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The Future

By Maj. Gen. Paul J. Glazar

Where were you at 8:47 AM on Sept. 11? I don't believe there is any American who will not remember exactly where they were when they heard America had been attacked.

The New Jersey National Guard was in exactly the right place to deal with the aftermath of this heinous act. Soldiers from units statewide reported to Liberty State Park, armories, operations centers, and even to Ground Zero. Without being called, citizen soldiers, airmen, and sailors began responding to their units; and the units to the site of the disaster without orders. The Spirit of the Minuteman, ready to respond at a moment's notice, was in evidence on that day.

The 177th Fighter Wing rushed airplanes and crews to readiness and, in a little more than an hour had armed fighter jets ready to defend our cities against further attacks. Called to active duty shortly after the attack, the "Jersey Devils" are still patrolling the skies of the northeast corridor.

Our Naval Militia began ferrying relief workers and law enforcement personnel between Liberty State Park and Ground Zero. Sailors reported for duty at our Emergency Operations Center to pull shifts alongside Army and Air National Guard personnel.

Since that day, as America has called more and more of her sons and daughters to duty, the Guard is the sole force that can carry out many of the missions we are being asked to do. United States law prohibits the use of federal troops to perform law enforcement within our civilian communities - you, as National Guard soldiers and airmen, can be called by



Maj. Gen. Paul J. Glazar

the Governor as state forces to protect and defend your fellow citizens. That law, "Posse Comitatus," is why we are so heavily tasked today: guarding bridges, tunnels, power plants, and airports. It is a role we never thought we would be called upon to perform, but were ready and willing when called - as the Guard has been for more than three centuries. Another law, the interstate compact with New York, enables NJNG soldiers and Naval Militia sailors to perform duty at the Fresh Kills Landfill on Staten Island supporting the law enforcement agencies combing the wreckage of the World Trade Center. We have similar compacts with all of our neighboring states and most of the states in the northeast.

I can only add my thanks and praise to every citizen soldier, airman, and sailor that serve community and country every day. This test of your readiness and resolve is far from over, but you have demonstrated that you were there when you were needed - and met that challenge. Keep up the excellent work. 🇺🇸



