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A pilot of the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing (upper left) from Dobbins AFB, Ga., prepares to board his aircraft in the early morning at Savannah's Field Training Site, while, at (upper right), Army Guardsmen of Winder's 122nd Infantry (TLAT) move out on patrol at Ft. Stewart. Both the Georgia Army and the Georgia Air National Guard went through their annual rites of summer exercises recently. While the Air Guard traveled as far as California and as near as Brunswick and Savannah, the Army Guard stayed close to home and conducted their summer operations at Ft. Stewart, Ga. The Guardsman takes a close-up look at summer camp 1984 for both organizations starting on page 4. (Air Guard photo courtesy of Steve Bisson, Savannah News-Press.)

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# Association Insurance enrollment continues

Members of the Georgia Army and Air National Guard still have the opportunity to enroll in a low cost group life insurance program, and one of its newest members is Georgia's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin.

The plan offered by the National Guard Association of Georgia and administered by the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., features individual or family coverage and automatic payroll deduction.

The enrollment period extends through the month of September. Interested Guardsmen can enroll in the plan for as little as \$3.80 monthly. Evidence of insurability is NOT required during the enrollment period.

Guard personnel in an active drill status can have the monthly premium automatically deducted from their check and all coverage becomes effective Oct. 1, 1984.

According to the plan, Guardsmen can select one of three coverage amounts, ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000, with the premium as low as \$3.80 for the smallest amount and \$8.95 for a \$25,000 policy. Including a spouse and a dependent on your policy increases the premium slightly.

In joining the plan, Gen. Griffin lauded it as a way in which Guardsmen can protect themselves and their families against the unexpected.



Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin (l) discusses the National Guard Association of Georgia's low cost group insurance plan with Penn Mutual Life Insurance representative, Doug Blankenship.

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For more information on this low cost group insurance plan, Guardsmen can call the National Guard Association of Georgia at 404-294-8200.

## Enlisted group seeks members

Enlisted members of the Georgia Army and Air National Guard are being encouraged to join the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Georgia.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, the Adjutant General - who is a member, stressed that the association offers enlisted personnel a way to express concerns and improve the Georgia Guard. It also provides a group life insurance plan.

Membership in the group costs \$10 annually and interested persons may write the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Georgia at Post Office Box 6234, Macon, Ga. 31208.

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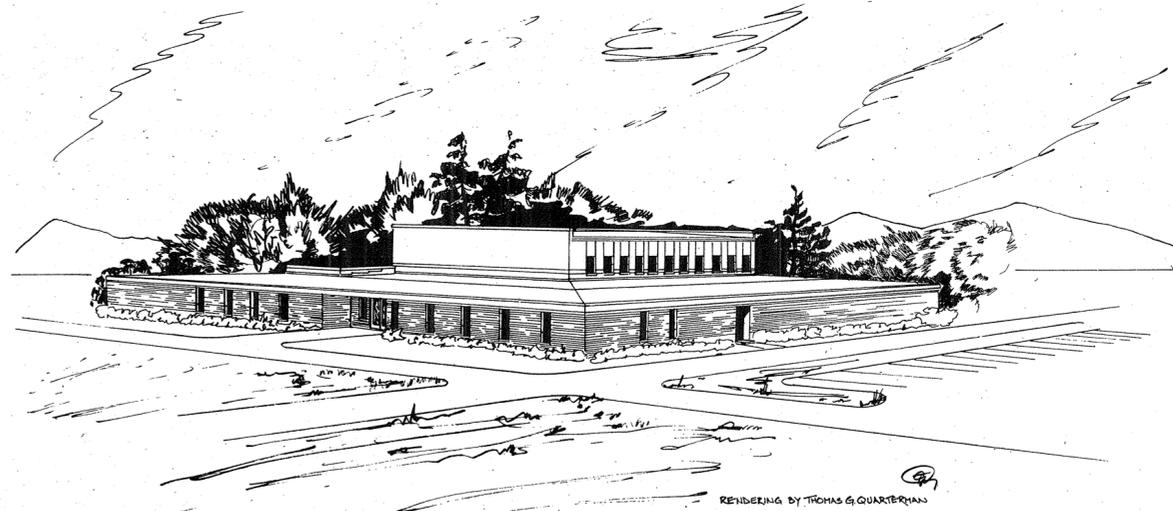
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"...then all of a sudden my mind went blank. I couldn't remember how to say 'Halt', 'To the rear, march', 'Column right' or anything."



## Waycross Armory will more than double in size

By H. Terry Smith

The Waycross Armory will be expanded to more than double its present size. The armory's new addition is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in late summer of 1985.

Upon completion, the armory will be the first in Georgia where both the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve will conduct their monthly training.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the new construction project was held in early August.

The project's contract totals \$855,536. Amounts contributed per organization: National Guard (Federal), \$388,923.89; Georgia Army National Guard (State), \$131,821.80; and U.S. Army Reserve (Federal), \$334,790.31.

Units assigned to the armory are Headquarters Battery 1st Battalion 230th Field Artillery, Georgia Army National Guard, and the 239th Transportation Co., 81st ARCOM, U.S. Army Reserve. Drills will be held on separate weekends for each unit.

The present armory, constructed of red brick, was built in 1956 and comprises about 12,930 sq. feet. New construction will add about 15,180 sq. feet—mostly on each side and in the rear of the building—increasing the armory's total size to more than 28,110 sq. feet.

When completed, the new facility will be managed by the Georgia Army National Guard. It will include, in the center of the building, a two-story 5,490 sq. foot assembly or drill hall (with windows at the second level), a 1,650 sq. foot indoor rifle range, four classrooms with room-divider partitions in the two larger ones, special "learning-center" rooms and two libraries.

The armory will also feature two administrative-office areas—one for each of the two military organizations represented, a battalion medical section, several large storage rooms for equipment and supplies and two locker rooms with adjoining showers and lavatory.

Contractor for the project is L.P.S. Construction Company, Inc. of Statesboro.



Brig. Gen. James W. Buckley (r), mayor of Swainsboro, retires from the Georgia Air National Guard with full military honors at Headquarters of the 165th Tactical Airlift Group during the August UTA.

