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News Briefs

Change of Command

A Columbus police officer has assumed command of Bainbridge's detachment of D Company, 560th Engineer Battalion, GaARNG. During a recent ceremony, 1st Lt. Corinthians Gunsby took command from 1st Lt. Roger Moore of Bainbridge, who had held the post for three years.

The Bainbridge unit has 84 members.

The new commander foresees only minor changes for the unit.

"It's an honor to be selected," said Gunsby, who previously served as a platoon leader in the battalion's Thomasville unit. "I've worked with these guys quite a bit. I know the people."

Georgia Air Guard Unit First to Reach One-Million Accident Free Miles

The 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron (EIS) of Macon, was honored recently by receiving the headquarters Engineering Installation Divisions (EID) Safe Wheels Award. This award recognizes the attainment of one-million miles driven without a reportable accident. The 202nd EIS is the first Air National Guard unit to achieve the million safe miles mark. The personnel of the 202nd EIS have logged better than 1,043,724 miles since 1985, driving government vehicles on unfamiliar roads, in foreign countries and under less than desirable weather conditions to provide communications support to various Department of Defense agencies. Lt. Col. Thomas Batterman, commander of the 202nd EIS, accepted the award from Col. Wilbur T. Zettler, commander of the 1839th Engineering Installation Group, during the Air National Guard Advisory Groups Commanders Conference at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

In accomplishing the engineering and installation missions, EID units average nearly one-half million miles a month in the performance of their jobs. The safe operation of these vehicles is essential to mission accomplishments. The Safe Wheels Award is indicative of the 202nd's dedication to the protection of government resources and personnel. Continuing this commitment to safety, the 202nd EIS has received the National Safety Council President's Award Letter for mishap reduction performance.

Albany Guardsman receives medal

An Albany guardsman has received the Army Achievement Medal for his performance during Operation Desert Storm.

Staff Sgt. Roosevelt Johnson, a member of the Georgia Army National Guard's 560th Engineer Battalion in Dawson, was presented the award during a weekend drill in September.

Johnson, a Vietnam veteran, was sent to Saudi Arabia last November and supported combat troops in Iraq during the short ground war. He returned to Georgia in March.

Johnson runs his own mechanical contracting firm which specializes in heavy equipment repairs. He and his wife, Estelle, have two daughters, Jennifer, 3, and Jessica, 5.



A resupply "Chinook" helicopter flies over 265th Engineer Group elements near Objective Brown in Southern Iraq.

Over 5,000 GaNG Members Activated for Gulf War

After the Storm

By Kenneth Davis,
Editor

Now that the dust has settled from Operation Desert Shield/Storm and the subsequent homecoming celebrations, it is appropriate to thank and acknowledge all the members of the Georgia National Guard units and their families who were involved.

Eleven units of the Georgia Army Guard (GaARNG) were mobilized and six of the eleven were deployed to the Kuwaiti Theater of Operations (KTO) which includes all the countries in southwestern Asia. The remaining units were deployed to military installations within the U.S. to either prepare for deployment to the KTO or to fill-in for other units that had been deployed to the Middle East.

The combined strength of these units, nearly 5300, represented 46 percent of the authorized strength of the GaARNG. Georgia was second only to Louisiana in the total number of Army Guardmembers deployed during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Members of ten Georgia Air National Guard (GaANG) units were also mobilized during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Most, but not all of the GaANG participation, was on a volunteer basis and some of that participation was done during annual training days. However, over 200 GaANG members were voluntarily and involuntarily mobilized in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

These Air Guard members served at various installations throughout the U.S., Europe and the Persian Gulf. For example, during the early days of Desert Shield, over 80 volunteers from two units, the 165 Tactical Airlift Group (TAG) and its affiliated squadrons, along with the 283rd Combat Communications Squadron (CCS), both of Savannah, were voluntarily mobilized and deployed for up to 45 days to locations in Saudi Arabia, Spain and Germany. But, since they were not "called up" specifically for Operation Desert Shield/Storm, their numbers are

not reflected in Desert Shield/Storm "call-up" lists.

Following is a unit summary of Georgia National Guard participation in Operation Desert Shield/Storm:
190th Military Police Company

Atlanta's 190th Military Police (MP) Company went on alert August 24, 1990. With an authorized strength of 170, the unit was mobilized September 17 and reported to its mobilization station at Fort Gordon, Ga., September 23.

The 190th MP Company became the first GaARNG unit deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm when they left Fort Gordon, October 18, for Charleston AFB, S.C., enroute to Saudi Arabia. They were also the first GaARNG unit to return to the U.S. following the Persian Gulf War.

While in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, they provided port and harbor security and main supply route (MSR) security and circulation control. The unit also performed reaction force and tactical combat force duties.

One-hundred ten members of the 190th MPs returned to Fort Gordon via Hunter Army Air Field (AAF) near Savannah and Bush Field in Augusta on April 5, 1991, after nearly seven months of active duty; six of which were spent in the Persian Gulf. On April 10, these members returned to their armory in Atlanta. This element of the 190th MP Company was demobilized April 14.

The remaining 28 members of the 190th, who stayed behind in the KTO to load equipment, returned to Fort Gordon on April 14. This rear detachment returned to the Atlanta armory on April 18, and was demobilized April 22.

The 190th MP Company received many awards and commendations from active Army commands during Operation Desert Shield/Storm and two of its members were injured in a serious traffic accident during the deployment.

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Brigadier General William P. Bland, Jr., Appointed Adjutant General of Georgia

Governor Zell Miller appointed Brigadier General William P. Bland, Jr., Adjutant General for the State of Georgia on April 11.

As head of the Georgia Department of Defense, General Bland commands the Military Division which is comprised of more than 11,500 members of the Georgia Army National Guard, 3,500 airmen of the Georgia Air National Guard and the Georgia State Defense Force. He is also Director of the Georgia Emergency Management Agency.

General Bland, currently a resident of Atlanta, was born on November 26, 1936, in Statesboro, Ga., and graduated from Statesboro High School in 1954. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta in 1959. General Bland completed the National Security Management Course of the National Defense University in 1979.

General Bland began his military career when he enlisted in the 165th Fighter Interceptor Group in Savannah, in October 1958. After serving over two years as an enlisted member, General Bland received a direct commission as a second lieutenant in the Georgia Air National Guard in February 1961 and entered pilot training at Moody AFB Georgia, graduating in August 1962.

General Bland was assigned to the 165th Tactical Airlift Group from September 1962 to May 1987. While assigned to the 165th, he served as Squadron Operations Officer; Air Operations Staff Officer; Chief, Air Crew Standardization; Director of Operations and Commander of the 165th Tactical Airlift Group. As Commander, he was responsible for the combat readiness and management of manpower and resources for ten subordinate military units. During his tenure, the 165th Tactical Airlift Group earned six Air Force out-

standing unit awards and was selected by the Air Force Association as the outstanding Air National Guard unit for 1979.

From May 1987 to May 1989, General Bland was assigned to the Air National Guard Support Center, Andrews AFB, Md. as Deputy Commander. In that capacity, General Bland directed implementation of programs for ANG mission support activities such as safety and inspections, operations, logistics, and other activities which insured the combat readiness of ANG units nationwide.

He then served as Chief of Staff - Headquarters, Georgia ANG from May 1989 to December 1989. He was appointed to the position of Assistant Adjutant General - Air on January 1, 1990.

The General is a command pilot with more than 8,300 hours flying time. His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 5 Devices, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with 1 Device, Combat Readiness Medal with 6 Devices, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Devices, Humanitarian Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with 6 Devices, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 Devices, Small Arms Expert Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Device and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He is a member and past president of the National Guard Association of Georgia. He also belongs to the National Guard Association of the United States and the Air Force Association. He belongs to the Military Order of World Wars and the Sons of the American Revolution. He is a member and past president of the



Brigadier General William P. Bland, Jr.

Rotary Club - Savannah West.

General Bland was employed by the 165th Tactical Airlift Group as a military technician from September 1965 to May 1987 serving as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Flying Training Instructor, Air Operations Supervisor and Air Commander.

He was promoted and federally recognized as a Brigadier General on March 9, 1990.

General Bland is married to the former Harriet Hays of Colquitt, Ga. They have two daughters: Beverly and Bonnie.

Governor Zell Miller Names Brigadier General (GA) Tony G. Idol Assistant Adjutant General of Georgia Army National Guard

Governor Zell Miller named Brigadier General (GA) Tony G. Idol the Assistant Adjutant General of the Georgia Army National Guard on January 15. The general commands and is responsible for the training and combat readiness of the 11,500 men and women who make up this force.

General Idol was born on July 25, 1941 in High Point, N.C. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1963 from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C. He earned a Master of Business Administration in Management in 1972 from Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.

His military education includes the Basic Officer's Course and the Airborne Qualification Course, U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga. He completed the Officer Fixed Wing Aviator Course and the Rotary Wing Qualification Course at the U.S. Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Ala. He later completed the OV-1 Mohawk Aviator Qualification Course at Fort Rucker.

He is a graduate of the Aviator Combat Surveillance Qualification Course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan. In 1989, he was graduated from the resident course at the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Penn., in June 1989.

