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For Immediate Release:

FARRIS PROMOTED TO RANK OF MAJOR

CHARLESTON -- Sherri Farris, assistant professor of military science at Eastern Illinois University, recently was promoted to the rank of major in the United States Army.

The 33-year-old officer came to Eastern in 1998 following a decade of military assignments both within the United States and abroad.

A Distinguished Military Graduate of the ROTC program at Eastern Kentucky University, Farris graduated summa cum laude in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in corrections and juvenile justice. After attending the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., she was assigned to the 701st Military Intelligence Brigade and Field Station in Augsburg, Germany, where she served as the brigade computer security officer, watch officer and the 713th Military Intelligence Battalion S1.

Farris returned to Fort Huachuca for the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced

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Course in 1992 and, in January 1993, was assigned to Fort Carson, Colo., as the S2 of the 43rd Corps Support Group. She was deployed to Mogadishu, Somalia, four months later as part of Operation Continue Hope, and returned to Colorado in August.

In July 1995, Farris was assigned to the 702nd Military Intelligence Group, Fort Gordon, Ga. She was selected as one of the first watch officers at the Gordon Regional Security Operations Center. Nine months later, she attended the Combined Arms Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., graduating in October 1996. She commanded Alpha Company, 721st Military Intelligence Battalion, from December 1996 to January 1998.

Farris has been assigned to Eastern Illinois University as an Army ROTC instructor since February 1998. She is currently scheduled for reassignment as the 1st Signal Brigade S2, Yongsan, Korea, in June 2000.

Farris' decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the United Nations Medal

Farris, the daughter of Lloyd and Ann Rhodus of Richmond, Ky., is married to Frank Farris, originally from Colorado Springs, Colo. The couple currently reside in Charleston, Ill.