## 165th's Brig. Gen. Buckley retires after 25 years

Brig. Gen. James W. Buckley, mayor of Swainsboro and commander of the 165th Tactical Airlift Group in Savannah, received the Georgia Meritorious Service Medal upon his retirement from the Georgia Air National Guard.

Gen. Buckley was presented the award by Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, Adjutant General of Georgia, during a ceremony at August UTA with full military honors.

The citation accompanying the award cited Buckley's "outstanding professional skills, leadership and management."

During his military career as a pilot, Gen. Buckley flew the T-33 jet trainer, the C-45, C-47, C-97, C-124 and C-130 cargo transport aircraft, and the F-4 fighter jet.

A native of Gurdon, Arkansas, Gen. Buckley was graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Architecture and later received a Masters Degree from Rice University.

## Georgia's first National Guard monument dedicated

Honoring all National Guardsmen and especially dedicated to the officers and men of the GaARNG's Battery A, 214th Combat Artillery Regiment (who were called to active duty during World War II) and 250th Antiaircraft Gun Bn (who were called to active duty during the Korean War), an impressive granite monument has been unveiled in Augusta adjacent to the Augusta, Richmond County Municipal Building.

Funds for the monument were raised by the National Guard Memorial Assn., an organization comprised of retired Guardsmen who are former members of the honored units.

The monument stands 7 feet tall, is 3 1/2 feet wide, and has inscriptions on all four sides. One side, there are excerpts from "I am the Georgia Guard," on two sides—special dedications to the

units named above, and on the fourth side there is a colorful Army National Guard Seal (including a Minuteman) honoring "All National Guardsmen."

At the dedication ceremony in April, the keynote address was given by Former Governor Ernest Vandiver, who also served as the Adjutant General of Georgia. James E. Slaton, general chairman of the National Guard Memorial Assn., introduced Vandiver and other special guests at the event.

Others who participated in the program included Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, Adjutant General of Georgia; U.S. Congressman Doug Barnard of Georgia's 10th District; Jack Miles, chairman of the Richmond County Board of Commissioners; and acting mayor of the city of Augusta, Dr. Ike Washington.

The National Guard's new \$3,000 granite monument was placed in front of the Augusta, Richmond County Municipal Building by members of the 878th Engineering Bn. The unit also constructed the memorial's foundation.



# Heat, work provide catalyst for

By Maj. Barry A. Smith  
Public Affairs Officer  
116th Tactical Fighter Wing

They weren't the most fashionably dressed unit in the National Guard, but for members of the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing those hot, bulky chemical warfare suits could sure save their lives in actual combat!

What induced the 495 members of the Dobbins AFB unit to don the rubber-like suits in 100 degree-plus temperatures at Savannah's Field Training Site, was an intensive chemical warfare exercise, a part of the unit's 1984 annual training program. Wearing the heavy suits, ground crews had to get the unit's F-4 Phantom jets ready for flight. Security policemen were expected to protect the flightline, and technicians were expected to keep sophisticated equipment working.

"If you're working on radar and you are

wearing gloves, pulling a single wire from among a bunch gets to be a major operation," lamented Master Sgt. Cowart of the 116th. Another airman complained that it was "100 degrees on the flightline to start with, and with the suit on, you're adding insult to injury!"

Yet airmen of the 116th continued wearing their suits and getting the job done until the temperature became too high for safety. At that point they simulated donning the equipment.

The chemical exercise was just part of a week-long program of activities which simulated a combat environment at the Field Training Site. A regular Air Force team from Moody AFB, Ga., evaluated the unit's performance and reaction to a series of realistic problems, including chemical warfare.

Lt. Col. Peter L. Supp, chief of the Air Force exercise team, praised members of the 116th as "real professionals." However, he added that the

real test was "how you respond to the unexpected—to a combat environment when the enemy is trying to harm you and put you out of commission. How will you get the job done then? That's what it's all about."

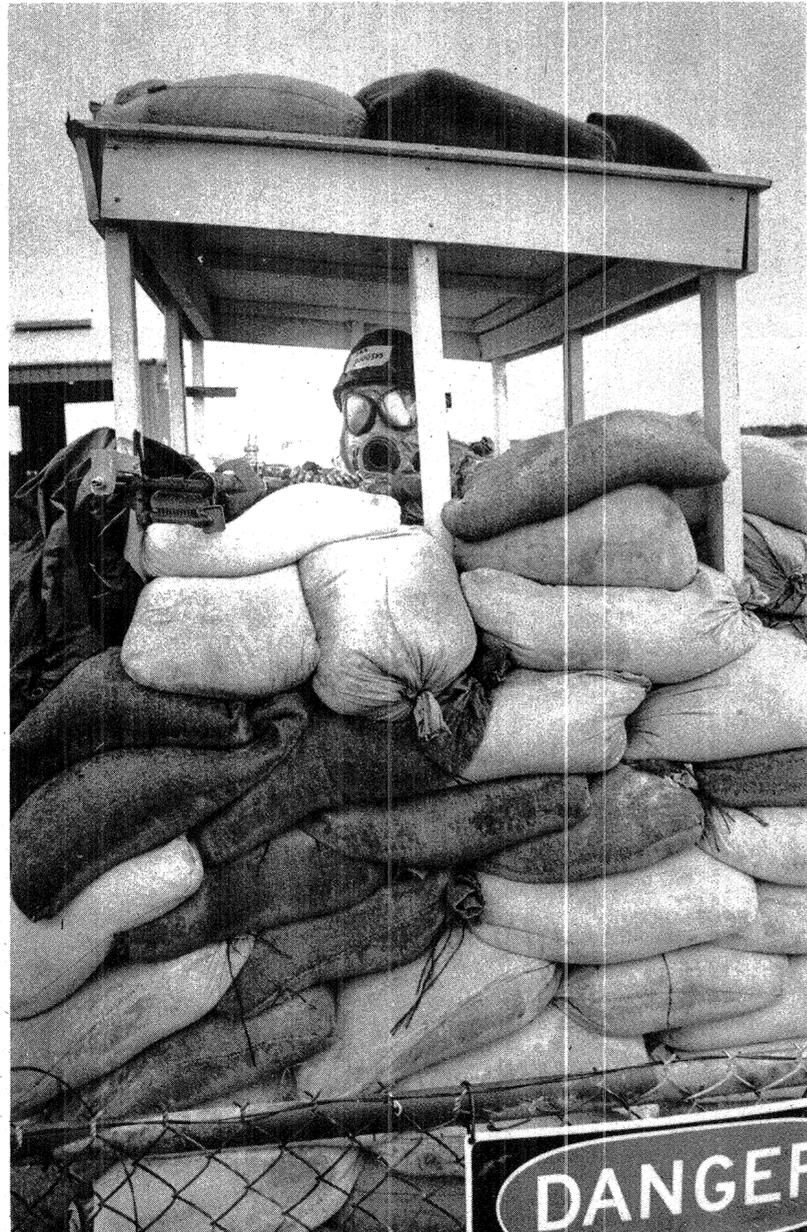
The evaluation team, in stressing realism, hit the Wing with a series of test situations—besides chemical warfare training—including airfield attacks by hostile air and ground forces. Aircrews of the 116th flew simulated combat missions against enemy ground and air forces.

