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Paris Soldier graduates as a combat engineer

PARIS, Tenn.— Pfc. Thomas Burton graduated from the Army's Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training to become a construction engineer on Jan. 15.

During this rigorous 9-week program, Burton graduated as a horizontal construction engineer and trained to operate heavy construction equipment such as bulldozers, cranes, tractors, backhoes, and excavators. He is also qualified to assist Army engineers by analyzing construction site needs and transporting needed equipment.

“I will use my educational benefits with the Tennessee STRONG ACT, which is only for Tennessee National Guard Soldiers, and the GI Bill to earn my bachelor’s and master’s degrees in nursing,” said Burton.

Burton is a graduate from Henry County High School and is now assigned to the 212th Engineer Company in Paris. In his spare time, Burton enjoys restoring and building muscle cars when he is not performing his duties as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

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

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