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The President Speaks

As president of the Texas State Guard Officers Association it is my intention during my tenure of office to speak to you from time to time through the columns of The Guardsman about problems facing the Texas State Guard and to seek the benefit of your suggestions toward solving these problems.

The officers of your association can do no better job than your cooperation makes it possible for them to do. Your problems are our problems and the solution of them will have to come from the coordinated efforts of all of us.

As I see it at the present time, our greatest problems are the recruiting of our battalions to full strength and the equipping of these battalions to do a good job.

Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon keeping your ranks filled. Your adjutant general, Arthur B. Knickerbocker, has been going about the state dinning this message into every ear he can command.

"Let us not wait until we are called upon for action to see that our ranks are filled," he has said. "Let us keep our ranks filled at all times. A Texas State Guard at full strength will serve notice to malcontents that no interference with Texas' war effort or reconversion to peace will be tolerated.

"The Guard will be a preventative instead of a corrective force. And anyone knows that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

A Texas State Guard at full strength, but minus funds for training and equipping its members, would be like turning a heavy-weight boxing champion loose against his opponent, but with his hands tied behind him.

The most important resolution adopted at the October convention of your association urged that the State of Texas provide financial assistance to the Guard in the matter of armory rentals and expenses other than remuneration for service by individuals.

This resolution was not a spur of the moment proposition. It was introduced and adopted unanimously because other state guard organizations over the nation receive such financial assistance, and there is no reason that I can see why the Texas State Guard should not be similarly equipped.

Recently I had a visitor at the Second Battalion Armory—Col. M. D. Johnson of the Illinois Reserve Militia. He told how the State of Illinois appropriates over a million dollars a year for armory rentals, battalions maneuvers, transportation and other expenses.

When informed that Texas battalions paid their own expenses through contributions or solicitation, he simply said "I am amazed."

Recently there appeared in the Houston newspapers a story that spotlights the problem most battalions face—the problems of keeping strength and efficiency at a maximum.

The story told how Lt. Col. Walton B. Killough, commanding the 16th Battalion at Baytown, had requested the commissioners court of Harris County to appropriate at least \$385 a month to "maintain the present strength, standards of effectiveness and efficiency.

"The 16th Battalion is in urgent need of financial assistance if we are to continue our existence. The (See PRESIDENT, Page 16)

Trucks Recently Distributed To Guard



Above are shown 30 army trucks, drawn up at Camp Mabry, before they were recently distributed to Texas State Guard units.

The trucks, ton and a half models, were distributed to areas

designated by the War Department through the Eighth Service Command.

Requisitions for additional rolling stock, which will include other means of transportation in addition to trucks, already have passed through the National

Guard Bureau in Washington.

When these requisitions are approved, the Texas State Guard is expected to have ample rolling stock to facilitate training and cope with any type of emergency that requires fast movement.

California Enlists Famed Ball Player As Public Relations Man For State Guard

To combat a spirit of apparent apathy on the part of the public, the California State Guard has begun a campaign to dispel this feeling and acquaint Californians with the necessity of a state military organization in time of war.

Recently newspapers of the nation carried the news of one step in this program—the enlistment of Walter "Dusty" Mails, former big league pitcher with the Cleveland Indians, as a goodwill ambassador or public relations man for the California Guard.

Mails recently was discharged from the Marine Corps. Before he went into federal service he was public relations man for the San Francisco Seals baseball team and has a wide acquaintance over the state.

At the request of The Guardsman, Brig. Gen. Ray H. Ways, adjutant general of the California State Guard, wrote the following letter to explain Mails' duties and how California is combatting lack



Chaplain Reese Now On Duty In Hawaii

Maj. Gordon Reese, state chaplain of the Texas State Guard, is now carrying on army and navy religious activities for the Episcopal Church in Hawaii.

Major Reese, granted a leave by the State Guard, left Houston for Honolulu November 1, taking with him the station wagon that was such a familiar sight around army and navy installations in Texas.

The Major took along his State Guard uniforms, and Hawaiians now are getting a chance to see a Texas Guardsman in action in that theatre of war.

If the cigarette shortage continues, observes Private Perennial, the time may come when only GIs of the first three grades have the privilege of policing the area for butts.

of interest in the State Guard:

Major Don Hinga, Houston, Texas.
Dear Sir:

Recently we have sensed an apparent apathy on the part of the public insofar as the necessity for a State Guard is concerned. We, who are actually in it, recognize that a State force is necessary whether or not we are engaged in war. It may well be that a State force will become more important after the cessation of hostilities and before the National Guard returns.

In California we have recently secured considerable newspaper publicity emphasizing the necessity of the State Guard, as well as several radio broadcasts.

In order to supplement this, when we learned that Sgt. Walter Mails was being discharged from the U. S. Marines we secured his enlistment in the State Guard as a master sergeant. He is a man that is well and favorably known and initially, at least, we intend to employ him around the San Francisco Bay area.

It is planned to not only benefit by the many personal contacts, but also to have him appear at luncheons, lodge meetings, and other gatherings; in fact, wherever he can secure a group of people who are willing to listen to his message on behalf of the necessity of maintaining an adequate State Guard.

The main effort, initially, is to be made in Alameda County, and in addition to M/Sgt. Mails we have (See CALIFORNIA, Page 16)

Captain Hardesty, We Thank You!

"We consider The Guardsman a very valuable magazine and feel that all who assist in its publication deserve commendation for doing a splendid job," writes Capt. Ercil McK. Hardesty, commanding Company A, 2nd Regiment, West Virginia State Guard, in renewing his subscription to The Guardsman.

Guard Is Urged To Help Legion Training Plan

Battalion commanders of the Texas State Guard have been requested by Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker to cooperate with the American Legion in a state-wide educational campaign in behalf of the Legion's plan for universal military training.

A letter to all battalion commanders urged that "you acquaint your command with the American Legion's activities in this connection and that you cooperate in serving on the committee and attendance at the meeting.

"You are vitally interested in the military future of your state and the military of Texas, you should let your voice be heard."

Three representatives of the American Legion—Lt. Col. S. Perry Brown, Lt. Col. John H. Alvis and Bertram E. Giesecke—on November 28 began a state-wide series of speaking engagements to acquaint Texans with the training plan.

The Plan

The plan is outlined in an editorial written by Capt. Raymond Brooks, Austin newspaperman, in an editorial for the Wichita Falls Record News. The editorial follows:

A state-wide citizens' group is working with the American Legion with colleges, public officials, congressmen and civic and public groups in the formulation of a policy that will provide for future national security through organized and trained reserve forces, and to assure the training of youth in a way to fit in with, rather than disrupt or interfere with higher education.

Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, has declared the policy of future security to be based on a trained and organized reserve, rather than a vast standing army. Incidentally, that is exactly what George Washington wrote down as his own ideal in 1783.

Before the nation now, in exhaustive inquiries of the congressional committee on peace-time military organization, of which Congressmen Lyndon Johnson and Ewing Thomason of Texas are members, is the question of broadening the selective service act into a provision for universal military training of the equivalent of one year.

Basic Principles

The Texas committee sees, as basic principles of such universal training, that the door of opportunity should remain open to every youth who does not attend college to qualify for and reach commission. (See LEGION DRIVE, Page 15)

Guardsman Enjoyed By McCloskey Veterans

Wounded veterans at McCloskey Hospital at Temple recently were sent 50 copies of The Guardsman and, according to Mrs. Esther W. Campbell, field director of the hospital, they got a kick out of reading it.

"On behalf of the patients of McCloskey General Hospital we wish to thank you for sending us 50 copies of your magazine, The Guardsman," Mrs. Campbell writes Maj. S. R. Haggard, managing director.

"The patients enjoy these very much and we are looking forward to receiving them in the future. Thank you so much for your interest in the patients of the hospital."

The 50 copies were sent at the order of the Sabine Towing Company, Port Arthur, Texas.

"One Man Recruiting Bureau" Started Something In Houston

Sgt. Womack's Drive Will Help Guard As A Whole.

Back along about the first of October, Guide Sgt. Morris Womack, Company D, Second Battalion, Houston, pondered over the fact that the ranks of his company were showing gaps here and there and not enough recruits were coming in to keep them filled.

But, unlike a good many of us, Sergeant Womack didn't just sit down and ponder. He went to work.

And as The Guardsman went to press this month, the results of this "One Man Recruiting Bureau" were tabulated in this manner:

The Second Battalion has received over 50 new recruits and there are long lists of first-class prospects.

Wherever football fans listened to Southwest Conference broadcasts, they had dinned into their ears that there IS a Texas State Guard and that it needs recruits to keep its strength normal.

Every battalion in the state has benefited indirectly from Sergeant Womack's drive because he unselfishly did not slant it only toward the Second Battalion, but kept repeating in radio broadcasts, posters, advertisements and dodgers that "there's a Texas State Guard unit in your community."

Battalions in the Houston area, where the impact of the drive was heaviest, report gains in strength and renewed interest in the Guard and its mission of internal security.

Right from the start Sergeant Womack found out that it's the women in a prospect's family who generally keep him from signing up.

"We found that we could sell a man at his office on joining the Guard, but when he got home and tried to sell his wife on the idea, she generally demurred.

"To combat this idea we set up booths in several Houston picture shows, through the courtesy of Interstate Theatres, and equipped them with machine guns, rifles, bayonets, gas masks and other equipment to attract attention.