While the week-long program was "rigorous," Col. Charles W. Taylor, Jr., commander of the 116th TFW, described the annual training program as "a dress rehearsal."

"We flew and maintained our F-4D Phantom II jet fighter-bombers under conditions as near 'war-like' as possible," he said. "We wanted to test those areas during our training to ascertain what improvements or changes were required."



Two security policemen take a stroll during annual training.



A Guardsman on the flightline protects the perimeter of the flightline. (Photo courtesy of Steve Bisson, Savannah News-Press)

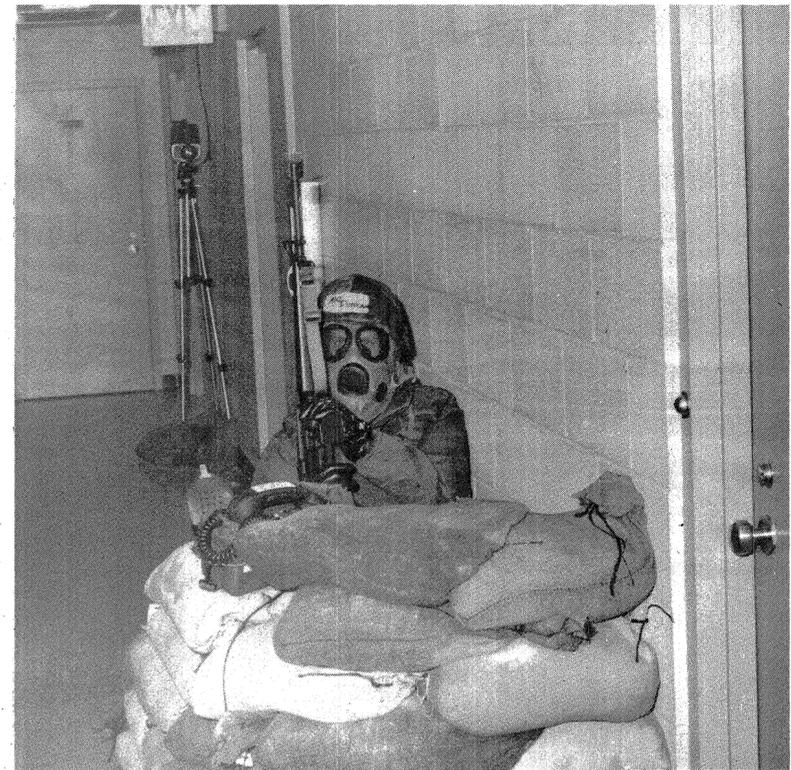


Wrapping gauze becomes an art in bulky chemical warfare outfit.

# 116th TFW annual training



Outfitted in their Chemical Warfare suits, members of the 116th practice flight control operations.

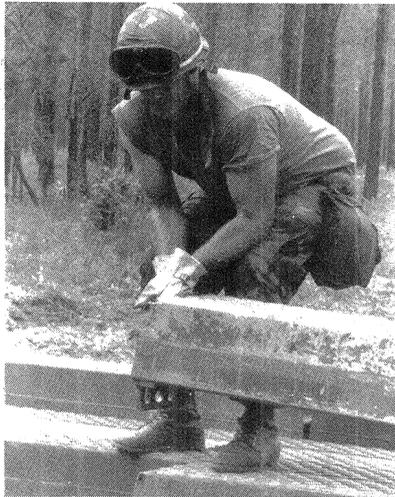


Ready for anything, this airman keeps guard outside the 116th command post.



Crew chiefs wear protective chemical suits while readying aircraft on the flightline. (Photo courtesy of Steve Bisson, Savannah News-Press)

# Annual Training at Ft. Stewart: serious business for men and women of the Georgia National Guard



**LEFT PHOTO:** Staff Sgt John Brook of LaGrange's C Co. 560th Engineering Battalion, lifts a heavy metal section onto a bridge that he and his unit constructed during annual training. (Photo by Deborah Moton, 124th PAD) **RIGHT PHOTO:** PFC Joseph Andreau of Cleveland enjoys an "all-too-brief" break during simulated combat exercises at Ft. Stewart. Andreau is a member of Gainesville's D Co., 1st Battalion, 122nd Infantry (TLAT). Photo by 124 PAD)

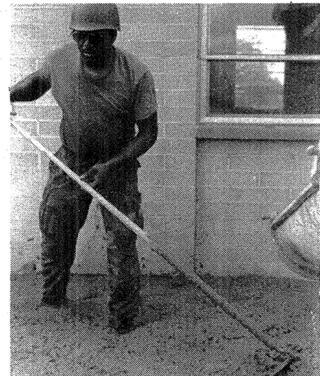


**PHOTO ABOVE:** Spec 4 Harry B. Mitchell of Augusta, a member of Co. A, 878th Engineering Battalion in Augusta, takes aim at a target during field training exercises. (Photo by 124th PAD) **PHOTO BELOW:** Hiawasse's Spec 4 Tim Churchill, of the 178th Military Police Co. in Monroe, takes a well-deserved break during field training. (Photo by Willis Mitchell, 124th PAD)



Spec 4 Michael Lapsey, a member of the 138th Medical Co., Atlanta, bandages a toe after treatment for Spec 4 Bruce Bennett, of Augusta, who is with Co. A, 878th Engineering Battalion, Augusta.

