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CAMP BULLIS SCHOOL CALLED SUCCESS

Most Of Map Class Lost By Colonel

By CAPT. STEWART HARKRIDER

Col. Donald Henley, school training director, led the second week's class on a practice field application problem in map reading and lost two-thirds of the battalion within sight of Camp Bullis.

In spite of the warning given the Guardsmen on their first day's lecture on map reading that they must observe their direction and distance on a march, most of the Guardsmen were unable to estimate with any degree of accuracy their position when he stopped the battalion and requested them to mark on an overlay the position of some trenches which had been located by tape.

Out of forty-nine map reading groups in the second week's battalion, not more than one-third located the trenches with any degree of accuracy, even after taking azimuth reading on the second division hill, and the flag pole of the post.

Warning to Texas State Guardsmen that the gas masks are no protection against industrial gases such as carbon monoxide was emphasized to the company commanders and non-commissioned officers in the gas class during the second week of the school.

Lt. Veihmeyer of the army, who conducted the class, told the Guardsmen not to don their gas masks and rush into a burning building expecting to be protected against the fumes of carbon monoxide gas because the army mask gives no such protection.

"Another thing to remember, do not try to rescue a person from a room which has been filled with industrial gas, because the army gas masks will not prevent you from being affected by this gas," Lt. Veihmeyer stated.

At parade and review at retreat July 11, Colonel Henley reviewed Guardsmen, and Major Joe McDaniel, commanding 37th TSG Battalion Corsicana, was acting battalion commander. Col. Hobart B. Brown was reviewing officer at review and parade July 12, with Major John H. Alvis, commanding 10th Battalion, Abilene, as battalion commander. Thursday, bivouac. Friday, July 14, Major Emmett E. Cox, commanding 11th Battalion, San Angelo, was acting battalion commander. Acting battalion commanders appointed by Col. Thomas.

This edition of The Guardsman is devoted largely to reporting the activities of the Eighth Service Command's State Guard School at Camp Bullis. On the inside pages of this issue will be found pictures and stories prepared by The Guardsman staff. Master Sgt. Caroll Waddell of Houston was official photographer for The Guardsman and took most of the pictures contained in the magazine.

Dignitaries At Bullis School



Governor Coke Stevenson, commander-in-chief of the Texas State Guard, and Major General Richard Donovan, commander of the Eighth Service Command, appeared at the opening of the second week of the State Guard school at Camp Bullis, sponsored by the Eighth Service Command. Governor Stevenson is shown at top left addressing the students, and General Donovan is to the top right.

Below, seated in the theatre, left to right: Brig. Gen. Arthur Knickerbocker, Brig. Gen. Charles K. Nulson, commanding Fort Sam Houston, General Donovan, and Governor Stevenson. General Donovan was dressed in GI Khaki.

Ranking Officers Attend Opening Of Each Session

Each school period at Camp Bullis was opened with an orientation get-together at which visiting officers and officials spoke.

Governor Coke Stevenson and Major General Donovan were present at the opening of the second week.

Governor Stevenson said: "Texas is interested not only in the personnel but the efficiency of the Guard. The spirit of the Guard is the same sort of spirit that has made Texas great. I am happy to express appreciation to you in behalf of the people of Texas who appreciate the sacrifices you've made in coming here."

General Donovan reviewed the

history of the Guard and said reason for its formation was because the National Guard's activation left states without means for preserving internal security, and governors in many states joined in the movement for unit organizations. He explained that the duties of the Guard units and those of the army are not the same, both having different purposes, and for that reason training for the Guard as stressed in the Camp Bullis school is adapted for the particular needs of the State Guard—that of preserving internal security, maintaining domestic order and rendering assistance during disasters. In this connection he cited the functioning at Beaumont and aid rendered when tornadoes struck. "We are happy to think that you are a part of the Eighth Service Command," General Donovan said. "You serve your governor—he is your commander—we assist. In no single instance have I called on him that he failed to respond."

Adj. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker expressed appreciation to Guardsmen for attending the

THANKS

The Guardsman feels that it speaks for the officers of the Texas State Guard when it expresses heartfelt appreciation to the Eighth Service Command for the excellent school which has just been completed at Camp Bullis.

Observers from The Guardsman expressed the belief that this year's school was one of the most successful of its kind ever held. Instruction was excellent, demonstration troops were well-trained and qualified to the task, and the service companies did an excellent job. The Guardsman feels that General Richard Donovan should be extended the warmest thanks for providing the services of Colonel Hobart M. Brown as commanding officer of the camp. He and his staff turned in a top job.

Guard Troops Prove Eager To Learn

By LT. ALBERT NIBLING
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Singing the praises of the instruction, the food and the all-around functioning of the school, around 1000 Texas State Guard commissioned officers and non-coms were back at their home stations at the end of July better soldiers for having attended the annual Texas State Guard School at Camp Bullis.

The school was staged in its entirety by the Eighth Service Command, by direct order of Major General Richard Donovan. By all standards, the 1944 school rated tops.

The instructors "knew their stuff," the students were eager and earnest in their application to the courses the service detachments performed without a hitch, the officers in charge of instruction and discipline were top-notchers, and the courses were so planned and executed as to command the best attention of the state troops in attendance.

Outdoor Classrooms
Stress was put this year on action in the outdoors. There was even a minimum of inside class activity. Where possible the shade of trees or the roadside provided the classroom. The men liked this.

There was little horseplay except on occasions where it was fitting. The general atmosphere was one of work and eagerness to learn.

The variety of subjects covered was wide. Among the main topics were: gas training, machinegun operation, riot formations, map reading, military courtesy, pistol and rifle use and marksmanship, company management, field fortifications, interior guard duty, and others. The week's work was topped off by an overnight bivouac on which some "surprise" action tested the mettle of the troops and their ingenuity.

It is hoped that at a later date the officers in charge of the school will offer a critique, but from this inexperienced observer's point of view, the school was a success in all its phases.

Food Was Excellent
Few troops ever have gone into the field and been better fed than those who attended Bullis. The chow was tops. The staff of Mess Sergeant Green, provided by the Eighth Service Command, performed in top style. There was turkey and chicken and steaks which would cost \$1.50 in class restaurants to top off a varied and plentiful bill of fare.

Plenty of time was given to demonstrations of the subjects studied. Demonstration troops were provided by the 766th M. P. battalion under command of Captain Paul Mullen. Equipment for use in the field also was provided by the Eighth Service Command.

Especially interesting were the machinegun courses because of the fact that these weapons have only recently been issued to Guard units.

At the end of each class period an examination, a critique and graduation exercises were held.

Amateur Night
On each Friday night the students staged an amateur night at the open air pavilion. A special feature of this program was the singing of the three girls from the

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Fort Clark To Be Abandoned As Army Post

Fort Clark, and old Army Post, about twenty miles from the Rio Grande river, at the head of Las Moras Creek, near Brackettville, Texas, has been declared a surplus installation by the War Department, Lieutenant Colonel Loren W. Benton, its Commanding Officer, announced.

The post, founded in 1852, and home station sometime during its history of almost every Cavalry Regiment and of many of the Infantry Regiments of the Army, is being transferred to the Southwest Division Engineers for study and recommendations as to its disposal. Disposal could take any one of several forms, Colonel Benton said.

The War Department has determined that the property is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was acquired. Plans are being made for its ultimate disposal, but it has not yet been determined whether the land will be sold.

Pending the completion of plans for disposition, the Division Engineers will make every effort to convert the land to sound and economic uses by redistributing it to some other government agency or other contractor or by leasing it out, Colonel Benton stated.

The post was named after Major John B. Clark, First Infantry, in an order dated July 16, 1852. Major Clark entered the Army as an ensign of the 28th Infantry, May 20, 1813, and had reached the rank of Major by 1845. He died August 23, 1847, while the war with Mexico was still in progress.

The first U. S. troops to arrive at Fort Clark were two companies of the First Infantry, accompanied by an advance and rear guard of U. S. Mounted Rifles. They were in command of Capt. Joseph H. La Motte. He was graduated from West Point in 1856, and died November 18, 1888.

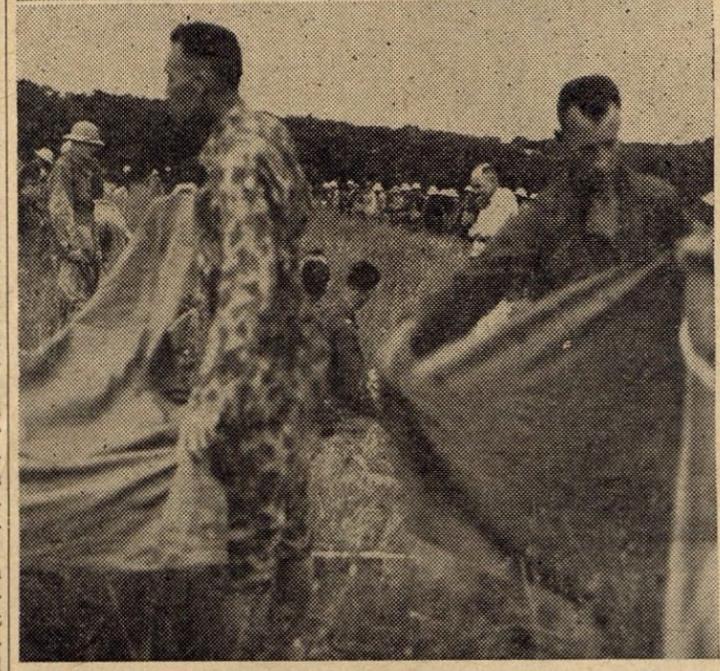
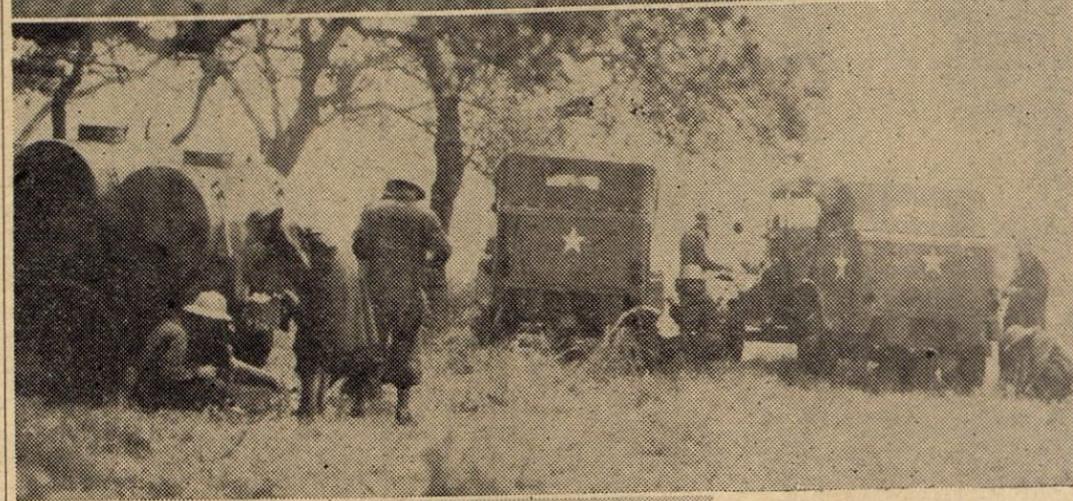
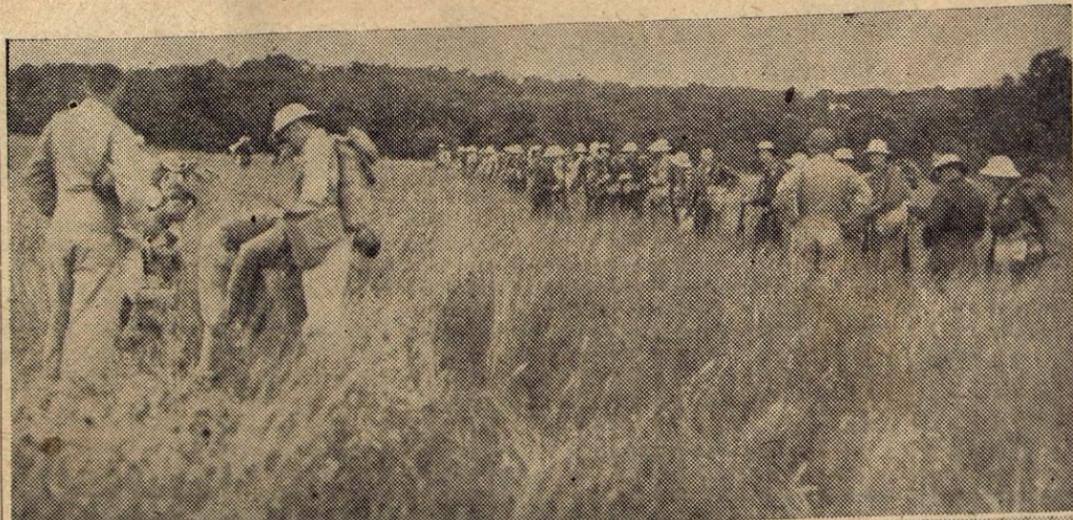
The site of Fort Clark was held as an encampment for nearly four years before the erection of anything like permanent quarters was begun. It is known that the present headquarters building was constructed in 1857.

After the ordinance of secession was passed in Texas over the protest of General Sam Houston, Fort Clark was one of the eighteen Federal posts surrendered by General David E. Twiggs to the Texas Commission, February, 1861. On March 19 of that year it was evacuated by the Federal troops, and shortly afterward occupied by Texas volunteers under command of Lt. Colonel John R. Baylor.

Fort Clark was regarrisoned by Federal troops December 12, 1866, Company C. 4th Cavalry, command by Capt. John E. Wilcox, composing the force to which was committed the two-fold task of fighting Indians and restoring the place. In March, 1868, the 4th Cavalry was reinforced by troops of the 41st Infantry, joining in command of Brevet Brigadier General R. S. Mackenzie.

This famous old post is located on Highway 90, 125 miles west of San Antonio. It contains 15,304.26 acres of garrison and training area. From 1920 to 1940 it was the home station of the Fifth U. S. Cavalry, now fighting brilliantly in the Admiralty Islands. Since Pearl Harbor, it has been home to the 112th Cavalry, a Texas National Guard Regiment now fighting in the Southwest Pacific, and to the

Troops Go On Rainy Overnight Bivouac



Second Cavalry Division, also overseas.

A great procession of officers and men of the U. S. Army have served at Fort Clark during its 94 years of existence.

On this post many of today's military leaders have served. From Fort Clark, Lieutenant General Jonathan M. Wainwright went to his glorious service in the Philippines and to Corregidor. Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson, now commanding our forces in the Hawaiian Islands, and Lieutenant General George Patton, Jr., have each spent many years on this famous old post. Major General Palmer Swift, now commanding the First Cavalry Division in the Admiralty Islands, and Major General Harry Johnson, now in Italy, have served at Fort Clark.

Pvt: "What do you say about getting our wives together and having a big time tonight?"

Pfc.: "Swell. But where will we leave them?"

The picture at top shows the Guardsmen pitching camp while storm clouds hover. The center picture shows the vehicles which brought the welcome chow and part of the mess detail. The bottom picture shows pitching of tents under way as rain clouds gather.

Each class at the Eighth Service Command Texas State Guard School at Camp Bullis went on an overnight bivouac and field exercise. These pictures were taken during the first week of the school.

The officer students left camp at 4 p. m. under command of Col. Donald Henley, director of instruction at the school. After a five-mile hike under full pack they made camp near Camp Stanley.

On the way the men were harassed by land mines, booby traps and firing of live ammunition. Once arrived at the campsite the elements added their problems. It rained, hard. The men were successful in getting their shelter halves raised but most of them got a good soaking.

There was one compensation. It had been rumored that sandwiches would constitute the chow. The mess detail showed up with barbecued turkey and all the trimmings.

During the night a surprise problem was worked. German prisoners

A soldier recently transferred to a carrier pigeon outfit was cleaning out cages, singing happily at his work. A passing WAC commented, "Good heavens, don't tell me you enjoy doing that." "Soldier," he replied, "before I came here I was in the Cavalry."

Cleburne Company Noncom School Held

Company D, 12th Battalion, Texas State Guard, at Cleburne held a series of noncommissioned officers schools recently. Staff Sgt. F. E. Parker submitted a report on the activity to the Guardsman.

Twenty-one noncommissioned officers were enrolled in the school. Subjects covered included guard duty, control of mobs, sanitation, day and night patrols, with selected noncoms conducting the classes.

Capt. Robert D. Davenport is company commander.

The final night of the school, June 5, was given over to a social gathering for guardsmen and their families.

"Let's Put These Crooners To Work"

Chicago.—Though 15,000 nightclub entertainers have been moaning over the loss of their jobs due to the 10 per cent tax on nightclub entertainment, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervelle told a conference of industrialists here that "there are plenty of jobs for them in your plants."

"Or on the railroads and steamships that are carrying the guns and ammunition to our fighting men. Let's put these crooners to work at something useful. . . . If we have to close the night clubs, I say, let's close them up, and the poolrooms and bowling alleys with them. And let's do without perfume and jewelry, if that will help get the war over sooner."

"Let's put first things first. Let's get our men home."

seeking to reach Camp Stanley and steal ammunition were subdued by the Guardsmen.

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Realitos Captain Gets Air Medal, Clusters

A Ninth Air Force Fighter Base, England.—Captain William P. McBride, Realitos, Texas, has been awarded the Air Medal and six Oak Leaf Clusters "received for participation in the North African Theatre of Operations."

Captain McBride was commissioned in July, 1942, after graduating from College Academy, Corpus Christi. Currently a IX Air Force P-47 fighter pilot, he recently returned from a special mission which took him over Cassino, where he was able to blow up an Axis train and boat.

Former Staff Member In 1009th Engineers

Major S. R. Haggard, director of The Guardsman, has received a letter from a former member of The Guardsman staff, Corp. J. D. Roselle, of the 1009th Engineer Battalion at Brea, Calif.

Corporal Roselle wrote that he was assisting in the plans and training program of his battalion and enjoys the work.

The 1009th Battalion is drilling oil wells.

Camp Bullis—

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Adjutant General's office at Austin.

The troops used such time as was available for relaxation to engage in games in their company area or frequently the PX, which was operated on full schedule each evening.

A highlight of the school was the visual aids display which filled an entire building. Major Donald Peacock of the Second Research Unit at San Antonio aided in setting up and operating this exhibit. Also used were training films from Fort Sam Houston.

The full facilities of the Eighth Service Command and Fort Sam Houston were put at the disposal of the Guard. No request was turned down.

The Eighth Service Command had officers present for the opening of each school, General Donovan himself attending at the opening of the second week.

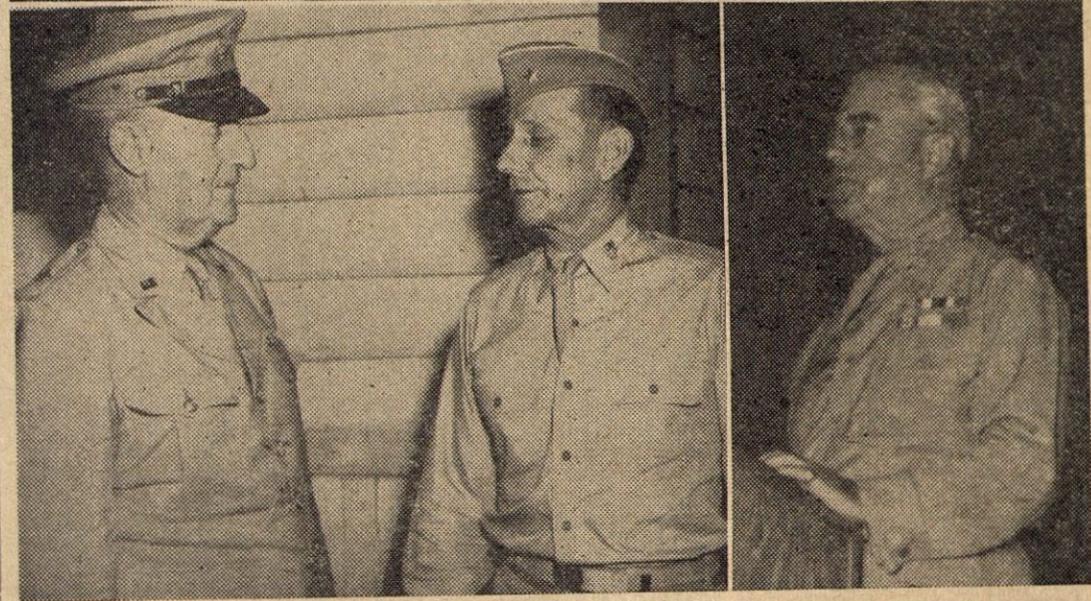
Bazooka Firing

Bazooka firing with live ammunition with the Guard officers as enthusiastic and cheering audience, added interest to the schedule of instruction.