He began his military career when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, from ROTC upon graduation from North Carolina State University on June 1, 1963. He entered active duty in August 1963. He served with the 15th Aviation Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division in Korea as an aviator, platoon leader and commander of the Headquarters Detachment from 1964 to 1965.

In May 1966 he was assigned to the 4th Aviation Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash. He commanded the Headquarters Detachment of that unit during its deployment to Vietnam. He then served with the 4th Aviation Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, in Vietnam as the gunship platoon leader from September 1966 to October 1967. In October 1967 he was assigned to the U.S. Army Primary Helicopter School, Fort Wolters, Texas, as a rotary wing flight instructor and flight commander.

He was released from active duty in September 1969 and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group. In February 1971 he joined the 151st Aviation Battalion, Georgia Army National Guard, as a liaison officer and later served as logistics officer (S-4). He became commander of the 1140th Transportation Company (Aircraft Maintenance Direct Support) in May 1974.

He was assigned to Headquarters, Georgia Army Guard, in December 1976 as a budget officer in the Comptroller Division and later as the Aviation Staff Officer. He became commander of the 151st Aviation Battalion, Georgia Army Guard, in September 1980. In September 1983 he was transferred to Headquarters Georgia Army Guard where he served successively as Assistant Deputy Chief of Logistics, and then Chief to the Plans, Operations and Military Support Branch.

He was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel and Administration, Georgia Army Guard, in June 1989.

He is a member of the National Guard Association of the U.S. and the National Guard Association of Georgia of which he is President-elect. He is also member of the Army Aviation Association of America.

General Idol resides in Kennesaw, GA, with his wife, Katherine. They have two sons: Patrick and William.

Colonel Douglas M. Padgett - Assistant Adjutant General (Air)

Colonel Douglas M. Padgett, Georgia Air National Guard, is the Assistant Adjutant General, Air, for the State of Georgia.

In this position, he commands the 3,500 men and women who comprise the Georgia Air National Guard and is responsible for the training and combat readiness of its units.

Colonel Padgett, a resident of Atlanta, Ga., was born on May 17, 1936, in Shelby, N.C., and is a 1954 graduate of Rutherfordton-Spindle, N.C., High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Duke University in 1959. While at Duke, Colonel Padgett lettered three years in football and lacrosse. He played in the Blue-Grey post-season football game in 1958. Upon graduation, he was drafted by the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League.

He was commissioned through the Duke University Air Force ROTC program on June 8, 1959. He served on active duty as a B-52 pilot from August 1959 to May 1966. Col. Padgett joined the 128th Military Airlift Squadron, Georgia Air National Guard, in June 1967. He has flown C-124 and C-130 aircraft. He has served as flight commander, air operations officer, aircraft

maintenance officer and as commander of the 158th Tactical Airlift Squadron. He later served as Director of Operations, Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard. He was the commander of the 165th Tactical Airlift Group, Savannah, Ga., from May 1987 to March 1991.

Colonel Padgett is a command pilot with more than 20,000 flying hours in commercial and military aircraft. His military awards include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

Colonel Padgett is an L-1011 captain with Delta Airlines. His duties include instructor pilot, FAA designated licensing examiner, proficiency check airman and line-check airman.

He was appointed as Assistant Adjutant General, Air, by Governor Zell Miller on June 4, 1991.

Colonel Padgett is married to the former Jo Anne McLawhorn of Winterville, N.C. They have four children: Douglas M. Jr., Marianne Paul and Denyse. The Padgett family resides in Atlanta, Ga.



Colonel Douglas M. Padgett

Colonel Alfred E. Childres - Chief of Staff, GaARNG

Colonel Alfred E. (Earle) Childres is the Chief of Staff of the Georgia Army National Guard.

As the Chief of Staff, he is responsible for the implementation of National Guard policies and regulations throughout the headquarters staff. He is also responsible for ensuring that the subordinate commands of the Georgia Army Guard are in compliance with these regulations and policies. He works directly for the Assistant Adjutant General, Army.

Colonel Childres, a resident of Griffin, Ga., was born on December 1, 1941, in Butler, Ga., and was graduated from Griffin High School in 1960. He earned an Associate Business Degree in 1990 from Mercer County Community College, Trenton, N.J. He is currently attending Brenau College to earn a baccalaureate degree in business administration.

He completed the Armor Officer Basic Course in 1967 and the Infantry Officer Advance Course in 1975. He is a 1980 graduate of the Senior Officers Maintenance Course.

Colonel Childres began his military career when he enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard in August 1960. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Armor upon graduation from Officer Candidate School at the Georgia Military Institute, Milledgeville, Ga., in August 1965.

He served as a platoon leader and later as a troop commander with Troop C, 196th Cavalry in Griffin. He was the assistant operations officer of the 48th Mechanized Infantry Brigade from 1971 to 1979. He commanded the 110th Maintenance Battalion from August 1985 to April 1987 when he was appointed as the Georgia Army Guard's State Maintenance Officer (Director of Surface Maintenance).

His military decorations and awards include the Georgia Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters and the Army Service Ribbon.

He was appointed as Chief of Staff, Georgia Army National Guard, on July 17, 1991.

He is a member of the National Guard Association of the United States and the National Guard Association of Georgia. He is a member of the Sunnyside United Methodist Church in Griffin.

Colonel Childres is married to the former Sandra Lee (Sandy) King of Griffin, Ga. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Brigadier General Tony Gene Idol



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Marietta Engineers Carve Path to Desert Victory

Story and Photos by Lt. C Henry G. Pickelsimer, Jr., full-time executive officer, Headquarters, 265th Engineer Group (Combat), GaARNG

"Maj. Pickelsimer, Maj. Gen. Griffin is on the line for you." It was the call I had been expecting and dreading.

"Maj. Pickelsimer." I could barely control my voice when I answered the phone.

"Henry, this is Maj. Gen. Griffin. I've already talked to your group commander, Col. Tom Williams, and he is enroute to Marietta, now. You are about to receive, from my staff, an official alert for mobilization. This applies to Headquarters, 265th Engineer Group only, and not your subordinate battalions. We will receive by wire tomorrow your official M-day. Anticipate a very short alert period. We will try to answer all your questions within the next few days. Any questions of me just now?"

"None just now, sir. I've been expecting your call." I knew my voice was quivering with a cross between excitement and fear.

"We'll do all we can to help. God bless you son."

"Thank you sir, we won't let you down." What else could I say? Stunned, I hung up the phone.

"Maj. Pickelsimer, Maj. Martin is on the phone."

"Hey, Charlie. What's going on?" I tried to sound as calm as I could.

"Henry, the time is 1410 hours, 15 November 1990, execute 'Roaring Bull'. Hard copy to follow as soon as possible. Bring your advance party on beginning today. As soon as I get more information I will pass it on to you. We do not have a date for the unit to assemble yet."

"Okay Charlie, looks like this one is for real. Talk to you later."

I called a quick meeting of the full-time staff and gave them all the information I had and got them working on the alert roster, advance party and a hundred

other things that had to be attended to quickly.

A quick succession of phone calls came to me and other full-timer personnel. Chaplain (Col.) Maxwell F. Wall Jr., the state chaplain; Col. David A. Otto,

Chiefs of Staff exercise since then and had accomplished various projects in several countries.

In fact, we had a company-sized task force composed of a company, battalion, group and ENCOM staff personnel on the

evacuated the construction site rather quickly.

What was the difference between deployment for an overseas training mission and operation DESERT SHIELD? From our unit side, the same things had to be done. It was not new. What was new was all the outside requirements and regulations that now came into play in a real mobilization.

Federal mobilization has some real nightmares associated with it. How long are we going to be gone? Where are we going? How are we going, air or sea? What do we do with our excess personnel? What do we do about equipment shortages? What computers are we going to be allowed to take? What do we do about armory board fund property that we would like to take with us? The questions went on and on. Even though some of the questions were answered in our mobilizations files, the details had to be worked out. Most of the mobilization files we had were either not needed or not used. And this does not consider all the personal family questions that needed to be answered.

The advance detachment at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, the 416th ENCOM, hosted us and was very helpful in making arrangements for the unit. We had

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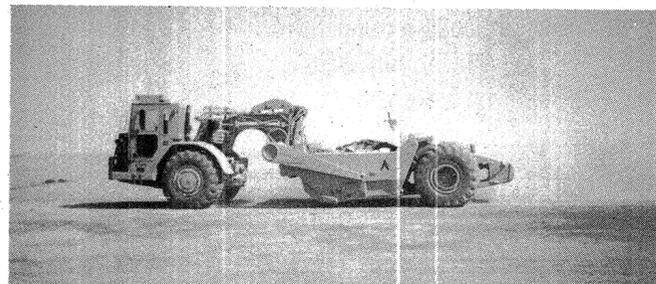
Unit unloads military vans at King Khalid Military Center, Saudi Arabia, in early December.

deputy chief of staff for personnel; Lt. Jack Kemp, state inspector general; Lt. Col. Dennis J. Manning, chief of logistics office; RGA Atlanta, technician personnel office; and many others. All provided assistance and guidance. Needless to say, that afternoon was rather busy.

