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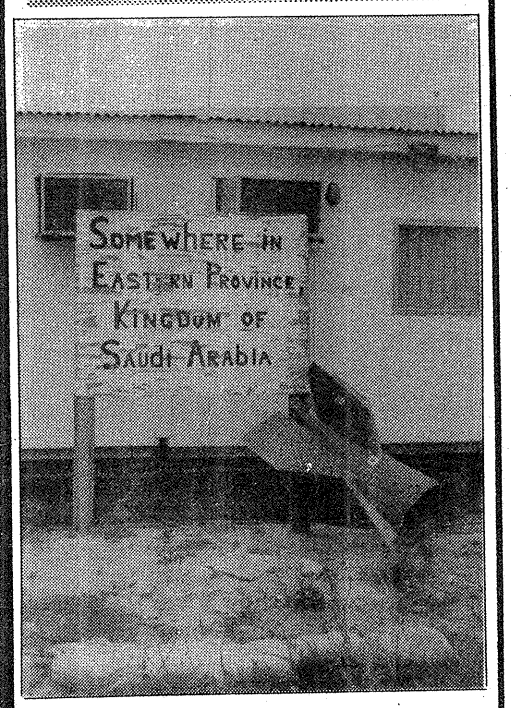

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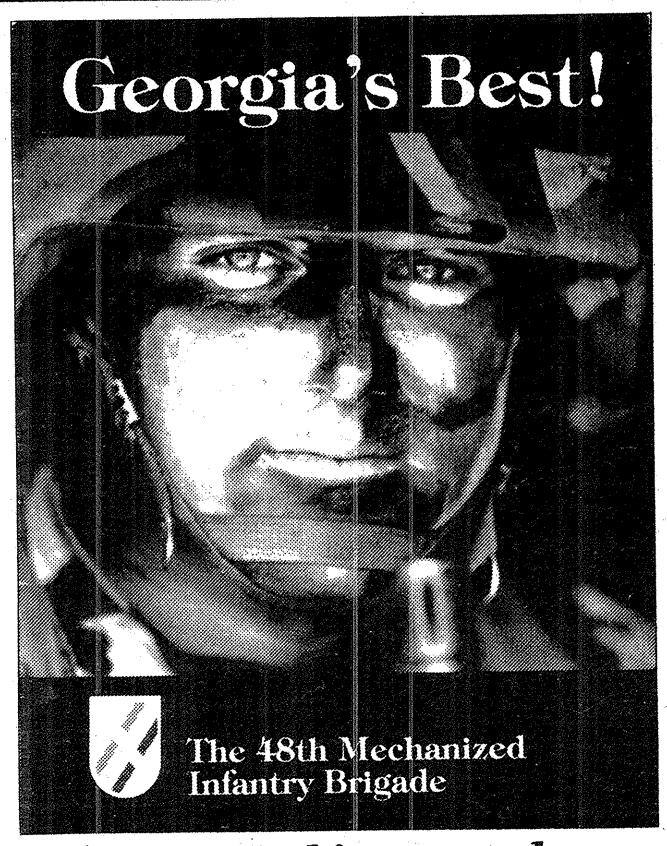
48th Brigade's recruiting book

Recruiting high quality people into the Guard is a never-ending job. So when the Macon-based 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) published a recruiting piece that would dazzle, there was no half-stepping. The result is *"Georgia's Best"* — a slick, 28-page brochure profiling the brigade.

Produced over several months by the State Recruiting and Retention Office, the book took shape under the direction of Sgt. 1st Class Ben Livesay, marketing NCO. The book tells the brigade story in words and vivid color photographs. Included is a brief history of the brigade, and profiles of each battalion.



How the Air Guard deals with change

The news stunned Georgia's Air National Guard: the 116th Fighter Wing, 50 years a tactical unit, may be redesignated by the Air Force as a B-1 strategic bomber group. As well, the 116th heard it may move from Marietta's Dobbins AFB to Robins AFB, in Warner Robins, 100 miles south.

The men and women of the 116th may well grapple with the realities of a downsized military.

For a look at what this possible move means to these dedicated airmen, **see pages 4 through 7.**

CENTERPIECE

Fighting a war of a different sort

The Georgia Guard plays a vital role in the state's ongoing war on drugs. Guard members — who must remain anonymous — spend days aboard helicopters, in four-wheel-drive vehicles, and in squad cars, searching for marijuana crops from the hills of north Georgia to the piney woods in the south.

For an inside look at how these soldiers fight a different kind of war, **see pages 10-11.**

Nesbitt named new chief of staff

Col. William T. Nesbitt has been appointed Chief of Staff of the Georgia Army National Guard. He replaces Col. Alfred E. Childres who is retiring.

In his new position, Nesbitt will also be Executive Administrative Officer to the Adjutant General. He has been the Plans, Operation and Training Officer since 1988 and will begin his new duties immediately.

VIP visits camp

Deborah R. Lee, assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Component Affairs, visited the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) in July. Lee, a recent Clinton appointee, received a whirlwind tour of Fort Stewart's National Guard Training Center (NGTC) during the brigade's annual training period. **Story on page 3.**

AT '93: Part Two

The 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) finished its second of two nine-day annual training periods in 1993 in July, enduring the heat and humidity of Fort Stewart.

Medics handled mass casualties, while infantrymen operated and maintained Bradleys. The brigade's artillery implemented a new doctrine. Several battalions underwent changes of command.

For the details, **see pages 14 through 16.**

THE MILITARY BEAT

Commissary all the time?

Nothing may come of it, but the director of the Defense Commissary Agency, Maj. Gen. Richard Beale, thinks guard members should have full commissary privileges.

They are now limited to 12 commissary visits per year.

"If you take the strings off and give them full benefits, it allows us to capture those sales and keep the trust fund robust," Beale said.

The trust fund pays for "a fairly significant part" of commissary operations. Keeping it robust means Congress has to appropriate less money for them.

And Beale sees a "spin" benefit to opening commissaries to fuller use by guard members.

"There is a direct correlation between shoppers in the commissary and shoppers in the exchange system," he said. Profits from military exchange stores go into morale, welfare and recreation funds.

The commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), Maj. Gen. Albin G. Wheeler, has been urging guard members to make better use of the benefits they already have.

"Our surveys indicate less than 30 percent (of guard members and their families) know they have the BX/PX privilege, and less than 20 percent are exercising that privilege."

Look for an expanded education and outreach program directed at guardsmen.

Credit-card ID

Next year, a new machine-readable, tamper-resistant ID card will be issued that's expected to make forged and faked military identification cards a thing of the past.

The credit-card-sized IDs will look much like existing cards, but a security feature will make counterfeiting almost impossible.

The computer-generated cards will carry a four-character code linked to an individual's social security number. That number is stored in a central data base. If a number shows up that's not in the data base, it's a fake.

Another security feature will be lamination bonding directly to plastic-coated ID paper. These days, photos are glued to the paper and, because the existing laminate can be peeled away, it's possible for the "bad guys" to replace a legit photo with a fake.

The new cards will also have bar codes, meaning they could be used in dining facilities, clubs and other facilities.

Helping the neighbors

You know about the Youth Challenge program, starting up this fall in Georgia. But it's not the only novel enterprise. Nationwide, the guard is involved in some interesting and unusual experiments.

Youth Challenge is one. Another is called Star Base. It's a five-day course for school-aged children.

"The idea is to expose inner city school kids to real-world applications of math and science," said Deborah Lee, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

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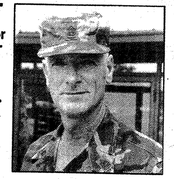
New CSM pushes TQM

By CSM JOHN H. LANE
State Command Sergeant Major



Many people have asked me how I will approach this job of being the lightning rod in the state for the enlisted soldiers of the Georgia Army National Guard. The answer is simple: my goal is to make enlisted soldiers feel that they have input — a voice in a big, complex system.

There's no doubt we are in a period of great change in the Georgia Guard. We're better off than some states, but we still have many challenges and obstacles to overcome. I think that sometimes soldiers feel left out of the loop, as though they have no voice in the big decisions that affect their military careers.

To a degree, that's true.

With so many decisions being made on the command level under budgetary pressure from the Pentagon, it's difficult to weigh all the human considerations and listen to all the voices. But we're in the soldier business, and the success of our organization depends on how well we take care of our own.

TQM — Total Quality Management — is a buzzword that you hear often in business circles these days, and now it has become a part of the military. The command structure of the Georgia Guard has embraced it. It's a concept of management that I believe in, because it takes people into account.

A while back I attended a class taught by Jim Shafe, who developed TQM. I found it interesting, informative and enlightening. Under TQM, there is a continuing open dialogue between management and employees. Management incorporates this dialogue into its decision-making. In the military, soldiers become "customers." It's like Wal-Mart, a company that provides what customers need and want. It uses a lot of questionnaires to get input from customers. In the Guard, we will continually seek input from you.

That's one of the basic principles of TQM — to be successful, the organization must have input from its people.

I hope to provide a strong link on enlisted matters between soldiers and the adjutant general and the assistant adjutant general, so they can make decisions that are, first, good for the Georgia Army Guard, and second, good for the individual.

That's the role of the Command Sergeant Major. I'll work for you. I'll be your eyes and ears. I'll be with you in the field.

But for the organization to be successful, you must be successful. I am a big believer in upward mobility as a bridge to success. Continue your military education as well as your civilian education. Move up or move out.

If we don't retain our quality soldiers in the Georgia Army Guard, we're going to be out of business.

Proposed changes to be far-reaching

By BG STEPHEN G. KEARNEY
Commander, 116th PW

With a recent Air Force message announcing that the F-15s currently assigned to the 116th Fighter Wing would be replaced by B-1 bombers, and that the 1,250-member unit would be relocated from Dobbins Air Force Base to Robins AFB, one can see the extraordinary changes which the military and National Guard is undergoing.

The announcement did not suggest specific dates for this proposed conversion, numbers of aircraft to be assigned to the unit, nor the number of personnel required to perform the bomber mission. It did state that a number of environmental studies, unit relocation costs, construction requirements and other associated studies must be performed before a final decision is made.

I would be less than honest if I said I was not concerned with this proposed conversion.

We have a long and proud history in fighters at Dobbins. Our people, furthermore, are citizen-soldiers from communities throughout Cobb County and north Georgia.

The economic impact of the unit to the community is significant. We consider ourselves an integral part of the community and have served our friends and neighbors during recent emergencies and disasters, an example being the recent snowstorm and numerous tornadoes.

Since the beginning of the year, we have been actively pursuing the acquisition of the F-15E aircraft. It is our judgment that this aircraft would be the best decision for our unit and would guarantee to keep the unit at Dobbins. However, we plan to pursue other options as well which would allow us to remain in Marietta.

Our priorities for the 116th Fighter Wing are, in order, survival of the flying unit, regardless of aircraft type; remaining at Dobbins; maintaining our employment as close as possible to its current manning level, and; remaining as a fighter unit.

If we reach a point where the B-1B is determined to be the best or only alternative available, then I am convinced we will become the very best B-1B outfit in the total force. This is the proud heritage of the 116th.

A final decision has not been made and other options are being considered. My primary concern and highest priority is the well-being of the wing personnel and their families. Whatever the decision, I know that each member of this unit will continue to perform at the high levels expected.

DOD official predicts bright future for Guard

By Capt. ALAN FECTEAU
48th Brigade PAO

Guard members may never "have to wear shades," but the future still looks bright for the Guard.

That's the clear message from Deborah R. Lee, assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, who visited Georgia Army National Guard troops at Fort Stewart's National Guard Training Center (NGTC) during annual training in July.

Lee, described by Georgia's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. William P. Bland Jr., as "the most informed person in Washington on the reserve components," stated the future roles and missions for the Guard and Army Reserve will be expanded and geared toward domestic applications.

"You are already heading in the direction in this state with your ongoing statewide immunization effort," Lee said, addressing a gathering at the NGTC. "The spring snowstorm in Georgia and the heavy flooding up and down the Mississippi highlight the need for a strong guard and reserve."

VIEW FROM THE TOP — *Deborah R. Lee, assistant Secretary of Defense for reserve component affairs, watches maneuvers performed by soldiers in the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized). Lee is flanked by Maj. Gen. William P. Bland Jr., adjutant general. (Photo by Spec. Mike Carr, 124th PAD)*

Bland and Lee toured Fort Stewart's training area, visiting tank crews and field artillery batteries, where Lee fired a 155mm howitzer.

A longtime aide to the Secretary of Defense Les Aspin, Lee was confirmed by the Senate early this summer.

WHAT SHE SAYS

Q: Will the round-up program continue?

A: I expect it will. It's been a great success. We have to have a plan to hit the ground running with the Post Mobilization Training.

Q: Has the Department of Defense studied the way Israel utilizes its reserve forces?

A: It's the way to go in the future, to have small active duty and large reserve forces.

Q: Do you think the traditional anti-reserve attitude still prevails in the Pentagon?

A: Secretary Aspin is a great supporter of the guard, and attitudes are changing in the Pentagon. Aspin is really pushing for guard and reserve readiness.

INSIDE
The Army Guard

48th returns to two-week AT

Guard members with the Macon-based 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) will attend annual training during a traditional two-week period in August of 1994.

That marks a change from this year, when the brigade tried scheduling two nine-day AT periods; the first in April, and the second in July.

The dual period system had some attractiveness, but Col. William T. Thielemann, brigade commander, said the brigade's leadership assessed the options and decided to revert to the more traditional approach.

