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CENTERPIECE

Join the Guard and see the world

While one batch of Georgia guardsmen ferried supplies above the Arctic Circle, another group whisked a rock band across southern Europe.

The Army and Air Guard teamed up for an overseas operation. Members of the Army Guard's G Company, 244th Aviation, joined the Air Guard's 117th Tactical Control Squadron to set up a radar control station 130 miles above the Arctic Circle. **See Centerpiece, pages 10-11.**

Meanwhile, Savannah's 165th Tactical Airlift Group gathered a lifetime of memories as they took The Jets on a USO tour through Turkey, Italy, Greece and Spain. The crew and band members became one big happy family.

"The tour was a great learning experience for us seeing what is involved in putting on a show," said Senior Master Sgt. Ron Jetton, who wrote about the experience. **Page 13.**



If you have a problem, we'll fix it, AG says

Declaring that he will "not tolerate harassment or discrimination" during his tenure, Brig. Gen. William P. Bland is getting tough on professionalism in guard relationships.

"My philosophy," he told a gathering of 200 state employees and guardsmen in Atlanta, "is to treat people as I personally want to be treated. I expect the same out of each of you?"

Bland told the assembly that it is important to work together and he expects a workplace that reflects "professionalism, free of harassment and discrimination."

"If you have a problem, come see me and we'll fix it."

On another subject, the general said force reductions and tight budgets make this time "the most challenging that we have faced. If we don't pay attention, force reductions are going to put us out of business."

Bland discusses his objectives and the future. **See page 3.**

In related stories:

- Recent months have focused media attention on the Army Guard. Inside the Army Guard explains. **See page 3.**

- Col. Tony Idol, the assistant adjutant general, submits his resignation to the governor. **See page 3.**

- Bland defines sexual harassment policy. **See page 4.**

Brrrr, Michigan winters are cold

It's a high price to pay just to avoid a sweltering July at Ft. Stewart — two weeks in temperatures that dropped to 40 below.

Actually, for Marietta's 151st Military Intelligence Battalion, there was method to the madness. As a roundout battalion for a brigade in northern Japan, the 151st is required to train in similar weather and terrain.

February weather in northern Michigan was so cold that some of the words spoken by members of the 151st are just now thawing out enough to be heard. **For their story, see page 16.**



NEW BERETTA — Sgt. Curtis Bridges takes aim with new 9mm pistol during exercise at Fort Benning. **Page 7.**

Want to get a college education? The Georgia Army National Guard provides 30 full scholarships each year to North Georgia College. See story on page 17.

THE MILITARY BEAT

Watch for a major clash between Congress and the Pentagon over Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's proposal to eliminate nearly 140,000 National Guard and Reserve troops in all 50 states.

U.S. Rep. Sonny Montgomery (D-Miss.) a former National Guard major general, said the proposed cutbacks were received in Congress "like a lead balloon."

The proposal would cut 45,000 from the Army Reserve, 80,000 from the Army National Guard, 10,500 from the Navy Reserve, 2,700 from the Marine Corp Reserve and 740 from the Army Reserve. Total guard and reserve strength would be reduced to 920,000 by 1995.

Georgia, while not spared, suffered less severe cuts than many other states, primarily those in the Northeast, Midwest and California, which have had more difficulty maintaining strength. In all, Georgia is projected to lose 2,621 from all services — about 1,200 of them from the National Guard.

Notably, however, the reductions affecting the Georgia National Guard did not go beyond those already known. There were no surprises for either the Georgia Army or Air National Guard. The Air Guard, in fact, escaped altogether.

Most likely, though, there's another shoe to drop. Over the next five years, Mr. Cheney's plan would eliminate 24.08 percent of the Army National Guard slots in Georgia, *The Atlanta Journal* reported, citing an unreleased Pentagon study.

But the matter is far from being resolved. Rep. J. Roy Rowland of Dublin, also expressed congressional doubt. "I feel this proposal will have trouble passing muster in Congress," he said. "Since the guard and reserve are used to flesh out active units, we have to be very careful how we build them down."

One reason for congressional concern is grass-roots support for the guard and reserve and the economic impact their paychecks have on communities across the nation.

Cheney's response: "We're not a social welfare organization. We're not an employment agency that's operated on the basis of what makes sense for some member of Congress's concerns back home in the district. This is a military organization."

The lines are drawn. Stay tuned.

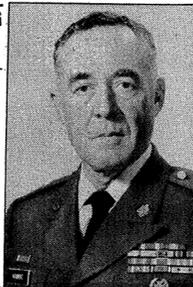
An exhibition featuring a National Archives and Records Administration commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of World War II has been scheduled to appear at Atlanta's Jimmy Carter Presidential Library.

No need to hurry about making plans, though, as the exhibition is not scheduled to arrive until January 19, 1994. It will remain until May 1.

The exhibition began touring on December 7, 1991, and is currently open to the public at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin, Texas.

We must live by and for change

By CSM BILLY MANNING
Command Sergeant Major
Georgia Army National Guard



The Georgia Army National Guard has experienced a great number of changes over the years, both in terms of equipment and the requirements of personnel. Years ago, in the guard of old, we didn't have the benefits of the high-tech, modern equipment that we do today. Now, our infantry has the Bradley fighting vehicle; our armor operates the M-1 tank and is scheduled to be issued the M-1A1; our artillery fires using computers and laser sights; and our engineers use specialized equipment.

We're very fortunate to have all this, but along with technology comes the responsibility that we have to maintain a high-tech soldier and high-tech leader. This, of course, takes a special kind of reservist and a special kind of leader.

As we all are keenly aware, we face a shortage of funds to run our units and their hometown armories. This is a reality. But we must not let this shortfall force us to lose sight of the fact that we have to not only maintain our equipment, we have to maintain

our proficiency. We will have to learn to do more with less. And I am confident that we can do that.

Furthermore, we must continue to maintain a quality soldier and the readiness posture to serve this nation if we are ever called upon again to do so.

I think our strength for the future is in our young soldiers and young NCOs. The requirements are much more stringent than in the past, but today's young soldiers are highly motivated, and it is in everyone's interest for us to try and maintain that motivation in these young people.

When we enlist young soldiers now, they are required to go through the recruit training program at GMI, before they go through basic and advanced infantry training. This has worked great. These young soldiers have excelled at every level in basic and AIT, and many of them have been placed in leadership positions. Then, when they come back to their units after having gone through the training, they're highly motivated and well-disciplined. We have to maintain that.

Two soldiers in the Georgia Army National Guard are to be congratulated for their accomplishments in the Soldier and NCO of the Year competition. Sgt. Andy Koundourakis of the 178th Military Police Company is Georgia's NCO of the year and Spec. Kelly Johnson of the 48th Brigade's Headquarters Company is the soldier of the year.

Working to make guard better

By Chief LARRY CANNON
Senior Enlisted Advisor
Georgia Air National Guard



Forty-five chief master sergeants from throughout the Georgia Air National Guard met in Savannah in February to discuss several critical issues facing the enlisted members of the Air Guard. We were pleased to have Brig. Gen. Michael Bowers, Chief of Staff of the Air Guard on hand to participate in these two days of discussion.

Disturbing to many of us were reports of an alarming number of CDC course failures among enlisted personnel. The failure rate is generally attributed to poor reading skills of the guardsmen. One solution that the chiefs agreed on was that all individuals will be given the Air Force Reading Abilities test before they enlist.

Another concern was the number of unqualified personnel currently filling crew chief vacancies in the 116 CAMS. The chiefs agreed that the Air Guard should enlist only qualified crew chiefs for these positions in order to raise the proficiency level and to maintain a C-1 combat rating.

Although the news of the down-sizing of the guard

and reserves had not been made known at the time of the chiefs conference, a recommendation was made that all attempts be made to place any guard-member being affected by the force cuts.

The topic of the state withholding tax on Air Guard pay was discussed, with most chiefs agreeing that a change in the present procedure be investigated. At present, the state takes out little or no withholding tax on guard pay due to its small amounts. However, at tax filing time, guardsmen are often pushed into higher income brackets because of their Guard income and thus having to pay higher taxes.

Finally, the chiefs discussed the new three-tiered enlisted PME structure which combines the Non-commissioned Officer Preparatory Course (NCOPC) and the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School into a base-level Airman Leadership School (ALS). If Georgia implements individual ALS courses at some bases, there is a concern that there will be a difficulty in maintaining qualified instructors for each base. It was recommended that the state look into participating in a regional ALS with other states.

I am always impressed and pleased to see the dedication which is apparent in our senior enlisted staff at the chiefs conference. All enlisted members of the Georgia Air National Guard can be assured that the Chiefs are carefully looking after the best interest of all our enlisted members.

AG says that relationships must be kept professional

In a letter intended for all Georgia Guardsmen, Brig. Gen. William P. Bland Jr., the Adjutant General, has provided guidelines on relationships between different ranks and positions.

The policy statement was prompted by reports on an Atlanta television station of alleged incidences of sexual harassment and inappropriate familiarity involving Guardsmen of different ranks.

"I charge each of you," Bland said in the letter, "to be mindful of the nature of your relationships with other members of the military."

Those relationships, he said, "must be professional and able to withstand close scrutiny."

"Relationships between members of different grades or positions will not be allowed to adversely affect morale, discipline or mission accomplishment."

"Negative perceptions from unprofessional relationships are powerful and will undermine discipline."

Bland noted that the military depends on good order and discipline. It is imperative," he said, "that every Guardsman live up to the highest standard of professional conduct ..."

The AG's bottom line:
• It's your responsibility to



Brig. Gen. William P. Bland, Jr.

maintain professional relationships.

• Commanders and supervisors are directed to take disciplinary action, as necessary, to correct those that aren't.

• All Guardsmen are to become familiar with AFR 35-62 or AR 600-200, paragraph 4-14, as applicable.

WHAT'S IMPROPER

Unprofessional Relationships

These are characterized by inappropriate familiarity and give the impression of favoritism or preferential treatment. They can develop between officers, between enlisted members, and between officers and enlisted members. Relationships in this category are especially damaging in the same chain of command or unit.

Fraternization

This is a specific unprofessional relationship that is personal between an officer and enlisted member that may give the appearance of favoritism or the improper use of rank or position. It includes dating, courtship, business relationships and close friendships.

A warning: When fraternization has prejudiced good order and discipline or discredited the armed forces, criminal charges can be brought under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or the Georgia Code of Military Justice (GCMJ).

Atlanta street violence results in unit call-ups

Gov. Zell Miller mobilized 1,000 members of the Georgia Army National Guard on April 30 to protect lives and property during three days of looting and violence in Atlanta.

Rioting erupted in Atlanta and several other U.S. cities following the acquittal of four white Los Angeles police officers who had been videotaped while beating black motorist Rodney King.

Members of the 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, headquartered in Calhoun, the 1st Battalion, 122nd Infantry, headquartered in Gainesville and the 190th MP Company of Atlanta were on standby at Fort Gillam and at Georgia Guard Headquarters during the emergency.

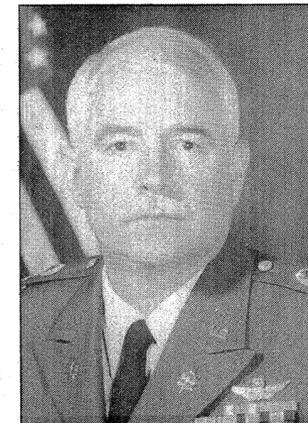
Youths went on a rampage in downtown Atlanta on April 30, breaking windows, overturning cars and beating people. Sporadic violence continued for two more days, but police were able to control the situation.

The guard members practiced riot control techniques, but hundreds of Atlanta police, state troopers and GBI agents were able to restore order without National Guard assistance.

INSIDE

The Army Guard

Idol resigns his position as assistant adjutant general



Col. Tony G. Idol

Charges of sexual harassment against one officer and allegations of impropriety against another surfacing in the metro-Atlanta media have led to the resignation of one Georgia Army National Guard official and the possibility that another will be stripped of his commission.

Col. Tony G. Idol formerly the assistant adjutant general, Army, submitted his resignation to Gov. Zell Miller April 9. The resignation followed a lengthy investigation ordered by Brig. Gen. William P. Bland Jr., the Adjutant General, into numerous allegations and improprieties throughout the Georgia Army Guard. The report, officially concluded April 10, involved more than 35 witnesses, more than 450 man-hours and produced in excess of 5,000 pages of testimony and exhibits.