Sgt. Chuck Richardson, of Wrens, demonstrates skilled masonry techniques as he and his unit, B Co., 878th Engineer Battalion headquartered in Sandersville, construct new latrine buildings during annual training. (Photo by SP4 Jerry DeAvilla, 124th PAD)



**ABOVE LEFT:** Spec 4 Billy Bostick, of Soperton, stands ankle deep in freshly-poured concrete for a new latrine floor. Bostick's unit, Co. D., 878th Engineering Battalion in Swainsboro, did construction work on mess hall bathroom additions at Fort Stewart during annual training. (Photo by 124th PAD) **ABOVE RIGHT:** Spec 4 Willie Jacob Butler (center), of Swainsboro, secures a top brace to a new latrine building that he and other members of his unit constructed at Ft. Stewart. Butler is also a member of Swainsboro's Co. D, 878th Engineering Battalion. (Photo by Jerry DeAvilla, 124th PAD)



Spec 4 Jefferson Stafford, of C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 214th Field Artillery, in Springhill, sets the fuse on one of the big 155 mm artillery rounds before they're fired during training at Ft. Stewart. (Photo by Deborah Moton, 124th PAD)



Lt. Gen. Emmett H. Walker, chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C., listens to Sgt. Thomas Mills, of Washington, Ga., explain troop maneuvers during his unit's field training exercises. Mills is a member of Co. E, 1/122 TLAT Infantry Battalion, in Washington. (124th PAD photo by Suellen Griggs)



PFC John W. Oliver of Augusta and Sgt. Jesse Loren of Hephzibah, both members of Co. A, 878th Engineer Battalion at Augusta, prepare to fire an M-60 machinegun while manning their unit's defensive perimeter. (Photo by 124th PAD)



Staff Sgt. Michael Lyles of Fitzgerald prepares to get a close-up of the results after his unit fired TWO anti-tank guns at a designated target during field training exercises. Lyles is a member of C Co., 1st Battalion, 122nd Infantry (TLAT), headquartered in Covington. (Photo by 124th PAD)



To maximize firing accuracy of their unit's TOW missile, Sgt. James Belcher (1), of Covington, gives directional assistance to gunner PFC Richard Clifton, of Loganville. Both men are members of Co. C, 1/122 TLAT Infantry Battalion in Covington.

Sgt. Jimmy L. Lomax of Winder, member of Co. A, 1st Battalion, 122nd Infantry at Winder, moves cautiously through the bush during training exercises. (Photo by 124th PAD)



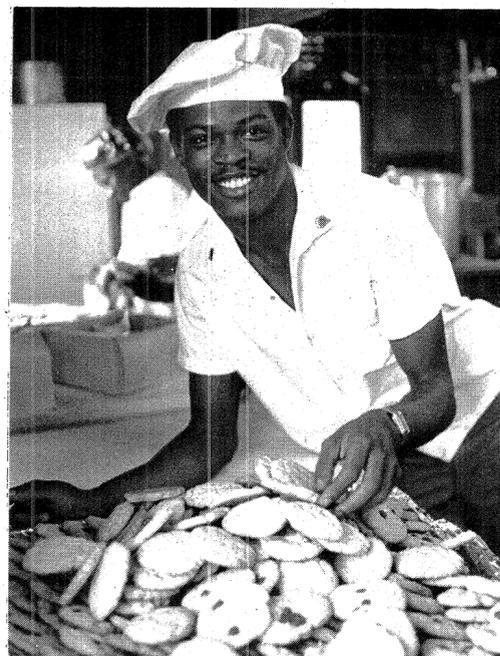
## serious business (cont.)



Pvt. Raymond White, lab technician with the 138th Medical Co. in Atlanta, makes a careful analysis in a medical laboratory set up in the field under simulated combat conditions. (Photo by Jim Driscoll, 124th PAD)



Getting proper amounts of drinking water is serious business when training for two weeks in the hot & humid climate at Ft. Stewart. Spec 4 Thomas Garner, from Covington is a member of 178th MP Co. in Monroe.



Spec 5 Jim Jenkins, of Tucker prepares a big batch of tasty chocolate chip cookies for his fellow guardsmen during their annual training. Jenkins is mess cook for the State Area Command. (Photo by SP4 Jerry DeAvilla, 124th PAD)



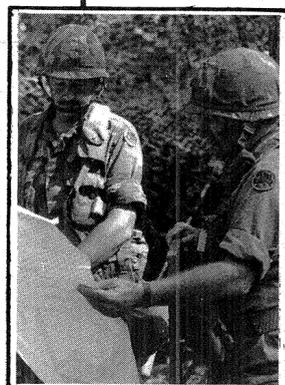
Spec 4 Edward Crawford, a member of C Company, 560th Engineer Battalion headquartered in LaGrange, prepares to drive large pins into bridge sections to strengthen and reinforce the structure. The temporary bridge was built under simulated combat conditions during the unit's training. (Photo by Deborah Moton, 124th PAD)



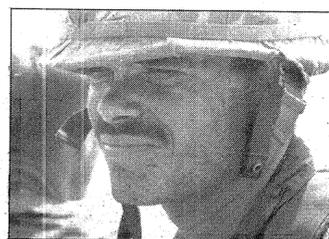
PFC Ritchie Beaty of Columbus, a member of Co. C, 560th Engineer Battalion at LaGrange, is camouflaged to avoid enemy detection during field training exercises. (Photo by 124th PAD)



Using heavy equipment Sgt. Randall Query of Lyons constructs a defensive perimeter at Fort Stewart. He is a member of Co. C, 878th Engineer Battalion in Lyons. (Photo by 124th PAD)



Capt. James Bynum (l), of Kennesaw, points out their unit's training locations on a map of Ft. Stewart.



Spec 4 Greg Day of Mableton takes a hard look at a combat situation during field training. Day is a member of Covington's C Co., 1st Battalion, 122nd Infantry (TLAT).

Capt. Pete Chambers, from Snellville, inspects his unit's communications center during field training exercises at Fort Stewart.