Old tanks sitting on the hillside were the targets of the bazooka shells, and shouts of "use Kentucky Windage," and "raise your sights," encouraged the military police soldiers to exert extra efforts to blast the tanks with direct hits.

Firing was held up for fifteen minutes during the afternoon while the entire military police platoon scoured the hillside for a shell which missed the tanks and failed to explode. By the time the dud was located and marked, the Guardsmen had organized betting odds on the hits and near misses for the remainder of the afternoon firing.

Camp Bullis School Opens



Top: Part of the initial class gathered for the formal opening in the Camp Bullis theatre.

Lower left: Brig. Gen. Louis F. Guerre of the Eighth Service Command and Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, Adjutant General of Texas, are shown at the opening of the Texas State Guard School at Camp Bullis. General Guerre represented the commanding general of the Eighth Service Command, Major General Richard Donovan. General Knickerbocker welcomed the troops to the school.

Lower right: Col. Hobart B. Brown, school commandant, addresses the students and introduces the speakers.

Constable: "Hey, Miss, no swimming in this lake."

Fair Young Bather: "Well, for goodness sake, why didn't you tell me before I undressed?"

Constable: "Ain't no law agin undressin'."

Flying Cross Is Won By LaGrange Gunner

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England.—The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Staff Sgt. Lawrence L. Weber, 23, tail gunner of the Eighth AAF Flying Fortress "Lady Satan," for "extraordinary achievement" while participating in many bombing attacks against war-making targets in Nazi Europe, and for the "coolness, courage and skill" displayed by him "which reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Sgt. Weber considers himself a

Berlin veteran, for he has been on nine precision bombing attacks against targets in the German capital.

The gunner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Weber of LaGrange, whose wife is Mrs. Minnie Mae Weber of the same city, has already been awarded the Air Medal and six Oak Leaf Clusters to that medal, three of them for destroying enemy fighters.

Ranking Officers—

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school, saying, "You have the spirit that it takes to make a go of the Guard."

Lt. Col. Miller Ainsworth reviewed the action of Texas' 36th Division in landing at Salerno—"the 36th Division was the first troops to land on foreign soil in World War II and stay there." "It is not enough to die for your country; you must live for it. Keep eternally vigilant . . . the boys over there like to think that someone like you are looking after things back home. . . . Every night you should ask yourself, 'What have I done today that would make me worthy to have some mother's son die for me? . . . Do something every day to make yourself more worthy.'"

Brig. Gen. L. F. Guerre, representing General Donovan at the first week's opening, said that the school's training program had been shaped to enable officers attending to carry on the instruction of their own personnel. He said that the federal government expects the Guard to cope with emergencies such as fire and flood. He said that the commanding general whom he represented expected the Guard to be able to take care of any emergency which arises within the borders of the state.

Col. John L. Lee, GSC, director of training for the Eighth Service Command, outlined methods used in training at the opening of the first week's school. He stressed that constant study is a necessary ingredient for any training program.

Veteran of '98 Wants To Join Army Again

Scott Field, Ill.—Remarking that he was in the best of health and would be in "1-A in the draft and ready to take up radio operatin," except for his age, a 98-year-old "three-star" general dropped in here to inspect the work of students at the AAF radio school.

The visitor was Gen. John Milton Claypool, descendant of a Declaration of Independence signer, and Confederate war veteran, who fought at Chickmauga, Murfreesboro and other Civil War battles. He is a resident of the Christian Old Soldiers' Home in St. Louis.

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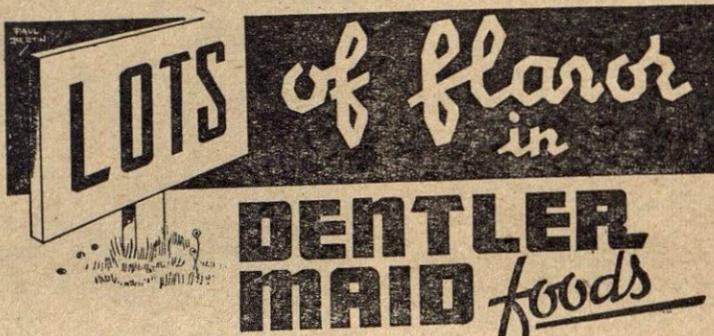
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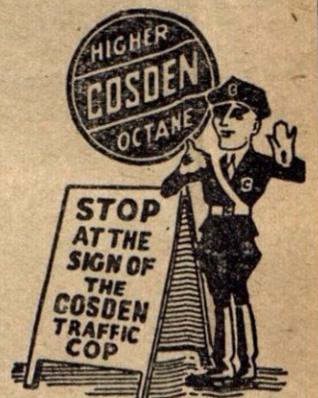
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Training Director



Col. Donald Henley, training director of the Eighth Service Command's State Guard School at Camp Bullis, watches maneuvers in the field. Colonel Henley and his staff of experts were sent to Bullis to have complete charge of the training program, which stressed outdoor work and dem-

onstrations in lieu of too many classroom lectures.

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Kilgore Brothers Meet In Hawaii

Two brothers, Pvt. Ed V. Raney and Arthur R. Raney, AM 1/c, met somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands for the first time after a separation of three years. They were given a two-day pass together. Pvt. Raney has been overseas since March, 1943, and Chief Petty Officer Raney since December, 1942. They are the sons of Mrs. Katie Raney and graduates of Kilgore high school.

"No Mail Today"

A little thought occurs to me
That should be told repeatedly
So that to someone it may bring
A little remembrance of a thing
Which many a poor GI will hear
And from his heart 'twill bring a
tear—

It is to hear, the mail clerk say
"I'm sorry, Bud, no mail today."

We have a lonesome life at best
Though we don't mind the lack of
rest

Or hikes or things we never knew
As long as we have word from you,
It may not seem to mean so much,
It's just the sort of homey touch,
But Oh! the thoughts that come
our way
With "Sorry, Bud, no mail today."

We hear the whistle, see the crowd
And listen while he shouts outloud
The names of those whose luck is
good—

We'd rather hear than eat our food,
And then the pile is getting low,
Your hope for one begins to go,
Until at last you turn away,
You've heard again "No mail to-
day."

What's wrong with all my friends
o' late?

Have they become illiterate?
Or is it just that they don't care
About the guy who went, that they
might share

The freedom that we've always
had.

They'll never realize how sad
It makes me feel to hear each day
"I'm sorry, Bud, no mail today."

Oh, listen folks, a plea I give—
The boy who fights that you might
live

Should be the toast of our great
nation.

So give him your consideration,
Don't let him always hear the call
That makes the tears from his eyes
fall

And blue skies always turn to grey
With "Sorry, Bud, no mail today."

—Pvt. Alfred J. MacNeil
in the Ft. Bliss News.

Camp Executive Officer



Major H. L. Edgar

A man who shares largely in the success of the Eighth Service Command's State Guard School at Camp Bullis, who extended every facility of the camp to the visiting Guardsmen. Preparations for the school were made through Major Edgar's headquarters.

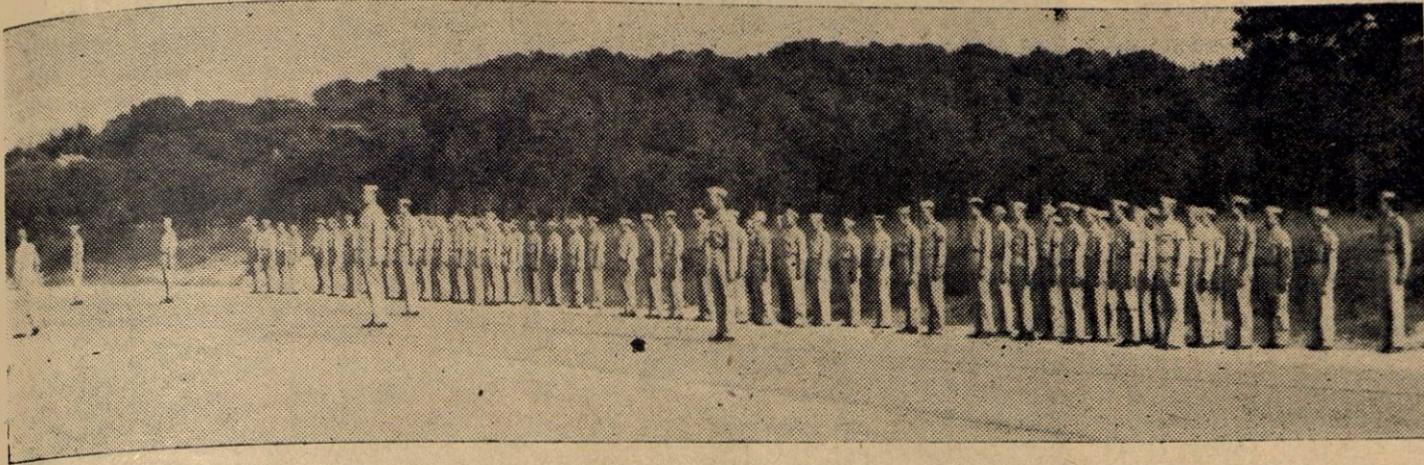
Major Edgar is an army man of long experience. He served at Kelly Field in World War One and has put in 20 years in the service. He has been at Camp Bullis since

March 16, 1943. He was post adjutant at Fort Sam Houston a year before that.

Major Edgar is a native Texan and has lived most of his life at Austin and San Antonio. At one time he was a member of the Texas National Guard, service company of the 142nd Infantry.

Major Edgar is sold on the Texas State Guard. He thinks the volunteer army is doing a wonderful job in providing internal security for the state in time of war.

The Troops Stand Retreat At Camp Bullis School



proudly flew the Lone Star emblem of Texas under the United States emblem. Doubtless the Japanese would have been confused about a new ally of the United Nations if any had lived to tell about it. But none did. . . ."

Proper Way To Handle Mob Demonstrated



Troops of the 766th Military Police Battalion demonstrate how to handle a mob in the street of Camp Bullis at the State Guard School. The officer students of the Texas State Guard are acting as the mob while the 766th troops advance. A few moments after this picture was snapped a smoke bomb was set off. This part of the session also was devoted to a demonstration of the various types of gases used in repelling unruly crowds.

Carrier Flies Lone Star Flag In Epic Battle

The Lone Star flag of Texas flew under the American emblem

on an aircraft carrier in the blazing battle between the United States Fifth Fleet and the Japanese grand fleet off the Philippines Sunday and Monday, it was revealed in an eye-witness account by William L. Worden, Associated Press correspondent, aboard the

Officers of the Texas State Guard are shown above in company formation at retreat held during the first week of the Texas State Guard School at Camp Bullis. Retreat ceremonies were held each evening throughout the four weeks of the school.

flagship, published in the Houston Chronicle.

Worden's account of the furious battle dealt in part with the opening phases in which the American carrier planes knocked down the incredible number of 353 Jap planes, losing only 21.

The battle ended only after darkness fell and the straggling planes were being eased into the blackout carriers' flight decks. Worden's mention of the Texa-minded ship said:

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This Tale Of An Old Rock Wall Is A Story Of Glory For Texans

With the Fifth Army, Italy.— It's just an ordinary rock wall about three feet tall and 300 yards long and used by Italian farmers to fence off terraces. There are thousands exactly like it, old, weatherbeaten with an occasional bush growing along the side.

This particular wall extends across the slopes of Hill 1205 above the town of San Pietro on the former Fifth Army front.

From December 6 to December 10 it brought death and pain and glory to the 36th "Texas" Division.

The Division was assigned the mission of capturing San Pietro. The men advanced alongside Hill 1205 under concentrated enemy shell fire until they reached the rock wall. One hundred yards behind the wall were German machinegun nests, firmly entrenched in pillboxes. A mile beyond the German installations sat the town of San Pietro. The rock wall was the last margin of comparative safety.

American artillery fire was directed at the German gun positions and succeeded in softening them up. Crouched behind the wall, the American soldiers could hear Germans screaming through fear and overwrought nerves. But the artillery was unable to knock out the machinegun nests. The infantry had to do the job, so the boys from Texas went over the wall.

The attack was not successful the first time. A solid curtain of withering machinegun fire forced the men back to the wall. They were shaken. The attack was not successful the second, third, or fourth times. Many Americans were killed, many wounded, for though they crept, crawled and actually groveled in the thick mud, the German machinegun fire swept so low they were still hit.

For three days the 36th Division continued the assault. In the regiment that bore the greatest brunt

of the attack, every battalion was strung along the 300 yards of the wall. At the end of three days the Germans were driven out of their dugouts by American bayonets and hand grenades.

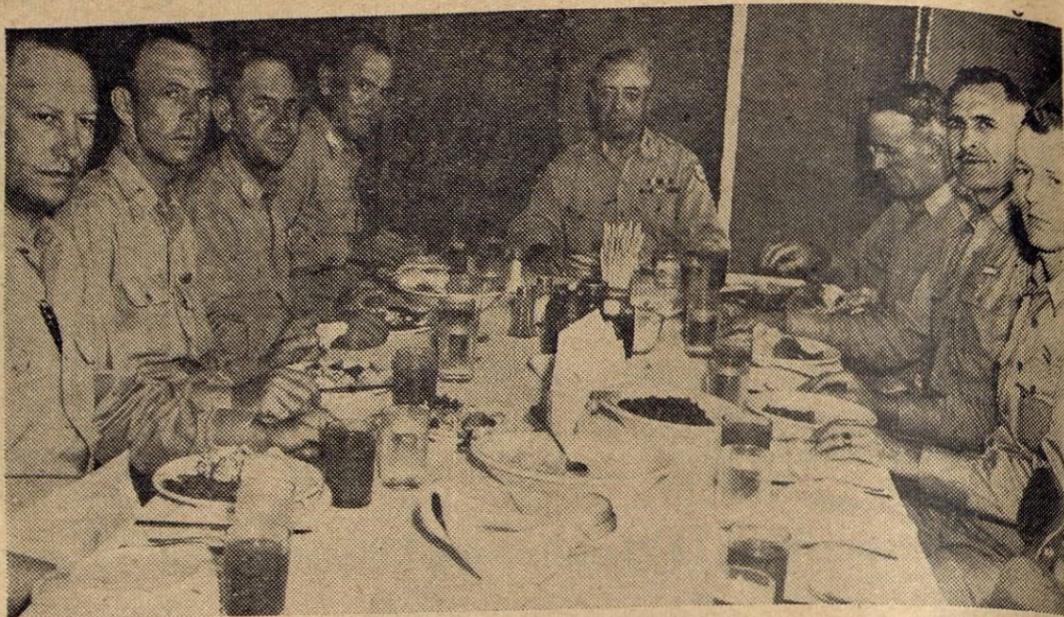
In one regiment of the division alone ten Silver Stars were awarded men who had performed gallantly on the other side of the rock wall. Today it's just an ordinary rock wall again, fencing off terraces, but the members of the 36th Division who crossed it won't ever be able to think of it in quite that way.

Some of the men cited for action at the wall were: Captain Julian M. Quarles, Staunton, Virginia; Technical Sergeant Harry R. Moore, Fort Worth, Texas; Sergeant Claude E. Scott, Dallas, Texas; Sergeant Gerald W. Leighton, Ronan, Montana; Sergeant Manuel Silva, Providence, Rhode Island; Staff Sergeant Paul E. Smith, Huntsville, Texas; Staff Sergeant Stuart R. Kessler, Tenafly, New Jersey; Staff Sergeant Charles L. Havell, Clarrington, Ohio; and Private First Class Frank Zernicek, Bay City, Texas.

PREVENTS BELLY-LANDINGS

A device which prevents B-24s from making belly-landings due to accidental retraction of the landing gear, has been developed by electricians of the 100th Sub-depot at Smyrna Air Field. An electrically-operated safety switch is connected to the ship's landing gear.

Under ordinary conditions when a pilot takes off after making transition landings, he pushes the handle forward automatically to raise the wheels of the plane. The new device prevents any miscalculations in timing by maintaining an electrical current between the wing flaps and the landing-gear handle. The circuit, connected to the cables of the wing flaps, are in an extend-



Shown above is the colonel's table in the officers' mess at the State Guard School at Camp Bullis. Left to right: Major George Spencer of the Adjutant General's staff; Major Donald Peacock of the Second Research Unit; Lt. Col. George Thomas, G-3, of the Adjutant General's staff; Col.

Donald Henley, director of training; Col. Hobart B. Brown, commandant; Major Thomas W. Gahagan of the Adjutant General's

staff; Major Robert K. Williams of the Adjutant General's staff, and Capt. Arthur L. Walker, camp adjutant.

ed position. This prevents the handle from going into an "UP" position and allows the landing-gear to raise. When the cable moves the wing flaps to half position, the activating switch is closed, allowing the handle to go into the "up" position.