"We considered the fact that it takes two or three days to acclimate to the weather and that takes away from training time," Thielemann said.

Thielemann added that questions of employer support entered the decision-making process, but wre not major factors.

"It affects some of the membership because we have about 400 students and teachers in the brigade. But there's no perfect time to go to camp from that standpoint. Training considerations were paramount in the decision," Thielemann explained.

High school drop-outs get another chance

More than 140 students from across the state are reporting this month for the first class in the Georgia Youth Challenge Program. Georgia is one of 10 states to offer the pilot program which is designed to give at-risk high school drop-outs "another opportunity to succeed."

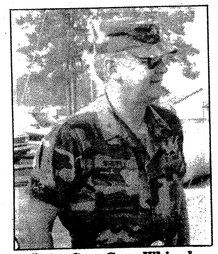
Students attend a five-month class in residence at Fort Stewart's National Guard Training Center, during which they have an opportunity to earn GEDs. Youth Challenge students also receive classes in "life skills" such as personal finance, career planning and drivers education.

Col. Don Burdick is director of the program, taught in a structured, military environment. After graduation, the students will return to their hometowns to work in the community under the guidance of mentors — who will be Guard members or community leaders.

Read more about Youth Challenge in the next issue of the *Georgia Guardsman*. In the meantime, those interested in learning more about the program should call (404) 624-6145.

Guard launches TQM training

Army and Air Guard members across the state can expect to become involved in Total Quality Management (TQM) in coming months. Capt. Jean Specht has been named TQM coordinator for the Georgia National Guard and is looking for instructors and facilitators. Experience in classroom teaching is helpful but not required. Interested? Call Capt. Specht at (404) 624-6113.



Brig. Gen. Gary Whipple

FORSCOM brass visits battalion at NGTC

By Capt. ALAN FECTEAU
48th Brigade PAO

Maintaining the Army's high-tech equipment is an ongoing challenge for Guard members, who train with their tracked vehicles for fewer days per year than their active-duty counterparts.

Meeting that challenge was a central theme to a July annual training visit to troops from the 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery, by Brig. Gen. Gary J. Whipple, deputy commanding general for Army National Guard Training at Forces Command (FORSCOM).

"Today is a look at maintenance, and I hope to talk to some soldiers about how the (annual training period) went," Whipple said, prior to visiting the battalion's motor pool area at Fort Stewart's National Guard Training Center (NGTC).

Assigned to his current position in December of last year, Whipple had been a psychology professor at Louisiana's Nicholls State University. In the Louisiana Army National Guard, Whipple had served as both deputy commander and commander of that state's 256th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized).

Ga. Air Guard unit may fly B-1 bombers

By Maj. KEN BALDOWSKI
Air Guard PAO

Months of rumors about the fate of Georgia's 116th Fighter Wing at Dobbins Air Force Base ended recently with the Air Force's announcement that the Marietta unit will be assigned B-1B bombers and moved to Robins AFB at Warner Robins.

The timetable is uncertain. Final decisions will be made after the completion of environmental impact studies, a thorough analysis of unit relocation expenses and a determination of construction costs and operating expenses for the new B-1B bomber.

Within an hour of the announcement in May, Georgia's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. William P. Bland Jr., and other leaders met with more than 300 full-time Guard members to answer questions.

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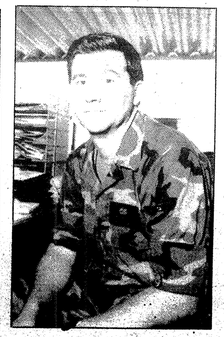


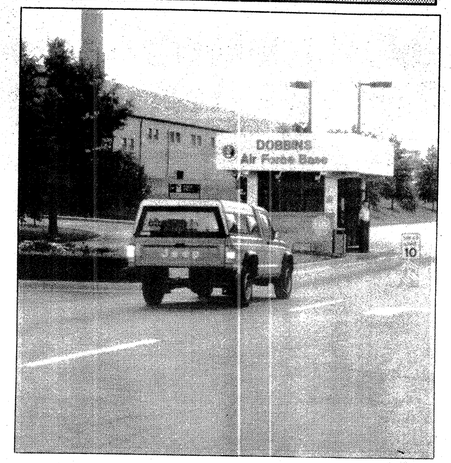
"The changes which have been announced confirm the significant changes underway in the structure and mission of today's Air Force," Bland said. "We see in this move a greater emphasis being placed on the Guard and Reserves to assume roles which were once traditional active duty missions."

The Air Force announced last year that some strategic bombers would be shifted to the Air National Guard as part of an overall force reduction and reorganization. To date, only Air Guard units in Kansas and Georgia have been identified to assume new missions and aircraft.

The announcement left many Guardsmen expressing uncertainty.

"If the unit moves, I'll likely go (with the unit)," said Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Freeland, chief of disaster preparedness. "With 22 years of service, I've got obligations to the unit. But I also have obligations to my family. I will not physically move to Warner Robins, but will commute on Tuesday and return on Friday. I've worked too hard for what I have here."

Avionics Technician Bud Williams, with 13 years service including seven in the 116th, said the cost of such a move "could be a big chunk of money."



He questioned the wisdom of moving from Dobbins, where more than $12 million has been spent in new construction over the past five years.

F-15 pilot Jim Murphy, a full-time Guard member, said, "I like Atlanta and I am settled here. However, conversion (to the B-1B) would be something I must seriously consider."

Weapons specialist Willie Waller said he'd relocate because he cannot afford to give up his job. But he added, "I'm not thrilled about the move. My roots are here. I've got my home here, my kids are in school and my wife has a job."

Tech Sgt. Samuel Sutherland of Cartersville, an F-15 crew chief, said he likely will not move. "I guess it would be good to have those jobs available in central Georgia, but as of now, I am not considering moving to Macon if the unit does move."

What about the 116th?

Even before the Georgia Air National Guard's 1,250-member 116th Fighter Wing moves from Dobbins Air Force Base to Robins AFB, the unit will be affected by Air Force restructuring.

The number of F-15s assigned to Marietta's 116th FW will be reduced from 24 to 18 by late 1993, according to an Air Force message.

The drawdown will affect the jobs of 26 full-time support and 73 part-time Guard member positions. Most of those positions are expected to be eliminated by attrition.

The 116th has flown F-15 Eagles for seven years.

Relocating Air Guard to Robins costly

The proposed relocation of the Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Fighter Wing from Marietta's Dobbins Air Force Base to Robins AFB could have a $46 million impact on Cobb County.

"We are not the largest employer in Cobb County, still $46 million would be withdrawn from the local community and would certainly have an impact on local merchants," said Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Kearney, commander of the 116th.

U.S. Rep. George "Buddy" Darden, whose 7th District includes Dobbins, said he'd review the "military significance" of the Air Force's decision, and its local impact.

During the past five years, more than $10 million has been spent on construction at Dobbins to support the F-15 mission.

Included is the sophisticated "Hush House," used for ground-testing aircraft engines, constructed in 1989 at $650,000. The base added a weapons maintenance building last year, at a cost of $987,000. And work has recently been completed on a $2.1 million munitions maintenance storage facility. That facility also has classrooms and offices.

"The investment has been made to make this base the ideal facility from which to conduct F-15 flying operations," Kearney said. And Dobbins is located in an area which ideal "to recruit highly skilled technical talent to fly and maintain the F-15 as well as future Air Force aircraft," Kearney explained.

Moving to Robins will be expensive. Estimated cost to move the current technician force of 229 is $5,038,000 — using a cost estimate of $22,000 per technician. Another 122 AGR positions are also affected.

Questions & Answers
About proposed move

Q: Does the recent announcement by the Secretary of the Air Force suggest that this is the only option for the 116th Fighter Wing?

A: No. The announcement provides very little in the way of additional information about the mission or the B-1B aircraft. This announcement does not suggest that the move to Robins and the B-1 is inevitable or "done-deal." Many environmental tests and cost analyses must be completed before a decision on this move is made.

Q: Is the B-1B Bomber the aircraft which will serve the needs of the Air Force in the future?

A: The B-1B is a sophisticated bomber which was designed specifically to carry out the strategic nuclear bombing role. As currently configured, the B-1B has a very limited conventional role which most military analysts suggest will be the scenario of future conflicts. The B-1B presently has significant performance problems and is an extremely costly aircraft to operate. As currently configured, the B-1B is incapable of being effectively employed in a conventional conflict.

Q: Are there any provisions in the current DoD budget to "fix" the problems with the B-1?

A: It is estimated that it could require over $2 billion in additional funding to repair, upgrade or enhance the B-1B system. With the current pressure on the Defense budget, it seems highly unlikely that Congress would commit additional funds to the B-1B program. Without these necessary upgrades, the B-1B remains limited in its mission capabilities.

Q: Was the 116th Fighter Wing offered other aircraft or missions other than the B-1?

A: No. The 116th had no input into the recent Air Force decision. No other options were proposed.

Q: The B-1B would require different facilities and support. What is the estimated cost to provide facilities at Robins, specifically designed for the B-1?

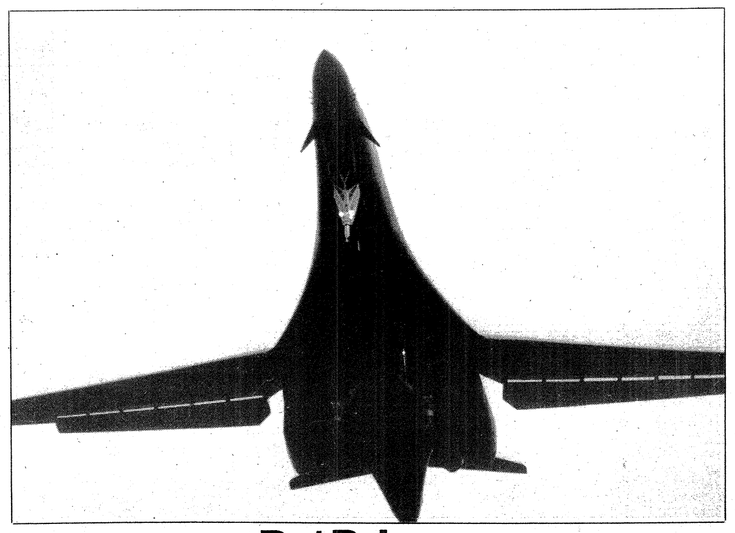
A: Preliminary estimates suggest over $60 million in new construction costs would be required to prepare Robins for the B-1B bomber.

Q: If no other option becomes available, what is the earliest date the move to Robins could possibly take place?

A: The earliest date for operations at Robins would be fiscal year 1996 or 1997.

Q: What can Guard members do to encourage the Air Force to reconsider the move?

A: The decision to move the unit has not been made. Much analysis must yet be performed before a final decision is made. Every citizen has the right to write or call his elected officials.



B-1B Lancer

Contractors: Rockwell International, North American Aircraft; Eaton Corp., AIL Systems; Boeing Military Airplanes; General Electric.

Power Plant: Four General Electric F101-EG-102 turbofans; each 30,780 pounds of thrust.

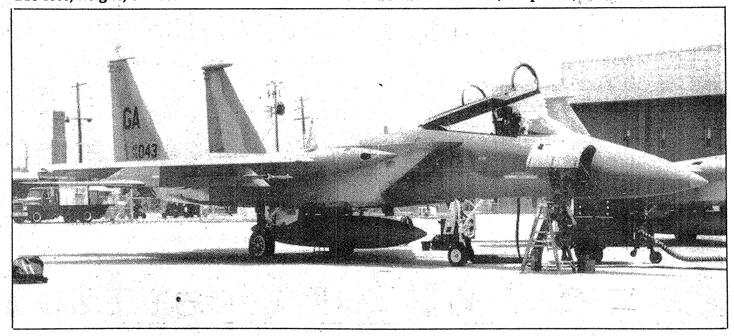
Accommodation: Four, including pilot, copilot, and two systems operators (offensive and defensive).

Dimensions: Span spread 136 feet, 8-1/2 inches; fully swept, 78 feet, 2-1/2 inches; length, 146 feet; height, 34 feet.

Weight: Empty equipped, 192,000 pounds; maximum operating weight, 477,000 pounds.

Performance: Maximum speed at low-level high subsonic (supersonic at altitude); range intercontinental.

Armament: Three internal weapons bays capable of accommodating in a nuclear role 24 AGM-69 short range attack missiles (SRAMS), 12 B28 or 24 B61 or B83 free-fall nuclear bombs; in a non-nuclear role, up to 84 Mk 82 (500-pound) bombs or Mk 36 (500-pound) mines.



F-15 Eagle

Contractor: McDonnel Aircraft Company, Division of McDonnel-Douglas Corp.

Power Plant: Two Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-100 or F100-PW 220 turbofans, each with approximately 23,450 pounds of thrust.

Accommodation: Pilot only.

Dimensions: Wing span of 42 feet, 9-3/4 inches; length, 63 feet, 9 inches; height, 18 feet, 5-1/2 inches.

Weight: Empty, 28,600 pounds; gross, 58,000 pounds.

Performance: Maximum speed, Mach 2.5; service ceiling, 60,000 feet; ferry range with external fuel tanks, more than 2,878 miles; with CFTs, 3,570 miles.

Armaments: One internally mounted M61A1 20-mm six-barrel cannon; four AIM-9L/M Sidewinder and four AIM-7F/M Sparrow air-to-air missiles, or eight AMRAAMs, carried externally.

116th history long, colorful

May, 1941.