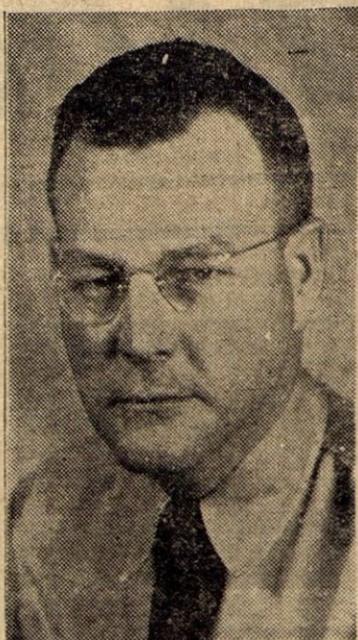
"Then we put our best looking and most alert men on duty at these booths in the evening. We took two men from each of the four companies, gave them pamphlets on the Guard to hand out, and they went to work.

"We found that when a man came out of a show with his wife, both he and she got the vital reasons behind the recruiting drive. We were able to sell her on the spot. We got a lot of recruits and we got a lot more fine prospects. And we got the wife in the right frame of mind and wiped out her misunderstandings and objections to service in the Guard."

Sergeant Womack began his drive by talking to Capt. K. P. Morrison, his company commander, and was told to "go to it."

Devoting every minute he could spare from his legal and oil business, Sergeant Womack soon had radio plugs going on several programs.

Persons who listened to the Martin Agronsky news program, presented by the T. J. Bettes Co. of



SGT. MORRIS WOMACK

Houston, heard about the Guard.

The Fulton Lewis program of the City National Bank also incorporated the Guard plugs in their broadcasts.

The United Gas Company's Scrapbook program in Houston took up the crusade, and so did Krupp & Tuffly Shoe Store on their program. Krupp & Tuffly went further and ran a series of advertisements in Houston papers, calling for recruits.

Grandma added her voice, too. Grandma is a character in the Henke & Pillot Grocery Co. ads, and Grandma told about the Guard and its part in Texas' wartime security.

Sergeant Womack went to the War Advertising Committee, sold them on the need for helping the Guard, and soon all three Houston newspapers were carrying another series of advertisements.

The Sergeant is a past exalted ruler of the Houston Elks, and the Elks News blossomed forth with an appeal to members who were qualified to join up.

One hundred and twenty-five thousand dodgers, explaining the Texas State Guard, went out in the monthly bills of the Houston Lighting & Power Company.

Some 200 posters, 28 by 14 inches in size, were put up in strategic windows in the downtown area of Houston.

The drive coincided with the Southwest Conference football race, and wherever Kern Tips, ace football broadcaster, described a conference game, he put in a plug for the Guard.

"You've given a Texan's part. Now do a Texan's share," Tips urg-

ed in broadcasts that blanketed the Southwest.

And always there was that tag line to help the Guard in general: "There's a Texas State Guard unit in your immediate vicinity."

That thought was carried out in the Light Company dodgers—"See Telephone Company for your nearest Guard Unit."

Sergeant Womack wrote letters to the editors of the three Houston papers and they assigned reporters to write stories about the drive. Not an angle that would publicize the Guard as a whole was overlooked.

During the Armistice Day parade, when picked men were placed in the line of march, along with rolling equipment, Lt. Josh Bailey drove alongside the Guard units in a Second Battalion sound truck, blaring "This Is Your Texas State Guard."

Operation of the sound truck by Lieutenant Bailey was the only active part taken in the drive by a commissioned officer. All the rest of the work was done by non-coms or privates.

Lt. Col. Konken, commanding the Second Battalion, in a letter to the Second, praised the men who worked on the drive, saying "It demonstrated the truth of the old saying, 'There is no limit to the good a man can do, if he doesn't care who gets the credit.'"

What has been done by Sergeant Womack and the men who worked with him can be done by every battalion in the state. And it can be done easier and cheaper than it was done in Houston.

The Sergeant arranged that all the forms and copy for the radio programs, posters, dodgers, etc., be kept intact. Battalions that want to use that material can get it at a fraction of what it cost Sergeant Womack and his men.

For there's not a line on any of the copy that says Second Battalion. It's for the Texas State Guard as a whole.

After his death, Hitler was being shown around hell by Beelzebub. In an endless room where damned souls were ceaselessly turning around and around in their coffins. Said Beelzebub: "These are the liars, they cannot rest even after death, but for eternity turn around like this."

"Isn't Goebbels here?" asked

Hitler. "Goebbels? Certainly he is here. We use him for our electric fan."

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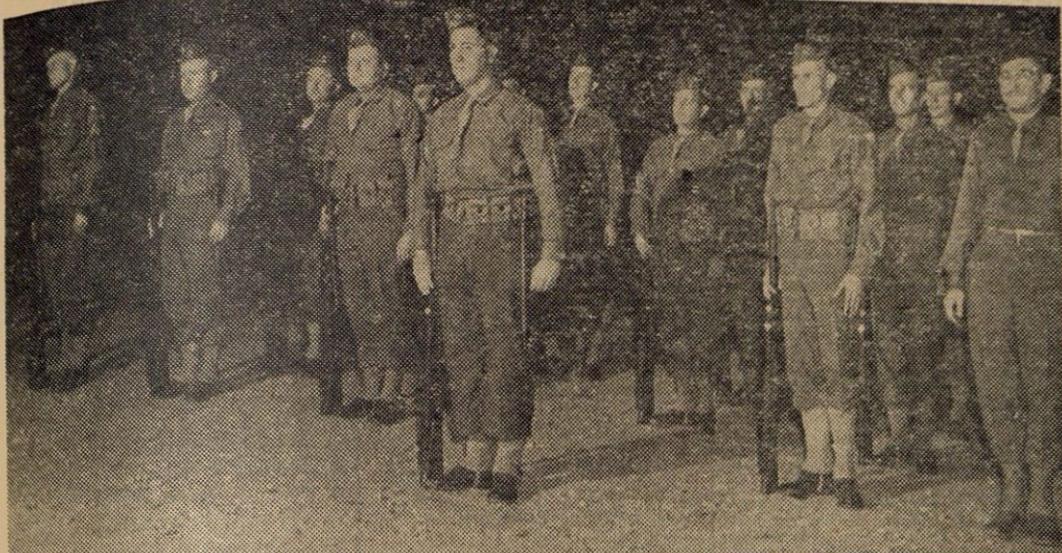
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Winning Platoon In Fort Worth



Top: Platoon of Co. D men who won the title of best drilled platoon in the 27th Battalion, Texas State Guard, in competition with other battalion units Monday night, November 13, at the TSG drill field. Second Lt. John B. Taylor, who led the platoon, is

shown at right. Pfc. Charles L. Warner, who won the O'Grady manual of arms title for his company, is shown center.

Below: Texas State Guard medical corpsmen shown placing a simulated casualty on a litter after rendering first aid for re-

moval to hospital. First Lt. Frederick C. Armstrong, who directed the demonstration, is shown at left. This was one of the events on the program of the competitive drill and demonstration held by the 27th Battalion, TSG, Monday night, November 13, at the drill field.

Platoon From Co. D, 27th, Wins Contest

A crack platoon from Company D, Texas State Guard, Fort Worth, acting under orders from Second Lt. John B. Taylor, won the title of best drilled platoon in the 27th Battalion last night, November 13, on the TSG drill field in competition with other units of the battalion. Capt. Clarence M. Sandel is commander of Company D, which also furnished the winner of the O'Grady manual of arms contest, Pfc. Charles L. Warner.

Cpl. E. A. Brock of Company C won the title of best appearing enlisted man, grade of corporal or below. In the latter two contests, two men were chosen to represent each company and detachment.

Judging in the O'Grady contest was by company officers. This competition puts a premium on fast thinking and alertness as the men only execute those commands which are preceded by "Sgt. O'Grady says." The competition for best appearing enlisted man was keen, and every minute detail of dress was checked before Corporal Brock was judged the winner. Judges were Lt. Col. Marshall H. Kennady, 27th Battalion commander; Capt. Orsen E. Paxton, Jr., who planned and announced the events, and Maj. Richard B. Boyle, battalion executive officer.

Demonstrations presented for an interested group of spectators, including a number of prospective recruits, were as follows:

1. Machine gun drill with orders and description by Capt. Jack F. Massengale. A heavy weapons platoon from Company B illustrated how a machine gun is set up and readied for action in the field.
2. Litter Drill, medical detachment men acting under orders of First Lt. Frederick C. Armstrong, showed how a field casualty is given first aid and removed to the hospital.
3. Extended Order, a squad of Company F men gave an excellent demonstration of the open and

closed squad column under orders by First Lt. John Paxton.

4. Riot Formations, Companies A and E acting under orders of Second Lt. H. J. Brewington and Second Lt. Lon D. Harris, showed how to disperse a mob by use of wedge and diagonal formations.

5. The TSG Drum and Bugle Corps, under command of Lt. Kenneth O. Vaughn, furnished field music.

Moe: "I've got to go to the Dental Clinic today. Do you know if the dentist is a careful worker?"

Joe: "Sure. He filled my teeth with great pains."

"I tell you I won't have this room!" protested the old lady to the bellboy who was conducting her. "I'm not going to pay good money for a closet with a folding bed. If you think that just because I'm from the country—"

"Get in, lady, get in," the boy cut in wearily. "This isn't your room. This is the elevator."

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Being First Sergeant Natural To This Wac

Fort Sill, Okla.—It probably was not any surprise when Sgt. Bobbie Wells, first sergeant of the Wac detachment of the Field Artillery School, wrote home and told the folks about her job. She comes from a family of first sergeants.

