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48th draws raves at AT '81

The 48th Infantry Brigade brought down the curtain on 1981's annual training at Fort Stewart to rave reviews from active Army evaluators.

The remarks were ~~contained~~ in a report issued following the close of the two-week encampment. The team seemed especially impressed with the motivation of the troops, writing:

"Without question, the greatest single strength of the 48th Brigade is the motivation of its personnel. They don't stand still. The progressively complex and challenging inactive duty training and annual training programs of the past few years are self-evident. They set out to learn.

"Perhaps the overall strength of the brigade can be summarized by saying that they have a strong desire to get better."

Other areas cited by evaluators included leadership, morale and pride.

"Leadership," they wrote, "collectively and individually, is another very strong point. Every unit in the Brigade seems to have a reservoir of competence from which to draw."

The Brigade's willingness to correct training flaws also impressed the Army evaluation team.

"They attack known faults. During AT they are quick to make on-the-spot corrections. For example, during the first week of this AT it was noted they needed more work with night vision devices. During the second week they trained much more with night sights."

The evaluators also praised the Brigade's maintenance, resupply and mess operations. "The measure of combat service support is a unit's ability to sustain itself during extended combat operations. The 48th Brigade can meet the measure."

Communications were also improved, wrote evaluators.

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Sgt. Arvel McKinney prepares his 50-caliber machine gun for action atop an armored personnel carrier. McKinney, of Ashburn, Ga., is a member of Americus' Combat Support Co., 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry. He is one of 4,000 Guardsmen who returned from Annual Training 1981 with the 48th Brigade. For a closer look see pages 8 and 9.

CAC coverage set

Due to the deadline for this issue of The Georgia Guardsman annual training coverage of Command and Control units is not featured.

However, the next issue of The Georgia Guardsman will feature complete coverage of annual training events of the CAC and other units not currently featured.

Attitudes, leadership key 48th summer camp

About 4,000 members of Georgia's 48th Brigade (mechanized) have returned from two weeks of annual training with words of praise for their performance ringing in their ears.

From the first days in the field, active Army evaluators lauded the Georgians noting that "the overall attitude and performance has been good. They are very willing to work and correct any deficiencies. The unit has retained a lot of what was learned last year."

The troops had barely hit the field when the superlatives started flowing. "It's the best advance planning that's ever been done and the best coordination," said Lt. Col. Wayne Dill, the regular Army advisor to the brigade. "The first three days' evaluation is the best the brigade has ever gotten. We're off to a very good start."

opinion – quote him here or describe how you know he was impressed

Smoothest draw

Dill, who has just been named the senior Army advisor to the State of Georgia, was particularly impressed by the ease with which units drew their equipment and moved to the field. "This year we drew the most equipment that's ever been drawn and it was the smoothest draw we've ever experienced."

He credited the success of early camp to the brigade's commander, Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Griffin – "When you've got a professional in command, it permeates down" – to the advanced planning, and to additional full-time personnel at armories.

In the past, he said, units might have one or two full-time Guardsmen available to plan and coordinate camp activities. With the allocation of 180 additional slots to Georgia, units now have three to eight. As a result, Guardsmen are able to "hit the ground running" when camp starts.

'Good morale'

The brigade's command sergeant major, Homer A. Proctor of Macon, reiterated Dill's comments. "All of the training I have observed this year has been real fine. We have good morale. It seems like every year it gets easier to move office-worker types into a military training environment – they jump off the tracks running."

Another first this year is the movement of the entire brigade – every single individual – to the field. Even the recruiting and retention section set up in the field and, not surprisingly, kept on reenlisting Guardsmen. In one day, for example, 28 extended enlistments.

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There should be some identification of this as the Editorial/OpEd page. A logo saying "Our opinions" and/or "other opinions" would do it.

First in conservation

Georgia's increasing concern about the use of energy has paid off in winning the 1980 Army National Guard Director's Award for Energy Conservation in the First Army Area. For being number one again, Georgia Guardsmen deserve a pat on the back.

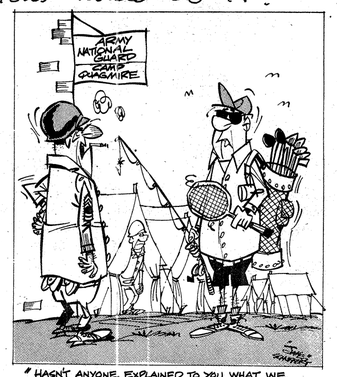
Still, it was not awards that Georgia was seeking when she set out to reduce the number of gallons and watts state troops needed to get their jobs done.

Instead, Georgia National Guardsmen at all levels, realizing that the salad days of unlimited energy were over, began conserving in their armories and in their vehicles. The challenge, from the highest general to lowest private, was to slash energy consumption and still maintain combat readiness. It was a challenge accepted, met and overcome through the efforts of every one of Georgia's National Guardsmen.

In accepting the award on behalf of the Georgia Army Guard, Maj. Gen. Billy M. Jones, the adjutant general said: "This was earned because every man and woman in the Georgia Army Guard knows that energy conservation is serious business.

Getting the most out of less seems to be the slogan of today's military and this latest award for energy conservation is an indication that Georgians know how to do just that.

"CHEER UP, CRAMPTON; HERE COMES THE TANKER NOW!"



"HASN'T ANYONE EXPLAINED TO YOU WHAT WE MEAN BY TWO WEEKS AT CAMP, BIRDLEY?"

Congratulations 48th !

It looks like the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech) has done it again, turning the heads of admiring active Army evaluators.

Seldom do evaluators give rave reviews to National Guard units, but the annual training performance of Georgia's Brigade caused them to do just that.

"The overall strength can be summarized by saying that they have a strong desire to get better," they wrote. "Leadership is another very strong point. Every unit in the Brigade seems to have a reservoir of competence from which to draw."

This year's evaluation of the 48th is a credit to every member of the Brigade who crawled, ran, walked and sweated-out the two-week encampment at Fort Stewart.

The men and women of the 48th proved once again that they are good and getting better, or as evaluators wrote, "They don't stand still."

Weinberger on defense

"I am very much aware of the need to add greatly to America's military strength and to strengthen also the support of the American people for all the men and women of our Armed Forces, both uniformed and civilian."

With these opening words, in a message transmitted worldwide to all DOD facilities shortly after assuming office, Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger introduced himself to the three million members of the Department of Defense.

In late January, testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, the 63-year old lawyer and former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare elaborated on the approach he would take in his new assignment, along with some of his objectives.

"The international political climate continues to deteriorate and the prospects of our having to employ military force directly or indirectly to safeguard our interests cannot be dismissed. The decade of the 1980s will surely be a dangerous decade for this nation and the world, and we must be prepared to cope with it," he stressed.

He told the Senate committee that both the FY 1981 and the proposed FY 1982 budgets inherited from the previous administration are underfunded; that the inflation rates on which those budgets were based are underestimated, and that the operating levels assumed in the budgets reflect a much more tranquil view of the international political scene than reality warrants.

Improving readiness is one of Secretary Weinberger's highest priorities. He attributes current readiness difficulties to a lack of skilled people, which in turn, is linked to inadequate pay. He told the Senate committee, "We must do more to ensure that those who protect our liberty are not denied the pursuit of their own happiness because of inadequate compensation."

He credited Congress with taking the lead in more adequate compensation last year by providing "good pay and benefit increases," and he said that, as a result, some improvements in retention rates of career people – and the quality and quanity of those people joining the armed services – are becoming apparent.

But, much more needs to be done, he said, and "as President Reagan declared so often during the campaign, we will do more to ensure that our military people once again become first class citizens."

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Maj. Gen. Conaway

Conaway takes top Air Guard post; new deputy is Chambers

Brig. Gen. Chambers

Maj. Gen. John B. Conaway is the new Director of the Air National Guard.

Conaway replaces Maj. Gen. John T. Guice who retired.

As the Director, ANG, Conaway represents more than 97,000 Air Guard men and women. "I look forward with great anticipation to working with the Air Force, and the governors and adjutants general of the states and territories in continuing to strengthen and modernize the Air Guard," he commented.

After graduating from the University of Evansville in Indiana and completing the ROTC cadet program, Conaway joined the Air Force in 1956. He completed pilot training a year later and flew F-86 and F-102 fighter interceptors for the remainder of his active duty time.

In 1960, Conaway joined the West Virginia Air Guard and later transferred to the Kentucky Air Guard where he held various safety, operations and command positions. He served as air commander of the Kentucky Air Guard and vice commander of the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing just prior to being named deputy director of the Air National Guard in 1977.

A native of Henderson, Ky., Conaway is a command pilot with more than 5,000 hours of flying time to his credit.

Replacing Conaway in the position of deputy director, ANG, is Brig. Gen. Wess P. Chambers, previously commander of the 162nd Tactical Fighter Group, Tucson International Airport, Tucson, Ariz. and air commander, 162nd Tactical Fighter Group Air Technician force.

