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# Reforger was a challenge

Continued from page 1 especially excited about the Autumn Forge exercise, as many of them were making their first trip overseas.

"Our soldiers are not just motivated, said CSM Wilford Hills, the 16th Signals top enlisted man, "they are super motivated," adding, "we haven't had too many problems."

While training was invaluable to some, it seemed less than challenging to the lower enlisted soldiers not involved in signal MOS's. "All I do is sit around all day or pull K.P.," said one Administrative Specialist from the 17th Signal Battalion.

Another soldier, Sgt. Waldo Morales, a Telecommunications Operator assigned to C Co. 17th said, "If it really came down to war, we could do it." The 25 year-old recently promoted NCO went on to say, "They call a lot of alerts, and some people don't take them serious, but their attitudes will change."

"I like being in the field," said Sgt. Harold Palmer of the 440th Signal Battalion. "We need more of this," the 25 year-old Wire System Installer Operator added, "but I don't understand why we're out so much longer than everyone else. If we were combat ready we could come out on day one and leave on the last day."

"The food out in the field was the best I've had in the Army," said Sp5. Jackie Johnson, NCOIC of Brigade ASD, "The cooks in the 17th did a great job", he added.

Pvt.2 James Dean, who drove more than 1500 miles a week delivering distribution to the four battalions said, "Reforger has been a good experience for me, I've really seen a lot of Germany."

When in the field a soldier has always



been a "jack of all trades", as one 32nd soldier commented, "I'm a part time Mechanic, part time radio operator and part time camouflage putter-upper."

"There is real live traffic instead of practice tapes", said 440th Officer, 2nd.Lt. Mark Fichten, "People really use our equipment because they need it to function." The 24 year-old Teleprocessing Operator added, "Field training gives soldiers a chance to do the job he was trained to do. To show he knows his job and can communicate."

The mission of the 22nd Signal Brigade and of all USAREUR is to deter Warsaw Pact aggression. "This calls for our troops to be thoroughly trained and in a high state of combat readiness," a brigade leader said. During Reforger 82', soldiers from the 22nd proved they are ready. (PFC Fahey is a stringer for HHC Brigade).