Bland said that the investigation confirmed that a substantial number of the allegations were valid. Privacy Act considerations prevented Guard officials from detailing the allegations. The investigation was conducted by officers of the Florida and South Carolina Army National Guard.

Also surfacing in the media were reports that the Georgia Army Guard knew of, but failed to discipline Lt. Col. Julius J. Lawton for alleged sexual harassment. The media segments, entitled "Dirty Little Secrets" featured interviews with a former guardsman who said that Lt. Col. Lawton harassed her sexually in the mid-1980s. She failed to report the incidents for several years, and subsequently left the guard. Televised accounts also reported that Lt. Col. Lawton had allegedly sexually harassed other female guardsmen.

Action on an investigation into the charges, which was conducted by Georgia Guard officials last year, was alleged to have been unduly delayed administratively. According to news accounts guard officials proposed only that a "letter of reprimand" be placed in the officer's personnel file.

The case was referred by General Bland to an impartial panel of officers at 2nd United States Army for resolution. Their verdict was that Lawton would be offered the opportunity to retire, resign or fight the allegation.

In another harassment case which surfaced in the media, a former female Guardsman accused a former chief of staff, Georgia Army National Guard, of ordering her to

annual training which her MOS prohibited.

In other actions, the Adjutant General grounded all Army guard aircraft for about four weeks in February and March. The action, which was also heavily covered in the media, was taken because of a number of inspection reports which disclosed management problems which could have an "adverse impact on safety."

The Guard operates 59 aircraft including UH-1 "Huey" helicopters in Winder, OV-1 Mohawk twin-engine fixed-wing aircraft at Dobbins AFB, Ga., and OH-58 "Kiowa" scout and CH-54 "Skycrane" heavy lift helicopters at Hunter Army Air Field.

Officials at each unit personally briefed corrective action plans to Bland who had to personally approve their resumption of flying operations.

Three other stories which surfaced included a charge that one guardsman was denied a job as a recruiter because of race; that drug funds were improperly charged; and that a Georgia guard helicopter flew dangerously low over Sanford Stadium during a football game at the University of Georgia.

The racial charge is still under investigation by guard officials. On the failure to charge drug funds to the appropriate account, guard officials acknowledged mistakes and, once discovered, moved immediately to correct the problem. The incident over Sanford Stadium resulted in a battalion commander and another pilot being "grounded."

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Unit closings inevitable; training will still be emphasized

In remarks delivered around the state, the Adjutant General discusses frankly the National Guard's current problems and his expectations for the future. Some excerpts from those comments:



AMONG THE UNITS targeted to be eliminated is the 1st Battalion, 122nd Infantry (TLAT) based in Winder.

We can't avoid closing units

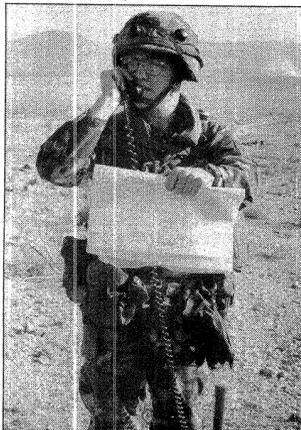
We will not be able to avoid the closing of some armories and facilities. Along with that, we will be moving some units around the state to take advantage of available manpower resources.

- "I have given the Army staff the following guidance:
 - We will maintain a National Guard presence particularly in the rural areas.
 - We will maintain the lineage of our oldest units.
 - The cuts that we know of today are just the beginning. I have every reason to believe that more are coming."

The Guards must cooperate

While the Army and the Air Guard are separate entities, both are a part of the Georgia National Guard. We are the military arm of the State of Georgia and the man-on-the-street draws very little distinction between Air and Army. He knows only that Georgia has a National Guard.

The Army Guard and the Air Guard have more in common than many of you would care to admit. We share common goals and we each serve our state and nation. We have started some joint efforts, particularly in the community actions area. I expect a very close working relationship between the Air Guard and the Army Guard. You must look for ways that you can work together for the common good.



AIR NATIONAL GUARD support is a critical element, such as Sgt. Steve Brown's role in close air support during desert training.

Male/Female relationships



AS MORE AND MORE WOMEN enter the Georgia Army National Guard, the need for professional conduct between males and females is not just requested, it's demanded.

We have been receiving more than our share of news reports in the Georgia Guard about sexual harassment. I have no doubt that sexual harassment exists in the Georgia National Guard. When it happens, particularly when women are the victims, it is rarely reported for many reasons — fear of job loss, fear of public disclosure, fear of disapproval of fellow airmen and

soldiers. Sexual harassment to me is simply a case of a totally inadequate man bullying a defenseless woman. This "macho" guy has to prove himself to anyone who will watch or listen that he has power over women and can easily bend them to his will. Sexual harassment is a very serious offense. I will not tolerate it.

We must be business-like

I stated when I took this office that my primary goal was to have the Georgia National Guard operate on a sound business-like basis. We are moving towards that goal and I am convinced that we will get

there. There is tremendous leadership and professional potential in the Georgia Guard. Sad to say, it is not always allowed to bloom. We are making progress and I know that you will make it work.



FIELD TRAINING will continue to be emphasized, whatever the outcome of federal and state cutbacks.

We learned some lessons on how we train

We learned many things from Operation Desert Shield/Storm. We learned that our mobilization plans and procedures were deficient. We learned that we were not prepared to take care of the problems of the families that were left behind. We learned that our training emphasis was wrong. For years, it has been the "mark of success" in the Army Guard to avidly seek large-unit exercises. We managed to fool ourselves and others that we were ready to field brigade and battalion task forces. In both the Army and the Air Guard, we condoned the exhibition of bravado and bad practices to creep into our training practices. Some of the old-timers openly displayed bad habits which were soon picked up by the younger leaders as being "the way to do

things." The result of this has been disastrous. We have lost aircraft. We have failed to prepare our young soldiers and airmen for the ultimate test — deployment into combat. As of now, that has changed. In the Army Guard, the driving philosophy for training is "Bold Shift" which concentrates our training on the small units just where it should have been for a long time. In the Air Guard, we have returned to the basics. We must insure that the individual pilot or crew can perform the basics from reflex. In both the Army and the Air Guard, we must constantly watch for those individuals who pride themselves in shortcuts and bravado. We must train and operate by the book.

Artillery plans for NATO role

By Sgt. JERRY DeAVILA
124th PA Detachment

For most Georgia Guardsmen, summer camp means heat, sweat and mosquitoes at Fort Stewart. But to the members of the 1/214th Field Artillery Battalion, it means planning for the cold, inhospitable weather of Norway. "We're the only Georgia guard unit authorized to wear the American Flag patch on the right shoulder," said Capt. Steve Kuhn, personnel officer for Headquarters Battery. "We are part of an American contingency to the NATO Composite Force (NCF)". The NCF consists of troops from military forces from three countries — America, Germany, and Canada. "When we are mobilized we act as if we are part of the Norwegian army. We modify and adapt our SOP to com-

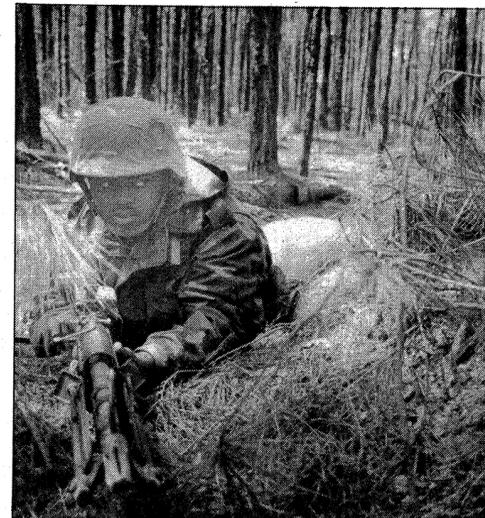
plement the Norwegian system." Due to the cold environment in Norway, the battalion must train in areas where troops and equipment can be acclimated to the cold weather. The unit has done its annual training in places like Ft. Drum, N.Y. and Camp Gately, Minn., and its Command Post Exercise in Norway. Col. Steinar Engh, a Norwegian NATO officer who was visiting the unit during training at Fort Gordon, said the NCF exists to deter hostilities in the area 100 miles south of the Arctic Circle. The NCF deploys prior to any hostile actions and is a show of force to any possible enemy. Engh is the planning liaison officer for the NCF. The 1/214th will be sending approximately 80 guardsmen for annual training to Norway in September.



STAFF SGT. THEODORE MORGAN guides a load of empty shell casing into the vehicle during his two weeks of annual training at Ft. Gordon. He is a member of 1/214th Field Artillery's Service Battery in Elberton.



COL. STEINAR ENGH, a Norwegian NATO officer, talks with a member of A Battery during weapons qualification at Ft. Gordon. Engh is the planning liaison officer for the NATO Composite Force (NCF).



PVT. 2 JACQUES JONES of Thomson keeps a watchful eye at his guard post during his two weeks annual training at Ft. Gordon. He is a member of B Battery 1/214th Field Artillery in Thomson.



SPEC. SAMMIE WILSON and Spec. Vincent Murray get ready to stake the camo nets on the 105M Howitzers during their two weeks annual training at Ft. Gordon. They are members of B Battery, 1/214 Field Artillery in Thomson. (Photos by SGT Jerry DeAvila)

Brigade puts on dress blues for second annual dining out

By Capt. SUELLEN G. REITZ
48th Inf. Bde. PAO

Valentine's Day was celebrated a day late for the officers and spouses of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech).

The occasion was the brigade's second annual Dining Out, a formal affair with dress blues, elegant gowns and pomp and ceremony.

The military Dining In originated in early calvary days when officers gathered to enjoy comradery with toasts and good-hearted fun. The Dining Out came later with the addition of the wives. Though still steeped in tradition, the Dining In is a bit more civilized in the overall gaiety of the night's events.

The punch bowl ceremony is a good example. Depending on the host battalion — this year, Armor — the punch is made of "special ingredients" of significance, representing historical events in the battalion's past. Swamp water, moonshine and motor oil are just a few of the secret ingredients passed from year-to-year.

While attendees speculated on the final "ingredient," the honor was reserved for the wife of Lt. Col. Dale O'Rourke, who contributed a yellow garter. The ingredients, together with a piece of dry ice in the bottom of the bowl, made for quite an impressive concoction.

Another tradition of the Dining Out was the Streamer ceremony. Conducted by Brigade Command Sergeant Major Emmitt Walker, the ceremony involved the presentation of battle streamers of the 48th by the brigade's sergeant majors and first sergeants.

The 17 streamers represented wars and campaigns the 48th and its predecessor units have participated in from the Seminole Indian War to Operation Desert Storm.

Following the dinner, Brig. Gen. (ret) William K. McDaniel, former assistant adjutant general for Georgia, discussed the contributions and history of the 108th Armor. Also speaking were the brigade commander, Brig. Gen. Don Davis, and the 24th Infantry Division commander, Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey.



MAJ. BOB MCCONNELL mixes some "Armor Punch" at the Brigade Dining Out. The host unit of the dining out always makes its own special style of punch. (Photo by Capt. Suellen G. Reitz)

Davis thanked families for their support during mobilization. "The closeness of wives and husbands gave us the catalyst to gain the extra edge making us, in my opinion, what I think is the best brigade in the U.S. Army."

McCaffrey assured the officers of their importance in the overall success of Operation Desert Storm.

"It was a tremendous morale boost to the soldiers of the 24th when we heard that you had been mobilized," he said. "This was a major statement to the Iraqi Army, the world at large and the U.S. Army units already deployed, that we were serious about our business and intended to prosecute it until it was done correctly."

"Your subsequent training exercise at the National Training Center, in my judgment, was as much a part in the victory of Desert Shield/Desert Storm as any active unit that was deployed."



48TH BRIGADE COMMANDER Brig. Gen. James D. Davis gets his General Officer's Belt put on by his wife Jan at the frocking ceremony. (Photo by Capt. Suellen G. Reitz)

Davis pins on general's star at Macon frocking ceremony

By Capt. SUELLEN G. REITZ
48th Inf. Bde. PAO

A year after he was promoted by the State of Georgia, the commander of Macon's 48th Infantry Brigade was elevated to the rank of brigadier general.

Brig. Gen. James D. Davis of Byron was officially "frocked" in a ceremony at brigade headquarters army on Shurling Drive in Macon.

To be frocked is an honorary promotion, allowing for all rights and privileges of the rank, with the exception of pay. In the case of Brig. Gen. Davis, the request was forwarded from state headquarters to National Guard Bureau in Washington, with final approval coming from Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

Federal recognition requires an act of Congress. Frocking allows the officer to wear the rank to allow proper command emphasis.