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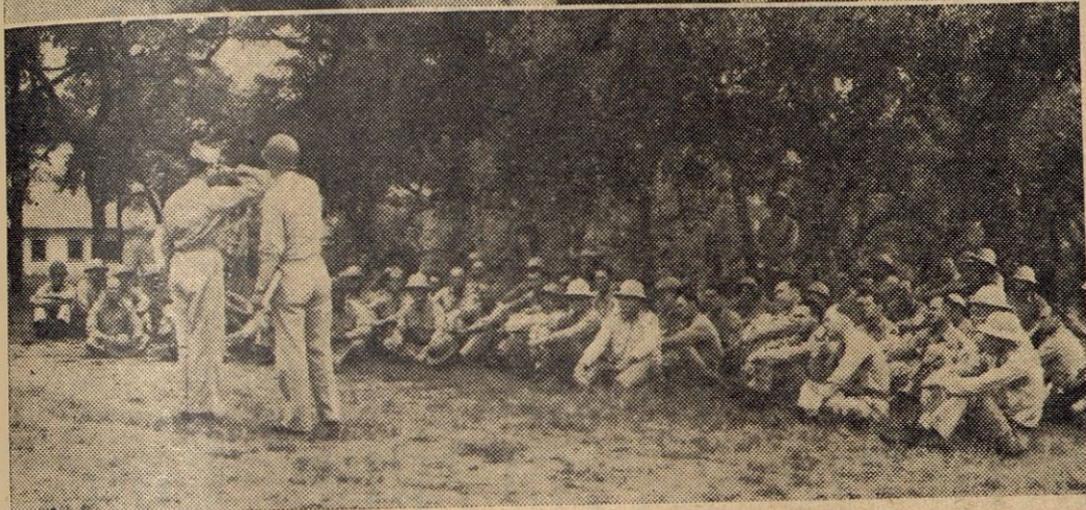
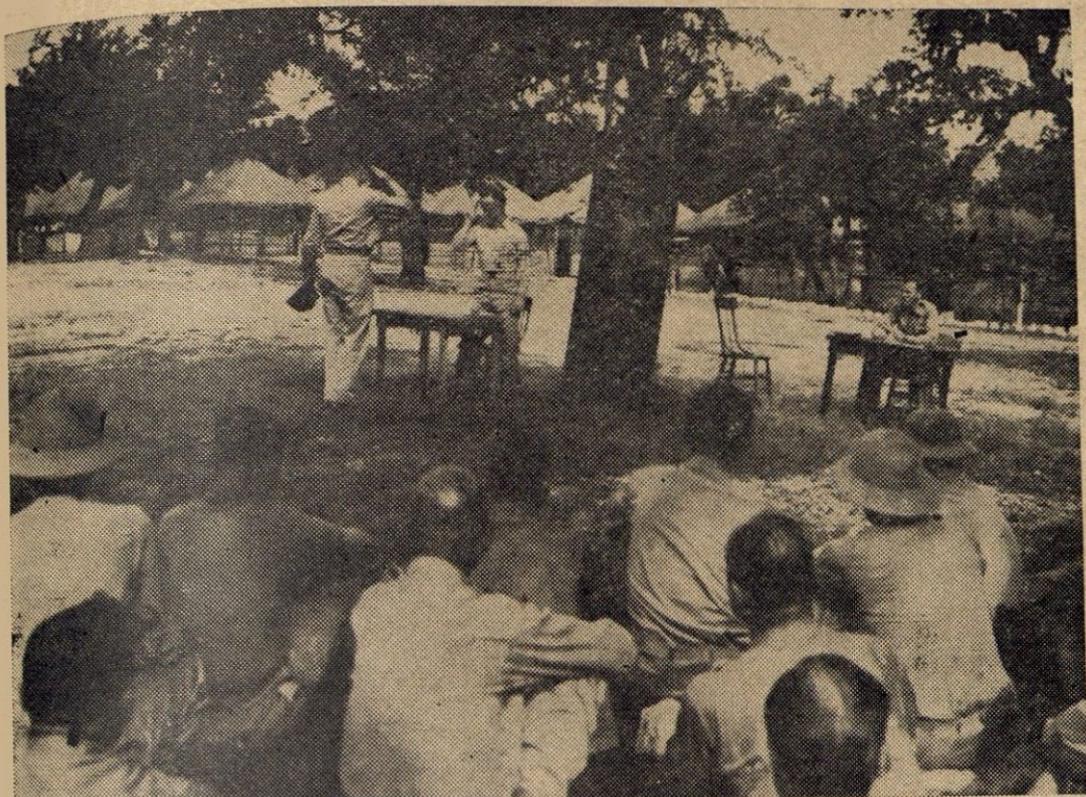
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Major General Richard Donovan, Commanding General, Eighth Service Command; Brigadier General L. F. Guerre, Director, Security and Intelligence, Eighth Service Command; Brigadier General Charles K. Nulsen, Commanding General, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis; Colonel Hobart B. Brown, Commandant; Colonel Donald Henley, Director of Training; Major H. L. Edgar, Executive Officer, Camp Bullis.

Army Designates Xmas Mail Month

Designation of the 30-day period between 15 September and 15 October as "Christmas Mail Month" for overseas soldiers has been announced by the Army Postal Service through a War Department release received here.

During this period, Christmas packages may be mailed overseas without the presentation of a request from the soldier. They are limited to five pounds in weight, 15

inches in length and 36 inches in length and girth combined. Only one package from the same person to the same soldier will be accepted during one week. Perishable articles will not be accepted.

Military courtesy, a vital ingredient in any training program, was graphically illustrated to students of the Eighth Service Command State Guard School at Bullis by men of the 766th M. P. Battalion. The right and wrong way of saluting, approaching an officer and other courtesies of the services were acted out by men of the M. P. Battalion. The pictures above were taken at the demonstration.

Thermal Wave Blows Paratrooper High

Washington.—The young paratrooper leaped from his plane, yelling "Geronimo" like all good paratroopers, but he didn't go down. He went up.

He watched his buddies swing in diminishing pendulums toward the ground, gazed anxiously as his airplane faded into the distance as he personally floated higher and higher.

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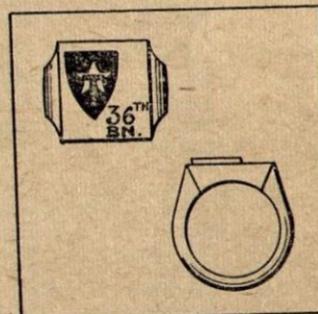
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Name	Pmtd. To	Unit
Gamble, Charles L.	1st Lt.	AGD
Morehead, Richard M.	1st Lt.	AGD
Read, Harrell E.	1st Lt.	AGD
Barnhouse, J. Earl	Major	MI-G2
Pearson, Forest S.	2nd Lt.	St. Hqs. Co.
Blakeney, Deane A.	Major	Hqs., 1st Bn.
Henderson, Bryan C.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 1st Bn.
Fisher, Leon P.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 3rd Bn.
Love, Edward L.	2nd Lt.	Co. G, 4th Bn.
Tovar, Alfredo	Captain	Ser. Det., 4th Bn.
Miller, Marvin H.	Captain	Co. D, 5th Bn.
Shannon, Lonnie D.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 5th Bn.
Wilson, Arthur W.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 5th Bn.
Sanders, Calvin S.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 6th Bn.
McClain, Will K.	2nd Lt.	Co. B, 6th Bn.
Watson, Frank Z.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 6th Bn.
Rydell, Gunnar A.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 6th Bn.
Hall, Olen Loyd	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 6th Bn.
Auld, Otis D., Jr.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 9th Bn.
Merren, Everett J.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 9th Bn.
Thompson, Walter P.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 10th Bn.
Williams, Charles F.	Captain	Med. Det., 10th Bn.
Sisinger, Irving A.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 13th Bn.
Richey, William L.	1st Lt.	Co. A, 17th Bn.
Roberson, Thomas B.	2nd Lt.	Co. A, 17th Bn.
Hager, Dale C.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 18th Bn.
Klindworth, Lawrence W.	1st Lt.	Hqs. Det., 19th Bn.
Hodges, James G.	1st Lt.	Co. C, 21st Bn.
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Starck, Edward F.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 25th Bn.
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Hillire, Hillary T.	Captain	Co. A, 28th Bn.
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Hatzenbuehler, Geo. W., Jr.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 31st Bn.
Chowning, Charles H.	2nd Lt.	Med. Det., 35th Bn.
Willis, Roy L.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 36th Bn.
Plunkett, William A.	1st Lt.	Co. B, 36th Bn.
Mullen, Robert R., Jr.	Major	Hqs., 37th Bn.
Nielsen, Jens P.	2nd Lt.	Hqs., 38th Bn.
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Pearce, Burdett C.	1st Lt.	Co. E, 38th Bn.
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Devin, Robert F.	Captain	Hqs., 41st Bn.
Thompson, George M.	2nd Lt.	Co. D, 41st Bn.
Hammond, Davis S.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 41st Bn.
Ebanks, William J.	1st Lt.	Med. Det., 42nd Bn.
Coale, Cecil R.	2nd Lt.	Hqs. Det., 43rd Bn.
Yeates, Morris L.	1st Lt.	Co. D, 43rd Bn.
Hopson, Justus U.	Captain	Med. Det., 44th Bn.
Justice, Bernica A.	1st Lt.	Ser. Det., 44th Bn.
Richardson, Curtis W.	Captain	Med. Det., 45th Bn.
Reue, Otto L.	1st Lt.	Hqs., 47th Bn.
Henry, Joseph B.	2nd Lt.	Ser. Det., 47th Bn.
Gray, William F.	Captain	Co. C, 48th Bn.
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Co. C, 34th Bn.	Crane	84
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Hqs., 19th Bn.	Dallas	81
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Unfaithful Wife Statutes Sought

New York. — Legislation that would relieve servicemen from making compulsory allotments from their pay to wives believed to have been unfaithful will be sought by the war committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

This announcement came this week through Charles E. Hughes, Jr., chairman of the committee. In his annual report, Mr. Hughes stated that a "very large percentage of the legal problems presented by servicemen are of this character and that the committee had been in frequent consultation with the War and Navy Departments as well as members of the Congress looking toward legislation that would alleviate this condition without involving an unreasonable administrative problem."

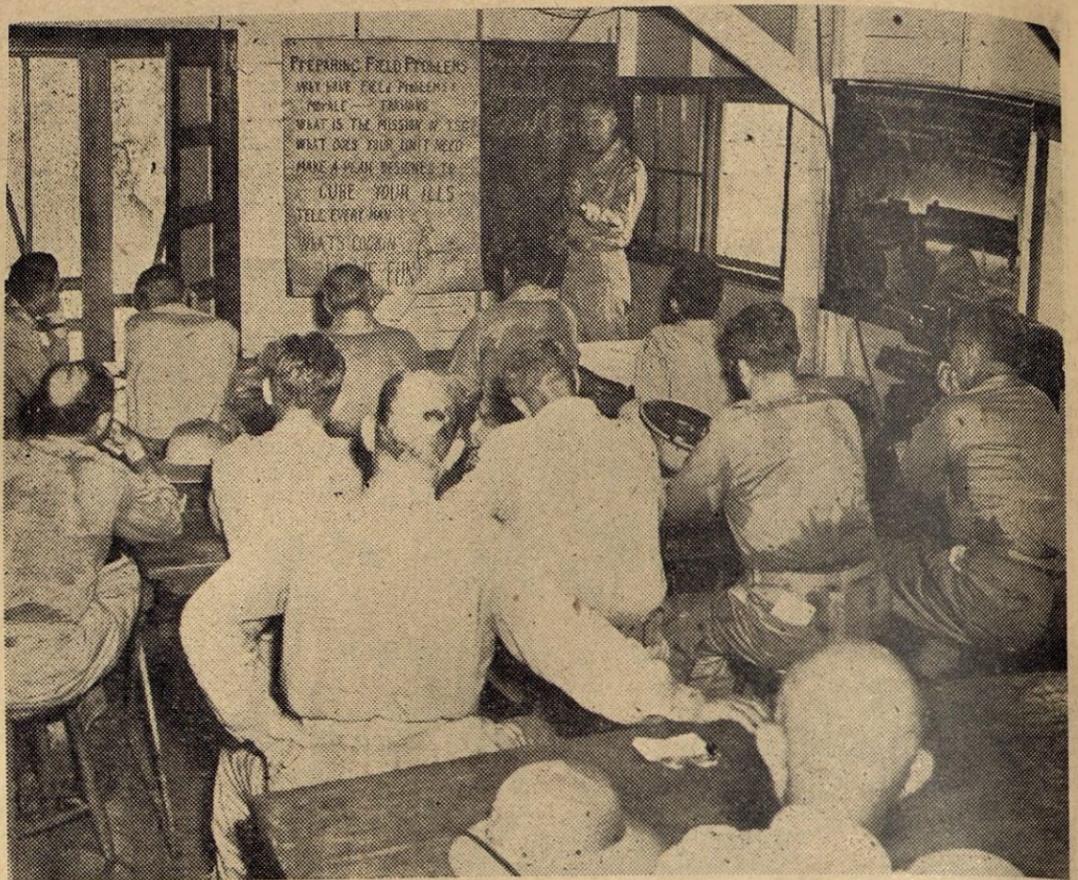
He Lost His Souvenir But Got A Japanese

A U. S. Army Base, Central Pacific Area.—If Sgt. Earl Bodiford, 106th Infantry Regiment, fails to take home a souvenir from this war, he can at least lay claim to a Jap rifle which he abandoned in the recent capturing of Eniwetok atoll, it was revealed in a critique here.

While advancing through territory pitted with Jap underground emplacements, Bodiford noticed a rifle poking out of a hole. He fired one shot at the hole with no results, then grabbed the protruding weapon and pulled. So did the Jap owner, and a brief tug-of-war ensued until the Tennessean dropped a grenade down next to the rifle barrel.

Bodiford had his first Jap and his first souvenir, but he later was forced to forsake it in the heat of battle.—Army Times.

Class On Preparing Field Problems



Major Robert K. Williams of the adjutant general's staff conducts a class on preparing field problems at the Camp Bullis State Guard School. Classroom sessions such as this were followed by practical applications of lessons learned in the field with a maximum of work in the outdoors.

Russian Ace Shoots Down 53 Nazi Planes

Moscow.—Maj. Alexander Pokryshkino, easy-going Siberian who is Russia's leading ace, is worried for fear the Germans will make him swell-headed. He is credited

with shooting down fifty-three German planes.

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Texan Teams With Bomber Named For Texas Home Town

Capt. Harrison and the "Liberty Belle"

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England.—Liberty, Texas, through the hometown spirit of one of her sons, Capt. John A. Harrison, has got into the air invasion activity over Europe.

Joining the array of men-o'-war of sea, air and lands that pay honor to American cities and states, the "Liberty Belle," a silvery Flying Fortress of the Eighth AAF which was assigned to Capt. Harrison spanking-new, has been assigned to fly as an important "lead" ship.

The 23-year-old flier, a broad-shouldered, steady pilot, took the occasion of christening the "Lib-

erty Belle" solemnly and commissioned one of his men to paint a fetching feminine shape on the nose of the Fortress, with the name of the plane blazoned across.

Art lovers among the German Luftwaffe—who get near enough to see—will find that the idea has been logically carried out with a real-looking liberty bell included in the plane's coat-of-arms.

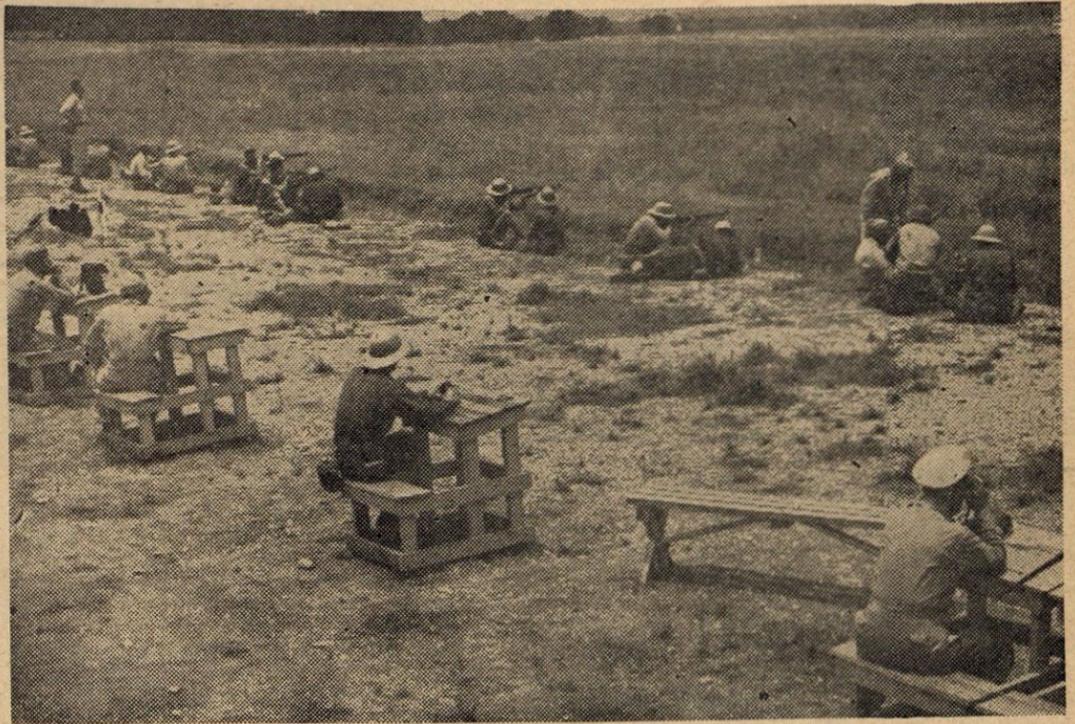
Capt. Harrison's flying "savvy" can be indicated by the fact that his first mission after naming the Fortress for the Texas city was to be as deputy wing commander, a man-sized job. He commanded the group on two occasions.

Capt. Harrison, resident of Liberty for about 20 years, is the son of Mrs. Maggie Harrison. A football player at Liberty High School, where he was graduated in 1939, the AAF flier worked for J. T. McAdams Company at Liberty before donning O.D.'s in November, 1940.

The 36th Texas Division claimed him for some months before his aspirations to be a flier came true.

In the European theater of operations, he has participated in attacks on truculently-defended German targets which have made headlines around the world, flying for the most part in a Fortress, "Call Her Savage," which later met an untimely end.

Texas State Guardsmen Fire On The Range



Texas State Guardsmen took to the range with gusto and set excellent firing records with the Enfield rifle, standard equipment of the Texas State Guard, at the Eighth Service Command school at Camp Bullis. In the picture the men of the Guard are shown firing on the range while Col. Ho-

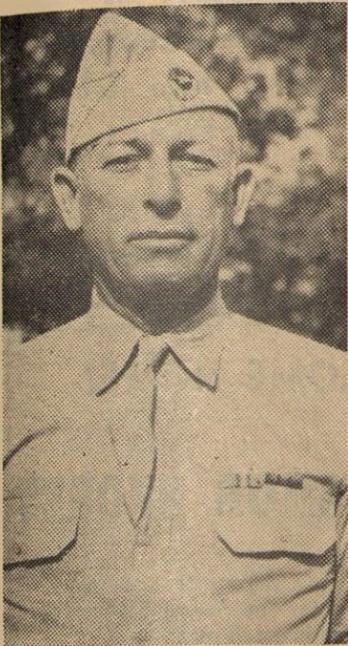
bart B. Brown, school commandant, looks on with binoculars, lower right.

Hitler has fits, he's lost his blitz
And can't tell where to find it.
Leave it alone and it'll come home
With the Allies right behind it.

The mess sergeant glared balefully at the eager chowhound at the first table.

"Another bite like that," he roared, "and you'll leave the table."
The chowhound looked up and grinned. "Another bite like that and I'll be finished."

Former Baseball Player In Guard



SGT. PREJEAN

It's fairly common to find bankers, lawyers, farmers and other categories represented in the personnel of the Texas State Guard. But Sergeant Joe Prejean of Port Arthur comes close to being in a class by himself. He is a former professional baseball player.

Sergeant Prejean, a pitcher, stood around the .500 mark when he was a pitcher in several baseball leagues. He started his professional baseball career in the Louisiana State League in 1919. He went to Longview in the East Texas League in 1920 and stayed there for one year. He tried out with Beaumont after that and was sold to Omaha in the Western League, where he played one season. He then played with Beatrice, Neb., in the Tri-State League, for a season and a half. After leaving professional ranks he played semi-pro baseball for a number of years.

The sergeant still is an ardent baseball fan but for 18 years he has held a job with the Gulf States Utilities Company. He holds the Edison Institute medal for saving the life of a fellow worker who came in contact with a live wire by applying the prone pressure method. He has a wife and two children.

Sergeant Prejean attended the officer candidate class at the Eighth Service Command State Guard School at Camp Bullis during the opening week.

240,000 Soldiers Lost By Ignorance

Washington.—Educational deficiencies have deprived the U. S. Army of the services of many thousands of physically fit men.

The May edition of the Selective Service Bulletin reports that more than 240,000 registrants have been unable to pass Army intelligence tests and have therefore been rejected. The Bulletin draws attention to the fact that through May 6, total Army casualties were 206,227.