I did find time to call my wife and inform her that we were being mobilized. Obviously, that made her day since we had only been married a little over a year and during that year, I had twice deployed for 21 days to Jordan.

A deployment overseas for our unit was not unique. It was one of the things that helped us most. We knew what to expect from the area. We had been deploying to the Southwest Asian Theater of Operations with Third Army (ARCENT) and the 416th Engineer Command (ENCOM), US Army Reserve (USAR), since 1985. We had participated in every major Joint

ground in a country in Southwest Asia when the invasion of Kuwait occurred. It was the second rotation of six company task forces that had been planned. We subsequently sent teams into that country to retrieve our equipment, since we had



A 265th earthmover works on MSR Georgia in southern Iraq. MSR Georgia was more than 210 miles long.



Engineers provide their own security with an M60 machine gun mounted atop a dump truck during construction on MSR Georgia.

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worked with them in our past overseas deployments. We requested, as soon as we arrived, that the unit be diverted from entry into Dhahran to the unit's final work area, which was to be King Khalid Military City (KKMC). The advance party could not determine if that request was approved, so we went about preparing for the unit's arrival at Dhahran or Riyadh. Since all our equipment was being flown in with our troops, we did not have to make any arrangements with the port. This was to work initially as an advantage to us and later on proved to be a disadvantage.

The unit arrived by air into KKMC beginning on December 12, 1990. We had been loaded into a C-5B and six C-141s for the trip. They did not arrive altogether, some had passed through Spain, and some had gone through Germany. Within 24 hours of the entire unit arriving, the 265th Engineer Group was operational. There was only one problem; our subordinate engineer battalions had not been identified as yet. Over the next three weeks, the 416th ENCOM and the 20th Engineer Brigade had several meetings with ARCENT to determine our units. By January 1, 1991, our subordinate units had been determined. We were to be attached to the 20th Engineer Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, with four subordinate battalions and several detachments of well-drillers and firefight-



Elements of the 24th Infantry Division loading up to move out in Saudi Arabia as vehicles from the 265th pass by.

ers. We were to learn, much later, that we were the largest engineer force in-theater.

Col. Robert Flowers and his staff at the 20th Engineer Brigade assimilated us into their command with the other groups, the 36th Engineer Group and the 937th Engineer Group, as though we had always been there. The units we were assigned were the active Army's 46th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Fort Rucker, Ala.; the active Army's 52d Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Fort Carson, Colo.; the active Army's 62d Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Fort Hood, Texas; and the Army Reserve's 844th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy), Tenn.

These battalions were commanded by Lt. Cols. William Reyers, Jack Castonguay, Steve Massey and Robert Merritt, respectively. Each battalion accepted us happily and we received nothing but outstanding cooperation from each of them. The 52d Engineer Battalion had as one of its organic units, a roundout U.S. Army Reserve company from New Mexico and the 62nd Engineer Battalion had a roundout National Guard company from Tennessee. Our strength was more than 3,000 soldiers, men and women, active Army, National Guard and Army Reserve. The Georgia Guard's 265th was indeed an integral part of the Total Force.

Wars often give soldiers a lot to brag about, some of it true, most of it "bovine defecation," but we do not have to color the accomplishments of the soldiers under the 265th with anything but the truth. We



Front seat view of 265th's movement further into Iraq over MSR Utah to Objective Red. Iraqi soldiers, attempting to surrender along roadside, are later rounded up by the engineer's security element.

followed the 24th Infantry Division (Mech) into combat and constructed 80 percent of the more than 1,000 miles of main supply routes in Saudi Arabia and Iraq in addition to the thousands of missions of survivability for units of the XVIII Airborne Corps. The majority of our missions were mobility, survivability and general engineering.

Our units were spread out from the Saudi Arabia/Iraq border (Corps rear) to the Tigris-Euphrates River Valley (Division rear), more than 200 miles. For 30 days or so, we were in southern Iraq and were the last units of the XVIII Airborne Corp to pull out of Iraq, destroying equipment, roads and mine fields while we were there and as we returned to Saudi Arabia. We even restored the border berms we had broken for the Corps initially, being one of the first units to take up offensive positions in Iraq.

After our return to Saudi Arabia, our primary mission was to return, as best we could, our positions and those of the Corps, to the way they originally appeared. That sounds a lot easier than it really was. Additionally, we were to assist our battalions in their preparations for movement home. That last mission proved to be the most eagerly accepted mission our subordinate units were given. We had all been anxiously awaiting the order to move home. As usual, all you had to mention was going home and

things started happening very fast.

Our return home was overpowering.

We were returning home the "conquering" heroes. It was the most fantastic thing we had ever seen. Fort Stewart and our hometown of Marietta went all out to welcome us home. But one of the most disappointing things we encountered was how we were rushed through demobilization without any time off. We had just left a harsh environment with no time off, working 24 hours a day most of the time. Yet, the only time we had with our families was after duty time. We should have been thankful for that, but the support of our families, the State of Georgia and all citizens of the United States overshadowed any ill feelings we had.

Each man and woman in our unit doesn't feel that we did anything special to deserve all the attention. We did our job as we had been well-trained to do. The mission was accomplished with minimum casualties and despite all the problems with the personnel and supply system, we had what was absolutely needed to accomplish the mission. After all, for that short a time, all you really need is ammunition, food, water and repair parts. If it had not been for the local economy, we would not have had repair parts, but that's another story for another article.

Editor's note: Lt. Col. Pickelsimer's article also appears in the August 1991 issue of National Guard magazine.



Brig. Gen. Idol addresses members of HQ, 265th Engineer Group upon their return to the Marietta Army in April. (Photo by Shirley Pickelsimer)

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1148th Transportation Company

Augusta's 1148th Transportation Company went on alert August 24, 1990. The unit, with an authorized strength of 164, was mobilized September 17 and reported to Fort Gordon, September 23.

The 1148th Transportation Company left Fort Gordon, November 5, via Charleston AFB, S.C., for duty in Saudi Arabia. During its tour, the 1148th transported bulk petroleum products (fuel) throughout Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Southern Iraq before, during and after the ground war. The unit's primary equipment consists of tractor trucks with 5,000-gallon trailers.

On May 3, 1991, the 1148th returned to Fort Gordon from the KTO and reported to its armory in Augusta on May 10. The unit was demobilized May 13 after nearly eight months on active duty.

165th Supply Company

Savannah's 165th Supply Company was placed on alert September 27, 1990. The unit, with an authorized strength of 163, was mobilized October 11 and reported to its mobilization station at Fort Stewart, Ga., October 14.

The unit deployed for the KTO from Hunter Army Air Field (AAF) near Savannah, November 12. Upon arrival in King Khalid Military City (KKMC), Saudi Arabia, the 165th was attached to the 736th Service and Supply Battalion (Delaware ARNG) which was under the command of the 226th Area Support Group (Alabama ARNG).

The 165th Supply Company received, stored, maintained and issued all types of self-propelled, towed, wheeled and tracked equipment. The unit also received, stored and issued lumber, concertina wire, sandbags, metal and cement pipes, and other construction materials used for the rebuilding of Kuwait.

The 165th Supply Company, the last GaARNG unit to return from the Persian Gulf area, arrived at Fort Stewart on June 26, 1991, following the longest active duty tour of any GaARNG unit involved in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. They were mobilized for almost nine months; nearly eight of which were spent on duty in Saudi Arabia.

Headquarters, 265th Engineer Group

Headquarters (HQ), 265th Engineer Group in Marietta went on alert November 15, 1990, and was mobilized November 21. The 265th reported to its mobilization station at Fort Stewart, November 24. HQ, 265th Engineer Group has an authorized strength of 73 and was deployed to Saudi Arabia on December 11.

While in the KTO, the unit earned the distinctions of being named the Best Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 20th Engineer Brigade and the Best Company of the 20th Engineer Brigade.

The Marietta unit also oversaw the building of 800 miles of a 1,000-mile road network which was constructed during the Gulf War. Members of the 265th provided command and control, planning and supervision of combat engineer activities.

Sixty-eight members of Marietta's HQ, 265th Engineer Group, GaARNG, returned to Hunter AAF near Savannah on April 14, 1991. From there, they reported to Fort Stewart to begin several days of out-processing. On April 21, these members of the 265th arrived at their Cobb County armory following five months of active duty, four of which were spent in Saudi Arabia and southern Iraq. HQ, 265th Engineer Group was demobilized May 7.

Three members of the 265th, who stayed behind in the Persian Gulf as a rear detachment, returned home at separate times in June and were demobilized July 1.

138th Medical Company

Atlanta's 138th Medical Company was alerted November 12, 1990. The unit, with an authorized strength of 127, was mobilized November 17 and reported to its mobilization station at Fort Gordon, November 20.

On January 4, 1991, less than two weeks before the air assault on Iraq began, the 138th departed Fort Gordon enroute to Saudi Arabia. The mission of the 138th Medical Company is to receive, sort and provide emer-

gency treatment for patients evacuated from units.

While in Saudi Arabia, an element of the unit accompanied the 1st Armored Division during the invasion of Kuwait. The unit also cleared and screened 13,000 enemy prisoners-of-war and screened and treated returning Coalition troops.