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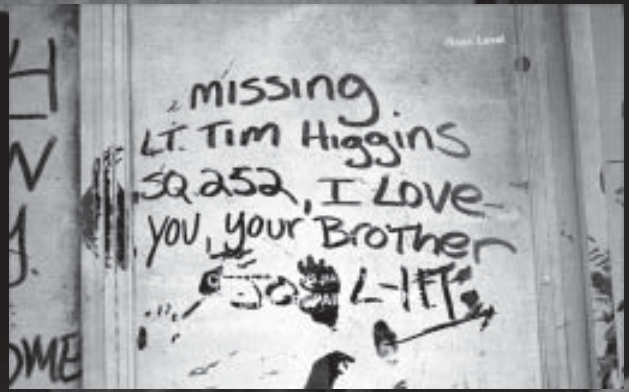
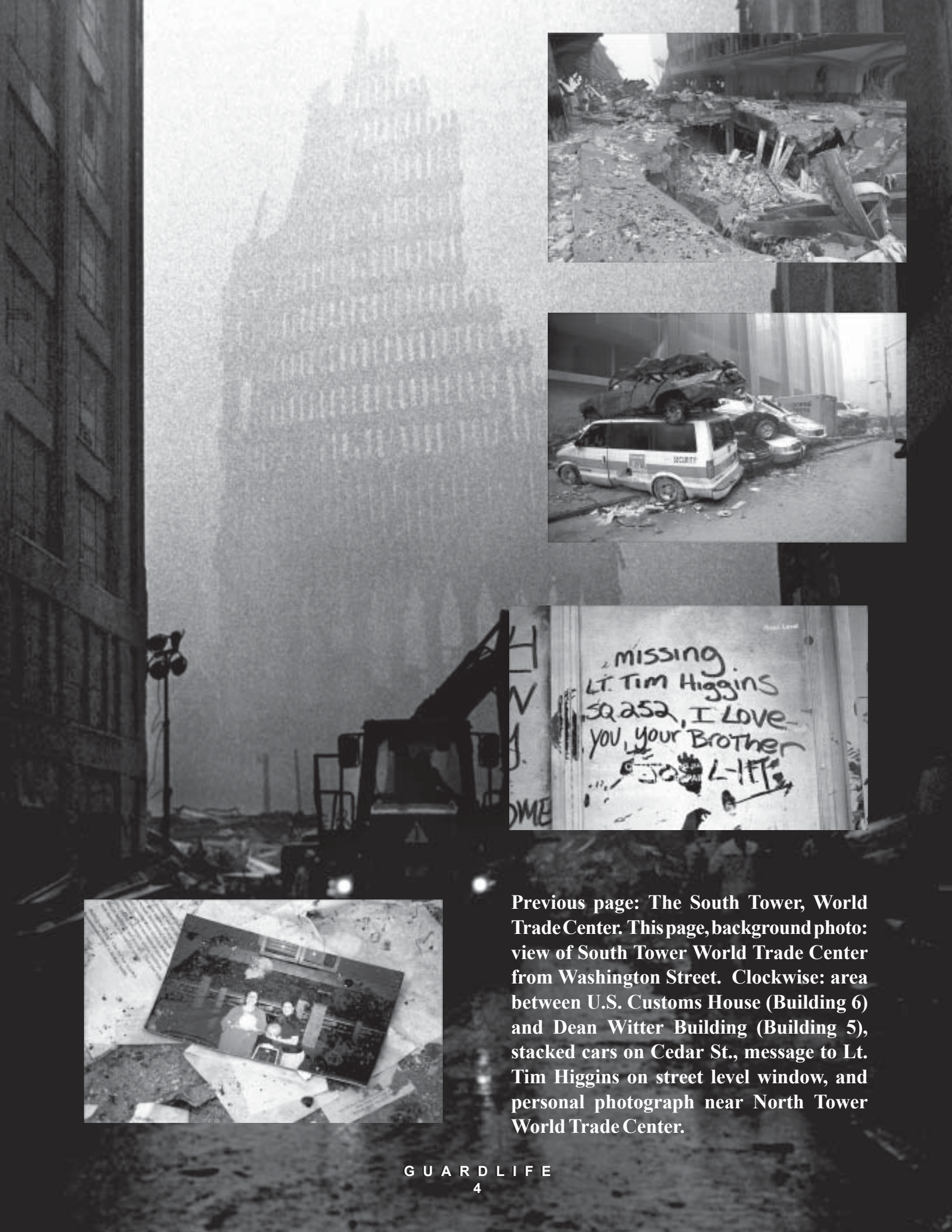
Old Glory

The Stars and Stripes stand in stark contrast to the destruction at the World Trade Center. The photo was taken on Sept. 14 by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA, PAO.

Ground Zero

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA, PA.





Previous page: The South Tower, World Trade Center. This page, background photo: view of South Tower World Trade Center from Washington Street. Clockwise: area between U.S. Customs House (Building 6) and Dean Witter Building (Building 5), stacked cars on Cedar St., message to Lt. Tim Higgins on street level window, and personal photograph near North Tower World Trade Center.

The Response

By Col. John Dwyer, PAO, NJDMAVA

The story of the New Jersey National Guard's involvement in the events after 9/11 reads like a history of every major military event the United States is involved in at the homefront level. NJNG units are involved in security, recovery and logistical support missions, as well as military operations connected with the Sept. 11 attack. New Jersey Guardsmen are providing security at nuclear power plants and airports, as well as flying fighter missions over the Northeast corridor and managing donations.

The 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard has been flying combat air patrol missions in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) since the morning of Sept. 11. Several hundred members of the wing are currently on duty for the emergency and 177th Security Forces have been called to federal active duty and have been deployed to Air Force bases nationwide.

The last time the 177th flew combat air patrol missions was during their deployment to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH (Nov. 4 - Dec. 15, 2000). While deployed at Prince Sultan Air Base, 177th pilots flew missions to enforce the southern no-fly zone over Iraq. The wing's



Spc. Matthew Smith (left) and Pfc. Steven White (right) patrol Salem Nuclear Plant's perimeter. Photo by 1st Lt. Jon Powers, 444th MPAD.