Attending the ceremony were friends and relatives of Davis, members of the Macon Volunteers, the 48th's staff and battalion commanders, Georgia's adjutant general and the assistant adjutant general, and the 24th Infantry Division's commander and his assistants.

The new rank was pinned on by Major Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division and by Brig. Gen. William P. Bland, Georgia's adjutant general. To symbolize family involvement, the general officer's belt was buckled around his waist by his wife, Jan.

"I'm very proud of this brigade and the opportunity to lead," Brig. Gen. Davis said after the ceremony. He quoted Gen. George S. Patton: "The rank which an officer wears on his coat is a symbol of his servitude to his men."

Brig. Gen. Davis, a supervisor at Robins Air Force Base in his civilian career, was promoted by the State of Georgia on 1 March 1991.

Shrinking manpower pool causes critical shortages

Brigade moves recruiting effort to metro Atlanta

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR
124th Public Affairs Detachment

The 48th Infantry Brigade hopes to do more recruiting in the Atlanta area, says its commander.

"If you look at the units that do well in recruiting, they're in the populated area," said Brig. Gen. Don Davis of Byron. "Conventional wisdom says the best fighters and shooter are farm boys, but there aren't

any farm boys left. They've gone to town and they're riding in BMWs."

The 48th has about 3,884 soldiers, 9 percent shy of its authorized strength of 4,268.

Population density is an important factor in recruiting, said Lt. Col. Ted Brown, the guard's recruiting and retention manager in Atlanta.

"There are simply more people up here. The more people we have to choose from the easier it will be to fill a unit," he said.

With cuts in the defense budget, the Pentagon

plans to trim the military, including guard and reserve units, by 25 to 30 percent over the next five years. As many as 2,000 members and 16 units, including some with armories in the Atlanta area, may be cut from the Georgia Army National Guard.

The 48th, Georgia's largest unit, is eyeing armories in Winder, Covington and Gainesville, where units will be disbanded, Davis said in a recent interview.

The brigade has units at 36 armories around the state, but none in the Atlanta area.

New 9mm Beretta scores high marks at Fort Benning shoot

By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR
124th PA Detachment

Guard members gave the new 9mm semi-automatic pistol rave reviews after firing it for the first time.

"It's smooth, real smooth," said 1st Lt. Jerald Hughes of D Company, 1st Battalion, 108th Armor in Canton. "It's right on the money, too. I hit every time."

Hughes, an Alpharetta resident, fired 139 out of 200 points to earn a sharpshooter's badge.

Members of the 1st Battalion, 108th Armor, headquartered in Calhoun, and the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, headquartered in Albany,

fired their newly issued pistols for the first time in April at Fort Benning.

The new pistol, adopted by the Army in the late 1980s, was designed by Beretta, a major Italian arms company.

Shooters say the Beretta has less recoil, a more comfortable grip and better sights than the Colt .45 semi-automatic pistol, which had been the standard Army sidearm since 1911.

The Beretta weighs 2.6 pounds with a 15-round magazine, compared to 3 pounds for the .45 with a seven-round magazine. Both pistols have a



CAPT. SCOTT CARTER, commander of C Company, 2/121 in Americus, gives his troops some shooting tips before they go to the firing line.



PFC PHILLIP GREGORY, left, D Company, 1/108th Armor in Canton, loads a 15-round magazine. To his right are other tankers from northwest Georgia.



SPEC. VICTOR MEINERT of Athens, a member of D Company 1/108th, prepares to fire the Beretta.

maximum effective range of 50 meters (54.7 yards).

"The weapon fires really smooth," said Pfc Phillip Gregory of Marietta, a tanker in the Canton unit. "It's easy to keep your aim. There's no kick to it."

Gregory, an ROTC cadet at North Georgia College, qualified as a marksman with 114 points.

Shooting at silhouette targets on a 50-meter range, the guardsmen fired 10 shots for familiarization and 40 for record in the prone, crouch, kneeling and standing positions.

Pvt. James Loyd, a Cordele construction worker who completed basic training in February, said it was a pleasure to fire the Beretta.

"It's got a small kick and it is easy to aim," said Loyd, a Bradley fighting vehicle driver with Bravo Company,

2/121 in Cordele.

2nd Lt. David A. Bell of Columbus, a medical platoon leader in Albany, agreed.

Capt. Scott Carter, commander of Charlie Company, 2/121 in Americus, gave his troops some shooting tips before they reached the firing line.

Carter, a competitive shooter from Savannah, discussed the four shooting positions and showed his men how to stabilize their arms in the kneeling position.

"We just got ours," he said. "They're great pistols."

The guardsmen spent the weekend on annual weapons qualifications with the M-16 rifle, the M-60 machine gun, the squad automatic rifle and the Beretta.

They also tossed dummy grenades and tested their fighting skills in computerized battle simulators designed specifically for Bradley and M-1 Abrams tank crews.

What they say about Beretta

"It's an excellent weapon. It has better control, better aiming, and better accuracy." — 2nd Lt. David A. Bell

"It's got a small kick and it is easy to aim." — Pvt. James Loyd

"I like it. I think it is a better system than the .45. It's lighter. It's easy to adjust." — Sgt. Robbie Swint

"The weapon fires really smooth. It's easy to keep your aim. There's no kick to it." — Pfc. Phillip Gregory

"It's smooth, real smooth. It's right on the money, too. I hit every time." — 1st Lt.

Photos By Staff Sgt. ELLIOTT MINOR



THIS IS THE ARMY'S NEW 9mm Beretta semi-automatic pistol. It has officially replaced the Colt .45 semi-automatic pistol which had been in service since 1911.

Army will be reduced to its 1939 size if cutbacks are realized

The Total Army of 1995 "will represent a fundamentally different way of looking at national defense," the commanding general of the 24th Infantry Division told National Guard officers at their April convention on Jekyll Island.

A projected active duty force of 535,000 would be reduced 250,000 from current strength and would be "about the same size as 1939," said Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey. A National Guard and Reserve reduction of 200,000 from the current 567,400 would mean that "we would have reserve components at the level of the pre-Reagan era buildup," he said.

The numbers are projections based on Defense Department analysis of the post-Soviet threat. The actual reductions, and their allocation among active and reserve components, will be determined by Congress.

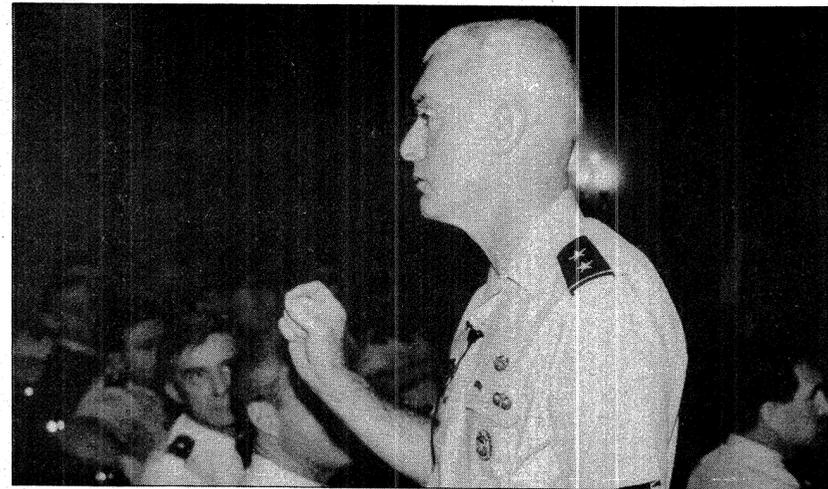
Among the other points made by Maj. Gen. McCaffrey

in remarks to officers attending the annual convention of the National Guard Association of Georgia:

- "There has been a feeling among some of the 48th Brigade that they got mugged" upon mobilization. Despite questions that were raised about their readiness, however, "they were harder than woodpecker lips by the time they got off the mountain at the National Training Center."

- Though he is a "Boston Yankee," Maj. Gen. McCaffrey said "I've got a bias and have had for a lot of years" that Southerners make better soldiers because of a military ethic, tradition, a sense of community and history. He noted that during mobilization, 5,273 Georgia Guardsmen were mobilized — 46 percent of the state's authorized strength.

- The nation has "designed a force we cannot deploy without deploying the Guard and Reserves." The citizen-soldier



ADDRESSING A SENIOR COMMANDER'S conference on Army plans is Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, commander of the 24th Infantry Division.

provides depth, staying power, and specialized expertise that's beyond the active component's capability to generate and sustain. "There are certain kinds of units that, if we have wisdom, we shouldn't put in the active force beyond a minimum level,em are civil affairs, military police, combat engineers and others.

- Training the Army National Guard is a Total Army function, he said, with

one Army, one standard. Pre-mobilization will focus on individual soldier, crew, squad and platoon training, along with training for commanders and their staffs. Post-mobilization will focus on full-scale company, battalion and brigade training.

Maj. Gen. McCaffrey, commander of the 24th Infantry Division since June 1990, led the division in combat operations in Iraq during Desert

Storm, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

His awards also include two awards of the Distinguished Service Cross, two awards of the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with "V" Device with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and three awards of the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

Guard to spearhead statewide drug awareness program Citizen-soldiers volunteer to talk to school assemblies

By Maj. KEN BALDOWSKI
Ga. Air Guard PAO

drug abuse organizations," said program coordinator

Maj. Cynthia T. Islin of the Georgia Air National Guard.

Participating guardsmen will be trained by private



THE NATIONAL GUARD DRUG PREVENTION and demand reduction program is working with youth groups, such as PRIDE (Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education) to combat drugs across Georgia. PRIDE is the nation's oldest, largest and most respected drug abuse organization. During the annual convention of the National Guard Association of Georgia, PRIDE teens from Waycross presented the program they use to deliver their anti-drug message.

The parents of many Georgia school children may soon be surprised to find Army and Air national Guardsmen speaking at their child's next assembly program.

Ga. Gov. Zell Miller has established a drug awareness program in which the Georgia National Guard will assume the lead role in community awareness and education. The goal of the multi-faceted program is to motivate children through positive role models in their own communities to complete their education and live a drug-free lifestyle.

"Because of the guard's prominence in communities large and small throughout the state, the guard will act as the central point of coordination to initiate and establish a network of civic, governmental and private

and government drug treatment organizations. They will become Drug Demand Reduction Facilitators for meetings with youth in schools, churches and other youth related organizations. Volunteers' family members will also become involved in youth activities, programs, and community events as well and act as positive role models in their communities. Business and industry will be urged to participate by providing speakers and to host field trips and tours as a way of showing youth the opportunities available through staying in school and avoiding drugs.

This new focus of the Georgia National Guard reinforces the national commitment toward combating the 'war on drugs'. The Drug Demand Reduction program is part of the National Guard's overall commitment, which also includes interdicting drug shipments into the state.

If they don't order fuel, the tanks don't move

More than a year after the 48th Infantry Brigade's mobilization, commanders and key staff members have fought another war.

Dubbed Gallant Victory, the war involved more than 2,000 active and reserve component soldiers at Ft. Stewart. The battlefield was a computer.

The command post exercise (CPX) with battles fought on computer screens to test the mettle of commanders and their staffs, may be the wave of the future.

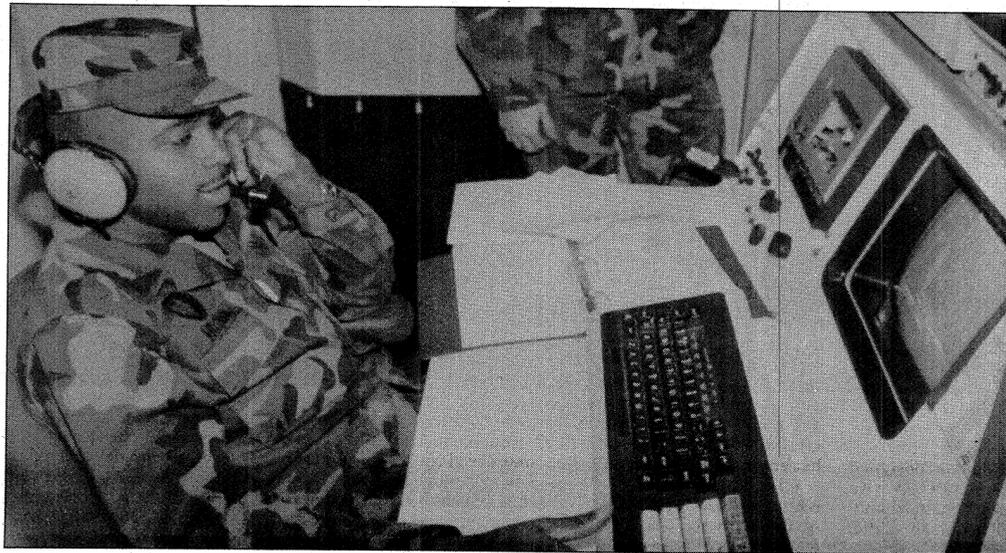
"The days of the huge operations under Reforger are gone," said Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffrey, commander of Ft. Stewart's 24th Infantry Division.

