Hanoverlaudsreservefire-fightingunit

Army Reserve Brig. Gen. Joe G. Hanover of Bryan says a firefighting platoon under his command is probably better trained than firemen on a regular Army post after completing the Firemen's Training School program Friday.

One of the final activities of the Huntsville-based unit was an inspection and review by General Hanover and members of his staff. The 420th Engineering Brigade commanding officer's inspection, however, was a little different from most military inspections. He watched as members of the 463rd Engineer Platoon fought

house and overhead fuel pipe fires and rescued victims from a smoke-filled building and a partially destroyed two-story structure. It was a show of knowledge following two weeks of active duty training at the A&M facility. "The Firemen's Training School staff is highly motivated and dedicated," General Hanover declared. "This enthusiasm has been passed on to our people."

Hanover said the 17 men com-

occupation specialties.

He noted the Army has no fire training school but assigns personnel to fire departments on posts for on-the-job training.

training offers the absolute maximum of instruction and it is the most appropriate thing we could do," the general remarked.

John R. Rauch, who coordinated training for the FTS, payed the reservists his highest compliment: "I would not hesitate one

pleting the course are considered moment to go into any fire with an exceptional performance. "qualified firemen" with military any individual or the entire "Each man gave the full m group."

He said the reservists "never asked for an inch" despite hot, humid days accented by fire heat and the heat held inside protective "For this type of unit, the fire clothing worn during training exercises. Temperatures hit the high 90s several days.

Rauch observed the platoon has exceptional personnel able to learn rapidly. He termed the program "very successful."

Lt. Jerry Crowder, platoon commander, lauded his men for

"Each man gave the full measure of his talents during the entire training period," Crowder said. "Because of our special assignment, the best possible training could be received only at the Texas A&M facilities.

"The platoon members told me they feel they have received the best training available, under outstanding instructors and they all leave the school convinced they have been prepared for most fire or rescue emergencies, Crowder added.

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