A 177th F-16C on combat air patrol over Washington, D.C. Photo by Master Sgt. Don Taggart, 177th FW Visual Information.

past experience in maintaining air defense alert and flying air sovereignty missions enabled the 177th to quickly reconfigure its aircraft and begin flying combat air patrols shortly after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

“As we collectively grieve over the tragic events of Sept. 11, the men and women of the 177th Fighter Wing remain focused on conducting our around-the-clock operations in support of NORAD and the American people,” stated Col. Mike Cosby, commander of the 177th Fighter Wing. “What greater privilege could we have as citizen-

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airmen than to help guard our homeland during this time of crisis.”

More than 150 soldiers of the 50th Brigade of the New Jersey Army National Guard were called to duty by the Governor on Oct. 2 to provide additional security at three of New Jersey’s airports by Nov. 5. After strict screening and specialized training by the FAA, these soldiers deployed to Atlantic City, Mercer County, and Newark airports where they are providing a “highly visible, armed force to enhance existing security and reassure the American people’s faith in flying.” Armed Guard soldiers are stationed at every security checkpoint at each airport. The public’s reaction to the presence of National Guard soldiers has been very positive. NJARNG soldiers have been assigned to security checkpoints at every terminal. New tasks will include luggage checks, perimeter patrols, access control, and general airport terminal security.

In response to President’s Bush’s call for increased National Guard presence at airports, Acting Governor DiFrancesco authorized an additional forty soldiers to be mobilized and deployed to Newark, Trenton-Mercer, and



An aircrew from the 1-150th Aviation Battalion rush to launch a UH-60 Blackhawk on Sept. 11. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA, PAO.

Atlantic City Airports. The additional Guard personnel will be on duty from Nov. 15 through Jan. 7 to help augment security during the busy holiday travel season. Soldiers will be drawn from the battalions of the 50th Brigade of the NJARNG.

The 108th Air Refueling Wing has sent approximately 50 security police to Washington, D.C., to assist in providing security for key facilities and government buildings. Those personnel were part of the Presidential Call-up and will be deployed for up to a year’s time. The 108th continues to fly routine refueling missions in support of the Air Force daily, including refueling the fighters involved in combat air patrols over the northeast corridor.

Thirty 42nd Division Support Command troops are operating the donation warehouse at the Military Ocean Terminal at Bayonne. The Guardsmen are providing daily warehouse support to the Salvation Army, which is managing donations. More than 1,200 tons of donated material has been received warehoused to date.

Soldiers from the 50th Brigade were deployed on Oct. 8 to augment existing security at the two nuclear power stations in New Jersey following a request from the Governor. No specific threats were identified, but it was considered a prudent precaution to bolster security at these key facilities following the military action in Afghanistan. This mission will continue for as long as the need exists.

Currently more than 240 NJARNG soldiers are



A 177th Fighter Wing weapons load team (left to right) Senior Airman James Keefer, Master Sgt. Frank Buzby, and Tech. Sgt. Wendell Hunte load an AIM-9 missile on an F-16C. Photo by Master Sgt. Don Taggart, 177th FW Visual Information.



Sgt. Rich Marion of the 2-102nd Armor Battalion, providing additional security on the main concourse at Newark International Airport. Photo by 1st Lt. Jon Powers, 444th MPAD.

augmenting police security at key Port Authority facilities in New Jersey including the George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel, Holland Tunnel, and Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) facilities. Soldiers are from combat units of the 50th Brigade and will rotate units every few weeks. While deployed, the soldiers will be housed at local armories. Duties include security of key buildings and transportation hubs, cargo inspections at river crossings, and traffic control at security checkpoints. The troops deployed full-time on Oct. 27.

