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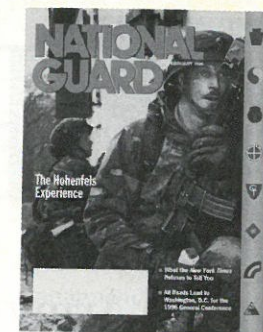
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Two Maryland Army National Guard leg infantry companies spent several days training at the Combat Maneuver Training Center (CMTIC) in Hohenfels, Germany. The CMTIC has become the last stop for troops headed to Bosnia as part of the NATO's peace Implementation Force. While there, they train inside the box, where conditions simulate actual warfare. One of the companies acted as opposing forces for those trips, playing a critical role in the Army's plan to give every soldier headed for Bosnia "The Hohenfels Experience."

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