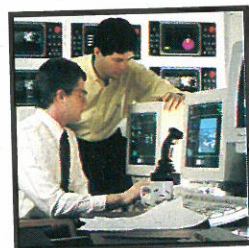


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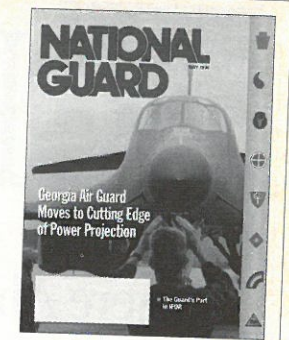
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The tragic death of Secretary of Commerce Ronald Brown in the skies over Bosnia has refocused national attention on the vital mission that Americans are performing in the former Yugoslavia. National Guard men and women are among those who are doing their part to help end the Balkan tragedy. In this issue we focus on the mission of some of the Guard units who are on the ground in Bosnia trying to end this tragedy.

B-1B Is the Reward For Excellence 20

The Georgia Air National Guard's 116th Bomb Wing recently received its first B-1B Lancer bomber, one of the most state-of-the-art bombers in the Air Force's inventory. The delivery marked the end of almost three years of superhuman efforts to carry out the conversion of one of the premier fighter units in the Air Force from F-15s to the B-1B. The conversion was successfully conducted with the hard work and dedication of all the unit's members, and quite a few trucks.

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