Gov. Ed Rivers selects a prominent Atlanta attorney and former Air Corp flyer, George G. Finch, to organize the state's first flying unit. Finch forms the 128th Observation Squadron and mans it with former pilots and airline mechanics. It will be equipped with a variety of aircraft, including the BC-1A, O-46A, Stinson D-49 and the Curtis O-52 observation aircraft.

Sept. 15, 1941.

The 128th Observation Squadron, consisting of 16 officers and 102 enlisted men, is activated and inducted into the U.S. Army. Extensive training begins.

World War II.

At the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, there were 29 National Guard Observation Squadrons activated. The 128th flies anti-submarine missions off the U.S. coast and, later, is transitioned into a Bombardment Squadron flying B-17s in Europe.

Post-World War II.

At the end of the war, the unit is returned to reserve status and is redesignated the 128th Fighter Squadron. It expands and the 54th Fighter Wing, under command of Gen. George G. Finch, is formed to become the largest post-WWII Air Guard Wing. The 54th Fighter Wing consists of 56 elements in seven Southeastern states and is completely self-sufficient. Three fighter groups — the 116th, 117th and 118th, flying A-46, P-47 and P-51 aircraft — form the 54th Fighter Wing.

Oct. 10, 1950.

The 128th Fighter Bomber Squadron, by now flying F-84 jet fighters, is activated in support of the Korean conflict. Components are assigned to overseas duty in France, Japan and Korea. At war's end, the 116th and the 128th are redesignated as Fighter Bomber units and equipped with F-84 and F-86 Sabre jets.

April, 1961.

The 116th receives C-97 Stratofreighters and is assigned a transport mission. Operations with the C-97 take the 116th to bases around the world.

The 1960s.

During the Cuban missile crisis, C-97s were used to fly routine support missions to Thule, Greenland. In support of the Vietnam war, C-97s flew in "Operation Christmas Star" to deliver Christmas gifts and mail. As the C-97s age, the 116th is given C-124 Globemaster aircraft as replacements.

The 1970s.

The 116th receives F-100 Sabre fighters and redesignated as the 116th Tactical Fighter Group. After six years of flying the Super Sabre, the 116th transitions to F-105 Thunderchiefs, taking on "Wild Weasel" missions to search and destroy missile sites.

The 1980s.

In 1983, the 116th is converted from the F-105 to the F-4D. Today, the unit flies the F-15 Eagle in air-to-air combat missions.

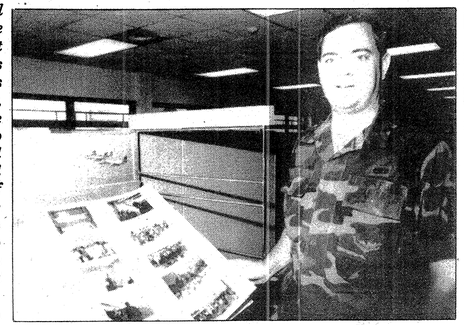
September, 1992.

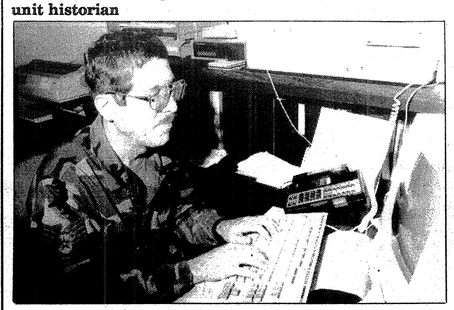
The unit celebrates its 50th anniversary. The 116th has been awarded seven Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, a distinction shared by no other fighter unit in the U.S. Air Force. Since its formation in 1941, the 116th has participated in every war or major conflict the country has faced. Most recently, some members of the 116th were called to active duty for domestic missions.

Reaction to the plan

"Regardless of the emotional aspects and the affects on the local community, the planned move appears to be extremely cost prohibitive based on numbers made available to us. In today's economy where budget-cutting, downsizing and reducing the deficit is the national priority, to carry through with this proposed move would be impractical as well as the needless spending of taxpayers' money. Those responsible for this decision process should make every effort to withdraw this plan in favor of a less costly and more practical alternative."

— Technical Sgt. Alan Langston, Delta engineer and unit historian





"I'm two years from retirement. I am not planning on moving to Robins if the unit is relocated there. I will go ahead and retire. However, if the unit stays at Dobbins, I may decide to spend a few more years in. As an individual, I do not like to see the unit moving from this area. It would be very disruptive to Guardsmen, their families and the community."

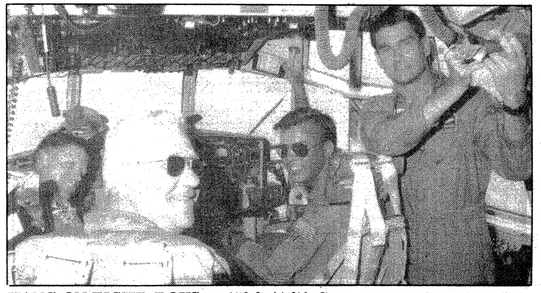
— Master Sgt. Bill Wodika, chief of support, 14-year-veteran of the 116th

"I don't know how it's going to affect me right now. It would be a long distance for me to drive each month. Until someone notifies me how this move will affect me, I remain in anticipation. I'm use to moving around since my father was active Air Force."

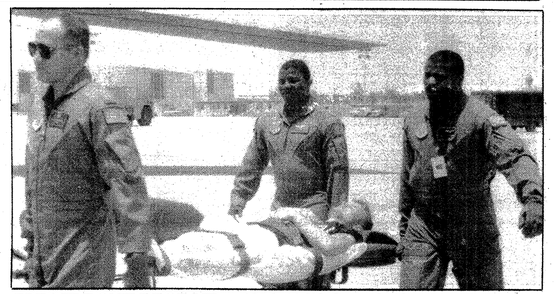
— Airman First Class Cheyne Rittenberry, administrative clerk, Georgia State student

"I have eight years flying the F-15. I'd consider the transition, but it will depend on my civilian job and how much time it will take away from my family."

— Capt. Roger Griffith, a Delta pilot with more than 800 hours in the F-15



HANG ON TIGHT, BOYS — *158th Airlift Group crew in the cockpit of a C-130H aircraft prepare for their next mission. From left are Capt. Brent Bell, Master Sgt. Robert Delamater, 1st Lt. Sterling Hart and Capt. Kenny Weaver.*



PLEASE DON'T DROP ME — *165th Airlift Group loadmasters Tech. Sgt. Dennis Smith (left) and Staff Sgt. Timmy Gaines (right) assist an unidentified medic in the course of transporting an airman for medical evacuation.*

165th enjoys return from Southern Watch

By Maj. FRANK BAKER
165TH Airlift Group PAO

For Tech. Sgt. Gary Wren, the living accommodations this time around were noted immediately, and appreciated.

No more long trips across the flightline in the middle of the night in search of a latrine. No more Meals, Ready-to-Eat (MRE) and 12-man tents.

On this deployment to Saudi Arabia, the Desert Storm veteran enjoyed hot meals and comfortable accommodations in Khobar Towers, complete with television and VCRs.

There were, too, the opportunities to play tourist, to visit the island of Bahrain and ride camels, to shop the local markets and to enjoy the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities.

But in between the fun moments, hard work abounded for Wren and the other 120 members of the Georgia Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Group, from Savannah, who deployed to Saudi Arabia in April and May to provide airlift support for Operation Southern Watch.

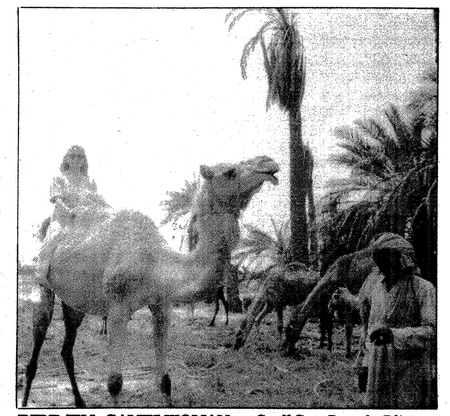
Southern Watch provides the air power to back up United Nations' sanctions against Iraq.

While in country, the 165th joined the 4404th Composite Wing (Provisional). Four C-130H "Hercules" aircraft and six crews — each including an aircraft commander, pilot, navigator, flight engineer and loadmaster — flew 85 missions (295 sorties) for a total of 615.6 flying hours.

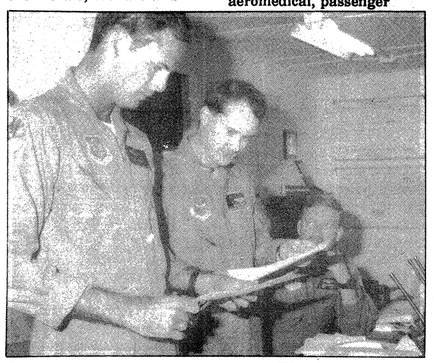
Missions included aeromedical, passenger shuttles, heavy equipment shuttles, supplies, mail and paratrooper drops, according to Lt. Col. Carl Powell, air operations officer. In addition to 1,091 tons of cargo, the crews shuttled 2,038 passengers between nine bases.

The "wrench benders" from the 165th CAMS made sure that not a single mission was lost due to aircraft maintenance. Once when a freak thunderstorm, with 70 mile-per-hour winds, blew the roof off a maintenance shack, crews rounded up hammers and nails to rebuild the facility.

"The teamwork displayed on the deployment was great, the best I've ever seen in all my years of going TDY," said Senior Master Sgt. Powell Harrelson, CAMS flight chief.



RIDE 'EM, CAMELWOMAN — *Staff Sgt. Beverly Blissett, of the 165th Airlift Group, enjoys a camel ride provided by one of the locals during a day of sight-seeing.*



GO FROM POINT A TO POINT B — *First Lt. Todd Rivers, Capt. Brian Berry and Capt. Benson Overton go over flight plans for missions over the Persian Gulf.*

SMILE REAL BIG — *A group of 158th Airlift Squadron loadmasters and flight engineers pose in the housing area. Front: Master Sgt. Sam Curry, Staff Sgt. John Brooks, Tech. Sgt. Aaron Mays; rear: Staff Sgt. T.J. Cowart, Tech. Sgt. Michael Dykes, Staff Sgt. Joel Rudd and Tech. Sgt. Chuck Parham.*

IT WON'T HURT — *Master Sgt. Judy Jones, of the 165th AG's tactical hospital, reassures a tot as Col. (Ret.) Sarah A. Henderson prepares to give an immunization.*

OPEN WIDE — *Maj. Earl Stanford, of the 165th AG's tactical hospital, administers a polio immunization to an infant who took part in Super Saturday II. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Leslie Branson, 165th Communications Squadron)*

ALL KIDS COUNT

165th AG gives shots for tots

Having won the Cold War, our attention has turned to solving problems in our back yard.

Children not immunized against preventable diseases is one of those problems. Georgia's Air National Guard in July joined forces with the Chatham County Health Department, Chatham Area Transit, and a group known as "All Kids Count," to sponsor Super Saturday II — an effort to immunize Savannah area pre-schoolers.

A total of 25 Air Guard medics — doctors, nurses and medical technicians — from the 165th tactical hospital provided shots for babies and school-age youngsters. The Air Guard members also provided eye, ear and dental exams. More than 340 children received more than 700 shots to protect them against seven childhood diseases.

As an enticement for children to participate, the Army Guard brought a helicopter for static display.

Area businesses, hospitals, emergency and law enforcement agencies took part. The Chatham County Police Department brought crash dummies Vince and Larry to delight the kids. And Boy Scout Troop 165, sponsored by the 165th, directed the large crowd and helped out where needed.

Providing this kind of community support is another way the Guard can serve the nation with a lessening of Cold War tensions, said Lt. Col. John Oldfield, 165th AG group commander.

GSDF aids Carter Center

Only hours before they were needed, the commander of the Georgia State Defense Force (GSDF) 1st Brigade, Col. T.M. Scott, got an urgent call for assistance.

Several volunteers with the Atlanta Project's immunization program had to cancel out at the last minute, leaving the project woefully undermanned.

The call went out for volunteers. And by the next morning, 14 GSDF members were on the job.

The GSDF mission was to distribute tickets to the 25 sites, obtain an accurate count of children immunized, and of those certified as up-to-date on shots.

THE TRANSISTOR IS CONNECTED TO THE CAPACITOR WHICH IS CONNECTED TO THE ... — *Chief Master Sgt. Jim Estes, avionics branch chief for the 165th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMS), explains functions performed in his radio shop to Sky Raiders campers. (Photo by Master Sgt. Ron Jetton, 165th Communications Squadron)*

ROTC students learn Guard story

For teenagers, leisurely summer days can open new worlds.

For 23 ninth-graders from A.E. Beach High School in Savannah, that new world showed itself in the form of a visit to the Air National Guard's 165th Airlift Group to enrich their knowledge of aviation activities.

The students participated in Beach High's Military Science Aviation Magnet Academy. Many of the youngsters are expected to enroll in colleges, to include the service academies, or in other aviation training programs.

The 165th tour was part of a two-week "Sky Raiders" camp conducted by ROTC with Beach High. The camp included classroom lectures, guest speakers and aviation industry site visits.

In addition to the 165th, students also toured Delta Airlines' Savannah operations, Army Guard facilities at Hunter Army Airfield and the Gulfstream Aerospace aircraft manufacturing plant.

Master Sgt. Russell Evans, of the 165th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMS) quality assurance section, conducted the tour.

