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REFORGER *Brigade GIs return* *"It was challenging"*

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The 22nd Signal Brigade combined forces with the 16th Signal Battalion from Fort Hood, Texas, to participate in this year's Reforger '82. According to most soldiers interviewed the giant field exercise code-named, "Carbine Fortress", was both challenging and rewarding.

PFC Michele Albrecht, B Co. 32nd located at an undisclosed field site, said, "The training is beneficial," the 19 year-old Multi-Channel Communication Equipment Operator added, "we really can't practice in the motorpool like we can in a combat environment."

The "Communicating Brigade" as the 22nd is known throughout USAREUR, gave vital support for the Blue (good guys), Orange (bad guys) and white (neutral) forces. The Brigade provided communications for a total area of more than 7000 miles.

The soldiers in general felt the training was excellent and the vast majority said they're units were combat ready.

PFC Steven Fennell, who arrived in late



August with the 16th Signal Battalion said, "I think Reforger is a good idea, it gives us a chance to see what it would be like in war time, from deployment to combat."

Most 16th Signal Battalion soldiers interviewed by the FIVE by FIVE were
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