A member of the Arizona ANG since 1952, Chambers is a command pilot with over 5,400 hours of flying time, 4,700 of them in single-engine jet aircraft – and is currently an instructor pilot in the A-7D aircraft.

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48th bulletin keeps troops 'in the know'

By CPT John C. Whatley
48th Brigade Public Affairs Office

How do you get necessary information to individual units in the boondocks of Fort Stewart?

The Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade uses a daily bulletin which is printed by the Administrative Services Division of the Adjutant General's section, a part of Company A, 148th Support Battalion.

The major equipment in the unit's air-conditioned van is an A.B. Dick 350 offset printing press. "We run about 250 - 300 copies of the Daily Bulletin daily," noted SSgt. Jack Sandifer, NCOIC of the section, "but we do other things, too. We print any legitimate printing job that is submitted, such as recruiting information, graphics, and stationery and envelopes." Their press is capable of printing everything from onionskin sheets to regular mailing envelopes. "When running full blast, this press will produce at 9,000 impressions per hour."

Spec 5 John Gilbert, attending his first annual training with the section this summer, instructs in printing at Bibb Tech Vocational School. "This is a good press for the type of work we do here and considering the field conditions. We seldom make more than 500 impressions at a time. But sometimes we run unit letterheads with 5000 copies to a run."

And that's how the 48th Infantry Brigade passes necessary information to the troops in the field at Fort Stewart.

Style

Gratuitous tag like this not needed.

Lt.Gen. Hearn succumbs at 74; headed Guard, CD, 5 times

Lt. Gen. George J. Hearn, who served as adjutant general under five governors has died.

Hearn, 74, succumbed at his home in Monroe. He is survived by his wife, Nell, and son, George J. Hearn III.

Enlisting in the Georgia Army National Guard in 1925, Hearn served in every enlisted rank before being commissioned a second lieutenant in February 1932.

Except for active duty with the Army during World War II and the Korean War, he served with the National Guard continually until his retirement in 1971.

He was appointed as the Adjutant General of Georgia by Gov. Herman Talmadge in 1954. He was reappointed by Governors Marvin Griffin, Ernest Vandiver, Carl Sanders and Lester Maddox. As adjutant general he also served as state director of Georgia Civil Defense.

He was active in the American Legion, Monroe Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Shrine, the Elks, National Guard Association of the United States, National Guard Association of Georgia, Rotary International and the Monroe Christian Church where he was an elder. He also served as the Mayor of Monroe.

Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church, Monroe, April 18.

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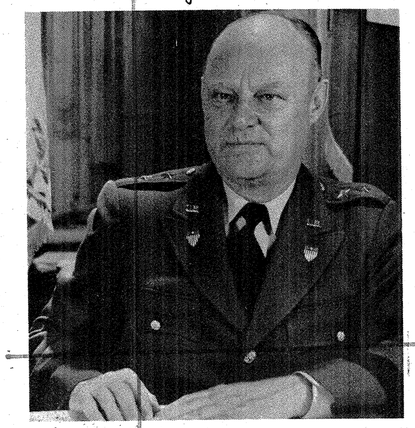

Lt. Gen. Hearn

Army, Air Guard name Tinley, Long as 1981 outstanding citizens

Capt. William B. Tinley of Waynesboro's 214th Field Artillery and Senior Master Sgt. John H. Long of the 165th Tactical Airlift Group in Savannah have been named the 1981 Outstanding Military Citizens of the Year for the Georgia National Guard.

Presentation of the awards by Gov. George Busbee came during a ceremony in Atlanta in mid-May.

A native of Waynesboro, Tinley is a 16-year veteran of the Georgia Army National Guard. Entering the enlisted ranks, Tinley earned his commission in 1975. He currently commands Battery C, 1st Battalion of the 214th Field Artillery.

In the community, Tinley was cited for his contributions which include service as a city councilman, official of the local chapter of the Jaycees, chairman of the Easter Seal Drive and a leader in various other community programs and organizations.

Tinley and his wife, the former Barbara Caudle, have two sons, William B. Jr., and Wesley C. Tinley.

When not attending to his Guard duties, Tinley is an inspector for the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

Sergeant Long, a 25-year veteran, is assigned to the 165th Tactical Hospital. He was recently awarded the S. Ernest Vandiver Trophy as Georgia's Outstanding National Guardsman.

Cited for his exemplary performance as a Medical Service Superintendent, Long was also lauded for his service as a Systems Technician with Savannah's Southern Bell Telephone Co.

In his community, Long served as an official with the American Legion, and Veterans Council of Chatham County.

His performance and conduct recently won him appointment as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the 165th.

Long and his wife, Betty reside in Savannah. They have five children.

The award is presented annually to the Army and Air National Guardsmen whose character and reputation, as well as good military conduct, exemplify the National Guard. In addition, the winner must have made a significant contribution to his or her community during the year.

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Mohawks head for New York in July

Lt. Paul F. Acocella
124th Public Affairs Detachment.

Some 28 members of the Georgia Army National Guard's 159th Military Intelligence Company will spend part of their July in upstate New York as part of a major training exercise being conducted by the New York Army National Guard.

The company, based at Dobbins Air Force Base in Marietta, will be working with a corps headquarters of the New York Guard as part of an exercise called Sentry Castle.

"We'll be providing five of our OV-1 Mohawk aircraft and their crews along with a team of ground support personnel," according to Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jim Thomas, the company's training officer.

Thomas said the 159th detachment will arrive at Plattsburgh Air Force Base in western New York July 14 and will be operational the next day. The team will fly some four missions a day in support of the New York Army Guard exercise at the Fort Drum military reservation, near Plattsburgh.

Photo mission

The missions will center on aerial photo surveillance and infrared photography. Sentry Castle is just one of many diverse missions the 239-man unit flies in the course of a typical year.

"We're a corps asset and in times of mobilization the company would work for the G-2 Air section of a corps headquarters," says Maj. Terry Turner, the company commander. Turner noted that the company's ranks include a number of prior military service veterans, including several people who flew the Mohawk in combat in Southeast Asia.

Turner explained that many of the MOS's (military occupational specialties) in the company are highly technical, some of them requiring extended periods of active duty training. "As a result, we have quite a few interesting civilian occupations represented here in the company," he added.

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The company's ranks include several airline pilots, an airport manager, a clinical psychologist and several attorneys, for example.

The company's organization consists of individual platoons for headquarters, maintenance, flight, communications and electronics and imagery interpretation.

Mohawk's features

Eighteen of the Grumman-manufactured Mohawk aircraft are assigned to the company. Each is equipped with photographic and electronic sensors capable of monitoring enemy operations in daylight, darkness or inclement weather. The aircraft are also designed to operate from unimproved fields in forward battle areas and can be maintained without extensive support equipment.

The communications and electronics platoon is responsible for the upkeep of the complex electronic equipment. When photographic information is gathered, it's analyzed by the imagery interpretation platoon. When the infrared system is in use, data is electronically transmitted directly from the aircraft to a ground station for prompt analysis. Data gathered from the infrared system can also be displayed on a screen in the aircraft's cockpit. The OV-1 crew consists of a pilot and a technical observer.

"We have two things going for us in the company," says Turner. "First, we have one of the Army's most advanced and specialized aircraft in the Mohawk, and second, we have a company of highly motivated, professional people who know their jobs and do them very well."

Mohawks head for New York State

Rep. Betty Aaron (Dist 56, Post 2) is all smiles after inspecting Ground equipment.

Legislators impressed by 48th's performance

Seventeen state officials, including 19 legislators, paid a visit to the 48th Brigade during its 1981 summer encampment at Fort Stewart and came away impressed.

"My eyes are this big," said Georgia State Sen. Bev. Engram, D-Dist. 34, of Fairburn, holding her fingers in a circle around her eyes. "I didn't know this world existed."

Sen. Engram said she was especially impressed "with their (Brigade members) enthusiasm. The military has a lot to offer. These men are getting good training."

Rep. George W. (Buddy) Darden, D-Dist. 111, Post 3) said the visit gave him a chance to "observe first hand the training, activities and level of competence of our state militia."

During the two-day visit Guard and state officials visited various units in the field, inspected vehicles and equipment used by the troops and received briefings on the mission and training of the 4,000 member Army Guard Brigade.

Legislators attending were Sen. Engram, Sen. Wayne Garner, D-Dist. 30, Sen. Bud Stokes, D-Dist. 56, Sen. Hugh Gillis, D-Dist. 56 (Post 2), Rep. Fred Aiken, R-Dist. 21 (Post 1); Rep. Paul Branch Jr, D-Dist. 137, Rep. Don Castleberry, D-Dist. 111, Rep. Darden; Rep. Forest Hays, D-Dist. 1 (Post 2), Rep. Bill Jackson, D-Dist. 77, Rep. J. Max Davis, R- Dist. 45, Rep Bill Mangum, D-Dist. 56 (Post 1), Rep. Ed Perry, D-Dist. 146.

