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Storm that stopped the state, started the Guard

By Capt. J. Gordon Nichols

More than 100 Kentucky Army Guard troops were called to state active duty in eastern Kentucky due to a snowstorm that affected all regions of the state in mid-February. The work was done chiefly by members of the 201st Engineer Battalion and the 207th Engineer Company.

Snow that measured over 20 inches in eastern Kentucky with drifts 15 to 20 feet in some areas made the missions necessary but difficult.

The first day's activities were hampered by winds that kept re-covering the roads that had been made passable. Troops worked 24-hours-a-day in areas such as Ashland, Olive Hill, Jackson, Carlisle, and Cynthiana. The Guard also filled many emergency transportation requests, particularly moving nurses and doctors, delivering seriously-ill persons to hospitals and helping to clear roads for ambulances or police vehicles.

Unlike the first couple of severe cold spells this winter, the Guard was able to fly in this emergency and delivered cots to a snow-trapped shelter in Montgomery County where over 200 persons were stranded after the storm.

Carlisle unit members got a preview of annual training, for they were preparing for winter training in Minnesota. The storms were worse than in 1977-78 and several area residents in Nicholas County said some roads were closed for the first time this year.

Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman visited several of the locations and said the spirits of the troops were at a high level and the work was long but provided excellent training and allowed them to help their neighbors.

This second period of state active duty followed the first weekend of the month when up to 40 troops were activated in the western half of the state to meet emergency medical transportation needs.



A guard grader from 201st Engineer Bn. cleans snow in a subdivision outside Olive Hill in Carter County during the mid-February state active duty. (Photo by Captain Gordon Nichols, 133d PAD)

New benefits begin on July 1

Many Guardsmen will be eligible for new educational benefits of up to \$5,040, beginning July 1.

The federal program, called the "New G.I. Bill," is for active and reserve component military members. Guard members are included in the act that grants money for college.

The Veterans Administration will operate the program, which will pay the money directly to Guard members monthly.

To earn the benefit, a person must join the Guard and meet certain minimum qualifications. A recipient must be a high school graduate (or equivalent) prior to the

end of initial active duty for training and must serve at least 180 days in the Guard, including initial active duty. The member must also have at least six years of service remaining in the Guard after July 1, 1985. And, finally, the individual must be enrolled in a VA-approved institution.

While eligibility begins July 1, Guard members who enlist prior to July 1 and most current members may also be eligible.

For example, a person may join the Guard starting at age 17, usually for a six-year obligation. Basic training and a

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54th conference addressed by Adjutant General

Two of Kentucky's major problems are in education and economic development, but the Kentucky National Guard is making a major contribution to aid both areas, according to Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, the Adjutant General.

Wellman discussed the contribution of the Guard, noted achievements of units, and announced plans for the future during a far-ranging address to the annual conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky in Owensboro.

In 1984, the National Guard provided more than \$2.8 million in Kentucky for educational benefits. The Guard was undoubtedly the largest provider of part-time jobs, with 9,168, and 1,014 people had full-time employment through the Guard. Five state active duty missions added 3,061 man-days of employment.

Kentucky's economy was boosted by \$70 million in 1984.

Wellman began his comments on the Air Guard by calling the Kentucky unit "the best in the United States."

The Air Guard participated in five active

Air Force exercises last year, and earned many honors. The Air Guard strength authorization increased by 82 to 1,176, with full-time staff increasing to 312.

Over the past eight years, the Kentucky unit has received more than \$8.5 million for major construction.

The Adjutant General said the Air Guard will take part in five Air Force exercises this year and will increase to 24 primary aircraft. He also said he expects the strength of the hospital unit to double during the year.

Wellman said he has expressed a desire to the National Guard Bureau to add units to the Kentucky Air Guard structure. Further, in the next five years he sees a realistic potential to receive F-16F aircraft, with a slight possibility of movement to F-20's with reconnaissance capability.

On the Army Guard side, Wellman noted that the training year was very successful, with only one unit receiving a C-4 rating. He expressed concern about NBC training and implied this would be one area of increased emphasis.

