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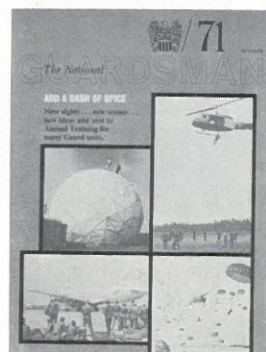
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Army Guard, like its Air counterpart, has broken out of the mold of "conventional" Annual Training. Cover photos depict a bare sampling of the overseas and Stateside training alongside Active Service organizations which some organizations experienced this Summer.

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ADD A DASH OF SPICE

Annual Training represents the culmination of hours of classroom work and weekends of demonstration and application. But when your unit goes to Camp Swampy year after year, simply changes the date on the old OpOrd, recones the well-trod terrain, bridges the familiar stream, assaults the much-assaulted hill, the experience gets kind of stale.

But for some fortunate Army Guard units, spice was added this past Summer to the repetitious training exercises. Thanks in large part to airlift—much of it by the Guard's own Air component—several organizations rubbed elbows with Active Army counterparts in Germany and at unfamiliar sites in the CONUS.

How did new zest get injected into the program? A combination of factors, in the opinion of MG Francis S. Greenlief, longtime Director of the Army Guard and since 1 Sep., Chief of the National Guard Bureau. There were factors like having had time to recover from the effects of the last big reorganization of 1967-68 . . . tapering-off of the war in Viet Nam, which has released funds and other resources to the Guard . . . an improved level of training—higher than some Active Army authorities thought could be attained . . . many troops' own itch to try something different . . . a Defense Secretary's assignment of heavier responsibilities to the Guard . . . and the Guard's proud acceptance of missions formerly assigned to the Active Forces.

The articles which follow represent a sampling of unusual training experienced by Guardsmen in the Summer in 1971.