"The expense of sending entire units to the European Theater for week-long exercises have been replaced with JESS (Joint Exercise Simulation System)," he said.

"The simulation," he said, "is very realistic: If they have wounded soldiers and don't medevac them, they die. If they don't order fuel, the tanks

don't move."

The 48th's commander, Brig. Gen. Don Davis thinks the computer-driven battle exercise should be conducted twice a year. The skills involved in conducting battle are "complicated and extremely perishable," he said. "It's a foolish notion to think the Guard can be as ready as the active component without allowing proper training time," he said. "That's like saying a doctor or dentist can do their job without proper training."



SPEC. EVERY HILLMAN controls a computer simulator used to sharpen gunnery skills for the Bradley fighting vehicle. (Photo by Spec. Emory Minor)

Battlefield simulator improves gunnery skills

By Spec. EMORY MINOR
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Local guardsmen can fire at enemy tanks and aircraft without ever leaving their armory, thanks to a computer that simulates battlefields.

The Mobile Conduct-of-Fire Trainer is a gunnery training device for soldiers who fire weapons on the Bradley fighting vehicle.

"The simulator is critical. It teaches fire command, tracking, and most important, it teaches teamwork," said Capt. Mark Baker, operations and training officer for the 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment in Albany.

Working inside a Bradley takes the combined effort of the driver, the Bradley commander and the gunner.

Cordele guardsmen usually travel more than 200 miles to Fort Stewart to fire the Bradley's arsenal of weapons: 25mm automatic cannon, machine gun and a wire-guided anti-tank missile.

Now the guardsmen can stay at their home unit and have the mobile simulated battlefield come to them.

The mobile gunnery trainer hooks to a tractor trailer and travels to all of

the 2nd battalion's companies in southwest Georgia. Each company keeps it for two weeks.

The Georgia Army National Guard has three mobile trainers. The 1st Battalion, 108th Armor in northwest Georgia has one, the 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry in central Georgia has another and the 2nd battalion has the third.

"The gunnery trainer is probably the best training tool we have," said 1st Lt. Stuart Stovall, commander of Cordele's Bravo Company. "We are training to reinforce the basic skills of the soldier, needed to complete a mission."

During a recent weekend drill at the Cordele armory, the guardsmen also had classes on the M-60 machine gun and a new weapon, the 9mm Beretta pistol.

The Cordele guardsmen are members of Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) which was called to active duty for five months during the Persian Gulf crisis.

The 48th trained about three months in California's Mojave Desert. The war ended before they could be deployed.

News Briefs

Army to Help Out

When the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mech) arrives at Ft. Stewart for annual training in August, you can expect to see a lot more of the active Army. They'll be performing most of the routine administrative functions essential to training — the road guards, safety personnel, fire and range guards and the manning of training sites.

At present, about 10 percent of a unit's personnel strength is sapped just to run training. Under this pilot program, everybody in the 48th will have equal access to training. And it should be possible to get in a few extra hours a day of real training.

Getting to Know You

Details remain, but it's get-acquainted time for two Georgia units. Co. H, 122d Long Range Surveillance Unit (LRSU) will be off to Ft. Bragg 29 Aug. - 12 Sep. to train with the Tiger Brigade, its wartime higher headquarters. It's a first.

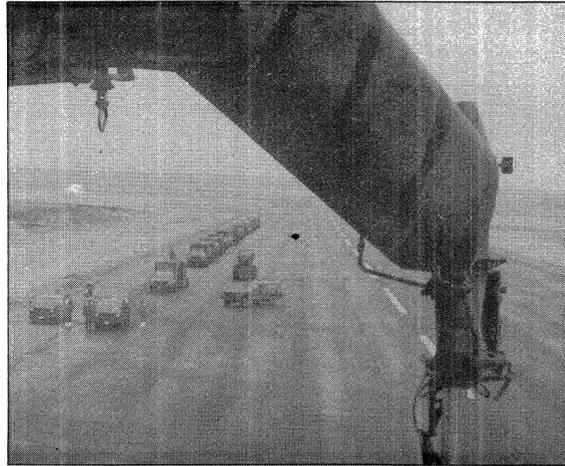
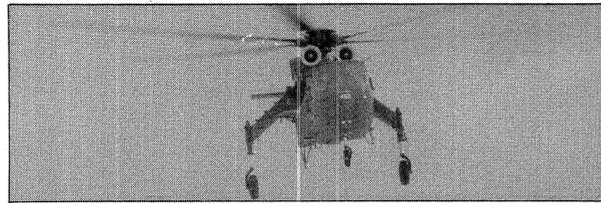
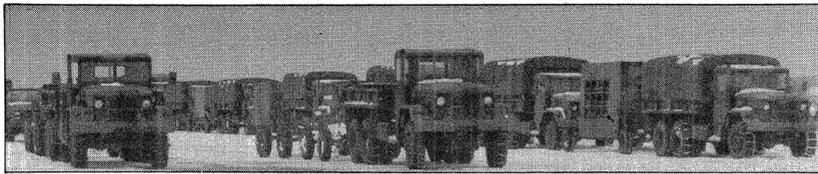
Co. B, 244th Aviation is traveling in June to Ft. Hood, Texas, to train for the first time with its parent battalion, Louisiana's 1st Battalion, 244th Aviation. The 1/244th will be the lift battalion supporting Ft. Hood's 49th Armored Division during an FTX.

Check the Mail

May was a significant month for guardsmen with more than 20 years' service. Selective retention boards for both officers and enlisted met during May. The officer board considered 348 officers and warrant officers.

On the Spring Tour

Your local armory may never compete with Callaway Gardens in the springtime, but a dash of color will make them more attractive. The Georgia Forestry Commission is distributing a thousand dogwood trees and 500 crepe myrtles to armories around the state. Each armory will have 5-10 trees. For old-timers who believe that anything that remains stationary on a military installation is to be painted, this reminder: Dogwoods and crepe myrtles bloom. Please don't paint them.



ARMY, AIR FORCE, and some local Norwegians playing basketball.



Winter training at its best, worst

Consider for a moment the conditions which Georgia Army and Air Guardsmen faced during a recent 3-week NATO deployment to Andoya, Norway, 130 miles north of the Arctic Circle ... frozen turf as deep as 14 feet where the only means of pitching a tent was to use dynamite, temperatures which rarely crept above freezing; winds which howled at 80 mph threatening even the stability of the two-and-a-half-ton trucks and blizzards which formed in less than five minutes and could shut operations down for hours. For the Georgia Guardsmen who only recently began to enjoy the vestiges of Spring in Savannah, Norway was the harsh realization of a Guardsman preparedness.

CH-54 Skycrane flies its last mission, as Army, Air Guard train together on Norway Tundra

By Spec. EMORY MINOR
124th PA Detachment

Twenty-five members of a Georgia Army National Guard helicopter company spent up to three weeks in Norway this spring, ferrying supplies above the Arctic Circle during a NATO exercise.

Pilots, flight engineers, mechanics, and other mem-

bers of Savannah's Company G, 244th Aviation Regiment traveled to Andoya, Norway, in March. Andoya is located 130 miles above the Arctic Circle.

The guardsmen used two CH-54 Skycrane helicopters to assist the Air National

Guard's 117th Tactical Control Squadron of Savannah in setting up a radar control station.

"The station was on a 1,300-foot mountaintop and our sky-cranes were the only way to transport the equipment," said Chief Warrant Officer

Roland Ferland of Savannah, a pilot.

Skycranes are capable of carrying 20,000 pounds. They have an 80-foot winch cable that can be lowered to pick up supplies.

The guard members transported 34 pieces of equipment

to the snow-covered mountain tops, including a radar dish, generators, military storage containers, fuel, meals and people.

The exercise lasted from March 17 to March 26. During their stay, high winds and blizzards sometimes delayed

their flights.

"The weather environment was strange, winds sometimes reached 70 knots (80.5 mph) and a blizzard could form in 5 minutes," said Maj. Billy Smith, the commander.

"I've never seen that much snow," said Staff Sgt. Brady D.

Trawick, a flight engineer who has lived in Georgia all his life.

In preparation for Norway, the aviation company spent several months training for cold weather flying.

"We all were safety conscious of the snow. Before we left we had classroom instruction on mountain flying and cold weather flying," said Chief Warrant Officer Jeff J. Webb, the training officer.

Smith, a state patrol helicopter pilot from Reidsville, feels the unit is better trained and more capable of performing its mission due to the experience gained in Norway.

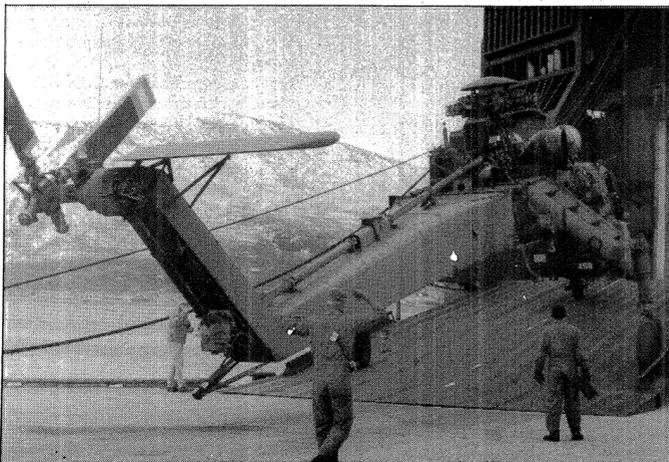
"We'll probably be getting more of these (overseas) missions," he said.

The guardsmen may go overseas again, but the CH-54 Skycrane has flown its last mission with Company G.

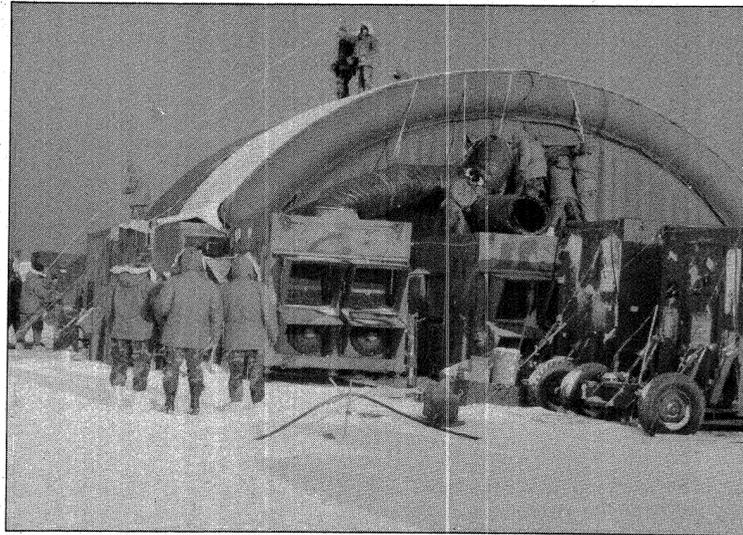
The 1968 Skycranes are scheduled to be replaced by CH-47D Chinooks during an official ceremony on June 7th.

Company G is headquartered at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah.