Glenn W. Ellard, clerk of the House of Representatives, Cary Bond of the Legislative Fiscal Office, Lorette Sibilly and Charlie Walker, of the office of Planning and Budget attended.

Rep. Forest Hays Jr. (Dist. 1, Post 2) visits members of the 48th Brigade in the field.

State Sen. Bev Engram of Fairburn watches Pfc. Billy Perry of the 121st Infantry operate a Dragon anti-tank weapon.

GMI cadets accept hard work to win officer's 'gold bar'

The sign over the entrance proclaims the Milledgeville armory to be the "land of opportunity," and for more than 500 Georgia Army National Guardsmen that is what it has been.

The facility, called the Carl Vinson Training Center, is the home of the Georgia Military Institute, the Guard's officer candidate school. Since 1962, it has provided highly qualified and motivated officers for the Georgia Army Guard.

Though it represents opportunity, the 13-month course is rigorous mentally and physically. Many of those who start find it too demanding. Cadet Timothy D. Becton, a member of 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery in Waynesboro, is convinced he won't be one of them.

"I'm the type of person who whenever I start anything, I finish it. I never quit."

Becton is a member of the newest class at GMI, a class of 46 that first assembled in March.

At the orientation drill, cadets are told what to expect for the next 13 drill weekends and two summer camps.

The drills are challenging, mentally and physically, with classroom training interspersed with physical exercises and inspections. Many of the cadets report to the training center on Friday evenings – though they are not required to–to prepare for the start of activities on Saturday. All cadets sleep at the armory on Saturday night.

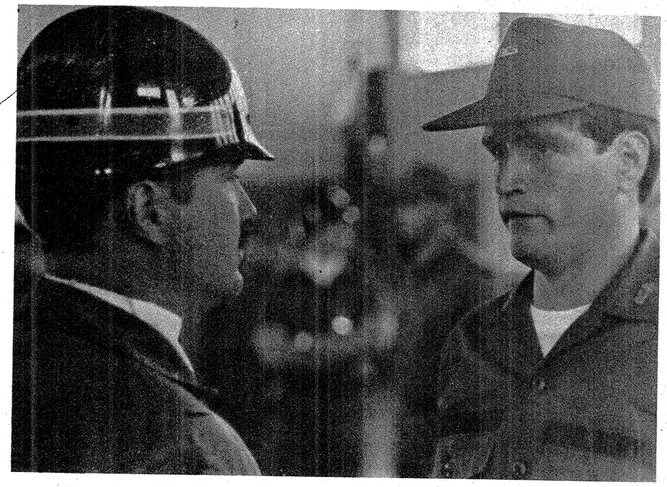
What motivates enlisted Guardsmen, some of whom had achieved NCO status in their units, to voluntarily dedicate 13 weekends, two summer camps, plus a stint with the Regular Army attending Officer Basic Course?

For 2nd Lt. Donald E. Conyers, a platoon leader with Co. B, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor in Cedartown, a recent GMI graduate, it was the opportunity to make more of a contribution to his unit. An NCO for nine years before attending OCS, Conyers thought that as an officer he would have a greater voice in his unit's operation.

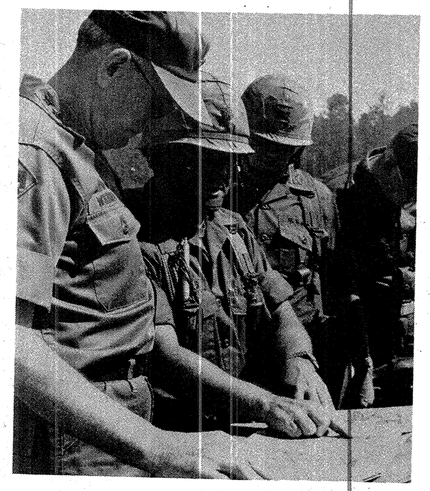
Cadet Rodney S. Marchant of Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry at Americus, joined the National Guard with the intention of going to GMI. He had several friends who had attended GMI and the school appealed to him as an opportunity to develop leadership skills and "mold character."

Cadet Debra Kirby of HHC, 878th Engineer Battalion in Augusta, attended summer camp twice with GMI as a medic before applying to the school. She sees it as a "challenge" and a vehicle "to continue my career in the Guard."

Like others in the new class, she doesn't yet know what to expect. But she has resolved that when the GMI class is awarded gold bars in 13 months, she will be there to receive hers.



'I can't hear you' 2nd Lt. Jim C. Clark, a Georgia Military Institute tactical officer inspects Cadet Timothy Becton during a drill at Milledgeville. Cadet Becton is a member of Co. C, 1st Battalion, 214th Field Artillery at Waynesboro.



Weber visits

Lt. Gen. LaVern Weber, chief of the National Guard Bureau, and Lt. Col. Billy M. Phillips, Thomaston, Ga., discuss tactical situations during field exercises. Weber visited the 48th Brigade during its two weeks annual training at Ft. Stewart.

48th honors troops, units

The following awards were presented at AT 81 to the following individuals:

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL: Sgt. 1st Class James A. Padgett, Trp E, 348th Cav; Sgt. 1st Class Leslie P. Sewell Sr., 48th Sig Plt.

GEORGIA COMMENDATION MEDAL: Lt. Col. Otis C. Malcom Jr., HQ 48th Inf Bde; Lt. William T. Childers, HQ 1/108 Ar; Master Sgt. John A. Harbour, HHC/1/108 Ar; 1st Sgt. Johnny M. Morrison, HHB/1/230 FA; Plt. Sgt. Thomas C. Benefield, CSC/2/121 Inf; Plt. Sgt. Joe L. Junkins, C/1/108 Ar; Plt. Sgt. Curtis W. Little, CSC/1/108 Ar; Sgt. 1st Class Walter C. Mendenhall III, SVC/1/230 FA; Sgt. 1st Class Jerry L. Scott, B/1/230 FA; Plt. Sgt. Billy A. Yeomans, C/1/121 Inf; Staff Sgt. Donald F. Berryhill, 48th Sig Plt; Staff Sgt. Charles T. Chaney, SVC/1/230 FA; Staff Sgt. Phil R. French, HHC/1/108 Ar; Staff Sgt. Roy D. Huckaby, Trp E, 348th Cav; Staff Sgt. Thomas H. Paine, CSC/1/108 Ar; Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Rhodes, C/1/108 Ar; Sgt. Bennie Harrell, Jr., 48th Sig Plt.

AG CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: CW2 Robert C. Gill, HHD/148th Spt Bn.

ARMOR LEADERSHIP AWARD: Company C, 1/108 Ar.

AG TROPHY (Small Bore): Company A, 1/108 Ar.

AG TROPHY (Best Supply & Admin): Det 1, B/2/121 Inf.

BEST MESS, GAARNG: 348th Medical Company.

SUPERIOR UNIT AWARD: 75th Engineer Detachment; HHD/148 Spt Bn; B/1/230 FA; C/148 Spt Bn; C/1/108 Ar; HHC/1/121 Inf; 82nd Maintenance Company.

OUTSTANDING NCO, 48th Brigade: Staff Sgt. Sturdivant, CSC/1/108 Ar.

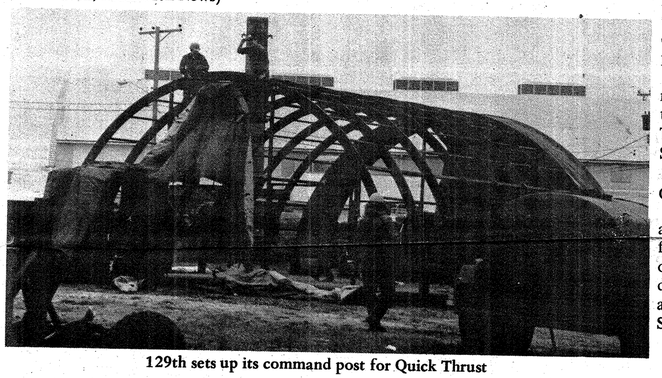
BEST MESS HALL, 48th Brigade: 348th Medical Company.

BEST SUPPLY AND ADMIN, 48th Brigade: Det 1, B/2/121 Inf.

4-MILE RUN CHAMPION: Spec 4 Theodore Lamar, CSC/1/121 Inf (4th year as champ).

AUSA "SUPER SOLDIER" TROPHY: Pfc. Stacey L. Taylor, CSC/1/108 Ar.