The 138th Medical Company returned to Fort Gordon in early May and was demobilized May 12.

122nd Rear Area Operations Center (RAOC)

The 122nd Rear Area Operations Center (RAOC) in Lawrenceville went on alert November 15, 1990, and was mobilized November 21. The unit reported to Fort Gordon, its mobilization station, November 24.

On January 4, 1991, the 122nd departed Fort Gordon enroute to Saudi Arabia. The 122nd RAOC, with an authorized strength of 66, was assigned, upon arrival in the KTO, to the Army's XII Corps.

The unit operated primarily near the Saudi Arabian-Kuwaiti border, as well as in southern Iraq. The 122nd provided contingency planning, intelligence interpretation, area damage control, vulnerability analysis and terrain management support for the XII Corps. Additionally, the RAOC controlled command and operations at the XII Corps' ground breach site when the ground war began.

After returning to Fort Gordon in early May, the 122nd RAOC was demobilized at its Lawrenceville armory on May 14.

166th Maintenance Company

The 166th Maintenance Company, with an authorized strength of 261, co-located in Hinesville and Glennville, was initially alerted August 24, 1990, but was removed from alert status September 27. The maintenance unit returned to alert status November 23, 1990. It was mobilized November 28 and reported for active duty at Fort Stewart, its mobilization station, December 2.

At Fort Stewart, the company maintained and prepared for shipment all types of self-propelled, towed, wheeled and tracked equipment that was used during Operation Desert Shield/Storm by deploying units.

After five months of active duty, members of the 166th returned to their respective armories April 22, 1991, and were demobilized April 25.

48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized)

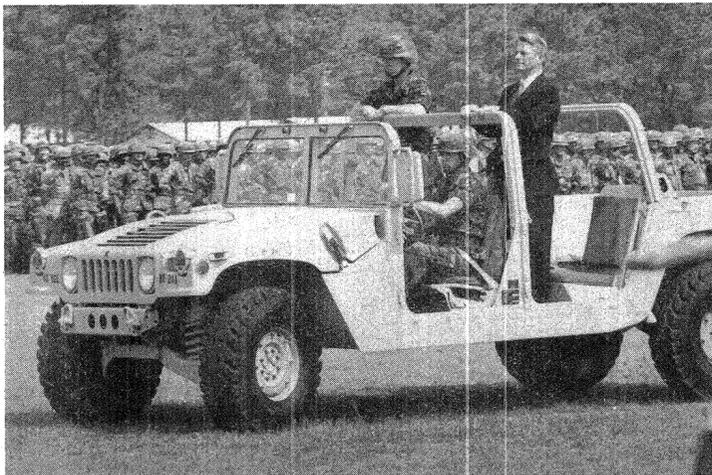
The GaARNG's largest command, the 48th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, headquartered in Macon with 43 units in 36 Georgia communities, went on alert November 15, 1990.

The 48th Brigade includes the 1st Battalion, 108th Armor; 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry; 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry; the 148th Forward Support Battalion; 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery; Troop E, 348th Cavalry; and, the 848th Engineer Company.

The 48th Mechanized Infantry Brigade which has an authorized strength of 4,217 was mobilized November 30 and reported to its mobilization station at Fort Stewart, December 3. Between December 27, 1990, and January 3, 1991, members of the brigade were flown to Fort Irwin, Calif., for desert training at the National Training Center (NTC), in the Mojave Desert.

During its deployment at the NTC, the 48th helped perfect the use of the mine plow, the mine roller and the tactics used by Coalition forces to breach Iraqi-style defenses. In addition, the 48th became the first Army

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Georgia Governor Zell Miller and Maj. Gen. Barry McCaffery, 24th Infantry Division Commander, pass in review of the 48th Brigade at Fort Stewart upon its return from California. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor)

Two Sparta Guardsmen killed; one injured in traffic mishap

Two members of the 48th Infantry Brigade were killed when their Army truck skidded off a rain-soaked highway north of Sandersville, just a few days before they were scheduled to be released from active duty.

The dead soldiers were identified as Spec. Eric C. Hill and Spec. Carlton A. Stokes, both of Sparta.

A third soldier, PFC Stacy R. Leslie, suffered minor injuries and was treated at a Sandersville hospital.

Hill, Stokes and Leslie were members of Alpha Company, 148th Forward Support Battalion in Sparta. The former Guardsmen, were called to active duty Nov. 30 and trained in California for a possible deployment to the Persian Gulf.

Brigade officials said the soldiers were returning to Fort Stewart in a 5-ton Army truck after shuttling equipment to the Sparta Armory. Officials say Leslie was driving when a pick-up truck pulled into the path of the military vehicle. The Army truck ran off the road and overturned, crushing Hill and Stokes. Leslie was thrown from the 5-ton truck.

Their unit returned to Sparta the following day and were released from active duty on April 10, six days after the accident.

48th soldier dies of heart attack while on leave in Valdosta

Sgt. Calvin G. Burr, a member of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry Battalion, died of a heart attack at his Valdosta home while on a three-day pass from Fort Stewart in February.

Burr, 50, had been training with Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade at Fort Irwin prior to returning to Fort Stewart for medical tests.

Burr is survived by his wife, Rebecca.

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unit to receive trench warfare training at the NTC and they achieved an unprecedented number of victories during mock battles against the NTC's Opposing Force (OPFOR).

The 48th returned to Fort Stewart, during the week of March 3-9, 1991, after two months of intense desert training while on active duty for over four months. Portions of the 48th Brigade were demobilized March 27 and the remainder on April 10.

224th Joint Communications Support Squadron (JCSS)

Twelve volunteers from the GaANG's 224th Joint Communications Support Squadron (JCSS) of Brunswick were mobilized December 3, 1990, and reported to their mobilization station December 5, enroute to Saudi Arabia. Six additional volunteers from the 224th JCSS were mobilized January 25, 1991, and were also deployed to Saudi Arabia.

The mission of these volunteers was to provide rapidly deployable and reliable communications at the direction of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Three additional volunteers from the 224th JCSS were called to active duty February 15, 1991, and deployed to MacDill AFB, Fla., where they supported the Joint Communications Support Element and the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM).

These airmen joined two other volunteers from the 224th who were called to active duty in September 1990 and were also stationed at MacDill AFB. A total of 23 members of the unit, all volunteers, were deployed in Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

202nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment

Members of the 202nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment located at Fort Gillem in Forest Park, Ga., were placed on alert November 27, 1990. The 202nd EOD, with an authorized strength of nine, was mobilized December 7 and reported to Fort Drum, N.Y., its mobilization station, December 9.

While on active duty, the 202nd replaced Fort Drum's EOD unit, which deployed to Saudi Arabia.

Air Guard Supports 48th Brigade

By Sgt. Mark Owens,
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Rivalry between the Army and Air Force goes back to the day when the two services split apart back in the late '40s. Even though this rivalry exists, the two services are designed to work together.

Coordinating this teamwork for the 48th Infantry Brigade is the responsibility of six officers and 13 enlisted men of the Georgia Air National Guard's 111th Tactical Air Command Party Flight (TACPF) from Brunswick.

"We're a member of the commander's special staff," said Capt. Michael Hare, an Air Liaison Officer (ALO) from the Peoria, Ill. Air National Guard Station. "Our job is to advise the commander in the use of Air Force assets."

The flight is based in Brunswick, but has added men from Peoria, Ill., and South Carolina for this mission.

The unit is divided into Tactical Air Control Parties that assist each of the brigade's four battalions. Each TACPF consists of an officer, two Enlisted Terminal Air Controllers (ETACs) and two vehicles.

"The liaison officers wait until the battalion commanders have developed battle plans, then they meld air assets into the plans," said Hare.

"Flexibility is the biggest thing we have to offer," he said. "If the commander uses us correctly we can

The Georgia detachment provided EOD service for 16 counties in northern New York state (including Fort Drum) and for the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont for more than five months.

The 202nd EOD Detachment returned to Fort Gillem on May 21, 1991, and was demobilized May 24.

111th Tactical Air Control Party Flight (TACPF)

Eleven members of the 111th Tactical Air Control Party Flight (TACPF) of the GaANG, based in Brunswick, were mobilized December 8. On December 14, the members of the 111th reported to their mobilization station at Fort Stewart.

The unit provided tactical air command and control, specifically for the GaARNG's 48th Mechanized Infantry Brigade during its mobilization. The 111th TACPF returned to Fort Stewart during the week of March 3-9 and was demobilized on April 10 after more than four months on active duty.

124th Public Affairs Detachment (PAD)

The GaARNG's 124th Public Affairs Detachment (PAD) of Atlanta was placed on alert December 24, 1990, mobilized January 7, 1991, and reported to the NTC at Fort Irwin, Calif., its mobilization station, January 9.

While on active duty, the 13-member PAD provided public relations, print, video, photographic and broadcast support for the NTC's Public Affairs Office, Georgia's 48th Infantry Brigade and Mississippi's 155th Infantry Brigade. The 124th PAD published three weekly newspapers: the NTC's Leader-Trainer, the 48th Brigade Review and the 155th Brigade's Dixie Thunder. Georgia's PAD also operated KNTC-FM, Fort Irwin's 10,000 watt radio station, in addition to photographing and videotaping training exercises.