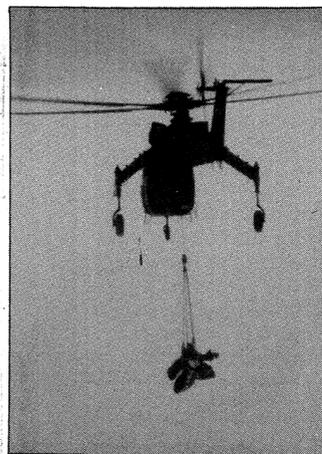
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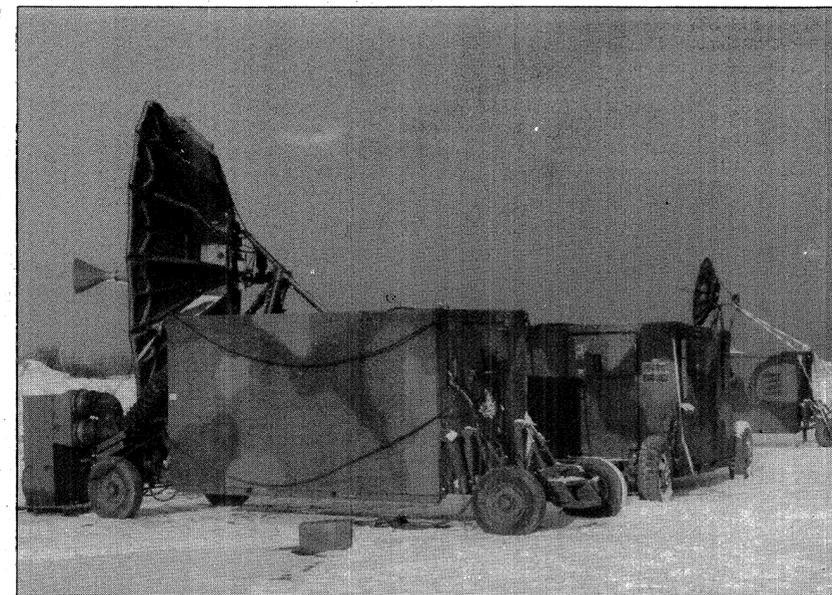
DISGORGING MAMMOTH Skycrane helicopters from the transport ship "American Falcon" was the first step Georgia guardsmen faced in the North-of-the-Arctic Circle NATO exercise. SSgt. Mountfold directs operation.



GA ANG TAC controllers scramble to secure loose communication equipment in advance of unpredictable blizzard conditions.



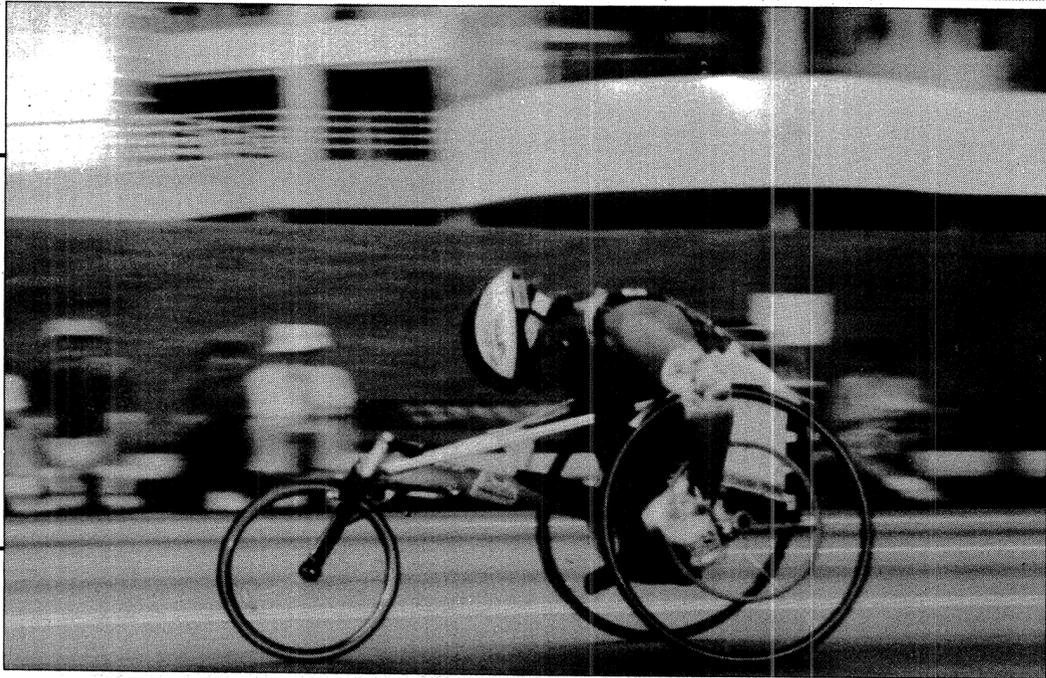
WINDS OF OVER 80 MPH often combined with severe prop wash of giant Skycranes to make equipment movement during the exercise extremely difficult.



SENSITIVE RADAR installations manned 24 hours by TAC controllers of the 117th. TSC provided constant surveillance across the desolate stretches of Norwegian mountains.

How I got the shot ...

"The background of the photo is blurred to enhance the effect of movement by the subject which is in sharp focus. This type of shot is called 'panning'. To get the subject in focus, although moving very fast, I had to move the camera while pressing the shutter release. Very often these don't work, but I was lucky this time."



Wheelchair race produces winning photo

Sgt. Nick Ashton of Marietta's 116th Mission Support Flight, Georgia Air National Guard, has been awarded third prize in the first annual National Guard Bureau Picture of the Year competition. Ashton's photo of the

Wheelchair Race taken during the 1991 Peachtree Road Race was honored in the Human Interest category. More than 100 photographs from across the nation were submitted. Congratulations on the award have come from

Major General Philip G. Kiley, director of the Air National Guard, Col. Douglas M. Padgett, the Assistant Adjutant General, Air and Col. Stephen G. Kearney, commander of the Dobbins AFB based 116th Tactical Fighter Wing.

Ashton, a visual information specialist with the Centers For Disease Control, said that was a "surprise." He said photography has been a hobby for several years.

The Blue Yonder

Significant changes are currently being proposed for future mobility planning and exercises according to recent reports from the 1992 Air National Guard Logistics Operations Conference held in Dallas. Col. Bruce Maclane, 116 TFW deputy commander for operations, Maj. Bill Bryan and Master Sgt. Mike Cochran of the 116th TFW Logistics Office who attended the two-day conference indicated that the changes are the result of a comprehensive review of mobility plans and procedures used in Desert Storm.

The first input from a wear test of the proposed new Air Force uniform indicates the uniform outshines the present one. Three hundred people of all ages, sexes, sizes, ethnic backgrounds and ranks assigned to the District of Columbia and Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio areas were involved in the first part of the extensive test before production began. Still many current and former Air Force personnel are reserving judgment on the new uniform.

The 165th Tactical Airlift Group provided a C-130 and crew for Operation Mercy Sapper, a humanitarian airlift mission to Guinea, Africa in April. The GaANG unit transported the New York Air Guard's 106th TAC Clinic from Suffolk County, N.Y. and the Utah's 115th Engineering Group to Africa for the relief mission.

Marksmanship goes high-tech

Simulator takes firing from range to video screen

By Staff Sgt. NICK ASTON
116th Mission Support Flight

The weapons are the same — an M-16, 9 millimeter or .38 caliber — but everything else about qualifying in small arms marksmanship for air guardsmen of the 116 Tactical Fighter Wing is radically different. High-technology has turned small arms training to a small, darkened room with a projected target on a screen 12-14 feet away.

The system which is gaining increased interest throughout the guard is known as FATS, or Fire Arms Training Simulator.

FATS is only a training aid", said Master Sgt. Tom Lumas, the combat arms training and maintenance superintendent for the 116th Weapons Security Flight. "Although more guard units as well as foreign military units are purchasing the new technology, it has not yet been approved so far

FATS: This is what it does

FATS projects a computer generated image onto a screen. A camera sees the target and adapts the weapon to the target's distance and any of a number of specific characteristics of both the weapon and the shooter, down to a simulated sound of the weapon being fired.

But don't be mistaken —

as a replacement to actually qualifying on the range".

Lumas estimates that more than 1,500 reservists and the Dobbins Air Force Base base police have trained on the sophisticated new system at the 116TFW over the past 16 months.

But FATS provides not only feedback on target analysis, but also pro-

vides simulation training in real-life situations like ambushes, clearing of buildings and other combat situations. The Georgia Air National Guard was one of the first users of the high-tech weapons training system, which was developed by a former NASCAR racing champion. Jody Schecter.

165th TAG participates in European USO tour

By Maj. FRANK BAKER
165th TAG PAO

"For the Boys," the recent Bette Midler movie, chronicled a vaudeville troupe's travels entertaining U.S. military personnel from World War II through the Vietnam conflict.

There are still American military personnel and dependents stationed throughout the world. The USO still sponsors entertainers to provide them with a bit of "home town" entertainment, something it has done for more than 50 years.

Savannah's 165th Tactical Airlift Group (TAG) had the opportunity to participate in a real USO tour through Southern Europe in February.

It was a rare opportunity for Lt. Col. Richard Armstrong, 1st Lt. Steve Melton, 1st Lt. Ken White, Tech. Sgt. Dennis Smith, Sgt. Frank Ramirez and Sgt. Jim Webster, all aircrew members from the 158th Tactical Airlift Squadron, and Sgt. Reginald McPherson, crew chief from the 165th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Senior Master Sgt. Ron Jetton, audiovisual specialist, elsewhere on this page, describes how much these USO tours mean not only to those being entertained, but also to those involved in helping out.

While it may not turn out to be a script for the next Bette Midler movie,

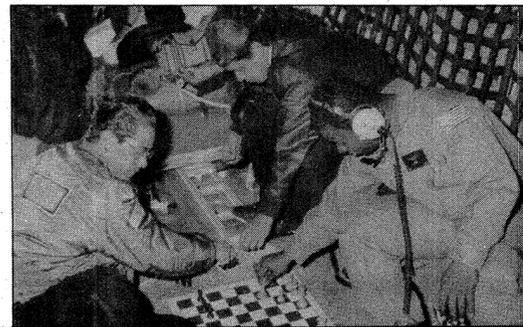
it does warmly describe how routine airlift support can turn out to be much

more than routine. This was more than a "you call, we

haul" mission for the Guardsmen involved.



RUDY, MOANA and Elizabeth, all members of The Jets, belt out another hit in Rota, Spain.



Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Ron Jetton

TECH SERGEANT DENNIS SMITH plays chess with Rudy, a member of The Jets, on the flight across the Atlantic.



JOCELYN RIPLEY, who is described as having a voice comparable to Patti LaBelle, performs in Iraklion, Greece.

C-130 crew "The Jets" across Europe

By SMSgt. RON JETTON
165th Tactical Airlift Group

It began as just another mission. By the time it was over, all of us on the C-130H crew had been semi-adopted by the rock singing group The Jets.

Our mission had been to transport them to various military installations in southern Europe for USO/DOD entertainment.

It was a great learning experience. The Jets are multi-talented entertainers, all members of a family originally from Tonga, Samoa, an island in the central Pacific Ocean, though they now live in Minnesota.

Our job was getting the group from one location to another, from Turkey, Greece, Italy, Spain and finally, two weeks later, to the last performance at Lajes Air Force Base in the Azores. Along the way, we became one big happy family sharing memorable times together.

There was touring and basketball, chess, card games and tricks, shopping and, of course, the group's performance, which was icing on the cake.

No matter how sick or tired, at showtime they made magical transformations into high-energy non-stop performers. When time permitted, the group visited local Department of Defense schools to talk with the children, speaking about drugs and the importance of family.

After each show, they took whatever time necessary for autographs and photos with fans. The final show at Lajes opened the door for all of us to unleash our hidden talents as we were summoned to the stage by the performers for the final song of the tour.

We danced, we sang, we played the tambourine, and there was a shaving cream pie to top it all off. What a night! From Lajes to Andrews Air Force Base, we played games, talked, exercised, slept and prepared ourselves for



MEMBERS OF THE ROCK SINGING group, The Jets, pose for final pictures with members of Savannah's 165th Tactical Airlift Group. The Jets were described as a "very close, caring and compassionate family and by the end of the mission they had semi-adopted all of us on the crew," said one crew member.

farewells. Once there, the farewells began. There were hugs and kisses, teary eyes and final waves as we parted. We never said good-bye because we all agreed to stay in touch.

Our mission was over, but in just two short weeks we had all experienced some of the most memorable times of our lives, moments to cherish forever. As the bus left the plane, we

knew the group would continue to climb to bigger and better things in the entertainment world and we are thankful that we had the opportunity to know them, not just as The Jets, but as family.

MASH nurses make transition to military easily

By Spec. ERIC D. JOHNSON
124th PA Detachment

Head Nurse: "How long do we keep a casualty here?"

Nurses: "Fourty-eight hours."

Head Nurse: "What does MASH stand for?"

Nurses: "Mobile Army Surgical Hospital."

This is how Maj. Margaret A. Burkholder, chief nurse for the 117th MASH, quizzed her nurses during a field training exercise at Fort Gillem.