Despite changes, 48th Brigade remains intact

By Capt. ALAN FECTEAU
48th Brigade PAO

Fall approaches, with the start of a new fiscal year. And the ongoing reorganization of several units within the Georgia Army National Guard is beginning to take shape.

The administrative and personnel changes, mostly affecting parts of the 48th Infantry Brigade, have nearly been finished.

Targeted recruiting in areas of Georgia, combined with MOS-qualification training in certain skills, should enhance the odds that Georgia will reorganize effectively.

"This is getting to be routine with us," said Sgt. 1st Class John C. Coker, readiness NCO for the soon-to-be-formed Company A, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, based in Covington. "We've been a line company before, and now we're back at it."

Coker said a few company vehicles had to be shipped to the 2nd Battalion's Company A in Valdosta. The Covington unit will acquire some Bradleys, and have to train a section of Bradley operators.

"You don't just fall in love with a Bradley," Coker said.

> *'It seems as if the state really worked for us, and had our best interests at heart.'*
> *— Sgt. 1st Class John Coker*

But beyond those changes, the unit will remain pretty much intact.

"It seems as if the state really worked for us, and had our best interests at heart," Coker concluded.

Other Georgia cities will also be able to keep guard units — but only after some swapping. Units currently housed in Jackson and Hinesville will trade places.

Company B, Detachment 1, of the 148th Forward Support Battalion has nearly completed a clean switch with Hinesville's 166th Maintenance Company.

"All of our equipment has been moved to Hinesville," said Sgt. 1st Class David W. Hunnicutt, readiness NCO for Company B, who will remain in Jackson as a member of the new 166th.

Swapping equipment is one thing. But transferring people is another. There's about 210 miles between Jackson and Hinesville. And the current 166th membership includes about 100 full-timers working at National Guard Training Center (NGTC).

Therefore, the number of 166th members willing to drill in Jackson have been few and far between. As a result, most 166th members will remain in Hinesville with the relocated Company B.

"The transition in our direction has been fairly good — above average," said Maj. David Young, company commander. "We'll kick off at about 85 percent of our strength, which is good. And the command cell including myself, the first sergeant and others, will be travelling from Jackson to Hinesville."

As for the other direction?

Hunnicutt admits time will be needed before the new 166th is filled with trained specialists. A recruiting effort — somewhere between "passive" and "massive" — will need to be put forth.

"It's really hard to tell (when the unit will be full)," Hunnicutt said. "We have a wider variety of MOSs now with all types of repair — not just vehicles, but also electronics."

Goodbyes in Quitman

Moving is tough for 50 soldiers

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR
124th PA Detachment

Members of Georgia's Army National Guard unit based in Quitman recently experienced a "moving" weekend drill — in more ways than one.

The 50 Guard members, most veterans of Operation Desert Storm, hauled equipment out of the Quitman armory during August drill and loaded it onto trucks. They bid farewell to buddies they had served with for years and locked the armory doors.

The armory, dedicated by then-Gov. Ernest Vandiver in 1960, is surrounded by moss-draped live oaks. The armory, like many others nationwide, is the victim of defense cuts.

Some Quitman Guard members will transfer to Valdosta, others to Perry, where all of the equipment has been shipped.

"We're like family," said Staff Sgt. Jones Thomas of nearby Dixie. "Everybody gets along. I feel like they're making a mistake, but we have to carry on."

The armory has been a community center and meeting place for 33 years. When soldiers aren't drilling, the building has been used for dances, family reunions and other social events in the community.

"It's definitely an asset to our community, and we hate to see it go," said Kerry Waldrin, city manager of Quitman, a town of about 5,000 located near the Florida line in south-central Georgia.

Brooks County officials want to use the building, but its fate is still unknown, Waldrin said.

The armory is one of two being closed in the state as the Georgia Army National Guard slims down from about 10,000 members to 8,500. Reidsville, in southeast Georgia, will also lose its armory.

As Guards members hauled furniture, weapons and tools out of the building, some expressed regrets about the closing, but predicted they'll adjust.

"I'm going to miss my buddies," said Sgt. Darrell Carter, a mechanic who has drilled at Quitman since 1986. "Overall, we're going to adapt to the situation. Things will be all right."

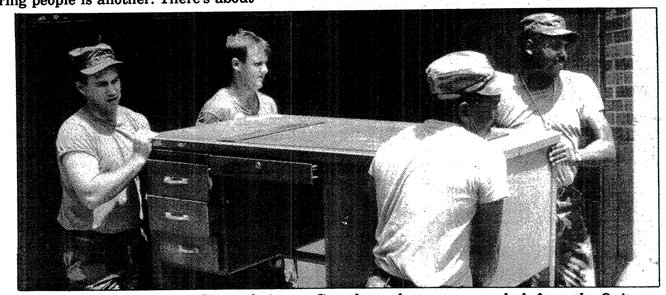
The closing created uncertainty for some.

"Some people are upset, depending on their rank, as to whether they can get the same positions or better positions," said Sgt. Dupree Walker, who will transfer to Valdosta. "It's going to be a different unit. You'll have to take what's available."

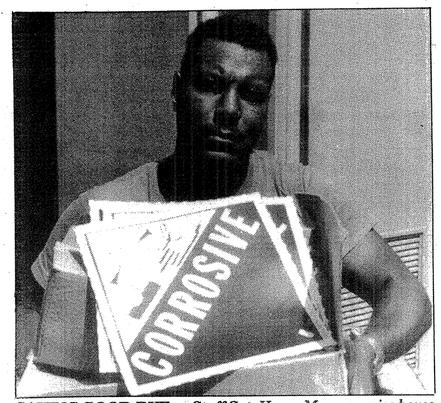
Quitman's unit — Detachment 1, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry — will be re-formed in Perry.

First Lt. Willie Harris, a platoon leader, will transfer to Perry. He had served in Quitman since 1991.

"It's like starting over again," said Harris, a civil service worker at the Marine Corps Logistics base in Albany. "I know everybody here, and not I have to go up there and start over again."



A MOVING EXPERIENCE — *Quitman Guard members remove a desk from the Quitman armory, which has been shut down during the Guard's ongoing reorganization. Many unit members say they'll miss the camaraderie associated with the unit. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor, 124th PAD)*



SAYING GOOD-BYE — *Staff Sgt. Henry Moore carries boxes out of the Quitman armory for the final time. (Photo by Spec. Emory Minor, 124th PAD)*

Busted — Drug task force combs Georgia mountains

By Spec. MIKE CARR
124th PA Detachment

More than two years have past since members of the Georgia Army National Guard returned from Operation Desert Storm. Once they were home, they received well-deserved parades, honoring their call to duty.

There is another group of Guard members who have been fighting a war on Georgia soil. Their names are not made public. Few people other than the law enforcement agencies they assist know about the job they do.

Since 1989, a small group of dedicated men and women of the Georgia Guard's Counter Drug (CD) program have been supporting federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in their fight to halt the smuggling and production of drugs in Georgia.

Lt. Col. Ted Childers is Georgia's Counter Drug Coordinator; he oversees the Guard's role in this war, fought from the coastal marshes to the Appalachian mountains. Childers is the only Guard member who will be identified in this article for reasons of security. That is a shame, because Army and Air Guard members serving in the CD program are working side-by-side with U.S. Customs agents, searching containers at Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport, and the docks of Savannah. All around the state they provide ground and aerial surveillance, intelligence analysis, and administrative and logistics support to a multitude of law enforcement agencies in Georgia's war on drugs.

Their names can't be told, but the job these Counter Drug guardsmen do is an important one.

Joining a raid

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency says domestically-grown marijuana is now the most potent "grass" in the world; thanks to hybridization, careful cultivation and advances in the fields of plant biology and hydroponic horticulture.

I drove I-85 to the mountains north of Atlanta, to meet with a team from the Georgia Governor's Task Force (GTF) Marijuana Eradication Program. It was hard to imagine these fog-shrouded foothills produced marijuana so potent and profitable that it surpasses the Jamaican and Columbian pot of 20 years ago.

The GTF teams are led by agents from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. Georgia CD Guard members and airmen, who fly UH-1 and OH-58 helicopters and work with the ground teams, are integral members of the task force. All members of the GTF wear the same uniform: olive drab fatigue trousers, blue T-shirts and black caps. The other law enforcement agencies represented were the Georgia State Patrol, the state Department of Natural Resources, the state Forestry Commission and the U.S. Forest Service.

It was during the second week of June, early in the growing season, that the GTF south team was in Gainesville lending a hand to the north team.

I arrived at the hotel as they were preparing to split up for work in Dawson and White counties. The forecast was for the 90s, so plenty of water and Gatorade was loaded.

I rode with the NCOIC of the GTF south team to the Gainesville airport so I could meet the aircrew that was performing pre-flight checks on their aircraft.

While the crews tested their fuel and inspected hydraulic lines, a B-52s song that was most fitting played on a radio. "Take me down to where the good stuff grows" was the chorus. "We feel like we're making a difference," said one captain, a pilot in his third year with the CD program. "One plant can bring in thousands of dollars on the street."

During the drive to Dawson County to meet with the ground team, the NCOIC explained the CD Guard members were strictly in support roles during the raids on the marijuana fields. "We're a force multiplier for the civilian agencies," he said.

Georgia Guard members who are accepted into the CD program are "a notch above the rest," according to the NCOIC. They must pass a more thorough criminal background check, submit to more frequent urinanalysis and pass an integrity evaluation.

The ground team was staged at the Dawson County Sheriff's Office for a short while when a GSP helicopter spotted some suspected marijuana on private property only a mile away.

As the GSP aircraft hovered over the area, the GTF ground team rolled up in force, fanning out into the woods to look for the dope. Once in the thick brush, a young sergeant led the way to find the pot.

The sergeant told me he had served with the active Army infantry during the Gulf War; when he wasn't working full-time with the CD program, he was with the 1st Battalion, 121 Infantry.

The team couldn't find the plant that the air crew spotted, but they now said that two additional patches had been located and that a subject who appeared to be watering the plants was running from the area.

Part of the ground team piled into a sheriff's car and sped off to the location. The woods were not as thick and the aircrew led them to two small patches of marijuana, each containing 21 plants. The ground team followed the grower's trail for a short ways, but he eluded capture.

Returning to the location of the first sighting, it was learned that the other ground team members had tasted success. A five-foot marijuana plant was finally located in the woods, growing in a large tub. The woman living in the house on the property denied any knowledge of the plant and wouldn't consent to have the house searched.

The GBI agents started the investigation and the NCOIC and I hit the highway to White County.

Shortly after lunch two CD "Hueys" took off from a field adjacent to a RV dealership in Cleveland, the county seat. On board each was a GSP trooper acting as an observer. Ten minutes later, the radios crackled and the NCOIC called out, "We got dope!"

A three-truck convoy sped out of town, the lead truck hauling a trailer with an all-terrain vehicle called "the mule."

About three miles from town we spotted the Huey hovering over a wooded area.

When the convoy halted, GBI agent Dell Kirkland zipped a pair of snake chaps over his trousers and stormed off into the bush. Joining him were two White County lawmen, William Gunn and Eddie Freeman; both of whom previously attached to the Appalachian Drug Task Force.

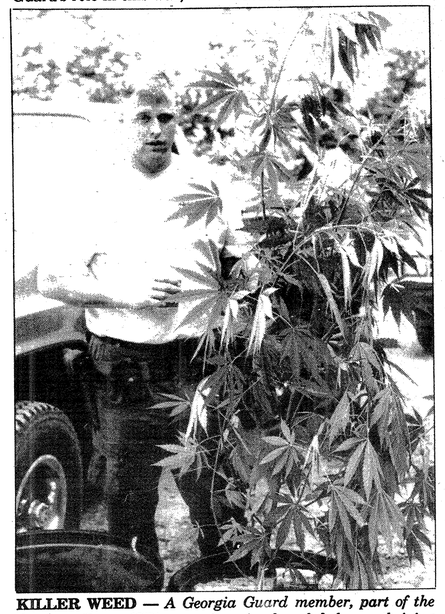
They found the first patch of five-foot-tall plants about 100 yards from the road. Kirkland examined the plants. "Afghani pot," they are called on the street, because of their unusually large leaves, he said.

The plants were pulled and the team moved to the next patch using directions from the Georgia Guard helicopter. Breaking thick brush in 90-degree heat soon had the lawmen drenched in sweat. "This is the kind of cooperation we need!" said Freeman, who smiled as he shouted over the rotor wash of the "Huey."

The team confiscated 40 plants. Local residents perhaps alerted by the "Huey" gathered on the road to watch the scene. Some told the team members who they thought the marijuana might belong to. The lawmen chuckled when the people left.

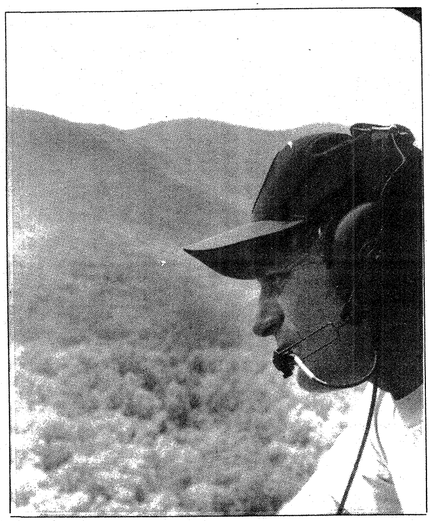
"It always belongs to someone else," said one.

Had the plants made it to market, each would have fetched $2,200, according to Kirkland. Little wonder that so many people are willing to take the chance.