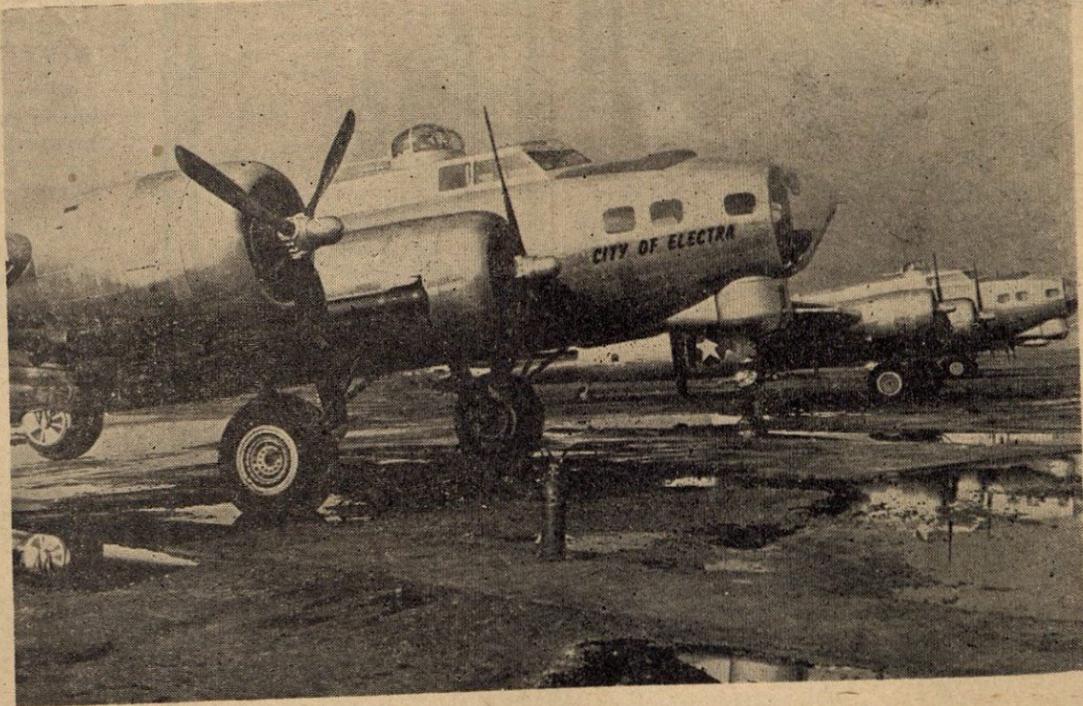
The Bulletin reemphasizes the importance of ensuring that every American citizen be given opportunity for a reasonable minimum of education.

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Electra's population, according to the Federal census of 1940, was 5,446. The thickly populated oil and farming communities in its trade area numbers approximately 10,000 persons. Total bank deposits as reported on July 31, 1942, \$992,247.34. Postal receipts for 1941 totaled \$30,606.66. The handsome new post office building which cost \$75,000.00 was formally dedicated in the spring of 1940. The Electra Federal Savings and Loan Company, a home owned and operated company backed by the Federal Government, reported total assets of \$122,866.54 as of July 31, 1942, of which \$112,307.76 was in first mortgage real estate loans. Many new homes have been built, residences remodeled

and home or business property improved and refinanced through the local company and Federal agencies.

Commission form of government, a mayor and four commissioners elected, the chief of police, city secretary and other officers are appointed. The city owns municipal water and light plants built since 1936 through WPA loans and grants totaling approximately \$500,000.00 and the income from these utilities is not only meeting the incurred obligations but are liquidating old indebtedness. The police department is equipped with short wave radio facilities. Few towns its size can boast of better fire-fighting equipment.



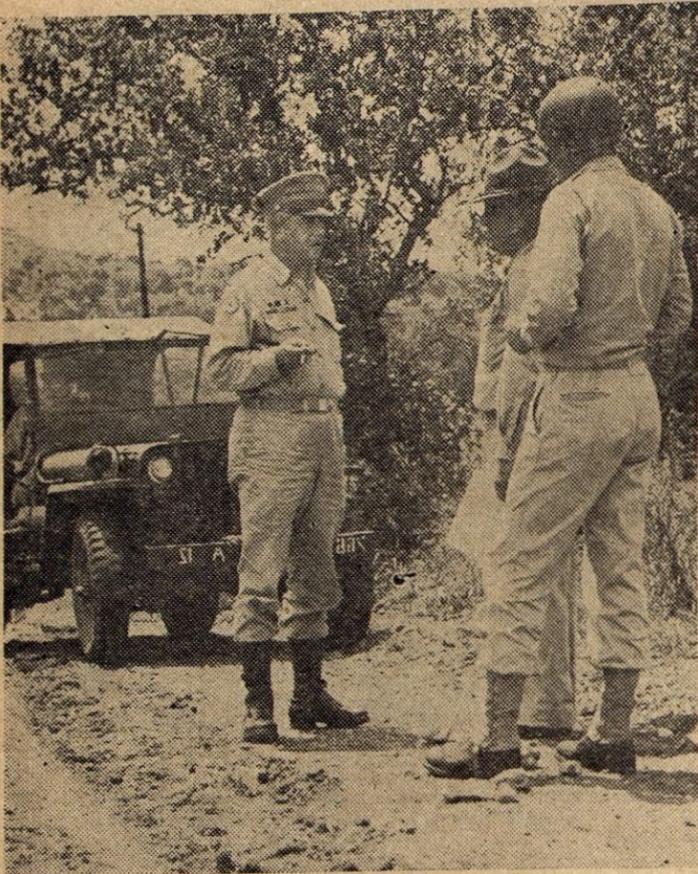
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Colonels Confer In The Field



Colonel Hobart B. Brown, left, confers with Colonel Donald Henley in front of the Colonel's command car on one of the roads which traverse hilly Camp Bullis.

The men in the background are Texas State Guards officer students at the State Guard school during the first week of the school.

Louisiana Captain Praises Guardsman

The following letter was received by The Guardsman from Capt. O. V. Slaughter, Co. D, 6th Battalion, Louisiana State Guard:

"A member of the Texas State Guard, on a recent visit to Shreveport, gave me several copies of your splendid magazine.

"After reading these copies I am sold on your publication and enclose my check for your subscription.

"In my opinion the Home Study Course is well worth the subscription price, to say nothing of the many other features of interest to all Guardsmen.

"I am glad to have the opportunity to subscribe to a publication that will keep me informed about my neighbor 'Home Front Soldiers' in Texas."

Report Outlines Work Of Chaplains

Washington.—In all theatres of operations, Army chaplains are following the troops into foxholes and through enemy fire to bring what help and comfort they can to battle-weary veterans.

The Office of the Chief of Chaplains has summed up their activities for January, February and March as follows:

Religious services, 441,956; attendance upon religious services, 25,551,986; communion and sacra-

They Hated For Him To Get Up



Private Tony Gonzales of the 36th Battalion of San Antonio was assigned to the headquarters of the State Guard school to operate the switchboard and blow the bugle. Tony is 16 and never had a bugle in his hand, but he

could make those bugle records play soulfully.

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Guardsmen At Mess



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Colonel Brings Personal Message To T. S. G. From Heroes Of Salerno

Texas Troops Urged To Carry On For Men In Italy

By LT. ALBERT NIBLING, M.I.D., G-2, AGD, TEX.

From the bloody beaches of Salerno, where Texans' lifeblood soaked the sands in a fight for freedom, there came a personal message from the heroic men of the 36th Division to the men of the Texas State Guard who took up arms when the 36th moved out on their grand adventure in cracking the walls of Fortress Europe.

The message was brought by Lt. Col. Miller Ainsworth, who spoke at the opening of the Camp Bullis school in a voice subdued by emotion "for your comrades of the 36th."

Colonel Ainsworth, now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, saw Texans of the 36th clamber from landing boats to face barbed wire barricades and machinegun fire to make history—to open the first breach in the wall that Hitler had boasted was infallible.

"I speak for the men of the 36th, bringing a message to you Texans who are continuing to carry on in a great way for the boys who made history. I speak for those boys—our friends and comrades who made the supreme sacrifices on the beaches of Salerno. Those boys cracked the fortress of Europe. They were the first to land on Hitler's citadel and stay there," the Colonel said.

The Texas officer told of the landing, the difficulty of landing from troopships, how a man made a mere bubble in the Mediterranean if he slipped and fell in the darkness as he clambered down the ropes under the heavy equipment he carried.

There were no histrionics or excessive sentimentality in the quiet-spoken Colonel's voice as he told the story. But there was a deep tinge of emotion as he recalled the terrible days when Texans faced insuperable difficulties—but won their goal. Students at the Bullis school were hushed as the Colonel's words seemed to fill the stilled theatre building.

And at the conclusion when all the men stood and cheered it seemed that it was as much for the men of the 36th whose voice had been transmitted by the Colonel as for the Colonel himself.

"What keeps men going under such circumstances?" the Colonel asked. "Faith or confidence keeps them going. The boys of Texas had the faith and courage to keep going. You are vigilant to keep these men's confidence from being misplaced."

And the Colonel posed a question for Texans who stayed at home: "What have I done today to make some mother's son die for me tonight?"

In conclusion the Colonel quoted from memory a poem by an unknown soldier on the Tunisian front with the comment that he hoped to establish the author so that he could be given credit:

What did you do today, my friend,
From morn until dark?
How many times did you complain
The rationing is too tight?
When are you going to start to do
All the things you say?
A soldier would like to know, my friend,
What did you do today?
We met the enemy today
And took the town by storm.
Happy reading it will make
For you tomorrow morn.
You'll read with satisfaction
The brief communique.
We fought, but are you fighting?
What did you do today?
My gunner died in my arms today;
I feel his warm blood yet.
Your neighbor's dying boy gave out
A scream I can't forget.
On my right a tank was hit,
A flash and then a fire;



Lt. Col. Miller Ainsworth, who fought at Salerno and is at present stationed at Fort Sam Houston, tells Texas State Guardsmen that the eyes of the men of the 36th Division in Italy are focused on them to carry on where they left off in guarding the state and the things they hold worth fighting for.

The stench of burning flesh
Still rises from the pyre.

What did you do today, my friend,
To help us with the task?
Did you work harder and longer
for less,
Or is that too much to ask?
What right have I to ask you this?
You probably will say,
Maybe now you'll understand:
You see, I died today.

SAVE HANGAR SPACE

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A soldier came upon a hostess in a USO club seated opposite a dog at a chess table.
"What are you doing?" he asked.
"Playing chess with the dog."
"Can he play chess?" the amazed soldier asked.
"Of course. Watch."
The soldier watched the dog pon-

der for some time, then move a paw.

"I can hardly believe my eyes," he exclaimed. "That's the smartest dog I ever saw."

"What's so smart about him?" retorted the hostess. "I've beaten him three games out of five."

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Military History of Battle of San Jacinto

(This is the first installment of The Battle of San Jacinto, by Captain Hobart Huson, 21st Battalion, TSG. Captain Huson, attorney of Refugio, is known throughout the state for his historical studies and writings. The second installment will follow in a succeeding issue of The Guardsman.)

By CAPT. HOBART HUSON
S-1, 21st Battalion

The purpose of the present article is to give a military history of the sanguinary and decisive Battle of San Jacinto, stripped of myths and heroics, and let the facts speak for themselves.

It will be remembered that General Sam Houston with about 400 Texian volunteers began their retreat from Gonzales on March 12, 1836; that the army went into an isolated camp at Groce's, on the Brazos, on April 1, and remained there until April 11, when General Houston first learned that General Santa Anna, President of Mexico, was still in Texas, and at that moment was crossing the Brazos at Old Fort (Richmond) and headed for Harrisburgh; that Houston perceived that Santa Anna was about to get himself separated from his main army and was likely to get himself caught within a military "pocket" (which Houston had contrived to stay out of); that Houston had immediately broken camp at Groce's, crossed the Brazos, and made a forced march through the mud in the hope of intercepting Santa Anna; that the Texian army arrived near Harrisburgh on the morning of the 18th, shortly after the Texian scouts had captured Mexican couriers who bore dispatches revealing that Santa Anna

was below Harrisburgh and with 750 troops and was expecting a reinforcement of at least 500; that Houston had established a camp and depot on Buffalo Bayou, opposite Harrisburgh, and on the morning of the 19th learned definitely that Santa Anna intended to cross the San Jacinto River at Lynch's Ferry and march to Anahuac, where he expected to be joined by some "tories."

General Houston, having been informed of the plans and position of Santa Anna, acted with energy and dispatch. He established a depot on the north or west side of Buffalo Bayou, opposite the burned town of Harrisburgh. There he left all baggage and impediments, and all sick. A field hospital was set up in charge of Doctors Phelps, Anson Jones, Anderson and Davidson. There were some 150 hospitalized soldiers, most of whom had the measles. Major McNutt, with 75 effectives, were detached to guard the depot. With the coming of additional recruits the personnel of this depot eventually increased to between 300 and 350.

Traveled Light

On the morning of the 19th the remainder of the army was ordered to draw three days' rations and prepare itself to march immediately. Nothing was to be carried along which could be dispensed with. Houston even considered leaving his two six-pounders, known as the "Twin Sisters," but finally decided to take them, which eventually proved to be wise. The Texian flying column consisted of approxi-

mately 1000 men (not counting those left at Harrisburgh).

The indefatigable Texian scouts, Messrs. Deaf Smith, Karnes & Co., had rounded up three or four flat-boats, ferry-boats or rafts, and had assembled them at the confluence of Sims Bayou with Buffalo Bayou. Captain Karnes and his scouts were sent to the south side of the bayou to protect the crossing from that side, while Deaf Smith and his little band were fanned out in the direction of New Washington, keeping watch on Santa Anna.

The crossing began as soon as the flying column reached the place where the flat boats were. The first unit to cross was the engineer company. The men and equipment and the artillery were floated across on the boats. The mounted units swam their horses across the bayou. The crossing was completed by sundown. When the last had crossed General Houston addressed a few words to his army. He told them their objective was to find and fight the enemy.

Before leaving the depot opposite Harrisburgh, General Houston had advised Major McNutt that some 500 reinforcements for Santa Anna were due to pass through Harrisburgh within the next several hours; that under no conditions was such reinforcement to be attacked or molested, but should be permitted to pass; that McNutt and his men should stay out of sight as nearly as possible so as to avoid a clash with Cos; and finally McNutt was not to offer battle unless himself first attacked.

Marched All Night

The Texian flying column took up the line of march for Lynch's Ferry immediately after crossing the bayou. It marched all night, without refreshment, stopping only once. By one o'clock of the 20th it had made 12 miles. A halt was then made in the prairie, and the weary men slept on their arms. Smith's scouts came in about that time and reported that the Mexicans had not yet attempted to cross the San Jacinto. At dawn the march was resumed. The men were awakened by tap of the drum, the reveille being prohibited.

At this point General Houston detached a number of mounted men with orders to get to Lynch's Ferry as rapidly as possible, and to seize and hold that point until the column could come up. This advance guard, consisting of some 30 or 40 men, got to the ferry before 8 o'clock, and just in time to capture a new flat boat loaded with provisions for Santa Anna's army. Those in charge of the boat, they being, it seems, renegade Texians, escaped.

The column followed, and about 6 o'clock, after a march of some seven miles, halted in the prairie for breakfast. Some cattle were captured and slaughtered, and the beef was on the coals, when the scouts came in with the report that advance units of the enemy had been sighted in the vicinity of the ferry. Further preparations for breakfast were abandoned. The column made a rapid march to the ferry. It was found that the Tex-

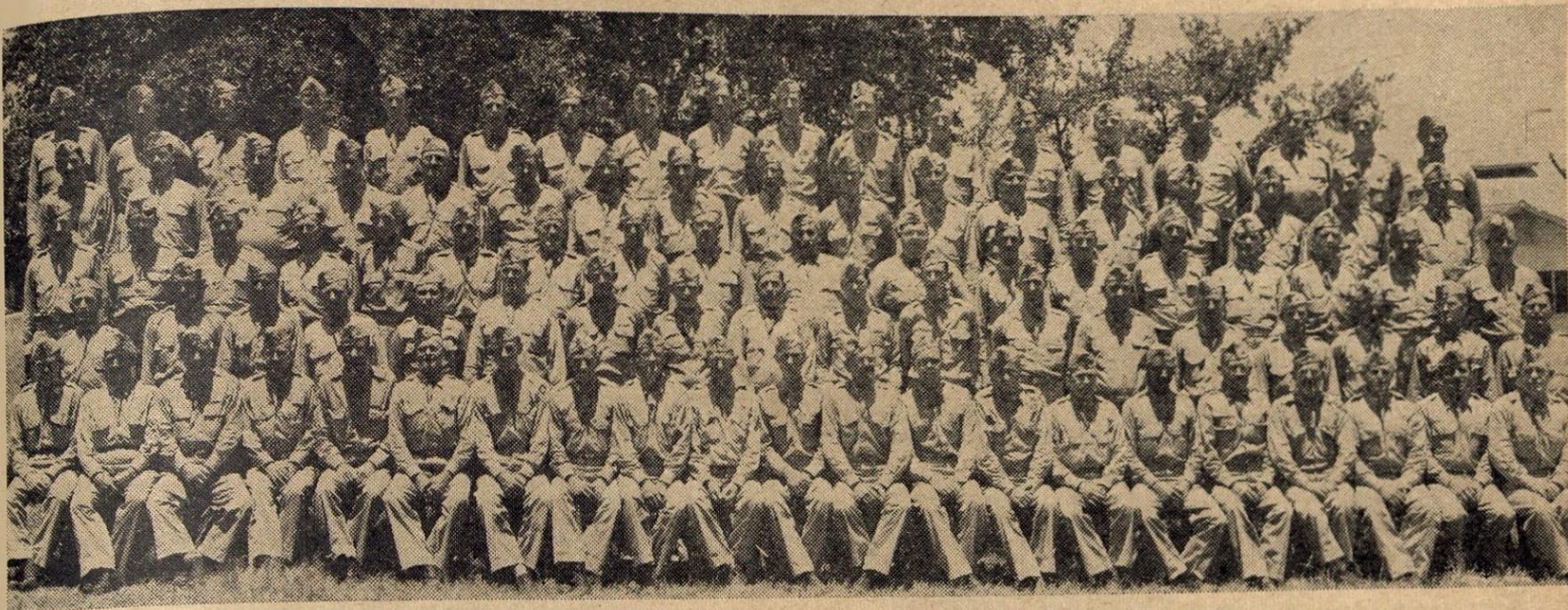
ian advance guard was already in possession there.

Mexican reconnaissance parties came in sight, but disappeared when they saw the Texians. Houston's army then fell back about a half mile into a belt of timber skirting Buffalo Bayou and established camp. Breakfast preparations were resumed, and with addition of the new provisions captured by the advance guard, the army enjoyed a sumptuous repast.

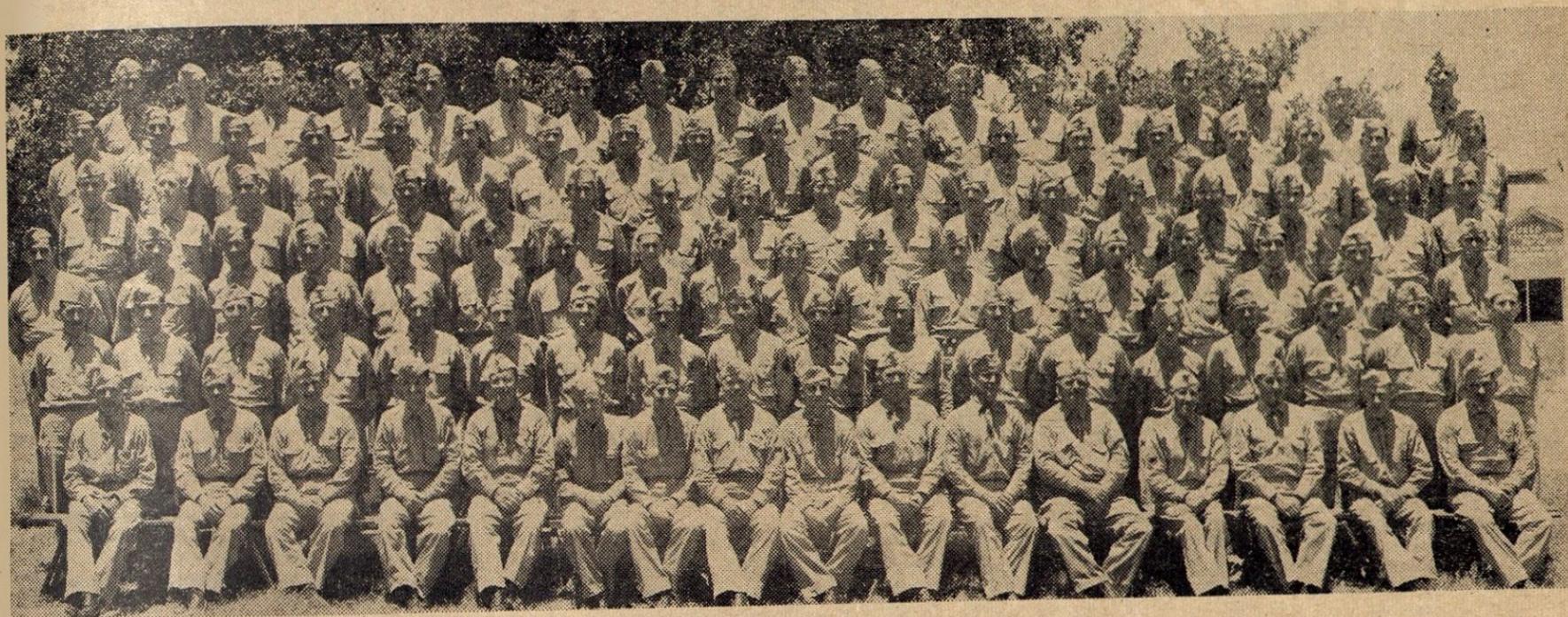
The position chosen by General Houston was an ideal one. The elevation was high and the entire prairie for miles around could be kept under constant observation. On the other hand, the position was so luxuriously wooded that the Texian camp was practically concealed from enemy observation. In fact, Santa Anna was not certain of its location until late the afternoon of the 20th, and seems never to have learned the number or disposition of the Texian units. Back of the campsite was Buffalo Bayou, which was very wide at the point. The woodlands and the bayou gave security to the flanks and rear. The one disadvantage was that in case of defeat the Texians would be caught in a trap, unless they could escape across the bayou. For this reason Houston kept the flat-boat, captured that morning, behind the camp; and later had the other flat-boats and rafts brought down from the camp at Harrisburgh. The Tex-

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Company B Students During Second Week



Company C Students During Second Week



San Jacinto— History Of

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ian position blocked the road to Lynch's Ferry, and commanded the road to Harrisburg.

