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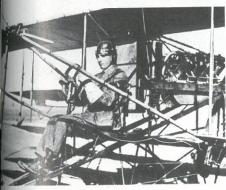


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Battling smuggling of all sorts while maintaining the fragile peace between ethnic factions, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 28th Infantry Division is spending another winter trying to build a better Balkans. This time the mission is in Kosovo, where division members serve as the command element of the NATO-led peacekeeping force's U.S. sector. Last year the 28th had similar responsibilities in Bosnia. The division leadership and many individual soldiers have taken lessons learned from one Balkan trouble spot and are applying them to another just 300 miles away. The 28th's Balkan experience makes it unique among units that have served in Kosovo; however, as its members quickly learned, the Bosnia and Kosovo missions have their differences as well as their similarities.

Aviation Pioneers

As we celebrate the centennial of powered flight this month, it is important to recall the nearly forgotten struggles of pioneer National Guard flyers during the early development of American military aviation. They, along with some businessmen and a few daring civilian pilots, took the Wright brother's invention and shaped the early years of flight.

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