The soldiers are initially being drawn from the com-

bat units of the 50th Brigade of the New Jersey Army National Guard. The first unit called for this duty was the 2nd Battalion, 102nd Armor with subordinate units in Newton, Hackettstown, West Orange and Somerset. Units will rotate security duty every few weeks until the mission is completed. Currently the 2-102 Armor also has 40 soldiers mobilized as part of the task force providing security at Newark Airport. While deployed, the troops will also be housed at local National Guard armories.

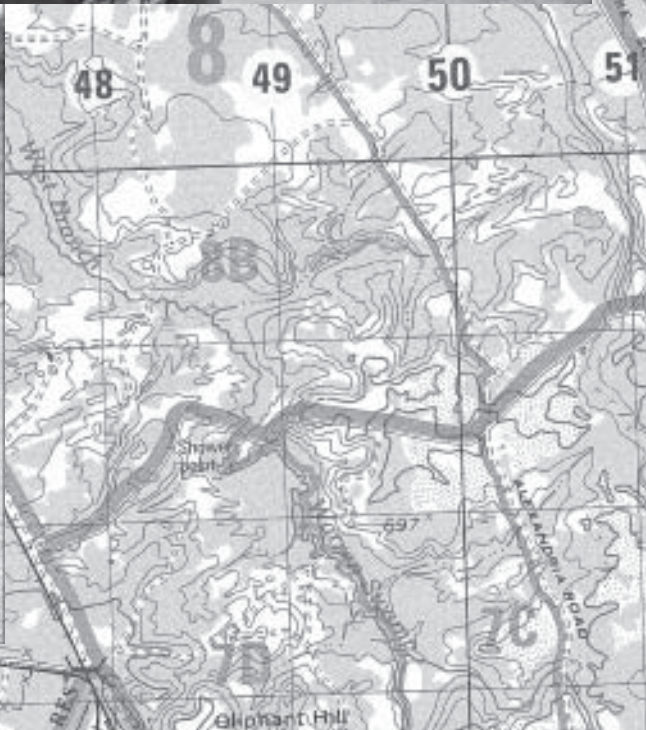
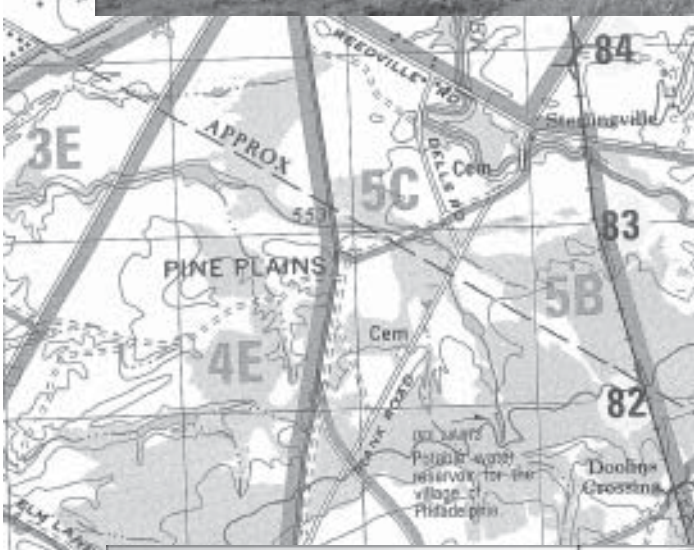
National Guard chaplains statewide have been providing ongoing counseling to families, deployed personnel and rescue workers in all locations from Ground Zero to Atlantic City since the start of the emergency.

Army Guard helicopters based at Trenton-Mercer airport have been providing on-call support to the FBI and other federal agencies conducting post-attack operations. To date NJARNG helicopters have flown more than 110 missions since Sept. 11.

The New Jersey National Guard has been operating its Emergency Operations Center at Fort Dix 24/7 since the emergency began. Subordinate operations centers are also working 7 days per week in Somerset, Atlantic City, and Caven Point. ¶



Troops from 2-113th Infantry guard the entrance to the George Washington Bridge. Photo by 1st Lt. Jon Powers, 444th MPAD.



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Fort Drum And You: Perfect Together

Story by Col. John Dwyer with photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA, PA

At least once a year, long green lines of New Jersey Army National Guard trucks snake from the Garden State to northern New York in a ritual that dates back at least 70 years.