KILLER WEED — *A Georgia Guard member, part of the Counter Drug (CD) program, is dwarfed by a thriving marijuana plant nabbed during a north Georgia raid.*

AFTERNOON MISSION — *A Georgia Guard UH-1H "Huey" lifts off from a make-shift landing zone, in Cleveland, during a marijuana eradication mission in White County.*



EYE IN THE SKY — *A Georgia State Patrol officer scans the hills for signs of marijuana cultivation over White County.*

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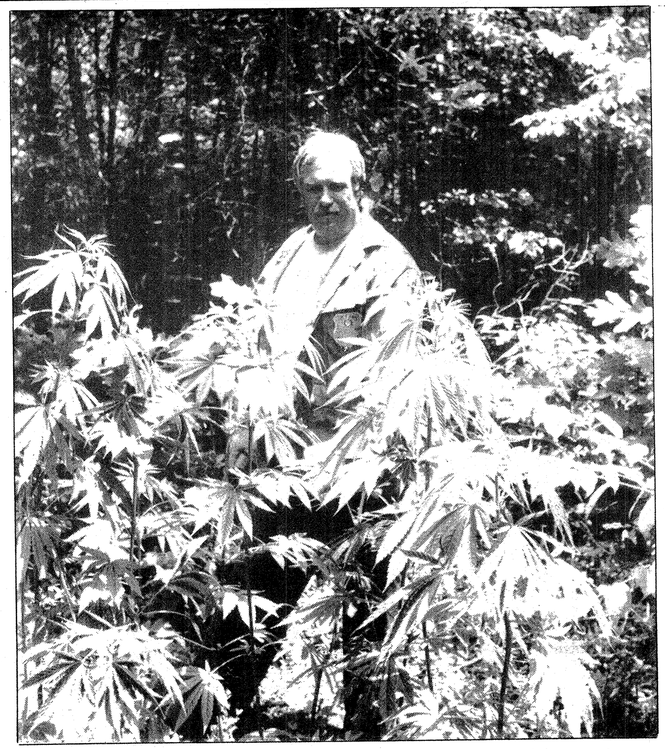


NO MARKET FOR THIS CROP — *A GBI agent inspects a plot of cannabis sativa that was spotted from a Georgia Army Guard helicopter in White County.*

PIT STOP — *A Georgia Guard member with the Counter Drug (CD) program prepares to refuel a UH-1H "Huey" helicopter during a mission in White County.*

Another year in the dirt for task force

As the fiscal year comes to a close, the numbers tell the story of just how successful the Georgia Guard's Counter Drug program is.

As the September issue of *Georgia Guardsman* went to press, the figures from Oct. 1, 1992, to July 31, 1993, were totaled:

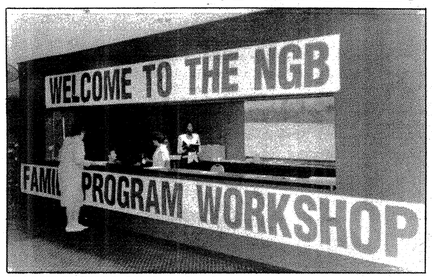
Marijuana plants seized — 29,592, estimated value $65,102.400. An additional 402.2 pounds of dried and processed marijuana was also confiscated, its value estimated at $884,400.

A total of 109.35 pounds of cocaine in powder, liquid and "crack" forms were seized.

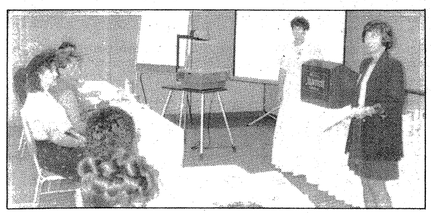
Over half a pound of heroin, almost two pounds of hashish and 3,204 "hits" (doses) of LSD were taken off the streets of Georgia.

Also seized, according to the Counter Drug operations officer, were 32 vehicles, 56 weapons, $145,140 in miscellaneous property and $564,114 in cash. Two-hundred and sixteen arrests have also resulted.

"It's gone real well this summer, we've been very successful," said Lt. Col. Ted Childers, the CD coordinator. "We plan to keep our manning strength the same in the coming year, about 70 guardsmen year-round with another 30 during the marijuana growing season."



FAMILY SUPPORT — *Conferees met recently in downtown Atlanta to discuss what's in store for Guard families at the annual Family Program Workshop. Below, southeast representatives exchange ideas, as Florida's Bobbi Hall and Sharon Peters, a volunteer from West Virginia, lead the discussion. (Photo by Capt. Alan Fecteau, 48th Brigade PAO)*



How downsizing affects military families discussed at conference

By Capt. ALAN FECTEAU
48th Brigade PAO

Recently popular federal government terms like "downsizing" and "building down" carry a great deal of significance to Guard members everywhere.

Guard members regularly ask themselves the basic questions. Will my unit be deactivated? Reorganized? Will I be forced to drive far from home to weekend drills?

But, the impact does not stop with Guard members. Families of Guard members must also adjust to the size and shape of the total force to come.

At the recent fourth annual National Guard Bureau Family Program Workshop in Atlanta, Guard family program planners did not, of course, arrive equipped with crystal balls.

But nevertheless, they tried to see into the future. And planners predicted more coordination between active installation Family Support Centers (FSCs) and the community-based family programs sponsored by the guard.

"With downsizing and the bases closing and everything else, the active Army simply will not have the resources to provide all the direct services they have been providing," explained Dorothy Ogilvy-Lee, chief of NGB's Office of Family Programs.

"I think what you're going to find is much more coordination with the Guard, and much more use of community-based resources," Ogilvy-Lee said. "In a way you'll see the active component become more like the Guard."

Attending the workshop, dubbed "Meeting the Challenges of a Smaller Force Through Strong Families," were planners representing State Area Commands (STARCs) throughout the Guard system.

"With downsizing, I think the state missions will become very important," said Bobbi Hall, Florida's family program coordinator.

"We'll see guard members mobilized to build schools and do many of the things we've been doing overseas," said Nancy Rizzo, North Carolina's top family planner.

With state mobilizations supplementing larger call-ups — like in response to Operation Desert Storm — Guard family planners will be challenged to organize programs for families that are routinely spread wide and thin throughout a given state.

"On active duty you can call a meeting and have 5,000 families show up," said Rizzo, who worked 12 years at Fort Bragg's Army Community Services (ACS) office. "In the Guard you can't do that. We have 103 armories in North Carolina."

In response, several state family planners have divided work by geography. "We divided our state into eight regions," Rizzo said. "I have eight regional managers care for those areas."

Minorities to become majority in GA Guard

If demographic trends hold, up to 75 percent of future recruits in some areas will be ethnic or social minorities — women, Hispanic-Americans and African-Americans, says Lt. Col. Baxter C. Howell, Georgia Army Guard human resource equal opportunity officer.

"There will be white males left in the Georgia Army National Guard in the future, but not in as great a percentage as exists today," Howell said. Howell urges Georgia Guard leaders to "become involved with the cultural diversity issues today."

In a report prepared after attending a national conference on issues affecting minorities, particularly Hispanics, Howell noted Hispanics are the nation's fastest growing minority population.

In parts of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Florida, Hispanics account for more than 60 percent of the population.

GA Guard museum needs artifacts

You can't have a museum without first having something to display. Chief Warrant Officer Rich Elwell and Staff Sgt. Gail Parnelle need help locating photos, drawings, documents and other artifacts that tell the story of Georgia's militia and National Guard.

"We have quite a bit of written information," said Elwell, command historian. "But we are searching for visuals and artifacts (gear and weapons) to help tell our story."

Elwell and Parnelle realize some folks may not want to part with a treasured document or photograph; in such a case they only ask for the opportunity to make a copy of the item.

Objects donated will be treated with the utmost care. "We will protect original items with good security and conservation techniques," said Parnelle, museum curator at State Area Command (STARC).

Anyone with items to donate or information regarding where to locate displays are asked to call or write: CWO3 Rich Elwell, P.O. Box 17965, Atlanta, Ga., 30316-0965, (404) 624-6061; Staff Sgt. Gail Parnelle, P.O. Box 3810, Jackson, Ga. 30233, (404) 938-4385; or Maj. Clint Perkins, P.O. Box 17965, Atlanta, Ga., 30316-0965, (404) 624-6140, AV 338-6140. Perkins is executive director of the Georgia Militia and National Guard Society.

FUN AGAIN: *'Somewhere, somehow, we've got to put some fun back into our business'*

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR
124th PA Detachment

If the Georgia Army National Guard's new command sergeant major has his way, it's going to be fun again to be a part-time soldier.

"We have got to get our leaders involved in TQM. We've got to develop a user-friendly attitude because our soldiers are our customers," said Command Sgt. Maj. John H. Lane, 46, a 6-foot-6-inch Vietnam combat veteran and avid long-distance runner who finished Hawaii's grueling Iron Man competition in 1991.

TQM stands for "Total Quality Management," a concept that promotes teamwork and improves relations between managers and workers. TQM has been adopted by the military and by private industry.

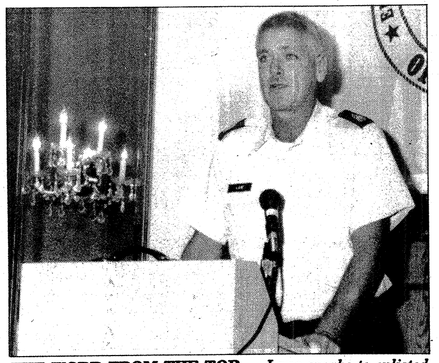
Lane said NCOs need to be more sensitive to the needs of soldiers and be willing to change.

"Somewhere, somehow, we've got to put some fun back into our business," he said. "You can't just go down there (Fort Stewart) and keep the soldiers going wide open for 15 days and expect them to go back to work on Monday morning. You've got to provide some quality time for our soldiers and their families."

Family problems and employment problems stemming from the demands of part-time soldering are two main reasons the Georgia Army National Guard lost 2,500 members last year, Lane said.

"We must do everything possible to retain the quality soldiers who will lead us into the future," Lane said.

He has already sent letters to every unit urging them to establish merit lists that would be used to determine who is the most qualified for promotion. A person's position on the merit list would be determined by civilian and military education, job performance, physical fitness and other factors. The list would let soldiers know more about their chances for promotion and what they need to do to improve their chances.



THE WORD FROM THE TOP — *Lane speaks to enlisted Guard members at conference.*

Among Lane's other goals are upward mobility for enlisted soldiers and innovative training.

He wants NCOs to be one step ahead in the NCO educational system of what is required for their current grade. That way they can take advantage of promotional opportunities when more responsible jobs become available.

NCOs also should be willing to serve anywhere in the state and should qualify for as many MOSs as possible, said Lane, who has held at least five MOSs ranging from combat arms to aviation.

Last month, he began what he calls "Sherman's March," a visit to every armory in the state. His goals will be discussed Sept. 23-26 at the Senior Enlisted Conference in August.

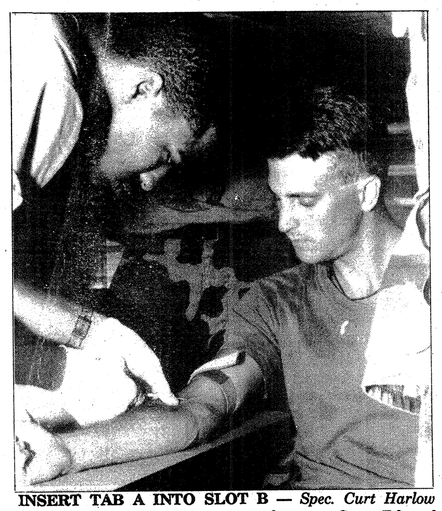
In an era of downsizing, Lane believes better training is a key to keeping soldiers in the Guard. NCOs will have to be creative and capable of adjusting to change, he said.

"People say, 'Sgt. Maj., we always did it that way'," he noted. "If we're going to survive, we're going to have to do more with less. That's going to put more challenge on myself and commanders to come up with innovative training and to improvise."

Although the Georgia Guard will lose about 2,000 soldiers because of downsizing, Lanes believes it will continue to play an important role in national defense, particularly in combat support.

"I believe in the end we'll be able to provide a better quality of life both financially and equipment wise," he said. "Advancement potential should improve."

Lifesaver course challenges you to 'stick your buddy'



INSERT TAB A INTO SLOT B — *Spec. Curt Harlow watches with cool indifference as classmate Spec. Edward Miller pierces him with the dreaded needle. (Photos by Spec. Jimmy Lanham III, 124th PAD)*

By Spec. JIMMY LANHAM III
124th PA Detachment

Could you save your injured buddy's life in a combat situation? Thanks to expert tutelage from Lt. Col. Robert Usry, and instructors from the Health Services Liaison Detachment (HSLD), 25 soldiers from Georgia National Guard units are now qualified to do just that.

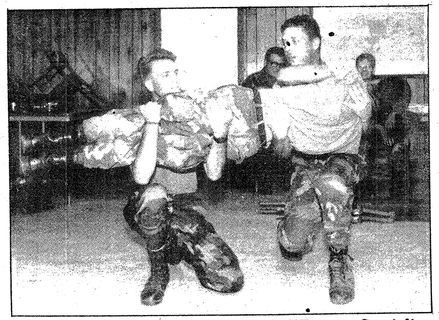
With the assistance of Maj. Ruth Siefert and Maj. R.W. Nored, Usry conducted the Army Combat Lifesaver Course at Fort Stewart in July.