Disposition Of Troops

Yoakum describes the disposition of the Texian troops as follows: "The Texian camp was protected by the timber, and a rising ground running parallel with the bayou. The camp extended some five hundred yards, and about its centre the skirt of timber reached nearly to the top of the rise in front. On either side of this centre the summit of the elevation was composed of prairie. The infantry, about two hundred, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Millard, were stationed in this neck of timber, extending toward the top of the rise; and the "Twin Sisters," under Colonel Neill, were placed on the elevation immediately in front of Millard. The first regiment of riflemen, under Colonel Burleson, formed the right wing; and the second, under Colonel Sherman, composed the left. The cavalry (about 85) was stationed in the centre, and in rear of the infantry. In front of the centre of the Texian camp some three or four hundred yards distant, was a cluster of timber; also in front and to the left of the centre, about one hundred yards distant, was another cluster of timber. Elsewhere in front the field was prairie."

About 10 o'clock a.m., of the 20th, the Mexican army, under Santa Anna, *Presidente* of Mexico, was seen entering the prairie from the east. Santa Anna had spent the preceding night at Clopper's Point, about eight miles below. His co-sacked post at Lynch's Ferry, commanded by Colonel Barragan, had notified him of the Texian ap-

proach. The report had reached Santa Anna at about 8 a.m., and, as is seen, he lost no time in getting his force up to Lynch's

General Santa Anna was apprised of the fact that the Texians were in the belt of timber along the bayou, and he promptly and shrewdly appraised Houston's position. "When I arrived, Houston had taken possession of the woods on the banks of Buffalo Bayou... His position would force him to fight or take to the water." The Mexican commander-in-chief decided to make an immediate demonstration against the Texian position, with

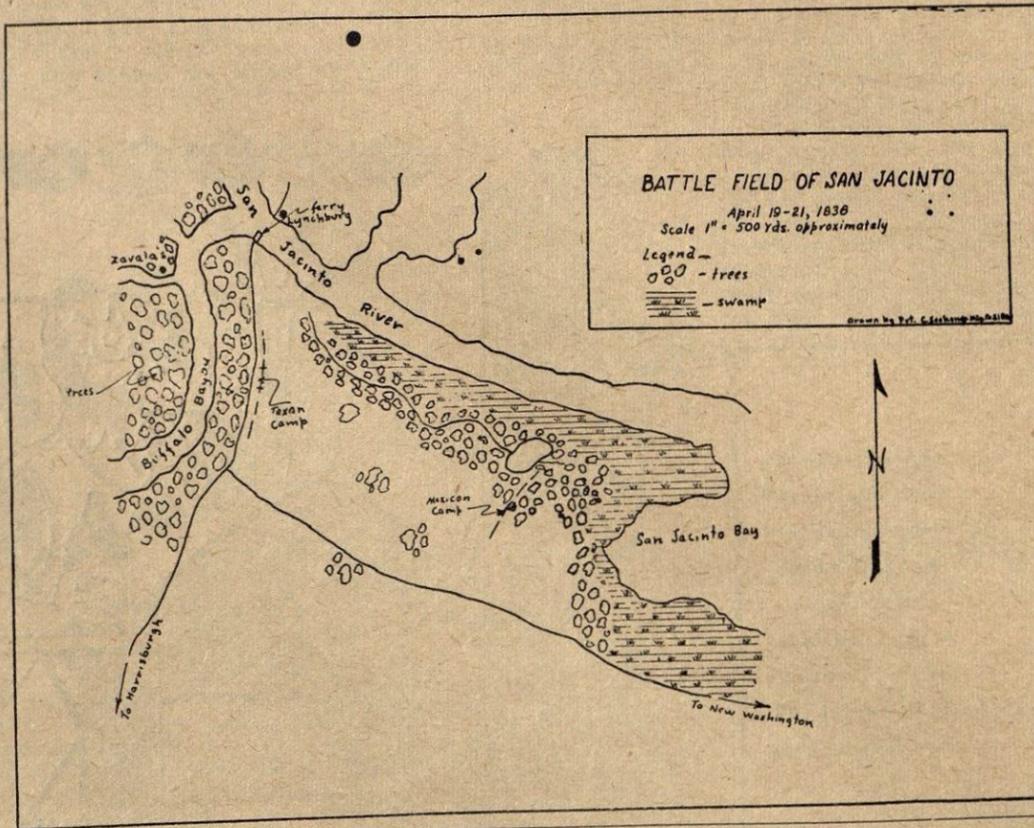
the view of coaxing the Texians out of the protection of the woods into the open prairie, or failing that, to probe and learn their dispositions.

Santa Anna's Strength

Santa Anna had at that time only 700 infantry, 50 cavalry and one piece of artillery, and was aware that Houston must have 1000 or more troops. However, he knew his own troops to be seasoned veterans, highly disciplined, and that his officers were competent and experienced; whereas, the Texians were volunteers, most of whom had never been in a pitched battle; their

officers mere frontier fighters without technical military training. Santa Anna himself had been a professional soldier since he was fourteen, and had thirty years military experience back of him. Despite the tirades against him, Santa Anna possessed high talent as a military strategist, and had proven his worth in hundreds of battles.

Sam Houston, on the other hand, was a politician and not a soldier. He had been in one battle as a lieutenant, and the campaign of 1836 was his first experience in commanding an army in the field; and the battle he was about to fight



was to be the first in which he commanded.

Santa Anna, therefore, desired nothing better than to lure Houston and the Texians out of the woods and on the open plains, where military skill and discipline would be pitted against inexperience and lack of finished discipline. The Mexican chieftain had no doubt as to the outcome, even though he was at the time outnumbered by the Texians.

The Mexican army without further ado was thrown into battle formation. The cavalry and artillery, under Colonel Pedro Delgado, seized the timber island about 400 yards to the front of the Texian camp. The artillery began a bombardment of the Texian position. Houston's artillery replied, and thus exposed its location. The Mexican cannon then concentrated its fire on the Texian artillery. Colonel Neill was badly wounded, but otherwise no serious damage was sustained. After the bombardment, a detachment of Mexican infantry, armed with *escopetas*, took possession of the woods to the right of the timber mott.

Cavalry Charges

Although Colonel Sherman's regiment of riflemen composed the left wing of the Texian position and the last mentioned Mexican maneuver was across the front of Sherman's riflemen; that officer applied to General Houston for leave to take the little Texian cavalry force, numbering about 85, and with it eject the enemy from the woods. Houston gave the permission and the cavalry charged to the attack. The Mexican cavalry attempted to interfere, but being numerically inferior was brushed aside with loss. The Texian horsemen then attempted to dislodge the Mexican infantry from the woods, and were accomplishing exactly

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Marching To Chow

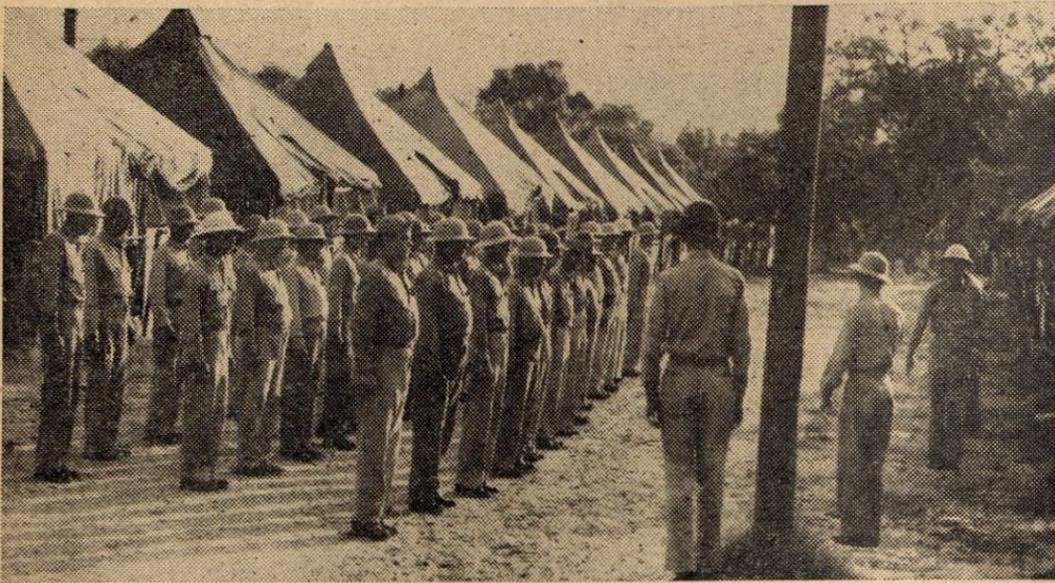


Company C, made up of non-commissioned officers, march to chow during the opening week of the State Guard School at Camp

Bullis. These noncoms and the noncoms who attended during the other weeks of the school are considered to be the best avail-

able officer material in their respective battalions. At the school they took substantially the same training as the commissioned officers.

Lineup For Inspection



Company A, made up of commissioned officers, lines up for inspection in front of its tents at the Camp Bullis school. This company was commanded by Captain Carl F. Murray of the Second Battalion, Houston.

of Mexican infantry, which had been ensconced in the timber island with the artillery, suddenly made its appearance, advancing rapidly in column toward the point where the Twin Sisters were located. This enemy force got within 150 yards of the Texian cannon before the latter turned loose a blast of grape and canister in their midst. The Mexicans wheeled and beat a precipitate retreat. The Texian troops all along the line omitted a lusty yell, and would have charged, had they not been restrained by their officers. Our old friend, Mosley Baker, who never saw a good action in General Houston, excoriates the latter, "Your own brave army quailed not, but with ready rifle anxiously awaited the word to

charge. But no such fortune was in store. *Your order was for them to remain under the bank and not show themselves.*

Santa Anna, having bantered and baited Houston for some two hours, without getting a rise out of him, decided not to carry matters to the extent of making a *coup de main* on the Texian position.

"Houston answered our firing but refused to come out of the cover of the wood." Accordingly the Mexican army was withdrawn to a campsite about a mile from the Texian position. During the withdrawal of the Mexican artillery the Twin Sisters cut loose on the timber island, and badly wounded Captain Fernando Urriza, commanding the artillery. The infantrymen in the woods in front of the Texian left were kept there but withdrawn as far back as McCormick's Lake. Sporadic shots were exchanged between this force and Sherman's men during the interval between the withdrawal and the battle proper.

Decided To Wait

The Mexican command had decided that Houston could hardly escape without his knowing of it in time to intercept, and that he would remain in his present position until General Cos arrived with the reinforcements which would make the Mexican army numerically superior. Then Santa Anna would force Houston to give battle.

The general features of the San Jacinto battleground have been noted already. Reference to the map will immediately disclose all peculiar or distinctive features of the terrain. It will be seen therefrom that the area involved is within the angle formed by Buffalo Bayou on the west with San Jacinto River on the north, and by the river with San Jacinto Bay on the east. A prairie about two miles in width is framed by the waterways named, the margins of which were either marshes or timber or both. Along the margins of San Jacinto River and San Jacinto Bay were wide expanses of swamp-marshes, which were practically impassable. About a mile from Buffalo Bayou and at the margin of the swamp with the prairie fast land was a pond called McCormick's Lake, which was fed by a rill running through the swamp. The area around the pond was well wooded, and the area along the rill was also densely wooded. This fringe of woodland connected with the fringe bordering Buffalo Bayou in which the Texian camp lay.

Between the two hostile camps was a prairie in which were several islands of timber, some of which have been heretofore mentioned. In the prairie were several low places or depressions covering considerable area. The time of the year was the zenith of spring, and the prairie was covered with tall,

luxuriant grass, in some places between knee and hip height. The road between New Washington and Lynch's followed the high ground to the south of McCormick's Lake. It intersected the Harrisburg-Lynchburg Road in front of the Texian camp.

The Mexican campsite was adjacent to McCormick's Lake, and was high, healthy, well shaded, and convenient to ample fresh water. Its right flank and rear were secured by the river and bay marshes. After breaking off the morning's skirmishes, Santa Anna immediately began the construction of a breast-works across the front of his campsite, facing the Texians. This fortification appears to have been temporary, and consisted principally of the camp baggage and receptacles arranged in defense position. There may have been some entrenching. The cannon was placed in the center of the breast-works.

Disposition Of Mexican Army

The disposition of the Mexican army from the beginning until its rout next day, was as follows: The woods to the right and to the edge of the marshes were defended by three chosen companies, which had been pulled back from the advanced positions held earlier that morning. In the center was the regular battalion of Matamoras, a splendid unit, which proved its mettle the next day. To the left of the Matamoras battalion was the cannon, which was protected by the cavalry and a column of chosen companies under command of Lt. Col. Santiago Luelmo, which also constituted the reserve. Cos' troops, after their arrival the next morning, were quartered to the rear of the other units, and became the reserve.

The engagements had broken off about noon. Both armies then prepared their noon-day meal; the Mexicans spending part of the noontide in completing their camp and entrenchment. In fact, the Mexican camp appeared to be the busiest. In the Texian camp considerable discussion began as to the general's plans. Would he fight or retreat? Not all of the soreheads had turned off on the road to Trinity. Some still remained in the army and spent their time milling around telling the troops what Houston ought to do, and what they would do if put in command.

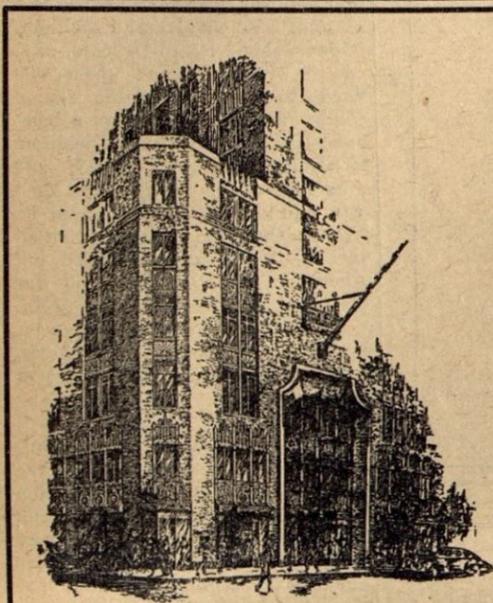
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History Of San Jacinto—

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nothing, when it was observed that Santa Anna had sent out two companies of *calzadores* to cut off the Texians. The latter wisely withdrew from the contest, and fortunately retired without damage or loss.

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2 THE SQUATTING POSITION (Fig. 8)

Use either the loop or hasty sling, or it may be used without the sling. To take the squatting position, the firer half-faces to the right, places both feet flat on the ground and a foot or more apart and squats as low as possible. The backs of the upper and lower legs should be in the fullest possible contact from the knees downward. The inner arm of the left, mid-upper arm rests on the left knee; the left elbow is directly under the rifle. The right elbow is braced against the inner part of the right knee. The



weight of the body is relaxed and well formed over the left leg. The rifle rests in the crotch of the left hand as explained for the prone position. The grasp of the rifle by the right hand and the position of the face against the stock are the same as prescribed for the prone position.

STANDING POSITION (Fig. 9)

Coaches will check the following points:

Use the hasty sling. Firer stands half-faced to the right. Feet are from 1 to 2 feet apart. Body is erect and well balanced. Left elbow is well under the rifle. Left hand is in front of balance. Wrist is straight. The rifle is placed in crotch formed by thumb and index finger, resting on the heel of the hand. Butt of piece is high upon the shoulder, and firmly held. Keep the right elbow almost at shoulder height. Cheek is pressed against stock, as far forward as possible without strain. Breathing is controlled.

II. Trigger Squeeze—DON'T JERK.

The trigger squeeze is the most important item in shooting. To squeeze the trigger, you press it to the rear with a steady increase of pressure, in such a manner that you cannot know the exact instant when the gun will go off. The pressure is applied by the independent action of the trigger finger straight to the rear. Coaches must check pupil carefully in the trigger squeeze. This check may be made in the following manner:

(1) The pupil puts his finger on the trigger. The coach puts his finger over the pupil's finger, and demonstrates the correct squeeze. (2) The coach puts his finger on the trigger; the pupil squeezes the trigger through the coach's finger. Figs. 10 and 11.

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LESSON No. 13—RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP
(Positions and Trigger Squeeze)

Lesson No. 12 should be reviewed (SIGHT AND AIMING) before the study of this lesson is undertaken.

THE GUN SLING

The proper gun sling adjustment is one in which the sling supports the rifleman and assists him in holding the rifle steady without undue muscular effort. The result should be that the rifleman feels that he and the rifle are bound together as one, that the body is relaxed and that the position is comfortable. On sling adjustment there are two points to be considered:



HASTY sling. The hasty sling is more rapidly adjusted than the loop sling, but it gives less support in positions other than the standing position. For methods of adjusting the three types of gun slings see Fig. 1 and for details of both the LOOP and the HASTY adjustment study Figs. 2 and 3.

1. SECOND STEP: POSITIONS.

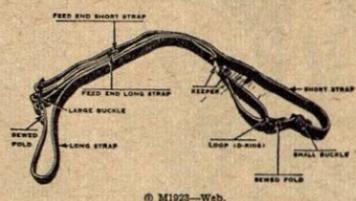
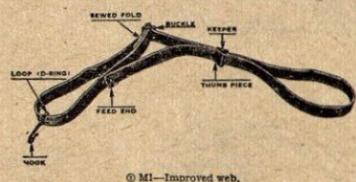
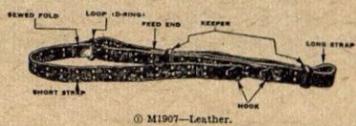
Practice the following positions in subsequent order:

1. Prone.
2. Sitting.
3. Kneeling.
4. Squatting.
5. Standing.

PRONE (Fig. 4)

The coach moves around the pupil,

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(1) It must be tight enough around the arm so that it will not slip down to the elbow.

(2) It must be short enough to hold it to the shoulder and thus prevent excessive recoil, which will cause a bruised shoulder.

