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SPECIAL TO YAKIMA

The 4400 Oregon Army National Guardsmen of the 41st Infantry Brigade start their trip back to Oregon early Friday morning.

The 41st Brigade has been training at the Yakima Washington Firing Center. They will complete their 15-days of active duty Saturday when the various companies reach home town armories.

It was the first year the 41st has been an all-Oregon unit. Prior to a March reorganization the 41st had been split between Oregon and Washington but a Washington D.C. Order separated the states troops for the first time in 50 years.

The brigade is at full authorized strength. This year's training centered on small unit and crew served ~~ammunition~~ weapons. The Oregon Guardsmen were issued the highly effective M-79 grenade launchers just prior to summer camp. Infantry units spent considerable time on the rocket range mastering the weapons.

All infantry squads passed Army Training Tests with some platoons passing the platoon level tests. The artillery battalion, not effected by the March reorganization, continued training at the battalion level.

Some infantry platoons took part in tank-infantry training this week with members of the Yakima Marine Corps reserves. The Marines started their 15-days active duty this week and used their 64-ton "M-103" tanks in support with the Oregon Infantrymen.

The Oregonians will use more than 450 military vehicles in their move back to home armories. Some units will travel more than 450 miles in their return march. All units will camp overnight on the way home.

Civilian motorists are cautioned to be on the look out for slow moving military convoys on highway 97, Satus Pass areas on Friday, according to Brig. General David C. Baum, Brigade commanders