Here is the score: First Sergeant Wells' husband is First Sergeant Mancel J. Wells, a field artilleryman with 18 years' service; a brother is First Sergeant Homer H. Dees, a combat engineer with 15 years' service, and another brother is First Sergeant W. H. Dees, now overseas, who has been in the army two and a half years.

Pvt.: "You say Helen is very photogenic?"

Pfc.: "Yeah, all I get from her are negatives."

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Sergeant Rigs Up Aids To Cook On Bougainville Isle

With the American Division on Bougainville.—S./Sgt. Robert W. Clarke, of New Bedford, Mass., member of an artillery battery, has used his inventive instincts to cut down the work of the battery KPs, especially along the potato-peeling and flour-mixing line.

When Clarke first hit Bougainville in January, 1944, he acquired a small half-horsepower motor from a local Seabee battalion, made a plywood wheel and driving belt. With the aid of a few gears borrowed from an Ordnance unit, Clarke put together a mechanical KP which mixes pancake batter, cake flour, mashes potatoes and beats dehydrated eggs to a fluff.

Needless to say, the men of the battery welcome Sergeant Clarke's inventive abilities and would like for him to work out a gadget which would eliminate KP from the duties of the Army.

Prior to his induction into the Army in March, 1941, at Camp Edwards, Mass., Clarke worked as a tool maker. He was graduated from the New Bedford Textile School in 1939. Clarke has served overseas for 29 months on Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Fiji, New Caledonia, and Australia.—Army Times.

"Is Joe a careless driver?"

"I'll say he is. I never go riding with him but we get in a tight squeeze."

A British officer was arguing with an American officer as to which army had the better discipline.

As the American was talking one of his men came in.

"Cap," said the private, "can I have your jeep tonight? I've got to take out my girl."

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Paris.—An indication that the German Luftwaffe is short of bombs, as well as gas and oil, is given in the fact that concrete blocks have been dropped on American airfields in Eastern France.

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The 18th Battalion Of Beaumont In Action



The pictures on this page show the 18th Battalion, Texas State Guard, Beaumont, in action on recent maneuvers.

Top left: Setting up equipment on the parade grounds.

Top right: A mass swearing-in ceremony after one of the recruit drives. Capt. Lee O. Smith officiating.

Inset: Lt. Col. Fred Stone, commander of the 18th. Colonel Stone is the mayor of Beaumont—the most popular mayor the city has ever had, and the best commanding officer in the world—ask any member of the 18th Battalion.

Center left: Lt. Col. Stone, commander of the 18th Battalion, Beaumont, and Lt. Lawrence of Headquarters contacting other units by radio on a recent maneuver.

Second from top right: Medical detachment assisted by AWVS administering first aid to a casualty.

Bottom left: Company A, 18th Battalion, Beaumont, Texas, posting the guard at dusk during a recent maneuvers.

The pictures at bottom right show men marching and action in the maneuver area.

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Banister Boys Putting On Brother Act Their Father And Uncle Did In France In World War I

Captain John R. Banister, III, of Austin, son of Col. John R. Banister and nephew of Col. Neill Banister, chief of staff to Brig. Gen. Arthur B. Knickerbocker, adjutant general of the Texas State Guard, has received the Legion of Merit award for heroism with the Seventh Army in Southern France.

The award, which he added to the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, for valiant service in the North African and Italian campaigns, came after he volunteered for a perilous mission over the enemy lines.

The citation reads: "In order to insure the prompt delivery and receipt of information to adjacent units and act as aerial reconnaissance en route, Captain Banister volunteered to perform these missions in a cub plane.

"He made his flights over enemy territory, landed on uncharted strips of ground and was in constant danger of enemy aircraft. Due to his superior skill these flights were made without mishap.

"Information gathered from these missions not only proved invaluable in the planning and successful executions of the missions assigned to the combat command, but was of great value to the higher headquarters."

The dry phraseology of citation does not give a very clear picture of how these pilots of cub planes work. Wick Fowler, Dallas News war correspondent with the Seventh Army, throws more light on the subject.

"Their toughest task," Fowler writes, "was during the days of the Anzio beachhead when German fighters, flak and artillery lanes were a constant hazard.

"Captain Banister almost got his there, and one cub did run head on into an artillery shell aimed at a distant target.

"We were jumped by three Messerschmitts," Captain Banister told Fowler. "My patrol saw them first and went into a steep dive. I didn't wait for any confirmation and dove with them. I headed for the deck and turned the ship on one wing and then on another to see what was going on, but that cost me speed and that's something when you can't do more than 65 or 70.

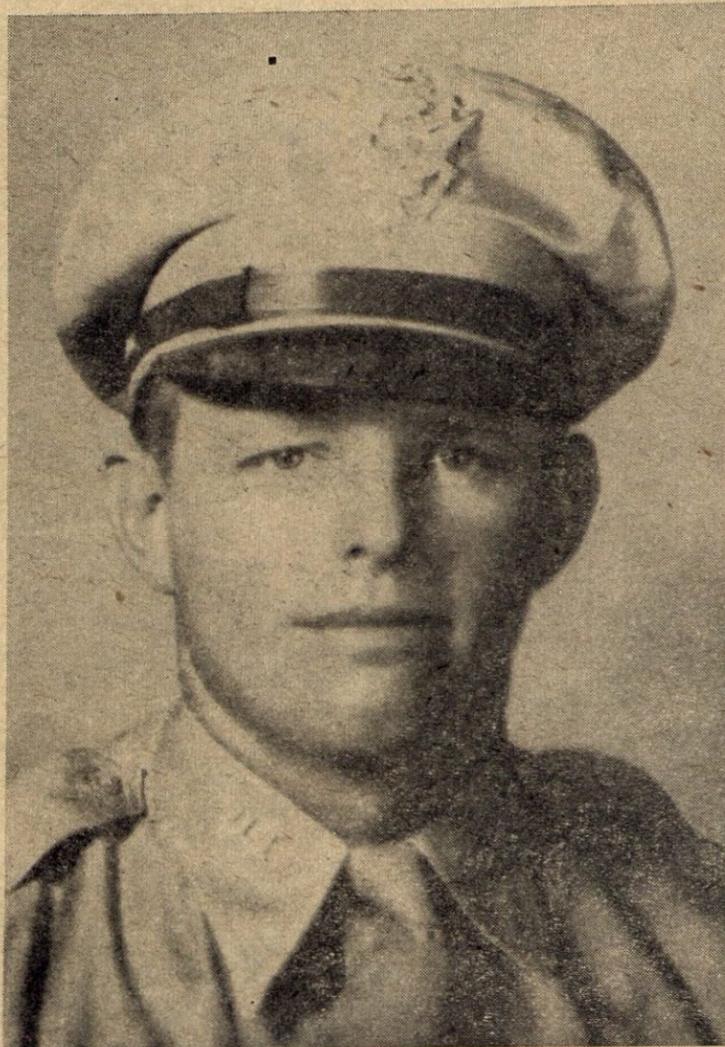
"One made a pass at me and missed. Then another came in and one of our anti-aircraft guns exploded him. The other made a pass and scampered off."

Captain Banister graduated from A. & M. in 1924 and landed in North Africa on November 6, 1943. He has a brother, Lt. Billy Neill Banister, who is piloting a B-24 somewhere in France.

The Banister boys' "brother act" is a strange parallel to the same kind of an act their father and uncle put on in France during World War I. Colonels John and Neill were captains of infantry and saw service in France a quarter of a century ago.

Col. John Banister was chosen

Cited For Bravery



Captain John Banister, III, recently awarded the Legion of Merit for heroism with the Seventh Army in France. He already had won the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters for service in the North African and Italian campaigns.

by the governor through Adjutant General J. Watt Page to organize a military force in Texas when the Texas National Guard was called into federal service. He now is serving as Deputy State Director of Selective Service. When Colonel John went to his post in selective service, Colonel Neill was called to active duty to serve as assistant adjutant general.

The Banister boys come to their warlike activities naturally. Their grandfather, Col. John R. Banister, Sr., was one of the Texas Rangers who captured the outlaw, Sam Bass, at Round Rock and fought many brushes with Indians and outlaws throughout Western Texas and on the Mexican border from 1876 to 1879.

Holding the lovely creature close to him, he whispered softly in her shell-like ear: "Darling, I love you as no one ever loved you before." "I can't see much difference," she replied.

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With the U. S. Forces in France. Sign painters of an engineer camouflage battalion somewhere in France calculate that they have painted more than 15,000 signs of all types since D-Day, but they are proudest of a sign they have just "cooked up to see how it looks."

The sign, which the sign painters hope will soon be on display—officially—reads, "BERLIN—OFF LIMITS TO ALL TROOPS." Not that they enjoy painting "Off Limits" signs, say the sign painters, but they like the idea behind it, and they think that painting it now may bring good luck.

Sgt. Carl G. Schubert of 4742 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Ill., who painted the sign, and bosses the sign painting shop, has both American soldiers and French civilians working for him. He explains his Berlin sign this way: "Ever since D-Day we've been painting "Off Limits" signs for va-

rious cities in France. And we always get the order a week or 10 days before the city actually falls into our hands. I figured that perhaps if I beat them to the order on the Berlin sign, something might happen quickly to maintain our record."—Army Times.

