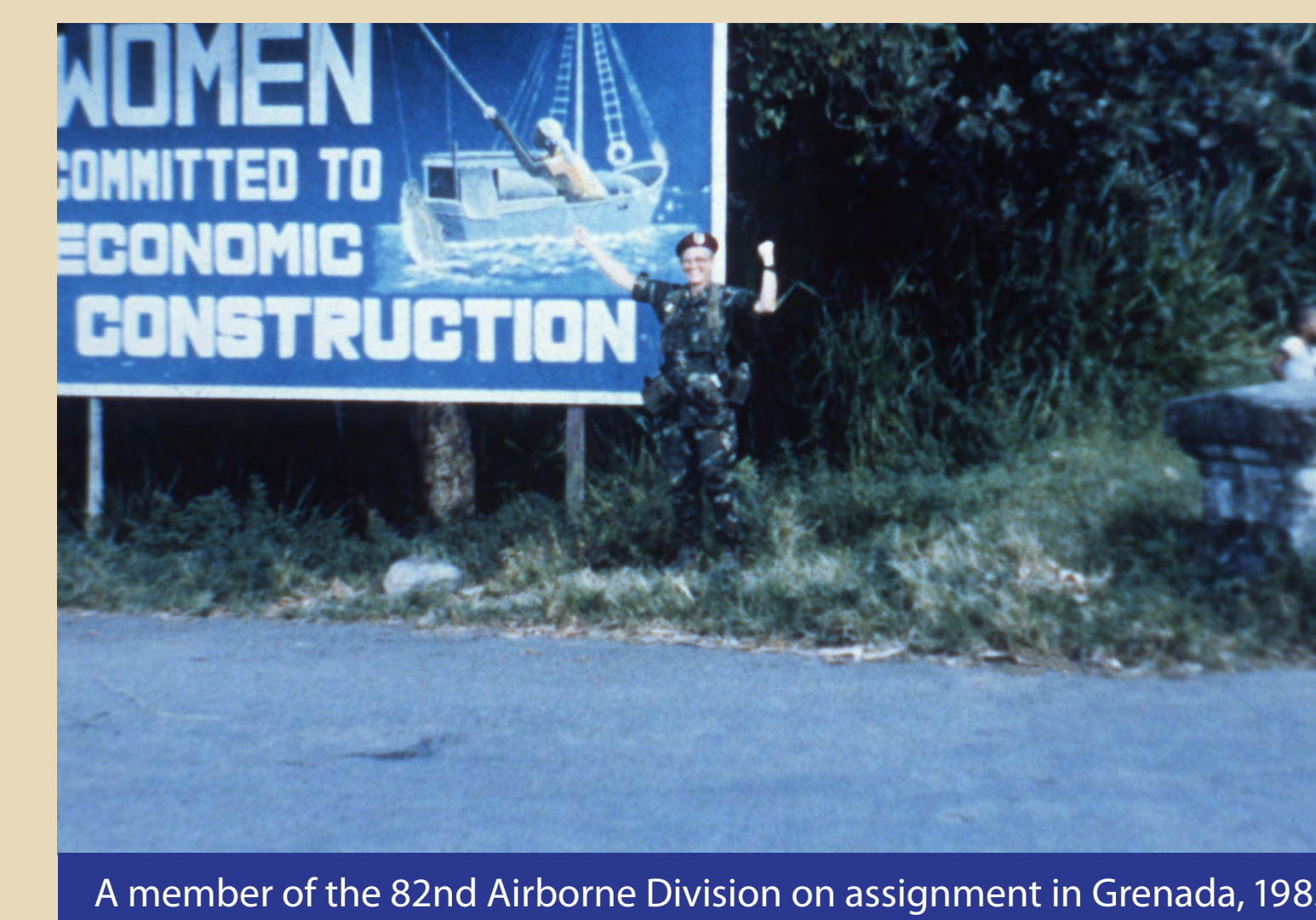


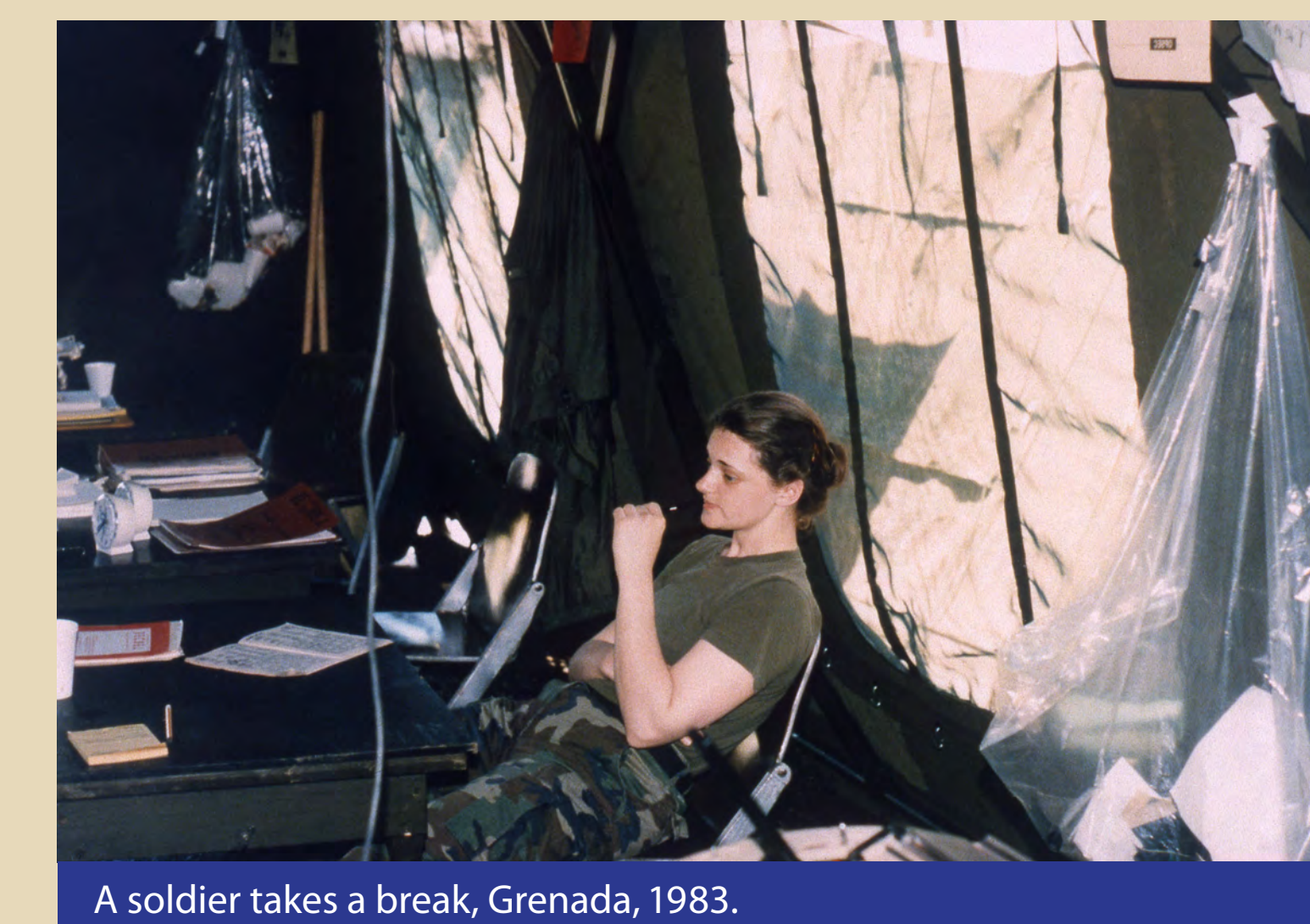
# Women In War



Soldiers wait to board transport, Grenada, 1983.



A member of the 82nd Airborne Division on assignment in Grenada, 1983.



A soldier takes a break, Grenada, 1983.

## Operation URGENT FURY—Grenada

In October 1983 the United States sent troops in response to the internal strife taking place on the island of Grenada. It was the first joint mission since the Vietnam War and the first deployment to include women after the end of the Women's Army Corps era. Because there was no policy in place after the gender integration of Army units in 1978, there was confusion over whether or not

female soldiers should deploy into the war zone. Nonetheless, over one hundred women were sent with military police, transportation and supply units. Although limits were put in place after the invasion to reduce women's exposure to direct combat, it quickly became evident in successive conflicts that those policies were ineffective.