The 124th returned to Fort Stewart on March 23. The PAD outprocessed and assisted the Army's 24th Infantry Division's Public Affairs Office during the division's return to Fort Stewart.

The 124th PAD left Fort Stewart and returned to its armory in Atlanta on April 15. The PAD was demobilized April 18.

116th Tactical Hospital

Thirty members of Marietta's 116th Tactical Hospital of the GaANG were alerted January 11, 1991, and were mobilized January 16. The unit, with an authorized strength of 50, is based at Dobbins AFB, in

do some serious damage. We can hit the enemy 5 to 10 kilometers before he reaches the engagement areas the Army has set up. This way we've already destroyed some of his equipment and shook him up by the time he meets the ground forces."

"To accomplish their mission, TACPF members use sophisticated communications equipment that costs as much as their vehicles," said Maj. Richard Dammer, commander of the TACPF.

"We've got a pretty impressive communications capacity," said Hare. "It ties us into the Air Force communication network."

One key to the unit's mission is its air controllers.

"They are critical to our job," said Dammer. "In addition to their normal duties, if one of the ALOs is killed the enlisted men are qualified to take over control of the aircraft."

Some of the enlisted men have come to the Air Guard from the other services. "They've brought us invaluable Army scout experience," Dammer said. "We have one man who was a master gunner on a Bradley (Fighting Vehicle) and another who is a prior service Marine."

"A lot of commanders think we are here working for them," said Hare. "What we're here for is to work with them. We work for the Air Force. Our job is to kill tanks just like his. We just want to make sure that we don't kill any friendly ones."

Marietta. The mobilized element of the 116th reported to its mobilization station, Luke AFB, Ariz., on January 21. These volunteers replaced staff members at the base hospital who had been deployed to the Persian Gulf. The members of the 116th were demobilized at various times between April 1 and September 30.

The 116th Tactical Hospital's mission is to maintain the health of the military community to ensure maximum wartime and combat readiness.

Georgia Health Services Liaison Detachment (HSLD)

The Georgia Health Services Liaison Detachment (HSLD) augmentation to the 213th Medical Brigade, Mississippi Army National Guard, was placed on alert January 24, 1991, and was mobilized February 1. The HSLD, reported to Fort Gordon, its mobilization and duty station, February 4.

This Atlanta-based GaARNG detachment, comprised of ten nurses, was demobilized March 20.

116th Security Police Flight

Seventeen members of Marietta's 116th Security Police Flight were ordered to active duty February 7, 1991. These airmen mobilized in-place at their duty-station, Dobbins AFB, in Marietta.

The 116th Security Police Flight provides installation level security, combat arms and law enforcement support, and related training and maintenance for the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing.

These volunteers were demobilized on various dates between March 19 and July 31.

165th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron (MAPS)

One member of the GaANG's Mobile Aerial Port Squadron (MAPS) of Garden City was called to active duty February 7, 1991. This airman was deployed to KKMC, Saudi Arabia, and was demobilized June 15, 1991.

The 165th MAPS provides freight services, joint inspection of air drop loads, command, administration, supply support, cargo service, loadmaster supervision and associated documentation at an overseas non-fixed terminal or forward air head area.

116th Services Flight

Nine members of Marietta's 116th Services Flight were called to active duty February 11, 1991. They reported to their mobilization station at Moody AFB,

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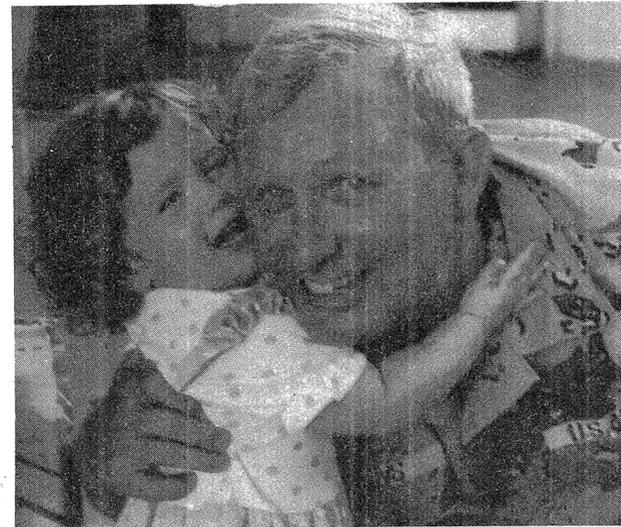
Sgt. Steve Brown of Valdosta, a member of Brunswick's 111th TACPF (GaANG), coordinates close air support for 48th Brigade ground forces. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore, 124th PAD)



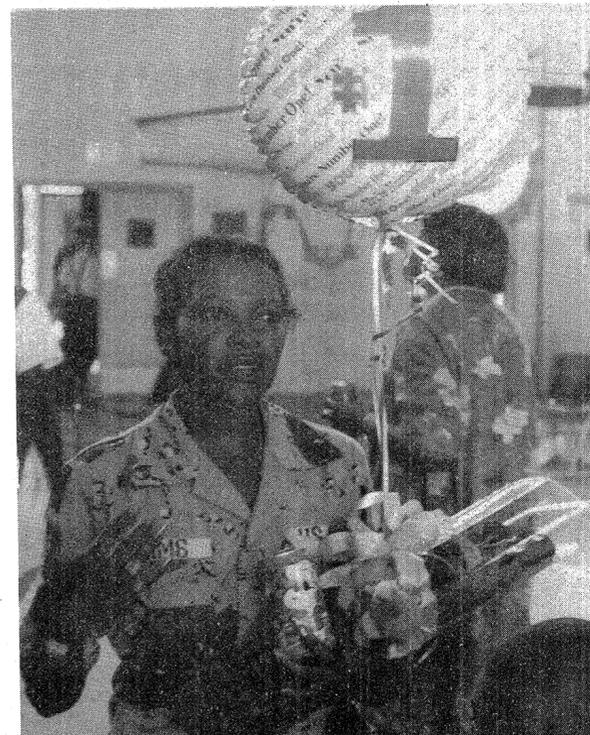
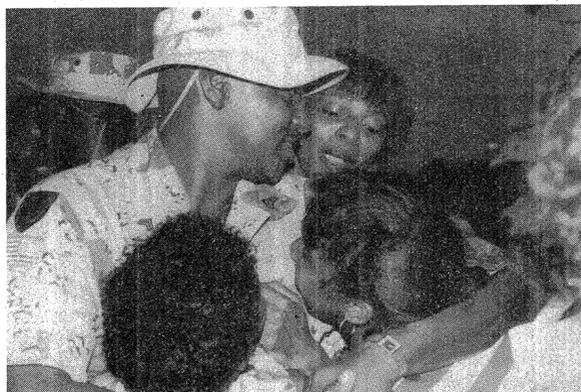
The Mother of all Homecomings

Hinesville and Glennville's 165th Supply Company returns from Desert Storm safe and sound

- Photos by Lt. Col. Jim Wooten and Sgt. 1st Class Willis Mitchell



On June 26, 1991, the families and friends of the 165th Supply Company embraced the troops during a joyous homecoming ceremony at the Savannah Armory.





Members of the 848th Engineer Company march in homecoming parade through downtown Douglas. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor)

Homecoming parades mark 48th's return

By 124th Public Affairs Detachment

Across Georgia, soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) came home to fanfare and fried chicken, after spending 60 days in California's harsh Mojave Desert preparing for combat in the Persian Gulf.

Flag-waving supporters lined the streets in Macon, Douglas, Albany, Fitzgerald, Dublin and many other communities on April 5th and 6th as the Georgia Guardsmen returned from nearly five months of active duty.

More than 4,300 members of the brigade were mobilized because of Operation Desert Storm, but the ground war ended before they could be deployed to the Middle East.

Most members of the brigade were released from active duty at their 36 hometown armories by April 10.

In Macon, which is home to the brigade's Headquarters Company and Charlie Company of the 148th Support Battalion, hundreds of well-wishers crowded into downtown for a parade held in typical Macon humidity.

After a short ceremony, soldiers boarded buses while their sand-colored vehicles rolled in convoy to the armory for festivities with families. In Dublin, members of Headquarters Company of the 1st Battalion, 121st Mechanized Infantry, marched from their armory to a park several blocks away for an official welcome by families and local dignitaries.

As Guardsmen and their families enjoyed a dinner of fried chicken in the shade, Dublin Mayor Albert Franks proclaimed April 7 as Gray Bonnet Day in the city. The 48th Brigade is known as the Gray Bonnet Brigade.

Battalion Commander Lt. Col. William Thielmann said the city's turnout was "tremendous. It's good to have and we appreciate it."

He said that his soldiers were unswayed by recent criticism that has been leveled at the brigade.

"We trained and we were certified ready for combat," he said, adding that there is no doubt that the brigade would have gone to the Gulf had not the war ended. "The Army's validation of combat-ready status only confirmed what his soldiers already knew," he said.

In Albany, the 106 members of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, marched to an amphitheater along the Flint River for an hour-long ceremony that included speeches and patriotic music.