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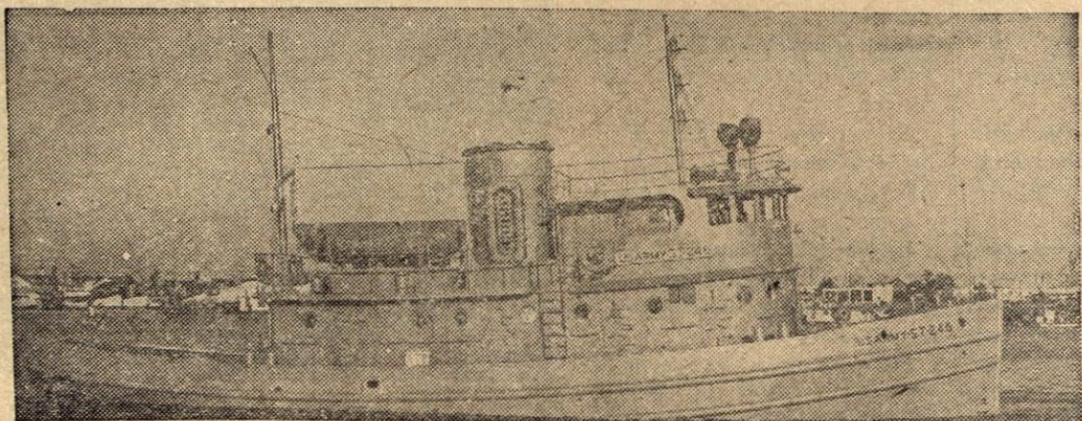
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New York.—Military forces capable of dealing with a Japanese army of at least 4,000,000 will be needed to win the war in the Pacific, Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson told the Bar Association here. But he gave renewed assurance that American soldiers will not be kept in the Army longer than necessary.

Predicting that Japan will continue to fight long after Germany surrenders, Mr. Patterson said the Japs now have 4,000,000 men in uniform and are calling up an additional 1,000,000 youths in the 17- and 18-year group.

"That Japanese army will be destroyed," he said. "But that will come only by a three-way attack—land, sea and air—in the greatest strength we can deliver. There will be no final victory until we can put ashore, supply and reinforce infantry, artillery and tanks strong enough to destroy the ground forces of Japan. We must be organized to battle our way to the heart of this country against a fanatical foe firmly dug in and ready to fight to the death.

"We will require an army large enough to do this job," Mr. Patterson continued. "However, we will release men from service as fast as military operations will permit. On that our policy is plain and has been all along. We will not keep in service one man more than we need to carry out our military responsibility in winning the war. No contrary suggestion has ever been made by any one with authority to speak on the subject."—Army Times.

GI's Make Swing Band From Their Scrap Heap

Longview—Capt. Carl C. Carrico, Medical Corps, who recently joined the staff of Harmon General Hospital here, tells of his musical Medical Clearing Unit in Sicily which concocted a swing band out of scraps and held jam sessions behind the lines during off-duty hours to entertain patients in hospitals and troops in rest camps.

A washtub pierced with a three-foot pole and strung with leather laces served as a bull fiddle. The mandolin was made from a "K" ration box with real wires from a wrecked piano. A duplicate of this instrument was made into a violin by the addition of a bow—a stick strung with hairs pulled from a horse's tail.

No band being complete without a drum, a five-gallon gasoline can was filled with sand until the proper depth "boom" was obtained.

The accordion presented a problem, but the medical soldiers borrowed a real "squeeze box" from an officer.

"Snagged!!"

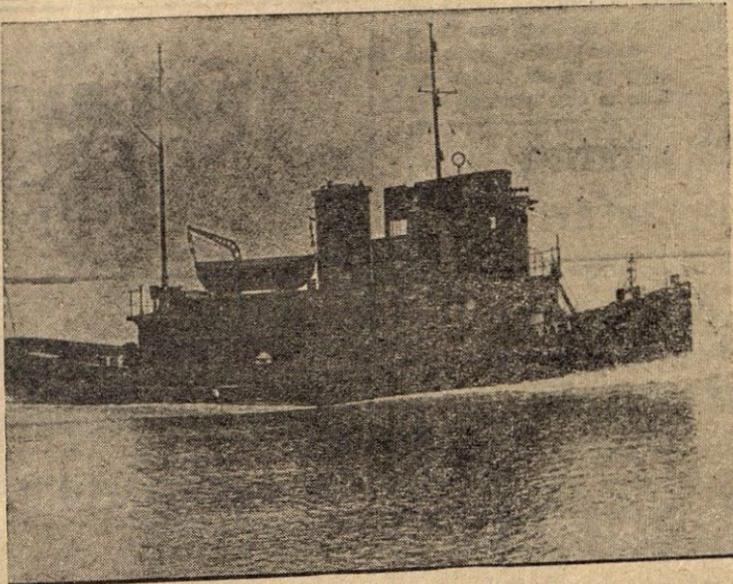


One of the occupational hazards of surf fishing is illustrated here by Miss Theda Rae Corley, a student of Port Arthur College, as she gives a lesson in how not to go casting for the wily sea bass. A swinging hook can land in some dangerous places as Miss Corley shows.

Lt.: "Now, private, if you stood with your back to the north, and facing south, what would be on your left hand?"

Pvt.: "Fingers."

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Four Close Shaves, Just One Scratch

With the Third Infantry, France. Close doesn't count—not for the Krauts who take shots at Staff Sgt. Walter J. Harris, Huntsville, Mo., but the sergeant is getting a big kick out of counting the close ones he has had.

To date, the sergeant's score is four: once through his pant leg, once through his shirt sleeve, one that scratched the jaw and the one that sheared the point off a pen he was carrying in his shirt pocket and neatly severed the bottom dog tag from its chain before passing harmlessly on its way.

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Family Sacrifices To Be Relieved By War Department

Washington.—In recognition of the sacrifice and contribution made by a family which has lost two or more and has only one surviving, the War Department has approved a policy of returning to or retaining in the continental United States the sole surviving son of a family in cases where two or more sons have been lost, except where the surviving son is engaged in non-hazardous duty overseas.

Sympathetic consideration will be given to every application in cases of families who have lost two or more sons and have only one surviving for return of the survivor to this country for duty here or for discharge from the Army, if the circumstances warrant. However, each case will be decided upon its individual merits.

In all cases of extreme hardship arising from family circumstances the Army has in the past cooperated to provide relief from active duty or discharge if the complaint has been found to have merit upon investigation. The plan of removing men from the hazards of combat activity is an extension of this policy.—Army Times.

7TH BATTALION PROMOTIONS

Promotions have been approved for two members of the Texas State Guard, 7th Battalion at Houston. Master Sgt. Douglas Weldon Sandberg was promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant, Infantry, TSG, and assigned to duty as Adjutant and Commanding Officer, Headquarters Detachment. Pfc. Harold Lionel Stern was promoted to the grade of First Lieutenant, Infantry, TSG, and assigned to duty as Assistant Supply and Transportation Officer, Service Detachment.

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Three Dallas Battalions Stage Armistice Day Parade



The scenes above show the three Dallas battalions, the 29th, 35th and 51st, on parade on Armistice Day. The picture at the top left is of the color guard of the 35th Battalion. At top right Company C of the 51st Battalion marching before the reviewing stand. At bottom left is the State Guard band for the Dallas area, and at bottom right Company A of the 29th Battalion marches. Dallas fourth battalion, the 19th, assisted in handling crowds along the streets during the parade.

officers on a previous evening. At the conclusion of the meeting, the officers had risen for the customary salute to Adolf Hitler. It was the last salute for the captain.—Army Times.

Sgt.: "Where did you get that black eye?"

Cpl.: "I went to a dance and was struck by the beauty of the place."

Million Troops Given Honorable Discharges By U. S.

Washington.—A total of 1,000,000 men have left the Army through honorable discharges from the beginning of the war through August 31, 1944, the War Department reports. Of these 19,000 were officers.

The total deaths (battle and non-battle) have been over 104,000, of which 20,000 were officers. The prisoners of war and missing total, 104,023, over 20,000 of these being officers. There have been other "separations" of 187,000, among which were numbered 4000 officers.

This builds up a total of 1,373,023 "losses" to the Army, of which over 63,000 were officers.

These figures, the War Department notes, do not include discharges of enlisted men to accept commissions in the Army. The "separations" include men who were placed on an inactive status, personnel given discharges other than honorable, retirements of regular army personnel, and other miscellaneous cases.

French Pay Honor With Prize Doll

With U. S. Forces in France.—In a pageant that was as rich in color as in sincerity, the people of the little Breton village of Pont L'Abbe recently expressed their friendship for their American allies in a unique manner.

The village, hidden away in a remote corner of southwest Brittany, is world-famous for the beautiful costumed dolls which it creates. For four years, like the rest of France, it has suffered under the German oppression. Free again, the people of Pont L'Abbe have produced their masterpiece of doll-making and have presented it to General Eisenhower, "for the children of America."

Lt. Richard P. Haven, who received the doll in behalf of General Eisenhower, is a member of the Army Exchange Service. He has spent many weeks traveling through Brittany, buying the arts and crafts of the people. His work has a double object—to stimulate native industries that had died out under the German occupation and to provide American soldiers with worthwhile souvenirs of their "visit" to France.

In once-gay Vienna a new series of stamps were issued recently, showing the heads of Hitler and Goering.

"These stamps don't stick," complained a mail handler.

"They'll stick all right," said the other. "The trouble is people insist on spitting on the wrong side."

He Saluted Fuehrer Just Once Too Often

With the Third Division of the Seventh Army in France.—A German captain saluted der Fuehrer once too often. While his outstretched arm was raised aloft, an American artillery shell, crashing through the building, took it off at the shoulder.

This information was gathered by Pvt. Ngai Foon of New York City when soldiers of the Third Division, of which he is a member, occupied a farmhouse in France recently.

