

8085 SECURITY POLICE FLIGHT

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1993 More than 80 reserve security police specialists endured a grueling two-week ground defense course at the Air Force Reserve's Ground Combat Readiness Center, Camp Swift National Guard Training Center near Austin, Texas. The exercise, code named "Patriot Warrior," was designed to hone air base ground defense skills through a combination of classroom instruction and practical applications and culminating with a three-day field training exercise.

"The first six days focused primarily on academic instruction, with each task being followed up with a practical application exercise," said MSgt David A. Holman, a security technician with the 433d Security Police Flight and former instructor at Patriot Warrior. Thirty-six security police deployed from the 433 SPF and another 22 from the 8085 SPF. Additionally, ten reservists assigned

to the 442 SPF at Richards Gebaur AFB, Missouri, and the 445 SPF at March AFB, California, deployed.

Also during the first week, reservists trained in various skills, including day and night patrolling and firing various weapons, assault and tactics techniques and throwing live hand grenades. "Everyone had an opportunity to throw a live high-explosive fragment grenade the first week," said Major Steve Saindon, deputy commander for the Ground Combat Readiness Center. "You can't appreciate the repercussive power of a grenade until you've witnessed a live fire. The entire ground shakes under your feet."

By the time the first weekend arrived, the reservists were ready for Fort Hood where they received training in military operations on urbanized terrain (MOUT) at a \$10 million cement "city". For many, this was the highlight of their two-week training, providing essential skills for day-to-day security operations, according to SMSgt John Childers, 8085 SPF superintendent. "During MOUT, security police learned to safely move through hostile city streets and to clear buildings," said Holman. "They planned their assault, captured the city from the 'enemy', and defended it for one night from attack while enduring harassment and psychological warfare."

Upon returning to Camp Swift, everyone from the commanders down were required to take the skills developed from the previous week's training and implement them during a three-day field training exercise, complete with conventional and chemical "attacks" by aggressor forces. "The final exercise tested cumulative skills through a mock war scenario where we defined our sector and conducted aggressive defense through patrolling for the enemy," said Holman. "The reservists had been through other programs that evaluated skills they already had, but this one taught new skills and put them to the test in those skills."

The 8085th Security Police Flight participated in the fifth Hog Assault in September. The Hog Assault involved Security Police from all units around San Antonio meeting on addition to the water purification systems, aircrews transported water trucks; military vehicles and more than 84 soldiers into the flood ravaged Midwest.

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