Spec 4 Joe Northcutt of Martinez, a member of Co. A, 878th Engineer Battalion of Augusta, guards the unit's perimeter.



Lt. Gen. Charles P. Graham (l), commanding general of Second Army, talks with Sgt. Maj. Don Hartley, of Louisville.

## Summer training at Ft. Stewart 'just like going to war' for 170th Military Police Battalion

Members of the 170th Military Police Battalion of the Georgia Army National Guard, feel that "going to Fort Stewart for annual training is like going to war."

As soon as the Battalion arrives, it goes to the field and positions itself to defend against a potential attack. Its members camouflage their faces, dig foxholes, arm themselves and wait for "the attack."

It's all a game, of course, but the Guardsmen take it seriously.

"This year we spent the entire two weeks in the field," said Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Thomas L. McCullough of Powder Springs. "As we continue to train to go to war, our training will intensify. There's never enough time to train for everything."

Emphasis was placed on battlefield survivability, including movement of units in the field, reconnaissance, prisoner of war handling and individual basic-soldiering skills.

Sgt. Michael Goethals, the unit's assistant training NCO for Monroe's 178th MP Co., explained that the MPs practiced tactical maneuvers both in daylight and dark, trained extensively in map and compass reading and, if necessary, moved to other positions.

Training was centered around an elaborate war game plan in which the unit's platoons played the role of aggressor against another platoon.



Spec 5 Wayne Taylor repairs one of the unit's jeeps during annual training exercises. (Photo by 124th PAD)

Once the simulated combat situation began, evaluators stood by and watched the action, grading the troops on their performance. Evaluators designated certain soldiers as casualties and decided which posts were "destroyed" while under simulated artillery fire.

When the smoke cleared, the evaluators, who included Sgt. Goethals, would grade the platoons, and then the two groups would switch places for a similar test of the other side.

The senior evaluator was Maj. Michael P. Sudnik, active army executive officer of the 75th Military Police Co. at Fort Dix, N.J. Sudnik highly praised the 170th MPs for their performance dedication. "Every single individual I came in contact with was technically and tactically confident to the point that I would have no hesitation to fight side by side with him," he reported.

The Military Police Battalion is comprised of 442 personnel with a round-out company of 156 members in the 449th Reserve of Jacksonville, Fla. This year's training was the first to combine the Georgia and Florida units in a major exercise.



Sgt. Charles Moore, left, of Athens, and Sgt. Herman Thomas, of Crawford, plot their position on the Ft. Stewart military reservation.



PFC William Dillard of Monroe's 178th Military Police Co. mans one of his unit's mounted machine guns during field exercises. (Photo by Jim Driscoll, 124th PAD)



Directing traffic for a convoy during field training exercises is Spec 4 Robert Ondracek, from Oxford.

## VW van gets high marks for use as hearing test site

By 2nd Lt. Suellen Griggs  
124th Public Affairs Detachment  
Georgia Army National Guard

Guardsmen of the 118th Field Artillery Brigade are often amazed and puzzled when told to go to Maj. Cynthia Young's "personal van."

The van is the brigade's mobile audiogram testing site where hearing tests are conducted as part of a complete physical examination for Guardsmen attending annual training at Ft. Stewart.

"In past years we've used the latrine, empty offices or any quiet corner to set up a hearing test center, but that has never worked well," said Maj. Cynthia Young of Brunswick. "Noise and distractions caused the medical team to search for viable alternatives, and it was discovered that the van was the quietest testing site available," she added.



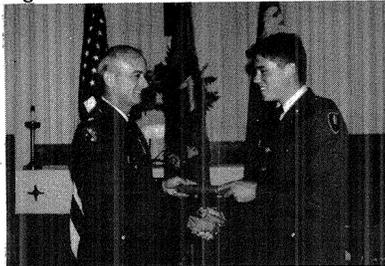
Maj. Cynthia Young (r), a member of 118th Field Artillery Medical Section, from Brunswick, monitors the audiogram hearing test being given Staff Sgt. Rom Kirland. Kirland is a member of the 166th Maintenance Company from Hinesville. (Photo by Suellen Griggs, 124th PAD)

"Actually it's ideal," said Young. "We just run an extension cord out, and plug in the machine. I sit in the back seat and monitor the audiogram while the person being tested sits up front," she explained.

"However, when a 2 1/2 ton truck or helicopter goes by we have to stop testing," Young said. "Sometimes it can take as long as 30 minutes with all the interruptions, and sitting in a van with the window rolled up in the heat of the day does become quite uncomfortable."

Staff Sgt. Andrew Smith, section chief for the Medical Section, approves of the van's function. "We like the idea so much we are requesting a camouflaged VW van to be used next year so we can be tactical. Seriously though, we may indeed be able to use the new Blazers that are being brought into the Transportation units. That's the first thing we'll check when we get one," Smith explained.

Meanwhile for the 118th Field Artillery Brigade Medical Section, "Expediency in field operations really helps the Guardsmen to accomplish more and the days to pass more quickly," said Young. "I guess it looks a little unusual, but our van really works well. And making it work is what field expediency is all about."



WO Mark Beggs (r), son of Capt. Buddy Beggs, receives the Distinguished Graduate Award following completion of initial flight-training school at Ft. Rucker in June. The award was presented by Lt. Col. Johnny Hitt, Battalion Commander.



Capt. Buddy Beggs of Winder's Company A, 158th Military Intelligence Battalion, Georgia Army National Guard, prepares to fly the OV-1 Mohawk aircraft. (Photo by Sp4 Toby Moore, 124th PAD)

## Son makes his dream come true-- to become a pilot like his dad

By Capt. Jim Driscoll

Mark Beggs, of Winder, far from content just to sit back and watch his father and other pilots of the Georgia Army National Guard fly airplanes, decided many months ago to follow in his dad's footsteps.

Mark's father is Capt. Buddy Beggs, a pilot for 18 years and Executive Officer for the past two years of Company A, 158th Military Intelligence Battalion headquartered at Winder's airport. Beggs, veteran of two tours in Vietnam, is also a full-time employee of the Georgia Guard as the unit's flight instructor.