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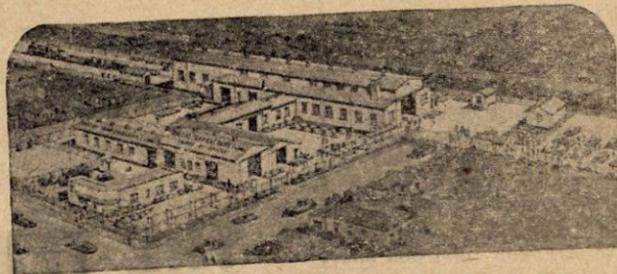
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"Billy" is not finicky about his food, and enjoys K ration, C ration, hash or stew, or whatever the tankers have to eat. When bullets and shrapnel are flying, "Billy" crawls under the turret, where he stays until things quiet down.

During rest periods he crows at 6:30 each morning to get the men up for chow.

Dallas Company Celebrates Birthday



Above is shown personnel of Company D, 51st Battalion, at Dallas, which recently celebrated its second anniversary.

Co. D Of 51st Celebrates Anniversary

Company D, 51st Battalion, Dallas, celebrated its second anniversary drill October 12 by again assuming its full strength status of three officers and 71 enlisted men.

One fine Sunday afternoon two years ago that same week Major (now Lt. Col.) Thomas J. Gahagan came up from Austin and personally inducted about 75 new recruits who were to make up Company D in the 51st Battalion, which was being formed at that time. Within a few weeks up to 135 men enlisted in the unit, but as in any other organization the "joiners" and excitement seekers dropped out as the outfit got down to serious training. The first officers were Capt. Vernon D. Singleton, First Lt. Wm. J. Bryan, and Second Lt. Gene Wallace.

Equipment was at a premium at that time, but as Company D enlisted a great number of men who had served in R. O. T. C. and National Guard units in their school days, the company shaped up rapidly. All of the top ranks of the company are now held by these charter non-coms who have come up through the ranks after getting their first promotion by taking a stiff test given by the company commander. Captain Roy G. Pender, who enlisted as a private that Sunday afternoon, is now company commander, and First Lt. Wm. B. Griffeth and Second Lt. W. B. Post are the junior officers. First Sgt. Clarence Gardner, Staff Sgts. Donald H. Cameron, Roy A. Langston, Tom King, Franklin Hamilton and Ed Lambert are the top non-coms.

Since its organization the unit has perfected a five-station field telephone section with 13,000 feet of wire, and later turned it over intact with its section chief, Sgt. T. L. Wood, to the Battalion Headquarters, as it was better fitted to serve the whole battalion. A complete blinker system of communication has also been perfected. Company D was one of the few rifle companies in the state to equip itself with slings and bayonets on the shotguns that preceded the present Enfield rifle now in use. All but eleven of its members have been qualified in rifle marksmanship, having trained both with the small bore and 30 caliber. Thirteen representatives have attended Camp Bullis for specialized training in the last two years. The company commander was successful in sending six non-coms to this year's camp by substituting for other

units. The unit led all other rifle companies in the state in attendance in the last Guardsman tabulation and has been in a high place for the past year.

The draft caused the unit to lose over 35 men to the regular service of the U. S., but the loss was offset by the fact that a great number of the men received a direct benefit by this previous training and secured a number of commissioned and non-commissioned ratings within a few months. By constant recruiting the loss has gradually been overcome and full strength again gained.

Captain Pender, who was a company commander in both high school and college R. O. T. C. units and served in Dallas National Guard units, attributes the fine spirit and high morale of the unit to the high type of personnel who make up the unit. Business executives, public office holders, service club leaders and leading churchmen help to make up the unit an outfit where the finest associations can be had.

Company D works continually to keep itself ready for any need the Dallas or other state areas may find it necessary for it and the 51st Battalion to fill. Its motto: "Be ready to go into action."

New Bazooka Made For Field Artillery

Bridgeport, Conn.—General Electric reveals in an announcement that a new type of bazooka has been designed by the company for the field artillery.

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50th Battalion Company Has Busy Month

By SGT. J. T. STARKS
Co. D, 50th Battalion.

Company D, 50th Battalion was inspected on October 16 and passed with flying colors. The official report has not been received as yet, but Company D had 49 men present. After inspection, coffee and doughnuts were served.

Recently a battalion of R.O.T.C. was organized in the Texas schools of Texarkana. Many members of Company D are members, including one major, two captains, two or three lieutenants and several sergeants.

On November 11 a parade was held in Texarkana in observance of Armistice Day. Companies C and D marched in the parade.

Company D has been working hard on the new riot formations this month. After going over the formations in non-com school and a few minutes practice, the men really have been doing swell.

Captain Alverson announced some time ago that he would like for the members of Company D who could do so to go squirrel hunting some week-end soon. The squirrels are to be used to make a muligan and be served to the men.

Many men of Company D are sporting service ribbons now, and others are to receive theirs soon. Those who have them now are Captain Alverson, Lieutenants Collyer and Hardin, Sergeants Starkes, Turner, Rice, Keasler, Corporals Tanner, Kressenburg, and Private Bonham.

On November 5, Lt. Hardin took approximately twenty men to the rifle range. Machine guns as well as rifles were fired. The men were served at the rifle range after they completed firing.

These promotions were made in October: Sgt. Garner from corporal to sergeant; T/4 Pearson from private to T/4; Cpl. Tanner from private to corporal; Pfc. Woodall from private to private first class; T/5 Thornton from private first class to T/5.

PROMOTIONS 27TH BATTALION

Maj. Marshall H. Kennady, to Lieutenant Colonel, effective November 3, 1944. Colonel Kennady is commander of the 27th Battalion and one of the pioneers in the organization when it was organized November, 1940.

Capt. R. B. Boyle to Major, effective November 8, 1944. Major Boyle is executive officer of the 27th Battalion.

These promotions by order of the Adjutant General.

Lt. Col. Burgess Rides Out Norther To Bring Cycle Home



Lt. Col. Glenn Burgess, commanding the Third Battalion at Alpine, shows how he came home from the officers' association convention at Austin astride a State Guard motorcycle. His wife snapped the photo.

Back in 1929 and '30 Maj. Glenn Burgess, Third Battalion, and his roommate handled a 26-mile paper route in Austin while they were attending the University. These papers were delivered by motorcycle. Burgess states that he never became a fancy rider, but after several spills that were not serious he learned to respect a motorcycle and learned to ride it with safety.

Sunday afternoons were spent exploring the hills west of Austin and following out trails in the ranch country. After leaving the University in 1930 Burgess never had an opportunity to ride one again until Col. Sydney Mason announced that every battalion in Texas State Guard was to receive a motorcycle and that the Adjutant General preferred that these motorcycles be delivered to Camp Howze at Gainesville.

After looking around his battalion headquarters Burgess found that he was the most experienced motorcycle rider in the group and

announced to Colonel Mason he would ride the machine back from Gainesville. Much to the surprise of Colonel Mason he showed up in Austin at the annual meeting of the State Guard officers and rode with Capt. John Kokernot to Gainesville.

After a heavy rain the long trip to Alpine was started and the 568 miles was made without any trouble except a stiff 'norther' was encountered and frosting weather at Abilene caused considerable discomfort and cold.

Out in the Third Battalion district if each company is visited once a month by the battalion commander, he has covered 525 miles. Burgess has practically worn out his automobile visiting these companies, and with the promotion mak-

ing him a lieutenant colonel on November 7, he is wondering if it is beneath the dignity of a lieutenant colonel to visit his companies on a motorcycle. However, Burgess refuses to visit one of his companies by the motorcycle route. Company C at Terlingua is 86 miles from Alpine over rough, unimproved, mountain roads.

Two members from each of the Headquarters Detachments are being taught to ride.

"What do you know about your ancistors, Mrs. Kelly?" asked Mrs. O'Brien.

"An' what's ancistors?"

"Why, people you sprung from."

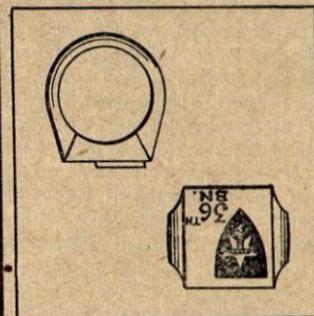
"Listen to me, Mrs. OB'rien," said Mrs. Kelly, "I come from the rare stock av Donahues that spring from nobody. They spring at thim!"

4000 Wounded Flown To U. S. Each Month

Washington—C-54s of the Air Transport Command are now flying combat casualties home to the United States at the rate of 4,000 a month, about 40 per cent of all casualties returning from overseas.

Latest figures in air evacuation were disclosed by Maj. Gen. David N. W. Grant, the Air Surgeon of the Army Air Forces.

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Former Guardsman, Now In France, Lauds Infantry

Words of high praise for the infantry comes from the western front of Europe in a letter from First Lt. Sidney C. Bulla, who was a sergeant in the 48th Battalion, Texas State Guard, Houston, when he enlisted in the anti-aircraft.

Lieutenant Bulla was among the first to land in Normandy and has been in action in the push clear across France. The editors of The Guardsman print his letter for the interest it may have as a message from a former Guardsman who is seeing real action in the war:

Holland, Sunday, Oct. 8.

Would you be interested to know where I am now? But that must come later. I just want you to know that, whatever you may hear or read, we have met the Hun and beaten him—and we are beating him now. Wherever he tries to stand, he will be beaten. And he will be beaten by this outfit, which has proved itself many times to be the best in the whole damn army.