Whether you call it AT, summer camp, annual encampment or Annual Training, the NJARNG has been going to Fort Drum for a lot of years. They used to go by train, when Drum was called Pine Camp -bringing their horses, trucks and guns with them in freight cars. Then the Guard switched to driving their halftracks and jeeps up Route 11 to Camp Drum. Although it is now Fort Drum, the convoys are still with us - though the trip doesn't last four days anymore.

Fort Drum hosted the 50th Brigade and the 42nd DISCOM this year, and in a separate period, Company B, 1-126th Aviation. AT highlights included two "firsts." The first successful completion of Tank Table 12 by the 5-117th Cavalry, with four tanks firing and maneuvering simultaneously downrange. And second, the 1-114th Infantry conducting a live-fire mechanized attack on the assault course on Range 44. Fort Drum also marked the last flights for the AH-1 Cobra gunships of the 5-117th (RIARNG) Cavalry air troops.

With many DISCOM soldiers deployed around the world, the mission of supporting 50th Brigade operations fell to a combined logistical task force from DISCOM, the 50th Main Support Battalion, and the 250th Forward Support Battalion. Medics treated injuries, illnesses, and allergies; while fuel, ammunition, spare parts and rations were distributed by supply wizards; and maintainers managed to keep it all running.

Field Artillery soldiers "beat the Drum" one more

time, sending hundreds of projectiles downrange in response to digitally transmitted calls for fire. They also fired Copperhead laser guided projectiles – the second time the battalion has had the opportunity to fire live guided munitions in their history.

Tankers from the 1-102nd Armor and troopers from the 5-117th Cavalry not only conducted range firing, but fought force-on-force "battles" across the plains of upstate New York. When not practicing for tank tables

M-1 tanks and M-113 armored personnel carriers maneuvered through and over more than 700 acres of woods, grasslands, and dusty roads attempting to gain advantage over the "enemy." Operations officers and unit commanders acted as umpires to determine who won each of the engagements.

Later in the season, Company B, 1st Battalion, 126th Aviation deployed to Drum for the first time in more than eight years. Acting as

part of an aviation task force, the pilots and aircrew served as a lift unit for troop insertion, evacuation, and airmobile assault. In cooperation with 5-117 Cavalry Cobra gunships, the 126th dropped troops on a "hot landing zone," conducted night-vision-goggle flight training, and performed cross country navigation exercises. For many of the troops, this was their first time at Fort Drum, and they were surprised by the amount of real estate available for low-level flights. With the six AH-1 Cobras and six UH-1 Hueys operating together, this Annual Training was the last time that so many "legacy" aircraft were operating simultaneously.

Most importantly, there were no serious injuries and all were able to return home to prepare for next year at Fort Drum. *♣*



Spc. Freddie Dunlap, Jr., (left) has his finger bandaged by Pfc. Sarina Rivera (right) at the 50th Main Support Battalion's field hospital.

Armor Scores

By Pfc. William Addison, 444th MPAD

As the fog continued to roll in, the tension increased. Months of preparation were being threatened. Yet, as the night wore on, visibility remained good, despite the fog.

Suddenly with a piercing flash, a 105 mm gun hammered a red tracer round downrange. Immediately, three more guns barked. The night sky was filled with red and white flashes while the ground shook.

When the firing had finished, the tankers of C Troop of the 5-117th Cavalry had become the first New Jersey guardsmen to qualify on the Tank Table 12 movement at Fort Drum's range 23 during annual training in June.

"Tank Table 12 is unique because it is a platoon movement, which involves four tanks firing and moving downrange together," observed Lt. Col. Stephen Hines, 5-117th Cavalry Commander.



Nightfire at Range 23. Members of the 5-117th Cavalry qualify on night firing portion of Tank Table 12. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA PA.

Tank Table 12 is a two-part platoon maneuver. The first part of the table is done during the day, with stationary defensive fire and then moving down range on the offen-

sive. The second part of the table is night fire. Night fire provides a greater challenge because each tank must maintain communication, as well as remain in their own lanes of fire.