The three-day course consisted of grueling multi-hour study sessions interspersed with demonstrations, explanatory lectures, and tests, tests, tests.

Topics covered included administering first aid to Nuclear, Biological & Chemical (NBC) casualties, initiating an IV for hypovolemic shock, and inserting an oropharyngeal airway in an unconscious casualty.

To pass the course, soldiers needed to make a grade of at least 75 percent on written exams, as well as perform thirty-two medical, self, and "buddy aid" tasks to the standard.

Undoubtedly, the most unsavory of the hands-on tasks featured initiating an intravenous infusion, during which each student was required to don latex gloves and "stick his buddy" in a major vein with a large needle.



... AND ONE AND TWO AND THREE ... — *Specialists Harlow, Price and Miller demonstrate a variation of the two-man carry.*

New field artillery doctrine calls for blast and movement

By Capt. ALAN FECTEAU
48th Brigade PAO

Shoot and move.

That's the new basics of cannoneering doctrine, put into practice during annual training by the Georgia Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery.

Elements of the battalion, recently made part of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) can be found at hometown armories throughout the coastal Georgia area.

"We had been three (batteries) by six (155mm howitzers)," explained 1st Lt. Jay Jacobs, of the battalion's Battery A, from Brunswick. "We're now three by eight. You still have the three batteries, but they have eight guns each, and those batteries are divided into two four-gun platoons."

The scheme will allow his people to fight more effectively, Jacobs said. "The way it's designed, the two platoons leapfrog on the battlefield as the battle progresses. That way, their survivability increases," Jacobs said.

Shoot and move. And live to shoot and move again.

And survivability, in the form of safety considerations, are always at issue when the Georgia Guard cannon-cockers train at Fort Stewart. The battalion's batteries completed several night fires throughout their July annual training.

"It's just a wholly different environment," Jacobs said. "You have tell yourself to slow down, take a little bit more time. You just have to be very careful because this weapon can kill many people in a hurry."

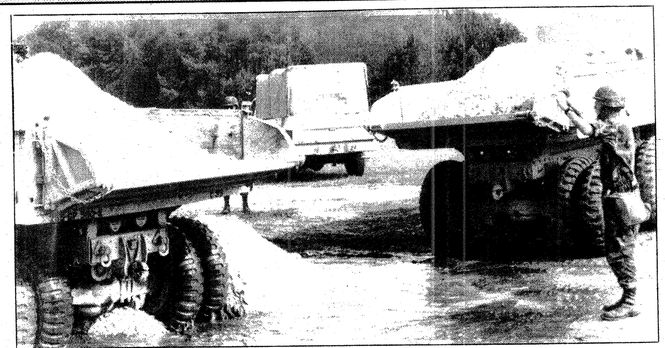
Even during the day, howitzer ammunition is checked thoroughly to reduce the odds that a round might "cook-off" accidentally inside the cannon prior to firing.

"Things like that can happen," Jacobs admitted. "You just do what you can to make sure your ammo is in good shape, not beat up or battered or anything like that. If it happens, you just hope it doesn't happen to you."

Consistent with new doctrine, Georgia has re-configured its field artillery. Soon, the other two battalion batteries will join Battery A as part of the 48th Brigade.

Meanwhile, Georgia has closed the unit's headquarters element, when the organization was a separate field artillery brigade based in Waycross. And one of that brigade's two battalions, based in Statesboro, has been de-activated.

But since batteries feature two more cannon under the new field artillery doctrine, the weapons (and the people who operate them) have been able to remain with the Georgia Guard — only now spread amongst the 48th Brigade's field artillery assets.



I'M FIXIN' A HOLE, WHERE THE RAIN GETS IN — *Dump trucks from Company C, 560th Engineers, fill a flooded hole at a water point at Fort Stewart's National Guard Training Center (NGTC) during annual training in July. (Photo by Spec. Mike Carr, 124th PAD)*

560th digs NGTC in the summertime

By Spec. MIKE CARR
124th PA Detachment

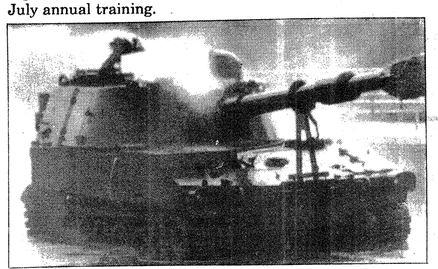
Trying to keep up with the 560th Engineers during the last year wasn't easy. If they weren't digging pipelines to help a Georgia town get clean drinking water, they were digging north Georgians out of snow drifts.

Even during annual training, pinning down the 560th in one place proved to be difficult. The engineers stayed busy in garrison and in the field doing "real-world" post engineering projects, as well as tactical training missions.

The battalion's Company C spent part of its AT filling in large water holes that had formed at a fixed watering site.

At the same time, other elements of the 560th were doing "bread and butter" tactical training: clearing mine fields, convoy movements and field maintenance. Active Army evaluators critiqued and advised the engineers, who also conducted an in-house grading of the training.

Whether it's in the sands of Oman or the pine trees of Georgia, the 560th is bound to be there.



INTO THE DRINK — *Signalling the close of another summertime annual training period at steamy Fort Stewart, members of Brunswick's Battery A, 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery, wash down at Fort Stewart's "bird bath." (Photo by Capt. Alan Fecteau, 48th Brigade PAO)*

Maintenance platoon key to troop victory

By Spec. MIKE CARR
124th PA Detachment

The sight of a Bradley fighting vehicle shooting and moving across a battlefield is impressive, like a sport-utility vehicle for the "Road Warrior."

As invincible as Bradleys appear, malfunctions happen. And if the breakdown happens in a bad neighborhood like Kuwait ... well you know the rest.

The Bradley crews of Company C, 2 Battalion, 121 Infantry, know that when trouble arises with their vehicles, help from the Maintenance Platoon is not far away.

"We make sure the vehicles can move, shoot and communicate," said Sgt. First Class David Williams, company motor sergeant.

In order to keep the Bradleys ready, Williams and his men must be part electrician, part mechanic and all soldier.

Specialists Robert L. Maye and Darryl Carter are turret mechanics. During annual training at Fort Stewart in July, they were huddled in a cramped, hot Bradley turret with test equipment, searching for the reason that the vehicle commander's weapons system override wouldn't work.

Maye said he and other maintenance soldiers are treated no differently than the vehicle crews. "We do everything that the unit does, including guard duty and radio watch," he said.

The platoon works from a 2.5-ton truck that resembles an old medicine show wagon; instead of fixing potions, they use torque wrenches, tech manuals and computers to produce solutions.

When problems arise, maintenance soldiers solve the problem in a number of ways depending on the situation.

"We do what we can to give the vehicle 'get-home' capability," said Spec. John Japuntich, hull mechanic. "We can short-track a broken tread or hot-wire a faulty electrical system — whatever it takes," he said.

The maintenance soldier's knowledge of the vehicles and weapons systems can be a commander's "ace-in-the-hole," as Williams can attest. During his unit's call to Operation Desert Storm at Fort Irwin, maintenance troops manned Bradley guns to fight off Opposing Force (OPFOR) aggressors attacking a depot area, Williams said.

Sgt. 1st Class Freddie Golphin, 2nd platoon sergeant in Company C, considers himself a satisfied maintenance platoon customer. "They have very experienced, certified mechanics," Golphin said. "We didn't have any breakdowns at the National Training Center, they brought us out of the desert safely."

Night time is right time for Atlanta's 117th MASH

By Capt. ALAN FECTEAU
48th Brigade PAO

Working and practicing the night moves.

Pop singer Bob Seger was nowhere to be found. But Atlanta's 117th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) executed no less than three night moves deep into the piney woods of Fort Stewart during annual training in July.

"The (first two) road marches got off fine, and this one has started real well," said Duluth's Capt. Fred Peterman, head of the 117th's doctrine and tactics team, as the unit's third convoy kicked off. "I expect nothing but excellence from these folks."

In the 117th's MASH's mission-training plan, night convoys featuring combat tactics are required. And such tactical convoys simply cannot be practiced on the public streets surrounding the 117th's armory at Charlie Brown Airport in Atlanta, where the unit is based.

"We have major training like this at Fort Stewart, and that way we can leave the individual training for the home station," explained Peterman.

Any unit convoying at night needs to think about security and safety. For those purposes, the 117th MASH enlisted the help of two Guard military policeman, including Spec. Brook Saline, of Monroe's 178th MP Company.

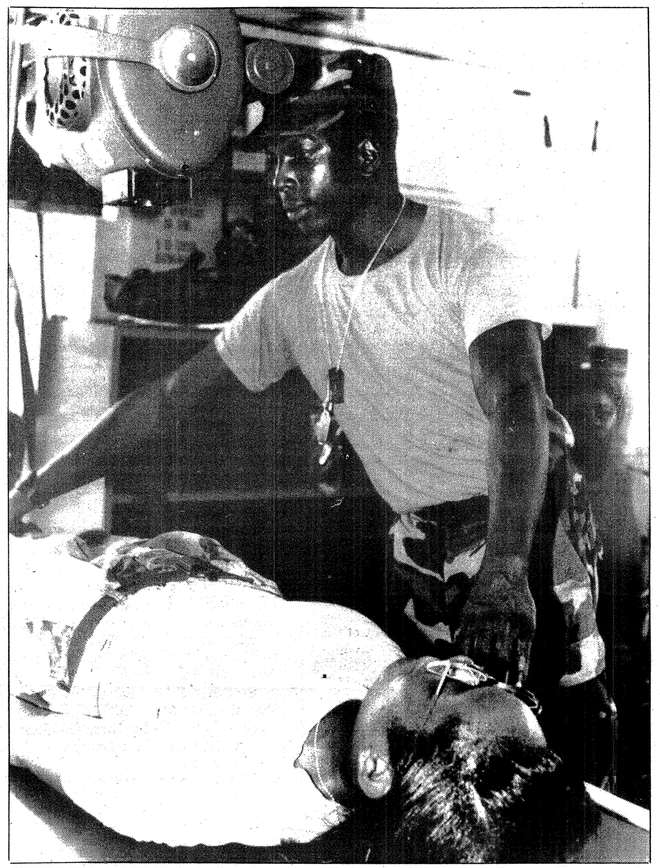
"The unit's (doctors and nurses) are teachable, understanding and willing to learn," said Saline. "The commander (Col. Gus Escalera, of Jackson) has given us lots of leeway to teach his troops."

Along with the 178th's Specialist Michael Harrington, Saline helped lead the 117th MASH out of the darkness, in terms of the details of safe night convoy.

"Night moves are something our company practices quite a bit," Saline explained. "You have to make sure to keep proper intervals between vehicles and pay attention to the road guards. But still, each driver must pay attention to the road conditions. Shadows can cause a misunderstanding of what's really out there."

On each night move, the 117th MASH departed the unit area at the NGTC in two sections — one early (about 2100), and one late (about 0230). As a result, the unit relied upon alternate drivers and a deliberate pace to execute the moves with no accidents.

"They've got a lot of new troops here, and new night drivers," said Saline. "But we've seen a lot of positive results. I think they'll do fine."



JUST LIKE AN HMO — *In Fort Stewart's "combat zone" Spec. Errol Tripp (above), a medic with Atlanta's 117th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH), trains as an X-ray technician. Meanwhile below, Spec. Penny Hill, lab technician, puts Staff Sgt. David Harvison through the MASH's identifications process before allowing him onto the hospital's training site. (Photos by Spec. Mike Carr, 124th PAD)*

148th FSB's medical does it in the field

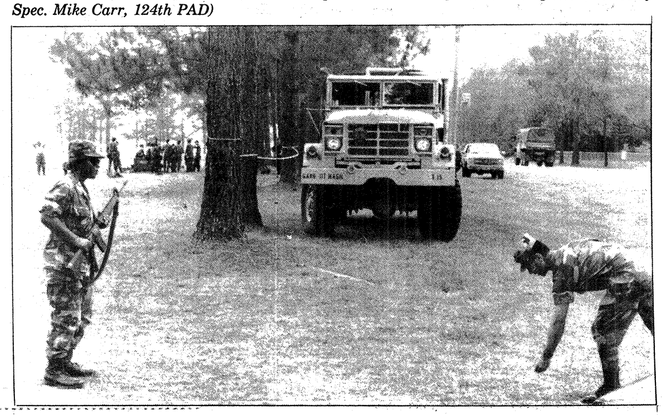
By Spec. MARK CARR
124th PA Detachment

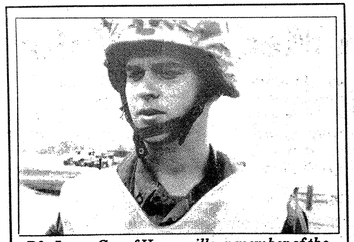
The ultimate test for a soldier's skills is combat. In the horror and fog of war, soldiers must make split-second decisions to cope with the changing tide of battle.

During annual training at Fort Stewart, C Company (Medical) of the 148th Forward Support Battalion performed one of the many mass casualty drills they do each year to ensure they are ready to meet the challenge.

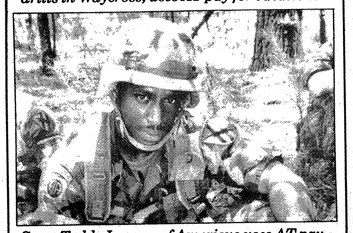
When a flood of patients from ambulances fill an Advanced Trauma Life Support tent, the doctors and medics must decide who receives treatment first. But anything can happen; a patient who was at first alert with strong vital signs can quickly lapse into unconsciousness with no pulse.