I am very proud, and always will be, that as long as there was fighting to be done, I was a part of this special unit. There are many things I cannot tell you until later, but you know what outfit I am with

and will perhaps understand some of the things I tell you because—from childhood—you have known the sort of boys who make it up. They are "our kind" of folks.

Germans Know This Outfit

The Germans, too, know this outfit—much to their regret. They have met us many times. We are "old friends" now and it is the literal truth now that when the Jerries find we are on their front, they reinforce the sector because they know what is coming. Call it veterans, or what you will. But there are about three divisions over here that have carried the brunt of the load from the beginning. And now they are so good, they will not replace them with others. So, while we are tired and should have been relieved long ago, we are proud to know that it is we who have been selected for the big job. And, as usual, the job is being done.

All of this brings me to the real point of this letter. For a long, long time I have intended to tell you of the real hero of this war. For one reason or another I have not gotten around to it until now. It is possible that, reading the paper, you have gained the impression that it is the tank, or the air corps, or perhaps the parachutists who are winning this war. All of these do their part, as we try to do ours.

Mud And Blood And Cold

But the man who is winning the war—quietly dying without fanfare or medals—is the infantry soldier. Say a little prayer for these kids when you go to bed at night. No one goes into battle with the knowledge of death as certain as they. No one lives, uncomplaining, in the horrible nightmares of mud and blood and cold as do they. No one drives endlessly onward without food and without sleep as do they.

Did you ever see a walking ghost? Their eyes are glassy, their cheeks are sunken, their lips are blue. It has been so long since they have known soap and water that their skin is encrusted with filth and sometimes the dried blood of small, ignored wounds.

I have seen them plodding down the roads in two long silent lines, one on either side. Everything they have is on their backs. They have walked perhaps 25 or 30 miles that day. Many are limping from an injured foot. Riding between these columns in a jeep I have often been ashamed. So ashamed that I wanted to get out and walk with them.

There is hardly any use in talking to them. They have seen so much, suffered so much, that no one can talk to them who has not done the same. It would be amusing to see these men talk to someone in the air corps who flies home each night to a hot meal and a soft bed.

They Do Not Complain

And yet, they are not jealous. They do not complain. They have a high respect for the artillery and the help it gives them, and they

Texan Commands



Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, a Texan, is commander of the U. S. Ninth Army, recently revealed in action against the Germans on the western front north of Aachen.

A native Texan, "Texas Bill" Simpson commanded the U. S. Ninth Army which, after two months of silence, sprang into action against the German defenses on the Dutch frontier.

Simpson, from Weatherford, Texas, commanded Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, at the outbreak of the war, and later was assistant commander of the Second Division at Fort Sam Houston. In the first world war he was chief of staff of the 33rd Division.

His mother, Mrs Elizabeth Simpson, resides between Weatherford and Aledo.

An insurance paper states that for every man 85 years old there are seven women—but it's too late then.

think we have it tough! I have seen these men go into battle. Walking calmly up a road, when they know that certain death for two out of three lies 150 yards ahead. I know of many units which have come out of battle with only a few dozen men and perhaps no officers.

I talked with one the other day. He looked to be about 45. He told me he would be 23 next month. His outfit had been surrounded for days. But they wouldn't surrender. And when help finally came, there was only a handful left. Yeah, it was pretty tough, he guessed. But he wished they would hurry and let them take a crack at the Siegfried Line! He got the jimmies sitting around.

Get Jimmies Sitting Around

They get the jimmies sitting around. You can always tell a veteran because he has a nervous twitch, especially when a German shell lands near by. They don't like artillery shelling. Right on the front line the shells go over their heads and that's the way they want it. But they don't have a nervous twitch when they get on the move. They act swiftly and surely at a business they know all about. They like to go in close to the Jerries—because the Jerries don't like bayonets.

Well, I guess maybe it's hard to explain. Probably no one will ever understand except the guys who have been here. But while they're passing out the medals and the praise, you might keep in mind that, if it wasn't for the infantry, we would be sitting out in the English Channel about now.

30,000 Furloughs Per Month Limit, War Dept. Rules

Washington.—That there can be no substantial increase in the approximate total of 30,000 men returning monthly from overseas if the Army is to continue to press the war "vigorously to an early conclusion," according to a statement by the War Department.

The report, prepared as a result of increasing requests for furloughs for men serving abroad, was submitted Monday to the House Military Affairs Committee.

To permit the return of even 30,000 men monthly, the Department said, "we must immobilize four to seven times this number, or the equivalent of eight to 14 divisions. For every man that we add to this number being returned, the Army would lose the effective service of from four to seven additional soldiers."

Selection of individuals to be returned under the quotas assigned to overseas commanders, the report

explained, is "the sole responsibility of the authorities in the theater." Determination is based on local conditions, with consideration given to the length of service of each individual, his value to his unit and the morale of the individuals in the unit, including the extent of rebuilding of mind and body required.

"In no instance," the Department said, "can a soldier be assured that he will be returned as soon as he has served for a stated time," and the War Department cannot justifiably initiate action looking to the return of any specific individual through the operation of these procedures."

Reduction in the size of our forces in areas where further threats from the enemy are not anticipated has permitted the return of some men. Others are being sent back to this country on temporary duty for a rest period, after which they are returned overseas.—Army Times.

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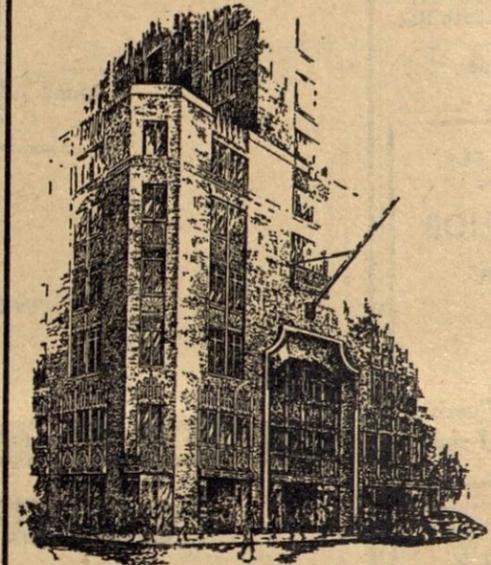
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Fifth Battalion's Armistice Day Parade



Top left: Memories were recalled by many of the marching Guardsmen in Company A, 5th Battalion, Austin, who served in World War I of the huge Armistice Day parade 24 years ago. When some 20,000 troops, university students and citizens paraded down Congress Avenue. Capt. Carl Hardin leads his company up Congress Avenue.

Austin as the various sections of the huge Armistice Day parade winds up Congress Avenue.

Below right: Lt. Col. Weldon Swenson, commanding the 5th Battalion, followed by his staff, heads the parade.

Below left: Taps blown by an American Legion bugler at 11 a. m. Tuesday, November 11, rings down Congress Avenue and the Guardsmen of the 5th Battalion present arms as the officers snap to salute.

Top right: Awaiting the signal for the start of the parade is the color guard of the 5th Battalion. Center left: High ranking army officers, including Brig. Gen. Arthur Knickerbocker, state and city officials, line the balcony of the Stephen F. Austin hotel in

New Transport Can Carry Ten Tons And Fifty Men

New York.—Details on the new Fairchild C82 transport and freight carrier, which is one of the new planes now in production for use in the Pacific war, were released by the Fairchild company, under War Department permission.

To be called the Fairchild "Packet," the new ship is in the 50,000-pound class, with a range of 3500 miles, which indicates that it can land better than 10 tons on virtually any landing strip in the Pacific theater.

Under its high wing the new ship carries an almost square fuselage with dimensions almost equal to a small railroad box car. Two Pratt & Whitney 2100-horsepower engines are installed at the front of tail booms that carry the empennage well to the rear of the stern of the fuselage. This stern sections opens laterally to the full width and height of the cargo compartment, with its floor at standard truck level when on the ground, thus making rear loading convenient. Tanks, field pieces and other heavy equipment can be hauled directly into place from a truck or to be winched up a ramp. Unloading will be similarly easy.

The plane is also equipped to carry passengers and to tow gliders. With the indicated load it

should carry at least 50 fully equipped airborne troops.

The entire production of the Fairchild plant at Hagerstown, Md., including a new assembly building, is to be utilized for the new Packet, indicating what the Army thinks of its possibilities as a weapon for the Pacific operations. A spokesman for the company stated that it had not yet been possible to compute the cost of the plane to the Army since its development had been so rapid since the design was laid down two years ago. It is understood, however, that the company has already been asked for specifications for passenger and cargo use over long distances for peacetime operations. Fairchild engineers estimate that the plane will carry as many as 76 passengers by day and 30 by night in upper and lower berths on each side of the aisle. As a luxury liner, it would carry 50 passengers in reclining chairs. Conversion for freight use would be possible by the removal of such chairs in less than an hour.—Army Times.

A discussion in the barracks the other night swung to girls. "I like the shy, demure type, myself," said a buck sergeant. "You know—the kind you have to whistle at twice."

Rules Of Eligibility On Combat Badge Relaxed By Army

Washington.—A number of combat soldiers' pay envelopes will contain extra dollars as soon as commanding officers get around to awarding Combat Infantryman badges for "satisfactory" instead of "exemplary" performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy.

Changes in the methods of establishing qualifications for Expert and Combat Infantryman badges are contained in War Department Circular 408.

The Expert badge was formerly awarded for attaining the standards of proficiency established by the War Department or satisfactory performance of duty in action against the enemy.