"The challenge came down from Maj. Gen. George T. Garrett (42nd Infantry Division commander)," stated 5-117th Command Sgt. Maj. David Kenna. Up until now, the only required qualification table was Tank Table 8 noted Kenna. However Maj. Gen. Garrett had set a new standard, requiring at least one tank platoon from New Jersey to qualify on maneuver.

The challenge was not easy to meet however. "We had to go far and beyond our regular training schedule," noted Master Sgt. Tim Marvian. The tank troops worked every Wednesday night, as well as



It may not be regulation and it won't win any awards, but you have to admire the enthusiasm of the artists. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA, PA.

N.J. Tankers Qualify On Tank Table 12

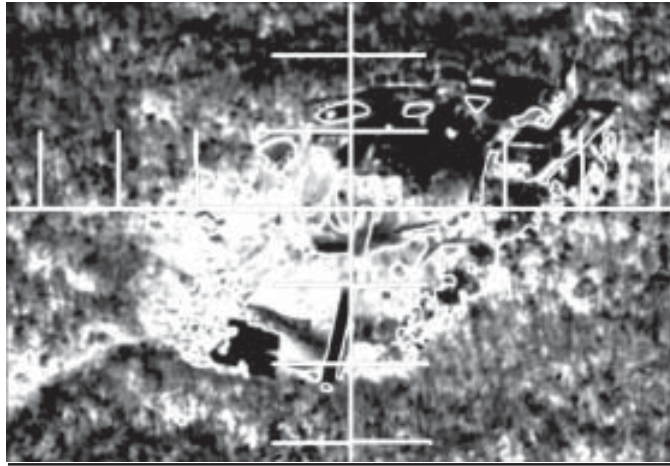
two weekends a month for a year to prepare for the challenge.

"We have really become like a family," observed 1st Sgt. Edward Santiago on how the training schedule had affected the unit. "It has been a real strain on their families, their jobs, and just their lives in general, but when we come together, and enter into this event with confidence, it was all worth it." said 1st Sgt. Santiago.

"The training schedule was frustrating, but when you realize what it all leads up to in the end, this is good stuff," stated Spc. John Preston, a driver for the tank squad. Preston is the youngest member of C Troop, and is attending Rutgers University.

The tankers completed the event with 12 out of 17 possible hits. "I cannot think of the words to describe how the men must feel right now," said 1st Sgt. Santiago. "These guys have worked so hard, I am so proud of them," stated Sgt. 1st Class Wayne May, C Troop platoon sergeant.

"The men of C Troop were so efficient in everything they had done up to this point, I never had a doubt that they would not only qualify, but exceed the mark," observed 1st Lt. Grant Marks, commander of C Troop. Marks had only been commanding the Troop for the second half of its training, taking over from Capt. Richard Kinkler, who started the train-up for Tank Table 12. "We



On Target. Photo illustration by Col. John Dwyer, PAO, NJDMAVA.

just did what the regular army does, and we pulled it out first time," said Spc. Preston, "It gives me a lot of pride in this unit and the squad."

"This was a total effort - the entire unit worked as a team to achieve the goal. The crews out on the fuel

trains, the commo (communications) guys, and the guys at the ammo points as well, not to mention the mechanics who fixed whatever we had a problem with right away, none of this would have happened with out their hard work," said Sgt. 1st Class May as he talked about the support behind the firing line. "Finally, a whole year," added Santiago, after the scores were tallied up, validating the 12 months of strenuous training.

"Hooah, good tanking," finished Spc. Preston, as he walked toward one of the M-1 Abrams tanks that C Company of the 5-117th Cavalry used to meet the General's challenge and NJARNG history. ✎



The first New Jersey Army National Guard unit to qualify on Tank Table 12 - Troop C, 5-117th Cavalry. Photo by Pfc. William Addison, 444th MPAD.

Jersey Guard Deploys To Fort Polk

Story and photos by Capt. Carl Palmer, STARC, PA

Units from the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard deployed to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., for their 2001 Annual Training. In all, more than 5,200 troops from 39 states and Puerto Rico deployed to the JRTC to participate in this year's exercise.