There are two authorized adjustments, the LOOP sling and the

C U T H E R E

Infantry Determining Factor In Combat—War Department

With millions of men poised to invade German-occupied Europe, the War Department has issued a reminder that the Infantry is "the central and determining factor in all combat."

In a prepared statement the Army pointed out that "the efforts of all other military elements are directed toward promoting the efforts of the Infantry. A decision is reached only when the infantry of one side has overcome the hostile infantry opposition and won the victory either by close combat or by so powerful a threat of it that the will of the hostile infantry to resist is overcome."

"The Infantry bears a major proportion of the losses and hardships incident to gaining the final decision. There is nothing in front of the front-line Infantry except the enemy."

The War Department praised the "magnificent contribution to Infantry success" of the Air Forces, the Artillery, the Engineers, the armored and tank destroyer units, the technical and supply services, but the Infantryman, it said, must gain the local decisions which combine to insure final victory—must do it,

if necessary, in hand-to-hand combat.

Three Regiments In A Division

The Infantry Division is the basic unit by which the strength of larger forces is gauged.

The standard Infantry Division of the United States Army is now commonly referred to as a triangular division because its Infantry component consists of three regiments, as compared with the four that were normal until four years ago. This Infantry strength is reinforced in the divisional organization by four Allied Artillery battalions, a Cavalry reconnaissance troop, a combat Engineer battalion and a number of service units.

The regiment includes a headquarters company, service company, cannon company, antitank company, and three battalions. Each battalion includes a battalion headquarters and headquarters company, three rifle companies and a heavy weapons company.

The regimental headquarters includes, besides the commander and

his executive, unit staff officers charged with the four major responsibilities of personnel, intelligence, training and operations, and supply and service. The headquarters company includes, besides administrative personnel, a communications platoon of sufficient size and so equipped as to permit it to maintain communications between regimental and all subordinate headquarters.

It also includes a lightly armed and highly mobile intelligence and reconnaissance platoon which is the principal agency at the disposal of the regimental commander for the direct collection and rapid transmittal of combat information—"his eyes and ears."

The regimental cannon company has been added to the regiment during the current war. It contains six 105 mm. howitzers and provides the regimental commander

with quickly available and powerful fire support.

Provided

Antitank Mine Platoon

The Infantry Antitank Company contains nine 57 mm. antitank guns which constitute the core of the regimental antitank defense. They are used in connection with the antitank weapons provided in the other companies, including the battalion headquarters company. The antitank company also includes an antitank mine platoon. The platoon

is trained in the laying and the lifting of mine fields and booby traps.

The two companies with specialized missions—cannon and antitank companies usually operate directly under regimental control and are employed so as to further the missions of the regimental commander's three main weapons—his battalions.

The Infantry battalion, from the standpoint of the higher command (Continued on Page 16)

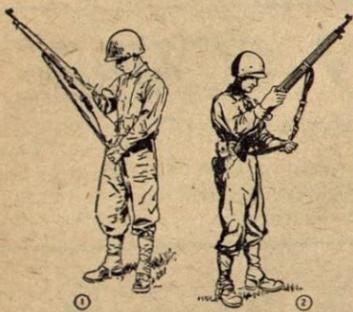
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Rifle rests in the V formed by thumb and finger of left hand.

The left hand is forward against the upper sling swivel.

The left shoulder is relaxed forward and down.

The spine is straight, legs are spread apart. The toes are out.

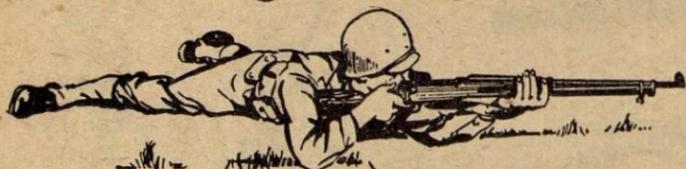
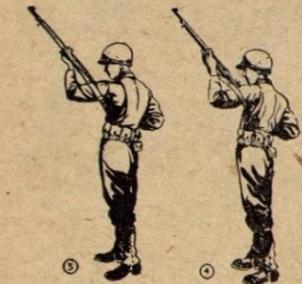
Right elbow is far enough out from the body so that the right shoulder is not hunched up.

The butt is seated well into the pocket formed in the shoulder as the right elbow is moved forward.

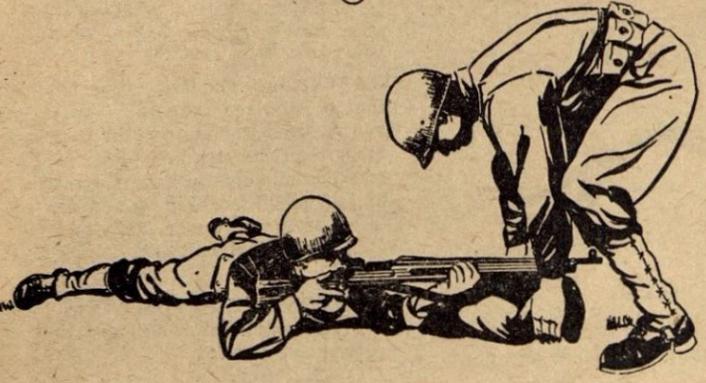
With the weight rolled over on the left elbow, grasp the butt with the right hand—the heel of the hand near the butt. Then move the butt well into place. If you can place your rifle butt comfortably on your shoulder with your right hand at the small of the stock, then your sling is IMPROPERLY adjusted.

The right thumb is over on the top of the stock.

The trigger finger may rest against the trigger at any point between the tip and the bend between the first and



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checking carefully on the following points:

- The left elbow is under the rifle.
- The left wrist is straight.
- Fingers and thumb of left hand are loose and relaxed.

second joints.

The neck is relaxed. The cheek rests against the stock without muscular effort.

The weight is relaxed forward against the tension of the sling.

After the above points have been checked, the coach lies down next to the pupil. The coach watches the PUPIL, not the TARGET.

The Use of the Sandbag Rest Position:

The bag supports the left forearm, wrist and hand. It should not be in contact with the rifle.

The sandbag should be little more than half filled with sand and should be tied near the top so as to have free space within the bag for adjustment.

The coach adjusts the sandbag in the following manner:

(1) Has pupil assume prone position and aim at the target.

(2) Sets the sandbag top up and arranges it so that it is slightly higher than the back of the pupil's left hand.

(3) Faces the pupil, straddles the rifle barrel, and slides the sandbag against the pupil's left forearm so that the narrow side of the bag supports his forearm and wrist with the back of the hand resting on the top of the bag.

(4) Lowers the sandbag to the required height by pressing down on the rifle at a point just over the pupil's left hand. (Fig. 5.)



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SITTING POSITION (Fig. 6)

In this position the sling is adjusted with the loop about two holes shorter than for the prone. The coach should check the pupil on these points.

The pupil should adhere to the following points:

Face the target; then half-face to the right and sit down. Weight is well forward. Ankles are relaxed. Toes point forward. Feet are not so far apart that the elbows cannot rest on top of legs. The knees are no farther apart than the feet. The back is straight. The body is bent forward

from the hips. The left elbow is under the rifle. The rifle rests in the V formed by the thumb and finger of left hand. Keep the left wrist straight. The left elbow is forward of the left kneecap—4 or 5 inches. That part of the upper arm just above the left elbow is parallel to and rests squarely on that part of the left lower leg just forward of the kneecap, which is, in most cases, outside of the arm. The right thumb is over or on top of the stock. The right cheek rests snugly against stock. The weight of the body is relaxed forward from the hips into the sling. The knees are not held together by muscular effort. The weight of the upper part of the body is transmitted to the legs through the upper arms—so that the weight comes on top of the legs, causing the toes to relax forward. The rifle is kept in the pocket of the shoulder by the taut sling. There is an alternative cross-legged position, which should be used only with the consent of an officer. The open-legged position is standard and most effective.



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KNEELING POSITION (Fig. 7)

The coach should check the pupil on the following points:

Firer kneels half-faced to right on right knee. He sits on right heel. Left lower leg is vertical. Left elbow rests on it so that left arm and left leg form one straight up-and-down line. Notice that the point of elbow is a few inches forward of the knee; this helps to throw the weight forward. Right elbow is held high—at height of shoulder. Left hand is forward against the stock ferrule swivel—relaxed with rifle passing through the V formed by thumb and fingers of the hand. The cheek rests against the stock. The right thumb is over on top of the stock. Breathing is controlled.

Infantry—

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mander, is more or less a fundamental unit of measure of his strength.

When he compares his strength with that of the enemy, his first thought is how many more infantry battalions he and his opponent have readily available.

The battalion is a powerful and flexible fighting unit. Its main offensive strength lies in its three rifle companies, each of which includes three rifle platoons and a weapons platoon containing light machine guns and 60 mm. mortars. The action of these rifle companies is almost invariably supported by the heavy machine guns and 81

mm. mortars of the battalion heavy weapons company.

In addition, the battalion headquarters company contains an anti-tank platoon with three 57 mm. guns whose primary mission is the antitank defense of the battalion. The headquarters company also includes a communication platoon and an ammunition and pioneer platoon. The latter performs certain elementary engineer tasks, primarily designed to facilitate the movement of the combat elements of the battalion, and also is employed in connection with battalion ammunition supply.

There are also various special types of infantry, distinguished principally by the nature of their equipment and the means by which

they advance to the scene of battle. There is the armored infantry, which moves into battle in armored personnel carriers. There is parachute infantry, which moves to battle by plane and parachute, and airborne infantry, which uses gliders or transport plane, or both.

From another point of view, there are still other types of infantry made special by the nature of their training or equipment, or a combination of the two. Some units, for example, are lightly equipped and specially trained for fighting in mountains. Others receive special training and equipment designed to make them expert in operations in exceedingly cold climates. Still others receive training in desert country, or in jungle warfare.

Insofar as practicable, a unit is trained, acclimatized and equipped

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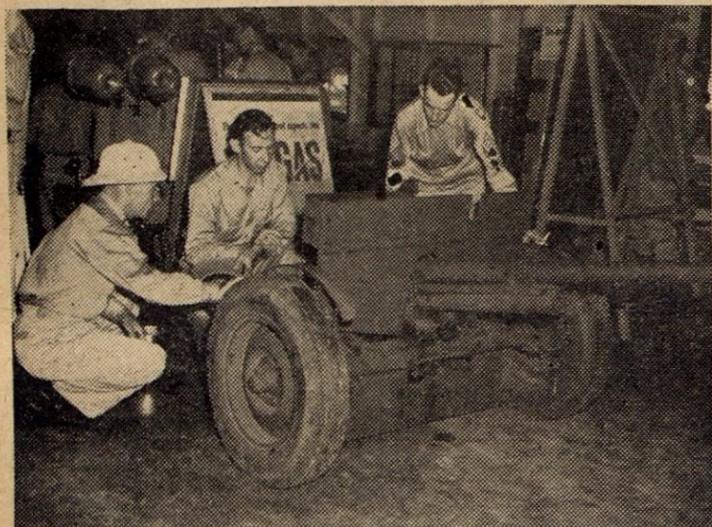
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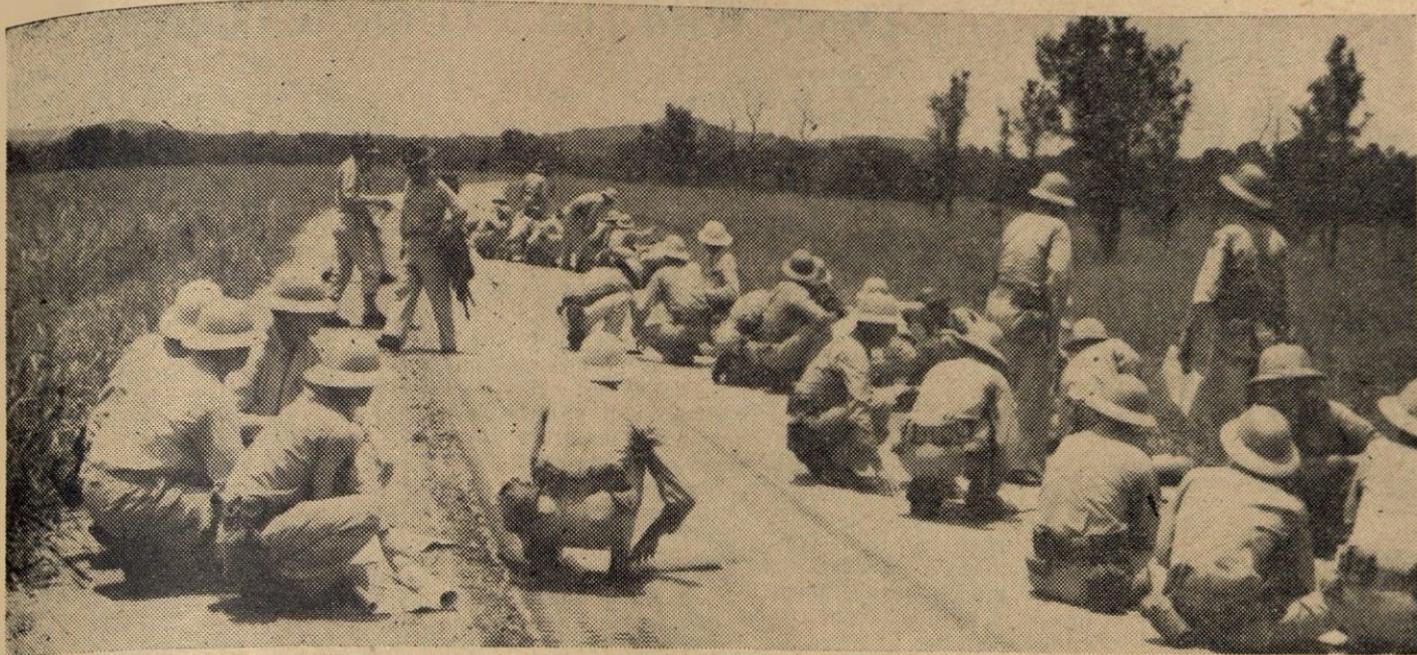
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In the picture below students watch Capt. Carl F. Murray, commander of Company A, take a reading through his view compass. Men in the picture, left to right: Capt. Jesse D. Denson of Harlingen, Capt. Clell J. Mallet of Port Arthur, Capt. Murray of Houston, and Major James C. Harpham of Munday.

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A new "locator board" is saving both work and time in the Postal Locator section at Camp Campbell, Ky. A 15-foot square board shows every unit, with its unit number, division, APO and new camp address for every outfit that moves out of the camp. Mailbags are mounted on racks in front of the board. In an average day two WACs in charge of the work handle 15 bags of parcel post and eight bags of first-class mail. Working closely with a card file, section mail is forwarded from the file lists which are kept for three months after a unit has been moved.

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Substitution for Copper

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Sporran Used as Purse

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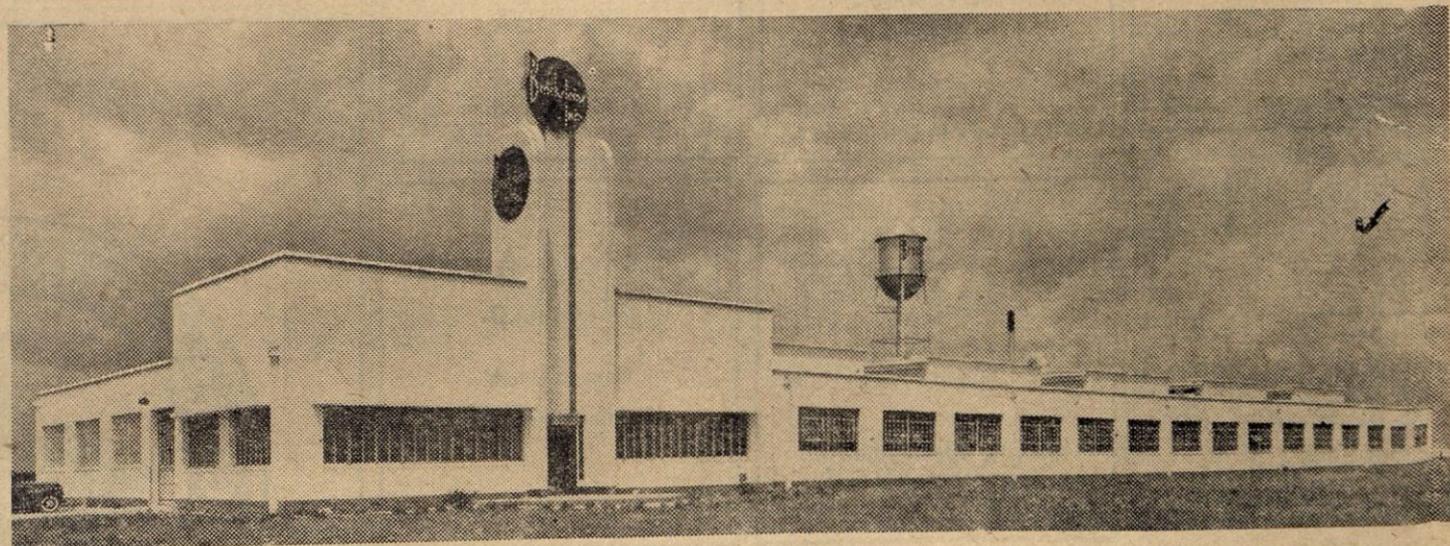
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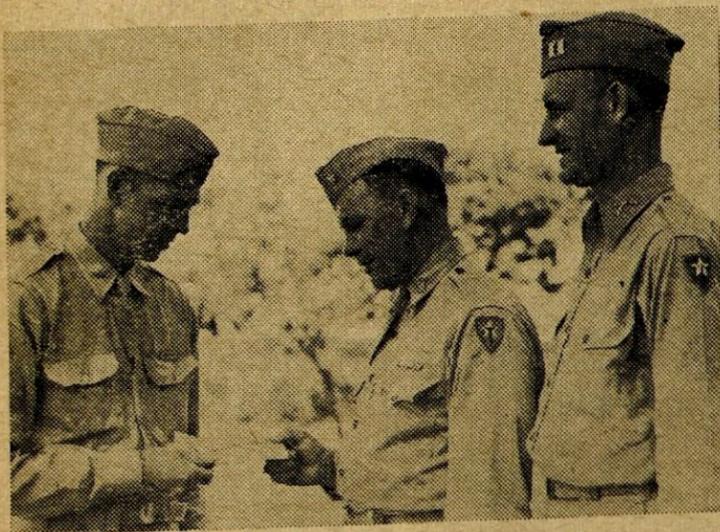
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Guardsman Ends Half-Year With Profit



Second from left, Major Samuel R. Haggard, Managing Director of The Guardsman, handing Major Donald W. Peacock, President of the Texas State Guard Officers Association, a check for \$1,077.08 for the Texas State Guard Officers Association. Watching the transaction is Captain Mike Murphy, Executive Officer of the Second Battalion, Texas State Guard.

Following is a letter written to Major Haggard by Major Peacock: Major Samuel R. Haggard, Managing Director, The Guardsman, 727 Chronicle Building, Houston, Texas.

Dear Major Haggard:

I wish to commend you on the splendid manner in which you have handled the business affairs of The Guardsman and to thank you for the check payable to the Officers Association, in the amount of \$1,077.08, which you handed to me in Camp Bullis, Sunday, July 23. This check and the previous check given to the Association represents a profit to the Association of some \$1,700.00 given to us out of the profits of The Guardsman.

I have read the semi-annual statement accompanying the check, and it is very gratifying to me to note that The Guardsman is operating on a current basis without any outstanding obligations and has ample operating capital in reserve, in addition to having paid to the Association the above mentioned \$1,700.00.

I wish to express my appreciation as well as the appreciation of

the Officers Association for your untiring effort in producing a splendid newspaper for the Association and for publishing The Guardsman on a profitable basis.

Sincerely yours,
DONALD W. PEACOCK,
Major, GSC, TEX.
President, TSGOA.

You May Be Sure He's Still Working!

