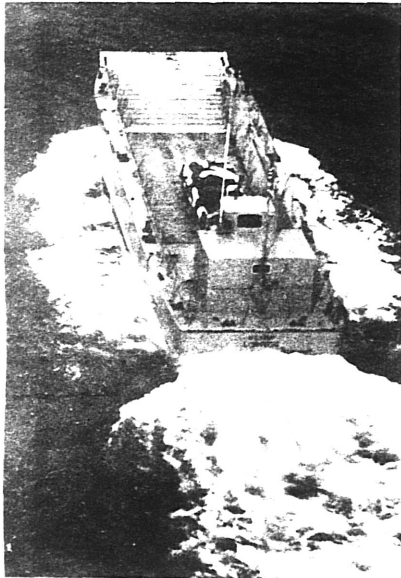




Just trainin' in the rain

RAIN, SLEET AND SNOW...The 220 men of the Army National Guard 4th Scout Battalion in southeast Alaska, commanded by Lt. Col. Bruce R. Caspersen, held its third annual training exercises last week at Annette Island. The National Guard unit is training to get its aviation, marine transportation and engineer units, proficiency and skills to a readiness level. Southeast Alaska receives some 150 inches of precipitation annually. "It is always wet here, the guardsmen agree, and staying dry is a 24-hour job along with going out on maneuvers, raids, support missions and sleeping in field tents. A medic with the 4th said there have been no serious injuries although one guardsman suffered a sprained arm and others received cuts and bruises on a rappelling exercises during the week's training.

Watching from his camouflage position, Private George Jim of Angoon, mans an M-60 over the gun overlooking a valley on Annette Island.



A Guard helicopter turns, descending near the landing craft of the 4th Scout Battalion at Annette Island.

At left, CM hauls a truck to the maneuver site.

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Faces in the rain



Sargeant James Lindoff, Hoonah.



Standing guard, PFC Fadoff, Hoonah.



Corporal Streeper, Ketchikan.



Boat operator/Seaman Tim Eide, Ketchikan, lands a landing craft during maneuvers at Annette Island.