The 42nd DISCOM, Material Management Center managed all the exercise supply assets. No small task considering that before the exercise was over, they issued more than 200,000 MREs, 175,000 gallons of fuel, and 500,000 gallons of drinking water. The center would “use any means available to make sure the soldiers on the ground got their needed material,” remarked Lt. Col. Deborah Allen, MMC commander.

The 250th Signal Battalion’s mission was to provide communication to units in the field so that these units could provide better command and control over both logistical and combat missions. Attached to the 119th CSB was a water purification unit that produced thousands of gallons of drinking water a day.

A detachment of the 253rd Transportation Company operated under the command and control of the 119th



Spc. Chris Orrok, 250th Forward Support Battalion, reports enemy activity from his Listening Observation Post.



Command Sgt. Maj. Stan Szamborski, 119th Corps Support Battalion, prepares a light set for night operations.

CSB. Only a small portion of the entire unit was at Fort Polk, but transportation assets provided a vital function to the success to every mission.

The 204th Weather Flight, New Jersey Air National Guard, gave daily briefings as part of the intelligence and operations section during the exercise. Due to technical problems with the satellite feed that provides the weather reports from the Air Force, the unit was forced to use a satellite dish to get their reports from the Weather Channel (no, they did not use it to watch ESPN). 📡

108th Receives "Excellent" On EORI

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA, PA

In August, the 108th Air Refueling Wing received an excellent rating on the initial response portion of their Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection (EORI).

"We also received high marks for the can-do attitude of our people and their strong sense of teamwork," noted Lt. Col. Peter Smoley, 108th Wing Chief of Staff.

The evaluators, who came from the Air Mobility Command's Inspector General's office, also noted in their report that "unit personnel consistently observed safety procedures throughout the inspection."

The inspection, which ran from Aug. 16 through 20, tested the wing's ability to maintain its mission commitments at two separate locations while measuring the unit's capability to prepare and deploy people and cargo. "We were evaluated on our ability to respond to higher headquarters tasking, and to move our people and cargo to an overseas location, within a specified time limit," stated Lt. Col. Smoley. This year's inspection occurred in conjunction with the wing's deployment to OPERATION NORTHERN WATCH in Turkey.

EORI's are held every five years and are required for all Air Guard units in order to remain worldwide



A 108th ARW KC-135E Stratotanker refuels a B-2 bomber during a mission over the midwest.

deployable. The last time the wing had an inspection, it got an outstanding rating. Since the 1996 inspection, there have been some changes in the evaluation method. The new system combines a series of separate inspections to evaluate a unit's ability to perform the different aspects of its mission. "In February we will be evaluated on our ability to support the nation's nuclear defense plan - a long-standing mission for the 108th's tankers," concluded Lt. Col. Smoley. ¶

Christmas Arrives Early



Staff Sgt. Arthur Joseph Valenzuela-Bradley II (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Bill O'Hara (right); both of the 1-150th Army Aviation Battalion, sit amidst the 159 presents they delivered to the Children's Home Society of New Jersey in Trenton on Dec. 18. In November, Staff Sgt. Valenzuela-Bradley received a wish list from the Society requesting toys, clothing, art supplies, books, and even a Playstation 2. With the assistance of e-mail, he posted the list and waited for the commitments to roll in. The response, judging by the pile of donated presents, was overwhelming. Each child got what they requested, including the Playstation 2. As a result, 159 children were able to look under their Christmas trees and see that Santa Claus, with the assistance of the New Jersey National Guard, had made their Christmas a little brighter. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA, PA. ¶

250th Deploys To Italy

By Sgt. Beth Matsoukis, 250th Forward Support Battalion

Soldiers from B Company, 250th Forward Support Battalion recently returned from a successful deployment in Italy. The unit spent three weeks on active duty in support of the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force (SETAF) based out of Livorno and Vicenza.

B Company deployed 44 soldiers to Caserma Ederle outside Vicenza, and seven soldiers to Camp Darby at Livorno. For 21 days, soldiers served in a variety of combat service support functions at those installations.