Three Army Guard units trained overseas last year, and several commanders and staffs were able to train with affiliation partners.

The 2nd Battalion, 123d Armor received the M-60 A3 tank, and the 1155th Transportation Company received the Black Hawk, helicopter, the first in the National Guard inventory. Wellman announced that C Company, 42nd Aviation Battalion will become the first National Guard unit to receive a full complement of Black Hawks. Three are due in September, with three more scheduled in December, and six to follow in late Fiscal Year 1986.

Wellman noted that three units will have special training opportunities this year. The 438th Military Police Company has already trained in Germany, while Co. D, 201st Engineer Battalion has recently concluded winter training at Camp Ripley, Minn. The 133d Public Affairs Detachment will work in a special exercise in Panama. This will be the third trip outside the U.S. in four years for the PAD.

The Adjutant General recalled that the Army Guard strength in 1970 was 5,200. It is now authorized at 7,234, with 7,903 actually assigned. Full-time staffing is 699, with authorization for 50 more. He set the challenge to reach the 8,500 troop level by September 1985.

Wellman released a few more details about changes to come with the 35th Division.

On Sept. 30, an engineer battalion with a headquarters and four line companies, will be activated. In October a Transportation Company and a missile support company will be activated, and Headquarters and Headquarters Co. of the 149th Separate Armor Brigade will convert to a Division Brigade Headquarters.

March 1986 will bring activation of an Aviation Brigade Headquarters and Det. 1, 1155th Transportation Co. will convert to a transportation aircraft maintenance company. A new combat aviation company will come from conversion of C Co., 42nd Aviation Bn.

Wellman said he expects more new units in the next two years and he re-stated a goal of 10,000 troops by 1990, which could lead to the creation of the 149th Light Division.

He said the current most critical problem is facilities. There is a great need for armories in the next session of the General Assembly and the budget request will include six buildings.

Wellman explained that it will be very difficult to obtain the required 25 percent state share to permit construction, without even considering the current \$2.5 million backlog in maintenance.

The general concluded his remarks by praising the members of the Kentucky Guard and seeking continued hard work to meet the challenges ahead.

Specialist earns top honors in state

Specialist 4 Joseph A. Wheatley, of Bardstown's Battery C, 2nd Battalion 138th Field Artillery earned top honors as the Outstanding Enlisted Guardsman of 1984. He received the honor at the annual conference of the National Guard Association of Kentucky at Owensboro.

Wheatley earned the recognition in final competition with four other finalists: Senior Airman Timothy J. Holaday, 123d Aircraft

Maintenance Squadron; Sgt. Freddie D. O'Bryan, of Murray's 614th Military Police Company; Sgt. Bertrum R. Westerfield, of Owensboro's Combat Support Company, 2nd Battalion, 123d Armor; and Spec. 4 Glenda F. Durard, of Bowling Green's 2123d Transportation Co.

Company D, 201st Engineer Battalion, of Carlisle, was selected to receive the Eisenhower Trophy, which is given each year to the outstanding unit in the Kentucky Army Guard. Capt. John Cook commands the unit.

Danville's Co. C, 103 Support Bn. earned the Efficiency in Maintenance Award. That unit is headed by Capt. Kenneth Musser.

The Governor's Plaque is given each year to the unit with the most complete recruiting and retention program. The 1984 honor went to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 198th Military Police Bn., commanded by 1st Lt. Donald Conover.

The 201st Engineer Bn. claimed team honors in the light machine gun championship. Team members included Spec. 5 Donna Lee Morgan, Sgt. William Scott, Spec. 4 Douglas Aust, and Spec. 4 John Powell.

Pistol and rifle team awards were not given, though top shooters Sgt. Ben Clement, of the 1155th Transportation Co. and Platoon Sgt. Maxey Priest, III, were commended.

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Medical benefits can depend on drill or training



can continue after the training period has ended if the injury or disease happened during duty or on the way directly to or from duty.

Inactive Duty Training (IDT), or weekend drill, is a different matter. Military medical and dental care is allowed only for injuries, and only if the injury occurred in the line of duty. IDT-related care doesn't include treatment for disease. If, for instance, a soldier suffers a heart attack during drill, follow-up care and disability benefits can be denied since a heart attack is often determined to be the result of disease.

