

Airborne Exercise On Friday

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Western Piedmont Community College will not be under attack at 3 p.m. Friday. It might look that way then, but it won't be an attack.

Members of B Company, 82nd Airborne from Fort Bragg will arrive by helicopter on the west lawn of the college in an air-mobility exercise. The young paratroopers will leap from the choppers in full combat gear and secure the area.

The exercise, listed as T-R Squared for training, recruiting, and recreation, is an effort by the 82nd Airborne to give the general public an insight into the workings and operations of the unit.

Paratroopers from the "All American" Division will also participate in the exercise. No air jump is scheduled.

A display of men and equipment will be set up from 4 until 8 p.m. in the Collett Street Recreation Center. The display will include such diverse weaponry as a 3,000 round-per-minute Vulcan air defense system, a tow wire-guided anti-tank missile, and various small arms utilized by paratroopers in their training.

The visit to Morganton is one of nine planned missions in North Carolina.

Each mission is an effort to bring members of the division into personal contact with the general public. It is also aimed at recruiting young men into the division.

Interested persons can visit the displays, view the equipment, and talk to the paratroopers.

Persons attending the helicopter landing are urged to utilize the parking lots on the campus and then walk to the landing area. If the people will use the parking lots, it would help ease the traffic in and out of the area, said a college spokesman.



Airborne Troops 'Secure The Campus' At WPCC

Some of Uncle Sam's finest — members of the 82nd Airborne from Fort Bragg, leap out of a helicopter on the campus of Western Piedmont Community College as part of an air-mobility exercise. Paratroopers, shown here in full combat gear, took part in this demonstration

while a display of men and equipment was being set up near the Collett Street Recreation Center as part of a plan to give the general public an insight into the workings of the unit. (Staff photo)