The C Company soldiers must stay flexible and adjust. Mass casualty drills are the way to keep their life saving skills sharp.

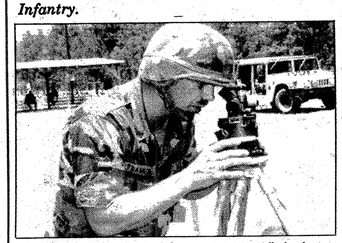




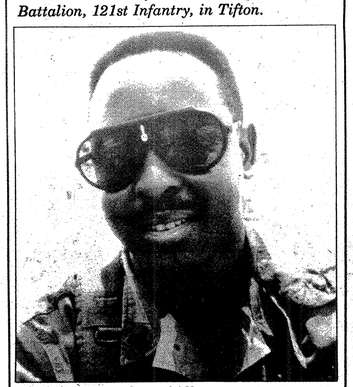
Pfc. Larry Cox of Homerville, a member of the 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery, who drills in Waycross, uses AT pay for vacations.



Spec. Toddy Ingram of Americus uses AT pay for bills. He's a full-time nursing student and member of Tifton's 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry.



Sgt. Billy Franklin of Omega uses an "aiming circle" to position a mortar. Franklin uses AT pay for bills and to entertain his two children. He is a member of the 48th Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, in Tifton.



Sgt. Curtis Bridges of Albany uses AT pay for bills and gifts for his wife and kids. He's with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry, in Albany.

How do you use your AT pay?

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR
124th PA Detachment

After two weeks in the sweltering heat at Fort Stewart eating gourmet MREs with beans and franks; bonding with buddies in open bay barracks or in the back of Bradley fighting vehicles; fighting around-the-clock battles; thanks to the electronic wizardry of direct bank deposits, there's that big paycheck as a reward.

How do guard members use the money? Some save; some spend. Some squander; some use it to help others.

Sgt. Curtis Bridges, a medic with Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry in Albany, does all of the above.

"I spend some on Bud Light, but most of it goes to bills and getting the kids something special so they'll hug me," he said. "I bought my little girl a bicycle ... I bought my wife a watch."

AT pay improves Spec. Toby Wright's social life.

"I spend it on my car, maintenance and fixing it up, and take girls to the movie," said the Tifton mortarman.

Master Sgt. Calvin Eubanks of Leesburg has had more than three decades to figure out how to use his AT pay. The 34-year veteran saves it.

"The worse thing anyone can do is just start spending," said Eubanks, the 2nd Battalion's cigar-chomping motor sergeant. "You don't realize anything out of it then."

He used some pay to purchase a freezer last year and other extras.

Staff Sgt. Scott Denham of Leesburg, a battalion mechanic, said he uses pay to buy school clothes for his three daughters.

Sgt. 1st Class Fritz Templeton of Albany uses it to pay bills.

"It just supplements my regular income," said Templeton, a tool and parts man with the battalion.

Pvt. 1st Class Larry Cox of Homerville, a forward observer with the 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery in Waycross, uses it to finance vacations for himself and his wife, Connie.

"Lots of guys blow it," he said. "I usually save it for vacations. After AT, I like to take a vacation."

Spec. John Rainwater, a Bradley gunner from Albany, said he uses it to help pay off student loans.

"Some of it gets spent for a little leisure, but most of it goes for bills," said the college senior.

Spec. Toddy Ingram, a nursing student at Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, also uses it for educational expenses. The Desert Storm veteran said he loses money at AT because he has to drop out of school for a quarter and his GI bill payments are interrupted.

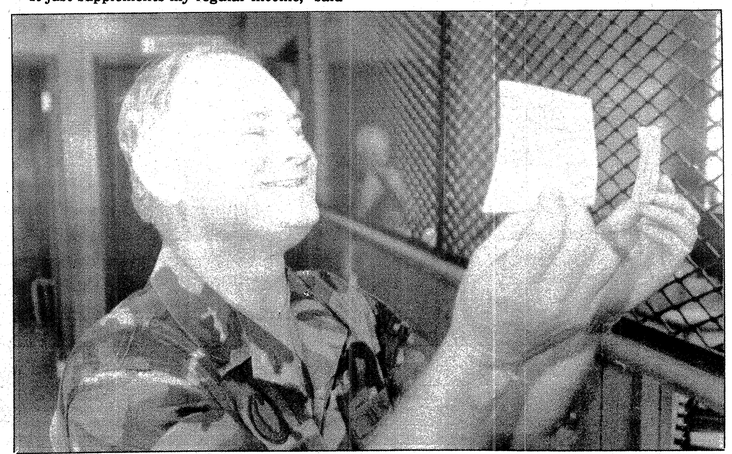
Spec. Richard Wheeler of Nashville is a second-year medical student at Mercer University. With tuition costs of $35,000 a year, his AT pay comes in handy.

"This year I'm going to spend it on books," said the Tifton mortarman. "I get grants and loans, but AT pay is a good way to get started."

Sgt. Billy Franklin of Omega, a squad leader in the 2nd Battalion's mortar platoon in Tifton, said he uses it to pay bills and care for his 5-year-old son, Billy Jr., and 3-year-old daughter, Kayla Lynn.

"I'm a single parent happily divorced," said Franklin, who is a professional wrestler and truck driver in civilian life.

AT pay is handy. It buys toys for children. It helps educate the leaders of tomorrow. And it buys the little extras that add to the spice of life.



FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY — *Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Wilson admires the last check cashed at the National Guard Training Center check-cashing facility. A full-time computer programmer with Savannah's Memorial Medical Center and a member of that city's Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery, guarded the door while fellow Guard members cashed checks. Then he cashed his. With the advent of the Army-wide pay system, military pay is to distributed via direct deposit. (Photo by Capt. Alan Fecteau, 48th Brigade PAO)*

Governor awards Guardsmen with Medal of Valor

Medal of Valor awards have been presented by Gov. Zell Miller to three Army Guardsmen for heroic acts performed during the Blizzard of '93 last March.

The three are Chief Warrant Officer Two Jerry O. Perry and Chief Warrant Officer Three Rafael Caraballo, both of the RAID Detachment at the Dobbins Army Aviation flight facility, and Sgt. Myron C. McElrath of Headquarters, 265th Engineer Group in Marietta.

Perry and Caraballo were cited for rescuing 27 stranded people and flying them to medical facilities.

McElrath rescued motorists stranded along I-75 and, in one instance, stabilized and transported to a medical facility a motorist who was choking.

At the ceremony, Gov. Miller spoke of the exceptional response efforts made by individuals and state departments.

"When this blizzard struck Georgia, I toured the state and saw the extensive damage it left in its wake," he said. "During my tour, I was very pleased to see many in our state distinguish themselves by their unselfish, and often heroic, assistance to their fellow Georgians."

In addition to the three Guardsmen who were honored, 13 state agencies and departments were commended for their efforts. "I offer my most sincere gratitude to those state agencies and individuals whose diligent efforts contributed to the state's recovery," said the governor.

Sgt. Myron C. McElrath

"On 14 March 1993, Sergeant McElrath demonstrated his ability to remain calm under extreme pressure. Upon being made aware of a motorist having a medical emergency, Sergeant McElrath immediately responded.

"When he reached the scene, he found a young man experiencing a seizure. Sergeant McElrath began applying first aid to prevent the motorist from choking and going into shock.

"His quick actions stabilized the patient until he could be transported to a medical facility.

"Sergeant McElrath's exceptional devotion to duty and his deep conviction for the preservation of human life reflect great credit upon him, his unit and the Georgia Army National Guard."

CWO2 Jerry O. Perry

"Chief Warrant Officer Two Perry displayed exceptional initiative, skill and devotion to duty in the aftermath of the most severe snowstorm of the century. His aviation skills enabled him to land his aircraft in the snow-covered, mountainous wilderness.

"On one occasion, he had to walk over two miles through waist-deep snow to reach two victims isolated in a small shelter deep in the wilderness area. The victims were dehydrated and had to be helped and carried back to the helicopter for transport to a medical facility for treatment. He was directly responsible for the rescue of 27 citizens."

CWO3 Rafael Caraballo

"While serving as search and rescue pilot in support of the U.S. Forestry Service during the period of 15 March 1993 to 18 March 1993 ... Chief Warrant Officer Three Caraballo displayed exceptional initiative, skill and devotion to duty.

"His aviation skills enabled him to safely land his aircraft in the snow-covered mountainous wilderness.

"On several occasions, after determining that survivors were in need of help, he landed and walked through waist-deep snow, carried survivors who were too weak to walk, and transported them to medical facilities for treatment."

VALIANT GUARDSMEN *receive the Medal of Valor award from Georgia Gov. Zell Miller, at left. Guard members receiving awards are, from the governor's left, Sgt. Myron McElrath, Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Perry and Chief Warrant Officer Raphael Caraballo.*

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, *Maj. Gen. William P. Bland Jr., signs a proclamation recognizing the Georgia Guard's participation in Red Ribbon Week. Maj. Cynthia Islin, administrator of Georgia's Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) program, looks on. Part of a nationwide drug abuse prevention effort, the week's festivities include: "border-tying" ceremonies with adjacent states, picnics and other projects. Call the Georgia Guard's DDR office for information regarding activities in your area at (404) 624-6066.*

First Air Guard school at GMI

By Cadet ERIC D. JOHNSON
124th PA Detachment

The Airman Leadership School (ALS) class set two milestones when 25 senior airmen graduated in August.

This summer's ALS was the first-ever for the Georgia Guard. And the class marked the first Air Guard school of any kind held at the Georgia Military Institute (GMI), which has routinely hosted Army Guard coursework.

The school "prepares senior airmen for supervisory roles," said Chief Master Sgt. Peggy Carr, program manager. The course is similar to the Professional Leadership Development Course (PLDC), which the Army offers to junior enlisted members.

"The airmen took more than 130 hours of classroom training. They each had classes in military citizenship, leadership, and communicative skills," Carr said.

The ALS course is based on the one used by the active Air Force. "We took a three-week course and conducted it in two weeks," Carr said.

DISTINGUISHED — *Honor grads from the Airman Leadership School (ALS) class 93-1 are, from left, Sr. Airman Richard Kovach Jr., 116th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMS), Sr. Airman Darrien Duncan, 165th CAMS, Sr. Airman David Carlisle Jr., STARC; and Sr. Airman Linda Castleberry of the 116th CAMS.*

Drake engineers command of 560th

By Capt. ALAN FECTEAU
48th Brigade PAO

A Georgia postmaster from Manchester has assumed command of the 560th Engineer Battalion, based in Columbus.

"I pledge to do my best, the best that my ability will allow to take this unit forward," stated Maj. Roy L. Drake, accepting command from Col. Benjamin W. Grinstead, leader of Marietta's 265th Engineer Group.

The battalion changed command recently during annual training at Fort Stewart. The outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Robert V. Baldwin, assumed command of the 648th Engineer Battalion (SAPPER), a recently-formed engineer asset within the 48th Infantry Brigade.

Drake and Lt. Col. Levi Perry are the first African-Americans to lead battalion-sized units of the Georgia Army National Guard.

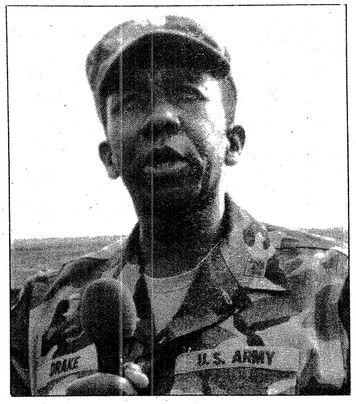
"Yes, this is an important day," Drake said after assuming command. "But I always say soldier first, regardless of race or color. I'm just proud to be a soldier and to be elevated to this position. This is a great day in my life."

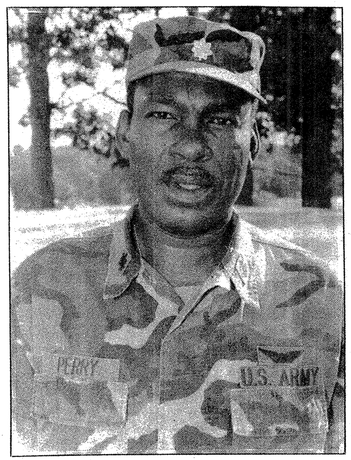
Drake's battalion goals focus on quality training.

"I'm a strong advocate of training," Drake said. "And I plan on training every soldier as if war was tomorrow."

"I've heard several rumors about how the 560th will be going away, and it won't — according to what we know today," Grinstead said.

Drake says he believes the 560th "is here to stay. The engineer assets will always be needed, and a part-time engineer unit is required to assist in case of an emergency."





Perry takes command of 170th

By Capt. MARY E. COLLINS
124th PA Detachment

A former "Mr. Mom," Lt. Col. Levi H. Perry, will assume command of Atlanta's 170th Command and Control Battalion in October.

While Perry's wife, Lt. Col. Magnolia Perry, deployed in support of Operation Desert Storm in 1990, he managed the family household, and their youngest of four children.

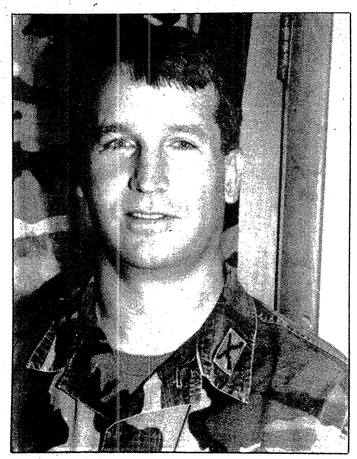
"I was both mom and dad to a 16 year old," said Perry. "My heart goes out to single parents. That's a tough job."