City and county officials declared April 5 "Operation Home Sweet Home" and speaker after speaker praised their patriotism, dedication and willingness to fight for their country.

"These soldiers were prepared in mind, body and spirit for war and to join their parent organization the 24th Infantry Division in the Saudi-Iraq Theater of Operations," said Lt. Col. Phillip Glite of Newnan, the battalion commander.

Glite said the brigade had been praised by Army officials for their hard work, personal sacrifices and performance.

"Yet we have detractors who tell you the National Guard and Reserves should not have combat units. That we were not ready," he said. "That's simply not the case . . . We will always be ready to defend this country."

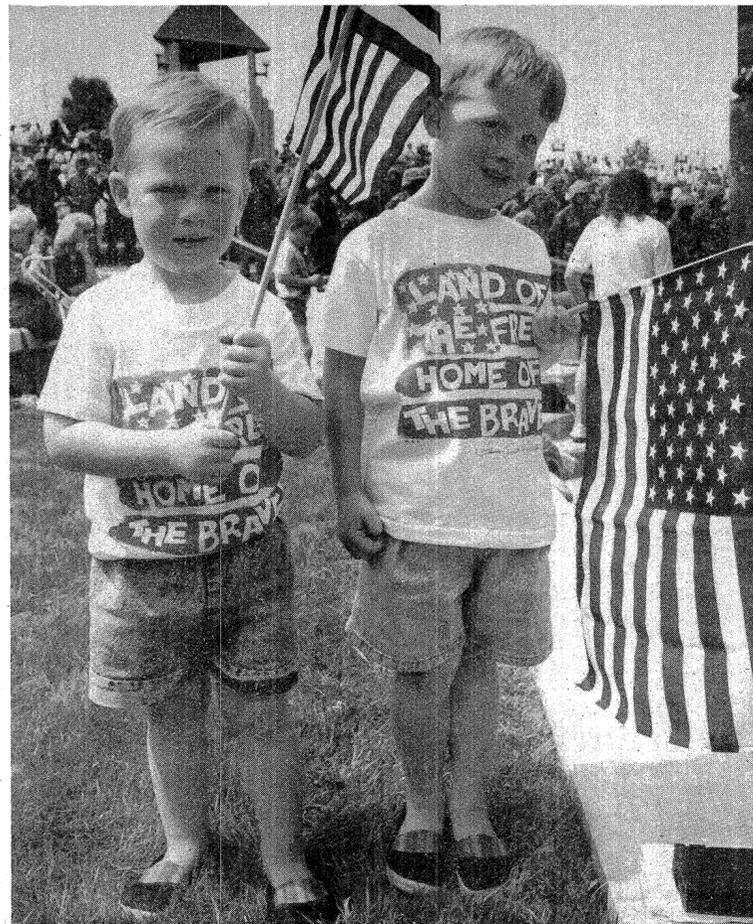
In Douglas, the following day, about 5,000 supporters jammed a downtown street and a field to welcome the 145 members of the 848th Engineer Company. Well-wishers waved flags and signs as the Guardsmen marched down Main Street followed by some of their desert-tan vehicles.

Capt. Charlie M. Simms, the company commander, said his men felt good about the reunions with their families and were looking forward to returning to their civilian jobs.

"We appreciate what this community has done for us," he said.

Later in a speech, he said, "Never have I seen such an outpouring of love. We're blessed to have you as family and neighbors."

Similar ceremonies were held in a few other towns, such as Waycross, where some 1,000 Guardsmen were released a week early. They were members of the 1st Battalion, 108th Armor and the 1st Battalion, 230th Field Artillery.

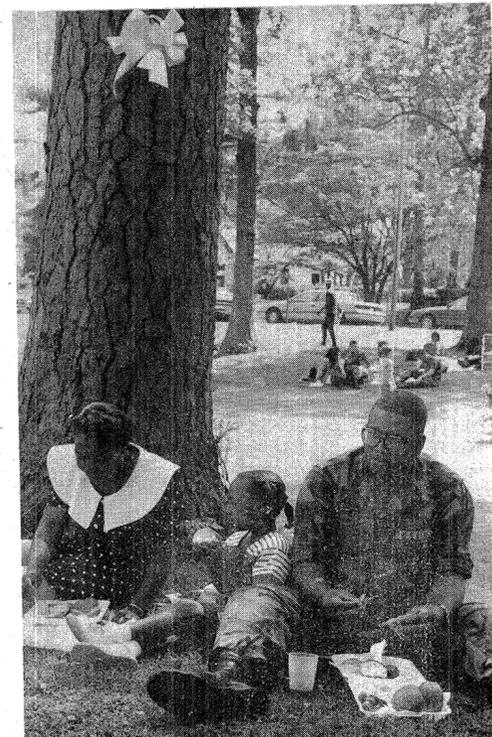


(Left) Taylor King and his brother, Cody (right), wave flags during Albany's homecoming. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor)

(Below) Staff Sgt. Hosea Brinson kisses his wife, Elizabeth, during the homecoming celebration in Albany for HHC, 2/121st Infantry. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor)



A patriotic well wisher salutes during Macon's parade. (Photo by Sgt. Jerry DeAvila)



(Above) Spec. Victor Rogers, HHC, 1/121st Infantry, enjoys homecoming lunch with girlfriend, Valerie Wadley, and daughter, Kenosha. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore)



An OC (Observer/Controller) runs across a scissor bridge breaching a trench followed by an M-1 tank mine plow. (Photo by Sgt. Jerry DeAvila)

Guardsmen Breach Iraqi-style Trenches

By Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor,
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Members of the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized), mobilized for Operation Desert Storm, learned how to attack Iraqi-style trenches at the Army's National Training Center.

The citizen-soldiers, many of them tired and grimy after weeks of training in California's rugged Mojave Desert, tossed dummy hand grenades and fired M-60 rifles while storming a mythical enemy known as the "Sumerians." The Sumerians, hiding in trenches carved into a sandy hill, responded with M-60 machine guns firing blank cartridges.

During the attacks, the Guardsmen raced across the desert in Bradley Fighting Vehicles as smoke grenades spewed green clouds and machine guns clattered. The Bradleys skidded to a halt near the trenches and the Guardsmen leaped out and began crawling toward the trenches.

"There was no lack of motivation," said Capt. David Kimmel, a trench training observer controller. "... They came along. They learned a lot."

Spec. Johnny Taylor of Americus, an assistant squad leader, said the Guardsmen worked long days in a harsh environment.

"We got up about 4 a.m. and sometimes it went into the night," he said. "They prepared us for combat. If we go to Saudi Arabia, this training will be worthwhile."

Taylor is among 4,500 brigade members who refined combat skills during a 54-day tour at Fort Irwin. This remote 1,000 square mile training area specializes in tough, realistic training for mechanized infantry and armored units.

Until it was mobilized in late November, the 48th Brigade was the largest command in the Georgia Army National Guard. Its two infantry, armor and artillery battalions drill at armories located in 36 Georgia communities.

The brigade has picked up an additional battalion since mobilization. Troops from the South Carolina National Guard's 1st Battalion, 263rd Armor, also trained in the Mojave.

The training started at the platoon level and progressed to the company level. Before the Guardsmen departed they practiced offensive and defen-

sive tactics at the battalion level and as a full brigade.

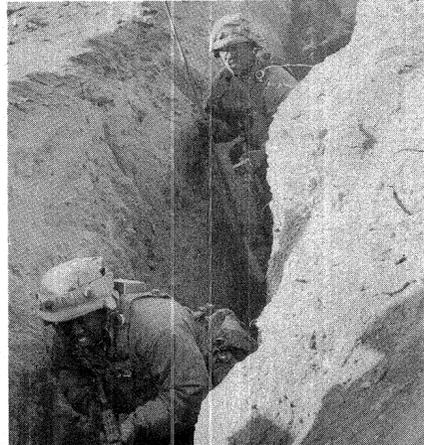
"We don't want another Vietnam," said Staff Sgt. David Williams of Albany.

The motor sergeant for Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry in Americus supervised the removal of a big rock that had jammed a Bradley track.

He and his crew worked for several hours in the sand using wrenches, muscles and a grease gun. They were surrounded from horizon to horizon by sand, the Mojave's barren mountains and knee-high creosote bushes. A few ravens swooped low, looking for morsels of food, but finding none, glided off in the clear blue sky.

Williams and the others said they missed the trees that blanket south Georgia.

"Georgia pines were on my mind," he chuckled. "When I got back to Georgia I hugged a tree. All the things we took for granted in Georgia, we really missed out there."



Infantrymen of the 48th Brigade maneuver in trench during a mock battle at the NTC. (Photo by Sgt. Jerry DeAvila)



Soldiers run for cover and a Bradley crew uses a smokescreen in the Mojave Desert. (Photo by Sgt. Jerry DeAvila)

GMI offers OCS

By John Hardwick,
Georgia Department of Defense

A critical need of the Army, active component, Reserve component, and Army National Guard, is to obtain qualified junior officers.

To help meet this need the Georgia Army National Guard's Georgia Military Institute, in Macon, begins a class once a year for qualified enlisted members and warrant officers who desire to become a second lieutenant. Successful completion of the course means appointment as a second lieutenant. If you can make the grade, you can be secure in the knowledge that you have earned your commission.

