

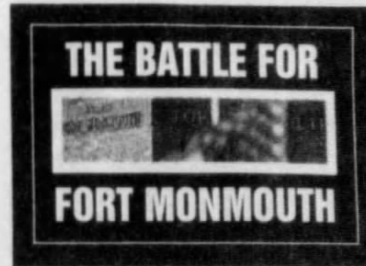
Fort crucial to war on terrorism

Memo says mission must be duplicated before move

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Fort Monmouth cannot be closed until its communications and electronics command's critical technology and infrastructure — and the specialized work force needed to run and maintain it — are completely duplicated at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., or else the nation's efforts in the global war on terrorism could be compromised.

But the Army will have difficulty in finding experienced people to fill the



new positions and may not be able to replicate the current Fort Monmouth work force for a number of years.

Those are the main conclusions of a draft internal memo by Fort Monmouth officials destined for Army brass. The July 11

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