Capt. John Patrick (foreground) adjusts complex electronic instruments prior to exercise. With Patrick in command post are Capt. Ray Goodwin (on telephone) and Technical Sgt. Wayne McIntosh (watching for scope). (Photo by Bobby Haven, Brunswick News)



129th sets up its command post for Quick Thrust

Quick Thrust exercise features Kennesaw unit

Kennesaw's 129th Tactical Control Squadron recently joined with approximately 19 other TAC, Air National Guard, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps units in the third of the Quick Thrust composite force training exercises.

Quick Thrust 1-81 took place at Ft. Stewart, with more than 70 aircraft flying a wide variety of missions. They included close air support for the 48th Brigade's annual training exercise, interdiction strikes, tactical resupply with escort, reconnaissance, and several search and rescue problems.

Headquarters, Ninth Air Force provided exercise command and control through an exercise control team deployed to the Air National Guard field training site at Savannah. This team was assisted by the 129th Tactical Control Squadron, also deployed to the field training site, and the 129th Tactical Control Flight, deployed to Brunswick's Glynco Jetport.

The exercise was designed to promote integration of air and ground activities. It also gave aircrews experience in flying close air support missions for ground units and an opportunity to practice tactics necessary to penetrate and destroy highly defended targets. It also assisted the 1st and 48th Brigades of the 24th Infantry Division at Ft. Stewart in conducting combat training operations.

48th live-fire exercise 'puts everything together'

By Capt. John C. Whatley
48th Brigade Public Affairs Office

"We put everyone in the world together and see what happens." That's how 2nd Lt. John Jerguson of B Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor describes the CALFEX – Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise. "It's the closest thing you can get to live combat under the safety conditions. It's our chance to put steel on the target."

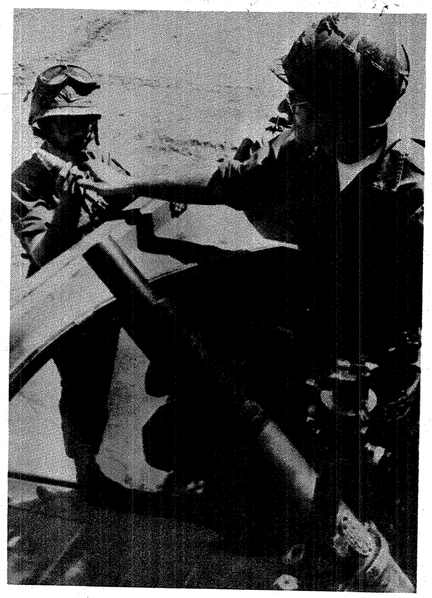
Under the CALFEX concept a unit leader is given a combined arms team and a mission. This team is usually two platoons of infantry, one platoon of armor, and engineer squad, a Redeye section, a TOW section, mortars for support, and artillery and close air support, if available. With this combined arms team the unit leader must attack a number of objectives, personally controlling all the action.

"We've done live fire exercises in the past," noted Lt. Col. Robert Davis, "but they were so closely controlled that most of the team leader's initiative was taken away from him. Now we let the team leader plan his attack and then implement his plan."

Safety, however, is still foremost. "Not only do we have range safety limits on the boundaries of the attack area," Davis continued, "but there are safety limits at each objective area and exercise controllers on the ground and in the air to assist, if necessary. With all the elements maneuvering around in the field, the team commander must control his units' movements just as he would in an actual combat situation."

The CALFEX is a contact and hasty attack mission which is part of the unit's ARTEP evaluation. Prior to the exercise there is a brief runthrough to familiarize the unit with the terrain, and then the actual exercise is conducted.

The 48th Brigade is the first Guard unit to conduct the CALFEX at Fort Stewart, and next year "we intend to run all our company teams through it," Davis ~~promised~~. said



Saving tax dollars by using practice rounds. Sgt. Bryan Barnhill, Lithia Springs and Spec. 4 Anthony Chafin, Tucker, prepare a 4.2 mortar for "firing." Both men and members of Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor.

C-rations

The results are in: and ham and eggs lose—big

from the 124th Public Affairs Detachment

Sergeant 1st Class Sonny Johnston of Barnesville is an odd man, a mighty odd and peculiar man, weird even. He likes ham and eggs.

No ordinary human likes ham and eggs. Spec. 5 Willie Roberts of Co. C, 148th Support Battalion in Sparta is normal. He hates them.

Private first class Roy Mitchell of Cedartown, a member of Combat Support Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor in Douglasville, explains that it's not really just the taste that makes ham and eggs so objectionable. "They don't taste good, but then they don't look good, either," he says. His favorite is turkey loaf.

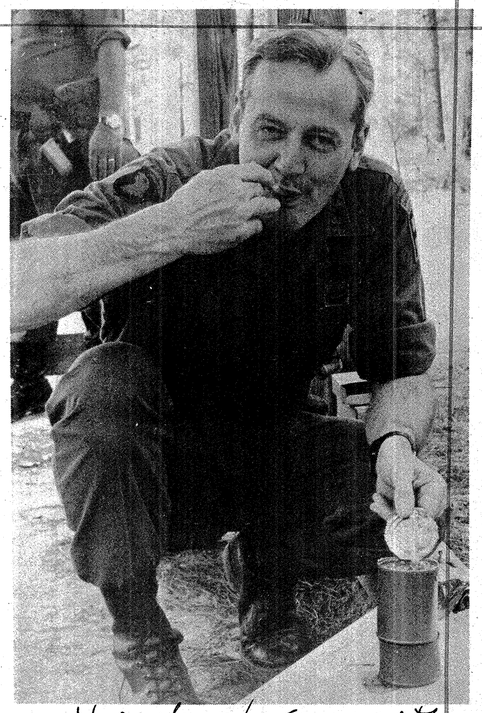
At issue is Army C-rations, the best and the worst. Of the 4,000 men and women of the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade attending two weeks of annual training at Ft. Stewart, only one – Sgt. 1st Class Johnston, a member of the 148th Support Battalion at Forsyth – disagrees that the worst meal ever concocted is ham and eggs. "I love ham and eggs," says Johnston, who has been spending an awful lot of time in the hot sun at this giant military reservation.

Spaghetti was frequently cited as being among the worst of the C-rations. "There's no way to really heat it up good," says Spec. 4 Charlie Brown of Marietta, another member of Douglasville's CSC, 1-108th Armor. "You can try heating it," another soldier adds, "but when you do, it sort of rises in a blob to the top of the can."

The best? Unlike ham and eggs, there appeared to be no consensus choice. In a 12 meal C-ration case, the most desired meals are boned chicken, beans with frankfurter chunks in tomato sauce, beefsteak and tuna fish. Other meals available include beef with spiced sauce, ham slices with juice, beans with meatballs in tomato sauce, sliced pork with juice, beef slices and potatoes with gravy, and turkey loaf.

Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Manning of 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry at Albany and Leesburg, says that after 27 years in the Army National Guard it "doesn't make any difference" to him which of the meals he gets. He declined to say whether that's because he has acquired a taste for them all or because he dislikes them equally.

Most C-rations are better, he said, when they're heated and when time is available troops in the field warm them, either with a unit-supplied immersion heater in boiling water or with individual stoves. Most field troops carry a bottle of commercial steak sauce, such as A-1, or hot sauce – Red Rooster and Tabasco – are the most common – to spice up C-rations.



Lt. Gen. John F. Forrest, First Army commander, enjoys a C-rations meal with members of the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech). The general did not state a preference among C-ration meals, but when given a choice, he did not choose ham and eggs.

"Actually," says Manning, "most troops would rather have them than A-rations – a standard, kitchen-prepared meal – because they don't have to go to a designated place and kill time and wash their mess kits. We serve one hot meal a day, normally breakfast, and hand out two C-rations and if a man gets hungry at 11, he can eat it then or wait until he's ready."

C-rations are served in the field because troops frequently are training in inaccessible areas and, more importantly, because they save time. About two hours are required to serve a conventional meal of A-rations.

Surprisingly, the cost of a C-ration meal is greater than the cost of a conventional meal. Though the prices can fluctuate daily, a C-ration costs the government $1.98 per meal. A kitchen-prepared dinner costs between $1.41 and $1.77.

The difference is the cost of packaging. A C-ration meal contains four cans and a packet of condiments, coffee, gum and paper products.

While the 48th Brigade was at Ft. Stewart, troops consumed 35,000 C-ration meals, compared to about 160,000 A-ratios. The job of making them available was assigned to Forsyth's 148th Support Battalion and specifically to Capt. Stewart Rodeheaver, a Georgia Power Company engineer, who serves as Class 1 Officer. His top NCO is Johnston of Barnesville, who works in Griffin as a Southern Bell engineer.

In the past several years, the taste of C-rations has been improved, with the exception of ham and eggs, which is beyond rescue. But, deep down, most troops prefer them best as novelty meals.