Pvt. Charles Gunthorp, Co. D, 175th Bn., 96th Regt., thought his draft board had finished its business with him when he came into the Army a few weeks ago, but he received the following letter at mail call the other day:

"Selective Service regulations now in effect restrict the induction of men in your age group for an indefinite period. We cannot be sure that you will ever be called for induction . . . you may as well plan to keep on working. Please keep us informed as to your occupational status."

Pvt. Gunthorp has informed the draft board that he plans to continue working and that he will continue in his present occupation for the duration and six months. He is 37 and was formerly a high school teacher in San Diego, Calif.—Camp Hood News.

Walk at 15 Months

The average normal child learns to walk at 15 months. Variations from this figure do not indicate subnormality unless in form of a prolonged delay.

Bullis Conjures Up Varied Memories Among Those Who Have Trained There

Camp Bullis—to the thousands of troops who have trained on the Leon Springs Military Reservation, that name conjures visions of steep, rock-strewn hills; brush-filled ravines; twisting roads powdered with dust one day and oozing with mud the next; cactus, cedar and oak; ticks, rattlesnakes, and deer.

It brings memories of approach marches under a scorching sun and night reconnaissance in the icy cold; of artillery rolling into place in the half-light of early dawn; of bayonet charges up lung-taxing hillsides. It arouses recollections of crawling through rock and thorn and dust in an attack on a fortified position; of tracers streaking just a few inches overhead on their filtration course; of the swift but cautious movement of village fighting at Branttown; of Maggie's drawers impudently razzing you on the target range.

It is well to know, then, that Bullis, permanent base camp of that rugged training ground for Fort Sam Houston troops, bears the name of a fighting man who himself was well acquainted with the rigors of rough military life. For Brig. Gen. John L. Bullis, namesake of Camp Bullis, knew campaigning in one of its most rigorous forms—Indian Fighting. To the redmen he was known as "The Whirlwind" and "The Thunderbolt." One historian of early Texas wrote that he "rode hard, long and far, chasing brutal savages and barbarous outlaws off of the face of the earth." Bullis, a native of New York state, began his military career as a corporal with the 126th New York Volunteer Infantry in 1862, and saw action with the Union army as both enlisted man and officer. In 1867 he was appointed a second lieutenant in the 41st U. S. Infantry, and was trans-

ferred to the 24th U. S. Infantry in 1869. For gallantry in action against the Indians at Remolina, Mexica, and on the Pecos River, Texas, he was breveted a captain, and later was breveted a major for "gallant services in action against Indians near Saragossa, Mexica, and in action against Indians in the Burro Mountains, Mexico."

Much of Bullis' Indian fighting was as commander of the Seminole Scouts, unit of loyal Indians attached to the army. His adversaries were Comanches and Apaches. Two swords presented to Bullis by the people of Texas attest to the esteem in which they held him. One bears the inscriptions, "He protected our homes—our homes are open to him," and "Bullis, the friend of the frontier."

By the time the Indians had been brought under control, fresh action awaited Bullis, whose service extended through the Spanish-American war. He saw service in Cuba and the Philippines before retiring with the rank of brigadier general in 1905, when he established his home in San Antonio near Fort Sam Houston. He died 26 May, 1911, at the age of 70.

Hi diddle, the corporal's in a pickle,
He called the Sergeant a goon.
The MP laughed to see such sport—
The court martial's tomorrow at noon.

TAXI HAD NO WHEELS

Camp Gordon Johnston, Fla.—After a typical evening in Carrabelle, Fla., the small town located in the Camp Gordon Johnston reservation, Pvt. Hoague of a Harbor Craft Company here, opened the door of a parked taxi and sat down. He'd had his night so he waited for the driver to take him back to camp.

Pvt. Hoague fell asleep and still no driver appeared. Three hours later an inquisitive M. P. was shaking him and saying: "Whata ya doin' here, Soldier?"

"I'm taking this taxi back to camp," the Private said sleepily. "Well, that's a helluva way to get back there," the M. E. retorted. "This taxi hasn't any wheels!"

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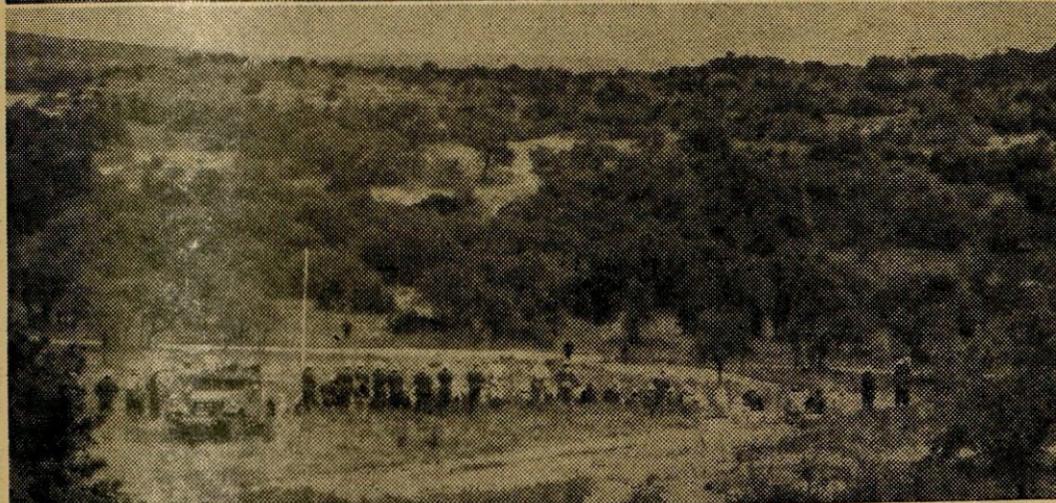
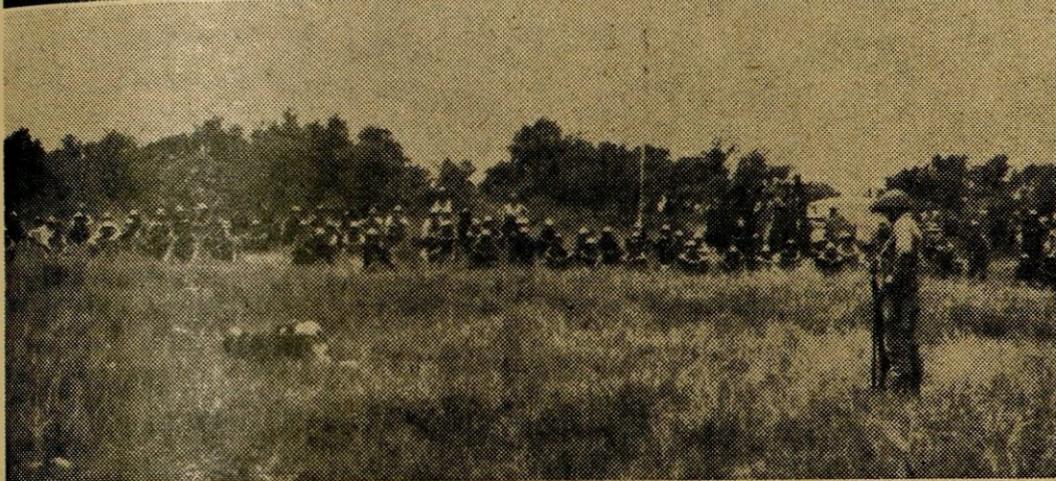
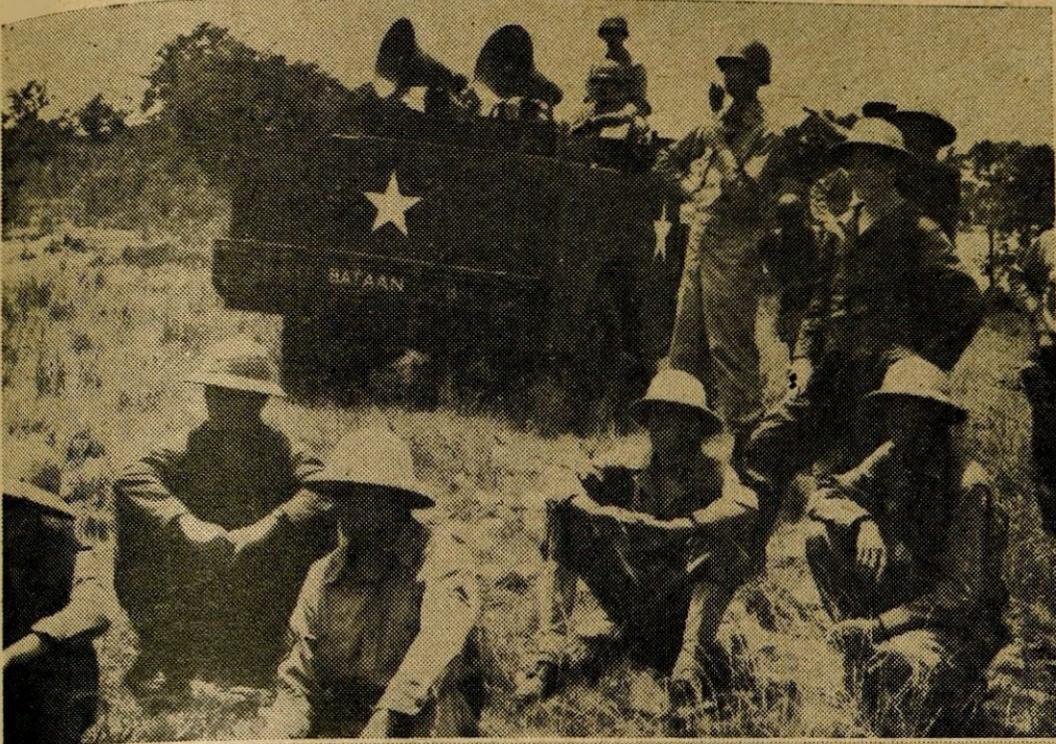


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Scouting And Patrolling Demonstration



An elaborate demonstration of the methods of scouting and patrolling was conducted by Major Donald W. Peacock of the Second Research Unit with the aid of a platoon of troops from the 766th M. P. Battalion.

Major Peacock is shown with the microphone in front of the sound truck in the top picture. In the center picture a demonstration is made of the improper method of creeping and crawling. As is evident this soldier is too high off the ground to be concealed in the short grass. The student officers are shown in the background.

The bottom picture shows a view of the terrain on which the demonstration was held. A platoon of troops concealed themselves on the far hill and advanced toward the students in such a way that they could not be observed. The students endeavored to see the men advance, but were unable to do so except at intervals when the advancing

force deliberately revealed their positions in order that their general course of advance could be followed. The students are shown in the foreground.

Million Gallons Of Blood Is Donated

Washington.—With 7,500,000 do-

nations during April for an average of one pint, people of the United States now have given a million gallons of blood through the American Red Cross for use in treatment of United States soldiers throughout the world, says Brig. Gen. Chas. C. Hillman, Chief of the Professional Service Division

of the Office of the Surgeon General.

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To the far-sighted executive, the Texas Gulf Coast Country is wide open for development in the post-war period. It offers great markets for products, excellent transportation facilities, the gateway to Latin America, and vast resources in the form of raw materials. Not the least of its many advantages is an abundant supply of natural gas, with Houston Pipe Line Company's facilities ready and able to serve in whatever quantities needed, either for fuel or for use in chemical processes. For information about this section, write to Research Department, Houston Pipe Line Company, Houston, Texas.

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St. Edward's University at Austin is the only Catholic institution in the world that has a military training and research unit.

Organized under the supervision of the Texas State Guard, the Third Research and Training Unit trains cadets of St. Edward's in the care and firing of modern weapons and in chemical warfare.

All eligible cadets become members in the State Guard unit and their training in this unit cuts the basic army training when they enter regular service by 200 hours because the War Department Directive is followed.

The educational program at St. Edward's has a three-fold aim—to develop boys intellectually, morally and physically.

"In accepting boys at St. Edward's," says Major J. P. Gibbons, commanding officer of the Third Training and Research Unit, "we must take upon ourselves somewhat the same obligations parents have.

"We must teach. We must encourage and guide. And sometimes we must reprimand and punish.

"The school which does not train a young man how to live as well as how to study is not worthy of that boy.

"We teach the mind to think, the hand to make, the eye to see. And supporting it all, we try to make a strong backbone of will power."

The High School is accredited by the Texas State Department of Education and is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The University belongs to the Texas Association of Colleges. The faculty, composed principally of Priests and Brothers from Notre Dame, received their college degrees from the University of Notre Dame, and have done post-graduate work at the Catholic University of America, Columbus, Southern California, Texas, Northwestern and the Vander Cook School of Music.

Only Catholics are required to attend religious classes. All residents, however, attend morning and evening prayer. On Sundays, non-catholics may attend their own church in town or worship in their own way in the school chapel.

In addition to the military training for building your son's body physically, St. Edward's provides a daily program of athletics—football, basketball, handball, volley ball, tennis, golf, indoor baseball, swimming, marksmanship, or Judo. Competent faculty members supervise these activities. Thus all cadets, and not just the varsity teams, may enjoy all sports.

Your son may learn not only the old and the modern dance steps but also ballroom etiquette. The poise and confidence acquired in the class is subconsciously carried over into your son's other social activities.

Besides the weekly movie in the school auditorium and the various campus activities, Austin, the Capital City, has much entertainment to offer. Movies and stage productions in town and the excellent athletic contests at Texas University attract many of the boys. Others like to wander through the State Capitol, visit the Supreme Court chambers, listen to his Representatives and learn how bills become laws, peruse books in the State Library, or enjoy the historical, archeological, geological and biological displays in the Texas Memorial Museum.

Machinegun Operation Explained To Troops



Operation of the 30-caliber water-cooled M-1917 A-1 machinegun, which has been issued to all battalions of the Texas State Guard, was explained to student officers at the Eighth Service Command's Texas State Guard School held at Camp Bullis.

The top picture shows a close-up of the gun with officers of the Eighth Service Command explaining it to students. In the top

picture, left to right, are: Sgt. Herman J. Kozelski of West, Lt. Robert W. Parker of the school's teaching staff, Sgt. Harvey J. Brewington of Fort Worth, 1st Sgt. Frank J. Hlavaty of West, 1st gt. Clement O. Williams of Alamo, and Capt. Arthur L. Walker, adjutant.

In the center picture a group of guardsmen examine the machinegun in the visual aids build-

ing at the camp. Kneeling, left to right, are: Corp. William A. Cox of Jefferson, Sgt. Hlavaty of West and Sgt. Brewington of Fort, Worth. Standing left to right: Sgt. Cullen C. Brewster of Burnet, Sgt. Charles M. Cooper of McKinney, Corp. Brannon Bussey, Jr., of Fort Worth, Lt. Rhyner R. McClellan of Port Arthur, and Sgt. Reuben A. Penny of McKinney.

Crack Bulldozer Made Tribal Chief

Washington.—For his skill as an efficient bulldozer operator in building air strips which fascinated the natives on a South Pacific island, S/Sgt. William E. Wade, Bluefield, W. Va., was named "chief" of a tribe.

In the ceremonies conferring the honorary title, the esteem of the natives for American troops was demonstrated. At first awed by the clawing, pushing giant of a bulldozer, the native sons made friends by exchanging fruit for American cigarettes. Later the tribesmen as

a friendly gesture built mess halls for the servicemen.

Blind Danish Patriots Get Braille Pamphlets

Washington.—The circulation of Danish underground newspapers and pamphlets is being extended to blind Danish patriots, the Swedish paper Handelsoch Sjoefarstidning reported recently, says OWI. Not long ago, the Gothenburg paper said, members of the underground "invaded a Copenhagen printing establishment for the blind and occupied it for several hours, forcing the staff to print considerable material in Braille."

Solomon Islanders Really Yankefied

U. S. Army Headquarters, Central Pacific Area—The Bronze Star medal has been awarded posthumously to Sgt. John A. Bushemi, staff photographer for "Yank," the Army weekly, for "heroic achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy."

Sgt. Bushemi was killed by Japanese mortar fire while taking photographs of infantry troops in action at Eniwetok. He also accompanied task forces in the Solomons and Gilberts campaigns as a combat photographer.

Sergeant Bushemi was the eighth correspondent to lose his life in the Central Pacific area, and the first member of the "Yank" staff to be killed.

Bushemi was accorded widespread recognition by Sgt. Marion Hargrove, author of the book, "See Here, Pvt. Hargrove," being prominently mentioned throughout the story. The two sergeants were close friends.—Army Times.

"Impudent Blighters, They Put Out My Pipe"

Washington.—Pfc. Edward Serventi, an Armored Infantryman just returned to the United States under the Army's rotation plan, may forget some of his experiences on the Anzio beachhead, but he says he'll never forget the magnificent plumb of a certain British captain.

"This British captain and I," said Serventi, "were standing together when three Jerry shells hit, one after another, a few feet from us.

"Both of us were knocked out. We came to at the same time. The captain winked at me, then started to draw on his pipe. But the pipe was out.

"The impudent blighters," he said, "they've put out my pipe."

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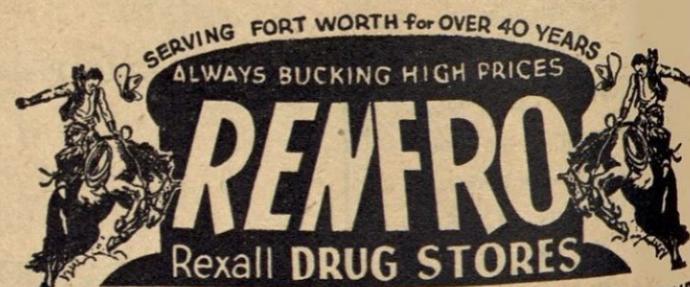
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Connecticut Guard On Duty After Circus Fire

By CAPT. F. B. RAINEY, JR.
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Hartford, Conn.—Once again the Connecticut State Guard has demonstrated its value to the State. During the recent catastrophe arising from the great fire that burned to the ground the Barnum & Bailey-Ringling Brothers Combined Circus and took the lives of more than 150 Connecticut men, women and children, the officers and men of the Guard proved their value to the citizens.

By command of Governor Baldwin and Brigadier General R. B. DeLacour, the Adjutant General, the State Guard mobilized two companies and threw the doors of the Armory open for the benefit of the dead and injured. Members of the Guard played a great part in the rescue of the dead and suffering. Cots and blankets were furnished and the Armory was quickly set up as a morgue and temporary hospital. As the bodies were found they were taken to the Armory for identification, injured persons were rushed to the several local hospitals, and the dead were arranged by sexes and placed in rows at the rear of the drill floor.

Officers and men of the Connecticut State Guard gave their services both night and day and served unstintingly to aid the bereaved in identifying their loved ones who lost their lives in the fire.

Medical detachments gave aid to the suffering and an entire company with its officers and men served as guides, guards, escorts, and assistants to the medical officials. Those of the Guard who were at Camp Baldwin, Niantic, Connecticut, were standing by in readiness to report if needed.

The Armory was under military

supervision during the several days and nights and members of the Guard kept order during those trying times. It would be impossible to name the many ways in which the Guardsmen served, but suffice it to say that they found a job to do and they did it.

A detachment of Connecticut State Guard motorcycle police was on hand and served in many ways during the trying days. Every possible care was given the ill and injured and the Connecticut State Guard showed the value of their training in hundreds of ways. Connecticut can be well proud of the Guard and the wonderful work done by it during the hours of sadness.

School Aims Outlined By Colonel Brown

The purpose and aims of the school conducted at Camp Bullis by the Eighth Service Command for the Texas State Guard were outlined in the opening talk by the school commander, Col. Hobart B. Brown.

Excerpts from Colonel Brown's speech follow:

"We want you to know that we realize and appreciate the time and the sacrifice you are making to attend the school so you may be of greater service to your state and country.

"This is a military school you have come to and I am sure that is as you would have it. We shall endeavor to give you instruction that will be of value in assisting you to solve successfully the many problems that you may encounter in connection with your missions. However, a school only can give you advice, suggestions, and guiding principles. The real instruction comes from the amount of thought and effort you yourselves are willing to give.