His son, Mark, originally joined the unit as an airborne sensor specialist. On several missions his dad, Capt. Beggs, would pilot the OV-1 Mohawk aircraft, sitting in the left-hand seat of the cockpit,

while his son Mark sat in the right seat operating the airplane's sophisticated cameras and radar equipment.

"As far as we know, we were the first father-and-son crew to fly a mission in the Mohawk," said Capt. Beggs.

But Mark Beggs also wanted to fly. So he left home to go to Fort Rucker, Ala. and train to become a pilot himself.

Mark earned his wings on June 14 and also was presented the school's Distinguished Graduate Award. Following completion of the school's fixed wing, multi-engine qualification course, he'll return home to Winder to join his Guard unit once again. But this time he'll be a member of the unit's team of 15 pilots who fly Mohawk's there.

When Mark returns home, he'll be the second "home grown" pilot in his unit. The first is Capt. Hal Kerhoff of Lawrenceville who originally joined the unit as a private and eight years later attended officer candidate school to earn his pilot's wings.

## His is often a job 'tv adventure shows are made of'



CW4 Boyd Clines, of Douglasville, sits in the cockpit of his weekend airplane, an OV-1 Mohawk, which he flies for Co. A, 158th Military Intelligence Battalion, Georgia Army National Guard unit in Winder.

No two work days are alike for Boyd Clines. As a pilot for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, he can be flying baby bald eagles to Sapelo Island one day or searching for poachers in the Oconee National Forest the next.

But one weekend a month, Clines, 37, boards a different kind of aircraft and flies a different kind of mission as an aviator for the Georgia Army National Guard.

A resident of Douglasville and a pilot for nearly half of his life, Clines is a Chief Warrant Officer 4.

A native of Arkansas, Clines was graduated from Army flight school in 1967 and spent two tours in Vietnam flying UH-1H Hueys.

Following active duty, he was a pilot and officer for the Atlanta Police Department. Clines also flew for the Fulton County Police for 3½ years before joining DNR.

A 14-year veteran of the Guard, Clines says he never tires of flying airplanes. He flies up to 600 hours annually with DNR and 100-125 hours per year with the Guard. With 18 years of service already behind him, Clines says he plans to "at least complete 20."

## 18 Savannah Air National Guardsmen receive awards

A total of 18 Air National Guardsmen of the 165th Tactical Airlift Group in Savannah were honored for meritorious service during military ceremonies in early August.

The awards, presented by Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin, Adjutant General of Georgia, included the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, and the Georgia Commendation Medal.

Recipients of the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal included Brig. Gen. James W. Buckley, Master Sgt. William L. Forshee, Lt. Col. Thomas J. Holland, Lt. Col. Edward J. Farrell and Maj. Edward I. Wexler.

The Air Force Commendation Medal was presented to Maj. Thomas R. Morgan, Capt. James J. Jenkins, Sr. Master Sgt. Franklin D. Jarman, Master Sgt. Thomas W. Nolan and Tech. Sgt. Jay S. Phillips. The Air Force Achievement Medal was awarded to Staff Sgt. Frank M. Maes. The Georgia Commendation Medal was awarded to Sr. Master Sgt. George H. Timmerman and Master Sgt. John L. Williams.

Eight Guardsmen among these honored retired from the Air National Guard including Brig. Gen. James W. Buckley, Master Sgt. William L. Forshee, Senior Master Sgt. Franklin D. Jarman, Senior Master Sgt. George H. Timmerman, Technical Sergeants Delbert J. Duff, Dennis F. McCranie Jr., Leron L. Mitchell and Bernard J. Rudd.

Retiring Guardsmen of the 165th represented a total of more than 90 years of service to the Air National Guard.



## Many consider OV-1 Mohawk 'Cadillac of airplanes'

By Capt. Jim Driscoll

There must be something very special about Mohawk airplanes. Every month Guardsmen commute from as far away as New Jersey, Memphis and Spartanburg to Winder just to fly these aircraft.

Officially designated as the OV-1, the Mohawk is the aircraft flown by members of Co. A, 158th Military Intelligence Battalion of the Georgia Army National Guard headquartered in Winder.

Why such popularity? "The Mohawk is the Cadillac of airplanes," said Capt. Buddy Beggs, the unit's Executive Officer. "Pilots love to fly them, and once we get a pilot in the unit he's likely to stay."

For 25 years, the fixed wing, multi-engine Mohawk aircraft has been an effective workhorse for the Army providing visual, photographic and radar surveillance on the battlefield. It was used extensively in Vietnam to plot enemy vehicular movements for ground commanders.

Co. A's 172-man unit, which has been headquartered in Winder for the past 14 years, is one of only three National Guard units in the country to fly Mohawks. One of the others is at Dobbins AFB in Atlanta.

"We actually do several things," explained Capt. Beggs. "We spend a lot of time training for battlefield deployment." To that end, each of the unit's 15 pilots spend at least 10 hours per year flying the aircraft.

The unit also works with Coastal Geodetic mappers in helping them to prepare maps. Mohawk aerial cameras can provide photo images of from 1,000 to 500,000 scale that can be used as overlays for existing maps to check for accuracy. Film processing can also be done on board the aircraft.

More recently pilots of the 158th have been flying missions off the Georgia coast to aid the Coast Guard in its anti-drug smuggling efforts.



## Skycrane passes 'airlift' test with flying colors!

Flight crewmembers of the Army Guard's 1160th Transportation Co., based at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, recently completed a challenging mission which dramatized their skills as well as the capabilities of a "most unusual aircraft"--the CH54A Skycrane helicopter.

The unit's mission was to employ the twin-turbine Skycrane helicopter to hookup and airlift to a new location a center fuselage section of a dismantled C-141 transport aircraft. The fuselage tipped the scales at about 9½ tons--very close to the Skycrane's maximum load capability of 10 tons.

Located at Charleston AFB, in Charleston, S.C., the fuselage which needed to be moved was

previously part of a C-141 which was severely damaged when its nose gear collapsed and caught fire during a landing attempt. Following the accident, the aircraft was cut into four sections and subsequently hauled to Charleston Army Depot. The fuselage section was later moved to Charleston AFB for use in floor load testing.

After testing was completed, there was no further use for the fuselage at the base, and plans called for it to be transported to the Defense Property Disposal Office about 15 miles away. The big problem for base personnel was lack of proper equipment to transport or maneuver 9½ tons of metal to the new location.