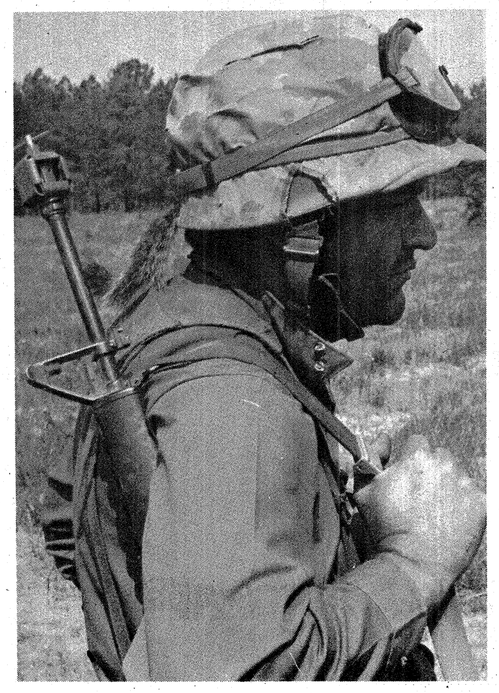
"I remember one time we came down here set up to serve C-rations and there wasn't a C-ration in the entire Southeastern United States," recalls Johnston. He pauses and adds:

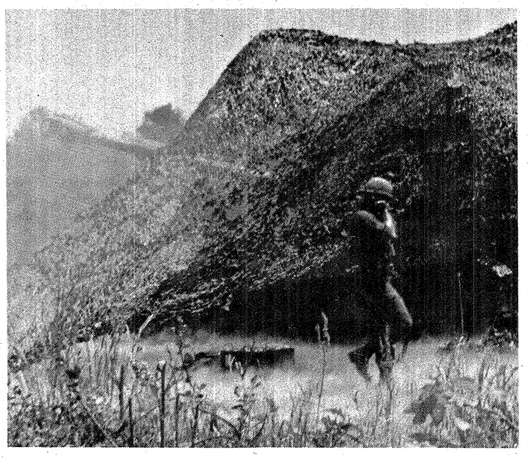
"Of course, the troops were happy."

Troops of Service Battery, 1-230th Field Artillery, relax for a C-ration lunch while attending annual training with the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech). The men swap food items from C-rations with each other to get a variety more suitable to their tastes. Seated here are SP4 Kenny Anderson, SP4 James Sanders, SP4 James Cross, and SP4 Donald Campbell.

48th Brigade at AT '81

Sgt. Larry Gordon applies camouflage paint to Pfc. Willis Towns prior to an exercise at Fort Stewart. Both men are members of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry.





Shades of Davy Crockett, squirrel-tail version. Staff Sgt. Raymond F. Mullis of Eastman, and a member of Company C, lst Battalion, 121st Infantry, stands guard.

29 years later

Navy awards Hart medal for shipmate's rescue in 1952

In 1952, Russell L. Hart jumped into the freezing waters off of Rhode Island to save a fellow crewman from drowning. Twenty-nine years later the Decatur National Guardsman was awarded the Navy Achievement medal.

Sgt. 1st Class Hart, a four-year veteran of the Army Guard, received the news of his pending award for heroism two decades ago when an aide to Vice Admiral Ronald J. Hays, commander-in-chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe called from London:

"He asked me if I remembered the date of the incident, and to get some witnesses to write a letter stating facts which I did. It didn't take long before I got this (the citation and medal) in the mail."

Hart was cited for jumping "into the cold and choppy waters of Newport Harbor to rescue one of his shipmates who had fallen overboard from a ship's boat" in December 1952. At that time Seaman Hart was assigned to the USS Hugh Purvis.

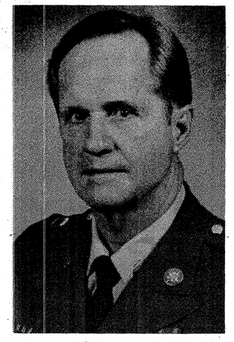
"It was cold," Hart remembered. "My face froze, it was so cold." Hart said the incident occurred when a crewman returning on the same "Liberty" boat to the Purvis fell overboard. "I jumped in and grabbed his collar and held him up till the other fellows pulled us out.

"To tell you the truth I had forgotten all about the whole thing, until a friend of mine asked me about it recently."

An 18-year veteran of the Dekalb County Police Department, Hart has seen service in the Marine Corps and the Air Force as well as the Navy and the Army Guard.

A resident of Decatur, he and his wife Mary have two children, Greg, 7½ and Darren 4. He has another son, Brett, 20, by a previous marriage.

The sergeant is assigned to Headquarters, Georgia Army National Guard, in Atlanta.



Hart

"MY FACE FROZE, IT WAS SO COLD. I JUMPED IN AND GRABBED HIS COLLAR AND HELD HIM UP TILL THE OTHER FELLOWS PULLED US OUT."

WO upgrade program underway

There has been a lot of discussion in recent months, in all branches of the armed services, on how to upgrade proficiency of personnel and then retain those highly trained and valuable members. The Army National Guard has turned discussion into action, with the warrant officer professional development program.

The warrant officer professional development (WOPD) program will make educational requirements mandatory for promotion and retention of all warrant officers in the Army National Guard (ARNG).

In order to be eligible for promotion under the new program, a warrant officer must have completed the required minimum time in grade and either the resident or non-resident educational requirements necessary for promotion in his or her particular area of expertise.

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And it's up to all of us to use every day as a reenlistment opportunity. Not so much by talking, but by listening. Listening to what soldiers have to say. Finding out what's on their minds. What they like, and dislike. See if you can help them solve a problem. Even if you think you can't, give it a try. By showing soldiers that you're genuinely interested in them, you'll establish relationships built on trust and confidence.

So when the time does come to give a reenlistment talk, a soldier will not only listen to what you have to say, but believe in what you say.

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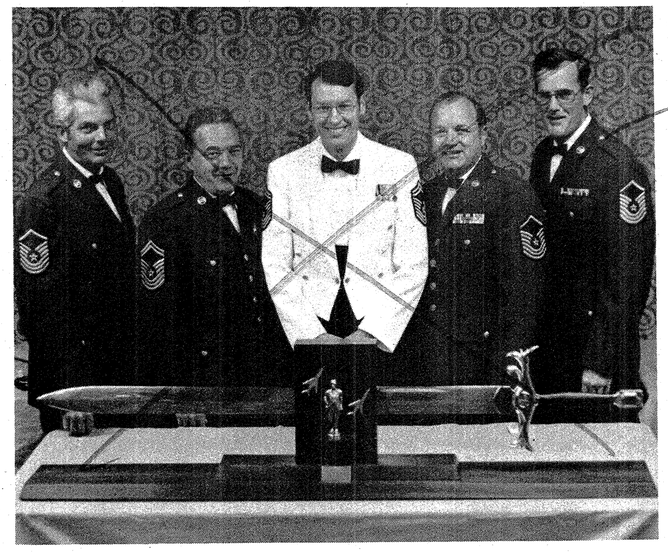


Order of the Sword goes to Guice

Senior Georgia Air National Guard NCOs (l to r) Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Dodd, Chief Master Sgt.s Charlie Townsend and Larry Cannon; Senior Master Sgt.s Jim Crutchfield and Ed Poppell show off a six-foot sword recently presented to former director of the Air National Guard, Maj. Gen. John T. Guice. The hand-crafted sword, made by Capt. Chris Christenson of Warner Robbins AFB, Ga., was presented to the general in Tucson, Ariz., during the first ANG Order of the Sword ceremony. The Order of the Sword is an organization composed of Air National Guard non-commissioned officers.

TOW units learn the role of tank-killers

By Pvt. Heidi Tunison
124th Public Affairs Detachment

"Squad. . . . . form for crew drill."
"Gunner."
"Loader."
"Driver."
"Post. . . . . report."
"Squad."

On the last command of "Squad," the squad-leader and his crewmen place the TOW into action. As the men connect each section of the TOW together, the squad-leader scans the terrain with binoculars.

"I think they have learned real quick," said Sgt. Coleman Kennedy, squad-leader. "The TOW is pretty new and most of us didn't know what it was. As the squad-leader I have to get everything in order and we have to know all this stuff before we get to summer camp."

Like the other men in Company E, 1st Battalion, 122nd Infantry (TLAT) in Washington, Ga., Kennedy is excited about the change in mission from artillery to infantry command.

"We didn't know what it was going to be like. We had a chance to get out of the unit, but we chose to stay," said Kennedy.

