from his place of duty until he has entered his living quarters."

The ruling does not cover travel to and from regular drills which are presently not compensable.

The comptroller was asked to make the ruling following the submission of several cases to the National Guard Bureau involving Guardsmen injured while traveling. Those injuries, ruled the comptroller, were suffered in the line of duty thus entitling the Guardsmen to medical and disability benefits.



Michael Stratton



Joseph C. Singletary

## Pair enlists for tuition, experience

Why did two recent high school graduates decide to take advantage of the Army National Guard Reserve Officer Training program? Tuition assistance and military experience.

The youths, Joseph C. Singletary of Marietta and Michael Stratton of Elberton, Ga., have been sworn into the Guard and started basic training this month.

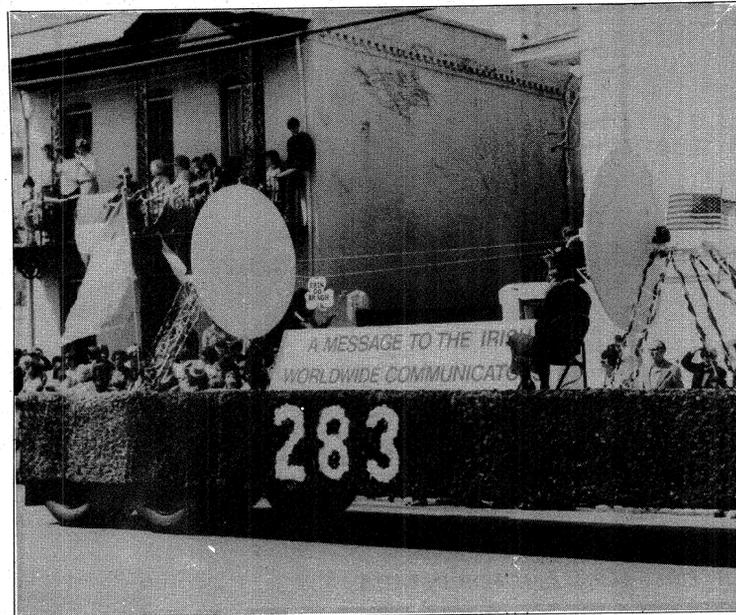
Stratton, whose father is a National Guard "non-com," said he intends to enter Georgia Tech in the fall. "My main interests in school have been mathematics and ROTC. Since I had taken ROTC for three years I was able to enlist in the National Guard as an E-3."

Other benefits Stratton will receive include \$500 a year tuition assistance loan for Guardsmen, a \$500 scholarship for National Guard members, plus a \$750 enlistment bonus. Stratton is a member of the 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery in Elberton.

Singletary will attend the University of Georgia and expressed a desire to earn his commission at the end of his second year of college. "After returning from basic training, I will start ROTC, Military Science III, at the University." He will also receive benefits totalling \$10,000 during his four years at the university.

His hobby of building military ground maps, Singletary said, sparked his interest in Army Infantry.

Following his return from basic training he will join Detachment I, Company B, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry.



### A bit of Irish

When it comes to spreading a "bit o' the blarney," the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron takes the prize — literally. The squadron, based in Savannah, walked off with first place in the Bay city's 155th annual St. Patrick's Day

parade. The 283rd's float, "A Message To The Irish: Worldwide Communications," was built and manned by volunteers from the unit. (Photo courtesy of 283rd CCS)

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