"I've got 40 excellent trauma, operating room, and intensive care nurses. They work in intensive care units and emergency rooms all over the state," said Burkholder, an Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Northeast Ga. Medical Center, said.

The only problem is that "they have training for what to do in the civilian world, but it's different in the military," Burkholder said.

"The biggest transition for me has been getting used to nursing the Army way," said 1st Lt. Alverta Hills, an intensive care nurse who is a Registered Nurse for the VA Medical Center in Augusta. "It's a lot different than civilian nursing." Hills has only been in the National Guard for 18 months.

"It's nursing in a different respect," said 1st Lt. Jonnie L. Royal, a critical care nurse from Phenix City, Ala. who has been in the National Guard for three years. "In civilian nursing, we tend to take care of the most critical first, but in the Army we take care of the least critical first, so they can get back to duty."

Burkholder said most of these nurses have only been in the guard for about 18 months and have never had any military experience. They received a direct commission because they already have a degree and nurses are needed in the military.

Although the nurses are adapting to military life well, Burkholder said that they have problems using the chain of command and some of the military customs and courtesies.

"Nurses want to go straight to the top," Burkholder said. She added that nurses do that in the civilian world.

"I'm still learning about military customs and courtesies. I have to remember when to salute," admitted seven month veteran 1st Lt. Barbara R. Caldwell, a nurse for the Army, and a staff nurse at Grady Memorial Hospital.

Although many of the nurses are direct commission, "I think they have adapted well but aren't given enough credit because they have no basic training, AIT, etc." said 2nd Lt. John B. Rahn, an intensive care nurse for the guard and a staff nurse in an intensive care unit at Candler Hospital in Savannah. Rahn was enlisted for 12 years before he received his commission in October 1991.

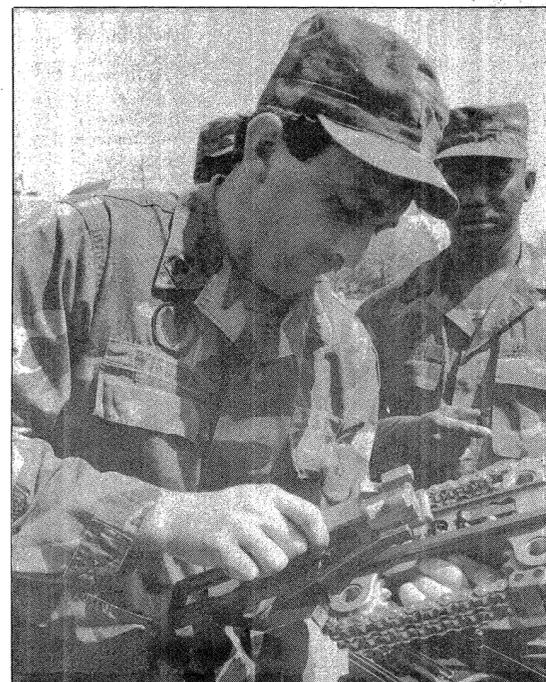
"I like the learning and teaching aspects. We (the direct commission nurses) can learn from the soldiers militarily and teach them medically," said 1st Lt. James H. Lee, Jr., an assistant operating room nurse for the 117th MASH and registered nurse at Northlake Regional Medical Center in Tucker.



MAJ. MARGARET A. BURKHOLDER, chief nurse of the 117th MASH, directs nurses as they complete erecting a general purpose tent for their field training exercise at Fort Gillem. (Photo by Spec. Eric D. Johnson)

Now we can drive our Bradleys anytime

Hometown support gives unit down-home feeling



SPEC. JIMMY WIGGINS disassembles the firing pin for a 25mm automatic cannon. He is a member of Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry in Americus. (Photo by Spec. Emory Minor)

By Spec. EMORY MINOR
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Community support helps local guardsmen practice the skills they would need if mobilized for another world crisis.

The Sumter County Corrections Institute provides an area where guardsmen can drive the Bradley fighting vehicle, an important troop carrier during the Persian Gulf war.

And Sheriff Randy Howard gives them an escort so that they can safely move the tank-like vehicles from the armory to the training site.

"We are in a unique situation. Normally we only drive the Bradley a few times a year," said Capt. Scott Carter, commander of Americus' C Company. "Now we can drive the Bradley every drill."

The infantrymen also practice ambushes at the site.

Carter wants more of his soldiers to be qualified Bradley drivers.

The unit learned the importance of having more drivers when they were mobilized for Operation Desert Storm and fought mock battles in Califor-

nia's Mojave Desert, he said. Local guardsmen usually travel to Fort Stewart — more than 200 miles away — to train with the Bradley.

But with the sheriff's help, they are able to use the local training site.

During a recent weekend drill, the Americus guardsmen also held classes on the assembly and disassembly of the Bradley's 25mm auto-

matic cannon and its 7.62mm machine gun.

The guardsmen are members of Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) which was called to active duty for five months during the Persian Gulf Crisis.

The 48th trained in the Mojave for three months. The war ended before they could be deployed to the Middle East.



LOCAL GUARDSMEN practice driving a Bradley fighting vehicle recently. (Photo by Spec. Emory Minor)

Family sacrifice often overlooked



Mrs. Manning

How important is your family to your success in the National Guard? For wives, husbands and children, it's a sacrifice too infrequently recognized.

At ceremonies marking Command Sgt. Maj. Billy Manning's retirement as full-time State CSM, his wife, Pat, spoke of that sacrifice. Her eloquence speaks for itself.

Here are excerpts of her comments: "I would like to deviate from military protocol and say a few words about your State Command Sergeant Major — my husband.

Did you know that he has served in the Georgia Army National Guard longer than I have known him? He has served 37 1/2 years in the guard, and it was just two days ago that we celebrated 31 years of marriage.

During those years there have been many, many times that I have been fiercely jealous of you men and women of the guard. Billy was always with you when our children were christened, on their birthdays, when they were involved in special activities at church and school, family reunions, our anniversaries, and on I could go, just as I'm sure your spouse has cited to you on several occasions.

But over the years I have grown to be envious of the very special relationship you guardsmen have. Billy's total dedication and commitment to the Georgia Army National Guard over these years has always been at 100 percent capacity. And while I have felt that the sacrifice of the family at times was a little too much, as I now reflect back on Billy's career I certainly am proud of him and his accomplishments, and I certainly adhere to the motto of the spouse of a guardsman, 'Side by side, I stand with pride'.

Billy's career has been one filled with many, many accomplishments that hard work and sacrifice have made possible. It goes without saying that I and his family are very proud of him.

I know that Billy is a very modest person and this day is most uncomfortable for him because he is the one being recognized and that is not his style — it is you, the men and women of the guard that he always wants recognized.

So as I salute this soldier and congratulate him on a job well done, I also congratulate you and thank you for being a part of his career and I recognize that together you have 'made it happen'."



THOUSANDS OF GEORGIANS welcomed the 48th Brigade home after their training at Fort Irwin, Calif., during Desert Storm. (Photo by Sgt. Jerry Deavila)

Gulf war causes guard families to reflect on its hard lessons

"Lessons learned."

One of the more common military "buzz phrases" heard and spoken by Georgia Air and Army National Guard members all the time. But now, local guard family members are adopting the concept.

In the midst of significant Georgia Guard participation in Operation Desert Storm, Guard family members statewide were severely tested. Now that all the state's troops have returned, local guard families are reviewing the events — and planning for the future.

"There was little chance for everybody to really be ready for Desert Storm," explained Judy Wilmarth, whose husband deployed to Southwest Asia with Marietta's 265th Engineering Group. "Everything had to be pretty much by trial and error."

That's why Wilmarth, who served as a family support center coordinator throughout the 265th's six-month deployment, agrees that this spring's Georgia Guard family "basic-training" workshops were necessary and helpful.

"These workshops will help us with a framework where we can plan for the future, and also deal with the after-effects of the call up," Wilmarth said.

"These workshops will serve as motivational tools for the future," said 2nd Lt. Tanya Brinkley, the Georgia Guard's full time family program coordinator. "We need to get after this during peacetime."

A former local social worker, Brinkley has served in her current guard position for almost a year. And ironically, Brinkley filled the position after her Atlanta-based 190th Military Police Company returned from Saudi Arabia.

"I recall the conversations I had with my soldiers," Brinkley explained. "Just about every problem we encountered could be traced to family concerns. So I've seen this issue up close."

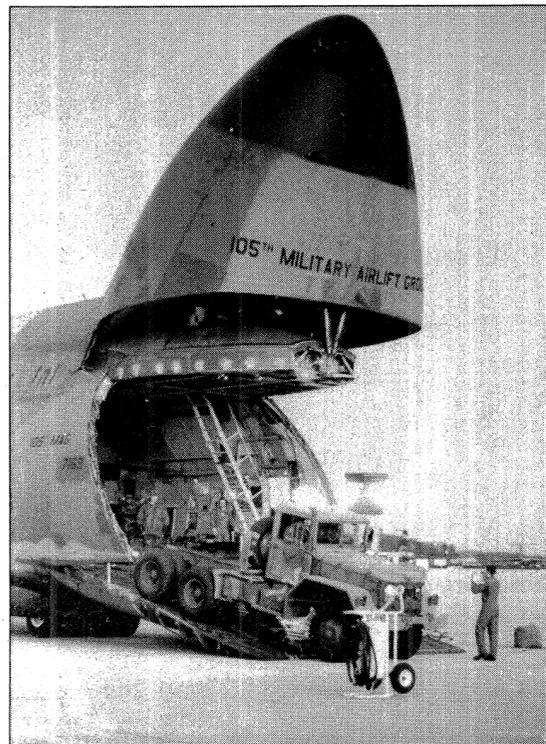
Throughout February and March, five workshops featured presentations by state agencies, the American Red Cross, and guard spouses.



FAMILY MEMBERS GREETED their returning soldiers with cheers, tears, and smiles. (Photo by the 124th Public Affairs Det.)

And during each workshop, the guard family members — much like a local volunteer firemen's group — tuned in to the information provided.

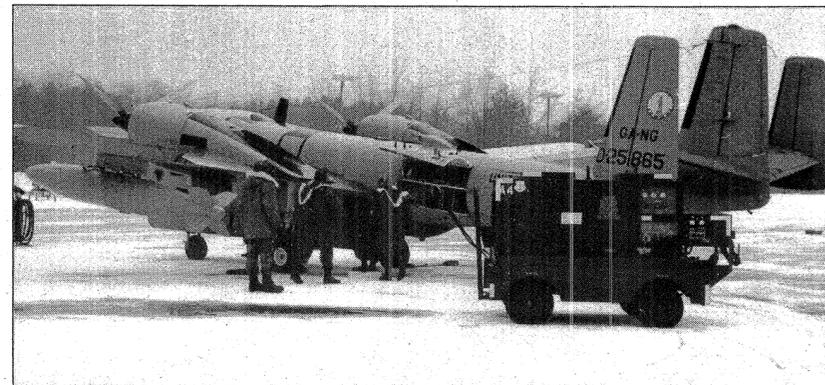
Yesterday's Desert Storm became today's "lessons learned" — which will become tomorrow's action.



MACHINE BIRTHS MACHINE — Like a prehistoric fish, trucks roll off a huge C-141 upon arrival in Michigan.



SILHOUETTED AGAINST A WINTRY SKY, the cargo plane appears deceptively peaceful.



OV-ID MOWHAWKS are in sharp contrast to the snowy landscape.

151st heads for Michigan for cold-weather training

By Sgt. S.F. KENITZER
124th PA Detachment

One unit in the Georgia Army National Guard does not have to face the sweltering July heat in south Georgia this summer. Instead, its soldiers spent two weeks weathering temperatures 40 degrees below zero in northern Michigan.

Company A and Headquarters, Headquarters Support of the 151st Military Intelligence Battalion performed their annual training Jan. 25 through Feb. 9 in Alpena, Mich. As a roundout battalion for the Army's 500th Military Intelligence Brigade in northern Japan, the 151st is required to train under similar conditions.

That means a place with extremely cold temperatures, plenty of snow, ice and wind that is surrounded by water on three sides — much like the northern tip of Japan. Alpena fit the bill, explained Maj. Hal Kerkhoff, Company A commander.

"It was cold," said HHS 1st Sgt. David Winslow. "But the weather built our confidence in the Army's cold weather gear. The hardest part for many of us was learning to walk on the ice."

The more than 160 soldiers slid their way through cold weather survival training, day and night live fire exercises and numerous airlift

missions blanketed under inches of white powder. The main mission was to train for a cold weather combat situation.

