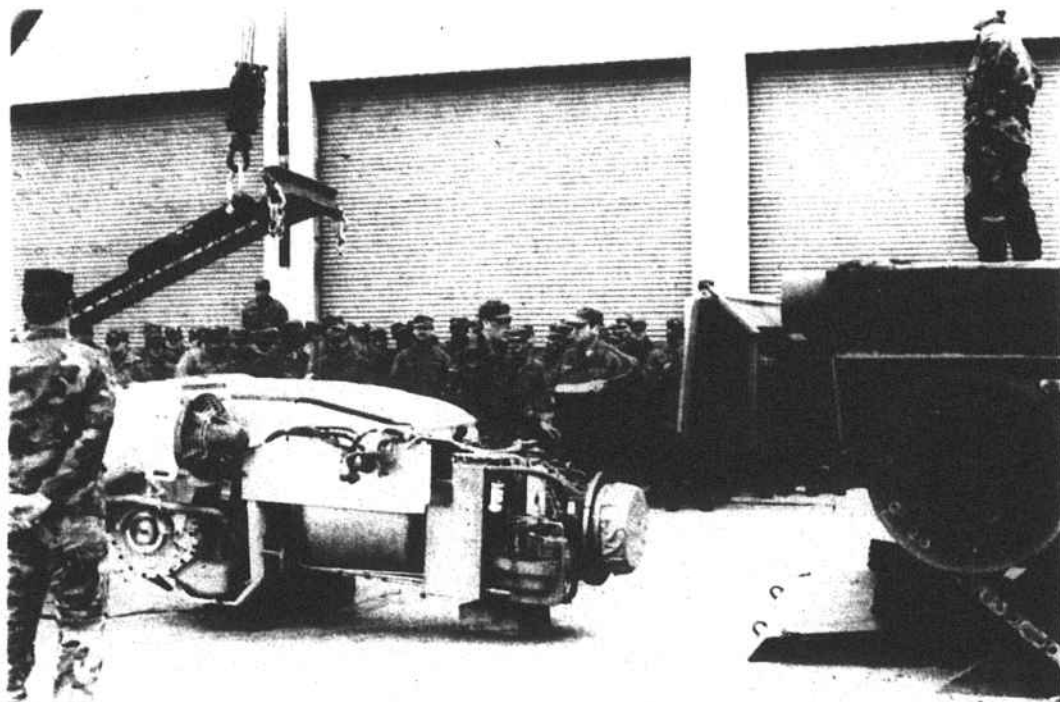


Military News

Local Guardsmen Return, Tank Training Successful



Tank Training

New Equipment Training Team at Ft. Knox, Kentucky demonstrates a speedy process removing a power pack from an M-1 Abrams Tank as members of the 2nd Battalion, 252nd Armor, NCARNG of Raeford watch.

High morale and *esprit de corps* were evident as members of the 2nd Battalion, 252nd Armor, of Raeford, returned recently from training with the Army's new M-1 Abrams tank at Fort Hood, Tex.

The 118 officers and non-commissioned officers from Red

Springs, Albemarle, Laurinburg, Sanford and Southern Pines attended the Supervisor's Course for M-1 Tank Operation and Maintenance.

The Course is part of a broad training program designed to prepare the unit for the acquisition of the new tank. Supervisors were

instructed by a special team from Fort Knox, the Army's Armor Center.

The 2/252nd is the first National Guard unit in the United States to acquire the new M-1 tank as part of its support mission to the 2nd Armor Division headquartered in Texas.

Barefoot, Atkins Stationed In Sinai

Pfc. Billy H. Barefoot Jr., son of Billy and Janice T. Barefoot of Route 2, Raeford, is a member of the 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry, Fort Bragg, participating in the multi-national peace-keeping force and observers (MFO) as the primary U.S. military contingent in the Sinai.

His wife, Amber, is the daughter of Paul and Christal Bradley of West Warwick, R.I.

The private is a 1980 graduate of Hoke County High School, Raeford.

Pfc. Michael R. Atkins, son of C.A. and Louise Atkins of Route 1, Aberdeen, is also a member of the 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry, Fort Bragg, participating in the multi-national peace-keeping force and observers (MFO) as the primary U.S. military contingent in the Sinai.

The MFO, an independent agency responsible to the governments of Israel and Egypt, was established as a result of the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

The mission of the airborne unit

is to operate check points and observation posts and conduct reconnaissance patrols along the Sinai peninsula. The peninsula is located on the southeast shores of the Mediterranean Sea and extends eastward from the Suez Canal to Israel and southward from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.

The unit will be the third U.S. contingent to serve with the MFO, replacing the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry of Fort Campbell, Ky.

He is a 1981 graduate of Pinecrest High School, Southern Pines.



Tank Arrives

The Raeford unit of the North Carolina National Guard received their Abrams M-1 Tank Monday March 21 at Fort Bragg.

T. Richardson Finishes Police School

Airman Terry J. Richardson, son of Lacy Richardson of 715 Silver St., Raeford, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force security police specialist course at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Graduates of the course studied systems security operations, tactics and weapons training and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Richardson will now serve at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., with the 91st Security Police Squadron.

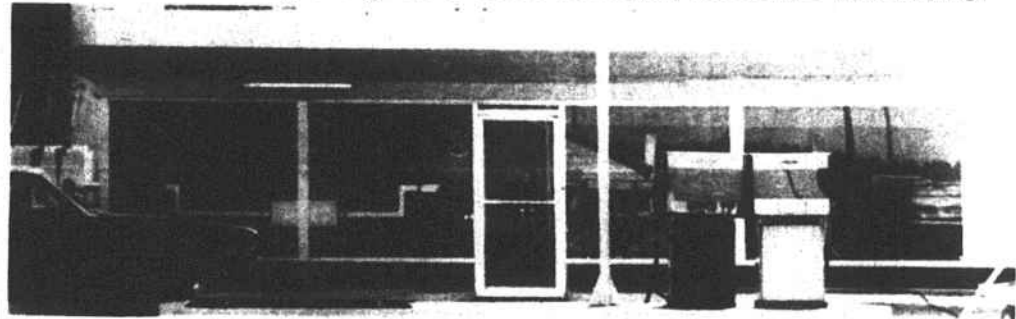


Police Participation

Area coordinator for the National Child Safety Council, Bill Haskins, (right), presents Raeford Police Chief Leonard Wiggins with a plaque for the department's participation in the program.

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