Initial treatment for IDT-related injuries is another crucial factor. The nearest military medical facility must authorize treatment in order for you to receive civilian medical care paid for by the Army. A line of duty determination must be made and the first step in making that determination is taken at the initial treatment facility.

The most important document for determining a line of duty injury is a DA Form 2173, Statement of Medical Examination and Duty Status. The DA Form 2173 is the primary source document used to determine the extent of injuries, claim

settlement and all other entitlements after the training period has ended.

Your unit should furnish a DA Form 2173 to the attending physician at a civilian treatment facility. Military care facilities will have the forms on hand if you are treated there. The doctor will complete Section I. It's important to have this form correct and complete. Without it your unit commander can't make a judgement on whether or not your injury occurred in the line of duty, and you can't be sure of receiving the medical benefits you might be entitled to.

Regardless of the nature of your injury, it's to your benefit to keep copies of all official papers related to your injury. In fact, it's a good idea to keep your own copies of any documents, such as notes, letters, and forms, related to a training injury in case you need them later.

More information on health care benefits, pay and allowances can be found in ARs 40-3, 600-33, 635-40, 140-20 and 135-200.

You may never need to claim any medical benefits. But if you know what to expect beforehand, you'll be better prepared to deal with an injury if it does happen.

If you break a leg during drill, you're entitled to military medical care, right?

But what if you break a tooth, or suffer a heart attack? Still entitled to military care? Maybe you are. Then again, maybe you're not.

Your medical benefits depend on the kind of drill or training you're doing and exactly what kind of medical problem you have.

Soldiers on Annual Training (AT), Active Duty for Training (ADT), and Active Duty Guard/Reserve (AGR) tours are authorized medical and dental care regardless of whether the injury or disease occurred in the line of duty. Military care

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military school typically take four months or longer. Once the person finishes high school and passes the 180-day milestone of total Guard time served, he may apply for the educational benefits.

However, on or after July 1, current members must reenlist, extend, or otherwise agree to serve enough additional time to make a total of six years to qualify.

The maximum benefit for a full-time student is \$140 per month for 36 months, for a total of \$5,040. Students attending three-quarter time receive \$105 per month and half-time students receive \$70. A person may use the benefit for 10 years from the first day of entitlement, or until separation from the National Guard, whichever comes first.

Regular pay and benefits for attending training continue, as do any other state and federal program benefits.

Guard recruiting and retention officials throughout the state have completed details on this and other programs.



Pounding pegs on a "GP" medium SP4 Annetta V. Smith (left) and Staff Sergeant Olen D. Smith (both from Frankfort) prepare to spend the night in the field during exercises conducted at Fort Knox by the 475th MASH. (Photo by Captain Frank Mattingly)