The Georgia Army National Guard Officer Candidate School is conducted in three phases beginning in March of each year. Applications must be received by the Georgia Military Institute by February 1 of each year.

Phase I consists of three weekend assemblies (normally March, April, and May), a two-week Annual training (AT) period conducted at Macon and Fort Stewart, Ga., or other military installations, normally during the last of May or first of June. This phase will stress orientation to OCS, leadership, physical training, map reading, counseling and maintenance.

Phase II consists of twelve weekend training assemblies at the GMI Facility in Macon. Training in this phase will consist of a variety of subjects which includes

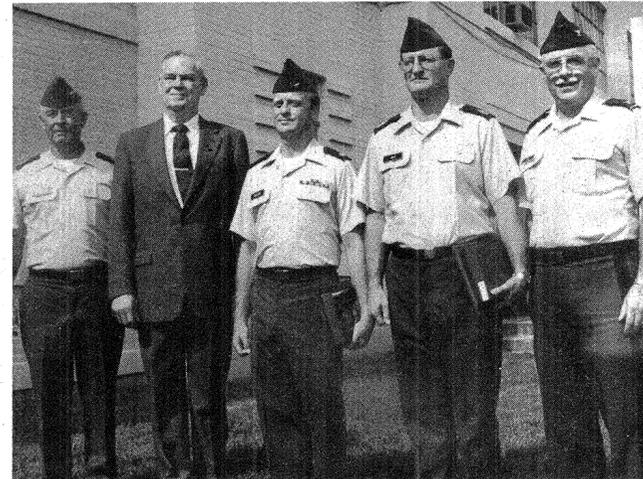
communication training, effective speaking and writing, personnel and logistics, and common subjects.

Phase III is the second AT period and consists of weapons and tactics training. Graduation and commissioning will take place at the conclusion of this phase.

Requirements for Georgia Army National Guard members can be found in National Guard Regulation 600-100. Requirements for USAR members is located in Army Regulation 140-50.

The Adjutant General of Georgia has invited and encourages U.S. Army Reserve members to participate in the State Officer Candidate School program. Interested Army Reserve personnel should contact their unit commanders for more details. Prior to forwarding applications through USAR command channels, applicants should provide the Georgia Military Institute with a copy of their applications. Mail to Commandant, Georgia Military Institute, 1030 Shurling Drive, Macon, Ga. 31211-2039 (telephone 912/751-6346). In addition, USAR applicants are encouraged to submit applications to Second United States Army, Fort Gillem, Ga., prior to January 1 of each year in order to receive the authority to attend.

When you enter the OCS program, you are on your way to a new and important experience. While the OCS program may be the toughest challenge you have ever encountered, it will also prove to be one of your most important and satisfying accomplishments.



Command Sgt. Major Billy Manning, Atlanta Journal Constitution Editorial Page Editor Durwood McCalister and Asst. AG Brig. Gen. (GA) Tony Idol (far right) presented the Atlanta Journal awards to Sgt. Herman Golding and Master Sgt. Wayne Cox.

Two Georgia Army National Guardsmen Receive Atlanta Journal Achievement Awards

Two Georgia Army National Guardsmen - both veterans of Operation Desert Storm - are recipients of the 1990 Atlanta Journal Reserve Component Achievement Award.

Master Sgt. Wayne Cox of Cordele and Sgt. Herman L. Golding of Blythe received the awards during a ceremony, Aug. 3. The 26th annual awards are presented to enlisted members of the Georgia Army National Guard and Army Reserve for outstanding performance during the year.

Cox, 41, is intelligence sergeant for the Headquarters Co., 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry, based in Albany. The battalion is part of the 48th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, which was mobilized for Operation Desert Storm and spent three months training in California's rugged Mojave Desert.

Golding is a member of C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 214th Field Artillery in Springfield. He recently returned from a four-month-long voluntary tour of duty in Saudi Arabia.

National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers who receive the Journal awards are judged on several criteria: job skills, leadership ability, military bearing, attitude and instructional ability. They are normally given to soldiers in rank grades E-1 and E-3, E-4 through E-6 and E-7 through E-9.

Cox is a 19-year veteran of the Guard. He joined in 1972 during the Vietnam War. "In addition to serving my country and fulfilling my military obligation, I'm glad I've had the opportunity to be associated with the military," he said. "I've established many friendships

with persons I would not have been exposed to if I were not in the Guard."

Cox formerly served as principal of Crisp County High School, but was promoted to assistant superintendent after his return from active duty. He and his wife, Betty, have two children, Brent and Brandi.

Cox said of his desert training, "It was very demanding. There was a sense of urgency about the training and Guardsmen were serious about improving their combat skills. We believed we were on our way to the Persian Gulf."

Cox believes the Gulf War rekindled a patriotic spirit in America. "It's terrible we had to lose lives. . . but I don't think there's any doubt that patriotism returned," he said.

Golding, an eight-year veteran of the Georgia Guard, graduated from Screven County High School. "I'm honored and shocked to be presented such a prestigious award," said Golding. "I understand there is a lot of competition. I just keep asking myself. . . why me?"

"I'm currently trying to volunteer for another tour of duty," he said. "I got to see Kuwait City by making several charity runs for the Red Crescent (the equivalent of the Red Cross), and I'm anxious to go back."

He's getting closer to reenlistment (next year) and this award will make the decision much harder. "I'll probably reenlist," he said.

"I want to serve my country; but I don't want to be on active duty for a long period of time," Golding said. "I enjoy my civilian life."



Bulldog Guard Commanders

The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, has an extraordinary influence within the Air National Guard in Georgia. At a recent Commanders Conference held at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., six Citadel Bulldog alumni gathered for a group photo session. Pictured above are the officers who lead the various units indicated. From left to right: Lt. Col. Edward I. Wexler, commander 165th Mission Support Squadron, Savannah; Col. Carl C. Poythross, commander, Combat Readiness Training Center, Savannah; Col. Bruce W. MacLane, air commander, 116th Tactical Fighter Wing, Dobbins Air Force Base; Lt. Col. Robert B. Miller, plans and programs, Headquarters, Georgia Air National Guard; Lt. Col. Walker W. Scott, Jr., commander, 165th Civil Engineering Squadron, Savannah; and Lt. Col. Phillips B. Marshall, commander, 283 Combat Communications Squadron, Savannah. How 'bout them Dogs!

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166th Maintenance Co. Supports Army Units Deploying to Gulf

By Spec. Stephanie Frank,
124th Public Affairs Detachment

During Operation Desert Storm, the Georgia Army National Guard's 166th Maintenance Company traveled just a few miles, but their work went all over the world.

The 253 Hinesville and Glennville soldiers fully maintained an operational link to the 24th Infantry Brigade in Saudi Arabia and the 48th Infantry Brigade training in California.

The 166th reported to active duty on Nov. 28. They were deployed to Fort Stewart, only a couple of miles from the armory doors.

The unit's main mission was to provide maintenance support to units mobilizing and deploying through the post — a hub for reserve units joining active duty ranks.

Life was not easy for the 166th as they worked long days so close to home. Although family was nearby, the work hours did not provide much free time.

"We busted our butts," said company commander Capt. John Gill. "We really stayed busy."

The 166th specializes in repair of wheeled vehi-



Spec. Bruce Pollette (left) and Sgt. Billy Parker work diligently on a tank engine. Both are members of Hinesville's 166th Maintenance Company. (Photo by Spec. Stephanie Frank)

cles, but can fix most anything from radios and refrigeration units to 2 1/2 ton trucks and M-1 tanks.

"If the vehicle needs new windows, we can cut them and put in the new windows," said 1st Lt. John Strolt. "If there's body work to be done, we have people who can do that."

The majority of maintenance time was spent on the 48th Brigade. The National Guard round-out brigade for the 24th Infantry Division spent 55 days training in California's Mojave Desert intensely testing themselves and their equipment.

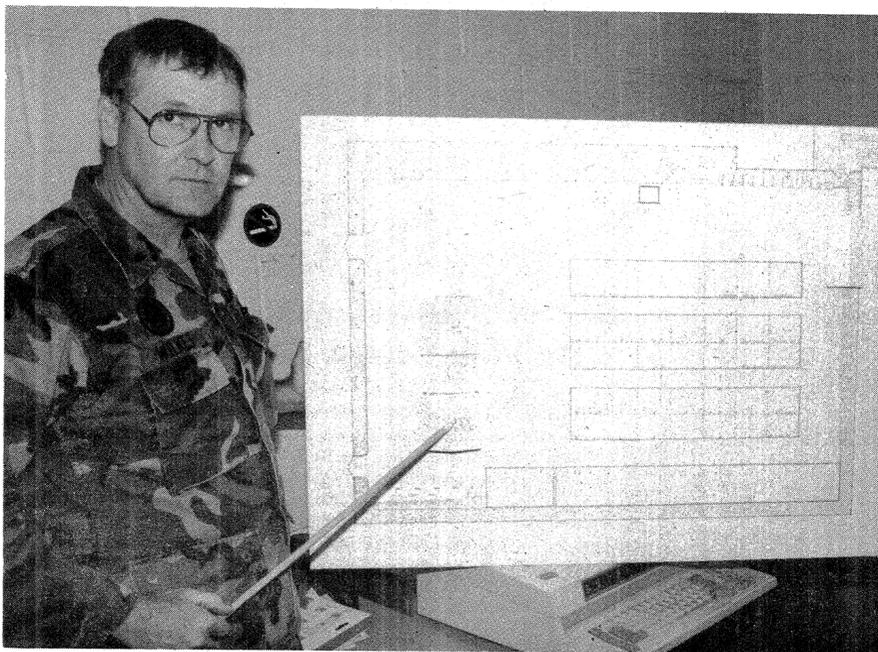
Twenty soldiers from the 166th accompanied the brigade to Fort Irwin to back up the maintenance

crews there, while the rest of the company brought the vehicles to 100 percent capability in South Georgia.

