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Tugboats strain as they pull a small aircraft carrier away from its pier. As the Pacific Ocean slowly surrounds the vessel, curious aviators and infantrymen watch sailors hurriedly stow the ship's gigantic lines. This is certainly not the usual method of beginning a Texas Army Guard exercise. But such training is not so unusual anymore either.

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ON THE COVER Kentucky Army Guard Spc. Wally Meredith dons a protective mask during post-mobilization training at Fort Knox, Ky. His outfit, the 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry, is one of several Guard units called nationwide for homeland-security duty. (ASSOCIATED PRESS)