Perry, a Vietnam War veteran and now Director of Movement Controls at State Area Command (STARC), has 25 years of military experience. Perry's career includes 10 years on active duty, and he has served in several positions: aircraft maintenance platoon leader, transportation officer, MOS instructor, chemical officer, operations officer, battalion assistance officer and deputy state inspector general.

His duty as deputy state inspector general best prepared him for becoming a battalion commander. In that job he worked with units throughout the state, learning about training, logistics, security and operations to assess unit readiness, he said.

Duty as Deputy State IG had a particular impact on command philosophy.

Perry, a resident of Lithia Springs, is branch manager of a Social Security office at the Department of Health and Human Services in Atlanta.



Rodeheaver on right track with 108th

By Spec. MARK CARR
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Lt. Col. Charles S. "Stewart" Rodeheaver recently took charge of the Calhoun-based 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, at a change-of-command ceremony at Fort Stewart's National Guard Training Center (NGTC) during annual training.

'We're going to focus on gunnery skills.'

Rodeheaver, a 22-year veteran of the Georgia Army National Guard, replaced Lt. Col. Alan D. "Dale" O'Rouke, who has joined the staff at the Georgia Military Institute.

Rodeheaver came to the battalion from the unit's next higher headquarters, the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), where he served as operations officer. In his new position, Rodeheaver hit the ground running, and has taken the reins of a unit that will deploy to Fort Irwin's National Training Center (NTC) in 1995.

"We're going to focus on gunnery skills," Rodeheaver said. "We want to successfully fire Tank Table 8, the standard by which armor units are measured."

Rodeheaver plans to spend much time as quickly as possible getting to know his troops and implementing his "style of command and management," he said.

An executive with Georgia Power Company, Rodeheaver graduated from Mercer University with degrees in business management and behavioral science.

He's been married 22 years to his wife, Lou. They have an 18-year-old son and a 10-year-old daughter.

In his spare time, Rodeheaver likes to write music and go hunting and fishing with his son.

Georgia Military Institute:

New bars, new beginnings

BAR OF GOLD ON ARMY GREEN — *Officer candidates Wesley Sebaugh of Athens, Marietta's Angela Smith, and Savannah's David Stephens swear in during commissioning ceremonies. Below, East Point's Faney Hilliard receives bars and a diploma from Brig. Gen. Cecil Pearce, assistant adjutant general. (Photos by Cadet Eric D. Johnson, 124th PAD)*

Dorminy retires after 35 years

By Cadet ERIC D. JOHNSON
124th PA Detachment

When Col. Alvie Dorminy spoke to the latest crop of Officer Candidate School (OCS) graduates at the Georgia Military Institute (GMI) in August, it completed a cycle.

The speech was his last as director of GMI. And 31 years earlier, he was a young candidate in the first class to complete the officer program.

Dorminy retired from GMI after more than 35 years of service in the Georgia Army National Guard and active Army. He received his commission from the first OCS class at GMI in 1962.

Lt. Col. Carroll Edge of Macon assumed the position as director of schools during the July ceremony.

"Times now won't allow some of the harassment and some of the punishment we went through during OCS," Dorminy said. "Now there's more time dedicated to actual classroom training and tactical training — which I think makes a better officer."

Dorminy is the city manager of Fitzgerald, where he lives with his wife, Betty Jean. He plans to continue his job as city manager and spend more time with his family after retirement.

"This was the smallest class we have had since the inception of GMI," Dorminy said. "The training has been very rigorous and I feel confident we have produced 13 highly qualified second lieutenants. Many started the course and many didn't make it."

No MOS, no job

By Capt. ALAN FECTEAU
48th Brigade PAO

Get educated, or get gone.

That's the rather blunt message that will soon be carried to Georgia Army National Guard officers by former battalion commander Lt. Col. Alan D. "Dale" O'Rouke as he enters his new position as Georgia Military Institute (GMI) coordinator of the Combined Armed Staff (CAS-cubed) course for Guard officers.

"We've already lost too many good people in the guard because of they failed to meet military educational requirements," O'Rouke said. "CAS-cubed is a required course, and our people are going to have to fill that square."

In a ceremony at Fort Stewart in July, O'Rouke relinquished command of the 48th Infantry Brigade's 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, to Lt. Col. Charles S. Rodeheaver.

O'Rouke knew something about the importance of professional military education requirements, for both officers and enlisted personnel, when he commanded the armored battalion.

The battalion, headquartered in Calhoun, is 85 percent MOS-qualified, he said. Battalion soldiers have earned 19-Kilo (tanker) MOS qualification at Fort Knox, or via the Schoolhouse of the Soldier program, offered during annual training periods at Fort Stewart.

"That's a big part of the reason why we ran at 94 percent retention rate in the battalion," O'Rouke said.

AIR HONORS

Brunswick's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron has been awarded a Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award — a first for the National Guard.

The DOD award is presented annually for the most significant weapon system and equipment maintenance achievements within the department. The squadron received the award in ceremonies at the Pentagon June 25.

To win the award, the 224th first competed against other Air National Guard units around the country. Then the unit competed against Air Force units, and finally, against units from all four services. No National Guard unit had ever been selected for one of the secretary's six awards in this area.

Other winners included units from the active Army, Air Force, Marines and two Navy units.

Award criteria included mission accomplishment, management of funds, training, accident rates, resource utilization and management innovation.

HONORS — *Members of the Georgia Air Guard's 224th JCCS receive the award. Front, left to right: Maj. Gen. William P. Bland Jr., the adjutant general, Chief Master Sgt. Vance E. Watson, Tech. Sgt. Timothy M. Massey, Lt. Col. Lester L. Preiss III, commander, and Maj. Donald N. Edmunds, Jr.; second row: Lt. Col. Edward F. Murphy, Senior Master Sgt. William D. McGriff, John M. Deutch, assistant secretary of defense for Acquisition and Technology, and Chief Master Sgt. Johnny Graham, Jr.; back row: Senior Master Sgt. Sharon B. Page, Tech. Sgt. Robert K. Beach, Tech. Sgt. William J. Crooms and Master Sgt. Michael K. Crean.*

Guard marathon team places 27th in nation

By Cadet ERIC D. JOHNSON
124th PA Detachment

Georgia's Army and Air National Guard marathon team is already training hard for the next Guard-wide marathon, held each year in Lincoln, Neb.

And this year, Georgia fielded seven runners from the Army and Air components — from NCOs to general officers. The team finished 27th, of 46 teams entered. The team combined for a total time of 9 hours, 36 minutes, 10 seconds.

Second Lt. Peter van am Burgh of Atlanta, a member of Cartersville and Summerville's Company H, 121st Long Range Surveillance Unit (LRSU), ran the 26.2-mile course in 2:57.00. That fast time placed him 50th, of 668 runners.

The team also included Chief Warrant Officer Stanley W. Hammond of Griffin, who finished with a time of 3:58.34. Hammond is the marathon team coordinator and the State Area Command (STARC) property book officer.

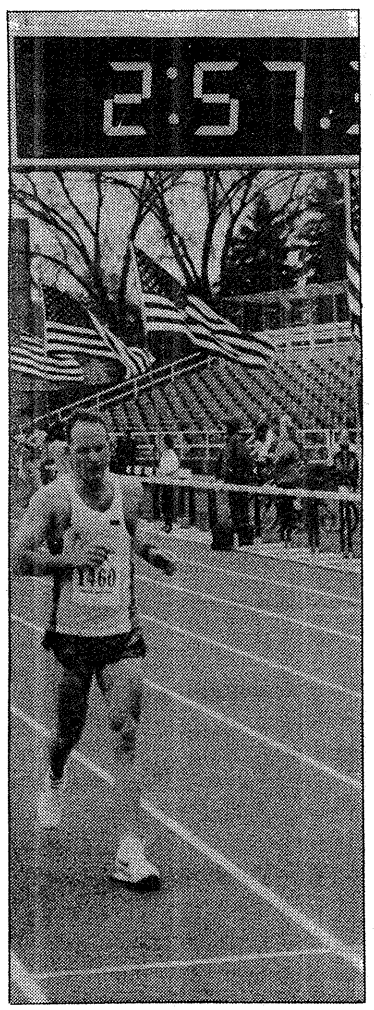
Brunswick's Staff Sgt. Brian E. Eastman finished with an impressive time of 3:18.34. Eastman is a technician with Brunswick's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron (JCSS).

Hinesville's Maj. Brian K. Harris ran the course in 3:20.13. Harris is from Hinesville and serves as an evaluator pilot for the 1158th Airlift Squadron.

Lt. Col. William G. Bader ran 3:34.03. Bader hails from Fayetteville and flies with in the 116th Fighter Wing.

Maj. Smitty R. Bell came home with a time of 3:55.27. Bell is from Conyers, serving as the Director of Logistics (S-4) for the Georgia Army National Guard's Troop Command, based in Decatur.

Rounding out the team was Brig. Gen. Stephen G. Kearney. Injury forced Kearney to drop-out during the race. From Smyrna, Kearney commands the 116th.



A WINNER — *2nd Lt. Peter van am Burgh of Cartersville placed 50th of the 668 runners in the Guard-wide marathon, held annually in Lincoln, Neb. (Nebraska Army National Guard Photo)*

— Running tips —

Runners on the Georgia Army and Air National Guard's marathon team routinely cram a running program into their busy schedules.

Here is a brief profile of each of the runners:

Griffin's Chief Warrant Officer Stanley W. Hammond is the team coordinator and the property book officer for State Area Command (STARC). Hammond has run marathons since 1985. Since he works full-time for the Guard, Hammond is provided time each week to run.

Hammond advises "soldiers should run at least three times each week to get in shape for the PT test."

Brunswick's Staff Sgt. Brian E. Eastman, of that city's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron (JCSS), also runs with the team. As a full-time Guard technician, Eastman is also allotted time to run and averages around 40 miles each week. He suggests that "Guardsmen should stick to a training plan. Make a goal and work to that goal."

Maj. Brian K. Harris of Hinesville is an evaluator pilot for the 1158th Airlift Squadron, and a full-time Air Guard technician.

"I run early in the mornings and on the weekends. Sometimes I run twice a day and I average 70 miles each week when training for marathons," Harris said.

"Guardsmen should run a minimum of three to five times a week, with one of those being a six-mile run. The others should be faster — a track is a good place," Harris concluded.

Maj. Smitty R. Bell of Conyers is the Director of Logistics (S-4) for Decatur's Troop Command and works full-time for the Guard.

"I've wanted to be on the Guard marathon team since I heard about it," Bell said. "To fit training into your schedule you have to set goals and priorities for your free time to meet those goals. Guardsmen should maintain fitness all year round and don't get ready for just one or two PT tests each year."

NGC looking for world-class athletes

The National Guard Bureau (NGB) is looking for "world-class athletes" to participate in the Pan American and Olympic Games.

What is a world-class athlete? Anyone with a high national ranking; has been selected to a U.S. national or world-class team within three years of the Olympic games; or is determined to have the potential as a world-class athlete.

Participating Guard members may be placed on active duty for two years prior to the Olympics for training and competition. Guard members believing they may qualify need only submit DA Forms 4762-R and 4763-R through command channels.

NGB is also looking for qualified members to join the Modern Pentathlon National Training Squad. The modern pentathlon involves fencing, running, swimming, shooting and horseback riding.

To qualify, men must be able to run two miles in 10:00, and one mile in 4:45. Men must also be able to swim 300 meters in 3:40, and 100 yards in 0:54. Women must run one mile in 5:10, and swim 100 yards in 1:10.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Grandma was right

You can reduce chances of developing certain cancers by following some simple advice:

☐Cut down total fat intake and eat more high-fiber foods (colon cancer).

☐Avoid obesity (uterine, breast, gall bladder and colon cancers).

☐Include foods rich in vitamins A and C (esophagus, larynx and lung cancers).

☐Avoid smoked, salted or nitrite-cured foods (esophagus and stomach cancers).

☐Go easy on alcoholic beverages (liver and oral cancers).

The story behind vitamins

None of the vital 13 vitamins will give you energy or build up any part of your body. Yet, if deprived of any one of them, you could end up with a deficiency disease. Taking vitamin supplements in excess is both a waste of money and could even prove harmful.

☐The U.S. recommended daily allowance for vitamin B^{12} for an adult is six micrograms a day. One ounce could supply the daily needs of 4,724,921 people.

☐Too much vitamin D can cause nausea, weight loss, weakness and excessive urination and result in hypertension or artery calcification. Your best source for vitamin D is sunshine.

☐Most doctors agree that eating a reasonably varied diet of whole foods provides you all the vitamins you need.

It's all in your mind

Stress is very personal. What triggers an explosive outburst from you may only get a "so what" from someone else. Try these methods to defuse stress before it becomes distress:

☐Physical activity helps release uptight feelings.

☐Talking to a friend, or professional, can sometimes shed new light on a problem.

☐Some things are beyond your control, learn to accept those things until the situation changes.

☐Schedule some time for relaxation. You need an occasional break from the daily grind.

☐Prioritize. Trying to do everything at once can seem overwhelming and you may end up accomplishing nothing.

☐If you can't escape physically, use your mind. Picture a relaxing scene, listen to beautiful music, or read a book.