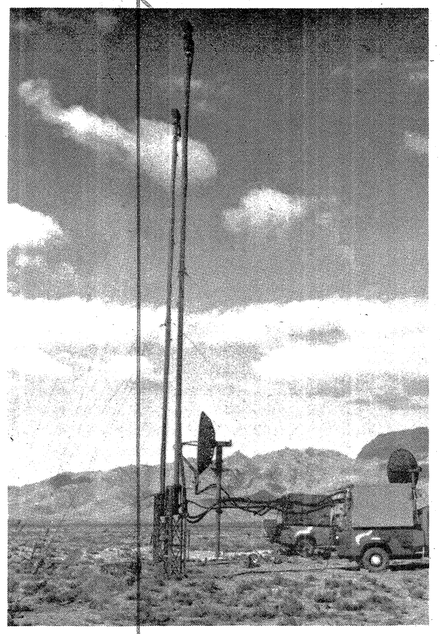
It takes a sharp, calculating mind to make a good squad-leader. Kennedy reinforces this ability in his civilian occupation as a mathematician. "I teach math to high school students who are slow learners," said Kennedy. That training enables him to communicate more effectively with men in his squad. He knows, for example, when a new concept is being understood and when he needs to slow down and elaborate more. "I keep it simple, nothing too complicated," said Kennedy. "It took quite some time to learn to handle the kids, but I like it and I'm going to stay with it."

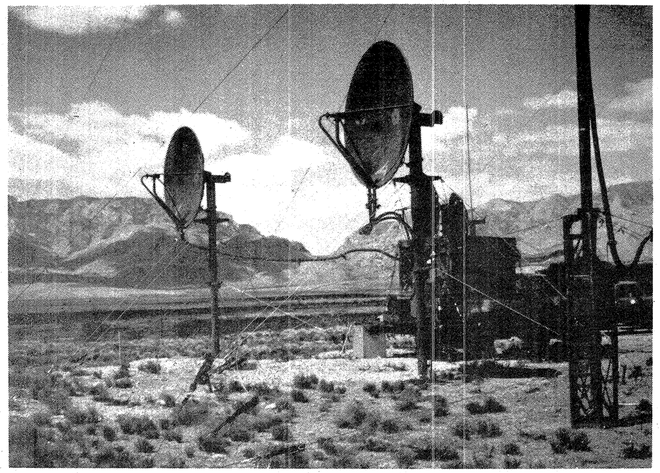
Sgt. Kennedy, like the other men in his unit, is excited and enthusiastic about the training they're receiving.

He extends his enthusiam into the classroom. He believes if a young man or woman has no other plans, such as continuing their education, they should join the service.

"It's not a bad place to be," he added with a smile.

TOW unit in the field at Ft. Stewart.





117th battles sand, snakes of New Mexico during Border Star '81

By Lt. Jerry Katz
117th Tactical Control Squadron

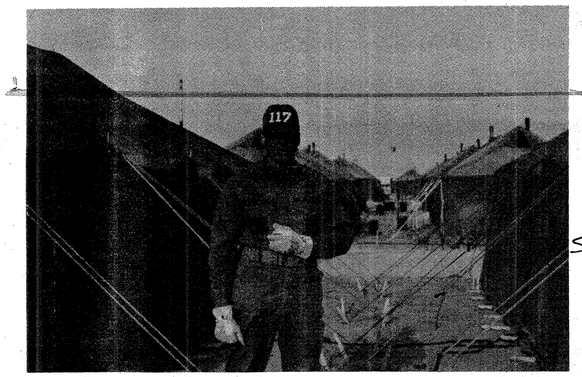
The desert sand of New Mexico is a long way from the coast of Savannah, but 11 members of the 117th Tactical Control Squadron called it home for two weeks recently.

Border Star 81 found the 11 Georgians helping to control the skies over the desert during the joint Air Force, Army and Marine Corps exercise. The overall exercise involved 21,000 men and was designed to test new concepts in air defense.

Participants from the 117th included Lt. Allen D. Parker, ~~Senior Master Sgt.~~ SMSgt Madre P. Jones; ~~Technical Sergeants~~ TSgts Frank R. Hill, Fred U. Royal, Jerry L. Scott and Howard L. Harrell; ~~Staff Sergeants~~ SSgts Richard B. Harris, William A. Scott, Jimmy W. Hamsley, John T. Powell and Larry H. Anderson.

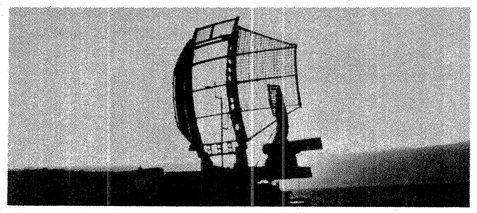
Said Hamsley of the desert conditions, which included dust storms and snakes: "I think that the exercise showed a lot of people that Air Guard forces can do a super job, even under the most adverse conditions."

"The high winds," noted Powell, "and blowing sand, rattlesnakes and driving antenna stakes in rocky terrain were a hindrance, but were considered assets to training. Learning to handle these obstacles will make it easier to work in desert conditions if needed."



Lt. Allen Parker, dressed for the sandy conditions of Border Star, commanded the 117th detachment.

TSGT Jerry Scott (truck driver), radio relay technician, Guardsmen of 117th Tactical Control Squadron load equipment on a C-141 for deployment to New Mexico for exercise Border Start.



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Tankers save $123 by using Georgian's device for gunners

Georgia tank-gunners are saving more than $123 everytime they fire, thanks to a device fabricated by a Guardsman from Douglasville.

The Guardsman, Master Sgt. Henry C. Driskell, was awarded a $1,000 incentive award by the Department of the Army for the modification and improvement of an existing sub-caliber firing device. Driskell's work allows gunners to use M-16 rifle ammunition for sub-caliber firing, instead of normal 105mm rounds.

A comparison of the two ammunitions shows that while each 105mm round costs about $124, each M16 round averages about nine cents, thus the government saves well over $123 when Driskell's device is in use.

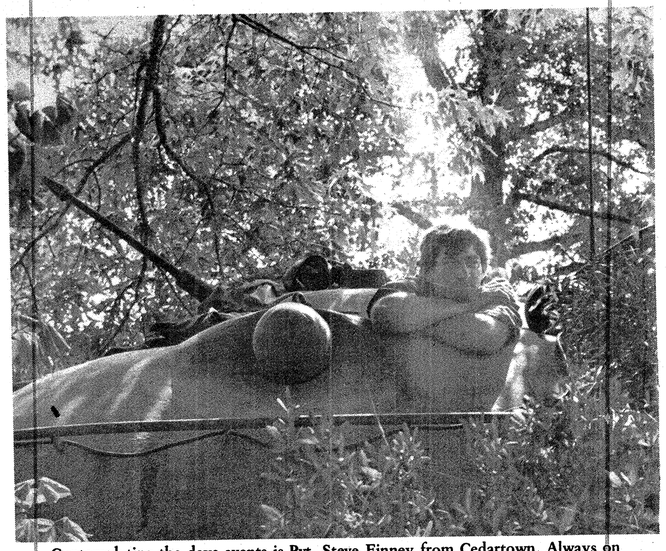
Driskell fabricated the sub-caliber firing devices after the 48th Brigade could not obtain "Brewster Devices" a 5.56mm sub-caliber firing device for gunnery missions and 105mm ammunition ran short.

Working on his own time, Driskell hand-tooled the devices from scrap and waste metal. In addition, the sergeant redesigned and adapted an electric firing solenoid for use on the implement.

The "Driskell" fabricated devices, said a state Guard official, resulted in a first year tangible savings in the State of Georgia, in troop travel and ammunition, conservatively estimated at $150,000.

The sergeant is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 110th Maintenance Battalion, Decatur, Ga.

A 32-year Georgia Army Guard veteran, Driskell and his wife, Dorothy, reside in Douglasville.



Contemplating the days events is Pvt. Steve Finney from Cedartown. Always on the move, members of Co. B, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor learn to steal moments of relaxation.

'Brown Dirt Cowboys' lead rough life at summer camp

By Pvt. Heidi Tunison
124th Public Affairs Detachment

The brown dirt cowboys. . . . . they lead a rough two weeks every summer. Sleeping on tanks or the ground with only a sleeping bag. Covered with dirt from head to toe and able to shave on the rare occasions that their face is clean.

"We go to sleep at 3 a.m. and get up at 5:30 a.m. By the time you get the roots arranged just right, it's time to get up again," said Sgt. Jimmy Gibbs, squad leader for Company C, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry located in Eastman.

Just by looking at them, it's evident that they are men who enjoy what they do and do it well. They work hard, yet know how to keep their sense of humor. They rely on each other, not only for defensive support but also for morale boosts. "One night everyone was so tired, they kept getting messed up on the radio," said Gibbs, a tractor mechanic from Rochelle. The fatigued-induced mistakes in radio transmissions struck the troops as funny. After awhile they had forgotten their weariness and were laughing and joking. "That built up our morale real fast," laughs Gibbs.

Always prepared to move out when the order comes, the men never get the chance to set up a livable atmosphere among the fields of bushes and trees. "Some units set up tents in a bivouac site. But we're always moving, so we just sleep anywhere we can," said ~~Staff Sgt.~~ SSgt Raymond F. Mullis, ~~Company~~ C's assistant platoon sergeant.