## Wing donates \$500

Dr. Grady Palmer, (l) vice chairman of the Cobb County Special Olympics program, accepts a \$500 donation from Capt. John Patrick of the 129th Tactical Control Squadron in Kennesaw. Patrick, Chief Master Sgt. Pete Bagley (center right) and Master Sgt. Wayne Bradford (far right), both of the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing at Dobbins AFB, Ga., were involved in raising funds for the Special Olympics. The donation was raised from ticket sales in support of the 18th Annual Air National Guard Softball Tournament hosted by the Georgia Air Guard units.

It could not be moved on a flat-bed truck because it was too large. It was decided the only logical way to move the fuselage from the base was to fly it out. That's when members of the 1160th Transportation Company were called on to use their expertise to accomplish a very special mission.

And that's exactly what they did! CW 2 James Hilton, pilot in charge, CW 2 Ray Johnson, copilot, and Staff Sgt. Margaret Pietroforte, flight engineer (all National Guard members), put on their Guard uniforms, boarded their Skycrane helicopter at home base in Savannah and headed for Charleston, some 80 miles away, to do the job right.

During the trip, the aircraft averaged a speed of 90 knots, or 120 to 150 mph, and flew at an average altitude of 2,500 feet. Upon approaching Charleston AFB, the huge craft quickly descended to 1,500 feet and hovered near the fuselage's location at the end of a runway.

CW 2 Hilton touched ground briefly to radio for permission to recon a route to the Defense Property Disposal area. It was essential to choose the least populated route just in case the load should drop.

After all safety checks were made, Hilton, Johnson and Pietroforte proceeded with their plans to successfully complete the mission. The huge six-bladed Skycrane, looking much like a gigantic mosquito, hovered several feet above the fuselage while steel cables and straps were secured into position around the fuselage. Then the huge section was carefully hoisted upwards by the Skycrane's powerful hydraulic winch.

The rest of the story is one of continued success--thanks to the crew's professionalism and the reliability and strength of the Skycrane.

The craft with its enormous load made the flight smoothly and without mishap--even though there was only a half-ton leeway between the craft's maximum load-lifting capability and the actual load carried.

The mission was accomplished, the crew members very pleased, and the Skycrane proved itself a champion once again.

## Retention -- a major priority for Guard recruiters

Although Georgia is one of the strongest states in the nation in terms of the strength of its National Guard force, retention is becoming a major priority with the Guard's recruiters.

"Retention should start the first day a man enters the Guard and follow him throughout his career," said Sgt. Maj. Larry Bowman, the senior retention NCO for the Georgia Army National Guard.

Bowman is senior NCO of a Guard re-enlistment center established here every year to facilitate re-enlistment during annual training

exercises. Targeted are Guardsmen whose terms expire during the 120 days following completion of summer training.

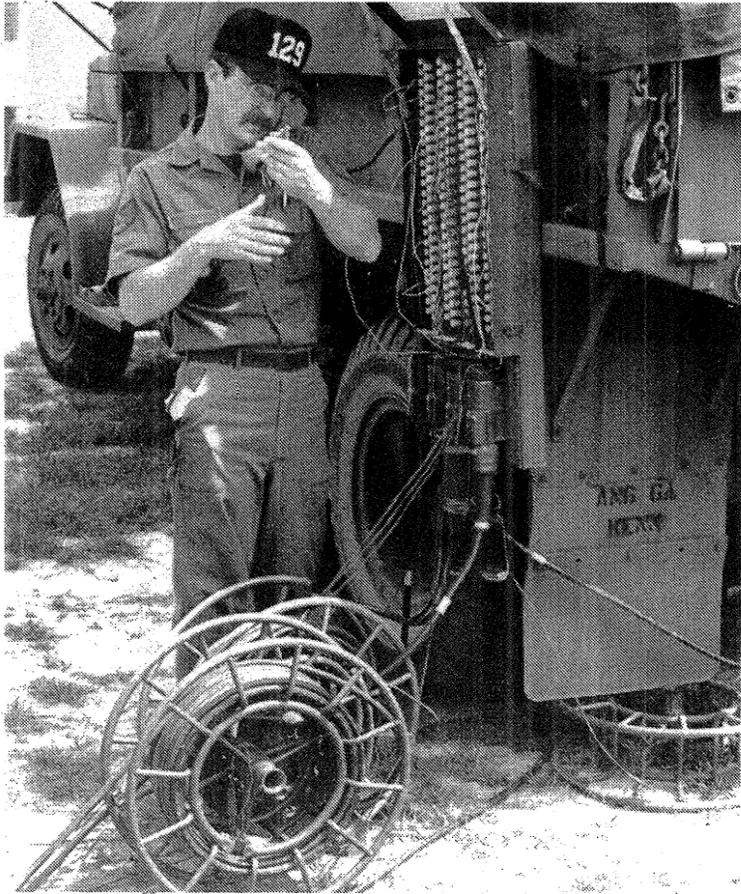
Keeping qualified soldiers in the Guard is the number-one priority to the center, according to Bowman. The more Guardsmen who fail to re-enlist, the more emphasis that must be placed on recruiting. "Our motto is 'It's easier to retain than to retrain,'" Bowman said.

Out of the nearly 5,000 troops in the major commands which trained at Ft. Stewart recently, 526 are scheduled for re-enlistment during the 120-day period, Bowman said. The goal established for the center is either to re-enlist those soldiers or have them sign letters of intent.

During the first two days of training Bowman and his staff hold an open house so that all unit commanders, unit retention NCOs and first sergeants can visit the facility and turn in re-enlistment paperwork from their own units before they leave for the field.



Sgt. 1st Class Wayne R. Wommack (l) of the Georgia Army National Guard's State Retention Force counsels Spec 5 Hilton Purvis (of the Wolfskin District of Oglethorpe County) regarding various aspects of re-enlistment.



Staff Sgt. Johnny Champion checks out a communications distribution box.



Tech. Sgt. William D. Roositer, inspects and ensures that equipment to be used by the 283rd in California is secured.

