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-Depue Photo

Thirty-nine of the forty-nine officers and enlisted men comprising Havana's Battery B of the 233<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, a component of the Illinois National Guard 44<sup>th</sup> Division, are pictured above while getting ready for their Tuesday departure for Camp Cooke, California, where they expect to undergo nine months of comprehensive combat training.

Front row, left to right, Capt. George Miller, Commanding; Warrant Officer Charles F. Norris, Battery Supply Officer, M. Sgt. Russell C. Mayall, S./Fc Thomas Milson, Pfc. Wesley L. Wilson, Pvt. Richard R. Holmes, Cpl. Neil F. Braendle, S/Sgt. George R. Morgan, Cpl. Robert Hickman, S/Sgt. David L. Morgan, Sgt./FC Herman J. Haage, Pvt. Robert Buckley, Pfc Dorthan Lilly, Cpl. Donnie Vaughn.

Second row: First Lieut. James E. Shirley, Sgt. F/C Charles H. Meyer, Sgt. Ronald G. Meegge, Cpl. Paul L. Price, Cpl. Lyman D. Blessman, Cpl. Donald D. Oaks, Cpl. Thomas R. Berry, Pfc. Claude R. Ramsey, Cpl. William A. Wilson, Pvt. Richard L. Roe, Pvt. Russell D. Haynes, Pvt. Harold M. Derry

Third row: Second Lieut. Cecil Gilson, Jr., Sgt. Virgil L. Parrott, Sgt./lc Billy J. Clemons, Pfc. Bobby T. Holmes, Pvt. Robert D. Adkins, Cpl. Robt. M Livingston, S/1c Donald E. Lindsey, Cpl. William G. Gray, Sgt./FC Stanley D. Parr, Pfc Bernard L. Sager, Pfc George Orfans, Sgt. Robert E. Bohm, Pfc Virgil E. Leezer.

Ten men were not in the photo because of various reasons, including the fact that some were driving to the Camp Cooke location. They were Sgt. John R. Barrett, who has been attending school, Sgt. Harold E. Palmer, who was with the advance party to Camp Cooke; Sgt. Robert Payne, attending school; Cpl. Donald L. Ellsworth, at Camp Cooke, Cpl. Michael M. Gibboney, at Camp Cooke; Cpl Lawrence G. Martin, attending school, Cpl Larry G. Tarvin, at Camp Cooke, Pfc. John J. Pratt, Pfc Donald Wilcoxon, Jr., Camp Cooke.