The mosquitos, described as "helicopters," help make digging foxholes and trenches as unpleasant as possible. They are required to dig defensive barriers everytime they stop, even if it's only for a couple of hours.

refers back to mosquitos!

For 15 days every summer, the troops and ~~Company~~ C, as well as other members of the 48th Brigade work harder than they have all year. "I don't do manual labor in the office and when I come here it gets hard," said Mullis, who works with juvenille delinquents in Eastman. "I've been here for five days and it's rough."

"I have no problem getting away from my job, this is not exactly like a vacation, but it's different," said Capt. John Roddy, commander of ~~Company~~ B, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, Cedartown. In civilian life, Roddy is a research assistant in East Point.

For two weeks the men of the 48th Brigade experienced the challenge, knowing that their job is worthwhile and fulfilling.

Maj. Corish is new Commander at 283rd

Maj. Walter C. Corish, Jr. has been appointed commander of Savannah's 283rd Combat Communications Squadron, Georgia Air National Guard. Maj. Corish replaces Col. Frank L. Dotson who retired in May.

Corish attended Officer Training School – U.S. Air Force – and received his commission as second lieutenant in the Georgia Air National Guard in 1967. From 1967 until his appointment as commander, he has served as administrative officer for the 117th Tactical Control Squadron, personnel staff officer for the 155th Tactical Control Group, supply operations staff officer and communications electronics staff officer for the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron.

A native of Savannah, Corish was graduated from Benedictine Military School, as Salutatorian, in 1961. He received a bachelor of business administration (~~BBA~~) from the University of Georgia in 1965, graduating CUM LAUDE, with a major in insurance. He also earned a master of business administration (~~MBA~~) from the University of Georgia in 1967.

Returning to Savannah, the new commander joined the firm Corish & Company, Inc., Insurance Agency, where he serves as vice-president. Corish is active in many civic activities throughout the city and state. He and his wife Patty have two children.

Arts and crafts centers set Army photo contest

Army arts and crafts centers worldwide are planning local competitions to select entries for the all-Army Photography Contest this summer. Final entries will be judged Sept. 28, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Army officials say.

National Guardsmen may submit only non-official photos taken while on active duty.

Contestants may submit up to three entries in each of three categories in each group are general, scenic, people and experimental. Each contestant may also submit up to three entries in each category.

Entries must be submitted to arts and crafts centers. Photographs must have been taken during off-duty time since July 31, 1980.

Beginning this year, the photo contest will be an annual event. In the past, the contest was held every two years. Winning photos will be held over to enter in next year's interservice photography contest.

Guardsmen interested in entering their work should contact the arts and crafts center at the nearest active Army post for more details.

New switchboard gives brigade 'flexibility'

By Capt. John C. Whatley
48th Brigade Public Affairs Office

Maj. Richard Ellis, COMMEL Officer of the 48th Brigade, has high regard for the new SB3614 Army switchboard. "It offers us a lot more flexibility than we've had previously because it's not oriented to the individual. Once it's in, it's automatic."

This new switchboard "is just like Southern Bell's," according to Master Sgt. Norbert Lehman, COMMEL NCO. "It's nothing but a small computer." It replaces the old AN/TCC 29, which, according to 2nd Lt. Jose Mercado, Commo Platoon Leader of HHC, 1st Brigade, 24th Infantry Division, "corroded a lot."

The new switchboard has a priority override, so that commanders can reach their subordinates. "With this override capacity we can immediately access the commander to his key personnel," continued Ellis. "We also have more lines available – 60 in all. And we can stack the lines for even more availability."

The new system is also digital. No more will the operator have to pull a plug out and plug into the number desired; the machine does the whole job. Any outside number that needs to be called is simply punched onto the keyboard instead of plugging and ringing another line.

The 48th Brigade is the first unit of the 24th Division to receive this equipment and has been training the 24th Division's units on its use. During annual training recently at Fort Stewart, B Company of the 24th Signal Battalion attended classes conducted by the 48th Signal Platoon in the field at the trains area.

Mercado thinks this system is "a big step ahead. With this equipment operating, wire communications of the Army is finally coming into the Twentieth Century."

Government busts auto, but driver loses

By Capt. James C. Bernard
Social Actions Officer
Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard

Did you know that your car can be "busted" for drugs? It's true! An automobile, boat, or airplane may be legally seized by either state or federal law enforcement officers if illegal drugs (including marijuana) are found in any mode of transportation or on any person therein.

The law applies also when the car is used to facilitate the possession, transfer, or sale of these illegal substances.

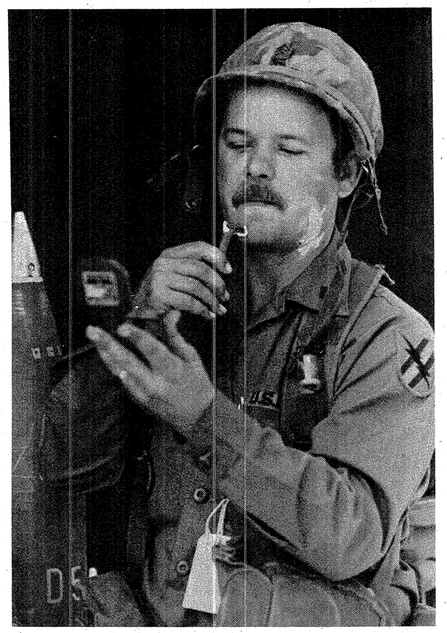
The vehicle is legally forfeited at the time the offense occurs. When a vehicle is to be forfeited, the car is seized and a civil lawsuit filed against the car itself.

A recent case illustrates the application of this law: U.S. vs One 1975 Mercedes 289S. In this case, the car became government property because of four marijuana cigarette butts in its ashtray. The government must show only "probable cause" that the vehicle was involved in illegal activities.

Probable cause is a reduced standard of less than that required in order to commit someone before a court-martial. This burden then shifts to the car owner to come forward to show that the government did not have facts exhibiting probable cause.

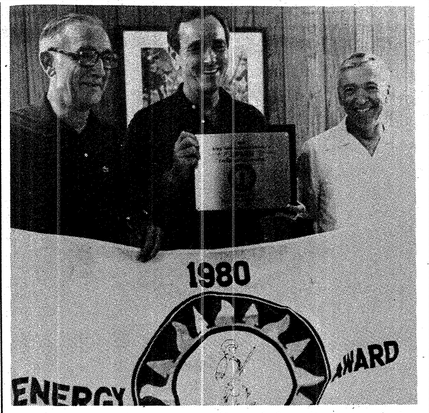
The owner's lack of knowledge of the illegal activities is normally not enough to get the car back. Although harsh, the law is designed to deter illegal drug or marijuana possession, transfer, and sale. It applies to automobiles, vessels, and aircraft, on or off military establishments. The fact that the quantity of drugs possessed is relatively small is not a factor.

You and/or your car can be "busted" for what may appear to you to be an insignificant offense. Don't take risks!



No whiskers here

You have to shave when you can during 24-hour tactical problems. Staff Sgt. Roger Lightsey, a member of Baxley's Bty B, 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery, solves a mirror problem with a lensatic compass.



Maj. Gen. Emmett H. Walker (left), director of the Army National Guard, Gov. George Busbee and Maj. Gen. Billy M. Jones display award for energy conservation.

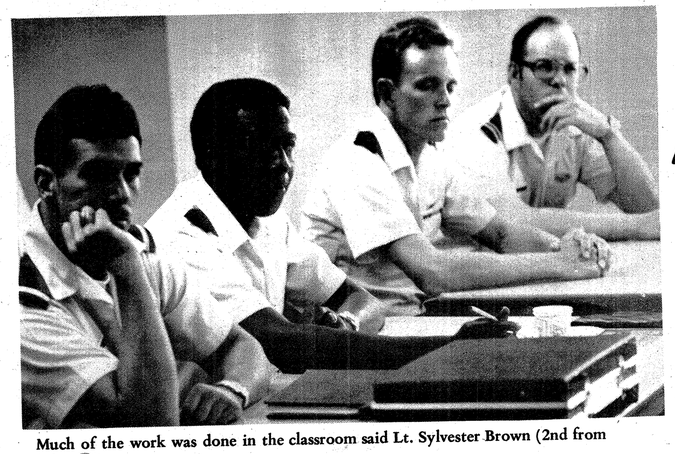
Guard accepts award

Georgia has officially accepted the 1980 Director's Award for Energy Conservation in the First Army Area.

Making the presentation was Maj. Gen. Emmett H. Walker Jr., director of the Army National Guard. Gov. George Busbee and Maj. Gen. Billy M. Jones, the adjutant general accepted the award for the state.