The 151st, based at Dobbins Air Force Base, went to Alpena in early 1991 without its equipment. In this year's exercise, the aviators moved personnel, vehicles and eight OV-10 Mohawks from Georgia to Michigan. Under the supervision of the Air Force at Dobbins Air Base, they put gear on pallets, determined proper weight requirements and flew themselves north to Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base at which the movie "Die Hard 2" was

filmed.

Although they did not have to set up camp in the snow, all the daily work was done outdoors, since the aircraft did not fit into the hangars. During the first several days, the unit was trained by an expert team from the cold weather training school at Camp Ripley, Minn.

Long hours were spent deciphering the planes and taking proper cold weather precautions before each mission. The flights involved finding or tracking targets and took the nine pilots on more than 263 flight hours from Maine to North Dakota.

The blizzard conditions made flying nearly impossible. "It's like flying through soup," said Company A 1st Sergeant Harry Land of Winston. "Or worse, thick gravy."

"It's like sitting in your car and only seeing the dash," added Kerkhoff. The snow-covered targets were difficult to find and nearly unidentifiable on the pictures developed after each mission.

Upon each flight return, basic maintenance had to be completed and problems corrected. Maintenance took longer to complete in the

extreme temperatures because the bulky, arctic suits and gloves are not suited to crawling into small airplane crevices.

"Your coat snags on the plane and your hands freeze. You have to stop and warm up before going out again," said Staff Sgt. Wesley Burke, an avionics technician. "It's psychologically exhausting and frustrating because it takes much longer than we're used to," continued Land.

Teamwork was the unit's strength, said Chief Warrant Officer Bill Morris of Snellville. When the pilots came back from a mission there was always a maintenance team waiting. They were not told to be there but they cared enough about the planes and our mission, added Morris.

"I came back about 10:30 p.m. one night and had a long list of problems with the airplane. I left the list for the morning team, but when I came back at 7:30 a.m. the plane was ready to go — problems fixed," said Morris. "I expected the plane to be down for 3 days. I just couldn't believe it."



DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER, members of the 151st assemble for training.

N. Ga. College brings guard cadets to campus

A primary source of Georgia Army National Guard officers is a small college nestled in the North Georgia Mountains.

One-hundred-seventy-six cadets at North Georgia College in Dahlonega are enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard, said Maj. C. Cuyler McKnight III, the school's National Guard and Reserve liaison officer.

Also, 33 percent of all officers commissioned into the guard over the past three years came from NGC, Knight said.

Guard enlistment gives the cadets actual military experience — with basic training, advanced individual training, and unit training, according to McKnight. It also increases officer leadership ability.

"There are more cadets here because of the National Guard. The cadets enlisted in the guard can implement their experiences into their roles as a cadet," said Spec. Jennifer L. Splinter, a medic in the 138th Medical Co., and junior cadet at NGC.

"The training you get in the guard benefits you when you train to be an officer," said Cpl. A. Dawn Sharp, also a medic

in the 138th Medical Co., and junior cadet at NGC.

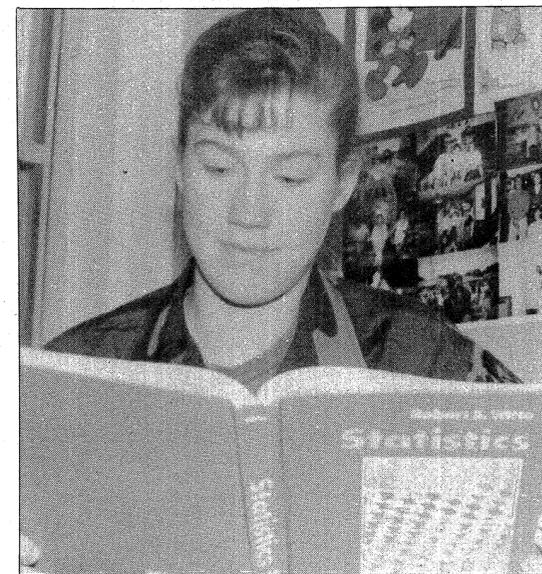
"Many students had never heard of NGC until they became involved in the Guard. Also, there is peer pressure from cadets in the Guard that causes many other cadets to enlist," Sharp said.

"Probably the greatest plus (of the relationship) is the communications link between the Guard and NGC," McKnight said. "The college also provides training areas for North East Georgia units."

According to McKnight, this year eight commissioning cadets are guaranteed to serve in the Guard, and five to seven others will decide between active duty and the Guard later.

"I think it is all-together fitting that at NGC we should continue the relationship between the citizen soldier and the state by training quality military leaders that, by definition, represent citizens of the highest quality," said Col. Robert P. Barclay, the commandant of cadets at NGC.

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SPEC. BETH CRAWFORD, from Snellville and a medic in the 138th Medical Company in Atlanta, studies for her sophomore statistics class.



SPEC. ROBERT LIVELY, a sophomore from Summerville and a tanker in C Company 1st of the 108th Armor in Dalton, jumps with glee as he walks from finishing a final exam in Criminal Justice.

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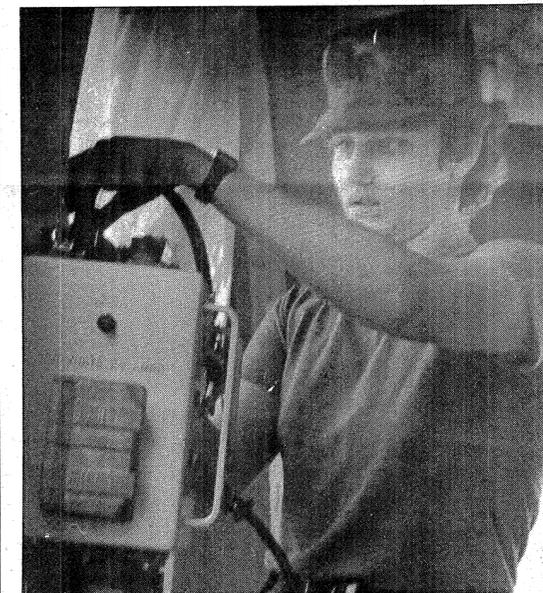
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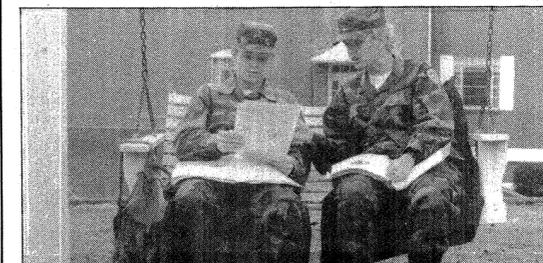
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SPEC. MARGARET J. LEE, a sophomore cadet at North Georgia College, hooks electrical connections inside one of the surgical tents on the 117th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital field training exercise at Fort Gillem.



PVT. 2 AMY J. LONDON, left, from Cleveland and a heavy machine mechanic in the 82nd Maintenance Company in Lavonia, and **Pvt. Judy A. Splinter**, from Stone Mountain a medic in the 138th Medical Company in Atlanta, study together for their freshman biology class.

1940 Ga. guard mobilization was one for history books

By CW3 RICH ELWELL
Command Historian

It has been a year and a half since more than 5,000 Georgia Army and Air National Guardsmen were called to federal active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Of the 1,000 soldiers who served in the Persian Gulf, most were back home in a relatively short time.

The historic mobilization of the National Guard in 1940, however, was another matter.

All 5,400 men in the Georgia National Guard — we were Army only — were federalized beginning in September 1940. President Franklin D. Roosevelt called up four National Guard divisions for a year of training: the 45th Infantry Division from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arizona and Colorado; the 44th ID from New Jersey and New York; the 41st from Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington; and the 30th "Old Hickory" Division, with soldiers from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The War in Europe was raging and the Germans rolled like a juggernaut. France fell in June 1940, and Britain was reeling.

Because its patch depicted an Indian good luck symbol that resembled a swastika, the 45th ID adopted another Indian symbol and became known as the Thunderbird Division.

All four divisions were deployed to

Fifty years ago every man in the Georgia Guard was called to arms to help stop Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo. These citizen-soldiers thought they would be home in a year. They were gone for six. Many would not return. An outspoken general who commanded a division of Georgians called to duty for World War II gained notoriety for his outspoken criticism of treatment of his soldiers during the train-up, as Chief Warrant Officer 3 Rich Elwell recounts.

locations rather than facilities. The Georgians and the rest of the southerners were sent to Camp Jackson, S.C., near Columbia. The division was commanded by Gen. Henry Dozier Russell, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Georgia. Russell soon found out that there was a disadvantage to Camp Jackson greater than the lack of training and living facilities — it's closeness to Washington, D.C.

"All asserted they wanted to help us," Russell wrote of the steady parade of bureaucrats and Army brass who took the overnight train ride south from the capital to tour the camp. "Everybody in Washington came to see us ... When the Chief of Staff, Marshall, came to see us and went away, I remarked to Divisional Chief of Staff that we had seen them all except the president. Shortly thereafter, the Chief of Staff came into my office with a very secret radiogram, saying that now the president is on his way, and our list of visitors is complete."

Russell was a strong leader and outspoken about the guard's relationship of the regular army. He is the only known senior-level commander to carefully document and make public his criticism of the Army's handling and treatment of his division. His book, *The Purge of the 30th Division*, published in 1951, also appears to be the only personal narrative dedicated entirely to the training period of a division for World War II.

But historians say that much of his writing was done in haste and in anger, lacking in restraint and discrimination, which did him damage professionally. He was possessive of the 30th Division, and stayed in line with published policies and procedures until the unit was extended past the original 12 months to 18 months. He is said to have produced a well-trained and a tight division.

Early on at Camp Jackson, Russell had to decide whether to promote officers to key positions from within, or to draw them from the regular Army. He decided, as did other division com-

manders who had been activated, to promote from within his own officer corps. His reasoning was simple: to promote the regulars to key positions and higher ranks would be only temporary, since the Guard was scheduled to return home in a year and a half. (It turned out to be six years.) And after the citizen-soldiers were mustered out, the regulars would be reassigned and returned to their previous rank.

On the other hand, the National Guard officers could return home with some real command experience under their belts. And, Russell reasoned, was the division commander not entitled to the regulars' expertise and utmost effort anyway?

The decision was well within Army policy, but it didn't set well with many middle-aged, "rank-hungry" majors and colonels in the Regulars. In fact, Russell fired two colonels and a lieutenant colonel for "unethical conniving for their own promotion." This triggered a steady flow of visitors from the regular Army to the 30th whose "specialty was finding something wrong."

Most regular Army officers were professional in every way, and were obtaining temporary rank anyway. But the few arrogantly ambitious obscured the dedicated and ethical.

For his consistent attempt of ridding the "Old Hickory" Division of underminers, Georgia's Gen. Henry D. Russell would pay a dear price.

Heroes

"I owe these guys my life ..."

By Maj. FRANK BAKER
165th TAG PAO

"I didn't do anything," I said Lt. Col. John Brunson, "I was just doing my job like I have for 20 years."

Staff Sergeant Bill Hurst, a 116th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief sees it differently. He might not be alive today without Brunson and his crew, consisting of Capt. Kenny Weaver, Master Sgt. Bonnie Hughes, Tech Sgt. George Lovich, Tech Sgt. Jim Webster, and Staff Sgt. Larry Moore.

The story began after the crew deployed to Balikesir, Turkey, last October to provide airlift support for the

116th Tactical Fighter Wing that was deployed for Coronet Freedom '91.

Upon arrival, the crew discovered that Hurst had been diagnosed by 116th Flight Surgeons Col. Luther Fortson and Lt. Col. J.D. Mullins as needing immediate surgery for an appendectomy.

Conditions at Balikesir were not favorable for surgery. Within hours of arriving, the Savannah crew, with Hurst, took off for Incirlik Air Force Base, Turkey.

In less than half an hour after landing, Hurst was under the surgeon's knife for removal of a seriously infected pancreas and appendix. Physicians

said that if Hurst, who had been running a fever in excess of 104 degrees, had arrived an hour later, he would not have survived.

"I owe those guys my life," Hurst says. "If it weren't for them, I wouldn't be here today."

Another hero is Army Sgt. Gary R. Geiger, a member of Det. 1, 166th Maintenance Co., at Glennville.

Geiger was honored during the annual convention of the National Guard Association of Georgia for saving a drowning victim in July, 1990. He was given a Valley Forge Award by the National Guard Association of the United States.