## Gallant Eagle tests 283rd's readiness

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Savannah's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron (CMBTCS) traveled to California in August for operation "Gallant Eagle 84." The squadron provided a 60 channel communications link between Edwards AFB, located in the California desert, and a Naval Air Station on the California coast.

Gallant Eagle 84, a United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) exercise was conducted at several locations in the western United States.

Purpose of Gallant Eagle 84 was to provide a simulated combat environment to exercise, train, and evaluate the USCENTCOM and portions of its multi-service forces in tactical employment operations in a desert environment.

A major objective of Gallant Eagle 84 was the deployment of forces using the joint deployment system, followed by a rapid setup for combat operations. Approximately 50,000 military personnel were involved in the exercise. The Reserves and National Guard provided combat units in all phases of the exercise.

Lt. Col. Walter C. Corish Jr., commander of the 283rd CMBTCS and 58 other personnel participated in this exercise. The deployment will continue through Sept. 19.

## Annual training takes 129th to South Georgia

Members of Kennesaw's 129th Tactical Control Squadron and Flight split up between Brunswick and Savannah to prepare for the unit's annual Operational Readiness Inspection recently. Preparations included survivability exercises and a simulated hostage situation.

Upon arrival both units participated in locally-generated survivability exercises. Wearing Battle Dress Uniforms (BDUs), canteens and gas masks, personnel of both units were tasked and evaluated on perimeter defense, site security, fuel spills,

gas attacks, bomb threats, and other simulated situations.

Units operated on a 24-hour schedule during this phase of the ORI, and in addition to exercises and simulations, made their sites operational and capable of controlling aircraft in exercise "Quick-Thrust 2-84."

Lt. Col. Michael J. Bowers, commander of the 129 TCS, and Maj. Larry L. Davis, commander of the 129 TCF, both expressed pride in the professionalism and accomplishments of their personnel.

## 129th tests hostage response team during AT

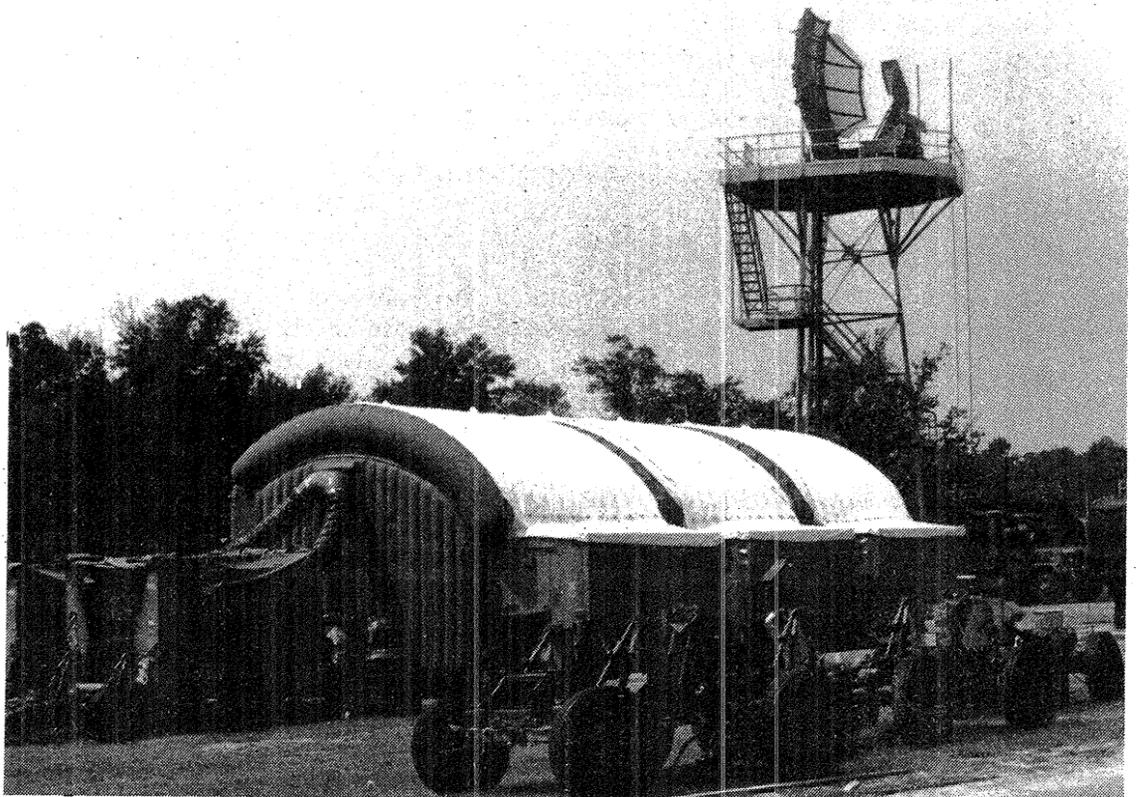
The hostage scenario developed when forces for the Liberation of Georgia National Guardsmen (LGNG), a little known terrorist group organized within the 129th Tactical Control Squadron, burst into the command post of the 129th at 2300 hours on May 30, 1984 and captured Lt. Col. Leroy O. Blondeau at gun point.

The terrorists hustled Blondeau away to a secure laundry room on Travis field in Savannah. The LGNG demanded ransom in the form of an escape aircraft, freedom from C-Rations, freedom for all political prisoners and money. The Command Post personnel immediately called in its crack site defense and security team and briefed them on the situation.

The initial reaction of this crack unit, developed by Blondeau and trained under his watchful eye, was "Let them keep him." After more thought and in a spirit of

humanitarianism, the men and women of the unit began to raise the ransom while team members prepared to secure the area around the terrorist site and secure release of their leader. Under the aggressive leadership of Master Sgt. Paul Ellis, the security team was allowed free action to secure the area and the release of Blondeau and to capture the terrorists. When negotiations broke down, the team moved in.

The terrorists were killed during the assault, each one sustaining 3 rounds, but not before Blondeau was assassinated. Subsequent inquiry revealed Blondeau had been shot 100 times but only 5 empty rounds were from the terrorist weapons. Ellis and his team explained they had never seen five rounds inflict so much damage.



A Radar antenna and TSQ 93 Shelter of the 129th TCS deployed at Travis Field, Savannah.