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CHARLESTON, IL--William Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas of Watson, has been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at Eastern Illinois University.

Thomas is a 1975 graduate of Effingham High School and is a senior majoring in physical education.

During the past school year, he served as the battalion supply officer and as a company executive officer for the EIU battalion. Thomas was also active in the Eastern physical education and square dance clubs.

THOMAS COMMISSIONED

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He has received the Army Commendation Medal.

Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement

Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Service Ribbon and
the Army Overseas Ribbon with "2" Device.

Thomas has been commissioned into the adjutant general corps of the Illinois National Guard.