Monthly Guard drill pay effective Jan. 1, 85

Pay Grade	Under 2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS														
O-8	542.60	558.84	572.12	572.12	572.12	614.76	614.76	643.80	643.80	670.60	723.72	726.56	737.76	737.76
O-7	450.88	481.52	481.52	481.52	503.08	503.08	532.28	532.28	558.84	614.76	657.00	657.00	657.00	657.00
O-6	334.16	367.16	391.20	391.20	391.20	391.20	391.20	391.20	404.48	468.44	492.40	503.08	532.28	577.28
O-5	267.28	313.88	335.52	335.52	335.52	335.52	345.72	364.28	388.68	417.76	441.76	455.12	471.00	471.00
O-4	225.28	274.32	292.64	292.64	298.04	311.24	332.44	351.16	367.16	383.28	393.88	393.88	393.88	393.88
O-3	209.36	234.04	250.20	276.84	290.08	300.56	316.76	332.44	340.64	340.64	340.64	340.64	340.64	340.64
O-2	182.56	199.36	239.48	247.56	252.76	252.76	252.76	252.76	252.76	252.76	252.76	252.76	252.76	252.76
O-1	158.48	165.00	199.36	199.36	199.36	199.36	199.36	199.36	199.36	199.36	199.36	199.36	199.36	199.36
WARRANT OFFICERS														
W-4	213.28	228.80	228.80	234.04	244.68	255.48	266.20	284.80	298.04	308.52	316.76	327.00	337.96	364.28
W-3	193.84	210.28	210.28	212.96	215.48	231.24	244.68	252.76	260.76	268.56	276.84	287.60	298.04	308.52
W-2	169.80	183.68	183.68	189.04	199.36	210.28	218.24	226.24	234.04	242.24	250.20	258.12	268.56	268.56
W-1	141.48	162.20	162.20	175.72	183.68	191.56	199.36	207.64	215.48	223.44	231.24	239.48	239.48	239.48
ENLISTED MEMBERS														
E-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	248.08	253.72	259.44	265.40	271.32	276.60	291.16	319.44
E-8	0	0	0	0	0	208.08	214.00	219.60	225.36	231.28	236.64	242.44	256.68	285.32
E-7	145.28	156.80	162.64	168.32	174.08	179.60	185.36	191.12	199.76	205.44	211.20	213.96	228.32	256.68
E-6	124.96	136.24	141.92	147.96	153.44	159.04	164.88	173.36	178.80	184.56	187.36	187.36	187.36	187.36
E-5	109.68	119.40	125.16	130.64	139.20	144.84	150.64	156.16	159.04	159.04	159.04	159.04	159.04	159.04
E-4	102.32	108.04	114.36	123.28	128.12	128.12	128.12	128.12	128.12	128.12	128.12	128.12	128.12	128.12
E-3	96.40	101.64	105.85	109.96	109.96	109.96	109.96	109.96	109.96	109.96	109.96	109.96	109.96	109.96
E-2	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72	92.72
E-1	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72	82.72

Guard at a glance

TOP RECRUITER

SFC Don Lawson was the top recruiter for Fiscal Year 84 earning the Chiefs 50-Award presented in Washington, according to Maj. Clyde Wiseman, Recruiting and Retention Manager.

Lawson, stationed in Barbourville, enlisted 139 to push ahead of SFC Lee Cross (Lexington) who had 135 enlistments and SFC Homer Barnett (Jackson) with 130.

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

The Family Program Committee has been created by Adjutant General Billy G. Wellman to improve support for Guard families, according to chairman Maj. Clyde Wiseman, Recruiting and Retention Manager.

The committee will be made up of representatives from each major headquarters, battalion and up who will help manage personnel-related family issues.

In addition to advising the Adjutant General on the quality of life for Guard families, it will support each command's family programs.

The Guard now operates a 24-hour toll free number for Guard family members who need information and referral assistance. Call 1-800-372-7601.

1985 AT SCHEDULE

28 June - 14 July. Fort McCoy, WI. Detachment 1, STARC, Troop Command, 441st Medical Detachment, 475th MASH, 973d Medical Detachment (Dental), 307th Maintenance Company.

20 April - 4 May. Fort Rucker, AL. Company C, 42nd Aviation Battalion.

20 April - 4 May. Corpus Christi, TX. Detachment 1, 1155th Transportation Company.

10 August - 24 August. Fort Knox, KY. 130th Light Equipment Maintenance Company.

21 June - 7 July. Fort Sill, OK. Headquarters Battery 138th Field Artillery Brigade, 1/623d Field Artillery.

12 July - 28 July. Fort Hood, TX. Headquarters Company 149th Separate Armored Brigade, 2/123 Armor, 1/149th Infantry (Mechanized), 103d Support Battalion, 2/138th Field Artillery, Troop A, 240th Cavalry, 207th Engineer Company, 1149th Ordnance Detachment, 149th Signal Detachment, Company A 201st Engineer Battalion.

23 February - 9 March. Camp Ripley, MN. Company D 201st Engineer Battalion.

25 May - 8 June. Fort Knox, KY. Kentucky Military Academy.

6 April - 22 April. Panama. 133d Public Affairs Detachment.

4 May - 19 May. Fort Knox, KY. Company's B & C 201st Engineer Battalion.



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