"The purpose of the deployment is to meet the requirements of the active component while enhancing the Mission Essential Task List - based skills of the reserve component," observed Lt. Col. William Roy, Army National Guard Advisor to SETAF.

"These exercises are an important part of a unit's training plan to not only practice the skills that we may need in a field environment, but also to get a first hand feel for how we as a guard unit would be assimilated to the



Spc. Latacia Horsley (left), Antonio Benin (center) issuing supplies at the central issue facility at Caserma Ederle, Italy. Photo by Sgt. Beth Matsoukis, 250th FSB.



Staff Sgt. Michael Delaney (facing group) instructing members of the 510th Personnel Services Battalion at Caserma Ederle, Italy. Photo by Sgt. Carl Craft, 250th FSB.

active component if it ever became necessary," stated Capt. Timothy Metcalf, Company Commander, B Company, 250th FSB.

The unit also had soldiers serving in logistical and administrative support positions across the installations. "We had soldiers assisting with a change of command inventory, issuing field gear, processing personnel actions, updating computer equipment, and serving food in the dining facility," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Shipos, Acting 1st Sergeant, B Company, 250th FSB. "Some soldiers even rotated through several jobs during our deployment. Wherever they needed extra assistance, we were there." Two members of the unit also gave instruction to active duty soldiers. Staff Sgt. Michael Delaney and his assistant instructor Sgt. Matthew Lacko gave a class on power generation equipment to two units assigned to Vicenza.

The SETAF is an airborne rapid reaction force and Joint Task Force headquarters. Its units are constantly on the move, participating in mobilization exercises throughout NATO leaving little time to catch up maintenance.

Bravo Company mechanics spent their days repairing
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AT 2001, The Guard, And Opportunity

By Spc. Marimer Navarrete, 444th MPAD



fter all the time Spc. Francine Remo has been in the Guard, this is the first time that her civilian boss will see her as a soldier.

"She is very excited to see all the aspects of the military life," said Spc. Remo. "At least for a day."

Her boss, Doreen Pedreira, who works at an advertising agency in New York City, flew on the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Bosslift from McGuire Air Force Base to meet her employee at Fort Drum. "I consider this trip a very interesting experience, especially flying on a military helicopter and getting to see an aerial refueling," said Pedreira, a Human Resources Director. "Today I got to see the intensive training our employees go through at Annual Training."

Spc. Remo, who is assigned to the support operation, 50th Main Support Battalion, considers this AT a great experience. "One of my responsibilities is medical accountability," noted Spc. Remo. "I travel from the medical detachment and get the sick calls we have throughout the 50th MSB as well as the infantry, cavalry and field artillery units."

Spc. Remo started her military career in the Army Reserve. She switched over to the New Jersey Army



Spc. Francine Remo closes the razor wire gate after letting a vehicle pass while on guard duty at Annual Training. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA, PA.

National Guard and is taking advantage of the free college tuition at Rutgers University. "What I really like about Guard is the opportunity it gives me to earn my bachelors degree."

Now Doreen Pedreira has a new perspective on her employee. She will see her as a Guardsman. ¶



Sgt. Matthew Lacko gives instruction on generators during his deployment to Vicenza, Italy. Photo by Sgt. Carl Craft, 250th FSB.

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a wide variety of military equipment. Many of the units assigned to those bases had recently returned from a mobilization exercise. "Before B Company's arrival, the 173rd Airborne had just returned from an exercise in Germany. Much of their equipment needed repair, but they lacked the manpower to bring things up to speed. B Company's actions increased the Brigade's readiness level," said Lt. Col. Roy. "We even briefed it to the commanding general."

"The National Guard's strengths are long term expertise in almost any given MOS and the ability to adapt to new environments," said Capt. Metcalf. "Together we are not so much an "Army of One," but one Army, ready to stand together to accomplish any mission." ¶

Opening Round



Sept. 12, 2001. The United States and New Jersey flags fly over Liberty State Park while smoke rises from the World Trade Center. Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Stephenson, 444th MPAD.

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