"It will be our policy at this school to provide instruction and demonstrations in the latest and most efficient procedure for the performance of the many duties and responsibilities you have in training your troops, and to sug-

gest methods for stimulating initiative and resourcefulness.

"A maximum use will be made of charts, blackboard illustrations, films, and film strips, slides and other visual aids with which to clarify the instruction and promote interest.

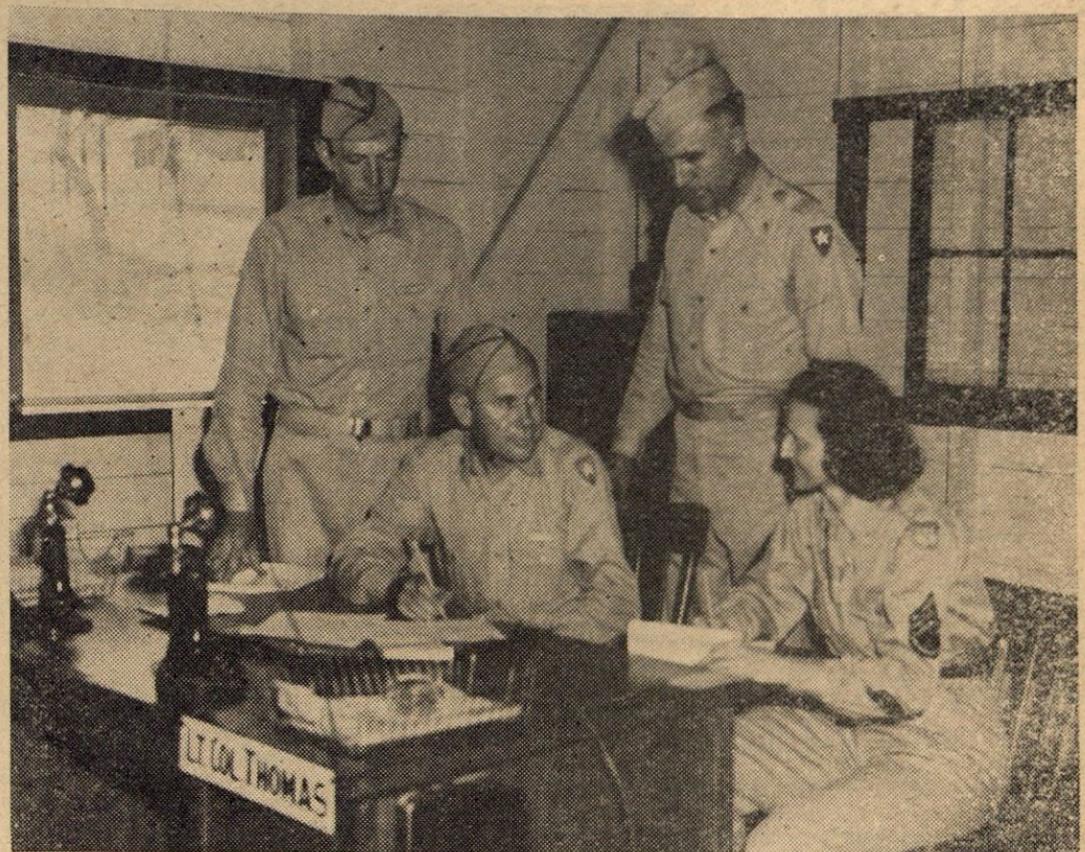
"You will find some of the instructors are junior to you in rank and age, but, as instructors in the execution of their duties, they will be accorded the respect due their position.

"As discipline and military courtesy are most important in military training, the instructors and all other officers are directed to give special and strict attention to these subjects and to your personal appearance as part of your instruction. Your observance of the forms of military courtesy, promptness, and attention will be a measure of your understanding of discipline and of your soldierliness.

"We are here to help you if you do not understand the instructions, do not hesitate to ask questions or seek help which is provided for that purpose.

"The course of instruction is not an easy one, and that is as it should be. There is much to do and learn

The Guard Headquarters Staff



The Headquarters Staff at Camp Bullis, from left to right: Major Donald Peacock, Major Robert K. Williams, Lt. Col. Geo. D. Thomas, school liaison officers, and Staff Sergeant Esther Webber of the 36th Battalion, Women's Auxiliary Corps.

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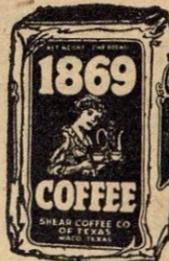
Washington.—The Army Nurse Corps added the names of eight nurses to the roll of World War II's honored soldiers this week with the War Department's announcement each had been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received as a result of enemy action.

The nurses, all second lieutenants, are: Irene Virginia Barton, Anderson, S. C.; Ruth D. Buckley, Elmwood, Wis.; Mary W. Harrison,

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Publicity For State Guard Being Planned

Launching of a plan to improve the public relations and build up the Texas State Guard is announced by Brigadier General Arthur Knickerbocker.

The plan includes presentation of worthwhile news of members of the Guard and the valuable work they are doing for the security of Texas.

The services of two Austin newspapermen, both veterans of the Guard—First Lieutenants Harrell E. Read and Richard M. Morehead, to help work out the program—have been acquired on a volunteer basis, the announcement says.

The announcement follows: As you well know, the purpose of the Texas State Guard is to maintain internal security. Though recent news reports indicate that the Allies are striking successfully and will continue to march forward, we should not be lulled into complacency. The war is not won yet, and high military leaders warn us it will not be won in the next month or two.

For that reason, our work in the Texas State Guard is not complete and our job is equally as important as when it started. Like in all voluntary undertakings, interest in the project provides its lifeblood.

Two Sources

This interest stems from two sources. It comes first from the thought that the member is rendering a vital, patriotic duty—that he is keeping the faith for which others are sacrificing their lives. Secondly, it develops from the satisfaction which the individual member receives, that is, while he is rendering an essential contribution he also is improving himself physically and mentally.

In an effort to stimulate and maintain interest, the Adjutant General's Department has obtained the volunteers services of two capital news correspondents to improve our public relations and help build the Texas State Guard. These men are Lieutenant H. Read, United Press correspondent, and Lieutenant R. Morehead, Dallas Morning News correspondent. Both men are "ole time" members of the Texas State Guard, having come up through the ranks to their present grade.

No propaganda or publicity campaigns are planned. Object is to present worthwhile news about Guard members and the valuable work of they are doing. In the majority of instances, newspapers will be happy to cooperate, though they are limited in space and manpower. Many have been doing a splendid job.

Designate Personnel

It is recommended that if your

Map Reading Class At Work



Considerable stress was placed on map reading at the Camp Bullis school. Here a group of students pore over their maps in the shade of the trees on the opening day of the school. Officers of the Eighth Service Command are instructor. Later in the school lessons learned were put into practical use in field maneuvers.

battalion, company or detachment does not have someone designated to handle news stories about its activities, that such a person be appointed. While not difficult, the assignment requires someone alert and wide-awake to possibilities of news.

The person designated preferably should be working now on a newspaper or doing some form of writing. If you are unable to secure someone so experienced, then the designated person should get acquainted with the city editor or reporter of the local paper or papers.

While our program in this respect is NOT yet complete, we plan to coordinate the news dissemination and pass along from the various outfits special events and original ideas that have been advanced for your consideration.

It is the intention at present to mail directly to your local papers stories about promotions. Should your desire, however, they can be mailed to your public relations member to be given to the papers. With your help and assistance

we want to make the Texas State Guard more prominent than ever—just as you'd like to have it. To obtain this coordination and goal, your suggestions and ideas are needed. You are the men in the field. It is your initiative and ingenuity that is needed to get the job done.

Please let us have your reactions and suggestions at the earliest possible time, so that we can all join in doing a better and real "bang-up" job. We're not afraid of criticism, so let's have your thoughts. By Direction of the Adjutant General:

JAMES C. JONES,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
A. C. of S., G-1.

GI Wolf: "For two pins I'd park and kiss you."
Girl: "Here, take these. My hair will come down anyway."

50th Battalion Hears Governor

Governor Coke R. Stevenson, commander-in-chief of the Texas State Guard, addressed the 50th Battalion of the Guard at Texarkana in June.

Governor Stevenson said that there was no doubt that the Guard is doing well the job it has been asked to do. He said that although the Guard had not been called upon to show its strength, its presence had helped to ward off several dangerous situations, and it gives to the state a sense of security.

The governor expressed his personal appreciation for the service

rendered by the Guard companies in the battalion in their communities and the state.

Governor Stevenson said that he saw no reason why the present set-up of the State Guard should not continue after the war instead of the National Guard system. General Richard Donovan, commanding general of the Eighth Service Command, agreed with Governor Stevenson, according to the Guard publicity director, the Rev. I. Keith Cross.

They suggested that during peace time, the state be responsible for furnishing more equipment than it is now able to furnish.

Governor Stevenson, General Donovan and Mayor William V. Brown were high in their praise of the Guard battalion.

Just In Case!

Camp Cooke, Calif.—Smiling as he handed Sgt. Harold O. Vogler a pre-marital physical examination certificate, Maj. Nino deProphetis, second ranking officer of the Eleventh Armored Division's 81st Medical Battalion, remarked pleasantly, "So you're getting married?"

"No, sir, not necessarily," came the astonishing reply. "I'm going on furlough and just thought I'd like to take this thing along, just in case."

Then there was the corporal who called his girl Stalin—because as far she had stopped all advances.

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Canyon Sergeant Singlehandedly Nabs 28 Nazis

Washington.—The daring singlehanded capture of 28 Germans in Italy by Staff Sgt. Carroll T. O'Donald of Canyon, has won him the Distinguished Service Cross, the War Department announces. Later he lost his life, so the presentation will be made to his father, Simon O. O'Donald, Box 772, Canyon.

His infantry company attacked the enemy on the southern slope of Hill 790 on a cold, bleak day last January. When the platoon leader was wounded and forced out of action O'Donald unhesitatingly took over the command.

He advanced his men to a point within 50 yards of the enemy position, a house from which machine-gun fire cut out furiously, and then ordered a halt to avoid risking heavy casualties.

But apparently not to avoid risking his own life, for as Lieutenant Joe W. Gill, a war hero also from Canyon, who was on the scene, said, "With utter disregard for his own life, Sergeant O'Donald dashed toward the house, firing as he ran."

His surprise attack netted 28 Germans, who surrendered at once to the one man army, and resulted in the United States advance continuing on schedule.

"The outstanding leadership and magnificent courage displayed by Sergeant O'Donald were an inspiration to all members of his platoon," Lieutenant Gill said. "He later was killed in action by an artillery shell fragment during a subsequent attack against the enemy on Hill 468."

Japs Get Belt Back With Interest

Melbourne, Australia.—A mother's wish that a Japanese charm belt, sent by her son from Guadalcanal, be returned to the Japanese in Dutch New Guinea, has been gratified.

When her son was killed in a subsequent operation, the mother turned over the belt to aid the Fourth American War Loan Drive and it brought contributions of more than \$100,000. The belt was sent to General MacArthur with the request it be returned to the Japanese attached to a bomb and delivery was made by a bomber, the belt landing right in the center of a Japanese camp.

Japanese charm belt consists of a yard of silk on which 1,000 stitches have been worked, each representing good luck wishes. They are preserved by Japanese troops and many have been acquired as souvenirs by American and Australian soldiers.

Guardsmen Don Masks At Gas School



Helmets slung on their arms or placed between their legs, and their fingers grasping the masks correctly, these Guardsmen are ready to don their masks at the gas school at the second week at Camp Bullis. Left to right: Maj. Weldon Swenson, First Lt. P. E. Raffa, Capt. J. S. Horton, and First Sgt. Jerry Tesar.

Former Guard Captain Sees Action In Saipan

Marine Lieutenant Charles Levy, who before entering the Marine Corps was captain of Company D, 48th Marine Battalion at Houston, has seen action in Saipan as a member of the first invasion wave, Major Julian Weslow, commander of the 48th, has been informed in a letter from Levy.

Levy declared that the American people were too unaware of the capabilities of the Japanese and that he had seen a tough time in the invasion.

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U. S. Doughboy Cannot Be Fazed

Washington.—A merican Infantrymen can adapt themselves to any shifting requirements of warfare, says Col. H. J. P. Harding, who has just returned from duty as Army Ground Forces observer.

"The Infantryman handles competently not only all the weapons his squad uses but anything that comes to hand," said Colonel Harding in his report to the War Department. "Some riflemen, having captured a German antitank gun, trundled it along and later covered a whole battalion by firing it at some enemy machine guns."

Infantry fighting has been intense, Colonel Harding observed, and the doughboy is at his determined best. He told of one machine gunner who, when his company was obliged to make a slight withdrawal, insisted on remaining and covering the men as they withdrew.

"He collected all the ammunition they had," the observer related, "and began shooting at the Germans. When last seen he was still sitting there, firing away."—Army Times.

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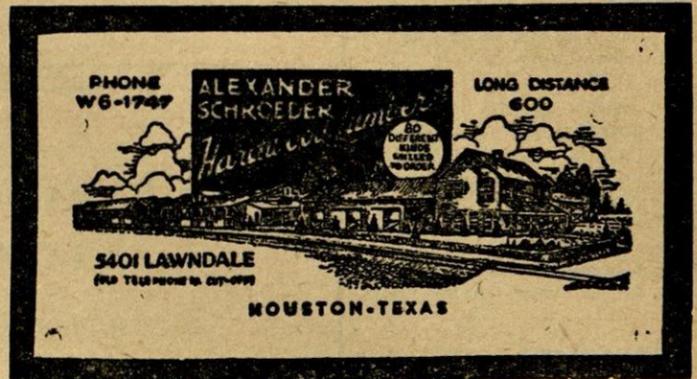
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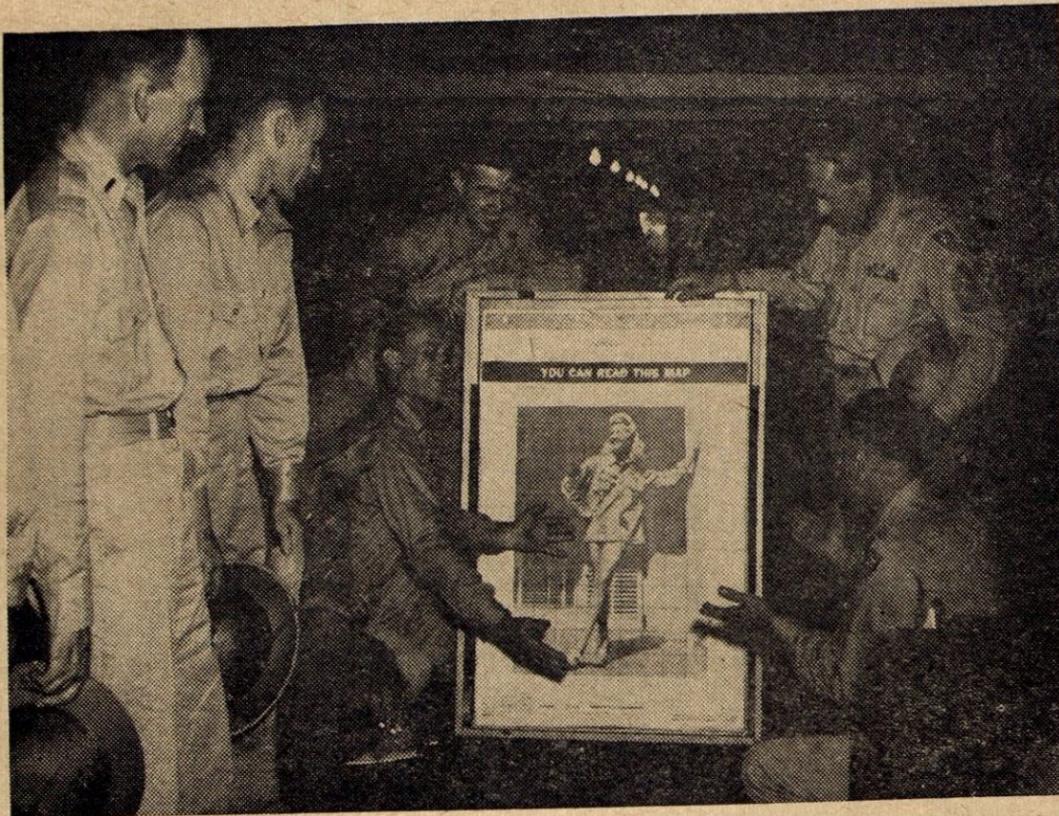
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Soldiers Take Time Out To Admire "Map" Lines



There wasn't much on the light side at the Eighth Service Command's State Guard school at Camp Bullis. Especially lacking was the feminine touch. But these soldiers of the Texas State Guard took time out from a map reading class to admire this "map" which looks surprisingly like Betty Grable. And from here, it seems to us that there are other lines in the picture than the grid lines on maps. The Texas soldiers, left to right, are: Lt. Pat N. Roberts of McKinney, First Sgt. Durward L. Moss of Port Arthur, Lt. Rhyner R. McClellan of Port Arthur, Lt. William B. Boykin of Dallas, Tech. Sgt. Harman H. Burns of Dallas, First Sgt. Gus. A. Heilig Jr. of Dallas and Lt. Joseph E. Pattillo of Lubbock.

RAF Flying Suits Carry Everything But Kitchen Sink

Washington.—The pilot of an RAF bomber had his imagination stimulated by the fact that, on one raid over the jungle, he almost did not get back. He realized that if he had been forced to bail out he could not have kept alive in the jungle.

For the next six months he devoted himself to designing a flying suit that would carry the means of life for a long stay in the jungle. The suit is really a vehicle for a series of pockets, as British Information Services describes it.

The two breast pockets carry cans of food concentrate; under the armpits are pockets for medical supplies; pockets all the way down the front and back carry compasses, maps, cigarettes, a torch, waterproof matches, water sterilizers, thorn-resisting leather elbow gloves; there are places for commando knives, a short bayonette; on the belt is a Gurka kurki. On the flier's back is a collapsible pack containing a haversack, into which all the kit from the pockets can be transferred.

These suits have already been issued to a number of RAF crews on the Burma front.—Army Times.

New Air Insignia

Shoulder insignia of the 20th U. S. Army Air Force, the newest and longest-reaching of American air arms, features a globe background, symbolizing globe-girdling range of the new B-29 Superfortresses with which the unit is equipped. The background is ultramarine blue, marked with white lines. The star is white with a red disc center surrounded by gold annulet and gold wings.

GI: "Beer, please."
Waiter: "Pale?"
GI: "No, just a glass."

General Waits His Time In Barber Line

Headquarters, Panama Canal Department.—A general gave a barber a lesson in democracy here when he refused to buck a haircut line in a tonsorial parlor of the Panama Coast Artillery Command.

Several enlisted men were waiting their turn when Brig. Gen. William C. Christy, chief of staff of the Panama Canal Department, entered the shop.

In a moment a chair was free. The barber ceremoniously dusted it off, polished the enamel and

puffed at imaginary specks of dirt. Then he turned toward General Christy, bowed and beckoned him to be attended.

General Christy smilingly deferred and waved toward the enlisted section. Whereupon Cpl. George R. Stephenson, the next in line, nonchalantly stepped forward and instructed the barber, "Not GI. A little on top, and a little on the side."—Army Times.

No Substitute For American Doughboy

Washington.—"In spite of the wonders of the mechanical age, the

individual soldier is still the most important asset of the Army," says Lt. Col. Robert B. Neely, Field Artillery, who has just returned after having served as operations officer of the 34th Infantry Division with the Fifth Army in Italy.

"There is still no substitute for the doughboy," continued Colonel Neely. "It is he who has to occupy and hold the ground softened up by

the bombers and the field artillery and the tanks, and scientists haven't yet designed a robot to take his place."

Colonel Neely also cited the fact that war has lulls as well as action, and that, after a particularly hard-fought engagement, soldiers are relieved by fresh troops and withdrawn to rear areas for rest and recreation.—Army Times.

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