Under the new ruling the badge will be awarded only for attaining the standards of proficiency established by the War Department.

The Combat badge, which formerly was won for "exemplary" performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy can now be won by "satisfactory" performance. This allows more freedom in awarding the badge.

The circular also gives the adjutant general authority to determine eligibility for the Combat badge on the basis of the individual's official record. Such records will fur-

This Mess Sergeant Should Get A Medal

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—S/Sgt. Tom Tasa of Minneapolis, mess sergeant in a 34th Infantry Division regiment, is one of the most popular men on the entire Fifth Army front in Italy. He makes it possible for his infantrymen to have ice cream, almost daily, even while they are on the front lines.

In a liberated Italian town, Sergeant Tash found an abandoned ice cream factory. With a hastily improvised crew he went into action. Within a few hours his men on the line had their first ice cream in a long, long time.

"It went over so well with our men in the line who were terribly hot, tired and thirsty most of the time," said Tasa, "I was determined to keep making it whenever possible."

As the Germans fell back and our infantry troops advanced, transportation became a problem. Russell Van Skike, Colorado Springs, Colo., Red Cross man, however, learned of the problem and furnished a vehicle.

"What kind of a husband would you advise me to get, Grandma?" "See here, child, you leave husbands alone and get yourself a single man."

nish the basis for establishing eligibility of men leaving one command for duty with another.

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Houston Units Accept Trucks Under Protest

Officers of the five battalions of the Texas State Guard in the Houston area—the 2nd, 7th, 16th, 22nd and 48th—met at the Second Battalion armory on October 24 and voted to accept under protest the army trucks, furnished by the Eighth Service Command through the adjutant general's department.

Lt. Col. Julian Weslow, commanding the 48th, offered a motion that the trucks be accepted under protest. It was approved unanimously by Lieutenant Colonels E. D. Konkin, 2nd; James M. Delmar, 22nd; Vincent Chiodo, 7th; Walton B. Killough, 16th.

The resolution declared that these Guard units were willing to accept the trucks because they needed the equipment, but said the battalions had insufficient funds for their proper maintenance and upkeep.

The resolution declared the trucks would be kept by the battalions until March 15, at which time the State of Texas is to furnish funds for their upkeep and maintenance from emergency appropriations made available by the legislature.

Lt. Col. Sidney Mason, G-4, conducted a drawing by which the trucks were assigned to battalions in the Gulf Coast area, under the designation of the War Department.

Yank, 20, Has Served Five Years In Army

With U. S. Supply Forces in France.—Pvt. William Weissberger, Philadelphia, is a five-year veteran of the U. S. Army at the age of 20.

Attached to an engineer petroleum-distribution company in France, Private Weissberger has been in the service since Feb. 15, 1940, when he enlisted under a false age at Fort Logan, Colo. Although only 15 at the time, Weissberger gave his age as 18.

The mistake was rectified last year when he took out his Army insurance papers.

Assigned first to Infantry with which he served three years in Alaska, Weissberger still feels that he would like to be with the foot-sloggers.

Houston Guardsmen Parade



The four Houston battalions of the Texas State Guard took a prominent part in the huge Armistice Day parade staged in downtown Houston.

The picture at top shows Lt. Col. James Delmar, commander of the 22nd Battalion, leading, while executive officers of the four battalions salute. The execu-

tive officers are, left to right: Maj. Mike Murphy of the Second, Maj. Courtenay C. Bateman of the Seventh, Maj. Walter Bell of the 22nd, and Maj. B. J. Teague of the 48th.

The center picture shows machine gun units in the march, and at the bottom, motorized equipment rolls past.

Visitor (on Texas ranch): "Do you find the radio has helped ranch life very much?"

Abilene Joe: "I'll say it has. We learn a new cowboy song every night, and besides, we found out the dialect we have been using for years is all wrong."

Texans Give Blood While They Battle

With the 36th "Texas" Division, France.—When the blood bank of a surgical unit attached to the 36th Division hospital ran low, members of the unit donated blood.

Pvt. Francis X. Kane, South Plainfield, N. J., a cook with the headquarters unit, learned that his blood type was needed, so took time off from his kitchen to give the usual pint. Pvt. Richard F. Murphy, Brockton, Mass., was walking guard, but also took time off to make his donation.

Others whose duties take full working days and nights but who managed to find time to donate to the blood bank were Pfc. Vincent

Leeper Warwick, New York; T/Sgt. Garber Short, Katy, Texas; S/Sgt. Clay Anderson, Lake Creek, Texas; Pvt. Albert J. Morrell, Stamford, Conn.; Cpl. A. B. Brown, Brady, Texas, and M/Sgt. Homer B. Fitts, Charlton City, Mass.

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Ohio Militia And Guard Get Duty At Fire

By LT. COMDR. LEROY V. JOHN
Ohio State Naval Militia

Four divisions of the Ohio State Naval Militia and seven companies of Ohio State Guards served during the Cleveland, Ohio, gas fire disaster on October 20. The troops were on duty until October 23 under the field command of Lt. Comdr. Leroy V. John, senior officer of the Naval Militia. Brig. Gen. D. F. Pancoast, adjutant general of Ohio, personally commanded the troops.

The troops, in conjunction with the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve Temporary and the police helped evacuate the stricken 50-block area and then set up guards and roving patrols.

So efficient was the work of the state units that Mayor Frank Lausche of Cleveland, governor-elect of Ohio, personally commended the troops when they went off duty.

For many of the enlisted personnel, this was the first active duty.

MILITARY MARCH

A military march titled "Here Comes the Nineteenth" and written by T/5 Kenneth Bennett of Pampa, Texas, is being sent from France to radio stations of the Dallas Morning News. Wick Fowler, News war correspondent with the United States Third Army, has sent the score, which Bennett, former school teacher and musician and now a special service non-com with the 19th Division, spent six hours transcribing on a musical manuscript.

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All units of the 27th Battalion, Texas State Guard, have now received new winter clothing and ODs and now the official uniform. Sufficient quantities were received by supply officers of each company to furnish complete uniform to all men now enrolled plus new recruits being added each week.

Among recent promotions to non-commissioned officers is Cpl. Ellis Marchioni, 4121 Avenue L, promoted from private in Company B. Corporal Marchioni has been in the TSG one year and is employed at the Texas Electric Service plant.

H. J. Brewington, 1602 Owasso, formerly a sergeant in Company B, has been promoted to second lieutenant to serve in Company A.

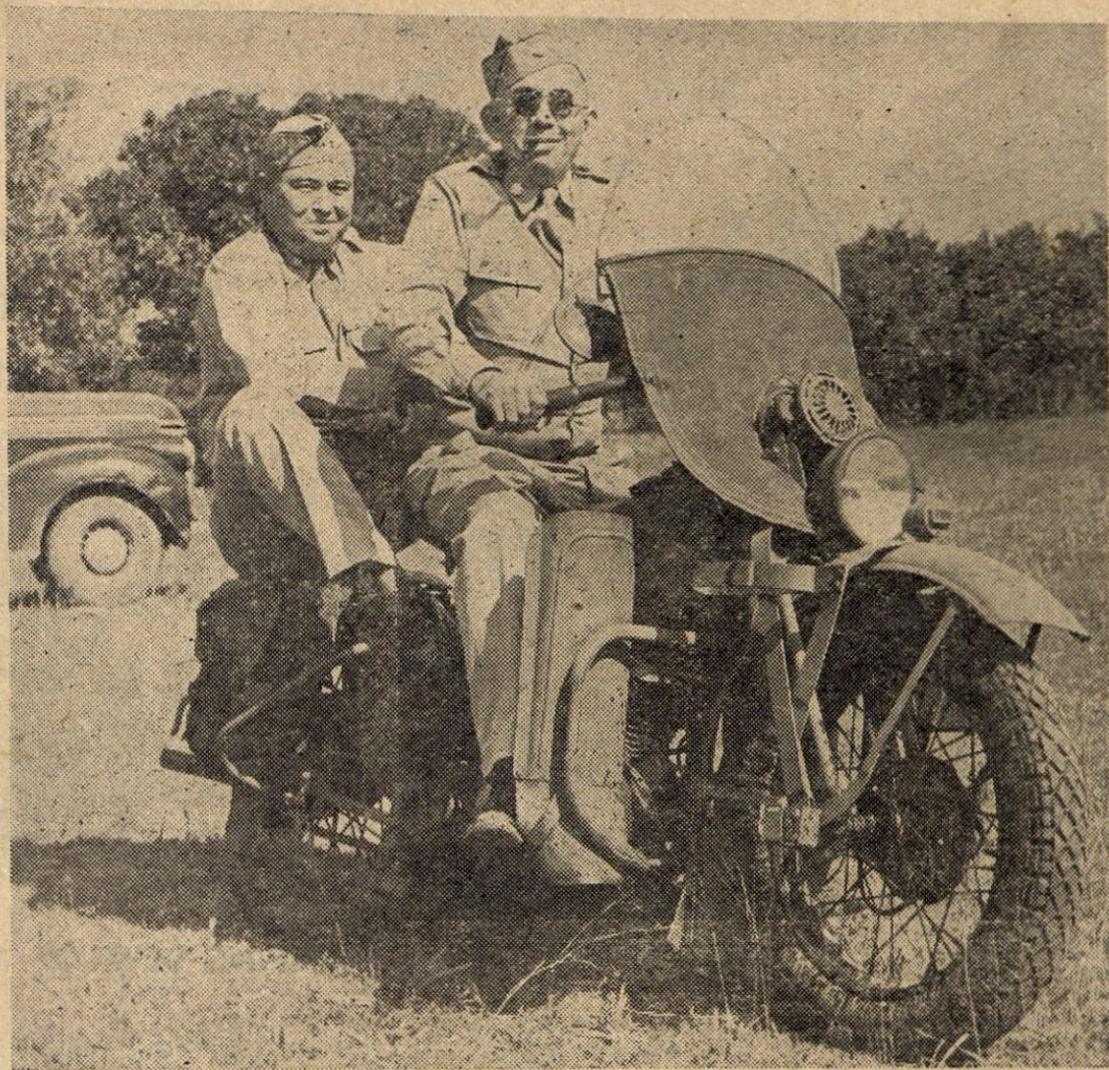
T. M. Hood, 3121 West Fourth, serving with Company A, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant.

