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Paris native enlists in Tennessee National Guard

PARIS, Tenn. – Pfc. Thomas Burton graduated from the Army’s Basic Combat Training and the Horizontal Construction Engineer Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, on January 15.

During this technical 13-week course, Burton was trained to operate heavy construction equipment such as bulldozers, cranes, tractors, backhoes, and excavators. Burton is qualified to assist Army engineers in analyzing construction site needs and transportation of the heavy equipment. He is now assigned to the 212th Engineer Company in Paris.

Burton, a graduate of Henry County High School, is a certified nursing assistant, and plans on continuing his education, while taking advantage of the benefits he receives as a Guardsman.

“I am going to utilize my educational benefits while pursuing my bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing,” said Burton.

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Pfc. Thomas Burton attends his final Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his unit as a fully qualified wheeled vehicle mechanic for the Tennessee Army National Guard. (submitted photo)

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