HONORING A HERO. Sgt. Gary R. Geiger, a member of Glennville's Det. 1, 166th Maintenance Co., is presented a Valley Forge Award by the Col. Tony G. Idol, president of the National Guard Association of Georgia, for saving a drowning victim.

The four-day course, which is offered every three or four months, won't make you a fully-qualified medic. But it will teach you valuable lifesaving skills. If you're interested, see your unit administrator.

Want to be a hero? Half a dozen Georgia Guardsmen already have had occasion in civilian life to use skills learned in the Combat Lifesaver Course run by the 117th MASH.

LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE

Gnats, rain can't spoil 283rd's change

Not even the gnats and a light rain could spoil the solemn occasion of the March change of command ceremony at Savannah's 283d Combat Communications Squadron.

Moved indoors by a light rain, the ceremony proceeded undaunted, with Lt. Col. John Patrick Jr. assuming command of the Air National Guard unit from Lt. Col. Phillips Marshall. Marshall returns to the state staff as weapons director.

As the orders were read, Marshall passed the unit flag to Brig. Gen. Michael Bowers, commander of the Georgia Air National Guard, who in turn passed it to Patrick. No greater privilege and responsibility exists than to command American military men and women, Bowers said.

Patrick, who began his 22-year career in 1970 when he enlisted in the 117th Tactical Control Squadron (TCS), is employed by the U.S. Attorney in Tampa, Fla. A graduate of Georgia Southern College in Statesboro, he received his juris doctorate degree from Woodrow Wilson College of Law in Atlanta in 1986.

He and his wife, Connie, have four children ranging in age from six months to 22 years old, John, Shannon, Elizabeth and Jenny.

The "Fat Lady" sings for Col. Rushing

"The fat lady has to get up and sing for everybody. Today she's singing for me." With those words, Col. Paul L. Rushing, a 38-year-veteran of the Georgia Army National Guard, announced his retirement.

"If I had it to do over again," he told assembled officers at State Headquarters, "I'd do the same thing."

He extended special thanks to his family, and especially his wife, for their support. His wife, he said, has been the family's command sergeant major and 5-4 and "without her I never would have been here today."

In looking to the future, Rushing warned that the guard "is going through turbulent years," but "I know you will tighten the straps and ride through them."

He had a message, too, for the nation's leaders. He expressed hope that "our leaders will not cut the military budget to the point we weaken



FAMILY AFFAIR. Col. Paul L. Rushing is joined by his wife and family in retirement ceremonies held recently in Atlanta. Rushing retired after serving almost four decades in the Georgia Army National Guard. (Photo by the 124th Public Affairs Det.)

national defense." "We can bend swords into plowshares," he said, "but somebody else will own the farm if you do that completely."

News Briefs

Master Sgt. Sharon B. Page of the 224th JCSS was selected as the 1992 Air National Guard Airman of the Year. Page was honored in ceremonies in Washington in May. She will go on to compete for the title of Airman of the Year for the U.S. Air Force later this year.



CHANGE OF COMMAND. Lt. Col. John Oldfield passes the 158th Tactical Airlift Squadron flag to Col. Scott Mikhelsen, Group Commander of Savannah's 165th Tactical Airlift Group, as Lt. Col. Robert Sellers, new squadron commander, prepares to accept the command.

The 1991 Public Affairs Award from the National Guard Association of the U.S. was recently awarded to the 116TFW for a WAGA-TV news feature entitled, "Georgia's Top Guns". This is the second time that the NGAUS Public Affairs Award has been pre-

sented to the 116TFW. Brig. Gen. William B. Bland, adjutant general received the award on behalf of the 116TFW. The news feature was also judged as the best news feature of the year by the Associated Press of Georgia.

Congratulations to Col. Steve Westgate, deputy commander for operations at the 165th Tactical Airlift Group in Savannah, on receiving his "Eagles". His promotion was effective in March.

Awards

ARMY MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL
Col. David W. Gunn, HQ, STARC, Atlanta
Sgt 1st Class Melvin E. Buford, Co C, 560th Engr Gp, LaGrange

GEORGIA COMMENDATION MEDAL
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Maj. Dale P. Foster, 148th FSB, Ft. Stewart
2nd Lt. Jacqueline D. Arnold, 118th PSC, Atlanta
Staff Sgt. Charles F. Hogan, 118th PSC, Atlanta

GEORGIA MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL
Col. Simon J. Sheffield, Jr. HQ, STARC, Atlanta
Chief Warrant Officer Jack R. Henry, Det 2, HQ, STARC, Hinesville



AWARDED THE FEW. Capt. Lawrence Dudney has been named this year's winner of the William Few award, which is presented annually to the junior officer who best demonstrates the ideals of "Duty, Honor, Country." The award, which can be won by a Guard member once in a career, was presented at Jekyll Island during the convention of the National Guard Association of Georgia. The association's past president, Col. Tony G. Idol, makes the presentation.

HEALTH & FITNESS

By Lt. Col. LAURA STRANGE
Chief Nurse

Help stop back injuries

Back injuries are the number one job injury in the country. The best way to prevent it would be to stop all heavy lifting and repetitive movements.

Our goal should be to take as much of the lifting out of the job as possible. For example, instead of having the soldier pick up loads from awkward positions, have items lifted to the soldier to the point where he places the item where it's needed.

Also, we should stress prevention, such as doing exercises for the back to strengthen the muscles used in lifting.

Medicine cabinet safety

Do you really know what's in your medicine cabinet? Sometimes that bastion of late-night indigestion relief can be dangerous.

Here are some suggestions for storing medications in your home:

DON'T STORE MEDICATIONS IN THE BATHROOM — Extreme temperatures and humidity can adversely affect the stability of drugs. And youngsters can easily reach a medicine cabinet by climbing on a sink or cabinet.

DON'T KEEP PRESCRIPTION DRUGS THAT YOU DON'T NEED — Flush them down the toilet or rinse down the sink. Not only are unused or outdated drugs hazardous to young children, adults may be tempted to take them for similar symptoms. This is not advised.

REQUEST THE TYPE OF CONTAINER LID THAT SUITS YOUR FAMILY — Not everyone needs childproof containers.

STORE MEDICATIONS AT RECOMMENDED TEMPERATURES — Most medications can be stored at room temperature, but check the label to see if refrigeration is advised. Do not freeze, as some drugs will separate and can't be remixed. And some tablets will crack.

CHECK EXPIRATION DATES — Some antibiotics lose their potency, while others may become toxic.

DEVELOP A MEDICATION LOG — You will know what you have on hand and when each expires.

STORE ALL MEDICATIONS IN ORIGINAL CONTAINERS WITH ORIGINAL LABELS.

NEVER TAKE MEDICATIONS IN THE DARK — Always check the label before taking any medication. This sounds simple, but it can be dangerous.

NEVER GIVE A MEDICATION TO ANYONE OTHER THAN THE PERSON IT WAS PRESCRIBED FOR — Doctors prescribe medications based on many factors, such as age, weight and other medical indications. A drug prescribed for one person may not be suitable for another.

BE SURE DOCTOR AND PHARMACIST ARE AWARE OF YOUR FOOD OR DRUG ALLERGIES — Many medications include ingredients other than their active ingredients.

Medications can play an important role in preventing and controlling health problems if they are used correctly. Be sure that your home is medication-safe.

Age not a problem for marathon team

By Staff Sgt. TOBY MOORE
124th PA Detachment

Members of the Georgia National Guard marathon team have run thousands of miles over the years, but luckily the years aren't piling up quite as fast as the miles.

The average age of the eight-man team is 46.6.

And the best part is, the team ran in the annual guard-wide marathon in Lincoln, Neb., May 2, which draws the best distance runners the guard has to offer.

Other than maintaining a relatively rugged training regimen, these runners don't do anything special in preparing to run the arduous 26.2-mile races. Between them, the team members have competed in 83 marathons.

In a survey, the team outlined some of their training and diet procedures.

Col. Stephen Kearney of Smyrna, 45, of the Air Guard's 116th Tactical Fighter Wing, has been running for 34 years. He eats a balanced diet and puts in 25 to 30 miles per week. This was his 12th marathon.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Stanley Hammond of Griffin, of Headquarters STARC, 52, runs about 30 miles per week and has been running for 15 years. He has run in 10 marathons and eats



GEORGIA GUARD MARATHON TEAM — Front row, left to right: Col. Steve Kearney, 3 hours, 17 minutes, 20 seconds; Lt. Col. Rico Dammer, 3:33:28; Maj. Tom Fricks, 3:55:20; Maj. Brian Harris, 3:12:00; back row, Lt. Col. James R. Reichenback, 2:56:12; CWO3 Stan Hammond, 3:55:45; Lt. Col. William Bader, 3:30:30; and Lt. Col. Butch Walker, 3:16:30.

anything he wants.

Lt. Col. Harvell J. Walker of Fayetteville, also of the 116th TFW, eats nothing special. At 49, he has run 21 marathons and runs 50 miles per week.

Lt. Col. Richard Dammer, 44, of Brunswick, is one of the two youngest members of the team. He is with the 111th TACP Flight, has run in four marathons, and eats a low-fat diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables. He has been running since 1960.

Lt. Col. William Bader, 47, of Atlanta, has no special diet. He is also a 116th member, has been running for 10 years, trains 30

miles per week and has competed in three marathons.

Another 116th TFW member is Lt. Col. James Reichenback, 47, of Atlanta. He has run in eight marathons, trains 50 miles each week and, too, eats no special diet.

Maj. Brian K. Harris, 45, of Brunswick, eats lots of pasta and has run in nine marathons. He trains a whopping 65 miles per week. He is with the 165th Tactical Air Group in Savannah.

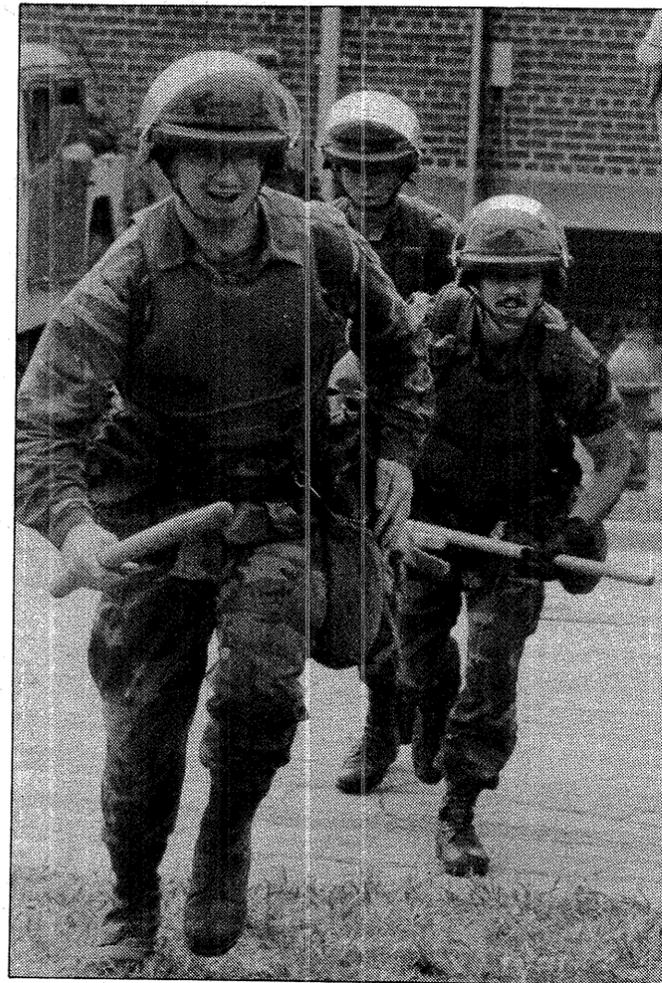
Maj. Thomas E. Fricks, 44, of Atlanta, runs 50 miles per week. He has competed in 16 marathons and eats anything he wants. He is with Headquarters STARC.

SEPTEMBER PREVIEW

The next five years may bring the most radical changes to the National Guard in decades. In September's issue of the Georgia Guardsman, we examine the impact on communities, armories and you.

Early summer is a time for honoring guardsmen who have excelled in leadership, training and soldier skills. Meet the Army Guard's NCO and the soldiers of the year, and the winners of the Atlanta Journal Achievement Award.

They weren't sent to the streets of Atlanta, but once again, the Georgia Guard was ready when called. Read full coverage of the mobilization in the wake of racial violence.



MOBILIZED GUARDSMEN practice riot control techniques at Fort Gillem. (Photo by Spec. ERIC D. JOHNSON, 124th PA Detachment)