Walker, in presenting the award, told the Georgia officials:

"We place great emphasis on energy conservation in the Army National Guard, but we must also accomplish our training mission and maintain unit readiness. The Georgia ARNG did a superb job of conserving energy in FY 80, while maintaining readiness and accomplishing training programs, energy consumption was reduced by 35 percent from the FY 75 base year."



Much of the work was done in the classroom said Lt. Sylvester Brown (2nd from left).

Bobby Rahn (left) helps construct a fence. Commission was a goal in life.

Jerry Katz at 'dining-in'. 'There were some good times too!'

AMS

117th trio finds new outlook at Air Guard school

What does it take to make an officer in the Georgia Air National Guard? A lot of hard work and sweat, say three recently commissioned graduates of the Air Guard's Academy of Military Science (~~AMS~~) in Knoxville, Tenn.

The three, Capt. Bobby Rahn, Lt. Jerry Katz and Lt. Sylvester Brown – all members of Savannah's 117th Tactical Control Squadron – finished the 268-hour course with a new outlook on the Guard.

"After the first week," Kahn reflected, "I asked myself many times what was I doing this for." The fast paced curriculum included, among other things, instruction in drill and ceremonies, physical training and the principles of leadership and command.

Katz recalled that his first morning at AMS "brought back some very real memories of basic training. I wouldn't have changed the way anything occurred though, because when it was all over, I had learned a lot."

Opening its doors in 1971, as part of the Air National Guard Professional Military Education Center, the Academy was the brainchild of the late Maj. Gen. I.G. Brown (for whom the center is now named), then director of the Air National Guard. Brown envisioned an academy expressly designed for the commissioning of Air Guard officers, operated by Air Guard personnel and located on an Air Guard base. Some 29 officers were graduated in the initial class and 480 officers a year now receive their commissions from the center.

A typical day at AMS begins at 5¾45 a.m. and ends with "Call to Quarters" at midnight. In between, students attend classes, participate in physical training, have their meals and study. "The school," Brown philosophized, "inspires one to develop team building skills."

Katz remembered: "There were some good times too. The dining-in was a real treat."

If there was any thought that AMS was for men only it was quickly disspelled: "The girls in our squadron," Katz noted, "were at the top of the class. One was going on to pilot training and may someday be up front on a KC-135. She could do more pushups than me too!"

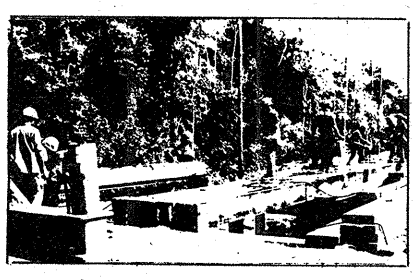
Reflecting on his Academy experience Rahn said: "The feeling that I had, and still have, at the conclusion of the school is one of urgency to prepare myself for whatever mission my unit will be tasked. The Guard has provided me with an opportunity to realize a goal in my life. I sincerely hope I can live up to the trust placed in me and return the favor in getting the job done."

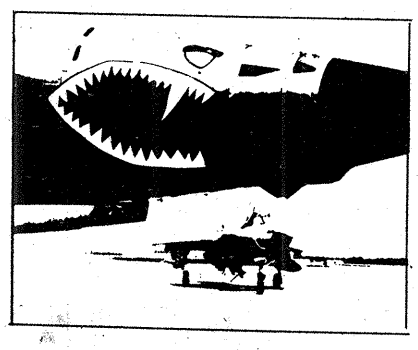
Said Brown: "I chose to attend AMS because I wanted to be a part of the Air National Guard's professional force and to develop my leadership abilities."

"The key," offered Katz, "is not to let this sudden new rank go straight to your head. He (the new officer) needs to come in with good leadership and the ability to know that he has much to learn. He must remember, we are all on the same team."

ARMY GUARD STRENGTH

Strength





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124th PA Det	146%
116th Army Band	100%
122nd Spt. Center	100%
HHD 110 Maint Bn	103%
201st Maint. Co.	101%
166th Maint. Co	106%
Det 1, 166th Maint. Co.	123%
HHD 170th MP BN	103%
138th Med. Co.	103%
HHC 151st Avn Bn.	101%
158th MI Co.	105%
1160th Trans. Co.	110%
Co. B, 1st BN 122nd INF	101%
Co. C, 1st BN, 122nd INF	102%
Co. C, 1st BN, 122nd INF	100%

265th ENGINEER GROUP

Co. D, 560th Engr Bn	101%
Co. A, 878th Engr. Bn	102%
HHC 878th Engr. Bn	100%
Det 1, Co. B, 878th Engr Bn	105%
Co. C, 878th Engr Bn	106%
Co. D, 878th Engr Bn	110%
1148th Trans. Co.	100%

48th INFANTRY BRIGADE

48thSig Plt. FWD Area	110%
Trp E 348th Cav	137%
848th Engr. Co.	109%
HHC 1st BN, 108th Armor	101%
Spt. Co., 1st BN 108th Armor	107%
Co. A, 1st BN 108th Armor	107%
Co. C, 1st BN 108th Armor	120%
HHC 1st BN 121st INF	104%
Spt. Co. 1st BN 121st INF	112%
Co. A, 1st BN 121st INF	112%
HHC 2nd BN 121st INF	104%
Spt. Co. 2nd BN 121st INF	115%
Co. A, 2nd BN 121st INF	114%
Det. 1, Co. A, 2nd BN 121 t	113%
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Co. C, 2nd BN 121st INF	101%
Det.1, Co. C, 2nd BN 121st	101%
Btry B, 1st BN 230th FA	148%
Btry C, 1st BN 230th FA	107%
Det. 1, HHD 148th Spt BN	101%
HHD 148th Spt. BN	108%
Co. A, 148th Spt. Bn	108%
348th Med. Co.	109%
Co. C, 148th Spt. BN	101%
Det. 1, 648th Maint. Co.	105%

118th FA BRIGADE

HHB 118th FA BDE	100%
Det. 1, 82nd Maint. Co.	101%
165th Sup. Co.	103%
HHB 1st BN 214th Arty	106%
Btry A, 1st BN 214th Arty	104%
Brty B, 1st BN 214th Arty	103%
Brty C, 1st BN 214th Arty	101%
HHB 2nd BN 214th Arty	101%
Brty A 2nd BN 214th Arty	103%
Brty B, 2nd BN 214th Arty	100%
Svc Btry 2nd BN 214th Arty	107%

HHD GAARNG	140%
ARNG Tng. Site	150%
75th Engr. Det.	103%

AIR GUARD STRENGTH

UNITS 100 PERCENT OR MORE AS OF MAY 31, 1981

165th TAG	108%
202nd EIS	100%

Guard to feel little impact of Selective Service plan

*VETERANS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICE ON SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS

*GUARDSMEN ON ACTIVE DUTY MAY NOT SERVE ON SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS

* PERSONS RETIRED FROM SERVICE IN THE GUARD ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ON SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARDS

By B.I. Diamond

Local Selective Service boards are being reinstituted across Georgia this month and qualified citizens are being sought to serve on them, the director of the state Selective Service System has announced.

The announcement, said Maj. Gen. Billy M. Jones, appointed to head the state system in December by Gov. George Busbee, will have little direct impact on National Guardsmen.

The major effect is to prohibit Guardsmen, either current members, or retirees, from serving on local boards. A member who is discharged from service, but NOT retired, is eligible to apply for service on a board.

Other criteria for appointment include:

*Citizen of the United States between the ages of 18 and 60.

*NOT a member of the active armed forces (including reserves or retirees from service).

*Veterans are eligible for appointment

*NOT already have served as a local board member for a total of 15 or more years.

Jones said 58 local boards of five members each will be organized. Some 12 State Area Offices are also planned, but these will be manned only if Congress declares a National Emergency.

Currently, young men, including those who are members of the Guard, reaching their 18th birthday are only required to register with the Selective Service System at their local post office.

Unlike Selective Service Boards of the past, only requests for deferments or exemptions will be decided upon, and then only after conscription is approved by Congress.

"If an individual ordered to report for induction feels that he has just cause not to be inducted," Jones noted, "he can go to his local board and state his reasons. Such reasons include claims for extreme hardship, members of the clergy, conscientious objectors, and postponements for students – college students in their senior year or other college students until the end of the current semester.

Jones said that in the event of a national emergency, a national lottery will determine by birthdate who will be notified of induction.

Questions regarding a Guardsman's status with the Selective Service System, or possible appointment to a board should be addressed to the Region II Office, Selective Service System, 805 Walker St., Marietta, Ga. 30060. Tel: (404) 429-6602, 429-6664.

The decision to reinstitute the boards came after tests in Maryland and Kentucky demonstrated that the processing provided by them could put 100,000 men in uniform within four weeks of induction. Without an established system, Jones added, it would take an additional four to five weeks to prepare inductees to meet a national emergency.