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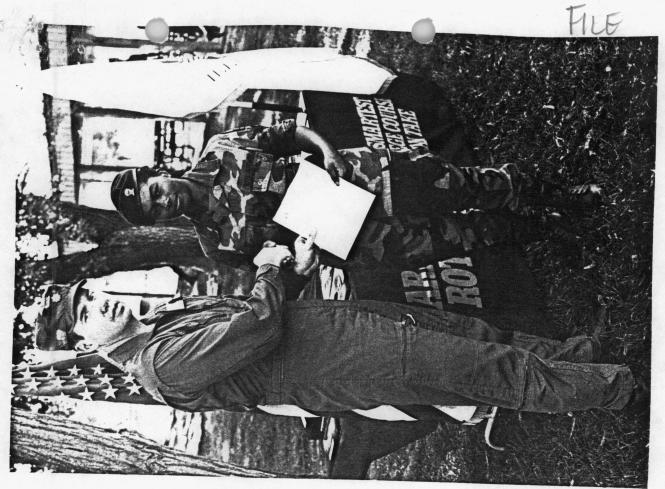


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CHARLESTON, IL--Karen Allen, whose mother, Ruth Allen, lives in Chicago, has been awarded the State Reserve Officers Training Corps Scholarship at Eastern Illinois University.

This is a full tuition scholarship which covers up to four years of college undergraduate work as long as the student participates in ROTC.

The ROTC trains college students to become commissioned officers as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, Army National Guard, or Army Reserve Forces.

Allen, a 1988 graduate of Lincoln Park High School, is a sophomore at Eastern majoring in Resource Management.