The public was invited to witness a formal guard mount and review October 29 at 4:30 at Farrington Field, presented by the 27th Battalion.

Music was furnished by the 27th Battalion band, conducted by Lt. Kenneth O. Vaughn. Troops of Company B executed the formal guard mount under the command of Capt. Jack F. Massengale.

All units of the battalion were inspected by Maj. Marshall H. Kennedy, 27th Battalion commander, and Lt. Col. James L. Ballard, U. S. Army, professor of military science and tactics of the Fort Worth public schools. Infantry units inspected were: Company A, Capt. Lorenzo E. Holcomb, commanding; Company B, Captain Massengale, commanding; Company C, Capt. Lester H. Painter, commanding; Company D, Capt. Clarence M. Sandel, commanding; Company E, Capt. John B. Collier, Jr., commanding, and Company F, Capt. Wm. F. Tucker, commanding. Special units to be inspected are Headquarters Detachment, Capt. Ralph A. Grogan, commanding; Service Detachment, Captain Howard C. Maddox, commanding, and the Medical Detachment.

Rough-Riding Colonels And Their Steed



Two rough riding colonels of the State headquarters staff mount one of the motorcycles issued to the Guard battalions. Left to right, Lt. Col. Royall Phillips, chief of the MI section, and Lt. Col. Sidney Mason, G-4, the officer on the adjutant general's staff who keeps the supplies moving to all the Guard battalions.

training to serve the needs of modern national defense.

Studies are being made, and the American Legion, ardent advocate of universal training, will carry the message to every community, of the plan by which the year's training can be afforded, with broad opportunity to all youth, without interfering with higher education.

Three types of colleges involve different procedures. One is the college that has no military training or ROTC features. Another has the ROTC. The third is the military school, such as Texas A. & M. Those with ROTC have students under military discipline and in uniform at the fixed training periods. The students live under military conditions and wear uniforms throughout their college work in the military college.

The plan with respect to the youths completing their education in high school, as well as those going on to college, calls for enrolling the youth, after his equivalent year's training, for a period of probably four or five years in the organized reserves, available for refresher and further training, and actual service, during this reserve period, in case of national emergency.

Older Men, Family Heads
The plan automatically would do away with drafting of men, such as older men and heads of families for military service in case of emergency. While the reserve members would of course marry and have families, the possibility of active service would be fixed in advance, and would be for the definite period only.

A main feature of the program would be that every youth who wanted to and could prove his ability, would be eligible to reach commissioned rank. Those not attending college could secure advanced training—which likely would itself take them to educational institutions.

Those in college could satisfy basic training in between school terms, then be deferred from the rest of the training until completion of the college course—in case of non-ROTC colleges. In the ROTC schools, they would work off most of the remaining nine months training during the college course, with a definite opportunity set up for officer candidate training. The men in the military schools would complete their military requirements during the school course. Candidates for commissions in both cases would, after completion of college work, have to prove fitness in actual field maneuvers. The gradu-

youth's attention from higher education, or break into his education at the proper time, or make the nation war-minded to the neglect of other values.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS.

Following is the schedule for the state-wide series of meetings on the American Legion's educational program for a plan for universal military training:

Lt. Col. S. Perry Brown
Beaumont, Nov. 28; Lufkin, Nov. 29; Tyler, Dec. 1; Paris, Dec. 3; Dallas, Dec. 4; Fort Worth, Dec. 5; Waco, Dec. 6; Austin, Dec. 7; San Antonio, Dec. 8; McAllen, Dec. 10; Corpus Christi, Dec. 11; Houston, Dec. 12.

Lt. Col. John H. Alvis
Midland, Dec. 5; El Paso, Dec. 6; Alpine, Dec. 7; Del Rio, Dec. 8; San Angelo, Dec. 9.

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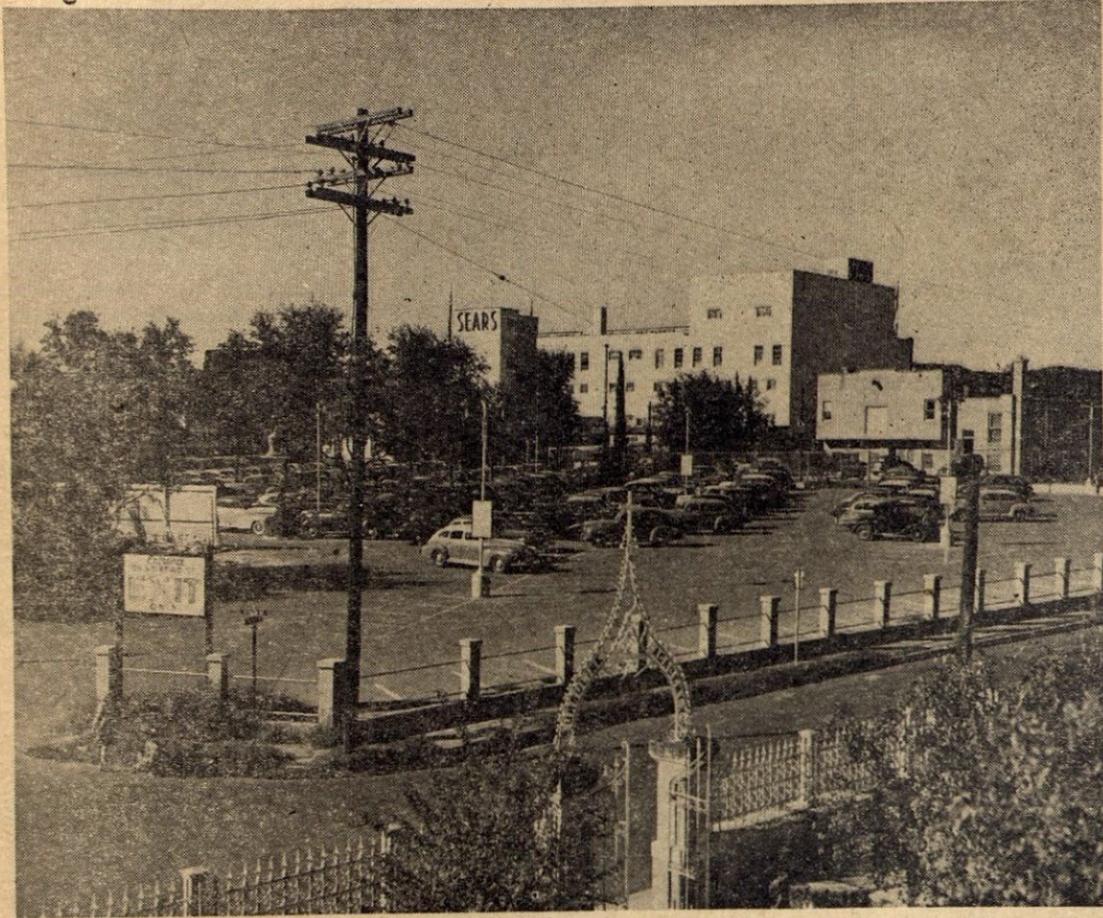
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36th Battalion Uses Downtown Drill Grounds



When San Antonio's 36th Battalion set about finding a drill ground not too far from its Municipal Auditorium armory practically in the heart of the city, they met with even more success than they had hoped. For C. W. Miller, general manager of the Sears, Roebuck and Company store not only made available the company's paved parking lot covering almost two city blocks, he provided the flood lighting system and installed a drinking fountain for use of the Guard.

In addition to providing excellent drill facilities for the 36th Battalion, the Sears store in San Antonio cooperates in many other ways and pioneered in the policy of allowing its employees in the Guard whatever time is necessary for their duties, on company time at full pay. This policy has now been adopted by many other public spirited firms and has contributed much to the success of the Guard and to the keeping up of morale.

The 36th Battalion in San Antonio is commanded by Major Jacob A. Harris, recently elected third vice president of the State Guard Officers Association.

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assigned an officer and two other sergeants who will be on constant duty at the armory in order to process recruits.

All of these activities are headed by a very strong and active local committee, composed of leading business and professional men in the communities. Included in this committee is the secretary of every chamber of commerce in the county and I believe that every chamber

of commerce has indorsed the State Guard and our present recruiting campaign in that locality.

Very truly yours,
Ray W. Hays,
Brigadier General, The Adjutant General.

President—

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commanding officer is no longer willing to conduct charity drives to support its activities."

Colonel Killough has hit the nail squarely on the head.

Every man in the Texas State Guard is proud of the privilege of guarding the Home Front, proud to

wear the Red T on the White Texas Star on a field of blue that marks him as a member of Texas' only internal security force.

He cannot maintain that pride or the efficiency that will make that pride possible if he has to go around with his hand out and, in effect, saying, "Please, can you spare a dime for the Texas State Guard?"

Lt. Col. E. D. Konken,
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