Although maintenance was the primary task for the 166th, the unit provided post security, such as moving barriers, when the war broke out; next of kin notification; casualty assistance duties and funeral details.

"We accomplished our mission and every other one that was placed on us," said Gill, a district manager for Bridgestone Tires. "I can't say enough about my troops. They have done an excellent job. They are heroes in my eyes."

Supply Center Provides Critical Items



CW03 Larry Wilkes points out supply dispersal points. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor)

By Staff Sgt. Elliott Minor,
124th Public Affairs Detachment

Twenty-three members of the 48th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) remained at Fort Stewart for an important supply mission, while their buddies trained for 60 days in the harsh Mojave Desert.

CWO 3 Larry Wilkes, the brigade's property book chief, headed a team from the 148th Forward Support Battalion that shipped supplies to the brigade's 4,500 troops who were training in California at the Army's National Training Center. They also assembled supplies in a Fort Stewart motor pool that the brigade would need, if deployed for Operation Desert Storm.

Wilkes said he and his soldiers worked 12 to 14 hour days, seven days a week.

"We tried to make sure we took as much discomfort as possible off the Brigade by sending them materials that made life better, such as heaters, cold weather equipment and tents," he said.

The motor pool parking lot was divided into sections where each unit's supplies were stacked. If the brigade had been ordered to the Middle East, units could have driven their vehicles into the motor pool, loaded their supplies and driven to the port.

Wilkes said he maintained daily contact with the brigade by using Fort Stewart's teleconference center, which uses a satellite system to let callers see each other while holding talks.

Sen. Nunn reports to Congress on 48th Brigade

The following excerpts from a statement entered into the Congressional Record by Georgia Democratic U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Mr. President . . . I had the great honor and the privilege and, indeed, emotional experience, to be in Georgia to welcome home members of the 24th Infantry Division, which is stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga. They were among the first Army soldiers sent to Saudi Arabia and they were among the most active when allied ground forces swept like a desert wind across Kuwait and Iraq to defeat the Iraqi army.

The entire nation is proud of the magnificent performance of all of the military services and of all our men and women in uniform who served in the Persian Gulf during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

. . . And we should not neglect those members of the military services who are doing their part in defending our nation in other parts of the world . . .

I want to pay special tribute to another Georgia unit that fits in that category of those who have served extremely well. This unit was not deployed

to Saudi Arabia, but their dedicated efforts over the past 5 months certainly deserve our recognition and our praise. I am referring to the 48th Brigade of the Georgia National Guard.

. . . The 48th Brigade was sent to the Army's National Training Center in the desert of California for two months of the toughest, most demanding training the Army can dish out. The conditions at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., are every bit as difficult and demanding as the conditions in Saudi Arabia. While there, the members of the 48th Brigade underwent round-the-clock training at all levels.

Mr. President, the 48th Brigade passed that final exam with flying colors. General Edwin Burba, Commander of U.S. Forces Command — the commander responsible for providing trained U.S. forces to General Schwarzkopf — testified . . .

. . . In a brief period of two months, the 48th Brigade built on the considerable skills and capabilities they already possessed. They became a first-line fighting unit, fully capable of joining their active duty counterparts in the complex challenges of modern land warfare. I am convinced, Mr. President, that the ability to mobilize reserve units and

give them that level of proficiency contributes a great deal to the deterring capability of our military forces . . .

There has been a good deal of controversy concerning the 48th Brigade and the other round-out brigades in the National Guard . . . Some people argue that these round-out brigades were not up to the rigors of modern combat and the Army could not count on them.

I believe that is totally wrong. There is no question that the 48th Brigade needed additional training when it was mobilized. But that was always part of their mobilization plan.

Mr. President, I now hear some argue that it was a mistake to call up the 48th Brigade. The 48th Brigade, in my opinion, was called up because the nation needed them and when they were called up, no one could predict how long the war would last. They were ready when they were called to go to training, and when they finished their training, they were ready if required to go to war.

. . . The 48th Brigade faced a tough challenge. They proved they were up to the task and they deserve our sincere thanks."

Division Commander cites 48th Brigade's participation

By Staff Sgt. Toby Moore,
124th Public Affairs Detachment

With steel in his eyes and conviction in his voice, Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffery praised members of the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Mechanized Infantry Brigade for their performance in support of the Gulf War.

"If the 48th had been deployed at the same time as the 24th Infantry Division, we would've put you into combat," said McCaffery, commanding general of the Victory Division.

Since returning to Georgia after 55 days of desert training at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif., the brigade has faced criticism from some circles about its combat readiness.

Because the war ended so quickly, the brigade, along with other round-out National Guard units, was not sent to join active duty and reserve troops in Saudi Arabia.

Friday at Donovan parade field McCaffery met with every brigade battalion remaining at Fort Stewart awaiting demobilization. The brigade was officially released from active duty April 10th.

"We're not here to prove political principles; we're soldiers," McCaffery said. While training at the NTC, he said, the Georgia Guardsmen, who

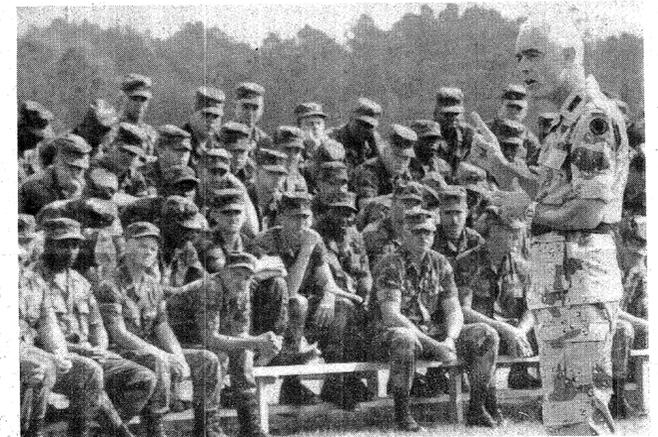
were joined by citizen soldiers from South Carolina, "validated our equipment, our doctrines and our training."

The general said that the NTC's rigorous training regimen contributed greatly to the allied victory in the war "because tank crews and Bradley crews knew how to fire at night."

McCaffery told the soldiers that he wasn't sure how the war would affect the roundout concept, but that it certainly would remain, especially with continued cuts in Army troop strength forthcoming.

"We have to remind the National Guard frequently how good they are. The National Guard is one of the biggest and best trained armies on the face of the globe," said the general. "You need to understand that. And we'd be nuts to throw that away."

"Guardsmen were better trained and better equipped than anyone could have imagined 15



Maj. Gen. Barry R. McCaffery, 24th Infantry Division Commander, talks to 1/121st Infantry soldiers prior to their departure from Fort Stewart. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Toby Moore)

years ago, and indeed, did see combat in the Gulf War," McCaffery said.

To each battalion, McCaffery presented a certificate for "exceptional duty in preparation for combat operations during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm."

"You helped defend America. America is stronger because of soldiers like you who are willing to stand up and fight for our principles," he said.

After the Storm

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Ga., near Valdosta, February 13. They were all demobilized by September 30.

The 116th Services Flight's members provided food services, billeting, laundry, search and rescue, and mortuary affairs support for the 116th Tactical Fighter Wing.

165th Security Police Flight

Thirteen members of the GaANG's 165th Security Police Flight based in Garden City were called to active duty February 12, 1991. These airmen are mobilized in-

place at their duty location at Savannah International Airport.

The 165th Security Police Flight volunteers provided installation level security, combat arms and law enforcement support, and related training and maintenance.

These members were demobilized on various dates between April 3 and September 30.

165th Resource Management Squadron (RMS)

Two members of Garden City's 165th Resource Management Squadron (RMS) were called to active duty February 16, 1991. These members of the GaANG were deployed to Dover AFB, Del.

They provided personnel support services in the area of transportation for the deployment of a squadron of

aircraft.

These airmen were demobilized September 30. 116th Resource Management Squadron (RMS)

Eight members of the GaANG's 116th Resource Management Squadron (RMS) of Marietta were called to active duty February 25. These airmen were mobilized in-place at their duty location at Dobbins AFB in Marietta.

Their mission was to provide personnel support services in the areas of base supply, comptroller, contracting and transportation for the deployment of a squadron of aircraft.

These 116th RMS members were demobilized on various dates between April 30 and September 30.

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